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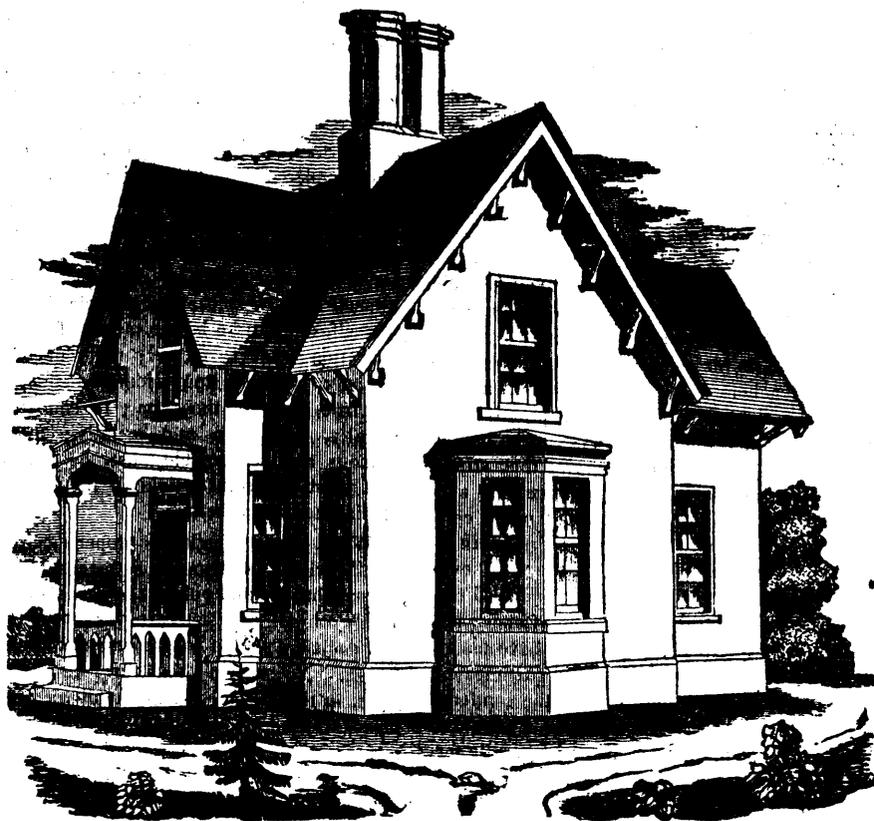
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FRONT VIEW OF A HANDSOME SUBURBAN ENGLISH COTTAGE.

Having for the last few months devoted this page to the illustration of the department of "School Architecture," and having inserted several very handsome Academy and Grammar School front views, we now diverge slightly from our usual and original design, and present our readers with the *Front View* of a very neat and pretty Suburban Cottage residence. We are the more disposed to vary our engravings on this subject, because, as far as we are aware, no architectural contributions of any kind have as yet appeared in any of our Provincial periodicals or magazines. We are anxious too to cultivate and promote a taste for improved Cottage, as well as School-house, Architecture.

The beautiful engraving of a cottage, in the English style which heads this article, is a copy of one of Mr. RANLETT'S elegant lithographic prints, in the fifth number of his new and useful work on Cottage Architecture,—*The Architect.*"

The great number of cottages, which have been erected in the suburbs of London, in latter years, has afforded the finest opportunity for the application of improved taste and skill in cottage architecture, and the result is a vast amount of rural scenery, comprising in great harmony, highly improved gardens and yards with their exquisite flowers, their shrubs and vines, constituting views which are admired by visitors from all countries. One of the chief

sources of the beauty of these rural residences, is the position of the houses on the lots, which are back sufficiently to afford front yards for the cultivation of plants and vines, which are arranged and trained in graceful combinations with the architectural features of the cottage, thus heightening the general effect by promoting the influence of various parts.

The general characteristics of a residence must be determined by the tastes, habits and circumstances of the family who are to occupy it. There is very properly, a great variety of styles and dimensions in rural residences. Cottages and small villas are the most appropriate dwellings for those who aim at competence and comfort in the simple independence of country life. Cottages or houses, one story, or one and a half high, may be erected in any style, and possess all the desired accessories, such as porches, verandahs, balconies, pediments, &c.

The construction of dwellings is a department of enterprize and investment, which involves various considerations of vast amount. It should be remembered that a dwelling is constructed for the accommodation of a family. Sound philosophy and good taste require that the site, form, and character of a building should be suited to its use and the expression of its destination. A grove affords to a house a natural protection, both in summer and winter.