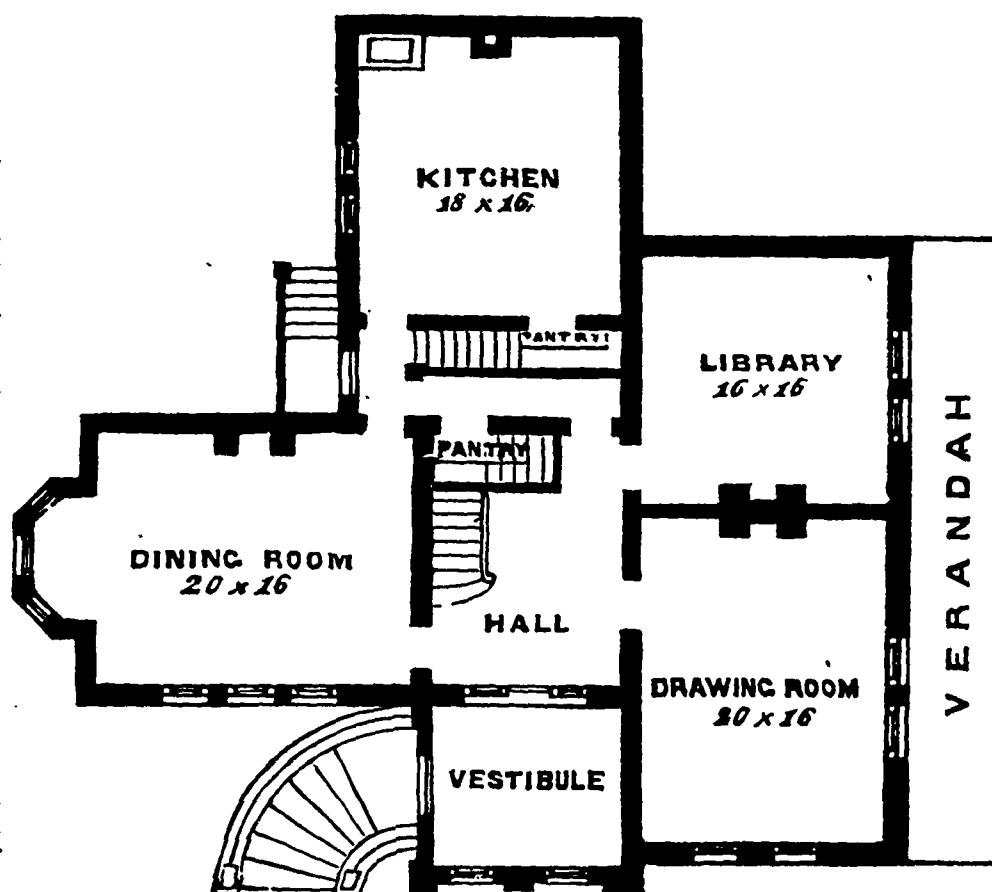


house, and leave the rest to him. This done, he will make you a sketch, embodying your ideas and requirements, and then submit it for your approval. Any alterations or improvements can then be made, and the whole thoroughly understood by both parties. Working drawings can now be made, careful specifications and contracts will be drawn up, and the whole submitted to competent contractors for tenders for the different works required to be done. Having accepted your tenders, the work can now be commenced under the superintendence of the architect, or other competent person, who can explain the drawings or details, as may be required.

Whilst on this subject, we would take occasion to advise those who contemplate building not to grudge the expense of an architect. His professional skill will, in all probability, ensure better taste and good keeping in the main design and all the features of the building, as well as greater convenience in the arrangements; his knowledge of the trade may protect you from some of the tricks of



the contractors, and in this and other ways he will effect a saving in the total expense, that will generally more than cover the amount of his own professional charges. He may besides, in many instances, prevent the commission of grave mistakes to which the inexperienced in such matters are liable. Ludicrous blunders are sometimes made by amateur builders. We knew a good old lady who built a stable for her cow, and when the structure was complete it was discovered that there was no way of introducing the animal except through the front door and hall of the dwelling-house. With regard to the accompanying design, the drawings are, we think, sufficiently clear, and need no further explanation or comment. The plan of the ground floor only is given, as the arrangements of the chamber floor would be similar to those below, or might be modified to suit the convenience of the owner. In the matter of a cellar under the main building, we recommend its being dispensed with altogether if possible, as more conducive to health.