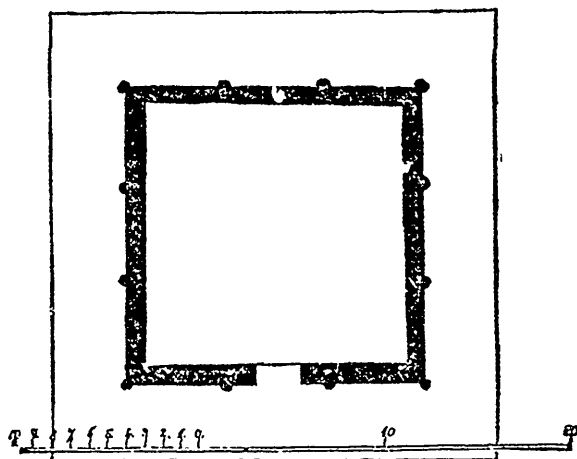


ICE-HOUSE.



GROUND PLAN.

table, understand its utility well; to say nothing of the cooling draughts, in the way of drinks, in hot weather, to which it adds—when not taken extremes—such positive luxury. We commend the ice-house, *well-filled*, most heartily, to every good country housekeeper, as a matter of convenience, economy, and luxury, adding next to nothing to the living expenses, and, as an appendage to the main buildings, an item of little cost, and a considerable degree of ornament.

If an under-ground ice-house be preferred to the plan here shown, a side hill, or bank, with a northerly exposure, is the best location for it; and the manner of building should be mainly like

this, for the body of the house. The roof, however, should be only two-sided, and the door for putting in and taking out the ice may be in the gable, on the ground level. The drainage under the floor, and precautions for keeping the ice should be quite as thorough as we have described, as, otherwise, the earth surrounding it on three sides, at least, of the house, will be a ready conductor of warmth, and melt the ice with great rapidity. If the under-ground plan is adopted, but little more than the roof will show, and of course, be of little ornament in the way of appearance.

TRUTHFULNESS is a corner stone in character, and if it is not firmly laid in youth, there will ever be a weak spot in the foundation.

CHARCOAL, it is said, placed around rose bushes and other flowering plants, has the effect to add greatly to the riches of the flowers.