## A COZY COTTAGE.

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The floor plans and perspective view herewith represent one of a suburban cottage or small farm house, compactly arranged and beautiful in appearance, containing every convenience for a small family. Its width is 31 feet, with a projecting bay of 7 feet. The length is 51 feet, exclusive of the front veranda and back porch and pantry. The cellar extends under the entire building. It is 7 feet high in the clear, with cement floor, and walled with stone laid in cement mortar, pointed inside to the grade line and both sides above it. Access is had to the cellar by a flight of stairs opening from the kitchen. An outside bulkhead may also be provided if desired. The first story is 10 feet high in the clear. Its floor plan is clearly shown in the sketch. The ceilings of the front veranda and back porch are surmounted by balconies held patent plinths. The parlor is provided with an open fireplace, mantel and grate complete. One end of the dining room is octagon in form, also carried up and roofed as a tower, with windows on all sides, which contributes to give it a bright, cheery aspect at all times of the year. The two rooms may be separated by sliding doors or portieres.

The parlor communicates with the hall in the same manner.

The woodwork in hall, parlor and dining room is of red oak, finished with one coat of wood filler and two coats of wood preservative, rubbed smooth. The wood work of the kitchen is finished with one coat of hard oil and one coat of the preservative, rubbed smooth. The second story is 8 ft. 6 in. in the clear. It has two good sized chambers, two small bedrooms, bathroom and wardrobe closets for each room.

ELEVATION.

FIRST STORY.

There is also an inclosed staircase leading to the attic. The bathroom is finished in yellow pine; the floor is first story of yellow pine, in the second story and attic of spruce, all other woodwork in the second story of white pine, painted in two coats. The attic is unfinished with the exception of the flooring.

The veranda in front is finished in white pine, with turned posts and balusters to the railing, with lattice work between the posts. The roof is shingled, the ceiling covered with beaded white pine ceiling boards. The side walls and roofs of main building, tower and dormer are sheathed with surfboard battens and covered with waterproof paper. The lower story of the main building is clapboarded with clear white pine beveled siding. The lower story of tower and the second story and gables, circles of dormer window, etc., are shingled with best quality white pine shingles, with no knots in the gables and octagon tower on the sides. The cornices are of white pine, with moldings and dentils. The linings of gutters and cornices and all flashings are of I. C. charcoal tin, leaders of corrugated galvanized iron.

SECOND STORY.

The water from plumbing fixtures may connect with the street sewer or cesspool, as circumstances may require. The chimney is of brick laid in lime mortar up to the roof, in cement mortar above and there, with struck joints.

The walls and ceilings are lath and plastered, two coats of brown mortar and well scratched lath. The kitchen walls and bathroom are painted two coats, all other rooms are papered. The grounds about the house should be graded slightly, so as to carry all surface water away from the buildings, that cellar especially in the walks, etc. The building can be erected complete for about $2,000. H. W. KIDD.

**Where They Have Teeth.**

While the Greenland whale has no teeth, the sperm whale has them in great quantities on the lower jaw, and non-these, too, when occasion requires. On the other hand, the narwhal very seldom develops more than one, the left upper canine. It makes up for the lack of numbers by the extraordinary growth displayed by this one tooth. It grows out and right forward, on a line with the body, until it becomes a veritable lance, sometimes reaching the length of ten feet.—New York World.

## FALL AND WINTER SQUASHES.

**Desirable Varieties—How to Defeat the Squash Bugs.**

The four squashes represented in the annexed cut are among the best of the fall and winter varieties. The Hubbard is too well known to need description. The Marblehead is larger and thicker, with flesh light in color and remarkably dry and sweet. The Boston, according to Orchard and Garden, from which the cuts here given were reproduced, is the result of crossing the Yokohama with the Hubbard, and is of bright green color flecked with white. It is equal to the Hubbard in size and productiveness and of fine quality. The American Turban is an excellent variety for autumn, with solid flesh that is dry and sweet.

All squashes thrive best in a warm, highly enriched soil, and in a warm location. A old pasture or clover field is one of the best situations. Apply good compost liberally and plow and harrow well. For the bush, or summer squashes, mark out the rows four feet apart each way, and eight to twelve feet each way for the running or winter varieties, and place forms of two shovelfuls of rich compost with the soil at each intersection, then plant a dozen seeds. Afterward cultivate and hoe frequently, always drawing some fresh soil up to the plants. Pull up all but two or three of the most vigorous plants and fight the cucumber beetle and squash bug. Also guard against the attacks of the squash borer.

In Popular Gardening, the method of layering the vine shown in the cut, is advised as effectually defeating the borer. Pile on fresh soil over the first one or two joints just as soon as the vines begin to run. This probably cannot be done with summer squashes, but owing to their quick growth and early bearing, the home gardener usually has what fruit he may desire of them by the time that the vines give out in consequence of borer work. The insects tunnel through the main stem near the surface of the ground and often completely sever all connection between the vine and its original roots, yet the roots emitted to great abundance from the soil covered joints maintained the plants in full vigor and health. Prompt action will generally insure success with this layering method.

FOUR GOOD FALL AND WINTER SQUASHES.

LAYERING SQUASH VINES TO DEFEAT THE BORER.

Summer squashes ought to be gathered and marketed while young and tender. The winter varieties must be harvested before frost. If stored in a dry place these latter will keep until spring.

**Watering Plants.**

In a time of drought it is often necessary to water plants, especially recently transplanted trees or shrubs. Unless really needed it is better not to begin, for the application of water to the surface as soon as it dries off leaves a dry crust around the plant, and the loss of moisture from below becomes greater than before, unless the ground is constantly stirred up or water is again applied. Instead of pouring the water into a hollow space on the surface, a better way is to make several holes around the tree or shrub with an iron rod to receive it and conduct it at once down among the roots. A still better method to pursue with a few favorites that may need continual watering for several days is to sink to a level with the surface near the tree one or more of the cheap earthen flower pots or old tin cans with a few small holes punched through the bottom and fill them with water. In this way the water will drain out slowly just where it is wanted and keep the roots moist while the surface remains comparatively dry. In applying water to plants it should be as warm as the atmosphere, and an application that will be slowly absorbed is better than one poured on, just as a moderate rain is better than a hard, dashing storm.

**Solid Exactly.**

A servant who had just been engaged by a Madison avenue mistress was told by her mistress that everything was to be done to the house with great punctuality. "I shall expect you to get up at sixteen, dear as it and go to bed at 8. "That's all right," was the response. "If I have nothing else to do this place will suit me exactly."—New York Evening Post.

Sicilian women, two or three hundred years ago, excelled in the art of the drawn work embroidery now so popular. They traced their patterns on linen, then drew the threads from the parts that were to be transparent, and filled in the openings with fancy stitches to give them a lacy appearance.

Harlan Spencer is now a man of seventy, though he looks ten years younger. He is of medium stature and his head is shaved except for a thin fringe of hair. He has an yellow cast, a ruddy skin and no traitorial face.

One of the classical relics in the fine collection of George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, is a little green bowl that was found in Troy Town, and which the poet sang of long hundreds of Irish homes.

There is one peculiar kind of rich, called the king or harlequin rich, which carries its food with its legs. The little animal grinds its morsels between its thighs before it passes them over to its mouth.

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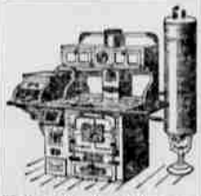

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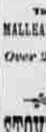

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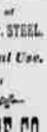

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