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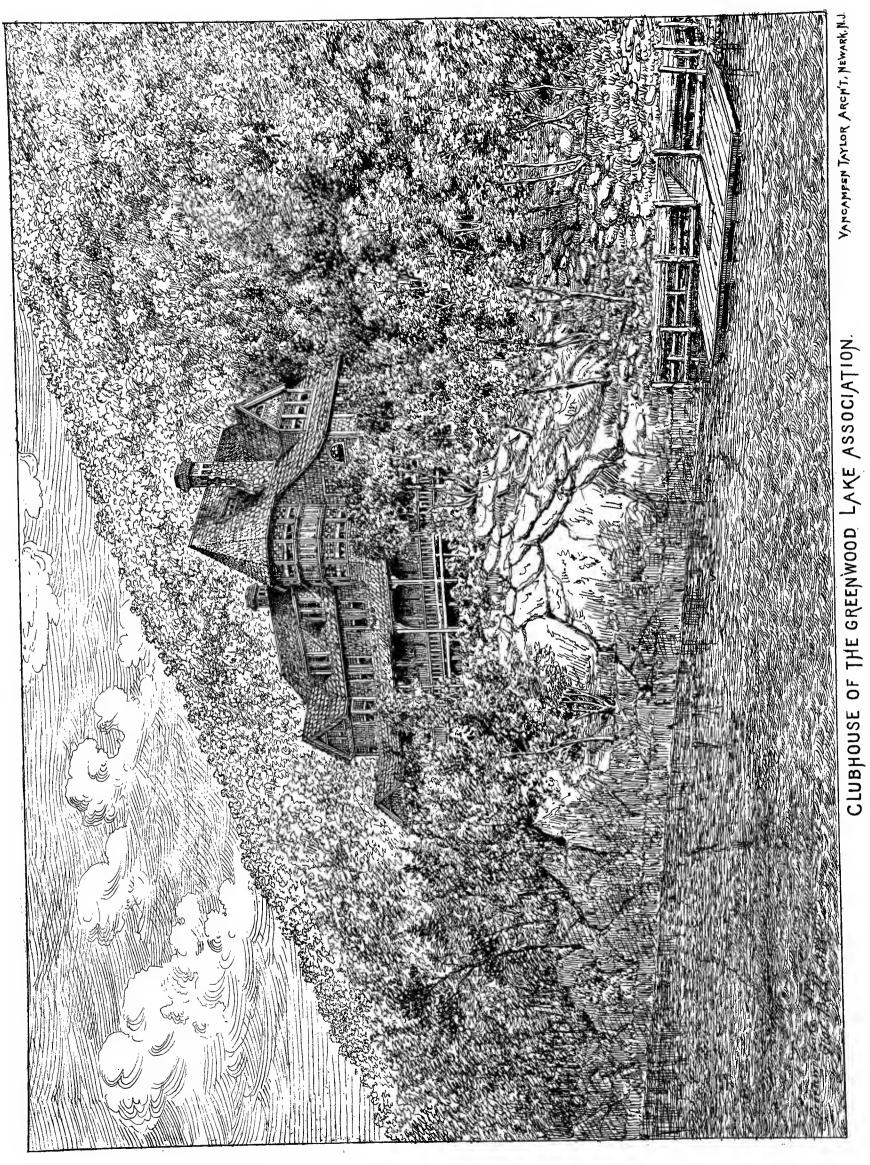
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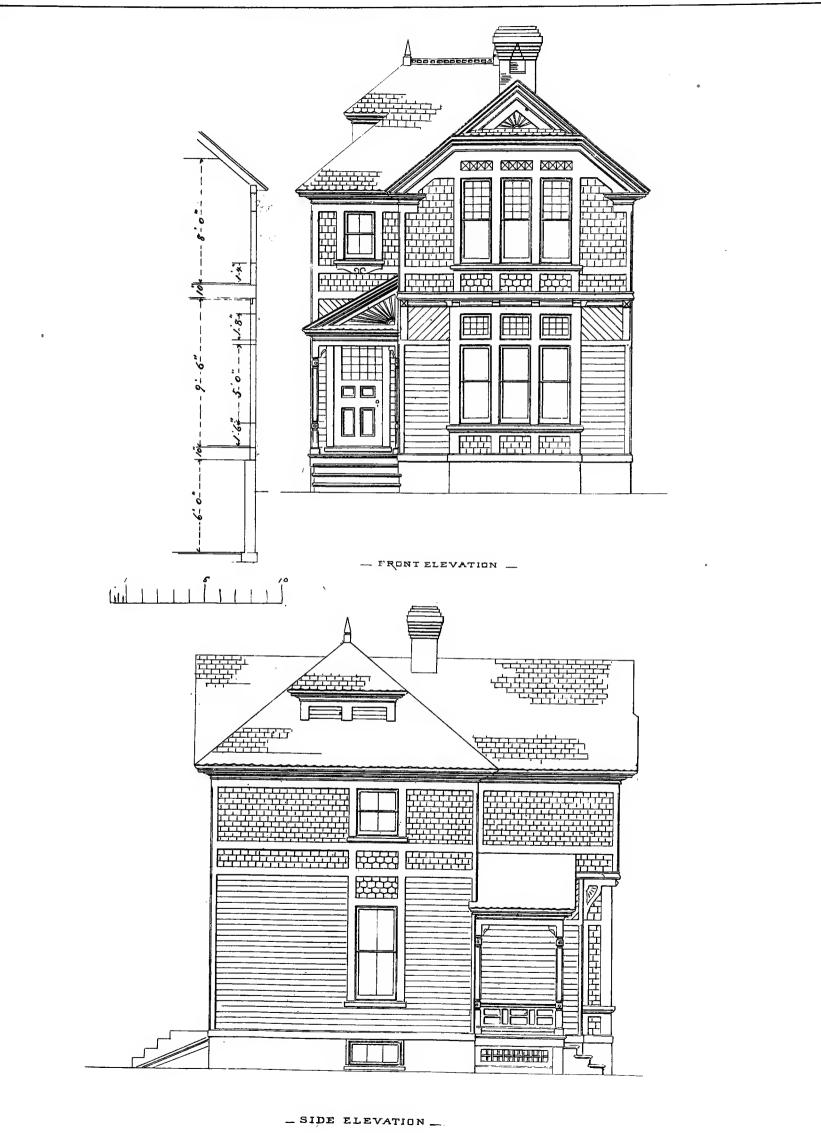
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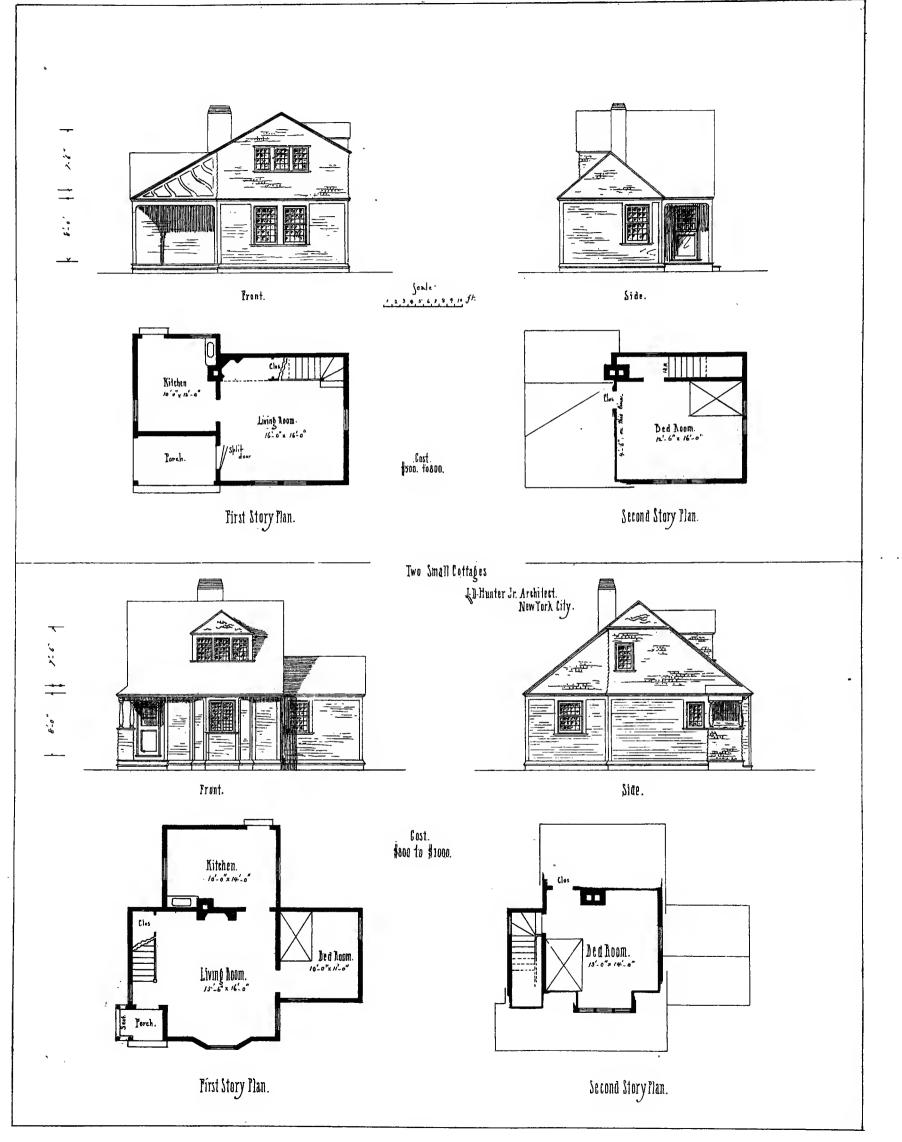
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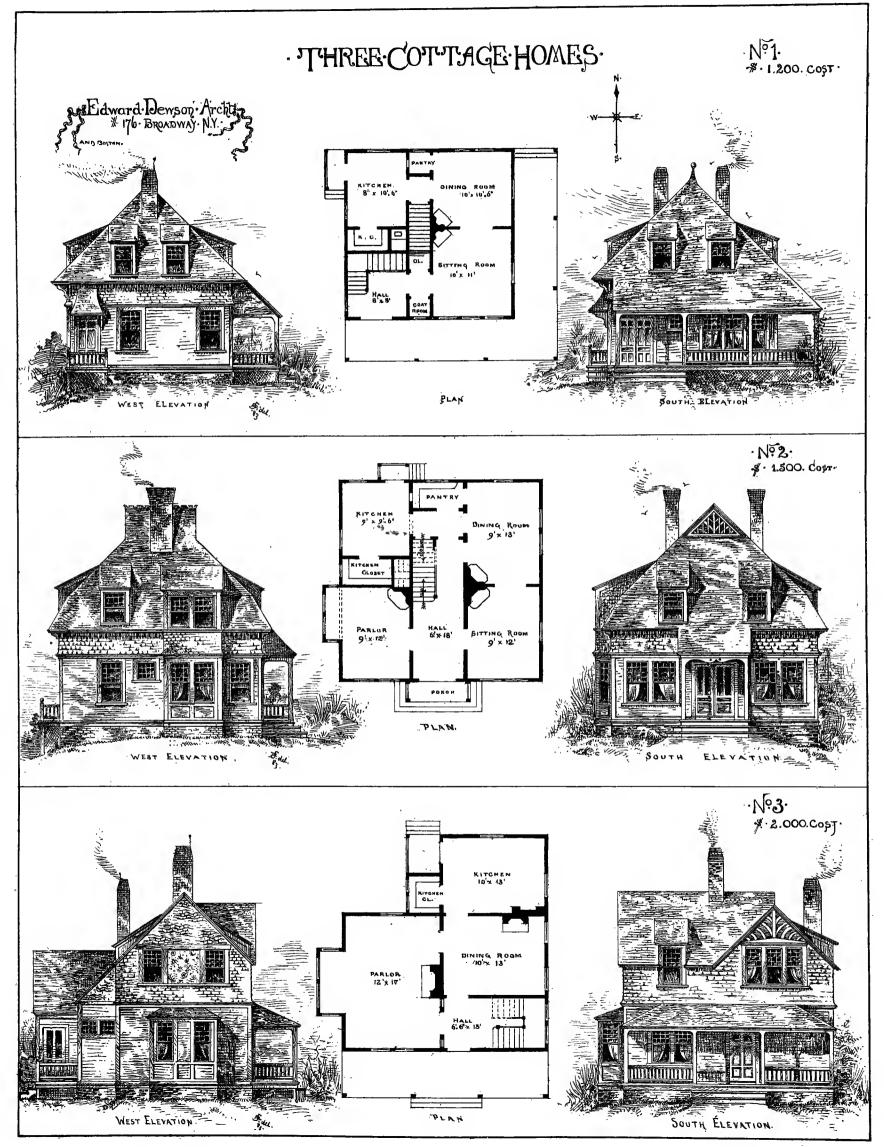
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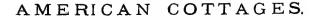


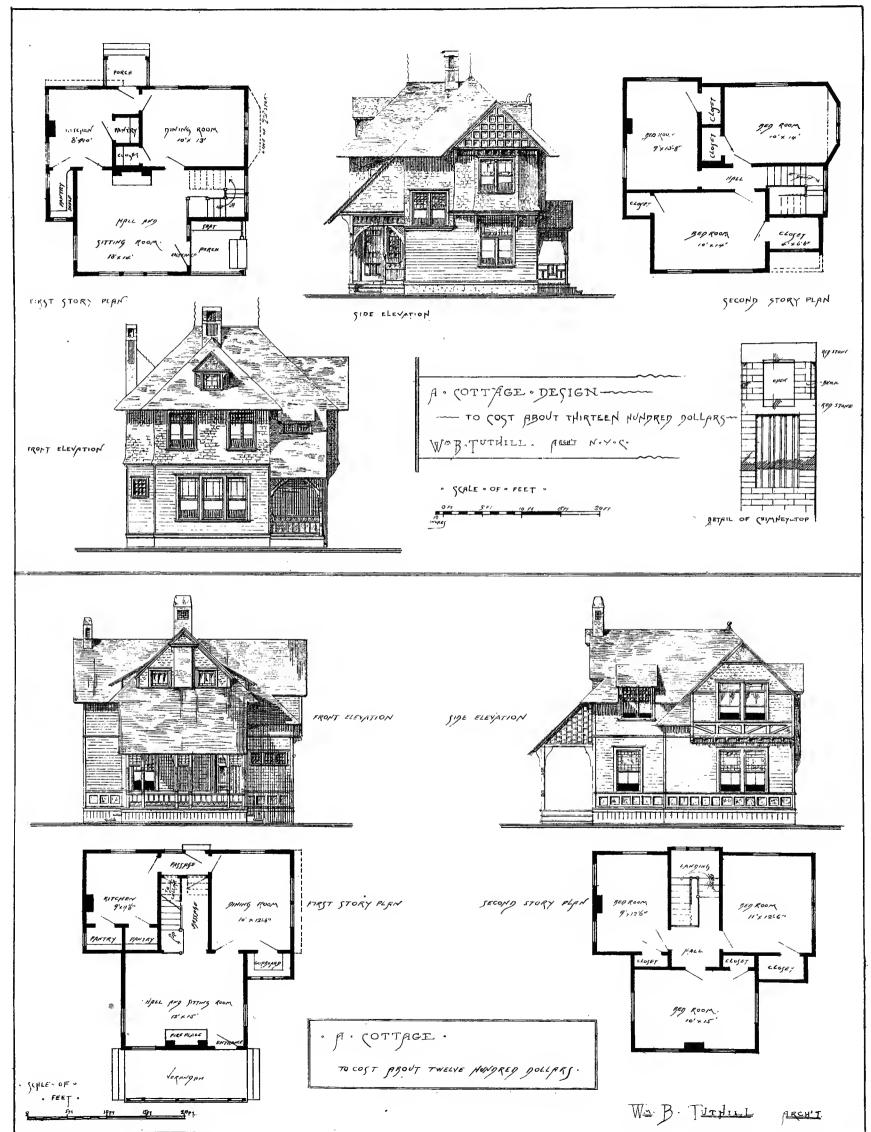




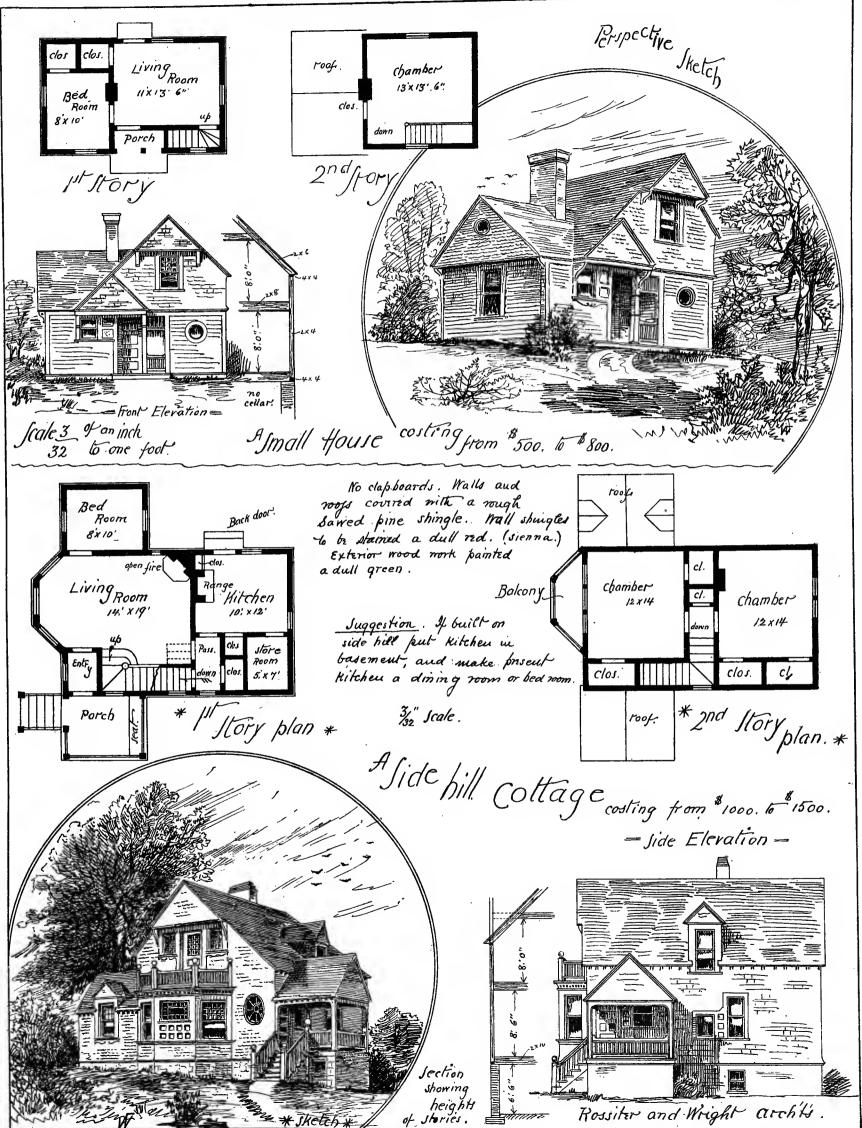


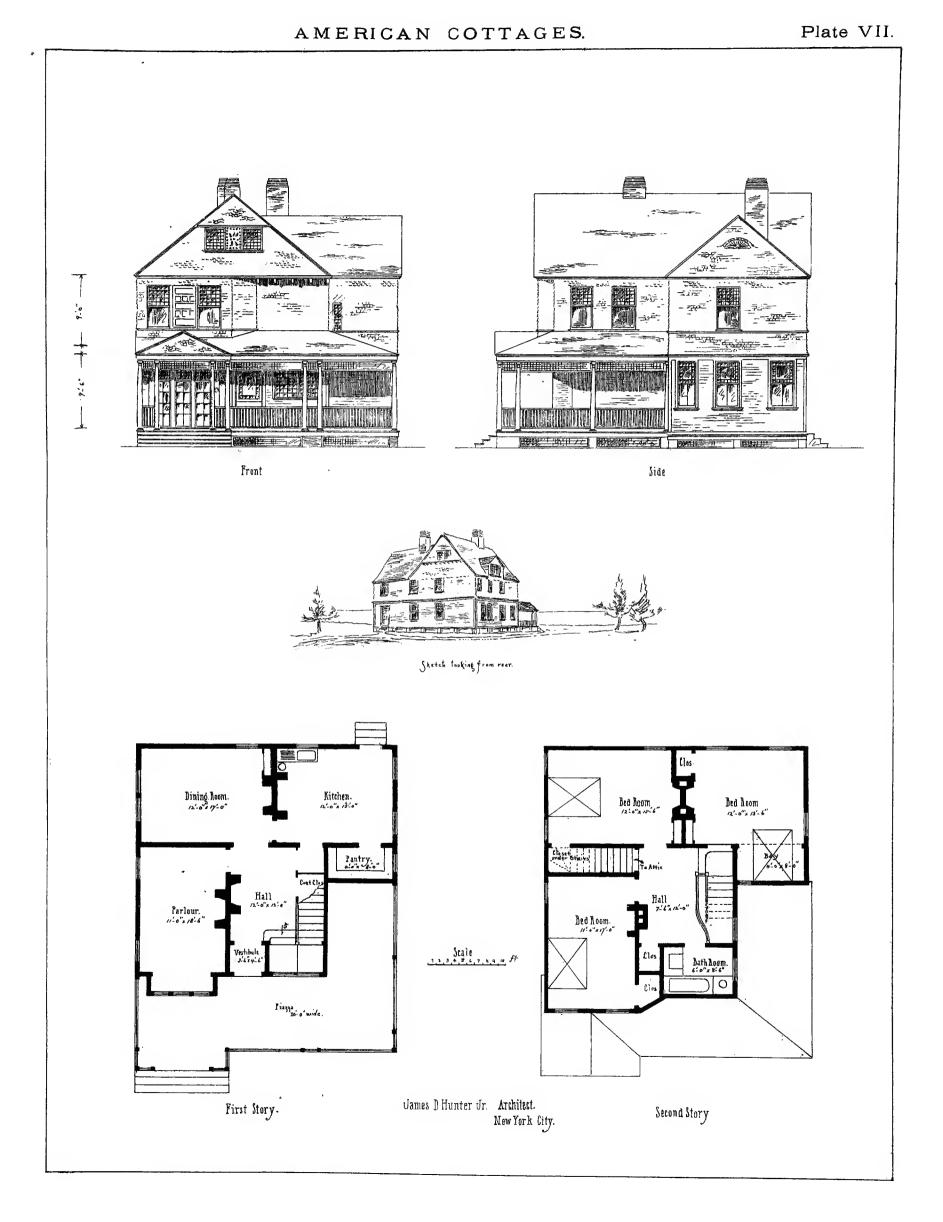


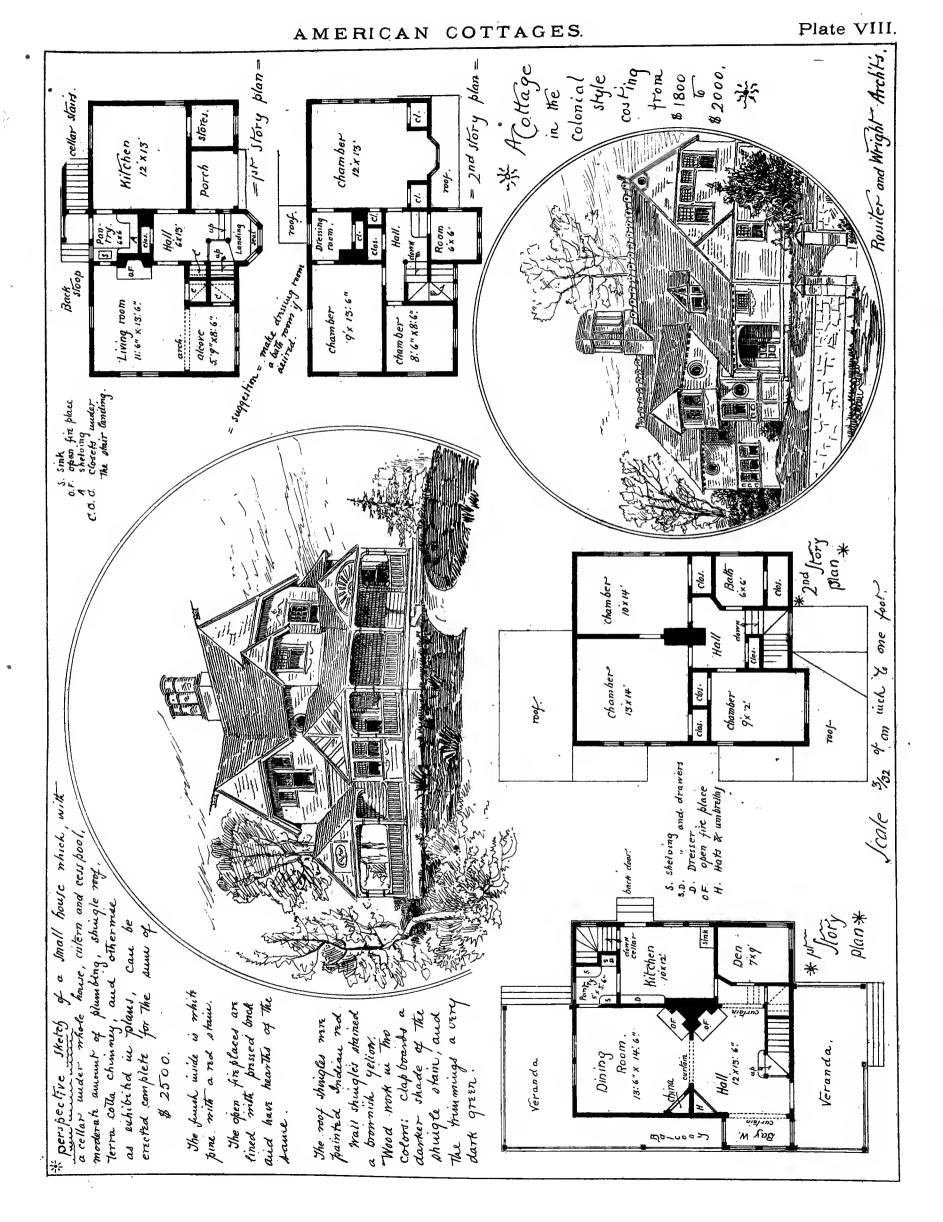






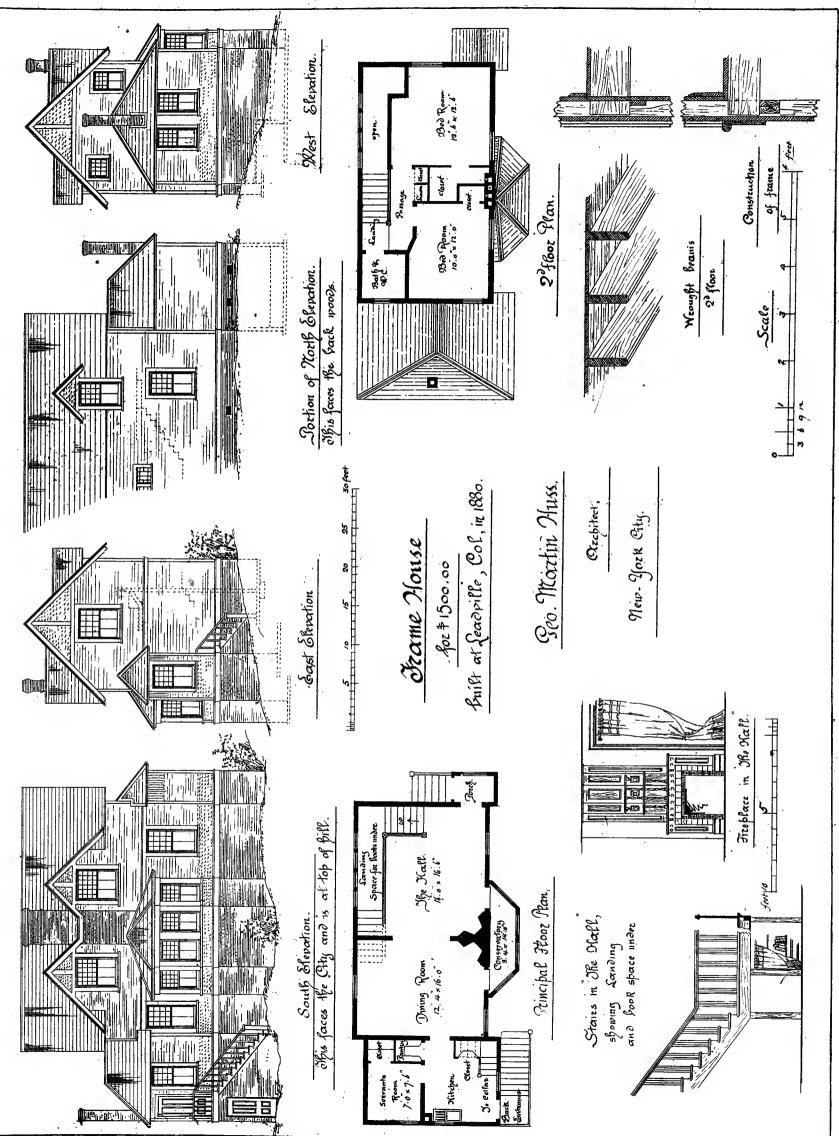












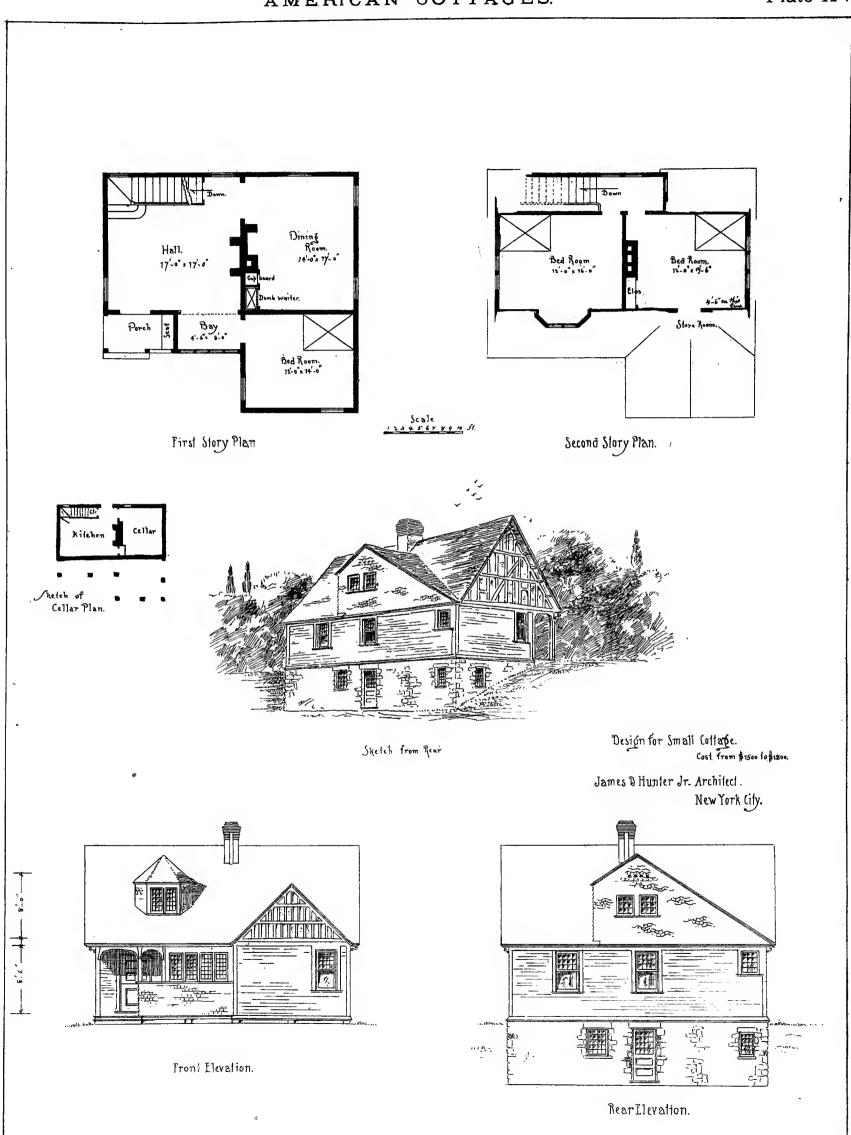
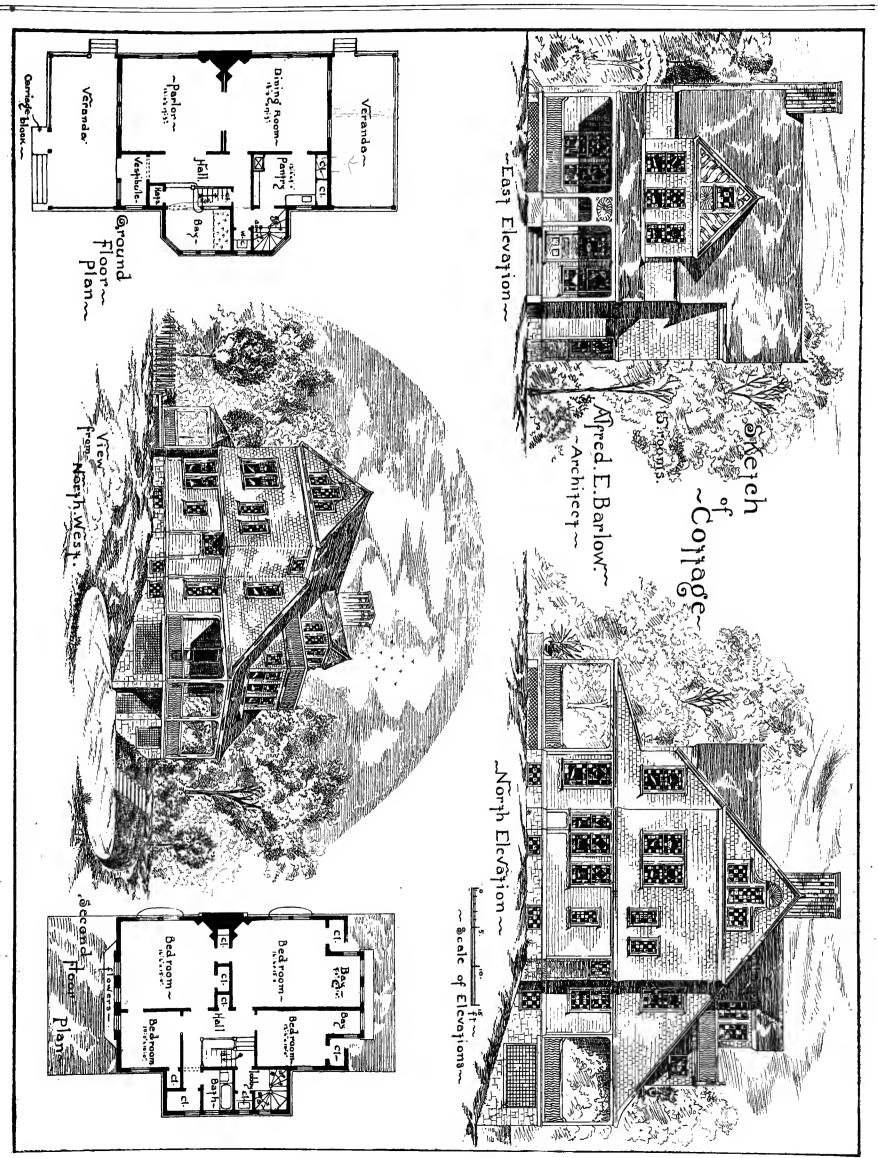
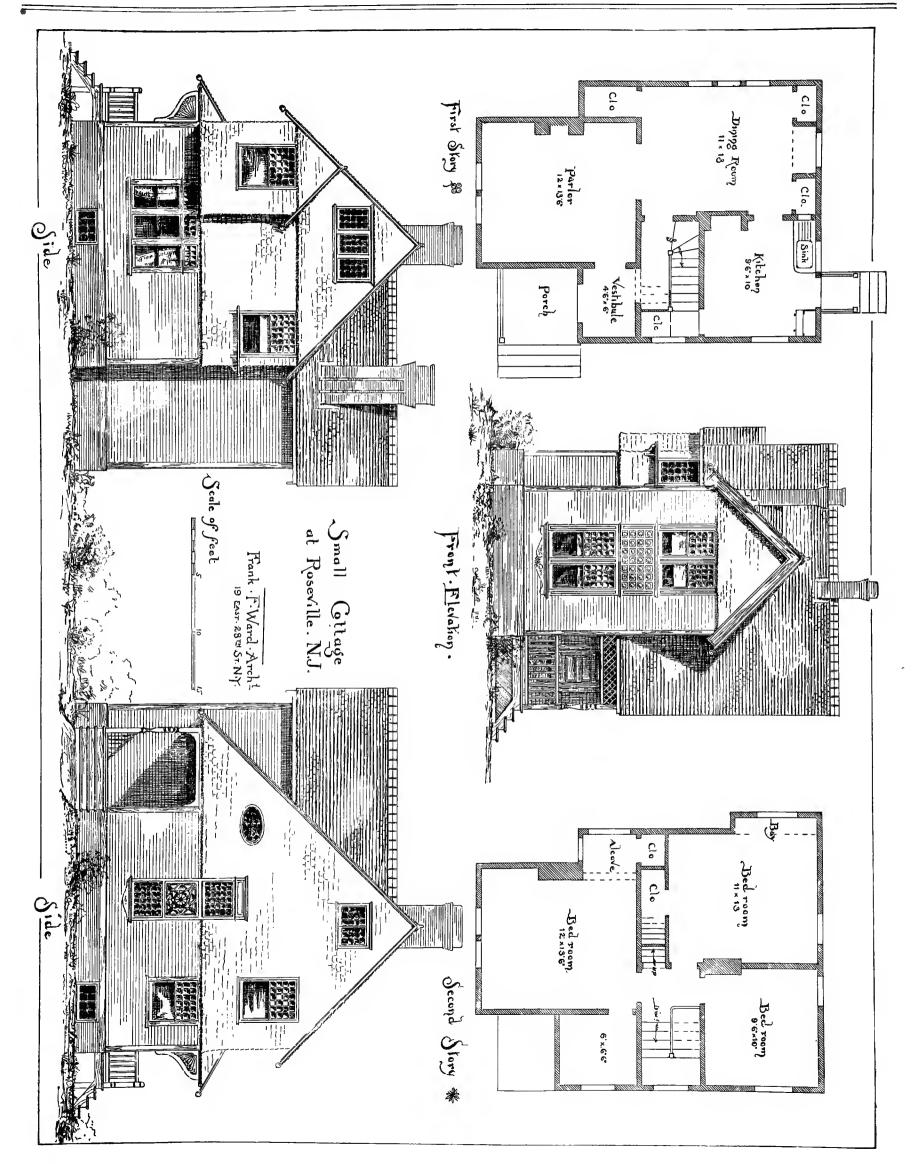


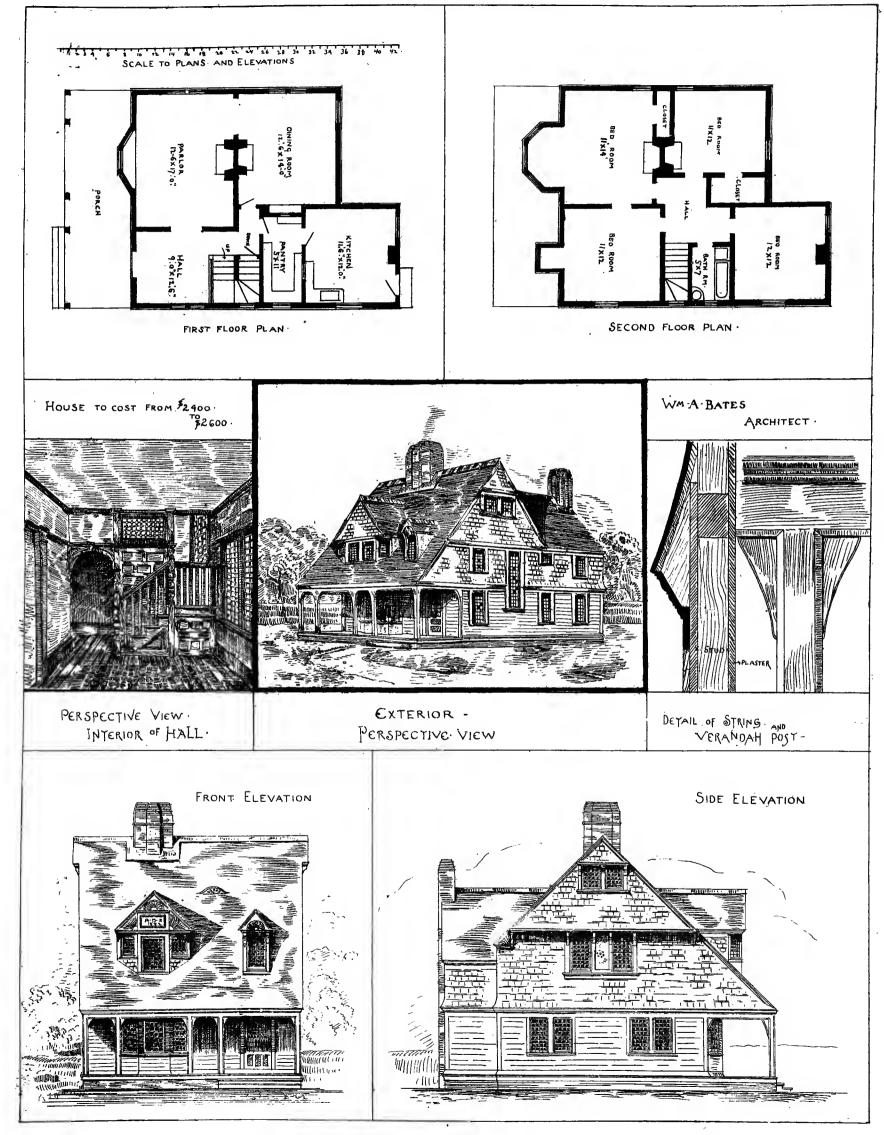
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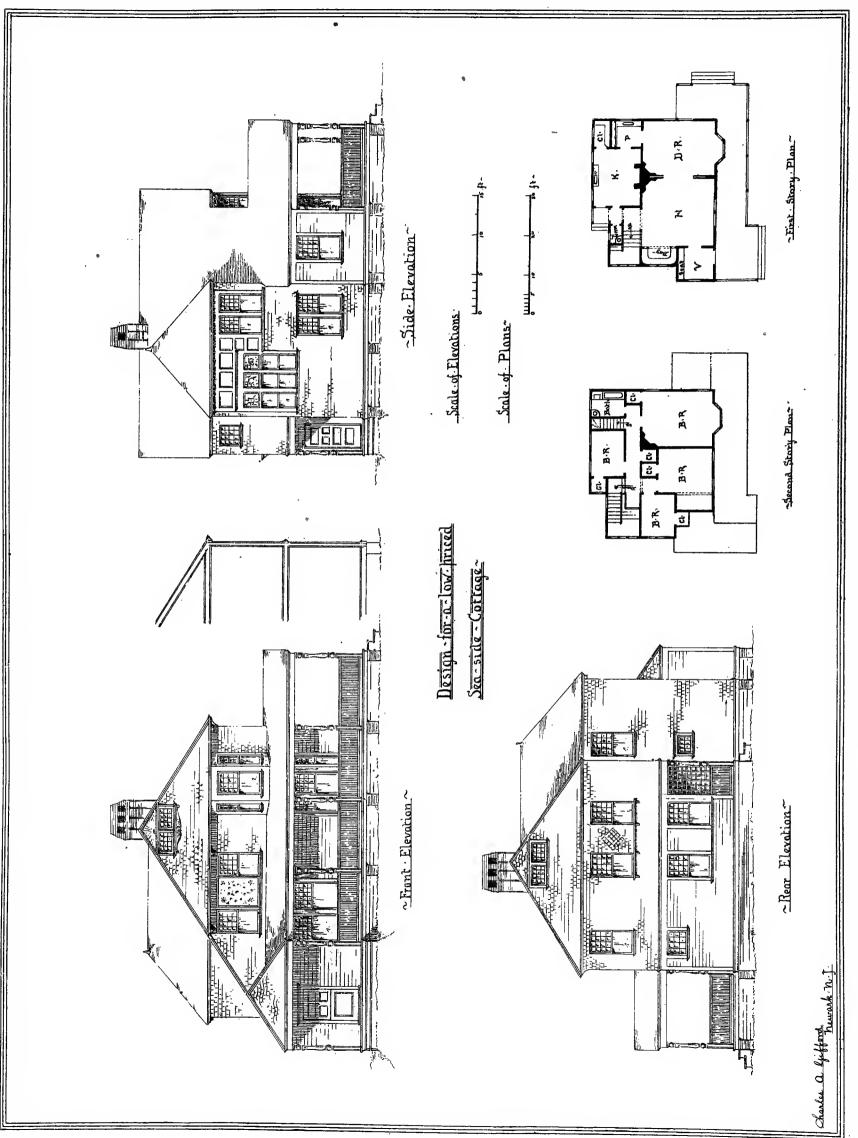


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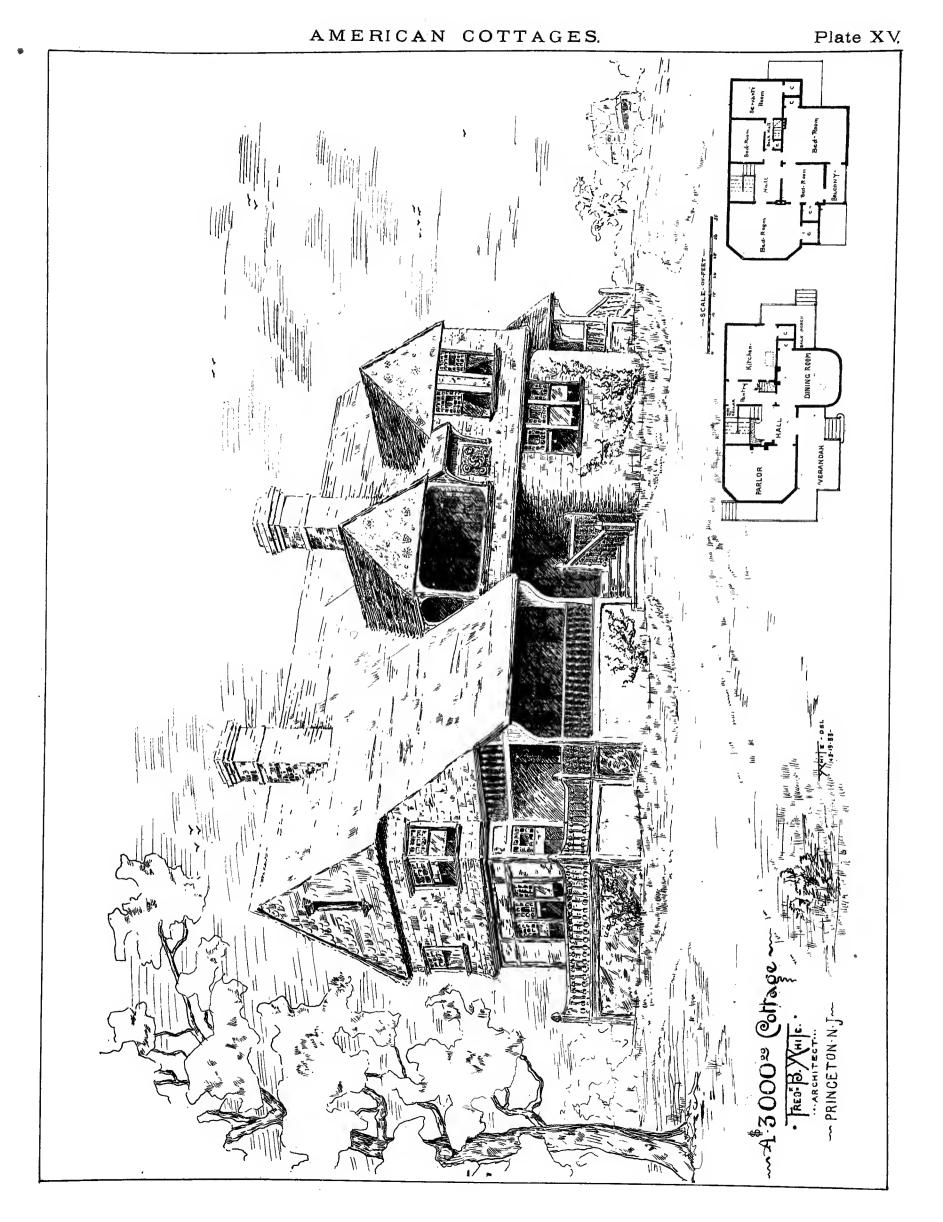
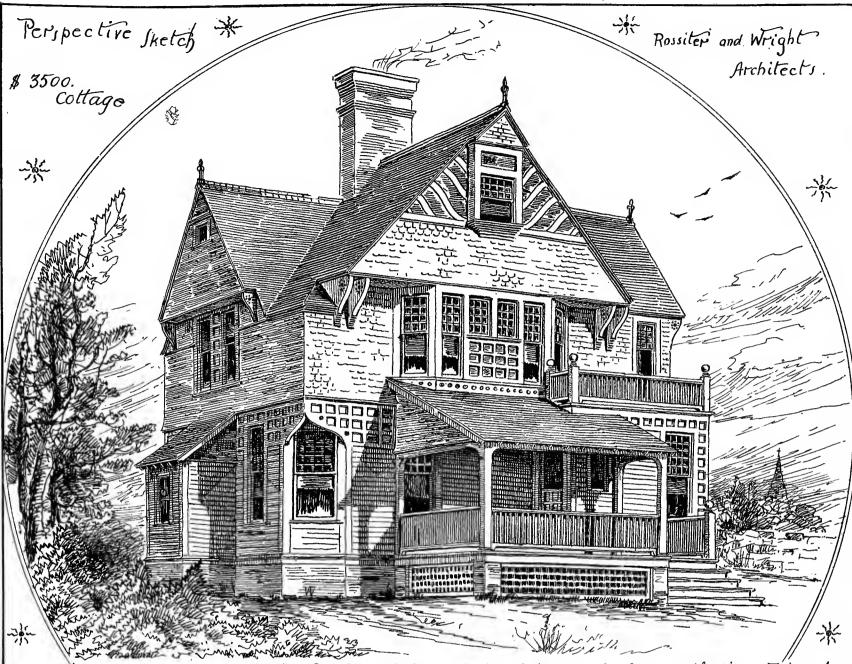
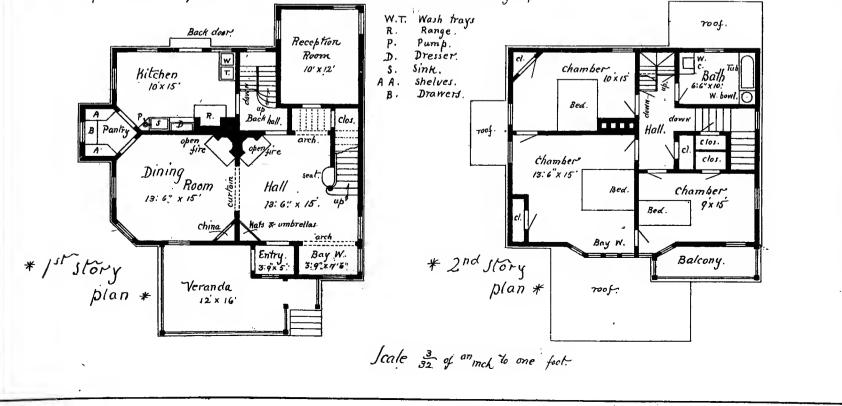
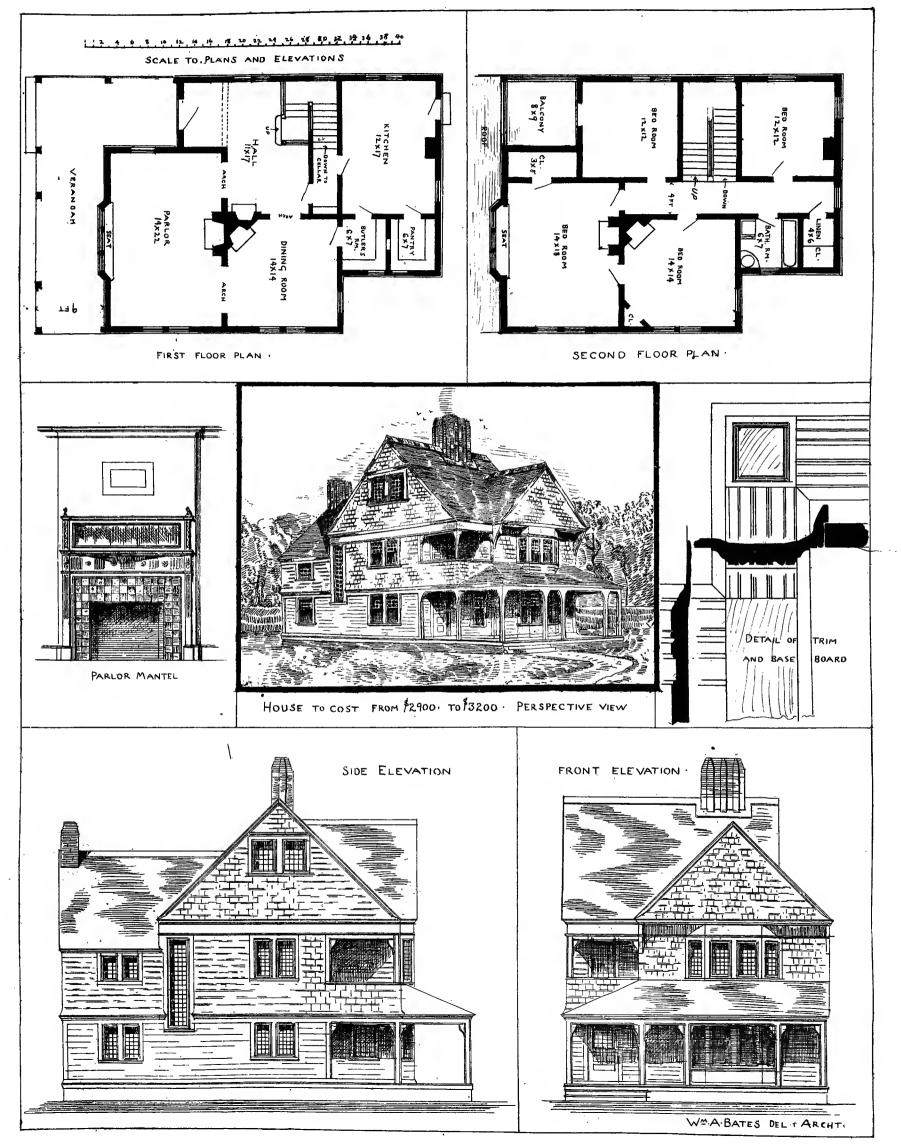


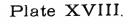
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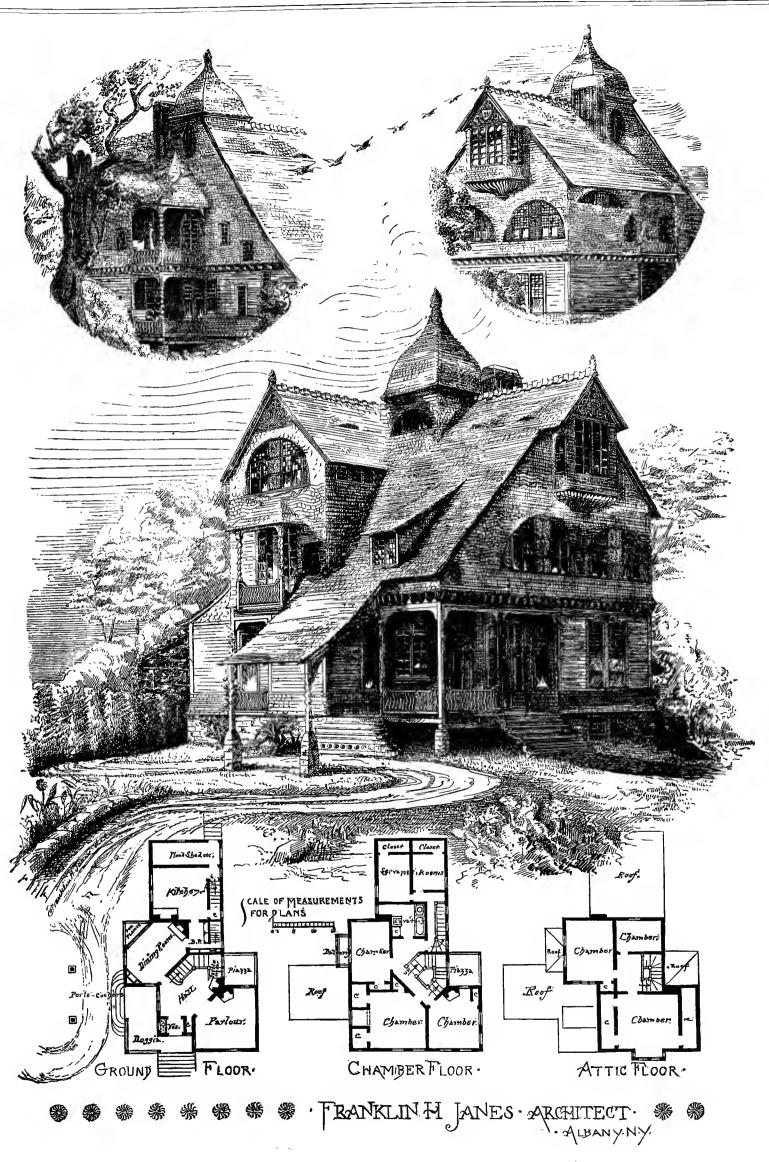


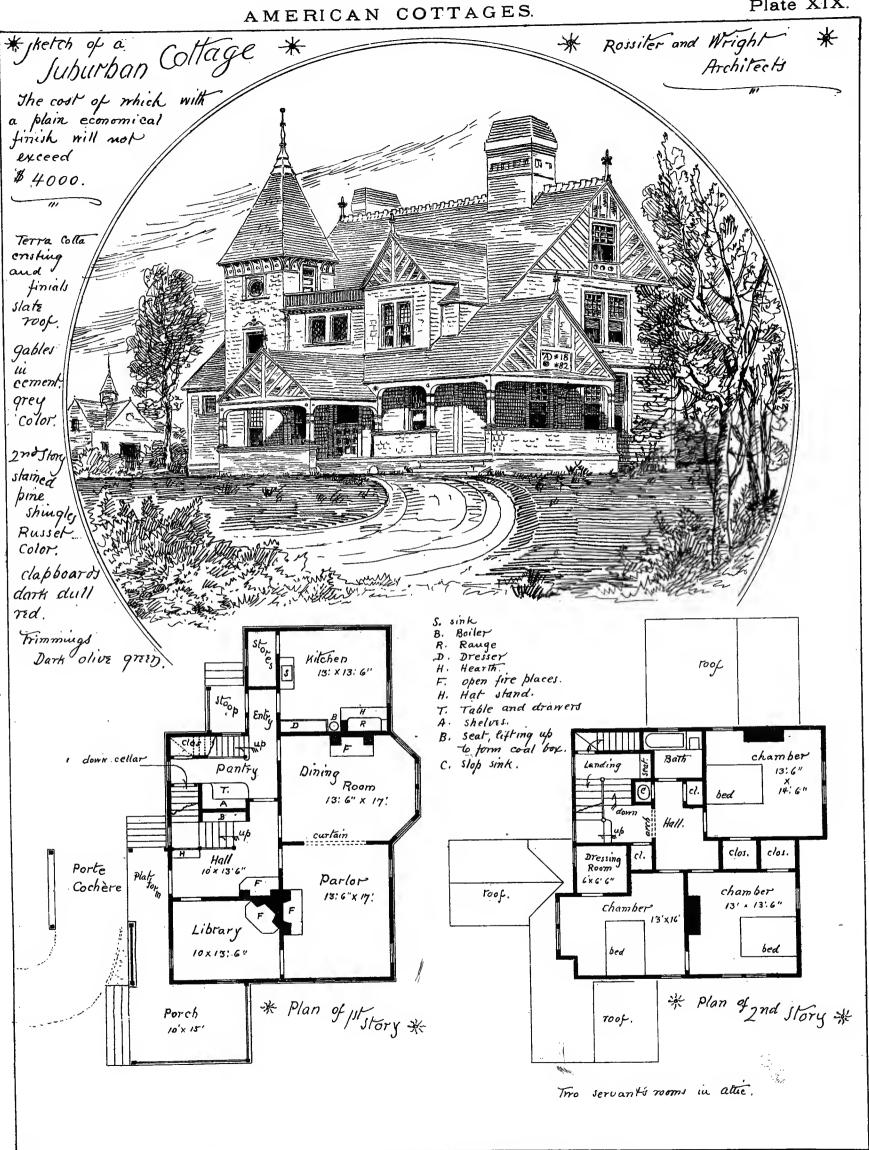
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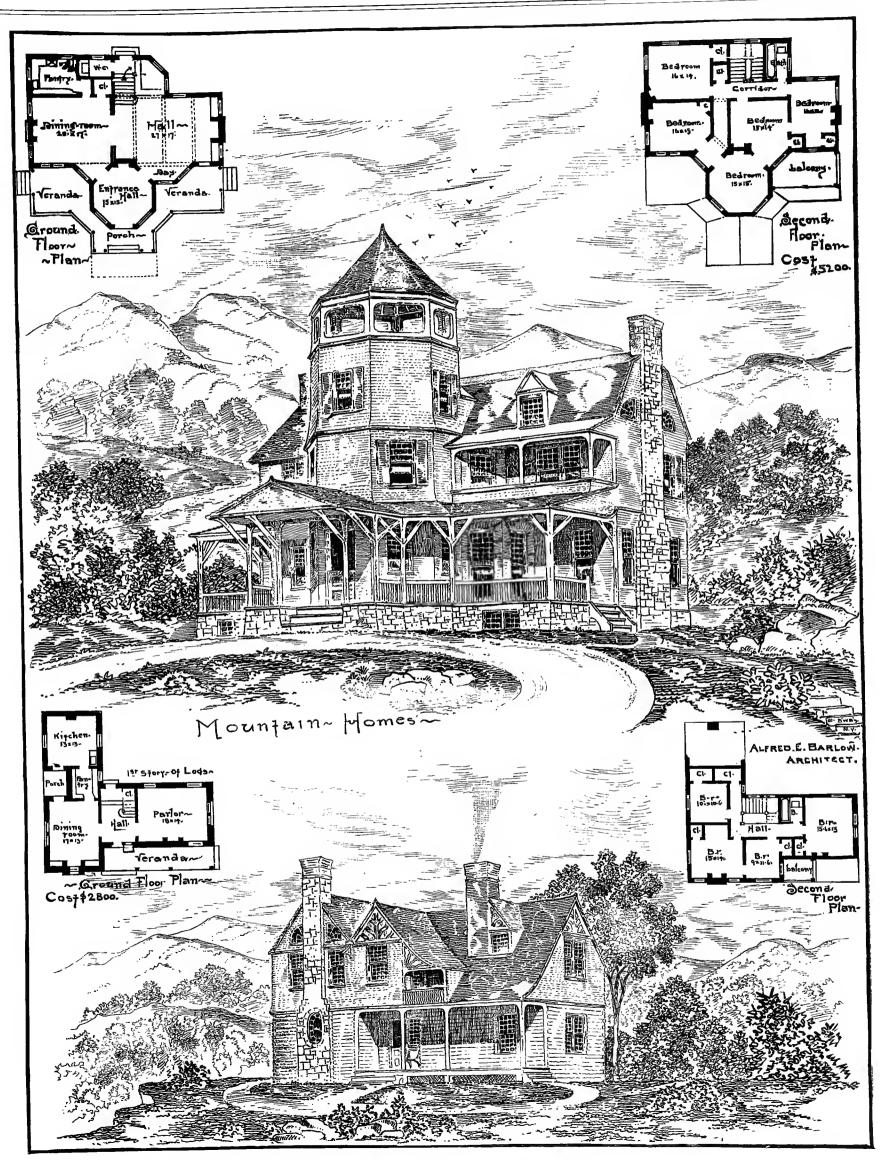
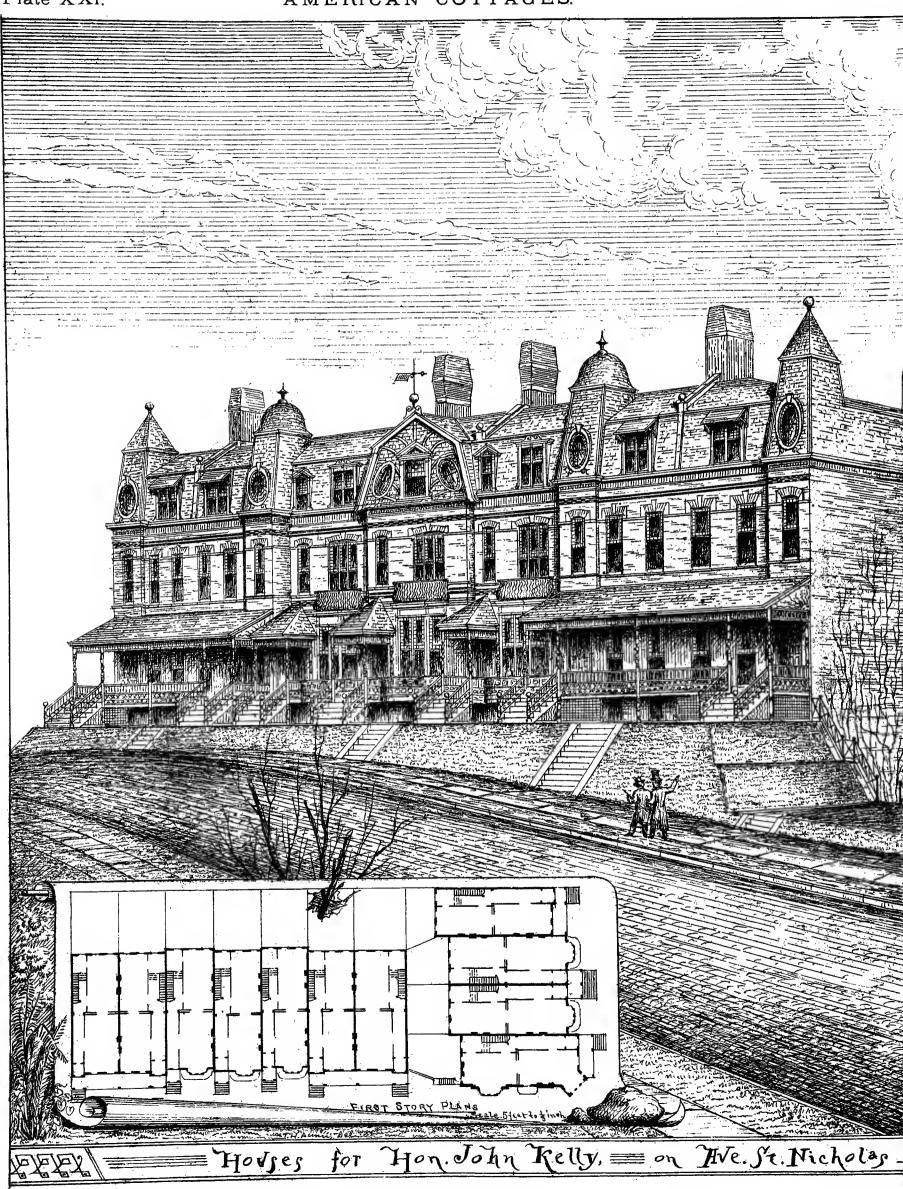
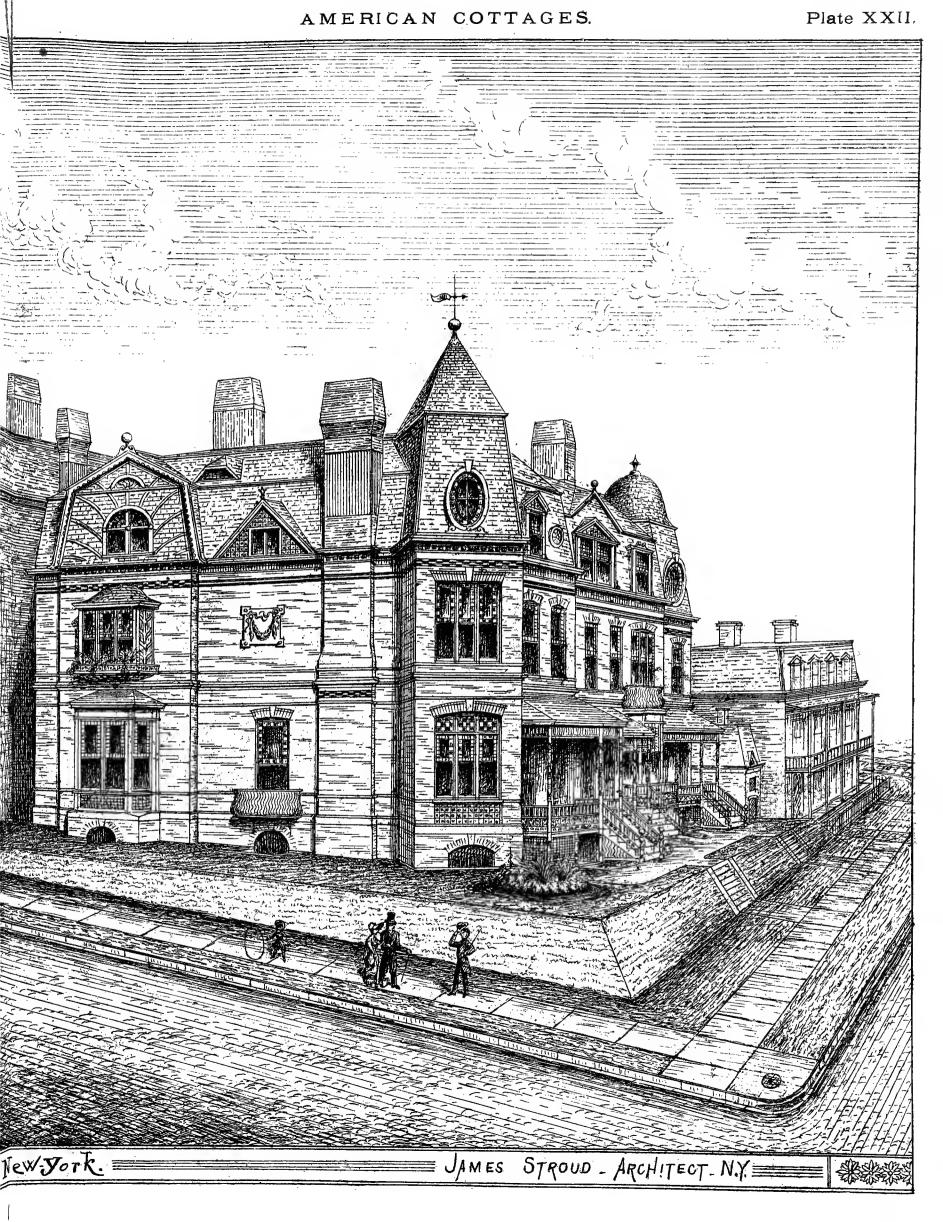


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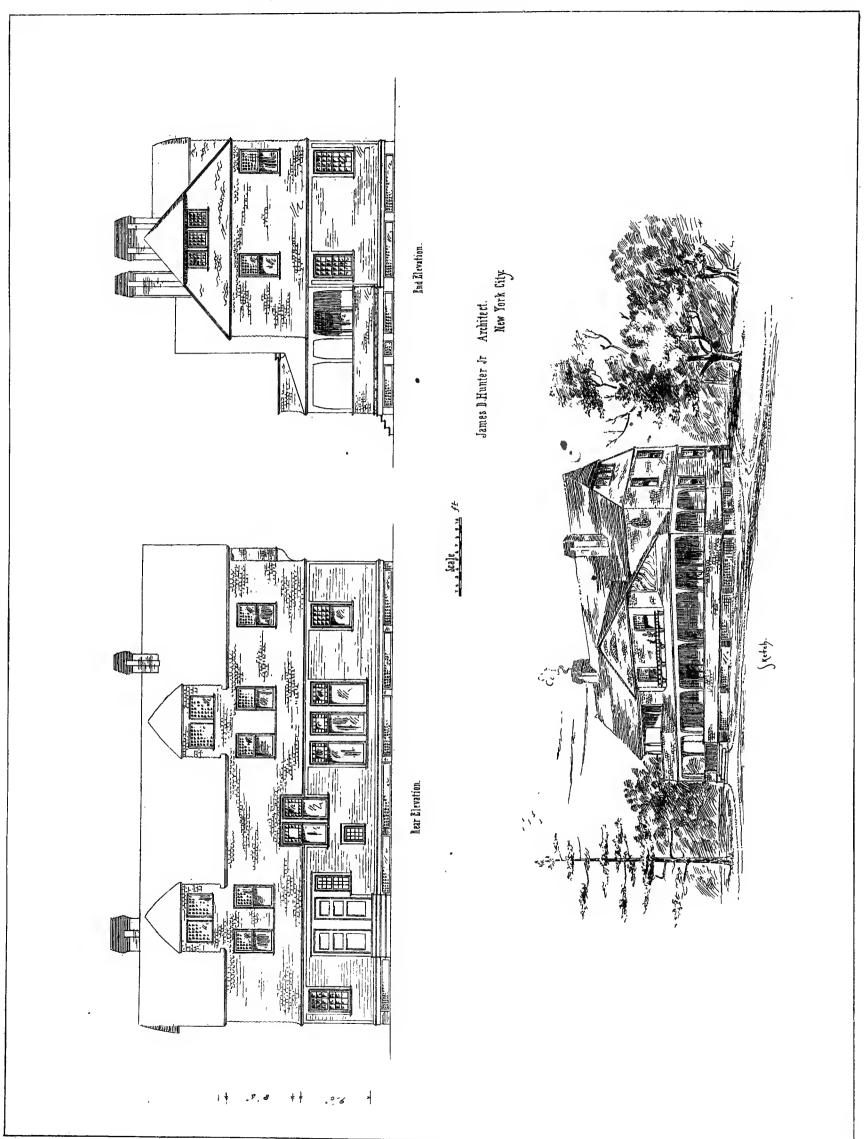


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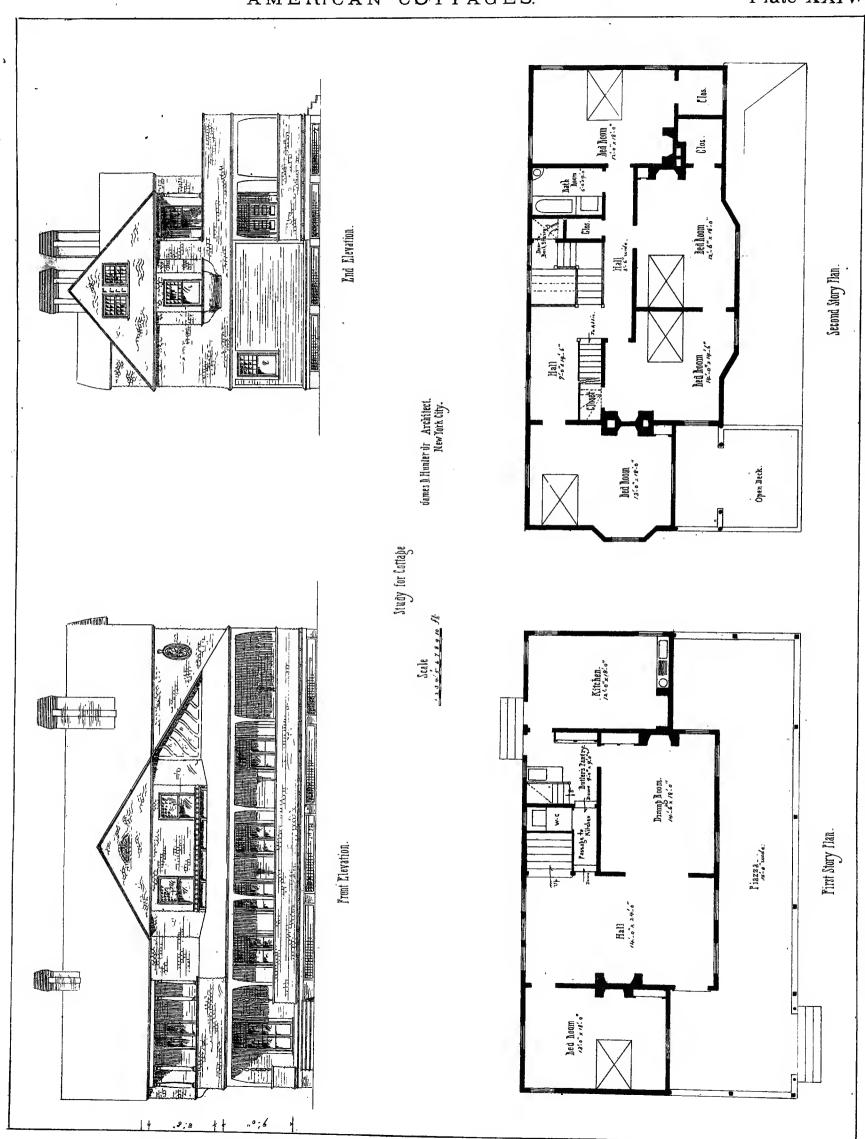
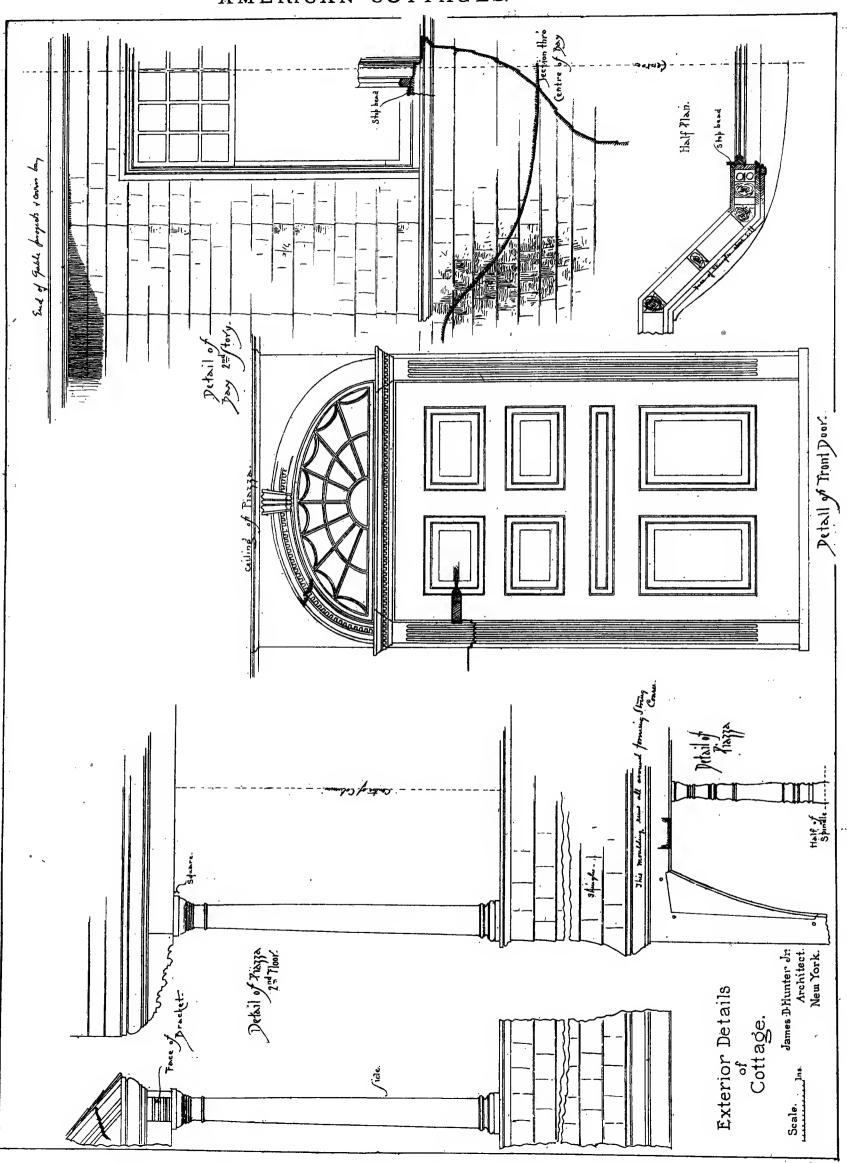


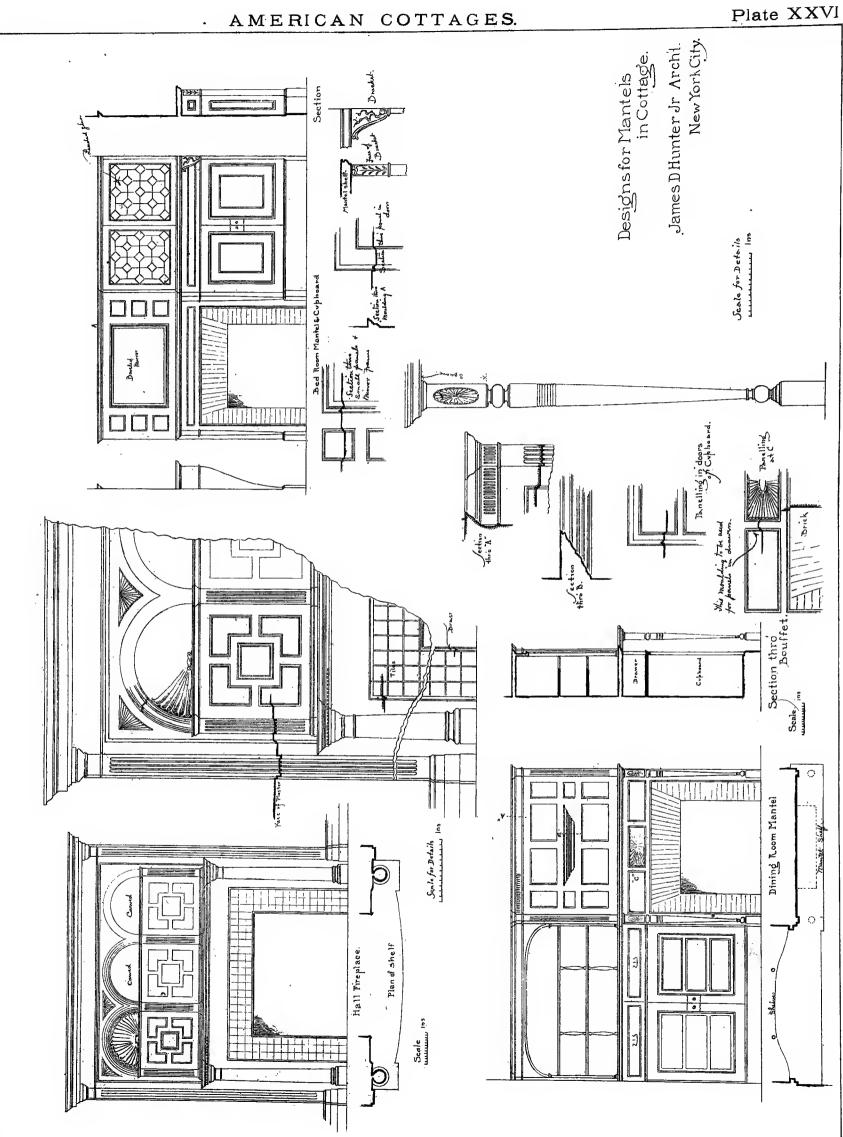
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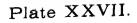


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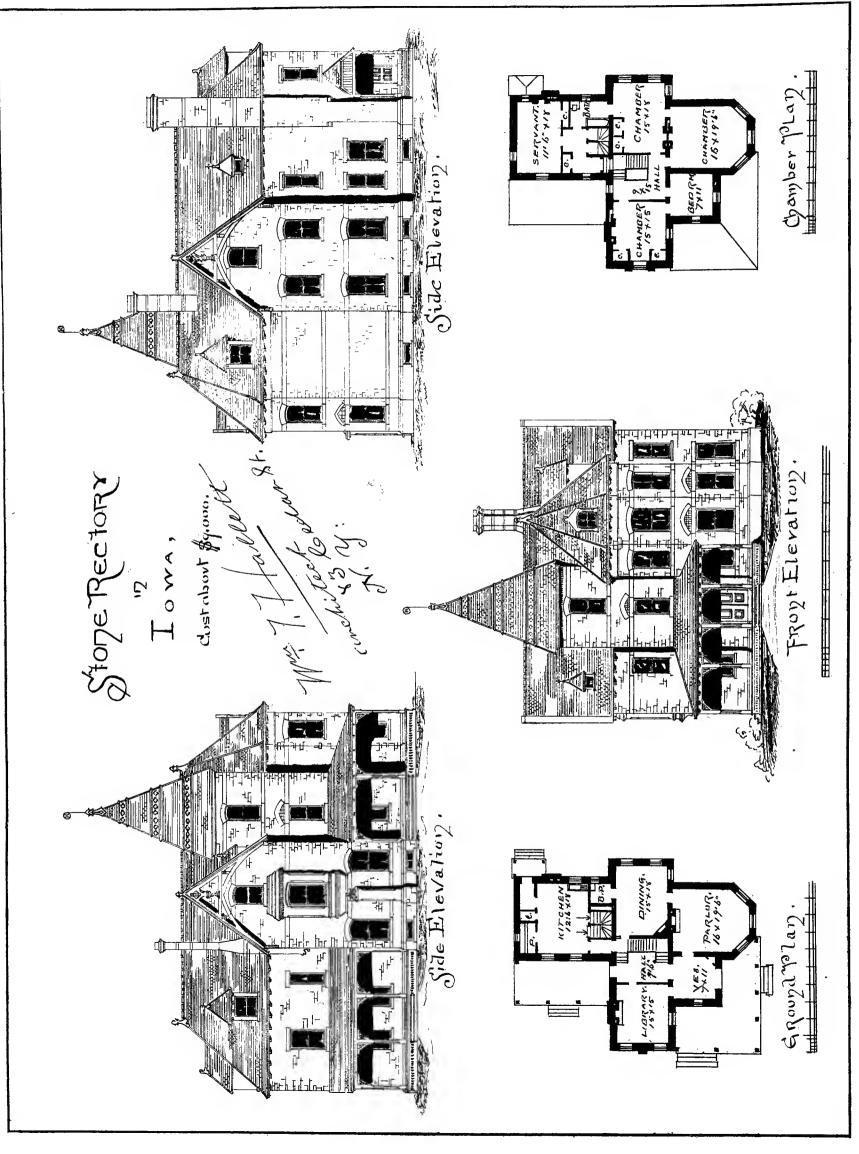


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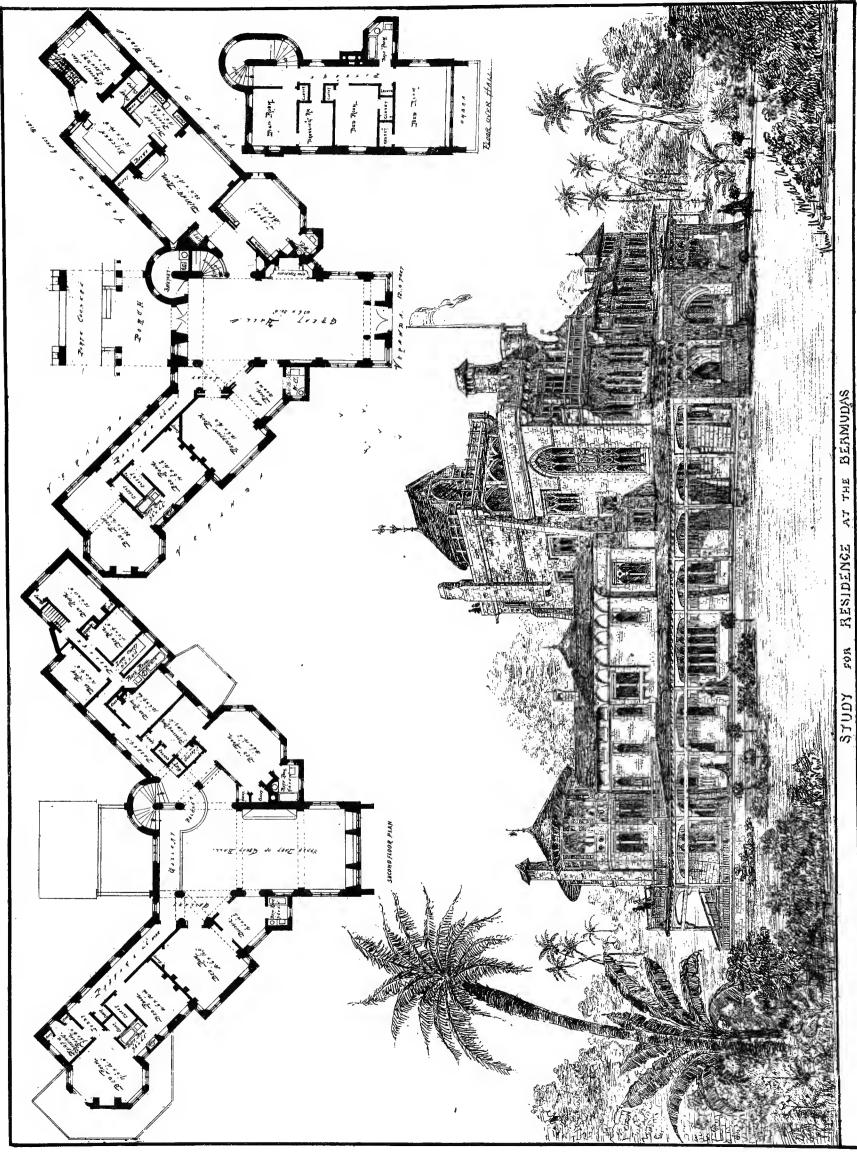
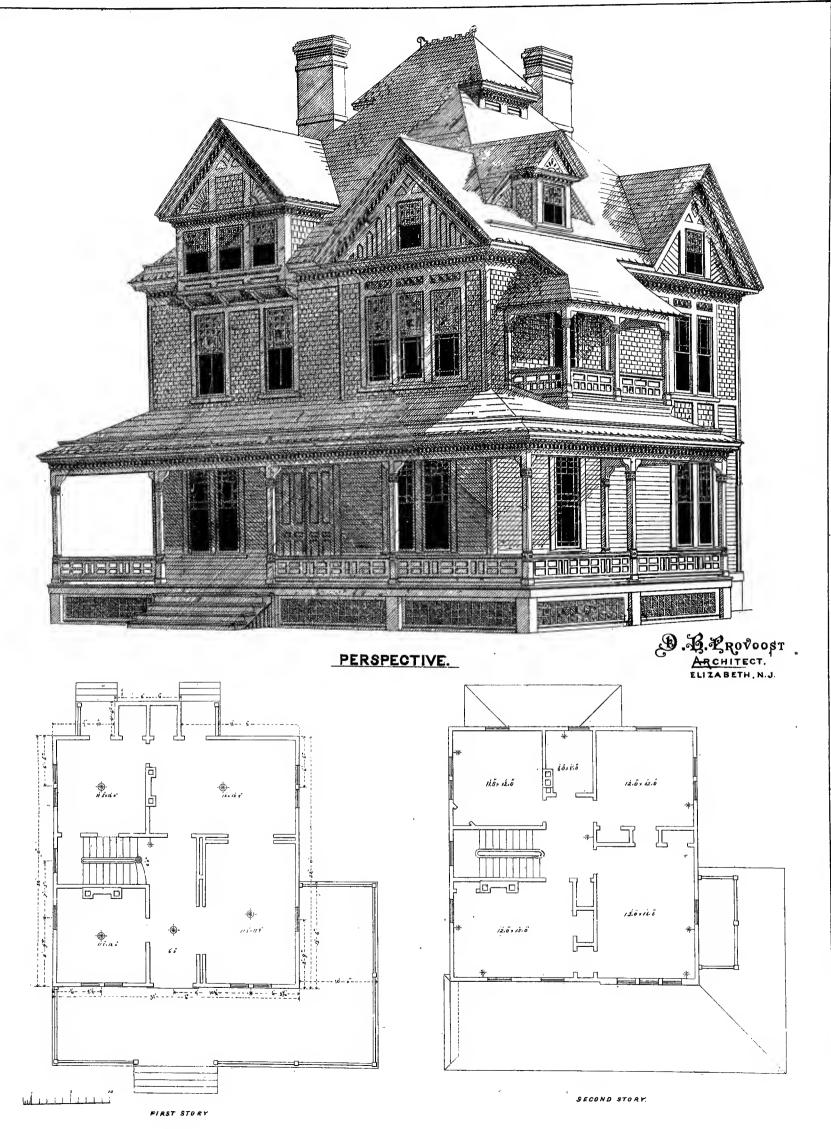


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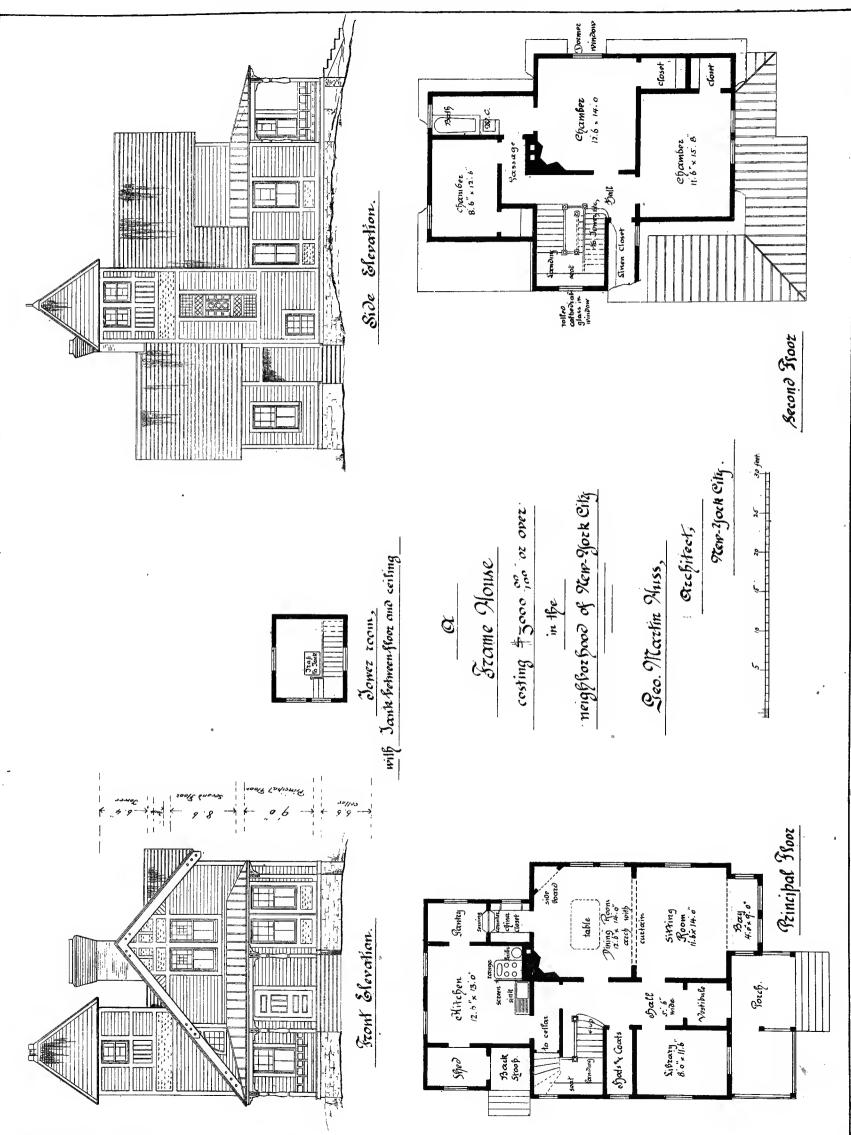


SIDE ELEVATION

Plate XXX.



Plate XXXI.



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SPECIFICATION

LOW-PRICED FRAME COTTAGE.

BY

WM. B. TUTHILL, Architect.

- Generally.—All materials shall be the best of their kind specified. Timber must be clear, sound, true and well-seasoned.
 - Bricks must be hard burnt, sound and of good shape, laid with close joints struck smooth.
 - All labor must be thorough.
- Measurements.—Measurements marked on the drawings must in all cases be taken in preference to scale measurements.
- Laying-out.-The building is to be located on lot as indicated.
 - Set up batter-boards and line out building accurately. All lengths and angles must be verified before excavation is commenced.
 - Remove the sod from site of building in as long strips as possible; also all loam. Stack both in a protected place.
- **Excavations.**—Excavate for cellar, foundations of chimney stacks, foundations, areas for cellar windows, steps, drains, cesspool, &c., according to measurements marked on plans and sections. The cellar is to be excavated 8" dceper than the line of the top of concrete.
 - All earth from excavations not required for refilling or regrading, is to be carted to such place as may be indicated.
- Foundations.—The foundations are to be in all respects according to the drawings. Footings for walls 12" deep by 30" wide, of good building stone, in large sizes, laid in cement mortar.
 - The walls are to be 12" thick, of hard burnt brick, laid in lime mortar. All joints inside and outside of wall are to be struck smooth.
 - The foundation posts are to be of straight locust, not less than 5'' in diameter at the smaller end. The larger ends are to be cut true and footed upon pieces of bluestone 3''x14''x14'', set 3' 6'' or more below ground level.
 - After brickwork of cellar walls is ready to receive the sill-plate, the heads of all posts are to be cut to a level.
- Chimney Stacks.—The chimney stacks are to have a stone footing (of same specification as that for cellar walls), 12" deep by 4" larger on all sides than the base of the stack, commenced 4' 6" below ground level. Carry up the stacks in hard bricks laid in cement mortar in all respects according to the drawings.
 - The withs are to be properly bonded with stacks. The topping out of all stacks is to be faced with pressed bricks, laid in cement.
 - The chimney caps are of red-stone of dimensions given, in one piece and accurately put for the flue openings.
 - The joints in the flues are to be struck smooth. The flues must be left perfectly clear and clean.
 - Openings of fire-places in all but main hall, to be furnished with bluestone lintels, 4''x7''x3'' longer on each end than the opening of the fire-place.
 - Set 6" cast-iron thimbles where marked.
 - Turn arches for hearths at all floors.
- Fire-place in main hall to have jambs and segmental arch of moulded bricks as per design furnished.
 - The back of fire-place is to be set with pressed brick. The bottom of fire-place inside of jamb-line is to be laid with pressed brick laid on edge.
- Mortar.—Lime mortar to be one part of freshly-burned, thoroughly slaked Rockland lime and two of clean sharp sand.
 - Cement mortar is to consist of two parts of lime mortar and one of best Rosendale cement.
- **Concrete.**—Lay cellar floor 4" deep with coarse gravel, well rammed; then lay 4" of concrete formed of one part of Rosendale cement and two of clean coarse sand.
- **Hearths.**—Hearth in dining-room will be of rubbed bluestone, $1\frac{1}{2}''$ thick, with moulded edges. Level of top of hearth 1" above level of floor. Hearth of hall is to be laid with 9 courses of $2\frac{1}{2}''$ Venetian red glazed tiles, and is to have a 3" beveled every border. Level of hearth to be $\frac{5}{2}''$ above floor level.

All hearths are to be laid on cement bed. There is no hearth in kitchen.

- Plates, &c —Before the plates are laid, the top of all foundation posts are to be brought to a level with the brickwork of the cellar.
 - Plates are to be 4"x8" spruce, notched and spiked upon posts.
 - The plate on cellar wall is to be well bedded in cement.
- Floor Beams.—First and second stories, 3"x8"; set 16" on centres; ceiling of second story, 2"x8"; set 18" on centres.

Frame openings for chimney stacks, stair well-holes, &c., as shown in the drawings.

Crossbridging —Each tier of beams is to be crossbridged every 8 ft. of length (or as marked) with 2"x3" stuff, accurately cut and firmly nailed.

- Frames —Corner posts, 4"x4"; studs, 3"x4"; set 16" on centres; interties for second story beams, 2"x6", mortised into and spiked to studs.
 - All posts and studs are to be footed directly upon sill plates, and to run through to roof as far as practicable.
 - Floor beams are to be shouldered upon plates and interties, not more than 1" of depth. The cutting from the depth of any beam is to be avoided.
 - Set double studing 2"x4" at all window and door openings.
 - Wall plates, 4"x4", in single lengths when possible, halved and spiked at all angles and joints.
- Rafters.—Rafters, 3"x6"; set 20" on centres for main roofs; 3"x4" for roofs of porches, &c. All rafters are to be worked where exposed to view, as shown. All rafters are to be firmly spiked to ridge and wall plates. Hip rafters, 3"x9"; ridge, 2"x10".
- Sheathing.—All exterior walls and roofs, except roofs of verandah, are to be sheathed with 9" hemlock boards (selected), planed on one side to an even thickness, laid diagonally and firmly nailed at every stud. Cover sheathing of walls with one layer of sheathing paper and roof with one layer of roofing felt.
- Clapboards, &c.—Clapboard, where marked, with milled boards and firmly nail; show not more than $3\frac{1}{2}^{"}$ face; no joints of the boarding will be allowed in lengths under 16 feet.
- Shingles for Roof —All roofs are to be covered with the best sawn cypress shingles, firmly nailed to sheathing ; show face of not more than 5".
- **Flashings.**—Provide and build into chimney stacks counter flashings of $3\frac{1}{2}$ lb. lead. Lay on sheathing wide zinc flashings, which are to be carried close up to chimney and turned up as far as the counter flashing. Then turn down the lead, dress well and solder.
 - All valleys and hips are to have zinc flashings 12" wide on each side of valley. Place proper zinc flashings at junction of verandah roof and house wall. Carry up same under clapboards at least 8".
- Partition.-Studs, 3"x4"; set 16" on centres; sills and caps, 2"x4". Cut in and firmly nail one course of horizontal bracing, 4' 6" above floor line.
- Floors.—Lay all floors with $4\frac{1}{2}^{"}$ matched pine flooring, firmly blindnailed at every beam. Each plank must be driven home. Floor in hall is to be laid in selected hard pine. All planks in this floor must be in single lengths.
- Windows.—Of dimensions and details shown. Sash, $1\frac{1}{2}^{"}$ thick, of white pine. Sash windows are to be hung on woven hemp sash cord and steel axle pulleys. Provide all sash windows on both stories with fastenings of approved pattern. Casement windows, as marked, are to be hung on plain 3" butts. They are to be fastened shut with iron bolts and spring catches.

The transoms (which are at the heads of all casement windows, and elsewhere, as indicated) are to be hung on horizontal pivots, so that the head of sash opens inwards, and are to be furnished with spring catches.

All windows, unless otherwise specified, are to be glazed with the best quality double thick, perfectly clear window glass.

The sash of the middle window on front of sitting room is to be glazed with a single sheet of plate glass. The sash is to be fixed.

Stained glass will be inserted where directed, and shall be of kind, quality and design as may be desired by owner.

Gable windows in roof are to be glazed with common glass. The sash are to be hung on strong cast iron butts, so as to open inwards, and are to be fastened shut with iron buttons.

Doors.—All of pine. Exterior, $1\frac{3''}{4}$ thick ; interior, $1\frac{1}{2}$ thick ; hung on cast iron butts. Exterior doors are to be finished as per detail. Interior doors are to have four panels, chamfered stiles, stopped mouldings. Such interior doors as are marked to be glazed are to have the upper panels filled with $\frac{1}{8}''$ fine ribbed glass, or with stained glass, as may be directed.

The glass for exterior doors (where glazed) is to be perfectly clear, double thick window glass. All doors, except those of closets, are to be furnished with $5\frac{1}{2}''$ brass face mortice locks and proper keys. Main doors (exterior) to have 6" brass face mortice locks, with one key ; also night latch with 3 keys.

Pantry and closet doors to have 4" rim locks and keys. All doors to have brass striking-plates. Provide all exterior doors with square flat bolts not less than $4\frac{1}{2}^{"}$ long. Those on doors of hall are to be of brass. All double doors are to be furnished with brass face flush bolts.

The furniture of all doors will be as selected by owner or architect. Roses and escutcheons are to match.

- Exterior Finish.-As per drawings. 1st story furnished with clapboards as before specified. False stiles, 1"x4" wide; window casings, 1"x4", with moulded edges. Second story furnished with best pine shingles, cut with circular ends ; shingles to show not more than $5\frac{1}{2}$ face. Base boards to be of 9" planks, slotted at joints.
- Interior Finish.-All of white pine, except in stair hall and sitting room, where selected California red wood is to be used. Trims, 4"x1", reeded, with turned corner blocks. All door trims to be carried down to floor. Jambs of doors are to be reeded same as trims. Base, 8" high, with moulded top, and is to be set before flooring is laid.
- Stairs.-To be in all respects according to the plans and details furnished. Newels, handrail and balusters are to be of red wood. Treads and risers are to be of cherry, ploughed together. Nosing and cove are to be returned on ends of treads and carried around stairwell on second story. On bottom of outside string set mould to cover plaster joint.

Firmly frame stairs, and set on three 3"x10" carriages. Treads and risers are to be housed into string. Framing of platform 3"x8". Place base board against wall. The space below stairs is to be panelled in.

All work on stairs is to be executed in the best manner. Hand and base rails are to be housed into newel and corner posts, and balusters accurately morticed and tenoned into rail.

- Mantels.-Yellow pine frames and shelves-filled in with unglazed tiles. Fireplaces are to be furnished with a brass frame, and cast iron linings. (See details furnished).
- Pantries and Closets.-Provide all pantries with three white pine shelves, 14" wide ; the lowest shelf to be set 3' 2" above floor line. All shelving must be firmly set on cleats nailed to studding. Set in all closets, one shelf 12" wide, 6' 4" above floor line; also a strip for clothes hooks, 6" below shelf line and securely fastened to studs. Provide and set at least eight japanned clothes hooks in each closet.

Verandahs.—As per drawings.

- Rafters, 3''x6''; posts, $4\frac{1}{2}''x4\frac{1}{2}''$; finished as shown. Plates, 4''x4''. Roofs are to be sheathed with 6" clear matched pine boards, planed on both sides and firmly nailed.
 - Floor beams, 3"x8", set 18" on centre, to rest on plates as indicated. Lay floors with $1'' x 4\frac{1}{2}''$ hard pine, without tongue and groove, and set 3" apart. Floor to have a wash of 1" to outside.

Iron Work .- Provide and set wrought iron finials on main ridge, of detail as furnished.

PLUMBING, &c.

- Water Closet .- Furnish and set complete with plain cistern, cranks, levers, &c., a (Demarest's "Whirlpool") closet. The work must in all respects be perfect. The seat, cover, panelling, &c., is to be of yellow pine. Frame seat and cover, and hang both on 2" brass hinge. Front panel is to be held in position by brass buttons.
- Sink .- In kitchen, set on strong galvanized iron brackets, an earthenware sink, $20\frac{1}{2}''x14\frac{1}{2}''x6''$ deep, inside measurement. Set $1\frac{1}{2}''x3\frac{1}{2}''$, ash frame

on upper edge. Provide and set 2" waste, "A" lead pipe, and S trap. Waste to be connected with sink by proper brass fastenings. To the end of waste solder a brass ferule and caulk into branch from drain.

Set in kitchen where indicated, a Blunt's force pump. (Lotus No. 7.) Make 1" connection with driven or sunk well (located and built under direction of owner). The pipe must be the best "A" pipe, and have a continuous descent to cellar, so that all water may be drained from it in winter. Place a stop cock at the lowest point. From pump carry 5" branch lines to kitchen sink and to tank of closet. Set brass way cock in the pipe, so regulated that of the whole quantity of water pumped, one-third shall go to the water-closet tank, while two-thirds goes to the sink.

Set brass faucet at sink. The pipe and faucet are to be attached to a splash board.

The supply to tank is to enter at top. An overflow is to be provided opening 3" below top line of tank and carried down wall and empty into bowl of closet.

Waste from water closet, 3" "A" pipe, with S trap, carried in single lengths to drain.

The drain end of waste is to have a brass ferule soldered to it and is to be properly caulked into drain.

On crown of trap attach a 2" lead pipe, carry up on the out-side of house through line of the eaves, and terminate in a short straight length of pipe, about 8" or 10" long, without return.

All traps are to be provided with brass trap screws. Vertical pipes must be properly supported by hard metal tucks soldered to pipe and screwed to woodwork. Horizontal pipes must be supported their entire length and fastened by brass bands. All joints in plumbing work are to be thoroughly and properly made, and all material and workmanship must be thorough in every particular.

Drain.—Lay from house to cesspool a 6" glazed earthen drain, as indicated on plan. It must be laid in a direct and unbroken line, and with a descent to cessposl of not less than 6" in every 10 feet. All joints must be made with cement, and smoothed on the inside. The pipe must be well bedded throughout its entire length.

Provide and set at house end of drain a return and Y branch for sink and water-closet. From return carry up a 6" earthen pipe, at least 1' 0" above ground level and finish with galvanized iron cowl.

- Cesspool.-Is to be located according to the nature of the ground, not less than 50 feet from the nearest point of house. Diameter, 7' 0"; depth, 9' 0": lining, 8" thick, of hard brick laid in cement. Lay bottom 9' 0'': lining, 8" thick, of hard brick laid in cement. Lay bottom with brick in cement. The top of cesspool is to be arched over, leaving an opening of 2' 8" in diameter, which is to be covered with a piece of bluestone 3" thick. The opening of cesspool is to be not less than 2' 0'' below ground level. Into top of cesspool set a 6'' earthen ventilation pipe, and carry same at least 16'' above ground and finish with a galvanized iron cowl. The house drain is to project at least 2' 0" into cesspool.
- Plastering.—Lath walls and ceilings of all rooms, halls, passages, closets, pantries, &c. The lath must be straight, well seasoned, free from knots, and firmly nailed.

Plaster two coats with rongh white sand finish. First coat is to be well mixed with hair, which must be properly and sufficiently soaked and beaten before being used.

Carry all coats of plastering close up to line of all openings and down to floor line.

No cornices will be run or centre pieces set.

Painting.—All woodwork on inside and outside is to be properly prepared for painting. All holes must be puttied. The surface of all interior woodwork is to be sandpapered perfectly smooth.

Interior woodwork is to be oiled, two coats of the best raw oil. Let first coat dry thoroughly. The second coat is to be slightly colored by the addition of a small quantity of the best burnt sienna. The oil should be just colored, but should have no body. After second coat is thoroughly dry, apply one coat of white shellac. Outside woodwork, including shingles of roof and sides, is to be painted with at least two coats of the best color ground in linseed oil. The colors

to be used will be selected by owner or architect. **Fences.**—As per drawings furnished. Posts, $4\frac{1}{2}''x4\frac{1}{2}''$, locust or chestnut, turned heads, chamfered angles; set 7' 0" between centres, 3' 6" in ground, and footed on piece of bluestone, 3''x12''x12''. The posts are to be coated with asphalt to 4 ft. from lower end. They must be set perfectly plumb, and the earth well rammed around them.

Top rail, 2"x4", moulded; bottom and mid-rail, 2"x23", with beaded angles ; palings, 1"x1", plain. All of pine. All the work is to be done in the most thorough manner.

Gates are to be hung on proper wrought iron hinges, so as to

open both ways. Spring catches are to be furnished. Regrading.—Refill about cellar walls and well ram the earth. Regrade on all sides of house with surface soil, giving a wash away from walls of 10" in 10 feet.

All parts of the premises that have been in any way disturbed by-ling operations must be put in perfect order. Such other regradbuilding operations must be put in perfect order. ing as is required, is to be carried out under special directions given at the time.

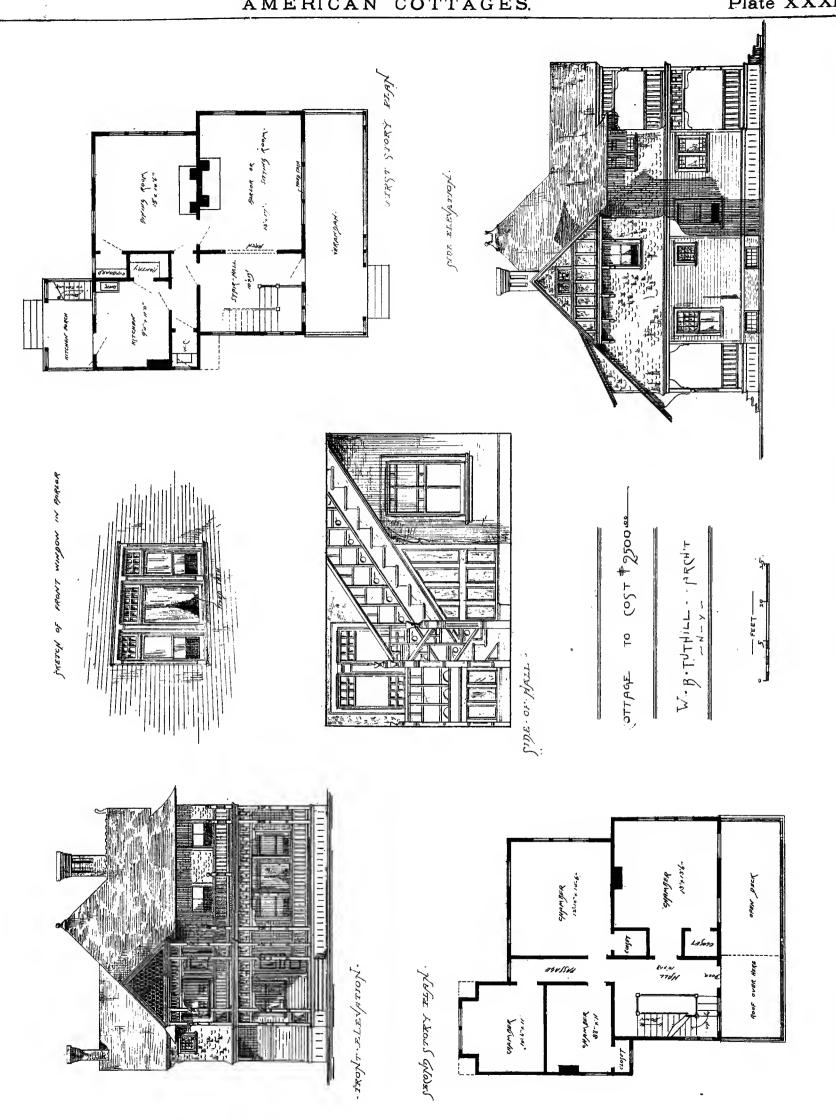
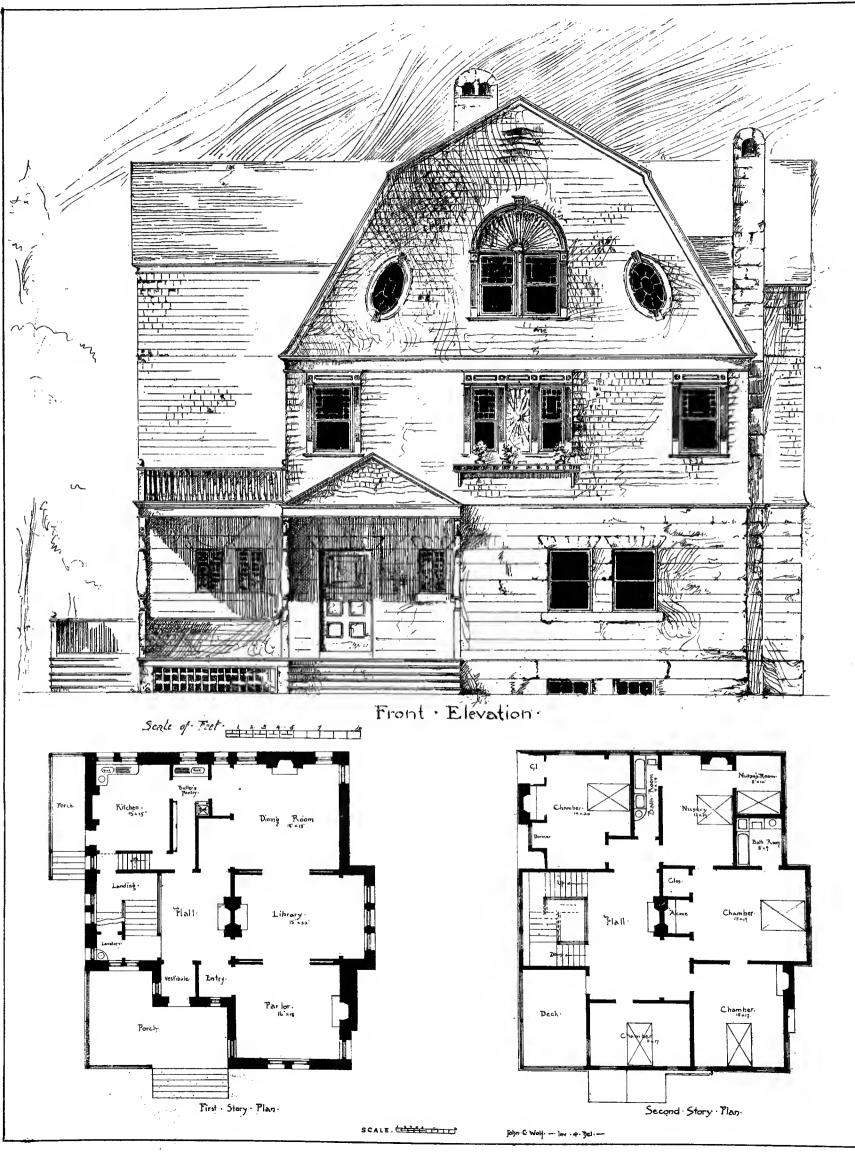
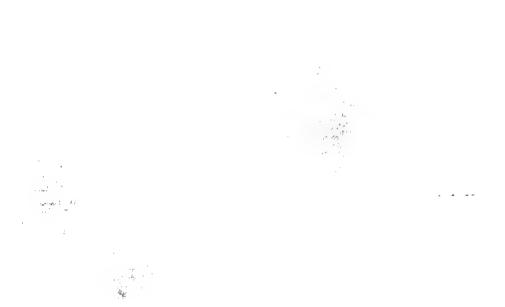


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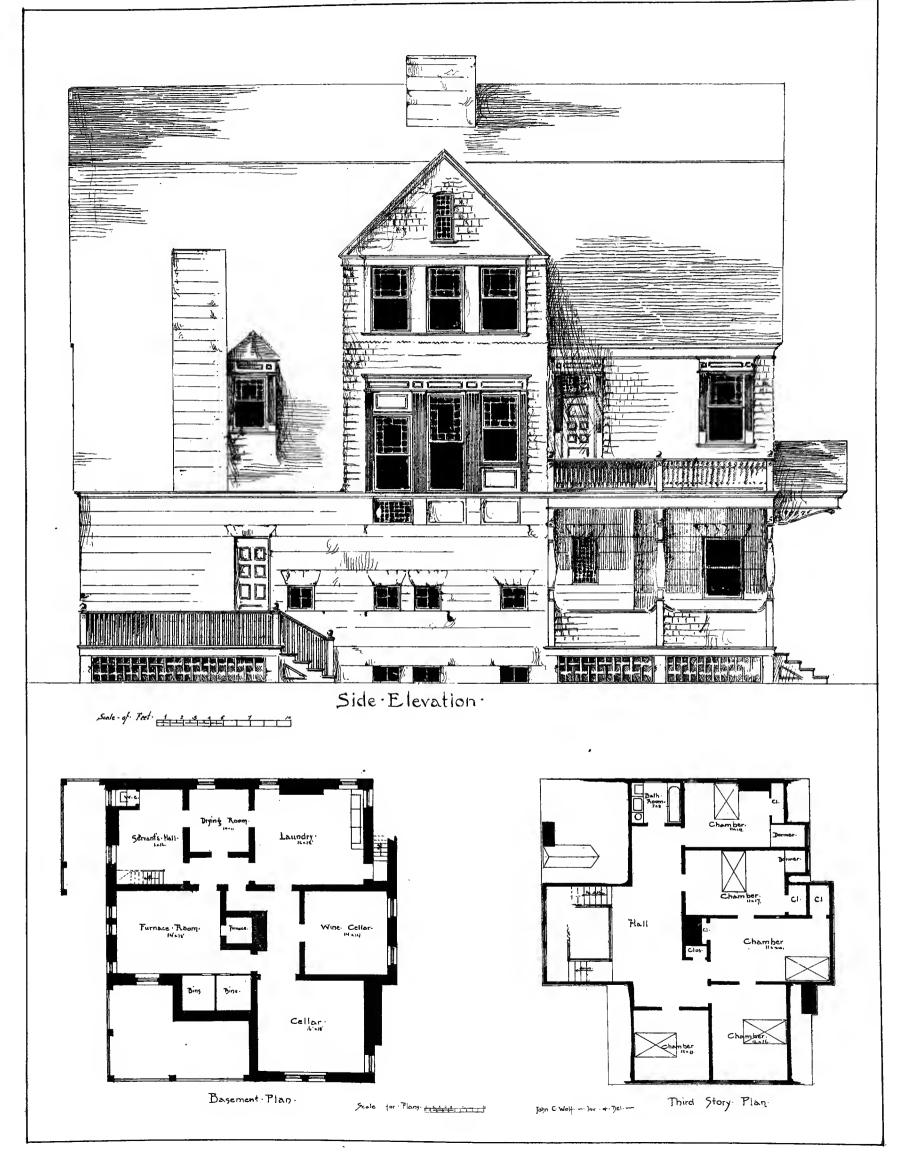
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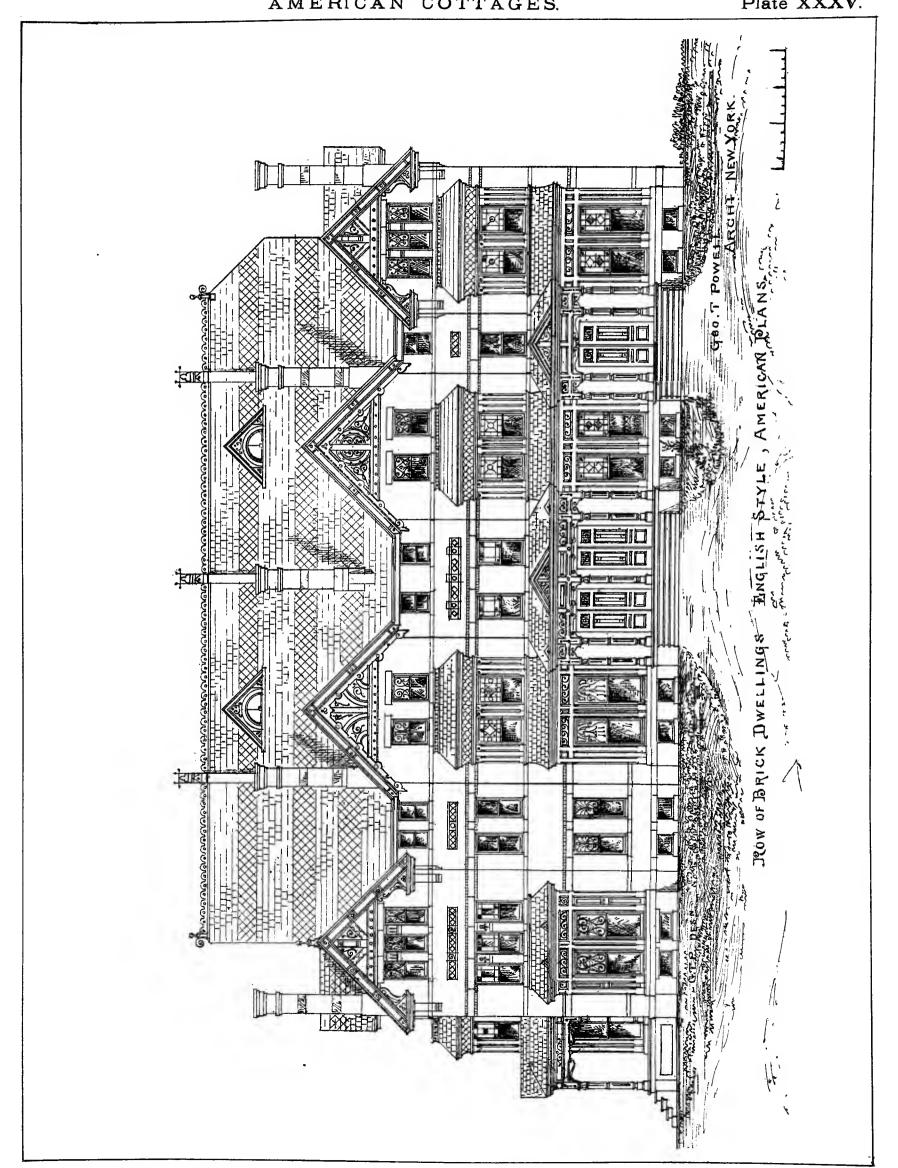
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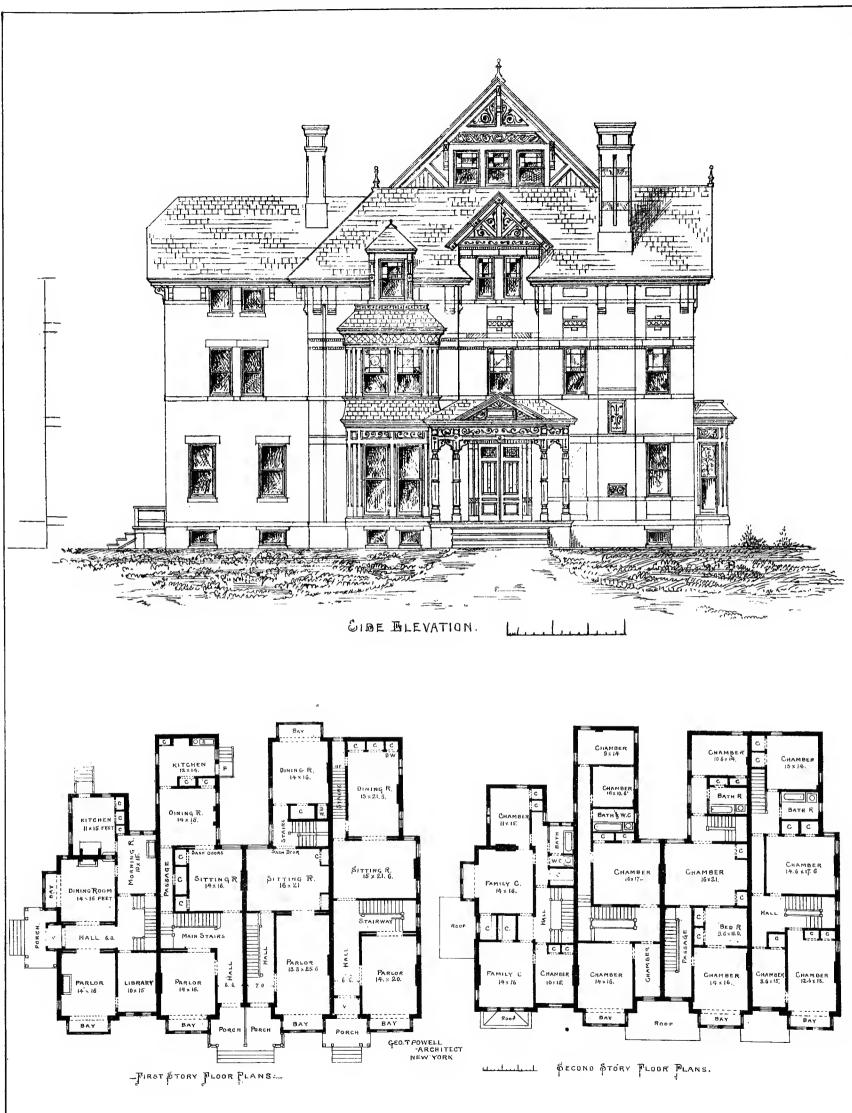
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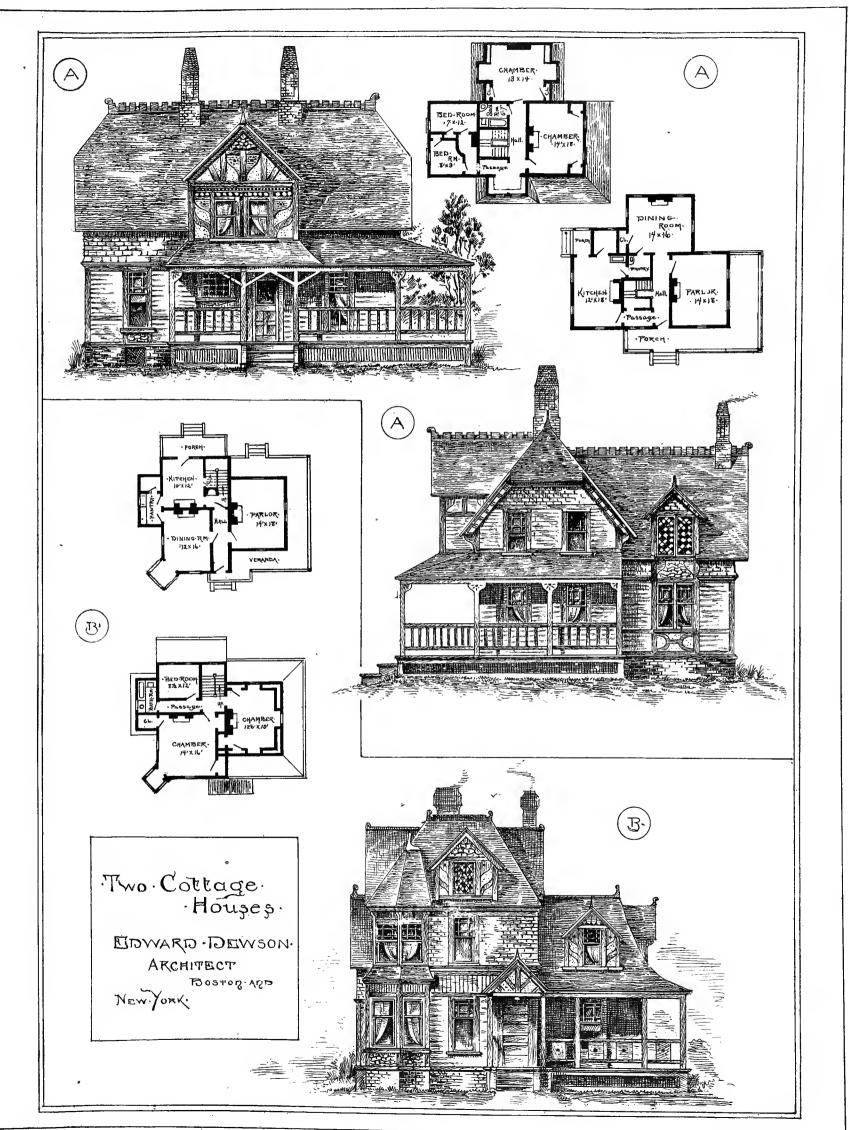
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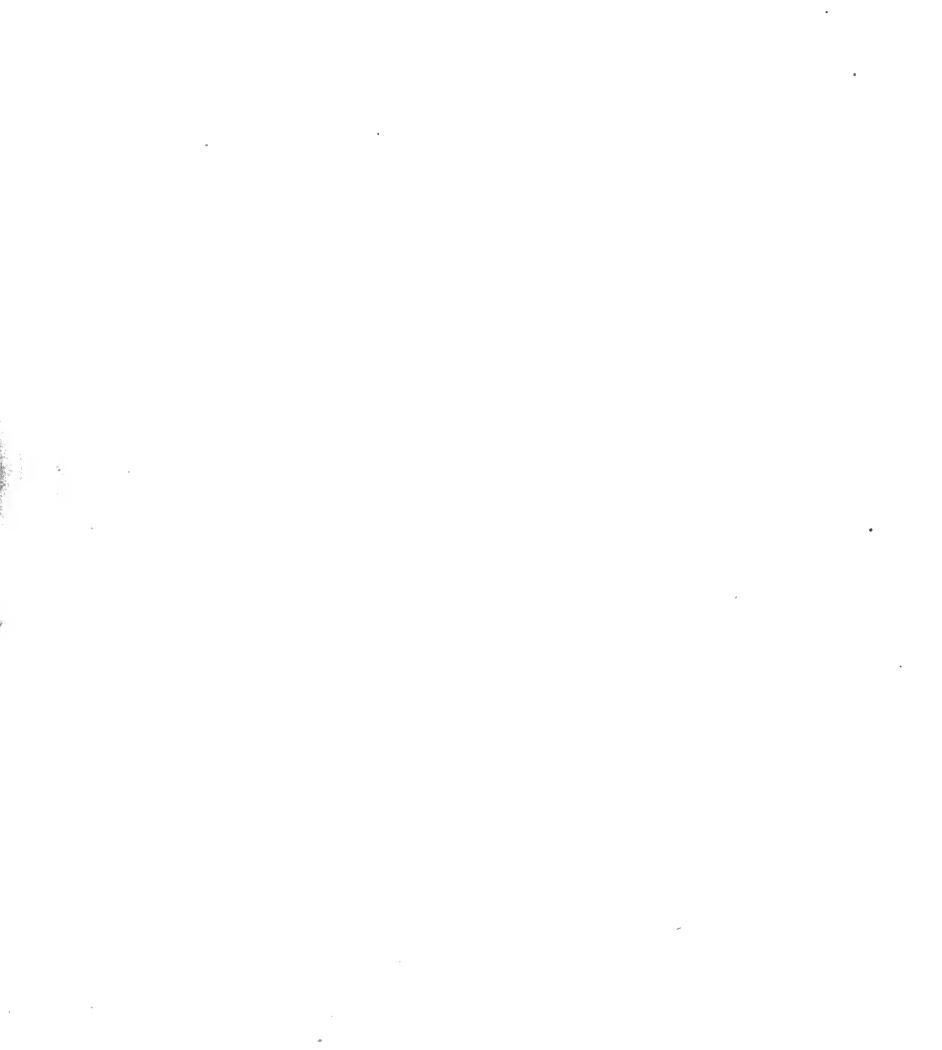
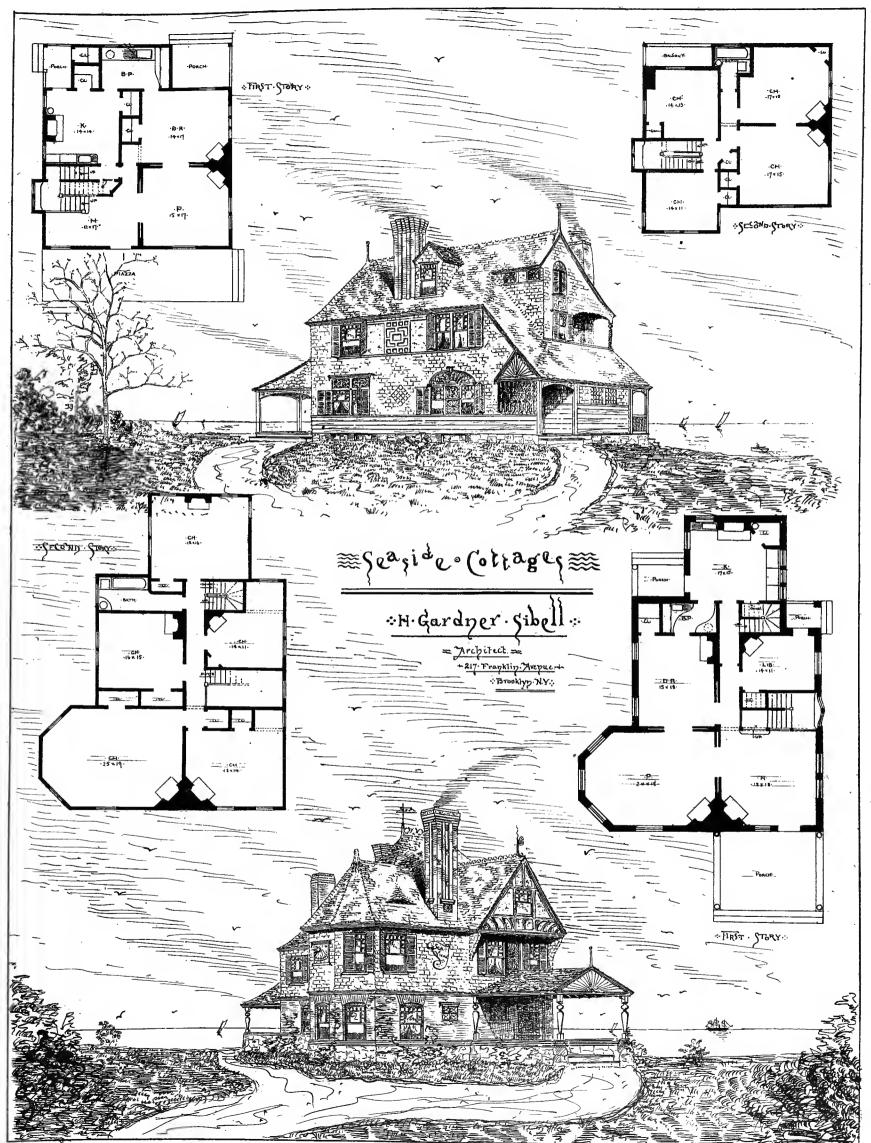


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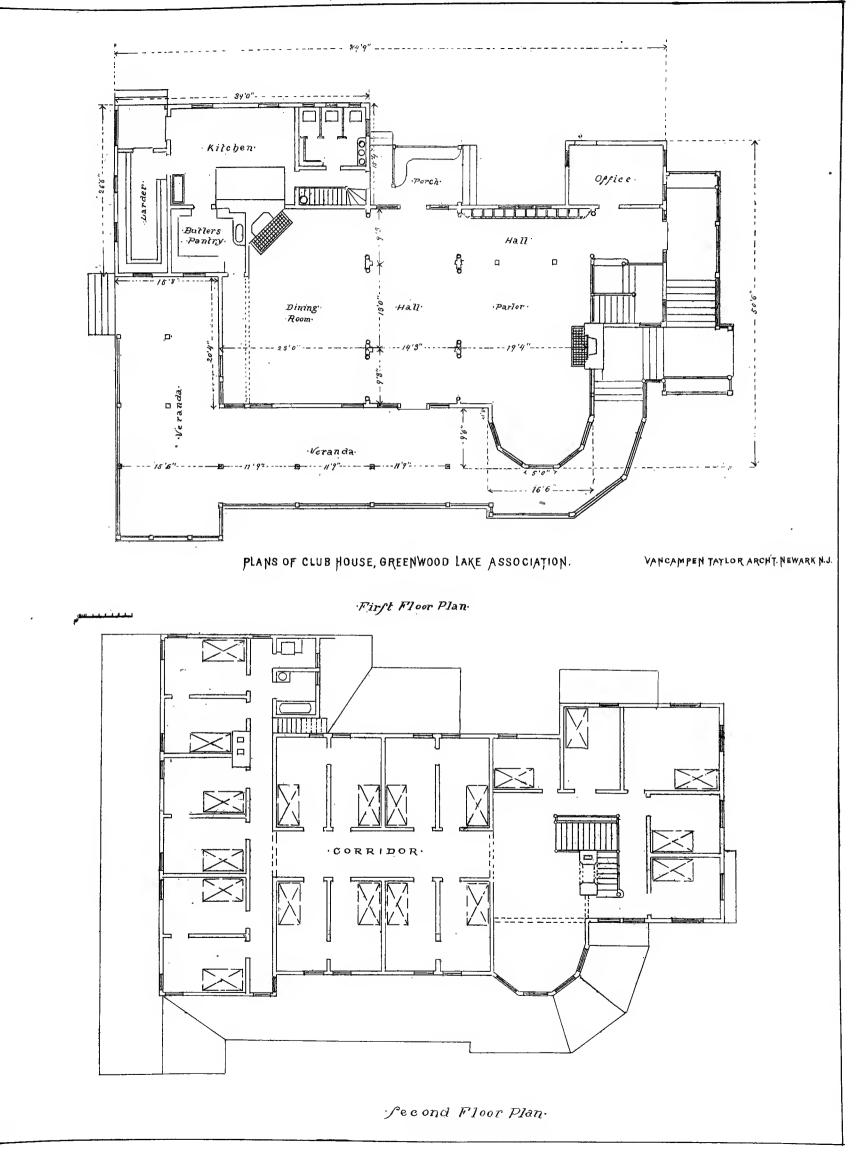
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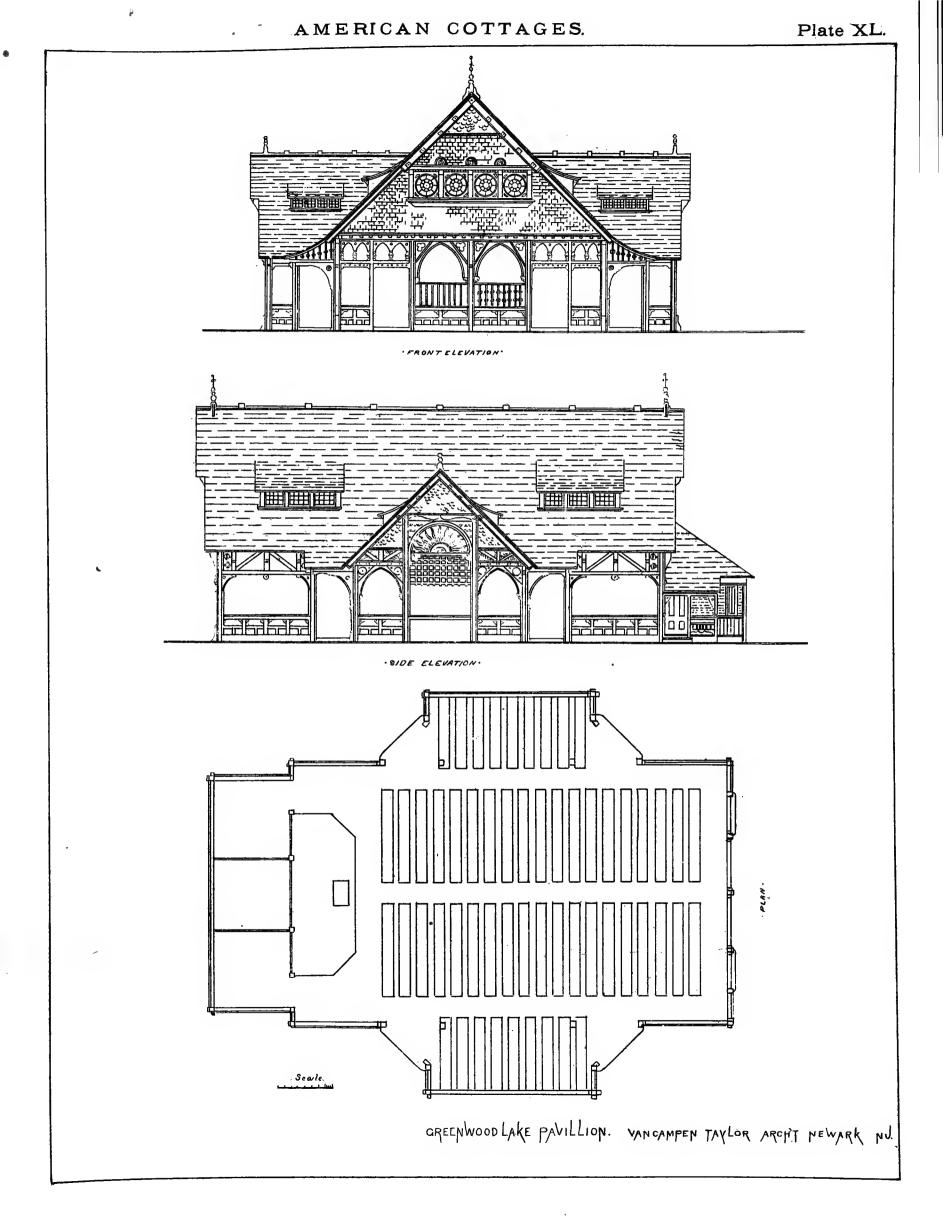
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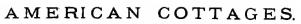
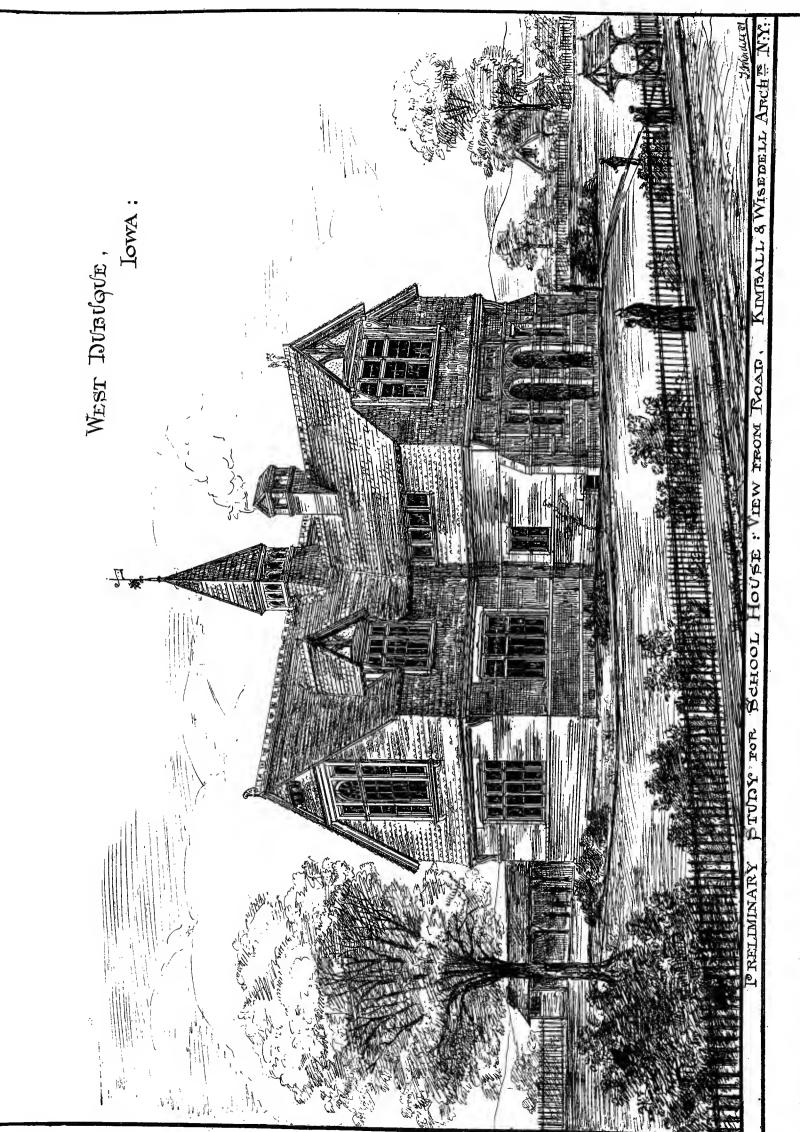
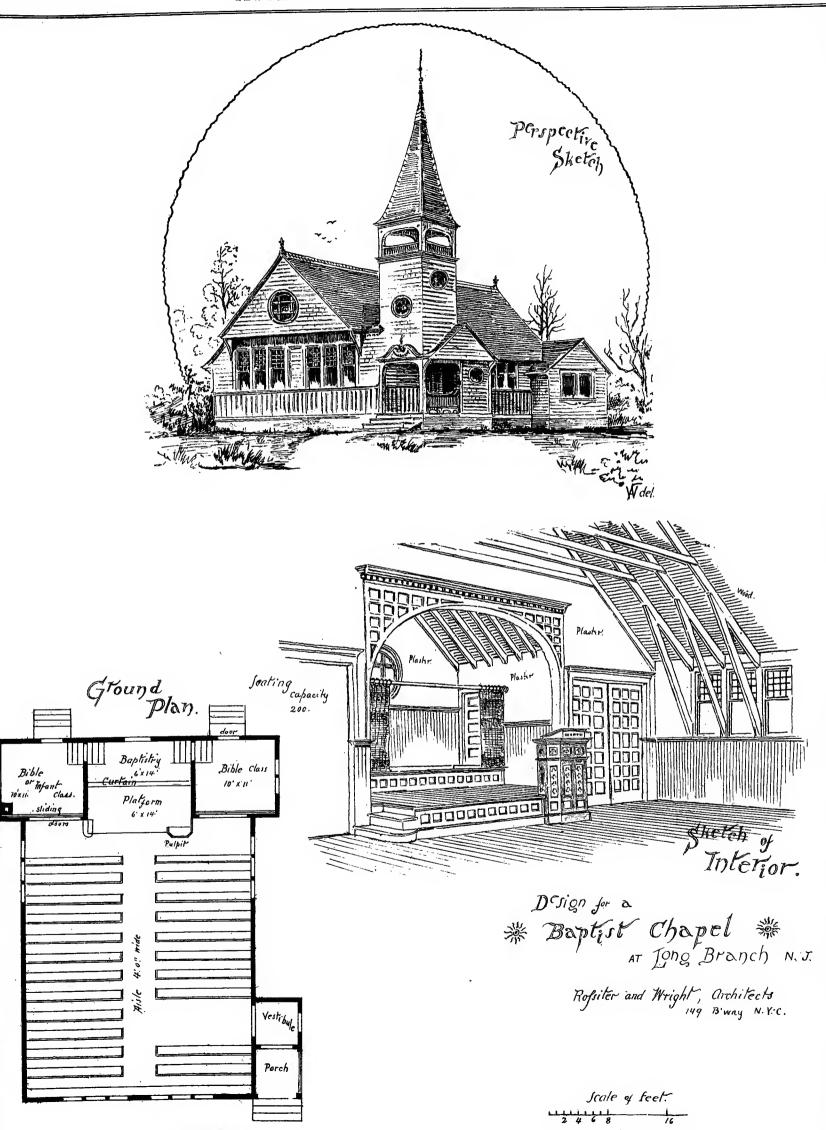


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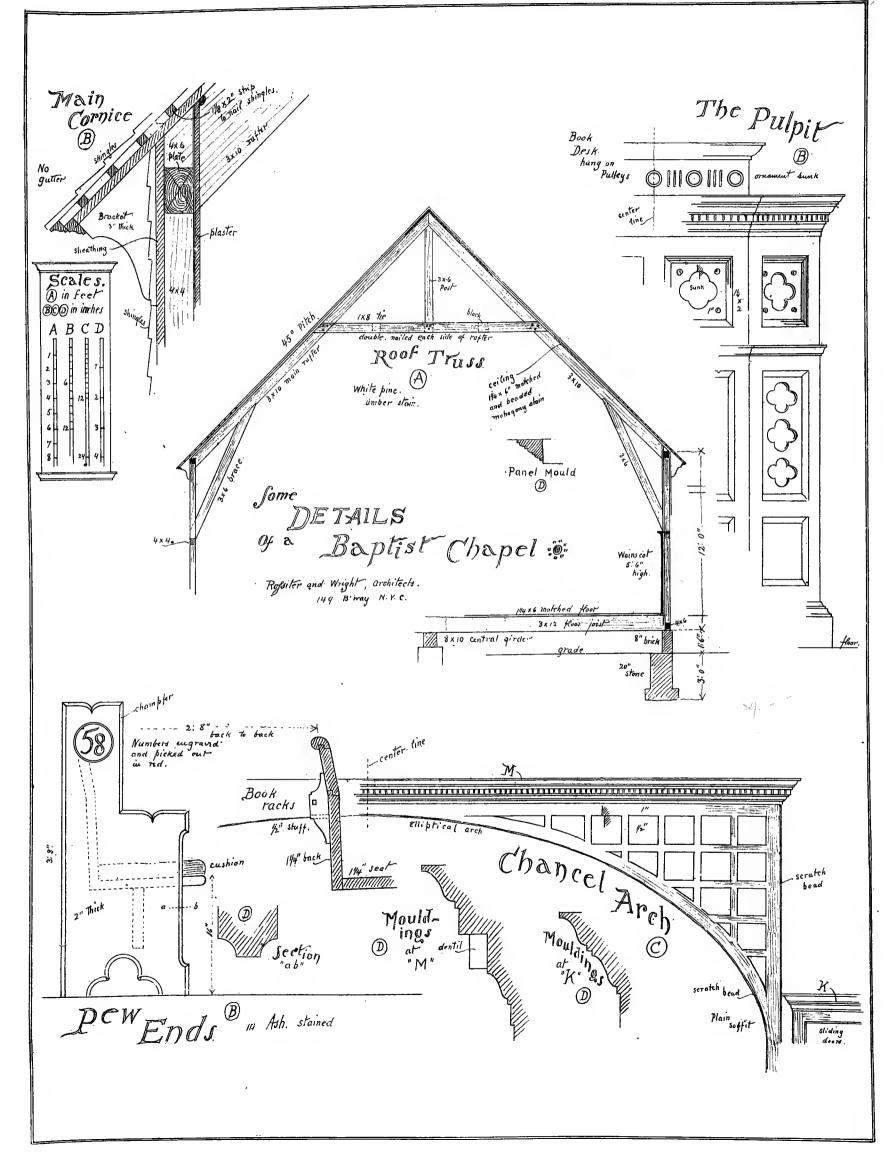
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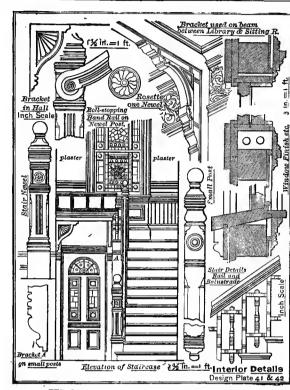
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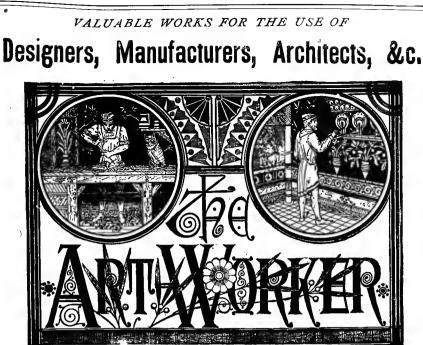
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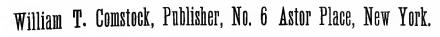
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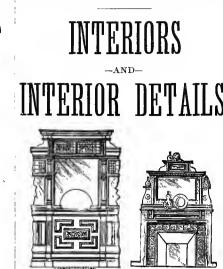
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