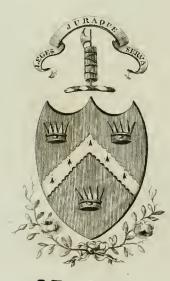


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W HEN the fcheme of this work was first arranged, I intended to have comprifed it in thirty-one plates; but not being able to explain the number of articles proposed to my fatisfaction, I have been under the necessfity of extending the work to thirty-eight plates: this addition will I hope be accepted for any variation from the original plan. To my numerous Friends and Subscribers I beg leave to observe, the defigns here given posses advantages beyond mere fancy sketches; many of them having been carried into execution in various parts of the kingdom, and of most of them I have small models which completely shew their effect in execution; these I shall be happy to explain to any Gentleman who may wish to inspect them.

In addition to the cuftomary method of making Mud-Walls, as practifed in Devonshire and other counties of England, I beg to notice the new method of building Walls for Cottages, &c. as practifed in France; of which an account is given in a little work lately published at Paris, under the title of Maifon de Pife. The method there propofed and on experience recommended, is to conftruct the Walls of dry earth, well rammed, or beaten together in a mould, like a cafe : the advantage attending this method is by the author M. Gointeraux fpoken of in the highest terms, and as applicable to buildings of confiderable extent, with upper flories, &c. That this method is practicable on a finall fcale, I am well affured by fome Gentlemen, who have really built with fuccefs in this manner. It certainly is cheap; for, the mould or cafe once formed, it is eafily shifted, and the whole process may be performed by common labourers. It may be proper to obferve, the feveral pieces of the mould must be made to fit properly, and the whole must be well braced or tied together, to refift the percuffion of the beating. This method has fome advantages over that ufually practifed; for, being worked dry, the building is habitable as foon as formed, no danger being likely to arife to the inhabitants from damp walls.

Spring-Place, Near Southampton, 1795.



FERME ORNÉE, &c.

EXPLANATION OF THE PLATES.

PLATE I. ENTRANCE GATES.

DESIGNS for two hunting gates; one executed for Lieutenant-Colonel Thornton, at Thornville Royal, Yorkshire; the other defigned for the late John Morant, Efq. in the New Forest, Hampshire. The letters are painted of a colour different from the gate, and give a general idea of the hunt to which they belong: they also shew the extent of the proprietor's domain.

The fecond figure is a defign for a field gate, in the fame manner.

The third figure flews the entrance gates to the front of Selfdon farmhoufe, in Surry; executed by me fome time fince. The dotted lines flew the manner in which the oak pofts, &c. are framed under ground; the piers are of wood, well painted and fanded: the convenience and effect of the whole have been much approved.

The fourth figure flews the gates leading to the farm-yard at Thornville Royal, executed by me in 1791; one fide is here flewn open railing, the other close park paling. I have fometimes made these gates to open in two divifions, fo that one serves for a foot gate, when it is not necessary to open the whole for a carriage.

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PLATE II. FENCES.

SECTIONS of two fpecimens for Ha ha's! or funk fences; the first fnews an excavation below the dotted line, which marks the level of the adjoining ground; the fod is packed up to the rails inclining inwards; the posts and rails are fixed at an angle of about forty-five degrees; the earth is thrown on the top and planted with low shrubs, which entirely conceal this flope-fence; and which no cattle will attempt to oppose. The fecond fection is a funk fosse, planted on both fides, with perpendicular rails in the middle; a hedge, hurdles, or flack-bars might be fubfituted.

The third fection is a funk Ha ha! wall, in the common way; when the ditch will hold water, this is a fafe and an agreeable fence, as at Richmond. Gardens, next the river, &c.

Figure 4.—If it happens that an approach, ride, walk, or hill commands a fide view of a ftraight Ha ha! fuch as figure 2, the ditch-like appearance is not pleafant, and, at fome points, this cannot be avoided; a ferpentine or waved funk fence is here defigned to remedy that evil: by waving the line and planting the promontories, the difagreeable appearance is completely obviated.

The next figure flews two defigns for box gates, and one for a turnftile. The conftruction of thefe is obvious; either of the box gates may be fo contrived as to lead a horfe through, by making one of the fide pannels with hinges and a lock, fimilar to the hunting gate locks.

The last figure exhibits a drop stile, one fide down, the other up: the postin the middle ferves as a centre on which the bars fwing; the weight at the end recovering them to their horizontal position.

PLATE III. THE WOOD PILE HOUSE.

THIS building is intended for a convenience in a park or plantation where the walks or rides are extensive; or for a fituation where it is difficult to conceal those of common construction; it preferves the *equivoque*, under the character and appearance of a wood pile. It is built with the arms and boughs of oak oak trees, not too large, cut into regular lengths, and bedded in tempered clay, mixed up with ftraw; the roof is thatched, and the infide, above the lining, is ftuck with mofs. The conftruction is fuch as to have the properties of a water clofet; by means of a well of water at the back, as fhewn in the fection, a trunk or pipe from the feat is funk about fix inches in the water, fo that no air can draw up. This conftruction may be adapted in most privies; but care must be taken that it is not too near the water for general uses, as it may contaminate.

This *Cabinet* was executed by me fome years ago, in the plantations of the late Right Honourable Richard Rigby, Efq. at Miftley Thorn, in Effex, and alfo for the Reverend E. T. Bridges, at Wooton's Court in Kent, in an inner court, overlooked by a ftair-cafe window.

PLATE IV. GARDEN SEAT.

THIS building is fuppofed to be fituated on an eminence, commanding an extensive prospect, and by the fide of a plantation; it has open feats to three aspects, fo that the visitor may be screened from fun or wind, if troubles the fide next the edge of the plantation has a door for admission to a garden convenience, perfectly screet, receiving light from the top.

PLATE V. CATTLE SHED, or PADDOCK HOUSE.

THIS paddock fhed has a finall room on each fide, one for hay, the other for green meat, when pafturage is fcarce, &c. 'The plan will admit of either of the three elevations here defigned: whichever character may beft accord with the adjoining buildings, or whichever fhall beft pleafe the fancy of the builder. 'The grotefque or fancy character may be adopted, to commemorate fome favourite animal for paft fervices. The building is fupported by trunks of

PLATE VI. CATTLE SHED and FOSTERING HOUSE.

THIS building is fuitable to a paddock, lawn, or park; the front is fimple and pleafant, as a façade to the foftering or fheep-houfe; the furrounding eaves of which are fo low, that the fheep cannot be diffurbed, or their fodder deftroyed by other cattle; it will protect from cold or heat in extreme weather, and is a good fhelter in the feafon of lambing; a hay-rack is fixed in the fhed, for the ufe of the larger cattle.

I am indebted for this useful and ingenious idea to the Earl of Clanbraffil.

PLATE VII. CATTLE SHED, or PADDOCK HOUSE.

PLAN, elevation, and fection of a cattle fhed, calculated for a right-angle divifion of a meadow, or grafs land, appropriated for breeding mares, or mares and foals: the fhed may be divided into four apartments, and either of the partitions may be removed at pleafure; there is a rack and manger to each divifion, and a floor above for hay, green meat, &c. This polygon building may be conftructed with fhafts or trunks of trees, or fmall timber of any fort, weeded from the woods, where they may be found ftraight and too clofe to be properly left for large timber. The building may be raifed round a large fhady tree, or a ftout pole fet in the ground, and terminated with a ball, or weather-cock. The fpaces between the columns or trunks may be lath and plafter, rough caft, flabs of timber, or furze wattle, as fancy fhall direct.

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PLATE VIII. POULTRY HOUSE and AVIARY.

THIS defign was made for a Lady in the New Foreft, and intended to be erected on a lawn, in front of a neat cottage villa. The plan fhews four coops for young poultry, each having an opening, occafionally to feed them in the pavilion, by which they become very familiar and tame. The dotted line within the plan of the building, fhews the wire cages for breeding and rearing birds.

PLATE IX. DOG KENNELS.

THIS defign for Fox-hound Kennels was made for Lieutenant Colonel Thornton, in the year 1791; and intended to be erected at Thornville Royal, Yorkshire. The dotted line marks the approaches to the centre, and to the porticos, where a stranger may visit the hounds with fafety. The three octagon cells are for entered hounds, bitches, and whelps; the centre for couples, whips, &c. between the walks are the airing grounds; the boiling and feeding house is at the extremity. I suggested an idea to the Colonel, to form an encampment of his spaniels and pointers on an eminence, in a stately grove of oaks, accompanied occasionally by his Hawks and Falconers, which would have had a very picturesque effect in the park.

PLATE X. FISHING BRIDGE and BARRIER.

THIS firucture ferves as a Bridge of communication, or as a Barrier; it fwings on a pivot in the centre, and may with eafe be turned to answer either purpose across a canal, brook, &c. in a garden or plantation: when not wanted as a bridge, it may be fwung round, and fastened by a padlock and chain. It will make a pleasing object to terminate the view of a garden walk, &c. The railing or lattice work in front may be executed in a very cheap and agreeable style of ropes, in the manner of net-work, and when painted will be durable. The uses of this construction are applicable to any form or appearance.

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PLATE XI. FISHING LODGE and KEEPER'S DWELLING.

THIS defign was made for the late John Morant, Efq. New Foreft, Hants; and was intended to have been executed with roots and trunks of trees, near the river in his park. The plan in front contains accommodations for Tea-drinking parties, Fifhing-tackle, &c. . In the back part are accommodations for a Keeper, who would have the care of the waters and fifhery, and his family.

PLATE XII. SHEPHERDS' HUTS, or COTTAGES.

THE plan at bottom is intended to be a fquare, or a parallelogram, with or without a fire-place. If this building is conftructed uniform at both ends, the appearance will be more interefting, if proposed as an object, from any point of view. The façade is formed of rough trunks of trees, and the walls built with the arms of trees, cut to equal lengths, &c. as before defcribed. The lining of the door jambs, &c. may be of oak or beech flabs; and the building covered with reed flag, ftraw, or heath thatch. The upper elevation is fupposed to be built of flabs, and covered with thatch; the plan circular. The one hinted at in the distance, is octangular on the plan.

PLATE XIII. COTTAGER's LODGE.

THIS defign was made for a Gentleman in the county of Hants, and intended to be inhabited by a Cottager, and to ferve as a Lodge near the entrance gates of his park: it may be obferved by the plan, the building will have an uniform appearance viewed from every point; it is therefore well calculated for any fituation, where the roads or accefs are winding, or where it may be viewed from high ground. This cottage, if properly built on wheels, might be moved at pleafure, by having a flove fuitably conftructed.

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PLATE XIV. A BATH.

THIS bath was defigned for John Morant, Efq. Brockenhurft-Houfe, New Foreft. A circular duck pond, within a clump of beautiful fir trees, gave rife to this idea, which was ordered to be carried into execution : it is fituate a fmall diftance from the brew-houfe and refervoir, by which it is fupplied with hot and cold water, fufficient to make a full tepid bath : there are provisions alfo for a fhower bath occafionally. The dreffing-room is furnished with a couch and flove.

PLATE XV. SECTION and SIDE VIEW of the BATH.

THE fection and fide view fhew the complete effect of this building; the character of which, within, is light and lively; without, clofe and feeluded.

PLATE XVI. TWO COTTAGES IN ONE BUILDING.

THIS defign for Double Cottages has the advantage of two regular clevations; of courfe their appearance is uniform, which is a pleafant thing on a Gentleman's eftate, where neatnefs and regularity are propofed. Thefe alfo will be agreeable objects in most points of view, from the windings of roads or footways. Of Double Cottages the advantages, befides those above mentioned, are, I think, confiderable; neighbourly affistance in illnefs, &cc. may be then given with eafe and effect; advantages by no means fmall to a benevolent mind.

PLATE XVII. AMERICAN COTTAGES.

THESE Double Cottages are built (on the plan and in the ftyle of fome in America) at Throwley near Feversham in Kent, by Colonel Montrefor. I faw them foon after they were completed, and for their extreme fingularity have introduced them in this work: the East, West, and South aspects have a piazza round them; and the major part of the external appearance, together with the roof, is covered with plain tiles. The general declivity of the roof is well calculated to throw off rain or fnow.

PLATE XVIII. HUNTING or SHOOTING LODGE IN THE COTTAGE STYLE.

THIS building is calculated for a fmall family to refide in, or occafionally refort to: the front is intended to be rough caft, or peretto work; the roof thatched or flated.

PLATE XIX. A SMALL VILLA IN THE COTTAGE STYLE.

THIS building is calculated for a family, and might ferve for a fportinglodge : the accommodations are numerous and convenient. It is proposed the roof should be thatched, and the front stuccoed, with an arcade or portico of trillage work, fronting the South : the general appearance, ancient or gothic.

PLATE XX. VILLA IN THE COTTAGE STYLE.

THE defign of this building is in the ftyle of Mr. Drummond's fifting cottage, on the river Avon, near Ringwood; except that the offices in that building are detached. After arranging this defign, an Attic ftory was added, which produces a good effect, and abundant conveniences. This defign is intended to be built by a Gentleman in Wales.

PLATE XXI. A LODGE, or COTTAGE.

THIS defign is applicable in an approach to a Gentleman's houfe: the walls of this building are proposed to be built with a mixture of clay and ftraw, ufually called mud-walling, and which is practifed in Devonshire with great fuccess. This sketch, with several others introduced in this work, was originally defigned for a great Personage.

PLATE XXII. KEEPER's LODGE, or DAIRY.

THIS building, fuppofed to be fituated in a park, is conftructed of branches

branches of trees, cut to an equal length, and bedded in loam, &cc. The ruftic columns are trunks of trees in the rough; the floor may be paved with the ends of branches, cut regularly fmooth, laid in loam, and the interflices filled with the fame. This building would make a convenient dairy; for which purpofe, fome time ago, I gave the drawings to a Gentleman in Yorkfhire.

PLATE XXIII. COTTAGE or FARM HOUSE.

PLANS, elevation, and fection calculated for a dwelling-houfe, on a fmall farm, or for a Keeper's lodge: the conftruction is cheap, the character fimple and interefting. The front fhould be white, and the roof thatched.

PLATE XXIV. A FARM HOUSE.

THIS farm house I built for Lieutenant Colonel Thornton, on his estate in Yorkshire, on a large dairy farm : the situation is in a small village.

PLATE XXV. A FARM HOUSE.

PLAN and elevation of another farm houfe, built for Lieutenant Colonel Thornton, Yorkshire: the front and back are regular façades. It is feen at a diftance from the Boroughbridge Road, and from Knaresborough.

PLATE XXVI. SECTION and CHAMBER PLAN of the fame.

BY confulting the fection and the plans, the diffribution of the apartments in this dwelling will, I think, appear to contain all the conveniences requifite in fuch a building, for a refpectable Farmer and a numerous Family. As this defign has been carried into execution, I am the better enabled to recommend the œconomy of the plan. The Dairy is funk, which in Yorkshire is confidered as very advantageous.

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PLATE XXVII. FARM HOUSE and OFFICES UNDER ONE ROOF.

THIS defign originated from reading Mr. Marshall's idea of a complete Farm house and offices under one roof, in his *Yorkshire Tour*. At first it may appear whimfical, yet it is very applicable in certain fituations, where Gentlemen, fond of rural occupations, choose to hold a small quantity of land in their own hands. This floor is even with the farm yard, and has conveniences for the refidence of the Manager, with a dairy, stables, cow house, &c. In this front, towards the farm, the character is plain and neat.

PLATE XXVIII. GARDEN FRONT of the fame.

THIS front, more adorned than the other, with great propriety and effect might terminate a vifta, or row of trees; or, if fhaded by lofty elms, the monaftic appearance would then become peculiarly interefting. This floor, which is the upper one of the building, is level with the walk or plantation which connects with the dwelling of the Principal: on this floor are the barn, granary, &c. with the fleeping-rooms of the Looker, or Manager.

PLATE XXIX. DESIGN for a FARM HOUSE and OFFICES, HAVING THE APPEARANCE OF A MONASTERY.

THIS defign is calculated to ornament an extensive domain, and to unite the useful with the agreeable. In many cafes, where a Farm yard and Offices are originally planned on an extensive scale, this defign might be adopted with peculiar effect. The whole accommodations are contained within a quadrangle of one hundred and fifty set: the entrance gates, with the turrets and towers, have a monastery-like appearance: these, embosomed with stately trees, give an air of antiquity, confequence, and grandeur, which would form a leading feature on an estate of confiderable extent; the idea is fuitable to many possible for and counties in this country. The farm yard would be fnug and warm, and the dung or other litter not liable to incommode or diforder a park. Something fimilar to this has been executed at Kingfgate Kingfgate near Margate, in the caftle ftyle. Grofe, or any other book of English antiquities, will furnish abundant variety of façades applicable to this plan.

PLATE XXX. FARM YARD STABLING.

THE defign and plan of thefe Stables are much approved in the county of Norfolk; they may be continued for the accommodation of any number of teams the farm may require. The upper elevation is for extending the plan to accommodate three, four, or more teams, when the chaff houfe will be in the back, as fhewn by the faint part of the plan. The Second elevation is adapted for two teams, with the requifite accommodations, as the plan underneath will fhew.

PLATE XXXI. BARNS.

THE Firft defign is in the manner of what is ufually called a Dutch barn: there is a threfhing floor in the middle, with four enclofures for grain adjoining: the whole is framed on rick flones, to prevent damp, and keep out vermine. The Second defign is for a barn with a fingle threfhing floor: the fame idea may be continued, if the barn is required larger, or an additional floor wanted: the roof towards the farm yard may be continued down, and enclofed for a piggery, or for flraw. Sheds for cattle, carts, waggons, plough geers, &c. may be erected againft the enclofure wall of the farm yard: the rick yard is fuppofed to be at the back of the barn.

PLATE XXXII. COW or OX HOUSE.

THIS defign is for a double cow houfe, with a paffage in the middle for a barrow to fupply the cribs with turnips, or other green meat. A floor is intended over the cribs with boards or hurdles to deposit ftraw, &cc. which is open in the front; the roof continues below the wall plates, as is flewn by the fection, to keep out wet. This kind of loft is common in Devonshire, and

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and is called a *linbay*. When local or other circumstances will not admit of a double building, this plan may be adopted fingle, to any length, still preferving the passage at the head of the cattle, to supply the food.

PLATE XXXIII. PLAN FOR A VILLAGE.

THIS defign for a Village through which a public road paffes, is intended to unite fymmetry and utility: the houfes may be built on any fcale of magnitude, either for Labourers and their families, or for Perfons of more independent circumftances. It is propofed to build them in couples, with a portion of garden ground to each: the centre of the parallelogram may be inclofed, forming an oval plat, in the middle of which a Church or Chapel would be both convenient and picturefque. A pump is placed in each angle of the fquare for the ufe of the inhabitants. The ftreets or roads at right angles may be occupied with building to any extent, ftill preferving the uniformity of the whole.

This defign was made for a Gentleman in Yorkshire, and was intended to have been built in the vicinity of lead mines in that county.

A good idea for building a Village of one continued ftreet is, to place the houfes, either fingle or in couples, facing the opening or fpace allowed for Garden ground to those opposite. The views would thereby be preferved, and the air circulate more freely.

PLATE XXXIV. VILLAGE COTTAGES.

THE defign of these Cottages is applicable to the plan above described : they may be built of brick or other materials, and covered with flates, tiles, thatch, &c. If thatch is used, a steeper pitch of the roof will be necessary.

PLATE XXXV. VILLAGE BUILDINGS or COTTAGES.

THESE Cottages are calculated for fituations fimilar to the above: the conveniences are greater, and there are rooms in the roofs. The fections of the roof will fhew the quantity of inclination, or pitch, neceffary for tiles, or thatch. They also fhew the ashlering, or frame-work, which forms the rooms within.

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PLATE XXXVI. PLAN for a FOLD-YARD.

THIS plan for a Fold-Yard is propoled to be enclosed with a wall built of rough or old materials, producing a monaftic character. If neceffary the Barn may be enlarged, or others may be built on the vacant fides; this enclosure will be very useful to fold sheep in, in fevere weather. It is also well calculated for a straw-yard, or for cattle or horses requiring extra feed. In the centre is a shed with a rack and manger to each division, and a place for corn, &cc. On the fides of the gateway are accommodations for lookers or fervants having the care of the cattle.

PLATE XXXVII. A HUNTING BOX.

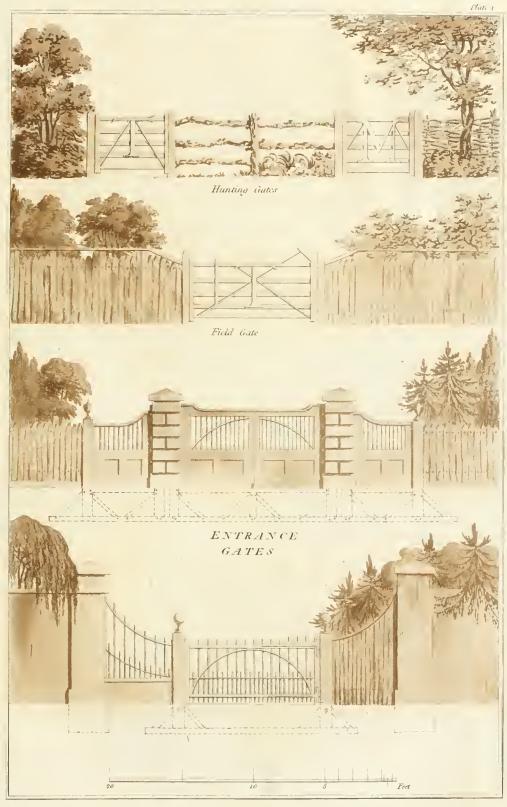
THE principal floor of this defign contains a good common Parlour, Dining-Hall, and Dreffing-Room, with fleeping rooms over. The fervants' fleeping rooms are under the colonnade. Some of thefe rooms are intended for faddle and harnefs rooms, water-clofet, and other purpofes. The offices are in part under ground. The colonnades lead to the ftable and coach houfe. The court is circular, with two finall lodges at the entrance.

PLATE XXXVIII. CATTLE YARD, with FATTING STALLS for OXEN.

THE principles of this defign originated from feeing a building for fimilar purpofes, near Blackheath in Kent, erected by —— Campbell, Efq. which is, I think, altogether the most convenient for the purpofe I ever faw. Every stall has a gate, which answers the purpose of shutting the bullock close up, and also of shutting the passage of communication one from the other, and leaving a way open to the water-troughs. The fections shew one fide as open, the other as shut. A walk communicates all round from the fodder-houses, wide enough for a barrow to supply the cribs, and a pump at each angle to supply the water-trough. One fide shews a continued trough, level, to be supplied by the pump. The other fide shews one trough to two stalls, as better calculated to stations where water is fearce. The dotted line marks the fweep of the gates. This plan shews only half of the area proposed. The obelisk is merely ornamental.

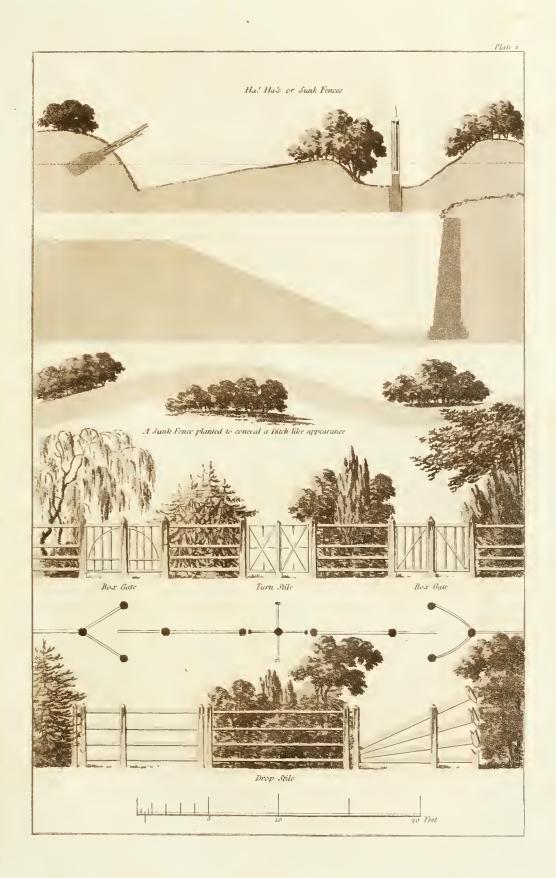
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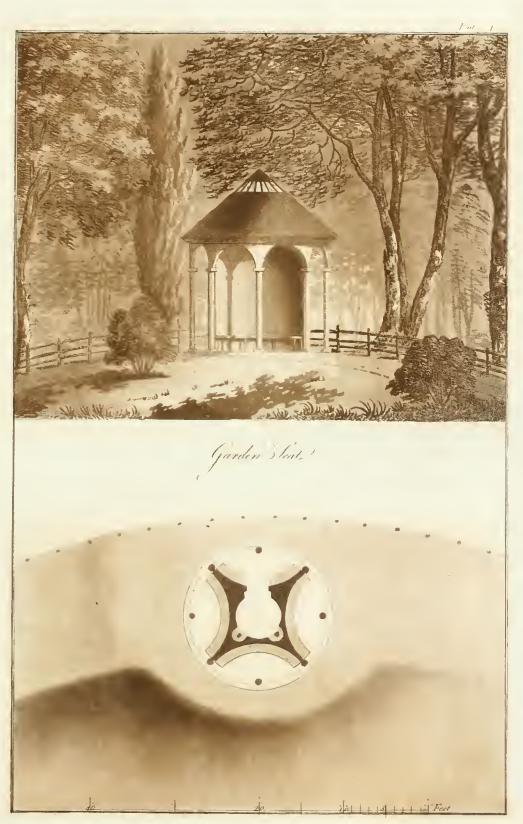






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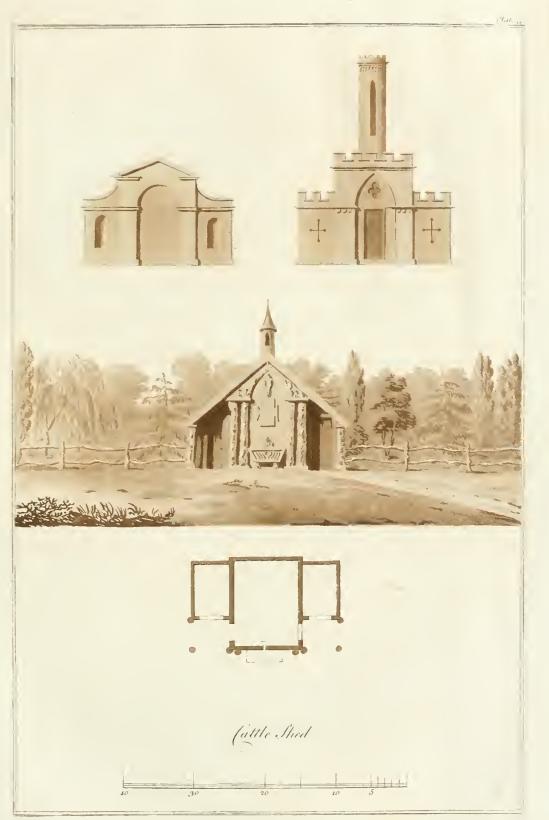




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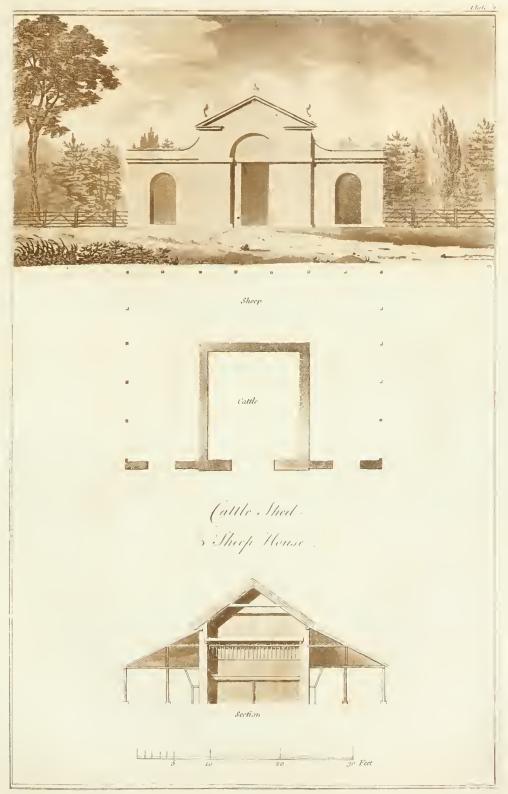
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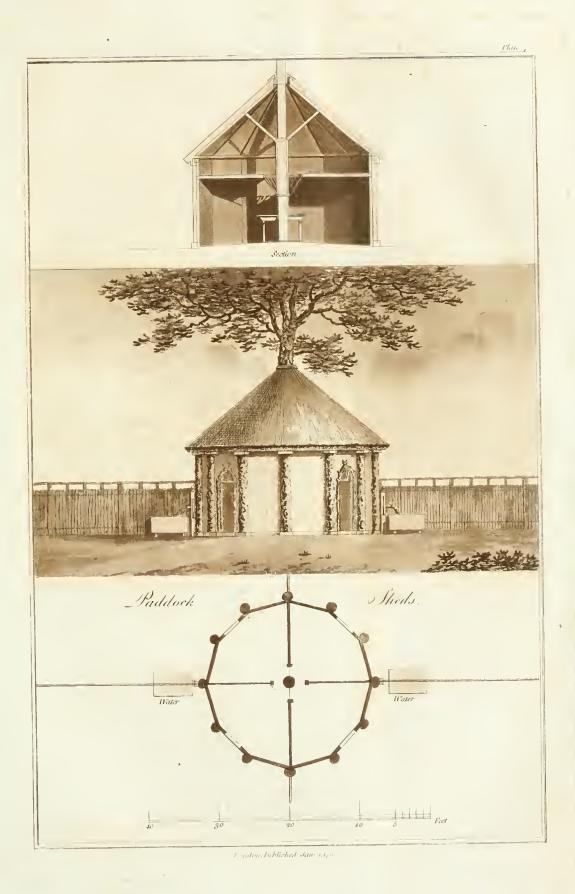


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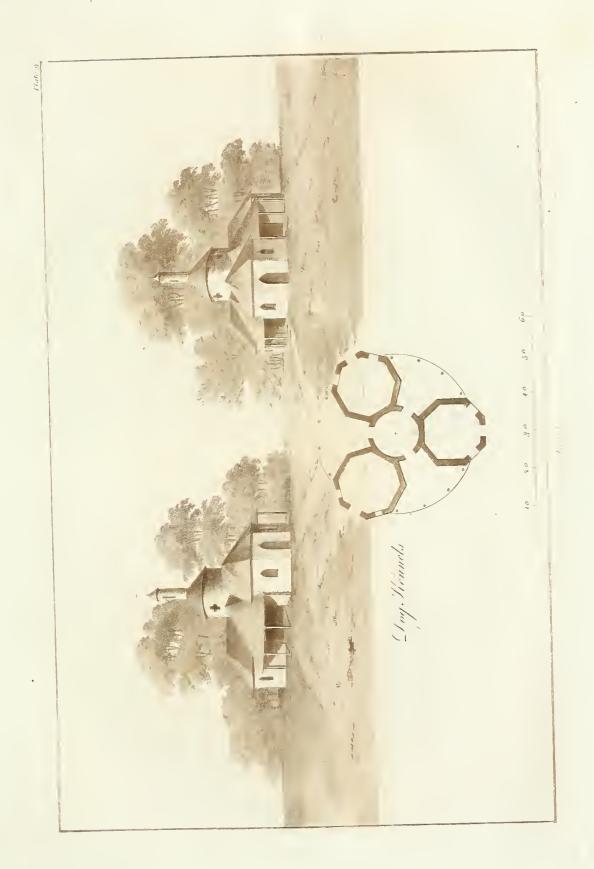


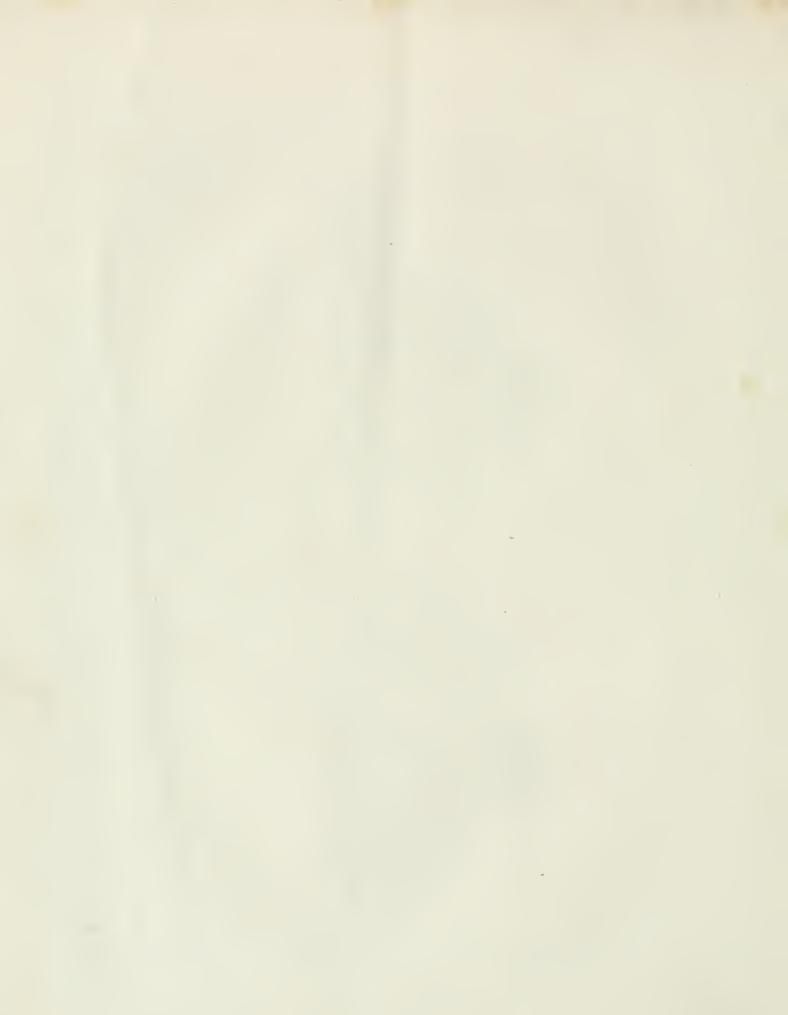




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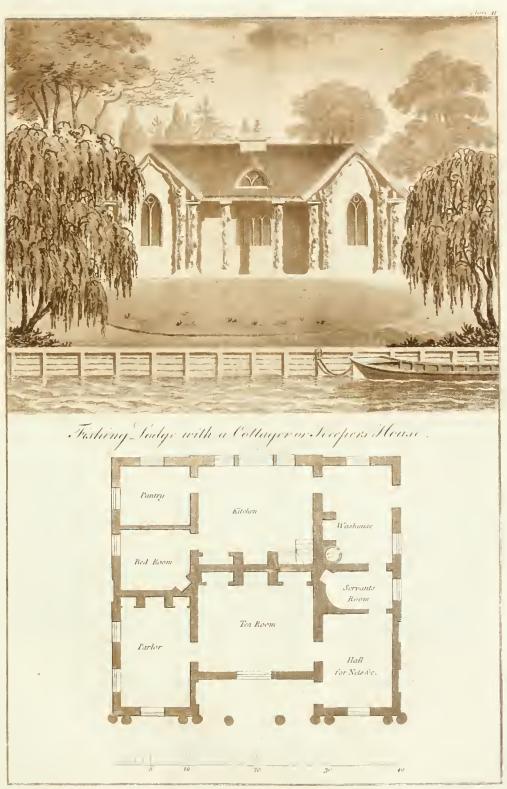






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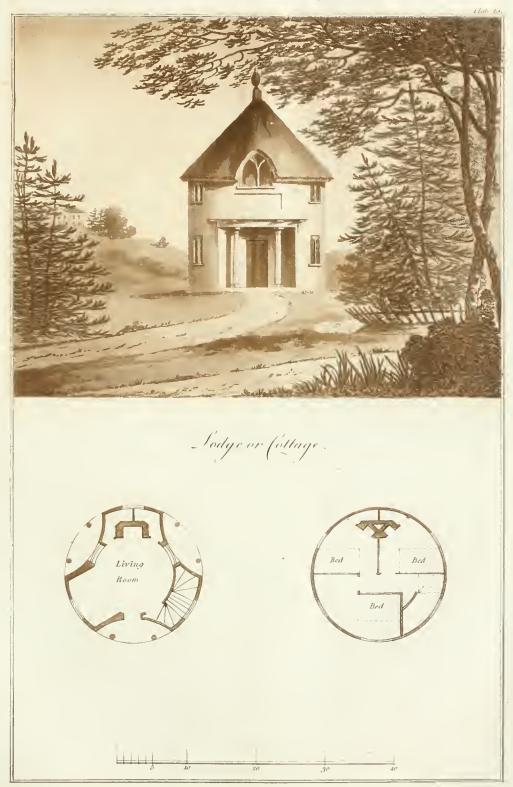
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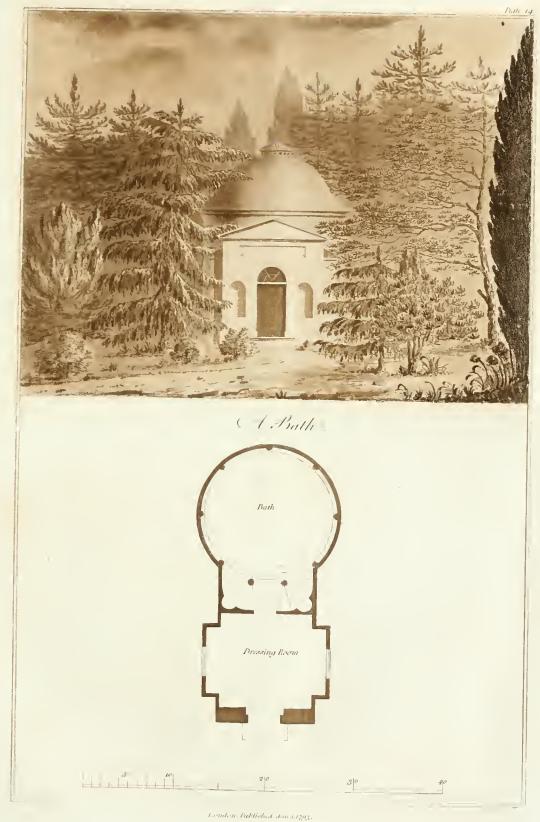
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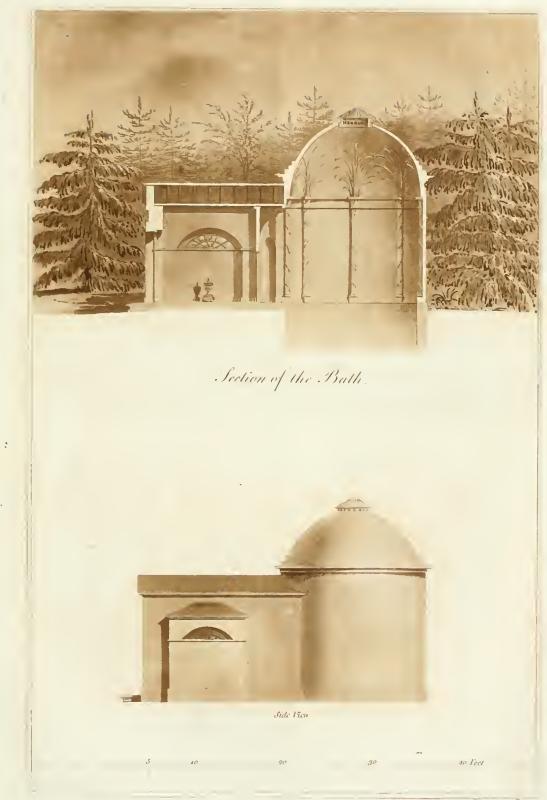


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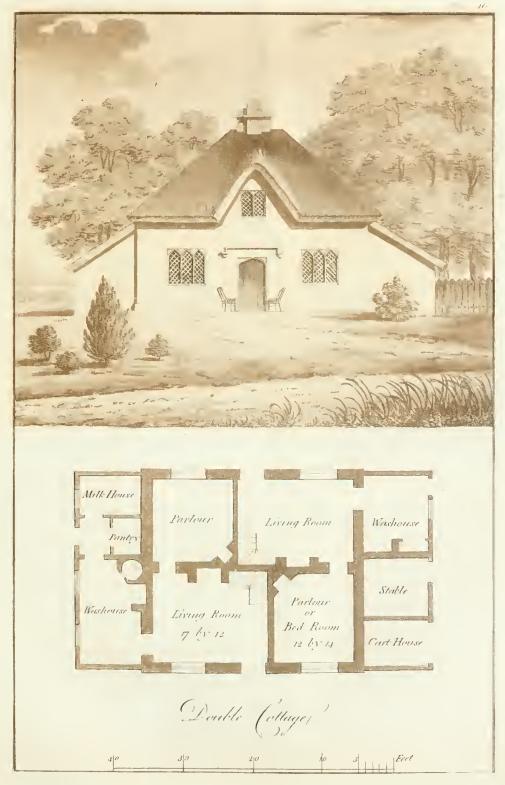






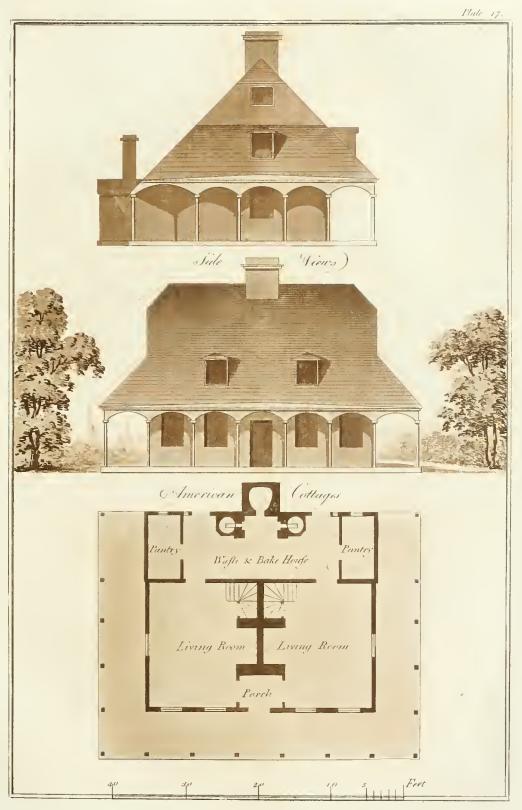
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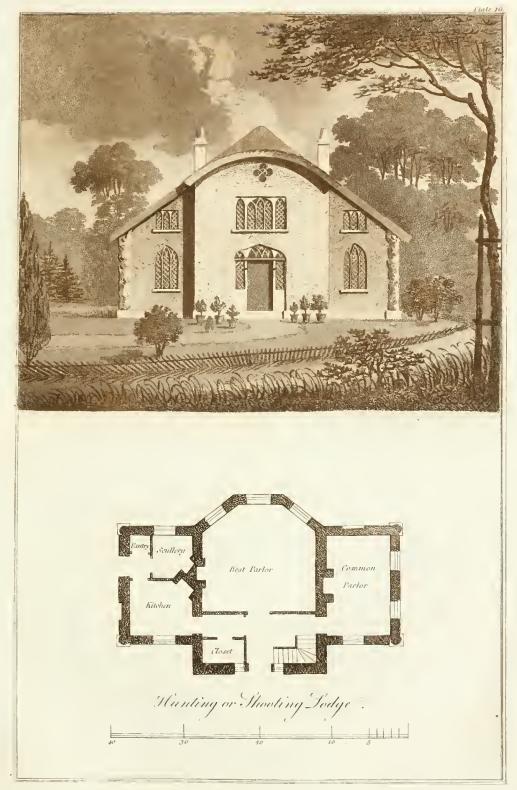




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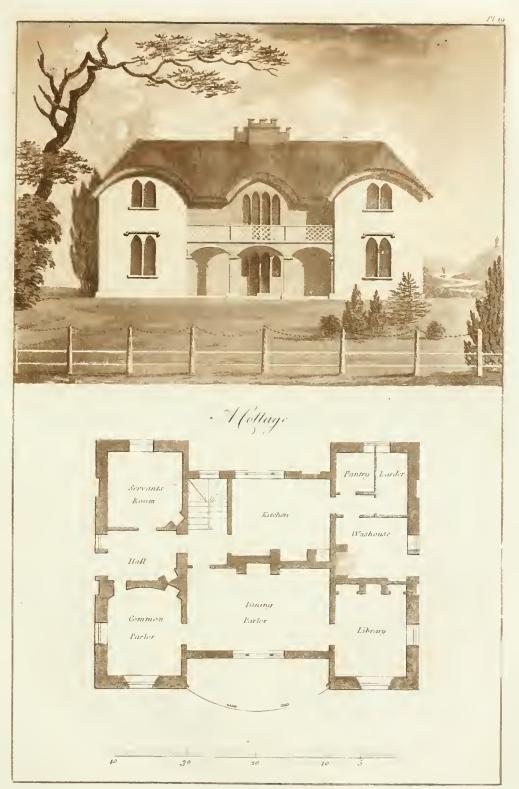


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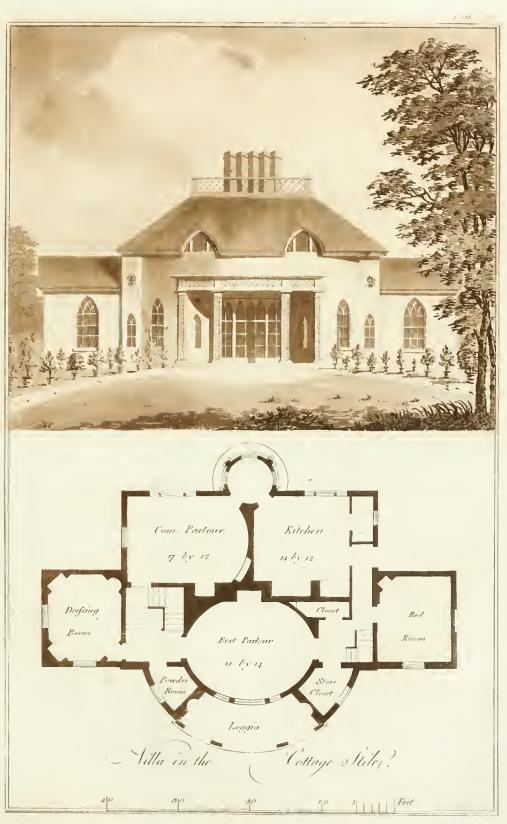
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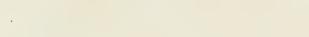
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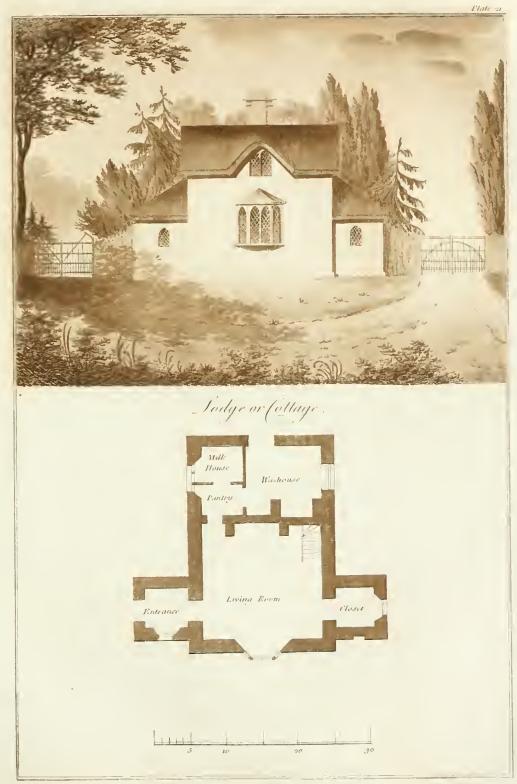


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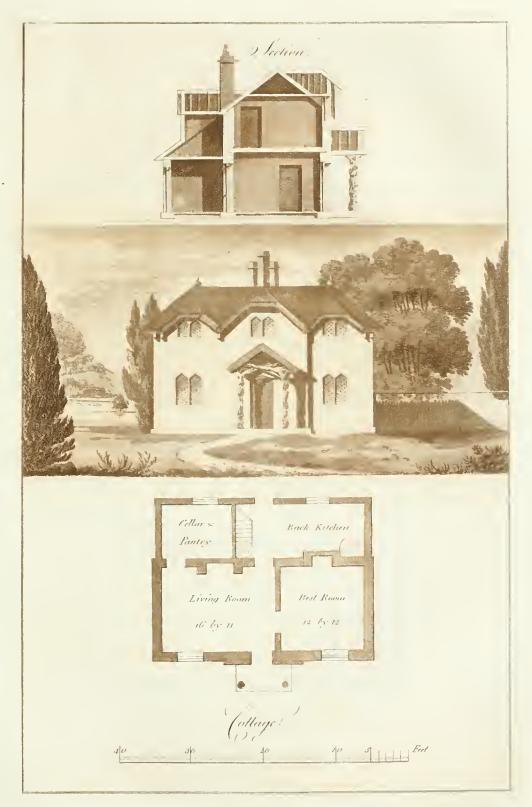




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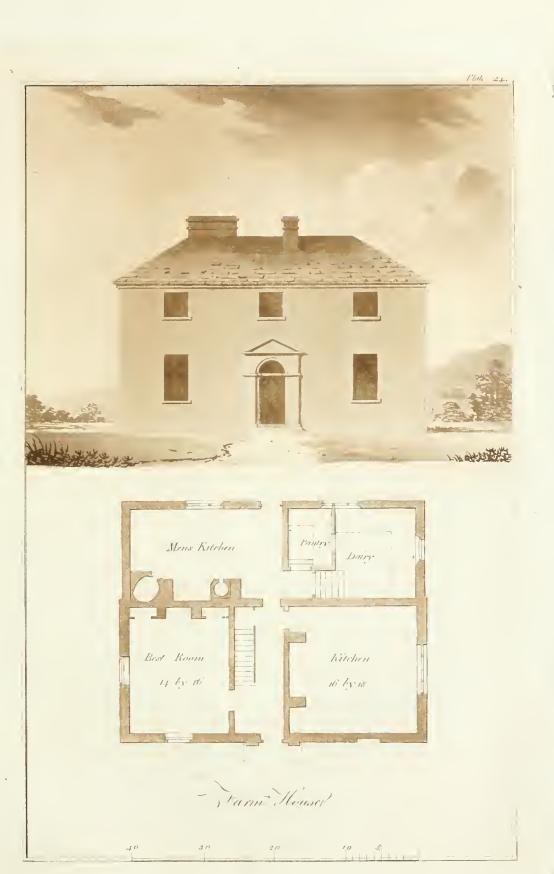
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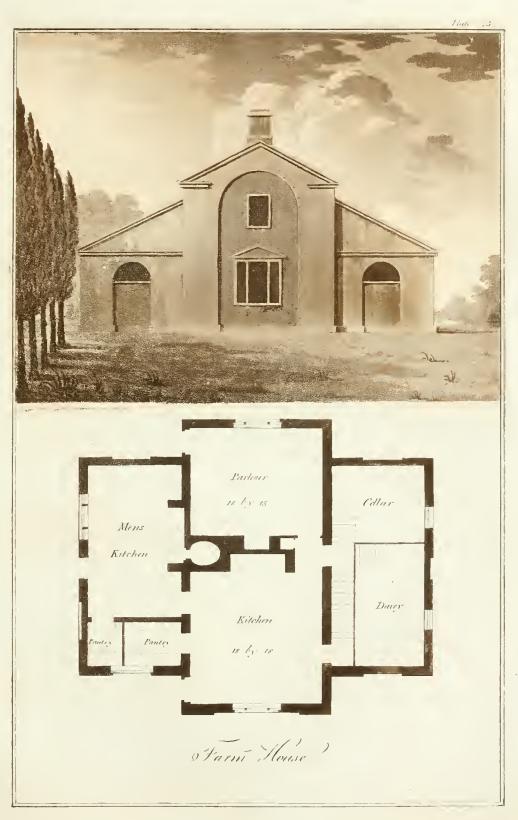
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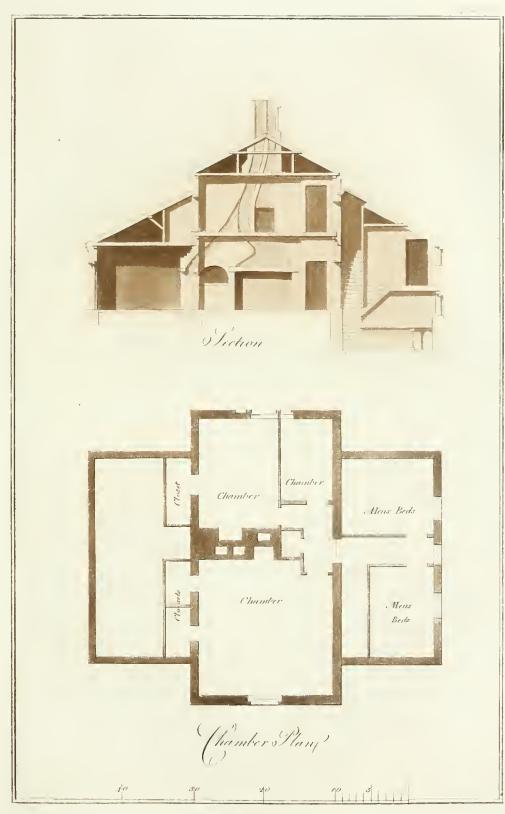
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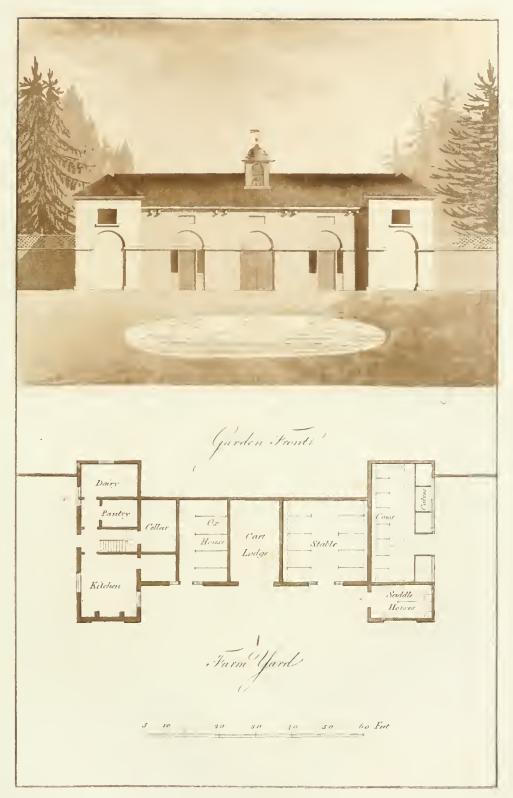
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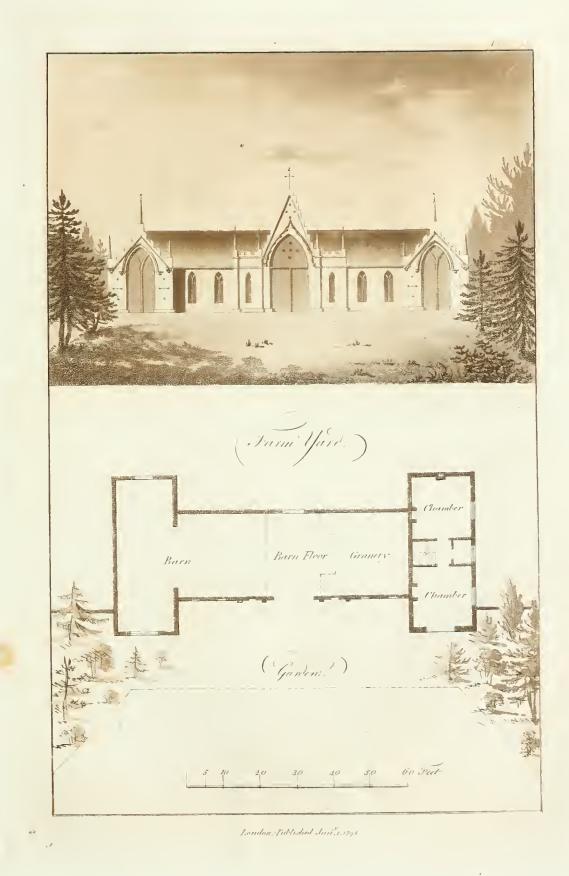
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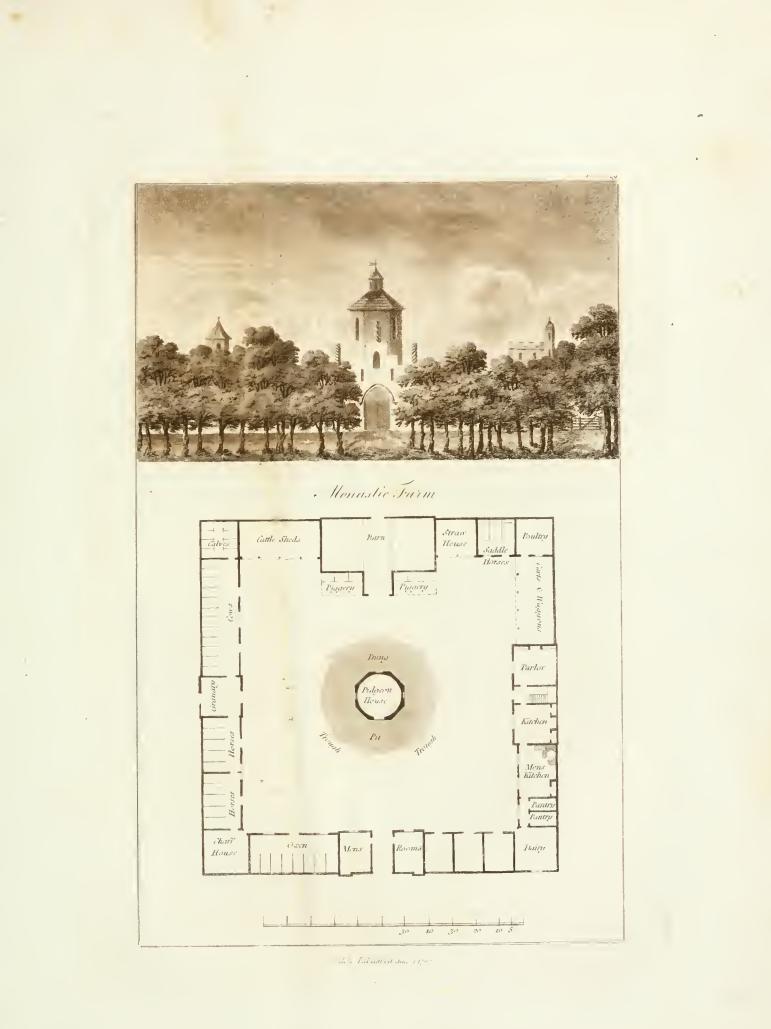
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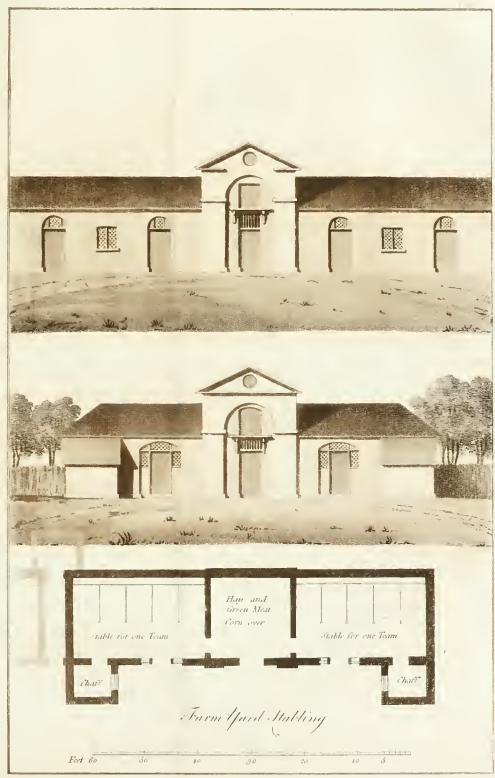
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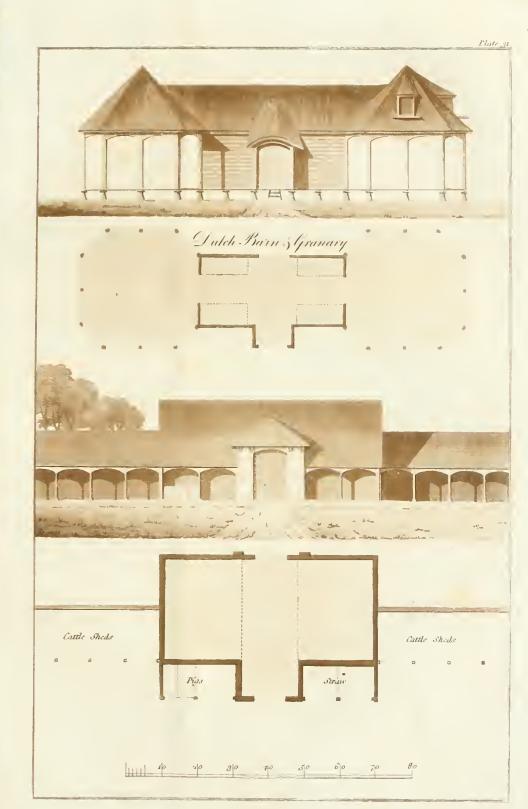




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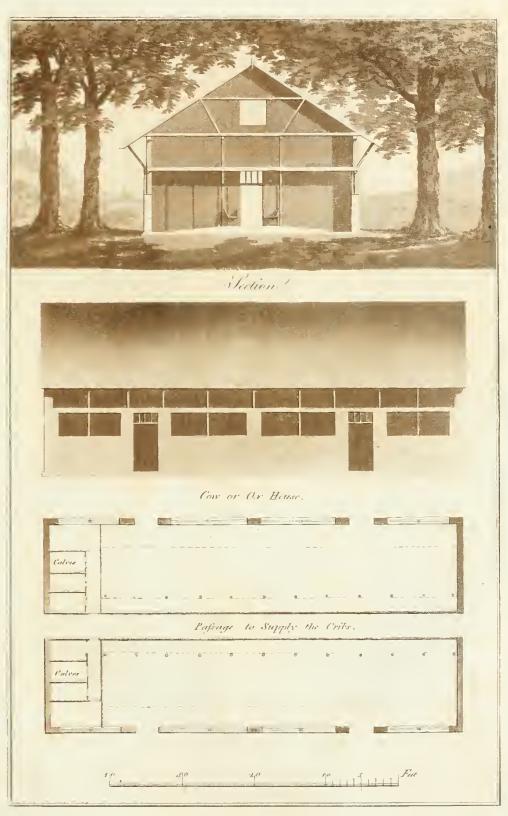
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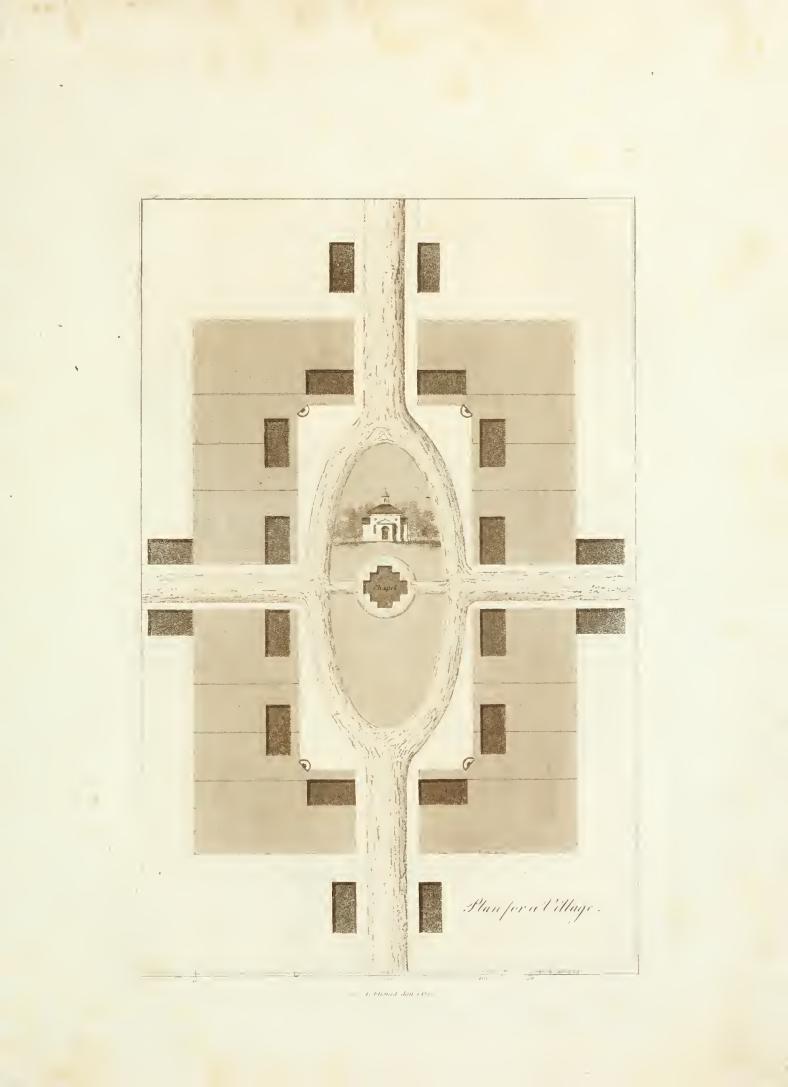
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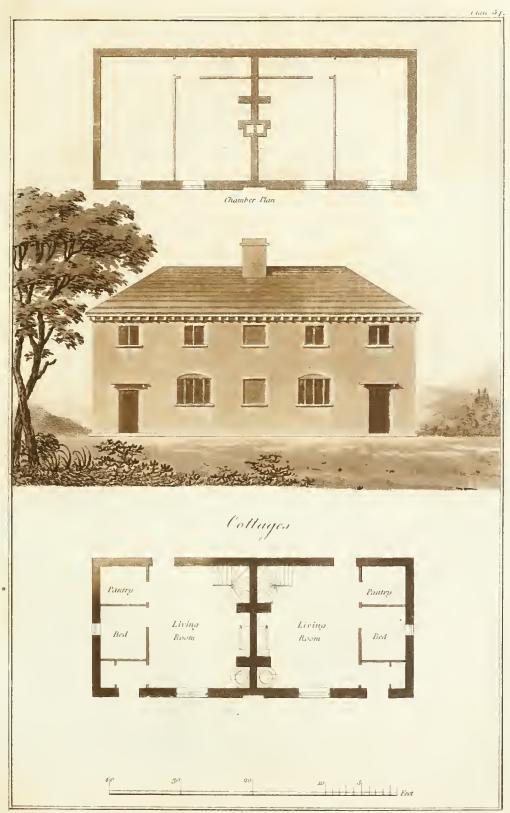


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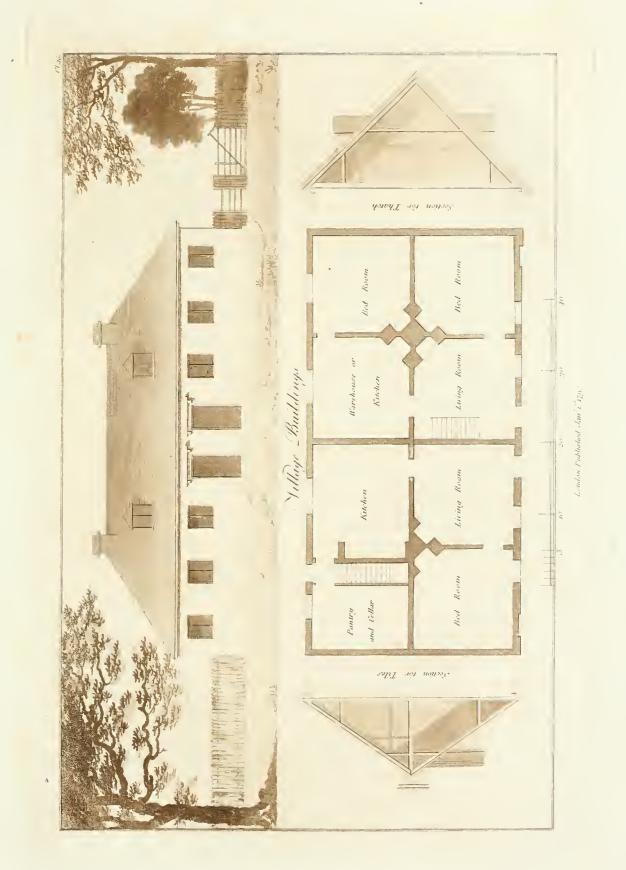






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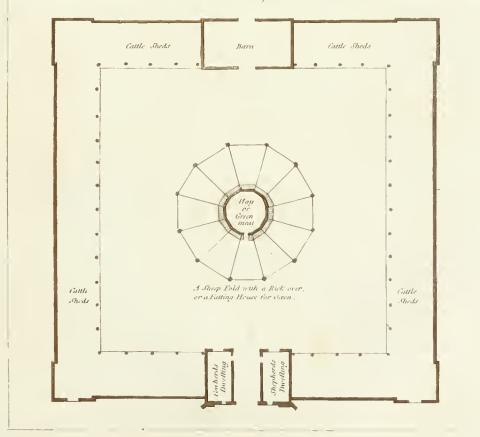






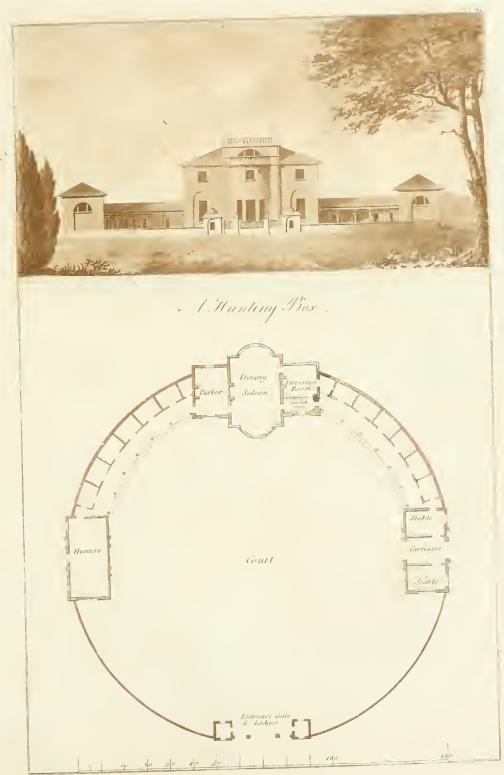


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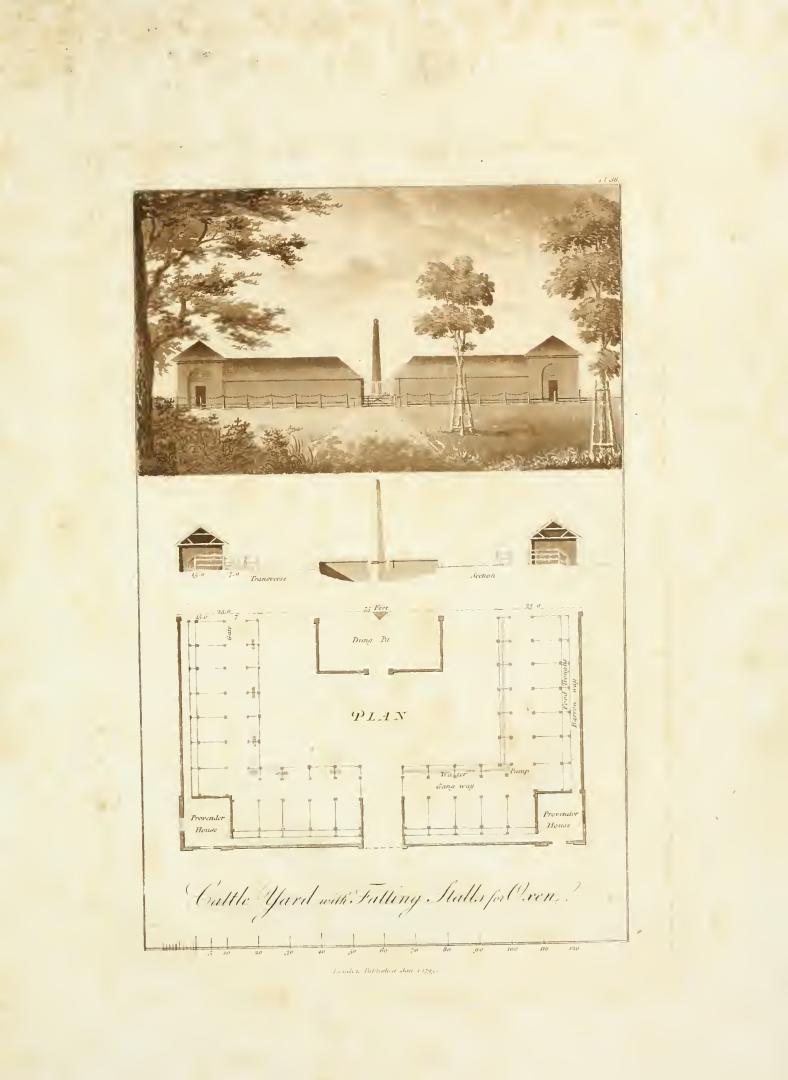
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