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TO MY
BELOVED SON,

DAVID CHARLES HARRISON

Who, as a youth, accompanied me in my travels, who discovered history
by scampering across majestic lawns and dabbling in the reflecting pools of
great men. His smile and laughter continue to fill me with great joy.

I DEDICATE THIS VOLUME.

LOVINGLY INSCRIBED,
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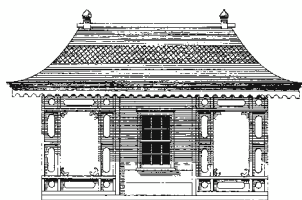


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PREFACE.

I n presenting to the public this new work on domestic Architecture, I have endeavored to occupy a field not hitherto covered—that being GARDEN HOUSES AND PRIVIES—selecting from the best sources, with the intent of giving the greatest variety possible. The content of this work embraces designs of moderate valuations as well as those of greater means.

My foremost aim in the creation of this work has been DESIGN, which produces true beauty and grace in appearance. It is my opinion that the same materials and expense thrown away on ugly, ill-proportioned buildings, if guided by good design, will produce elegant buildings, well proportioned and inviting instead of the nondescripts and “scenery disturbers” which mar our beautiful country everywhere.

The elevations have been worked out with great care, so that they may be clearly understood without further explanation. In addition, I have added a large number of miscellaneous details, doors, windows, ventilators, finials, etc., which will enable anyone to select such styles of finish as he may prefer.

I believe this work will fully meet the expectations of popular demand and be found indispensable to all those like myself engaged in the noble art of building.

Very respectfully,

Peter Joel Harrison

Raleigh, North Carolina

PLATES.

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6. The Iredell House. Edenton, North Carolina.
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10. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
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12. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
13. Tryon Palace. New Bern, North Carolina.
14. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
15. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
16. The Nathan Dean House. East Taunton, Massachusetts.
17. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
18. Yorktown, Virginia.
19. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
20. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
21. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
22. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
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24. The William Paca House. Annapolis, Maryland.
25. Charleston, South Carolina.
26. Hope Lodge. Fort Washington, Pennsylvania.
27. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
28. Pennsbury Manor. Tullytown, Pennsylvania.
29. The Governor's Palace. Williamsburg, Virginia.
30. Charleston, South Carolina.
31. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
32. The Heywood-Washington House. Charleston, South Carolina.
33. Poplar Forest. Forest, Virginia.
34. Woodlawn Plantation. Mount Vernon, Virginia.
35. Brandon Plantation. Burrowsville, Virginia.
36. Sotterly Mansion. Hollywood, Maryland.
37. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
38. The Governor's Palace. Williamsburg, Virginia.

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43. Liberty Hall. Kenansville, North Carolina.
44. Red Hill. Brookneal, Virginia.
45. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
46. University of Virginia. Charlottesville, Virginia.
47. Colonial Williamsburg. Williamsburg, Virginia.
48. Fort Johnson. Johnstown, New York.
49. Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon, Virginia.
50. Peter Joel Harrison.
51. Boscobel. Garrison-On-Hudson, New York.
52. The Elias Van Bunschooten House. Sussex, New Jersey.
53. The Solomon Rockwell House. Winstead, Connecticut.
54. Scotch Plains, New Jersey.
55. Sotterley Mansion. Hollywood, Maryland.
56. Charlottesville, Virginia; Blacksburg, Virginia; Edenton, North Carolina; Hopewell, Virginia.
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- 86. Millford. Pinewood, South Carolina.
- 87. Pebble Hill Plantation. Thomasville, Georgia.
- 88. Kinderhock, New York.
- 89. Alloway, New Jersey.
- 90. Salem, New Jersey.
- 91. Orland, Maine.
- 92. Ohio Village. Columbus, Ohio.
- 93. Westville. Lumpkin, Georgia.
- 94. Pendarvis. Mineral Point, Wisconsin.
- 95. Chatham, Massachusetts.
- 96. Stone Mountain. Stone Mountain, Georgia.
- 97. Old Bethpage Village. Bethpage, New York.
- 98. Cold Spring Village. Cape May, New Jersey.
- 99. Genesee Country Village. Mumford, New York.
- 100. Old Sturbridge Village. Sturbridge, Massachusetts.
- 101. Erie Canal Village. Rome, New York.
- 102. Robert E. Lee Boyhood Home. Alexandria, Virginia.
- 103. Vergennes, Vermont.
- 104. Hyde Hall. Cooperstown, New York.
- 105. The Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 106. Wheatlands. Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- 107. Rosedown Plantation. St. Francisville, Louisiana.
- 108. The Farmers Museum. Cooperstown, New York.
- 109. Old Sturbridge Village. Sturbridge, Massachusetts.
- 110. Washington, North Carolina.
- 111. The Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House. Waldorf, Maryland.
- 112. Ulysses S. Grant Boyhood Home. Georgetown, Ohio.
- 113. Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement. Noblesville, Indiana.
- 114. Old World Wisconsin. Eagle, Wisconsin.
- 115. Old World Wisconsin. Eagle, Wisconsin.
- 116. Liberty Hall. Crawfordville, Georgia.

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117. Cripple Creek, Colorado.
118. Vermilion Ville. Lafayette, Louisiana.
119. Century Village. Burton, Ohio.
120. Stone Mountain. Stone Mountain, Georgia.
121. Detour, Maryland.
122. The Miller House. Hagerstown, Maryland.
123. The Abraham Lincoln Home. Springfield, Illinois.
124. Salem, New Jersey.
125. The Perkins Mansion. Akron, Ohio.
126. Swansboro, North Carolina.
127. Raleigh, North Carolina.
128. Smyrna, Delaware.
129. Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
130. Wyck. Germantown, Pennsylvania.
131. Eastfield Village. East Nassau, New York.
132. Hill Hold. Campbell Hall, New York.
133. The Farmers Museum. Cooperstown, New York.
134. Acadian Village. Lafayette, Louisiana.
135. Old Bethpage Village. Bethpage, New York.
136. The Conant House. Falmouth, Massachusetts.
137. Old Bethpage Village. Bethpage, New York.
138. Lionville, Pennsylvania.
139. East Jersey Olde Towne. Piscataway, New Jersey.
140. Walnford. Freehold, New Jersey.
141. The Tift House. Tifton, Georgia.
142. Stuyvesant, New York.
143. Jackson, North Carolina.
144. Cape May, New Jersey.
145. Sunnyside. Tarrytown, New York.
146. Delaware Agricultural Museum. Dover, Delaware.
147. Charleston, South Carolina.
148. Morris, New York.
149. Cooperstown, New York.
150. Hillsboro, Ohio.
151. Charleston, South Carolina.
152. Baraboo, Wisconsin.
153. Cadiz, Ohio.
154. The Aiken-Rhett House. Charleston, South Carolina.
155. Lyndel, Pennsylvania.
156. Gardiner, New York.
157. George E. and F. W. Woodward.
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159. Andalusia. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
160. The Nelson Dewey Homestead. Cassville, Wisconsin.
161. Calvert Vaux.
162. Salem, New Jersey.
163. Roseland Cottage. Woodstock, Connecticut.
164. Mauricetown, New Jersey.
165. Mercerville, New Jersey.
166. Selkirk, New York.
167. Salem, New Jersey.
168. Hillsboro, New Hampshire.
169. Ronald S. Barlow.
170. Cape May, New Jersey.
171. Milford, Pennsylvania.
172. Chatham, Massachusetts.
173. Hackettstown, New Jersey.
174. Claverack, New York.
175. Corner Ketch, Delaware.
176. Helen, Georgia.
177. Everittstown, New Jersey.
178. McDonough, Delaware.
179. Shandy Hall. Harpersfield, Ohio.
180. Tulepahocken Manor. Lebanon, Pennsylvania.
181. Salem, New Jersey.
182. Malvern, Ohio.
183. Hazelwood Plantation. Upper Marlboro, Maryland.
184. Bucks County, Pennsylvania.
185. Cooperstown, New York; Cedar Lake, Michigan; Milford, Pennsylvania; East Nassau, New York.
186. Smyrna, Delaware.
187. The Justin Smith Morrill Homestead. Strafford, Vermont.
188. Cape May, New Jersey.
189. Cape May, New Jersey.
190. Ashford Academy. Ashford, Connecticut.
191. Harwich, Massachusetts.
192. The Gen. Philip Schuyler House. Schuylerville, New York.
193. Sherwood Forest. Charles City, Virginia.
194. Williamston, North Carolina.
195. Chicago, Illinois.
196. Savannah, Georgia.
197. Cape May, New Jersey.
198. The Strong House. Vergennes, Vermont.
199. Wheatlands. Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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- 200. Samuel Sloan.
- 201. Ohio Village. Columbus, Ohio.
- 202. The Galloway House. Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.
- 203. Galena, Illinois.
- 204. Old Bedford Village. Bedford, Pennsylvania.
- 205. Burton, Ohio.
- 206. Old Bedford Village. Bedford, Pennsylvania;
General Smallwood's Retreat. Rison, Maryland.
- 207. Old World Wisconsin. Eagle, Wisconsin.
- 208. The Hale Homestead. Bath, Ohio.
- 209. Holley-Williams House. Lakeville, Connecticut
- 210. Hill Hold. Campbell Hall, New York.

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- 213. Cobblestone Society Museum. Childs, New York.
- 214. Yarmouth, Massachusetts.
- 215. Smyrna, Delaware.
- 216. Washington, Ohio.
- 217. Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 218. Old Mill Village. Susquehanna, Pennsylvania.
- 219. Fayette, Ohio.
- 220. Lexington, Georgia.
- 221. The Constant Hand House. Port Norris, New Jersey.
- 222. Newport, New Jersey.
- 223. Great Barrington, Massachusetts.
- 224. The Dr. David A. Barnes House. Murfreesboro, North Carolina.
- 225. The Hamill House. Georgetown, Colorado.
- 226. George E. Woodward.
- 227. The Cornelius Low House. New Brunswick, New Jersey.
- 228. Cape May, New Jersey.
- 229. A. J. Bicknell.
- 230. Lambertville, New Jersey.
- 231. Hammersmith Farm. Newport, Rhode Island.
- 232. Greenfield Village. Dearborn, Michigan.
- 233. Glenmont. West Orange, New Jersey.
- 234. George and Charles Palliser.
- 235. Rose Hill. Geneva, New York.
- 236. Mineral Point, Wisconsin.
- 237. Provincetown, Massachusetts.

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- 238. Albany, New York.
- 239. Barnegat Heritage Center. Barnegat, New Jersey.
- 240. Stonewall Village. Cassville, Wisconsin.
- 241. Lebanon, Pennsylvania.
- 242. Peter Joel Harrison.
- 243. Pebble Hill Plantation. Thomasville, Georgia.
- 244. Nantucket, Massachusetts.
- 245. Waynesville, Ohio.

GARDEN HOUSES AND PRIVIES

A
VAST COLLECTION OF DESIGNS
CONSISTING OF

GARDEN HOUSES, TOOL HOUSES, & BATH HOUSES.

WITH MUCH ATTENTION GIVEN
TO
ORNAMENTAL AND PLAIN

PRIVIES

REFLECTING THE GREAT CHANGES IN STYLE
COLONIAL, GOTHIC, TUSCAN, FRENCH, & SWISS.



SPECIFICATIONS

FOR A MODERN OUTSIDE PRIVY.

DESIGN.

Outside Privy. – To be built 6 x 6 feet, 8 feet high, with a neat roof of tin and slate, to suit the style of the house; sided like the house, and painted same as the house.

LOCATION.

Outside Privy. – Convenient to the main dwelling, 25 to 100 feet; locate downwind.

EXCAVATION.

Vault. – Privy and cesspool vault to be excavated 6 x 6 x 6 feet.

MASON WORK.

Privy Vault. – Must be walled up with stone laid dry or 4 inch brick work, to within 18 inches of the surface of the earth, where begin to lay with cement, and complete to 6 inches above the surface. Point up all above surfaces on the outside.

CARPENTRY WORK.

Privy Box. – Build outside privy box complete over vault, as before described; provide it with seats, paper box, etc., complete; with door, lock, and windows; plaster and paint to suit.

Frame. – To be constructed as shown; wall strips and floor beams placed 16 inches from center; rafters 20 inches do.; sills 4 x 6 inches halved at all joints. Corner posts 4 x 4 inches; wall strips 2 x 4 inches; all openings double studded; side girts 1 x 6; plates 4 x 4, of 2 x 4 s. lap joints; floor beams 2 x 10 inches; rafters 2 x 6 inches.

Roofing. – Cover with best dressed hemlock boards, well nailed on, over which is put on, in the best manner, best I. C. tin thoroughly solder and secure to roof or cover with best tarred roofing felt paper, lapped double, over which nail on, with 6d. galvanized nails, best medium Chapman slate, in blue or purple in patterns to suit. Cope at ridges with sheet zinc.

PAINTING.

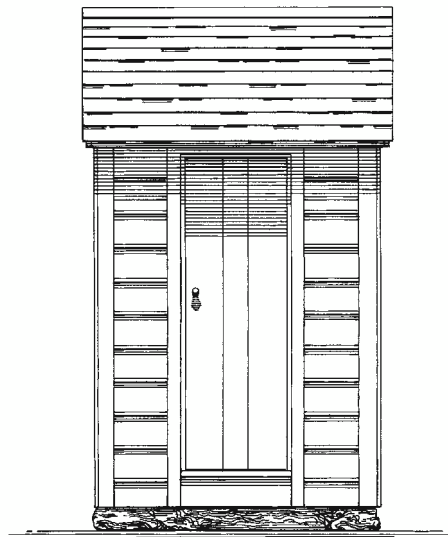
Privy. – Tin roof thoroughly paint two good coats best mineral paint. All outside and inside work to be painted two best coats of white lead and linseed oil in tints to suit; use turps inside; shellac all knots, and putty up complete, as needed.

CHAPTER I.

COLONIAL TIMES & REPUBLIC

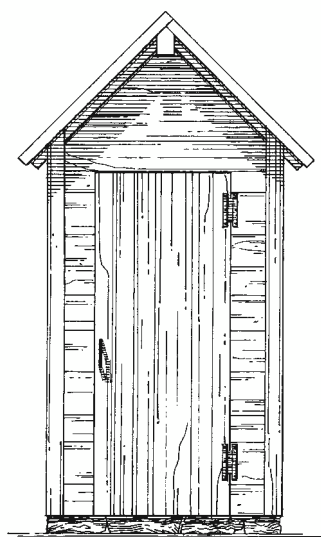
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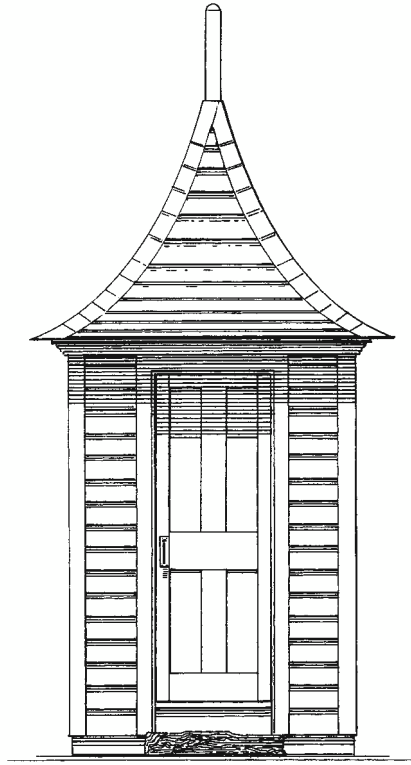
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LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND



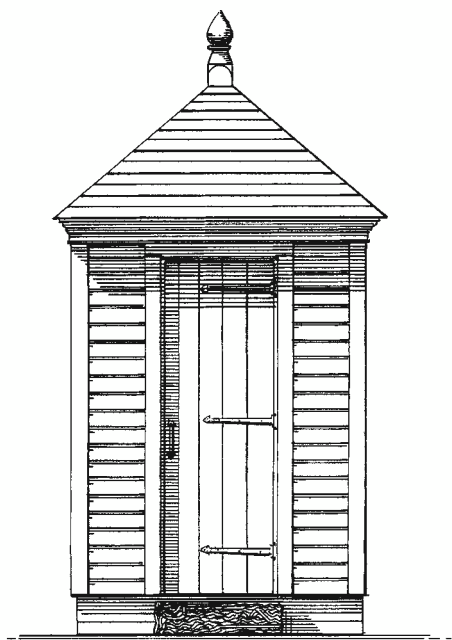
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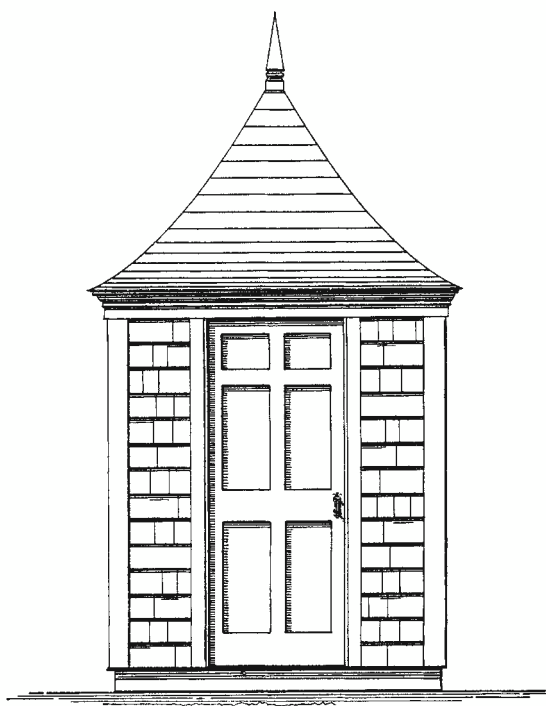
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WAREHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

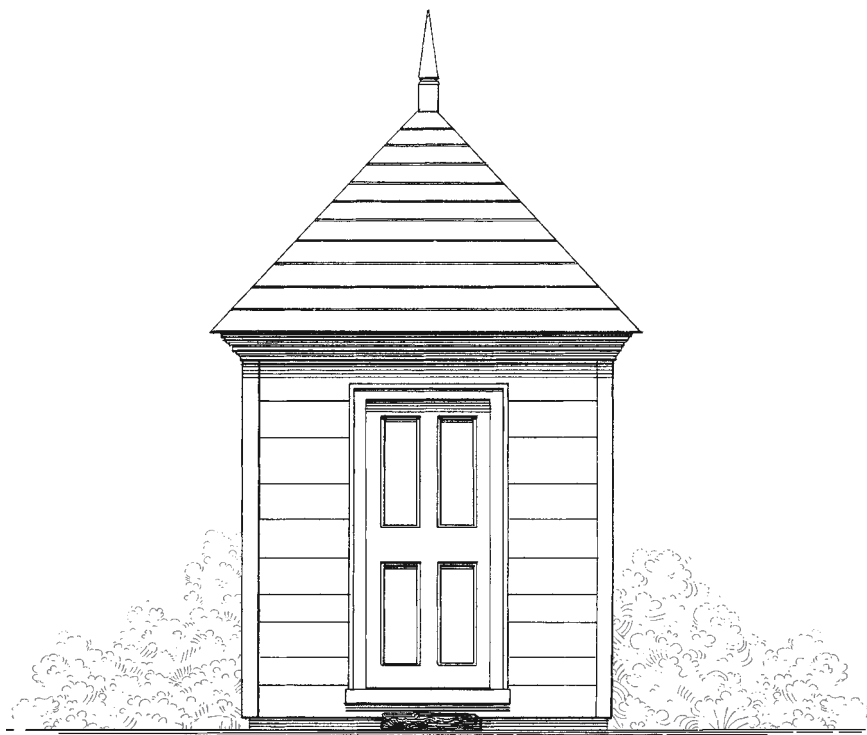


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FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

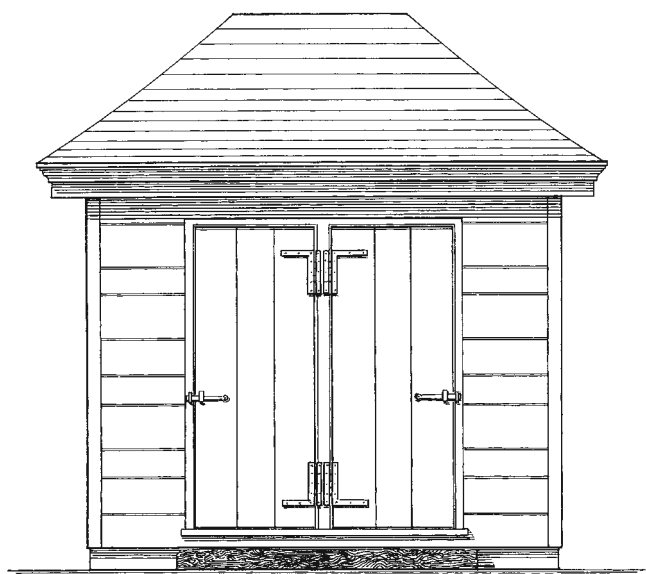


DUXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS



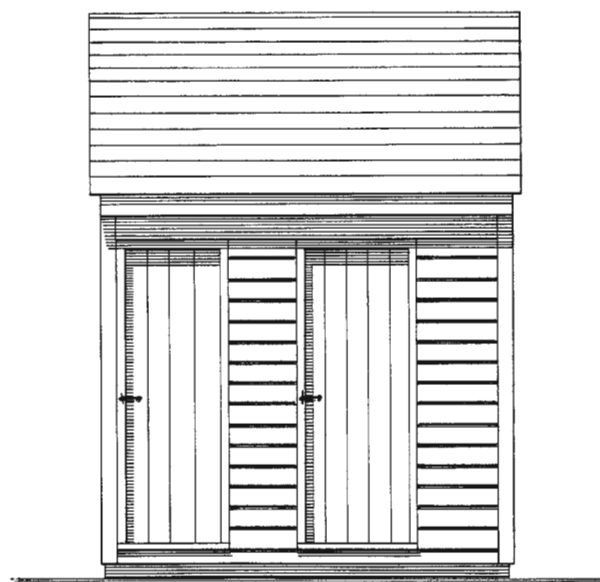
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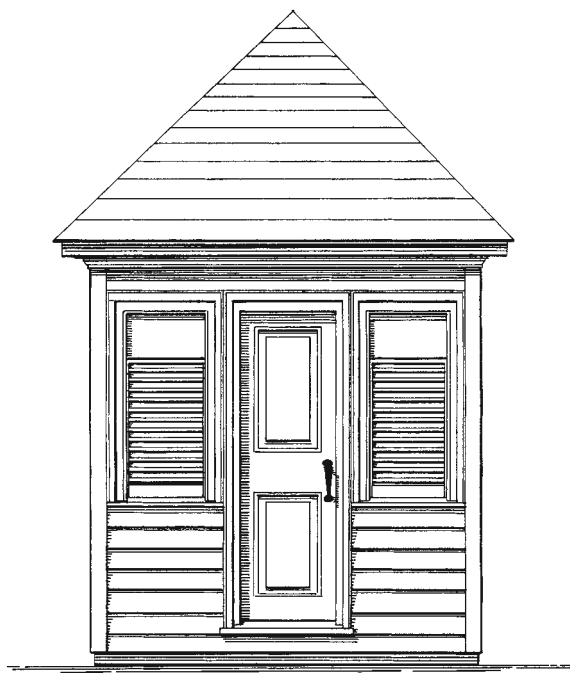
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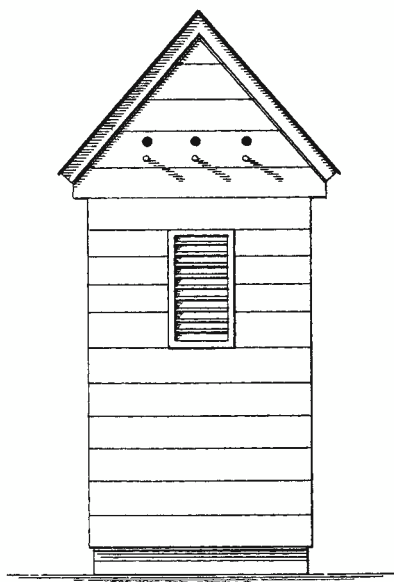
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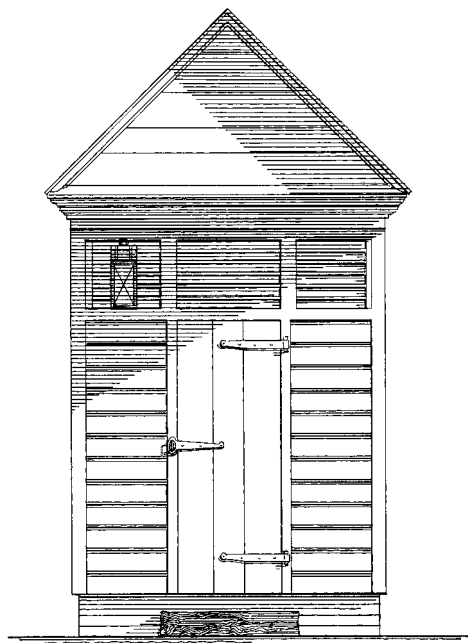
THE SHIRIVER HOMESTEAD

UNION MILLS, MARYLAND



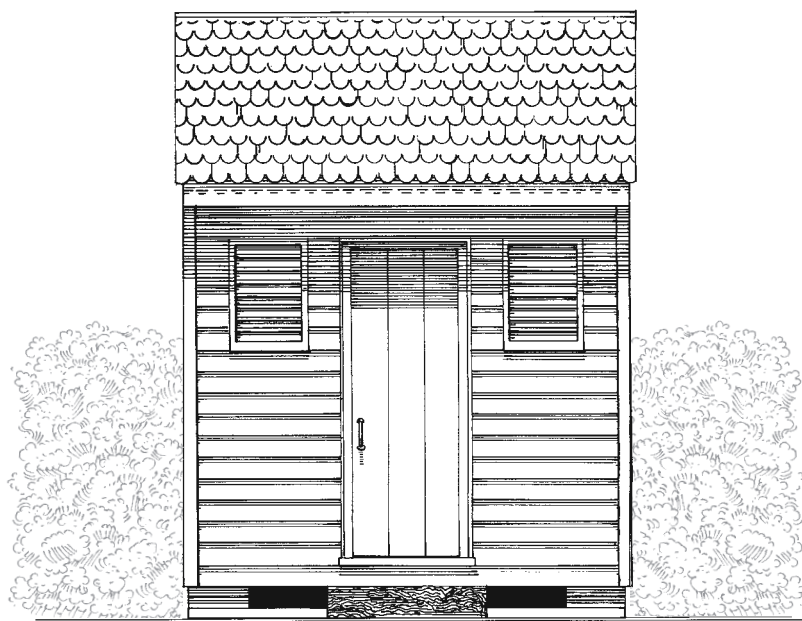
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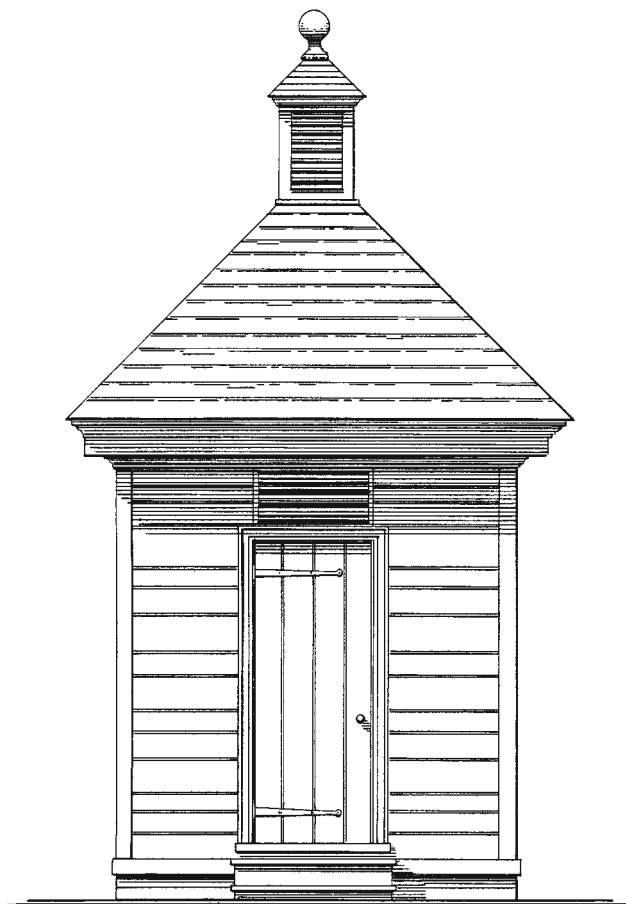
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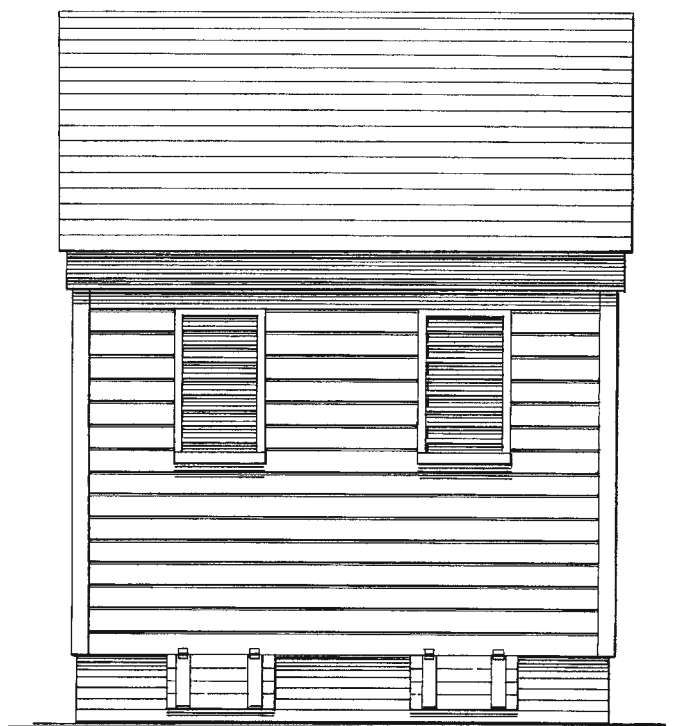
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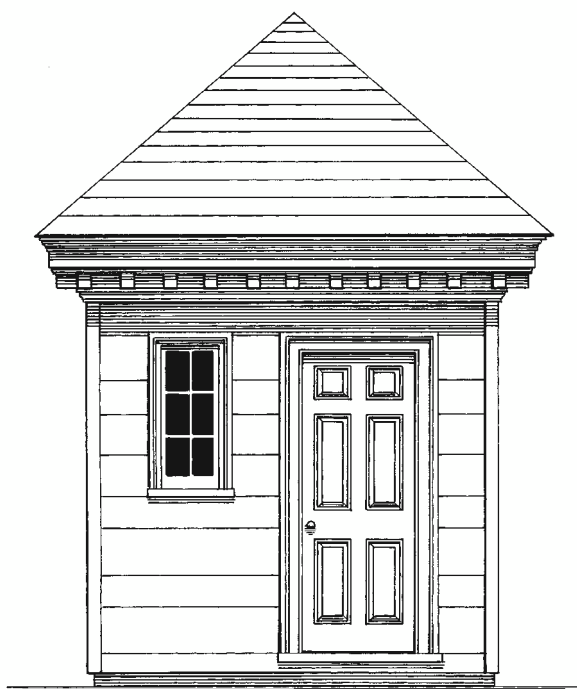
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NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA



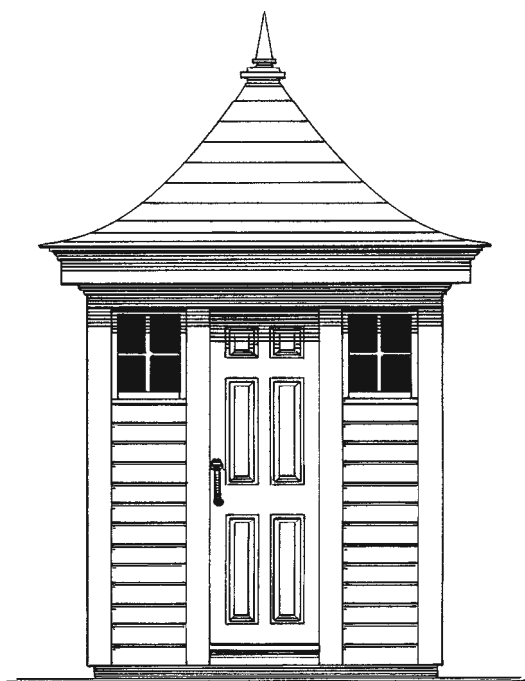
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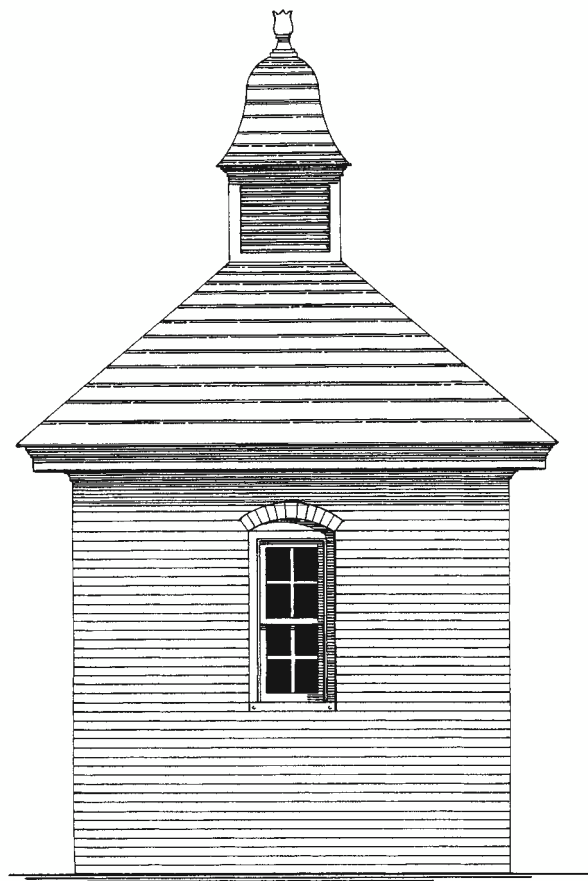
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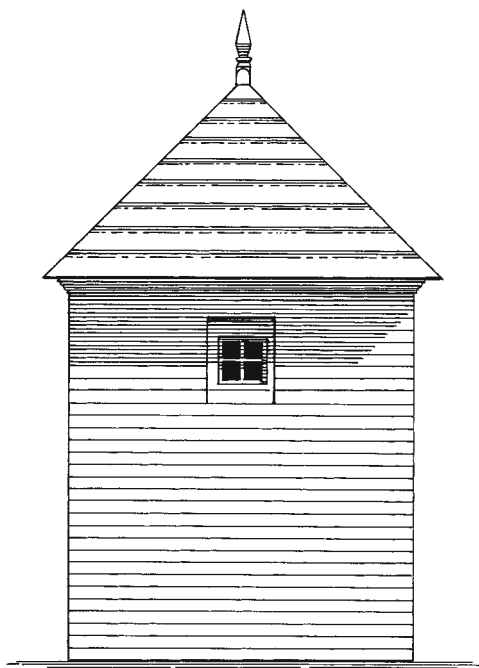
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EAST TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS

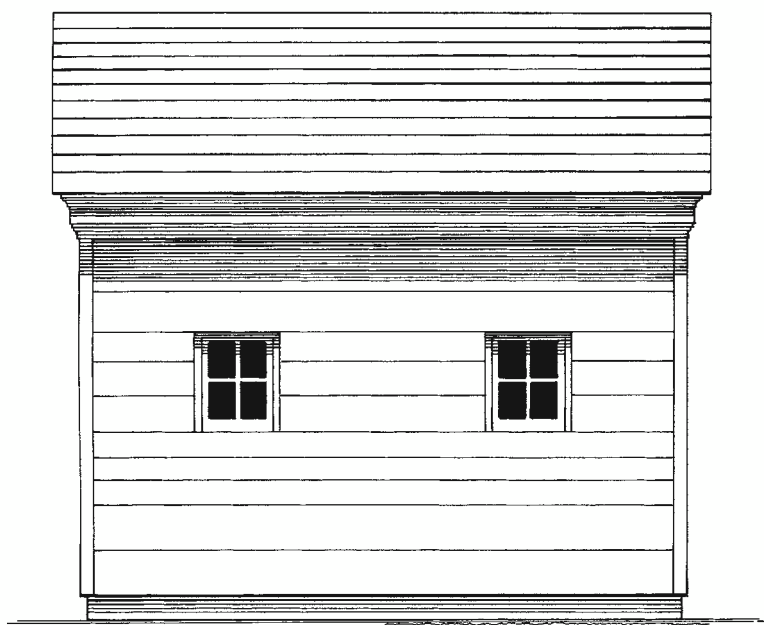


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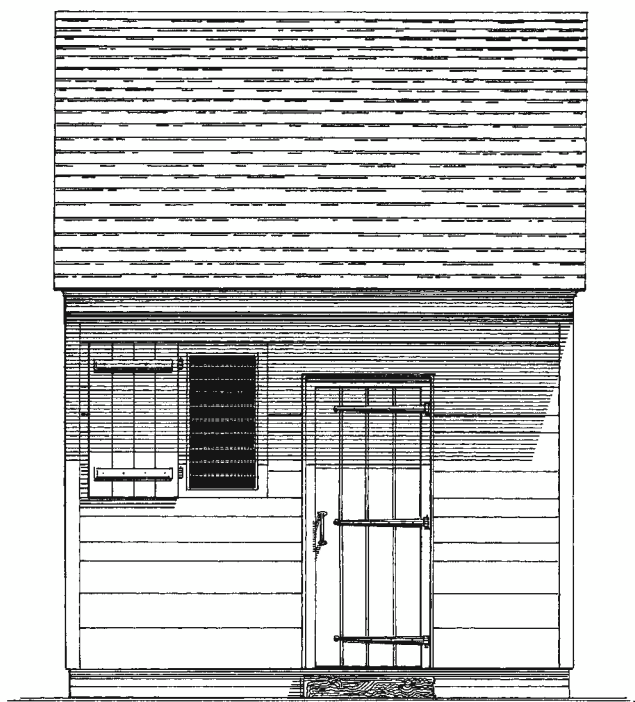
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TOOL HOUSE



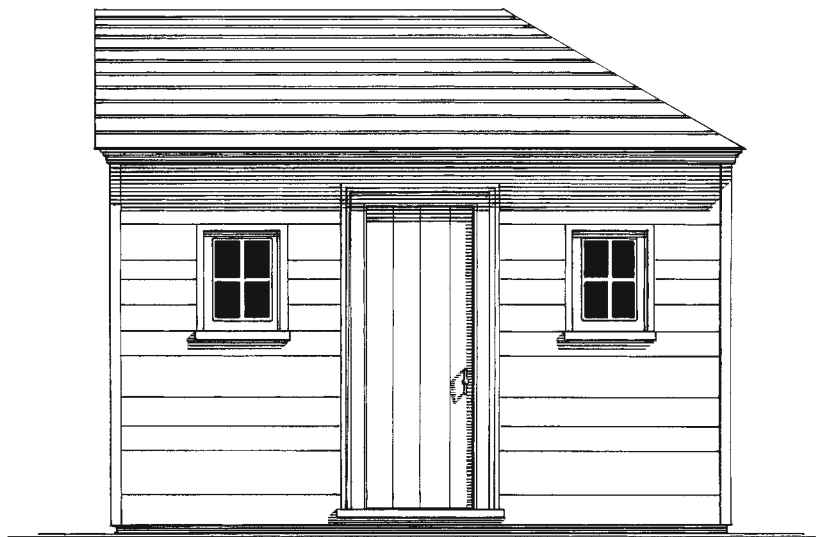
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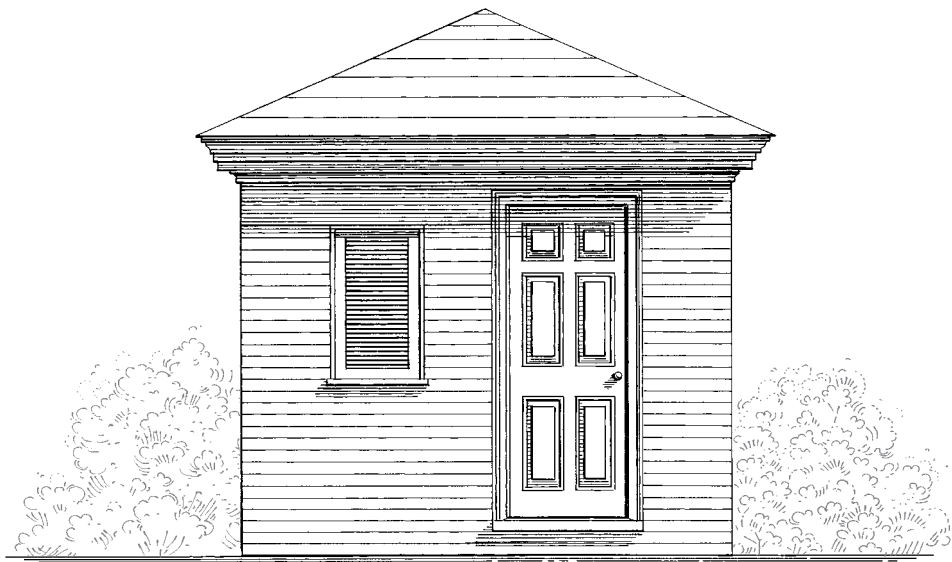
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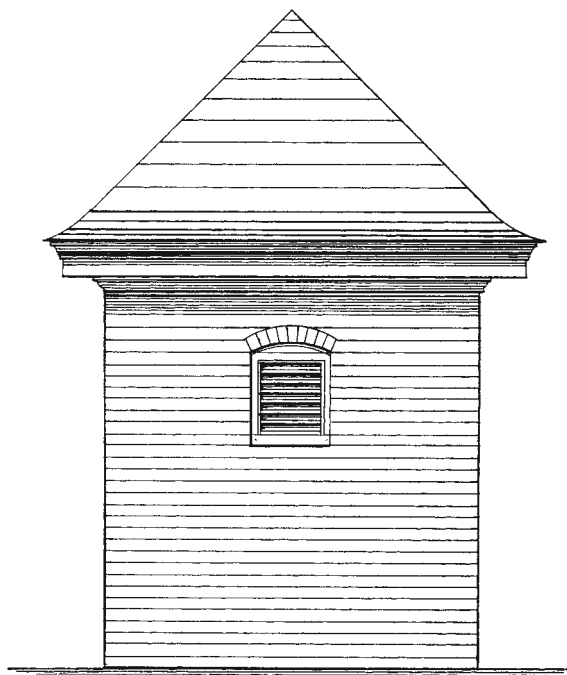
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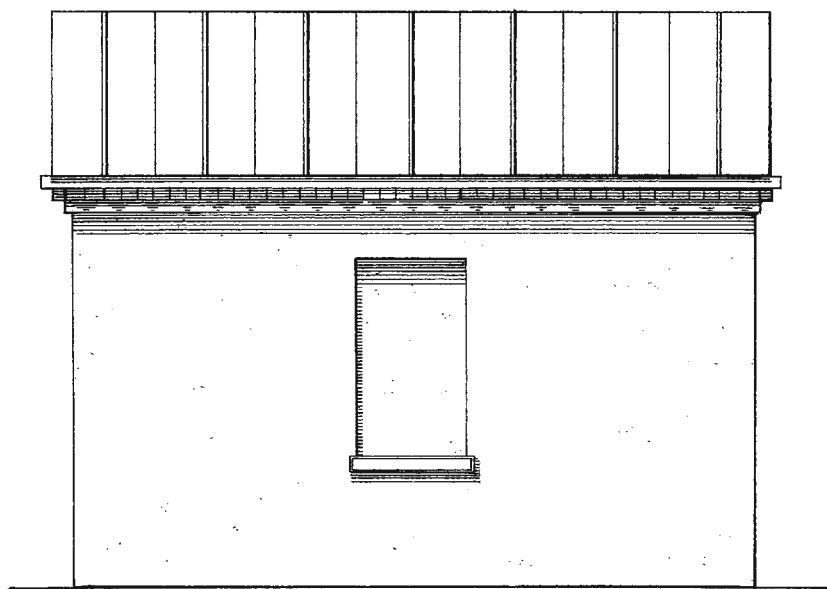
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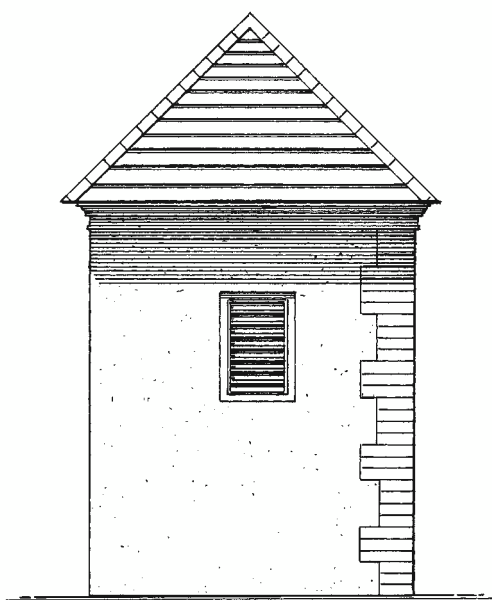


THE WILLIAM PACA HOUSE

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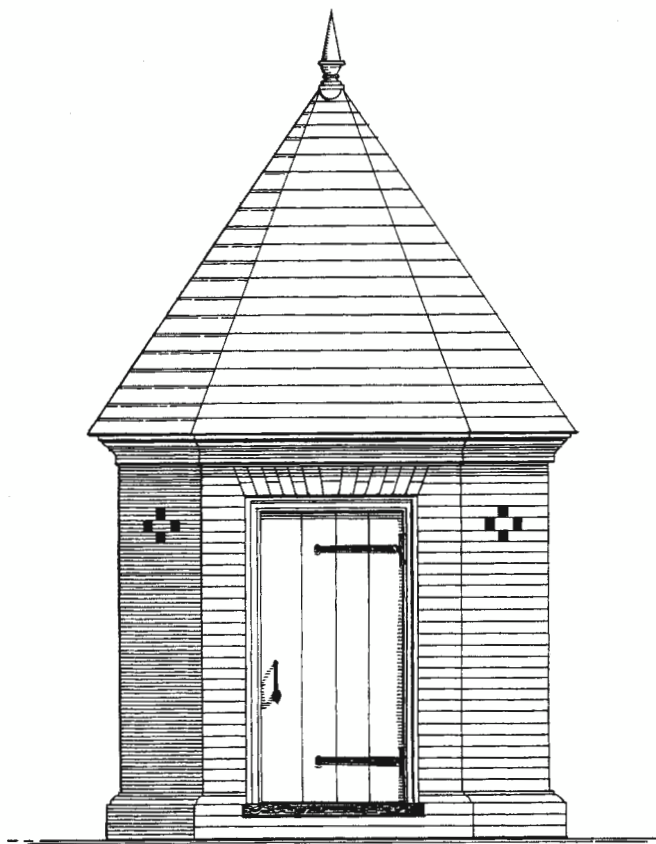
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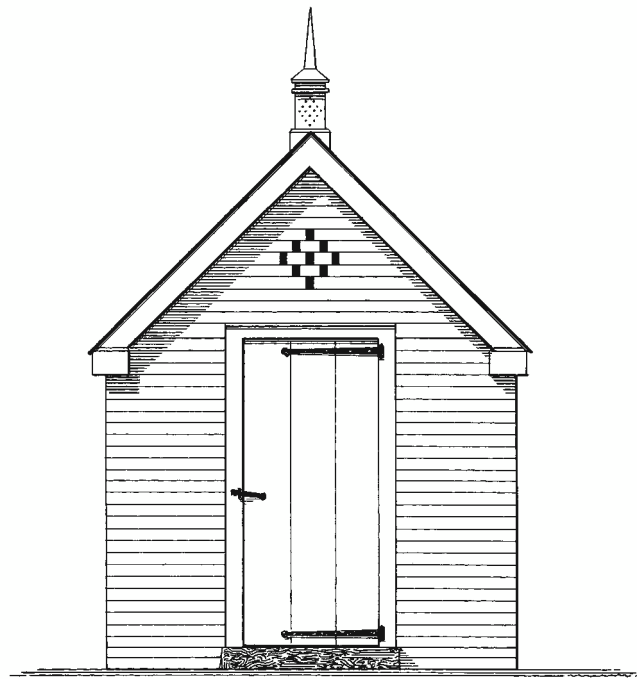
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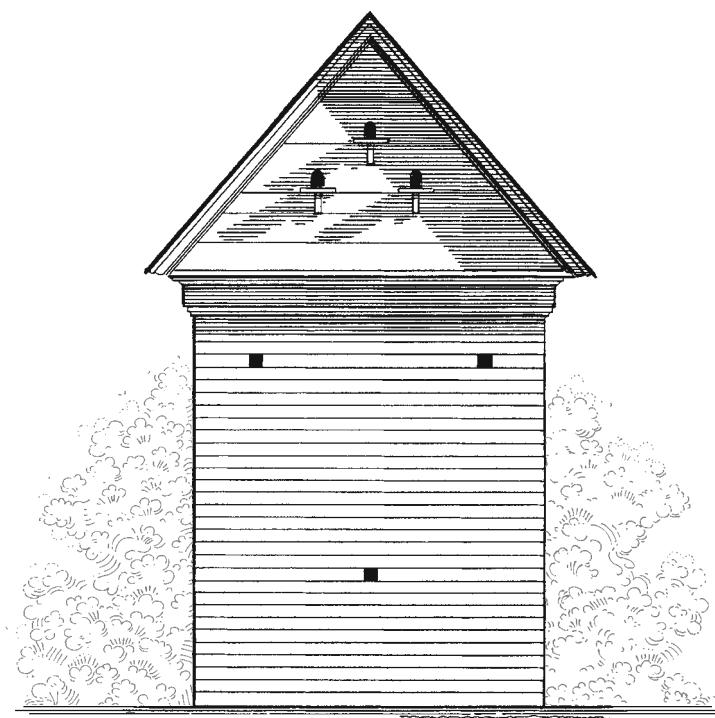
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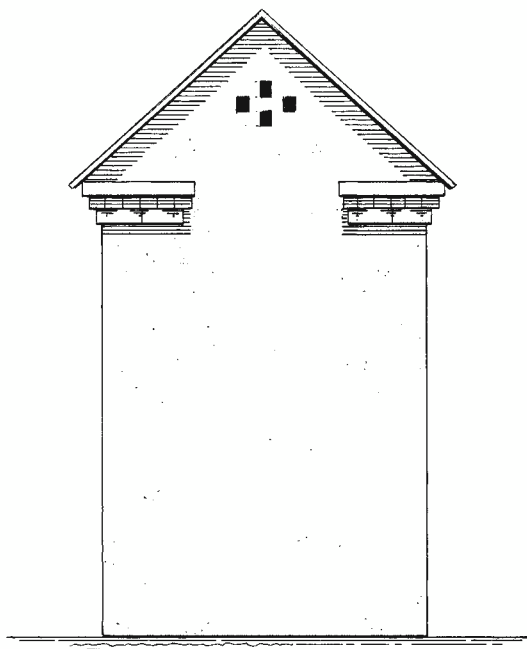
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TULLYTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

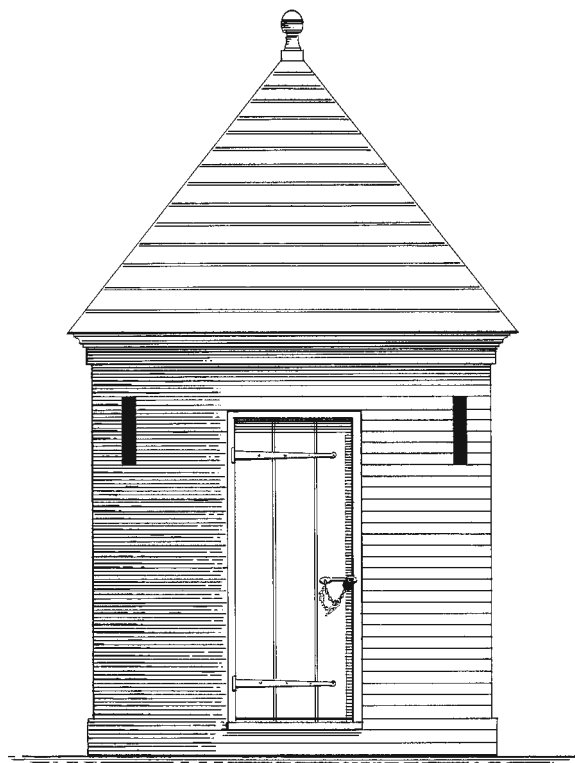


THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE

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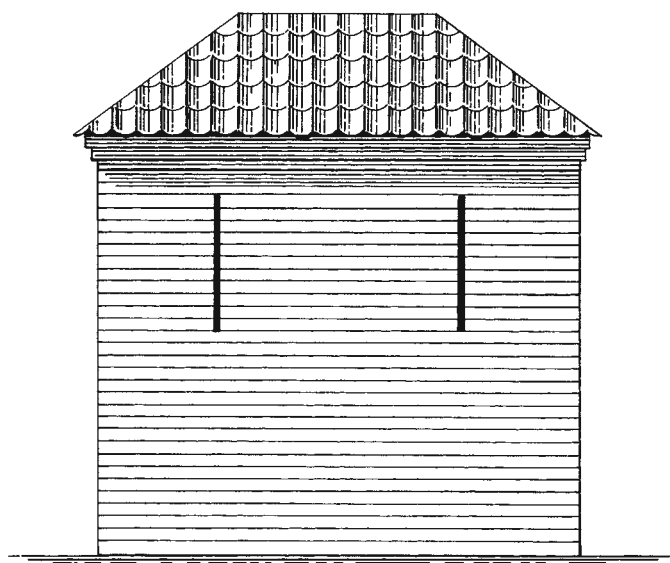


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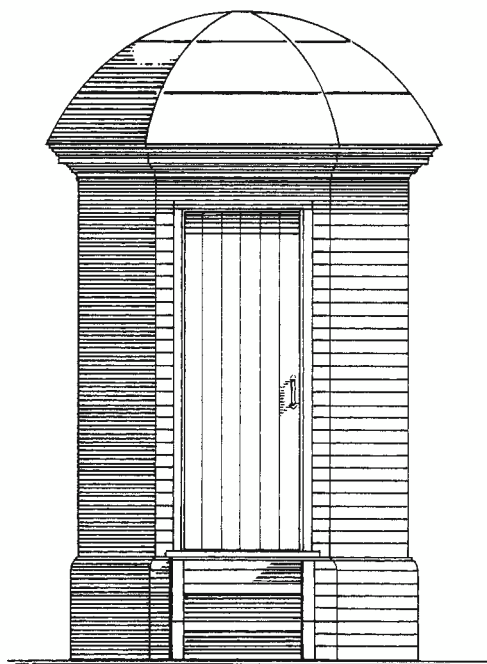
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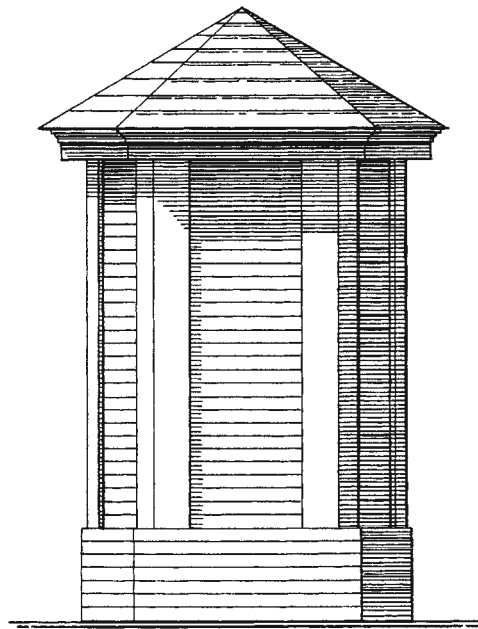
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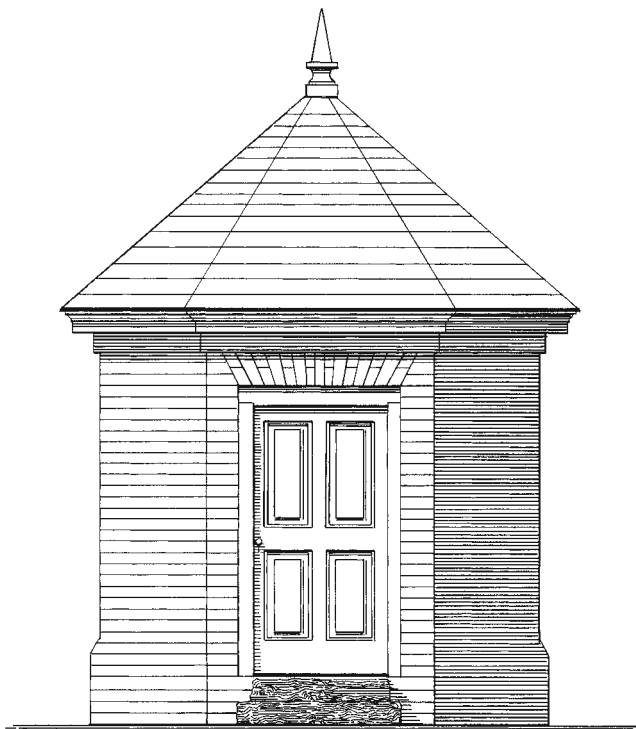
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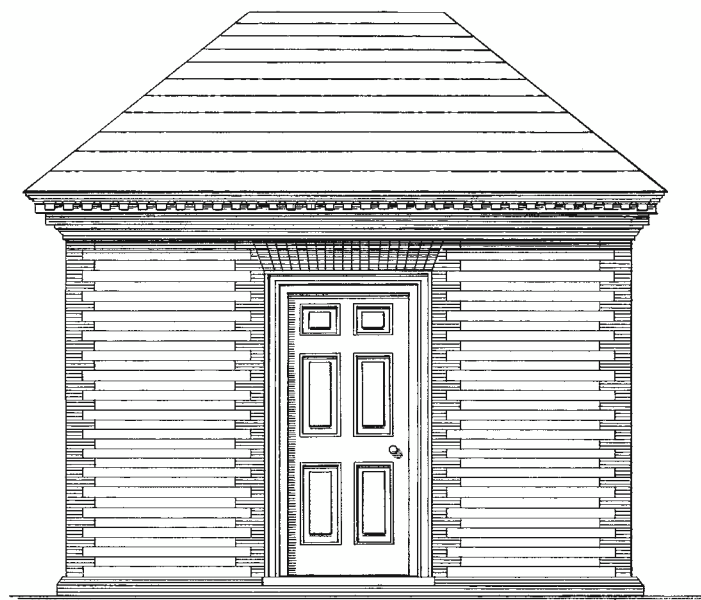
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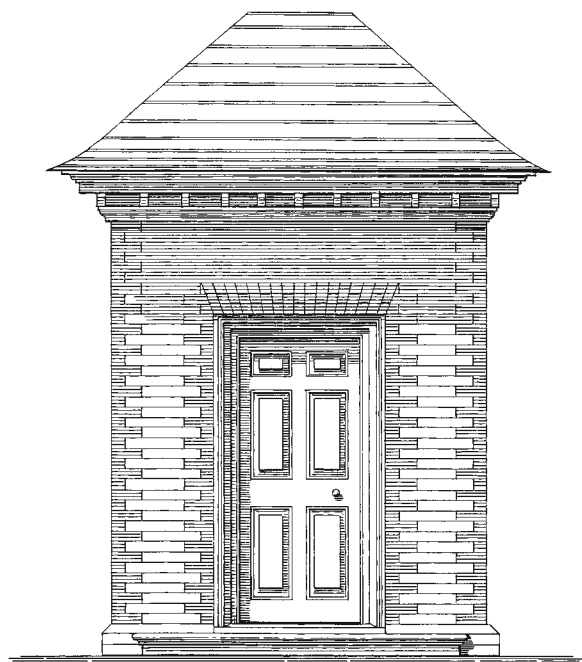
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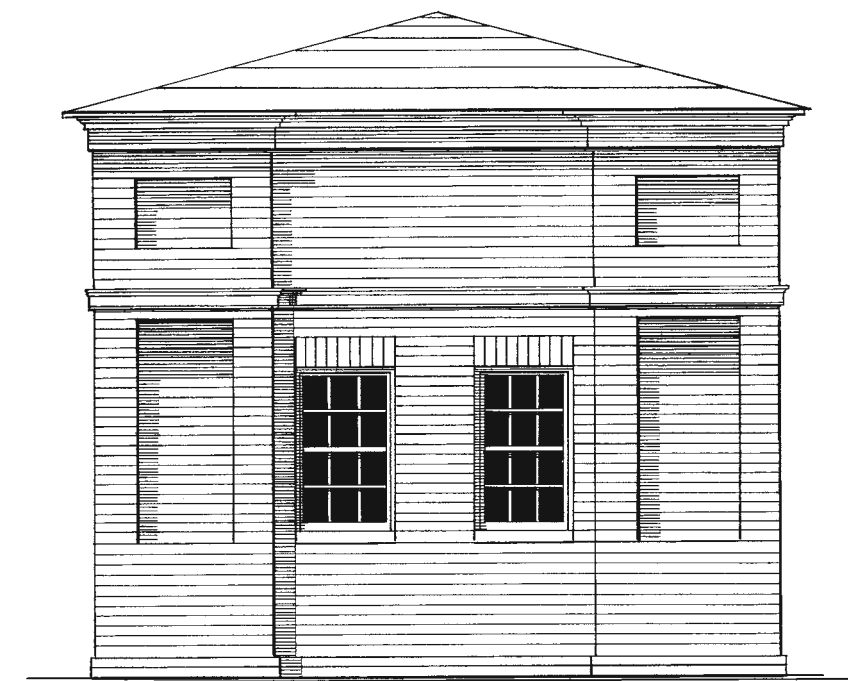
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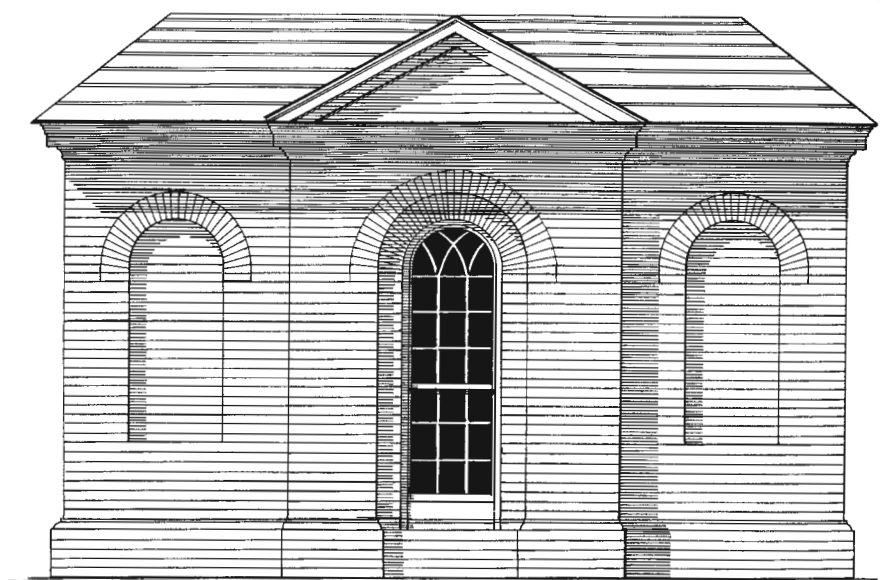
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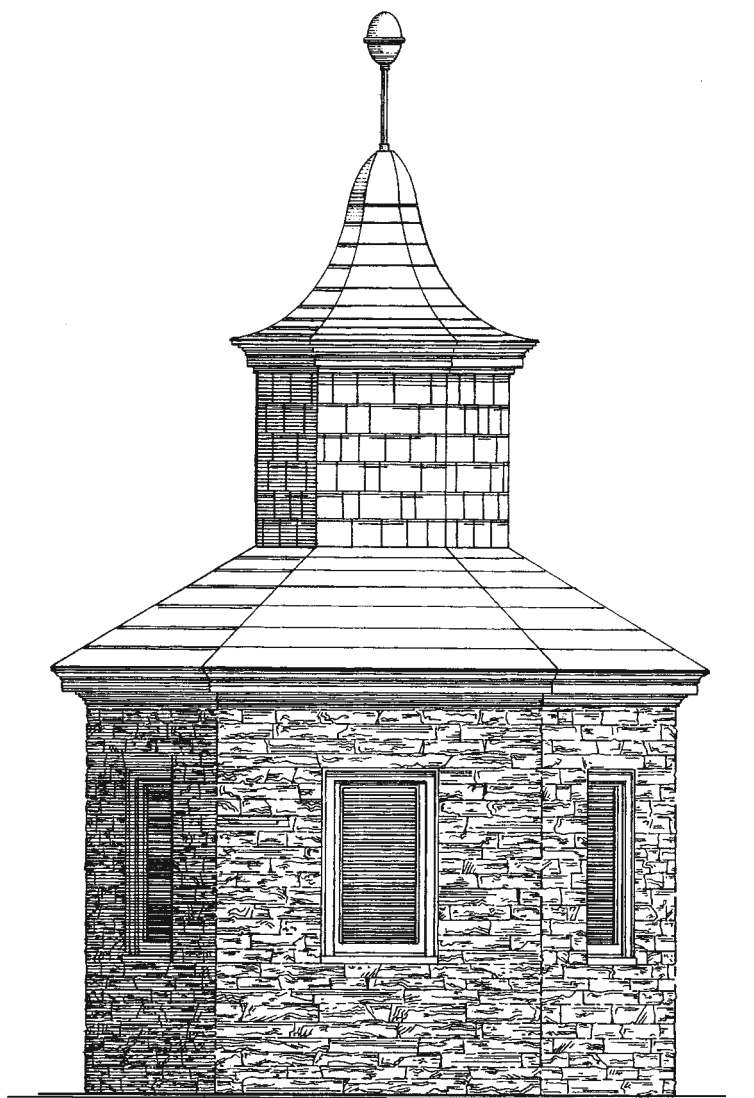
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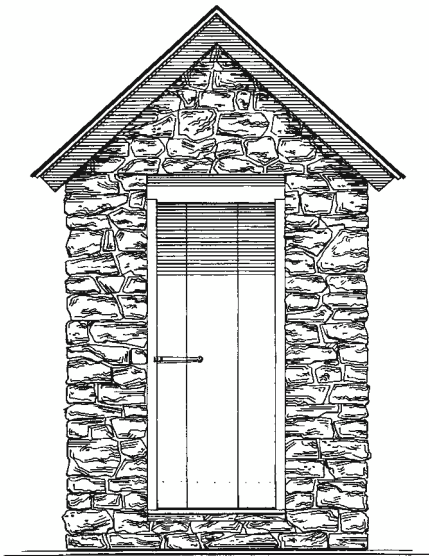
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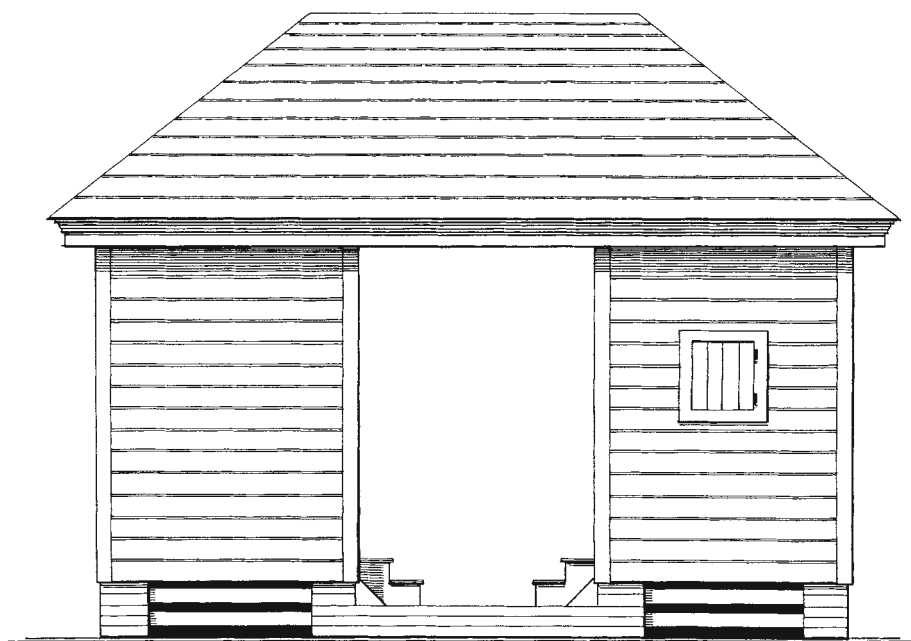
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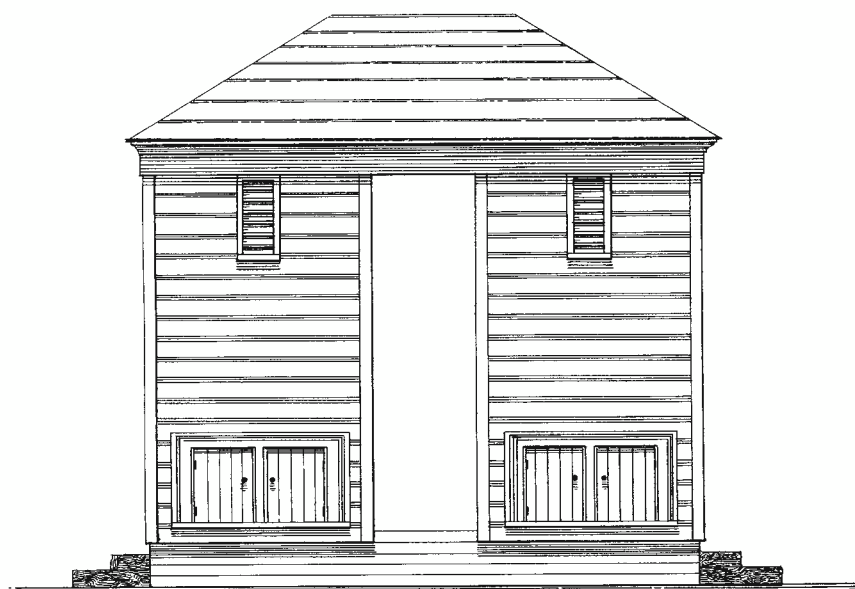
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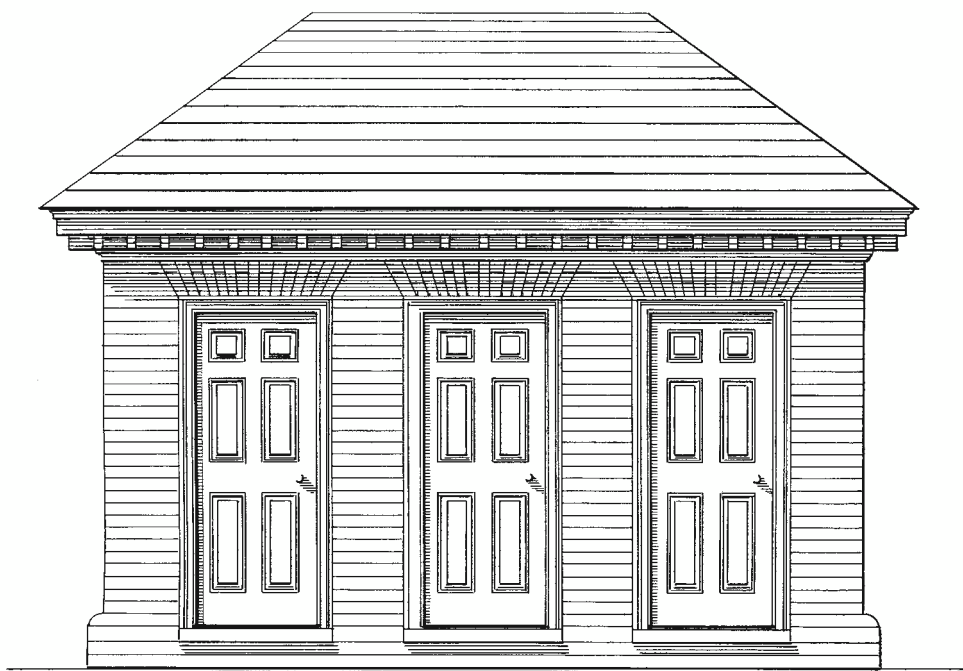


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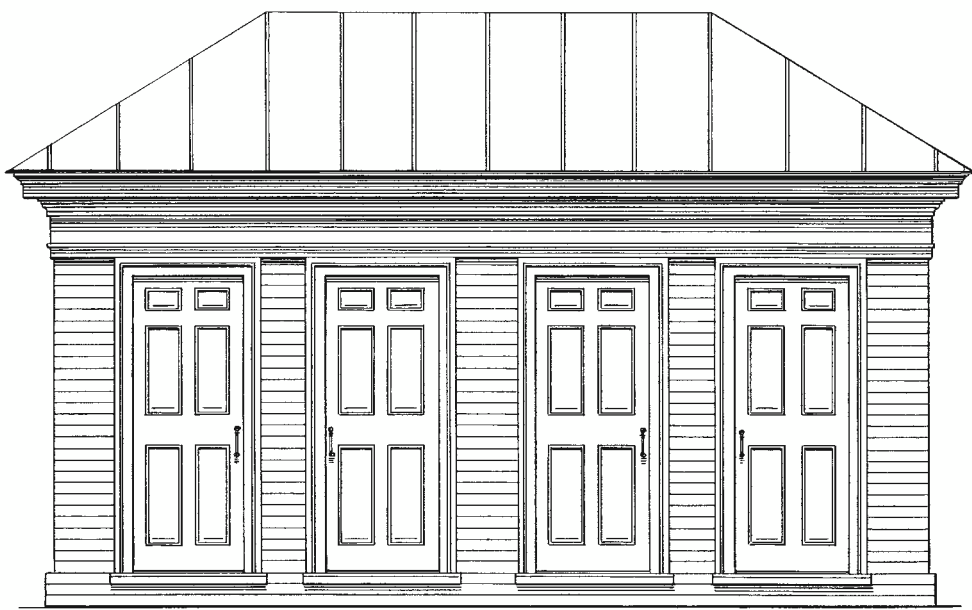


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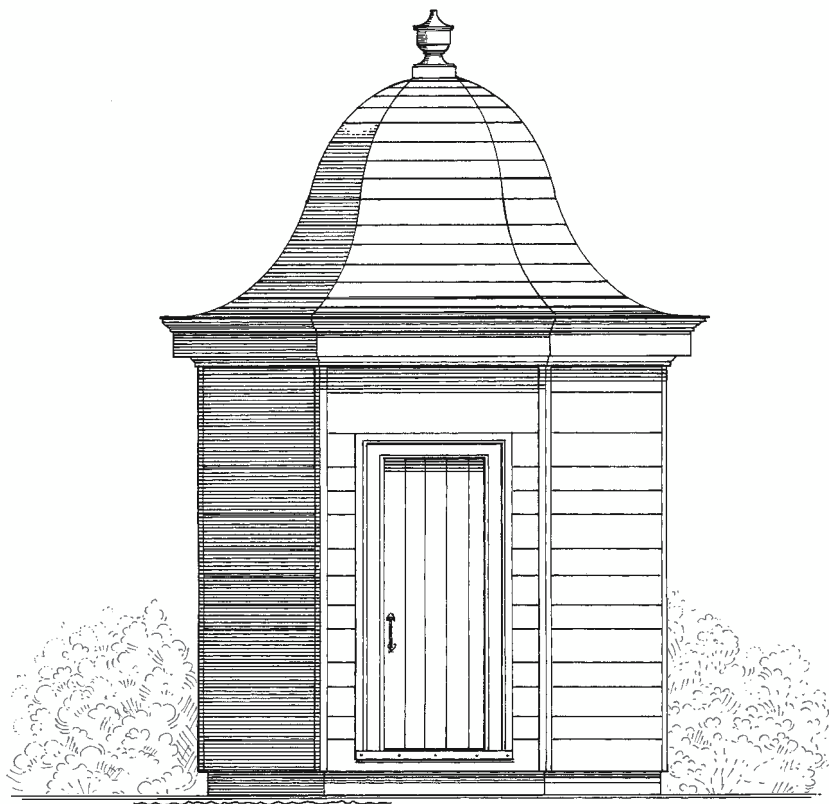
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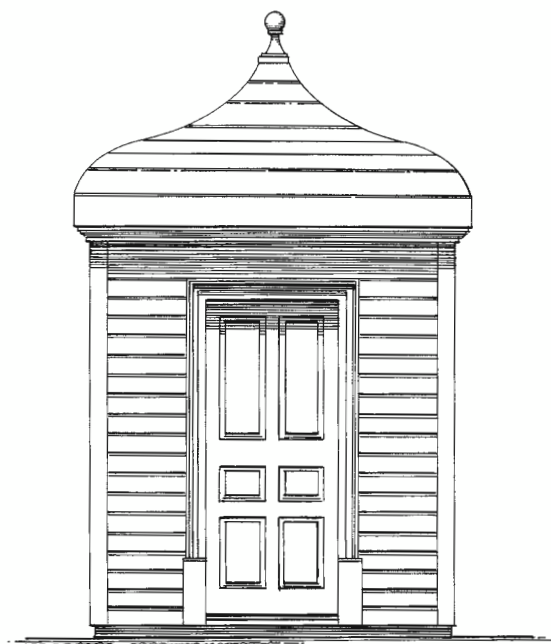
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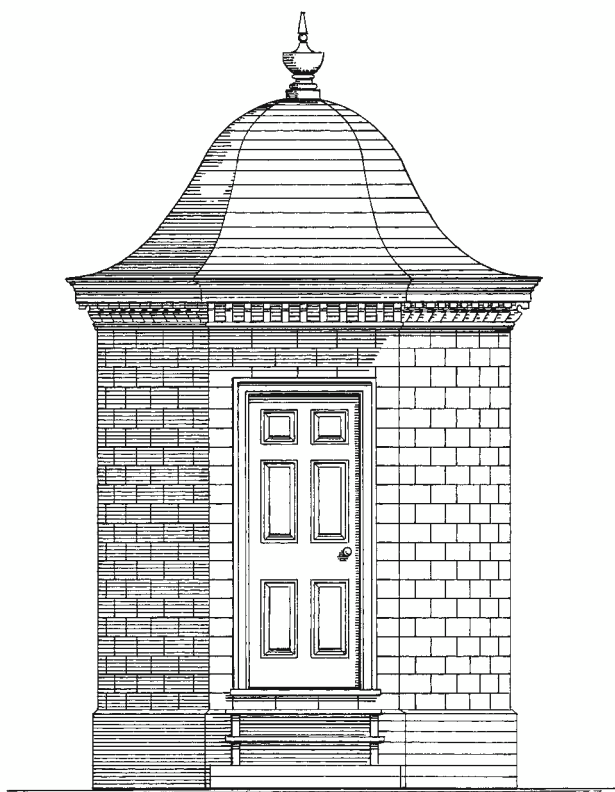
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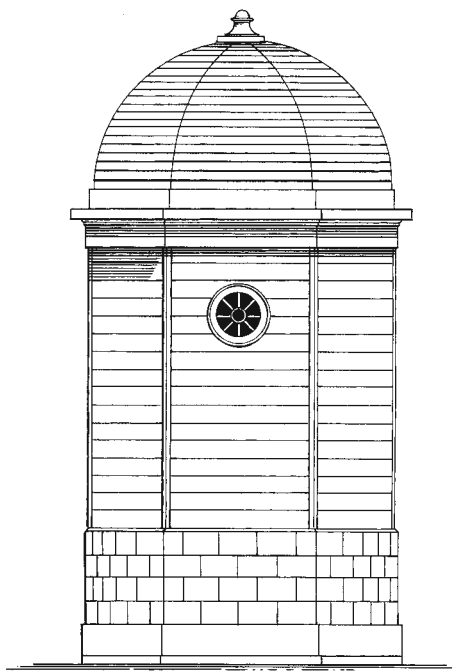
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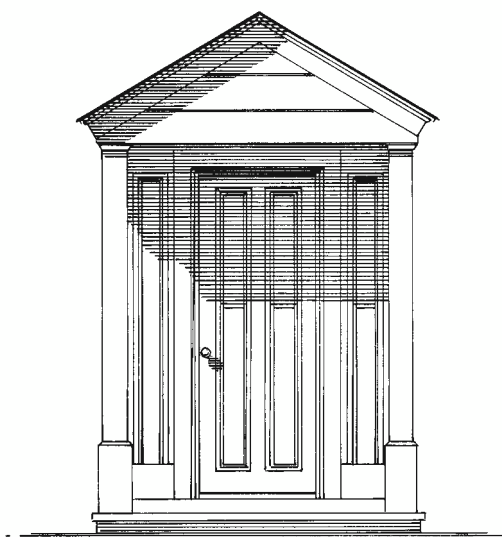


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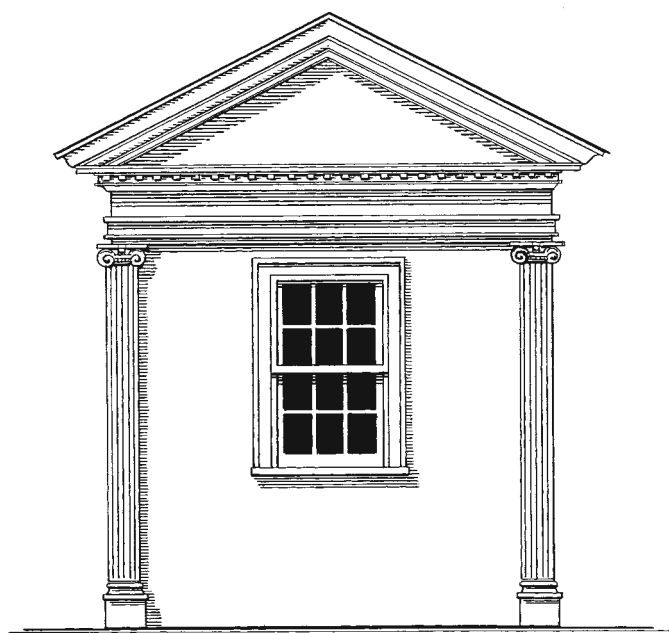
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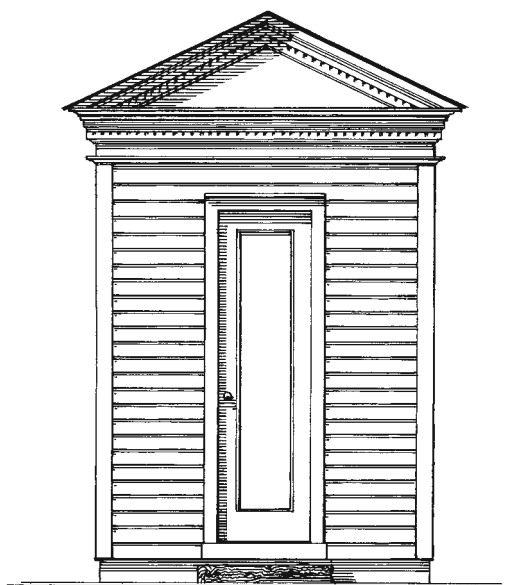
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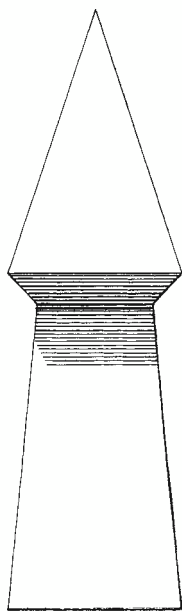
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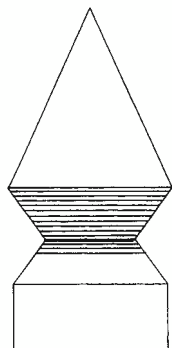
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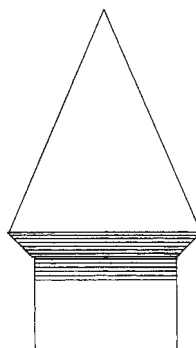
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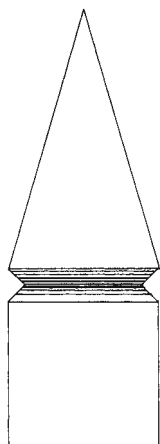
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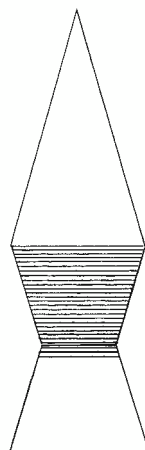
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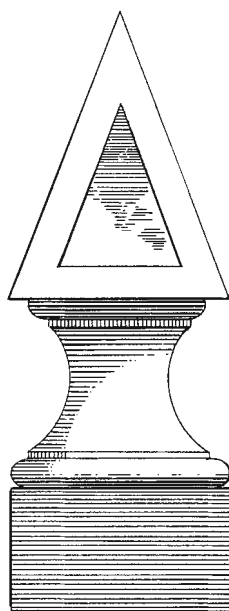


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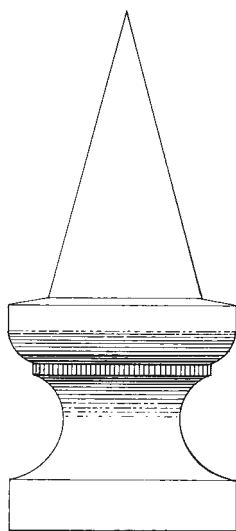
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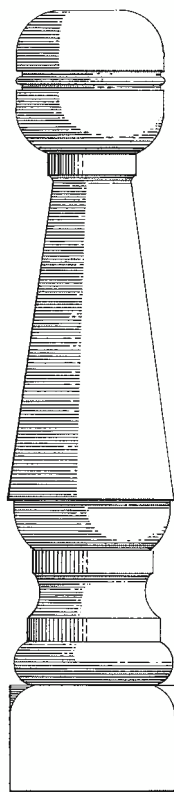
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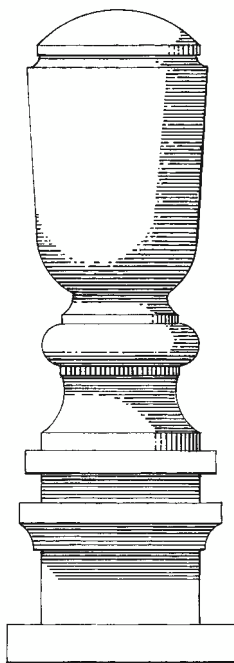
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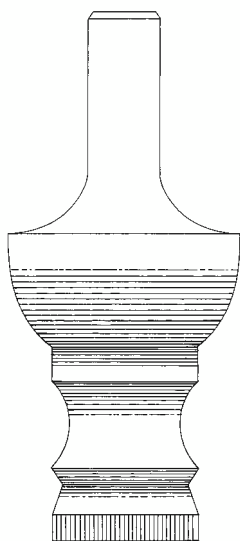
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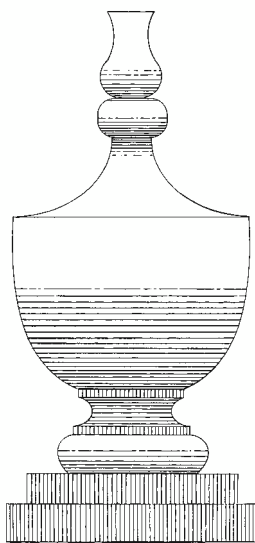
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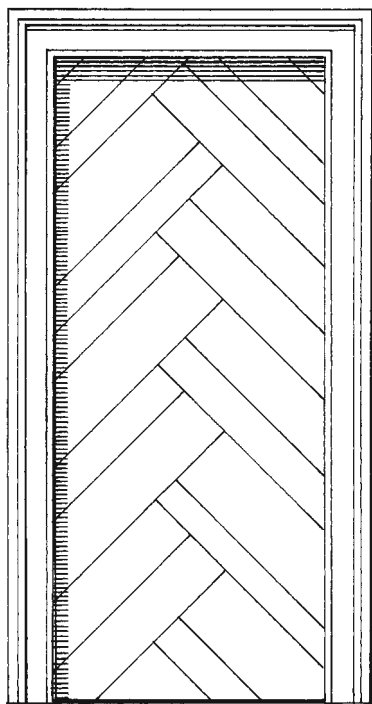
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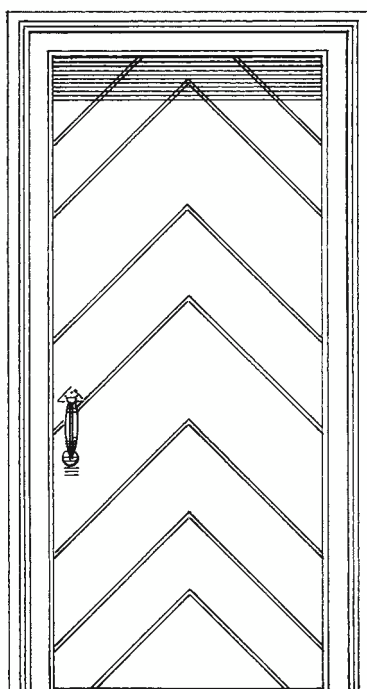
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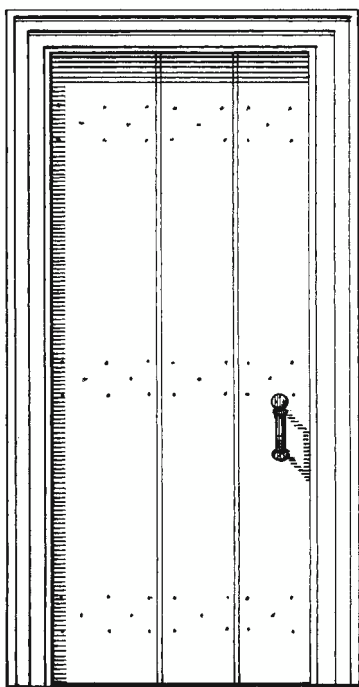
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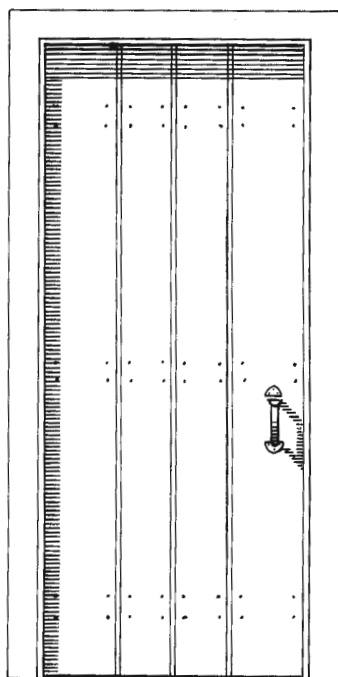
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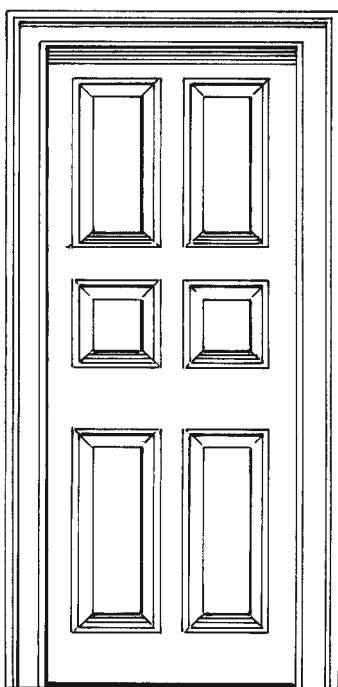
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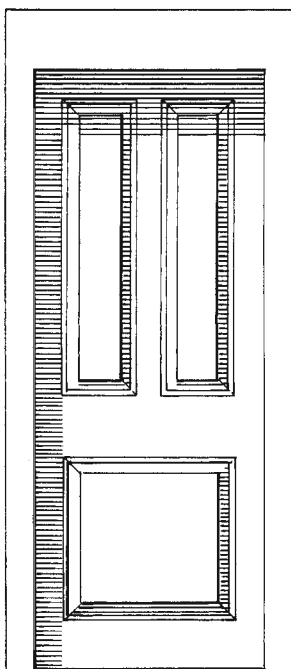
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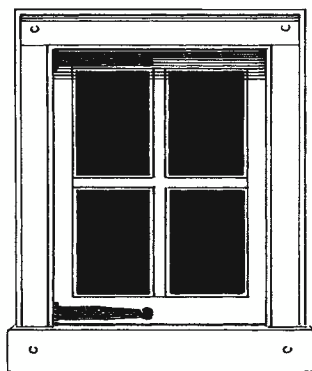
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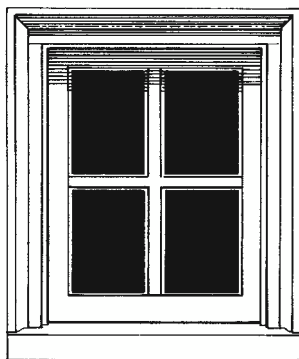
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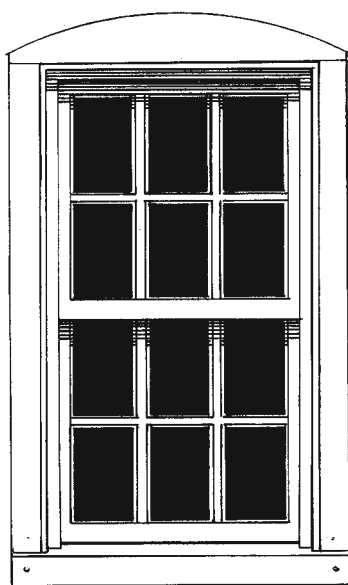
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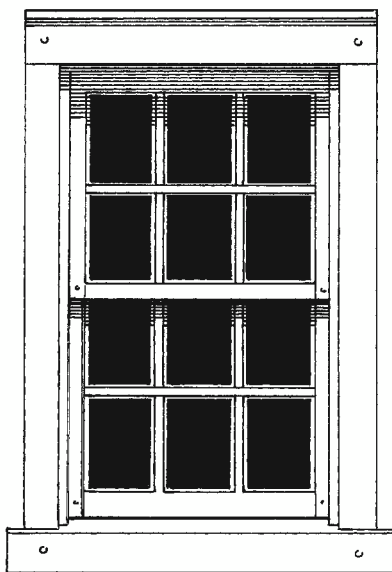
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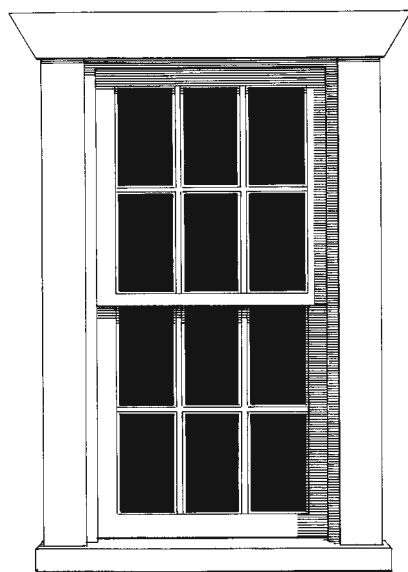
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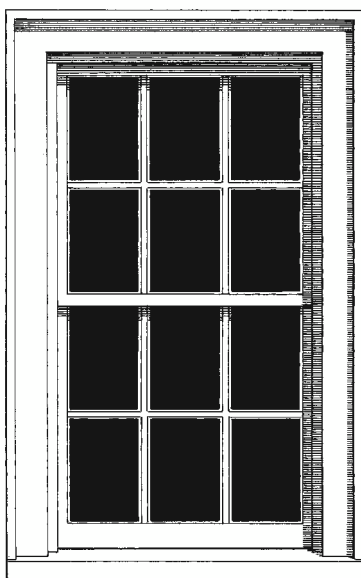
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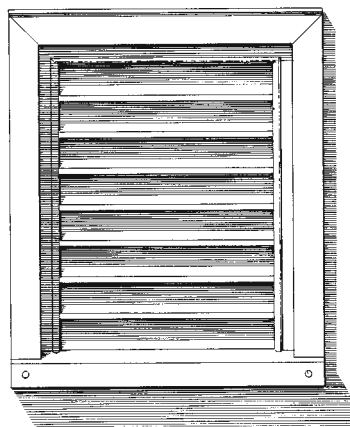
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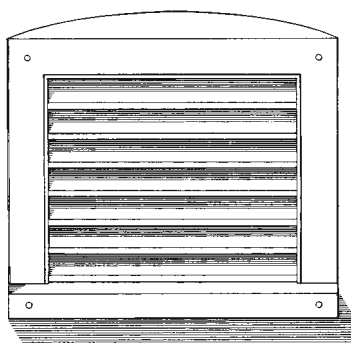
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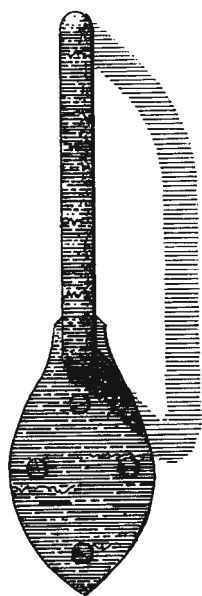
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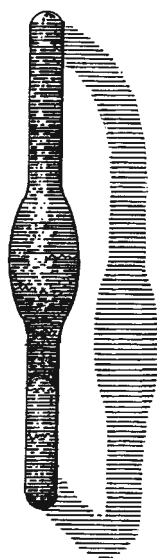
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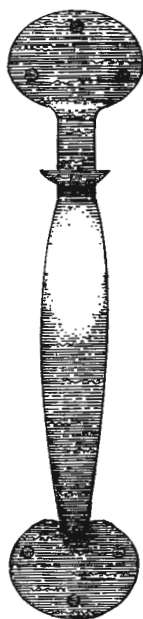
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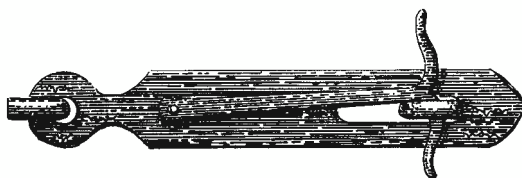
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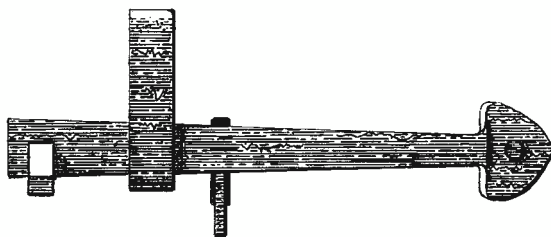
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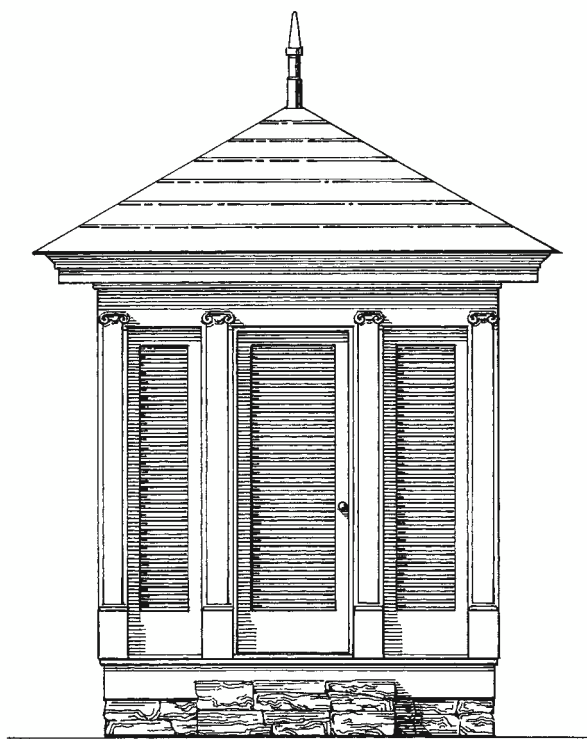
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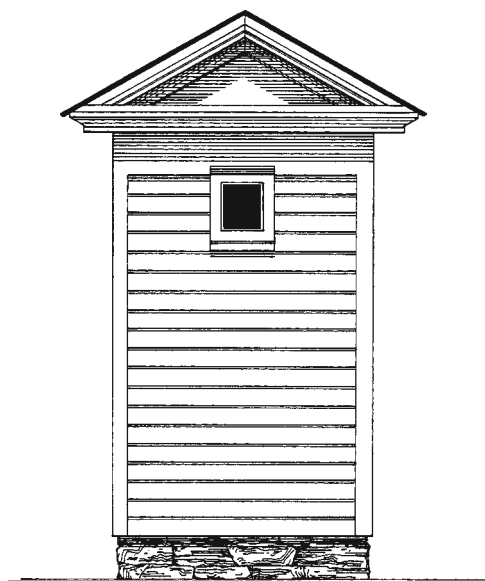
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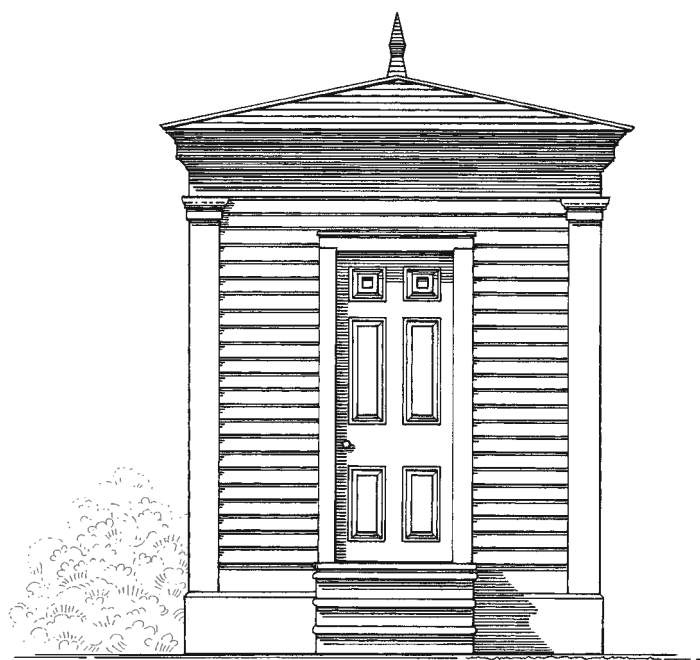
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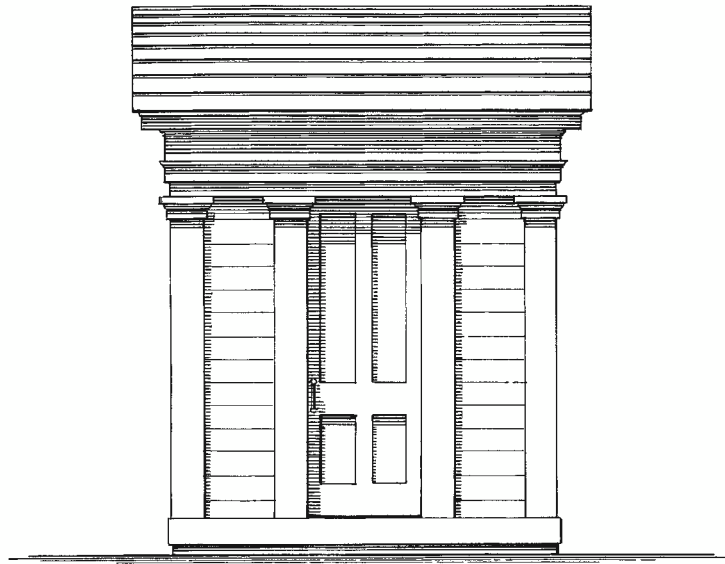


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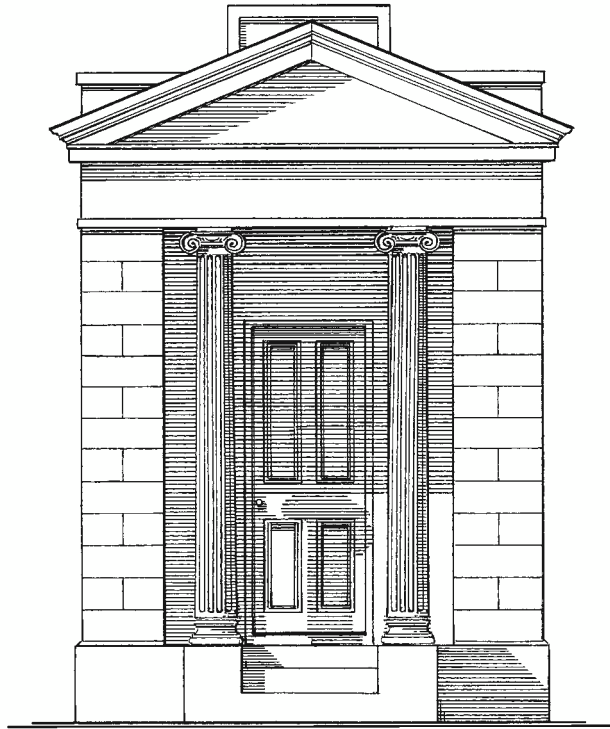


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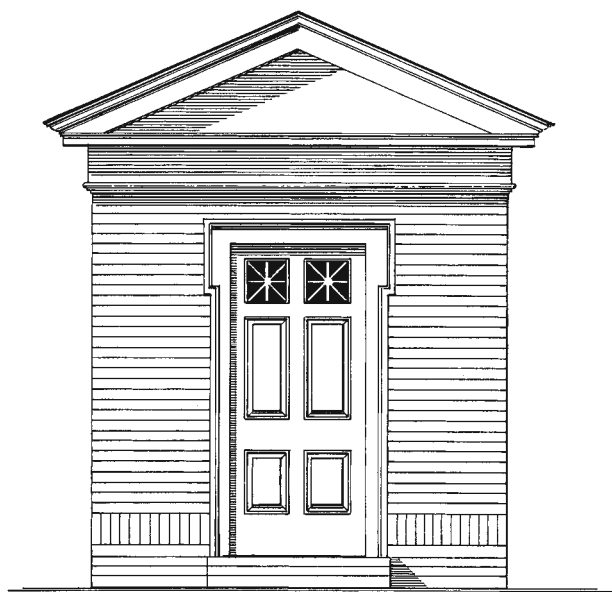
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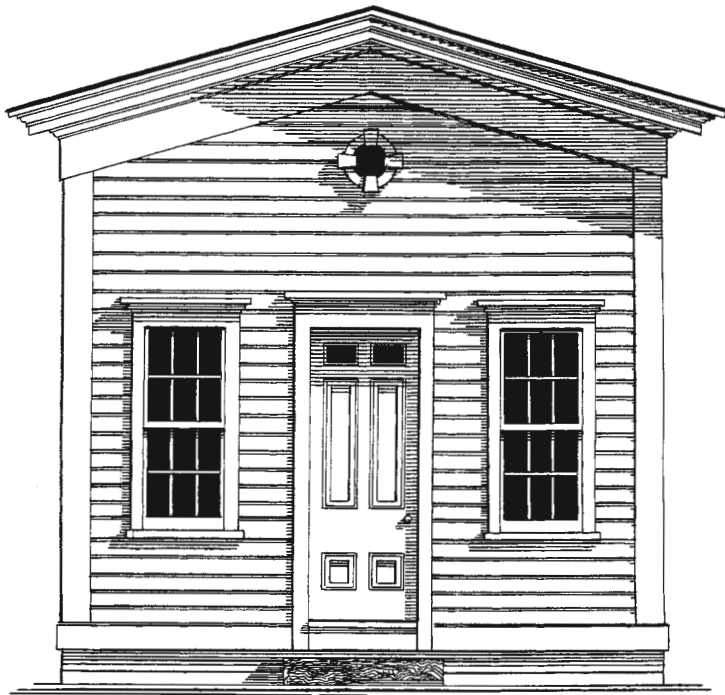
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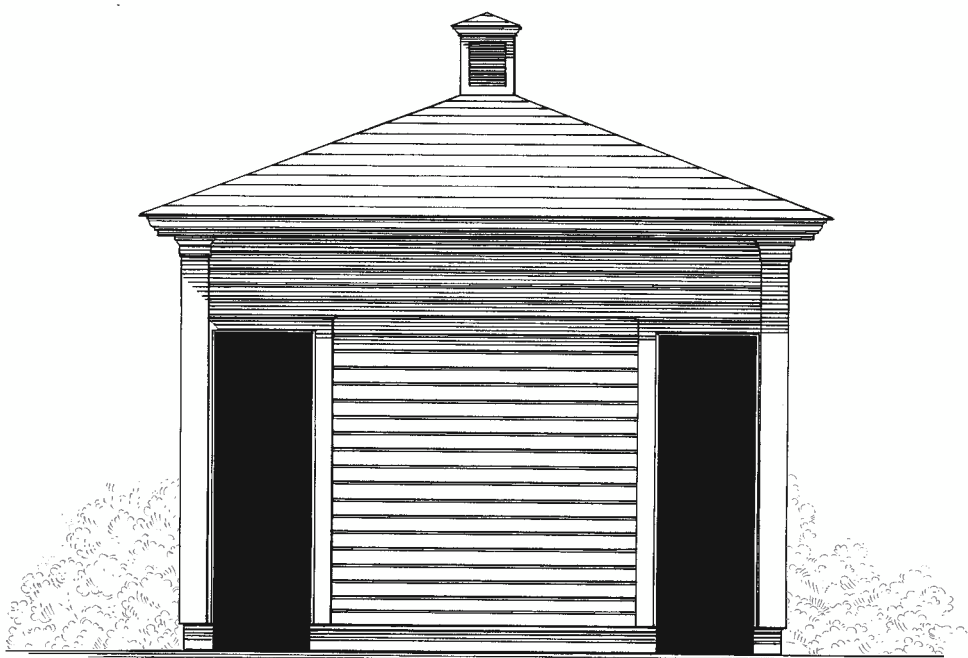
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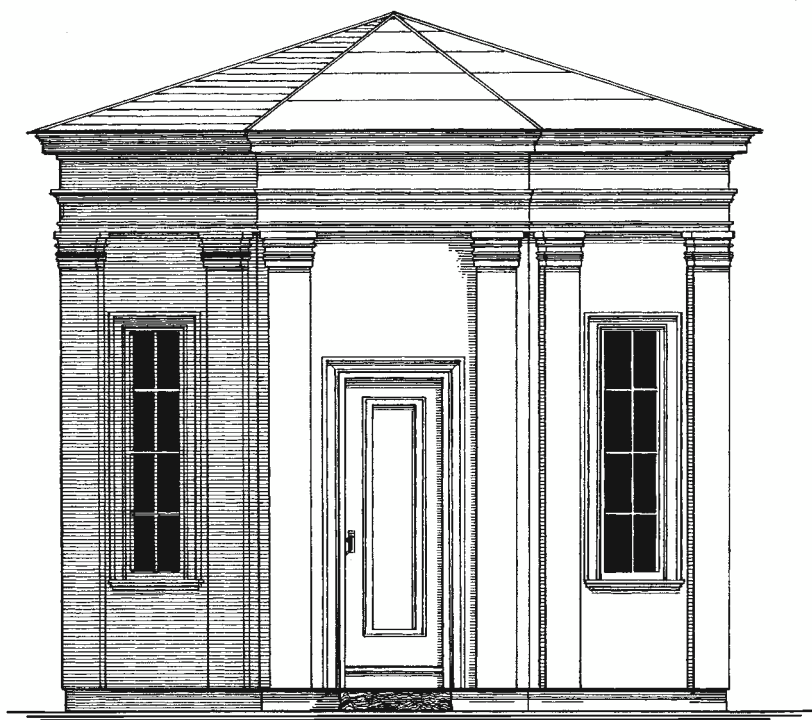


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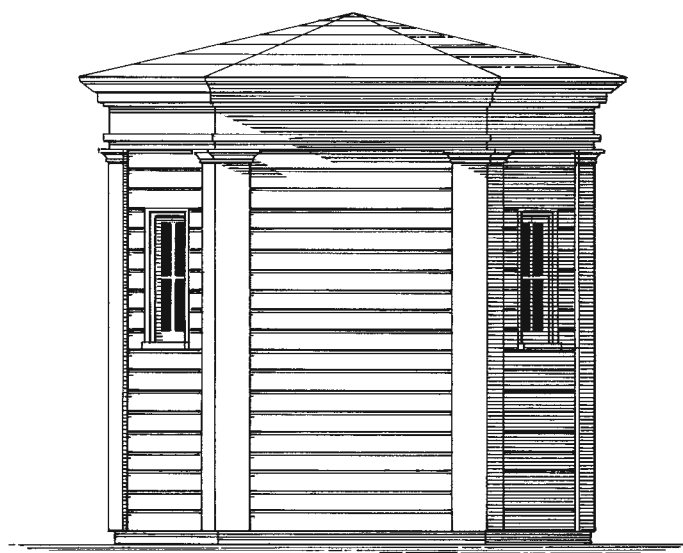


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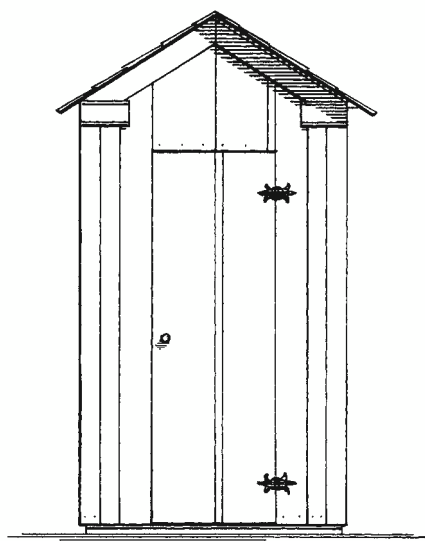
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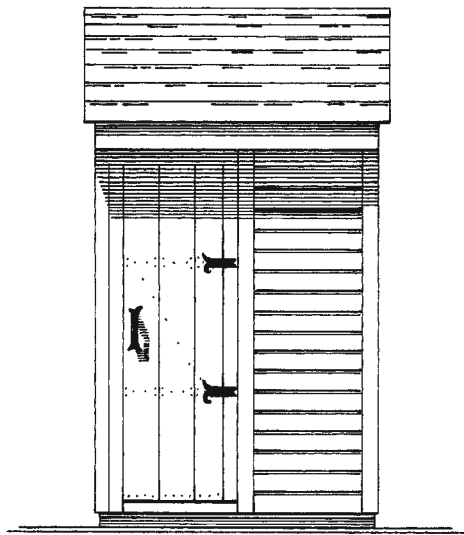


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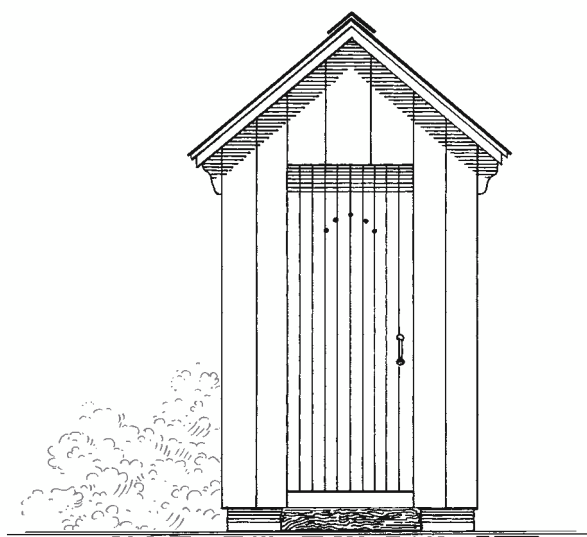
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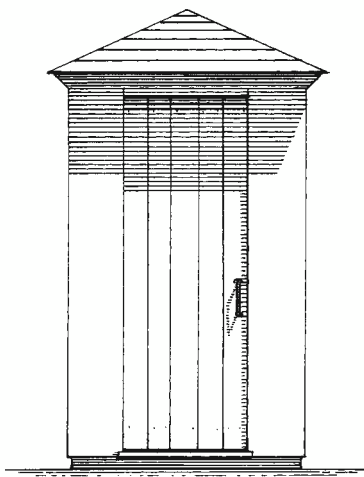
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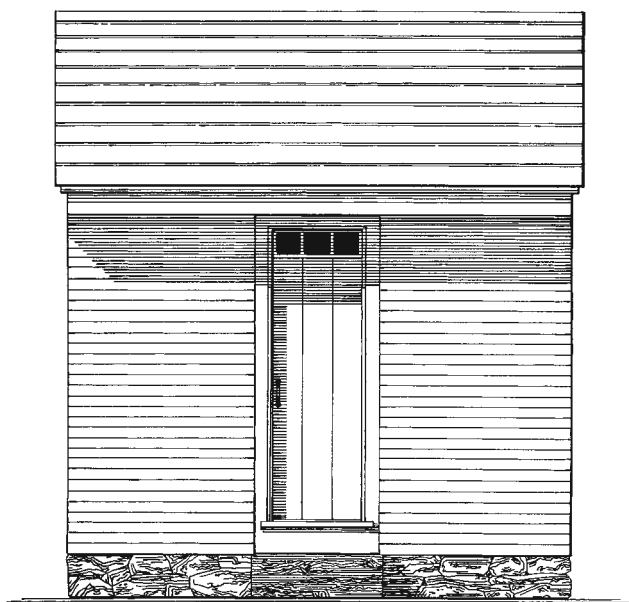


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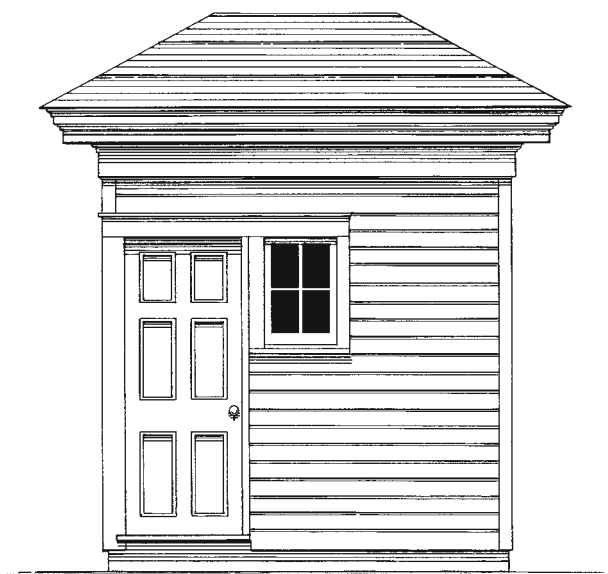


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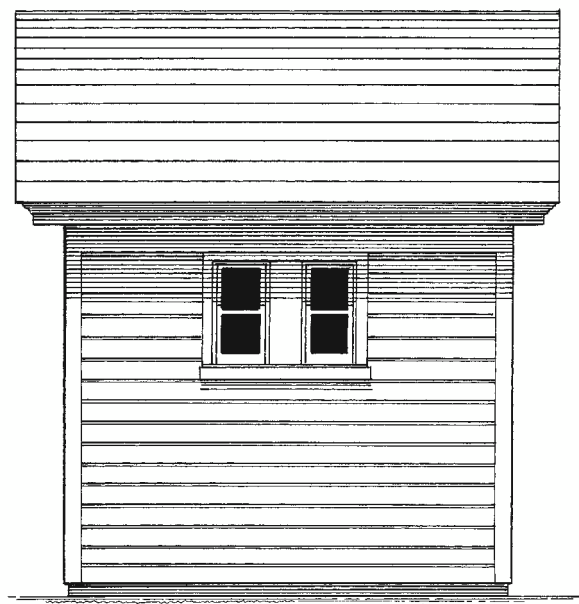
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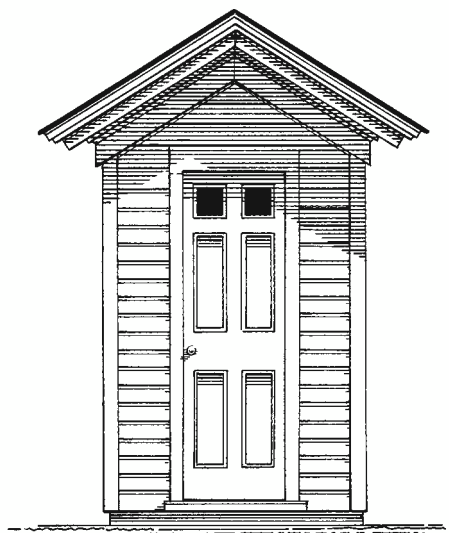
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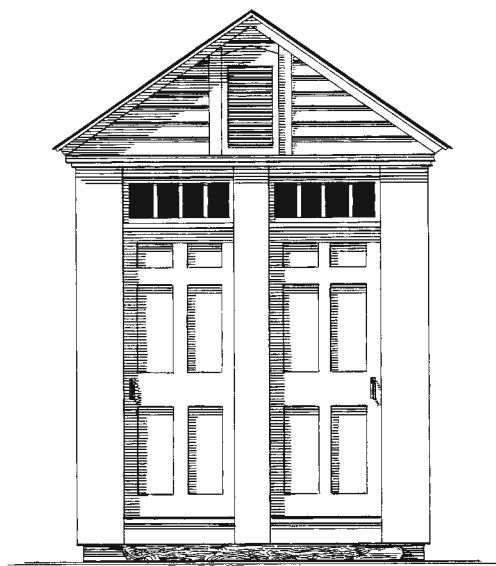
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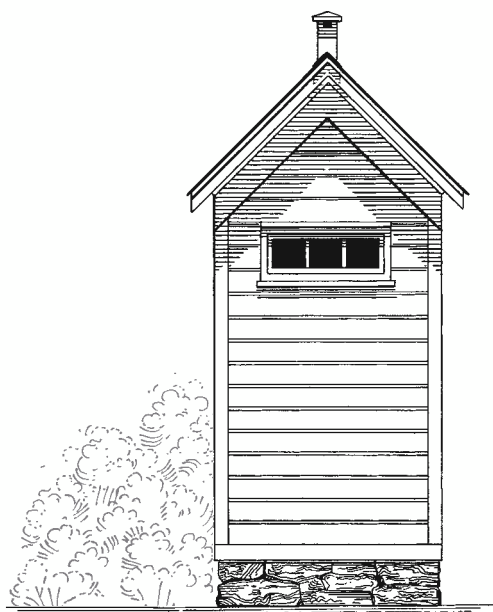
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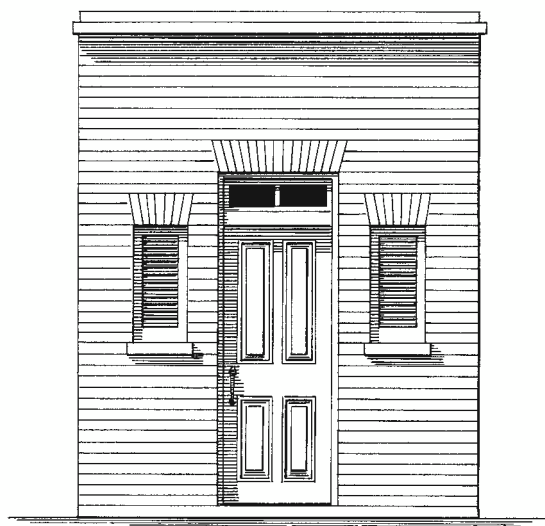
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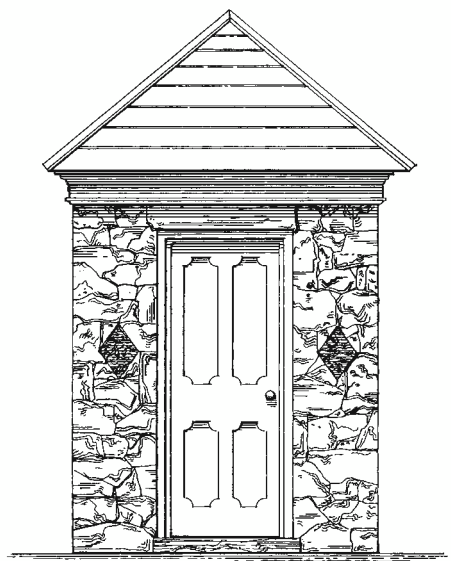


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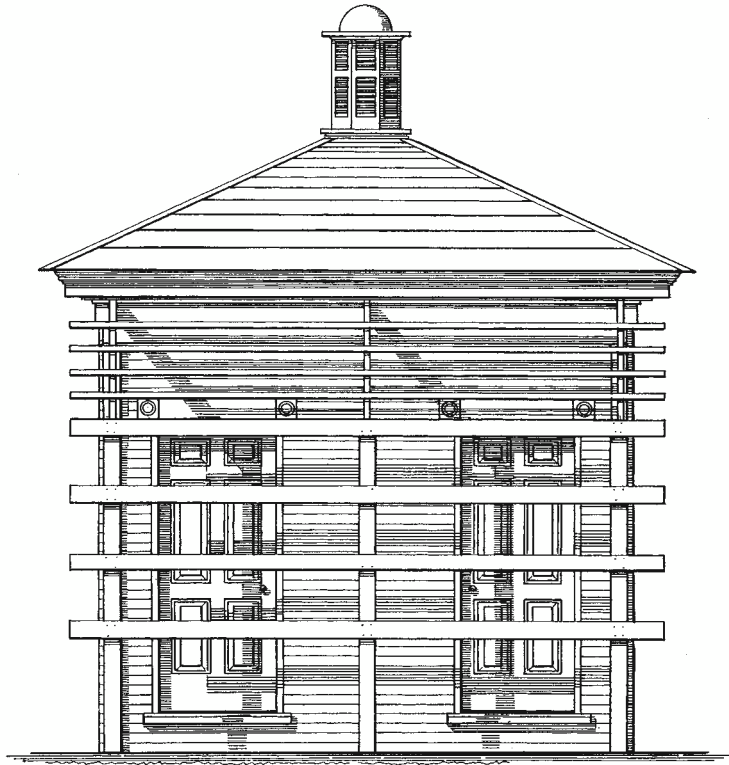
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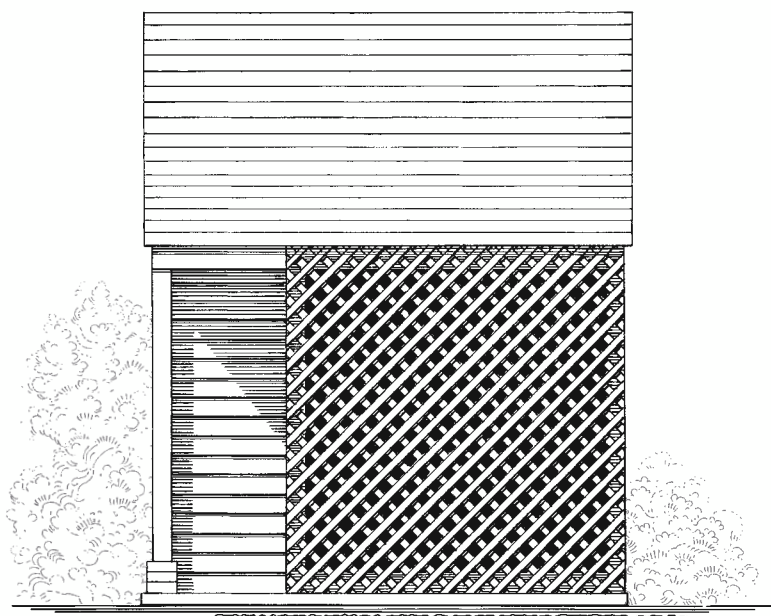
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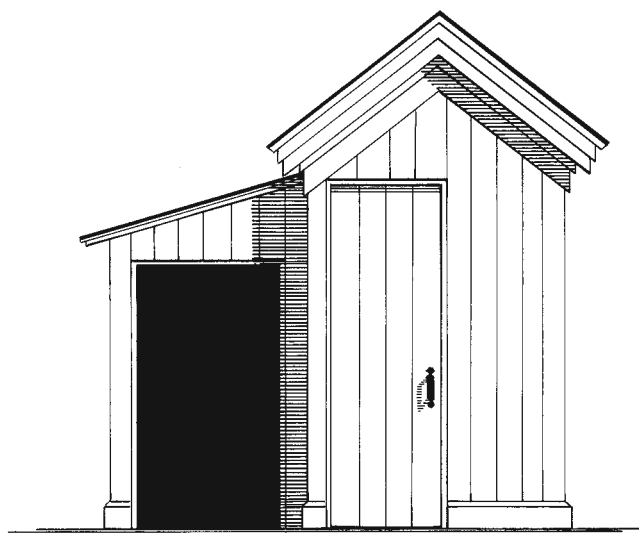
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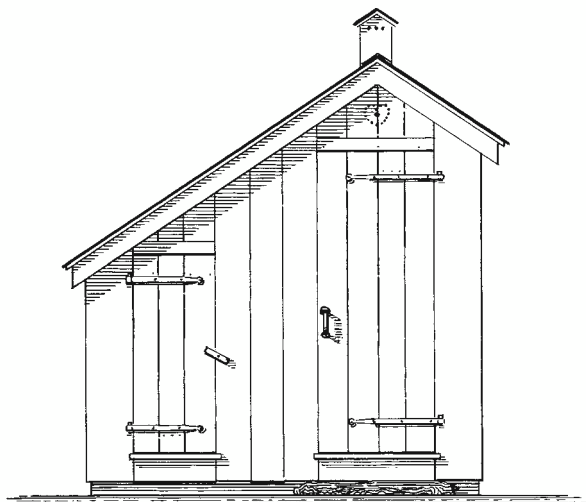
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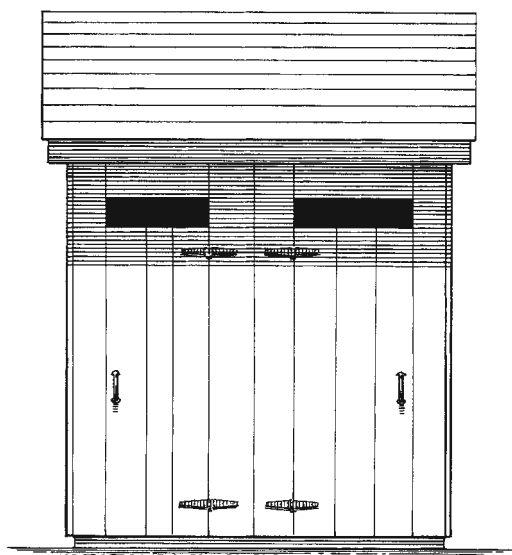
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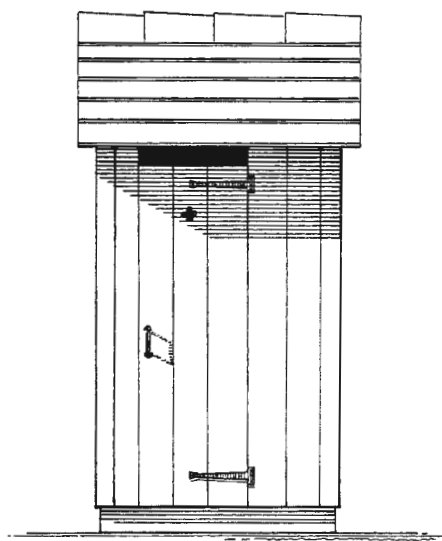


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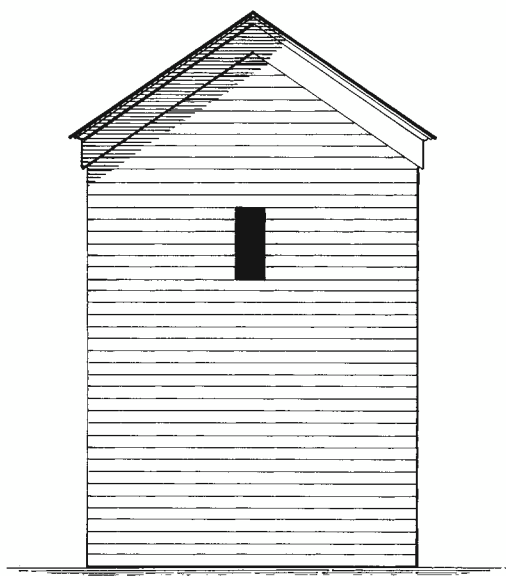


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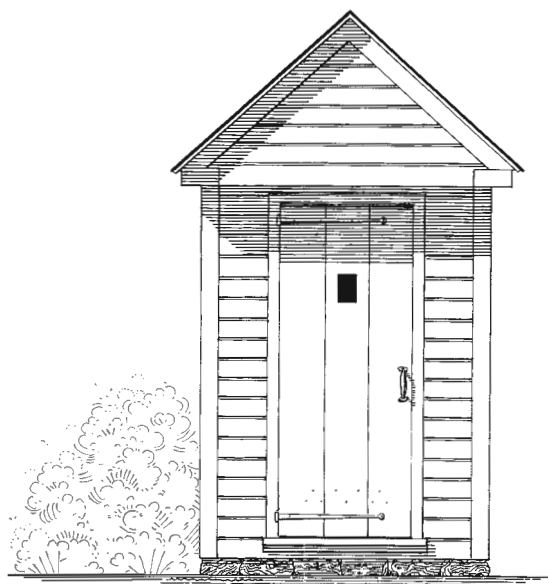
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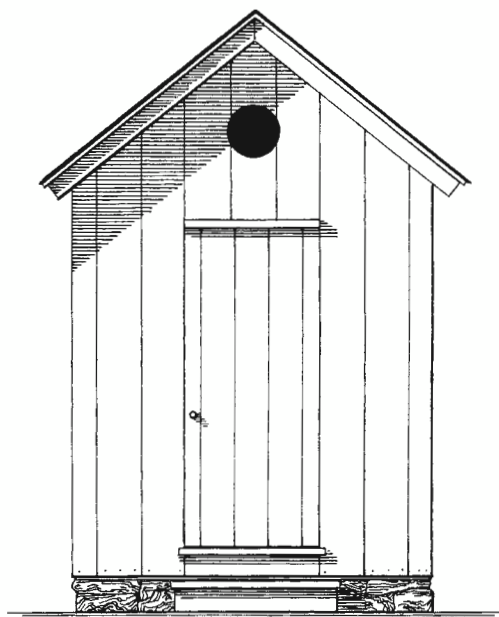
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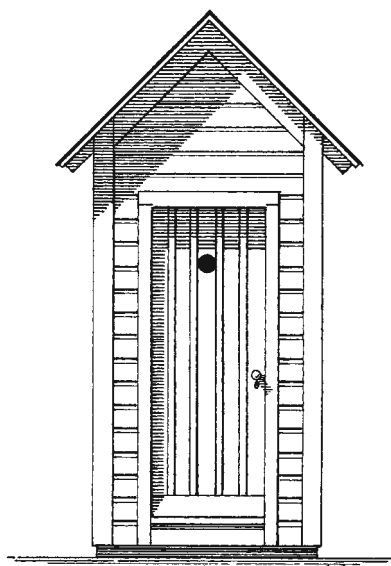
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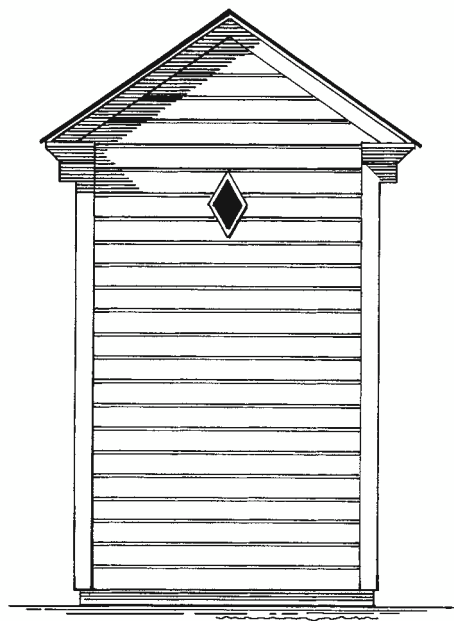
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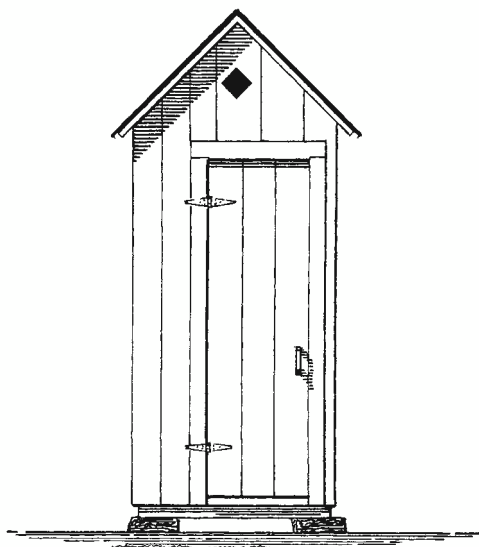
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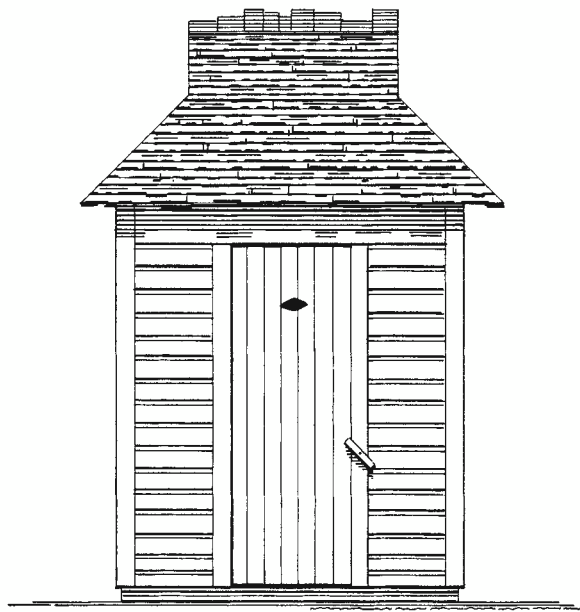


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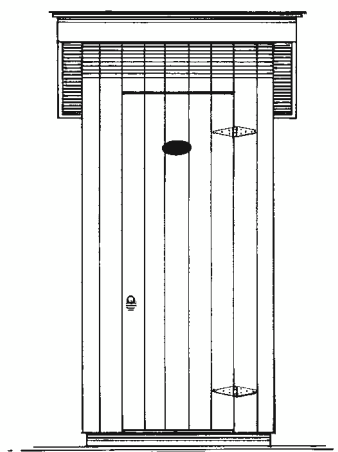


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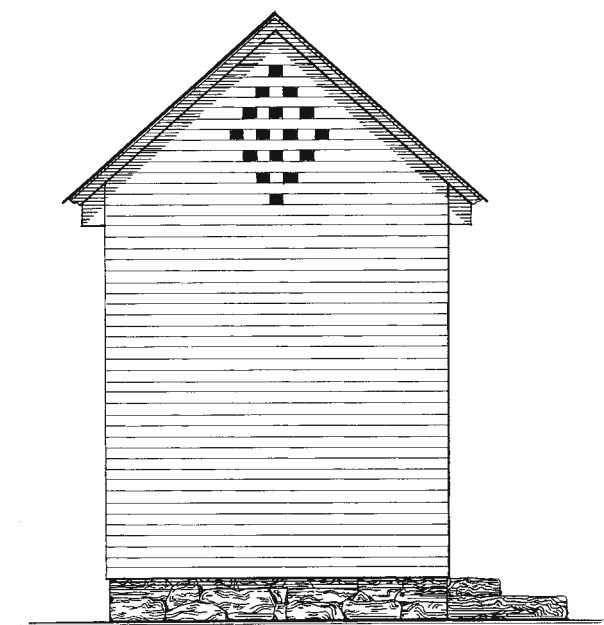


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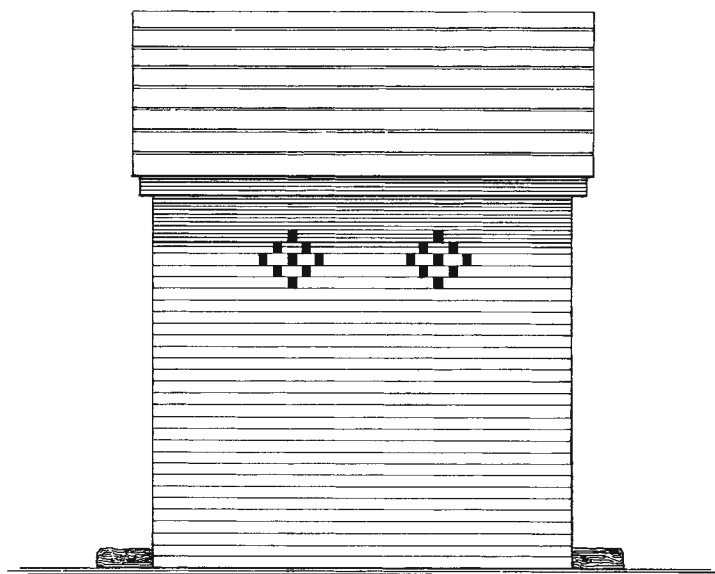


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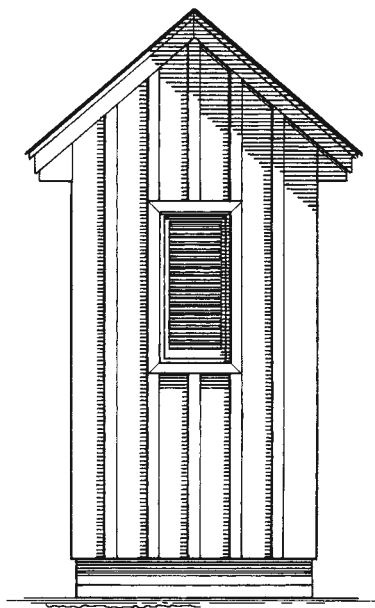


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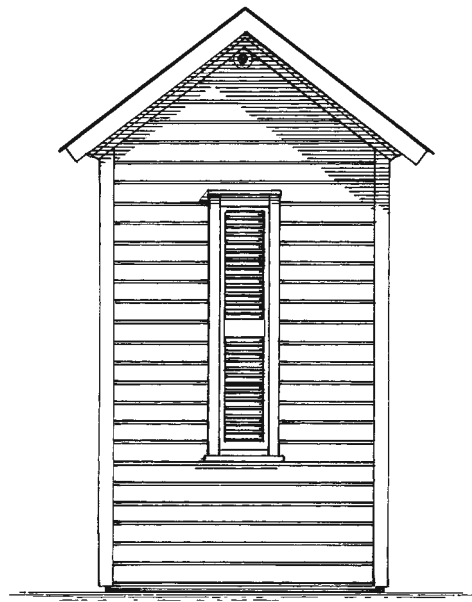


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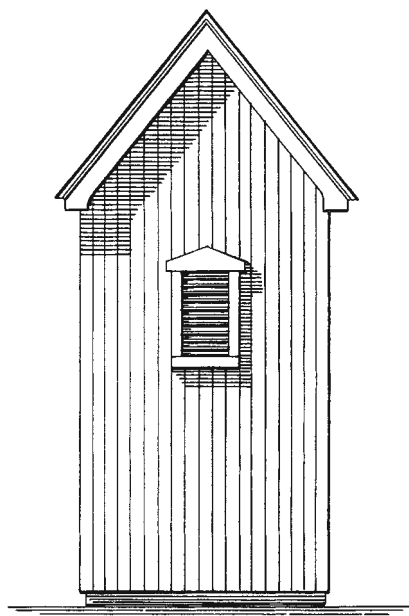
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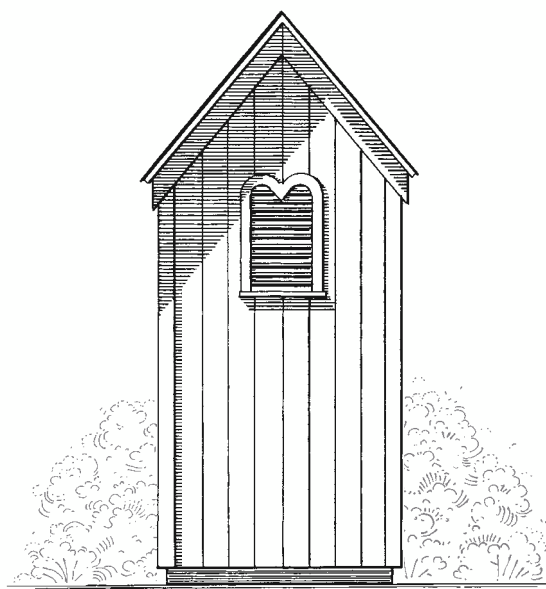


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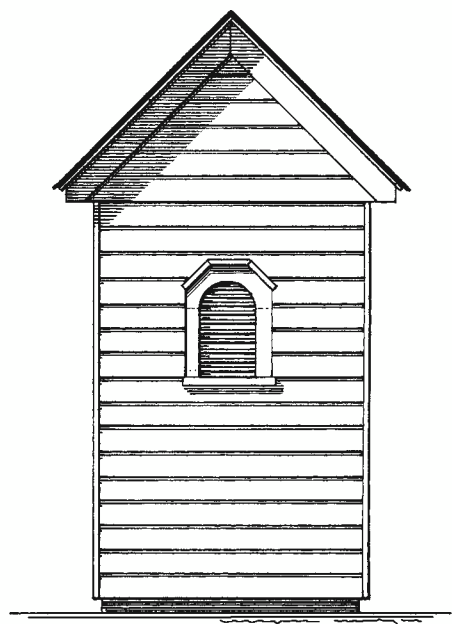


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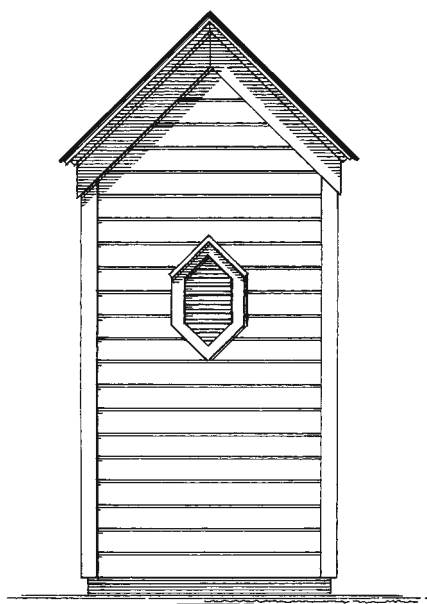


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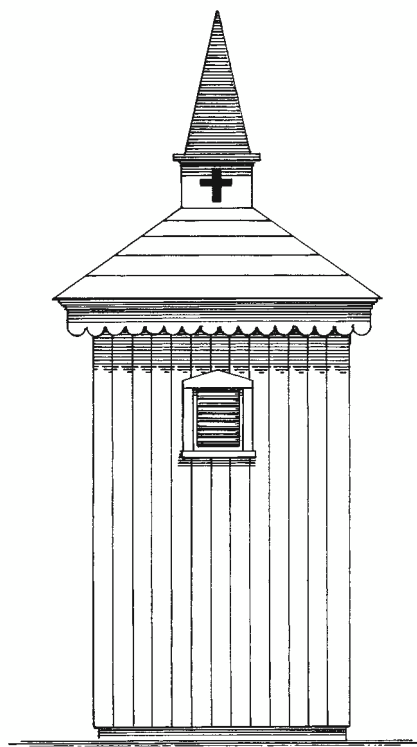
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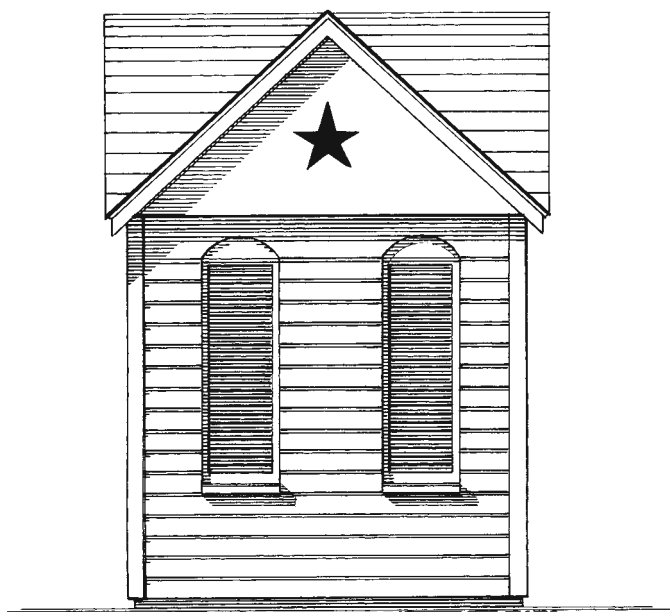
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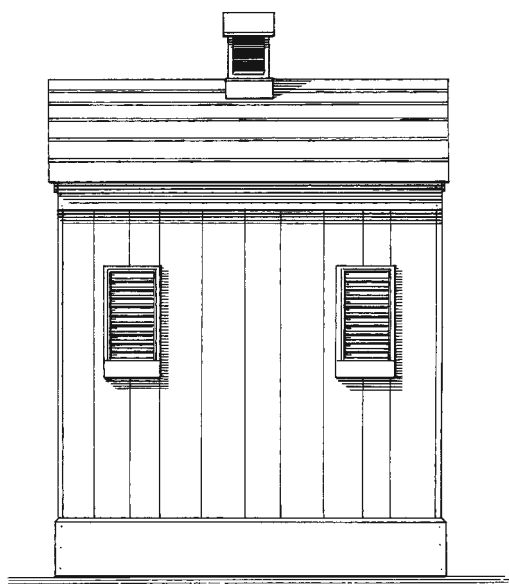
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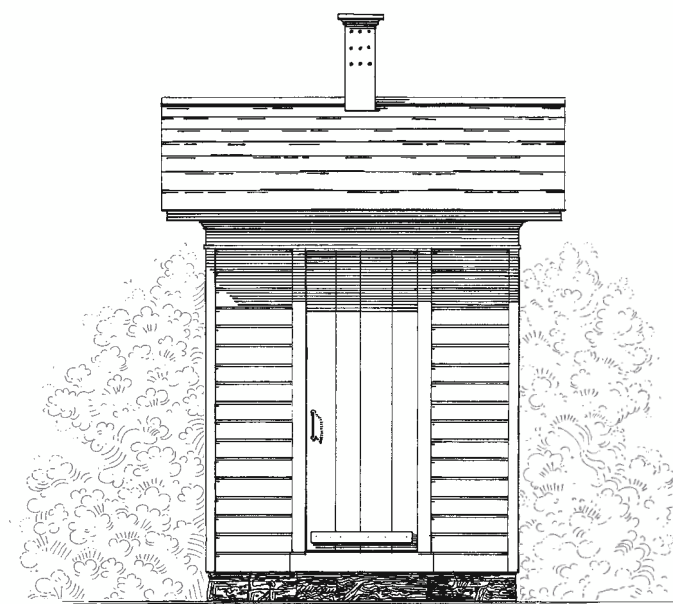
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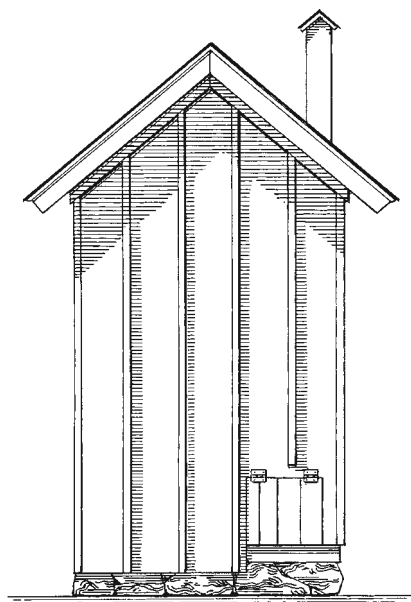


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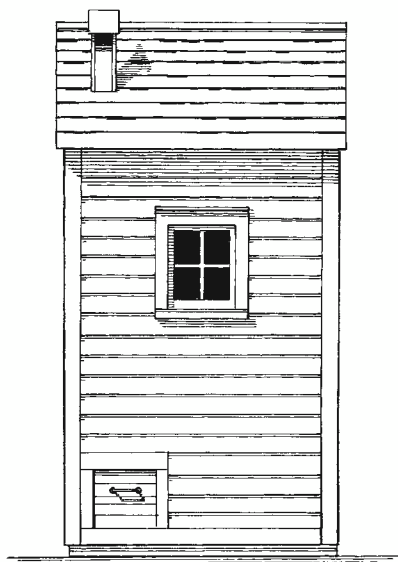
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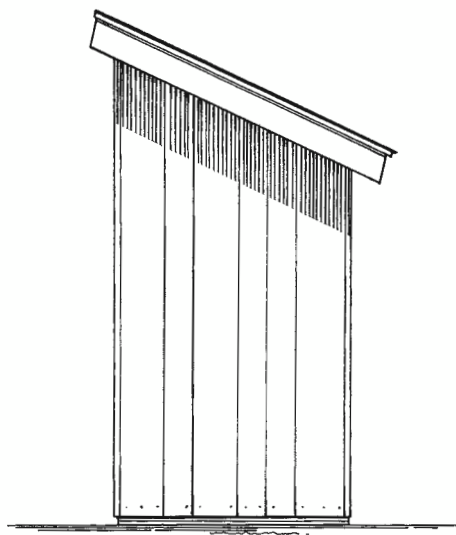
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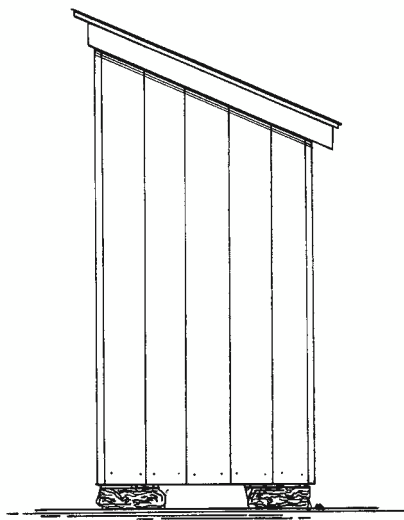
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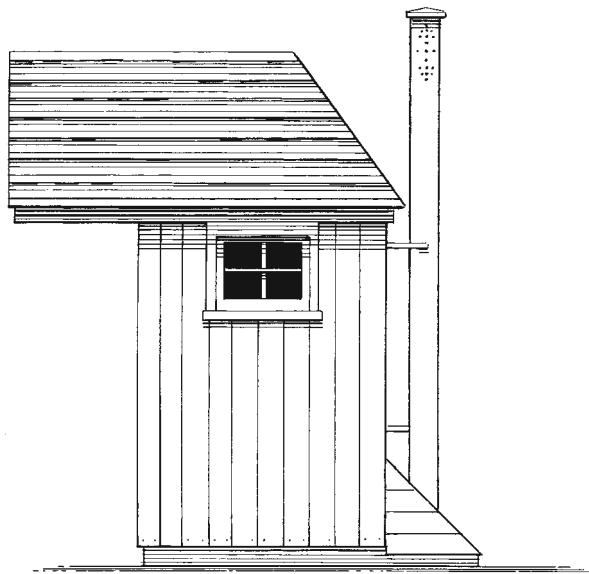
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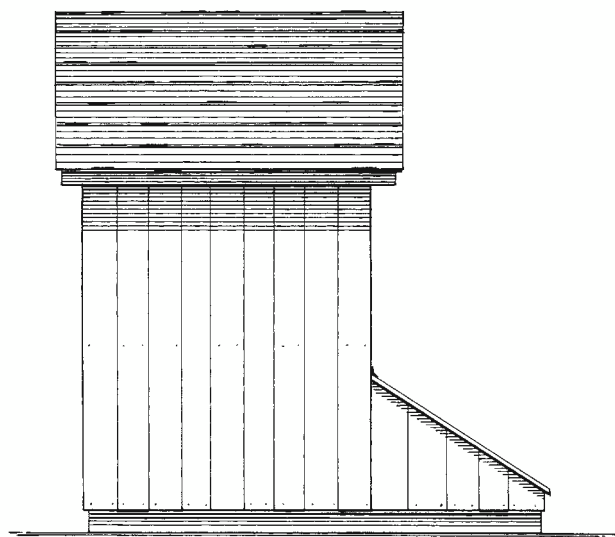
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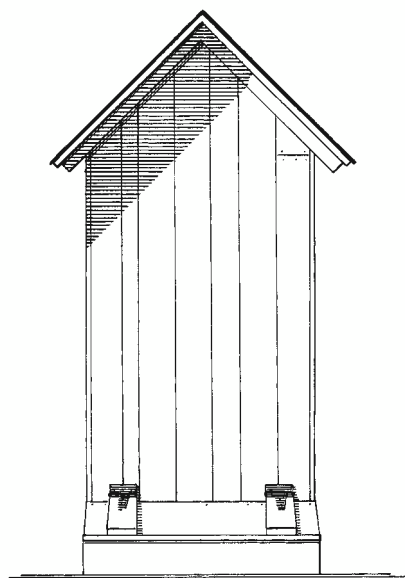
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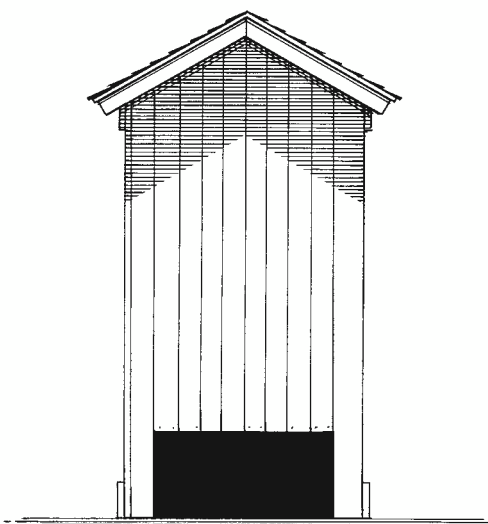


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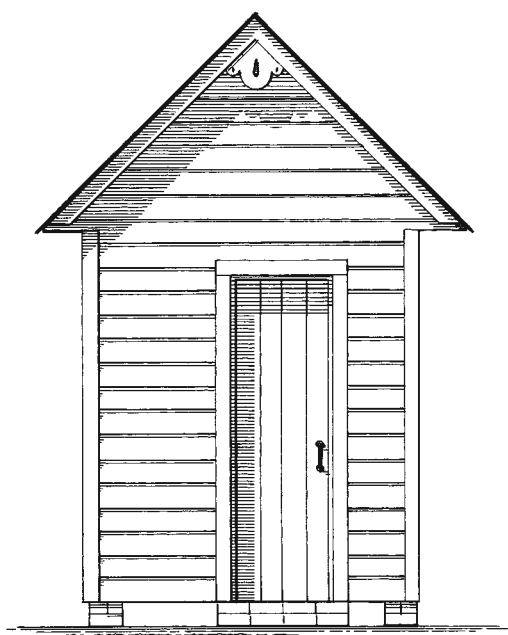
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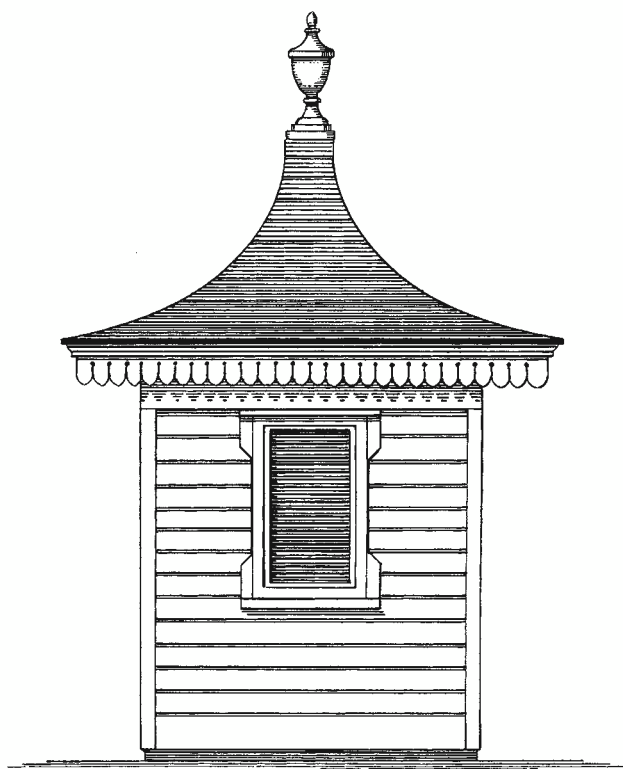
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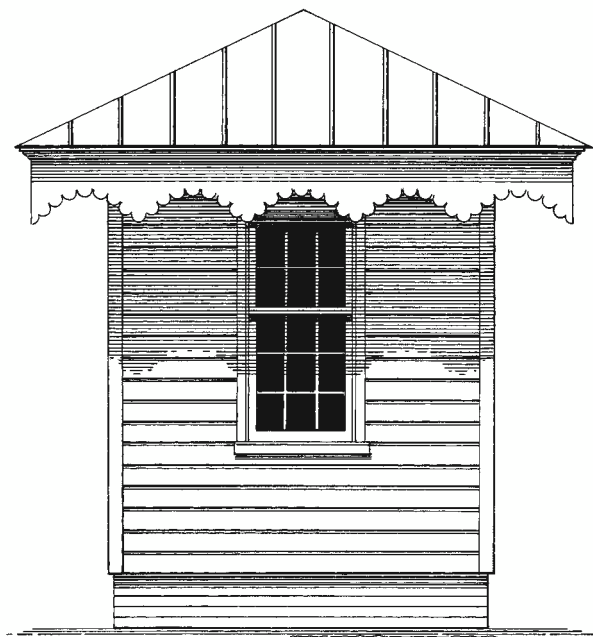
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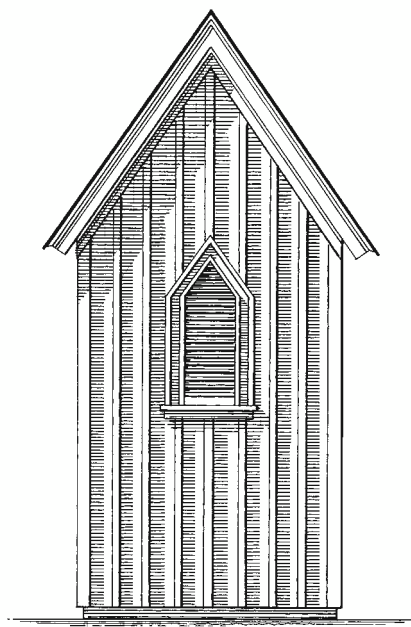


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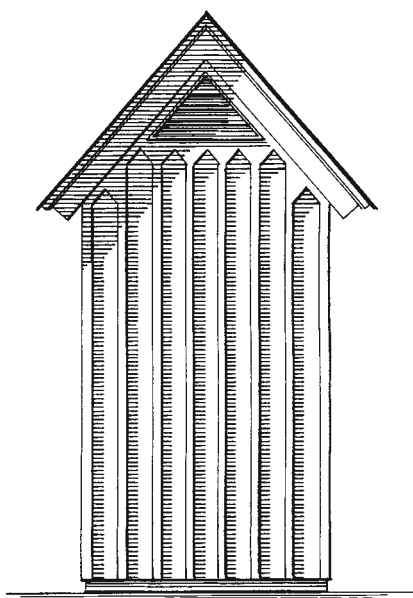
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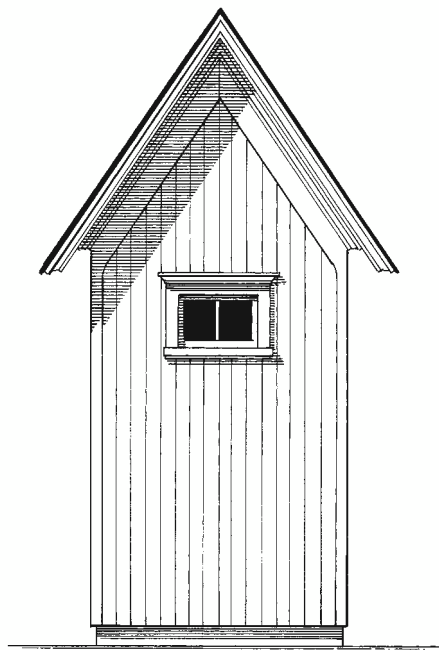


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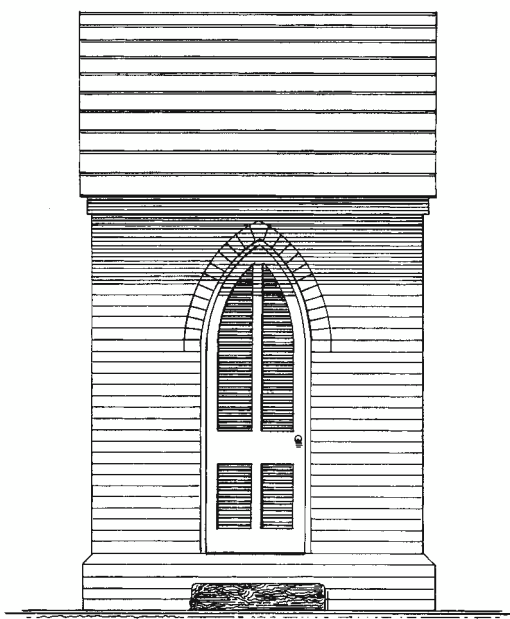
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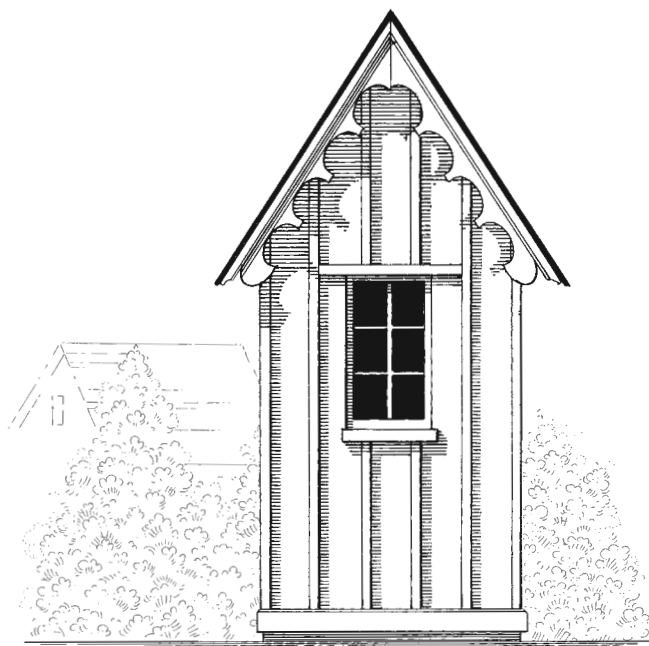


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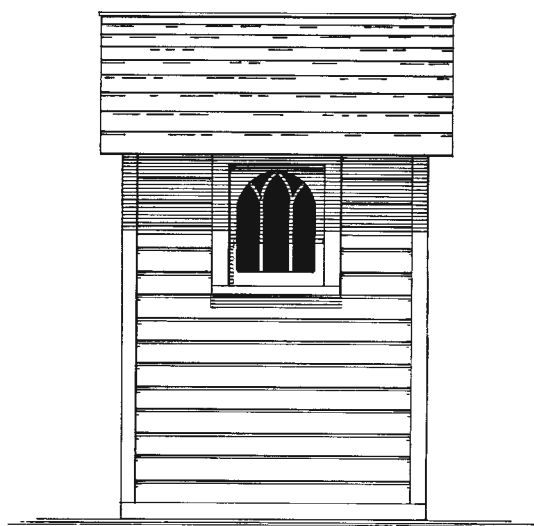
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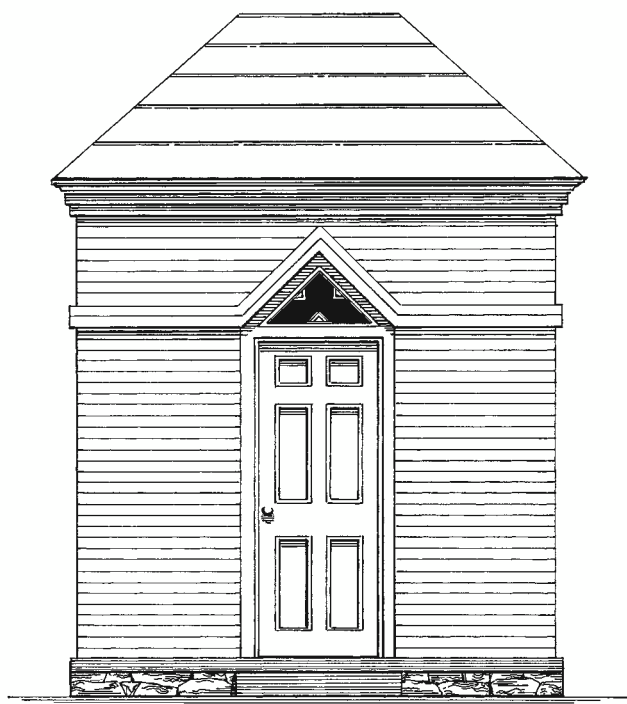
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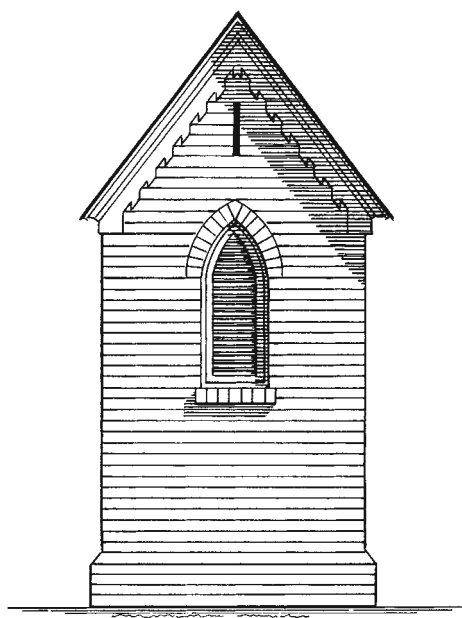
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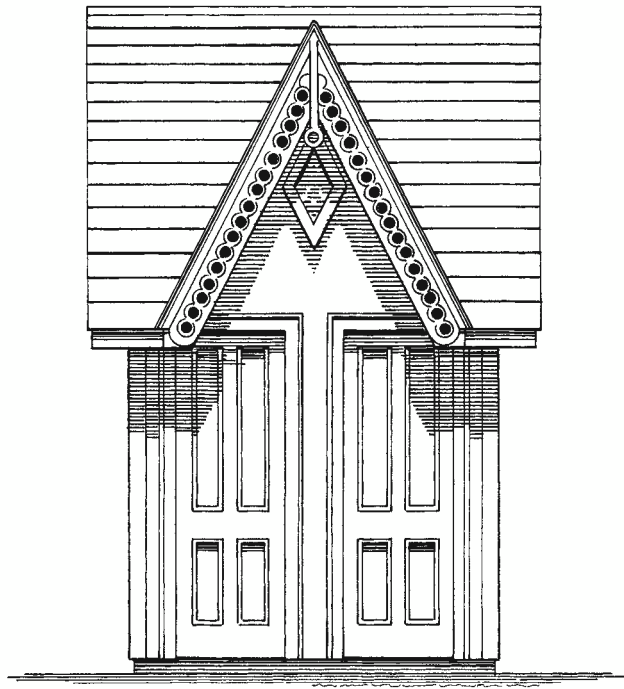
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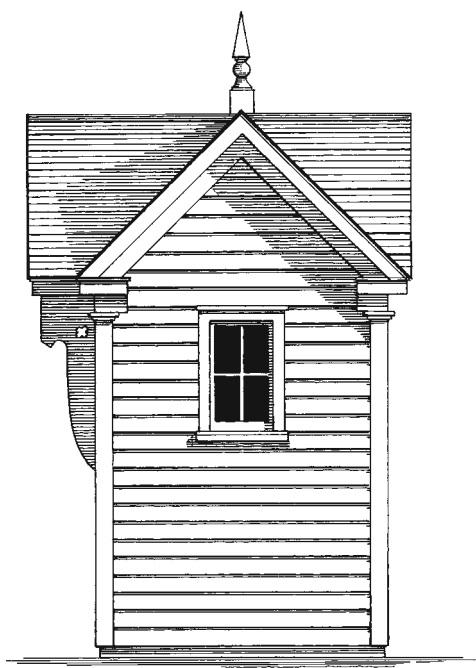
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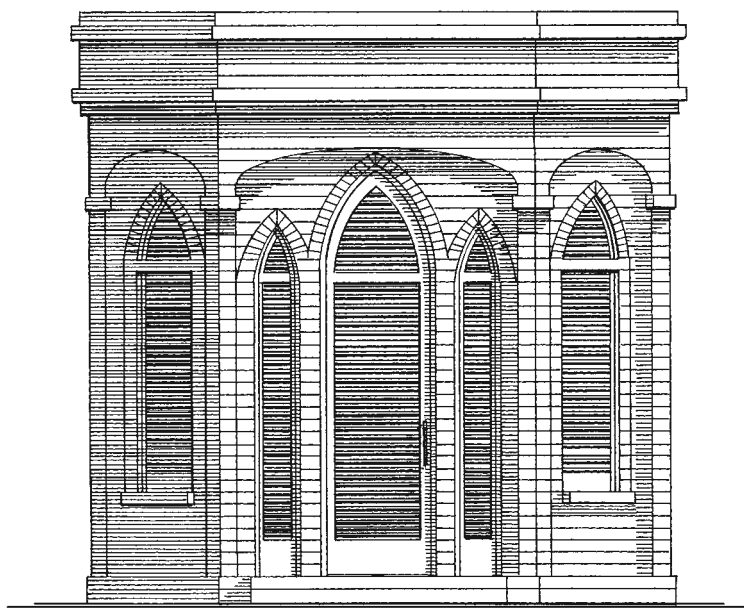
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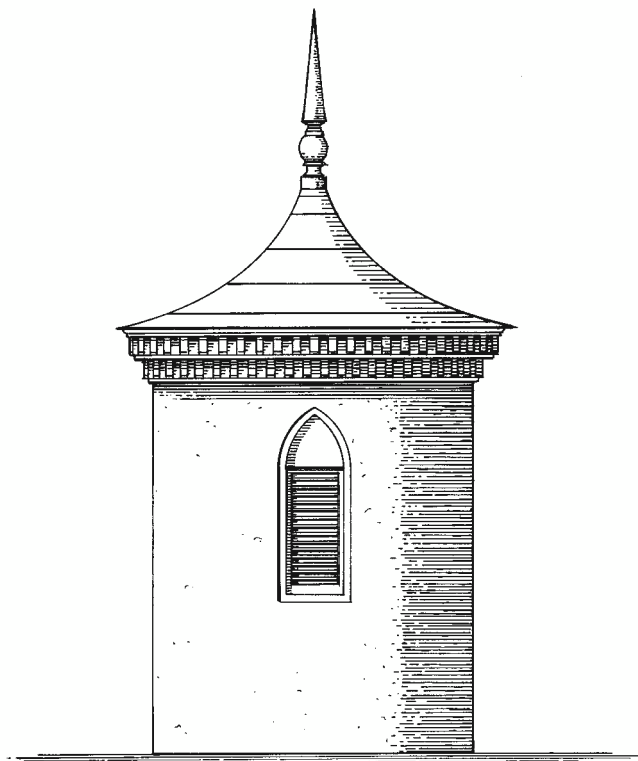


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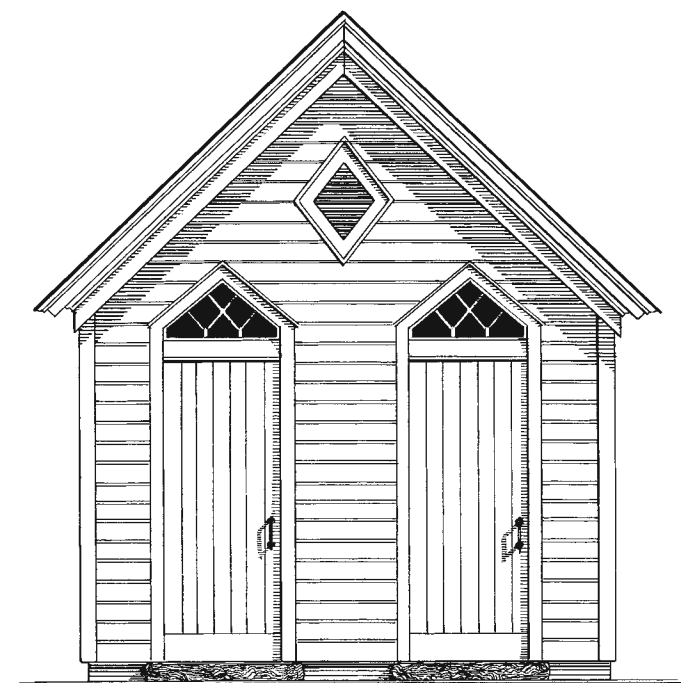


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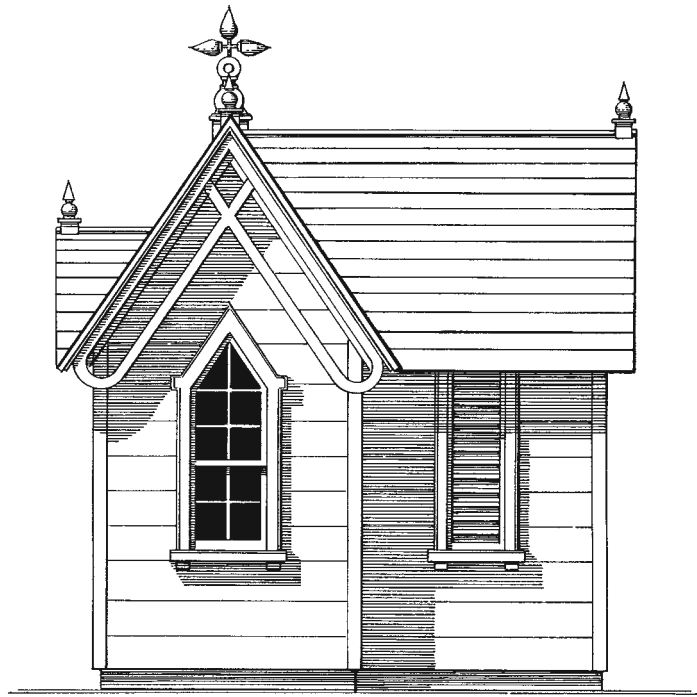


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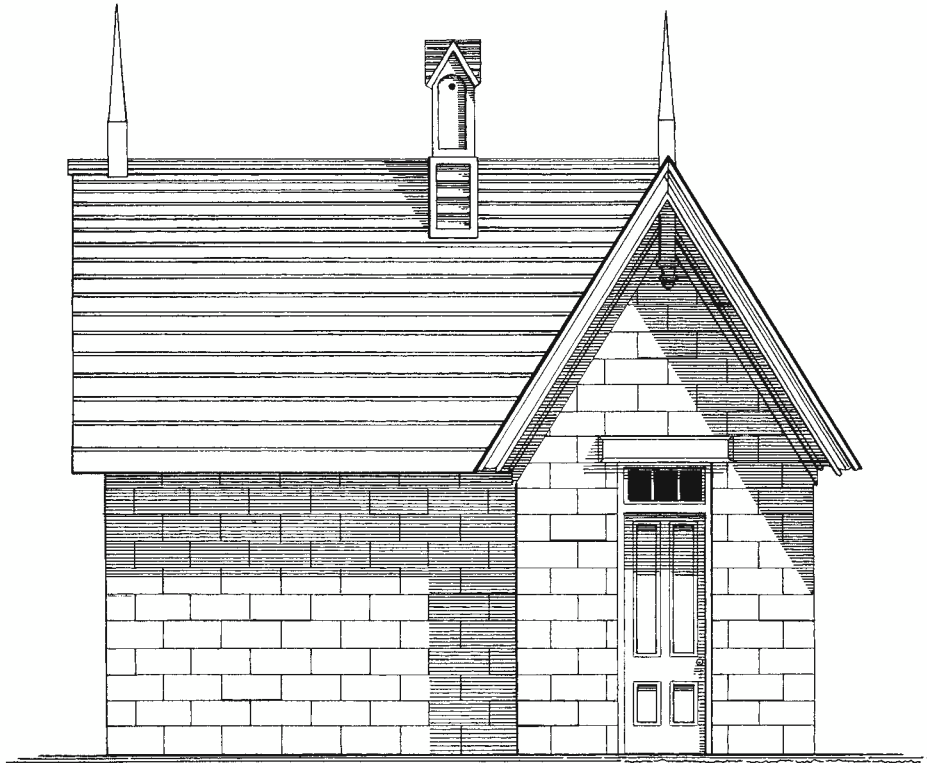
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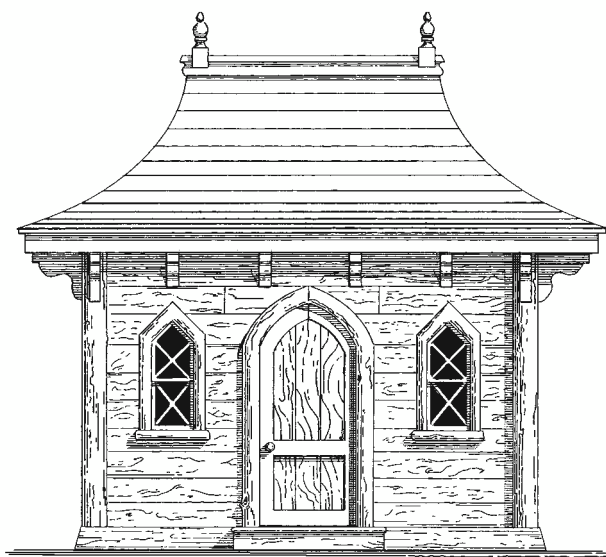
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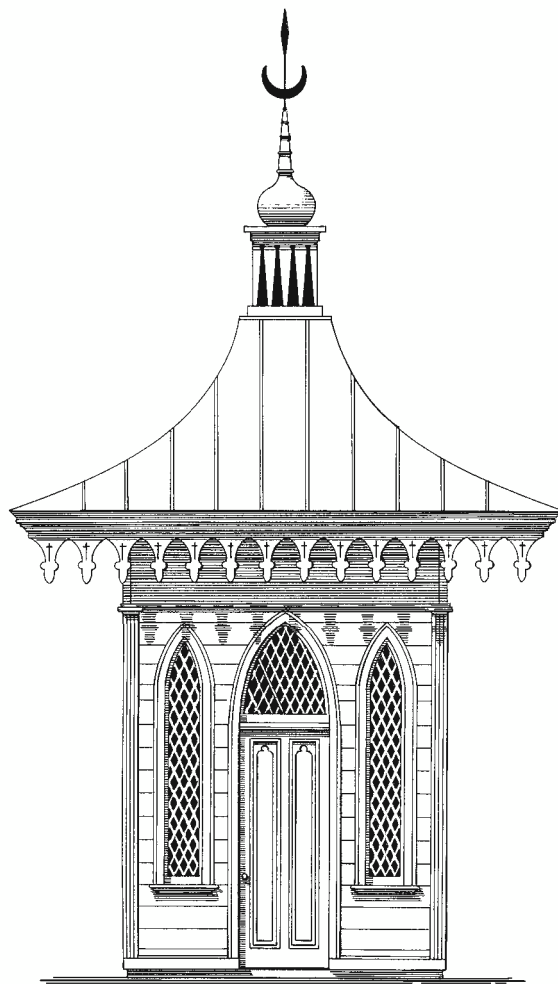
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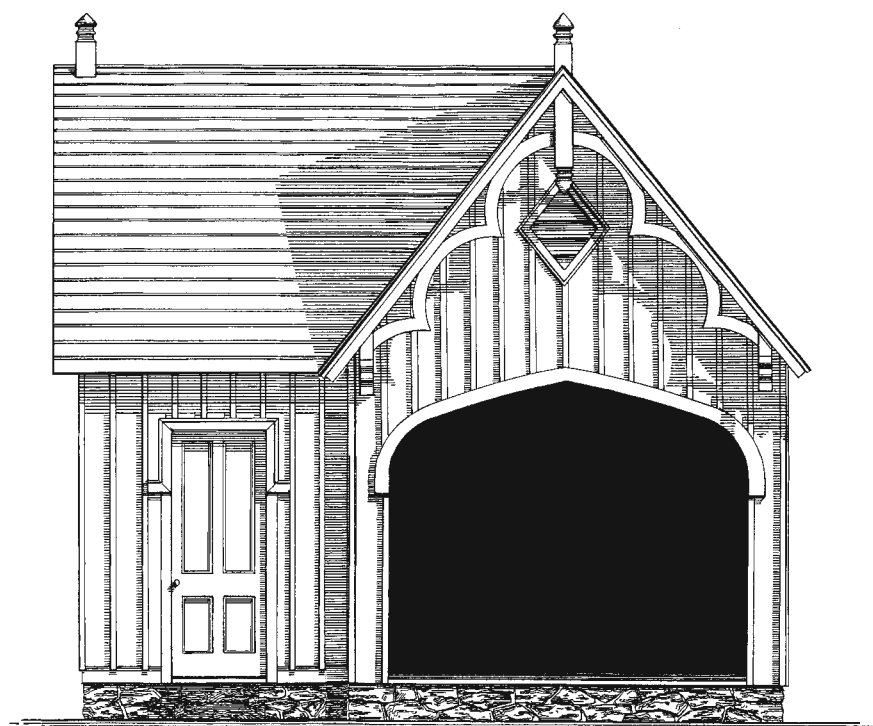
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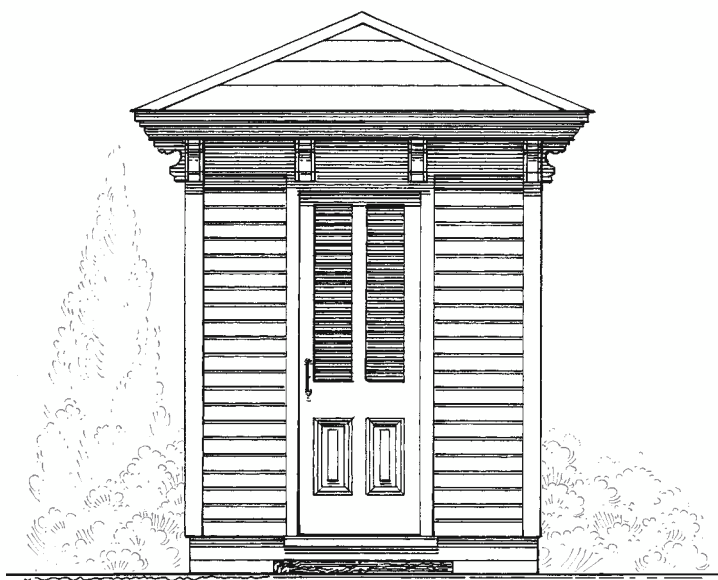
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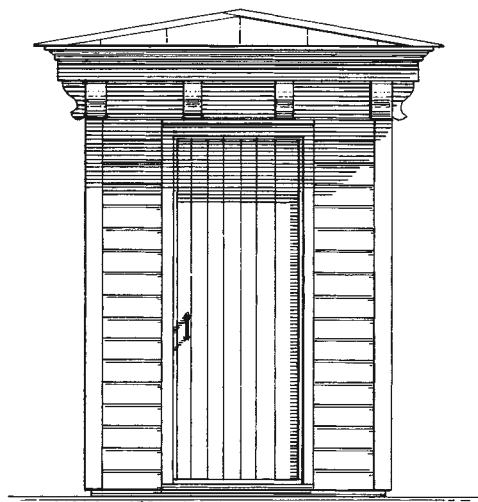


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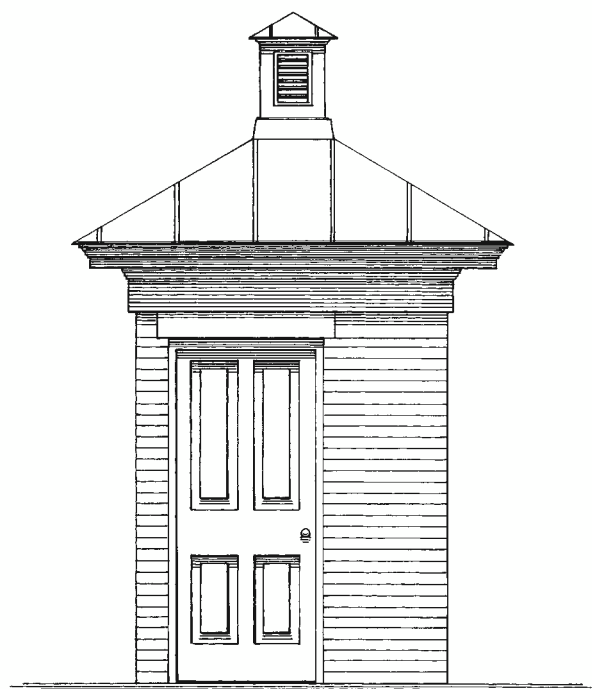
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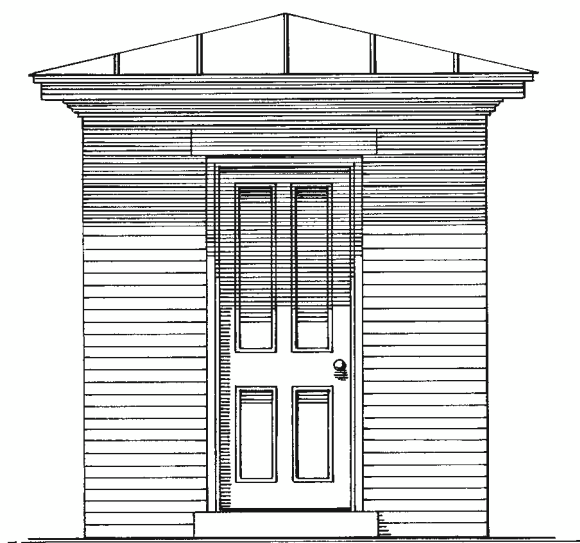
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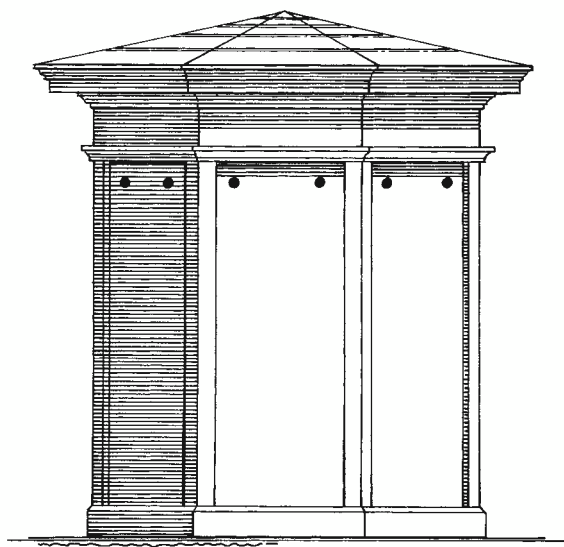
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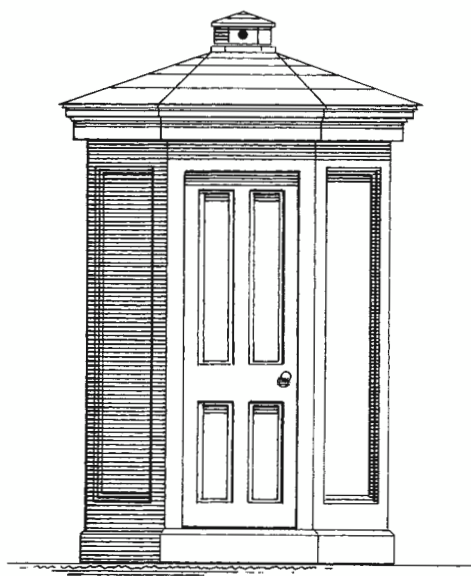
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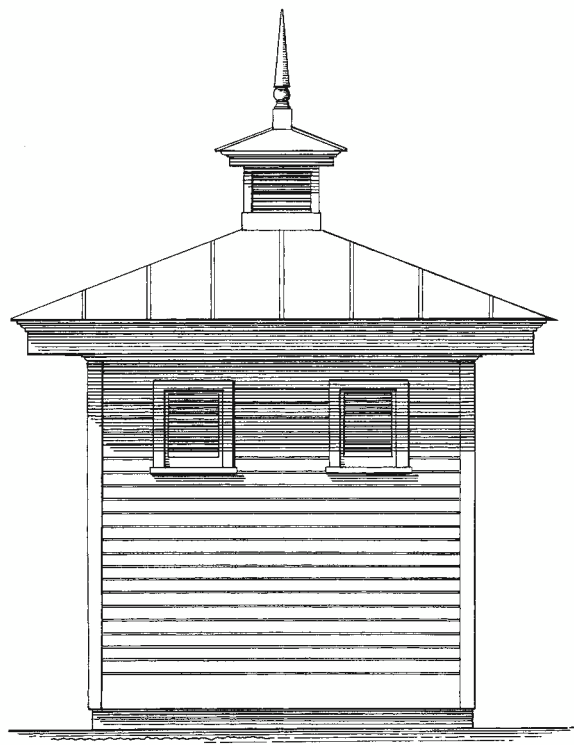
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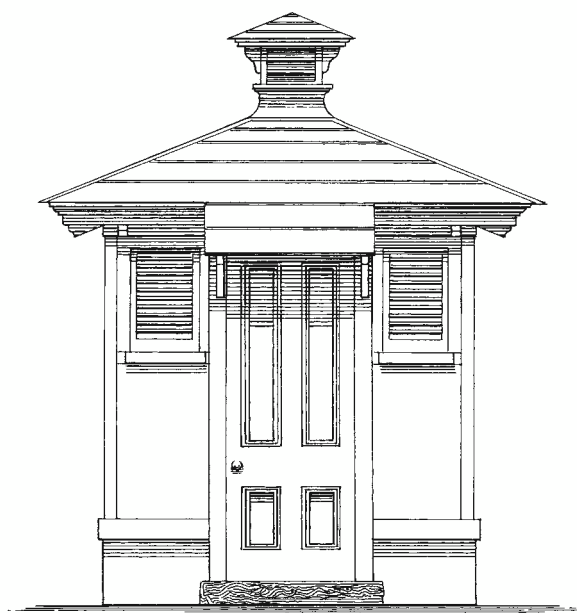
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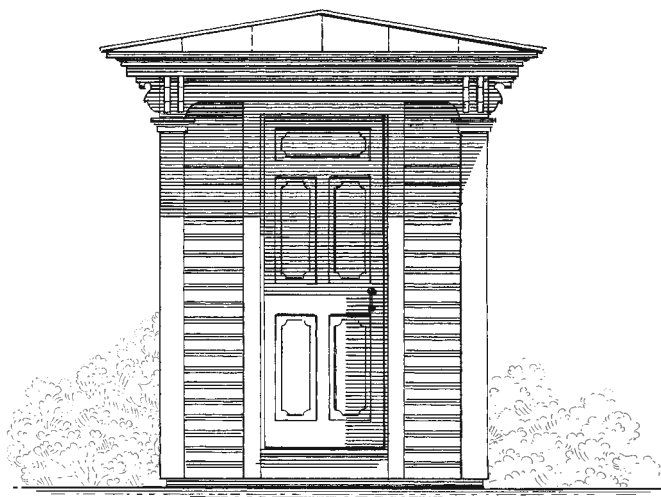
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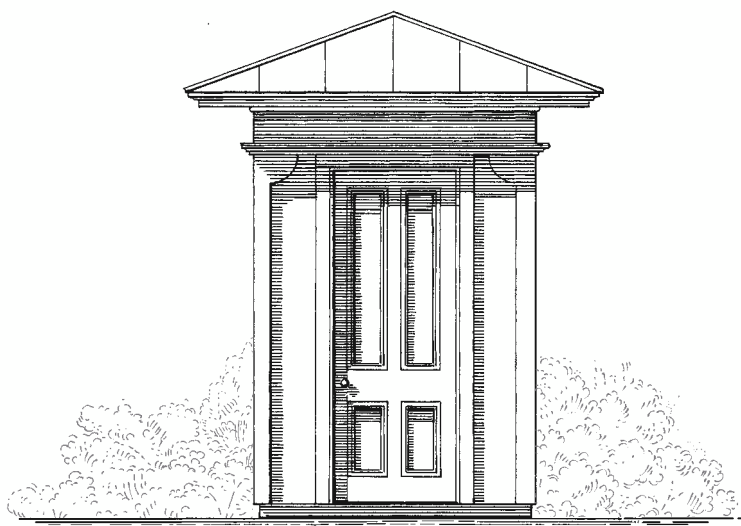
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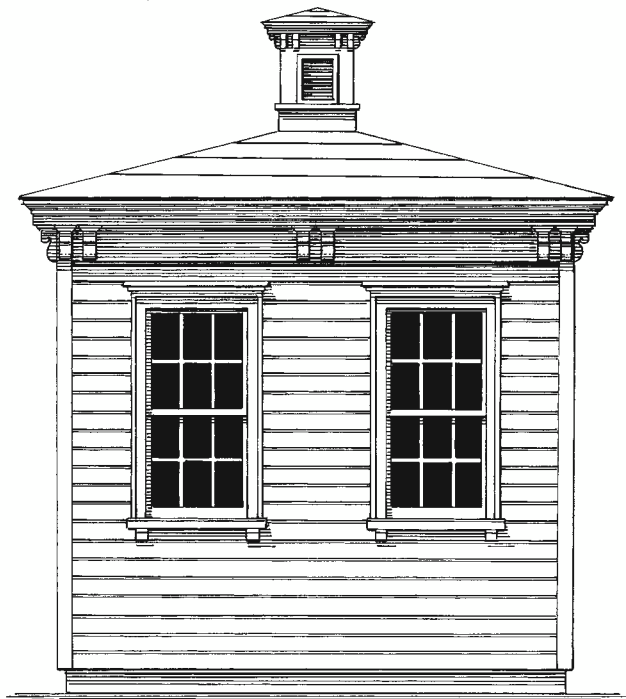


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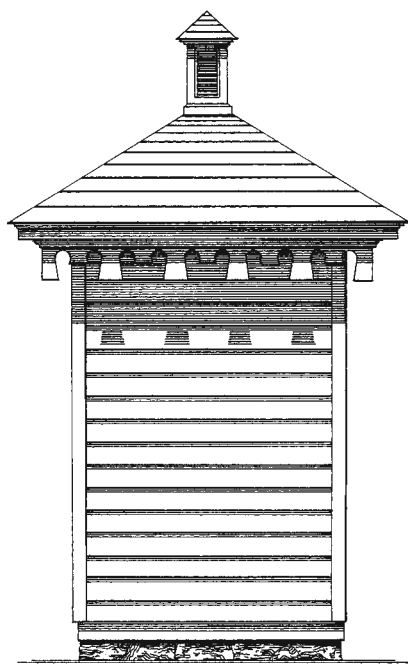


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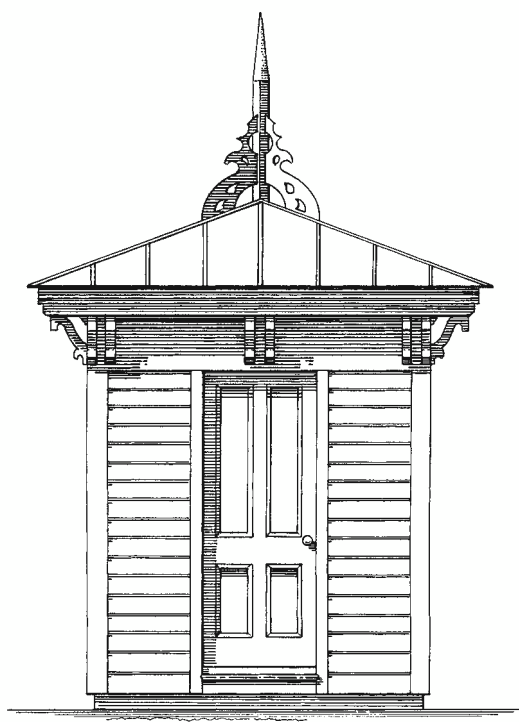
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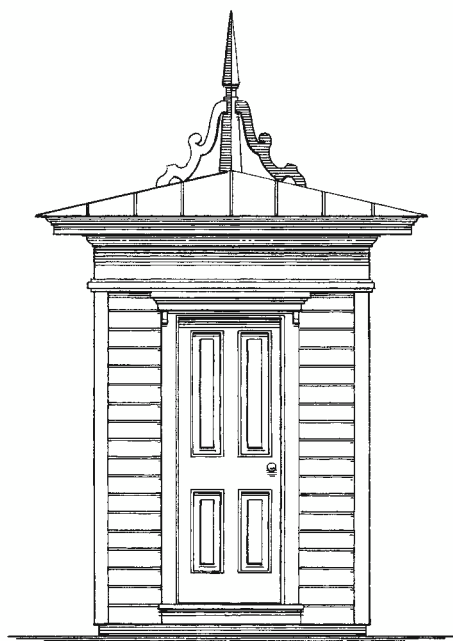
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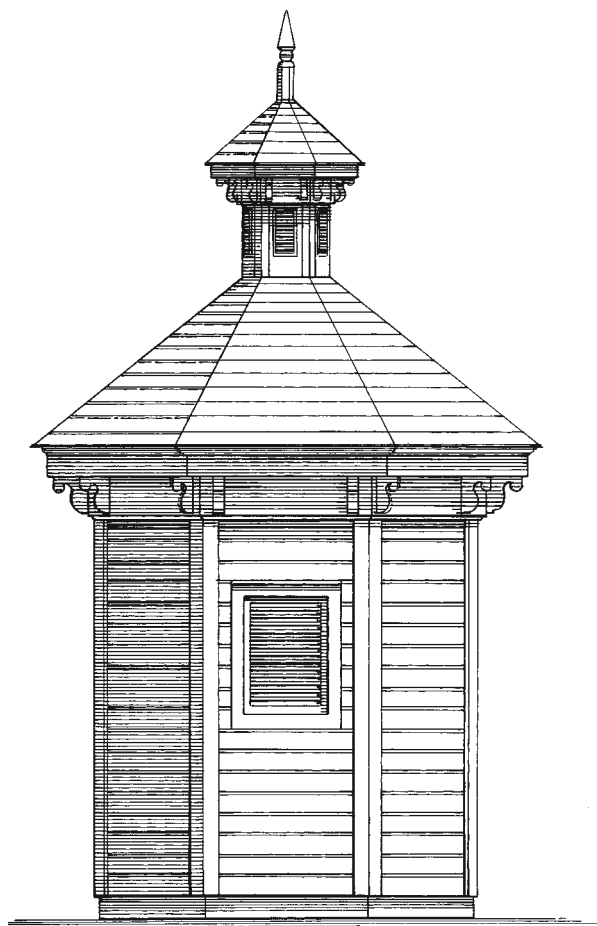
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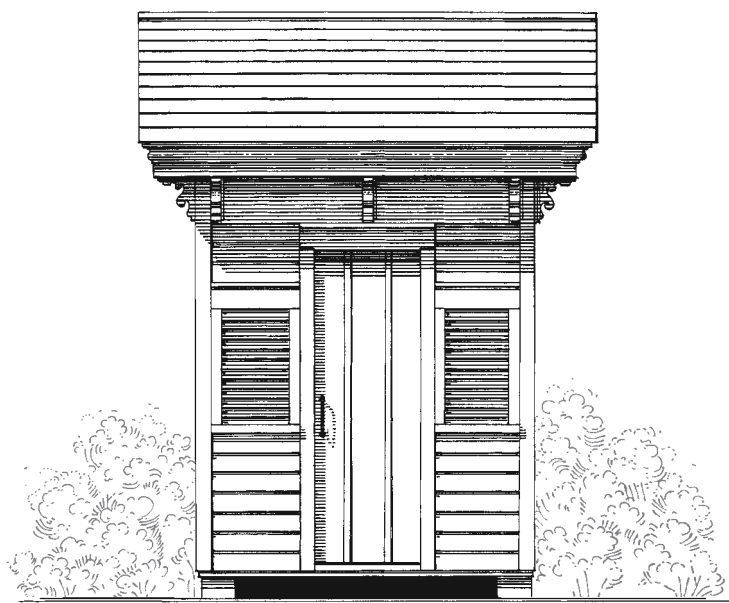
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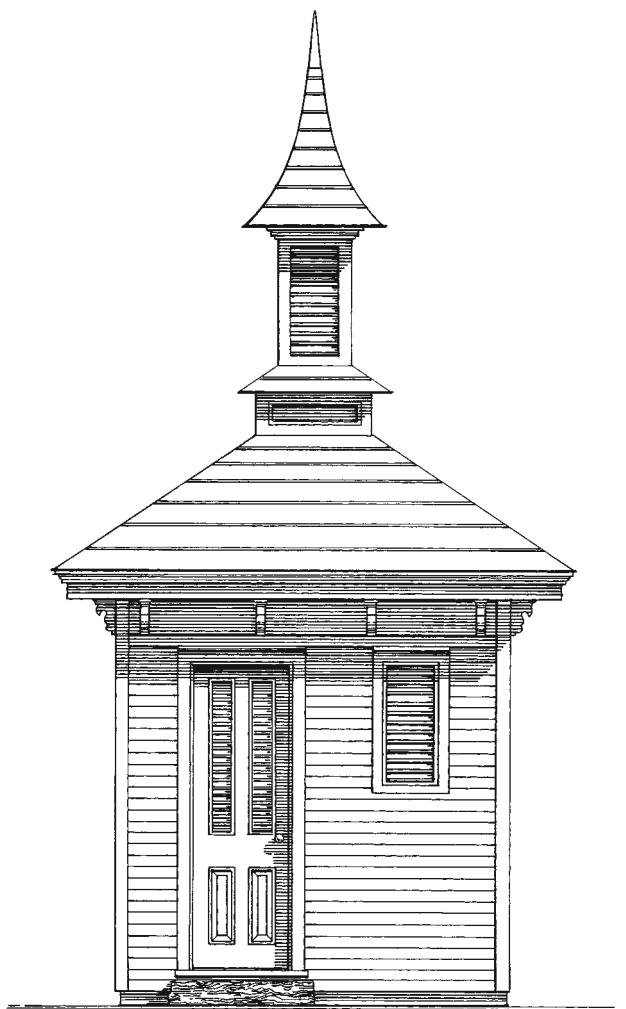


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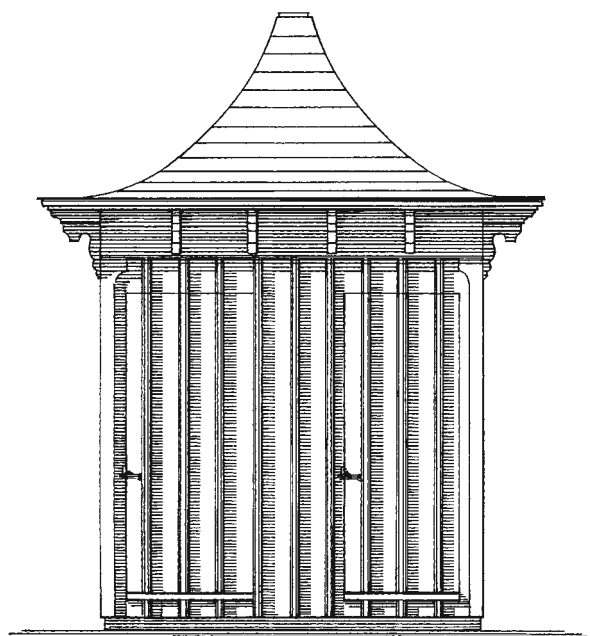
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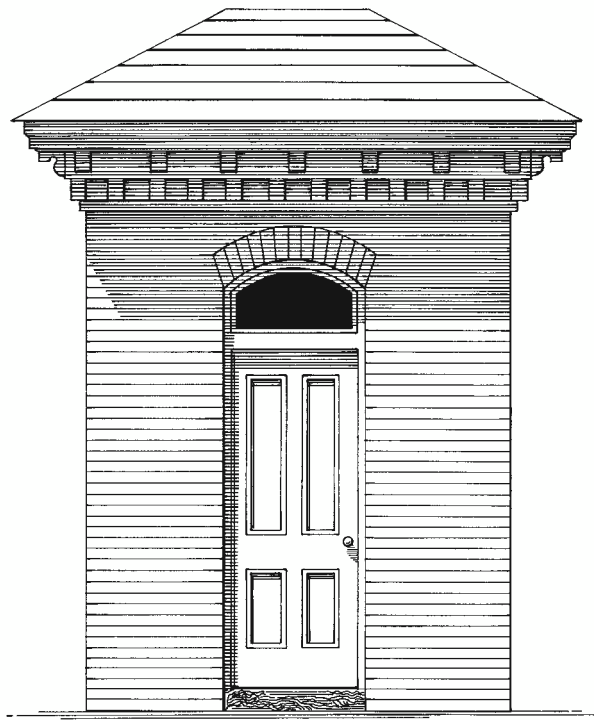


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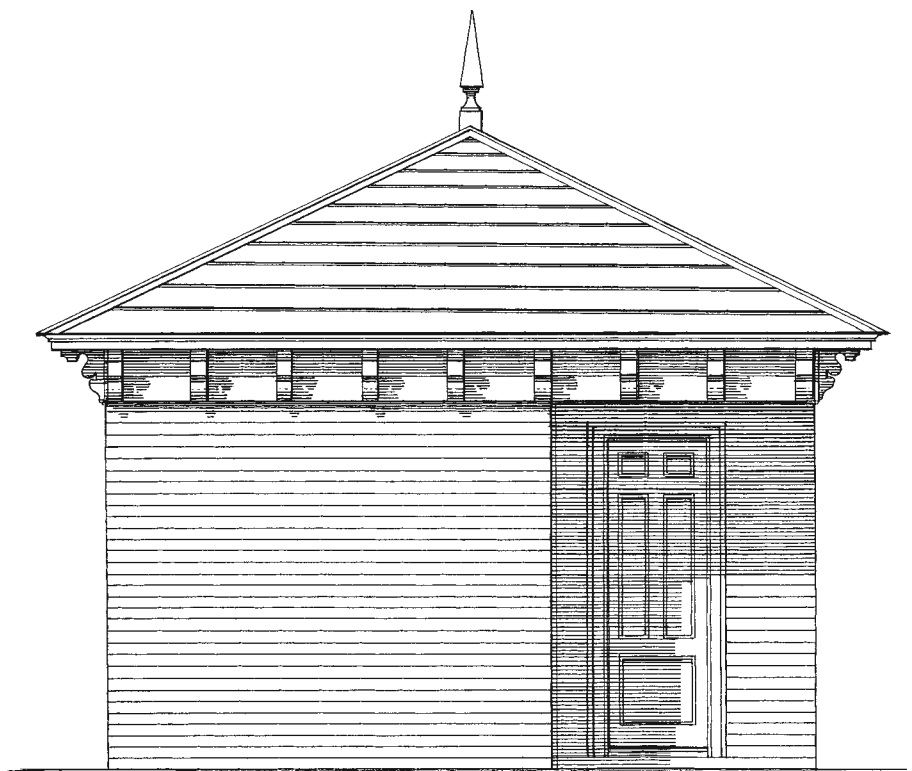


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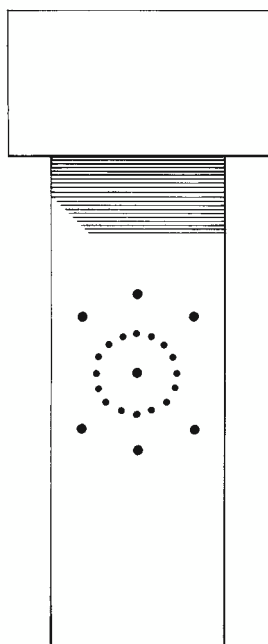
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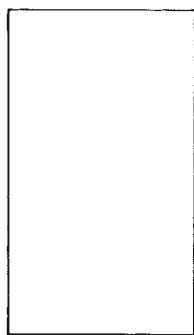
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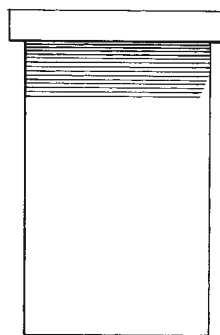


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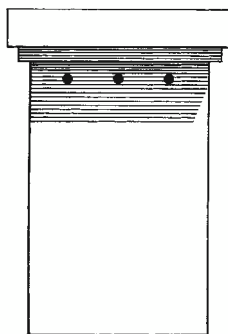
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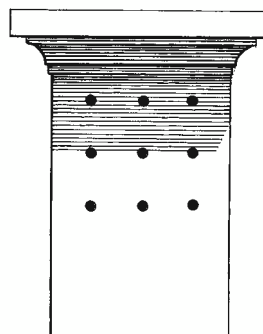
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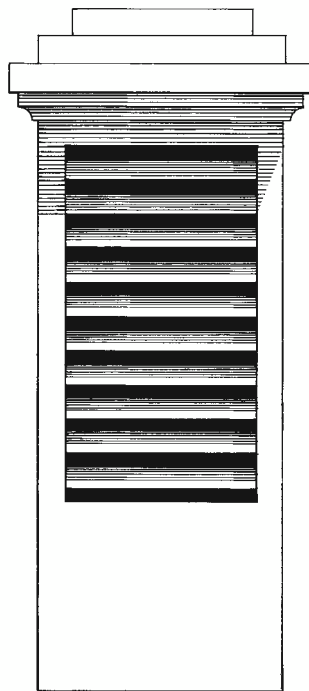


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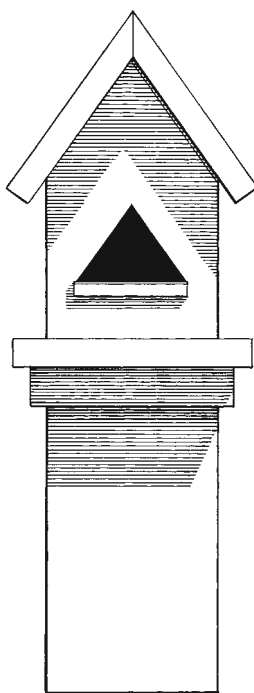
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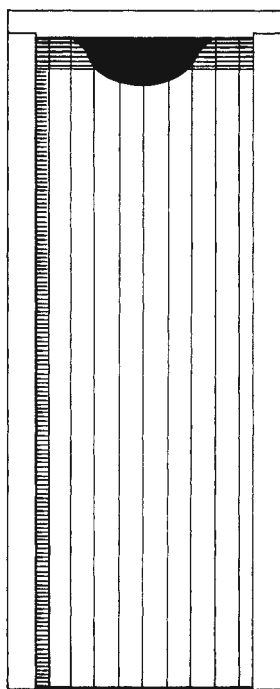
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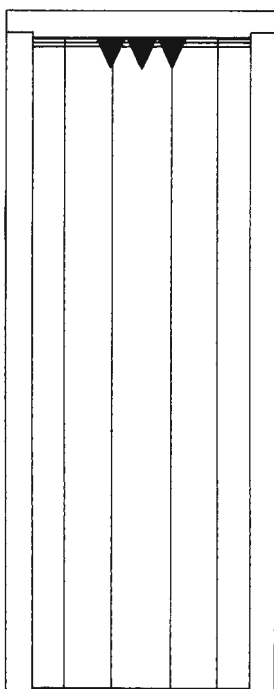


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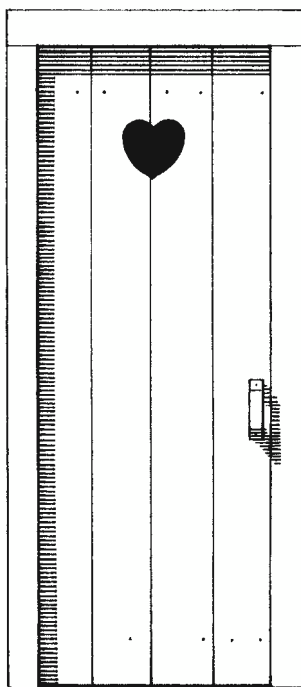
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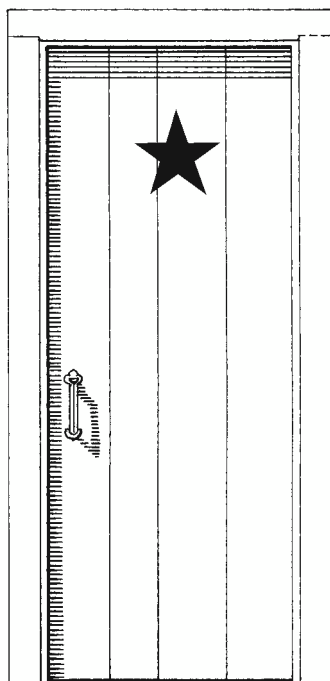


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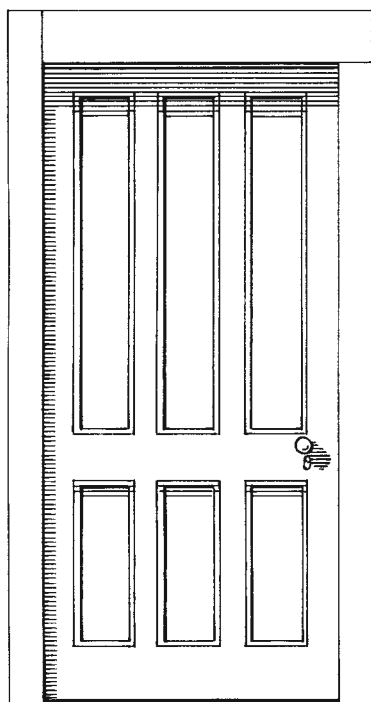


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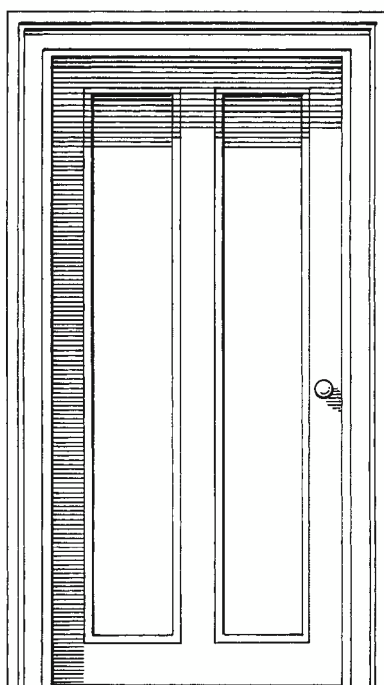


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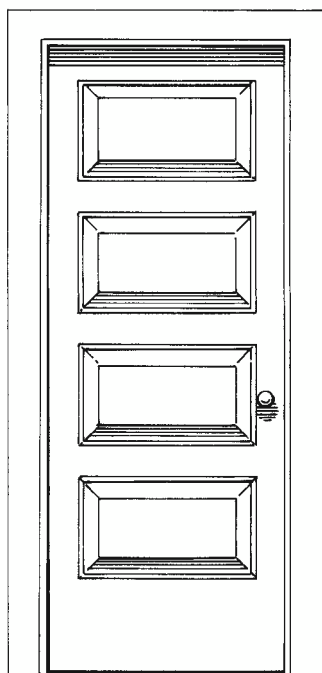
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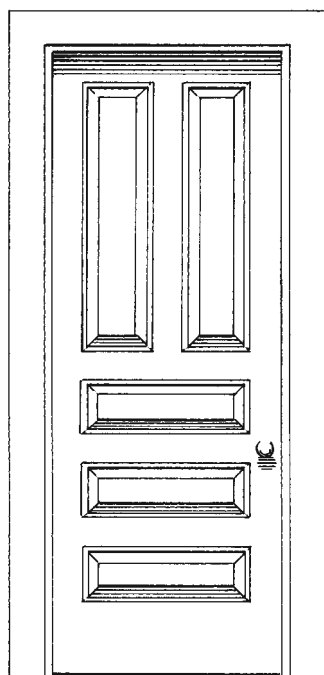


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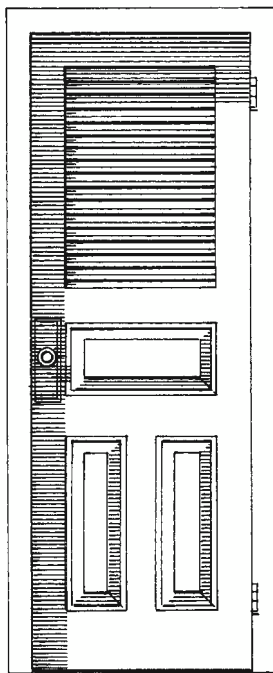
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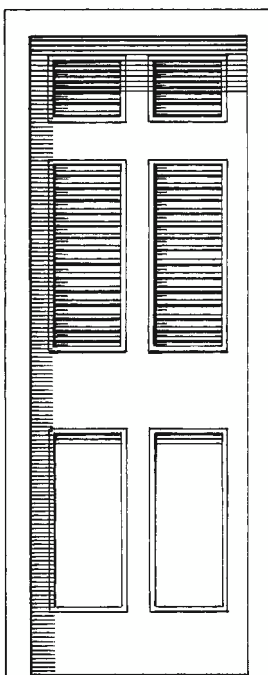
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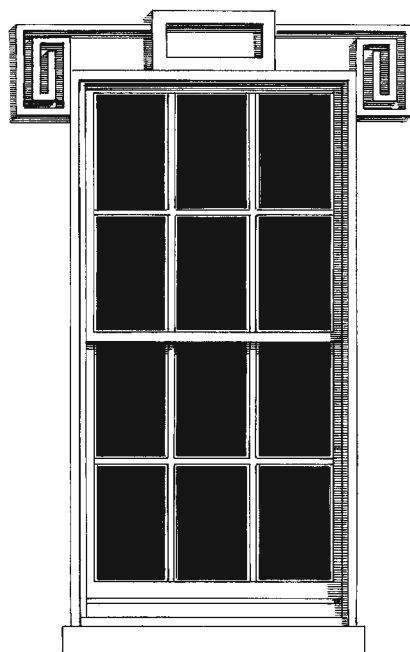
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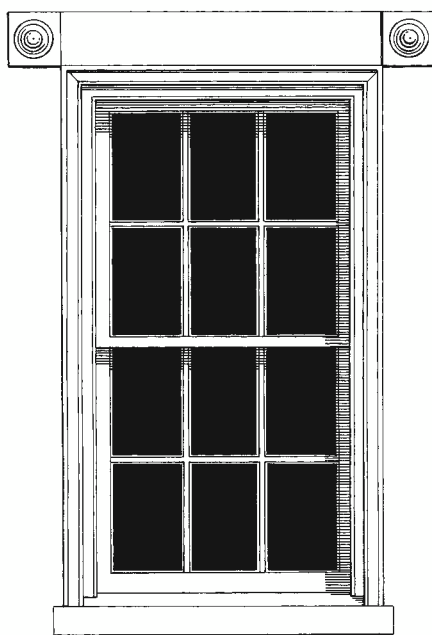


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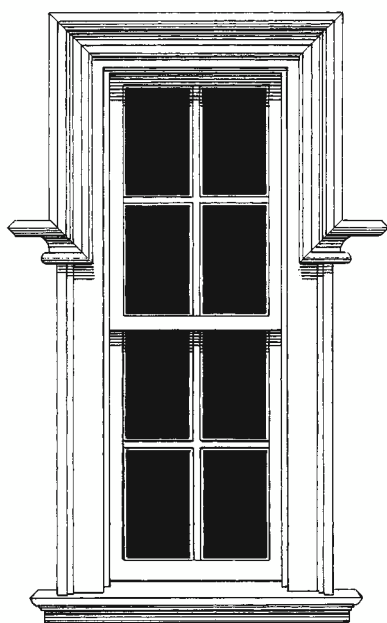
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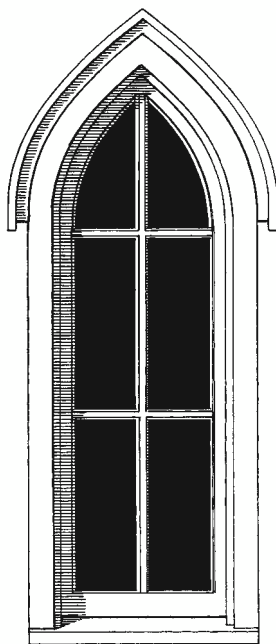


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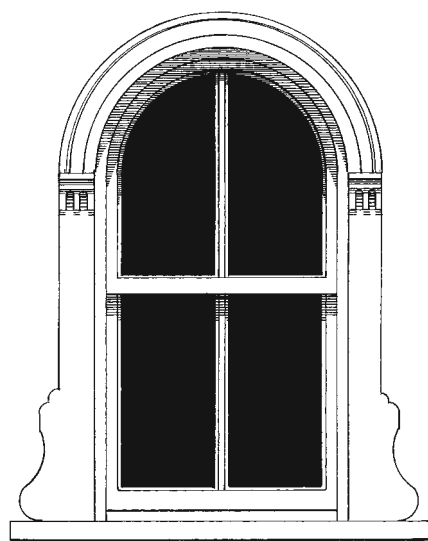


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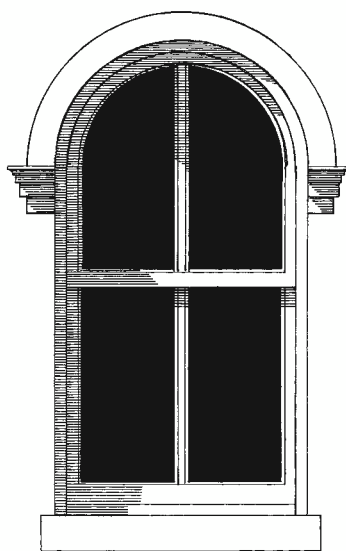
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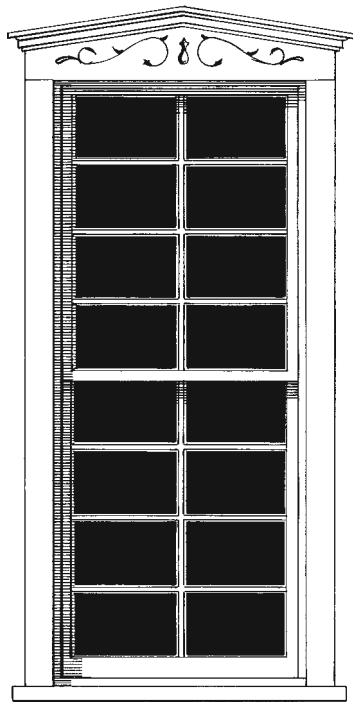


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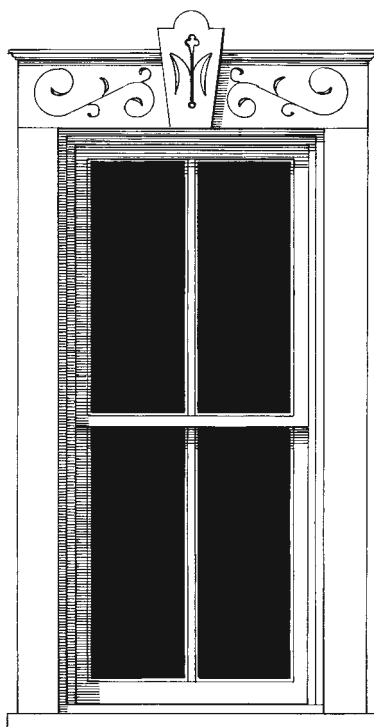


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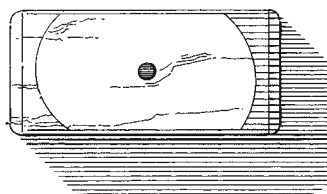
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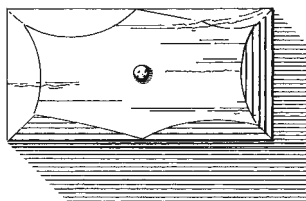
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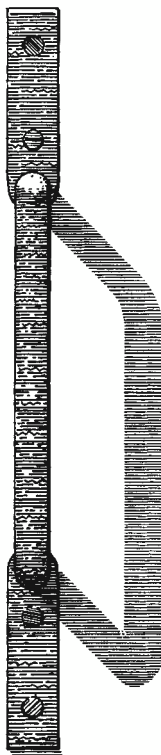
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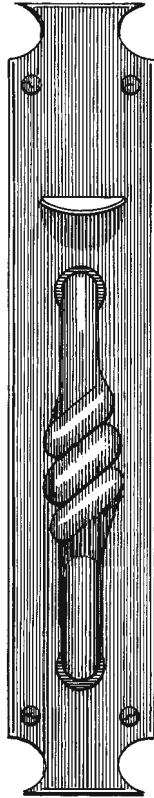
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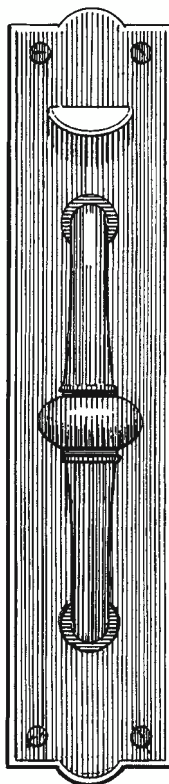
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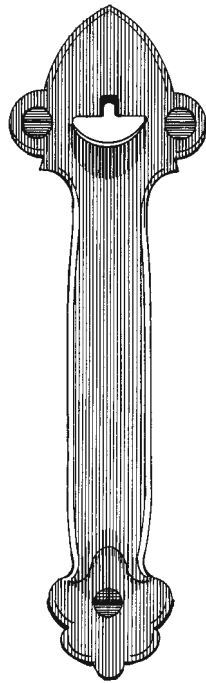
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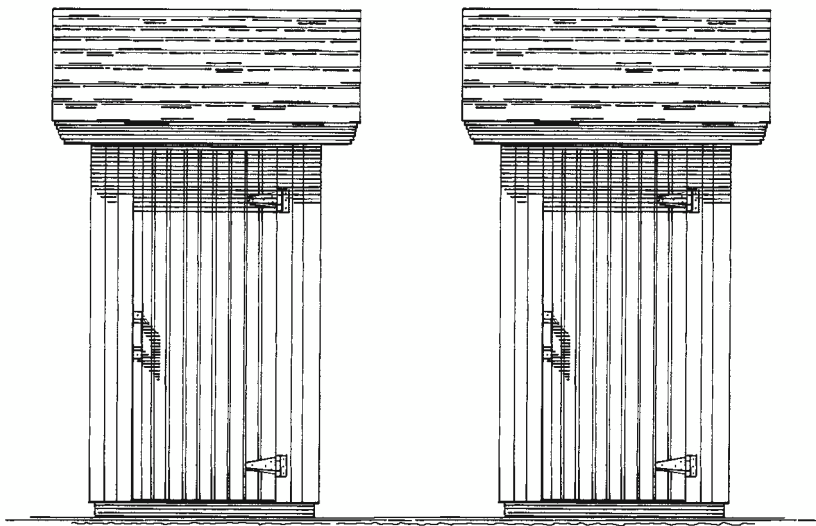
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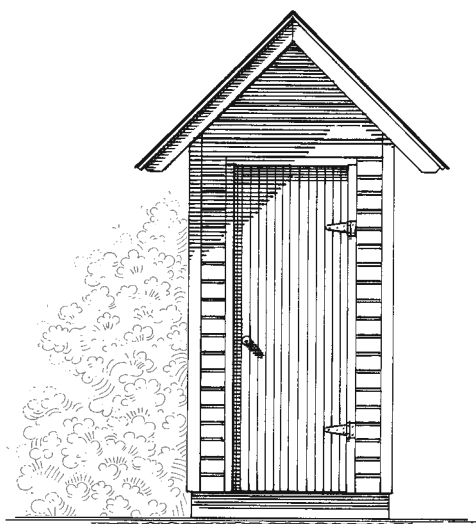
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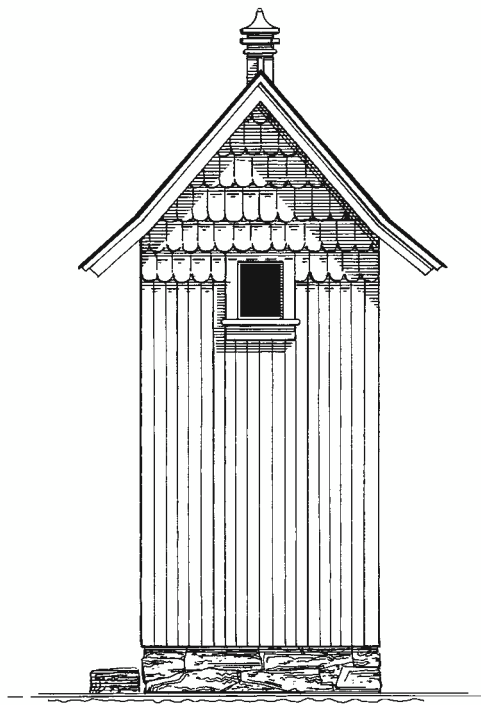
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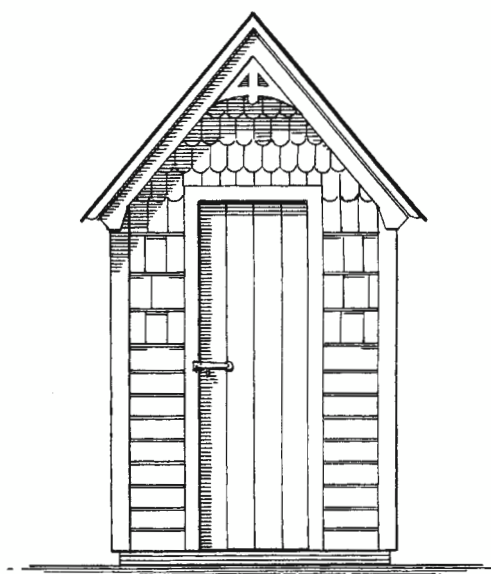
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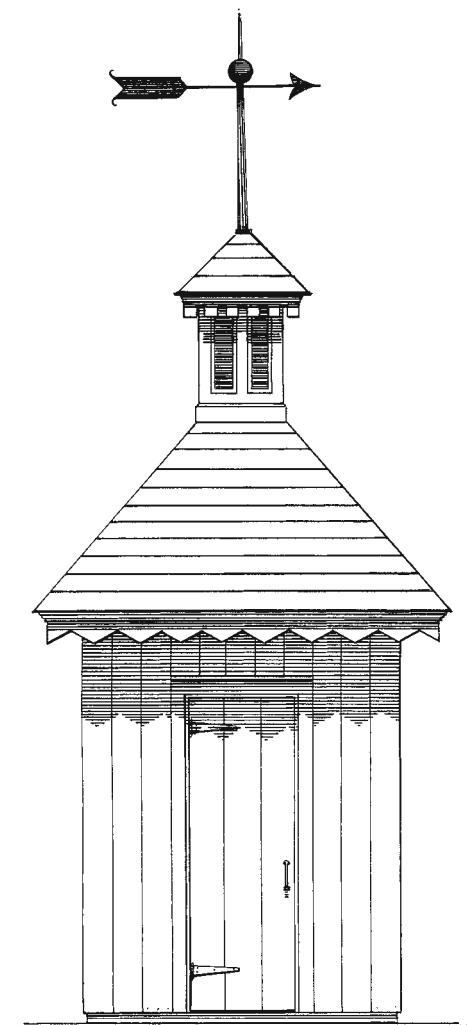


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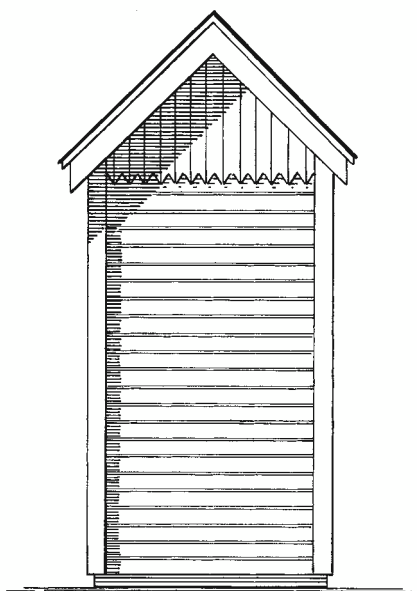
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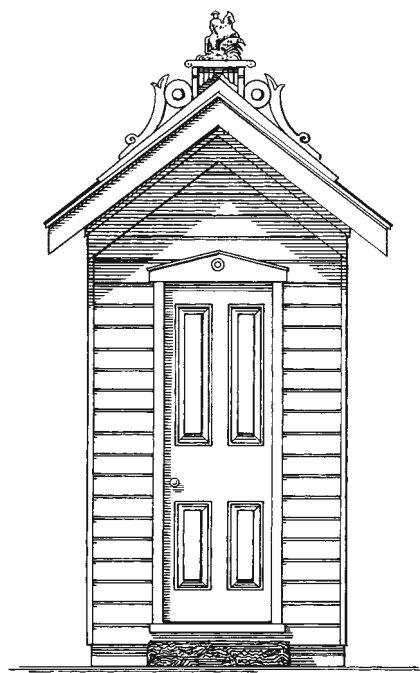
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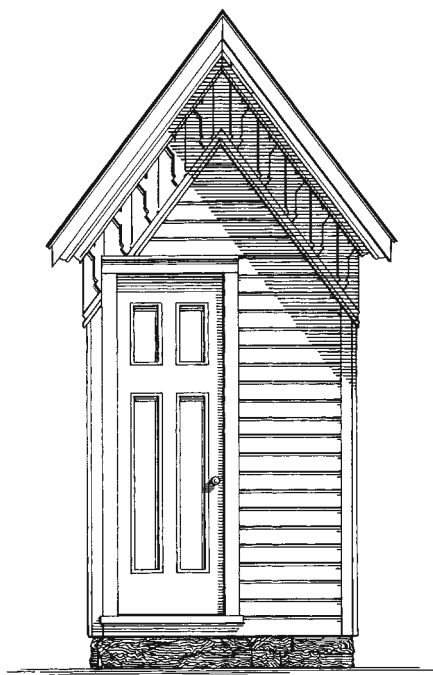
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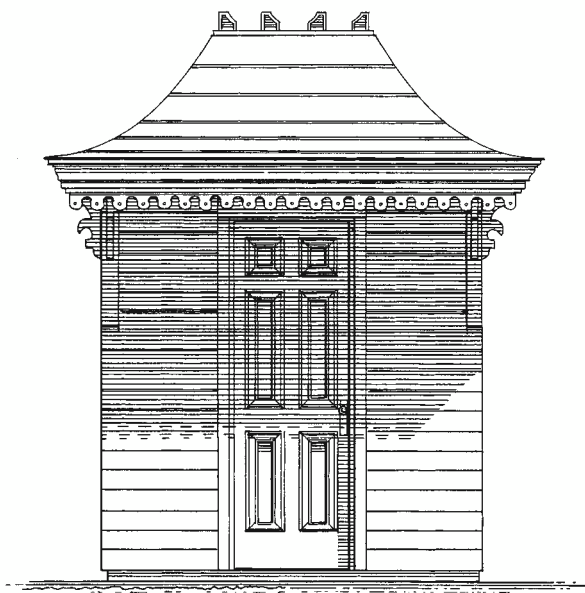


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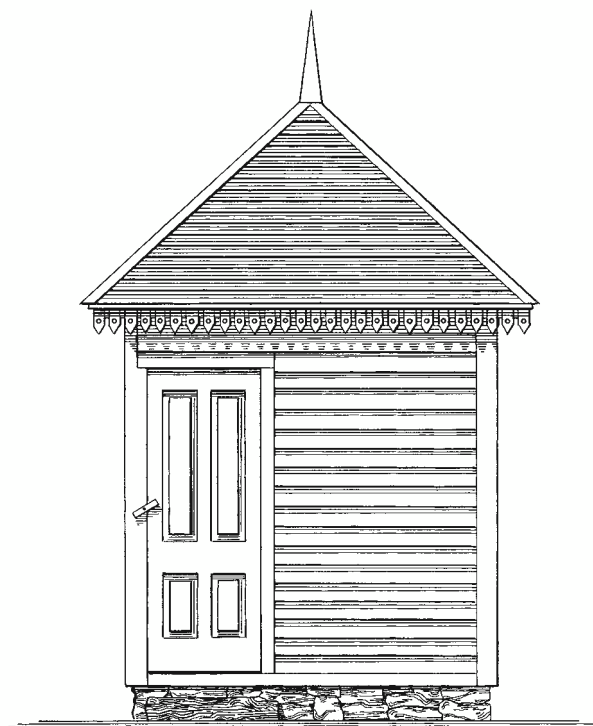


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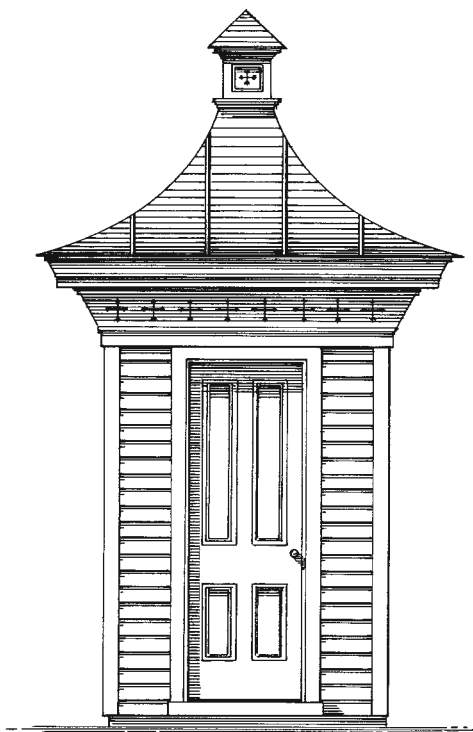
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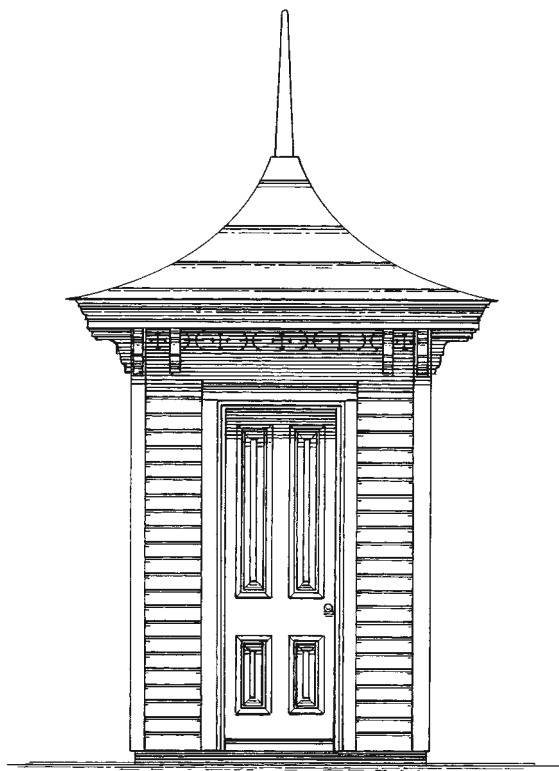


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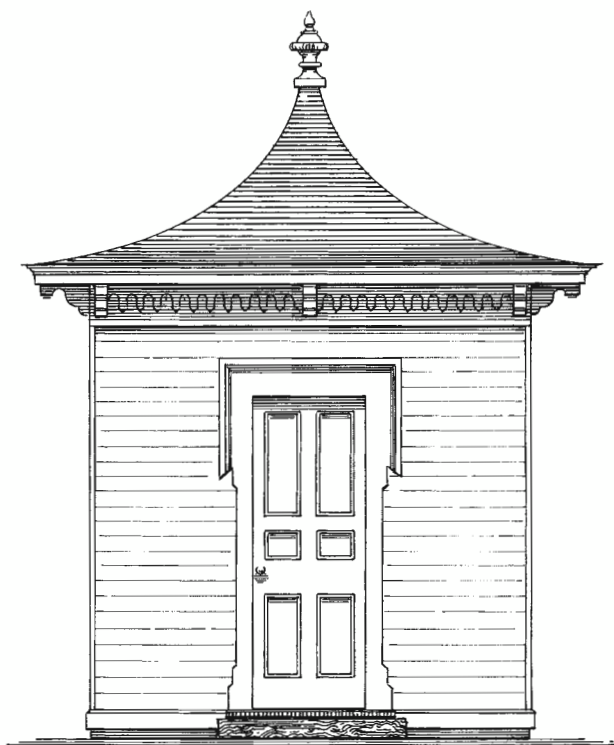


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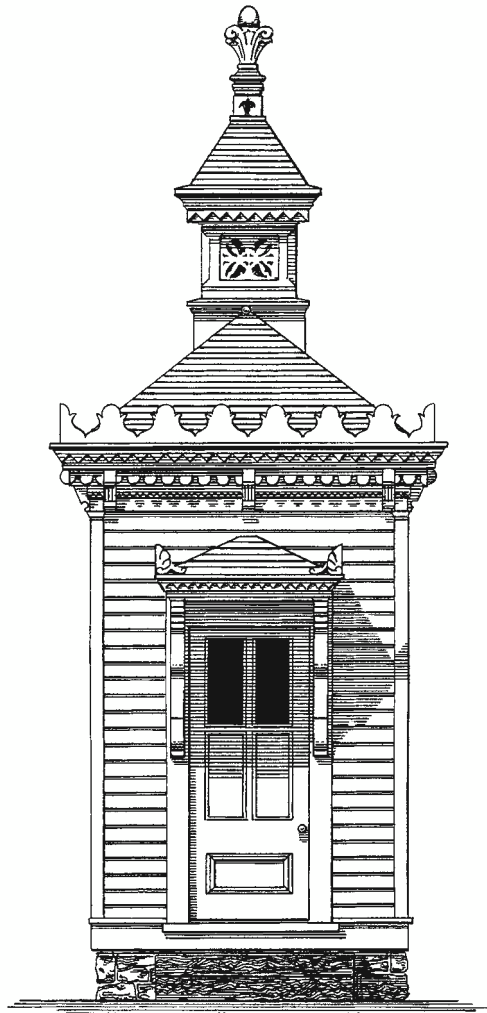


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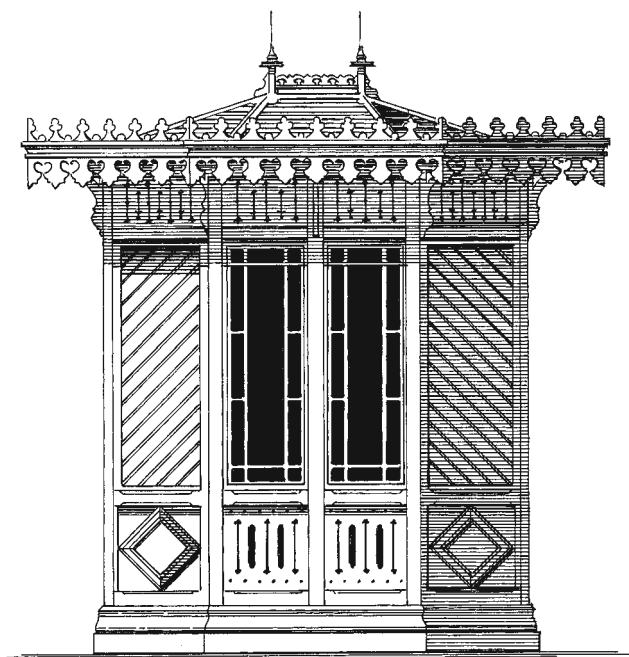
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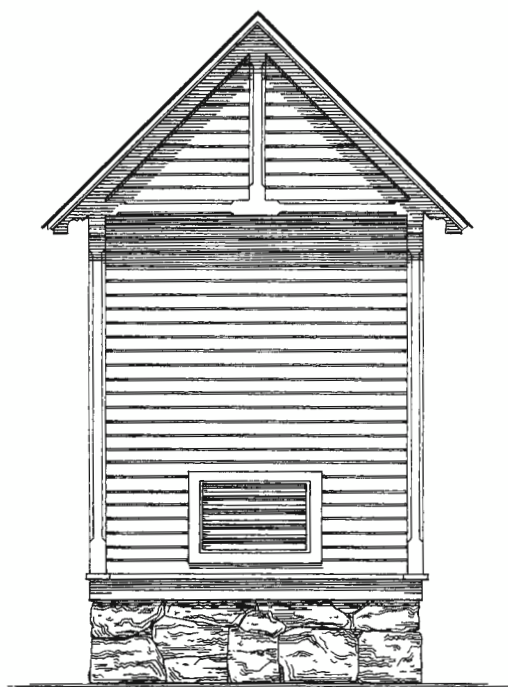
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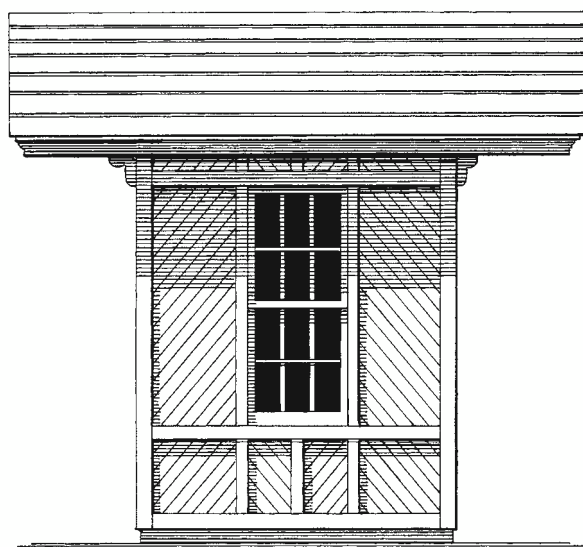


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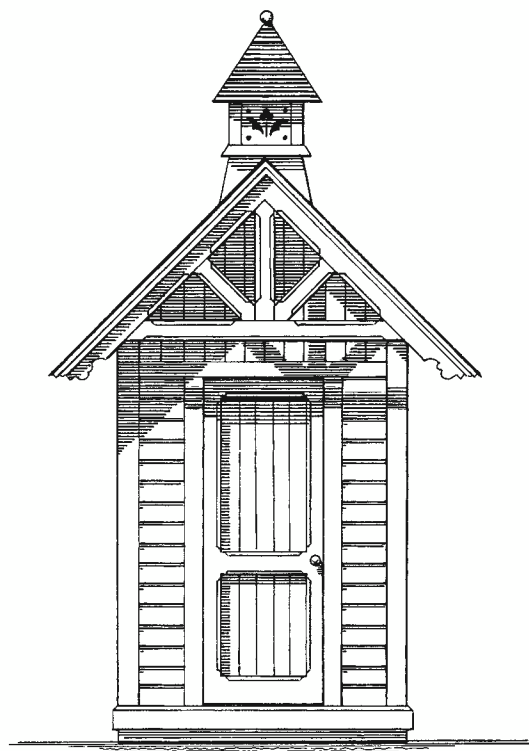


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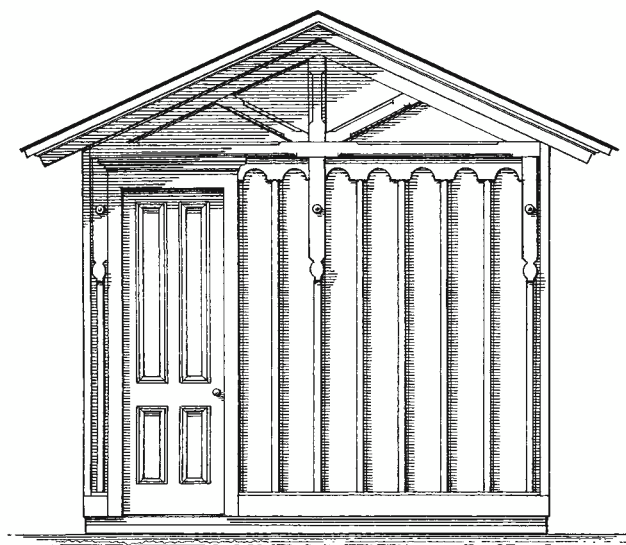


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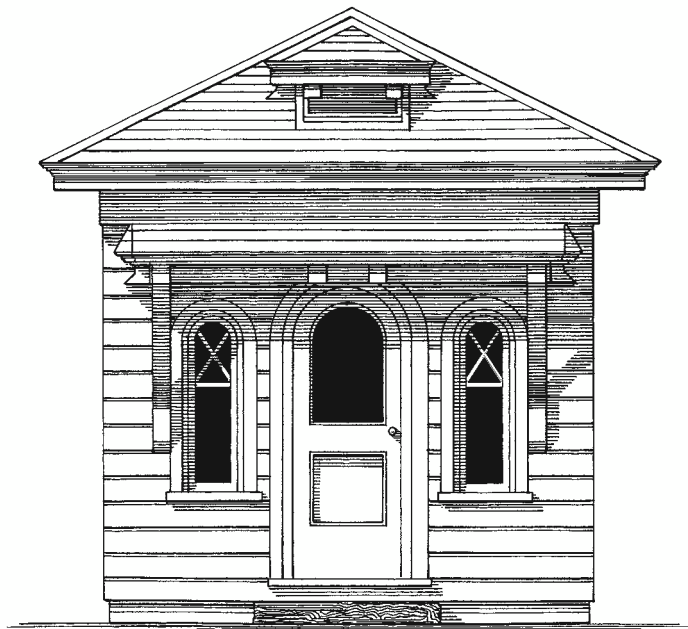
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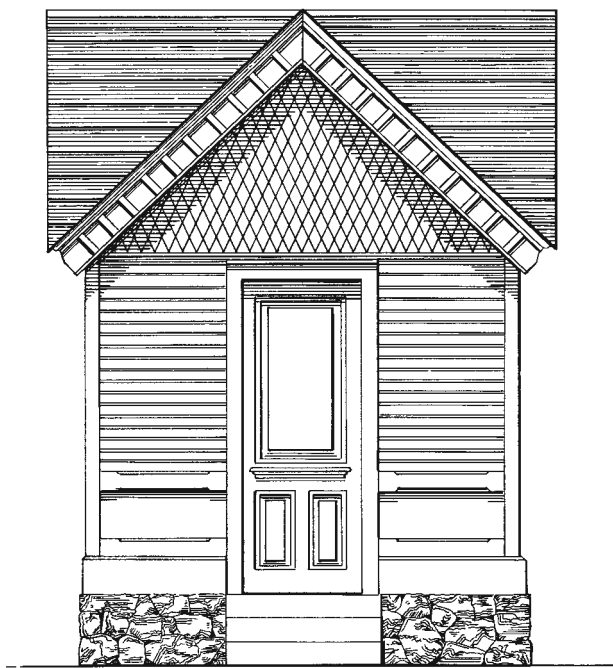
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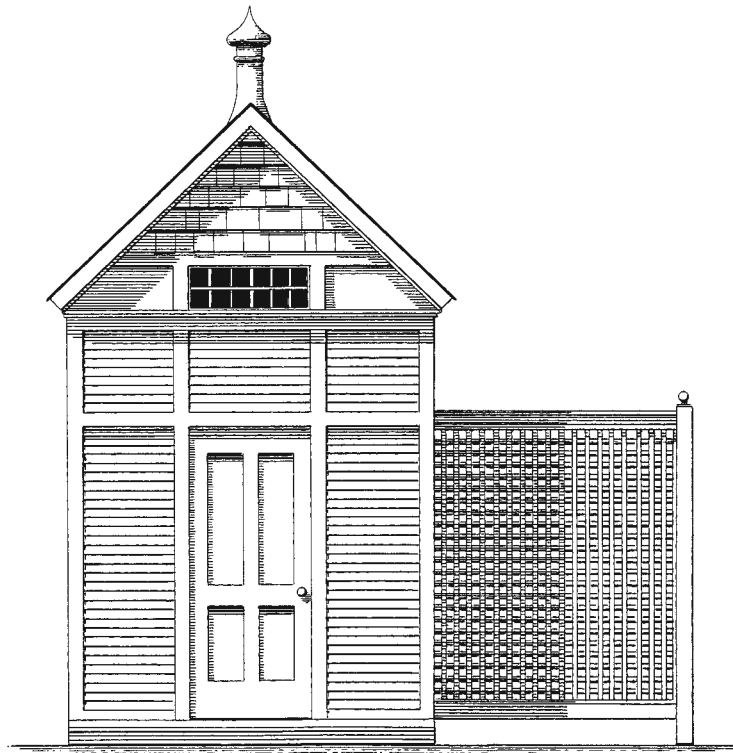
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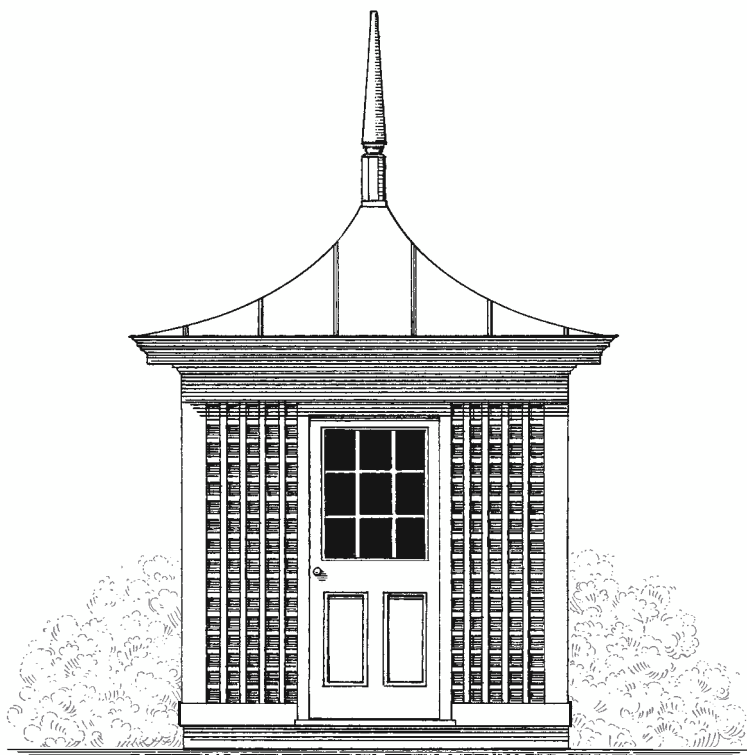
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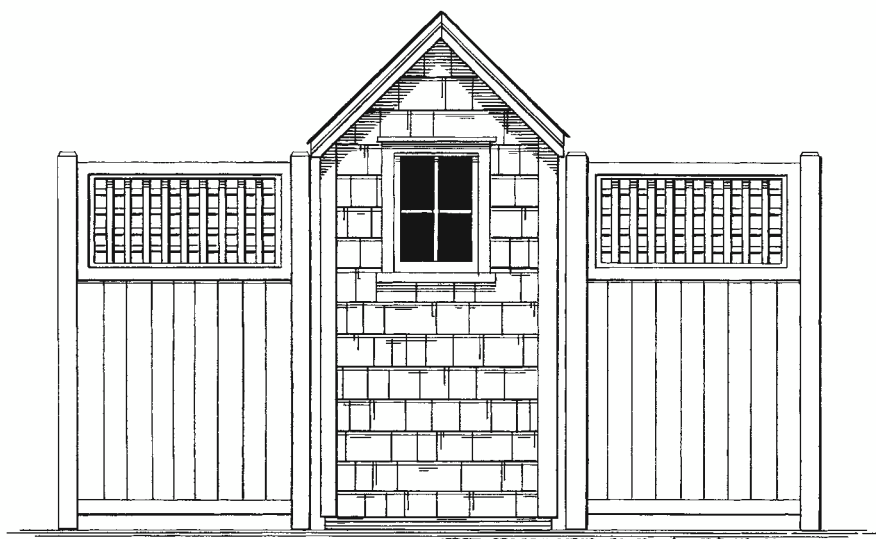
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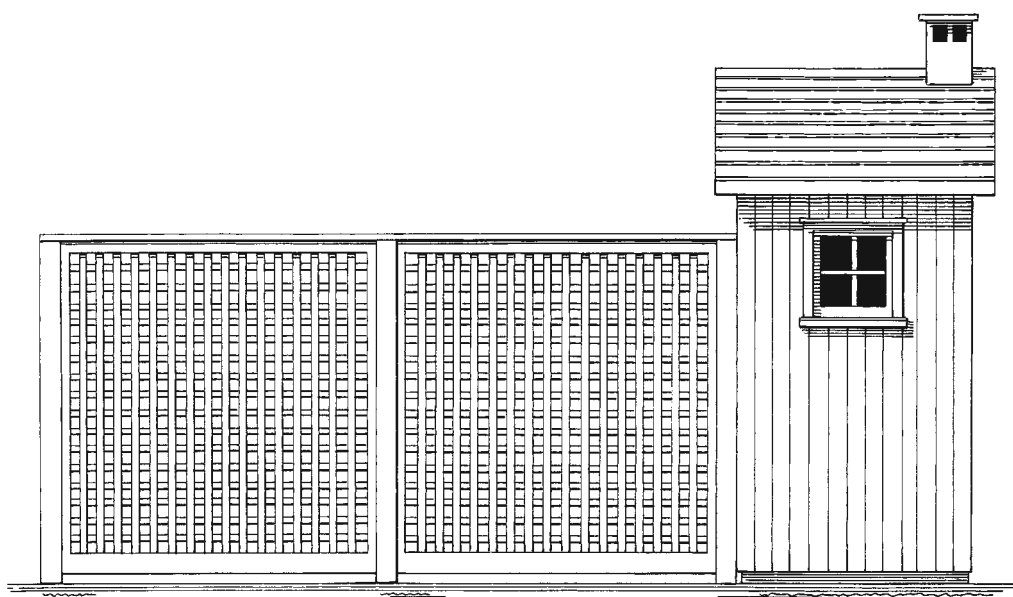
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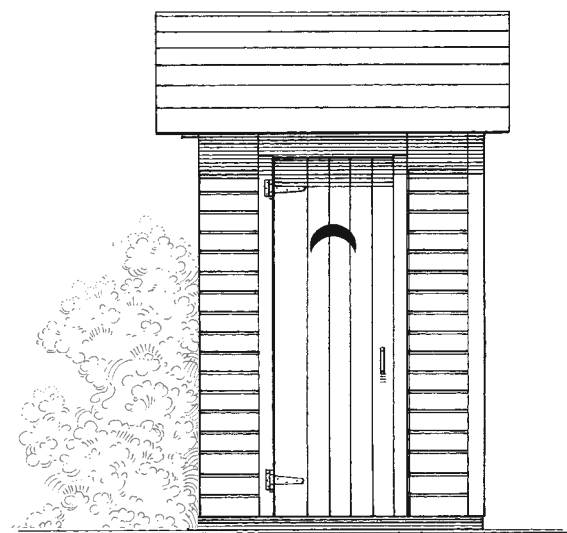
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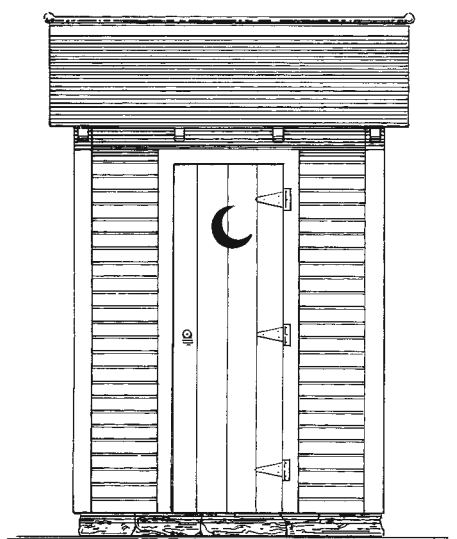


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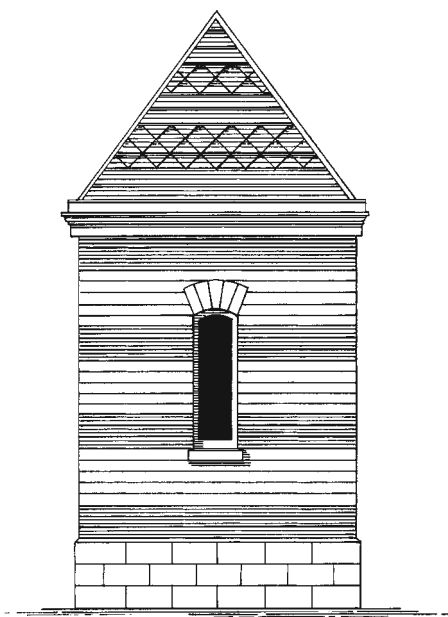


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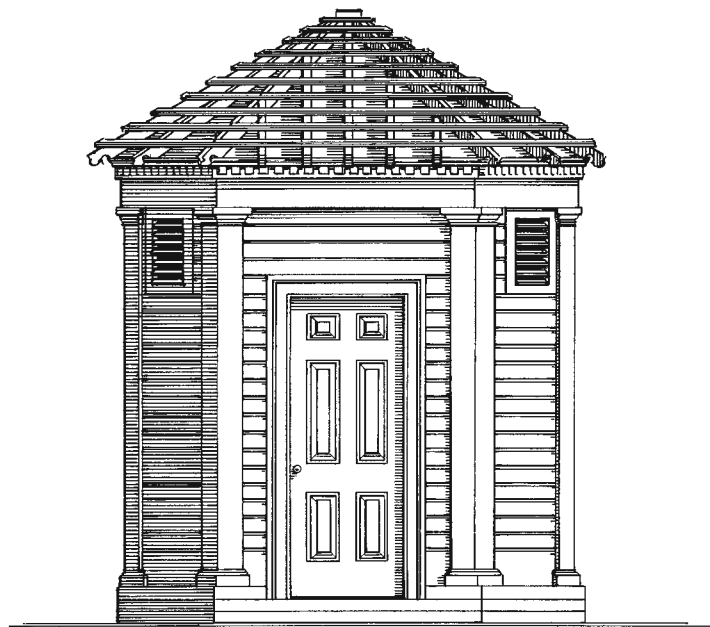
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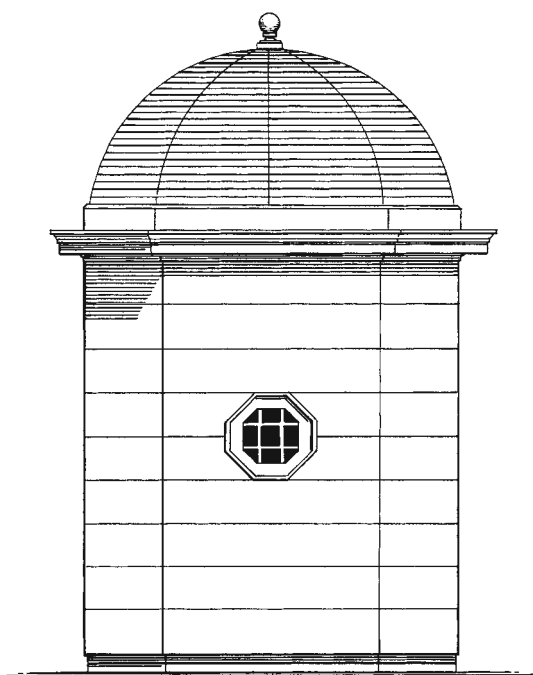


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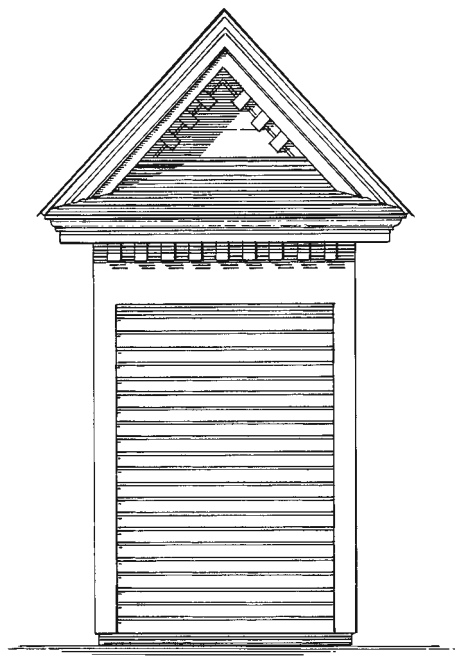


PEBBLE HILL PLANTATION

THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA



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WAYNESVILLE, OHIO

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GENERAL HISTORY OF THE PRIVY

The Privy is most often a freestanding building, SQUARE or RECTANGULAR in form. However, I have come upon two exceptions; the first is an OVAL style made of stone and covered with plaster in Lyndell, Pennsylvania. It is nicely seated on a hill. Its door does not face the house but rather a branch of the Brandywine Creek that meanders below. The second more curious is the OCTAGONAL designs at:

Mount Vernon Mount Vernon, Virginia.

Woodlawn Mount Vernon, Virginia.

Brandon Plantation Spring Grove Virginia.

Poplar Forest Forest, Virginia.

All of these have a connection to Thomas Jefferson, who fancied the OCTAGON form; they are the only octagonal Necessary Houses I have ever discovered in my travels over these twenty years.

On large properties there are often two or more Privies, one for the householder and his domestic help, and others near the barn or farther out locations for field workers and hired help.

The Privy may have two or more chambers, one for men and one for women; some have as many as four chambers to accommodate household servants. An example of this is The Deshler-Morris House of Germantown, Pennsylvania. Often the door to the women's chamber, you may note, is made wider to accommodate their skirts.

One's station in life is clearly presented by the Privy he chooses to build. Those more socially astute and sensitive to things of beauty fashion them to be in harmony with the house, reflecting its STYLE and DESIGN. The SIZE of the Privy is also a silent demonstration of one's prominence; this is determined by the number of seats. Westover Plantation of Charles City, Virginia, has a fine

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Necessary House with an arrangement of five seats, three of which are set in a curve facing a large fireplace with two more seats, one on each side of the protruding fire box.

The pinnacle of success, I have found, has always been the ability to have what you like and to possess a PAIR is a social statement equaling one with royalty. Therefore, it is no surprise to find matching Privies at The Governor's Palace Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Virginia; George Washington's Mount Vernon Mount Vernon, Virginia; Sotterley Mansion Hollywood, Maryland; and Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest Forest, Virginia. Furthermore, all of these are constructed of Brick.

The Privy is frequently located at the back of the property, hence the common term "Back House." You will also find Privies placed at the side of the property. Rarely are they in front of the main dwelling. However, in an old photograph I once saw of the Lord House of Ipswich, Massachusetts, I did observe a Privy in the front yard adjacent to the street.

Connivance and wind direction have always decided the location of the main household Privy; 25–100 feet away from the dwelling house and "downwind" are best. Often I have observed wood is stacked nearby so that stove kindling can be carried in on the return.

Occasionally Privies are connected to other outbuildings:

Privy and Carriage House: Justin Smith Morrill Homestead Strafford, Vermont.

Privy and Tool House: George E. and F. W. Woodward's *Architecture, Landscape Gardening and Rural Art*; George and Charles Palliser's *Palliser's New Cottage Homes and Details*; and Clavrick, New York.

Privy and Smokehouse: Hazelwood Plantation Prince George City, Maryland; Melrose Plantation Hillsborough, North Carolina.

Privy and Woodshed: The Bowen House Woodstock, Connecticut, and The Farmers Museum Cooperstown, New York.

Privy and Garden House: Calvert Vaux, *Villas and Cottages*.

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In colder climates, I have witnessed the Privy connected to the main dwelling house with two doors. One entrance, from inside the house, the other from the outside. An example of this style of design is The Oliver Ellsworth House of Windsor, Connecticut.

COLONY AND EARLY REPUBLIC

1700-1820

THE PRIVY

OR

Necessary, Necessary Convenience, Necessary House, Necessary Place, House of Ease, House of Commons, House of Office, Bog House, Cloacina, Cloacina Temple, Temple of Coacina, Temple, John, Jake and Privy.

The term “Privy” is derived from the Latin adjective *Privatus* meaning private.

Privy. n. [prive, Fr.] A place of retirement; Necessary House.
Samuel Johnson’s *Dictionary of the English Language* 1755.

Only the lower class or rural colonist used the term “Privy,” The term “Necessary,” considered more sophisticated, was frequently used by the more educated populace in Boston and in particular regions of the South.

An amusing tale was brought to my attention some years ago regarding the Privy at the Pennsylvania State House...

During the Continental Congress in Philadelphia 1774–1775, Representative Stephen Hopkins of Rhode Island was recorded as being in the “Necessary” at key moments due to his consumption of Ale.

A favorite term for the Necessary House was the “Temple of Cloacina,” adopted by classical wags such as Thomas Jefferson. It was derived from a principal sewer in Rome.

It is a fact that not every rural farmstead here in America during the 18th century bothered to build a Privy House.

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Before Abolition, slaves had their own Privies, one located in back of each of their quarters. These Privies were made of rough wood, with a single seat, and no windows.

The Privy path could be laid with various materials, all dependent on one's means. Some examples I have come across are hard trodden earth, pea gravel, boardwalks, oyster shells, and bricks laid flatways.

While traveling in upstate New York I was told this delightful story...

John Johnson, son of Sir William Johnson fell in love with Polly Watts who lived in the city of New York. To demonstrate his love and illustrate his sophistication and taste he built an extraordinary ogive doom Privy with a raised panel entry door and two fine windows. The interior walls were elegantly plastered and painted sky blue, over a dado of white raised paneling. In consideration of her delicate nature and sensibilities, John Johnson located the little building over a small stream that flowed through his rural New York property.

Another tale that was told to me was in regard to the Country House of Major General Philip Schuyler.

It was after the second battle of Saratoga during the Revolutionary War, retreating English General John Burgoyne coming upon Schuyler's estate gave orders to burn everything to the ground except the "Necessary." Major General Schuyler received this letter two days later from Lt. Col. Richard Varick, October 12, 1777. "No part of your buildings have escaped their malice except the Necessary..."

Hemerocallis Fulva or more commonly "Tawny Day Lily" was so widely used throughout the country to decorate the Privy House it became known as "The Privy Lily." Another plant, the herb Lambs Ear, was occasionally used to line the path to the Privy because its soft silvery leaves reflect the light from the moon and help indicate the way. Other favored shrubs and plants used about the Privy were boxwood.

When the time came to move the Privy House to a new location the vault was covered with earth and often a fruit tree was planted in the rich soil.

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AN ACCURATE LIST OF EXISTING PRIVIES

- Plate 1. The Wilber House Little Compton, Rhode Island. c. 1800.
- Plate 3. The Sylvnus Bourne House Wareham, Massachusetts. 1830.
- Plate 6. The Iredell House Edenton, North Carolina. c. 1810.
- Plate 8. The Grissell-Hay House Williamsburg, Virginia. c. 1800.
- Plate 9. The Shiriver Homestead Union Mills, Maryland. 1797.
- Plate 32. The Heywood-Washington House Charleston, South Carolina. c. 1772.
- Plate 33. Poplar Forest Forest, Virginia. 1808. One of a pair of Necessary Houses, each built on a small mound to bring attention to their importance as architecture in the landscape.
- Plate 34. Woodlawn Plantation Mount Vernon, Virginia. 1802-1805. Architect Dr. William Thornton.
- Plate 35. Brandon Plantation Burrowsville, Virginia c. 1735. One of a pair of brick Necessary Houses; each with white plastered walls over wainscoting. A brick walk lined with boxwoods joins them to the house.
- Plate 36. Sotterly Mansion Hollywood, Maryland. c. 1780. Constructed of brick made on the plantation of which the fronts are hand rubbed.
- Plate 46. University of Virginia Charlottesville, Virginia. 1820.
- Plate 48. Fort Johnson Johnstown, New York. 1770.
- Plate 49. Mount Vernon Mount Vernon, Virginia. c. 1780s. One of a pair of Necessary Houses. The interior walls are plastered white with polished mahogany finished seats. Fragrant flowers line the path to the Necessary: mock orange, Gilder rose, and Persian jessamine.
- Plate 52. The Elias Van Bunschooten House Sussex, New Jersey. 1800.
- Plate 53. The Solomon Rockwell House Winstead, Connecticut. 1813.
- Plate 54. Scotch Plains, New Jersey. 1814. Constructed by renowned New York cabinetmaker Duncan Phyfe for his daughters.

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LATER AND MODERN TIMES

1820-1900

THE PRIVY

OR

Back House, Garden House, Sink, Water Closet, or Outhouse.

In 1823 Noah Webster in his *American Dictionary of The English Language*, defines Outhouse as “a small house or building a little distance from the main house.”

The term “sink” was commonly used by the troops during the War Between the States.

“Water Closet,” a more recent term, is seen in architectural plans indicated by the initials W. C. and has been brought about by modern advances in plumbing, and it is now being marketed to the middle class. The cost, however, of an indoor bathroom will add approximately \$8,000.00 dollars to the cost of a new house. This is still more than a year’s wages for many men.

The revived interest in classical Greek and Roman mythology has had an effect even on our Outhouses. It appears in the form of a CUT OUT SYMBOL used as ventilators. *Helios*, god of the sun, designates the gentleman’s Privy while his sister *Selene*, the moon, identifies the woman’s. This clever motif is commonly depicted on the door of schoolyard Privies.

While traveling through Louisiana I observed that when there are two Privies for the householder and his family, one for men and one for women, they are arranged so that the women’s Privy is considerably closer to the house and often screened with trelliswork or shrubbery.

Frequently the Privy is surrounded with the householder’s favorite shrubs and flowering plants. Depending on location, some examples are azaleas, camellias, lilacs, mock orange, privet, rose of Sharon, various roses, honeysuckle, wisteria, morning glory, hollyhocks, day lilies, lily of the valley, and rhubarb to name a few. Hence the

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gentle term “Garden House.” This term is used by polite society in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia since 1886.

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- Plate 82. Burleigh Plantation Person County, North Carolina. c. 1850s.
- Plate 83. The Farmers Museum Copperstown, New York c. 1845
- Plate 84. D’ Evereux Natches, Mississippi. 1840. Constructed of Cypress.
- Plate 85. The Cobblestone Society Museum Childs, New York. c.1840.
- Plate 89. Alloway, New Jersey. c.1830s. This shared Privy straddles the property line between the houses of two brothers, William and Josiah Reeve. An enclosed vestibule surrounds two separate entrances.
- Plate 93. Westville Lumpkin, Georgia. 1850. Constructed of pine.
- Plate 96. Stone Mountain, Georgia. c. 1830s.
- Plate 100. Old Sturbridge Village Sturbridge, Massachusetts. c. 1825. Constructed of oak.
- Plate 102. Robert E. Lee Boyhood Home Alexandria, Virginia. c. 1850.
- Plate 104. Hyde Hall Cooperstown, New York. 1835–1840.
- Plate 105. The Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 1859. Forward-thinking Ebenezer Maxwell had an indoor bathroom and loo constructed as part of the original mansion, but in 1867 an extension was erected the “modern convenience” was removed and never replaced.
- Plate 106. Wheatlands Lancaster, Pennsylvania. 1828. The home of President James Buchanan.
- Plate 107. Rosedown Plantation St. Francisville, Louisiana. c. 1835. The women’s Privy, constructed of cypress. The interior is plastered and painted white with a fine decorative plastered medallion centered on the ceiling.
- Plate 108. The Farmers Museum Cooperstown, New York. c. 1860.
- Plate 112. Ulysses S. Grant Boyhood Home Georgetown, Ohio. 1823.
- Plate 119. Century Village Burton, Ohio. 1870.
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- Plate 125. The Perkins Mansion Akron, Ohio. c. 1850.

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- Plate 131. Eastfield Village East Nassau, New York. c. 1835.
- Plate 135. Old Bethpage Village Bethpage, New York. c. 1850s. Constructed of pine with a cedar roof and oak frame.
- Plate 136. The Conant House Falmouth, Massachusetts 1850s constructed of pine.
- Plate 146. Delaware Agricultural Museum Dover, Delaware. c. 1874.
- Plate 147. Charleston, South Carolina. c.1840.
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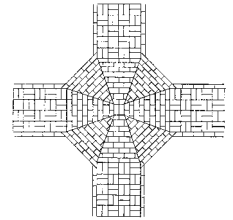
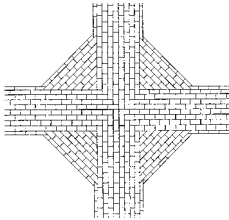
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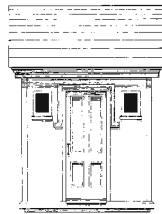
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