

"troubles times" of Edward IV.'s reign, it was fortified, and had no outside windows but those in the four turrets, which were so placed as to enable the inmates to keep watch on the outside, and at the same time to light the spiral staircase in each. The rooms themselves were lighted from the

inmates could discharge their cross-bolts, and thus protect each front of the house. There were also loopholes in various places in the turrets for discharging arrows. After the Wars of the Roses the house was remodelled. The battlements were replaced by a stone cornice, and the "extin-



WICKHAM COURT. (See page 125.)

1. Garden Front.

2. Anne Boleyn's Walk.

3. The Entrance Porch.

inner court, which, as stated above, is now covered in, and serves as a staircase. An example of these inner windows may still be seen over the door of the drawing-room. The turret roofs are now flat, and in that at the south-east corner are the remains of a trap-door, leading from the stairs to the outside roof. The walls were originally all embattled, with machicolations over the doorway; and the house was further defended by three openings, near the ground, in each turret, through which the

guishers" were placed on the four turrets. It was most likely at this time that the mullioned windows were inserted in the outside walls, when the inner court was enclosed and the roof was altered. The ceilings throughout the house were originally like that in the old dining-hall, which, with its heavy rough beams, has probably undergone no alteration.

Under the north-west turret is a dungeon, ventilated by two air-shafts in the outer wall.