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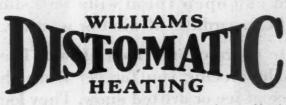
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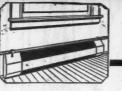
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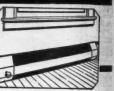
TESTS in the Frost Research Laboratory made in accordance with the radiator testing code of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers have established a B. T. U. rating in terms of cast iron radiation equivalent (240 B. T. U.) of 15 feet for the 36 inch section and 7 feet for the 18 inch section when placed end to end, single tier.

Richmond Floorline Radiators are regularly made of steel fins welded on iron tubing. Can be supplied in Brass or Copper on special orders. The shape of the fins and the spacing between them have been determined after exhaustive tests to give the utmost in heating efficiency. Fins are firmly attached to a solid metal plate backing radiator and also to the metal plate across the front. No possibility of leaking, breaking, or bending in any place.

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Cutting away the baseboard alone reduces the projection of the radiator from 3¹/₂ to 2 inches.



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When radiators are attached to baseboard or partially recessed, the small space between connected radiators is filled with a section furnished for that purpose so that the appearance of continuity is not broken. Valve connections and traps are encased for concealment.



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A NEW radiator — a modern radiator with many unusual features. It allows three methods of installation—attached to baseboard—partially recessed —entirely recessed. It distributes heat more efficiently. Inexpensive to install in new homes or old.

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The Richmond Floorline Radiator costs less than other types of concealed or compact radiators. The replacement of present cast iron radiators with this finer type often costs less than installing radiator shields.

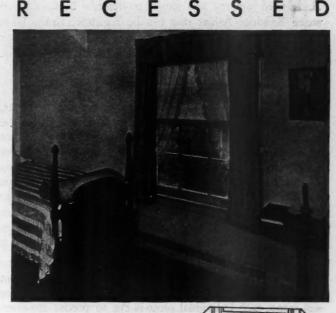
Before you decide upon future radiator equipment, get all the facts on Richmond Floorline Radiator. Designed and priced for use in homes of all types, apartments, hotels and office buildings. Operates on any two pipe steam, vapor, and vacuum system, and hot water heating plant of either forced or overhead circulation.

The story of this remarkable radiator is being told to hundreds of thousands of consumers through leading national publications.

The coupon below will bring an illustrated, descriptive booklet of the Richmond Floorline Radiator, and working drawings of various methods of installation for your files.

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More than 40 years experience in the manufacture of fine heating equipment is incorporated in the Floorline Radiator. Richmond Steam, Hot Water and Gas Fired Boilers, Cast Iron Radiators and Enamelled Ware are other products of the Richmond Radiator Company.

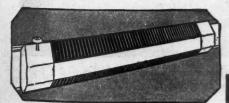


The Floorline Radiator is easy to install in the space between the inner and outer walls.

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You may send data on the Richmond Floorline Radiator.

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IN PRIZES FOR A NAME AND SLOGAN FOR INDIANA LIMESTONE RANDOM ASHLAR THAT WE CAN TRADEMARK

HERE'S an opportunity to get cash for your ideas. We need a name and slogan to describe Indiana Limestone Random Ashlar that can be registered in the U. S. Patent Office so that only we can use them. Perhaps you can think up good ones! If so, we'll reward you liberally.

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Our Product

Indiana Limestone is a natural, not an artificial, product. Random Ashlar is a form of stone facing. It refers to the Indiana Limestone in the sawed strips which we produce and sell for residential and other construction projects where an informal treatment is desired. These strips of Indiana Limestone are generally 4 inches thick and of the various heights required. Sawed by machinery at the quarries to give either a fairly smooth or a ripple-face effect, they are shipped direct to the building site. There these strips are broken to lengths by a simple operation and the stone is laid up in the wall in an informal or random fashion.

This method is quite different from that employed in using Indiana Limestone as cut stone. In buildings of our cut stone, each individual piece is cut to precise measurements in accordance with an architect's drawings. These drawings specify a certain piece of stone for each space in the wall. These various pieces are "set" in the wall according to a pre-determined plan.

In Random Ashlar construction the pieces of stone are "laid up" just as brick is laid up in the wall. No precise plan is followed but simply a rough "jointing scheme" indicates when a large piece and when a small piece shall be used.

The cost of building of stone in this way is much less than when cut stone is used. Yet beautiful results are obtained as the illustration shows. Because of the nationwide interest in this new method of using Indiana Limestone, we are anxious to find a suitable name which we can give to our product and use for promotional purposes.

Put on your "thinking cap." Give us the name you think best fits our product. Then write a slogan, not exceeding ten words to go with it. Anyone is eligible to compete in this contest but the rules must be followed closely.

Can You Think of Better Names Than These?

Some names which have been suggested are: "Gothstone" (from our Old Gothic variety of Indiana Limestone); "Ilcon stone;" "Stripstone." They may set your mind working!



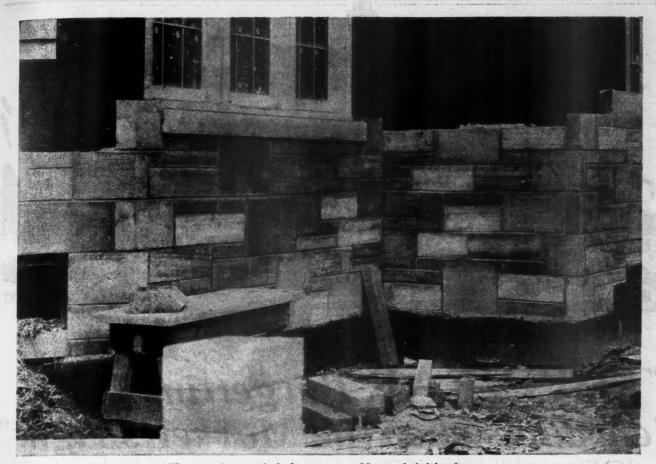
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This view shows method of construction. Note stacked slabs of stone.

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Seven Prizes Totalling

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1st prize \$150

2nd prize \$50

Five 3rd prizes \$10 each

1. Contest opens August 1st, 1929. Closes October 1, 1929, at midnight. Anyone except employes of Indiana Limestone Company may compete.

2. Seven prizes totalling \$250 will be distributed as follows: 1st prize \$150; 2nd prize \$50; five 3rd prizes of \$10 each.

3. The above prizes are offered for a name ("coined" or otherwise) and slogan not exceeding ten words in length which may be used by us to designate our Indiana Limestone Random Ashlar. The name may consist of one word or a combination of words; it may be or may not be a name that can be used in conjunction with Indiana Limestone Company (as, for instance, "Indiana Limestone Company's Gothstome").

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> Note: Although we desire a name that will convey an accurate idea of our product, names which are closely descriptive can often not be patented due to patent office regulations. Thus such a name as "Stripstone" might be ruled out on such grounds.

4. More than 10 names-with-slogans from any one person will not be accepted. The same slogan may accompany various names and vice versa. Each name submitted should have its accompanying slogan written beneath or immediately following it, thus: "Gothstone – makes a home

of permanent beauty." All names and slogans submitted are to become our property. Write or type your nameswith-slogans on one side of a sheet of paper. Put your name and address at top. Mail to Contest Editor, Box 757, Indiana Limestone Company, Bedford, Indiana.

5. In the event of a tie for any prize offered, a prize identical in all respects with that tied for will be awarded to each tying contestant.

6. The judges in this contest are: Frank S. Whiting, R. M. Richter, H. S. Brightly, Indiana Limestone Company; E. J. Dies, National Syndicate Service, Chicago; Fred B. Duncan and Edward H. Pearson, Lord & Thomas and Logan, Chicago. The decision of these judges shall be final in every particular.

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Your Advantages:

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16 CEE that crowd of house-buyers?" Contractor hands-(they only weigh 31 pounds) and beat it Sam Blaisdell indicated them to his banker friend. "That's why I've got a nice fat wad

of dough on deposit with your bank this year, Mr. Edwards. I got 'em done when the market was right!"

"Sam"-Banker Edwards drew deeply on his cigar-"Sam, wait 'till I tell that bunch of pikers on our Credit Committee how well you're doing. "Member they didn't want to make you those loans? They said your houses wouldn't be done in time for the market! Said this competitor of yours across the street had a week's start on you with his excavations and he'd run you ragged. How'd you do it?"

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"Boy, I followed those carpenters with a new kind of Floor Sander that runs off a light socket, and Hensy over there," -he waved toward his competitor's jobs

"Hensy had a sander that needed a special power line. He sat around and waited two whole days for electricians while I was racing my sander men from job to job, busy as a bunch of bees!

"You see those sanders like Hensy's take a truck to move around as well as a special power line to run. My new sanders don't need either. My boys finished one job, picked up the sanders in their

Do you need the kind of a sander you can carry in one hand, run off a light socket, get 900 to 2,200 square feet of perfect work out of every 8 hours?

If you do, learn about the Clarke Vacuum Portable, the sander that's taken America by storm. More Clarke Vacuum Portables are made and sold today than any other sander at any price. There must be a reason.

The full facts of what other builders think of the Clarke Vacuum Portable Sander, the complete specification of the machine and the details of the Clarke Guarantee (only definite written guarantee of performance given by any sander) are yours free. Simply mail the coupon below.

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New Improvements in the Clarke Speed Up Surfacing Work

More footage for you per day—finer work—easier handling greater economy—are all embodied in the new Clarke Sander with the *new Drum* (patents pending) which has a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch felt pad so securely cemented to it by a special process that neither steam, water, moisture nor atmospheric conditions can disturb it.

The Biggest Trouble with floor sanders is NOW PER-FECTED. No longer need you fear that the pad will give trouble, Clarke has stopped that for you and while doing so speeded up the footage and quality work for which Clarke Vacuum Portable Sanders have become famous.

From 900 to 2,200 square feet per day is now guaranteed, an increase of $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, and only the Clarke gives you an absolute, definite, written guarantee of performance. Why? Because ONLY the Clarke can do it for you, day in and day out, under all average conditions.

Think what it means to own a sander which your men can run and turn out beautiful quality work the way the Clarke does.

Think of the convenience in getting your job done without delay and think of the better reputation that goes with floors of velvet quality smoothness.

It's all built for you-for your profit.

We urge you to mail the coupon on the opposite page for labor-saving, time-saving, and floor satisfaction.

Sincerely,

A. A. CLARKE

President

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The house of 1929 ought to be wired for the conveniences of 1939 ~

and it can be done economically with Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable! One glance at the developments of the last ten years is ample evidence that the next ten will see more and more electricity used in every wired home.

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or developer, you know that you must inspire faith in your ability, judgment and farsightedness. But here's this "wiring-for-the-future" problem! Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable solves it... by greatly lowering installation costs...ask any electrical contractor. Cuits and more outlets for 1939...without adding to the 1929 cost of the house.

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Rust is the enemy that ruins good roofs. For the finest shingles made can't keep a roof tight if the nails rust, become loose, and let the shingles blow off.

Roofed with Johns-Manville Asbestos Shingles, laid with ZINCLAD Rust Proof Nails this home in Paris, Ill., has a roof good for a lifetime.

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Inclad,

are zinc coated by the hot dipping process, which gives them a thick zinc overcoat that insures them *permanently* against rust.

Yet the extra cost, for the average roof, is only \$1.50. The next time you figure on a roof tell your customer your price includes laying it—for keeps—with Zinclad Rust Proof Nails and see how much it helps you to get the job.

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> > Get acquainted with ZINCLAD.

If you haven't used these nails we'll gladly send you a sample package of them.

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EVERYWHERE builders of houses for sale have welcomed the Johns-Manville Dutch Lap Asbestos Shingle. This new shape provides a roof closely resembling American Method Shingles in appearance yet the cost is virtually the same as that of J-M hexagonals—long famous for their economy.

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First, the Kernerator is an important asset. Second, it is unusually simple in operation. Third, it is easily installed.

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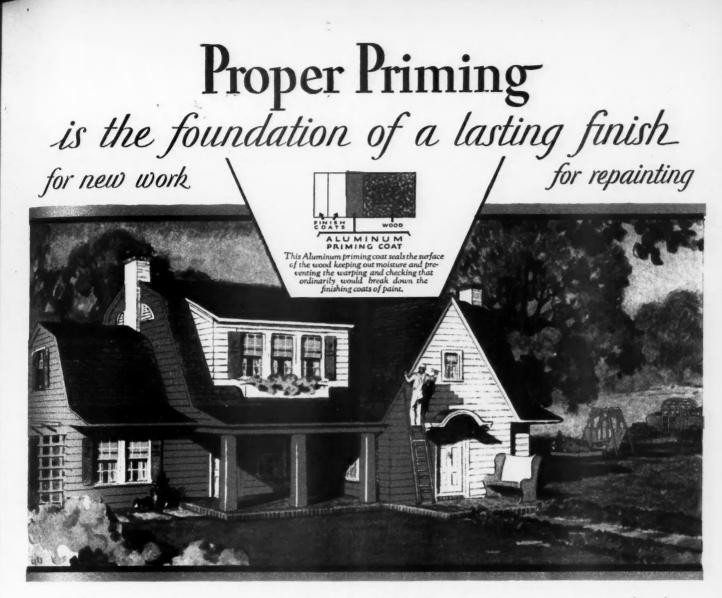
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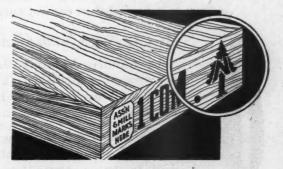
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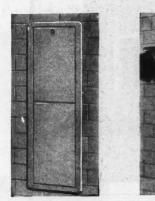
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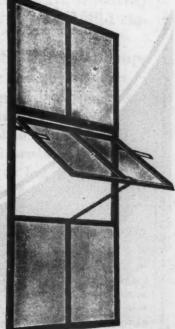
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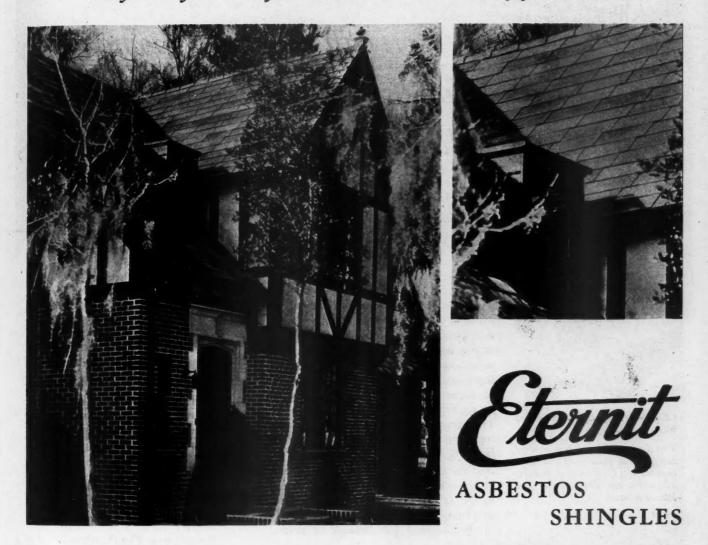
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CROMAR is made from Appalachian White Oak only.

This slow-growing, medium-textured oak gives you better grain and figure than the very bard-textured stock. It also takes the finish better and HOLDS it better. Here's the reason.... CROMAR Floors are ready to use when nailed down!

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A High Quality Product for High Class Apartments

This interesting apartment house in Chicago supplemented its tiled bathrooms with Sanitas Modern Wall Covering.

Using a Sanitas Brocade, which is used in many hotels and fine homes for other rooms, the architect added the final decorative touch to colored tiles by using this very practical wall fabric.

Sanitas improves the appearance of any room. There are plenty of styles, plain and decorative to match any decorative scheme.

Sanitas is the original cleanable cloth wall covering. Doesn't fade, crack nor tear; easily cleaned with a damp cloth. Nationally advertised and known everywhere as the leader in its field.

See the complete line in the Sanitas Sample Book, sent to executives. Write on your letterhead, and give name of your wholesaler.

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Linabestos is made of Asbestos Fibre and Portland Cement, beaten together and given tremendous pressure. Neither of these two materials can burn.

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TRONG — The binder of Asbestos Fibre for the concrete results in sheets of uniform thickness, even texture, density and maximum strength with minimum shrinkage. Linabestos does not warp, split or crack when exposed to weather or heat.

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Rats cannot gnaw Linabestos. It is too hard for any sort of vermin to work their way through it.

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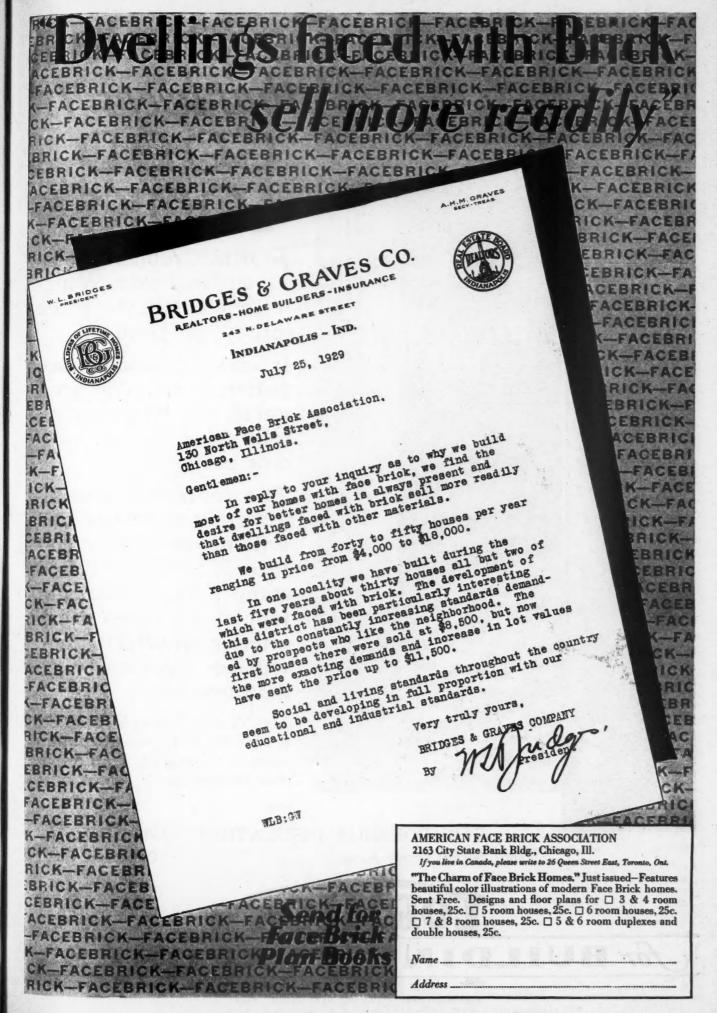
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FORMICA offers many advantages as a material for refinishing the interior of elevators.

It has a splendid surface polished or satin, in a variety of wood grains, solid colors and art moderne patterns.

The material is unaffected by moisture and will never rust or corrode. It is hard and will stand a lot of wear. In fact, it provides a cab interior on which there will be practically no maintenance.

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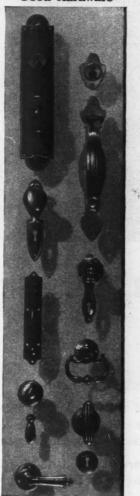
Was it the exterior design? There were others in the same period equally beautiful. Was it the layout of rooms? There were others just as convenient. Was it the neighborhood? His was not the only house for sale in that district.

Design, layout, location, priceall these have an important part in creating decision. But, there is another factor also important. And that is confidence. For buying a house is a big event in any man's life. He expects to live happily in that house for years to come.

He wants to be sure that ten years from now he will still be satisfied with his decision of today. In other words he is looking for something upon which he can place his confidence. Is he intimately acquainted with the builders? If he is

-fine! For he can have confidence in their choice of materials. Does he recognize wellknown quality materials in the house he is looking at? If so, fine! For he knows that

Good Buildings Deserve Good Hardware



If it is, he has confidence before he ever enters the house. For years he has known that good buildings deserve good hardware. And he knows "good hardware" means but one thing-"Corbin." From attic to cellar he sees rooms, rooms with doors and windows, doors and windows with Good Hardware-Corbin. Step by step his initial confidence is increased. Step by step he approaches nearer to the signing of the buying contract with confidence.

He is not interested in the money saved by the builder through easier and quicker installation of Good Hardware-Corbin. But, he is interested in knowing that doors will lock securely, windows open easily for the life of the house. And naturally he is pleased with the beauty of the authentic period design of all the many varied items of his Good Hardware-Corbin.

Why does a prospect decide on one particular house? The experience of hundreds of successful builders has proved that Good Hardware-Corbin has a lot to do with securing a favorable decision for their house.

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"Low Price alone is NOT ENOUGH

said REX engineers designing THIS NEW TILTER

Rex never intended that this new 1/2-bag Tilter for 1929 should sell on low price alone.

Rex aimed first of all to make this machine the outstanding leader of its class-in design-in features-in construction-in performance.

What Rex Engineers accomplished is plain to see: a new 1/2-bag tilting mixer built from stem to stern to meet today's conditions on the 20-to-50 yard per day concrete job.

And Rex production facilities make low price a matter of course.

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MAUK Shingles (clear, all heart and vertical grain) are stained twice under high pressure—a process MAUK pioneered and has used for the last three years. Special, natual mineral pigments, ground to pass a 325 mesh screen, bound together with pure linseed oil impregnate every shingle.

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The preservative creosote oils go clear through the shingle. The color itself penetrates the surface deep as mineral pigments can be forced into red cedar. That's why MAUK Double Dipped colors don't wash off—why they resist sun, salt air, extremes of weather. Where appearances mean sales, it's worth considering these facts.



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A Balsam-Wool insulated house earns the owner's recommendation

COMFORT and economy cannot be installed in a home like furniture. They must be built in. The finest, most expensive heating equipment can be little more than two-thirds efficient if effective wall and roof insulation is not built in as part of that equipment.

Balsam-Wool blanketing is true insulation—efficient insulation. Consider it as part of the heating system in houses you build to sell. Recommend it as a heat saver



in homes you build on contract. A full inch can be used at little or no additional cost because at least 25% of the radiation can be saved. And every year fuel savings will be 25% or more.

Balsam-Wool is true insulation because it is flexiblebecause it fits snugly into walls and roof—because it tucks into every crack and cranny—because it seals spaces around doors and windows. Obviously, this is the way to make a house *heat-tight*. Obviously, this is the way to win the owner's recommendation of you.

Investigate Balsam-Wool blanketing before planning the next job—your own or for a customer. Ask your lumber dealer. If he does not sell Balsam-Wool, write us for names of reliable dealers who can supply you.

> Balsam-Wool is a guaranteed Weyerhaeuser product —a blanket of fluffy wood fibrethatlooks and actslike sheep's wool. It is TRUE Insulation—keeping the house warm in winter and cool in summer—because

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They are doors of Philippine Laminex, unquestionably tomorrow's wood.

Philippine Laminex doors bring back the beauty of mahogany and teak-their slender parallel ribbons and color - at an amazingly low cost. You can secure Philippine Laminex doors for just half what you've paid for mahogany doors!

That's because: (1) Philippine Laminex comes in duty free; (2) is selected by our own organization in the Islands; and (3) is imported in vast quantities for stock manufacture by the largest door makers in the world.

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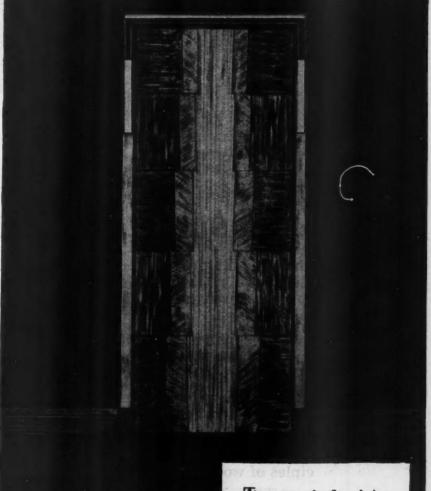
Today's most popular door design, the Belle Porte, is pictured here in lovely Philippine Laminex-one of the 23 stock doors in this beautiful new series. They're sold locally by Laminex dealers.

And Philippine Laminex doors won't shrink, swell, or warp. Rush coupon below for prices - Philippine Laminex may land you a next job-or an earlier sale!

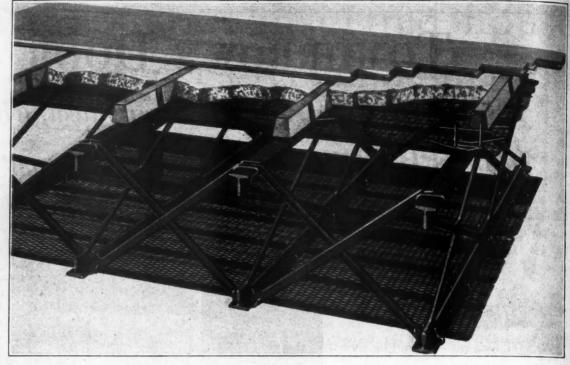
THE WHEELER, OSCOOD COMPANY. Dept. E-99, Tacoma, Washington. Please send me more information about Philippine Laminex doors, and prices at which I can get them locally. Name.

Tomorrow's door! According to three of the country's best known architects and designers, here it is! It was designed especially for **Philippine Laminex by** the New York architect, R. H. Smythe. In many a "modern" home and commercial building being planned today this door would be most fitting. We can now supply it to you on order.

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The Floor and Roof Construction of Tomorrow

Through engineering genius and modern manufacturing methods Kalman is able to provide you with this new and improved method for building fire-safe floors and roofs.

In this construction the principle of the old wood floor and roof construction is maintained—but the materials used are greatly improved.

Kalmantruss Steel Joists are made by a new and different method—a rolling process. As a result, joints are onepiece and the joist has unusual dependability.

Kalmantruss Rigid Bridging follows the engineering principles of wood cross bridging, but it is fire-safe.

In addition, the application of Kalmanlath and the distinctive line of Kalman accessory products, such as ceiling and floor lath clips, result in producing the improved fire-safe floor and roof construction of tomorrow —a construction that is easy to erect.

KALMAN STEEL COMPANY Successors to Sykes Metal Lath Company



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Winter Windows mean Easier Sales

The increasing popularity of winter-windows (the new name for storm sash)—is evidence that homeowners everywhere are beginning to realize as they never have before the importance of insulating their homes against the dangerous drafts of winter. ¶On September 21 and October 19, full page advertisements on winter windows will appear in the Saturday Evening Post selling the idea of storm sash to new thousands of homeowners. ¶Watch for this advertising. And begin now to cash in on it by equipping your homes with winter windows. They mean actual dollars and cents savings which should make any home easier to sell. ¶ Send for our interesting booklet—"Save Fuel with Winter Windows"—which gives the complete story of the many advantages of storm sash.

> Winter windows are, of course, at their best when glazed with quality glass. Be sure, therefore, to specify Libbey-Owens flat-drawn clear sheet glass—the choice of builders everywhere.

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Libbey-Owens Glass Company, Toledo, Ohio

Gentlemen: Please send me your free booklet SAVE FUEL WITH WINTER WINDOWS.

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Each day brings word of new uses for the Black & Decker Electric Hammer in the building construction field. The advent of this new tool is one of the greatest advancements in the history of laborsaving devices, as it accomplishes in a few minutes, work which formerly required hours with hand tools.

Black & Decker Portable Electric Hammers are ideal for driving any type of tool where hammer action is desired, such as star drills, chipping chisels, wood working tools, bulls points etc. They are unusually light in weight, strong and sturdy and each is a complete unit in itself - no auxiliary apparatus being required. They are ready for use as soon as plugged into the electric light socket.

Some of the uses made of Black & Decker Electric Hammers in the building construction field:-

- Cutting into walls where switch boxes are to be placed
- Changing equipment in Industrial plants.
- Drilling holes for expansion shields
- Drilling holes through concrete or brick for pipe and conduit
- Drilling stalactite for insulators
- Erecting steel partitions and fitting steel sash
- Hanging pipes, fireproof doors, radiation and conduit
- Installing sprinkler systems, meters, switchboards, metal staircases and fire escapes
- Surfacing concrete with bushing tool
- Tearing out concrete foundations and floors
- Wood gouging and chiseling on heavy wood construction

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LET Holland assume full responsibility for year around comfort in the homes you build. Holland designs, plans, installs, finances and guarantees every installation. Responsibility is undivided. You and the home buyer are fully protected. In the winter the Aire-U-Well electric circulating unit forces moist warmth throughout the home. No room is ever hard to heat. In summer the airplane-type propeller sends a delightful, cooling breeze to every nook and corner -equivalent to several electric fans in every room. Holland's name and fame are known everywhere. It has a million "warm friends". More than 30,000 women hear the Holland story daily. Its superiority is dramatized to millions monthly by a steady stream of national and direct advertising. We are helping builders everywhere sell more homes. Get the facts. Let us explain why it will pay you to install Holland Vaporaire and end your heating responsibility. Call the Holland branch nearest you.

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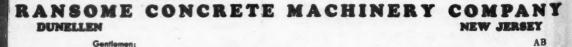
Users wanted built-in ability to stand up under the hardest kind of service. They wanted a light weight mixer easy to move around on the job. They asked for simplicity, so that all parts could be easily operated, lubricated or replaced—a fast mixer with great

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capacity—insuring large output in fast time. They demanded the same improved water control as found on our large mixers.

Ransome engineers met all these requirements, and yet kept the price down. The result is *value*... the new 7-S, the last word in small mixer construction.

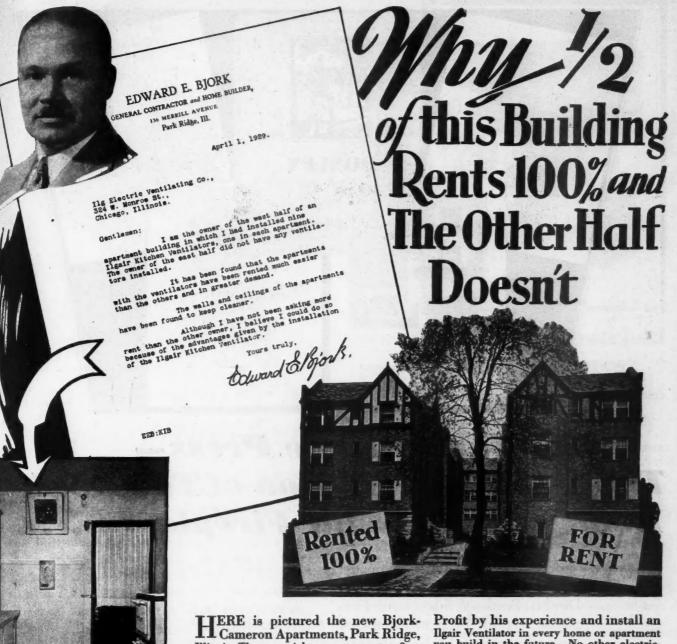
Mail the coupon below today! It will bring you our Bulletin No. 123, giving complete specifications for the new 7-S, as written by our contractor friends.



Please send me, without obligation, your Bulletin No. 123, describing the new Ransome 7-5 Standard Building Mixer.

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HERE is pictured the new Bjork-Cameron Apartments, Park Ridge, Illinois. There are eighteen apartments—9 on each side. The "For Rent" sign is still hanging out on the eastern half because a number of the apartments are vacant—but the western portion is rented 100%.

Read Mr. Bjork's letter. + + +

View of kitchen in one of the Bjork-Cameron apartments

showing the Ilgair Kitchen Ventilator installed in the wall

as a built-in feature.

Profit by his experience and install an Ilgair Ventilator in every home or apartment you build in the future. No other electrical device will add so much to your sale and rental values as this compact, quiet-running exhaust fan which removes cooking odors, greasy fumes and excessive heat. It makes the kitchen a joy spot — in any kind of weather — summer or winter.

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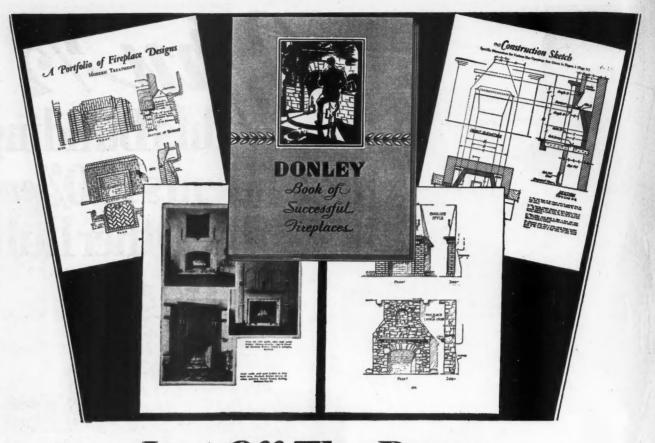
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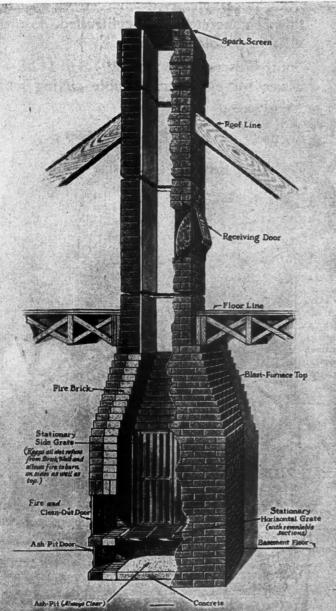
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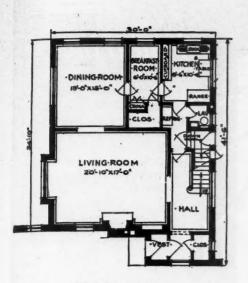
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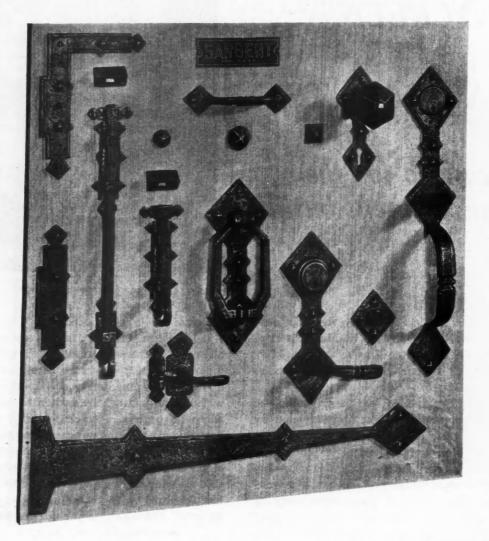
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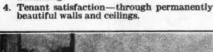


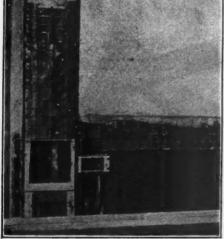
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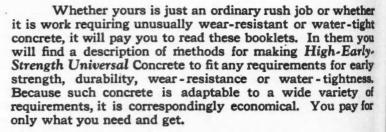
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N the face of continuing high money rates, which handicapped building construction all through the first half of the current year, a new record for July building contract volume has been established. With the release of contract figures compiled by the F: W. Dodge Corporation, the prophesied recovery of the building market, from the depression of earlier months, has become an established fact. The argument that the country was overbuilt and that the downward trend of building activity marked a return to normal has been refuted.

The increase in July contract volume, amounting to 20 per cent over June and 12 per cent over July of last year, was not only contrary to the seasonal decline customary for this month, but was sufficiently pronounced to establish a new record for July and also was the second highest monthly total yet attained.

An encouraging feature of the month's record was the improvement noted in residential building which showed an increase of five per cent over June, although 13 per cent below July, 1928. This is a definite improve-ment when compared with a decline of 34 per cent at the end of the first quarter and 28 per cent at the end of the half year, below the corresponding periods of 1928.

Non-residential building continued to make further increases amounting to 10 per cent over the preceding month and 18 per cent over July of last year. The most pronounced increase, however, occurred in the public works and utilities class, amounting to 61 per cent over June, 1929, and 42 per cent over July, 1928, establishing a new monthly record.

The July record has made an auspicious start for the second half of 1929, with business sentiment more than usually optimistic and supported by reports of large corporate profits and high volume of industrial activity, it seems likely that the second half year will maintain a better construction record, compared with 1928, than did the first half of the year.

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Winter Windows

MARKED increase in the use of what are now A known in the trade as winter windows was revealed as a result of a recent survey by a national advertising agency. More of these windows-generally called storm sash formerly-have been made during the last 12 months than in the whole previous three years together, according to the survey, which is confirmed by the general experience of dealers in many parts of the country.

In these days when almost every new home is built with walls, roof and floors carefully insulated, it has become glaringly evident that the window is an unprotected gap and that a large proportion of the benefit arising from insulating other contacts with the exterior air is lost by heat leakage through the window sash or around the window frame. To meet this loss architects and builders have come to make liberal use of the modernized winter window, with results, reports agree, of a highly satisfactory character.

Advantages shown by experience to accrue from the use of window sash are numerous and impressive. They include:

1. Fuel saving amounting to a considerable proportion of the former winter outlay for heating, and large enough in all cases to repay the cost of the new window equipment in a short period.

2. Enhanced family comfort and health by maintaining even temperatures and preventing draughts, cold spots, etc.

3. Reduction in domestic labor or expense for cleaning windows, which require attention only once in six weeks instead of weekly.

4. Greater silence in the home by effective closeting it from noise of traffic, winds, rain, etc.

5. Clearer vision by prevention of frost and steam forming on windows.

6. Improved air circulation through properly adjusted vents instead of by opening windows full length.

7. Increased beauty of house exterior resulting from use of paint on winter windows to harmonize with and complement the general color scheme of building.

The winter window, as now made, is a modernization of the double window or storm sash in general use half a century ago and still to be seen in cooler sections of the United States and Canada. In construction and appearance it has been materially improved, however, and in its present form it is not only an adornment to the most modern home but with the better grade of glass now available and the scientifically planned vents for air passage it is vastly more efficient for all its functions than its early prototype.

Proving Hidden Quality

ONE of the biggest problems confronting the building industry-more particularly the speculative or merchant builders, building homes for sale-is to get good construction appreciated. Most of the things that really count for quality in home building are covered up and out of sight before the prospective buyer ever sees the home. He is apt to buy on surface indications rather than on the honest substantial quality that has been built into the foundation, frame work, walls, floors and roof.

Builders would rather do good work and they know that the buyer will give preference to the well-built home if he recognizes it. The question has been how to prove the quality that is under the surface.

Several different methods are being developed and are worthy of study by all those building for sale. How a prominent Detroit builder is having his houses "rated" for construction, heatability and permanence is described in an article in this issue. In a number of the New York City suburbs, in Columbus, Ohio, and in some other places, the builders themselves have organized with an inspection committee which certifies to the quality of each house constructed by members of the association. Some lumber and building material dealers co-operating with builders are furnishing to each job an authenticated list of materials of which the house is built, so that the future buyer will have full information.

All of these ways and others are good. Quality has a powerful appeal to the buyer and anything that builders can do to put quality into their work and then prove it as there, will make for quicker sales and more satisfactory conditions in the building industry.



Palmer Sells Proven Quality How a Prominent Detroit Builder Operates to Cash in on His Better Building Features

By Clyde A. Mann

HARVEY CAMPBELL, secretary of the Detroit Board of Commerce, stepped to his office window and swept his arm north and west across the square miles of homes beyond the Fisher Tower and General Motors Building, high against the skyline. He was putting a climax upon his remarks to an associate of mine as to the great importance to any city that the homes provided for residents and new arrivals be well built homes, worth the prices paid.

"I will tell you whom to see," he added, whirling about. "See Louis G. Palmer. He is interested in better homes. His organization builds homes that are among the best built in Detroit. He can tell you what is built in those houses—see him."

That recommendation of Palmer-built houses, I can now say from having seen most of those under construction and many of those completed is well justified. No doubt there are many other Detroit builders who build sturdy houses, but I have as yet seen and had engineers' reports upon Palmer Plan houses only.

I am proud that the swing to better building in this country has such a notable example in any city. The explanation lies in the keen, sympathetic interest in providing good homes for good people that animates Mr. Palmer himself and Wm. Hall, manager of his home building work. To both of them the human side of good homes or poor has obvious appeal. They know the amazing handicaps that poor construction can add to the zealous efforts of father, mother and children to possess a home of their own and pay for it. To most families the greatest purchase ever made is a home and to most of them the problems involved to secure low depreciation, low repairs and replacement and low fuel bills are problems they must leave to the builders.

Among Mr. Palmer's counsellors on better home building are some of the chiefs of Detroit's automobile industry. Their interest lies in the welfare of hundreds of thousands of employes. Every wage dollar that pays heavy toll to poor home buildings lays in burden also upon the employers. Efficient work never is inspired by anxiety about excessive repair or fuel bills added to interest and taxes. Automobile chiefs value efficient work.

"Build so well that your sales expenses will be cut out or be at a minimum," was the counsel of Henry Ford.

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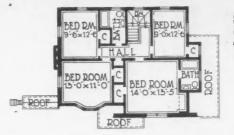
out ord. said So that is the Palmer program to build houses that are good enough to sell without sales pressure. It is proving successful. Palmer took steps to prove the hidden merit of his construction by impartial inspections by the Certified Building Registry, of Chicago, to have the benefit of "rating" by good engineering standards evidenced by certificates of rating issued by the Registry. When so much difference lies hidden behind the plaster and paint when a home is ready for the buyer Mr. Palmer wanted his good work proveable in detail. As a result "fortified" houses are on the way to ready sales, the rating disclosing to what degree they are fortified. Every sale is counted upon to produce other sales.

Fifty houses in five subdivisions, built according to revised specifications from plans that were very carefully studied by Mr. Palmer himself and by Mr. Hall and his construction staff, have been built and sold. That, however, is but the beginning of the work under the present policy, for it is likely that 100 will be the number for the current year. One hundred houses that will sell for \$11,000 to \$15,500 is a program running into millions of dollars. Detroit is a logical place for it, because the rapid growth of population is creating need for homes for all kinds of pocket books, and preference in that city runs to houses instead of flats.

Structural Sturdiness

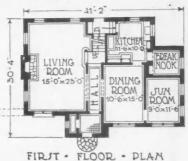
On analysis, the outstanding feature of "Palmer Plan" homes is structural sturdiness. Their floors do not sway under one's weight, their roofs do not vibrate in gusts of winds, their corners cannot be pulled out of plumb by storms, their foundations cannot settle and twist the walls or crack the plaster. Their window and door openings are carried sturdily on heavy headers. The explanation lies in the stalwart framing, the use of more than adequate joists, rafters and girders, the insistence upon wall footings that cannot fail to carry the load without sinking, the stressing of carpentry of the sort our grandsires took pride in. It is true that many buyers do not know the value of such construction and and it is for their benefit and the resales of the future Mr. Palmer is having his houses "rated."





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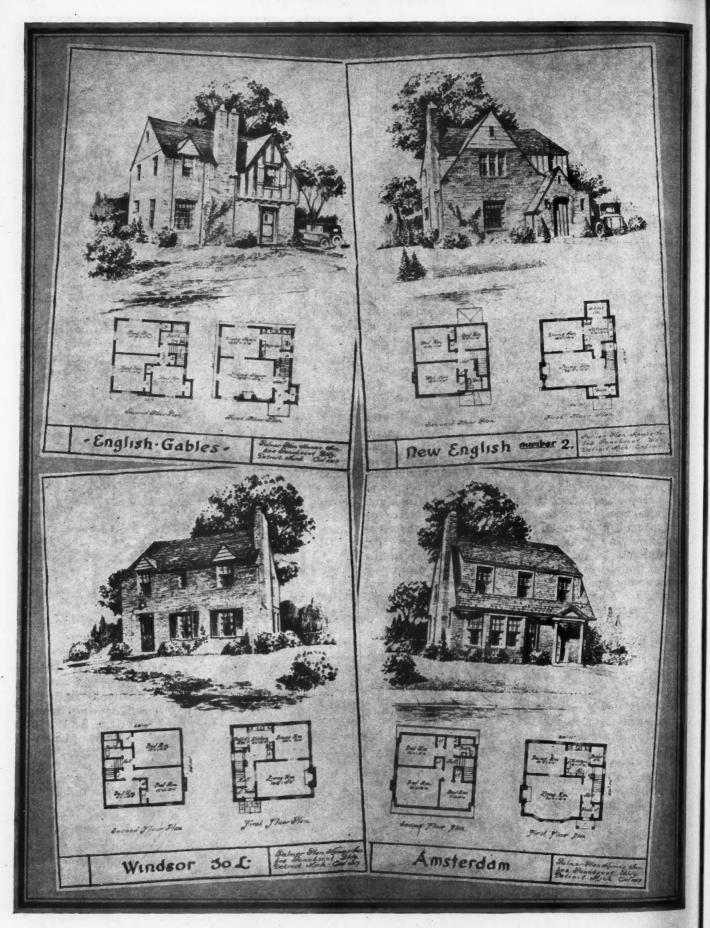
A Typical Palmer Plan Home — Smart in Looks and Convenient in Arrangement. See Floor Plans Above.

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PALMER-PLAN HOMES

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Prospective Clients Study Dozens of Home Design Sheets Like These and Select What Pleases Them Best. Then the Quality Is Built in. The design sheets are photostat copies, 8 by 10 inches in size; and can be quickly tinted for various color schemes as required. Fe "ratifuel tural nence 194 200. posts (inst and 18 some make year: Bu given the

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Four factors are covered by this "rating," permanence, fire safety, fuel cost and comfort. The structural merit has caused the permanence rating to run in some cases to 194 rating points out of a possible 200. Steel girders, braced corner posts, bridged joists, 2 by 6 rafters (instead of 2 by 4), 2 by 12 joists and wall footings of real concrete 18 inches wide—these comprise some of the items that combine to make the depreciation during future years exceptionally low.

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But good architectural design is given heavy credit in arriving at the permanence rating, the impelling reasons for this being the well known habit of owners to neglect a house that is ugly to look upon. Obsolescence will not overtake the Palmer houses, for each is carefully designed to charm the eye and retain the local devotion of owners to paint and repair them before damage is done.

Among the items considered in constructing and in "rating" the houses are these: good exterior

walls adequately framed, braced, nailed and mortared; good hardware that will survive 10 years and more without replacements; electric fitments of similar quality; plumbing that will not submit to corrosion of pipes or chipping of white enamel; roofs that are waterproof as well as strong under winds or winter's load of snow, and flashings and gutters that, if kept painted, should survive the 10-year period of the rating without replacements or repairs. Steel casement windows have been used, with plate glass panes in all of them. Fireplace draft has been assured by a patent throat in the flue that prevents smoke "rolling out."

What will be the result when that first item of "walls adequately braced" is disregarded, is proclaimed





A Typical Modern Interior in a Palmer-Plan Home.

throughout Detroit's areas of homes poorly built by many horrible examples. Lack of rigid bracing against storms has left houses out of plumb at the corners, leaning one way or another. Such houses rarely can be made ship shape again without rebuilding. For lack of diagonal bracing from corner posts to adjacent studs the owners have unending troubles with doors and windows that bind because out of plumb. Palmer houses are braced with care.

Doubled plates, precautions against shrinkage of framing lumber and bridging between joists are among other features that earned high rating.

When one knows that fuel expense is a major cost of owning a home the importance is seen of knowing

> in advance that the fuel requirements will be moderate, not alone by insulation and weather stripped doors, but by adequate size and height and straightness of fuel of the chimneys, also by the use of thermostatic devices for automatic damper regulation of the heating plant—a very important item. However, insulation of the upper ceiling, and not a mere excuse for insulation either, and of side walls, was considered in planning the Palmer houses. Insulation without tight windows would be almost a joke. Also, the infiltrations of winter winds through brick walls is well shut out by the use of heavy craft paper.

> Under the head of comfort rating, the abundance of daylight and (Continued to page 138)

Example of the Extra Care and Strength Given the Framing of the Palmer Houses.



AMERICAN BUILDER

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Sizing up the Market

Analysis of all Factors Should be Made Before Undertaking a Co-operative Apartment Enterprise

> By HENRY T. HOLSMAN' Co-operative Apartment Specialist

N apartment building is an attempt to build two or more houses where, ordinarily, only one could be. It might have been a feasible solution of the multiple dwelling problem had it not been for the landlords and leases and the concomitant greed and overcrowding.

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Those families who could not tolerate landlordism's dark and airless rooms and close contact with other families, moved from the congested areas to open spaces, preferring to suffer the deprivations of urban conveniences and privileges for the freedom of space, until distances became so great as to virtually separate them from the advantages of city life.

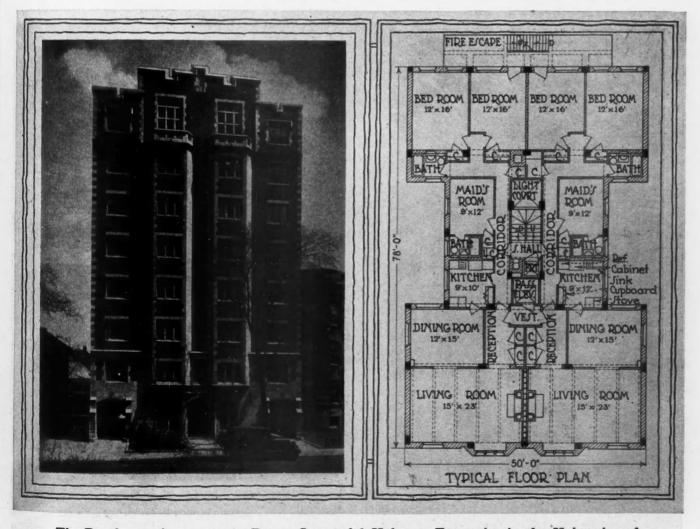
Recently the urban minded families, preferring to go back to, or stay in city life, found a way to co-operate in apartment ownership, thus eliminating the landlord, the waste of filmsy construction, and the expense of frequent moving, entailed by the apartment house rental system.

This improved, community owned, multiple dwelling,

the modern co-operative apartment building, seems a good solution to home ownership under the conditions of American city development.

The co-operative apartment must first of all provide a home as nearly like the one family residence as possible in light, air, privacy, security and the instinctive feeling of ownership and permanency. It must at the same time have some of the advantages of the city apartment such as easy access to business or shops, good schools, churches, theatres and recreational facilities and some freedom from the difficulties of real estate transfer and the ceaseless care entailed by the private house and grounds.

The three major steps in developing a co-operative project are: First, find a location where prospective purchasers are likely to be, a location where evidence indicates that people desiring private homes would like to live; second, plan the structure so that each apartment will have as much of the appeal and as many of the advantages of the single family home as possible;



The Dorchester Apartments, a Recent Successful Holsman Enterprise in the University of Chicago Neighborhood.

third, develop a financial and legal set-up that is less expensive, more simple and as safe as the ownership of an individual home.

In making these decisions follow carefully the points emphasized in the minimum standards for the certifying of co-operative projects as set out by the Consultation Bureau of the Co-operative Apartment division of the National Association of Real Estate Boards. These standards make a good formula or a most excellent check.

While the service of this bureau will endeavor to determine if your particular building on your particular lot will be successful, it can only criticize, it cannot go out and find you another or better location. It is this selection of the proper location and of a proper building design that could be termed "Analyzing the Market, Preparatory to a Co-operative Development," for it is much more desirable to build what the people want and need, where they need it and want it, than to make them want what you have.

There are neighborhoods where one may note the persistence of one family homes, even though land values, taxes and public improvements have grown so that one family residences are economically obsolete. Apartments have so encroached upon the former open spaces that yards are no longer adequate for privacy, light and air, nor fit for private recreation and play. This type of location will furnish prospects who like to own their homes and who have a desire to be permanently located. High land values are not objectionable provided the structure may have good vertical transportation and thus the number of stories may divide Hotel minded people regard movement superior to permanency and privacy. They care less for proximity to schools, churches and recreational neighborhood facilities of value to the home. They desire close contact with public transportation, theatres, and shops while the home owner prefers a certain amount of isolation and quiet. Therefore, in general, hotel districts will not furnish potential home buyers, nor will the couple looking for a home and the proper environment in which to raise their family, buy in a district dominated by or in the path of a hotel movement.

Many districts are dominated by or are in the path of industrial, commercial or racial trends. These may be suitable for co-operatively owned office buildings, garages, industrial or racial housing but are not desirable for a co-operative apartment home development.

The structure, since it should have permanency, should be fireproof. Only such materials, as far as possible, as will endure with the least expenditure for upkeep and are least likely to become obsolete should be used. Floors and walls separating one apartment from another should be as soundproof as the art of building affords. The apartments must be provided with permanent light and air adequate for home life. If the prospective owners in the proposed location cannot afford such a structure it is not ripe for co-operative apartment development.

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A Dining Room in the Dorchester Apartments.

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Villa Carlotta Apartments

at Hollywood, California

ARTHUR E. HARVEY, Architect

THE Villa Carlotta Apartments, Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, Calif., were built by Luther T. Mayo, Inc., of Los Angeles, Arthur E. Harvey being the architect.

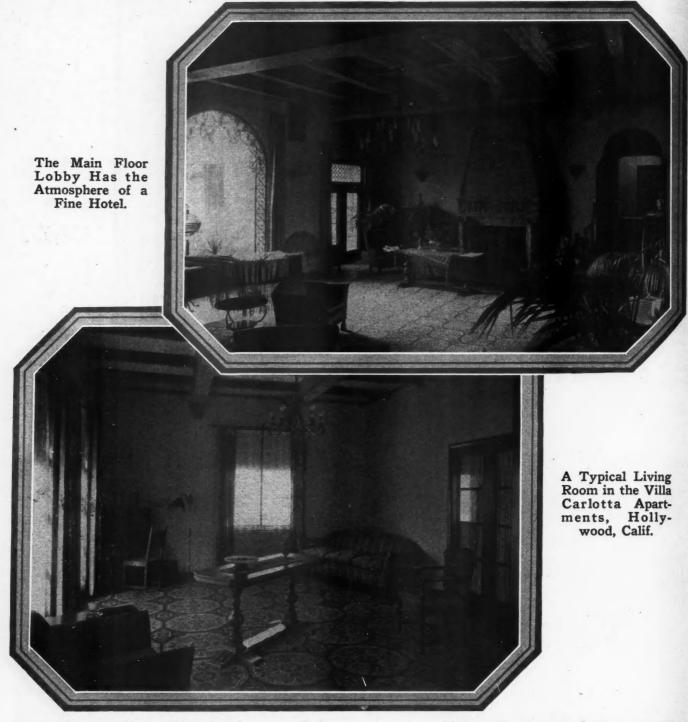
The building is planned in the form of a U with entrance in the center from Franklin Avenue, opening directly into a large lobby which faces the north and opens upon an enclosed garden patio. There are fortynine apartments, consisting of singles, doubles and duplex De Luxe, ranging from two to four rooms.

The general style of structure is Italian and Spanish; and an unusual effect is obtained by the setting back of the second story, a balcony being created at this level. The exterior walls are of brick with special textured stucco outside. Ornamentation of the exterior is of art stone; and wrought iron balconies and grilles above the windows contribute to the highly decorative effect of stone and wrought iron. Awnings for the entire building were especially designed for locations in which they appear; all hand painted and decorated to harmonize with colors of the building. Fire escapes were required by law on the front of the building, but these were decoratively treated by being recessed and by the use of ornamental wrought iron railings resembling balconies.

Hardwood floors were used throughout the apartments; the walls textured plaster decorated in colorful manner, while the ceilings are beamed in Spanish style. The lobby has large view windows overlooking the garden, and a noteworthy high ceiling effect is gained by lowering the floor below that of the apartment floor level, permitting the use of tile steps. Furthermore, an attractive wrought-iron treatment of stair rails from lobby to main hall is made possible.

At one end of the lobby is the office; at the other is a large art stone fireplace. The office desk and counter

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are of mahogany with sand-blasted and recessed design. Heavy Spanish beams on the ceilings are chamfered and decorated with textured plaster between the beams. The floor is of hand-made tile laid in pattern. Throughout wrought-iron lighting fixtures are used, designed for both direct and indirect lighting.

In the duplex apartments the bedrooms are on the floor above and are reached by means of attractive stairways with railings of wrought iron; the living rooms of apartments are a few steps lower than the entrance hall and give a suggestion of greater height than would otherwise be obtained. These rooms are treated in various styles of beaming.

Forced ventilation is provided for kitchens and utility rooms. Completely equipped kitchens were installed with provisions for electric and gas ranges, automatic refrigeration, etc., and the plumbing is of the highest grade with recessed tubs, showers, etc.

-C. M. LINDSAY.

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tive proportion of the rooms and their relation to each other, and the approach to it should produce a pleasing emotion on the part of the beholder or occupant, whether he is aware of it or not. It must appear like a home to the senses, to the eye, to the ear, even to the nose. It must "feel like a home so that visitor or occupant may feel at home." In no class of building will the high art of architecture be more valuable or the element of beauty in all its phases be a greater asset than in permanent community homes. If the project does not warrant the care and expense of such treatment it should be abandoned.

I do not mean that a co-operative apartment must be expensive and out of the reach of the man who makes \$4,000 to \$6,000 a year. In fact this is a group of very likely prospects as a co-operative apartment can give them better accommodations for less money and thus cour it is your small and it is apar peop desin It

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Vill Holl Harv tect; thus help them to save and advance. Of course, all people do not need to save—and it is just as grievous a mistake to make your building too plain and the rooms too small, if it is in a neighborhood of wealth and to be occupied by people of means, as it is to make the rooms too large and the apartments expensive in a district where the people cannot afford everything they might desire.

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It is not necessary that a group of owners as congenial as those required for a successful club be available; in fact, in the beginning co-operative apartments were organized on the club basis and did not succeed. The plan should not rely over much upon congeniality or friendship among owners. The intimate mingling of co-operative owners in their home affairs is not desirable and not necessary. All sorts of co-operative enterprises other than co-operative apartments relying too much on personal relations and aptitudes have failed, because the best of individual human characters and intentions waiver at times. On the other hand, a community, where the custom and habit of the people is to go it alone without co-operation with others, would not be fertile ground for co-operative apartments. There must be available a class of people who can submit to some trust in, and co-operation with others and who can shape their conduct to competent management.

If a location can be found where these elements can be brought together then a co-operative apartment development is not only possible but desirable.

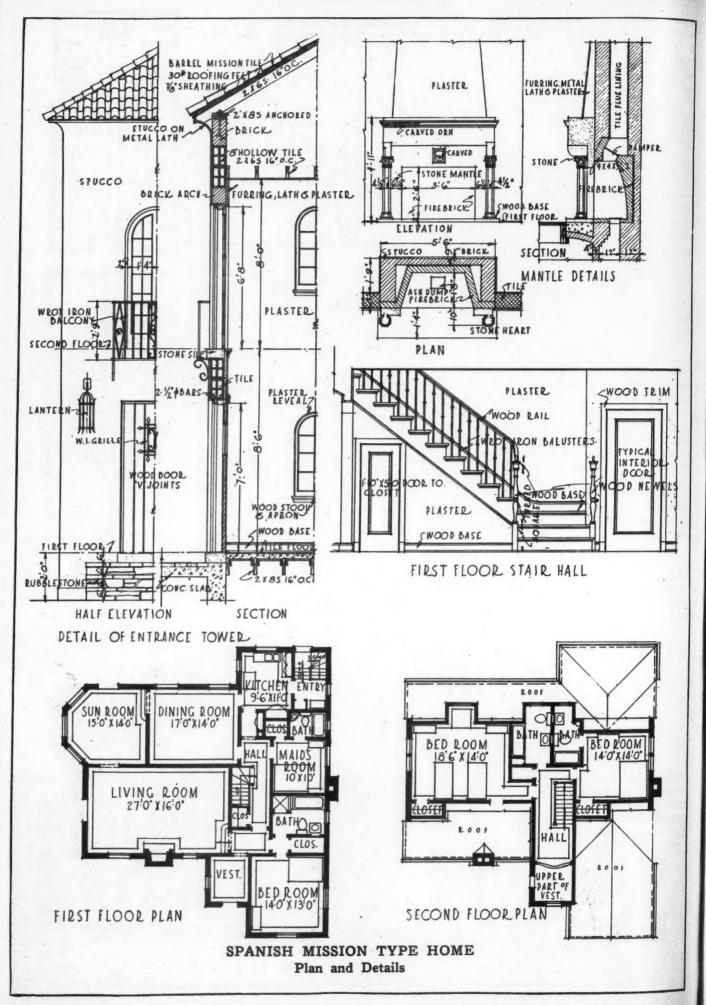
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Spanish Mission Type Home

Plans and Details of Construction on Page Opposite

By ALLEN E. ERICKSON, A. I. A., Architect

We have all been possessed of the idea, after a visit to the bright sunny climate of southern California, to come right back to our home community in another part of the great United States and build a beautiful home, full of life and color, similar to those we have seen.

Every object must have its correct setting in order to be displayed to the best advantage. Down in southern California and Mexico, where the Spanish Mission, type of architecture originated, it grew naturally out of its surroundings. The style was influenced by the climate, the length of the day and intense sunshine, and the clear blue skies. The use of materials was a natural outgrowth of available products and materials. Many homes in that section of the country have borrowed characteristics of the Spanish Mission style and form the modern American home of that type today. The house illustrated is one of these.

The characteristic details of this house are the simple low roof lines, except an accentuated entrance tower and chimney; the use of bright colored exterior stucco. The roofing is a hand scored, barrelmission tile of deep reddish color with varying shades. Another characteristic is the arched window

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opening with balcony over entrance; also the shuttered window openings. These shutters can be closed during the hot glare of the sun. A setting for the house is provided by the landscaping which admirably ties the whole house to its site.

The plans on opposite page reveal some interesting things. The rooms are large. The living room is 16 by 27 feet. It has rough hewn solid wood beams in the ceiling. Ceiling is 11 feet 6 inches in height. Living room is reached through the entrance vestibule and hall, and is down a flight of three steps. See photograph of living room on next page.

A feature of the entrance tower is the fact that it is two stories high. As one enters the house, one steps on a Navajo tile floor laid with colored tile inserts, in an attractive pattern. Looking up, one can see the balcony at the second floor stair landing. This is of hand wrought iron. The ceiling of the entrance tower runs

clear to the underside of the roof rafters. At this point hangs, suspended, a large lantern. This, of course, is designed in, and carries out the feeling of the style in which this house is designed. Most of the rooms, including the entrance tower, have a wall finish of textured, colored plaster. Each room has a

NEXT MONTH Mr. Erickson presents details and photographs of a French Country Type home built at Greenwich, Conn.



The Living Room in the Spanish Mission Type Home.

variation of color and texture. The sun room with its large bay overlooking the yard and French doors which lead out to it, is a bright spot in this habitation. A view can be had in three directions. The floor is of large hand made tiles of bright colors. The kitchen and service entry is placed adjacent to the garage. Refrigerator and broom closet are located in the service entry. An electric dishwashing sink with conveniently arranged cupboards, cabinets, drop-leaf table and range constitute the kitchen equipment. A wrought iron gate divides the garden from the service drive of the house. Each bedroom on the first floor has its private bathroom and a cedar lined closet is adjacent to the private bath. The large front bath has both bath tub and tiled-in shower. The walls and floor of this bath is of matt-faced orange tile with black trim. It also has colored shower curtains.

The second floor plan shows two more bedrooms and two baths, one opening off of the bedroom and the other the upper stair hall. These are both tile and have the latest equipment in plumbing figures.

The construction of this type of house is well carried out with the use of concrete block of cinder type or a clay hollow building tile. In both cases the exterior

is given three coats of plaster, the final coat containing the desired color and texture. The interior should be in both cases, furred and lathed with metal lath, and plastered three coats. Insulation is an important item in climates similar to the one where this house was built. Over the entire second floor portion containing rooms a flexible insulation has been applied between the rafters. On all exterior walls of the first floor an insulating board was used for the plaster base. Between the first and second floor, the same insulation as used under the rafters was used as floor deadening. Strips laid down and the finished floor on top. Only a portion of the basement of this house was excavated, the saving being considerable. The house used gas heat. The remaining part of the basement is used for laundry and storage rooms. Two dressing rooms are provided with bath and shower, seat and wardrobe. These are used by the family before and after enjoying a swim in the lake. This is indeed a complete house. Each bedroom has its own bathroom. The sleeping quarters are separated from the living quarters. The house is faced in such a way that each room has an abundance of sunlight and a beautiful view.

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NEXT MONTH: Two timely articles for those building Homes for Sale, one on OIL BURNERS, the other on MORE GLASS, WIN-TER WINDOWS and WEATHER STRIPPING.

Modern Church Is Three-Unit Structure

The First Presbyterian Church, New Rochelle, N.Y. John Russell Pope, srchisect; John K. Turtom & Co., New York, general contractor. This church is being constructed this summer and promises to be one of the most complete three-unit church structures.

W HILE the essential purpose of the church building is the same today that it was hundreds of years ago, the modern church structure differs quite materially from those of other days. In fact, the change has been most marked in recent years as the church has sought to combat through a seven-day-a-week program the worldly influences of a jazz-industrial age. Where formerly the House of God was a

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one-unit building providing only for worship, today it is a three-unit structure providing adequately for worship, for recreation and fellowship and for religious education.

Essentially, however, the purpose of the building is unchanged. Throughout the ages man has sought to give expression to his conception of God through the design and integrity of the temple in which he worshipped. Thus from the time of King Solomon the church building has commanded the best efforts of the ablest craftsmen.

Solomon, you will recall, called not only for the ablest craftsmen in the land, but also for the best building materials available. And there was nothing hurried about its construction. Thirteen years were required to complete it. It was designed and built as a permanent structure—"a place for Thee to dwell in forever."

Before entering into a more detailed discussion of the trend in church building, it may be well to sketch briefly the history of the church in America.

Seven-day-a-week Use of Religious Buildings Bring Many Changes in Construction

Churches are Spending \$213,000,000 Yearly

BY SAMUEL D. FUSON

The earliest churches in the United States were "meeting houses" designed to accommodate community assemblies of various sorts, in addition to the weekly worship services. They were unattractive structures, reflecting to a marked degree the restraint of the pioneers who first settled this country. Having left their homes in Europe primarily to seek out a place where they might worship according to their own ideas, they were unwilling to utilize in any

way the beauty of the medieval churches of their former country.

It was not long, however, as they advanced culturally, before they felt the need of greater beauty in their churches and this, they obtained, by adding towers and steeples, the church building remaining rectangular in shape. These early churches were usually built of timber because that material was plentiful. Generally they were built as community endeavors.

Many of these Early American churches are still standing, for they were built in a day when every mason and every carpenter worked with a loving devotion and not for so much a day. Soon after the American revolution, brick and stone came into common use and many large, if un-religious churches, were erected. Among the few notable churches erected in this period, which were free of sham and, therefore, worthy of the purpose for which they were built, are Trinity Church in New York City and Grace Church, also in New York. The former was designed by Richard Upjohn, grand-

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father of Hobart Upjohn, one of America's present-day church architects. Renwick was the architect of Grace Church.

Gradually the church gave more heed to the needs of its younger folks, but alas! the plan adopted and followed for so many years—in fact, until very recently —was the so-called "Akron plan," which placed religious education under a heavy handicap.

Finally there has evolved a plan of church design and construction that is being pretty generally accepted, although, of course, not all church men, architects and builders are agreed in all details.

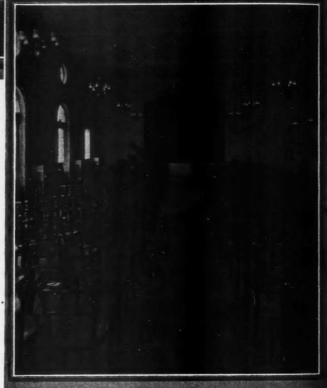
Instead of a single rectangular shaped structure with the sanctuary on the main level and a gloomy Sunday School in the dark basement we have a churchly structure to house the worship room and one or more adjacent or connected buildings with social hall, rooms for club activities and a modern church school plant.

Church building today is big business in point of volume and value. While many towns and villages are over-churched in the sense that too many denominational churches are in the field, they are under-churched, in fact, because few of the existing churches are in any way adequate to the needs of congregation or community.

Approximately \$213,000,000 will be expended this year for new churches in the United States. A considerable proportion of this amount is going into fellowship and religious education buildings. A few of these churches are great cathedrals and a small number are of the so-called skyscraper type in which business is combined with the church. But by far the great majority are medium-priced churches for averaged sized congregations. And nearly all are following the new trend and making adequate provision for the three ministries of worship, fellowship and religious education.

The skyscraper church requires little consideration in this article. It is advisable only in the great centers of population where land values are enormous and the church must either give up and move to the outlying residence districts or effect a combination with business. This combination is accomplished in many ways. The Chicago Temple (Methodist) in Chicago is a fine example of the church-office building. Another building of To Left—Ladies' Parlor, Hyde Park Community Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Below—Fellowship or Social Hall, First Baptist Church, Plainfield, N. J. This church won second prize in a national competition. Hobart Upjohn, architect; Walter Kidde Co., New York, general contractor.



this type is the Rochester Baptist Temple. Labor (Presbyterian) Temple in New York City was the pioneer in this form of construction. Other notable examples of the church in business are: Boulevard Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mich.; Chelsea Presbyterian, Park Avenue Methodist and Rutgers Presbyterian Churches in New York.

Broadway Temple is rising thirty-six stories high in uptown New York, Central Methodist Episcopal Church is building a hotel in San Francisco and the Abbey Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Texas, has adopted plans for a twenty-eight story apartment-officechurch building.

Some of these churches actually go into business while others effect the improvements through long-time leasing arrangements.

The Cathedral type of church is worthy of a lengthy article by itself. But after all cathedrals are not built every day. The Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York has been under way for many, many years, as risi linte Ho inte sm vid J org

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as has also the great Washington Cathedral, which is rising on the top of a hill in the nation's capital.

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e in ars, But this modern averaged-sized church which reaches into the very heart of our lives is going up all around us. How well it is being planned and built depends on the interest each of us displays in the building, from the smallest contributor to the building fund to the individual stonemason, bricklayer or steamfitter.

I grew up in a church in the Middle West where the organ and choir occupied the position of honor; where the church school met in odd corners of a big assembly

room or in curtained-off cubby holes; where the pews were curved and the floor sloped, as in a theatre. There were other defects but mention of these will suffice, for these are among the major mistakes of the church building of yesterday. The modern trend is to correct the faults of the worship room and add the new facilities for recreation and religious education.

The sanctuary, or auditorium as it is frequently called, should be oblong with the chancel at one of the narrow The nave or body of the sanctuary should be at ends. least twice as long as it is wide. The floors should be level. The pews and aisles should be straight. If there is a balcony it should be only over the narthex, or in larger churches, possibly over one of the transepts. The arrangement of the chancel varies in the different communions, but it generally is accepted that the altar, communion table or baptistry should have the center of interest. The location of the choir and the organ pipes should never be such as to distract from the primary object of the church service-worship. In many churches the organ pipes, attractively grilled, are located on the sides of the chancel. The choir faces toward the center and not out toward the pews. The lecturn where the Scriptures are read is located on one side of the chancel and the pulpit on the opposite side.

The most important change in church construction, of course, is the inclusion of a departmentalized church school with separate class rooms and assembly rooms for each of the grades. Sometimes the church school is entirely separate from the church edifice, but usually it is connected to it. A social or fellowship hall and a kitchen are other modern requirements of the church if it is to perform a practical ministry.

There is no need here to enter into a discussion of the vital necessity for those new facilities in a church building. My audience is interested more in the trends that are taking place than the causes of these changes.

The first requirement in planning the church school is a knowledge of how to divide the students into groups and the builder who is called into a project of this sort

Exterior and Auditorium Views of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Trainer, Pa. Thoralf M. Sundt and Bruce C. Wenner, of Philadelphia, Pa., architects; William Provost, Jr., Chester, Pa., general contractor. This church, which cost \$75,000, was awarded first prize of \$1,000 in a nation-wide competition for average sized church buildings. will do well to recommend a consultation with the church's dominational headquarters. In any event, rooms should be provided for each teacher and class and the rooms should be sound proof. Folding or sliddoors and movable partitions should not be used.

I would like to warn against the use of stock plans for a church, be the building ever so small. I have on my desk as I write these words a letter from a builder asking for stock plans for a small church. And my answer must be that each church plan should be prepared to meet the special requirements of site, size and needs of congregation and church school. Let me urge also that builders be wary of accepting assignments from church committees to furnish plans and build also. Architectural services are economical in the last analysis and the builder approached with a suggestion that he act as both architect and builder will confer a favor on the church if he insists that adequate and detailed plans be furnished.

A greater number of architects are evincing real interest in church architecture today. The profession has always been interested in church design because no other type of building so challenges the artist. No other building has left so vivid an imprint through all the ages. Most of the larger denominations, such as Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterians and Baptists, maintain departments of architecture designed and equipped to consult with churches, architects and builders. These bureaus are glad to consult on church building projects without obligation.

It is largely due to the efforts and influence of these bureaus that the business methods of church building committees have shown such marked improvement recently. More and more builders are finding it worth their time and best efforts to seek church projects. Many contractors are building splendid reputations for themselves by building well the churches in their respective communities, and it is generally recognized that the builder holds a most important position in the erection of a church. Quite often he is the final authority on the materials used in the building, and certainly the appearance and durability of the structure, in the last analysis, are up to him. He can make or mar the building.

"In the greatest days of church building," Elbert M. Conover, director of the Methodist Episcopal Bureau of Church Architecture, told the writer of this article, "the ability and spirit of the craftsmen were recognized as essential to a church building. Sometimes the chief interest of a famous building lies in the detail work evidencing the most careful attention on the part of the builders themselves.

"Today it is highly important that the contractor or builder measure up to the reasonable demands involved in building the House of God. The builder must be a man of intelligence so that he can recognize the reason for many of the special features of a church building. He must know the market conditions of the materials and be able to guard the building against the introduction of untested materials that would cheapen the building or cause deterioration. He must have a craftsman's interest in the project and take pride in the work and also be able to inspire his workmen with the same spirit."

No type of structure offers the same opportunity to the builder for displaying his handiwork 'to so large a group. Successful churches are visited by committees from other churches for miles around. The architect and the builder share almost equally in the praise or blame.

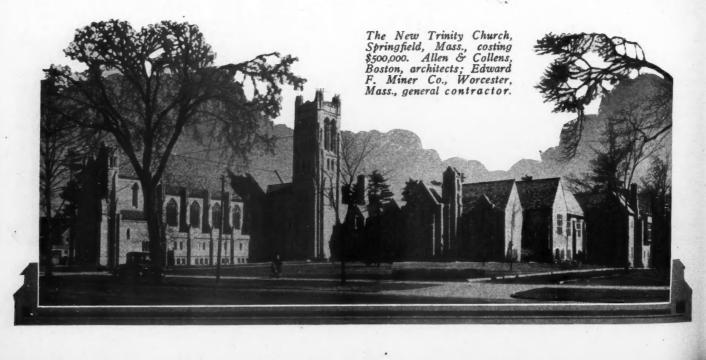
It is difficult to state the average cost of churches being erected today, but roughly it is estimated that in excess of 2,000 religious edifices are being build this year. On the basis of a total expenditure of \$213,000,-000 the average cost is a little more than \$100,000. Average sized churches range in cost from \$30,000 to \$281,000.

More Apartments Every Year

THE trend toward department house dwelling continues in full swing, according to figures compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor.

In 1928 homes were provided in new buildings for 388,678 families in these 257 cities; 53.7 per cent of these were in apartment houses, 35.2 per cent in one-family dwellings, and 11.1 per cent in two-family dwellings. In 1921 only 24.4 per cent were housed in apartment houses and 58.2 per cent were housed in one-family dwellings.

During this period there has been, with the exception of one year when there was a slight falling off, a steady increase in the percentage of families housed in apartments, but this is the first year that more families were provided for in new apartment houses than in one-family and two-family dwellings combined. This is the third consecutive year that more family units have been provided in apartment dwellings than in one-family dwellings.



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Conveyors Unloading Gravel from Cars to Storage.

Belt Conveyors on Big Mart Record Installation Handles Concreting of World's Largest Building

By J. F. JANDA, Conveyor Engineer

F IFTY-FIVE belt and other conveyors working in varying combinations, suiting every possible need in the way of rapid flexible placing of material, are distributing the wet concrete and dry aggregate on the Merchandise Mart Building now under construction in Chicago.

The Merchandise Mart Building, located at Wells Street and the river, will be two blocks long, twentythree stories high, with twice the floor area of any other business building in the world—a \$32,000,000 project, using the most modern method of handling wet concrete and the largest installation of belt conveyors ever made for the purpose.

The application of belt conveyors to the handling of wet concrete on this particular job was the result of plans made by Bruce Gordon, general superintendent in charge of John Griffiths & Son, builders.

The entire idea of conveying the concrete was worked out by Mr. Gordon and it is without a doubt one of the outstanding engineering achievements of the year.

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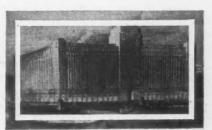
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The fifty-five belt conveyors offer the most flexible system ever used for such a job, distributing the dry aggregate and concrete. Forty-four of these conveyors actually handle the wet concrete — the remaining eleven handle sand and stone.



The Merchandise Mart.

The aggregate is brought in in battleship hopper bottom cars. The tracks are located directly beneath the building itself and the unloading section of the track is excavated below so that the material flows by gravity to the hoppers of the conveyors in the pits. As the photos and drawings show, there are six conveyor belts used for unloading the aggregate—four on the stone and two on the sand.

These six belt conveyors store the material in piles, taking care of the entire aggregate supply without working full time. They are 60 feet long by 24 inches wide, cleated belts, handling about thirty cars of material a day.

Underneath the storage piles are located tunnel belt conveyors. These machines carry the material toward the central mixing plant. As shown on the diagram, there are four towers, each tower being supplied by a

separate one-yard mixer, making up altogether two central mixing plants.

One belt conveyor under the sand and one under the stone bring the materials to the central mixing plant located on the river side of the building. The aggregates are discharged into bucket elevators, one on each side of the central mixing plant, these elevators taking the material up to the batching bins.

For the central mixing plant

BELT CONVEYORS CUT COSTS

24-Inch Belt Conveyors, 60 Feet Long, Handling Wet Concrete.

located in the center of the building (as shown on the chart), two tunnel conveyors are located beneath the stock piles. These conveyors discharge into bucket elevators which take the material up to the third floor where it is discharged into permanent belt conveyors which carry it to the center central mixing plant. The sand (on the left side of the chart) is carried over two permanent conveyors on the third floor—and the stone (on the right) is carried over one.

These three conveyors used on the third floor are referred to as permanent installations. This signifies only that they are not mounted on trucks. They are perfectly portable and can be lengthened or reduced in length as required very easily due to their sectional construction, which is common on all of these conveyors.

The mixed concrete is elevated from the four mixers by the four towers, one-yard buckets being used. The material is elevated by the towers to a point two stories above the floor being poured. The conveyors which are handling the west concrete are located one floor above the floor being poured. Assuming that the third floor is

being poured, the buckets in the towers raise the wet concrete to the fifth floor where it is discharged into a one-yard hopper. This hopper has a chute in the bottom which carries the material down to the waiting conveyor on the fourth floor. Altogether there are forty-four conveyors for handling the mixed concrete. These machines are 40 feet long and 24 inches wide and are each mounted on rubber-tired castors. In distributing concrete from the towers, one to fifteen of these conveyors are used in tandem as required to reach the point above the spot being poured. All the machines are electrically operated and wires are conveniently strung with plug out-lets throughout. The machines are very easily moved about, forming various combinations, sometimes involving complicated crooks and turns, and the fact that they are working on the floor above the floor being poured makes this a very easy operation. Since the belts easily handle a yard a

Since the belts easily handle a yard a minute, and one-yard mixers are used, there is never any delay due to limited capacity of the conveyors.

There are a large number of advantages to this system of distributing the concrete, both in the economical advantages of the method itself over other methods, as well as in the resulting concrete that reaches the forms.

There are only four concrete elevating towers, rising from two central mixing plants. This is the minimum of towers for such a big job. If conveyors were not employed, it would be necessary to use buggies, with probably a hundred men wheeling them. This system would not only be infinitely slower, but would be much more costly and would involve about one hundred times the human element. The entire conveying system with buggies would be subject to the "not so fast" or "slow up a little, Bill," that the tampers slip to the buggy wheelers. With the present conveying method, the tampers are obliged to keep up with the flow of concrete coming down the troughs from the con-veyors. The mixer, tower elevator, and conveyors operate systematically, efficiently, economically, not lagging or slowing down as the hours of the day wear on.

A high tower chuting system on a building of this kind would be absolutely prohibitive, in that the radius on which the chute could swing would be limited by the beams, girders, etc., unless only the top floor were poured each time.

Not counting the wonderful flexibility, and rapid distribution of the belt conveyor system of handling wet concrete, there is a decided advantage in the lack of segregation involved.

With the belt system of carrying the concrete, segregation is entirely eliminated, or at least it is cut down to a negligible figure. Although the concrete is laid out flat on the belt and is carried along at a good speed, there is no friction between the material and the conveying medium. They are standing still in relation to each other.

It is clearly seen that in pouring wet concrete, the belt conveyor is ideal at either extreme of moisture content. If the mix is such that the slump is very low, say from one or two inches—it is too dry to chute (from high towers) unless it is shot down such a steep angle that the

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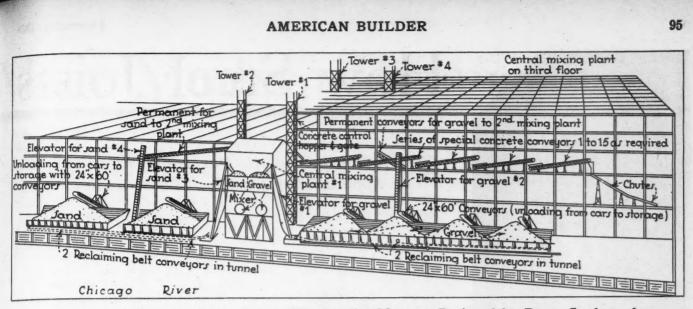


Diagram of Concrete Conveyors on Merchandise Mart, as Designed by Bruce Gordon, of John Griffiths & Son, Builders.

resulting segregation makes the method prohibitive. If the mix is very wet, say with a five-inch slump, although it will chute at a practical angle, the material, due to its extreme dampness, is very susceptible to segregation and must be handled much more gently than the chuting system can convey it for any great distance. When such care is exercised to have the material properly mixed, it can hardly seem logical to deliver the concrete to its destination by a means that destroys the results so carefully obtained in the mixer. When the buggy system is used for distributing the wet concrete, there is an inevitable settling which destroys the mixing that has just been done. On the belt conveyor, although the material rides easily, this settling is avoided.

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> On this Merchandise Mart job, the conveyors used are 40-foot units. If only one machine is being used

for carrying the material from the discharge chute of the elevator buckets to the discharge chute above the tampers, the material is carried so rapidly that the settling does not have a chance to take place. If, however, a greater number of conveyors are being used to carry the material from the first discharge chute to the tampers, say, for instance, ten to fifteen units covering approximately 400 lineal feet, every forty feet there is a slight drop, not a sliding over a chute, but a drop from the discharge end of one conveyor into the hopper end of the next, this drop being identical to the mixing process in the mixer, and actually mixes the material better, more than compensating for any possible settling taking place en route on each unit.

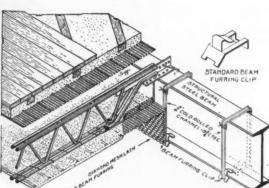
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Series of Concrete Conveyors on Merchandise Mart.



How Steel Joists

An Outline of the Development and **Application of Steel Joist Construction**



By FRANK BURTON, Consulting Engineer

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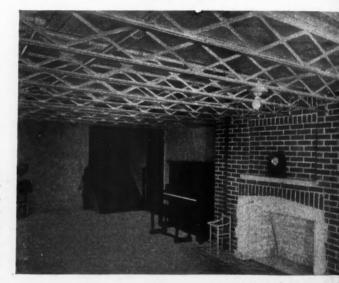
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Expanded Steel Joists as Used in a Residence First Floor Where Fire Resistive Construction Is Not Required.

welded) together to form a light I section. Longer joists were made than heretofore, but those over 10 feet long had to be spliced. By 1917, arrangements were made whereby joists up to 16 feet 8 inches could be made without splicing.

In 1914, the Truscon Steel Company entered the field, making a similar joist, but later developed a new form made of a single strip steel web plate and four small angles assembled in the form of an I beam by spot welding. In 1919 the Central Steel Company also started producing steel joists under the name of the National Steel Joist Company.

During this period the industry encountered many difficulties because of the prejudice of architects, engineers, building officials and rating bureaus. Nevertheless, substantial progress was made and steel joists gradually became accepted as a proper type of construction for many purposes. The great-

Frank Burton, Consulting Engineer

OR many years engineers and inventors have been seeking a practical method of constructing floors more fire resistive than those supported by wooden joists. The first types evolved were short span arches of brick, terre cotta or concrete. Following these came a great variety of reinforced concrete floors, varying chiefly in the type of filler used.

While having many advantages, all of these constructions were subject to certain objections. The arch floors were very heavy and the spans very short, while the reinforced concrete floors were also quite heavy and necessitated expensive form work. In order to find a method of constructing a lighter floor which would not require forms or centering, many experimentors turned their attention to the construction of light beams or joists of steel, suitable for supporting floors when spaced from 16 to 30 inches apart.

The first of such steel joists were made of sheet steel in 1855 and were used in building the State of New York Bank in William Street near Wall Street, New York. The sheets were bent to flat curves and riveted back to back with flat top and bottom flanges. The building was taken down in 1903 and the joists were found to be in good condition.

Somewhat similar joists were manufactured and sold in Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Louis from about 1887 to 1893. Several important buildings were constructed in Chicago about 1901 to 1905. During this period, production of steel joists never assumed large proportions, and the industry met with little encouragement. The sheet metal used was very light; the joists were short and production was almost entirely local.

In 1908 quantity production of steel joists was started. The Berger Company started to produce steel joists made of 15 and 16 gauge plate pressed into the form of channels and riveted (later spot

A Typical Bar Joist Construction Protected by Metal Lath and Plaster Below and a Concrete Slab Above.

Meet Modern Requirements

est difficulty was, however, a practical one, arising from the installation of piping, especially sanitary waste lines. There was no easy method of installing large pipes or conduits at right angles to the direction of the joists. In roofs and other places where pipes were not needed, the construction proved very practical and economical, but in the floors of hotels and apartments the difficulties were numerous.

Up to 1923 all joists were of the solid web type, but in that year the production of open web joists was started and the expansion of the industry in the following years was rapid. About 40,000,000 square feet of steel joist floors and roofs are now being constructed annually in the United States and the possible field of usefulness is only partly developed.

In 1923 the Massillon Bar Joist Company (later the Macomber Steel Company) started manufacturing a joist made like a light Warren truss, having the top and bottom chord made of two round bars each, and the vertical and diagonal members being a single round bar all assembled by welding. The bottom chord was brought up near the supports, making the joists only 2½ inches deep at the supports, regardless of the depth at the center. In using these joists it was found easier to install piping than when wood joists are used. Also, the economy of material was much greater than in the older types, although the cost of fabrication was increased. By supporting the joists 2½ inches below the top chord, they were held in proper position by gravity and erection problems were simplified.

In the early part of 1926, the Bates Company intro-

duced the expanded one-piece type of joist made from an I-beam section, an expanded truss similar to that manufactured by the Bates Company for steel poles for a number of years.

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In the next few years a great number of different types of open joists were put on the market and several manufacturers entered the field, making joists substantially the same as those of the Macomber Company. At the present time, there are three distinct types of open joists in addition to the round bar joist. In one type the top and bottom chords are blunt T shapes attached by pressure welds to a round bar web member. Another has for a top chord a special shape like a small I from which onehalf of the bottom flange is missing and an angle bottom chord and angle web connected by arc welds. The other type is made by slotting the web of a small I beam and expanding the section to form an open web beam having a depth considerably greater than the original beam.

All of these joists have a $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch depth at the support and are made in depths of 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 inches. In every other particular, the products of each manufacturer differ from those of the others.

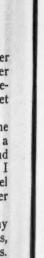
The maximum span of these joists is from 20 to 23 times the depth but there is the greatest variety as to the minimum span. All manufacturers make 8 or 10-inch joists for a span of from 4 feet up, but the shortest span for the deeper joists is usually about 15 times the depth. The safe carrying capacity of commercial joists is from 170 to 250 pounds, although many heavier sections are made.

The weight of open joists also varies considerably, some types being very economical of material but expensive to fabricate, while others are heavier but can be fabricated with less labor. To provide for a total floor load of 120 pounds on a 20-foot span, the steel joist will weigh from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 pounds per square foot, and for a 30-foot span from $5\frac{3}{4}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$ pounds per square foot.

As with every new product, the introduction

These Joists Were Cut Off and Placed to Show a Type of Rigid Bridging Which Is the Approved Method in Steel Joist Construction

Proper Bridging Must Be Installed as Soon as the Steel Joists Are Erected to Eliminate Lateral Movement and Hold the Joists in a Vertical Position During Construction.



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of steel joists met with certain resistance due to the unfamiliarity of architects, engineers and building officials with the proper methods of design and erection, and because of a misunderstanding regarding the fire resistive properties of the construction. In the early days of steel construction, proper methods of fireproofing were not understood and there were numerous failures of steel members in fires. This led to a reaction on the part of building authorities who began to require sufficient fireproofing to resist a four hour fire test.

Such a requirement is fair enough for a heavy mercantile building, well filled with combustible material, but is excessive for most light occupan-The Bureau of Standards has found that it cies. takes 10 pounds of wood, paper or similar combustible to sustain a fire equal in its destructive action to a standard one hour fire test. In an ordinary apartment having incombustible walls, partitions and floor construction, if we weigh all the combustible, including the wood top floor, doors, window frames, trim and furnishings, it will be found that the total is less than 10 pounds per square foot of floor space. The same is true of most offices, hotels, residences, schools, theatre auditoriums, halls, hospitals, sanitariums and similar buildings. If, therefore, the floor construction of such buildings is capable of withstanding a two hour fire, it is amply safe for all purposes.

Steel joists, protected with

Steel joists, protected with a good ceiling of metal lath and plaster, will withstand such a fire as has been shown by actual tests. In fact, the fire resistance of steel joisted floors is equal to many types of concrete floors and the damageability in an ordinary fire is much less than many types of concrete floors.

The question of proper lateral support during testing and during construction is one which is receiving a great deal of study at the present time. Builders generally do not understand the use of these joists and frequently neglect to properly bridge them during erection. When the construction is complete and the finished top floor and ceiling are in place, the joists are securely held, but during construction the proper bridging of joists is of utmost importance. Such structural failures as have occurred with steel joists have resulted from neglecting to give proper attention to this point.

The floor covering used over steel joists is usually a 2-inch slab of concrete poured on metal lath, but such floors should be properly reinforced with bars or mesh, especially over the joists. In some instances the joists have been spaced rather far apart and the proper reinforcing of the slab neglected with the result that cracks have appeared over the joists. At times builders have found fault with steel joists because of these cracks, whereas the truth is that the fault lies in the improper use of concrete.

The same difficulty is encountered with thin concrete slabs supported on structural steel where proper negative reinforcing over supports is neglected. It is highly important that the slab or the lath under the slab be securely attached to the top of each joist at frequent intervals to say the top chord of the joist. When this is done the finished





Using Open Web Joists, Several Floors Can Be Erected Without Waiting for Plumber's, Steamfitter's and Electrician's Installations and the Floors Can Be Poured Under Cover After the Roof Is Applied

Typical Expanded Joist Construction with Adequate Bridging and with Nailing Strips Clipped to the Joists.

> floor will carry a considerably greater load than the separate joists would carry without the top slab.

ry without the top slab. When a fire resistive construction is required the bottom of the joists must be protected with a fire resistive material. Metal lath and plaster has proved most practical for this purpose. With 3⁄4 to 1 inch of gypsum or portland cement plaster below and a 2-inch concrete slab above a steel joist floor will safely withstand a two hour standard fire.

Steel joist construction has one great advantage in a fire which can only be realized by practical experience. It can only expand in one direction and if the joists are left free at one end there should be very

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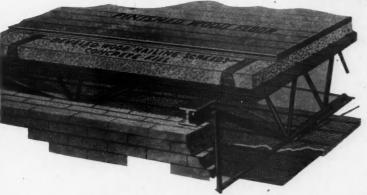
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Steel joists have also been used to a considerable extent where fire resistive construction is not required. For this purpose, wooden nailing strips are attached to the top cord and a wood top floor used.

As soon as a steel joist floor is erected and bridged, it can be used as temporary floor. It is not necessary to delay the progress of the building to let the

Another Type of Steel Joist Has Blunt "T" Shaped Top and Bottom Chords Welded to Round Bar Web Members



floor harden and there are no shores to interfere with the progress of other trades. Several floors may be erected one above the other without waiting for plumbers, steam fitters and electricians to install their pipes, sleeves or conduits. The actual concreting of floors may be delayed until the mechanical trades have installed their work by placing planks over the steel joists and, by pouring the roof first, it is possible to have the other levels poured under cover. Experience indicates that this is the way to insure good smooth concrete floors.

As these facts are becoming better understood, the use of steel joists is increasing because of the numerous advantages which they offer to the builder.

A Summary of the

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR STEEL JOISTS

COMPILED BY FRANK BURTON, CONSULTING ENGINEER Adopted by the Steel Joist Institute, December 20, 1928, Effective February 1, 1929

- 1. Definition: Defines the term Steel Joist as used in this specification.
- 2. Materials: Establishes a standard of materials used in steel joists.
- 3. Connections: Establishes a standard for the fabrication of joists.
- 4. Methods of Design and Stress.

The Farrand Apartments, Detroit, Mich., Weidmaier & Gay, Architects, Dunitz & Bordstein, Owners and Builders, Are Representative of a Type of Building for Which Steel Joists Are Widely Accepted.

The lightness of steel joist floors results in great economy in steel framing; the open web joists are very convenient for installing piping. The saving in form work is a great item, especially in buildings where the forms cannot be reused. The use of steel joists is particularly attractive to the builders in small cities where it is difficult to obtain skilled form carpenters and reinforcing steel placers.

Naturally there has been a variety of opinions as to the proper methods of designing and erecting steel joist floors, and in order to standardize these methods, an association of steel joists manufacturers was formed in the spring of 1928, known as the Steel Joist Institute.

As a result of a thorough study of the problems of steel joist construction, a standard specification has been prepared covering the vital points of design, erection and use of steel joists, which it is hoped will be of value to architects, engineers and building officials. Copies of the specification may be obtained from the Steel Joist Institute, 1736 Dime Bank Building, Detroit, Michigan.

- 5. Span: Limits the span in relation to the size of joists.
- 6. Spacing: Limits the spacing of joists in floors and roofs.
- 7. Erection: Outlines standard construction with steel joists.
- 8. Bridging: Describes the bridging required under all conditions.
- 9. Uses of Steel Joists: Lists the required fire protection.
- 10. Decks and Top Slabs: Specifies the various slabs.
- 11. Deflection: Limits the deflection permitted.
- 12. Factor of Safety: Establishes a standard factor.

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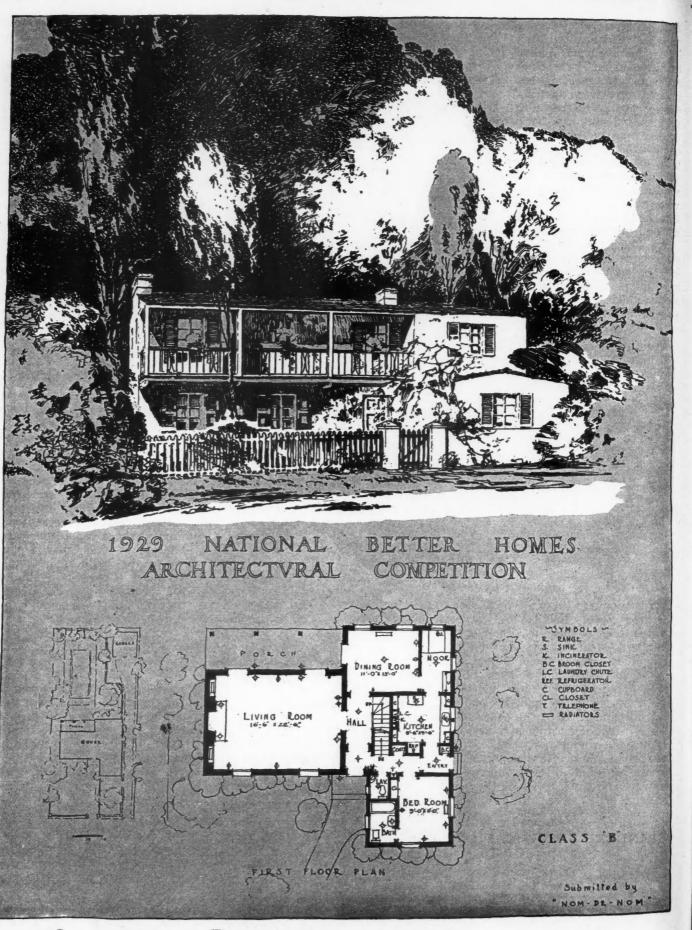
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DESIGN for Seven-Room Home of Southern Creole Type Awarded First Prize in Competition Conducted by Home Owners Institute of New York; H. Roy Kelley, of Los Angeles, Calif., Architect. For basement and second floor plans see page 102.

Winners in \$29,000 Competition

1929 National Better Homes Contest Attracted 3,000 Entrees— Winning Designs of Unusual Merit

RCHITECTS from California and Michigan, the Pacific Coast and the Middle West triumphed over those from the Atlantic Seaboard and the East, which heretofore has been considered both the center and the cradle of all that is best in American architecture, in creating the grand prize-winning designs submitted in the 1929 National Better Homes Architectural Competition.

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National Better Homes Architectural Competition. Announcements of the winners of the three grand prizes and of the thirty-nine regional awards totaling \$29,000 in cash prizes was made by Raymond M. Hood, president of the New York Architectural League and internationally known member of the American Institute of Architects, chairman of the National Jury of Awards.

First and second prizes went to Los Angeles, Calif., architects, while the third prize went to a Detroit architect. H. Roy Kelley, past president of the Los Angeles Architectural Club, is the winner of the first grand prize of \$5,000. Another of Mr. Kelley's designs won honorable mention in the national competition. Both these designs had already won awards of \$500 in the Pacific Southwestern States regional competition.

Harrison Clarke, another member of the Los Angeles architectural profession, is the winner of the second grand prize of \$3,000.

Amedeo Leone, of Detroit, is the winner of the third grand prize of \$1,500.

In discussing this competition conducted by the Home Owners Institute as a laudable effort toward the improvement of home design in all sections of the country, Raymond Hood, speaking for the jury, said:

"Community service and improvement has long been the ideal of American journalism. Architecture, more than any other art or science, puts its stamp upon the community, a seal which he who runs or rides may read. A town's aggregate taste as well as the comfort and contentment of its citizens is to be measured by the way in which its homes are built and equipped.

"As members of the National Jury of Award of the 1929 National Better Homes Architectural Competition we feel that the Home Owners Institute has furthered this competition for better home designs and is to be congratulated on its work. In stimulating architects to design homes which are at once of a high calibre in exterior design and efficient in space utilization within, it has taken a step forward and the entire field of architecture will benefit by it.

"We hope it will do more of it. We hope architects will continue to co-operate as contestants and as jurors. We believe this work merits the support of the architectural profession. Through the continuation of efforts of this sort we look forward to the development of a finer type of American small-house architecture."

L. Porter Moore, president of Home Owners Institute, for many years active in the fight against poor home design and construction, expressed himself as well pleased with the results of the competition.

"It has drawn the attention of the architectural profession to the need of better home designs and room

arrangement. More than 3,000 students, draftsmen and architects from practically every state and several foreign countries participated.

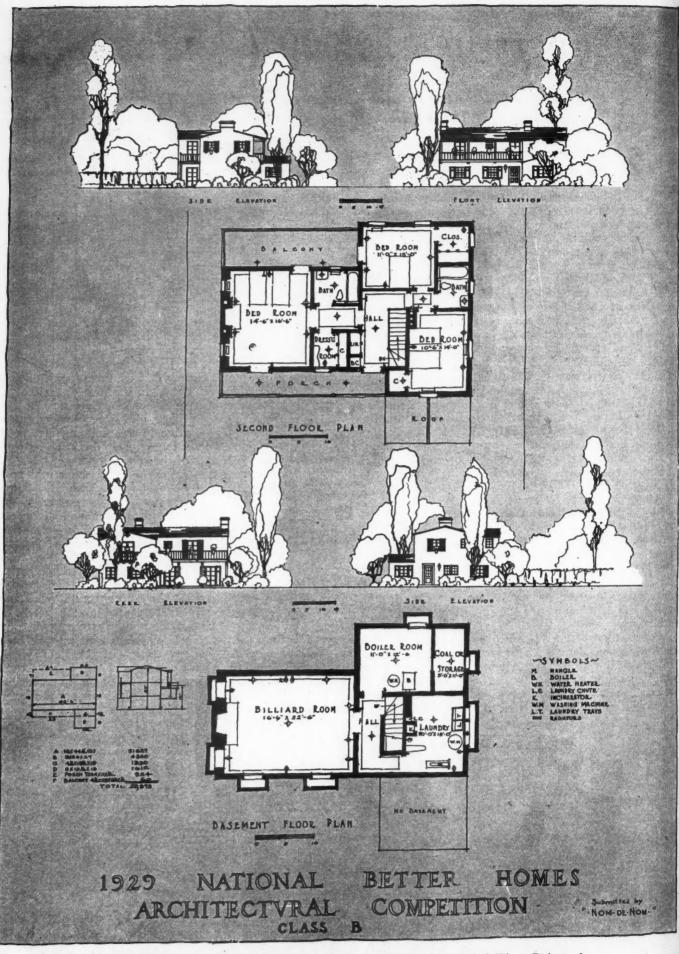
"It has resulted in the creation of finely executed designs which possess high architectural merit and which are suited to the needs of the small family with a modest income. These designs may be built in any section of the country. It has clearly defined architectural trends and structural tendencies which are important to designer, builder and owner. It has shown,

The Judges

Pictured below—in a moment of relaxation—the noted Architects who acted as Judges in the National Better Homes Architectural Competitition.

In the group are Raymond M. Hood, Chairman, John Holabird, Albert Kahn, Benno Janssen, Frank F. Forster, H. T. Lindeberg, Ralph T. Walker, John R. Kilpatrick, Winold Reiss and H. U. Nelson.

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BASEMENT and Second Floor Plans of Design Awarded First Prize of \$5,000; H. Roy Kelley, Los Angeles, Calif., Architect. For first floor plan and perspective see page 100. for buil lath ing

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"It has shown that houses of distinctly formal design, such as pure Colonial or Spanish, are not as popular as composite designs in which architectural style periods are intermingled. It has shown that many modern

accessories to living comfort may be economically incorporated in a house containing 27,-000 cubic feet of space at no sacrifice of architectural perfection or convenience of room lay-out. I refer to such accessories as a second bath, a livable basement with fireplace, built-in laundry chute, incinerator and conduits for telephone wires.

"I firmly believe that as the building program gets under way and as these prize winning and h o n o r a b l e mention designs are constructed throughout the country housing standards will be raised and the economy and wisdom of using first quality materials and approved methods of construction will be realized by home builders and buyers as never before."

First Prize Winner Explains His Design

H. Roy Kelley, winner of the first grand prize states that the following reasons actuated him in the design of the home which he submitted for competition.

"I decided on that type of house primarily because of its simplicity and adaptability to a sixty-foot lot, because it is different and less stereotyped than most houses, because it can be carried out with a certain amount of Colonial character which would make it adaptable to both Eastern and Southern sections of the country. For California, Florida, Louisiana and other areas with a Spanish background it can have Spanish Colonial character, thus making it ideally adapted to climate environment and historical precedent. At the same time the design provides more livability than is usually obtained in the more extreme Spanish type of dwelling which has become somewhat prevalent throughout the United States, but unfortunately is not often related either to its environment or the living needs of a people with an Anglo-Saxon background.

"The type of house which I submitted is a fusion of the Spanish and the American Colonial. It combines the romanticism and picturesque qualities of the Spanish and the domestic simplicity and livability of the Colonial and offers a fitting background for accepted forms of domestic planting and early American types of furniture.

"This type of house can well be adapted to any section of the country. I also decided upon this type

Regional Contest Winners

Following the selection of the winning and mention designs in the national competition, names of the winners in the thirteen regional competitions were announced. These winners are:

Region one, New England States—Constantin A. Pertzoff, Cambridge; Francis Durfee Johnson, Belmont, and Royal Barry Wills, Boston, all of Massachusetts.

Region two, North Atlantic States—Carlos D. Barragan and Earl Purdy associated, and James G. Resh, all of New York City, and J. R. Howe and E. J. Hergenroeder associated, of Pittsburgh.

Region three, Middle Atlantic States— Samuel J. Collins, Staunton, Va.; W. N. S. Pugh of Baltimore, Md., and Forrest W. Coile, Asheville, N. C.

Region four, Southeastern States—Jefferson M. Hamilton, Tampa, Fla.; Britton Kirton, Jacksonville, Fla., and T. L. Waterbouse, Atlanta, Ga.

Region five, Michigan—Rhees E. Burket, Hubert F. Howe and Amedeo Leone, all of Detroit.

Region six, Obio-Kentucky—D. E. Stevens and Fred H. Kock, both of Cincinnati, and Fred J. Abendroth, Cleveland.

Region seven, South Central States—George P. Turner and Allan L. Bartlett, both of Birmingham, Ala., and J. A. Sloan, Arkadelphia, Ark.

Region eight, North Central States—Alvin Grellinger, Milwaukee; Fred E. Sloan and Elmer A. Johnson associated, Chicago, and Conner & O'Connor, Chicago.

Region nine, Mid-Western States—Otho McCrackin, Hutchinson, Kan.; Mrs. W. M. Ingemann, St. Paul, Minn., and H. H. Eads, Minneapolis, Minn.

Region ten, Southwestern States—Sidney Nelson Wellborn, New Orleans; Louis H. Hammeth and August Perez associated, New Orleans, and Miss Esther Duckworth, Houston, Texas.

Region eleven, Rocky Mountain States— Gordon F. Street, Santa Fe, N. M., winner of two prizes in this region, and M. James Slack, Denver, Col.

Region twelve-A, Pacific Northwestern States—Hollis Johnston, Portland, Ore.; Jack Woodsmansie, Ray Marks and Hollis Johnston associated, Portland, Ore., and Livingstone H. Elder, Billings, Mont.

Region twelve-B, Pacific Southwestern States—H. Roy Kelley, winner of two prizes in this region, and Harrison Clarke, both of Los Angeles.

All of these Designs will be published in future issues of the American Builder.

because of its adaptability to a simple, compact and straightforward plan which can be worked out in a very small area, utilizing practically all of this area for actual living needs. This should mean not only economy in initial construction cost but economy and ease of housekeeping and upkeep."

Cost Price to Build Prize-Winning Homes

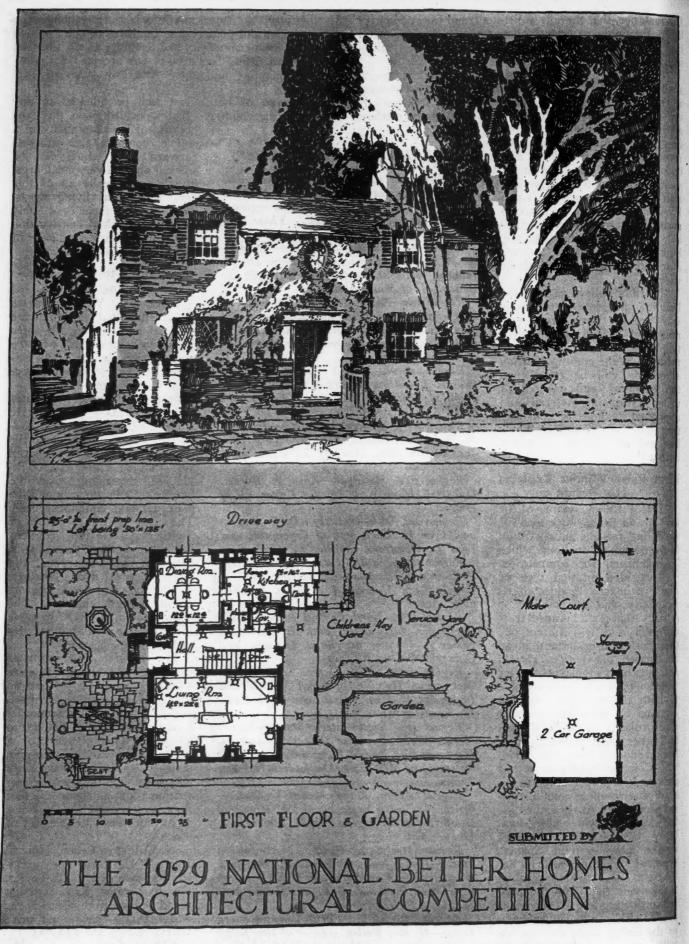
Three New York architects have submitted approximate costs of constructing the three suburban homes which won the grand prizes in the 1929 National Better Homes Architectural Competition.

Frank J. Forster estimates that the \$5,000 grand prize winning design by H. Roy Kelley of Los Angeles could be built around New York at a cost ranging from \$16,500 to \$17,923, depending upon the location of the property and the materials and equipment used. The plan is for a house of Southern Creole type, containing seven rooms, three baths, basement billiard room and laundry, first floor lavatory, dining nook and dressing room off the master's chamber. The home contains 29,873 cubic feet of space, including the detached double garage.

Mr. Forster also estimates that the \$3,000 grand prize winning design by Harrison Clarke, Los Angeles architect, could be built in this section at a cost ranging from \$14,700 to \$16,075. This plan is for a house in the English Georgian style which includes six main rooms, two baths, basement recreation room and laundry, first floor lavatory and dining alcove. It includes 26,793 cubic feet of space.

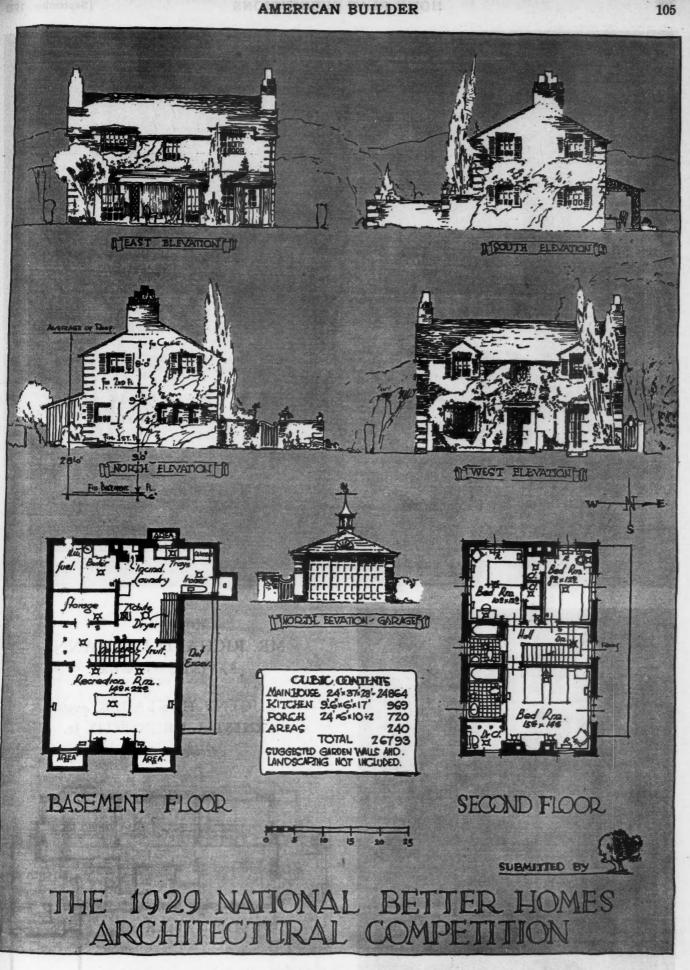
According to Leland Hubbell Lyon, of the New York architectural firm of Lyon & Taylor, the first prize Kelley design could be built in this section for \$16,500, and the second prize Clarke design for \$14,700.

Clarke design for \$14,700. "These figures," says Mr. Lyon, "are considered average for construction in the metropolitan area of New York." WINNERS IN NATIONAL BETTER HOMES COMPETITION [Sep



K NGLISH Georgian Design Awarded Second National Prize of \$3,000; Harrison Clarke, of Los Angeles, Calif., Architect. For basement and second floor plans and elevations see opposite page.

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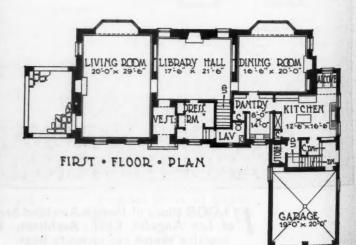
For Early Plans of Design Awarded Second Prize of \$3,000; Harrison Clarke, for Los Angeles, Calif., Architect. For first floor and plot plan, and perspective sketch see opposite page.





Residence of MR. RICHARD UHLMANN RAVINIA, ILLINOIS

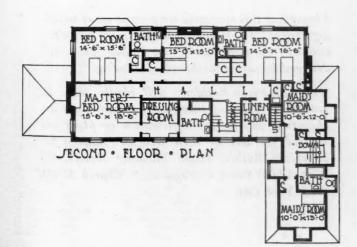
EUGENE H. KLABER and ERNEST A. GRUNSFELD, Jr. Architects, Chicago



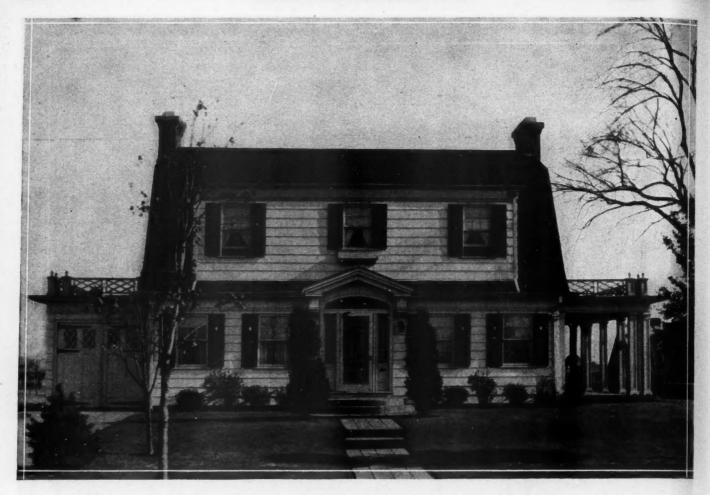
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STATELY Interiors in the Richard Uhlmann residence harmonize with the Colonial exterior. Views show dining room and library.

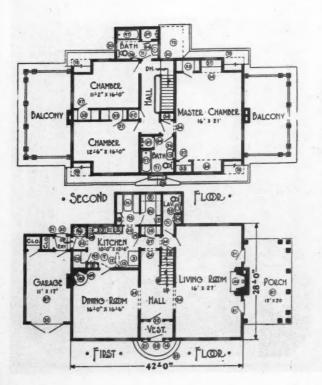






NO DARK CORNERS HERE

Perfectly balanced Dutch Colonial Design puts six large, welllighted rooms, two baths and attached garage into a compact home



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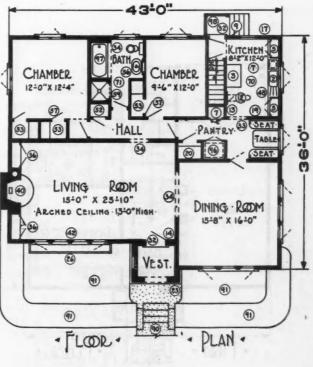
Throughout this magazine we present many building designs. A variety of home plans are included, selected from many parts of the United States and designed by various architects of standing.

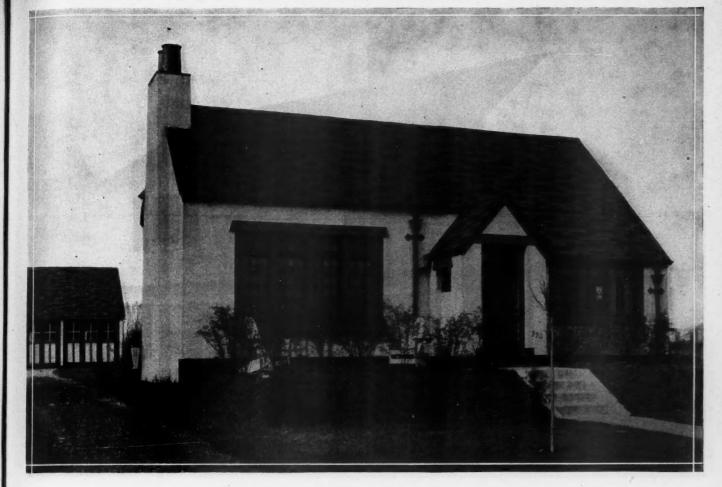
The "American Builder" will gladly serve its readers by bringing them together with these architects if any further information or plans are desired for any of these designs. Address the American Builder Home Planning Service, 105 West Adams Street, Chicago, or 30 Church Street, New York City.



Grass Terrace Gives Low Effect to this Charming Irish Cottage of Five Rooms, Bath and Breakfast Nook.

| 37. Seat
38. Phone Cabinet | 67. Dining Combina- |
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| 39. Disappearing | 68. Galv. Vent. Pipe |
| Stairs | 69 Vent, Pipe Grille |
| 40. Fireplace with | 69. Vent. Pipe Grille
70. Linoleum Floor |
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| 41. Wood Casement | Walls |
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| 42. Transom | Sash |
| 43. Clothes Chute | 73. Tile Roof |
| 44. Built-in Dining | 74. Copper Hood |
| Unit | 75. Shingle Roof |
| 45. Disappearing Beds
46. Dressing Cabinets | 75. Shingle Roof
76. Swimming Pool
77. Telephone Outlet |
| 46. Dressing Cabinets | 77. Telephone Outlet |
| 47. False Fireplace | 78. Nook |
| 48. Garbage Container
49. Fireplace Unit | 90 High Closet |
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| 50. Storage Space | 81. Package Receiver
82. Pantry |
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robe | 83. Roof |
| 52. Linen Closet | 84. Wood Hood |
| 53. Cedar Lined Closet | 85. Louvres |
| 54. Towel Closet | 86. Rafter Ends |
| 55. Bath Tub Shower | 87. Cement Floor |
| 56. Electric Cabinet | 88. Stone Floor |
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58. Wardrobe
59. Shower Stall
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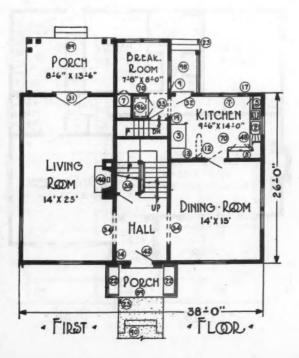
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WITH OVERHUNG SECOND STORY

Early Colonial Details embellish this modern home, executed faithfully in the old-time manner. Seven rooms and two baths in ideal arrangement





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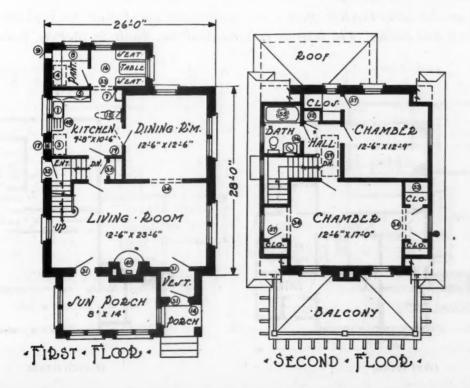
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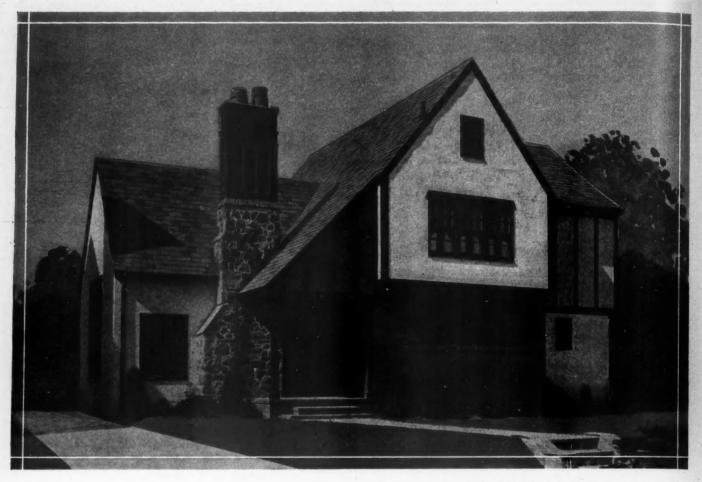
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Compact and substantial home of five rooms, sun porch, breakfast room and bath only 26 feet wide; main section is 28 feet deep.



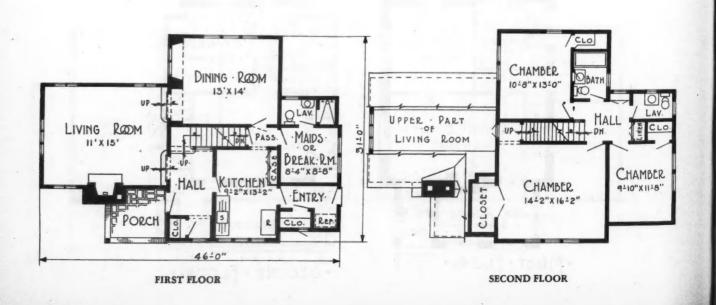


MARCEL VILLANUEVA, East Orange, N. J., Architect

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MADE OF MANY MATERIALS

A quaint early English effect is secured here by use of stone, brick, plaster work and timber. The interior is individual too. Built by McPike Bros.



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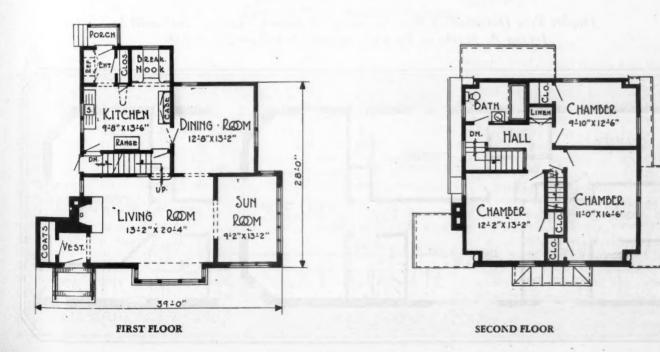
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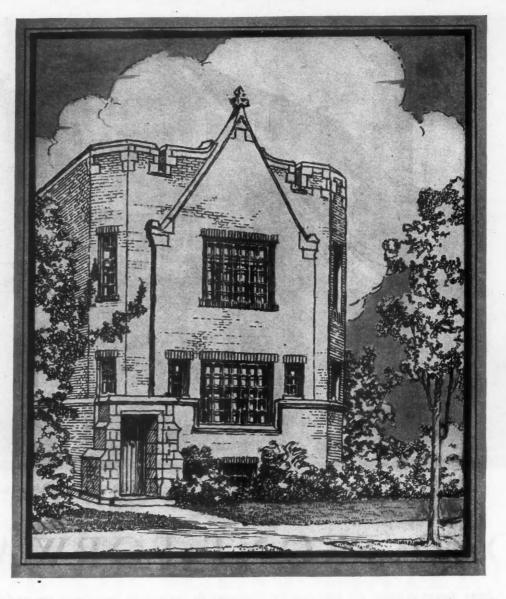


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BROAD FRONT FORWARD

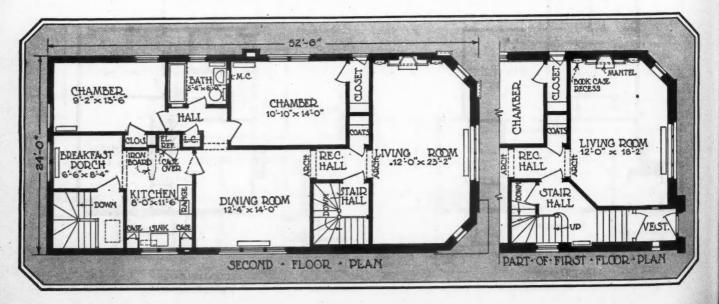
Snug home design 28 feet square manages to turn a 39 foot front toward the street. Sweeping roof lines accent the charm. McPike Bros. builders.



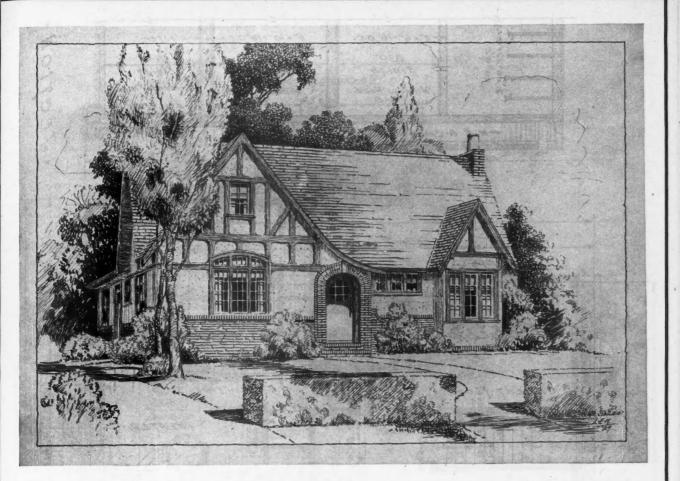


LATEST IN TWO-APARTMENTS

Double Five Designed by Wm. G. Kreig, Architect, Chicago, and built by Irving A. Marks in Berwyn, Illinois, to sell for \$20,000.00



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Our All-Feature Home this month is indeed a jewel of artistic design and convenient planning. Study the

basement plan and the main floor plan on the next two pages and note the large, well lighted rooms and the step saving arrangement. The sleeping rooms on the first floor are well separated from living room and dining room, assuring privacy and quiet. Nevertheless, they are close at hand. Additional sleeping rooms and storage are provided on the second floor, while in the basement, with its eight large windows, there is opportunity for developing many interesting features of home living. In construction, this house is 2 by 4 stud frame with

brick veneer up to the window sills, resting on a poured concrete foundation. The upper walls are portland cement stucco over metal lath. Wood panelling in the gables add an artistic old English touch.

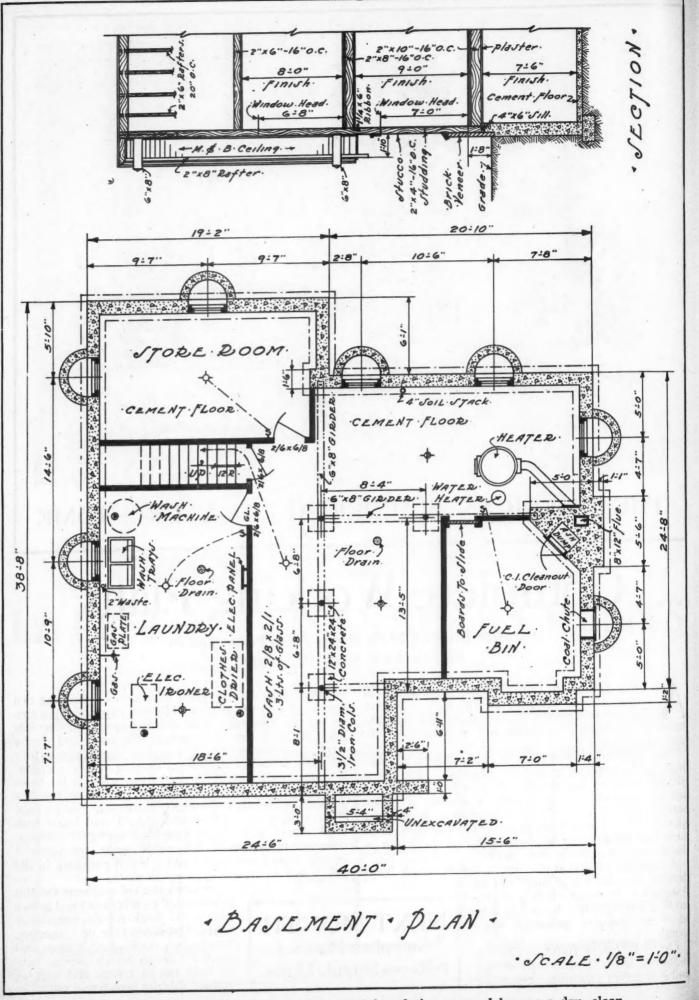
An attractive color scheme for this home would be mixed red and brown rough face brick for the foundation course and around the door opening, half-timber work, door frames and cornice tobacco brown, stucco panels light tan or cream, and roof of stained shingles brown and red.



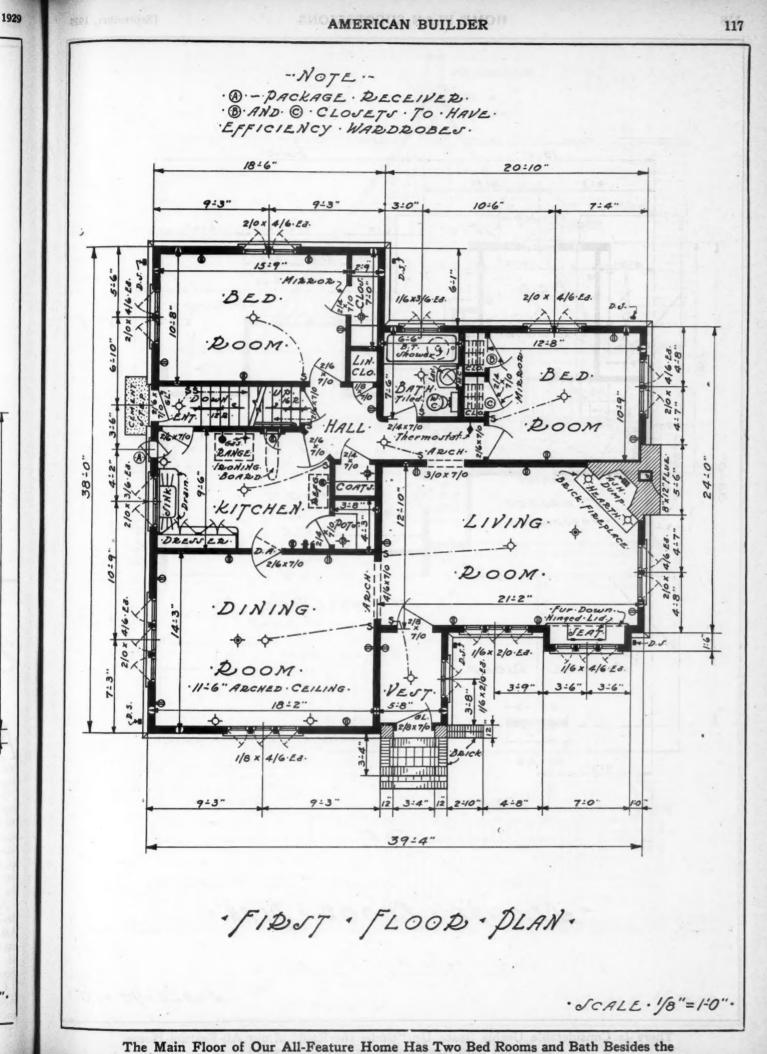


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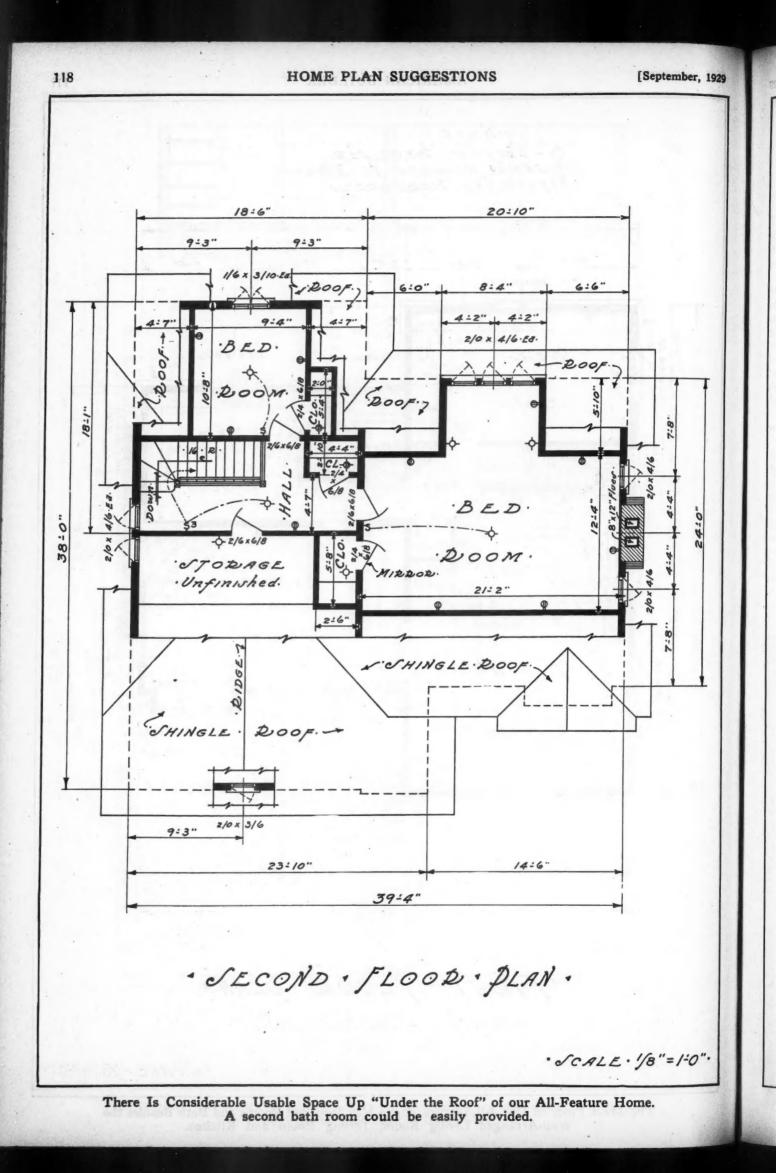
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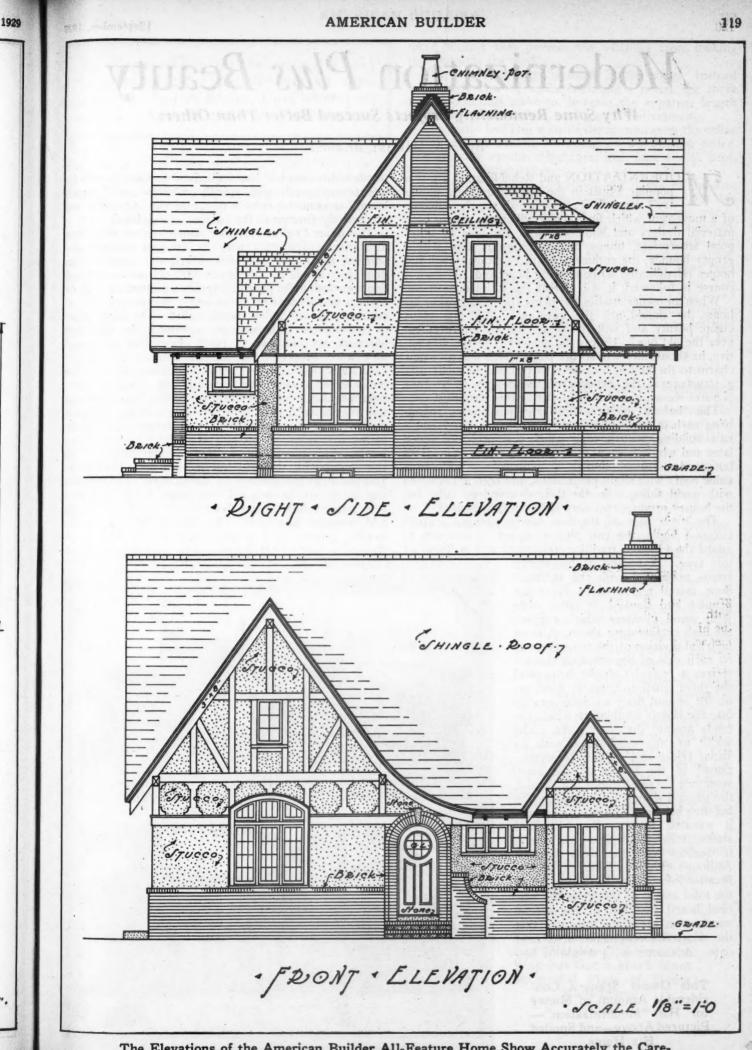


The Basement Is Deeply Important—A good foundation, a good house; a dry, clean, well-lighted basement, a joy forever.



The Main Floor of Our All-Feature Home Has Two Bed Rooms and Bath Besides the Well-Arranged Living Room, Dining Room and Kitchen.





The Elevations of the American Builder All-Feature Home Show Accurately the Careful Detailing of This Design.

Modernization Plus Beauty

Why Some Remodeling Projects Succeed Better Than Others

By E. A. MARTINI, Architect

MODERNIZATION and Rehabilitation are two popular words in the present building industry's vocabulary; these words are the outcome of a movement which finds many adherents among both material dealers and home owners. But like all other good enterprises, unless modernization is kept within proper bounds, the enthusiasm will be exaggerated and homes rehabilitated without being improved. If such a course is followed, it will defeat the ultimate purpose.

When an owner studies the plans for modernizing his home, he should ask the question: Will the plans create beauty and will the design be an improvement over the old one? Unless the answer is in the affirmative, he should strive to secure plans which will give new charm to the house, because it is possible to modernize a structure at the expense of the design. The four pictures shown here will help clarify this statement.

The "before" pictures illustrate two houses resembling each other in plan; both consist of a story and a half building, with a wing which was probably added later and which is equal in length to the first unit. Both houses are frame, similar in dimensions, both have gable roofs with slight projections, and both are covered with wood siding. So far their descriptions tally, but the houses produce two very different impressions.

The main part of the first house pictures a small Colonial home, the two pine trees act as sentinels to guard the Colonial tradition associated with a house of

this type. A feeling of hospitality seems associated with the entrance door placed a few steps from the ground and flanked at either side with wood pilasters.which support the high entabulature above. A symmetrical division of the two windows on each side of the entrance characterizes a typical Colonial home and the three small rectangular windows on the second floor are incorporated into the classic entablature which extends around the four walls. The width of this entablature with its facia, frieze and cornice is propor-tioned to the height of the main structure. Aside from a few details, the general design is interesting, the building belongs to its environs; were it situated in the New England states, stories might be woven around it dealing with the early settlers. Although care was taken to hide it, because the cornice detail runs along the total length of the wing, the vertical board just left of the second window on the wing intimates that the wing was lengthened at a later date. A shorter wing would be bet-

This Owner Spent a Considerable Amount of Money for His "Modernization"— Pictured Above—and Spoiled His Home. ter, but this detail is less objectionable than its adjoining narrow porch with spindly columns and "gingerbread" ornaments; details that mar the symmetry and are entirely foreign to the balance of the house.

The other "before" picture illustrates an old house in Illinois. The roof with its decayed shingles and patches, the loose unpainted siding, the outside cellar door just about to fall apart, and the series of sash doors enclosing the porch all typify a picture of a shack, forlorn and dismal in all respects, minus any note of interest and with a low resale value. The large panes in the window sash seem to accentuate the building's bareness, and the row of porch doors look as though they were wrecked from an old house.

Unquestionably, the "before" picture of the first house excels that of the second house. In the "after" pictures, the order reverses for, taking into consideration the material each designer had on hand, the exterior view of the modernized Illinois house is superior to the first one.

The exterior of each building is remodeled and is re-covered with shingles, but the one has deteriorated and the other has profited by the change. The interesting facade of the original first house is defaced by a new porch raised above the level of the former steps and extended beyond the old building line so that the sloping ground necessitated erecting ugly high steps, flanked by buttresses, from grade to the porch floor.



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The Responsibility for the success of each home modernizing project rests on some American Builder Reader. Our Columns are open to you for an exchange of experiences.

The new built up piers protrude beyond the lines of the new facia, which curves down to rest on the piers; the porch roof joins the old building below the top member of the old cornice and produces an awkward junction which is emphasized by the large unsightly gaps to provide light for the small second floor windows.

The garage roof and the porch roof appear as though they were rammed in a collision and the garage addition produces an unbalanced composition. There is no symmetry on the front elevation, not even the basement window centers with the triple window above. High steps lead to the side entrance porch also, where the ugly junction of facia and porch post is repeated.

Turning back to the first picture, we notice that the original first building breathes an atmosphere of repose and refinement, an atmosphere we love to associate with a home; while the second photograph produces the opposite effect. This result contrasts sharply with the second house where the exterior changes improve the building. On this latter house the monotony of the roof is relieved by the new dormers with their outswinging casements which provide ventilation for the second floor; their roofs are low enough to maintain the original outline. New asphalt shingles laid in a hexagonal pattern over the old roof add interest to the texture. The alcove is also reroofed and its windows fitted with new upper sash; their small panes are an embellish-

ment because they prevent the windows from looking like holes in the wall.

The greatest change is made in the wing. Instead of an ugly row of doors enclosing a porch, the three arched openings serve to decrease the apparent length of the wing, add height, and give it individuality. The entire building with its details and even the cellar

entrance door creates a feeling of repose and order. The growing shrubs, which first look bare and ill kept, add to the attractiveness.

Comparing the two alterations, the owner of the first house spent a considerable amount of money for his modernization and spoiled his home; the other owner spent less money and improved his home. The two men did not use their talents alike. This principle was true even in Bible times when one man increased his money tenfold, the other buried it. The men may have been equally anxious to improve their homes, but one evidently did not know that the wisest course to take when rehabilitating a home is to employ a competent architect to prepare correct plans for the modernization, because the two new designs clearly show that one lacked the magic touch of an architect to reveal its beauty.

Converts Old House Into Modern Residence

OW an old house can be modernized through the laying of oak floors, remodeling of the roof and other improvements was strikingly demonstrated by Mrs. Charles Treas, of Aberdeen, Miss.

Mr. Treas was obliged to take the house, built 80 years ago, in payment of a debt. He did not think much of the place, but his wife saw possibilities in it. He turned it over to her.

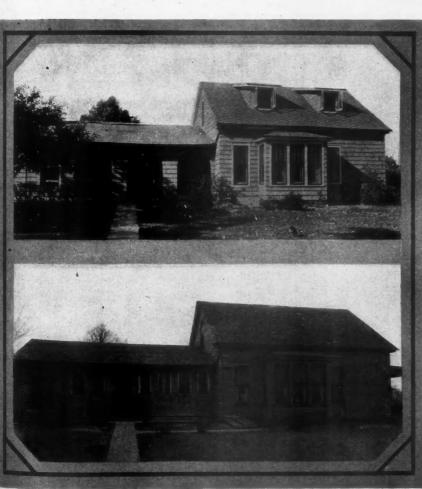
"She engaged a resourceful carpenter and builder,

who ripped off the roof and replaced it with a new one," said Mr. Treas. "He tore away the old porch and built on, a new one. He had the entire place bathed with fresh paint. He placed a fence around it. He added to and rejuvenated the outbuildings. He used much concrete and finished off the outside appearance with much shrubbery.

"Then he went inside-laid new oak floors throughout, redecorated the walls and added touches of enamel work where needed. He built a new stairway, added an extra bathroom, a sleeping porch and a sun room. New windows relegated the old to the junk heap, and new wiring and fixtures graced the spot where the old had died a natural death from old age."

When the house was completed, Mr. and Mrs. Treas gave up their apartment and moved into it. It is one of the most attractive homes in Aberdeen.

This Owner Spent Less Than His "Neighbor" Across the Way but Got a Much More Successful Piece of Home Modernizing.



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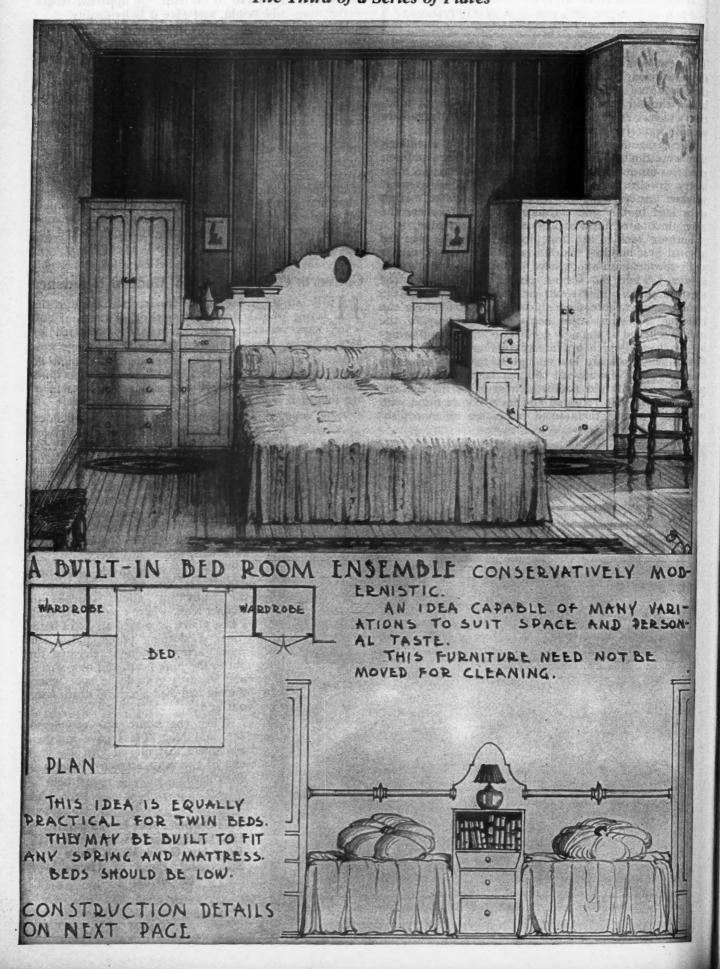
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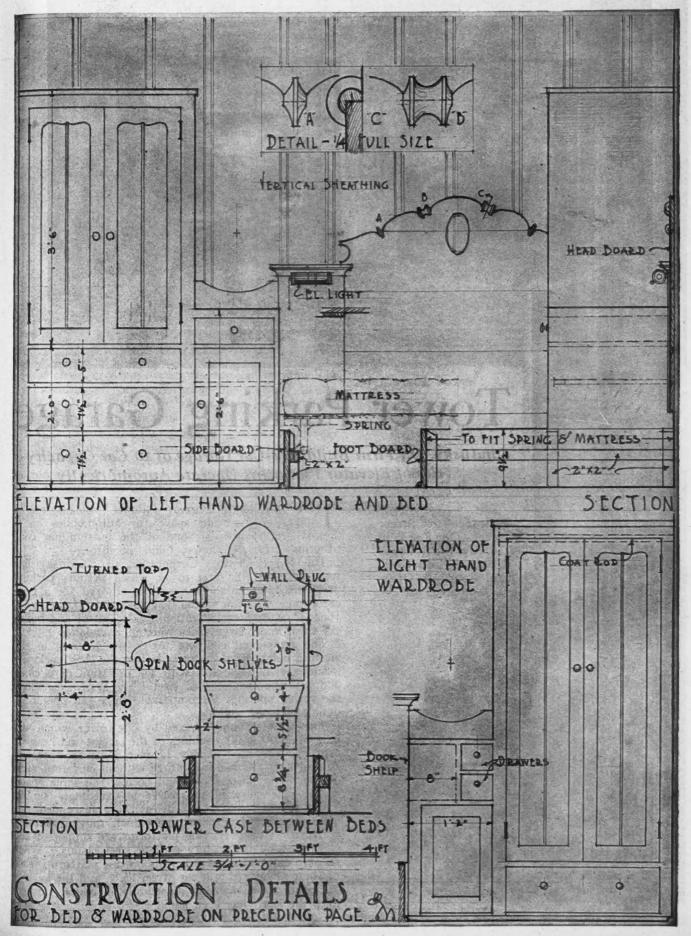
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Tower Parking Garage

Sandusky, O., Firm Builds a 2-Car Garage of 10 Car Capacity– Series of Elevator Platforms Operate Automatically

Entrance at Street Level—One Car Will Go Up, the Other Down When Control Board Is Operated.

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THE solution to a great national problem—ample garage or parking space for automobiles on a limited ground area—is one of the outstanding contributions of a Sandusky, Ohio, inventor.

tributions of a Sandusky, Ohio, inventor. The Parker Tower Corporation of Sandusky has just completed the first tower which permits parking of 10 machines in the same space allowed for a twocar garage. At the official demonstration of the tower June 22, widespread attention was manifest and builders from many large cities were in attendance.

The reinforced concrete tower which rises in the air to a height of five stories is just the shell enclosing machinery that operates with the precision of a clock and with the durability of steel. The system on which the tower operates is comparable to a self-operating, double elevator shaft.

The actual ground covered by one tower which will park from 10 to 60 machines of the largest and heaviest type manufactured is only 17 feet 8 inches wide and 25 feet long. A two-car garage without elevation, such as the tower possesses, would occupy the same space.

The machinery in the tower is excedingly simple. There are two shafts and, in each, are suspended, one above the other, all-steel, individual, moving parking platforms. These moving platforms are supported and controlled by heavy-duty endless steel chains. When an auto enters the tower it rests on this platform. Two of these always stop at the street level, and the balance are either above or below, depending, of course, on how deep the shaft has been sunk. Limit to the height the cars can be raised is ruled entirely by the wish of the architect in erecting the towers. Towers that will contain 60 or more machines can be constructed and placed in operation with the same ease as the one now functioning.

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A Westinghouse motor with a 20-horse power capacity is installed in the demonstration tower. The specifications of the engineer in designing the towers call for two horse power per car. Therefore for a 30-story tower, housing 60 machines, a 120-horse power motor is required to obtain the most efficient operation.

If so desired, this motor can be speeded up and will raise and lower the platforms so that a machine can be discharged from the top position of a 30-story tower in less than three minutes, actual demonstrations prove. Precautionary measures to eliminate the possibilities of accidents have received every attention of the engineer and his staff of assistants. The towers will be practically accident as well as fireproof.

The auto parking tower is entirely automatic in its operations. It is controlled either by push button or by key switch, placed on a panel board, conveniently located at the entrance. The entrance is guarded against theft by automatic steel doors which open upwards when the proper control is touched. This is devised especially for apartment houses where only tenants with a key to the control board can open the doors.

The push button or key is connected directly with the corresponding platform bearing identical numbers. As cars are parked or removed one column of platforms moves up while the other moves down on the endless chain, crossing over at the top and bottom. The push button, or key, will bring the machine to the street level irrespective of where it is located in the tower at that particular time.

It is so constructed that a bumper system on the rear

of the platform and guard rails on the sides prevent machines from coming in contact with walls or machinery. The upward slope of the floor at each end prevents autos from rolling, even if brakes are left unapplied. A stationary concrete platform is constructed in the center between the two columns on the street level to afford sufficient space for passengers to embark from machines, after they are parked.

For apartment houses, hotels, department stores or public parking for revenue, the towers are ideal. They can be installed in any new building with but comparatively small additional cost and will add greatly to the value of the property. They are built for years of service. For downtown parking ga-

> Interior of Parking Tower Showing Platforms and Operating Chains and Gears.

rages, one operator, stationed at the control board can park or discharge 60 autos in a very few minutes.

After viewing the tower and its signal performance, architects from all over the country greeted the invention with a marked display of enthusiasm and predicted that with the advantages it offers towers will soon become part of every large building.

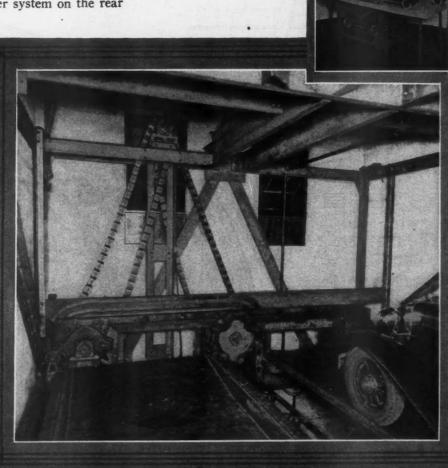
There appears to be no limitations to the possibilities of the towers. The platforms are so arranged that a machine can be removed from the top floor as well as from the street level, or from any intermediate floor, providing a doorway is constructed and a runway provided for discharging the cars. The shafts, too, can be sunk far into the ground if so desired.

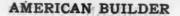
The platforms are made of steel and are capable of carrying 40 times the weight of any standard make of automobile. The machinery, motor and other equipment

are encased and function noiselessly. Great things are expected in the future from this method of parking in the air.

-JAMES R. LEE.

Miniature Model to Show Operation of Elevators in Parking Tower.





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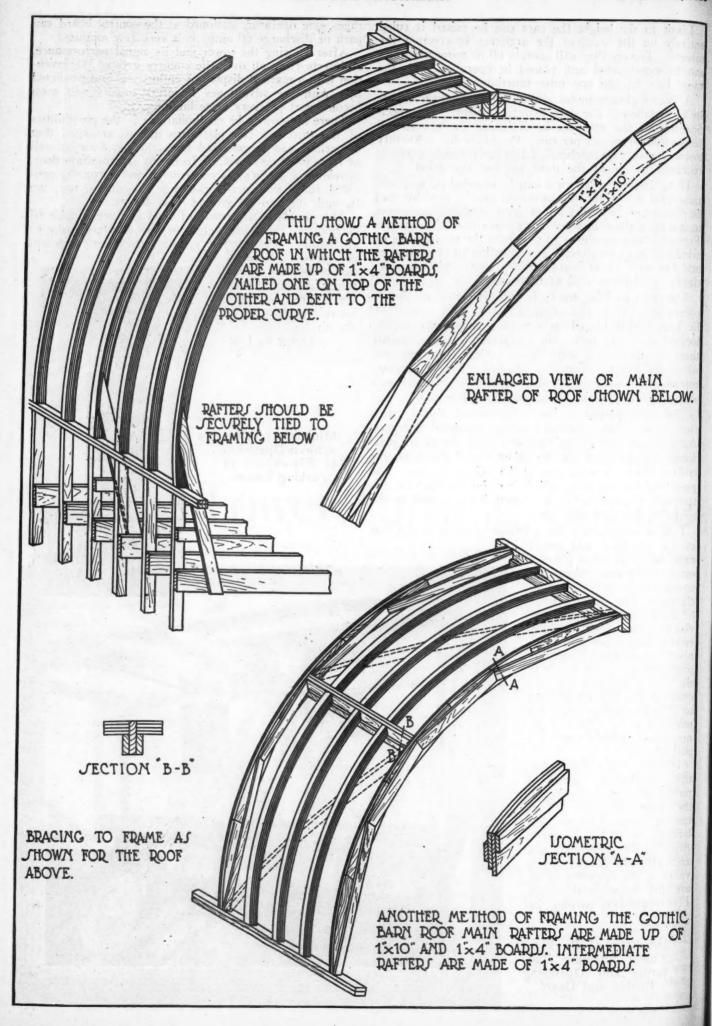
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The Gothic Shape Barn Roof

Explanation of Carved Rafters and Roof Construction-**Details on Page Opposite**

BY JOHN T. NEUFELD

S some readers of the AMERICAN BUILDER have shown their interest in the so-called Gothic barn roof, we shall try to give some framing details, the graphical layout having been given in a previous number. One hesitates somewhat in giving details for this type of construction because of the various ideas as to how such a roof should be built.

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Before describing the details more fully we would like to have the privilege of a few critical remarks. First we might mention a few points in favor of such a roof.

1. The loft space so desirable under a barn roof is increased to the maximum in this type of construction. 2. The loft space is uninterrupted by supports such

as posts and braces. 3. The amount of lumber used is comparatively small

for the size of the barn loft obtained.

4. The force of the wind pressure is decreased because of the curved surface.

Some of the points against this type of roof are:

1. The type of construction is that of a masonry building as the arch is a feature of brick or stone construction. Wood is not readily built to this shape.

2. The construction involves mechanical skill and a considerable amount of labor, and for this reason will run comparatively high in cost.

3. The curved shape of the surface does not adapt itself to the usual type of shingles. Shingles will have a tendency to curl up at the lower end, giving an opportunity for wind and rain to drive under.

Methods of Construction

Various methods are advanced from time to time in regard to the details of constructing the various fram-ing parts. Two different parts are shown here. We do not wish to distinguish as to which is the better method, nor do we believe that these two methods are the only practical methods. Readers may form their own conclusions and are welcome to send in their ideas.

In the first case the rafters are made up of pieces of 1 by 4 boards. These boards are nailed one over the other, joints broken. They should be well nailed or

bolted together. A good idea would be to use waterproof glue between the boards. This may seem rather queer, but we may well learn from those people who have experience in this line. Some truss manu-facturers making the bow string truss use glue for holding together the boards forming the curved parts of the truss. Not long ago the writer saw on the floor of the McKeown Truss Company shop the bow string trusses for the form centering for the new concrete bridge over the Potomac River at Washington. These concrete arches are

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to be over one hundred feet in span. The curved upper chords were made of 1 by 4 boards nailed and glued together.

On small roofs these rafters are often made of four boards nailed together, but it seems that five would not be any too much.

Ridge Pole Recommended

In the illustration a ridge pole is shown, this we believe will help to stiffen the roof. The ridge board is not always used as it is easier to put up the rafters when they can be nailed together two at a time and raised up. We would advise the use of the ridge and also the tie boards shown dotted in the illustration. If space allowed, it would be advisable to have the tie boards or collar beams lower down and of 2 by 6 material as they would then add very much to the strength of the roof. Of course, if a hay carrier is installed it is usually desirable to have all the room possible in height; for that reason they are put right under the ridge.

Knee Bracing

The braces at the lower end of the rafter tying the roof to the lower part of the frame are also very important. Some of these should be made even longer than shown so as to brace some of the rafters farther up the roof.

Sheathing nailed on the rafters should be with long nails, preferably the cement coated kind or the new chisel pointed kind, as these have a greater holding power. A roof of this kind is stiffened very much by the sheathing over it, therefore "nail well."

Rafters Sawed to Curve

A second method of framing is shown in the lower illustration. Here two kinds of rafters are used. The heavier rafter is made up of 1 by 10 and 1 by 4 pieces. Two pieces of 1 by 10 are used to form the curve. The curve in this case must be sawed. As the curve is the same for all pieces, these may be sawed somewhere in a shop and delivered to the job ready to be nailed together. Each board may be from 6 to 10 feet long. Of course, joints should be broken. The 1 by 4 or

1 by 6 pieces at each side served as additional braces.

Collar beams should also be used on these rafters. The purlin may be omitted, running the intermediate rafters through, as in the upper illustration.

A great strain is exerted on this roof at the gable ends. This may be taken care of by bracing the gable studs from the studs to the ridge and also to rafters. Diagonal braces similar to bracing of stud walls may also be set between the rafters as shown by the dotted lines in the lower illustration.



Have You a Question You Would Like to Have Someone Answer? Have You An Answer to Any of the Questions Listed Below?

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

Give Us Your Answer-Those Published Will Be Paid For.

1. What construction is used for the filled or rounded valleys seen in old English and French roofs?

2. What is the best method for removing or loosening old cement which sticks to the inside of a concrete mixer?

3. Can you give the correct span limits for floor joists in homes, 16 inches on center, for joists 2 by 4 inches up to 2 by 14 inches?

4. How can I design a fireplace of any reasonable size and be certain that it will draw well?

5. Is there any way in which telephone and light wires can be run underground to a house?

6. My home has five rooms with eight lighting fixtures and eight outlets. I am told that in adding two rooms with three fixtures and three outlets I will have to change the wiring. What about it?

7. The wall next a soil stack is discolored, at times very noticeably. What is the cause of it and what can I do about it?

8. What is the best way to build up a batten door, about 3 feet by 7 feet, for an outside living room entrance?

SEE OCTOBER FOR ANSWERS TO AUGUST QUESTIONS

Following are the questions asked in the July issue, and their answers

Question: What definite information is there as to the rather general term "humidity" in dwellings?

ANSWER: Humidity has to do with the moisture content of the air. The amount of moisture which can be held in the air without its being deposited on a surrounding wall depends on the air temperature and the temperature of the wall. Humidity is relative. Humidity in dwellings has to do with physical comfort or body temperature. Physical comfort depends on the maintenance of a constant comfortable body temperature. Heat is constantly being generated within the body, and heat is constantly being lost from the surface of the body through evaporation of moisture, by convection, and by radiation. The heat produced within the body should be balanced by the heat loss from the surface. If there is a difference it is noticeable.

Since there is more warmth in youth than older age the two will not agree as to a suitable temperature. And since quiet occupation and manual work account for different body temperatures there should be a difference in temperature between the kitchen and the living room. In a dwelling, however, such differences are never assured and it is best to compromise.

Since the heat lost by evaporation of moisture from the skin depends largely on the percentage of moisture already in the air, and the percentage of moisture in the air depends upon the temperature of the air the term "proper humidty" can be taken as the proper percentage of moisture in the air of a room at a given temperature, say from 65 to 70 degrees. This percentage can be controlled by humidifiers during the time the house is heated.

During warm weather the moisture content of the air

may increase greatly with an increase in temperature. When this increase is enough to be uncomfortable, air motion from a fan or otherwise will increase the evaporation from the skin. If this same air is cooled artificially the relative humidity increases sometimes to a sort of clammy condition. With some of this moisture removed the "feel" of the air returns to normal. That is called air-conditioning. One of these days we may all have it in our homes.

Whether or not the air is properly humidified can best be determine by the people in the house and the condition of the furniture. Definite figures as regards evaporation of water and maintenance of humidity can be had from any reliable heating contractor or from the "Heating and Ventilating Guide" of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers. V. L. S.

Question: Should wood framing ever carry brick or hollow tile walls or curtain walls?

ANSWER: In the first place, we hardly see the advisability of installing fireproof construction on combustible construction, so the reasons for doing it are questionable.

If adequate support in timber construction is provided so that there is little contraction or shrinkage in the structure, there is no reason why a tile wall cannot be used satisfactorily. However, the timber construction, which is usually built, allows so much greater deflections and contraction and shrinkage, that we would hardly recommend the use of tile, as the cracks in the structure would undoubtedly be laid to the tile wall itself rather than the structure supporting it.

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in those structures where constancy of dimension is assured, and these are usually steel and concrete structures of fireproof construction. However, as mentioned before, if exceedingly good care is used in building the wood frame supporting the wall, a tile wall might be advisable, but the factor of safety is too low to recommend it.

> C. R. BIRDSEY, Director, Research and Development, U. S. Gypsum Company.

Question: What responsibility should be taken by the general contractor for work by a sub-contractor after the original contract is fulfilled?

ANSWER: After the original contract is fulfilled the relations that existed during the life of the contract between the contractor and the sub-contractor no longer exist. The sub-contractor is a temporary employee of the contractor for the purpose of performing certain work. The difference between him and a foreman is that he works under forfeit and the foreman works for wages. The general contractor cannot be held responsible for work done by a former employee (or sub-contractor) after the work for which he was specifically employed was complete.

ERNEST MCCULLOUGH, Consulting Engineer, Long Island City, N. Y.

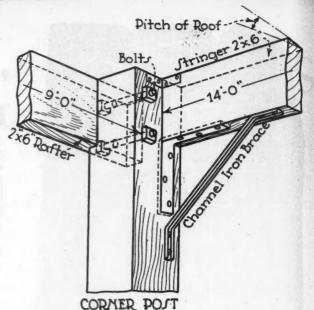
ANSWER: The contractor is not liable for any work additional on a job after the contract is fulfilled. That is quite plain. But what responsibility "should he take" for further work by a sub-contractor? In any business these days we know that completion of a piece of work does not entirely release a builder from responsibility even if it does so legally. If the contractor knows better the abilities and limitations of a sub-contractor and knows that he can be of service in further work it surely would be advisable for him to help, and share some of the responsibility, even if he does not collect his ten percent. It is to be understood that this help would be welcome. G.R.S.

Question: Can a fireplace and chimney be built on an outside housewall without disturbing the walls or foundation?

ANSWER: I had one such case where a chimney was erected on the outside of a brick wall. The size of the necessary base was figured and an excavation made beneath the wall footing. The excavating alongside the wall was done in a trench four feet wide, and underneath the footing. It was executed rapidly in three sections, each section being filled with concrete tamped into place and permitted to set for 24 hours before excavating and filling the next section. It was necessary to use this care in order to prevent settlement of the wall. The chimney was then erected on this base entirely on the outside of the wall. Only three sides were made of brick, the outer face of the wall serving as one side of the flue, which was lined with a clay fluelining. The mortar was a portland cement mortar. The work was done in the spring and six months later iron bands were placed around the chimney at approximately six-foot intervals and fastened into the joints of the house wall. The reason for waiting several months was to give every possible opportunity for settlement. If the chimney had been toothed into the old wall there would have been cracks due to settlement. The work was done nineteen years ago, and when the building was torn down last spring the chimney appeared to be in good condition.

> ERNEST McCullough, Consulting Engineer, Long Island City, N. Y.

Question: Can I have a design for a rigid but simple rafter joint for an awning or glazing frame of two rafters and plate supported by two corner posts, about 14 feet wide by 9 feet deep?



Bolted Corner of Awning or Glazing Frame.

ANSWER: The sketch attached is of one that has been in use for some time and has given satisfaction. I find screws and bolts more work but more reliable than spiking; and the small channel iron is very handy and rigid. V. L. S.

Question: What sure methods are there for waterproofing foundation walls?

ANSWER: Lay up foundation wall on rock or stone. Construct a blind drain, using small stone, all around the inside of the wall and connect to the sewer through a trap. Plaster outside of foundation wall with cement up to grade. Use hot tar on inside of foundation wall up to grade. This question involves the general proposition of keeping a cellar dry, and is largely dependent on local ground conditions such as temperature and moisture. In cities on tide water, tar is used on the inside of the wall, and in ordinary residential sections a blind drain is reliable. The location of the house has much to do with it. L. B. HARMON, Somerville, Mass.

ANSWER: Probably persons building their first house give less thought and attention to making the basement watertight and dry than to any other part of the construction. This may account for the large number of requests we receive for information on how to keep water out of the basement after the house is completed. With the rapidly increasing use of basements for recreation rooms, more and more attention must be given to proper construction. As is usually the case, it is much easier and less expensive to build the basement water-tight in the beginning than to repair it afterward.

While some damp basements are caused by poor ventilation and moisture originating from within, by far the largest part result from outside water coming through the walls or floors. In all cases of leaky basements, the first step is to provide adequate drainage for the outside of the wall. A line of 4- or 6-inch drain tile of good quality should be placed around the outside and just below the top of the footing. It should be connected with the sewer and have sufficient fall to carry away the ground water quickly.

If a considerable part of the wall leaks, it is good practice to dig a trench at least two feet wide around the foundation and to at least 4 inches below the top of the footing. The wall should be scrubbed perfectly clean with water and then allowed to dry thoroughly. In damp weather it may be desired to dry it with a gasoline torch or some other heating device. After it is dry, hot tar or asphalt is mopped onto the surface. A layer of burlap that has

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been soaked in the tar is mopped on and allowed to harden for a few hours, after which the second layer of tarred burlap is applied. Over this a final coat of tar or asphalt is used. The tarred burlap should extend at least 4 inches below the top of the footing. Special care must be used to insure a clean wall and one that is thoroughly dry before the tarred burlap applications are started; otherwise, poor bond will result.

The combination of drainage and burlap treatment will insure a dry wall. Very often, however, folks only wish to plug the seepage cracks that have developed from settlement or construction joints. Plugging settlement cracks frequently does not prove satisfactory, because the settlement continues, due to poor drainage or inadequate footings.

Preparation of the crack to be waterproofed is of utmost importance. It should be widened to about one-half inch with a hammer and cold chisel and cut at least 2 inches deep. It should be roughened or undercut at the bottom to provide an adequate key or bond for the mortar that is to be forced into the opening. In case water is flowing through the crack, it is desirable to calk it with oakum. When the water has been stopped and the crack thoroughly washed with water to remove all dust and loose particles, the crack is filled with a portland cement mortar made as follows: 1 part of cement is mixed with 2 parts of clean sand passing a ¹/₈-inch screen, in which not more than 3 per cent passes a 100-mesh screen. To this mixture is added onefourth by volume of fine iron filings. The whole mixture is mixed to a plastering consistency and allowed to stand from one-half to two hours, during which time it is frequently remixed without the addition of water. This mixture is then forced into the bottom of the crack with a small pointed tool, which will permit getting the mortar to the bottom and into the keys that were provided for bond. Then the crack is completely filled, after which it should be covered with a wet board or burlap so that it can properly cure. It should be kept wet at least seven days, and longer if possible. It is not absolutely necessary to use the iron filings, but their addition frequently improves the job, because a certain amount of the iron corrodes and fills the fine cracks that might not otherwise be completely filled in by the mortar.

> W. D. M. ALLEN, Manager, Cement Products Bureau, Portland Cement Association, Chicago.

Question: Are fire-stops any help in prevent-

ing heat loss from houses?

Answer: Fire-stops do not prevent heat losses except as they prevent the circulation of air from one story to another, but they help to give a better distribution of the heat. This can be explained as follows: When a room is heated, the warm air will rise to the ceiling. On its way up it will heat the walls. Some of this heat will be conducted through the inner wall to the air-space within the wall. If there are no fire-stops all of the heat will rise to one spot (or escape to the attic or out from under the eaves) and be lost more rapidly. If there are fire-stops, the heat will be confined in sections, each section beneath a fire-stop.

> PAUL NESS, 1036 S. Union Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

Question: Why should a few of the oil burn ers I have installed in my houses prove unsatisfactory to the owners when I know from experience that they should be entirely satisfactory?

ANSWER: Probably the best thing to do is to write the manufacturer and ask for the proper flash-point of the oil to be use in the particular burner. Then be sure you get the desired oil. The burner perhaps is installed unsuitably in the boiler or furnace. Or the boiler or furnace may not be suited to the heating system. The burner people should be consulted on the first point and an oil burner expert on the second. Intermittent burners such as are employed in most small installations are more dependent for success on the flash-point than on gravity of oil. V. L. S.

An Important Factor in Building

A COMPILATION of building and loan associations in the United States with assets exceeding \$10,000,000, on December 1, 1928, has recently been made by H. F. Cellarius, secretary of the U. S. League of Building and Loan Associations. The results make an interesting showing. There are now two associations with assets exceeding \$50,000,000; there are four in the \$40,000,000 class; six in the \$30,000,000 class, and 59 having assets of from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

The announcement that there are 86 building and loan associations with assets of \$10,000,000 or more is an indication of healthy growth throughout the movement. There are literally thousands of associations that during the past three or four years have stepped up into the million dollar class and the number of \$10,000,000 associations can be expected to increase at an accelerated pace.

Building and loan has become a real business. It is one of the main arteries of finance in the building industry and one of the important factors in the country's prosperity.

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A Market Is Widened

THE problem of supplying electrical service to scattered rural districts has been solved by the introduction of new and simplified apparatus, according to a recent announcement. Farmers who have seen lofty steel towers near or across their property, carrying high voltage electricity from remote generating plants to equally remote cities, have often inquired why it was not possible for them to obtain electricity for their farms from these lines. They have been informed that the cost of substation equipment for reducing the voltage made the cost of installation prohibitive.

Now, however, new apparatus makes possible the use of this source of power, without sacrificing safety or reliability, and it lacks some of the expensive parts of the conventional substation. After a sufficient rural load has been built up with the new equipment, the conventional substation can be installed, or an existing distributing system extended to that district from a distant point, and the original substation equipment can be moved and used again in developing another rural section.

This development means an extended use of electricity, new markets in the building industry, new outlets for building products, new opportunities for the builder and greater prosperity for all concerned.

* Glass and Public Health

THE invention of the new, ultra-violet light transmitting glass is seen as of importance to the public health of the nation in a report made by 150 leaders of medical opinion, obtained through a survey conducted by the Ultra-Violet Glass Information Bureau of New York. Deans of both the physiology and physics departments of all standard colleges, superintendents of leading hospitals and heads of the health departments of principal cities were questioned on the ultraviolet glass discoveries.

Increased illness in spring, fall and winter are due to lack of sunlight in indoor living in America today, in the opinion of 109 of those questioned. Combating this effect of indoor life, necessitated by the increasing shift of the American scene toward great city concentrations of population, are various window glasses that admit the ultra-violet rays which are excluded by ordinary glass. SI

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the Wood-Fiber Insulating Board

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Trouble with Fibre We found the Answer Board?

By E. W. LADD President Albany Builders Supply Co., Albany, N. Y.

Mr. Ladd at His Desk.

W that insulating plaster base is being used so extensively and material dealers are finding an increasing demand for such as insulating boards and insulating lath, I believe that giving a little history of our experience in pioneering and successfully building up a large business on these items may be of interest to other dealers and builders.

We purchased our first car of insulating board some six years ago, and, as is usual, we went ahead on our regular lines, thinking it would sell itself and without effort on our part. When we did begin to realize that this wasn't the case, we put forth every effort to unload, regardless of where and how it was to be used, and with the result that we had a number of complaints.

We carefully investigated every complaint, and were then convinced that here was a new material with wonderful possibilities, not only for the dealer, but also for the consumer, if ordinary horse-sense was practiced in its sale and use.

Looking back and analyzing the complaints we had, the following are but a few of the contributory causes:

1. Panels nailed cross-wise of studs, without headers, instead of lengthwise.

2. Panels not properly centered on studs, nor nailed as directed.

3. Panels were forced into place, not having clearance for expansion.

4. Studs were not true nor properly spaced, and of green stock, which warped and pulled away from panels.

5. Studs and joists were 24 inches centered, instead of 16 inches centered, as directed.

6. Panels expanded after first

coat of plaster was applied, causing buckling, cracks and unevenness.

7. Difficulty was experienced in some cases, due to the plasterers skimping on amount of material used.

The carpenters and plasterers soon became just as anxious to attain good results as were we, and co-operated in seeing that the manufacturers' instructions were fully carried out. However, we still had occasional complaints, where the material was plastered on, that in some cases it would expand to such an extent as to buckle and crack the first coat of plaster.

These complaints would come up where the board used was part of the same car from which other jobs we had furnished, were perfect; and in checking this, we could only arrive at the following conclusion:

Insulating boards and lath are shipped from the mill bone dry and stacked in piles as they emerge from the dry kiln, and it takes considerable time for these panels to adjust themselves and take on the prevalent air moisture content. We found most of these complaints we had were where delivery to the job was made from stock just received from the mill, and that these panels if immediately nailed and exposed on both sides as they were, took up the moisture content very quickly. Natu-

rally, this caused an expansion, the only outlet being to buckle between the studs.

We also found where fresh stock was so used as a plaster base, that the rapid absorption of moisture from the plaster was detrimental, and also caused a violent expansion of the boards.

It wasn't feasible for us to stock such material until they were acclimated to prevalent

DEALERS AND BUILDERS! What do you think of this idea? And have you one to contribute equally as good? Let us hear from you. —EDITOR.

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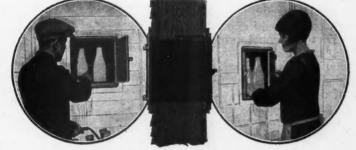
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moisture conditions in our territory, and we also could see where it was impossible for the manufacturer to ascertain in advance of his shipments, what conditions would be in such and such a territory, and at the time the boards would be used, and thereby adjust the moisture content of the boards to such a situation.

Knowing that it has always been good practice to wet kiln dried wood lath and shingles before using, I tried out the same plan on insulating boards and lath. I made arrangements in my yard and saw to it that on each order, every panel of insulation board and lath was well sprinkled and then repiled, at least thirty-six hours before they were delivered to the job and used. In doing this, I knew that each panel would expand to the maximum and that only one thing could result—a slow contraction and not to a noticeable extent; and in the lath, the contraction would not take place until the plaster had set, and this slight readjustment would be taken up by the resiliency of the lath.

We followed this plan, and with such success that our customers are now sold on the idea and advantages of insulating boards and lath, and we are now selling several cars each month, with universal satisfaction.

We realize that when something happens, a blame must be placed somewhere; and invariably the responsibility is placed on whatever new material is used—never on the human element involved. However, we have faith in the justification of selling and using insulating boards.

Successful Dealer Methods

R ETAIL building supply dealers in Indiana are adhering to certain business rules with unusual success, according to Reding Putman, field representative of the Southern Pine Association. These rules do not form a definite code but were merely observed as applying generally to successful firms.

1. A charge of 15 per cent is made against all material returned for credit unless there is some legitimate reason for the return. By this rule the amount of material returned is greatly reduced. Where material is returned, the 15 per cent takes care of damaged material and handling costs.

2. No new accounts are opened for less than \$10.00. Dealers find the number of small accounts they are required to carry and the cost of collecting unreasonable and unprofitable.

3. All bills paid before the tenth of the month following purchase are discounted 10 per cent. This greatly reduces the accounts receivable. As a rule, it is necessary to mark up the goods an additional 10 per cent. If accounts are not paid promptly the dealer has merely added a reasonable carrying charge.

4. A 20 per cent deposit is required on all special milwork. This has been found helpful in making the planing mill, usually the hardest department to operate, profitable.

5. Special trips are charged for at 25 per cent extra per trip. Next to merchandising, the biggest problem is handling cost and this rule helps to reduce this item.



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Andersen Frames, sills and casings (or staffbeads) of box frame No. 171 are of genuine white pine. Drip groove, caulking groove and slot for vater bar under the sill aid weather-tight installation.

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Palmer Sells Proven Quality

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of night light is given great importance. The windows in Palmer houses are numerous and large. In this day of tight casement windows and of weatherstrips, there is no need to be miserly with sunshine by day. And likewise, in this electric lighted age, the use in each room of two and three convenience outlets, where lamps may be plugged in, has been accepted as most desirable.

The need for uniformly comfortable temperatures prompted the use of insulation and weatherstrips quite as much as the need for fuel economy. Fire underwriters well may stress the importance of "heatability" of houses, for lack of it causes more winter fire losses than does the lack of fire stops. Important as fire stops are known to be, the need to "force" heating plants during subzero drops has an inevitable result—fires are ignited that may burn down the home. Therefore in the "rating" of Palmer houses as to fire safety due credit was given to their good heatability. Also, under the comfort rating the certainty of more uniform indoor temperatures, whatever the outdoor temperatures, puts a rated premium on heatability *built in*.

Waterproofness, not only of the basement, but of windows and roofs, is another item given attention in Palmer houses. The foundation walls are never complete without drain tiles, both inside and outside of the walls, nor is waterproofing on the outside of those walls omitted. A waterproofing mixture is added to all mortar used in brick laying.

From the standpoint of fire safety the use of firestops in the walls, the sheet metal protection about the heating plant and the air cell pipe covering on hot steam pipes have been given scrupulous care. The fact that the houses, built on 40-foot lots and the larger ones on 60-foot lots, are not jammed directly up against neighbor houses is, of course, a big element in fire safety.

Superlative, the Rating Shows

The highest rating for houses yet issued by Certified Building Registry is the one given to one of the Palmer houses, a rating that entitled the houses to Class AA because the premium above zero (assigned to the extremely poor type of dwelling) is over 85 out of a possible 100. Some changes in specifications for other Palmer houses to be built this year will add some two or three rating units. Thus these frame and brick veneer houses will almost reach the 90 mark. It is safe to say that few "model" homes built of favorable materials but with no measure of craftsmanship applied would approach that mark, just because the use of good materials and good equipment often is faulty. I would challenge any committee having "model homes" in charge to submit to a painstaking rating as Mr. Palmer has done.

The day is near at hand, I think, when home buyers can demand certificates of rating of houses just as they now secure proofs of good title to the real estate. The "ratings" given therein in figures, classification and graphs express the composite values according to good architectural and engineering practices of all the factors and elements that enter into the rated buildings.

To arrive at the rating, Certified Building Registry has had worked out a Code for Rating Dwellings, which under the four heads named, permanence, fire-safety, fuel cost, and comfort, covers all the essential elements to be considered. Recently the United States Bureau of Standards aided in the current revision of that Code. From footings to roof, from fuel cost to comfort items such as sunlight and sound deadening, breakfast nooks and plumbing, this code furnishes a lens of engineering fact through which to project all facts and arrive at an index of rating.

Loan departments of insurance companies and banks and mortgage bankers generally are justified in accepting high ratings as reasons for first mortgage loans more liberal than usual. Second mortgage lenders also are justified in preference for the "fortified" building that can prove by its rating that more money will be available for principal and interest because of the lower expenses for repairs, replacements and fuel. Many thousands of dollars and some years of time

Many thousands of dollars and some years of time have been required for the Certified Building Registry to work out as it has done the complete data and code for rating houses. Rating charts have been supplied by which inspectors can identify the types and conditions of walls, roofs, windows, floors, chimneys and heating plant conditions and arrive at a rating, by percentage of saving assured as compared to "superwasteful" types. Applying these standards to the homes built by Louis G. Palmer show convincingly why he has earned his reputation as "Detroit's best builder."

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Belt Conveyors on Big Mart

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employed for taking material over this distance, there would be no appreciable chance for settling due to the much greater speed that the belt has over the buggy wheeler.

To Mr. Bruce Gordon, superintendent for the Griffiths company, is due credit for the above plan of operating the conveyors which has proven itself absolutely on the work done so far on the building. Graham, Anderson, Probst & White are the architects of the Merchandise Mart and Geo. W. Allen architectural superintendent.

The company which manufactures the conveyors being used on the Merchandise Mart Building have just published a book on the handling of wet concrete with portable belt conveyors. This book, which will be sent free upon request, has a group of photographs and an excellent description of each job on the following applications: Buildings, retaining walls, blocks, sewers, sewage disposal plants, irrigation ditches, bridges, viaducts and railroad elevations.

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Steel Resists Deterioration

PROOF that steel can successfully carry its designed loads and withstand deterioration through corrosion and other sources has been afforded by careful analysis of the material which was removed from the Tacoma Building, in Chicago. This 13 story building was built in 1887. The Illinois Society of Architects appointed a committee to make an examination of the condition of the material in the building as it was wrecked.

Henry Penn, district engineer of the American Institute of Steel Construction, also submitted samples of the material to Robert W. Hunt Company, engineers, of Chicago, for careful investigation. A report of the Hunt Company states:

"The steel from the old building has been subjected to chemical analysis, etching and miscroscopic examination. There has been no evidence of deterioration in the crystalline structure and it is believed that the framework of this building would have been good and efficient for many years to come. The material in the webs of the beams, as originally rolled, was less than 1/4 inch in thickness, yet was still perfect and capable of carrying its loads when the sections were removed."

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The "Conditional Sale"

66 YOU can have that steam outfit for \$8,000-6, 12 and 18 months," the salesman offered.

"I'll take it," the builder agreed.

"Of course there'll be the usual 'conditional sale' agreement that we take on all time sales, providing that the title to the outfit remains in us until full payment," the salesman suggested.

"No objection to that," the builder concurred and signed on the dotted line. Two months later the builder's entire business and equipment was burned through no fault nor negligence on his part. When the first payment on the outfit came due the seller demanded the amount thereof.

"It was yours till paid for, then it was to be mine—now you've got no outfit to deliver, so I'm clear of my contract," the builder contended.

"No-you're bound by the contract, regardless of the fire," the seller retorted.

"The buyer should sustain the loss, because the article passed under his dominion and control, and, if the rule were otherwise, the buyer would have no incentive to take care of the property," said the Kansas Supreme Court in ruling in the seller's favor.

What Is the Measure of Damages?

"WHAT'LL you take for your building business on Young Street?"

"Thirty thousand dollars, lock, stock and barrel," said the builder.

"I'll buy it, if you'll agree not to compete with me in the same line of business in this town."

"All right—let's find a lawyer and do up the business." Three months later the builder opens up a similar business on the same street, and competes with the buyer, contrary to his agreement not to do so.

Now, the buyer is plainly entitled to damages for breach of contract, but how much damages, measured in dollars and cents?

"You're making \$1,000 a month in your new business, and I'm entitled to damages on that basis," the buyer argues.

"Yes, but the customers I took from you don't amount to more than 300 a month, and that's the highest basis you can claim on," the builder contends.

In other words, is the amount of damages based on the profit to the seller, or on the loss of the buyer?

On this point the general rule is that the damages are based on the actual loss to the buyer due to breach of the agreement not to compete.

"Estimate as nearly as you like in the light of the evidence the difference between the buyer's business and what it would have been if the seller had strictly complied with his contract not to compete, and consider the difference as damages," the court told the jury in an Iowa case on the point.

Rights of an Exclusive Agency

"ILL give you the exclusive agency in your state for my flooring and agree to supply you with whatever you require, if you'll agree to take \$500 worth per month, and pay inside of 10 days," the manufacturer proposed.

"Suits me," a building supply dealer agreed. The agreement was "reduced to writing," and signed by both parties. Contracts like this are common, and give rise to some interesting problems, for instance:

1. Is the builder supposed to make any special efforts to sell the flooring?

2. Can he assign his contract?

3. If he cannot assign his contract, but does so, does it justify the manufacturer in cancelling the agreement?

These points were dealt with by the New York Court of Appeals in a case reported in 127 Northeastern Reporter, 898.

On the first point the court ruled that the builder impliedly agreed to do whatever was reasonably necessary in selling the flooring.

"In view, however, of the credit and the exclusive agency given to the buyers, it is fairly to be implied that they were to devote their time and do whatever was reasonable and necessary in selling the seller's product. The contract meant something. It was not a mere scrap of paper. The owner of a product would not give to another the exclusive agency, covering a wide territory, to sell the same, unless he believed an effort would be made by the one to whom such right was given to sell; and one would not take, if acting in good faith, an exclusive agency to sell another's goods unless he expected and intended to use reasonable efforts to sell," said the court.

On the second point the court arrived at a negative conclusion.

"The general rule is that rights arising out of a contract cannot be transferred if they are coupled with liabilities, or if they involve a relationship of personal credit and confidence," said the court on this point.

On the last point the court ruled in favor of the right to cancel, on the ground that the seller having contracted with one party, was entitled to say whether he would do business with a third party.

The Dilatory Tax Collector.

66 I'M enclosing herewith your tax bill for the current year," the tax colector wrote.

"I'm enclosing herewith a draft on the X bank to cover my tax and enclose the bill which you sent me," the builder wrote back.

Now, if the tax collector had presented the draft with reasonable promptness it would have been paid, but he held it an unreasonable length of time, the X bank failed before the draft was presented, the builder refused to pay again, and the tax collector sued.

"You held the draft for an unreasonable length of time, relieving me from any liability and that is the same as payment," the builder contended when the case came before the court.

"That rule holds in an ordinary business transaction, but does not apply to the payment of taxes," the collector retorted, and the South Dakota Supreme Court ruled in his favor in the recent case of Eggleston vs. Plaughman, 207 N. W., 981, in the following words:

"We are of the opinion that the rule, applicable between private individuals, cannot govern as between an individual, whose duty is under the law to pay his taxes and pay them in money, and the public officer whose duty is to collect the taxes and collect them in money."

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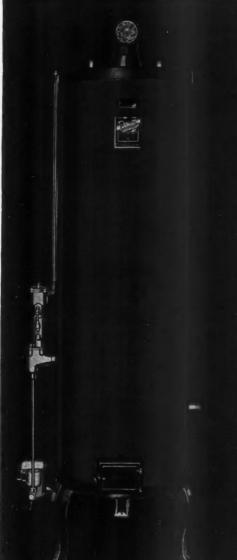
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For Weather-Tight Eaves

HERE is an idea, not an original one but one not commonly used, for making a weather-tight job under the eaves. Let the sheathing extend three or four inches above

the plate and cut out spaces, as at "a" in the sketch, for the rafters. After placing the rafters in these spaces, butt the roof sheathing boards "b" and "c," against the wall sheathing and cut the projection of the wall sheathing off at "x" even with the roofing boards. This method makes a tighter job than that of cutting off the sheathing even with the plate and fitting in strips between the

rafters and butting against the roof boards. R. Военм, McGregor, N. Dak.

The Sheathing Is Run Up Past the Plate and

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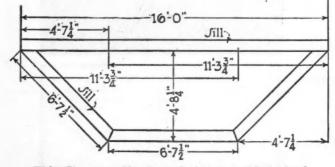
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Laying Out an Octagon Bay

THE accompanying sketch illustrates a method, which I find both simple and accurate, for laying out a three sided bay in octagon form. The method is best described and illustrated by using an example. Suppose the room to which the bay is to be framed is 16 feet wide and the bay is to extend the full width. With inches representing feet, take the room width, 16 feet, on each arm of the square and measure across. You will find that this is 225% inches, representing 22 feet 7½ inches. Divide this by two, which gives you 11 feet 3¾ inches.

From the left corner of the room, measure off this distance, 11 feet 334 inches, mark the point and repeat this measurement from the right hand corner. Squaring out from these two points locates the extreme corners of the octagon. The distance out from the main wall is found either by measuring from the points to the nearest corners of the room or





by subtracting 11 feet 33/4 inches from 16 feet. The result is the same either way.

If you want the middle section of the bay wider than the other sides, say two feet wider, add one foot to the 11 feet 33/4 inches. This gives you 12 feet 33/4 inches. Proceed as before, using this measurement instead of 11 feet 33/4 inches. JAMES F. FAIL, 815 A St., Meridian, Miss.

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This Helps in Nailing Ceiling

I AM offering a little idea which is, like most of these helpful ideas, so simple that I cannot understand why I did not think of it before. When working alone I have always

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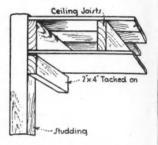
found it very difficult to put up ceiling. I had a terrible time trying to hold a long piece while I nailed it. It finally occurred to me to tack a piece of 2 by 4 along the wall at each end of the room, just far enough down from the ceiling to let the material slip in on top of it. This held the end of the material up while I nailed the other end and I have had no more difficulty with such work since.

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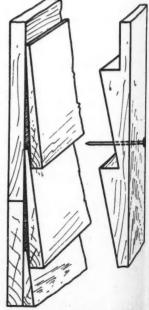
How to Lay Siding

AM going to pass along my method of laying lap siding as it may prove as useful to others as it does to me. I make four gauges of wood, with notches as shown in the sketch, cut to fit the width of exposure of the siding. For short lengths I use two of these gauges and for long lengths, 14 feet or longer, I use four gauges. I nail the gauges in position, placing the nails so that when the gauge is removed, the nail holes can be used for nailing the siding. In using this method one must be sure to get the first siding board on straight. After that it is simple enough and makes the laying of siding a one-man job.

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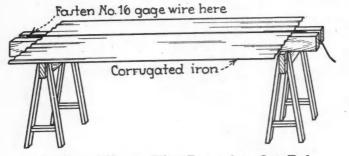
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Cutting Corrugated Iron

I OFTEN have to rip a piece of corrugated iron and I find it is a difficult thing to do with a pair of tin snips. I have found another way of doing it, however, which is quite simple. I nail two pieces of 2 by 6, longer than the corrugated iron that is to be ripped, to the tops of a pair of horses, spacing them about 1/8 to 3/16 of an inch apart, just far enough apart for a No. 16 wire to pass between them easily.

I then tack the iron that is to be ripped on top of the 2 by 6 pieces so that the line of the cut is directly over the space between them. I then take a piece of No. 16 wire that is longer than the piece of corrugated iron and fasten



Piece of No. 16 Wire, Fastened at One End, Will Cut Corrugated Iron Smoothly and Easily.

one end at the end of the space between the 2 by 6 pieces. I pass the wire over the corrugated iron to the other end and down through the space. Taking hold of the loose end of the wire, I pull down and back toward the point where the other end is fastened. This cuts the corrugated iron more smoothly and quickly than is possible with the tin snips or the back of a hack saw, and much more easily.

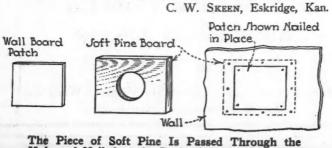
ROBERT KNIGHTON, 603 Belknop St., Fort Worth, Texas.

-**For Patching Wallboard**

HERE is a method I use for patching holes in various fiber and gypsum wallboards which I feel might be worth passing along to others. I first take a piece of the wallboard and cut it to a size somewhat larger than the hole to be patched, say five by eight inches. I put this patch against the wall, over the hole, and mark around it. I then cut out the hole so that the patch just fits it.

I then take a piece of lumber, soft pine preferred, and cut it a little larger than the patch. In the case of a patch measuring five by eight inches, as suggested above, I would make this board six by nine inches. This permits it to pass through. the hole but to cover it completely from behind. I make a hole about 11/2 inches in diameter in the center of this board so that I can hold it after passing it through the hole in the wall, while nailing it in place. I then put the patch into the hole and nail it to the board. It can then be papered or painted so that it will not be noticeable and will make a very neat repair job.

There are many cases where it is necessary to vary the size of the patch but, by making the hole large enough to get a fair sized piece of board back of it, you will have no trouble. Sometimes, however, it is necessary to nail strips on the back of the board to prevent it from slipping.

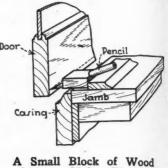


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Scribing Doors for Clearance

THE sketch shows my device for scribing doors. I set a pencil into a small block of wood by boring a hole through the block, as shown. It is so placed that the point

will be even with the bottom of the block when it projects about 3/4 of an inch. By backing the pencil up in the hole I am able to mark the door for any amount of clearance desired. After scribing, I dress the door square across then ease the inside edge to clear the jamb. This always insures a perfect fit without taking down and putting up the door to try. I have used this device for a number of years with complete satisfaction.



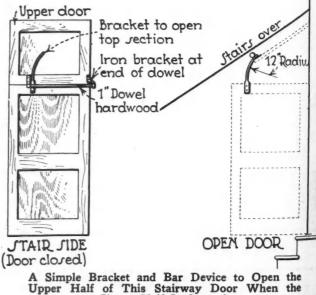
Through Hole with a Which a Pencil Is Passed for Scribing Doors.

ELIAS A. W. BEEMER, Langstaff, Ont., Canada ----

Another Stairway Door

ON page 106 of the April issue, a counter-weighted door was illustrated, as the solution of a stairway door problem. Here is a sketch showing a solution of a similar case which works successfully and is, perhaps, simpler. The door is divided into two sections, the top section being about two feet of the height of the door and hinged at the top. The lower section is hinged at the side in the usual manner and is only that part of the door which will swing open without interference from the stairway above.

A hardwood dowel, one inch in diameter, is fastened to the inside of the upper section by means of iron brackets at each end. This dowel is placed just below the edge of the section and one inch away from it. A 5% inch, round, iron bracket, flattened for screws at one end and with a curving arm 13



Lower Half Is Opened.

inches long bent on a radius of 12 inches, is fastened to the lower section of the door.

This arm runs up between the dowel and the upper section of the door. When the lower section of the door is opened, in the ordinary way, this arm pushes against the dowel and pushes the upper section of the door up and in, opening the entire door space. The action is positive for both opening and closing the door.

LESLIE W. CUTTER, 65 State St., Bangor, Maine.

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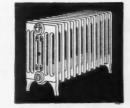
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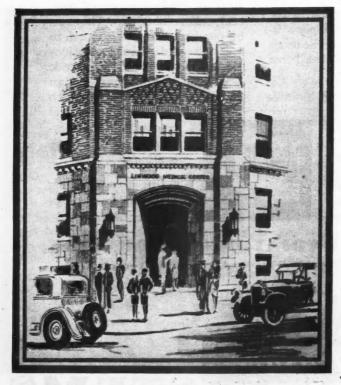
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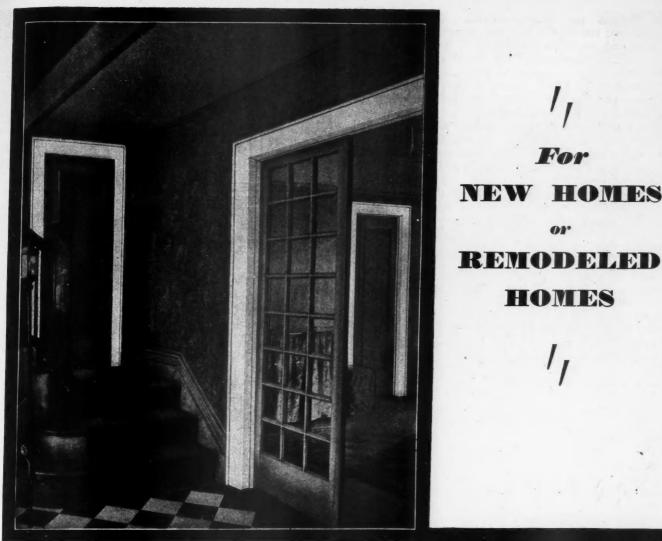
The Medical Centre Building, Buffalo, N.Y., Bacon & Lurkey, Architects

H VERY city and suburb has, or soon will have, its specially designed office building for doctors and dentists. For business reasons these professional men like to group together. Their needs for office space differ greatly from other types of buisness, and their requirements for plumbing, gas, electricity and sanitation are so special as to make the designing and building of a modern medical building, large or small, truly a job for the specialist.

A \$650,000 building, designed for the exclusive use of the medical and dental professions and known as the Medical Centre Building, was recently completed in the city of Buffalo, and is illustrated herewith. It is considered one of the finest equipped professional buildings in the country. It is a five-story and full basement, fireproof office building containing ninety units, arranged as indicated in the typical floor plan. Each unit will be divided to suit the tenant; and we show some suggested layouts of double, single and half units. Rental rates run from \$2.50 to \$3.50 a square foot.

Every office is an outside office and each unit has hygienic air ventilation. The building has 24-hour telephone switchboard service, with intercommunicating and direct outside call service. Each unit has gas connections and complete laboratory equipment. Also each unit has its own toilet.

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This Buffalo professional building was constructed by George Schaaf, of Buffalo. Bacon & Lurkey, Buffalo, were the architects. The cost was \$750,000.00. The five floors and basement contain 39,000 square feet of floor space.

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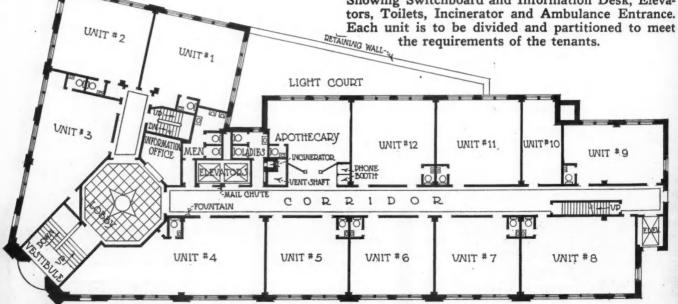
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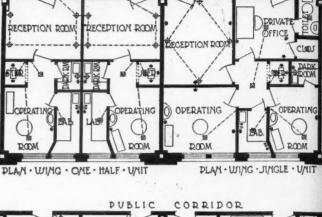
Ample parking is an important feature of any doctor's establishment and has been well taken care of in this professional building. The wide streets border-ing the property offer easy parking for the autoist, a doorman being present to co-operate and assist. Tenants are also served by a modern garage nearby.

The Medical Centre Building meets adequately a demand that has existed in Buffalo for some time. In order to keep the occupancy of the building highly ethical, a committee of selection passes on the status of each applicant. This not only protects the lessee, but assures a high standard of tenancy in the building.

A demand for buildings of this type undoubtedly

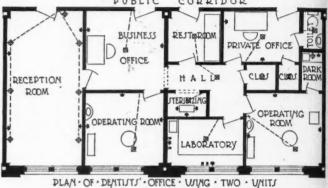
-ROBERT K. DORAN. Plan of First Floor of the Buffalo Medical Centre, Showing Switchboard and Information Desk, Eleva-





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Arrangement of Doctors' Offices as Suggested by the Davis-Schultz Co. for Bacon & Lurkey, Architects.

exists in many other cities of this country and this demand presents an opportunity to the builder who will study his local situation and also the special requirements as suggested here. A special building of this sort is a complete failure unless it is created to meet a definite demand and unless it meets that demand adequately, as to location, number of prospective tenants, design and equipment. When properly planned such a building should prove highly profitable for the medical profession is quick to appreciate and take advantage of special provisions.

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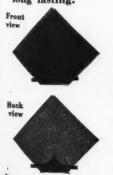
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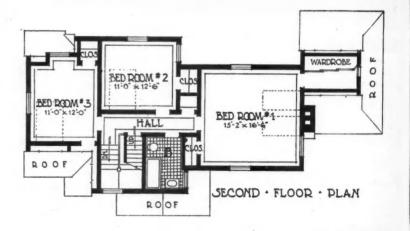
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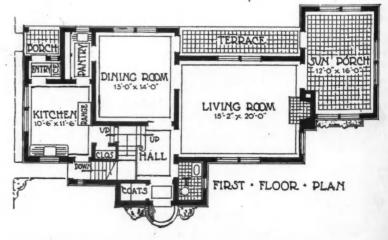
THE architectural flavor of old England is strikingly evident in every detail of this attractive modern home. The irregular roof lines with low-hung

The irregular roof lines with low-hung eaves, the twin gables in contrasting materials, the grouped casement windows with small panes and the low setting of the house amid the trees all impart their charm.

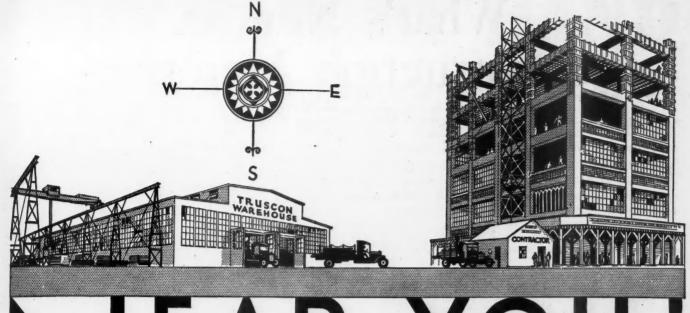
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New Concrete Bonded to Old Concrete with This Compound Makes a Joint as Strong as the Original Cast.

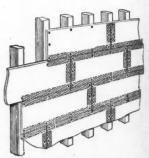
The other piece was treated the same way except that the compound was entirely omitted. After six weeks both blocks were tested under compression. The one without the compound fractured at the joint between the old and new concrete, it is stated. The one with the compound broke at right angles with the joint, through both old and new concrete, as though it had been one original cast.

This compound is a chemical combination used for waterproofing and repairing concrete, stucco, brick, tile and stone construction of all kinds. It has, as its base, finely ground iron, while most of the chemicals are for the purpose of accelerating the complete oxidation of this iron. Mixed with water and applied with a brush, like paint, this compound fills the pores and voids of the treated surface and, within 10 to 15 hours, the oxidation of the iron takes place. In this chemical action or "rusting," the iron particles expand from two to $3\frac{1}{2}$ times their original size, completely closing the pores and forming a perfect seal, it is claimed.

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Complete Plastering System

BECAUSE of its proved merits, a well known plastering system has been purchased, recently, by a leading manufacturer of gypsum products. This company has taken over the patents, good-will and sole privilege of manufacture. The system consists of a gypsum lath, the horizontal and vertical joints of which are reinforced with a fabric of expanded metal, over which base is applied a plaster specially prepared for this system. The lath, which measures 16 by 48 inches, is of exceptional quality and sturdiness, the gypsum core being processed, the face paper being prepared to insure a perfect bond with the plaster and the back paper being moisture-proofed to prevent any water from reaching the wood framing during plastering. The lath is fireproof, vermin-proof, non-deteriorating and has been shown to bond exceptionally well with the plaster.



This System Includes a Special Base, Joint Reinforcement and Plaster to Prevent Cracks.

The expanded metal fabric,

which is three inches wide and is made with a patented selvage edge, is easily and quickly nailed (with the concave side against the lath) and serves a double purpose. It provides a reinforcement at the joints and assures a base coat of adequate thickness. The first two major causes of plaster cracks, inadequate plastering base and skimping of the plaster, are thus prevented.

The third major cause of plaster cracks, over-sanding, is guarded against by preparing the plaster at the factory up to the point of mixing with water only. By the special processing of the gypsum, the plaster is made exceedingly plastic and is given unusual strength, density and fire resistance.

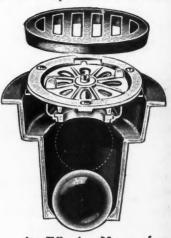
As this system gives the greatest satisfaction when only the special materials are used, it is sold only to licensed dealers and applied only by licensed contractors who agree to use the special materials only.

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Drain and Back Water Valve

WATER cannot back up into the basement or area and foul gases and odors cannot escape into the basement

from the sewer when the floor drain and back water valve illustrated here are used. This drain is equipped with a ground brass shutoff valve with a large opening for the easy flow of water. A copper ball float, fitting into a rubber seat, shuts the opening against backed up water. The removal of three brass screws exposes all parts of this drain for cleaning. It can be used with either fourinch or six-inch pipe and no pipe cutting is required in order to install it. A similar drain, without the float ball, is made by the same company for an eco-



An Effective Means of Keeping Backed Up Water and Foul Odors Out of the Basement.

nomical installation where backing up of water and escape of gases is not of importance.

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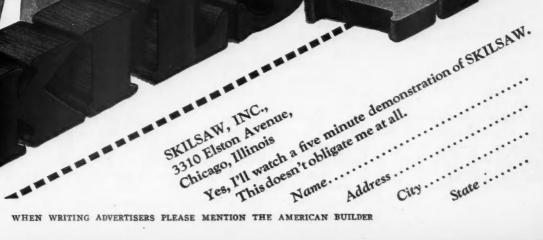
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Improved Conduit Fittings

ONE of the well known manufacturers of electrical equipment has announced an improved line of non-threaded conduit fittings which will be manufactured in addition to its old line of threaded fittings. The new fittings have many decided improvements over the old type of fittings.

The old type consisted of a steel body with a steel hub securely fastened to the hub of the fitting. This hub had outside threads and was slotted so that the locknut, in being turned on, gripped the conduit. As shown in the illustra-



A New Type of Conduit Fitting Which Reduces the Cost of Installation and Insures a Better Job.

tion, the improved type is very simple in design. The tapered steel ring is squeezed onto the conduit by the knurled nut, from the outside. There is no change in circumference of the threaded hub, therefore there is no tendency to strip the threads of either nut or hub.

This same ring has on its inner surface three projecting beads that pierce through the conduit enamel, thus establishing a metal to metal contact and insuring a perfect running ground. All standard covers and fittings are interchangeable with the new fittings.

It is claimed that these fittings save considerable time, as it is not necessary to cut threads. There are no loose parts, which insures the utmost simplicity and efficiency. It is only necessary to cut the conduit, slip it into the fitting and tighten the knurled nut which insures a mechanically secure joint, a perfect running ground and a strong job in considerably less time than ordinarily required.

* Insulating Blanket Improved

SEVERAL improvements have recently been made in a well known insulating material which consists of a mat of wood fiber enclosed between two sheets of heavy kraft paper. The principal improvement is in the type of paper used. The kraft paper has been replaced by a heavy crepe paper which, besides being tougher, stronger and more flexible than the old liner, has 25 per cent stretch, which makes the blanket practically puncture-proof.

The use of this liner for the insulating blanket is no untried innovation. For several years a double thickness of it has been applied to each side of a special grade of this insulating blanket used for the insulation of refrigerator and passenger cars. It was adopted by many railroads because it withstood the weaving, distortion and racking to which railroad rolling stock is subjected and at the same time retained its insulating value. This liner made the special grade too expensive for use in ordinary house insulation. Recently, however, a new machine has been perfected which does the creping as a part of the regular process of manufacture. This places the more expensive type of liner within reach of the general building market.

Other improvements that will make it easier and quicker for the carpenter to apply this material include an increase of ¼ inch in the width of both the 17 inch and 25 inch width, giving a little more leeway in tucking the insulation between the studs, joists and rafters. All this material is ruled to indicate the flange by which it should be attached to the framing and is creased or scored to facilitate flanging.

All this material is lined down the center with marks indicating foot-measure so that it will be unnecessary to measure with a rule the strips required to fill a given space. The fiber mat has been made firmer without sacrificing any of its insulating efficiency and the bond between it and the liners has been increased. The product will go to the dealer in an improved package, wrapped in kraft paper as before, but with a convenient opening device added, and a specification sheet in each roll.

Tub Hanger Prevents Cracks

A CONTRAST between the common method of hanging bath tubs and the method of hanging with a new type of bath tub hanger, is shown in the illustration. This hanger consists of a metal trough which acts as a water seal between the wall and the edges of a built-in tub or shower receptor and between the front bottom flange of the tub or receptor and the floor.

This hanger is made of heavy gauge, galvanized steel in the form of a trough or gutter. The upper part is perforated like metal lath to form a perfect base for plaster, cement, tiling or any other floor or wall covering. It is adjustable in length for tubs of different sizes. It weighs 20 pounds and is tested to support a weight of 3,000 pounds or more.



Above: The New Method Which Utilizes the Bath Tub Hanger Described Here to Eliminate Wall Cracks and Leakage. Below: The Old Method of Installing Built-In Bath Tubs.

With this hanger installed, seepage from around the edges of the tub is prevented. The tub cannot settle, with the result that it stays in position just as it is installed, regardless of the settling of the building, and the wall does not crack. It is easy to install and is not expensive, especially when one considers the saving in expense for repairing and redecorating ruined ceiling which result from leaky bath tubs.



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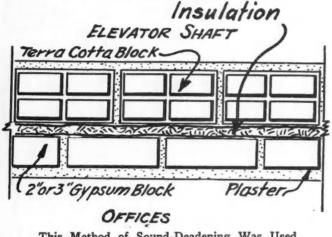
Sound-Proof Elevator Shafts

THE sound-deadening of elevator shafts has become an item of such great importance in hotels, apartments, office buildings, hospitals and similar structures that it is receiving earnest attention from architects, engineers, builders and owners.

Elevator shafts must be centrally located and, if space is to be properly economized, they are likely to be surrounded by offices or apartments. The noise of the machinery, opening and closing of doors, calling floors, and even the conversation of passengers in the elevator may be disturbing to the adjacent tenants and seriously interfere with the rental of those rooms.

In the construction of the newly completed Chanin Building, these factors were all of acute importance. Great pains were taken to solve the problem of deadening the shafts so as to utilize every possible inch of renting space. The conditions required that the sound-deadening material should be fire-resistant and meet all the other requirements of first class construction.

The concrete walls of the elevator wells were covered with single course of hollow, terra cotta tile over which was laid an insulating material made from ell grass. This was followed by a course of two-inch gypsum blocks and a finish of plaster. The insulating material broke up and absorbed



This Method of Sound-Deadening Was Used Effectively in the Elevator Shafts of the Chanin Building.

the sound waves, not only in the elevator well itself, but also prevented them from penetrating through to the surrounding offices.

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Waterproof Glue in Packages

THE manufacturers of a well-known casein glue are now distributing this product, through dealers, in a new package, in half and one-pound cans and five and 10-pound bags. This packaging makes it possible for the small user of glue to enjoy the same practical and simple cold gluing methods that have been used for years by the large manufacturing trades.

This casein glue comes as a dry powder which eliminates the old-fashioned glue pot and takes all the uncertainty out of gluing results, it is claimed. It contains no preservatives to reduce its efficiency and is not affected by moisture or atmospheric changes. It is easily and quickly mixed cold and used cold on cold lumber and therefore cannot chill before pressure is applied.

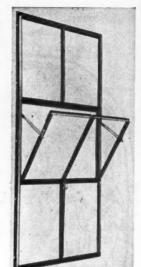
An outstanding feature of this glue it that high moisture content of lumber does not lessen its efficiency. There is no waste as you mix what the job requires. If the powder is stored in a dry place, it will keep indefinitely without losing strength.

A New Steel Window

ONE of the best known manufacturers of steel windows has recently brought out a new window which is illustrated here. This is exclusively an overhead ventilating window. The air comes in over the top, not direct on the desk or the workmen. The ventilating sections slant in at the top and out at the bottom. The rain runs out.

Each ventilating section is fitted with spring stage openers that allow the window to be opened at any point from $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to 14 inches and stay put. The overhead feature allows the window to be screened with a flat, metal bound, 16 mesh galvanized or copper screen. Every window indrilled, ready to be fitted with a screen at any time.

The ventilating section can be lifted out and hung flat against the lower sash, giving overhead and lower draft. This is another feature of this method of ventilating. Also the ventilating section can be lifted up and held open with the ventilating bar as with any other pivoted window. The bar has four stages of opening. This gives a five inch opening at the top for overhead ventilation and a direct draft at the bottom. By pushing the ventilating



A Type of Window Which Provides Overhead Ventilation.

section up to the window, you have a wide open window with full sweep of air. While the manufacturers state that the overhead ventilation is sufficient, they provide this because some workmen prefer to feel the direct draft.

* Wood Preservation and Finish

A PRODUCT which has but lately been claiming the attention of builders in this country is a wood preserver, originally developed in Europe and introduced into the United States after being thoroughly tested abroad. It is a scientifically tested blend of the active principle of creosote with other oils.

When applied to wood, this preservative gives the wood a natural brown tone. A dark brown or black may be obtained by the addition of a small amount of lamp black. The solution is said to be particularly penetrating and will kill the wood destroying fungi besides preventing the growth of the fungi spores. This has been proven, it is stated, by the fact that this preservative applied to new structures some 25 years ago has preserved the wood perfectly during this time and, from all indications, should continue to preserve it.



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What's New in Contractors' Equipment

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A Hair Pin Clip Bender



Designed by a Practical Lather

This Simple Ma-

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manship.

THE hair pin clip bender shown here was designed by a lather and is being built by a well known manufacturer for lathers to use, right on the job, to produce their own hair pin clips for attaching channel furring to suspended ceiling construction. The simplicity of this machine insures dependable service and the clips made by it are uniform in size and shape. They enable the lather to be sure of first class workmanship.

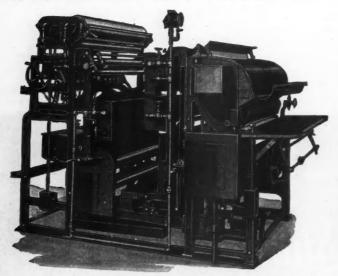
To make a hair pin clip with this machine it is only necessary to place a straight piece of wire, of the desired length, in any

gauge from No. 11 to No. 6, in the machine and pull the lever. The machine does the rest. It makes clips of three sizes, 21/4, 21/2 and 3 inches, and produces them at a satisfactorily low cost.

-**Fast Blue-Printing Equipment**

GREAT speed of production, high quality of work and low operating cost are the outstanding features of a new blue-printing equipment, which in many respects, differs radically as to design from form machines. Following the usual practice, with this new machine tracings are laid face up on a continuous roll of paper, feeding at the front of the machine, and are carried upward around a semi-circular, uniformly curved segment of French plate glass, past a bank of arc lamps.

After the exposure has been made the tracings are automatically returned to the tray at the front of the machine



This New, High Speed Blue-Printing Machine Can Also Be Used Economically on Single Prints.

near the operator, while the prints on the continuous roll of paper are carried through the machine and the subsequent operations of washing, potashing and drying take place in succession. ----

A New Electric Shaper

HERE is something entirely new in the popular priced and portable line of shapers. It is direct motor driven.

The armature shaft and shaper spindle are integral. The belt has been eliminated to avoid slipping, slowing down of operation and loss of power. In other features it is not unlike this company's latest large shaper of high speed.

This machine has a no-load speed of 10,000 R. P. M. It is ball bearing equipped and the lubrication design is such that no excess oil can reach the motor. The excess is picked up and thrown by a slinger away from the armature shaft and drained outside the housing.

This shaper operates with

a motor of well known make and can be used on the ordinary lighting circuit. It weighs only 42 pounds and sits firmly on its own base without fastening. It can be used on the work



Direct Drive Prevents Loss of Power in the Operation of This Shaper.

bench or wherever needed.

Economical Acetylene Generator

NEW portable acetylene generator has recently been placed on the market which has a body of drawn seamless steel, lighter in weight, stronger and more dependable

than bodies with the usual joints. This generator is extremely simple. It has no clocks or motors and notably few moving parts. The carbide hopper feed control and head are assembled in one unit which can be detached from the body by the removal of a few bolts.

The carbide feed is controlled by single valve which responds to high or low pressure and automatically stops if the pressure is at zero, or if the filler plug is open or the generator is not properly closed.

The safety features of this generator are among its notable features. The Underwriters' Laboratories made tests by tipping and throwing it over without causing a rise in pressure of the gas or abnormal working of the machine, it is stated. The cost of generating gas with this new outfit



The Body of This Generator Is of Seamless Drawn Steel.

is said to be approximately 11/2 cents per cubic foot,

lhe Deed changed hands quickly.

L. D. Powell, contractor, owns this Model Home with its Arm-strong Floors. It was furnished by the John Gerber Company, of Memphis, Tenn.

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Because nationally advertised products trade-marked this "Quality" home

Some houses seem naturally to attract prospects.

For instance, here is the Model Home fostered by the John Gerber Company, of Memphis, Tenn. Why was there an immediate sale? Several factors were responsible. One of the most important was the presence of nationally advertised products.

And equally swift sales are won by realtors whenever their houses bear the prestige of nationally advertised products. When the pur-

chaser of this Memphis Model Home found Armstrong's Linoleum in every room, his confidence was won.

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know that these built-in floors-quiet, comfortable, and permanent-make even an empty room seem partly furnished. And you win the further

Linoleum brings. They

confidence of your prospects because Armstrong Floors need so little attention. With the new kind of finish provided by the Accolac Process, Armstrong's Linoleum is easily cleaned. And designs stay fresh and bright since dirt and spilled

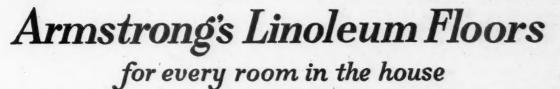
things cannot penetrate the lacquersealed surface of the floor.

Armstrong's Linoleum throughout this Model Home; red tile in entrance hall; Italian Handmade Marble Inlaid, with black border, in lieing-room and dining-room; Embossed Inlaid design in breakfast room, kitchen, and back porch; taups Jaspé in bedroome.

To acquaint you fully with Armstrong's Linoleum · Floors-what patterns are most suitable for each room, why they can be laid in every room in the house, how special designs can be installed, and other details that mean quicker sales for you, write for "New Ideas in Home Decoration." And we will also tell you about the free service of our Bureau of Interior Dec- Cast oration. Armstrong Cork Company, Floor Division, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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Moderate Price Floor Finisher

HERE is a new appliance which will interest the practical builder from two angles, as house and apartment equipment which affords a strong talking point for sales or rentals,



This Small Machine Will Perform All the Functions of Floor Finishing.

and as a piece of equipment for his own work in finishing or refinishing floors. In this appliance there has been developed a machine which will perform all the necessary functions of an efficient floor machine at a moderate price and adapted to either domestic or light industrial use.

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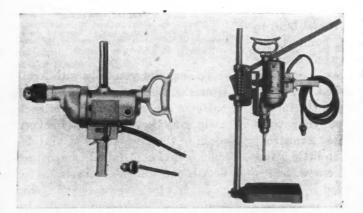
This electric floor machine scrubs, scours, sands, polishes and waxes automatically. It can be used effectively on all kinds of floors. As furnished, it includes the machine itself with handle and 24 feet of rubber cable, an automatic waxing unit, two waxing brushes, two polishing brushes,

two felt buffing pads and a $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon can of wax. A pair of scrubbing brushes, a pair of wire brushes and a pair of sanding discs with wrench and sandpaper may be purchased as extras.

All the attachments can be quickly and easily removed or attached when it is necessary to change from one operation to another. In waxing, the wax is automatically fed to the floor by the waxing unit in exactly the right amount.

* All Purpose ½ Inch Drill

THIS new, all purpose, 5% inch drill is made by a prominent manufacturer of electrical tools. It is described as possessing features not usually found in portable drill design. It combines lightness with power and performs a wide range of drilling requirements.



Lightness Is Combined with Power in This New Drill, Giving a Wide Range of Usefulness.

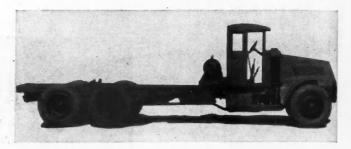
A well known make of motor is used for power and supplies an ample reserve. It is adapted to either direct or alternating current of 60 cycles or less and either 110-125 or 220-250 volts, as desired. An oversize double pole, trigger switch in a convenient position, insures long life. High grade ball and roller bearings are used. The heavy thrust loads are carried by Timken roller bearings. Its capacity in steel is 5% inch and in wood up to two inches, depending on the kind and depth required.

Such a tool will cut costs both in the shop and out on the job.

New High-Speed Heavy Trucks

MODERN highway transportation requires speed to meet the demands of rapid delivery service. One well known manufacturer of trucks has just brought out two new models which meet this demand, not by reducing loading capacities, using higher gear ratios and pneumatic tires with an old type of engine, which would reduce hauling economy, but by entirely new models designed to carry great loads at high speeds.

These models are a four-wheeler and a six-wheeler that will carry from $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 ton loads at 30 miles an hour and climb 20 per cent grades with ease. They will haul 35 ton



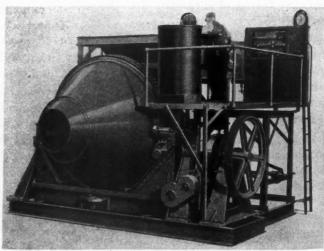
A New Type of Heavy Duty Truck Designed to Meet Requirements of Greater Speed.

drawbar loads at 25 miles an hour. When 35 tons can be hauled with one engine and one driver at a speed of 25 miles per hour the low cost transportation possibilities are evident.

These trucks are powered with a six-cylinder, high compression engine of 150 H. P. The six-wheel truck has a rear, four wheel drive obtained through this company's characteristic chain drive, four sets of driving chains being used and each set of rear wheels being driven by an independent jackshaft.

* Mixer Weighing Device

ONE of the big manufacturers of concrete mixers and pavers has announced the development of a new mixer attachment which enables contractors and owners of commercial concrete plants to meet the most stringent specifications imposed by engineers. This new device, when applied to one of this company's standard mixers and batch hoppers, forms a complete, self-contained concrete manufacturing unit. The new attachment is designed to proportion accurately all materials by weight and then thoroughly mix them.



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Things have moved forward since then. Now in many parts of the country people are beginning to question the motives of the contractor who *doesn't* use it.

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Woodworkers' Clamp

THE illustration shows a new invention which should prove valuable to carpenters, joiners and woodworkers of all kinds who need to hold a piece of wood firmly in position while working on it. It may be used either on a work bench or, if a bench is not available out on the job, on a two inch plank laid across a couple of horses. It can be carried around quite easily to be used wherever required.

This device consists of two clamp units. The first unit is clamped onto the side of the work bench, which must be equipped with a two-inch top, near one end. This unit goes at the left hand end of the bench and the clamp is secured



This Simple Clamp Can Be Carried Around for Use Anywhere and Holds Wood Firmly for Working in Any Position.

by a lock nut on a handle about four inches long. This lock nut fastens the clamp to the bench and a dog, shaped like the teeth of a saw, engages one end of the board to be worked.

The board is placed against this dog and the other clamp is placed against its other end and clamped to the bench in the same manner as the first unit. The gripping lever, which is seen hanging down at the right in the illustration, is pressed firmly downward. This forces the dogs on the two units into the ends of the board, holding it firmly in place for working.

Economical Bench Spindle Sander

THE bench spindle sander illustrated here has been on the market for some time but has recently been purchased by one of the leading manufacturers of this type of machine and



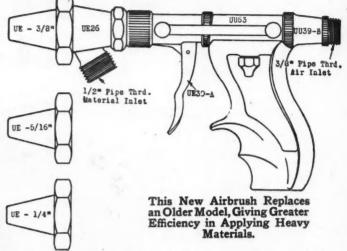
This Portable Bench Spindle Sander Can Be Attached to Any Ordinary Light Socket. will continue to be manufactured and sold by the new owner. It is designed to cut the costs on all circular work and irregular work of every description. It utilizes every piece of sandpaper to the full limit and the saving on this item alone makes it a profitable investment, it is claimed.

The oscillating movement of the spindle effaces all sandpaper marks and assures a neatly finished job. The table tilts one way 25 degrees and the other 20 degrees to allow for ample draft on patterns. Angles are secured quickly by means of a graduated scale placed in a front position on

the machine. The rolls may be removed and replaced instantly with another size. The whole machine is light and portable so that it may be used wherever needed. This device will last a lifetime.

New Multiple Head Airbrush

O^{NE} of the leading manufacturers of air painting equipment has just brought out a new multiple head airbrush for applying cement wash, refractory, mulsified, asphalt, heavy lubricants, roofing and waterproofing materials. This gun requires from 16 to 36 cubic feet of free air per minute to



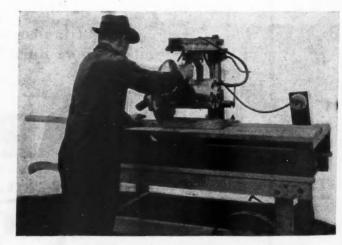
operate, depending on the size of the multiple head, the consistency of the material and the speed required.

When lumpy materials are to be applied they should be strained through a $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{3}{16}$ inch wire mesh before using. This is a new and improved model with greater efficiency, universal construction and complete interchangeability of all parts and replaces the old model, designed for similar use, made by this company.

A New Improved Woodworker

TIMES change and there is a demand for speed and more speech. In electrical driven, labor saving equipment the modern tendency of direct drive power has gone a step farther and improvements have been made in motor design providing greater efficiency in the delivery of power to the work. The result meets the increasing demand for speed.

Without sacrificing portability or versatility, the manufacturers of one of the well known woodworkers have developed improvements in one of their machines that make possible the delivery of fully 50 per cent more power to the work, it is claimed. This applies to ripping, cross-cutting, dadoing, mitering, beveling or any of the other 29 operations that are done on this machine by means of various tool attachments.



Greater Efficiency in the Delivery of Power to Work Is the Feature of This Improved Model Woodworker.

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ANACONDA quality and prestige

ANACONDA Brass Pipe for hot and cold water lines, and Anaconda Copper for leaders, gutters and flashings, are used in the higher grade houses built by the Thomas Conway, Jr., Corporation, successful developers of wellknown Drexel Park, Philadelphia.

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Flashings, gutters and rain-pipes of Anaconda Copper give the seeker of a home in Drexel Park a convincing first impression of sound construction. This impression is strengthened by the Anaconda Brass Pipe installed for all water lines and the solid Brass and Bronze hardware throughout.

Like the Thomas Conway, Jr., Corporation, many progressive builders in all sections of the country find the use of Anaconda Copper and Brass a powerful selling help, because people are sold on the permanence and economy of rust-proof construction.

Why People Buy RUSTPROOFED HOMES To Save Money

Rustable sheet metal work requires frequent painting and must be replaced every seven, years on the average. Rustable pipe lasts about fourteen years and rustable screens about five. After the first replacement, rustable metals will have cost more than Anaconda Copper, Brass or Bronze which cannot rust. An additional outlay of \$298 is all that it costs to install these durable metals in the average home.

To Secure Comfort

There is real comfort in the knowledge that flashings cannot rust through and leak to cause stained walls and ceilings; that bathroom tiling will never have to be torn out to replace rusted pipe and that insects will never enter through rust holes in screens. Anaconda Copper, Brass and Bronze cannot rust. Every week during the building season, readers of The Saturday EveningPost, Collier's, House and Garden, House Beautiful and other magazines are being told of the quality of Anaconda metals; and the importance of real and lasting protection against rust.

It pays in easier, quickersales to use Anaconda Copper and Anaconda Brass Pipe, because the public recognizes the durable quality of these rust-proof metals.

If you have not looked into the matter, it will surprise you how little more Brass Pipe and Sheet Copper work cost. For example, Anaconda Brass Pipe hot and cold water lines for the average seven or eight room house costs only \$75 more than rustable pipe.

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And in the same spirit of efficiency and craftsmanship with which the builder carefully studies each construction problem, the publishers of *American Builder* have always carefully studied both the general and specific problems of its readers. Conforming with that policy, *American Builder* has now been enlarged to include *Building Developer* (New York) and *Home Building* (Chicago), to the end that those who subscribe for *American Builder* shall be fully informed about all phases of building from the development of property to the finished structure, including financing and selling—something that has never before been attempted within the covers of any one paper.

The two publications which are now merged with *American Builder* were read largely by speculative builders, small home, apartment house and other residential building operators, architects, dealers and those concerned with financing. The editorial features which caused them to become so well-known and admired will be continued in *American Builder*. In addition, the subscribers of *Building Developer* and *Home Building* will find in *American Builder* the same distinctive editorial features which led them to subscribe to those publications, as well as the many special articles on actual construction methods, new equipment and materials, and other editorial content formerly available only in *American Builder*.

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What's New in Equipment for Buildings

For further information in regard to any item described in the "What's New" Departments address, American Builder Information Exchange, 105 W. Adams St. Chicago

Radio Antenna Untangled

WITH the growing popularity of radio, the apartment house antenna problem has assumed serious proportions. This problem has to do

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with the unsightly maze of tangled antenna wires and poles seen on roofs and in court The landlord is help-

less since any objections to radio these days means an empty apartment. Therefore a

solution of the problem, which

has recently been worked out by three well known radio engineers and which is applicable

to existing as well as to new

buildings, should prove wel-

come to builders and owners.

is a device known as a multi-

coupler. It consists of a bakelite case, six inches long and

11/2 inches in diameter, containing the necessary circuit

components. It has connecting

lugs at top and bottom and a

binding post at the side. There

is nothing to wear out or renew

The basis of the new system



This Small Device Is the Basis of a New Solution of the Radio Problem for Apartments

and it will give satisfactory service for years without additional expense of any kind, it is claimed.

As many as 25 radio sets may be operated from a single antenna by means of this device but a fair average is 12 to 15. A common antenna is installed for each 12 or 15 sets. The down lead is brought down alongside the wall of the building and close to a vertical row of windows. The down lead carries a multi-coupler at each floor or near the window at each floor. There are as many multi-couplers as there are floors in the vertical row.

The binding post serves as the antenna connection for the radio set in each apartment. At the bottom of the down lead there is a lightning arrester with a high resistance shunted across it so that the system is protected from lightning in accordance with the requirements of the fire underwriters. In the average apartment building each vertical row of apartments is served by a common antenna and, for a neat arrangement, the antenna can be arranged in umbrella form, supported at the center by a pole or water tank.

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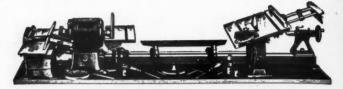
Complete Woodworking Outfit

HERE is a power woodworking outfit that can be made to serve the builder of homes in two ways. First of all it can be placed in the home, as equipment for a basement workshop. As such it takes its place among those items which are being installed everywhere to make use of formerly wasted basement space and to add to the sales appeal of the house. Every family which includes a boy will prize the home workshop and often the man of the house will appreciate it for his own use.

Many builders will also find this equipment useful in

their own shops. It is in no way a toy but a high-class piece of machinery, of small size, capable of doing high class. light work.

The complete outfit consists of a 1/3 H. P. motor of well



For the Home Workshop or the Builder's Own Shop, This Outfit Will Be Found Practical and Efficient.

known make which, it is stated, will develop 1/2 H. P. before stalling; a 36-inch lathe bed; an eight-inch circular saw table, which tilts to 45 degrees, extension rods, right and left hand miter, and a 12 by 16-inch table top; a four-inch jointer; a disc sander; a ball bearing tail stock; a miter gauge; a 1/2-inch drill chuck, and a sander table.

Gas Engine Water Systems

O enable homes, beyond the range of city water systems and not having electric current available, to have running

Water System

water, one of the leading manufacturers of water supply systems has brought out a line of gas engine driven water systems to augment its line of motor driven systems. This new line includes both shallow and deep well systems.

The engine used is one which this company considers most efficient for use on this class of product. It has a reputation for dependability, is easily started by hand or foot, is stopped automatically by a circuit breaker when the pressure limit is reached and provides a semi-automatic operation. Engines in both 1/2 and 3/4 H. P. sizes are used with these systems.

The engine driven systems are just as simple and compact as the

motor driven ones and have all the desirable features of the automatic electric units, it is stated. They are equipped with positive pressure, rotary pumps, simple in design and operation and easily installed. They are available, either with or without pressure tanks, in a variety of sizes.

These Water Systems Are as Simple, Compact and Efficient 38 the Motor Driven Systems.

Left: For the large kitchen, pantry or service hall, Kitchen Maid Units bring a large degree of convenience, beauty and sanitation.

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Below: A typical six unit combination is shown below. There are Kitchen Mc-3 Units to meet every floor plan.

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THE sale of a home or the renting of an apartment usually depends upon the woman's "yes" or "no." And invariably she looks at the kitchen with her most critical eye.

Plan Kitchen Maid kitchens for your homes or apartments—and sales resistance goes down to its lowest. For such kitchens contain equipment with a reputation every home buyer or renter knows... units built by America's largest exclusive makers of built-in kitchen equipment.

The Kitchen Maid line is so varied, so complete, so flexible that you can always be certain of units fitting the specific requirements of any kitchen you plan. And they have many, many exclusive features which instantly appeal to prospects.

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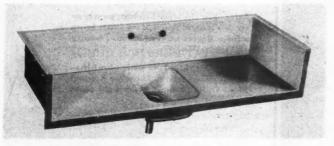
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Profits in Enameled Steel Sink Tops

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THE old time lumber yard is rapidly being transformed into a modern, complete building material store. The present day building supply dealer in supplying builders with practically every item which enters into the construction of homes and other buildings and is always on the lookout for



The Modern Building Material Dealer Will Find These Enameled Steel Sink Tops a Money Maker.

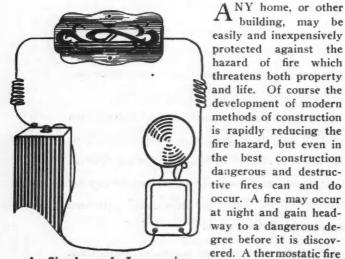
specialties which will add to his service and add to his profits. One item which has so far received less attention from dealers than it merits, and which holds real profit making possibilities, is enameled steel sink tops.

This item is one for which there is a double market, the new building market and the remodeling or modernizing market must both be supplied. A modern kitchen sink is one of the first items provided for in modernizing an old home and one of the most important items of equipment in new homes. These sheet steel sink tops are most frequently seen in white but, in line with present day color demands, they may also be obtained in attractive colors to suit the kitchen color scheme.

The sink top illustrated is a new item in one well known line. It is made 123 inches long with a 14-inch back and ends. The sink itself can be placed in any position in the top and is available in five different sizes. This sink is typical of the extensive line offered which can be adapted to any requirements. Dealers will find it to their profit to investigate this line of equipment.

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Thermostatic Fire Alarms A NY home, or other building, may be



Simple and Inexpensive ermostatic Fire Alarm Thermostatic Gives Valuable Protection.

Such a fire alarm consists of a thermostat, made by a company specializing in the manufacture of thermostatic metal and thermostats, so constructed that, when attacked by fire it closes an electric circuit ringing the alarm bell in any room where it is most desirable to locate it. The thermostat is placed

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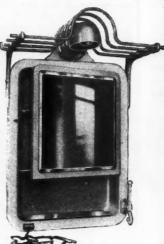
wherever the danger of fire is the greatest. Wires are attached to the terminals and extended to the bell transformer and then to the alarm bell. +

New Hotel Bathroom Cabinet

NEW cabinet, especially adapted to installation in hotels, A has just been announced by one of the leading manufac-

turers of bathroom cabinets. This cabinet is stamped from one continuous piece of steel and comes complete with all accessories and with a choice of either humped or straight line towel rack. It is equipped with a light fixture with pull chain or for use with a wall switch as preferred, a combination wet towel and razor strop hook and a combination cork screw and bottle opener.

Like all the cabinets made by this company, this new hotel cabinet features a new automatic door opener which is controlled by a simple pressure of the hand and which eliminates unsightly knobs. This company's new



A One Piece Steel Bathroom Cabinet Designed for Hotels.

catalog lists this cabinet and also 14 other styles of cabinets of the one-piece steel type.

Convertible Water Systems

A NEW development in shallow well pumps and water systems has recently been announced. The new line incorporates some departures from this company's former line of pumps. The new pumps are very compact in design and are fully equipped with relief valve, automatic pressure controller and electric motor. The entire pump, including all the accessories, is built by the company itself which is pointed out as an especially desirable feature.

One of the outstanding features of this line is that these pumps are convertible. This means that a pump can be converted into one of higher or lower capacity simply by changing the motor unit. This is especially desirable in cases where the user's requirements for water may increase after a period of time.

For example, suppose a water system is instaled in a

farm where the requirements can be handled with a pump of 500 gallons per hour capacity. After a period of time more water may be required for increased stock, for household purposes or for sprinkling. The user would ordinarily find it necessary to install a larger size pump. With these new pumps all he needs to do is to install another motor and motor pulley on the pump which will increase its capacity to 600 gallons per hour.

These pumps are built in many sizes and can be furnished with any size tank from three gallons to 1,000 gallons capacity. All these systems are being equipped with this

company's new, patent, automatic air regulator. This simple device eliminates the necessity of water and pressure gauges.



To Increase the Capacity of These Systems It Is Only Necessary to Change the Motor Unit.

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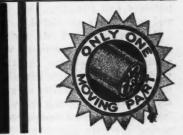
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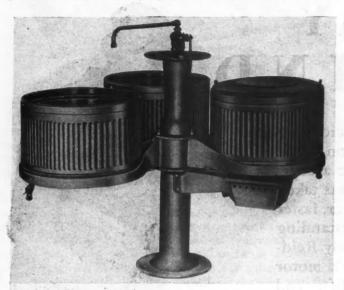
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Improved Laundry Equipment

MUCH attention is being given these days to the improvement of the basement and especially to the laundry equipment. Now there has been brought out a piece of equipment which rids the laundry of miscellaneous boilers and tubs, pails, etc., and makes it at once efficient in equipment and attractive in appearance. This equipment is illustreated here. It consists of two tubs and a boiler mounted on individual platforms which are fastened to a rotating collar on the center post or standard.

This method of mounting the tubs and boiler permits the platforms to turn in a complete circle and either tub or the



Attractive Appearance as Well as Convenience and Efficiency Are Found in This New Piece of Laundry Equipment.

boiler brought directly over the gas burner which is a part of the appliance. Each platform is hinged so that it will swing to right or left, bringing the two tubs together or the boiler and either, or both, tubs together. An improved type of gas burner heats the water quickly with a minimum amount of gas and is fully protected for fire safety.

A 13 inch swinging faucet, with a special mixing chamber for regulating the temperature of the water, makes it possible to flow water into either of the tubs, the boiler or into a washing machine used with this equipment. There is a 12 inch soap tray at the top and a drip board is provided for convenience in changing clothes from tub to tub.

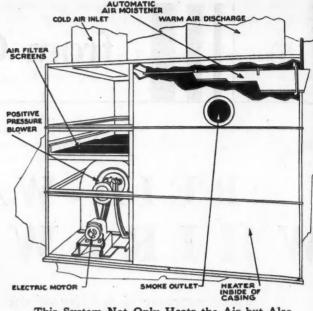
The tubs and boiler are of heavy copper, nickel plated inside and attractively lacquered outside. The complete unit is built to last indefinitely and will add much to the salability of any home.

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Home Air Conditioning

STATISTICS show that the respiratory diseases take their greatest toll of life during the winter months, the months when people are confined indoors in stuffy, dry atmosphere. More and more emphasis is being placed by physicians on the importance, for health, of air that is of the proper temperature and humidity, that is free from dust and bacteria and is properly circulated.

A company which has, for many years manufactured and installed complete warming, ventilating and air conditioning apparatus for schools, churches and theaters has recently made the same system available for homes. The apparatus, illustrated here, consists of an air warmer, a positive pressure blower for forcing the warmed air to every part of the home, an automatic humidifier of ample proportion for supplying adequate humidity; effective air filters for removing



This System Not Only Heats the Air but Also Cleans and Humidifies It and Delivers It Where Needed.

dust and dirt and an automatic thermostat for maintaining a constant temperature and preventing overheating.

This system provides instant heat, it is stated. It is equally responsive and quick in the prevention of overheating. It can be installed any place in the basement, a corner location being satisfactory. The flat ducts are horizontal and can be covered with a false ceiling if desired, completely concealing them. The plan itself has an attractive, bright colored, square casing in harmony with present day ideas of basement space utilization. It is available in models to use either gas, oil, hard coal or soft coal fuel.

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Artistic Mail Boxes

SOMETHING out of the ordinary in the way of mail boxes is shown in the designs illustrated here. They are of a style and quality to harmonize with the finest home and add a final touch of beauty to an attractive house. They are an entirely different sort of article from the cheap mail box which soon becomes rusted and dilapidated and disfigures the entrance. These boxes are constructed either of cast, aeronautical aluminum or of cast brass and are thoroughly rustproof.

Each of the three styles available is made of either metal.



Mail Boxes of This Sort Are in Harmony with the Finest of Architecture and Are a Permanent Installation.

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Convention and Show Dates

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| Twenty-third Annual Convention, |
| Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadel- |
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| Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 1929 National Safety Council, Annual Safety |
| Congress, Stevens Hotel, Chicago. |
| Oct. 14-18, 1929 American Gas Association, Eleventh |
| Annual Convention, Municipal Audi- |
| torium, Atlantic City, N. J. |
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| Oct. 21-26, 1929 Indiana Building Congress and Trade |
| Show, Manufacturers' Building, State |
| Fair Grounds, Indianapolis, Ind. |
| Nov. 1-15, 1929 Philadelphia Chapter of the American |
| Institute of Architects, and the T- |
| Square Club of Philadelphia, Thirty- |
| second Annual Architectural Exhibi- |
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| tion, Art Galleries of the Wanamaker |
| Store, Philadelphia, Pa. |
| Jan. 11-18, 1930 American Road Builders' Association, |
| Annual Convention and Road Show, |
| Atlantic City, N. J. |
| Feb. 11-12, 1930 American Concrete Institute, Annual |
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| Convention, Roosevelt Hotel, New |
| Orleans, La. |
| Feb. 20-22, 1930 New England Hardware Convention |
| and Exhibition, Mechanics Bldg., |
| ' Headquarters Hotel Statler, Boston, |
| Mass. |

Winners in Kno-Burn, Jr., Prize Contest to **Be Announced Soon**

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MUCH interest is being manifested in building circles regarding the probable winners in the Kno-Burn, Jr. \$1000.00 Prize Contest, which closes September 2nd. A prize of \$500 (with 14 other awards, ranging in value from \$150 down to \$10) has been offered by the North Western Expanded Metal Co., 407 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, for the best letter of 100 words or less, from a builder-"Why I Like Kno-Burn, Jr., Small Mesh Steel Sash."

The official judges are: Bernard L.

Johnson, editor of the AMERICAN BUILDER; H. H. Rosenberg, publisher of "Building Supply News," Chicago, and T. J. Dowling, president of the Journeymen's Plasterers P. & B. Local No. 5, Chicago. Their decisions will be final. It is expected that the prize winners will be announced on or shortly after October 1. ----

Appears Before Code Committee

ROBERT D. SNODGRASS, con-sulting engineer of the Truscon Steel Company, Youngstown, Ohio, recently appeared before a committee of the Merchants' Association of New York City, which is preparing a new building code to be presented to the Board of Aldermen for adoption. Mr. Snodgrass presented a discussion of the suitability of metal roofdeck in

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Robert D. Snodgrass,

sulting Engineer of the Trus-con Steel Company.

fireproof and fire-protected construction. At the suggestion of G. H. McCaffrey, director of research

of the Merchants' Association, who is also secretary of the committee of the association which is preparing the new code. Mr. Snodgrass, later, put his presentation into letter form so that it might be given mature consideration by the committee. If the data submitted is approved, it will be written into the new code.

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Personnel Announcements

A^N announcement from the Chain Belt Company, Mil-waukee, Wis., states that Robert B. Marshall, wellknown conveyor sales engineer, has joined that company's conveyor division, with headquarters at the company's New York City office, at 50 Church St. In addition to the complete line of Rex conveyors he will handle the belt conveyors, glass batch handling equipment and silo storage system, manufactured by the Stearns Conveyor Co., Cleveland, a division of the Chain Belt Company.

A NNOUNCEMENT of the following changes in person-nel has just been made by Sargent & Company, New Haven, Conn.: P. E. Barth, manager of the Chicago office and warehouse, has been transferred to the New Haven headquarters as assistant sales manager. Harold A. Parks will continue as sales manager in charge of builders' and general hardware and in addition will direct the sales of tools. William C. Sullivan who has represented the company in the Southwest for some years, recently as district sales manager, has been made sales manager in charge of the lock division, to succeed R. B. Cherry, who will serve in an advisory capacity giving special attention to the study of new markets. Fred G. Hammer has been appointed sales manager in charge of contract sales. This will be a new division known as the contract sales division. Emory S. Naylor, assistant manager in Chicago, will succeed Mr. Barth as manager of the Chicago branch. Kenneth Lee has been appointed manager of Chicago contract sales.

FFILIATION of T. V. Sawyer with the insulating board A division of the Chicago Mill & Lumber Corporation was

effected recently. He will serve in the capacity of assistant general sales manager and work in conjunction with General Sales Manager O'Neil Ryan. The Chicago Mill & Lumber Corporation will come out, in November, with a new insulating board which will be manufactured at its new plant in Greenville, Miss. Construction of the plant will be completed by Nov. 1.

M. A. GROSSMAN, chief research metallurgist of the Central Alloy Steel Corp., Massillon, Ohio, sailed for Europe recently to continue his study of special European steels which the company is preparing to produce in this country. Through its close association with Krupp and other European organizations the company is developing several materials which are expected to find a wide market in the United States.

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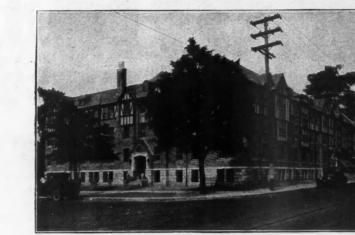
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Circular Saws as Luncheon Tables

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Great Circular Saws Form the Tops of These Luncheon Tables Seating 18 Persons Each.

795 pounds each, manufactured by Henry Disston & Sons, Inc., for a lumber mill at Longview, Wash. These saws are used in cutting giant logs of the Pacific Coast. There are 180 teeth in each saw. The teeth are removable, and, when worn, are replaced with new teeth. The saws were used as luncheon tables at the opening of the new Portland branch factory of the Disston Saw Works.

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Discounts Announced

O^F tremendous interest to lumber and building material dealers is the formulation by manufacturers of solid section steel windows, of a code of approved practice which will be submitted to the Federal Trade Commission through the manufacturers' attorney, Abraham Meyer, formerly chairman of the commission.

The code is designed to eliminate unfair methods of competition and uneconomic trade practices and to cooperate with the United States Department of Commerce in bringing about standardization and the elimination of waste.

An attempt will be made to eliminate discriminatory prices through publication by each company of its discounts from a standardized list price. These discounts as announced by Detroit Steel Products Company, effective August 1, are as follows:

On Commodity Products to Dealers:

General Electric Offers Architect's Service

A CCORDING to J. J. Donovan, Manager of the Apartment House Division of the General Electric Refrigeration Department, a complete kitchen planning service is offered to architects and builders.

"We have made a study of modern kitchen arrangement and stand ready to furnish kitchen floor plans to anyone contemplating building a new home or apartment," Mr. Donovan said.

"Kitchen efficiency is an important factor and too much thought cannot be given to its arrangement and the location of the appliances that get the most use. For instance, the electric refrigerator, range and kitchen cabinets should be grouped to save steps and to facilitate the preparation of meals.

"Owing to the limited kitchen space, this is apt to prove difficult and it is our belief that busy architects and builders will welcome this service. Upon receipt of the kitchen floor plans we will give the problem the study necessary and make recommendations."

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A NNOUNCEMENT has just been made that the American Radiator Corporation, Chicago, and the Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co., Pittsburgh, have acquired the business of Thomas Maddock's Sons, of Trenton, N. J.

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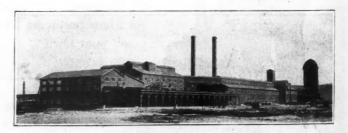
THE American Floor Surfacing Machine Company, of Toledo, Ohio, has announced the opening of a new branch service station at 40 Albany Ave., Hartford, Conn. K. H. Schultz has been transferred from the St. Paul office to the position of branch manager at Hartford. He has had a number of years of both factory and sales experience and is in a position to give helpful service to the trade.

Weyerhaeuser Mill Opens

DESIGNED for an annual production capacity of 400,-000,000 feet of lumber, and recognized by millmen as "the last word" in Douglas fir operation, the new plant of Weyerhaeuser Timber Company at Longview, Wash., has gone into partial operation, according to an announcement from the company's headquarters at Tacoma, Wash.

Located on a property two miles long and half-a-mile wide along the Columbia River, the plant includes four big mills. One saws long fir logs; another, short fir and hemlock. Mill 3 is arranged primarily for cedar, but also can be used for short fir. The fourth mill is a shingle-plant in which 16 upright machines will be installed.

This diversity of manufacturing facilities, coupled with the timber supply which includes enough trees of these species to last 50 years, enables the Longview branch of Weyerhaeuser Timber Company to offer the building trade service by which merchants may order mixed cars containing fir and hemlock lumber, cedar siding and shingles.



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Electric Rotary Moves

THE Electric Rotary Machine Co., whose home office and factory are located at 3825 West Lake Street, Chicago, announce the removal of their New York office to larger and more spacious quarters on the 6th floor of the Bartholomew Building, located at 204 East 43rd Street.

New territorial lines have been drawn whereby the New York Office becomes headquarters for the Eastern Sales & Service Division for the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

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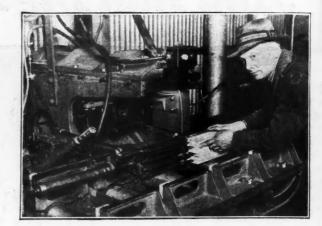
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"4-Square" Improvements

A^S a result of investigations among retailers, contractors and carpenters handling and using packaged lumber, the Weyerhaeuser affiliation of forest products manufacturers has just introduced a new type of package that answers the only objection to the original "Container" that was heard during the first year's experience with the "4-Square" merchandise.

Some instances were reported by investigators, in which the metal staples that attached the fibre end-caps to the top and bottom boards in each package had been broken off by careless removal of the cap so as to cause some slight



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Headquarters of Weyerhaeuser Forest Products in St. Paul, Minn., also announce that a new double re-butting machine for the re-manufacture of the packaged lumber has been developed and is being installed at the Weyerhaeuser mills in Minnesota, Idaho and the Pacific Northwest. Though it costs approximately six times the price of the first rebutting rigs, it has been adopted as standard because of its precision, protection of the product, rapidity of production and foolproofness. -

Sales Executives Drafted

N advisory committee on salesmanship, covering the New York district, has been established by the American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc. This committee is drafted from the sales executives of the fabricators of structural steel in this district. It will meet with the staff of the Institute monthly to advise on the work of the national body as it regards the development of broader markets for structural steel.

This is the first time, it is believed, that the sales representatives of member firms have been drafted into the service of a national trade organization. The American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc., however, is distinctly a selling organization planned for the purpose of developing new uses and a broader market for structural steel. It is felt that good will result by drawing on the selling staffs of members to supplement the work of its engineers. ----

Correct Asbestolith Address

ON page 66 of the July issue of the Building Developer, the address of the Asbestolith Mfg. Co. of New York City was given incorrectly, in connection with an article describing this company's floor material. The correct address is 1 Madison Ave., instead of 101 Madison Ave., as shown.

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"Aerial Navigation and Meteorology" by Captain Lewis A. Yancey, published by the Norman W. Henley Publishing Co., 2 West 45th St., New York City, is "A Comprehensive Treatise in Simple Language for the Student with an Average Education" from which may be obtained a good working knowledge of the elements of navigation and meteorology. Price, \$4.00

The Buffalo Forge Company, Buffalo, N. Y., has published a new catalog, No. 424, on the Buffalo Silex conodial fans for the ventilation of buildings.

"Architects' Hand Book on Metal Trim," is a handsomely gotten up book published by Knapp Bros. Manufacturing Co., Chicago, containing a large number of photographs and details.

"End This Overhead Expense" is the title of a new pamphlet being sent out by the Amber Asbestos Shingle & Sheathing Company, Ambler, Pa., presenting the advantages and economy of re-roofing with Ambler shingles.

The Milwaukee Corrugating Company, Milwaukee, Wis., has just published a new catalog No. 29 covering Milcor furnace pipe and fittings, stove pipe and elbows which contains useful data on warm air heating.

The American Chain Company, Inc., Bridgeport, Conn., offers a folder entitled "To Which Period Do Your Windows Belong?" which shows the evolution of the window and stresses the advantage of using sash chain.

The Chain Belt Company, Milwaukee, Wis., and the Stearns Conveyor Co., Cleveland, Ohio, a branch of the former, are distributing a new Rex Catalog, No. 30, and Engineering Data Book, showing the company's complete line of chains, power transmission equipment and elevators and conveyors.

The Armstrong Manufacturing Co., Bridgeport, Conn., offers a small circular on its new series of pipe vises and including the Armstrong nipple chuck and pipe cutters.

"Welded Chain—Its Use and Abuse" is the title of a new circular from the American Chain Company, Inc., Bridgeport, Conn., and contains some available information for users of chains.

The Southern Sales and Service Co., Pinehurst, N. C., offers a pamphlet on the subject of its waterproofing for concrete, stucco, steel and wood.

"Zoning" is the title of a new booklet prepared by the Civic Development Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Washington, D. C., which is "A Statement of Principles and Procedure."

The American Standards Association, 29 W. 39th St., New York City, has just published its "American Standards Year Book" for 1929 reporting important developments in the national standardization activities.

The Associated Tile Manufacturers, 420 Lexington Ave., New York City, has published No. 6 of its "Architectural Monographs on Tiles and Tilework" which covers the subject of "Ceramic Decoration in India," by Rexford Newcomb-

"Electrified by Westinghouse" is the title of a pamphlet offered by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, East Pittsburgh, Pa., on the electrification of the Atlantic City Convention Hall.

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The Ingersoll-Rand Company, 11 Broadway, New York City, has published a very complete and well illustrated booklet and catalog covering its Calyx drills and their use.

Hartmann-Sanders Co., 2187 Elston Ave., Chicago, in new Circular No. 69, are illustrating some of its garden furniture and ornaments in both wood and art stone.

The Consolidated Concrete Products Corp., Adrian, Mich., has selected the name "Consolidated Contact" for its new periodical house organ as the result of a name contest among the concrete products manufacturers.

The General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y., offers the following loose leaf catalog sheets on its products: Type WD1400A Arc Welder, General Electric Typ WD-300A Arc Welder Buda Engine Driven, G-E Arc-Welding Accessories, CR7051 Automatic Starting Compensators, Totally Enclosed, Fan-cooled Squirrel-cage Motors, Direct Current Motors Type BD, and a pamphlet on "Noiseless Construction by Arc Welding."

The American Radiator Company, 40 W. 40th St., New York City, offers two new booklets "Ideal Oil Burning Boilers" and "Ideal Water Tube Boilers for Oil Burning."

"Driwood Mantels" is a new booklet describing the products of Henry Klein & Co., Inc., 40-46 W. 23rd St., New York City.

"Commercial Standards Monthly," issued by the National Bureau of Standards of the U. S. Department of Commerce, has been expanded and, commencing with the July, 1929, issue, which is No. 1, Vol. 6, will be issued as a printed magazine. It will offer, monthly, "A Review of Progress in Commercial Standardization and Simplification." Subscriptions will be receive by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Price, \$1.00 per year.

"Building Construction," by Whitney Clark Huntington, C. E., published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York City, is a new book which describes the types of construction used for the various parts of buildings, the materials used in building construction, the methods use in estimating the cost of buildings and in cost keeping during the process of construction. It is designed to meet the requirements of engineering students, architectural draftsmen, inspectors and superintendents. Price, \$6.00.

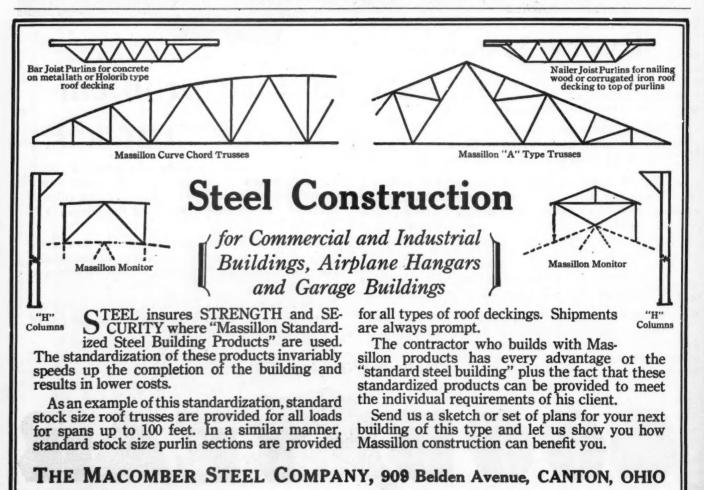
"Handbook of Building Construction," edited by George A. Hool, S. B., and Nathan C. Johnson, M. M. E., and compiled by a staff of 50 specialists, is published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., 370 Seventh Ave., New York City. A second edition, in two volumes, has just been published. It is devoted to data for architects, designing and constructing engineers and contractors. Price, \$10.00.

Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc., Chicago, offers a pamphlet of information on its product, "Nikrome—A Heated Alloy of Steel of Guaranteed Physical Properties."

"Fittings for Pipe Structures" is a new booklet, Circular 1676-B, offered by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, East Pittsburgh, Pa., being a complete catalog of these fittings.

"Registers of Revenue" is a new booklet from the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, Newark works, Newark, N. J., covering the subject of Westinghouse watthour meters.

"Engineering Costs," an address delivered by Wm. S. Thompson at the Annual Meeting of the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, 435 N. Michigan ave., Chicago, has been published in booklet form.



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The Geo. D. Roper Corporation, Rockford, Ill., has issued a new "Water Supply Catalog 55" covering its line of water supply systems.

"Fireproofing Structural Steel," by Jack Singleton, District Engineer, is a new booklet published by the American Insittute of Steel Construction, Inc., 200 Madison Ave., New York City, treating of the relative value of different materials used for this purpose.

"The Commerce Yearbook for 1929" issued by the United States Department of Commerce has just been published. Volume 1 contains a complete and authentic record of the latest developments in trade and industry in this country and its territories and possessions, as a reference for business men. Volume II will contain similar information covering all foreign countries. Volume I can be obtained from the Superintendents of Documents, Washington, D. C. Price \$1.00.

Colorcrete Industries, Holland, Mich., has published a new booklet, in full colors under the title "Colorcrete the New Gateway to Money-Making Opportunities" and also a "Confidential Data Manual for Colorcrete Manufacturers— Including Costs, Markets, Sales, Expansion."

"The Oxy-Acetylene Welder's Handbook," by M. S. Hendricks, Editor of The Acetylene Journal, published by the Acetylene Journal Publishing Company, 608 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, is "A Complete and Practical Manual of Modern Practice" in acetylene welding, covering the fundamentals in a clear and helpful manner and bringing the available text matter on this subject up to date on the recent development of the art. Price, \$3.00.

The Save the Surface Campaign, 18 E. 41st St., New York City, has just published "The Guide Book of Painting and Varnishing," which is described as "A Complete and Simple Treatise on the Use of Paint, Varnish, Lacquer and Enamel," and was prepared in order to give the layman a working knowledge of the fundamentals of this subject in the interest of securing for the home owner the best in such work, It is handsomely illustrated in colors. Price, 25 cents each in any quantity.

"Roadside Development," by J. M. Bennett, published by the Macmillan Company, New York City, is devoted to the business of developing the highways for the purpose of safely increasing their practical use and improving the roadsides to a degree where nature can step in and make them beautiful, a problem of community development of first importance. Price, \$5.00.

The National Safety Council, 108 E. Ohio St., Chicago, is distributing its Revised Safe Practices Pamphlet No. 47, on "Compressed Air Machinery and Equipment," which was prepared by W. Dean Keefer, Director of the Industrial, in collaboration with 70 safety engineers representing large industries.

"The Triangle," periodical publication of the Pencil Points Press, Inc., 419 Fourth Ave., New York City, is carrying a bibliography of books relating to architecture and art. Another installment of this bibliography is included in the August issue which was recently issued.

"The 8th Reason Why," is the heading on a new broadside just sent out by the Cornell Wood Products Co., 307 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, showing the use of its wall board in basement and attic improvements.

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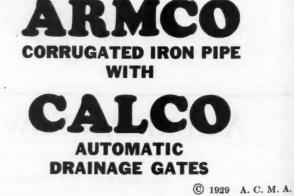
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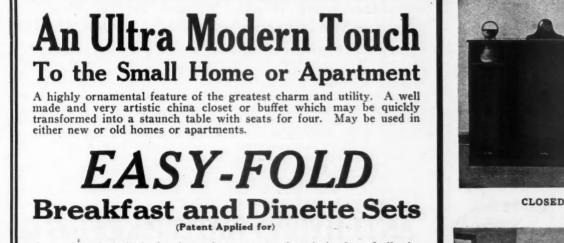
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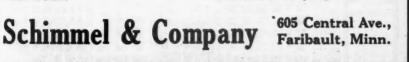


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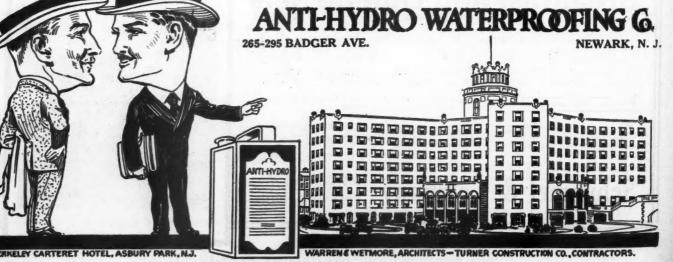
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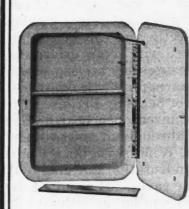
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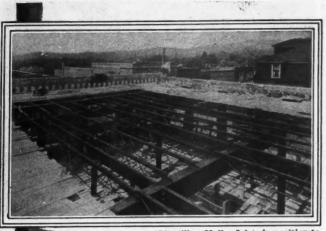
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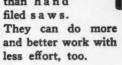
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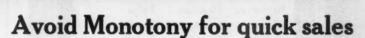
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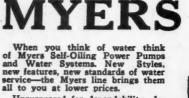
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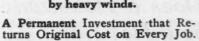
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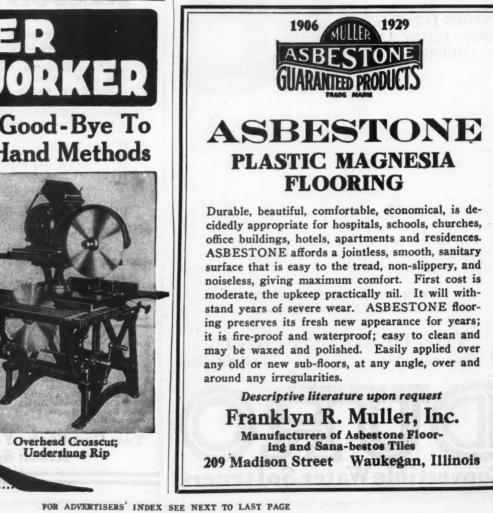
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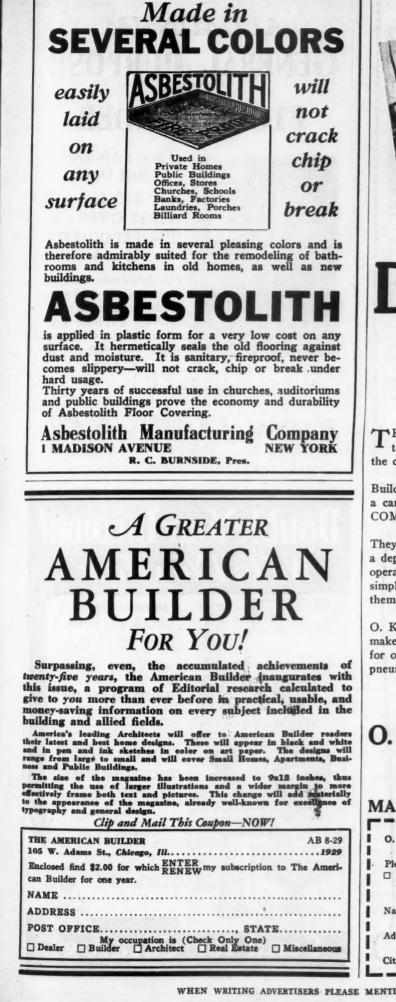
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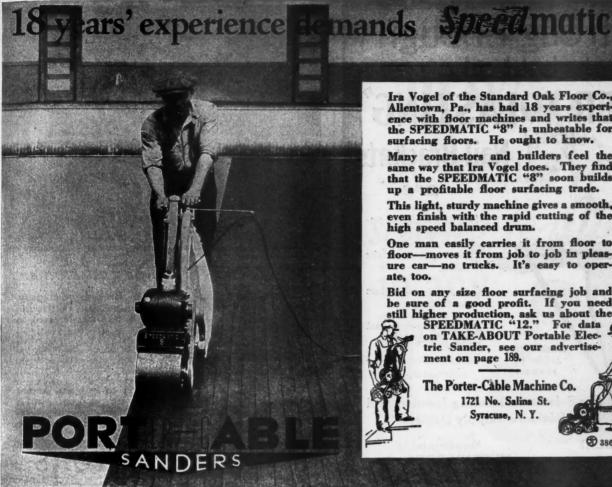
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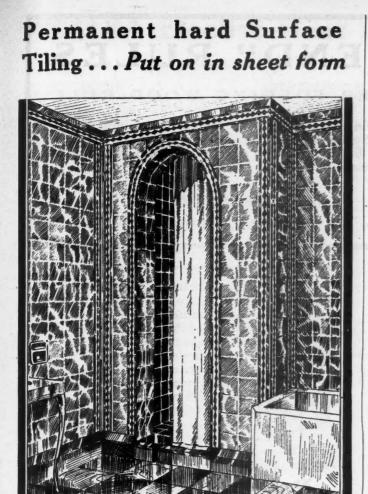
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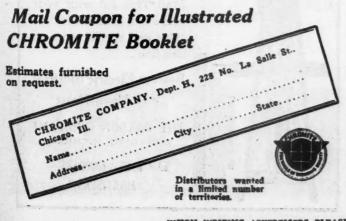


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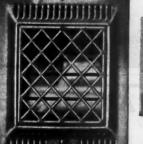
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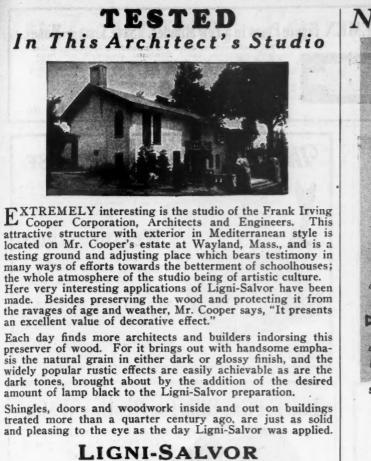
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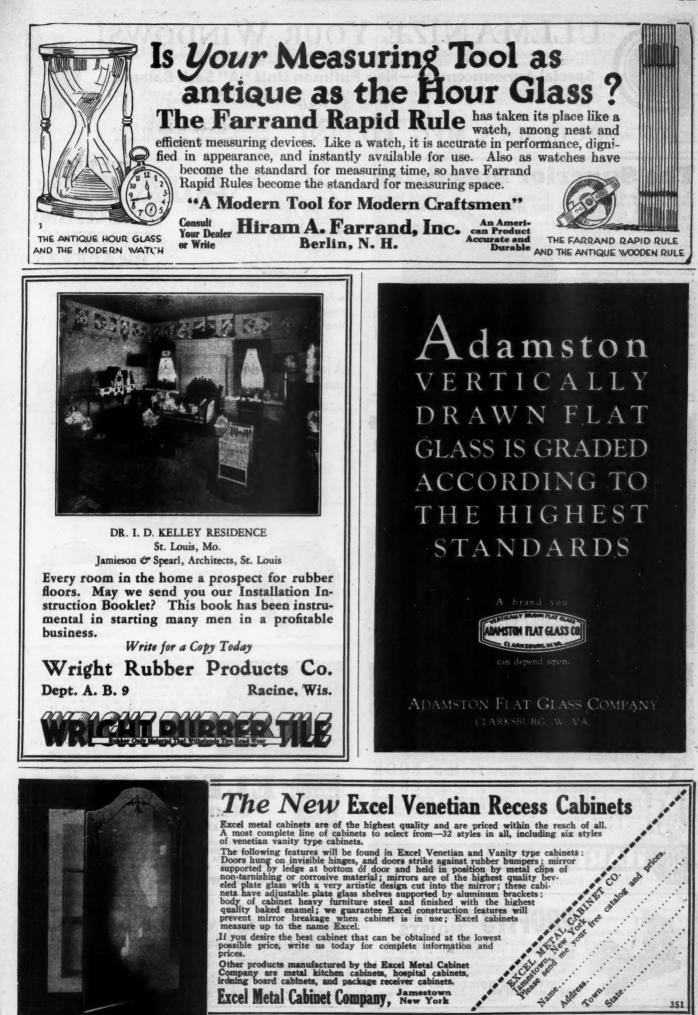
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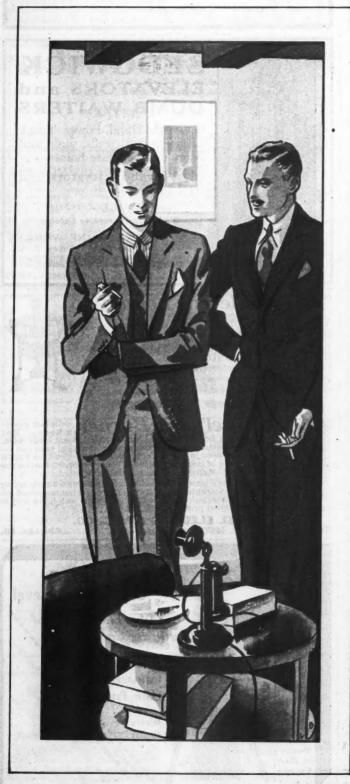
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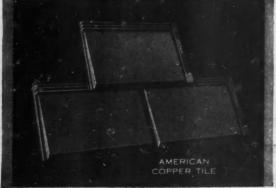
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