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Essentially, the house is constructed of simple materials. The floor is a concrete slab with Sunconem Integral Waterproofing. The terrace has Lithochrome Integral Color finish especially mixed for the job to be in harmony with the asphalt tile floor finish on the interior. Wailes-Bogeman light-weight wall-block units were used for masonry wall construction. They are clean looking with good texture, and were arranged with all vertical and horizontal joints unbroken. These walls are exposed inside and out and finished with Americoat plastic coating, which is entirely waterproof with nearly flat finish and a special color. Other walls and roof framing are of wood construction. Suitable plywood was used on outside and inside walls.

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The electrical circuit breakers by the Square D Company eliminate hunting for fuses and make a compact control unit. Throughout the house all switches are Touch-Plate, comparatively new, low-voltage, silent, very flexible and equipped with handsome plates. General Lighting Company fixtures were selected for all recessed flood-type, concealed fluorescent strip lighting, and, for the surface type, satin aluminum shades with flexible goose-neck fittings, simple and efficient in design. The Badminton Court is lighted by Smart-Holman floods. The Nu-Tone Clock Door Chime, which seems to have wandered from some church belfry, is neat and compact without appendaged tubes. Small Thermodor Bath Heaters are used in the Bath and Lavatory Rooms. Exhaust fans in the Shower Room and over the kitchen range, selected from Pryne Company, are efficient and quiet.

Gas-fired forced air heating was chosen as an economical, flexible method of heating. The Lennix Unit is installed in a small Utility Space. Air is supplied to all rooms through overhead plenums in forting and above wardrobes, with cold air returns below the floor slab. The system is controlled by a Minneapolis-Honeywell Thermostat.

Throughout the house a warm, light-grey marbelized Asphalt Tile by Tiletex makes a neutral floor that is a good background for furnishings and makes spaces seem larger than their actual size.

The Harold E. Shugart Company furnished Acousti-Celotex in 12" x 12" size for all ceilings except Baths and Kitchen. With some masonry walls, glass walls, and slab floor, it was particularly important to provide some sound-absorbing material on

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the ceiling. Perforated tile, as used, is efficient and provides a good overall texture.

Kitchen walls are covered in saddle-leather colored, and the baths in a light chartruese—called Mint-Lifewall, a new permanent vinyl-plastic material which comes in rolls, is flexible, goes around corners, requires no metal trim and is tough, resisting scuffing and fading. It is impervious to ordinary stains, cleans easily and is not expensive. In fact, the Pantasote Company has developed a very useful material.

Formica, edged with Stainless Steel, has been used in the Breakfast Corner and on Bath and Bedroom Counters. The walls around the Bath and the Shower are also finished with Formica hardboard and provide an unbroken and impervious surface where it is needed.

The sliding windows, doors, and space division panels, are equipped with Grant Sheaves and Track, aluminum channel track for exterior openings, recessed channel type at interior panels, overhead hardware for disappearing sliding room doors, and hardwood grooved track for wardrobes. Concealed Soss Hinges were used for hinged room doors and are handsome when installed but quite difficult to install. The Grant Sheaves work easily and provide simple installation. Special door knobs for hinged room doors were made by William K. Earle Manufacturing Company, and are of a recommended design that is a simple solution. Other finish hardware is of standard manufacture.

The Kitchen is unusually well equipped with Kitchen Accessories manufactured by the Washington Steel Products Company, including handsome white-enamelled metal drawers that work and clean easily, shelves, brackets, and holders of all sorts. Sturdy, chrome-finished wardrobe rods are by Knape and Vogt, and are a relief from saggy wood and painted rods.

The weather-stripping of sliding doors is often difficult and very expensive. However, Master Metal Strip Service, Incorporated, has provided a solution with the Grant channel track, T-head-guides and jamb stops, which are in themselves weatherproofing. The aluminum thresholds are positive. Door seals in opening between Activity Room and Sleeping Unit are good, as well as between Lavatory and Study. All curtains are hung on Kirsch Drapery Hardware, which is standard for proper and easy operation.

The shower door assembly and the tub enclosure are chrome-finished tubular type by Century Shower Door Company. The simple design works smoothly.

The breakfast corner, upholstered in Boltaflex, a vinyl plastic in dark brown, was fabricated by Calchrome and is a distinct relief from the voluputous rolls and tuftings of many uncomfortable and unwieldy breakfast seats.

All birch doors were finished in soft, satin finish varnish, by the McCloskey Varish Company. It is a fine finish and brings out the natural beauty of the birch. Other paint was furnished by Duron of the Pacific and was used for plywood surfaces and interior and exterior finish except for masonry. Fences and Lath House are of redwood, with a soft, warm grey Cabot's Creosote Stain by the L. M. Scaffold Company.

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One hundred years is too short a time for starlight to cross the universe but long enough to change human patterns around the globe, and to make more history than we can ever write or read. Within this span as we are now dally reminded California has grown from a bucolic wilderness to modern giantism. Contrary to a popular concept of the artist in his ivory tower, art reacts to reality more sensitively than a thermometer to heat since the artist in his work foreshadows rather than reflects his milieu. Thus with the postwar influx into southern California there is an expansion of creative art; more painters, more art schools, more galleries to serve as middle ground between painters and public. In fact the presentation of art has become highly competitive; many galleries opened in the winter, some to close, others are yet to come.

Most ambitious in scale are the Associated American Artists Galleries and the Modern Institute of Art. As might be expected the former has shown the same string of painters handled by the parent organization in New York with two exceptions; modern French tapestries and lithographs by Picasso. The tapestries, handsome examples of design adapted to its medium, by their strength of texture succeeded in reducing whatever paintings were nearby to the quality of a decalcomania. The prints of Picasso, running the gamut of technical performance on stone, obviously planted seeds in fallow soil here to judge by the present output of drawings and prints.

The Modern Institute of Art, a non-profit organization, has shown retrospectives, (Duchamps' Nude Descending the Stair), as it were to refresh the memory of those who have grown up too close to the forest to see the trees. In June their showing of part of the "Abstract and Surrealist American Art," Chicago Art Institute, 1947, confirms the rumor that art in southern California has come of age. One needs only to cross town and look at the "Artists of Los Angeles" (and vicinity) annual, at the Los Angeles County Museum, to find comparable performance, in a number of instances by the same artists and the same prize winners of both shows. Allowing for the selective process in choosing the Chicago collection from a national field, and the more tolerant admission of local variety at Los Angeles, there is equal preoccupation with problems of space, color and design in both groups and much of the same quality. We may consider the static portrait and tourist bureau landscape dead for practical purposes—as dead as the north—lighted nude or the dining room fruit piece. If the artists had any desire to do these today, which they do not, in what sort of modern living space could they hang? The attitude of the public on the subject of subject is clearly expressed in the sales made by the Los Angeles County Museum during this annual, of more than twenty works totalling more than $4,000—a record seldom made by dealers. All of this money went to the artists as no commission was deducted. Only one of the pictures purchased might be labelled conservative.

It is an axiom that the artist who works alone without benefit of shop talk with his peers grows poor in invention. The presence in southern California of vital painters like Berman, Charlot, Haines, Le Brun, Lutz and Warshaw among others has corrected tendencies to doodle in repetitious exercises. The added richness in local painting is pronounced in contrast to only three years ago—perhaps the two groups of the engravings of Albert Durer, the old grand-daddy of so much symbolism, also at the County Museum, has extended our imagination.

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**NOTES ON SOME FOREIGN MAGAZINES**

The picture we Americans have of "What's going on in Europe" is so inextricably bound up with the politicians and the militarists that anything creative the Continent offers is often lost in the shuffle of news. While ERP is trying to "size" the shrinking boundaries of Europe, the immediate problems confronting the architects, the artists, and the manufacturers in making their devastated homelands function with some semblance of a living standard, are enormous. The greatest and most pressing is, of course, the reconstruction of the cities. It is unfortunate that more attention is not focused upon the building programs that are well under way in many of the European countries. Recent art and architectural magazines from Europe give excellent examples of the advances made. The science of City Planning has been brought out of the laboratory and blue-print stages. It is no longer reserved for the parks and free-ways, as in America, but has been put in practice for entire cities.

**BOUW,** an architectural magazine from Amsterdam, has devoted an issue to the re-building of the city of Arnhem. Beginning with a diagram of the city's plan in the Fourteenth Century and mapping it through its gradual stages of growth to the bombings it received during World War II, Arnhem's development is shown to be not unlike that of other sprawling cities. The technical skill of city planners was enlisted to lay out a model town after the war, and BOUW has published the pictures of the models made of the various sections of the proposed city. There are a series of charts showing the arterials and bridges as well as the apartment, business, and manufacturing districts, all designed to make city dwelling as pleasant and convenient as possible as well as economical.
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**FORUM**, also an architectural magazine published in Amsterdam, is devoted to building projects throughout the world. The interiors of the new Dutch ship Willem Ruys are shown and an article on the proposed United Nations headquarters in New York, with pictures of the models. There is an article on the Stadshuis in Stockholm, Sweden, giving the complete history of its development. This vast project has been broken down into smaller units by showing the scale models of the individual buildings as well as the city blocks. The architectural layouts of the various public buildings are also shown. The problems of building along the canals and making the most of the waterfront are of especial interest. In another article, the prefabricated housing projects of England are discussed, and the accompanying photographs have been well selected to show the economy of closet space and the plumbing units.

**FORM** is the leading Swedish publication on furniture, interiors, textiles, pottery, and glass. In the second 1948 issue they have shown the interiors of the new passenger ship "Stockholm." The detail photographs of the glass panels portray noteworthy examples of craftsmanship. There is also an article on the Swedish Traveling Exhibit of apartments for lower income groups, using all the modern devices for comfortable living, which are not unlike the model houses of America one frequently sees in magazines. Of particular interest are the works of Hannah Ryggen, Norway’s leading weaver and textile designer. Her tapestries are magnificent works of modern art, and their conception appears to be, at least in the black and white reproductions, more modern than the French tapestries that were recently shown in Los Angeles.

As a footnote, the advertising in **FORM** is very well handled, and the advertisements displaying Swedish glass—an art in which Sweden certainly is the leader—are excellent.

**BILDENDE KUNFT**, published in Berlin, is a magazine for artists and architects. One issue, however, is devoted exclusively to painting and sculpture. Modern art in England from Whistler to Henry Moore is well illustrated in full color. Accompanying an essay on African primitive art some fine masks and statues are reproduced. Examples of the works of Gert Caden, Kurt Lehmann, Marc Chagall are also shown.

**PRISMA**, published in Munich, has both art and literature for its main interests. The caricatures of Alfred Kubin and those of the surrealist Fabius Gugel should be given wider attention, for those reproduced here are a rare treat to see. The Kafka revival, which last year hit its American high, seems to be going strong in Germany, for Max Brod has a lengthy discussion on Kafka and his model, Kierkegaard. An excellent folio on the paintings of August Macke’s drawings and paintings makes this issue of **PRISMA** an exceptionally fine one.

**ARKKITEHTI**, the leading architectural magazine of Finland, contains in its September/October 1947 issue the plans and drawings of the Children’s Clinical Hospital recently completed, which is only part of a large central hospital now under way in connection with the University at Helsinki. One of the most interesting decorative features of the children’s wing is the use of glass panels on which have been worked the Mother Goose motifs in an original and clear-cut style.

**BLOK**, a cooperative review of Art from Czechoslovakia, has for its lead article the history of ballet from court dances to present day choreography. Profusely illustrated, this number is of particular interest to balletomanes, as pictures of the famous dancers of Europe and scenes from many of the ballets not seen in America are shown—the finest in ballet from England, Sweden, Finland, France, Russia, and Czechoslovakia. There is also an essay on Stravinsky, as well as a review of the modern French tapestries. "A study of Eisenstein and his film Alexander Nevsky completes the issue. Of all the magazines reviewed here, **BLOK** is the most beautifully designed and more like some of the better type of American art magazines.

**AUSSAAT**, a magazine of the Arts, is published in Stuttgart. Like the other magazines from Germany, it contains many fine examples of African art. There is a fine folio of black and white reproductions of rarely seen canvases of Georges Seurat. One of the most interesting sections of the magazine is devoted to a number of reproductions of the work of Christian Rohits.
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Dissonance, the tragic broadening from harmony of a work of art in music, has been often confused with discordance, the falling away of a part from any wholeness of conception. Dissonance, to be effective, requires in the composer a strong sense of consonant form, a concordance of parts, from which the dissonance will project with a more marked emphasis, as in Mozart's music. Mozart, in fact, has shaped so firmly and suspended with so much care his spiderweb of form that for us nowadays his use of dissonance may not broaden sufficiently or stand apart with tragic enough emphasis. Many times, particularly during this last year when I have been immersed in the study of Mozart, I have been startled by the inability of Mozart lovers to conceive of the hero-villain character of his prototype Don Giovanni as other than, to put it directly, unpleasant, or, as one might say esthetically, discordant. This counterpart of Hamlet and of Faust, this more modern, inward symbol of a creative mind in torment, cut off from society and indeed from civilization, from moral assurance, not because of a fault like Oedipus but because of excessive energetic endowment: it is the tragedy of nature split off from cultivation, the jungle ravening into the clearing, controlling wisdom diverted until the breaking dam washes out or the falling bomb burns out cities, the growing of the cells turned cancerous.

There is a notion that the world welcomes Superman, who being its richest growth will cherish and protect the civilization that has born and nurtured him. Not so, for Superman will turn against the world wherein everything fails of his mind, his stature, his imagination. The world will follow a leader who is only its own product a little larger or a little diminished, since after all the hero of the sunlight may be, like Napoleon, a little dwarffish. The hero of the night, seen only then at a farther distance, a star, a larger sun, giving off its own light beyond the planets, must be recognized not in daylight but through the darkness beyond the mind. So this self-centred nebula of music has been admired for the twinkling texture of its little light against the dark, and then for the sombre grandeur of its dark pierced with the light, but by few for what it is, another cosmos of flame outside the circling daily sun measure of our normal life.

This is Don Giovanni, the seducer, the unsatisfied, who can make no compromise with life: Mozart himself seen through the darkness beyond the mind. The tragedy of Don Giovanni lies outside Aristotle's definition; it is without catharsis. The Don is not broken on the wheel of fate in the ancient manner or allowed to throw himself beneath the locomotive or fall before the automatic muzzle of modern progress. Morality, the outraged, stony, moon-whitened statue of the violated good man, the myth itself in which we live and take our likes for granted, comes to arrest him. He does not fall down to hell, to torment, before the majesty of God. Mozart makes clear to those who will listen that it is not divinity but humanity that has been outraged. The punishment which disposes of Don Giovanni is followed by a chorus of relief. Donna
Anna, who even at the start of the drama is not innocent, who had been expecting Ottavio even if she had not been hoping for Giovanni; Donna Elvira, whose charge is not that she but only that her desire has been abandoned; Don Ottavio, the very prototype of uninspired, polite honor, though he as much as Don Giovanni has seduced Donna Anna; the Commendatore, earthbound to the graveyard: these are the hunters of Don Giovanni. They themselves tainted, they wish to satisfy their souls with vengeance. They share the sins of Giovanni; he does not share their complications. Mozart’s showing up of hypocrisy is without malice, makes no explanations. Unlike Stendhal he does not reveal his hypocrites as shallow fools or craftsmen of calculation but penetrates them to expose, even there, the richest texture of their reality as human beings. How often in art such possible richness has been voided by the ease of making caricatures!

Zerlina and her bumpkin Masetto, though weak, abused, ridiculous in their confused motives, are strong in underlying, self-protective, earthy, peasant common sense. In the presence of Don Giovanni they waver but do not fail. Mozart admires them, cherishes them, devotes a very special quality of his art to their relationship. On the stage it is difficult to understand why the sprightly, flirtatious heroine is divided between earthiness, flirtatious but constant, and innocence, understands no term or retribution for his villainies, for his own satisfaction, always the third in a group where any object, the successful, the persuasive, the unwanted.

Faust has been held for a symbol of the modern plight, because he elects his fate, desires, chooses and in every way facilitates it, even to countenancing in his own behalf obnoxious rites of witchcraft he does not believe in. Yet the rites work; still Faust does not believe them. And if he can elect his fate, he does so with a curiously limited imagination. He compromises the future for a parcel of information he allows himself no opportunity to use, information divorced from experience; and for a few moments of illusionary experience, the symbol of beauty, Helen. Or does he actually elect his fate? Is he not already cut off in his fate, unable to choose anything but the Devil in his irreligion? How could he choose the Devil, if he had faith in heaven?

Mozart’s opera cuts more nearly to the quick of the flesh. Don Giovanni is no symbol. For him the choice is made before the drama begins, or rather there was no choice. He is conceived in sin, enters the stage mocking, deceives and seduces alike guilt and innocence, understands no term or retribution for his villainies, lives in a perpetually desirous present for which there can be no satisfaction. He is empty, purposeless, and in his freedom to devote himself to the wrong causes infinitely charming. Murder is the consequence of his freedom. Beyond Faust, he is free not only of heaven but of hell and superstition. Less responsible than Goethe’s Mephistopheles he flits about the stage spreading lies for his own satisfaction, always the third in a group where any constancy of two is implied, the outsider, the salesman of useless objects, the successful, the persuasive, the unwanted.

What happens then to this useless less than character? this self-centred nebula errant in our solar system? In the presence of the statue he rises to a climax of mocking and—remember it is Mozart

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who controls him—does not break down or repent but goes out into darkness. Mozart, who like most men living cannot conceive a heaven worthy of human sensibility or a hell more terrible than the imminent present or any purpose anywhere more pressing than the discharge of his energies, fittingly devoted in this case to the pouring out of music, free and natural and controlled in pattern as though grown in nature herself, not shadows and symbols of the mind: Mozart has conceived at last in superstitious awakening, like Don Giovanni, the image of his own unimaginable end. The figure in black, who commissions Mozart to write the Requiem, recoils within the composer’s imagination like a diabolism of conscience. Through him Mozart, like Don Giovanni, is swallowed up in his own darkness, writes the Requiem for himself, turns his face to the wall and dies.

Albert Schweitzer, greatest of modern religious thinkers, has reckoned with this darkness of sensibility, this underlying abyss of pessimism, against which no belief, no hope or promise can prevail, and in his own life has found a sacrifice of self to meet it. Civilization that was, a half-century ago, so remote from Mozart, which considered yea-saying to be the proper end of man, may now take thought from Mozart, for it may not take thought with him. The strangely impersonal clarity of Mozart’s art came to Don Giovanni as a means of music, for the release of energies, the adjustment of sensibility, and found no way out from that. One may take thought with Goethe, who is part romantic, creature of sturm und drang, but not with Mozart. His symbols are real; they do not reflect but are the paradoxes of will, purpose, hope, religious imagination. Nowadays dissonance has been so complicated with, has been made so much a part of harmony, that one cannot say any more of dissonance in art that it is tragic. The Prometheus of Orozco soar above the world in flames. Schopenhauer and his disciple Schweitzer, the terrifying figure of Tolstoi, defines a world in which Bergson’s creative evolution offers only an electric bulb’s illumination. Practices and parties, philosophies and churches will do well to reckon with the outer blackness of Don Giovanni, if they are to comprehend and move within the universe of that self-destructive vision.
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The final curtain has come down upon the first play of the political season. It was a gratefully ob­scuring curtain on what our grandmothers used to call "a very sorry spectacle indeed." We could have wished that the authors had had more grace and that the directors had not been so brash in their presentation. One has the feeling that it's a not too auspicious beginning of the new season, but one is most horrified in feeling that nobody seems to care. Perhaps the most important thing is the state of mind with which all this has been accepted; the apathetic attitude which seems quite willing to be mildly pleased with this triumph of the merely adequate—this victory of the medium-mediocre.

Perhaps all this is further evidence that the last decade has left us too weary and too spent, too unwilling to accept the excitement of any cause however great, however ennobling to the stature of mankind. Or perhaps all this is an understandably adult reaction to the terrors of reality, a reaction that has certainly been building for a very long time and which has not been totally unexpected by those professionals among us who understand or try to understand the results of tensions created by our very complex civilization.

Perhaps our trouble has been that we are constantly impressed with the greatness of this time in history, and have been too hopeful in accepting the wish to believe that great times inevitably breed great men. Perhaps our reaction to the poet's plaint that "the world does not end with a bang but with a whimper" has been too personally violent. Perhaps we stubbornly will not believe that the world can end with a whimper, or a childish whine, or the voices of old men whispering dirty jokes. We still believe that it is the destiny of our time that it commit an act of greatness whether by the inevitable confluence of events or whether through the recognition by man of his own truth as humankind. We cannot believe that a great and good world can ever be fully achieved by logic alone. Nor do we believe mere efficiency of the business machine can give us an ordered life.

We cannot be satisfied entirely with the belief that all this is only a dream and that it will pass merely because the world is old and tired. The measurement of life is man and the truth of man is the fact of his constant renewal, and in that constant renewal we have a never-ending confirmation of a faith that can be based on much more than hope.

And so we are not satisfied that what has happened in the last few moments of this incredibly dull play represents the best achievement of American thinking in the world of creative politics. We can take no comfort in the thought that it's all very safe; that its the same comfortable old brush salesman putting the same old foot in the same old door. This return to the familiar, to the medium, to the apparently secure is no: the true measure of modern man's human scale. We cannot "let it go at that." We cannot "make the best of a bad bargain." We cannot subside with a sigh of "to hell with it." We understand the need for compromise and we are quite aware that balance in a democracy is a matter of judicious giving and judicious taking in order to reach a good broad balance of public choice. It's only that we sometimes fear that the devil will get awfully tired of a diet of hindermosts.

There must have been those among the Israelites who felt at least momentary uneasiness about Moses as he attempted to lead them across the Red Sea. At the moment we understand them rather too well, and our one trepidation is following a leader who, from where we sit, looks alarming like any eager Eagle-Scout.

And so now that November is icumen in and we are faced with what is called a choice we can only take to the mountains and a quiet time among the rocks for contemplation of our navel. Somewhere in the distance we will hear, or imagine we hear, the tone and timbre of the rising campaign caravans with "a hey nonny nonny" and a "hello Joe" and a "hi diddle diddle, what do you know."

It's been a hot time in the old town so sweep out the hall again, boys. Next come the trained seals.
A child in a secure environment lives and grows in a rich completeness. The parents’ care, bringing the world into his scale, gives him a sense of sureness, a living continuity of integration. Because the face of the world around him appears to be ordered, he is brave and ready to tackle the new wonders of his life; he is confident of objects and man, and in his confidence accepts everything and everybody. But if he is suddenly torn out of his accustomed safe environment, just by losing his parents on the street, and must face a world which is no longer in scale with him because it lacks the common ratio—the care of parents—his confidence turns into fear.

The unity of his world that fitted so smoothly, wonderfully together in relation to his little life has been broken. The strange objects and faces on the street are no longer bound together into a friendly world, because his band with them, the friendliness of the parents, is missing. Things take on a menacing scale. The only secure moment is the moment of the present, the next may bring disaster. The child’s flexibility, his wonderful curiosity goes. His flexibility turns into rigidity. Like a scared animal, in his mistrust of the world, he is frozen to the spot. He shrinks his world, avoiding all new impressions. He does not look forward to fear of meeting the eyes of strangers. His bubbling vitality is suppressed by terror, searching for an outlet, love and confidence turn into hate. The world is now hateful, a world which should be ordered, taken, bitten or spat upon. Whoever approaches him is to be destroyed. But he is, at the same time, afraid of the consequences of his own aggressiveness, and, instead of challenging this dangerous world, he gradually submits himself to it. He tries to bargain for security by giving his hope and joy, those hopes and joys which are the very values in his life, and which would be safeguarded by this security.

Our present situation resembles that of the lost child. The order and, thus, the surety of existence seems to us a stranger, a frightening world. The forces of nature that were brought, by gradual domestication, into a human scale, have again become alien forces and approach us menacingly along the avenues opened by science and technology. In this complex, explosive environment, we feel hopelessly alone; we feel that we can rely on the other race, the other class, the other nations, the other part of the globe, all appear as alien forces and approach us menacingly. Participating in the creative act is an imperative to understand the principles of structuring, of the organization of socio-economic problems of the present. Objectivity, which means detachment from living human implications, from the emotional realties of the individual, is a truism to say that it has not solved the burning problems of the present. Objectivity, which means detachment from living human implications, from the emotional realties of the individual, appears to be on the archives of those fears which are still complete in themselves and can resist the deception of fake integration?

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emotions and aspirations to the other man.
Art has an important bearing on this task as well. Creative art form is never an end in itself, is never completed by the mere creative act of doing it. Its very meaning is inseparable from the need for human expression. Art as it is realized in a tangible, visible or audible form is intended to evoke in the beholder or listener, the experience of the maker. The artist who intensely experiences a living unity of oneness, is compelled by the very nature of his experience to realize this living unity in more embracing terms. He creates another kind of oneness, an experience to be shared between himself and others.

The clearer the vision of relatedness, the deeper the experience of a living form, the stronger is the inner need to communicate this form and so widen its sphere. It is therefore inherent in every artist to pioneer in developing better tools of communication. A painter who perceives the visual environment in a new living vista, by forming his vision, creates new idioms of space. Their particular language, the language of organic relatedness, helps to establish the vital continuity between the experiences of the past and present, that also to the people together people living in the various corners of the globe. The communication of sensations, feelings and thoughts is the necessary blood circulation of the social body. Community demands communication.

In order to realize a consciousness of social togetherness, a new understanding of cooperation, which will grow out of our twentieth century feelings and knowledge, we must show a greater willingness to communicate our experiences. We must get rid of the notion that it is the privilege only of those few whom we call artists by profession. To make the blood circulation of society healthy, we cannot rely upon the main arteries alone, on the great technical position at the right time. And this we must learn to understand not as a cursed drudgery, while the language of organic relatedness, helps to establish the cohesive structure. Today, for the greatest majority, work is a compulsion. The feeling of compulsion dilutes the spirit and the result is consequently unstable. How can one expect a healthy form, a true unity in social relationships, when the human labor which should cement this unity is adulterated? With such weak cement all attempts at cohesion must fail. Creative work is the only work which is done with fullness of spirit and a living faith. The artist conceives a living spatial form that can give to shelter a wider meaning, enriches the language of space. Their particular language, the language of organic relatedness, helps to establish the vital continuity between the experiences of the past and present, that also to the people together people living in the various corners of the globe. The communication of sensations, feelings and thoughts is the necessary blood circulation of the social body. Community demands communication.

The characteristic feature of all living systems is that they are relatively stable forms, and that they keep their form by being active in absorbing material from and exchanging material with their environment. We keep our bodily form by eating, drinking and breathing. Almost all men in our day seem to regard work as a frightful necessity, as a cursed drudgery, while it ought to be considered as our happiness and our excuse for living. He continues: "And yet how much happier humanity would be if work, instead of a means to existence, was its end. But in order that this marvellous change may come about, all mankind must follow the example of the artist, or better yet, become artists themselves, for the word artist in its widest acceptance, means to me, the man who takes pleasure in what he does."

If our claims are true and the living forms of art have a decisive role in the redirection of our life, then it is imperative that we understand what makes an art form a truly living form.

The maintenance of life is inseparable from growth, differentiation and progress. Life on a higher level is always a succession of forms of which each is more highly organized than the other. Each new form, each new step is inevitable. Each form, each step includes and is based on the tentative, embryonic form and contains the dynamic kernel of the successive one. Without a bud no flower can emerge, and without the flower there can be no seed, thus no basis for new forms pregnant with the possibilities of further evolution of the species.

But without the flower the bud has no meaning, and without the coming seed the flower would be merely a pleasant joke of nature.

It may seem paradoxical, but it is a fact evidenced by biology, psychology and social history, that change and movement towards new and more embracing organizations have their genesis in the completeness and the relative stability of forms. An unfinished sentence cannot be continued without danger of losing the meaning of the statement. Only if we have understood a situation, thus formed it, can we, and must we, proceed to a new situation. Only communications from the depths of the human heart and the sense of security necessary to proceed. As the completion of a form is the kinetic basis of change and movement, so change and movement, are the generators of new forms, new standards and new forms of communication.

Gyorgy Kepes

This is part one of a two part article to be continued in the August issue.
The property is in a suburban district near the Pacific Ocean on a gently sloping lot of 105x185 feet. The owner required a two-bedroom house not smaller than 2400 square feet with provision for a large amount of storage and closet space. While the house was planned for the occupancy of an individual, it adapts itself readily to family living.

In plan, the house is direct and simple, and lends itself to gracious entertaining and easy maintenance. All rooms except the guest suite have southeast exposure and full view of a lemon grove and the distant ocean. These rooms open to a paved terrace which is sheltered by a 40-foot long awning in three sections. The guest room, dressing-alcove and bath face a sunken garden. The kitchen shares the same pleasant exposure.

Colors chosen for the interior blend from light shades of gray to dusty pink, while the walls of the entrance hall are of a stronger cocoa color. Large house plants and chairs in deep green create a pleasant contrast. The pebble-weave carpet in light cocoa is used uniformly throughout the hall, living room, dining room and bedrooms.

The house, generous in spirit, is beautifully oriented to a site inviting the sun, and reflects the cool serenity of the owner’s mode of living.
PAGE 29—TOP: View into main entrance hall with glass screen between hall and living room.

PAGE 29—BOTTOM: Entrance Hall; plant containers in opaque glass. Ceiling is of fir plywood which extends to form a cove for indirect lighting toward living room; walls are dark cocoa; carpet very light cocoa pebble-weave.

UPPER LEFT: Garden front; alternating sliding and stationary 6' 9” glass panels. Through the opened sliding glass panel in the right foreground the breakfast room and kitchen are seen. Metal frame for awning.


LOWER LEFT: Street front; French gray stucco. The soffit of the roof overhang and wood trim are in light gray. The entrance door is dark gray.

LOWER CENTER: Kitchen; woodwork is painted an eggshell color. Worktop and splashback are in red Formica. The curtains are yellow and white striped cotton, and the floor is rubber tile in light tan marble pattern.

LOWER RIGHT: Arizona flagstone is used to pave the entire garden terrace at the front and to cover the top of the terrace wall. Metal frame furniture by Von Keppel-Green is in apple green with natural string.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Living room from entrance; view showing relation to outdoor area. Coffee table is walnut; carpet is light cocoa pebble-weave; easy-chair is rich green weave; awnings maroon and white stripes; the ceiling is light gray.

CONSTRUCTION: Foundation of reinforced concrete. Floors of cement on level area; wood subfloor over slope. Rubber tile used in all bathrooms, kitchen and breakfast room. Walls; standard wood frame. Exterior; stucco on wire lath on 2x4 wood stud frame. Interior walls and ceilings of plaster except entrance hall ceiling which is of fir plywood. Composition roof with aluminum covered battens; flashings, and gutters. Heating; radiant panel heating in floor.

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CASE STUDY HOUSE SEVEN
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CASE STUDY HOUSE SEVEN

The house is located on a slightly irregular, level, but pleasant lot in what was once an orange grove, but is now a comfortable and prosperous community.

The family requirements, as set up, were composed of a typical small family. Intelligent, active people with a young daughter; the father, with interest in amateur photography, and a need of a place to study and work when at home; the mother, whose interests were cooking, sewing and gardening, with musical interests in common with the young daughter.

First of all, the requirements should be met with a minimum of cost, but with the greatest possible flexibility and spaciousness, and with a maximum use of indoor-outdoor living. As developed, the arrangement is composed of a three-zone living area: one for study, one for activity, and one entirely out of traffic for relaxation and conversation. The three zones can be combined for entertaining and spacious living, yet can quickly be separated by sliding panels for separate use.

One enters the activity space, which serves for group dining, games and music. It is essentially a traffic area, leading to all parts of the house, and to the terrace, recreation space and garden. There is storage for magazines, card tables, games, and a recess for a piano. The activity area is skylighted to bring a feeling of being outdoors into the center of the house. Adjoining is the dining end of the kitchen, which would be used normally for family dining. It faces the garden, and is a pleasant place to eat at any time of the day. The kitchen also overlooks the garden, and food can be served on the terrace easily. The laundry area is small but compact, with access to an adjoining toilet room and to the terrace, to permit cleaning up after gardening without entering the rest of the house. The toilet, shower and lavatory
rooms are separated to allow their use as a powder room for guests through the study, or as an extra guest bath in case the study is used as a guest room.

The living area can be shut off completely from the activity space by room-height sliding panels. There is a pool just outside the windows on the terrace, and wide protecting overhang. These things, together with its out-of-traffic location, are intended to provide an atmosphere of serenity and repose for quiet groups and relaxation.

Isolated from the rest of the house by unbroken masonry walls, the sleeping unit faces away from the activity and living areas, and into a quiet enclosed sunning patio. The larger room for the parents, in addition to adequate storage facilities, has a dressing table with lavatory and counter for sewing. The smaller room for the daughter has storage facilities for her special things, as well as providing a quiet place for study. Between is a well-equipped bath.

At the front of the house, there is a paved parking area and entrance terrace. The garage, also enclosed with masonry walls, is well-lighted and is connected to the house, with covered access to the entrance and also through the lath house to the service. Storage and utility rooms are entered from the lath house. The lath house is open to the dining terrace, and in hot weather, the tables and chairs may be arranged within. There is a paved recreation court for various kinds of games, adjacent to the terrace and outdoor dining space.

The color of the house is intended to balance the climate of the district and the prejudices of the architect, and is designed to be a comfortable background for living. All
CASE STUDY HOUSE SEVEN

masonry walls, inside and out, are a cool, neutralized green-blue. The roof-plane is a chartreuse-white, both inside and out, including ceilings, overhangs and trellises, to reflect the light. All other exterior trim and plywood walls, including the major living and activity areas inside, are a warm elusive kind of gray, that acquires color on proximity to other colors. Birch doors and sliding panels are natural, and provide pattern as well as relation to furnishings. Cement terraces and asphalt tile floors are a deeper shade of the gray. In the activity, study and living spaces, the furniture is natural birch. Dining chairs are upholstered in an interesting striped fabric of pale green, dark brown and tomato red, gay under the cool light of the skylight. The lounge chairs in the living area are in a dark brown and black tapestry, with a rough-textured chartreuse chair and ottoman. The kitchen cases are white. The saddle colored walls and turquoise curtains are intended to balance the brilliant exposure of this room. The walls of the parents' room are a neutral warm beige-gray, with masonry walls and sand rug. Curtains are patterned, with medium blue, chartreuse and red-brown on a neutral background—good color and a fair pattern. The furniture is a new copper birch color; the spread, pale chartreuse. Upholstered chairs are in a rough red-brown fabric. The child's room has walls of chartreuse and masonry, with sand rug. Curtains are a large good plaid, in light gold, deep chartreuse, gray and dark brown. Furniture is a handsome silver-gray birch. The spread is a rough-textured fabric in deep turquoise, with dark brown on upholstered chairs. The outdoor furniture is grapefruit-colored metal furniture with natural cord, which is good on the gray terrace and with the gray stain on the redwood of the lath house and fences. Planting will eventually become coordinated in shape and color with the scheme.

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Architect's Notes on Merit Specifications will be found on Page 8; Merit Specification Directory, Page 10.
sculpture
by
ward
bennett

Ward Bennett has contempt for the DO NOT TOUCH signs usually displayed at museum exhibitions. His sculptures satisfy a strong desire to feel, to enjoy the play of rough and smooth surfaces or follow sensitive curving lines. These are works which are perfectly at home in simple modern interiors to which they lend a richness and beauty of material. Each object grows out of qualities of its own particular material and uses to advantage any unusual markings in the stone or grain in the wood. The wooden plug in the back of the long sea bird hovered with its piercing round eyes seems to belong to this piece of natural driftwood as much as the feathery markings. The wood, the sea and the bird are all here, merged together. The shimmering little brass fish hovers in nervous tenseness on the point of its mica rock, poised to dash away. The beautiful qualities of brass—its thin fluidness, its color and sheen, all belong to this little fish.

There is a timeless quality in each of Ward Bennett’s sculptures—something which comes out of a deep love of nature and of simple living. He is dealing in terms of the essence, avoiding the specific, so that his figures take on a kind of mystical quality—often like symbols carved to become the focus of some ritual.—Benjamin Baldwin.

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Gretchen Van Tassel
Morley Baer
STACKING TRAY TABLES BY ABEL SORENSEN, STACKED AND OPEN. CHAIR BY EERO SAARINEN, CHAIR—HARDOY.
NEW FURNITURE

This new furniture from Knoll Associates was shown recently at the opening of their re-designed display rooms. The Hardoy chair, long famous but lamentably not in production, is made available here for the first time. In this version the sling-back can be had in a variety of colors and hangs upon frames of either plain white or black metal. The small tray tables stack neatly or sub-divide into three completely useful and easily managed working surfaces. The star of the piece is the chair by Eero Saarinen. It is of molded plastic with padded foam rubber and upholstered in cotton. Obviously a lazy man's modern chair, it accommodates the free-sitting postures of any number of people predisposed to curling, dangling, perching on their own feet or suffering a compulsion to retreat into the depths. It looks and is immensely comfortable, satisfying to the eye and meeting the end with complete success. "People sit differently today than in the Victorian era. They want to sit much lower, relax their bodies more and rest their heads.—Eero Saarinen."
MECHANIZATION TAKES COMMAND*
SIEGFRIED GIEDION

An example of how an original historical account can brightly elucidate the contemporary scene—Siegfried Giedion proves above all that an original mind is an active one, constantly informed by the disciplined approach of research and by continued contact throughout a lifetime with leading contemporaries. A friend of prominent artists like Fernand Leger or Moholy Nagy, persistent driver of his mind and a master at grasping the impasses for Modern Architecture" (Congres Internationaux d'Architecture Moderne, C.I.A.M.), Giedion has, nevertheless, for years been interested in the anonymous history of forgotten pion­
ering inventors, even before his SPACE, TIME AND ARCHI­TECTURE, he has strikingly shown that we do not know our closest historical kin and have much to learn about our nearest precursors, the much maligned nineteenth century. It is only now that the aspiration of the mind behind the invention is reflected, but more conspicuously, a process that is everywhere at work? Can ..:Vhat is taking place in the farmer be a projection of something that is going on throughout? Does the transformation of people, who for centuries filled the soil into migratory unemployed, correspond to what is happening in each of us? In this process, the basic movement of our world-image, has been transposed, distorted form, into human destiny? During and after the Second World War the sentiment uppermost in nations has become a coolly accepted practice."

And again and again it is shown how extended periods are required to first introduce mechan­ization into a field—however the breath-taking speed may accelerate the later evolution! This is true for milling, hog killing, harvesting and threshing, the introduction of a bank safe or bread production. In 1913 this oven, constructed in England, was set up in Montreal. (Fired with coal, it functioned from the very start.) Thus a century had elapsed between the "perpetual oven" (1810), invented for the British Navy by Isaac Coffin, and this tunnel oven, finally marking full mechan­ization of the process. First we seem to need patience with the slowness and later with the terrific rush of development! Large capital­ization and the deprecation of the product, such as neatly caloxane-wrapped denatured bread, are shown to go hand in hand. According to the U. S. Census of 1939, corporate enterprise manufactured bread and other baked goods (biscuits, crackers, and pretzels excepted) to the value of 14 million dollars manufactured by non-corporate, i.e., small establishments. This went hand-in-hand with the growing mechanization of daily life between 1914 and 1930, and especially in the period 1925-30. "The food and a doubt there is something impressive in the precision, synchron­ization, and cleanliness of a modern bread fac­tory with its hourly output of 30,000 loaves. In Philadelphia we visited one of the largest plants of the kind—a five-story reinforced concrete building whose facade a vast expanse of glass, its auto park accommodating 500 delivery trucks. The decisive saving rests not in acceleration of the process but in the enormous output that mechanization and the (continued on page 58)

A REVIEW BY RICHARD J. NEUTRA

* A quotation by Giedion from Patrick Shirreff, A Tour through North America, Edinburgh, 1835, p. 224.
1. The function of atmosphere is, perhaps, nowhere more a part of sales technique than in the merchandising of jewelry. Attention is drawn to the exterior of the San Francisco store of CIRO of BOND STREET by the contrast between the light-hued cement plaster facade and the dark show window, within which the products for sale are emphasized by recessed lighting.

Design plans for the interior of the store were complicated by an inconvenient entryway and narrow space. The first problem was overcome by utilizing otherwise wasted wall space in the foyer for display cases to draw attention away from and around the elevator which obstructs the entrance. In the sales area extensive use of mirrors and display cases offset at an angle from the wall help make the space appear wider. Interior walls are of hardwall plaster, panelled in Leatherwall and Weldwood—all of light
colors, contrasting with the African mahogany counters and giving a feeling of lightness and spaciousness.

Sizes of the demonstration counters were predetermined by previous experience in jewelry merchandising, and exhibition of the individual pieces is considerably enhanced by the use of point source lighting fixtures installed in the ceiling.

The floors, terrazzo without and linoleum and carpeting within, are designed to be inconspicuous but luxuriant, and the yellow bronze metal trim used throughout adds a touch of elegance in keeping with the functional atmosphere of jewelry retailing.

1. RAPHAEL SORIANO AND SERGE CHERMAYEFF, architects
2. In designing the HALLAWELL SEED STORE in San Francisco, architect Raphael Soriano emphasized the function of display. The entire front of the store is entirely of glass, so that the store as a whole is on perpetual exhibit from the street, and wall racks and floor counters within the store provide that all of the available merchandise be on view at all times. As in the CIRO store, point source lighting fixtures installed in the ceiling provide maximum visibility at counter level with a minimum of glare.

All selling activities can easily be supervised from the director’s office on the mezzanine at the back of the store. Mezzanine walls are black, and sliding windows between the office and selling areas are of blue glass, so that light is reflected from them and privacy is assured.

The area beneath the mezzanine, used for shipping, receiving, storage, and general workshop activities, is separated from the sales room by the same light-reflecting blue glass. Walls of the sales area are of cheerful Acousti-Celotex trimmed in blue and red, while the floors are serviceable maple within and terrazzo without. Office floors are covered with linoleum.
CURRENTLY AVAILABLE PRODUCT LITERATURE AND INFORMATION

EDITORS NOTE: This is a classified review of currently available manufacturers’ literature and product information. To obtain a copy of any piece of literature or information regarding any product, list the number which precedes the item about it on the coupon which appears below, give your name, address and occupation. Return the coupon to Architecture, and your request will be filled as rapidly as possible. Items preceded by a dot (*) indicates products which have been merit specified in the Case Study House Program of the magazine. Items appearing for the first time this month are set in boldface type.

APPLIANCES

• (560) W. R. Ames Company: Information Ames revolving shelves for kitchen cabinets, coolers; sturdy aluminum construction: easy to install without rebuilding cabinets; turns at a touch, eliminating stocking, climbing, rummaging; sanitary, ant-proof; suits for all standard cabinets, coolers, service room equipment.

• (469) Cookerator Company: Brochures unusually well designed, engineered ¾ cubic foot refrigerator; 10 cubic foot freezers manufactured in color, including 48 dp built in frozen food locker. 5 ice trays; also 15 cubic foot heavy duty freezer; refrigerator controlled temperature 5 degrees below to 5 degrees above zero; includes 5 year food insurance policy; both used in CSHouse Number 18.

• (364) Ecko Products Company: Data, information splendidly designed, weighted kitchen tools, knives, canopeners; also pressure cookers; these belong in contemporary kitchens, are used in all CSHouses.

• (470) Health-Mor, Inc.: Brochures, full information on Filter Queen vacuum cleaner, exclusively merit specified for all CSHouses; no bag—instead cellulose filter in spacious metal container; empties easy as waste basket; 42 ounce wand and full set accessories, including paint sprayer and waxer; efficient, sensible.

• (61) Ingersoll Steel Division, Borg-Warner Corporation: Brochure (16 pages) new Ingersoll Utility Unit providing kitchen, laundry, bathroom, heating, plumbing, electrical lines; installation, specifications.

• (472) Kaiser-Flewwings Sales Corporation: Brochure, full information new automatic food waste pulverizer; odorless, clong-proof, safe; disposes of bones, fruit pits, fibrous foods, fits sink drain; manufactured in west and readily available; used in CSHouse Number 18.


• (426) Howard Miller Clock Company: Information contemporary clocks by leading designers, including George Nelson: probably best approach to application of contemporary design to clocks.

• (177) Southern California Edison Company: Well illustrated, idea-packed booklet on ceiling fans; full information electric appliances; one of best source information.

• (365) Sunbeam, Inc.: Data, information complete line kitchen appliances — Mixmaster, Wallmaster, Frommaster. Sunbeam Toaster; well designed, highly efficient.

• (535) Utility Appliance Corporation: Brochure Gaffers & Satterl gas ranges, all sizes; automatic low-temperature oven control, not-till racks; single-cooking houler; triple-click top burner controls; divided top with griddle; CP: well engineered, designed, merit specified CS House Number 1.

• (187) Western Stove Company, Inc.: Brochures, foldes all Western-Holly range, right-burner custom built; good contemporary design, well engineered; available immediately.

BOOKS

• (491) Kurt L. Schwarz: Catalog of fine and rare books; early editions of literary, artistic and scientific importance; choice collection of unusual interest.

• (345) Zoolin & Verbrugge: Catalogs books on architecture, art, imported, domestic, new, out-of-print.

CABINETS, COUNTER TOPS

• (399) American Central Division, Avon Molding Corporation: Detailed 16-page, 4-color brochure one of best contemporary designed lines kitchen cabinets in stainless steel; all edges, corners rounded; very little visible hardware; brochure shows sample kitchen.

• (119) Formica Insulation Company: Folder Formica cabinets; cabinet colors; colorful, spotproof, durable, sanitary; does not chip, crack, break; not injured by alcohol, fruit acids, ordinary alkalies; withstands 275 degrees Fahrenheit; wide color range.

• (526) Frank Brothers: Full information Morton and American lines metal kitchen cabinets; good contemporary design endless combinations of units full specification service available.

• (493) Hotpoint, Inc.: Hotpoint kitchen and laundry installation manual; complete manual illustrated to show proper ways of affixing Hotpoint cabinets and of connecting Hotpoint appliances to a kitchen; particularly valuable to architects, builders.

• (481) Mutschler Brothers Company: Full details well designed Porta-Bilt Hardwood Kitchen Cabinets; same precision construction as steel cabinets with all advantages of wood; continuous counter sink tops, rotating corner cabinet, recessed sink front; any color; completely ready to install; a remarkably good product meeting high standards.

• (400) Storagewall, Inc.: Brochures, data Storagewall, new kind partition composed of variety of standard cabinets such as wardrobes, dressers, book cases, etc., use as building blocks to build partitions; can be used as walls or against walls.

DRAFTING ROOM EQUIPMENT

• (458) Clearprint Paper Company: Information new Papercloth as substitute for tracing cloth; marked stability under all atmospheric conditions, resists stretching, shrinking, buckling; takes ink, pencil well, erases easily; not damaged by folding; samples available.

• (482) Cowig Industries: Folder E.E.C. Scale size of cigarette package with 6" flexible tape with built-in flashlight to illuminate its snap-back rule, etched figures; interesting product.

• (483) Listo Pencil Corporation: Information new drafting pencil with ball-bearing indicator cap producing any kind of point from long-lead blunt to long-lead sharp; Bakelite plastic with hollow-ground blades; portable, size of salt shaker; handy gadget.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

• (245) Charles E. Barnes & Son: Brochure new Barnes-Wire-Hway baseboard wiring unit; provides wiring facilities, anchors partitions; wires carried rear panel; front panel simple baseboard; outlets anywhere. foot switches eliminate wall switches; good product.

• (208) Bell Electric Company: Folded “No-Shok” electrical outlet receptacle unit; portable, built in plug socket; snap-back guard closes receptacle when plug is pulled out; protects against shock through inserting metal article in plug slots; also guards against dust, dirt, water; keeps children safe; definitely worth investigation.

• (449) Cannon Electric Development Company: Folders, information Cannon Pathfinder Light designed to illuminate driveways, gardens, steps, pathways, etc.; light below eyeline is thrown downward; well designed, engineered; practical.

• (496) Emerson Electric Manufacturing Company: New master catalog Emerson fans, ranges from table fans to kitchen and restaurant exhaust fans; 32 pages give design, construction specifications, performance data, dimensional information; one of top lines in field well presented.

• (484) Executeon, Inc.: Factual, well illustrated folders Executeon intercommunication systems for house, office, commercial, industrial use; technical, installation data; one of best sources of information; includes information on paging systems; worth study, file space.

• (537) Fluorescent Fixtures of California: Literature new Allbrute of California “LifeMaster” fixture designed for individual or continuous mounting; surface or drop; made for two, four or six slimline tubes; performance data, dimensional information; National Code requirements; NEC tables printed in full.

• (528) General Electric Company: New 48-page catalog GE wires and cables; all GE thermostat, braid, braided building wires and BX, entrance, Braid X, PVX cables listed, along with many other wire and cable products; information National Code requirements; NEC tables printed in full.

• (402) Northern California Electrical Bureau: Data-packed 16-page, two-color brochure electricity in house plans; classified chart for every room, typical floor plans, adequate wiring information; practical, factual, best type of information.

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(434) Oregon Flax Textiles, Inc.: Descriptive brochure Flax-tex all-linen rugs; unique texture from "twist-tie" strands fine flax; long wearing; seven warm colors, no patterns.

* (388) Paraffinc Companies: Pleasant 4-color booklet "Fabco Floors the Modern Home," suggests treatments for floors of all rooms in house; practically suggests colors patterns.

(310) Shelley's Floor Coverings: Information one of best retail sources contemporary rugs, carpets from foremost looms; new weaves, textures, colors.

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* (74) Tile-Tex Company, Inc.: Brochures Tile-Tex asphalt tile, Mura-Tex plastic walls, Flexichrome plastic floors; well illustrated in full color, with full descriptions, color charts for all products; one of best lines by one of best manufacturers; well worth file space.

FURNITURE

* (412) Aalto Designs: Information one of oldest lines contemporary furniture; made in Sweden; available several West Coast, Eastern outlets.

(311) Barker Brothers: Information Multi-Unit Pacific Modern furniture; built-to-unit measure, fits any floor plan; budget priced; definitely worth investigation; good approach to contemporary furnishings.

* (559) Barwa Associates: New illustrated catalogue of one of America's most revolutionary chairs, the Barwa; winner of three design awards in 1947-48; merit specified in CSHouse Program; worth investigation.

* (435) Drexel Furniture Company: Information new clean line contemporary furniture designed by Edward J. Wormley; living room, dining room, bedroom; forty pieces, well integrated.

* (312) Dunbar Furniture Manufacturing Company: New booklet covering modern furniture, decoration featuring Dunbar furniture designed by Edward J. Wormley; considerable attention to accessories; requires 25 cents in stamps for delivery.

* (313) Ficks Reed Company: Catalogue contemporary Malay Modern and Amber Ash furniture; versatile, good especially for recreation rooms; indoor quality; one of best lines informal furniture.

* (314) Frank Brothers: Information top retail source best lines contemporary furniture; designs by Charles Eames, Alvar Aalto, Gilbert Rhode, Isamu Naguchi, George Nelson; complete contemporary interiors service; upholstery and drapery shop.

(436) Functional Furniture Manufacturers: Illustrated brochure new functional line tables, chairs using molded plywood on mass production basis; clean, strong, light.

* (437) Knoll Associates, Inc.: Information one of best lines authentic contemporary furniture; chairs, tables; string, stap, fabric upholstery; wood or metal chair frames.

* (316) Herman Miller Furniture Company: Information top lines contemporary furniture designed by Isamu Naguchi, Charles Eames and George Nelson, reflects one of most important design programs in furniture industry.

(319) Rattan Stylists, Inc.: Catalog rattan furniture designed by Paul Laszlo; upholstered, airfoam cushions; armchairs, sofas, coffee tables, end tables, dining tables, dining chairs, sectional, bridge tables, custom designs.

* (562) Armin Richter: Retail source for contemporary designs in furniture by Aalto, Nelson, Eames, Saarinen, Martine and others. Modern Interior design, and also fabrics.

(488) Jens Risom, Inc.: Information interesting line contemporary furniture, accessories; simple, clean lines; good construction; one of best in field.

* (460) Everett Sebring Furniture: Unusual brochure illustrating beautiful designed line of low contemporary tables; large single tables or groups of small tables assembling into one large table; wide range finishes; surfaces wood, cork or leather; also incidental pieces; sold direct to consumers only.

(540) Tappan-Keal: Brochure well designed line contemporary Califurniture; includes photographs, record cabinet, buffet, bookcases, tables, desks, chests, night stand; one of best West Coast lines; price lists included.

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GENERAL

(6) Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company: Well illustrated brochure solar houses, 24 pages of fundamentals of planning "open" houses; gives good examples; technical data.

(445) Pacific Shop: Contemporary accessories for the home; jewelry by modern designers and craftsman; one of best sources in Northern California.

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(393) American Cabinet Hardware Corporation: Folder, data sheets Amerock line contemporary cabinet hardware; Beauty-Seal plated, matched ensemble, easy-working catches; includes semi-concealed hinges, friction catches, pulls, sash lifts, sash locks; full technical, installation data.

(439) Bennett-Ireland, Inc.: Illustrated folder Flexscreen fireplace metal curtains; hang in folds; easily opened, closed; one of best contemporary lines fireplace equipment.


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• (325) Parlyn, Ltd.: Brochure remarkable new finger-tip push-pull control Parlyn door lock and latch; light pressure opens or closes door; contemporary design; zinc alloy; no visible screws.

• (408) Sargent & Company: Folder new Sargent Intergribb; well designed; knoc keyhole; temporary design; zinc alloy; no visible screws.

• (326) Soss Manufacturing Company: Remarkably well prepared 24-page manual on Soss Invisible Hinges; permits streamline door by eliminating visibility of hinges; gives full details of construction use.

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

• (381) Horace F. Allison: Information on radiant heating; firm engineers, installs systems in Los Angeles area; one of best sources of practical information, installation service.

• (277) American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corporation: Brochure new baseboard radiator heating panel; 8" high, replaces baseboard, can be painted; worth investigation.

• (390) A. M. Byers Company: Practical, factual booklet covering study of 1,000 radiant heating jobs in last ten years; gives engineering preference methods, materials mostly used; geographic statistics.

• (414) Chase Brass & Copper Company: Full color brochure on brass and copper in residential planning, emphasizing copper tubing for radiant heating; also covers hardware, screen, roofing products.

• (257) Day & Night Manufacturing Company: Concise folder Panetray radiant infra-red vented gas wall heater; well designed, single or dual units; with or without thermostat controls; 10,000 to 40,000 BTU; 59% high x 13 3/16" to 17 11/16"; specifications, charts; merits approval.

• (509) The Firan Company: Brochure Glamaster bath heater featuring direct infrared heat radiation; one-piece formed aluminum alloy reflector; well engineered, designed; worth investigation; uses convection flow of air.

• (510) Fraser & Johnston: Brochure new La-Boy shallow model furnace, dual or floor; 28 3/4" deep overall; dual models feature "brilo" register head, eliminating floor grilles; single rod control valve; streamlined heating element of pressed steel; gas flames cannot escape into room.

• (84) Hammel Radiator Engineering Company: Folder Comfortaire winter air conditioner, summer ventilator; all technical information; centrifugal blower, motor mounted spring suspension and rubber; four sizes, 60,000 to 120,000 BTU.

• (329) Lennox Furnace Company: Brochure Lennox Aire-Flo gas residential furnace; provides warmed, filtered, humidified air; completely quiet; cabinets remarkably well designed.

• (415) Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company: Booklet, folders new automatic electric clock thermostat to regulate heat output of any kind of controlled heating; automatically turns heat down at night, up in morning; well designed, highly efficient.

• (541) Montag Company: Electric furnace, manual and circular, provides continuous filtered all-year ventilation; M-H modulating thermostat controls for eight blower speeds, 12 heating steps within two degrees of room temperature; full data available.

• (87) Naco Manufacturing Company: Brochure, folders Pacific Thermostals, vented console heaters; good design, available immediately; also information Pacific floor, dual register furnaces, suspended units, duct furnaces.

• (542) Payne Furnace Company: Information new Payne Panelair forced air wall heater; occupies floor area of only 29" x 9 1/2"; room air drawn in near ceiling, discharged through outlet grilles at floor level into one or more rooms; built in thermostat fan controls provide two-speed fan operation; 55,000 btu; worth investigating.

• (446) Payne Furnace Company: Folder new Cooler Air evaporative cooling unit for residential and commercial cooling; 24 major innovations and features; Fiberglas evaporative filter; true air delivery from 2,300 to 8,000 CFM claimed.

• (330) Penn Electric Switch Company: One of best manuals showing wiring diagrams for heating systems; loaded with technical data, diagrams for all types of systems; this is "must" for all files.

• (373) Payne Company, Inc.: Authentiic brochure residential ventilating featuring Hilo-Pan electric ceiling ventilator; removes cooking odors, steam; full technical data.

• (331) Revere Copper & Brass: Spectacularly good non-technical discussion radiant panel heating in 36 well-illustrated pages; this is a down-to-earth manual and no architectural file is complete without it; can't be recommended too strongly.

• (333) Superior Fireplace Company: Excellent brochure on fireplaces, featuring Superior Heatform fireplace units, grilles, accessories; one of best fireplace booklets; worth file space.

• (511) Surface Combustion Corpora tion: Twenty-six pages of specifications for Janitrol gas boilers for radiant, hot water, steam heating; includes ratings, dimensions, engineering data, illustrations; good source material.

• (490) H. A. Thrush & Company: Well prepared and illustrated brochure Thrush forced circulating flow control hot water heat; emphasis on radiant heating, with good technical data simply presented; equipment used in Kaufmann house by Frank Lloyd Wright; worth study, file space.

• (543) Utility Appliance Corporation: Brochure Utility evaporative air cooler; cleans and cools air and distributes
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(544) *Utility Appliance Corporation*: Brochure Utility forced air furnace, gas fired; provides complete forced air circulation, fully automatic temperature control, glass fiber filters; modern compact cabinet design; well engineered; full dimensional, performance data; merit specified CSBuild Number 1.

(545) *Utility Appliance Corporation*: Brochure Utility Wall-o-matic built-in circulating heater, gas fired and vented; can be used all types construction, installation remarkably simple; fits into any standard 4" stud wall without nailing; high velocity discharge assures over-all room heating; well designed; merit specified for CSBuild Number 1.

**INSULATION AND ROOFING**

(546) *Acoustical Materials Association*: New brochures on sound absorption coefficients of architectural acoustical materials and theory and use of architectural acoustical materials; data-packed, well illustrated; undoubtedly best source of information; worth file space, study.

(334) *Babcock & Jones, Inc.*: Brochures, data on Ferro-Therm Steel Insulation; exceptionally good with radiant heat—reflects 90-95% of radiant heat; vermin-proof, no moisture, easily installed; one of best new products and merits study.

(220) *Gladding, McBean & Company*: Series folders, brochures Zonolite Insulation; insulating fill, insulating plastic; thermal, acoustic; full details uses established, proven product.

(221) *Gladding, McBean & Company*: Brochure Zonolite concrete insulation; interesting for use in portion concrete slab below radiant heating pipes; prevents heat loss into ground; normal concrete should be used above pipes.

(226) *Kimberly Clark Corporation*: Brochure (20 pages, two colors) Kimberly blanket-type insulation; moisture, fire, vermin, insect, fungus resistant; non-settling, light, flexible; four widths, three thicknesses; specification tables, installation data; well illustrated.

(226) *Kimberly-Clark Corporation*: Home insulation booklet, 12 pages, two colors, for architects, builders, engineers; over 40 illustrations, charts, position general principles home insulation, including radiant heat loss, air stratification and drafts, variable exposures, coolness balance; many other informative features.

(500) *Lighting, Inc.*: Series folders, brochures Phillips fluorescent lighting fixtures, incandescent reflectors for residential, commercial, industrial use; includes interesting equipment for subtle spotlighting, flush lighting; profusely illustrated; provides full technical data, prices.

**LIGHTING EQUIPMENT**

(448) *All-Bright Electric Products Company*: Folder unusual fluorescent fixtures with over-all depth only 3½"; makes for clean contemporary design; bottom glass hinged on either side permitting easy servicing; can be mounted flush to ceiling, single or continuous rows; good new product.

(101) *Century Lighting, Inc.*: Complete catalog one of best lines contemporary lighting fixtures; fully illustrated, complete technical information.

(547) *Day-Brite Lighting, Inc.*: Booklets 20-A and 20-B recessed troffers; all standard types listed with full technical data, including sketches, tables, installation data, foot-candle intensities charts; also includes information incandescent boxes for flush installation; well worth file space.

(106) *General Lighting Company*: Brochure (14 pages) complete line contemporary lighting fixtures; one of best available lines.

(337) *Globe Lighting Products, Inc.*: Very complete 56-page catalogue complete line incandescent, fluorescent fixtures for all uses; of particular interest are new decolour fixtures producing multicolored effect.

(338) *Edwin F. Guth Company*: Newooklet emphasizing importance and value good lighting by pointing up effects of bad lighting; good four-color thumbnail study.

(268) *Hollywood Lighting Fixture Company*: Information contemporary lighting fixtures, stock and custom; one of best sources in Southern California.

(462) *Lamps, Ltd.*: Information good line of contemporary lamps; well designed.

(97) *Simpson Industries, Wood Fiber Division*: Brochure (8 pages) new Simpson insulating board products; sheathing, insulating lath, insulating building board, insulating plank, insulating decorative tileboard; full description, technical, installation data.
(269) Lightolier: Folders wide range Lightolier lighting fixtures; good contemporary design featuring built-ins readily available.

• (375) Pyne Company, Inc.; Illustrated bulletins Prylites, complete line recessed lighting fixtures, including specialties; multi-colored dining room lights, automatic closet lights; adjustable spots; full technical data.

(392) Snow-Holman Company: Information newly designed Zenith luminaire; Polyurethane plastic side panels ribbed to permit proper light distribution and reducing surface brightness to minimum; certified ballasts, starters; individual or continuous mounting; opens either side for servicing.

(418) Sunbeam Lighting Company: Catalog new line fluorescent lighting fixtures; contemporary and standard design; wide range applications; full technical, installation, service data.

(270) Supreme Lighting Company: Comprehensive 23-page catalog well designed line fluorescent fixtures; hanging, open and glass covered; recessed fixtures with egg crate louver or diffusing glass; industrial, reflector, window wall; strip, circline; kitchen fixtures, vertical mirror lamps, bed lamps.

• (339) Kurt Versen Company: Two brochures on exciting contemporary residential lamps, fixtures and on focal lighting, for commercial, residential use; both very well prepared, copiously illustrated, data-packed; one of best sources of information contemporary lighting firm has been leader in field for many years.

MISCELLANEOUS

• (563) American Aerovap, Inc.—a fly killer that gives you positive and continuous protection. Write for literature.

• (475) Tony Hill-Wilmer James: Full information full line contemporary ceramics; unusual glazes, beautifully fired; also lamps with ceramic bases; used in CSHouses 11, 18.

(555) Advance Development Company: Information regarding 102 contemporary homes designed by Gregory Ain and built in greater Los Angeles area; F.H.A. approved; preview June 26.

• (474) Modern Designers: Full information, good lines ceramic trays, bowls, incensaries, and lamps; well known contemporary designers; available through selected retail outlets; used in CSHouse Number 18.

MOTION PICTURE EQUIPMENT

• (512) Bell & Howell Company: Brochures, information Filmound projects for use in homes, schools, churches, industry; gives full technical regarding equipment, installations, use, operation; practical, interesting, sensible.

PAINTS, SURFACE TREATMENTS

(463) Amercoat Division, American Pipe & Construction Company: Information new Amercoat vinyl coating which is a pigmented vinyl resin dispersed in water; resists most dilute acids, is unaffected by alkaline cleaning compounds; waterproof; white and solid colors.

(513) W. P. Fuller & Company: Sixty pages of specifications for paint products featuring Fuller paints, related products; specifications range from best possible to least expensive jobs; one of best prepared specification books available; belongs in all files. Available to Western readers only.

• (501) McCloskey Varnish Company: One of best brochures treatment of floors and their finishes; based on Gunamel, Tungseal, Penetrating Floor Sealer, Terrazzo Seal, Wood Sealer; penetrating but simple analysis how to treat, maintain wood, terrazzo, cork, concrete, magnesite wool composition floors; well worth study.

(346) National Lead Company: Folder, painting specifications "Dutch Boy" white lead, paints, varnishes, enamels; chip form color samples available; valuable information for treating exterior, interior surfaces.

• (457) Frederick O'Brien Paint & Varnish Works: Folders O'Brien Pen­chrome wood finishes; remarkably good plywood finish in modern blonde tints; available clear or in colors; preserves wood, allows grain to show; cheaper than paint or enamel; color card available.

(112) Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company: Exciting, informative, factual 25-page full-color brochure color dynamics, scientific utilization of energy in color to promote efficiency; authentic study.

(502) Stephenson Air Brush Paint Company: Folder new compound for insulation, acoustical treatment, anti-sweat protection, "Perma-Dri;" may be applied by brush, spray, bonds firmly to metal, wood, concrete, masonry, wallboard, plaster; can be tinted any color; good product with many uses; merits investigation.

(465) Wesco Waterpaints, Inc.: Well prepared four-color folder with color samples on Rockite one-coat cement-base paint for stucco, cement, rough concrete, unglazed tile, etc.; come powder to mix with water; ten excellent soft pastel colors; particularly well adapted to contemporary architecture.

PANELS AND WALL TREATMENTS

(274) Douglas Fir Plywood Association: Data-packed architectural catalog Douglas Fir plywood; selection chart for grades, table of types, usage for construction, exteriors, interiors; best source of information.

• (54) United States Plywood Corporation: Folder on Decorative Micarta, laminated plastic surface material; will not dent, chip, crack, break, splinter, warp, stain; easy to clean, never fades or need refinishing.

• (49) United States Plywood Corporation: Good 16-page handbook uses Weldwood, plywood, allied products for exterior, interior.

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* (382) United Wallpaper, Inc.: Information Varlar stainproof wall covering, in price range good wallpapers; resists grease, oil, fingerprints, lipstick, crayons, vermin; restored soap and water; 90 patterns, designs by Dorothy Liebes.

* (476) Val-Porter Company: Brochure Acoustipulp plastic sound absorption acoustic plaster; applied same as any plaster, comes in most any color; fire resistant, vermin proof, sanitary; about same cost and weight as ordinary plaster; used in CSHouse Number 20.

* (515) Air Cushion Sales Company, Inc.: Folder new Air Cushion Arrestor to stop water hammer in plumbing pipes; separates air from water entering home system; low installation cost, no breaking into walls; reduces wear on washers, valves; simple answer to nagging problems.


* (123) W. R. Ames Company: Folder new aluminum shower cabinet; rust, corrosion, leakproof; one-piece aluminum receptor; rough-in dimensions, installation data.

* (516) Beneke Corporation: Series two-color folder Beneke water closet covers; white, mahogany, oak for any size, shape bowl; simplicity of design; seamless kiln dried hardwood; full specifications available.

* (419) Crane Company: Information "pint-size" bathroom (6'x5') through use corner lavatory, small (42"x31"), low tub; tub has spacious corner seat; possible to get bathroom down to 3'6"x6'6".

* (477) Harvey Machine Company, Inc.: Brochure full information new line bath accessories in good contemporary design; clean, efficient, practical; used in CSHouse Number 18.

* (420) The Kawneer Company: Folder new shower doors, tub enclosures; doors have full length piano hinges riveted on, rubber seal; enclosures sliding or swinging; both made of extrusions of special aluminum alloy; precision engineered.

* (394) Kohler of Kohler: Excellent 4-color brochure presenting full line Kohler bath fixtures, fittings, kitchen sinks, boilers; good design; full technical data, including several new pieces; suggested bathroom plans.

* (421) The Perfex Company: Information one-piece stainless steel shower receptor; no seams, crevices; five standard sizes, custom sizes available; reasonably priced.

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- **(422)** J. A. Zurn Manufacturing Company: Complete catalog, folders Zurn drains, interceptors, traps, wall fixture carriers, swimming pool equipment; emphasis on wall-hung toilets, basins; good source of information.

**RADIOS**

- **(517)** Altec Lansing Corporation: Information new, basically improved line general purpose speakers; improvements include reduction of crossover frequency to 1,000 cycles assuring low frequency cone operates as stiff piston and not "break up" operating range; greatly increases acoustic efficiency; one of best lines speakers available; all sizes.

- **(384)** Magnavox Company: Detailed 16-page brochure Magnavox radio-phonograph, including three well designed contemporary cabinets; gives full specifications.

- **(350)** Motorola, Inc.: Information brochures Motorola FM/AM radio-phonograph in cabinets of good contemporary design; shadow-silent record changer, automatic shut-off; push-button tuner; dark or blond; worth investigating.

- **(518)** Nielsen & Neilson: Information regarding installation of home television and custom radio sets in Southern California area; reasonable costs and completely qualified work; worth investigation, installed television CS House #18.

- **(385)** Scott Radio Laboratories, Inc.: Good 16-page brochure new Scott radio-phonograph Series 900; gives full details of sets, shows several cabinets, including bleached mahogany contemporary.

- **(351)** Stromberg-Carlson Company: Brochure Futura Model (1121-M1-0) radio-phonograph combination; AM-FM, push-button control; connection for wire recording; one of best contemporary design cabinets.

- **(352)** Twentieth Century Design: Information one of best sources custom-built, limited production and built-in radio-phonographs of contemporary design; western manufacturer.


- **(118)** Formica Insulation Company: Valuable brochure (12 pages, full color) Formica plastic panels for walls, cabinets, tops, doors, wainscots, cabinet tops, etc.; no painting, spotting, burning; full information on types, colors, patterns; leading product of its kind.

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- (548) Adams-Rite Manufacturing Company: Information new unit-type lock for sliding door operation, adjustable to various door thicknesses; operates with natural sliding action of bar in cup; well designed; no mortising required; all exposed parts solid brass, four finishes available; good answer to old problem.

- (519) Aluminum Building Products Company: Information new type combination screen-storm door in aluminum; extruded hollow aluminum sections; screen, storm inserts immediately interchangeable; comes with aluminum frame in all sizes for quick installation; good product.

- (549) American Structural Products Company: New brochure Insulux Glass Block showing use in schools, hospitals, plants; shows typical installations daylight schools, hospitals, sewage disposal plants where glass block was chosen for fenestration because of insulation value and light transmission values; worth seeing.

- (550) Carroll Products Company: Folder new cordless, tapeless vene

ROOFING

(21) Red Cedar Shingle Bureau—Blueprints showing recommended methods of applying wood shingles on roofs and sidewalls.

(28-A) Gladding, McBean & Company: Detailed brochure (8 pages) Hermosa Tru-Joint wall, floor, drain-board tiles; wide range colors, shapes; full suggested tile specifications, tables; suggested uses kitchens, baths, etc.

(42) Kawneer Company: Announcement Zourite, aluminum panel with tongue and groove joints; decorative, practical exterior, interior material; full technical, application data.

- (460) Laverne Originals: Contemporary wallpapers; bold primaries, sepias, pastels, muted tones; matte or baked plastic finish.

- (516) Marsh Wall Products, Inc.: Attractive new 1948 catalog complete information Marlite, plastic-coated wall board; shows uses, specifications; includes color chips; also contains information Marsh aluminum Presdwood plastic mouldings and new line Marsh bathroom accessories; good presentation of good products.

- (340) James Kemble Mills: Information collection contemporary wallpapers; designs, by 15 leading contemporary artists; custom designs available; definitely worth investigation.

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ARTS & ARCHITECTURE
• (506) Casement Hardware Company: Bulletin well engineered Win-Dor integral hardware for jalousies of wood or glass; wood slats 4 5/8" x 9/8", glass slats 4 7/8" x 7/32" to 7/4"; can handle openings up to 5 x 10", worm gear operators; slats held in place without screws, nails; weather stripped; offers wide range contemporary design uses, either vertical or horizontal; good product.

(38) Ceco Steel Products Corporation: Data-loaded Pacific Coast catalog covering residence casements, package windows, projected windows and scores of correlated products, commercial and industrial as well as residential.

(520) Detroit Steel Products Company: New 8-page catalogue residential steel casement windows; liberally illustrated with architectural drawings; includes plans, perspectives of houses; a good working piece of literature.

(521) Druhvit Metal Products Company: Data, sketch packed brochure Druhvit metal windows, doors, both stock, custom built; nearly all types of metal windows, doors, including casement, sliding, pivot, store front windows; good source technical information.

• (416) J. Royden Estey & Sons: Folderv Aluminex putless glazing skylights, single or double pitch; extruded aluminum roof glazing; makes long spans possible; full technical installation data; illustrated.

(354) Fir Door Institute: Catalog new Tru-Fit Douglas Fir Doors; all types, including flush; factory fitted, waffled, stripped, precision made; full specification, technical data.

(522) Gate City Sash & Door Company: Brochure Gate City Awning Windows for homes, offices, apartments, hotels; controlled by worm and gear drive operating two sets of raising mechanisms distributing raising force to both sides sash; standard and special sizes; contemporary design.

• (507) Grant Pulley & Hardware Company: Folder new line Grant drapery, curtain hardware; incommensurable, streamlined, durable; precision-made, won't bind or jam; made by company which manufactured top sliding door hangers for many years; good product, worth investigation.

(141) Ingerson Steel Division, Borg-Warner Corporation: Factual booklets KoolShade Sun Screen, "window insulation"; screen is series of miniature slats slanted to repel 90% sun heat; no painting; wind resistant, good visibility, ample light.

(32) Kawneer Company: Brochure on structural details of full vision, free standing, narrow line and standard line entrance doors, frames, trims.

• (424) Kirsch Company: New 32-page booklet "Smart Window Styling" illustrating 85 different window treatments; features Kirsch drapery hardware, venetian blinds.

(391) Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company: Booklet new metal door-frame assembly for use with Herolite glass doors; shows 12 available styles suitable practically any type business, commercial building; variable dimension tables, typical section views.

(144) Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company: Information folder Twindow, insulated glass; hermetically sealed air space between dual panes; reduces heating cost, permits larger windows.

• (555) Roddis of California: Brochure Roddis-craft solid core flush veneer doors; waterproof construction; one of best lines of flush doors, worth investigation; brochure gives all technical, installation data.

• (550) Steelbilt, Inc.: Folder Steelbilt steel horizontal sliding doors, windows; wide range of stock sizes permit unrestricted contemporary design; narrow mullions, muntins; outside screen; western manufacture, immediately available; one of best items of kind; merit specified CS-Number 1.

• (406) Super-Vent Company: Brochure contemporary Super-Vent awning type window that is cleaned from inside; permits draft-free ventilation; screens on inside as well as storm windows if needed; from 2' 10" x 2' 2 1/2" to 5' 7 3/4" x 7' 5 1/4"; these windows merit investigation.

• (356) West Coast Screen Company: Brochure Hollywood Junior combination screen, metal sash door; provides ventilating screen door, sash door, permanent outside door all in one.

(529) E. K. Wood Lumber Co.: Full information several of best lines of sash, doors; includes Druhvit metal doors, windows, Super-Vent awning type windows, Harvey sliding door hardware; Win-Dor integral hardware for jalousies; Schundler Fese Board roof insulation, Grand Rapids Invisible sash balance, Woodlife wood preservatives, Truscon residential steel windows, Timm aluminum windows, Rylock tension window screens, and Dictator combination screen and storm doors.

SPECIALTIES

(551) B B & C Manufacturing Company: Full data Johnson Safety Vault home and business sales; built-in models for floor, walls, flush swinging doors, double action sliding hinges, combination dial or key locks; all safety features; good product, worth investigation.

• (508) Calart Cement Tile Company, Inc.: Folder interesting Calart cement tile; available in any color to specification; colorfast, lime-proof, water-proof, acid-resistant, long wearing; any size, shape; inside and outside uses; lends itself well to contemporary design; definitely worth investigation.

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assembly line render possible." And the bread is questionable. Giedion pointedly explains how abundance of raw materials originates concepts of mass production. "The Great Plains beyond the Mississippi, where free tracts of grassland can be dominated from horseback and where the herds grow up almost without care, are implicitly related to the assembly line. In just the same way the peasant farm, where each cow has its name and has to be attended when giving birth to its calf, is linked to handicraft methods in slaughtering. This difference between the painstakingly raised animal and the herds growing up at minimum effort on the prairies is likewise reflected in the planning of the slaughtering centers (La Villette and Union Stock Yards 1864)." Wholesale automatic slaughtering of cattle and turkeys Giedion suspects of having done something to man's soul and conduct. "Has this neutrality toward death had any further effect upon us? This broader influence does not have to appear in the land that evolved mechanized killing, or even at the time the methods came about. This neutrality toward death may be lodged deep in the roots of our time. It did not bare itself on a large scale until the War, when whole populations, as defenseless as the animals hooked head downwards on the traveling chain, were obliterated with trained neutrality."

And the start of life is systematized as well. "In the Soviet Union in 1936 over 15,000 ewes were fertilized from one ram; average conception: 96.6 percent. In one district all the ewes—45,000—were fertilized by the semen of eight rams. In that year 6 million cows and ewes of the Soviet Union were mechanically impregnated—a parallel to the introduction of hybrid corn in America. It is idle to discuss the consequences. At all events a most delicate point is impinged upon when generation is treated as a mechanical process."

This book is too rich to be briefly reviewed in all its facets. The study of comfort through the ages, the emergence of stabilized furniture to sit on or to store, to read or to eat, fills a fascinating volume by itself. The writer of this review happens to own a patent for a table of his invention that can be lowered and raised...
for different functions and for getting out of the way. But evi­
dently the idea of it antidates the stable contraption of a table
by half a millennium! "Medieval ways live on in our habits of
speech. We 'turn the tables,' 'set the table,' 'clear the hall,' 'turn
the table up.' To the Middle Ages, large tables standing per­
manently in the room were a thing unknown."

It is an anxious sight to see the furniture-uncluttered room of the
earlier ages transformed by the reign of the upholstered. He es­
ablishes the ruling taste and upper current of the Nineteenth
Century, but Giedion does a magnificent job of diving into the
undertow of revolving, adjustable, collapsible, convertible, patent
furniture which parallels the evolution of the sleeping car . . .
and the barber chair. The story leads from the "piano parlor bed"
of 1866 to the latest roomette of the Pullman Company.

Giedion presents an extensive picture of the mechanization of the
kitchen and housekeeping from the early beginnings in the feminist
movement. Refrigeration, cleaning and laundering are discussed as
well as formal streamlining, and the "mechanical care" of the
more-or-less prefabricated house, all of which has actively held
our minds for a generation.

As the last great example of how mechanization has affected
civilized mankind, Giedion chooses the rise of the proverbial
American bath tub and "ablution cell," contrasting it with the
communal scheme of "total regeneration" characteristic for primi­
tive Asiaties as well as for the high Islandic and Roman cultures.
The bath was held in much deeper significance in times past.

A reviewer on the West Coast, a section of the Union which is
maturing only after mechanization has taken command, where
millions of motor cars jam the streets, and a fruit industry has
standardized a few varieties with eye appeal and better shipping
qualities than taste, where 42,000 Macintosh trees grow in one
orchard and bear apples "so uniform that they might have been
stamped out by machine,"—we wonder whether the book should
not also have included a chapter on how over-financed mechan­
ization takes command over an art,—in short, one on Hollywood.

*MECHANIZATION TAKES COMMAND, Siegfried Giedion, Oxford University Press;
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The ideal roof for the modern home—located under the West’s bright sun. The glistening white surface reflects heat, making a cooler home—absorbs less of the sun’s damaging rays, providing additional years of service. Shown above is Sta-Kool White on Case Study House No. 7, 634 N. Deerfield Ave., San Gabriel, California—now open to the public.
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