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JOHN HUSTON'S COMMAND OF THE LIMITATIONS OF FILM

The degree of technical proficiency demonstrated in the films of John Huston varies inversely with contextual distance between his story materials and the central political problem of our time. That is to say, when Huston is dealing with such relatively innocent themes as man's pursuit of the ignis fatuus of material gain, his command of the limitations of film is sophisticated; when he is dealing with fascism and the suppression of democratic rights, he approaches the ordinary. That Key Largo and We Were Strangers are inferior to The Treasure of the Sierra Madre and The Maltese Falcon is a position that is most usually accepted, but is nearly always argued on the basis of story values, historical verisimilitude, or depth of characterization. Any of these may be a legitimate standard by which to measure a novel, a play, or a film; but singly or collectively, they are inadequate as criteria for judgments regarding film in particular. One must judge a film author's success also in terms of his control of the formative media peculiar to film.

The following discussion is by no means exhaustive, but the examples chosen are considered representative.

CAMERA ANGLE

In photographing Sidney Greenstreet, discounting costume and mimery, it is possible to make him a roly-poly clown, a dignified statesman or banker, or an ordinary man of average height and more than average girth. As Gutman, in The Maltese Falcon, he is a dangerous criminal with the tastes of a voluptuary. Shot from below, as he sits in a great chair or leans against the fireplace, dealing with Sam Spade, his torso almost fills the screen in the form of a bulging isosceles triangle, his waistline the base and his head at the apex. He is not roly-poly, nor even fat (fat men are comic): he is enormous, enormously sinister and dangerous. The massive watch chain across the stomach, the cigar, the glass of whiskey, the ringed fingers, all well into the foreground, are emphasized as attributes of character. One does not laugh at this mountain of flesh. One abhors him. This is an elementary use of the low angle shot, used in such good taste as to be a mark of genius.

In Key Largo, Bass, another "dangerous criminal," is shot similarly from below as he sits laughing foolishly at a news story of a life-convict who won a fountain pen "good for life." Bass' head appears above a rectangle of newspaper which he holds outspread before him. The shot is an interesting but ineffectual one, adding nothing to Bass' character. A low angle shot, of any object, in any context does not necessarily evoke fear and loathing or any other emotion in the spectator.

Far more meaningful are certain choices of camera angle in The Treasure of the Sierra Madre. To contrast Howard with Dobbs and Curtin, the old man is seen from below as he scampers up what is thus made to appear an almost vertical precipice as we cut to a high angle shot of the two younger men lying dog-tired on the ground. Again, at the end of the discovery sequence, as Howard points with outstretched arm and says, "Up, there, up there!", the camera pans up toward the peak of the Sierra Madre, at once telling us that pay dirt is a long way off, and giving us a sense of romantic escape often associated with great mountains. In this connection, open any illustrated volume of fairy tales and note the angle from which you see the castles. Or see a travel poster showing a crag-mounted Rhenish keep.

In other Sierra Madre sequences, audience is aided by low angle and the character of Johnny Rocco will be discussed in another connection.
camera viewpoint in identifying itself with a man in jeopardy. For instance, the three partners, having decided to shoot Cody, the interloper, climb with guns in hand up the trail toward Cody and directly into the face of the audience. Also, in the cave-in sequence, the camera (audience) is in the mine's mouth peering out through dust and debris as Curtin stands with back turned upon us, deciding whether to dig us out or leave us buried. Consider the possibility of Tim Holt trying to evoke such a reaction from an audience facing him in the clear mountain daylight. This is creative use of camera viewpoint indeed!

In equivalent situations in Key Largo, the challenge sequence, for instance, in which McCloud refuses to shoot it out with Rocco, there is no such imaginative use of camera and little audience identification. In the finale aboard the boat, when the Major, single-handed, wipes out the entire Rocco gang, although the action is neatly done and there is considerable suspense created as we cut from McCloud's face framed in the open hatch to the swinging door and see the cowering Rocco as through McCloud's eyes, there is little feeling evoked for either Rocco or the Major. Audience is merely anxious that the job be done in a hurry so that Bogie may hurry back to Bacall.

VARIABLE DISTANCE

In The Maltese Falcon we see well-composed close shots of a "Hong-Kong" label in a man's fedora, a baggage check being sealed inside a mailing envelope, and a scrap of note paper as it burns in an ash tray, each shot advancing the action of the story and focusing our attention upon traits of Sam Spade's character.

In We Were Strangers, we see several close shots of a cemetery map after we know the geographic relationships between China's house and the burial plots. We also see a decorative very close shot of Miss Jennifer Jones' face framed in shadow. Compare this with the shot of Gold Hat in Sierra Madre, his face framed in the rhombus of the heavy wooden bars of the jail door. Part of the force with which the latter shot strikes the audience is due to the camera's swift forward motion, from a medium shot encompassing several villagers, Gold Hat and the entire jail door, to the ultimate close up of the malevolent face snarling and spitting directly at the camera. But in a good film, the author controls the formative media not only in their integrity but in their relationships! And in Sierra Madre Huston has done that; in We Weren't Strangers he has not.

A most creative use of the close shot is in the unwrapping sequence in The Maltese Falcon. We see nothing but three pairs of hands, each more eager than the others, removing the newspapers which hide the bird. The Falcon is first seen with back to camera; Gutman slowly turns the black figure around to face the audience. Not only is this the prize for which every player in the film has been risking his life (with at least two already forfeit): the audience now sees the fabulous Falcon for the first time, and through the cynical eyes of Sam Spade. As Gutman begins to hack and scrape with his pen-knife at the jejune figurine, the reed and frustration are literally dangled in one's face. There is no such compelling scene in either Key Largo or We Were Strangers, although in both the latter films Huston's object at one time or other is to "dangle" evil before us for our inspection.

Huston's most notable use of long shot in Strangers is in the "newsreely-documentary" shots of street rioting and the old senator descending the great stairs from his marble verandah. These are very effective in creating that peculiar kind of reality appropriate to good newsreels and documentaries, but are rather gauche in the forest of a film which is not documentary in either style or purpose.

SIZE OF THE SCREEN: INVARIABLE

Because of the constant of the size of the screen, the camera may rivet the spectator's attention upon whatever detail it wishes to emphasize, it may create suspense by permitting the center of interest to remain outside the frame, or surprise effects may be created by permitting objects outside the frame to move suddenly into view. Also, subjective impressions of space may be created. In Sierra Madre, for instance, there is a close shot of Dobbs and Curtin lying exhausted and motionless beside a small fire. Suddenly the camera moves back to reveal Howard heartily devouring a plateful of beans. One does not wait for Howard to pull out his harmonica to see the humor of the contrast, a humor dependent
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upon surprise which in turn is made possible by the constant size of the screen. At another time, with the three partners resting quietly beside a camp fire, a huge machete moves suddenly into view, between audience and the three men on the screen. For a long moment audience sees the sinister object while the actors remain unaware. A special use of the constant size of the screen is seen in the “loneliness pan” at the end of the Gila monster sequence. To see and understand the significance of this shot where Dobbs walks away from his partners, the camera moving with him, to sit on a rock and stare into a scene which expresses the quintessence of eminence and alone-ness, is to be forever convinced of Dobbs’ humiliation, his feeling of persecution, and his complete emotional isolation. I have never seen a cinematographic expression of paranoia that strikes me with greater force or skill. A comparable situation occurs in Key Largo and is expressed by similar means, “the loneliness pan,” which begins with the subject player oriented against a background of people and other objects and finishes with the subject player isolated against a background relatively empty of orientation points. I refer to the final humiliation and frustration of the dipsomaniac when Rocco reneges in his promise to give her a drink if she will sing for him. In form and content these two shots are similar, and either represents an ingenuity in control unsurpassed in other recent films dealing with psychic processes, (such as The Snake Pit or The Quiet One). However, relative to the paranoia of Dobbs, the dipsomania of Gaye is inferior at this point.

The constant size of the screen makes possible a subjective impression of space, or rather “spacelessness,” when Dobbs, trying to escape alone with the treasure, is seen stumbling along, exhausted and helpless, through the desert. In this shot the camera pans with Dobbs against a background as bare as a wall of gray canvas, no cactus, no rock, no horizon even. And in this limitless waste Dobbs is alone, “alone on a wide, wide sea” that he has created for himself.

The great (cinematographic) moment of Key Largo is the storm sequence, in which Rocco, unnerved, paces back and forth while the others sit, watching him; but we do not see Rocco. After a low angle shot of Rocco’s beefy shoulders and bulging jowls, we see only his shadow, a thick broomstick of a shadow, moving past the intent faces of the Major, Gaye, Nora and the old man. The center of interest, Rocco, is outside the picture, and we see the effect he now has on those he has brutalized and humiliated. Heightening the interest, his voice is heard over scene, punctuated by the sound of slamming shutters and crashing window panes. This is a superlative use of the limitation of the size of the screen, not at all in support of my thesis. But it is never approached anywhere else in the film.

**REFLECTIVE SURFACES**

In Key Largo, it seems that every background has a mirror hanging on it: Major McCloud peers into the bus driver’s rear view mirror as if he were a fugitive. Hoff ogles Nora’s image and frowns at Gaye; Rocco combs his hair. In other scenes, mirrors are used for no purpose but to get more people into the picture and to relieve the monotony. Relief so obvious is often monotonous.

The frugal use of reflective surfaces in Sierra Madre is extremely creative. Consider one example, the shot of the desert water hole now becomes o reality. Heightening the interest, his voice is heard over scene, punctuated by the sound of slamming shutters and crashing window panes. This is a superlative use of the limitation of the size of the screen, not at all in support of my thesis. But it is never approached anywhere else in the film.

**ABSENCE OF SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM**

In the gila monster sequence, suspense begins when the camera moves back to reveal Dobbs’ gun leveled at Curtin. Suspense is intensified by artificial extension of time by means of thirteen cuts, back and forth, from Dobbs to Curtin, to the rock, to the gun, to the quivering gila. The revolution sequence at the finale of We Were Strangers is also a use of the absence of space-time continuum: bells ring,
rifles are passed out, a statue is pulled down, there is dancing in the streets. One need but remember another revolution in another film in which another statue is pulled down, and by contrast the disturbance created by Huston seems paltry and ineffectual.

In We Were Strangers, there are few examples of creative use of camera which are at the same time appropriate to the purpose apparently intended. How can one account for such characters as those in We Were Strangers, the "types" in Key Largo? By no means do I hold that even in the hands of such a craftsman as John Huston a "message film" is doomed to mediocrity. The view that film art and "message" are incompatible ignores the facts of life. All art is communication. Every film released since the birth of the industry has carried some "message" or other (amor vincit omnia being not the least usual of these, for instance), and to single out one kind of idea for labelling as inappropriate to film (or other art form) is esthetically inadmissible. (At least one potentially great recent film became ordinary when, under the impact of a change in management there was an attempt to delete the "message" after the film was virtually in the can."

How else is Huston's predicament to be understood? Perhaps Huston is so eager to persuade his audience of the righteousness of his protagonist's cause that he permits thesis to control character, thereby precluding the fullest development of character. Can it be that, as he (figuratively) draws near the barricades and an opportunity for a crushing blow, he grows fearful of the dark and powerful forces arrayed against him, and stops short, as if to appease? What manner of cinematographic apoplectic is this? It is not accidental.

Whatever the answers may be, this is a moment for the artist to re-examine himself and his work, to question his notions of the structure and direction of society and of the relations and responsibilities that exist between himself and his audience, between himself and his material. For that matter, it is not too soon for audience to ask the same questions.

*Ten Days That Shook The World, Sergei Eisenstein.
**According to press reports, The Boy With Green Hair was re-edited after Howard Hughes' assumption to power because Hughes did not like "message" films.

MUSIC

PETER YATES

CHARLES E. IVES

In 1928 and again in 1939 an outburst of critical enthusiasm heralded what seemed to be the American discovery of our most distinguished and most inexplicably neglected composer, Charles Ives. Each time the enthusiasm receded, leaving behind a somewhat longer record of performances, a batch of quotations in the superlative register, and a larger number of scattered Ives devotees. In October 1949 Charles Ives, almost an exact contemporary of Arnold Schoenberg, celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday. And again his admirers encountered the paradox that the music of Ives, like that of Mahler but to a far greater degree, is still both ahead of and behind the fashion of the time. It is not a part of the creative mainstream moving onward decade by decade in a general common purpose; it is that creative mainstream at one point overflowing its banks in flood.

The music of Ives is as indigenous and natural as the ragtime which appears in several of his movements. It is also very large in scope, extremely complex in form, interpenetrated with literary and religious references and ideas, intellectually and emotionally demanding, and as a whole more difficult to play than any other music of the twentieth century except that of Schoenberg.

The general public, in spite of all professional opinion to the contrary, has no inherent dislike of music that is large, complex, religious, literary, intellectual, and difficult. The St. Matthew Passion, The Magic Flute, The Seasons, the Ninth Symphony by Beethoven, the Alto Rhapsody, Pelleas and Melisande are works of this order, yet they provide the staple of great public festivals. The orchestral Sets, Holidays and Three Places in New England, and the Fourth Symphony by Ives are American festival music, the American living of Ives's lifetime seen, heard and recreated in dynamic sound as native to our continental environment as Schoen-
berg’s emotionally infused strict counterpoint is to the Viennese tradition. The American public, accustomed to viewing itself in music through the prim mirrors of the school of Paris, is embarrassed by the local color and detail, the humor, the hymn-singing religion, and the continental scale and scope of Ives. They are offended by it, as formerly by Whittman’s poetry, and for like reasons. The embarrassment is temporary and will pass. The externals of Ives’s larger compositions, the Third Violin Sonata, the Concord Sonata, the Fourth Symphony, the Second String Quartet, seem at first acquaintance to be burdened with a more than whimsical excess. This is scarcely surprising, since they are contemporary with the major works of Mahler and with Schoenberg’s two-hour-long Gurrelieder. The same critical process that once dismissed Mahler’s symphonies as emotionally improvised and overwritten now begins to praise them for a more recently discovered inward excellence. The listener fortunate enough to be able to hear several times in adequate performance a major work by Ives will find in it like inward excellence. He will be aware also of a durable conception of whole form, the continuous variation of a thematic nucleus without reference to any strict tonality, which has become the central principle of twentieth century music in its most developed styles. Fragments of middle period Bartok and of Schoenberg up to the introduction of the twelve-tone method reveal striking audible similarities. Indeed the still unplayed finale of Ives’s Fourth Symphony goes beyond this principle of form into a flow of independently emerging melodies without thematic reference. A boy Ives won prophecies of fame in the local newspapers by his ability at the piano and organ. The radical trend of his art came from his bandmaster father, a pragmatic Uncle Toby, who used his musicians as a pedant uses arguments. According to Henry Bellaman: “He delved into questions of tone divisions, quarter-tone possibilities, association of keys, matters similar to those now called polytonality, atonality, and innumerable acoustic experiments. He frequently disposed sections of his band on different balconies of a building in order to test aspects of sound on different planes and at different distances. He experimented with various chords, some built of fourths and fifths, and awakened

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in his son an unquenchable curiosity concerning the illimitable possibilities of new instrumental and harmonic combinations. These theoretical excursions were too much cut off from the tradition to evolve gradually in use. Through his father's help, Ives explored every important method, except the strict twelve-tone technic, that has contributed to the individuality of twentieth-century music and came to most of them first.

Schoenberg, by contrast, began in the midst of a great common tradition which made musical schooling as unnecessary for him as for Wagner or Richard Strauss. Whether he carried forward the conclusions of Beethoven and Liszt, as in the First Quartet and the First Chamber Symphony, or proceeded to his own conclusions, as in the Second String Quartet and Pierrot Lunaire, Schoenberg did not escape the tradition but grew within it. So that while the radicalism of Schoenberg only gradually became heretical within the canon, the radicalism of Ives, for all his four years study at Yale under Horatio Parker, sounded to his genteel American contemporaries like the ranting of an agrarian philosopher from the backwoods. For that matter it still does.

While Schoenberg was releasing his experiments as a chronological stream of finished works, Ives in creative flood poured out a quantity of finished and relatively finished compositions and bundles of experiments, many of which provide the original instrumental settings of his songs. Lack of any opportunity to hear his major works performed diverted his interest from working them out each in turn to a conclusion. Such important works as the Second Violin Sonata and the First Piano Sonata have remained until recently unedited manuscripts choked with corrections.

Ives divided his days between two forms of intensely concentrated living, either of which would have served a more than ordinary man as a life's work. During office hours he lived entirely for his insurance business; at night he wrote music. This determined, undeviating double life of commerce and art at length undermined his health. The greater part of his musical activity occurred between the years 1895 and 1920; the bulk of his compositions was conceived between 1900 and 1915.

Like other composers of his generation he exulted in the colossal temptations of mixed media. Of the Concord Sonata, still an im-
mense work in its present form for solo piano, he wrote in a footnote to the accompanying volume of critical notes, Essays Before A Sonata: "The first movement (Emerson) of the music, which is the cause of all these words, was first thought of (we believe) in terms of a large orchestra, the second (Hawthorne) in terms of a piano or a dozen pianos, the third (Alcotts) of an organ (or piano with voice or violin), and the last (Thoreau), in terms of strings, colored possibly with a flute or horn!"

And on the same page of the text: "My God! what has sound got to do with music! The waiter brings the only fresh egg he has, but the man at breakfast sends it back because it doesn't fit his eggcup. Why can't music go out in the same way it comes in to a man, without having to crawl over a fence of sounds, thoraxes, catguts, wire, wood, and brass? Consecutive-fifths are as harmless as blue laws compared with the relentless tyranny of the 'media.'" Here is another cry of the age, echoed by the rising generation of sound, percussion, and notational experimentalists, Marinetti with his art of noise, Henry Cowell, Edgar Varese, Carl Ruggles, Lou Harrison, John Cage.

Instead of being stranded on the shoals that lie in wait for technical idealism, the same creative practicality which made Ives conspicuously successful in the insurance business guided him also in his music. It is remarkable how much of what he planned on the page comes off accurately as sound when it is played. In the Third Symphony the individual esthetic quality of the whole work is almost immediately perceptible; in the Second Quartet or the Third Set for orchestra more time and experience will be needed. Composers, performers, and students have scarcely begun to tap the literature of Ives. His orchestral overlaying of parts often appears to cancel out one instrument; the intent is to modify the tone of the superior instrument which is heard. The extremes of his taste range from the landscape painting of The Housatonic at Stockbridge—not a river or even a named river but a particular river at a particular spot;—the exalted unison of noise, vision, and poetry through the medium of a voice and piano in General William Booth Enters Heaven; the quasi-improvisational freedom for several instruments of such a work as Hallowe’en; to an abstract study for two pianos tuned a quarter-tone apart. When asked how any detail of his music should be played, he replies, "Play it any way you like." To him the substance of the music matters, not the notes.

This seemingly anarchic enthusiasm of Ives, often quoted by those that have spoken with him, may be partly explained by his tragic lack of opportunities to prepare his music for performance or hear it performed while he was still able. Since around 1935 he has been unable to attend concerts, and more recently a hearing impediment has prevented him from studying the effect of his music on recordings. The fact is that Ives’s music will no more tolerate haphazard playing than Beethoven’s. Intensively organized and dramatically expressed it requires concentrated, structurally large, eloquent, dramatic playing.

Ives is the equal of Dowland and Purcell in his song-settings of the English language. Prose, polemic, dramatically illustrated narrative, what the German calls Expressionism, the lied, the mélodie, and above all the English lyric find their musical equivalents in his extraordinarily varied, yet always personal and idiomatic settings. Each of the many smaller songs seems to have been composed as a single thought in an American as natural as Schubert’s Viennese. A bit of verse in the newspaper, a fragment of a speech, passages of Milton or Euripides or London, as well as any of the lyric poets, or something he has set down in his own words, will set him off. The scope of his song-texts resembles the pile of books and papers in a well-used family library. The sheer diversity of Ives’s genius, its explosive exuberance in throwing up for use everything that was potential in the musical situation as he found it would make him a phenomenon of music history, if he were not by indisputable creative authority one of its chief twentieth century masters. As Alfred Frankenstein recently declared in his keynote lecture at the University of Southern Cali-
The major works by Ives include more than 116 songs with piano accompaniment, many originally with choral, orchestral, or chamber music settings; 3 Sets and 4 Symphonies, each of several movements, for large orchestra; 2 Piano and 4 Violin Sonatas; and 2 String Quartets. Several smaller pieces for piano have lately been published, through the interest of Henry Cowell, that tireless champion of contemporary music. The First Piano Sonata and the Second Quartet have been edited for playing by Lou Harrison. The Second (Concord) Piano Sonata exists in at least three distributed versions: the edition privately printed by Ives in 1920 is to be preferred. A playing version of the Third Violin Sonata, edited by Sol Babitz and Ingolf Dahl, has been promised by New Music Quarterly for several years but has not yet appeared. This is one of the half-dozen most important sonatas for violin in the twentieth century literature. Of the orchestral scores, Three Places in New England, the all-melodious Third Symphony, and that jubilant, humorous fantasia of all American congregations singing hymns, the Scherzo of the Fourth Symphony, have been the most played and are available in parts. These should be in the repertoire of every American symphony orchestra, not only on their merit but as a public duty. Of the current recordings of his music not one is mechanically adequate or, except perhaps three single discs, performed as if the player had opened out the full thought of the music.

Like his fellow artisans of American culture Ives has brought into contemporary usage ideas from many periods of culture, but he is no more an eclectic than Emerson, Melville, Thorstein Veblen, Marsden Hartley, Willard Gibbs, or Frank Lloyd Wright. "Chopin shows a few things that Bach forgot—but he is not an eclectic, they say. Brahms shows many things that Bach did remember, so he is an eclectic, they say." The living historical connection between America and Europe is epitomized in the third main theme of the Concord Sonata, derived from the famous motto of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, which runs through the musical portraits of the four Concord philosophers that are the subject of its four movements. Ives is not a fashionable thinker and will not fit intellectual categories. Where one would pin him as a theorist—the other day a critic invented the word "cerebrotonal" to describe his music—another, deploring his emotional or religious fervor, will indict him as an outdated transcendentalist. Ives has never confused his reputation or his opinions with his art. The natural downrightness of his mind, his dislike of fads have kept him from becoming a pet of the intelligentsia. He is not a mystic like Donne or Mahler, who turns to the religious experience in an effort to focus a distracted sensuality upon some abstract permanence. Personal religion stands at the forefront of his music and must be accepted with it, as one accepts the dogmatic particularity of Sebastian Bach.

Though he cooperates gladly with all who wish to study or perform his compositions, Ives has made no effort to break through the barriers that withhold his music from the public. His famously peppery temper has never been turned against those who refuse him honor. When the composer-critic Virgil Thomson, who could find no good word for the Concord Sonata, published his opera The Mother of Us All, Ives was listed among the contributing sponsors. During an eleven-year correspondence, carried on through the generosity and devotion of his wife Harmony, who writes his letters for him, I have read no word of complaint but only gratitude to those who have spoken for and played his music. Ives has never wavered in his belief that in its own time his music will be heard and accepted.

Formerly when I have written about Ives I have felt like Melville thundering "Hawthorne!" to the solitude of his own imagination. But when I again read the Essays Before A Sonata or listen among the continental ranges of his music to this mind that returns always to the human voice, I am reassured. Like Sebastian Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven, for there are no others quite like them in this, the texture of his music goes astray from song into the divinely mysterious polyphony of human speech. Then thinking and art are as one substance, intuition with sound, and form an awareness of one man's enduring presence.
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One has considerable difficulty in deciding between the destructive horrors of the hydrogen bomb and the implications inherent in the development of the new computing machines which in their electronic fury are reputed to be well on their way to taking over most of the basic functions of civilized living. It is ironic that we are at last faced with the necessity of considering Man himself as being obsolete in the face of triumphs of his own technology. It is possible that the whole dilemma boils down to our own seeming inability to effectively develop a sense of proportion and a proper assessment of the values in life itself.

Again, therefore, it is a question not merely of progress, but of the kind of progress and the nature of the objectives toward which progress moves.

Someone has said with a kind of resigned wisdom that "Though we may not realize it, we move forward like ships in convoy, at the speed of the slowest." If this is true, then it would seem that we can no longer so complacently measure our advances against the most brilliant of our accomplishments, but only in terms of the slow and painstaking developments of those things and ideas and peoples we have so archly described as being "backward."

The statement by M. Jaime Torres Bodet, Director-General of UNESCO, presents one of the many points of view, which if properly directed would seem to be one of several productive ways in which to approach the problem. In speaking about what he terms the "Techniques of Peace," M. Torres Bodet deals with the education of the adolescent:

"It lies with teachers to initiate their pupils—not dogmatically but by practical and active means—into the great problems of civic life, so as to bring home to them the dilemma of our time: a world united or a world destroyed.

"The adolescent must be made to live as a citizen of the world, the forerunner of a future society which, recognizing formally the fact of our interdependence, knows how to find a peaceful issue for international differences, to the greatest happiness of mankind.

"A technique of peace is in the making. What can be more stimulating than to see it born and grow up, and to help to establish it?

"Peace is not a coward's ideal, for it calls for more heroism than does war. It can attract the young and must inspire them to the great adventure of shaping the future. It might be said of peace what Alain said of ideas: 'They are in danger of losing their validity the moment we grow satisfied with them.'

"Of all the ages through which men pass, adolescence is perhaps the period in which intellectual and moral influences are strongest and most decisive. The schoolboy begins to enter into the social life of adults, at least through the exercise of his judgment, which is as a rule lacking in tolerance, and still deeply coloured by emotion and averse from all compromises.

"The adolescent—more than man is at any other age—is influenced by his environment. This environment . . . is not merely the family, the school, the town or the fatherland. Whether we like it or not, the adolescent of today is thrown into the maelstrom of international life.

"The new conditions of life call for new treatment—new teaching. It is clear that the international world in which young people now find themselves demands a new type of civic education.

"Civics today must show the pupil that his very life depends upon the lives of other peoples; that he is a member of a world community."
In the northwest residential area of Spokane, Washington, there is a population of 42,000. The shopping needs of the residents are at present served by the usual strip of business zone, stretching some five miles in length from the central business section of Spokane, and by the customary spot-zoning on corners dropped casually into the area.

The long range planning of the owner of Terrace Town, The J. L. Cooper Company, recognized the need for a conveniently located well-integrated shopping center. It was upon their insistence that this project, involving some twenty-two acres, be developed upon the basis of sound planning in the belief that one good example could illustrate the need more than many volumes of words.

In the beginning an excellent cooperation was developed between the owner, the City Plan Commission, and the City Park Boards when the Plan Commission was asked to rezone this property from Class 1, Residential to a Business Classification. The Park Board was particularly interested in that they have jurisdiction of an adjoining piece of property now being developed as a city park. It is not the customary position of Park Boards to encourage such a development, but in this instance they were presented with evidence indicating that the Owner's intent of development amounts to a practical continuation of park-like property, with facilities of shopping incorporated therein.
The original thinking governing the development of a Plot Plan was, that above all else there exists a fundamental requirement for the creation of an informal invitingly human atmosphere. A grouping of buildings that would be neither overbearing nor intrusive. To afford a balance of relief to the stimulation of buildings, a large percentage of the plot has been dedicated to green areas and terraces. Space for relaxing quietude are shielded from and contrast with areas of an opposite purpose.

Principal means of approach to the site are arterial streets to the north and west. The site proper has been zoned into three broadly defined areas relating to their usage. The western area is host to a small professional office block, day nursery, and such personal service shops as photographers, beauty shop, music store, cleaners and so on. The Central area embodies the rapid service centers—supermarket, drug store, bakery, hardware, service station and department store. The Eastern area, adjacent to Park Property, is intended to serve the more casual shopper. Here grouped about a central plaza and green buffers, will be the theatre, Community meeting hall, book shops and the various specialty shops which are incompatible in spirit with the rush and flurry of other shopping requirements. A close linkage in character with the adjoining public park is expected to yield mutual benefits. An extension of space, an integration of purpose.
The further development of Terrace Town calls for apartment blocks, containing a total of 200 units, to be built on a 17 acre site directly south and adjacent to the Shopping area and existing park.

The view of the city is to the southeast and to the desert rim-rock to the southwest. These two apparent visual assets dictated the range of desirable major orientation, and inter-relationship of the blocks.

The character of the park, directly to the east, will overflow and express itself in the environment of the multi-dwelling site for self-contained relaxation and expression of human behavior. No longer merely the art of attaching sticks and stones, but a plot frame work of human relationships.

Individual units provide easy and casual access to the professional, shopping and recreational areas of the center.

All interior traffic circulation will be eliminated with necessary exception for service, in favor of the informal path approaches to the shopping areas.

The high block will accommodate the bachelor and studio apartment needs, while the lower two and three story blocks will facilitate family requirements. Study reveals that some of the family blocks might have bachelor units over. All family units will have corridorless access to relieve the burden of owner maintenance as well as to provide a sense of privacy and belonging which is seldom found in the more typical apartment units.

The economy of the simple block is evident, yet it affords an opportunity to stack the elements, thus attaining a uniformity of desirable view and exposure in each major room. A survey indicates the need of flexibility in the various blocks for rental variation. Each of the end units command the greatest area, thereby resulting in the desired flexibility. Open balconies for the studio units over, will eliminate the cage-like feeling apparent in the majority of high blocks.
From these three proposed working schemes, and perhaps variations of these three and additional studies, the final plans for Case Study House 1950 will be developed.

All three schemes were subject to the same site restrictions:

(a) from the most accessible approach to the property there existed a 10-foot rise within a distance of 40 feet to reach the level shelf. Consideration for an easy driveway, and perhaps a circular driveway, necessitated the placement of the house at approximately a minimum of 50 feet from the south boundary line;

(b) the steel structural system in all three schemes is modular. The variance in form of each was dictated by the plan layout.

1. This scheme has a sense of orderliness and simplicity in the combining of the three basic elements of the house, but it lacks the quick accessibility from bedrooms to eating space.

2. In this case the utilities and eating area make the core of the house that opens into a patio partially enclosed by a wing on each side formed by the elements of (a) and (b).

3. In this scheme, even though easy accessibility from the carport to the main site is well integrated, the necessity to drive practically two-thirds of the lot is disadvantageous.

The major problem now consists, after all these studies, of analyzing and adapting the most practical overall solution from the best elements of all three schemes.
This outdoor living area was developed as an adjunct to a service shop and sales room for automobiles. It was placed immediately in back of the service area where a brick tile wall already formed the counters of the patio. Actually this is an outdoor room, being enclosed on all four sides, with large firm beams forming a sky-lit ceiling which covers more than half the patio itself.

Infra-red glass shades the couch area, the remainder being uncovered. The couch and surrounding brick walls are beige. Bright reds and yellows are used in the canvas upholstered pieces.

Materials
Douglas Fir beams. Redwood louvers. Laminated redwood table. Cast cement couch with cantilevered steel supports to form seat. Surrounding wall is of stone tile. The floor is poured concrete strips with 2" grass joints, except around the table area—there redwood joints are used.
This house was designed to serve the needs of the smallest family unit—one person. It provides a modest but spacious-feeling living room, a compact sleeping and dressing area, and a workshop-studio which is intended to supplement the owner's more complete working plant in town. Although the house was not considered primarily as an investment, it was required that it be sufficiently flexible to be readily financed, and, without too much difficulty, adapted to the living needs of other family compositions.

The lot, although on a level street, slopes sharply to the south. The same conditions which make for a dramatic view assure permanent privacy, inasmuch as any future neighboring structures on the view and sun side, where all principal windows occur, will inevitably be well below the line of vision.

The construction is of the simplest type: A series of timer roof beams 8' 0" on centers, across which is spanned the slightly sloping roof slab of 2" tongued and grooved planking. On the north side the beams rest on a solid wall; on the south side they are supported by 4" x 4" posts between which, for the most part, are inserted large sheets of plate glass. Lateral rigidity on the south side is provided by the single vertical element in the design, the two-story solid panel, 16' 0" wide which, on the house level, is the back of wardrobes and closets, and, on the lower level, screens the heating equipment and general overflow storage.

In plan, the house is equally simple. Economic use of the lot suggested stretching the building along the road shelf. At the entrance a wide eave provides shelter for a car parked parallel with the street. The entry gives access to the bedroom as well as to the living area; the work room, reached from the kitchen-dining end of the living room, has independent egress to the outside. A dominant feature of the plan is the 28' balcony, overhanging the slope below, and joined by sliding glass doors to the living and work areas. An open stairway at one end leads to the ground. Kitchen facilities in one corner of the (continued on page 45)
Location
The site of this house is a saddle on the north side of the Russian River Valley, with an orchard sloping gently toward the river. This location avoids the temperature extremes and occasional floods close to the river banks. A private drive leads from the highway, below the privacy of the patio, to the motor court in front of the garage.

Program
The owner and his wife, required a house with bedrooms for frequently visiting children and grandchildren, and with ample outdoor living areas, protected against wind and summer heat.

Solution
The building forms its storm-protected outdoor area by wrapping itself around a terrace with wading pool for the grandchildren. This terrace continues as a breezeway through the hall between living and dining room, and terminates in a barbecue, cool even during summer noon hours.

The approach to the hall leads past the garage under broad overhangs to the entrance. Dining room, kitchen and laundry face the oak trees on the north side, while the main rooms take advantage of the river view towards the southwest. The angle of the living room, with high ceiling and shed-roof, was determined by the property lines and the desire to clear the bedroom wing for an unobstructed view.

The garages, originally planned under the living room, were later relocated at the north side of this room, to avoid the two-story construction and the necessary stairs. It was possible to retain clerestory windows above the garage roof close to the fireplace and book shelves.

Details
The house was to be built by a local carpenter with a minimum of mill work. The window detail was therefore developed, using a 2'6" wide stock sash throughout. 2 x 4 studs on 32" centers formed the window mullions with surrounds concealing roll-screen guides. The sashes, on the face of the siding level, form a simple weather-seal. Doors and screens between terraces and breeze-way slide into pockets, leaving view and access unobstructed. Dry finishes were used throughout. Exterior RW siding continues into the living room, birch plywood was used on dining room walls and ceiling, and pine siding in kitchen and bedrooms.

Since the owner required an air-heating system (ventilation during the summer heat) a concrete slab floor was ruled out, and the tile floors had to be laid over floor joist. The forced air from the furnace in back of the garage rises behind the guest closet and utilizes the plenum above the dropped ceiling of the passage for heat delivery to all rooms. All storage space was built into the walls, including the deck-chair storage off the terrace, fire extinguisher and hose cabinet, bar in dining room and dressing tables in bath rooms. Due to simplicity of erection and the use of local help the square foot cost was held considerably below $10 per square foot.
I have never believed in any great demarcation between the graphic and plastic arts. Therefore, experience in both arts appears to give strength to the expression of either one.

I consider experimentation of vital importance. Everything I do as a fluid experience that at no time is allowed to congeal. In this way I expect to arrive at new and interesting design ideas.

My interest in jewelry design was more or less accidental, yet a somewhat logical outgrowth of another kind of experience. In my pursuit of design in its many manifestations I became interested in uncovering the jewel-like qualities beneath the rough exteriors of various materials: Grains, textures, colors, patterns that needed only the touch of a hand, an abrasive or a tool to reveal striking possibilities. As many of the discoveries were small in scale, it was a logical step to capture their beauty in a craft of small forms. In the transition of materials to jewelry design, the result was greatly influenced by the techniques available to me. Lack of equipment necessitated a method of design appropriate to pinning, riveting, drilling, hooking and interlocking. The selection of materials also influenced the design expression. It is not possible to solder wood and bone, so other means had to be used. There is a challenge in close association of materials, technique, and design.

In this way design becomes easy and natural—it tends to flow continuously—one result leading to another. And, best of all, out of it comes an expression of an individual less influenced by others.—Milton Cavagnaro.

JEWELRY BY MILTON CAVAGNARO
Small House Zoned For Living With Children

The house is backed to the street, and in addition to the carport a space has been reserved for off street guest parking.
This house was designed for the accommodation of a family with active children. It has been arranged in such a way that the living functions are accessible to the occupants without disturbance of separate family activities. Within the limits of 1257 square feet an attempt has been made to isolate the various functions and activities of family living in order to minimize conflict and to afford privacy.

Although the house is small, after careful consideration it was decided to make provisions for a dining area in order to relieve any confusion in the living room. This space can also be used for recreation. The area designed for cooking and eating may be opened by way of sliding glass to the living patio as well as to the play-service patio for children.

Two bathrooms in a house of this size might seem extravagant, but the convenience adds immeasurably to the ease of living, and by placing them in close relation to the kitchen unit, some economy was realized.

The children's area, which can be made into one large playroom through the use of sliding screens, opens directly to the patio.
The problem was to design a "desert home" for a doctor, his wife, three daughters, a son, a dog, and a hope for a larger family. The clients in their preliminary discussions with the architect stated that the most important function of the house would be the integration of the children's lives with their own, but that they did not want to make the mistake that they had so often seen made in their friends' homes, where the growth to a large family and then the inevitable decline to a smaller family resulted in a house that ultimately left spaces requiring much maintenance and of little use.

The children's wing was designed with non-bearing, single thickness, movable plywood partitions. These partitions only extend to door height, which provides the required privacy with what is ideal ventilation, in that the high stagnant air is taken off next to the ceiling. Careful consideration has been given to orientation and view. The architect has done much work in Arizona and desert areas and is fully aware of the importance of orientation. The main east and west element of the structure was designed with a shed roof with the low eave on the south side; the high eave to the north; the low south eave protecting the large glass expanse on this side. The windows above 8 feet on the high north side, all of an opening type, to afford the best possible ventilation. It so happened that this roof form worked out ideally for view reasons as well as for orientation and exposure. The clients own approximately 1000 feet to the south, which insures positive privacy and the view is to a valley below and the city of Phoenix. The view to the north is one of mountains and above eye level, so it was possible by enclosing the outdoor living area on the north side with a 6-foot fence to create the desired privacy and yet retain the view of Camelback and a range of mountains on the north side of the valley.

The materials used in the house were selected for their durability and weathering qualities encountered in desert areas. Most of the exterior walls are concrete block, which provides a much cooler house in the desert. There is a limited use of redwood. The floors throughout the house are concrete, which in most areas will be left natural, but in such areas as the children's wing it is intended to use a cork covering, which has proved to provide a warm floor for play. The roof materials is a white reflective roof, which will help in air conditioning the house. The air conditioning is provided for by using 3 refrigerated type packaged units. It was decided that by using 3 zones and 3 units that the initial installation cost would be repaid by savings and operational cost.

The house is all dry construction, using nothing but concrete block and wood. The client wanted a house that would require little maintenance.
HOUSE IN THE SOUTHWEST BY A. QUINCY JONES, JR., architect

1. All purpose room
2. Kitchen and laundry
3. Maid's room and bath
4. Car port
5. Wine storage
6. Heating and air conditioning
7. Children's rooms
8. Master bedroom
9. Dressing room
10. Sewing and work room
11. Den
12. Service yard
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It has been earned by the manufacturers listed on this page—their products having been merit specified for use in the 1950 Case Study House.
PREVIEW OF SOME PRODUCTS MERIT SPECIFIED FOR THE 1950 CASE STUDY HOUSE

Editor's Note: Following are further products which have been merit specified for use in the 1950 Case Study House of the magazine Arts & Architecture. New products merit specified will be announced each month.

THE LAM LAMP
Glareless, well diffused light which can be directed where needed distinguishes the Lam Lamp. The lacquered parchment diffuser which snaps into place on spring brass clips within the rim of the shade eliminates the usual insconce lent lampshade. Instead, it presents a uniform glow which distributes evenly quantities of light for reading, yet is pleasant to look at. The lamp is set on a solid birch base with a rod and gooseneck of lacquered brush brass and laminated natural fabric and parchment shade.

LECO-LATCH CABINET DOOR CATCH
This is a revolutionary catch for cabinet doors, utilizing a permanent magnet for holding purposes, thus eliminating moving parts and springs. It lasts for many years and there is nothing to get out of order. It works well even if doors sag or warp, and doors open easily without snap, noise or jerk. The catch consists of a small but powerful magnet, a small plate made of special steel, and necessary screws. The magnet adheres to the plate. Leco-Latch is manufactured by the Laboratory Equipment Corporation, St. Joseph, Mich.

ROLL-EZ DRAWER ROLLER BEARINGS
These bearings not only permit quieter, faster opening and closing of drawers, but also reduce manufacturing costs, installation and upkeep. Made of Tenite, the resilient, long-wearing plastic originated by the Eastman Kodak Company, these bearings overcome many disadvantages and the higher cost of metal. Scientifically designed with a steel cone and pin, combinations are assembled before assembly, only two small nails are necessary to hold the bearing securely. Rollers come lubricated and therefore do not have to be oiled before put in operation; they permit featherlight, noiseless operation of the drawers. The manufacturer is the Roll-ez Bearing Corporation, 1309 West Broadway, Long Beach 2, Calif.

MISSISSIPPI OBSCURE GLASS
Generous use of obscure and corrugated glass manufactured by the Mississippi Glass Company of New York, sold so successfully in the two 1949 CSHouses, will be made in CSHouse 1950. The use of such glass makes possible light admitting walls without robbing rooms of privacy. The glass is available in a number of interesting textures and finishes, and definitely deserves consideration in contemporary architecture.

L & S PORTLAND CEMENT PAINT
This is the largest selling point for concrete, stucco, masonry, new galvanized iron, and other similar surfaces. It is long wearing and the manufacturer says that it will not absorb moisture. It is fire retardant. It is a combination of special pigments ground in treated oils, producing a close-grained flat film of cement-like hardness and strength, yet remaining so elastic that extreme exposure and temperature changes will not cause it to crack, chip or rub off. The manufacturer is the General Paint Corporation, 2627 Army Street, San Francisco, Calif.

SASH AND TRIM COLORS
These are strong, durable colors, especially ground in treated oils, manufactured by the General Paint Corporation, 2627 Army Street, San Francisco, Calif. They are permanently colored and light-fast pigments reinforced with specially formulated decorative can be used. Its abrasion resistance and acid-, alcohol- and cigarette-proof qualities make it ideal for anything from a coffee table to a kitchen counter. Parkwood's genuine wood panels made from a wide range of selected veneers retain the natural luster of fine wood and yet have a permanent finish requiring a minimum of cleaning effort. Applications include all types of furniture and built in surfaces as well as wall panels, dedoes, etc. Standard finishes include mahogany, walnut, prima vera, limba, maple and rift oak. It is manufactured by the Parkwood Corporation, Wakefield, Mass.

PARKWOOD DECORATIVE
Parkwood Decorative is a high quality plastic laminate manufactured with both genuine wood veneer finishes and a wide range of modern colors and exclusive three-dimensional patterns. It adequately meets the standards established by the National Electrical Manufacturers Association and wherever duty and beauty are a merit specified for use in the 1950 Case Study House. Also manufactured by Parkwood Corporation, 3700 West Broadway, Long Beach, Calif.

PARKWOOD HONEYCOMB
Parkwood Honeycomb is an extremely lightweight core material having maximum structural strength when used between sheets of aluminum, plywood, veneer and decorative laminate. The various grades range in compressive strength from 50 to 250 pounds per square inch. Cost is comparable to plywood cores. Parkwood Honeycomb is ideal as a core material for thick tops on furniture, marine furniture, doors, sliding panels, movable partitions and for prefabricated house structures. It is also manufactured by the Parkwood Corporation, Wakefield, Mass.

REFLECTIVE KIMSUM
Reflective Kimsum, a new departure in blanket insulation was introduced to the building supply field this week by Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Neenah, Wisconsin, national manufacturers of building products. The product features an aluminum foil vaporproof cover designed to reflect heat, shut out condensation. Firmly bonded to the cover is a thick blanket of specially treated fiber fills which produce a high degree of thermal efficiency. Company officials say this combination of heat-reflection and heat-resistance is the most effective barrier to heat loss ever devised. It also features strong tacking flanges to facilitate installation. Com-

MILCOR METAL LATH
Milcor Metal Lath, manufactured by the Inland Steel Products Company, Box 393, Milwaukee 1, Wis., comes in three types, Smalmesh, Specialmesh, and Furlath. Due to the close, rigid mesh of Smalmesh only a comparatively small amount of plaster is required to produce a satisfactory key with speed, ease and economy in plastering material. Smalmesh is a general utility lath ideally suited to ordinary lathing needs. It can readily be bent or formed for curved or ornamental members and for fireproofing steel beams, girders and columns. Specialmesh is a rib lath especially adapted for interior walls and ceilings. The meshes are so formed in plastering the slightest pressure of the trowel completely imbeds the lath, and, due to the small mesh, waste of plaster is eliminated. The longitudinal stiffening ribs are very wide, spaced 15" apart, and are connected at 1/4" intervals by strands. Furlath is a diamond expanded self-furring lath designed for exterior stucco. The self-furring feature consists of staggered indentations or stools spaced 3/4" apart horizontally and 2" apart vertically, which holds the body of the lath 1/4" away from the sheathing wall.

AERATED BUBBLE-STREAM SHOWER HEAD
The Aerated Bubble-Stream Shower Head, manufactured by the Whightway Engineering Company, Chicago, and distributed in the west by J. H. Collin & Son, 2465 East Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena 7, Calif., changes ordinary water as it flows into a spray of bubbles, making soaping and rinsing much easier. Eliminates "noodles" from showers. It has only one external part, no screens, not impeding the force of the water. Finished in polished chromium plate, it has a ball joint which permits adjustment to any angle. Water does not splash when it hits.

KLEEN-STREAM NO SPLASH FAUCET AERATOR
The Kleen-Stream No Splash Faucet Aerator, which will fit on any faucet, eliminates all splashing, and changes the flow of tap water into a stream of soft bubbles within 1/2 second. Its attachment is particularly valuable in that it makes better suds, and makes rinsing more thorough and quicker. It has only one internal part, no screens. The manufacturer is the Whightway Engineering Company, Chicago, and the western distributor is J. H. Collin & Son, 2465 East Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena 7, Calif.

Note: This is a "preview" of some of the products which have been merit specified for use and display in the 1950 Case Study House, which is being designed for Arts & Architecture by Raphael Soriano. Throughout 1950 the magazine will add to this list as other products are qualified for merit specifications.
pressed to 3/4" installed length, the insulation comes in light, easy-to-handle rolls which can be carried home in the back of the car. The manufacturer states it is capable of reducing yearly fuel bills in a completely insulated home by as much as 45%. Moreover, this insulation can reduce inside temperatures up to 15 degrees on hottest summer days.

**APCO STALL SHOWER**

The Apco "Deluxe 35" Stall Shower is available in genuine porcelain enamel only, using a wide selection of western pastel colors. Receptor has "foot-grip" design in black with a selection of a second color to match or contrast with only, using a wide selection of western pastel colors. Receptor has "foot-grip" design in black with a selection of a second color to match or contrast with.

**APCO STALL SHOWER PANELS**

Apco Bathtub Shower Panels are the solution to the problem of tub shower walls. These panels, made of genuine porcelain enamel on heavy gauge steel, offer permanence and durability. They are leak-proof. Finish is porcelain enamel, no more peeled and faded paint or crumbling plaster. Joints are self-flashing mastic sealed. No falling out of mortar and no need of scrubbing or bleaching unsightly joints. Weighs only 320 pounds to the square foot. Does not require extra bracing to prevent floor sag. The panels are available in five western pastel and solid colors. They are designed for drapery and upholstery use.

**WESTLITE CONTEMPORARY FIXTURES**

This is a line of imaginative and well-engineered lighting fixtures manufactured by Associated Lighting Service, 488 Bryant Street, San Francisco, Calif. They include Accentlites, Sighlites, Highlites, adjustable downlights, Fresnel lens units and pinhole spotlights. They are available in all good contemporary finishes, and are readily available, particularly in the West.

**CORALITE BAKED PLASTIC ENAMEL FINISH PANELS**

Coralite will be used for the bathroom and kitchen walls and ceilings. Coralite pans provide walls and ceilings of mirror-smooth texture, offering a pleasing versatility in decorative design through choice of sizes, patterns and a full range of pastel and solid colors. It has been used repeatedly in earlier Case Study Houses, and after several years of wear in them is as colorful and impervious to dirt and wear as when originally put into place. Coralite is distributed by Fir-Tex of Southern California, Los Angeles.

**SCHIFFER PRINTS—STIMULUS FABRICS**

The Stimulus collection of decorative fabrics, designed exclusively for the architect and the designer by six topflight contemporary personalities in the related arts, three of whom are themselves architects. Called by the New York Times "unquestionably the most brilliant single collection of all modern prints introduced since the war, all fabrics are hand-printed, vat-dyed, washable, 50 inches wide. Each pattern is available in three designer-originated color-ways. The fabrics are designed for drapery and upholstery use.

**PAYNE FORCED AIR UNITS**

Anticipating the heavy trend to forced air heating, the Payne line now includes four different forced air models... a unit to fit the needs of every home—and budget, from three rooms up. Spearheading the line is the low cost Panelair, the new type wall-heater that delivers forced air heat directly to three or more rooms, at floor level. It is Payne's answer to the cold floor—hot ceiling problem. The panelair can be partly or fully enclosed in a wall or placed in a corner. The Sentry requires little more space than a water heater—fits in kitchen or closet, on service porch or wherever space is available. It circulates filtered heat in winter, ventilation in summer. Operation is fully automatic. When space is extra scarce, Payne suggests the Sparcover. It operates effectively from almost any nook or corner—under the floor, on service porch, or even from the attic. The Payne Zoneair is designed primarily for heating basement homes. It heats and filters the air in winter, ventilates in summer, and is fully automatic.

**MODERNFOLD (ACCORDION) DOORS**

Modernfold Doors used in the 1949 CSHouse are an improved type of folding door with an accordion-like action in opening and closing. They make a room larger because they eliminate area used by swinging doors for swinging. Door interference, also, is eliminated. Larger Modernfold Doors can be used as movable wall for easy, economical room dividers. They have washable fabric coverings concealing their metal frames, and are available in a wide range of colors.

**PAINE REZO HOLLOW CORE FLUSH DOORS**

Paine Rezo Hollow Core Flush Doors have an air-cell construction which combines the strength of cross-banded plywood with lightness in weight, and the inter-locking core construction holds in check the tendency of wood doors to warp, shrink and sag. Because they are precision made and squared to exact size and...
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Again Steelbilt Horizontally Sliding Doors and Windows have been merit specified for use in the Case Study House Program of the magazine Arts & Architecture—this time by the internationally known contemporary architect, Raphael Soriano, for CSHouse 1950. They permit the use of sliding glass panels with a minimum of obstruction to view and light . . . they simplify interior decoration and furniture arrangements . . . they are weather tight, structurally strong, well engineered . . . and they slide on the slightest pressure. Positive locking. Write or call for descriptive literature.

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shipmed ready to install, installation costs of the doors, which are available in any wood exterior, interior and cupboard use, is very reasonable. They can be had with mirrors or louvres. They are distributed on the West Coast by L. J. Carr & Company, Sacramento, Calif.

**CARRE CO BOARD—LOW COST BUILDING BOARD**

Carre Co. Board is made entirely from selected fiberized wood bound with organic binder. Retaining a smooth finish on both sides, the board can be plastered, textured, painted, stained or left natural. It is highly water- and fire-resistant and termite-proof, with good insulating qualities, and can be worked with saw, hammer and plane. It was developed by L. J. Carr & Company of Sacramento, Calif., after a $250,000 three-year program to develop a semi-hard, high-quality, low-cost building board.

**NUTONE DOOR, CLOCK CHIME**

Again door and clock chimes, manufactured by NuTone, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, will be used—these products, because of their good design and engineering features, have been used exclusively in all CS-Houses to date. These chimes range from two to eight notes, and have a distinctive and interesting sound in any room setting. This is one of the best lines of contemporary furniture and will be heavily drawn on for CS-House 1950.

**FUTURA ANDIRONS FOR FIREPLACE**

These are solid brass andirons designed by Don S. Henningfeld, industrial designer, and made by Don Art Products, Milwaukee 1, Wis. They are graceful, simple, contemporary—excitingly new and completely different. They are available in two heights, 15" and 20", with strong black enamelled cast iron legs.

**NUTONE KITCHEN VENTILATING FANS**

Simplicity in architect's specifications—added beauty for the kitchen—that's the keynote of NuTone's wall and ceiling Kitchen Ventilating Fans. The 10-inch switch-operated ceiling-type fan, with gleaming chrome or white enamel grille, will fit any length ceiling installation using standard 3" furnace duct work. This unit has automatic shutter action in sleeve and outside hood and moves 500 feet of air per minute. In addition, NuTone has an 8-inch and a 10-inch wall-type fan, both pull-chain operated, moving 600 and 700 feet of air per minute, respectively. These wall-type models feature a special weather-seal shutter. All models have Underwriters Laboratories approval.

**SPONGEX SPONGE RUBBER CUSHION**

Made of soft sponge rubber, SpongeX cushions the heavy footsteps that wear down a carpet much more effectively than the old-style rug underlay. It is completely sanitary, without any dirt catching crevices. It is moth- and termite-proof, won't attract lint, and can be readily cleaned by vacuuming or with a damp cloth. SpongeX is specially made of virgin crude rubber. It is non-skid, and will not stretch out of shape, buckle or mat down. The manufacturer is the Sponge Rubber Products Company of Shelton, Conn.

**INNER-SEAL WEATHERSTRIPPING**

One of the most important Merit Specification products to be seen in the 1950 CS-House will be the Installations of Bridgeport Inner-Seal Weather-stripping. Every home owner, whether planning a new house or remodeling the older, will see how this weatherstripping provides good protection against drafts that show on heating bills. It has an exclusive spring wire and rubber construction which gives it remarkable wearing qualities, is waterproof, won't stain sills or side walls, is resilient, is low in cost, and anyone can install it.

**HART & COOLEY REGISTERS**

To obtain the utmost comfort and efficiency from any Forced Air System the conditioned air must be distributed evenly throughout the room. To this end CS-House 1950 will use the H&C No. 75 Design Register with turning blade valve which is scientifically designed to divide the airflow smoothly as it approaches the register face from the duct spreading the air equally over the entire face. As the air passes through the fins of the face it is properly diffused to blanket the entire room gently and evenly. Upward, downward, or straight control of the airstream is also obtained by a simple adjustment of the valve. The fins in the face are readily adjusted to diffuse the air and spread it evenly throughout the room regardless of register location. The adjustable valve also provides a means of shutting off the airstream entirely if desired. The register is one of a complete line of registers and grilles manufactured by the Hart & Cooley Manufacturing Company of Holland, Michigan.

**KELVINATOR ELECTRIC RANGE**

CS-House 1950 will be equipped with Kelvinator's "Automatic Cook", which offers all of the many advantages of electric cooking, topped off by its three-way automatic control—oven, Scotch Kettle or appliance outlet. This range has automatic control of all cooking operations, seven-heat surface units which tilt-up for easy cleaning, "up-down" unit for Scotch Kettle or surface use, a two-unit oven which will hold a 25-pound turkey, and good design. All controls are grouped on an easy-to-read, easy-to-reach control panel. Reversed light illuminates the panel and work surface. The range is equipped to cook an entire meal automatically by proper setting of dials.
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The Sunbeam Mixmaster, pioneer in the food mixer field, has done much to free today’s housemaker from the hard work usually associated with cooking and baking. Its handy mix-finder dial enables a woman to “tune in” the correct mixing speed for any mixing need . . . instantly. She doesn’t have to guess about the mix. This handy Mix-Finder dial visualizes for women the many uses of the Mixmaster—the many arm-tinging tasks it will do for them. It gives them the scientifically correct speed for feather-light cakes and cookies, creamy-fluff mashed potatoes, velvet-smooth icings and sauces, and juicing oranges.

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Back in Grandma’s day, ironing was an arm-cracking drudgery that would drain the stamina even from the very robust. Now, with the advent of the lightweight Sunbeam Ironmaster, ironing has ceased to be a chore. The Ironmaster’s double automatic heat control guarantees quicker, steadier heat. It has a handy thumb-tip heat control dial up in the handle where it’s cool and convenient. A finger touch sets it for the correct heat desired, from safe, low heat for rayons to quick, high heat for linens. Best of all, the Ironmaster is ready to iron 30 seconds after it’s plugged in.

SUNBEAM AUTOMATIC TOASTER
Pop-up toasters have become more or less common during the last several years. But the new Sunbeam Radiant Control Toaster introduces a completely different principle into the toaster field—Radiant Control. All one does, is drop in the bread. The bread lowers itself automatically, which turns on the current. When perfectly toasted, the current turns off automatically. Then the toast raises itself silently, without popping or banging. There are no levers to push. This radically different toaster is so simple, even a child can operate it. And no matter what kind of bread is used, moist or dry, thick slices or thin, perfect toast is the result.

SUNBEAM WAFFLE BAKER
Not too long ago, hostesses used to shy away from serving waffles at parties and normal gatherings because of the bother and inconvenience involved. When she would make waffles on her small waffle iron, she would spend most of her time in the kitchen, making one waffle at a time. Moreover, when the last person’s waffle would be served, the waffle of the first person served would be cold and tasteless. This has caused untold hostesses confusion and embarrassment galore. The Sunbeam overcomes the basic fault of other waffle irons by making FOUR waffles at one time. Not four skimpy ones—but four good-sized waffles—and all four ready at one time. Each section of the Sunbeam’s famous 4-section waffle has 20 square inches—more than one-half the size of an entire ordinary round waffle—and the ideal, generous size for a single serving.

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illumination diffused evenly, comfortably, and generously, where it is needed. No additional illumination is required in the ordinary bathroom. The entire unit is flush with the wall and includes a convenience outlet and the switch. It uses four 20-watt fluorescent lamps shielded with Corning Albalite translucent opal glass. The cabinet is built of heavy steel all-welded with double baked enamel finish. The mirror is of mirror-glazing quality polished plate glass, and the shelves have polished edges. Underwriter's Approval.

BALBOA CHROME FURNITURE
Designed in California by Hendrick Van Keppel and Taylor Green, this collection of furniture is made by the Balboa Pacific Corporation, Fullerton, Calif., in its 1950 indoor-outdoor line. The group features completely functional treatment of redwood, rattan, yacht cord, rust proof steel and glass materials. Redwood on the chairs and the table tops is naturally finished in hand-rubbed oils and a white glaze which weather to a silver grey. The rattan used is handwoven in its natural state, and it requires no preservatives or special finishes. Cotton yacht cord used on lounge chairs and ottomans may be cleaned with soap and water or a common household bleach. The steel used in the frame is black-enamelled, and has been "copperized" before the enamel is applied.

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living room are screened from view by cabinets not too high to impede conversation across them. The fireplace was something of a problem, as the owner wanted a fireplace and hearth only when he wanted a fire. This was solved by allowing the fireplace to disappear when not in use; a hinged wood panel folds down over the opening, flush with the adjacent wood paneling, and practically indistinguishable from it. The raised cantilevered hearth surfaced with smooth tile then serves as a fixed coffee table. The hinged cover panel is faced with copper covered asbestos on the inside. When folded up against the wall and revealing the fireplace, this copper panel fills the space between the fireplace and the ceiling, a continuation of the 8" wide copper framing of the opening below. As seen from the street the back of the fireplace is a small decorative rectangle surfaced with brightly colored tile, surmounted by a slender enameled metal flue.

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