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Carl Philip Emanuel Bach recommends a tuning (in his True Art of Playing Keyboard Instruments) which appears at first glance to conform with our present-day equal temperament, but his sonatas become very dull in both melody and harmony when played with equal-tempered tuning and, like Clementi's sonatas, sing only in meantone. To realize the tuning recommended by Carl Philip Emanuel one should slightly sharpen the principal major thirds, so that the ratio is approximately half-way between the consonant major third of pure meantone and the very dissonant major third of present-day equal temperament. The fifths will be slightly more flattened than in equal temperament. This tuning corresponds with the tuning described by Forkel as used by Sebastian Bach.

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I have learned in fact that for a great deal of the music with which I spend my leisure hours at the keyboard the meantone tuning is preferable to the "well-tempered": specifically for all pre-Sebastian Bach composers including Couperin, for Handel and Domenico Scarlatti, for Haydn, except the last E flat Sonata, for Clementi, the early Beethoven piano variations but not the sonatas, and the Field Nocturnes. The measure of dissonance in meantone in comparison with equal tuning is enough to disturb unaccustomed listeners, but the lack of this coloring in music intended for mean-

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Mann published The Magic Mountain in 1924, when performers were still impressing their talent on discs by main strength through a megaphone. Recording technique has improved since then, but music on records remains a scaled down version of the original performance, a bright, bird's-eye perspective miraculously preserved for many rehearings.

A phonograph recording lacks the volume of sound and the wide physical diffusion of sound that develops in an auditorium. It lacks also the impact of the presence of the musicians, the suspenseful uniqueness of an event and the shared experience with an audience. By virtue of these apparent failings, however, the qualities of the music and the performance are brought into sharper focus. The phonograph record abstracts the musical performance from the atmosphere of the concert hall, scales it down and trims its mass to the measure of the loudspeaker. Thus, the texture of a string quartet, the architecture of a sonata, the nuance of a fine performance stand out in clean relief. These and other values peculiar to record listening can be sought out one at a time or all together in a variety of musical experience especially tailored to time, place and individual taste.

The question of what makes a record good, aside from the fact that it bears the imprint of an important piece of music well-played, will come up often as we follow out an appraisal of new records from month to month. The past two years have seen a revolution in record making surpassed only by the transition from old acoustical records to the modern variety back in 1928. The advent to the continued on page 39
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It is made up of two simple elements: a Gift Stamp and a Gift Coupon. The Stamps printed in small denominations are to be issued in booklets of 40. Individual stamps are to be sold by organizations to members, friends, and neighbors. The proceeds are then converted from each booklet into a Gift Coupon of equal value. These coupons in denominations of $10—or the equivalent in other currencies—are a very special kind of international check or money order. They can be used instead of scarce “hard” currency to pay for urgently needed materials and equipment of an educational or cultural type by placing orders with authorized suppliers in any of a dozen countries.

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Information on this national campaign to enlist American generosity in this program of educational rehabilitation can be received by addressing the Unesco Gift Coupon Office in the United Nations Building, New York City. This is the first real, concrete, and direct opportunity given the individual to make a personal contact on the level of international good will as distinct from the government agency. It solves the difficulty of individual contribution however large or small and makes possible a sense of identification through a practical mean by which the individual can associate himself in the development of a common understanding throughout the world. It solves also many difficulties in exchange rates where, for instance, the purchase of needed supplies is too often blocked by currency restrictions. It must be remembered that half the children of the world are without opportunity for schooling, or where there are schools, they are without the most primitive equipment. There is often little or no equipment for vocational training; no metal or woodworking tools; no sewing machines; no balances, or other laboratory material; no audio-visual aids, and often no text books. This kind of deficiency goes on right up to the university and research levels, but now by using this plan a direct and positive contribution can be made where the need is felt to be greatest.

The plan, as Dr. John W. Taylor has said “is a human scheme where everything and anything helps. The business of building a world in which all men can enjoy a full and happy life is the responsibility of specialists who must think in terms of very broad plans stretching over a long period of time. The people who are engaged in this important task cannot hope to deal with all individual needs. This plan, then, is offered as the means by which, through normal group activities, any individual can do something personal for someone less fortunate, something that will make him feel that he is contributing in a direct and practical way to the cause of international understanding.”
Mural by Adolph Gottlieb for Vassar Dormitory

Vassar Dormitory designed by Marcel Breuer, Architect

House designed by Philip Johnson, Architect

Mural by William Zorach for the Johnson house

Left: staircase and sculptural design in bronze by David Hare for "The Endless House" (right) designed by Frederick Kiesler, Architect
The modern painter is in constant search of a wall—some large expanse upon which he can employ his imagination and personal technique on a scale uninhibited by the average collector's limited space.

Actually, creative architecture demands the murals and sculpture of the modern artist. Too frequently we see a magnificent concept in architecture levelled down in taste through the use of academic murals. The creative thrust of the architect requires an equally imaginative treatment by the muralist.

To encourage the use of modern artists by architects and builders, a group of distinguished modern architects planned projects for the artists and made models showing the use of the mural in their planning. Particularly worth noting is the variety of the projects and the unusual manner in which the murals are used.

These are the artists, and the architects with whom they worked, for this exhibit: William Baziotes with Philip Johnson; Adolph Gottlieb with Marcel Breuer; David Hare with Frederick Kiesler; Hans Hofmann with Jose Sert and Paul Wiener; Robert Motherwell with the Architects Collaborative.

As planned by the architects, the requirements of the murals did not permit their being shown in their actual size (for instance, the Hofmann mosaic is intended for a space 50x24 feet). As a consequence, each artist completed his assignment to scale, the full concept being retained, only in smaller size.
1951 GOOD DESIGN EXHIBITION

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Sponsored jointly by the Museum of Modern Art, and The Merchandise Mart, the 1951 showing begins the second year of the “Good Design” exhibition, which runs continuously at The Mart, with special selections on display each autumn at the Museum. Director of “Good Design” is Edgar Kaufman, Jr., of the Museum of Modern Art, who also serves as the chairman of the Selection Committee. Other members on the committee were: William Friedman from the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis and Hugh Lawson of Carson Pirie Scott & Co., Chicago.

Backgrounds and architectural installations for the new “Good Design” exhibition are the work of Finn Juhl, Danish architect and designer. Stressing architectural elements in partial partitions of glass or bamboo, and the use of bright colors, Mr. Juhl’s settings have employed the use of sharp contrasts of spacious areas to adjoin more crowded portions.

Furniture has a major role in this year’s selections, with outstanding design in new chairs of every type and more fine storage pieces and tables than were shown in 1950. Chairs range from the simplest metal frames with canvas seats and backs, to all-wood molded designs of walnut veneer, and a luxurious lounge chair with tapered metal legs, upholstered in a muted plaid. A simple birch chair has a curved spindle back shaped to provide maximum comfort for three sitting postures. Foam rubber upholstery or cushions is used with a black cast iron frame for one group and white lacquered steel for another.

The selected knock-down pieces are: a handsome Swedish-designed arm chair of birch, a casual chair with seat and back of laced cotton cord on a wooden frame, and four stacking stools with bright colored tops.

Table designs run from low-cost to luxury exhibits, including a magnificent oval-topped drop-leaf design in natural walnut to a knock-down coffee table of natural birch with black trim. Included is a circular table with top of gray and white plastic and a lazy susan center. Glass and metal combinations proved effective in a large round coffee table with black iron base utilizing variations of the practical triangular support and a top of clear heavy glass. Micarta and ebony are combined in another coffee table with a gray micarta used for the top. The “door” table, with the top a simple slab of oak set on tripod legs of chrome is surprisingly light in weight.

Housekeeping equipment includes fine tableware, and a new line of silver flatware done in what is considered the first really contemporary design. One set of coordinated pottery and glassware makes use of a snow-glass for the tumblers and repeats this material in plates of various size, cups and soucers, to be used in combination with pottery pieces of a variety of colors.

Sectional cooking equipment makes a new appearance in a four burner cooking top and an “In-A-Wall” oven of stainless steel. There is a portable bar and portable buffet server, both composed of bright colored covered porcelain containers set in a tray-like frame of black wrought iron.

From Italy, India, England, Denmark, France, Finland, Sweden and Germany, foreign imports make noteworthy contributions to this year’s “Good Design.”
Including approximately 300 selections chosen from the best contemporary achievements in furniture, floor coverings, fabrics, housewares, major appliances, china, glass and pottery, the new "Good Design" exhibition is proof to the homemaker that designers of contemporary home furnishings are well prepared to make spectacular contributions to today's living in terms that meet the highest standards of beauty, design and efficiency.
Inquiries concerning the individual pieces illustrated should be addressed to the "Good Design Exhibition," Merchandise Mart, Chicago, 54, Illinois.
Competitions have been long recognized by the American Institute of Architects as an acceptable method for the selection of designs for public or private work and the architectural profession has established rules that provide an orderly procedure.

But competitions produce satisfactory results only when two important conditions are present in combination. The first of these is the quality of designs; no competition can be successful unless the contributions by the contestants represent a high standard of design. On the other hand, experience has amply demonstrated that a high order of design on the part of those who enter a competition is not enough. A second ingredient is essential: a thoroughly competent jury.

Monumental architecture has not been a natural product of our country. With the exception of such curiosities as Borglum’s Rushmore Memorial in South Dakota, ventures in monumentalism have taken some form of undisguised classic design transplanted from Europe.

During the twenties the setback requirements of the New York zoning law inspired a modification of this theme and vertical masses of crystalline shapes set an end were adapted as the modern idiom. Under the intoxicating influence of skyscraper design and the irresistible temptation of the ancient phallic symbol, elaborate variations of slender or massive pylons then became identified with monumental “memorial” architecture. Past competitions and old bulletins of the Beaux Arts Institute of Design illustrate the prototype.

A majority of the designs submitted in the Fort Moore Memorial competition seemed to linger in the shadows of this twilight zone and it was the job of the jury to decide whether we would have a repeat performance of this theme.—ARTHUR B. GALLION, Dean, School of Architecture, University of Southern California.
The Jury for the Fort Moore Memorial Architectural Competition met in Los Angeles on the morning of March 8th, 1951 and was conducted by Mr. H. Roy Kelley, F.A.I.A. Professional Advisor, on a tour to inspect Fort Moore Hill. The Jury was particularly impressed by the dramatic site and they were pleased to learn of the Master Plan which would eliminate the unsightly buildings now crowding around the Old Plaza.

The group was then taken to the offices of the City Planning Commission where they were presented with an area plan showing the proposed improvements, freeways and parks which will be developed between the memorial site and the Union Station. It seemed mandatory to the Jury that a row of medium sized evergreen trees be planted along Upper Hill Street which would screen the facade of the Board of Education buildings, forming a green background for the memorial and avoiding any conflict between these buildings and the memorial itself.

After the visit to the site the members went to the exhibition rooms where seventy-seven entries had been submitted by local architects. Most of the day was spent examining the entries and selecting from the group those which were the most promising. Returning upon the following day the Jury again reviewed the entire list of entries.

The entry which was finally placed first was chosen because of the excellency of its basic design, its simplicity and its skilful treatment of the hill. The Jury further admired the careful organization of the terraces and the manner in which the waterfall was handled. They felt that this would present a dramatic and memorable treatment of this unusual site.

The placing of the pool terrace below the level of the traffic artery adjacent was a well considered feature of this scheme as it not only separated the terrace from the rush of traffic on Lower Hill Street but it permitted an extension of the terrace under the street into the open area immediately to the east. A pedestrian way and an extension of the water treatment could pass under the street. The Jury felt that the narrow strip of land between Lower Hill Street and the proposed extension of Broadway should be set aside for park purposes.

The architects of the winning design show the proposed location of their sculpture excellently. A vertical shaft, an independent piece, and another that has bas-relief texture. The sculpture is somewhat separated from the architecture though in harmonious relationship, which forms a basis of cooperation and mutual respect. At some future date the question of both the treatment and the amount of sculpture will have to be completely studied to meet the needs and the requirements of the sculpture concept of the competition. The sculpture would follow, naturally, symbolizing the Pioneers and their part in the original development of Los Angeles. The Jury suggests that at a later date there should be a separate competition for the sculpture. At the time of this competition one of the architects submitting the winning design should be a member of that Jury. It was thought that in addition to sculpture there might be inscriptions, suggesting some of the history, perhaps, on the Great Wall near the stair or along the base of the wall.

The winning design should be subject to certain modifications. The importance of the flag staff was not properly emphasized and the stairway was somewhat inadequate in size for the scale of the wall. The use of brick veneer for the major portion of the surface was thought not a suitable material for such an important project. If the wall is to be faced with a non-structural material it is suggested that this material should be reconsidered and that it should be of stone or possibly of some ceramic or enameled material. This is a decision which should be made at the time a model is constructed.

A suggestion was made that the drama of the memorial would be enhanced at night by the proper use of soft indirect lighting.

As with all important projects of this type, a model should be constructed so that the whole may be studied in three dimensions. This model should include not only the memorial but considerable surrounding area showing the structure and its relation to adjoining streets and parks.

Not all of the improvements suggested are yet possible under official authority but the character of the setting can be so inspiring that once the memorial wall has been built, further improvements will be demanded. If these additions are carefully considered, are designed with skill and imagination and respect for their setting, it is conceivable that this monument as a whole could become one of the finest artistic achievements anywhere. It would be a permanent record for the future not only of the significance of Fort Moore and the phenomenal growth of Southern California but of the great continuing interest of the people of Los Angeles in creative arts.

Second Prize—The entry placed second also employed the use of the Great Wall. The Jury considered the basic design was somewhat too complex and not architecturally as strong as the First Place.

Third Prize—The entry placed third featured an interesting intermediate terrace which made an admirable location for the flag staff but in other respects the design showed less character than the First Place.

Fourth Prize: Ludden, Hayward and O'Connor

Fifth Prize: Herbert J. Powell

Sixth Place: Orr, Strange and Inslee
3 HOUSES
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NO. 1

A two-level house near Providence, Rhode Island is situated on a difficult site which seemed to make natural the approach to the house by means of a wooden bridge. It was necessary to gain maximum space for the money, and the house was finally resolved into a simple rectangular plan, with the living upstairs and the sleeping downstairs.

The upstairs is essentially one large space with several minor functions revolving around the stair hall. The owners are interested in music, and the fireplace alcove has a well-equipped changer and radio located in connection with the sofa. The bedroom corridor has been eliminated at the bottom of the stair, and enlarged to form a playroom for the children with direct access to the ground.

The simplicity of the house is somewhat relieved by a large cantilevered balcony which projects off one end and becomes an outdoor living room for the entire upper floor.
THE ARCHITECTS COLLABORATIVE HOUSE NO. 2
This house was done for a family of a husband and wife and two children in Foxboro, Massachusetts. Originally it was thought that the whole little peninsula on which the house sits might be a development of small contemporary houses, but in the final analysis only one modern house was built. The plan grew from the beauties of the site which overlooks a small lake and which is heavily wooded with pine trees. Also important in the development of the plan were the clients' wishes for an open dining-living room-kitchen space which forms one continuous volume.

The view was important in the bedroom wing where the usual corridor has been placed on the south side and becomes an extension of a larger playroom beyond. The children's rooms are small cubicles off this space, and a compartmented bathroom separates their space from a master bedroom which has an interior glass partition also opening to the view and sun.

A balcony forms an extension to the living room which is connected by a flying stair to the hill below. A path leads down to a small boat dock at the water's edge.

The house is sheathed with natural fir siding outside and natural wood and plywoods inside with just enough white trim to emphasize the natural wood character.
THE ARCHITECTS COLLABORATIVE HOUSE NO. 3
This house is a small compact shelter, almost symmetrical in the treatment of its mass. The concrete block shell of the bedroom wing is contrasted to the cantilevered living room form which sticks out from it. A continuous redwood siding wall between the two elements binds them together. The client was extremely desirous of very simple forms, in the hardware, the cabinet work, the furniture, and the architecture. The trim and termination of windows and walls were refined to their utmost simplicity allowed within the budget.

The client does a wonderful job of keeping the house looking well and in order, and it is gratifying to revisit the house and see it practically in its original state.

Color in the living room is limited to the dark sienna tone of the redwood wall in the rear of the room, and the very pale blue on the fireplace mass. The walls and ceiling in the rest of the room have been left very neutral, and the client has in her travels collected Indian ornaments and rugs which add individuality to the interiors.
A SMALL HOUSE
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These are two schemes for a house and studio. The first, scheme A, put the house 40' above the road perched on legs over undisturbed soil with the garage-studio at street level. Scheme B bulldozed a platform in the clay hillside so that the house was no longer isolated from the ground. Sliding walls of glass and sitting platforms allow maximum use of this terrace. The structure is steel frame with wood infillings; wall and partitions are one plank thick. Outriggers carry a trellis for a sun-shield of vines on the south.

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STAINLESS STEEL SINKS... A new line developed by the Ziegler-Harris & Company 2900 North San Fernando Road, Burbank, California, Model A-30 shown in this issue, which has an exclusive feature—a "rot-o-glass" finish. This gives the sinks a soft gloss which adds warmth to a kitchen. The sinks are deep drawn from a single sheet of 18-gage, type 302, 18-8 stainless steel. The one piece forming eliminates all seams. Outside dimensions of the model shown are 46¼" x 21½" with a choice of 7", 10" or 12" depth. There is a positive seal for use with plastic or wood sink tops. The company makes more than 40 models of sinks for all types of buildings. Custom built drainboards of stainless steel are available, also, for homes and commercial buildings.

RECESSED and SURFACE TYPE LIGHTING fixtures made by Press Steel Company, 800 Ranscote Way, Berkeley, Calif. are available in a variety of types. One group is called prescolite relampable—suites. This group of recessed fixtures have smooth frames without screws held in place with self-adjusting spring fasteners. Lenses are removable without tools. Plaster flanges are justifiable from ¾" to 1". Re-lamping is simple. Lens series include Flat Alba Glass, Opal Drop Dish (wider light distribution) and Fremont Wide Angle Prismatic lens. Different fixtures accommodate 100 watt to 300 watt lamps. They also make a large group of recessed fixtures with standard screw type frames with some for flood and spot lamps, louvers and lenses.

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and smaller domestic companies today have been encouraged to be more active and more imaginative. As to European recordings, the rise in domestic prices and the increased value of the dollar vis-a-vis European currencies have brought about a better balance in prices so that foreign issues are more widely distributed than ever before.

Thus, compared to the early 1940's, when most collectors thought in terms of RCA-Victor, Columbia and, less often, HMV and Parlophone, the lineup today includes also Capitol and Capitol-Telefunken, Vox and Vox-Polydor, Allegro, London, Cetra-Soria and a number of other domestic and foreign companies.

Choosing a record, therefore, has become no less than a combination art and science. It cannot be pursued haphazardly without the ever-present danger that a bad choice will haunt the hasty collector for a distressing length of time. With the standard works, the problem of selection resolves itself into a matter of performance and technical recording values. With less known works, less often duplicated, the problem is one of straight musical interest. Nevertheless, record collecting imposes its special disciplines whether one seeks no more than a convenient supplement to concert going or whether one has larger objectives with respect to a collection. Research and a lot of comparative auditioning, plus the constant, lively play of a well-honed taste are only a general statement of the case.

The readership of a record review is usually a cross-section of the breed of connoisseur which the evolution of recorded music has brought into being, for the record collector has joined the print collector, the numismatist and the old auto enthusiast in the ranks of devotees in special fields. Already, record collecting has a tradition, a lore and a fistful of subdivided interests. There are antiquarians, who leave off where modern recording begins; collectors of esoteric labels, who shun the standard brands for issues whose sole virtue consists in the fact that the publisher has gone out of business; high fidelity fiends, who measure the quality of a recording solely by frequency response per thousands of cycles per second; the mechanically minded record collector, who buys records to show off his phonograph; virtuoso fans, who follow in the narrow swath cut through the whole literature of music by a single performer and, finally, the majority of record collectors, to whom records represent a valuable way to enjoy and study music.

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tone tuning will soon make the experienced listener reject equal temperament as a suitable medium for it.

Anyone who has used several variants of meantone tuning, what I have here called "well-tempered" tuning, and equal temperament, until the natural relationship of these tunings to the styles of the different composers and different periods becomes self-evident, will appreciate the gradualness of the historic change in temperaments. Though much discussion of the principles of temperament has survived to confuse musicologists, the historic landmarks of the change itself are barely discernible and can be recognized most accurately by applying the several tunings to the actual music.

The most decisive landmark is Sebastian Bach's modification of the meantone to the "well-tempered" tuning, which is still by no means equal temperament. A grotesque obtuseness on the part of musicologists has prevented them from recognizing the fundamental need to explore every detail of this change, its effect on harmony and the styles of composition. Probably they have been confused by the fact, simple to explain historically, that such composers as Sebastian Bach and Beethoven wrote for more than one tuning, besides writing in the simpler meantone signatures compositions which reflect the greater freedom of "well-tempered" tuning or perhaps equal temperament.

The explanation is that meantone tuning survived as the common tuning of domestic keyboard instruments until at least the beginning of the nineteenth century. When Mozart or young Beethoven improvised on an instrument other than their own they were unable to exceed the technical and harmonic limitations of the meantone tuning. For this reason many of their sets of variations for keyboard, originally improvisations, are admirably adapted to meantone and gain in quality by being played with this tuning. Compositions intended for publication and general distribution also had to conform at least in signature and generally in modulation to the tuning of the instruments on which these compositions would normally be played. The decisive landmark for the breaking away from this latter restriction is probably Beethoven's Funeral March Sonata, opus 26. The key signatures of Schubert's keywork works proclaim their liberation from it.

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(36a) Slimline fluorescent illumination data, specifications new Collegiate Slimline fluorescent fixtures; designed for economical, efficient operation in commercial, institutional installations; steps up light levels with Duragal white synthetic enamel finish; single-pin instant starting lamp, no starter needed; piano hinge assembly permits rapid lamp changes; well designed, soundly engineered; overall length 9 3/4", width 13 1/2"; pendant or pedestal-type mounting.—Smoot-Holman Company, Inglewood, Calif.

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(36b) Telephones: Information for architects, builders on telephone installations, including built-in data.—P. E. Dvorsky, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, 740 South Olive Street, Los Angeles 55, Calif.

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(917) Movable Metal Walls: Catalog Mills Movable Metal Walls; practical workbook for architects, engineers, contractors on problems in flexible division of interior space; emphasizes advantages movable walls; fully illustrated, complete detailed construction drawings, specification data; probably best source of information on this subject.—The Mills Company, 975 Wavyside Road, Cleveland 10, Ohio.

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- (385) Etchwood Panels: Literature Etchwood, a “3-dimensional plywood” for paneling furniture, display backgrounds; soft grain burned away leaving hardwood surface in natural grain-textured surface; costs less than decorative hardwood plywood; entireiv

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(93d) Quick Setting Furring Cement: Information: Arcadia Metal Products, Inc., 324 North Second Avenue, Arcadia, Calif.

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