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Five Ryerson Steel-Service Plants maintain large and comprehensive stocks of the products of all the mills from the heaviest structural to the lightest bar, sheet or rivet.

Every product meets the standard specification of its class. Every product is stored in rooms or space especially provided to preserve its quality and finish.

High powered, accurate equipment is used and no effort is spared in making immediate shipments.

The unequalled Ryerson reputation, built up through over three-quarters of a century of business, protects every Ryerson customer.
Home Planning Ideas Change

HOME builders have radically changed their ideas about houses during the last year or two. Instead of the large house with many rooms, they have gone to the opposite extreme, perhaps, and now want homes that contain only as many rooms as are absolutely necessary. In cities, especially, the advent of the space-saving bed has brought about an insistent demand that most rooms do double duty—living rooms in the daytime and bedrooms at night.

Economy and convenience are the reasons such homes are in demand. Smaller houses, which of course cost less to build, provide the accommodations formerly found in larger houses. The saving in the size of the lot required as a site for these homes, and in the dimensions of the houses themselves has made a great impression on home builders, and they have been quick to take advantage of the opportunity.

Progress in Building Profession

LIKE most other professions, that of building is constantly progressing. The methods of today will be improved upon tomorrow. New ways of doing things, improved tools to work with, and materials that are more efficient and are more easily applied are being discovered continuously. As a consequence members of the building industry are doing their work of erecting buildings more easily, and are building better structures.

The leaders in the industry are the men who are quick to take advantage of the new ways of doing things, and to use the materials and tools that are devised for their convenience. To many, something that is new is no good, for the simple reason that they are not accustomed to it. But to those who are successful a new method, or tool, or material is a challenge. They want to know whether or not the new thing is good; if it is good they adopt it; if it isn't good they discard it. They have what is called an open mind, a mind that is willing and eager to learn.

It is really surprising how ignorant some members of the building industry are of tools and materials that have been in general use for years. These men are not numerous, however, and the very fact that they make inquiry shows that lack of opportunity to learn is the reason they are not familiar with all phases of their business.

Circulation 50,000 Copies

THE AMERICAN BUILDER this month reaches the greatest circulation in its history or in the history of any other building, contracting or architectural publication.

Fifty thousand copies to regular paid subscribers (including news stand sales).

This is more than the combined circulation of all other building, contracting and architectural publications put together. It gives the AMERICAN BUILDER the dominating position in the great building industry of today, where we can state with all confidence, "The AMERICAN BUILDER Covers the Entire Building Field."

Just a year ago the war-time restrictions on building were removed, and the industry forged ahead. Likewise the war-time restrictions on the use of printing paper were removed; so we were permitted to go ahead also, keeping pace with the building industry.

It is interesting and significant that the AMERICAN BUILDER circulation has increased just 100 per cent in this past year, since the armistice was signed.

This has been a natural growth, not forced in any way. Having the advantage of being already the largest and best known publication in its field, the AMERICAN BUILDER naturally benefited more than any other by the return of building activity.

Fifty thousand contractors, builders, lumber dealers, and architects are a sizeable and influential army—they are the picked men of the industry—those of greatest influence and enterprise. Their good-will is worth striving hard to gain and to hold. Our Editors believe this, and so do the representative advertisers who use the AMERICAN BUILDER.
Co-operate with Y. M. C. A. on "Own Your Own Home Day"

EVERY ASSOCIATION IN THE COUNTRY WILL URGEL HOME BUILDING ON JANUARY 20. MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY CAN HELP

BEGINNING Saturday, Jan. 17, the Y. M. C. A. will conduct a National Thrift Week in every community where it has a local association.

The fourth day, Tuesday, Jan. 20, has been set aside as "Own Your Own Home Day." On this date the advantages of owning a home will be emphasized in many ways—by local newspaper articles; by addresses at the Y. M. C. A. auditoriums, by enlisting the chambers of commerce, churches and other civic and religious organizations in bringing the people to a realization of the joys and financial gain of building and owning a home.

Here is a wonderful opportunity for members of the building industry to co-operate in a movement that will bring business in the near future. Few men in a commercial enterprise have had such whole-hearted support as has been given to contractors, building material dealers, architects and the others engaged in the business of supplying the country's building needs during the last twelve months. And the good work goes on.

On "Own Your Own Home Day" there are a number of things that those interested in promoting building can do to help the Y. M. C. A. make this day a great success. In the lobbies of the association buildings displays that will create a desire for a home can be arranged. Frame a sheet of wall board, set it on standards, and on the board fasten securely the home building designs that appear each month in the two-color section of the AMERICAN BUILDER. Get displayed conspicuously throughout the city posters urging that everyone build his own home. Call attention to the significance of the day in advertisements in the local newspapers. This will be no trouble, as the attention of every business man, newspaper and other public spirited citizen will be centered on this idea, and will support it.

Program for Thrift Week

On Saturday, Jan. 17, "National Thrift Day or Bank Day," the emphasis will be on the service a bank renders a community.

"Share with Others Day," Jan. 18, on the importance of sharing a part of one's income with others.

"National Life Insurance Day," Jan. 19, on the need of protecting one's family with life insurance.

"Own Your Own Home Day," Jan. 20, on the advantages of owning one's own home.

"Make a Will Day," Jan. 21, on the desirability of making a will and thus making a surer provision for the future of one's loved ones.

"Thrift In Industry Day," Jan. 22, on the economic value of factory thrift and of co-operation between employers and employees.

"Family Budget Day," Jan. 23, on the need of making an estimate and keeping a record of expenditures.

"Pay Your Bills Day," Jan. 24, on one's moral obligation to pay debts promptly.

WHENEVER wooden posts are used in tiers, one above another, each post except the top one should have an iron cap-plate, and the upper posts should sit on the cap of the post below, and not on the girder. Where a wooden post supports only a girder a wooden bolster may be used in place of the cap.

1919 Boost "Own Your Own Home Day"

The National Thrift Week, which begins January 17 and extends through January 24, will be generally observed throughout the United States. Tuesday, January 20, is "Own Your Own Home Day." On that day, every member of the building industry should do his part to demonstrate to the people the value of building a home. There will be a concentrated drive on January 20 by the Y. M. C. A., local chambers of commerce, the churches, schools, and newspapers to promote home building. Do your part and home building in your community will be given a boost.
Careless Estimating Costly to Contractors

Many Items of "General Expense" Often Overlooked—What They Are

By George M. Petersen, Estimator

Editor’s Note—This is the first of two installments of an article on general expense items in estimating. The second installment will appear in an early issue.

The item of General Expense is, like the poor, always with us. It is an item that no successful contractor can overlook, avoid or dodge. It is the main reason why many contractors do not make good. Failure to take this item into consideration when making estimates usually means that the profit on the job is taken to pay the general expense item which should have been estimated along with the rest of the material and labor on the job.

Some years ago the writer happened upon the following extract and has had it in his price-book ever since, altho he failed to make a note of the author’s name:

“The problem for estimators is how to make the closest estimate possible from the KNOWN facts. The most careful rules and the most elaborate ‘systems,’ if followed, would not reduce the art of estimating to an exact science. It is impossible to state, with absolute accuracy, what a job has cost after it is completed, so how much more difficult, then, to forecast the cost before entering upon the work. It is utterly impossible to make an infalibly accurate estimate of the cost of anything, and much must be left to the intelligence, the information, the judgment, the aptitude and the experience of the estimator.”

There are many otherwise good estimators who will not seriously consider that item of General Expense at all or who will simply set it at an arbitrary sum. There are others who insist upon claiming it as part of the Overhead Expense, whereas it is as much of an individual item as is the concrete, the stone, the lumber and other structural items.

Experienced Estimators Never Far Apart on Cost

When bids are taken from every contractor who cares to figure the job it is not an uncommon occurrence to see as much as 20 per cent difference between the high and the low bidders, but when bids are received only from a selected list of contractors who are capable of figuring correctly and of executing the job properly it is often a difference of only one or two per cent which will give the project to the successful bidder.

This may be explained by the fact that some contractors will “take a chance,” figure what they can actually see and then lump in a few per cent of the estimated cost for General Expense, Overhead and Profit. They will also neglect numerous small items which will, in the aggregate, amount to several hundred dollars and other incidentals which an experienced estimator would know to be necessary to the work, so that the capable, efficient contractor who actually estimated the job will be a great deal higher than those who took a chance.

Chances do not pay dividends, neither do they make friends for the man who takes them. No matter how honest a man may be, no matter how he tries to make good on a job upon which he is losing money, he is bound, unconsciously perhaps, to slight little things which will mean the difference between a satisfactory job and an unsatisfactory one. We have to take enough chances at best without taking them upon such items as General Expense and Overhead.

Items to Consider in Figuring General Expense

The following is a list of items which the writer checks over on every job when he arrives at the item of General Expense:

Board
Bond
Cartage of Materials
Cleaning out Building
Cleaning Exterior of Bldg.
Depreciation of Plant
Engineering Expense
Fire Insurance
Freight on Materials
Liability Insurance
Permits
Protection of Work
Protection of Other Property
Protection of Streets and Sidewalks
Temporary Buildings
Staging and Scaffolding
Storage of Supplies and Materials
Telephone
General Expense Items in Estimating

Temporary Closing and Heating of Bldg.
Temporary Lighting
Temporary Office
Timekeeper

Water for Building Use
Watchman
Miscellaneous
Interest on Investment in Plant

The above mentioned items are all very real and are of sufficient importance to be taken into consideration, upon every job, no matter the size.

Board for the Workmen

This item is very often overlooked on an out-of-town job and is given no thought until the mechanics refuse to go on the job unless the contractor pays the difference between the city rate and the rate demanded by the boarding houses in the vicinity of the work. Again, it is often necessary for the contractor to furnish bunkhouses and board to the mechanics, laborers and other employees on the site of the work and make a reasonable charge for them. The conditions should be carefully investigated and thoroughly analyzed before passing this item by.

Faithful Performance Bond

The bond is another item which is all too often lumped into Overhead, although it is really an item of General Expense. Practically all large jobs require a bond for the faithful performance of the work, and this bond usually costs in the neighborhood of one and one-half per cent of the total amount of the contract. It is an item of financial importance and should never be overlooked or neglected. The contractor is entitled to his profit upon the amount involved and should figure it in.

Cost of Hauling Materials

Cartage of materials often runs into a worthwhile amount and should either be figured with the cost of materials or should be completely covered under the General Expense item. On some rural work the cost of carting materials will often run up into the thousands of dollars because of the distance from the railroad to the site of the project. The conditions of the roads also affect this item in no small degree and all of these things should be very carefully considered.

Cleaning out the building is an item that fully 99 per cent of contractors neglect entirely, maintaining that it is done in spare moments and “costs nothing.” There is not one solitary item on any construction job which “costs nothing,” as every minute must be productive of actual work toward the completion of the project or the time is lost. Actual cost figures kept by the writer for several years show that the average cost of keeping a building fairly clean during the process of erection amount to about $200 per $100,000 of cost. It is a small item, to be sure, but the small ones add up until they become a really worth while sum in the end.

Cleaning Masonry Walls

Cleaning the exterior of the building is another item which is often overlooked by many, while others add a fixed sum per thousand to the cost of laying brick and others use a square foot price. The writer prefers to use a combination of both; a square foot price for cleaning stone work and a price per thousand for cleaning brick. As nearly as he can arrive at the cost of this work it is about 50 cents per thousand for face brick, rough texture, and about 25 cents per thousand for pressed brick. This cost may seem high, and will be high, under favorable conditions, as there are many cases where the brick have been thoroughly cleaned for as low as 25 cents per thousand for face and 10 cents per thousand for pressed. Stone work usually costs from 20 to 30 cents per hundred square feet of surface, including all ornamental work with the flat surfaces. Figure the cost as you will, but do not overlook the item.

Depreciation of Equipment Important Item

Depreciation of plant is something which is as confusing as the old argument of “Overhead.” There are so many ways to figure the depreciation that many contractors lump it in as a set item. The most satisfactory manner of handling this subject, to the writer’s way of thinking, is to estimate the life of the various articles of equipment to be used and then divide its cost into a yearly charge. For instance, a concrete mixer is purchased at a cost of $2,000. We will say that the “life” of this machine is seven years and that the cost per year is $286. Now this $286 must be divided into the business for each year so that at the end of the seven-year period we have enough in our sinking fund to purchase another mixer, even tho the old one is still capable of running its eight hours a day. The amount to be charged up to each job is a percentage of the volume of work which it is expected to do with the machine each year. If the first job of the season will require the service of the mixer for six months the matter is very simple as the sum of $143 will be charged up on that particular work. Ordinarily, however, it is advisable to divide the yearly charge into the amount of the anticipated work and use a certain percentage on the cost of the work. Each machine, hoist and engine should be figured separately and then the total set down under the item.
Design for a Twelve-Apartment Building

No class of city property gives the owner a better return on his investment than an apartment building. And the larger the building, the more profitable, as there is a considerable saving in construction cost and operating expense.

The design shown here is one that is favored by builders. It is 90 by 80 feet 6 inches, consequently suitable for a lot with 100 feet frontage. It is a double building, each containing six five-room apartments.

The perspective shows what an attractive building
Design for a 12-Apartment Building

Typical Floor Plan of Twelve-Apartment Building. Each Apartment Has Five Rooms, Bath and Sun Parlor, and a Space-Saving Bed in the Living Room.

This is, with its face brick exterior, terra cotta trim and irregular roof line. The floor plans show the layout of the apartments. Each contains living and dining rooms, kitchen, two bedrooms and bath, besides a sun parlor, providing sufficient accommodations for the average family. A space-saving bed in each living room gives an additional bedroom.

The building is of standard brick construction, a party wall dividing the two buildings, or rather making the two into one building. Light and ventilation for the rear rooms are provided by the jog in the rear half of the buildings.

In cost, both of construction and equipment, and in operating expense this is an economical building. One boiler supplies the heat for the double building; the services of only one janitor are required. At the same time as much or more revenue is secured from a building of this type as from a detached apartment building.

Terra-cotta, whether plain or ornamental, usually is made of hollow blocks formed with webs inside, so as to give extra strength and keep the work true while drying. This is necessitated because good, well-burned terra-cotta cannot safely be made more than about 1½ inches in thickness, altho, when required to bond with brickwork, it must be at least 4 inches thick. If extra strength is needed, these hollow space, are filled with concrete or brickwork, which greatly increases the crushing strength of terracotta, altho alone it is able to bear a very heavy weight. A solid block of terra-cotta of one foot cube has borne a crushing strain of 500 tons and over.
Planning and Building the Modern Restaurant

The building must be properly constructed and equipped to make this business successful.

By G. A. Nichols

In these days of swift and strong business competition the need of one hundred per cent operating efficiency is becoming more and more apparent. This is so, no matter in what line the business may be. Builders are realizing it more fully than ever before. Consequently, the wise and sane principle of planning and erecting buildings, having in mind the individual needs of a business, is being more generally followed. In other words, the universal desire now is to build to fit a business rather than make the business fit the building. This is a decidedly refreshing condition that is going to result in great efficiency and correspondingly higher profit for all concerned.

The owner of a building which is let out for business purposes is in a situation not unlike that of the manufacturer or the jobber. Unless the retailer can sell goods the manufacturer is handicapped. Therefore, the manufacturer deems it good business to devote time and money to building up the retailer to a point where he can sell more goods. The building owner will profit by making his building of such a character that its occupant can do business in the most efficient way.

Construct Building to Suit Tenant's Needs

The big fight of almost everybody in business today is to reduce his operating and selling costs. This always has been more or less the case, but is now more than ever so because of high prices.

Never has there been such a demand for scientific accuracy in operation—the kind of accuracy that eliminates lost motion, that saves time, that increases employees' working efficiency. If a building is constructed having in mind the needs of an individual business, that business can be conducted therein with a minimum of lost motion and a correspondingly greater profit. This means bigger returns for the owner as well as the occupant. If, therefore, the building owner will devote thought and attention to promoting the occupant's prosperity in this manner, he naturally will get his share in that prosperity.

Nowhere is this more true than in the case of the restaurant, the lunchroom or the cafeteria. In these lines of business operating efficiency is of absolutely vital importance. The operator's profits depend upon his ability to serve the maximum number of people in the quickest time and with the smallest outlay that may be compatible with good business judgment. This means that the equipment must be laid out on entirely modern lines with every provision for saving steps, saving time and conserving material. In the modern restaurant or cafeteria the problem of eliminating waste is worked down to a point of scientific accuracy. In no other business is the truth of the proverb, "A penny saved is a penny earned" so vividly and forcefully illustrated. Also, it would be difficult to find a line of business where profits can so quickly take their
flight because of this same waste.

This means that the builder has presented to him today a worth-while opportunity of so directing his building activities that the restaurant business may be promoted and his own returns thereby increased.

**Popular-Priced Lunchrooms Increasing in Numbers**

The growth in the number of popular-priced lunchrooms and cafeterias during the last few years has been phenomenal. This has been in keeping with the ever-growing necessity of fighting hard against constantly rising prices. Many people would rather

forego the comforts and conveniences of first-class hotel dining room service and take the smaller prices for food in the cafeteria or lunchroom. The lunchroom never before was so popular and its popularity and achievements are growing at an impressive rate of speed.

An expert connected with the country's foremost complete outfitting house having as its business the equipment of hotels, restaurants and similar institutions, told the writer the other day that there is right now an unprecedented demand for suitable room in which to conduct restaurants and cafeterias. This will be interesting news to those who have been saying that business buildings and rooms were a drug on the market, now that so many have been vacated thru the coming of prohibition. The expert did not say that rooms were not available. He said there was a great scarcity of suitable rooms, meaning thereby rooms that had been planned for restaurant or cafeteria purposes.

**Efficient Restaurant Equipment Necessary**

The reason for all this is that nobody realizes better than the restaurant or cafeteria man that the facilities and operating plans of yesterday will not go today. He has the strongest kind of competition to meet, thus

A Section of a Large Lunch Room Kitchen. Note that the Layout of the Equipment Reduces Lost Motion on the Part of Employees to a Minimum. This Installation Was Handled by Kitchen Experts.
will be glad to co-operate because such co-operation will be mutually profitable.

The modern eating place—and this applies particularly to the kitchen—is a marvel of scientific efficiency—a highly specialized organization that has developed out of a generation of experience. It is no longer possible to place in a room some miscellaneous kitchen equipment and service facilities and call it a restaurant or a cafeteria. The whole operation has to be planned step by step—from the receiving of the food to the service to the customer. Proper equipment is of course a prime necessity for proper operation—but its whole effect may be counteracted by faulty installation in a room not suited to the needs.

Kitchen Cabinet Idea Applied to Public Service Kitchens

Perhaps everybody who reads these words has seen a kitchen cabinet. These are built on the plan of having a multitude of articles within reach, thus saving the time of the housewife or the maid and enabling her to do more work, more quickly and more resultfully. Where the housewife used to have to walk miles every day around a big kitchen she now has everything within easy reach. The same principle is applied in a broad way in the public service kitchen.

It is not so difficult to install service equipment in a room that is not especially built for restaurant purposes, but when it comes to the kitchen part of the proposition then real trouble is likely to be encountered.

In the restaurant kitchen if in no other place efficiency must rule. If the kitchen machinery does not move forward with precision, accuracy and speed, then the whole proposition is slowed up.

The equipment is so complex that it cannot work to its full capacity unless it can be placed in the proper setting. Whenever plans are under consideration for buildings to house eating places it is advisable to call into consultation one of the great equipment houses, which will prepare plans and specifications at no charge.

Verily today is the day of the specialist in every line of business. And the specially planned and erected building is just as important as any.

Give a little careful thought to this restaurant matter. Inquire around a little bit before you definitely commit yourself as to the plans of the building you are going to erect. What you find out probably will surprise as well as gratify you. There is real profit here for those who will go at the thing right.

There is no denying the fact that the country is woefully undersupplied with eating places—especially of a modern character, and the opportunity for starting new restaurants, cafeterias, lunchrooms and the like was never so great as it is today.

Granite will explode and fly to pieces or disintegrate into sand when exposed to flames.

Imestones and marbles are usually ruined if not totally destroyed by an ordinary fire. They are the least desirable of all stones to use in a fireproof building, and the granites come next.
COLONIAL BUILT-IN CHINA CLOSET

Designed and Drawn by S. Chester Danforth, Architectural Draftsman.
FRANK STARK, the general manager of the automobile factory, stopped me on the street today and inquired about the prospect of there being houses for rent in this town within a short time," remarked Sam Williams, the contractor, as he took his accustomed seat in the rear of Fred Beard's hardware store. "He seemed keen to get all the information he could about the present building, and plans for future home building."

"Why shouldn't he be keen?" asked Fred Beard. "Don't you know, Sam, that lack of homes is making it difficult for Stark and every other manufacturer in this town to get good workmen?"

"Well, I knew that there was a shortage of skilled mechanics, but I never laid that shortage to lack of homes particularly. Come to think about it, it must be a task to get men of family to come here to take jobs when there are no houses for them to rent."

"A man was in my place today and offered me or anyone else a reward of $25 for a tip on where he could rent a place," interposed Ed. Maple, the lumber dealer. "He said he had a fine position offered him here, but he couldn't take it unless he could find a home for his family."

Maple continued. "I didn't know of a thing. Too bad, too; the fellow looked like he would make a good addition to this town."

SHORTAGE OF HOMES COSTLY TO MANUFACTURERS

"That's one of the most costly things the present-day manufacturers are up against—a shortage of homes," said Fred Beard.

"Costly?" queried Sam Williams. "What do you mean by that, Fred? How does it cost a manufacturer money—this scarcity of places for his employes to live?"

"There are two ways in which it costs a manufacturer money," replied Fred Beard. "In the first place it costs him money because he cannot get the men he needs to operate his factory at full speed, because there are no homes for the men he might induce to come here. In the second place, unless a man can get a comfortable place for himself and family in this town, he will go somewhere else—a place where he can get a house. Every time an employee deserts one job and takes another, it costs the manufacturer anywhere from $100 to $500. That's what the efficiency experts call 'labor turnover.' It takes a week or two, or even longer, to break a skilled mechanic into the ways of doing things in every new place he goes. During the war, when manufacturers were bidding against each other for men, this labor turnover was tremendous. In some places as many as three times the total force were employed in a single factory in one year.

EMPLOYERS GOING INTO HOUSING PROJECTS

"The very fact that Frank Stark stopped you and asked you about the prospect for homes here,
Sam, shows that employers are beginning to realize that they have an interest in their men beyond the amount of work they turn out in a day, and what they have to pay them in wages. They know now that contented workmen are an asset to their factories. And to be contented a man, if he is any good, wants and must have a decent place for his family to live in.

"That's why the most successful manufacturers are seeing to it that there are good, modern homes in the neighborhood of their factories. If investment builders do not supply the houses, the companies do. It seems peculiar to think that home building, home selling and home renting are a part of the business of a manufacturing company, but it is true, nevertheless.

"It appears to me that our own auto factory is about ripe for a housing project, judging from the interest Stark is taking in home building. And there is no good reason why the company shouldn't build some houses. The plant is located within the city limits, where there is city water, electric current and sewers. Near it is a tract of vacant property; just the place for homes for its men, as they would be within easy walking distance of the plant. The houses would be in great demand, as now the employes, especially those who have come here during the last year or so, would welcome a chance to live in the same neighborhood with the men they work with during the day.

Home Owning Stabilizes Labor

"Home owning, you men know, stabilizes labor. A man who owns his home does not often move. It takes considerable inducement to get him to sell out and move into a new town. His family has friends here, they have lived in their own house and have become attached to it, they do not know what sort of a place they can get in that other town. Besides, a man who owns his home unconsciously becomes an important part of the life of his city. He takes an interest in its affairs, because he is a stockholder in the corporation. Such a man does not want to leave his position, neither does his employer want to lose him.

"These are things that Stark knows, because he is a wideawake business man. I have no doubt that in the back part of his head right now he is contemplating starting a home building project out there near the factory. If he does it will mean a lot of work for the builders in this town, some good bills of lumber for the lumber dealers, and, I hope, an increased sale of building hardware, which I sell. So you see the three of us are interested in this curiosity of Mr. Stark about the prospect for homes. I believe that it might help some if we broached to him the subject of putting up some houses.

"You do it, Fred, you know more about this industrial housing business than either of us," urged Sam Williams.

"Well, I will," replied Beard. "I believe that there is a great deal more for a member of the building industry to do than merely be a good carpenter, or sell lumber, or building hardware. We have demonstrated to our own satisfaction that there is a whole lot of profit in promoting building. We not only make money for ourselves, but we make our city more prosperous. That's why I said I would be glad to take up this housing idea with Frank Stark. If I can be of help in inducing the automobile company to build homes I will be doing more than creating work and sales for us; I will be helping our town to grow, and we and all the rest of the business men will grow with it."
Industrial Housing in England

HOMES COST LESS THAN IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT LACK THE CONVENIENCES DEMANDED BY AMERICANS

By William A. Radford, Jr.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 3, 1919.—England leads the world in industrial housing. This country was the first to foster group housing projects for workingmen; in fact, when the United States got into the war, it was to the experience of England that our own country looked for guidance in the industrial housing projects in the cities where the big munitions factories were located.

However, English workingmen's homes are far behind the houses erected for American industrial workers. The English homes are well built, but they lack the conveniences that Americans are accustomed to, and demand. Furnaces are practically unknown; small fireplaces in nearly every room supply the heat—what there is of it; the dining and living rooms are combined in one; few have bathrooms, and the water supply is usually limited to one or two taps.

Recently I made a rather exhaustive study of workingmen's homes; some of them are shown by the accompanying illustrations. I took the pictures myself, but because of the persistent fog they are not very clear. However, they will show the builder readers of the American Builder the sort of homes that are constructed here. All of those shown cost to build from $2,500 to $4,000. They rent for from $20 to $30 a month, without "rates," which means minus water, light or heat. They are good houses, but they are, as I have said, far, far behind the American home in comfort and convenience.

One notable thing about building here is that wood construction is being used more extensively. This is true of the British Isles and the Scandinavian countries.

Three Types of Workingmen's Homes in England. At the Top (Left) Are Two Houses, Exactly Alike, Which Sell for 909 Pounds, or About $4,200 in American Money. They Rent for $330 Per Year. These Houses Had Just been Finished When the Photograph Was Taken. At the Bottom (Left) Is a Good Example of the Average Home, Costing About the Same as the Ones Above and Commanding the Same Rent. The House at the Right Can Be Built for $2,500 in England and Rents for $225 a Year.

All the Photographs by William A. Radford, Jr.
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IP-ROOF BRICK BUNGALOW. In every city there is an exceptional demand for brick bungalows of the proper dimensions for a narrow lot. This design is one that fills the demand in fine style. The dimensions of the bungalow are 36 by 36 feet. It is standard brick construction with a veneer of face brick, but frame construction and brick veneer can be substituted, if desired. The side entrance, the open porch, and the irregular lines of the home make it attractive. The floor plan shows five rooms and bath. The living room is of good size, 23 feet, 6 inches, by 14 feet. The dining room also is large, 16 by 20 feet, with the kitchen at the back. Ranged alongside the dining room and kitchen are the two bedrooms, with bath between.
A MODERATE-SIZE DUTCH COLONIAL HOUSE. This Dutch Colonial house has the appearance of being considerably larger than it is, the dimensions being 26 by 34 feet, 6 inches. Still it contains seven commodious rooms, and, in addition, has a large sun porch with balcony above it. The location of the fire-place in the living room is good, altho unusual. The living room is 28 by 13 feet, and is a sunny room. Following the Colonial style of interior arrangement, an entrance hall divides the living room from the dining room and kitchen. Four bedrooms, one on each corner, and the bathroom are on the second floor. The balcony has a canvas deck. Both the porch and balcony may be enclosed, providing a sun parlor for all year round use and a sleeping porch. The exterior of this house is unusually good.
AN ARTISTIC SHINGLED BUNGALOW. Here is a design for a five-room bungalow cottage that has real home atmosphere. Of wood construction, its several gables, the overhang of the roof, shingled sides and out-of-the-ordinary windows give it a fine exterior appearance. Five good rooms, living and dining rooms, kitchen, two bedrooms and bath are conveniently arranged on the first floor. If desired, the high attic can be finished to provide one or two more rooms. The dimensions of the house are 24 by 44 feet. Note how compactly the three "daytime" rooms and the two bedrooms are arranged. It has a full basement, providing adequate space for the heating plant, fuel and other storage rooms. This is an economical home to build.
Design for a Double Store Building

The maximum of window display space is provided in this design for a building for two stores. This is accomplished by placing the single door entrances side by side in the center of the building, one on either side of the dividing wall.

This front is exceptionally attractive. It is made so by a combination of face brick and terra cotta, the design of which is shown on the front elevation. The building is 42 by 50 feet in size, each store being 19 feet, 6 inches wide. Truss roof construction eliminated all supporting posts, leaving the interiors free of obstruction.

It is the front of this store, however, that makes this an exceptionally good store building design. It is of the type that will bring high rentals for the building owner because it is attractive and will provide the merchant with an up-to-date salesroom.

The store building shown here originally was of the old type of building, but has been remodeled, by installing a new front. This front is of the patented store front materials, supplied the contractor in the proper dimensions to be put into place.

An Unusually Attractive Store Front of Face Brick and Terra Cotta. This Building is 42 by 50, and Contains Two Store Rooms, Each 19 Feet 6 Inches by 49 Feet. It Is Designed so that Both Stores Have a Maximum of Window Display Space.
Design for a Public Garage

Contractors and architects in cities, both large and small, are having an unusually large demand for public garages. The rapid increase in the number of automobiles is bringing a demand for storage space, automobile repair men are prospering, and because of their prosperity are enlarging their establishments. The consequence is much building activity in this type of structures.

The design shown here is of the size and type that is in greatest demand. It is a one-story structure of brick, with a fire wall rising above the roof line at the front, which is of face brick with terra cotta trim.

The building is 72 by 100 feet in size and is provided with two double door openings. In the center at the front is the office, and in one corner is a display room for accessories. At the rear is a shop for the repair men.

The floor plan shows the layout of the building. The locations of the roof trusses and the skylights are indicated by the dotted lines. The floor is of concrete, with a concrete curb around the interior of the outside walls.

The artistic manner in which the face brick are laid up and the use of the terra cotta trim is shown by the view of the front elevation, which is worth a careful study.

This building is large enough to house a goodly number of automobiles and the other activities connected with a garage. The front follows the design of a building that is generally recognized by automobile owners as a garage. It is a modern building that is economical to build, but well-adapted to its purposes.

Garage building has become standardized. In other words, most public garages are very similar in design and the materials used. While none of the buildings is fireproof in the true sense of the word, they are of non-inflammable materials and are fire-resistant.
Design for Picture Theater and Business Building

This design for a motion picture theater and business building combined is of the sort that has been found most profitable by owners. It not only provides a theater that will seat 600 people, but gives two good-sized storerooms on the first floor front and six offices of varying sizes on the second floor.

The two-story section of the building facing the street is 90 by 24 feet. Between this building and the theater auditorium is a lobby 10 feet wide, and the auditorium and stage are contained in a building 48 by 105 feet. The floor plan shows the layout of the interior.

The front of this building is of the sort that will attract patrons to the theater. It is a combination of face brick and terra cotta, both used so that there is a good contrast. The building itself is of standard brick construction. The placing of the seats and exits in the theater and the wall construction all comply with the city building restrictions, which have been designed to provide for the comfort and safety of the patrons.

There are a number of construction methods that are required by a majority of building codes that apply only to theaters. However, this is a matter for architects, and building theaters does not require the services of a specialist. Any experienced contractor can build a theater building.
Dry Concrete Walls—How to Build Them

ONE of the most necessary qualifications for the contractor who specializes in the building of dwellings, schools, warehouses and other structures where people are housed or goods stored, is a thorough understanding of the principles involved in making walls that will present a uniformly dry interior, almost regardless of conditions of temperature and humidity.

Any good concrete wall, whether of monolithic or block construction, should have a sufficiently low rate of absorption to prevent the passage of moisture directly through from surface to surface. A very small percentage of the walls constructed of concrete are porous enough to give any trouble from the direct passage of water through the wall. Any concrete wall made of material so porous that it will allow moisture to go through will be objectionable on other grounds as well. The passage of moisture indicates porosity, and porosity is an indication of weakness, just as density, water-tightness and strength may be used almost interchangeably in describing a wall of good concrete.

Ordinarily the concrete wall should be made of a mixture of 1 part cement to 2 parts sand and 4 parts pebbles or stone, or if the form surfaces are to be exposed, possibly 1:2½:4 cement, sand, pebbles or stone should be used, as the latter mixture gives a little more mortar and makes it easier to obtain smooth surfaces. Where pebbles or stone is not available, the mixture should not be leaner than 1 part cement to 4 parts sand, provided that the same is well graded. If not well graded, it will hardly be possible to get good results with the use of more than 3 parts of sand.

Dense Mortar Surface Waterproofs Concrete Blocks

Good concrete blocks are usually made of about the mixture given above, and in addition usually have a surfacing of dense mortar which adds further to their water-tight qualities. Plain block without surfacing are being used to a greater extent all the time, the block serving as a base for a stucco coat. The Standard Specifications of the American Concrete Institute limit the absorption of concrete blocks to 10 per cent of their weight, but this means very little in considering the possibility of water getting thru the wall because this absorption test is conducted on the entire block and its ability to withstand water is taken care of without trouble either by the special facing or by the stucco coat. It is not uncommon to find block that has an absorption as low as three per cent. The almost universal method of laying up these block is in cement mortar, which may be considered absolutely water-tight if properly used.

While the body of the concrete or other masonry wall is usually water-tight, frequent difficulty is experienced with water getting in around window openings. Much of the trouble is caused because the sills and lintels prove an easy passage for water, espe-
cially where exposed to driving storms. One of the best remedies is to make sills and lintels of two-piece construction, as shown in the illustrations, separating the inner and outer sections by convenient distance. The separation usually may vary from \(\frac{3}{4}\) inch to 2 inches. Double sill and lintel not only prevent direct passage of moisture, but also provide insulation against the passage of heat.

The appearance of moisture on the inside of the wall is usually due to poor insulation and constant "sweating" of the wall rather than direct passage of the moisture thru. Regardless of the fact that thousands of masonry houses have been so constructed that plastering direct on the masonry wall has not been followed by condensation, it is generally considered best to "play safe" by furring and lathing such walls. This practice should be followed even in the case of concrete block and air space walls of other masonry materials.

**Industrial Housing Projects**

NECESSITY of providing homes for their employees or else losing them is driving many manufacturers into industrial housing projects. If they are to secure needed workmen, there must be modern, comfortable homes convenient to their factories; if they are to hold the men already in their employ, there must be homes available at prices the employees can afford to pay.

During the next year there will be many more industrial housing projects, backed and financed by large manufacturing concerns, than is generally imagined. This does not mean, either, that the houses to be erected will be shabby affairs; they will be well-built, modern homes—homes that will give the workmen comfortable shelter for themselves and their families, and houses that eventually will be sold to the men.

Housing projects are going to supply the building industry with a great amount of work next year.

**Bridging of Floor Beams**

BY "bridging" is meant a system of bracing floor beams, by means of single pieces of boards set at right angles to the joists, and fitting in between them, or by means of small struts.

The effect of this bracing is decidedly beneficial in sustaining any concentrated weight upon a floor; but it does not materially strengthen a floor to resist a uniformly distributed load. The bridging also stiffens the joists, and prevents them from turning sideways.

It is customary to insert rows of cross-bridging at from every five to eight feet in the length of the beams, and they should be in straight lines.
How to Build Concrete Steps and Stairs

PROPER METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING, FORMS AND POURING THE CONCRETE

A POOR flight of steps has no advantage over a ladder. It may be more dangerous than the latter and no more convenient. Properly constructed concrete steps have many advantages, such as resistance to wear and rot, ease in cleaning and a surface which will shed water; but their very quality of permanence carries with it a solemn warning that concrete steps must be made right or they will prove a lasting regret.

In a few instances concrete steps have been constructed of a system of precast supports, risers and treads, and there are reasons to predict that in future masonry structures concrete step and stair units will be brought to the job ready for assembly. At the present time, however, it is almost universal practice to build stairs and steps by the monolithic or cast-in-place process.

How to Build the Forms

Altho the general dimensions of the steps or stairs may vary considerably, the forms are usually laid out and constructed as shown in the model, Figure 1. The saw-tooth side supports for the riser forms should be of 2-inch planks and the riser forms of 1-inch material planed on one side; for wide layouts it will be necessary to use 2-inch material or use center supports for the riser forms to prevent bulging. The outer forms are simple and may or may not be required, depending on whether the steps are located where vertical earth walls can be employed for this purpose.

Figure 2 directs attention to a feature which should be regarded everywhere as desirable in concrete step construction. Side forms supporting the riser forms should be laid out so that the latter will incline from the vertical a distance of about 1/4 inches in the height of the riser. This will produce pitched risers, accomplishing exactly the same purpose as constructing an overhang on the step tread, an operation which requires more elaborate forms and more labor in finishing. The tread overhang is weaker than the body of the step and its exposed position invites injury. Excessive troweling of the overhang may result in slippery surface, hair checks or both. The construction shown in Figure 2, diagram A avoids possibility of difficulty from these causes.

Step Treads Should Be Level

The step treads are best made absolutely level. Concrete for the steps should be made of 1 part cement to 2 parts sand and 4 parts pebbles or stone, thoroughly mixed with sufficient water so that the mass will barely stand up in the pile. As the concrete is deposited the necessary spading of the material next to form surfaces must be carefully attended to, and, if properly done, will prevent unsightly blemishes on exposed surfaces. The riser and tread surface should be faced with a 1:2 cement and sand mortar to a depth of about one inch, carefully laid in next to the riser forms as the concrete “backing” reaches the proper level. The concrete in the steps should be tamped, and if of the consistency indicated above, moisture will come to the surface under light tamping. The mortar surface on the tread should be brought to a true level by means of strike board and spirit level before the trowel is applied. If possible, secure the desired surface texture with the wooden trowel, avoiding the steel trowel or using it as sparingly as possible. It is better to leave the treads a little rough rather than over-trowel with a steel tool, which will make the
Factors of Safety

A FACTOR of safety usually means the ratio in which the breaking load exceeds the safe load. In designing a piece of material to sustain a certain load, it is required that it shall be perfectly safe under all circumstances; consequently it is necessary to make an allowance for any defects in the material, workmanship, etc. For materials of different composition, different factors of safety are required. Steel, being less liable to defects than wood, does not require so great a factor of safety. And, again, different kinds of strains require different factors of safety. A long wooden column or strut requires a greater factor of safety than a wooden beam.

Generous Hospitality—Doorways to Express It

By EVELYN M. WATSON

A n inviting outer door is one of the charms of a home. An old architect once said a door should be so inviting that a person would find it “easier to pause than to pass.” Charming doorways, quaint little settees, and viney arches all add to the attractiveness of the front door: the front door is the “visible voice bidding welcome”—it is the one entrance that, to friend and stranger alike, to the passing press and to guests who come, best speaks the character of the house and the character of its occupants. If you would show generous hospitality, that aim of all who would individually show what a democracy this country is, if you would show only to your guests your openness of spirit, if you would offer hospitality just, indeed, to a few friends, or to your family circle and its nearest and dearest, you will find no better way than to have a kindly, friendly front doorway.
SHORTAGE OF HOMES EVERYWHERE BRINGS SUPPORTERS FOR THE "OWN A HOME SAVINGS CLUBS." NEW YORKERS ARE CAMPING OUT.

"Oh! For a Home of My Own"

OWN A HOME SAVINGS CLUBS provide the wage earner and the man with a salary an opportunity to secure a home of his own as easily as a young couple buys the furniture to set up housekeeping. Since this idea was first suggested to the members of the AMERICAN BUILDER Family, hundreds of clubs have been started, and are getting in operation. It will not be many months before these charter members are in a position to build homes of their own.

To show the necessity for homes, especially among those who should be members of an "Own a Home Savings Club," the accompanying illustrations are interesting. These photographs were taken in New York City, and show the expedients that have been resorted to in securing places to live.

A trolley car that has outlived its usefulness as a means of conveyance, has been converted into a home. The first cost of such a home is from $25 to $100, according to the condition of the street car. The interior of the car shown here was fixed up with a living room, bedroom and kitchenette. This makes a cozy home for a family of two adults and two children. The woman hanging out the wash is the housekeeper, while the woman occupying the stool is a neighbor, who has the same type of home.

Another method of solving the rent and shortage-of-homes problems is to rent a site for a tent home on a vacant lot in the outskirts of the city, pitch a tent on a board platform and set up housekeeping. Altho the surroundings of this home might be a great deal more pleasant, the occupants have made a comfortable porch for summer use and have beautified the yard by planting flowers and vines. The cost of this tent home is $25 per month.
SEVEN-ROOM STORY-AND-A-HALF HOUSE. Here is an attractive and economical frame house containing five seven rooms and bath—the sort that members of the "Own a Home Savings Clubs" will be building. Its sloping roof, dormer windows and comfortable porch make this a homey house. It is 22 by 38 feet in size, exclusive of the 8-foot porch projection. On the first floor are living and dining rooms, kitchen and one bedroom. The second floor contains three bedrooms and the bathroom. The use of shingles and siding on the exterior and the stucco covered porch supports at the corner combine to add to the exterior attractiveness.
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 VERY attractive and rather inexpensive bungalow, particularly planned for one desiring office space as well as comfortable and well adapted living quarters, is contemplated in the accompanying sketch and plan. Any lot, irrespective of location, measuring about 60 by 100 would be a suitable site.

This sort of a bungalow would be suitable for any climate and especially adapted for the uses of a physician or professional man requiring office quarters.

The bungalow is one story with an attic, and contains six rooms and bath. It is frame and plaster, rough cast on the outside with wood porch posts and half timber work in the gables. The chimney is of brick with a red pot on the top. The plans contemplate that the woodwork be stained a rich dark brown. The living room is spacious and the arrangement of all the rooms is considered especially convenient.

The section set off for office quarters is especially well arranged, inasmuch as there are two entrances from the outside, one directly from the street and the other by way of the porch without going into the living quarters proper.

The plans call for a built-in tub with a shower and that the kitchen be equipped with a gas range. In the pantry there is to be a built-in icebox, which can be filled from the small outside porch nearby. Very generous provision is made for closets. The dimensions of the bungalow are 34 by 53 feet.
A HANDSOME BRICK AND STUCCO HOUSE. Here is a design for a most attractive home—in fact, a home that will incite home building. It is a story-and-a-half structure, of brick and stucco and contains six good rooms. An unusual feature is the grade entrance at the side, leading into a hall that separates the living and dining rooms and out of which runs the stairs. There are the usual three rooms on the first floor, and three bedrooms and bath on the second. The wide, enclosed living porch is another excellent feature of this house. Both the perspective and the floor plans give the prospective builder some out of the ordinary home-building suggestions.
Colonial Style White Bungalow

DESIGN FOR A FIVE-ROOM HOME

That is Out of the Ordinary

In this home building design the balance of the Colonial house, both in the exterior and interior, has been transferred to a bungalow. The center door, with its small porch, the columns supporting the gracefully curved roof, and the windows all denote the Colonial. The floor plan shows how the same balance of design has been preserved inside.

This bungalow is 38 by 24 feet, of frame construction and contains five rooms and bath. The entrance leads into a hall, on one side of which is the living room 15 feet 3 inches by 11 feet, and on the other side is the dining room, 15 feet 3 inches by 11 feet. Each room has duplicate sets of three windows in the front wall and a single window at the end.

A door at one corner of the living room leads to a short hall, which has a bedroom, 10 by 11 feet 6 inches, at either end, with the bathroom between the bedrooms. At the rear of the dining room is the kitchen, 9 by 11 feet 6 inches.

This truly may be called an "out-of-the-ordinary" home building design. The preservation of the Colonial style of architecture, both inside and out, is seldom seen in a bungalow. And when the bungalow is painted white, it is reminiscent of New England.

There are a number of features, outside of the compactness and convenience of the interior arrangement, that are interesting. Three closets have been included, and while they appear small, they are planned to be equipped with sliding telescopic clothes hangers, indicated by the dotted lines shown on the plan, giving the closets a capacity for more than the usual number of garments. In the kitchen, there is a wall case, work table, range and ice box, the latter placed so that it can be iced from the outside.

A full basement under the bungalow provides the space for the heating plant, fuel room and storage rooms. The sloping roof gives plenty of attic space to keep the house cool in summer and warm in winter.

This is an economical house to build and provides sufficient room for a good-sized family. The beauty of the exterior, the original room arrangement and the low cost make this bungalow one that will provide many home builders with just the dwelling they want.
S EVEN-ROOM STUCCO AND BRICK HOUSE. This house, because of its lines, looks large, but it is only 34 by 36 feet in dimensions, exclusive of the sun parlor and sleeping parlor projection. On the first floor are living room, 23 feet 6 inches by 13 feet 3 inches, with the sun parlor 18 feet 6 inches by 9 feet 6 inches opening off it; the dining room, 12 feet 6 inches by 17 feet 9 inches, and the kitchen. Upstairs are three good-sized bedrooms, a sewing room and the sleeping porch. An unusual feature of the house is the fireplace set in the front wall, between the doors leading to the sun parlor. The house is of frame construction, veneered with face brick to the second floor sill and stuccoed above.
Design for Attractive One-Car Garage

 Builders want houses for their cars that match their homes.

Few of the better class homes now are planned without a garage, either adjoining the house itself or in the back yard. A well rounded home building group provides for a garage that follows the same architectural design as the house, and for that reason architects are supplying the perspectives for garages.

For a hip-roof house of frame construction, the garage design shown here is excellent. It makes a pretty building, especially when it has a setting of shrubbery such as is shown in the illustration.

The dimensions of the garage are 12 by 20 feet, which is sufficient for the car and a work bench at the rear of the building. The cross-section shows the dimensions and materials used in the building. The concrete floor is pitched to a drain in the center to make the work of washing the car easy.

While this garage has two swinging doors, sliding and folding doors, which are space-savers, can be substituted. The wide projection of the roof and the different kinds of siding combine to give this garage a fine exterior appearance.

It has been suggested that when contractors are discussing, or rather after the home building plan has been decided on, the subject of a garage be brought up. It is less costly for the owner to build a garage at the same time the house is being constructed. A great majority of home builders either already have automobiles or are planning against time when they will have one. A suggestion at the proper time will bring many garage building jobs, along with the work of building the home.

Very few stones will successfully stand the action of severe heat, and consequently stone should be used very sparingly in fire-proof buildings, and certain stones not at all.

Partly completed walls should be covered at night, particularly during bad weather, to protect the newly completed work against damage from rain, snow and frost.
WHEN other members of the American Builder staff who also belong to "Own a Home Savings Clubs" saw in the November American Builder the design of the house that Mr. X intends to build, they were exceedingly generous with their criticism of it—that is, they handed out a lot of it, and called it "constructive" criticism. And let it be said quickly that if Mr. X follows that advice the house he builds will look about as much like the original design as a public garage looks like a cathedral building. However, knowing Mr. X, it can safely be predicted that his house will be the sort of house he wants, as his dome sheds criticism as efficiently as a well-built roof defies the rain.

One who was not backward in his criticism of the design is Mr. Y. Mr. Y has what is generally termed a "bump of acquisitiveness." In other words, when the money is going out he likes to have a sporting chance that some of it will return. And his past history denotes that he will be successful in his home building project. It is this trait that has caused him to select for his home a two-flat building—one apartment for himself and his family and the other to return to him each month a sum that will take care of the fixed charges and leave a little besides.

The Home Mr. Y Will Build

The home that Mr. Y will build is shown in the blue print supplement. It is an exceptionally good-looking two-flat building of face brick, with an artistic terra cotta trim. The manner of placing the entrance gives the exterior a more pleasing appearance than is found in the average apartment house. The interior is modern in every way. In fact, this is just the sort of a building that will invite tenants and will be readily saleable should Mr. Y so desire in the future—at least, that is his opinion.

The dimensions of the building are 27 feet, 4 inches, by 54 feet, the width being such that it will go nicely on a 30-foot lot. The construction is of standard brick with a veneer of face brick, set on a concrete founda-
he says, the addition of a third flat would force him to either hire a janitor or do a whole lot of work himself after hours.

There are many interesting features of this building shown by the detail drawings contained in the blue print pages. Aside from the bed closet and cases in the living room, there are details of the sleeping porch, the linen case in the bathroom, together with a number of construction details, the basement floor plan and front and side elevations. All of these will give the builder many good ideas about apartment building construction.

**The Different Strains to Which Building Materials Are Subjected**

Building materials may be exposed to a number of different strains. They are:

- **Shearing strain**, as in the case of rivets, treenails, pins in bridges, etc., where equal forces are applied on opposite sides in such a manner as to tend to force one part over the adjacent one.

- **Two-Apartment Building of Brick and Terra Cotta. Build. This Is the Home I Am Going to Build**

- **Transverse or cross strain**, as in the case of a load on a beam, tending to bend it.

- **Torsion**, a twisting strain, which seldom occurs in building construction, tho quite frequently in machinery.

- **Tension**, as in the case of a weight suspended from one end of a rod, rope, tie-bar, etc., the other end being fixed, tending to stretch or lengthen the fibres.

- **Compression**, as in the case of a weight resting on top of a column or post, tending to compress the fibres.

- **The parts of structures are often subjected to two or more of the above strains at the same time, as in the case of “strut beams” and “tie beams,” and all beams and girders are subjected to a shearing strain, as well as to a transverse strain.**

- **Use fire clay flue linings in all chimneys.**

- **Snow should not be allowed to thaw and freeze on structural tile, as a film of ice on the tile will prevent the mortar from adhering to same. Piles of tile should, therefore, be covered in cold weather.**

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*Two-Apartment Building of Brick and Terra Cotta. This Is the Home that Mr. "Y" of the American Builder Staff Is Going to Build. It Will Not Only Provide Him With a Home of His Own, But Will Furnish Him With an Income to Pay the Taxes, Insurance, Etc.*

*Plans for this Two-Apartment Building Are Contained in the Blue Print Supplement That Follows.*
PROBABLY in no place in the country of its size is there more buildings under construction than at Flint, Mich. The need for houses and the coming of large manufacturing plants have caused enormous building activity in the Michigan city, and construction work is progressing rapidly.

Erecting a frame building and equipping it with water and light in a day was one of the accomplishments at Flint recently. The building was a bunkhouse for men employed on the huge factory that is being erected there for the General Motors Co. The speed with which this building was erected is shown by the illustration—one shows how far the work had progressed at 8 in the morning; the second at noon, and the third, the building practically completed at 6 in the evening.

The building was put up by the DuPont Construction Co., with Allen J. Scoville, resident engineer, and Tom Bowles, carpenter foreman, in charge. The General Motors Co., notified the construction company that it would have a gang of workmen on the job the next evening after the notification. The engineer and the foreman with a gang of 40 carpenters began building at 6:30 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. the bunkhouse was completed, as shown by the illustration. It is a two-story building and accommodates 100 men. Twelve working hours were consumed in erecting the building. The men took an hour off at noon, and at 5:30 the structure was complete. Plumbers and electricians followed the carpenters, and two hours later the building was lighted and the water running from the taps.

“Live Loads” and “Dead Loads”

As used in mechanics, the term “dead load” means a load that is applied by degrees, and that remains steady, such as the weight of the structure itself.

A load that is applied suddenly, or accompanied with vibrations, is called a “live load,” such as trains going over a railway bridge. The effect of a live load on the beam or other piece of material is twice as severe as that of a dead load of the same weight, consequently, a piece of material designed to carry a live load should have a factor of safety twice as large as one designed to carry a dead load. Usually there are both dead and live loads to be supported.

ONLY a good portland cement mortar mixture should be used in setting hollow tile. When the kind of sand available is poor, or loamy, be sure to use more cement.

HOLLOW tile should not be dumped from truck or teams. Each size or shape should be piled separately. Breakage will be avoided and a saving in the mason’s time effected.
Modern Dairy Barn and Auxiliary Buildings

Efficient grouping of farm buildings has come to be looked upon as one of the most important phases of erecting farm structures. In reality, it is applying to the buildings that house the various farm activities, the modern factory system of aligning the various steps in the process of manufacture so that there is no lost motion.

Such a group of farm buildings is shown in the accompanying design for a dairy barn, implement house, silo and milk house. Here the buildings are combined so that the work of caring for a herd of thirty-three or more cows can be accomplished with a minimum of labor, and the feed for the animals stored right at hand. Also there is a storehouse for the milk they produce, all so located as to secure economy in the time of the men.

The barn, implement house and feed rooms all are joined under one roof. The silo is so placed that it is a part of the barn. The milk house is only a few feet away from the other building.

Dairy Barn Has Modern Equipment

The main portion of this structure is the dairy barn. This is a frame building 36 by 80 feet, with single stalls for thirty-three cows, and three pens. As will be seen by the floor plan on the following page, the stalls are placed so that the animals face feeding alleys on either side of the building and the litter alleys run thru the center. This part of the building is equipped with modern stall partitions and movable stanchions, while over both the feeding alleys there is an overhead carrier track. The dot and dash line on the plan shows the location of the track. It connects all parts of the stable with the feed room, providing a mechanical means of transporting the feed to the mangers at the stall heads.

Feed Room is Well Placed

The second floor of the wing of the barn wherein are the feed rooms can be used either as a part of the
Another View of the Combined Dairy Barn, Implement House, Feed House, Silo and Milk House. The Latter Is Out of the Picture.

hay mow, or for the storage of small grain for the animals. This wing is 24 feet square and is connected with the silo by an enclosed runway, so that taking the ensilage out of the silo and carrying it to the mangers all is done under cover.

The implement house is a story and a half wing attached to the barn on the side opposite from the feed room. The front elevation of the implement storage house and of the dairy barn is shown in the second illustration. This part of the building is 60 by 24 feet and will provide space for all the farm implements and machinery. Keeping the costly machinery necessary to economical farm operation under cover saves the cost of such a building in a few years in preventing depreciation of the implements.

Milk House of Hollow Concrete Blocks

The buildings described are of frame construction, set on a concrete foundation. The silo is of brick on a concrete foundation. The milk house, however, is of hollow concrete block construction, the air spaces in the block providing insulation against both heat and cold. The milk house is 10 by 16 feet and is provided with a concrete vat, which is supplied with running water. Here the milk is chilled to the proper temperature before it is put into the cans to be delivered to the shipping platform.

Such a building, or rather combination of buildings, is what the modern farmer wants and has the money to pay for. During the last season, labor costs have been so high on the farm that the farmers are ready to build modern labor-saving buildings. It will be difficult to find a more efficient grouping of buildings than that shown here.

Farmers Realize Value of Modern Buildings

With their troubles caused by the scarcity and high price of labor fresh in their minds, farmers will be figuring this winter on how to do the work on their places more economically and with less help. And while they are considering this phase of operating their farms next summer, the advisability of investing in new buildings, equipped with the modern labor-saving devices, will be one to be given serious consideration. This design for a modern building group will have a strong appeal to these farmers. The arrangement of the building is such that the great saving in labor that can be effected will be seen at a glance. And it is such buildings as these that will be erected on hundreds of farms during the coming spring and summer.
The accompanying sketch shows all of the top and shelf, but only half of the upright pieces or legs. First, saw out two each of Figs. 1, 2, and 4, and four of Fig. 3. Rub the sawed ends well with sandpaper, using the coarse first and finishing with the No. 0. Fasten Fig. 1 on to Fig. 2 firmly with 3-inch screws and countersink them, measuring carefully to get Fig. 1 exactly in the center of Fig. 2. Then put the 2 by 8 by 8-inch blocks, or Fig. 3, onto the ends of Fig. 1, as shown in the illustration. These screws need not be countersunk, as they will not show. Mortise the 18-inch end of Fig. 4 into Fig. 1, using just a small amount of glue. Bolt a 2 by 2 by 20-inch piece to the 14-inch end of Fig. 4 to give a firm foundation for the top board. Now the upright ends are complete, excepting the casters, which should be put on last.

The top is more difficult, as every piece has to be exactly right. Saw out a board 26 by 44 inches, of some kind of hard wood (walnut was used in the one described) and fasten with nails or screws to the uprights, 6 inches from end of top board. Now the shelf can be put in.

Get equal amounts of 3/4-inch dark oak and light maple flooring for the bottom top, or veneering. Begin in the middle. The first strip is cut 20 inches long of the dark oak. Glue very lightly to the center of the top board, and nail with brads in two or more places along the tongue. Then saw two square blocks of the light maple and glue to ends of first strip. Then cut two light strips the full length of blocks and dark strip, and fasten in place as shown in sketch. Continue in this manner until the 26 by 44-inch board is covered. Finish the edge with a strip of the flooring nailed flat, with the upper edge of strip level with the top. Mitre the corners of this finishing band, and it looks as if the entire top was the thickness of the flooring, giving a uniform appearance. Use a 3 1/4-inch or 4-inch board for the apron, setting it under about 3 inches from the edge of the finishing band, and mitre the corners.

Scrape with floor scraper until smooth. Then rub with any crack and crevice filler, and it is ready for the casters, stain and varnish. Cypress lumber, and the walnut board, and hardware for this table cost about $7 and sold for $28. Finished with lamp black and varnish, which give a light mission color.

Three Mission Furniture Designs

By John Upton

Although mission furniture may seem simple to make, it requires considerable skill. However,
The busy bee isn’t in it these days with architects and builders. For several years building has been suspended for more urgent things. Now it has begun again in earnest. It is authoritatively estimated that the United States at the present time faces a building shortage equivalent to the needs of over four million people. An era of big building unquestionably is at hand.

Stanley Door Holder
No. 456
A slight pressure by the foot on the trip knob holds or releases the holder.
Suggestions for Winter Shop Work

any carpenter who is proficient in the use of his tools and is capable of applying to furniture making the knowledge he has of carpentry can turn out some good looking and saleable pieces in the shop during the winter months.

In olden time the mortise and tenon joints were much used, the tenons projecting thru and being held with wedges. But now the term "mission furniture" is applied to almost any style of hand made work, altho the builder of the early mission furniture would hardly recognize the work turned out today. Then oak wood, which grows more and more beautiful with age, was nearly always used. Now all sorts of woods are used and usually are stained to represent oak.

Here are three designs for furniture that I have found good, and that have sold quickly. They are for a desk, a buffet and sideboard. I have purposely omitted the dimensions, leaving them for the maker to decide upon. From the drawings the skilled carpenter will get the ideas of the designs and can produce these pieces in sizes to suit the needs of his customers. However, there is one point that the furniture maker should always keep in mind. The better the work is done, the higher the price that can be obtained for it. Care in fitting the pieces together, making the joints smooth, and in finishing are requisites for the successful maker of furniture.

Design for a Round Taboret
By Frank P. Dufrechou, Jr.

AIDED by the accompanying drawings anyone possessing a general knowledge of the use of tools should have no difficulty in making this simple piece of furniture. While the construction of this taboret is simple, it is very attractive and it will be appreciated by any housekeeper who sees it.

Care should be taken in laying out the legs. I would suggest that the builder first make a full-size drawing of the legs on paper, then place the pattern on the material and outline with a piece of steel. By arranging them as shown in the drawing the four legs may be cut from a piece of material 7 inches wide and 44 inches long.

The top of the taboret is 1 inch thick and 14 inches in diameter. The edges are cut on a 60-degree line and the top rounded off. The bottom shelf is \( \frac{3}{4} \) of an inch thick by 7 inches square, and the corners are cut to fit in between the legs. By omitting the bottom shelf this taboret is useful as a stand for flowers. By increasing the taboret in proportion to a height of 3 feet it will be a fine center table.

The taboret is made out of birch. To finish, first stain a dark mahogany color with an oil stain. After 20 minutes wipe lightly and then let stand for 12 hours. Then give it a coat of mahogany coater and let stand for five hours. After another coat has dried for 48 hours sandpaper lightly with No. 00 sandpaper or rub with steel wool. Then give the taboret a coat of flat varnish.
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How to Build a Phonograph

The popularity of the phonograph, which is increasing each year, has brought to the woodworking shop another source of profitable work. That is building phonographs. Many builders are finding that the construction of phonographs is not only interesting, but is highly remunerative, as much as $150 or $200 having been received for the completed instruments.

The accompanying illustration shows Charles Leaderer, of Goshen, Ind., putting the finishing touches on one of the several phonographs he has made in his shop. Mr. Leaderer is putting in the plate that holds the record. The motor and tone reproducer will follow. The case was built by Mr. Leaderer from plans he secured from a manufacturer of motors and the other equipment necessary, and the ready-made working parts were quickly installed, as it is a simple operation.

Carpenters and builders who enjoy doing cabinet work in their shops at odd times and when building is slack will find the making of phonographs a pleasant occupation. They are made of oak, walnut, or mahogany, and really do not require more skill than is possessed by every first-class workman. Care in joining the pieces, so as to make a smooth, finished job, and in varnishing and rubbing the case after it is completed is what is required to turn out a phonograph that will compare most favorably, and, in many cases, be a great deal more handsome than those made in factories.

By following the plans furnished by the manufacturer of the equipment and installing the various parts accurately the shop-made phonograph will bring a good price and give the builder a fine profit.

Two Woodworking Hints

By F. H. Sweet

Two problems are common to beginners in woodworking who have not had the advice of some one experienced in the art. One is how to smooth the surface of a cross-grained piece of wood; the other is how to bore a hole perpendicular to the surface that it penetrates.

To bore a perpendicular hole: Having first marked the position that the hole is to occupy, clamp a small steel try-square to the surface of the wood in such a position that the blade shall be parallel to the line of direction in which you wish to bore, and the edge of the blade just outside the circumference of the hole. If you watch the space between the bit and the blade of the square, and keep the edges of the space parallel your hole will be "straight"—that is perpendicular.

To smooth a piece of wood in which the grain is tortuous or uneven, use a double iron plane. See that the cutting edge is as sharp as you can make it. Loosen the screw that holds the two irons together, and slip the guard iron down until only the smallest possible cutting edge of the blade is left exposed—a sixty-fourth to a thirty-second of an inch is enough. Screw the irons together very tight, and "set" the plane as fine as possible. It will then do smooth work on the most difficult wood.

Window frames of a size that will fit in with the tile units without cutting should be used whenever possible.

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Hollow Building Tile Construction

By H. S. Brightly

LAST month's article gave details for various types of reinforced tile lintel construction; this month the subject will be continued, giving details for other forms of lintel construction, following which next month the selection of window frame sizes will be taken up.

While all the details described in last month's article referred to walls of either 8 by 5 by 12-inch or 8 by 12 by 12-inch tile, practically all of these forms may also be used in walls built of 8-inch-high tile courses and with other forms of hollow building tile.

With most forms of hollow building tile construction it is customary to avoid the use of structural steel shapes, particularly for rural residences and farm buildings, as structural shapes are not always obtainable in such localities. The reinforced tile lintels described in the November article are therefore given preference, as rods can usually be obtained at any blacksmith or wagon shop.

Wide Lintels Using Structural Steel Shapes

Structural steel angles and "tees" are frequently used in the cities where such shapes are readily obtainable, and these lintels are most suitable for use over wide openings, such as the opening into a projecting bay window or over a group of casement windows and over garage doors, etc. In this form of lintel the structural steel takes the place of both concrete and steel reinforcing rods and with the tile that is set upon same forms the carrying member.

Details for this form of lintel using steel angles are shown by Figure 5 (A, B). Figure 5 (A) shows the use of same in wall of 8 by 5 by 12-inch building tile and Figure 5 (B) in wall of 8 by 12 by 12-inch load-bearing tile.

The angles or other steel shapes should generally have a 12-inch bearing on the tile wall at each side of opening and should be solidly seated on a bearing slab of tile or the tile immediately under same be filled with concrete.

When the lower flange of the angle extends out to the face of wall, or beyond a point that it will be covered by the window frame and must be covered by the stucco that is returned into the opening, the edge of the flange so exposed should be wrapped with a strip of small mesh expanded metal lath as shown by Figure 6.
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cases where this is done a strip of tar paper should be placed over top of frame to prevent the warping of same, as shown in cut.

Small I beams are sometimes used over openings, but they are more difficult to combine with the hollow tile wall construction and for several reasons are not nearly as suitable as the angles and tees.

Flat Arch Lintels the Simplest with Certain Forms of Tile
For all lintels over single windows or doors in walls built of any tile having courses eight inches or more in height, the simplest and probably the best form of lintel is the flat arch cut from the same tile that is used in the wall, as shown by Figure 8. These flat arch lintels if 12 inches in depth may be used for openings up to 5 feet in width, and if 8 inches in depth for openings up to 3 feet 6 inches in width. Heads of frames should be temporarily braced with this form of lintel, which also should always have proper abutment to resist the thrust. These flat arch lintels therefore should not occur too close to the corners of walls or be supported on slender piers; ordinarily the corner piers should not be less than three feet wide. In all cases where they must be used near corners, a reinforcing tie of strap iron or woven wire should be bedded in cement mortar in the joint under same, as shown by Figure 8-B, and be turned up into the vertical joints for anchorage. This makes a very excellent lintel.

The flat arch lintels are not used as extensively as they should be, probably because the shapes required are not carried regularly in stock by the dealers, and by some manufacturers are only made on order. This form of lintel has many advantages for the short spans which occur in residence buildings. They are light and easy to set, no previous preparation is required, no reinforcing or concrete filling is required, they retain the insulation feature of the hollow wall, and, with the three shapes shown, a lintel of any length in steps of six inches can be built by varying the number of fillers used. Special length lintels, therefore, are not required for the different widths of opening, and if builders would create a greater demand for these shapes in connection with load-bearing wall tile, the manufacturers would doubtless quickly respond to the demand. The cost of such lintels is little, if any, more than the regular square foot price of the tile shapes from which they are made, when ordered along with the straight wall tie. Naturally, if separately ordered, the cost of these special shapes will be somewhat greater.

For Lintels Constructed at Floor Line Hangers Are Used
Where it is necessary to have the rough opening on a line with or close to the under side of joist, as is frequently required at cellar windows, where the first floor is set close to grade line, "Lane," or similar type flat bar iron joist hangers may be used to carry the ends of joist that occur over openings, as shown by Figure 7. For such construction the types of lintels shown by Figure 3-A, 3-B in the November article and Figure 5-B in this...
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article, are the best. These hangers can also be used with the type lintels shown by Figure 1, November article, and Figure 5-A, this article, by cutting in the top of central cell to provide for hook end of hanger, or two separating tile half the thickness of the wall may be used in the course on which the hangers are hooked. (See Figure 7-B).

When the hangers are not used, it is necessary, the same as with brick walls, to frame the ends of joists occurring at cellar windows into a header carried by the joist each side of the window opening, or cut and frame these joists onto a wood lintel carrier built into the wall on top of cellar window frame. Neither of these schemes is as satisfactory as the hangers shown by Figure 7; they entail more work, and if the cellar windows are wide, the former will require a doubling of the joists that are used to carry the header. The other scheme of building wood lintel carriers into the wall should never be used in hollow tile buildings, as it both weakens the wall and throws the tile courses out of line, entailing cutting and fitting of the tile to level up for the courses above.

Tile Walls Without Lintels

Hollow tile walls for garages, poultry houses; in fact, for all minor farm buildings and other simple structures in which the window openings are small and the walls frequently only 4 inches, 5 inches or 6 inches in thickness, may be built without specially reinforced lintels, if the wall proper is reinforced by band iron bedded in the joints over window openings.

This band iron reinforcement should be placed in two joints—in the one immediately over the wood frame and in the joint above the first course of tile over frame. Band iron should be well bedded in cement mortar of joints thruout its length and extend for at least 18 inches on each side of opening. This band iron reinforcing should be from 16-gauge up to one-eighth inch in thickness and three-fourths inch to an inch in width. Several lines of heavy soft steel wire (4, 6 or 8-gauge) in each joint may be used in similar manner, or the regular woven wire brick reinforcing, shown by Figure 8-B in connection with the tile arch lintels, may be used. Figure 9 shows the use of band iron reinforcing in 5-inch walls of 8 by 5 by 12-inch tile set on edge and 8-inch walls of this same tile laid on the side.

Note the wood strips that are shown nailed onto the back of wood frames and the manner of setting; also that the strip of tar paper is placed over top of frame to prevent any warping from the cement mortar that is deposited onto same.

Sliding and Folding Doors for Closets and Wardrobes

A BUILDER remarked recently that the "only place in a house that has seen no improvement in many years is the closet. They build them now just as they did years ago." When thought is given to that remark, almost every builder will agree to it.

There must be closet space in a house. But oftentimes the doors to the closets interfere with the light by swinging in front of a window or make the placing of the furniture inconvenient. A method of getting away from these two inconveniences is by using siding or folding doors for the closets and wardrobes.

Two suggestions for the use of sliding and folding closet doors are given in the accompanying drawings. One shows a wardrobe located at the end of a hall, with bedrooms on either side, and a closet for each room back of the wardrobe. Swinging doors on the wardrobe interfere with the doorways leading to the bedroom. One closet door swings in front of a window, shutting the light from the closet.

By putting folding doors on the wardrobe and sliding doors on the closets these building defects are remedied.

The second drawing shows how doors usually are put on deep closets. By this arrangement the rear parts of the closets are not easy to get into, and little light can penetrate to them. By the placing of double sliding doors in these openings the whole of the closets is easily accessible and light can be let into all parts of them.

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Profit in Baling Cement and Plaster Sacks

It is rapidly approaching "inventory time," when material dealers and contractors will take stock of the materials and equipment they have on hand, preparatory to beginning a new year of business. Then is the time when the empty cement and plaster sacks will be made ready for return to the manufacturers for the usual 10 cents a bag rebate.

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Dealers in building materials rapidly are discarding the costly and slow method of handling crushed stone, sand and gravel by hand, and are substituting the fast, economical equipment that is available. Power loaders and unloaders and conveyors are used, for the simple reason that they cut the cost of doing business.

An unusually efficient piece of equipment for material dealers and contractors is a self-feeding wagon loader. This machine in operation, loading a dump-body motor truck, is shown in the accompanying illustration. The loader is self-propelled, easily operated and besides has a unique feature in that the materials are fed to the buckets attached to the endless belt.

Material dealers say that this loader is a distinct advance in the multiple bucket type of machine. Its great economy in operation is due to the self-feeding device, which does away with the necessity of feeding the buckets by man power. This device consists of two shovel-shaped feeders, which sweep continuously thru the pile to be removed, carrying the materials into the path of the buckets and automatically withdrawing in preparation for the next cut.

The loader is operated by a 22 h. p. engine of the marine type. The machinery consists of a direct drive chain and gear transmission, giving elevator operation and two-speed and reverse traction. Its speed on the road, traveling under its own power, is seven-eighths of a mile per hour. The operator stands on a platform at the side of the loader and has all levers within easy reach, even the one that steers the front wheels. It will work 70 feet forward and 28 feet into the pile per minute.

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A New Portable Air Compressor

The only thing that, for years, kept the contractor from equipping his men with all sorts of pneumatic labor saving devices, was the trouble and expense of installing an air power plant on his short-time job. Despite the advantages incident upon the use of air operated tools, he found it difficult to justify the costly transport of a cumbersome stationary machine and the building of a shelter, the setting up of a steam boiler, perhaps, and the laying of a pipe line for only temporary use. Then, too, he had to count on tearing down the plant when the job was complete.

The coming of the portable type of air compressor was a great boon, tho quite often, "portable" was somewhat of a misnomer, and meant merely "mounted on wheels." Portable air power equipment, however, did away with the expensiveness of compressed air on temporary jobs and soon became an indispensable part of the contractor's equipment. Portable outfits of many varieties have been developed in the few years just past, each successive design bettering the one which preceded it; and now there appears a new type.

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By F. H. SWEET

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Advertising the Wedge That Starts Building

How the Building Industry in a New Jersey City Used This Modern Force to Start the Construction of Homes

By George Wilfred Wright

When the Government, last year, requested the holding up of all building contracts, not directly concerned with the war, few predicted we would face such a crisis, as that which threatened the country ten months ago. It was essential that the energies which were directed to private enterprise in the building line be turned toward the aims and objects of this nation which was deeply engaged in the international struggle; and because of the whole-hearted support of the building and construction industry, together with the willingness of everyone affected by the building trades, it has proven to be no small factor in the quick conclusion of the war.

Nearly everyone was so glad when peace came, that the general idea of a rapid return to normal conditions was prevalent. The contractors and builders expected building to start at once. Plans which had been delayed for many months were again brought forth and new estimates submitted. "By the first of January or February," they said, here in Northern New Jersey, "You'll see things begin to hum in the building line." But January passed, February passed, and March came and passed, and the "hum" seemed as far off as at any time previous.

In Elizabeth, New Jersey, a city of nearly 100,000 people, every kind of building work reached a flat stand-still. Not because there was no work to do, for it was estimated that 2,000 houses were sorely needed to house the people, but the cost of materials was so far above the prices which the prospective builder expected to pay that he sat tight on his bank account and calmly told the builder and the architect he would "wait a while."

We all knew that the building of homes, stores or any other kind of structures was an indication of community progress; but no one believed it had such a far-reaching effect as that which developed last spring. The retail stores began to feel the effects, and the largest and strongest business establishments were anxious over the bad prospects. The board of trade was doing what it could to stir things up, and every business man was either urging some one to start something, or asking when it was to be started.

The Public Had Decided "to Wait"

In the meantime the public was becoming settled in the opinion that to start any building, no matter of what class, was positively foolish. "Prices for material will surely drop, and then we will be willing to go ahead," was the ultimatum; and all the personal argument and appeal that any single individual could utter to a prospective builder was always met with that reply and it was considered final.

At this stage of the situation, the lumber dealers, the architects and builders, the contractors, and a few merchants who were unwilling to allow things to stand this way, met together and formed a committee which were to discuss ways and means to divert public opinion from the erroneous idea, to a knowledge of the true state of affairs as they actually existed in the building material and labor market.

"If we could tell all the people the facts of the building trades as they really are, and as they will continue to be, the prospective builder will soon see the folly of waiting until later to erect his house," they said. So from this thought the advertising campaign was born and nurtured until completed and carried out.

The newspaper men suggested great page advertisements with costly illustration and copy prepared by a New York specialist. When this expert presented his figures for the campaign, they exceeded those decided upon by the publicity committee by about forty per cent. He was summarily dismissed; and the publicity committee, inexperienced as they were with aggressive advertising, decided to go it alone rather
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Architect Headed the Committee of Builders

They called another meeting. A New York architect, who resided in Elizabeth, a very able executive, was chosen permanent chairman. It was decided at this meeting that in a few days they all meet again and each bring some advertising material and formulate a definite plan. In the meanwhile, the assistant to the chairman contracted for 1,500 inches of space to be used in each of the local daily papers. The committee met as agreed. It consisted of three architects, three building contractors, a representative of the biggest lumber concern, several merchants, of which the two most active were a hardware man, and a shoe dealer. At this particular meeting I refer to, everything proceeded nicely until the actual work of writing the advertising in such a manner that would suit the different ones present. The newspaper men were not on hand, No one present had ever been engaged in work of this kind, and the matter was difficult to get around or overcome.

Suddenly it dawned on the hardware man that they were trying to do work that was entirely out of their province, and he very emphatically declared the fact. “Well, what are you going to do about it?” was the query. “Get an advertising man,” was his reply. “Where?” they asked. “Get me a car and I will get one.” No more urging was needed. It was late, everyone was getting tired and almost discouraged.

The hardware man went directly to the home of his advertising agent, a man of several years’ experience, who knew the city perfectly, and was thoroughly acquainted with local conditions. After some persuasion he got him to come to the meeting, although late at night, and hear the story and run this campaign for them.

When the plan was laid before the advertising man, he did some hard thinking. It was a case of turning public opinion from a channel to one diametrically opposite, and to write a series of advertisements which would do this work in three weeks time was a job of no small proportions. A more eager lot of men never met to discuss advertising than this committee; they fairly urged and pleaded with the agent in whom they felt confidence to go ahead. He agreed; and asked for three days to study the problem and prepare three advertisements for their approval.

It should be mentioned that one of the Governmental departments at Washington had published a considerable amount of literature on the resumption of building and construction, and a good sized lot was handed to the advertising man, together with some lumber association circulars, ideas written out on paper of various members of the committee, various suggestions, and thoughts of all shades and types. On returning home that night he had an armful of the most diversified material imaginable from which to build a series of advertisements.

Newspaper Advertising Did the Business

The committee was on hand the third day, as agreed; they were shown a full four-column newspaper advertisement with a strong bold headline and center display line. The text matter referred to the plain facts of the conditions the city was in, due to the lack of houses and why it was unwise to wait longer. The chairman wanted this advertisement to be “Bulletin No. 1” and each successive one to be numbered up to 18. They liked the style and the way the facts were presented. The advertising man was told to go ahead and work out his own ideas. The first bulletin appeared Friday night when the paper was read very thoroughly. Each day for the next three weeks a new advertisement appeared.

The first week’s series treated on the civic interest which the prospective builders should take in their city; comparisons were adroitly drawn from the progressiveness of other cities. In every copy the facts were hammered home on why it cost more to build now than a few years ago and why the cost would not decrease in the next few years. The folly of waiting until later to build was sharply pointed out and abundant proof was given in each bulletin of the cause of the labor shortage, and the ascending scale of prices.

The second week the advertisements were directed to the rent payer. The first one was headed, “Mr. Rent Payer, Why Don’t You Build Now?” In another, a practical example was worked out on a fifteen year basis, showing just what could be saved by owning a home. “Terrors of the Rent Payer” was a heading on one that stirred up much comment. It was based on the actual investigation of housing conditions in New York, made by representatives of the New York Tribune and published in that paper. The fact was cleverly pointed out that New York people would decide to move to Jersey where rents were more reasonable; and what would happen to rents in Elizabeth could be clearly guessed.

Building More Than Doubles in a Month

Things began to happen at the beginning of the third week, and the real estate men were doing a whale of a business. The recorders of deeds in the Court House had the time of their life to keep up with their work.

One of the last week’s bulletins appealed to the young people. A letter from “old John Wise” to his son Henry, who was about to take his bride to a “rented house” made a hit. Another bulletin that produced much comment was the presentation of “Four-
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teen Points on Building and Construction in Elizabeth." This idea of Fourteen Points was suggested from the President's famous document and the application was clinched by the urging of the formation of a "League of Home Builders" whose members were to organize "Thrift Bands," save money, buy a lot, and build a home.

When the last day arrived, the advertising man asked for a summing up of results. It was shown that the Building Department permits for January and February were less than $100,000. In April and May after the campaign had been running, the totals were above $375,000, and many new contracts were in sight. The architects were swamped with work and the contractors were trying to get men to dig cellars and sewers. Neither the committee nor the advertising agent indulged in boasting, but they all quietly said the publicity from the carefully written bulletins had made a big change in the minds of the people. One wealthy man who defied any argument to move him to begin a big development early in the season, because prices did not suit, loosened up and ordered his work "full-speed ahead." He never admitted what started him, but he saw the newspaper every day, and knew what was being published. The newspapers co-operated splendidly in this campaign, and every factor worked together harmoniously after the movement was started and intelligently directed. The total cost of this advertising was less than $1,500. And the good effects are still being felt. Builders are still busy, prices are still high, but work is going on. All the public wanted to know, apparently, was the true conditions and that nothing was being "put over on them." Once their confidence was won it was easy to get action.

**Pictures or Windows?**

BY EVELYN M. WATSON

If there is a question of wall space and the one who is building thinks that he is benefiting himself by leaving the wall solid, let him consider, would he rather have a beautiful picture on the wall, or place a window there and have a more beautiful picture, sunlight streaming in?

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Training Carpenters at Iowa State College

HOW THE UNIVERSITY TEACHES THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK

By A. W. Turner

"Well, sir, boys, the only way to settle this home question is for each of you to submit a house plan, and the one chosen will be the one we will build," was the decision handed down by Prof. Charles Miller, instructor of wood work in the Agricultural Department at Ames, Iowa, to his class in carpentry for the final exercise of the year.

Some limitations had to be placed on the design of the house in order that all plans would be somewhat similar. The house was to be for a young couple of very moderate means and was to consist of one good living room, bath, kitchenette and sleeping accommodations for two. The house could, in addition, have an "L" on one side.

During the following period the floor plan shown here was selected from those submitted and work started on the "model house." Timber, builder's hardware and tools soon made their appearance on the location of the new building. Each man started to work on some part of the house and before many days passed the immediate vicinity took on the appearance of a community building a church. There seemed to be insufficient room for the carpenters to work, so some became "ground helpers" for the rest, and work progressed even faster than before.

House Tests Knowledge of Students

Being the final exercise of the year, the house was to be in the nature of an examination and therefore each kind of construction they had used heretofore was applied. The house contained the following: Six types of rafters, common, hip, valley, hip jack, valley jack, cripple jack and the various types of tails; two types of bridged joists; two types of girders; two types of sub-floor, straight finish and 45 degree angle; two forms of top flooring, plain and quarter-sawn oak; sheathing, 45 degrees and horizontal; five methods of enclosure, bevel and drop siding, shingles, troweled magnesite stucco and pebble dash; four types of corner posts and sills, window and door frames left open to show construction; four types of sheathing paper and three grades of shingles. In addition two forms of flashing and hips were used. The lathing was done so as to leave the jointing exposed, after which the smooth and sand-finished plaster were applied. The chimney was built so as to show the means of applying non-combustible material to prevent fire.

The course in carpentry for architectural engineers is the smaller of the two courses offered in wood work. The other course, "farm carpentry," is offered to all agricultural students, in which the following work is
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The course in advanced carpentry, or known rather as "the house," starts the student with locating the lot, figuring excavations and fills, estimating cost of the various parts of construction, recommending the kind and percentage of foundation, the design, cost of the super-structure, even to the paint and paper bill. It is a very practical course for architectural engineers and the number taking the course is increasing.

University Has Well-Equipped Shop
Some 3,000 men in all are taking wood work at Ames and Professor Miller says that his shop is full from early until late. The shop will accommodate 40 men at a time, there being 40 bench vises and that many sets of tools. The tools include all those essential to the modern carpenters. In addition the shop is electrically equipped with a band saw, circular saw, planer, four wood lathes, grind stone, emery wheel and other large equipment.

In addition to the regular exercises some special work has been turned out as inlays, Indian clubs of 15 different woods, besides large vases. But of all the single pieces of work the house stands as a stimulus for the oncoming freshman, who dreamingly misses the nail and pounds his finger.

How to Layout Floor Framing
Before the size of the timber can be determined, it will be necessary to know the span of the joists, and, if there are openings in the floor, or the floor-joists have to support longitudinal partitions, a framing plan should be made, showing the floor area that will be supported by each beam, and also the position of partitions or special loads. When the floor is to be supported by posts and girders the position of these should also be accurately indicated on the framing plan.

If the floor-beams are supported entirely by walls or partitions, the span of the beams will be fixed by the plan of the building. If the distance between walls and partitions is too great for a single span, there may be a question as to the best location of the posts and girders.

When wooden floor-beams are to be used, it is important to keep in mind how the floors are to be framed, and particularly the span. The span of wooden beams should be kept under 25 feet, if practical. If the distance between the supporting walls is greater than 30 feet, girders should be placed so that the maximum span of the joists will not exceed 24 feet for light buildings or 16 to 18 feet for warehouses.

School buildings should have rooms at least 27 feet wide, so, in this class of buildings, the joists usually have a span of from 27 to 30 feet. For a span of 30 feet, however, 16-inch joists should be used, and as these are expensive, and often difficult to obtain, it is much better and more economical to make the school rooms 27 by 32 or 34 feet, than to make them 30 feet square.

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Possibilities of the Steel Square

Illustrating the Ground Work or Governing Points in the Development of Corresponding Curved Rafters

By A. W. Woods

In the last number of this magazine we talked on the formation of the rafters for an irregular vaulted ceiling, and as we did not say all that we wanted to say, we have thought it would be a good idea to carry the subject a little further by applying the same principle to curved roof rafters, but in this we will go a little further in illustrating how the formation may be determined by the use of the circle and right-angled triangle, the latter being formed by the manipulation of the steel square.

In Fig. 1 is shown the section of a half round mould which we will let represent a semi-circular roof, that is, the curve representing the shape of the common rafters. Briefly it is this: the plan, are shown in comparison with that for the common rafter. Now, there are numerous ways of arriving at the required curve, but it is not our purpose to show the usual diagrams resorted to in finding this curve, but back of it all, no matter what form of diagram used, they must conform to the universal rule as determined by the divisions of the circle and the square in their relation to one another.

In the plan of this figure are shown the octagon, square and equilateral triangle along with their respective curves for the hip.

Now, if this mould was put in a mitre box and cut on the O or the 180-degree line the end would represent the curve of the common rafters.

If cut on the 22½-degree line, it would, when looking square at it, represent the required curve for the corresponding octagon hip. If cut on the 45-degree line it would represent the hip for the square corner, and if cut on the 60-degree line it would represent the hip for triangle.

The elevations of these rafters, in connection with the plan, are shown in comparison with that for the common rafter.

It might be well while we are at this point to explain what determines the angle that the seat of the hip rests from that of the common rafter. Briefly it is this: As the seat of the common rafter rests on the 180-degree line, the desired angle may be readily found by dividing the 180 by the number of sides representing the polygon. Thus the octagon would rest at 22½, the square at 45, and the triangle at 60 degrees, respectively.

In connection with this figure the relation of the steel square is shown to these angles. The interesting points are given in decimals.

In Fig. 2 is shown a different shape of mould. Suppose we put this mould in a mitre box and cut on the O line the end would show as in the section and would like points, the cut on the common rafter for any shape the building may have, but if cut on the 22½-degree line and reverse to the other side without moving the mould and make another cut on the 22½-degree line and cutting eight such pieces and putting them together we have a perfect model of an octagon Moorish shaped roof.

The cut having taken care of the required curve of the hip, which, of course, would be true if the mould was cut on any other angle that gives the mitre for the desired corner, but the question is, how to transfer this on a large scale to make the same practical in roof framing. Since we cannot put the full size roof in a mitre box, a workable solution must be arrived at by diagram to obtain the required shape of the hip.

As far as the circular roof is concerned this may be obtained by the trammel, as shown in Fig. 3. In connection with this we have shown the steel square, but this need not bother, in case the length of half the axis exceeds the limits of the arms of the square as in that case a couple of straight-edge pieces of any required length set at right angles to each other on a level surface will answer the same purpose. The trammel can also be of wood with pins or brads set at "a" and "b" and with pencil or marker at "c" and by swinging the bar so as to keep the points at "a" and "b" snug up to the straight-edge pieces, the pencil point at "c" will delineate the required curve.

These points are equal to like points, A and B of the plan. AC represents one-half of the major axis and represents the run of the hip. B the same for the minor axis and also represents the rise of the roof. A represents the difference between the two axes, however, in this example the hip rests at 60 degrees from the common rafter. A and B are of equal length, or, in other words, the run of the hip for the triangle is just twice that for the corresponding common rafter.

Now, by letting the points "a" and "b" move along the tongue and blade of the square the pencil point at "c" will delineate the required curve for the hip to coincide with the curve of the common rafter. But this does not readily apply to any other shape than a true circular roof. In the case of compound curves, as shown in Fig. 2, the trammel could not be used with sufficient accuracy, besides the operation would be too complicated for practical use.

In Fig. 4 is shown the same problem as in the previous figure, but in connection with the triangle which gives a better idea of the relative shape of the rafters showing intermediate points taken on the rafters; in other words, that part of the hip bounded by A B C when set up in proper place will coincide with that part of the common rafter bounded by like letters.

With this we close, but as there are still some points that would like to bring out in connection with compound curves we will take up the subject again in the next number.
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The Permanent Buildings Society
Chamber of Commerce, Chicago, Ill.
How to Choose Trucks Adapted to Your Business

By Burt R. Barr

EVERY member of the building industry knows the value and advantage of truck delivery over the antiquated horse-drawn vehicles. However, probably everyone does not know how to select the right truck, both from an economic and service standpoint, and the object of this article is to set forth some of the important features which every truck purchaser should seek when buying a motor truck.

Almost any blacksmith, in a remarkably short time, could build a truck, to your direct specifications. From any one of several concerns he could buy a motor of proven worth. From another he could purchase a strong, sturdy frame. He would have a wide selection of reliable, wear-resisting bearings. He could buy well-known axles, gears, wheels, springs, radiator and the hundreds of parts that go into a completed truck. Every unit in that truck would be as good as could be obtained. The truck would possibly be as good as could be built by experts who had to follow your instructions to the letter. The blacksmith would only assemble the various units.

But would that truck be a good investment? Would it meet the thousand and one requirements of a good commercial car?

Probably not. It would lack one essential thing. It would lack the experienced designer, who by years of study and test had overcome the stumbling blocks that impede the way of the inexperienced.

Only One Test of Merit

Because each part is good, it does not necessarily follow that the whole is beyond improvement. Each stone in a mosaic may be perfect—but the mosaic itself will not be good if put together by an inexperienced artist.

So it is with motor trucks. Each part may be the best that can be bought—but the completed truck may not give satisfaction.

The only test of truck worth is performance. Performance inevitably reflects the ability of the designer—ability gained only thru experience and constant determination to reach perfection.

Bear this in mind when you come to select a truck that will give long, uninterrupted service—at a moderate initial outlay and reasonable operating and maintenance costs.

First of all, at any price, you will want a truck that is going to be a good investment. To be a good investment, it must operate at a profit. This means that its service must be uninterrupted. It must stay out of the shop. It must not be held up for roadside repairs. It must give constant service in the hands of the average operator. It must not be wasteful of tires and gasoline. It must have long life.

Pick the Dealer of Whom You Buy

You would be using poor judgment to buy a truck from a dealer who was not progressive and prosperous. His very prosperity is, in a measure, a guarantee of the worth of the article he sells. Only a prosperous dealer can afford to carry an investment that assures him of a full line of spare parts. Only from such a dealer can you always be sure of efficient service.

Men of that type realize the importance of "service." Their interest in the truck you buy is not ended when
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Naturally, it is to your interest to deal with men of that type. Your business experience has taught you the futility and poor policy of attempting to deal with unprogressive, unprosperous men. They will “guarantee” almost anything you ask. But what is the value of their “guarantee,” with nothing to back it up?

They can’t afford to keep a full line of parts. If you have an accident, it will take days, maybe weeks or months, for them to replace the damaged parts. If

The Materials for This Huge Concrete Building at Seattle, Wash., Were Furnished by the Seattle Sand & Gravel Co., and Were Delivered to the Hopper Above the Concrete Mixer by 5-Ton “White” Trucks with Dump Bodies. This Method of Delivering Aggregates for Concrete Is Economical.

the truck fails to give satisfactory service, they are not in a position to make it good. A guarantee is never stronger than the man who gives it.

These things have been learned in almost every business. Don’t forget them when you buy a motor truck.

**Study the Truck Builders**

Don’t buy a truck merely because it has an excellent motor, good axles, fine bearings. You may feel sure that you can get them in any truck which, for more than a brief period, has proven satisfactory.

Buy rather on the basis of past history. Demand a truck that has come untarnished thru the trying test of hard, continuous usage under all conditions. Buy a truck made by men whose past success may be taken as an indication of hopes for the future. Makers of that caliber can never afford to stake their reputation and their business hopes on a mediocre truck. They can never accord to sacrifice quality for immediate profits.

**Minor Details Important**

Take, for instance, a seemingly unimportant detail like the location of a cross member on the frame. The frame—merely as a frame—may be the best that can be built. Unless that cross member is correctly placed in its relation to other parts, however, that frame will soon develop weaknesses. Shorten or lengthen the springs only half an inch, and a satisfactory frame may give trouble. Possibly the cross member would need to be moved only a small fraction of an inch to work in harmony with those springs.

But unless that small change is made the truck is doomed to a short life of usefulness.

You should feel confident that in the truck you buy each screw, each nut and bolt has been carefully studied in the light of actual performance and placed in its proper relation to every other screw, nut and bolt in the truck.
Efficiency

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WHEN WRITING ADVERTISERS PLEASE MENTION THE AMERICAN BUILDER
Motor Trucks and Trailers

[December, 1919]

consumption and running costs. It reduces the necessity for repairs, as there are fewer parts; and inexpert mechanics delight to tinker with adjustments—frequently necessitating a costly interruption in service. Your truck should be so designed that adjustments that invite tinkering and tampering are eliminated.

A great many parts could well be eliminated from the average truck. It should be exceedingly simple, practically fool-proof.

A Stake Body "Acme" Truck Loaded with Roll Roofing and Roofing Tile, Owned by V. R. Jones

Wasted Power is Money Lost

The average truck utilizes only a small part of the power developed by its motor. Even that small part is greatly reduced when the truck is starting, pulling on a grade or running less than eight or ten miles an hour.

Wasted power means excessive operating costs; short life. An advanced method of power application actually delivers more than 90 per cent to the rear wheels—where it drives the truck and is not consumed in overcoming internal friction and resistance.

Simplicity Important

The performance of most trucks depends to a large extent upon the care and attention of the operator—and many drivers are negligent and careless. You should get a truck simple in design, with no unnecessary parts to get out of order. It should be as nearly fool-proof as a piece of machinery can be made.

Every hour spent in the shop or delayed for roadside repairs is a dead loss to the owner. The truck that shows a profit is the one that gives uninterrupted service. It must stay always in service, without needless delays because the driver thinks "she's not running just right and has to be 'tuned up.'" A truck that must be frequently "tuned up" is too delicate to meet the requirements of those who must have dependable transportation.

Simplified design is a factor in reducing gasoline

The James C. Goff Co., Dealer in Building Materials, Boston, Mass., Require a Stanch Truck to Handle the Heavy Tile. This Picture Shows the Company's "Packard" Truck Taking on a Heavy Load to be transported to the Yard.

Simplified Lubrication

The average driver fails to give proper attention to the many grease cups and places to oil found on most trucks. And unnecessary places to lubricate mean unnecessary time—and expense—spent in oiling and greasing the truck. Neglected lubrication will soon send any piece of machinery to the junk pile. It has probably been the greatest factor in truck destruction. The truck you buy should have the fewest possible grease cups and spaces to oil. Wherever possible automatic lubrication should protect against carelessness and neglect.

The Test of Popularity

You will find some of those features in almost every truck. In some trucks you will find many of them. But you may feel sure that very few builders can put out a commercial car of such high quality at a price which will prove a good investment value for the average user.

You should insist upon a truck which is proving its value in a large number of lines of business. If it is a good truck, its value should be recognized throughout the country. It should be giving daily service in the metropolis and on the farm. Its popularity should not be localized. It should be in service in every principal foreign country.

Trailer Saves Hauling Cost

LUMBERMEN in all parts of the country are finding in trailer hauling the method that greatly reduces the cost of getting logs from the woods to the mill—and greatly reduces the original cost of the equipment that is necessary for the work.

For instance, the W. J. Steele Lumber Co., of Martinsville, Ind., find that with a 3½-ton reversible trailer they are able to haul twice as many logs to the mill as they formerly did with the 3½-ton truck alone.

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and the company has found that it can use the loader on the truck to load the trailer also.

Thus the initial expenditure for equipment has been reduced 50 per cent—the difference between the cost of the trailer alone and the cost of a 3½-ton truck plus the cost of another loader.

The operating cost of the truck and trailer, hauling practically the same tonnage that would be possible for two trucks equipped with loaders, is only 25 per cent greater than for the truck alone. So the company saved 50 per cent on equipment and is saving 75 per cent of the cost of operating the additional equipment.

This is an example which proves the point that the lumber business—either in carrying logs to the mill or finished products from the yard to the job, can use trailers more advantageously than any other business.

Motor Trucks Enlarge Material Dealers’ Territory

ONE of the most valuable features of the motor truck as hauling equipment for lumber and other building material dealers is that it enlarges the territory from which they can draw customers. Deliveries as far as 25 or more miles away from the yard are just a part of the day’s work when motor trucks are used.

That statement is verified by the experience of the Franklin Lumber Co., Leavenworth, Wash., dealer in lumber and building materials. Of his company’s experience with motor trucks, H. A. Franklin says:

“Motor trucks are a wonderful improvement over teams. At the present time we are operating only one 1½-ton truck, but are contemplating putting on another one, as we know that they are paying proposition. We do the work of two good teams and do it easier with our truck, while the cost of operation is 50 per cent less than with teams, with feed at the present prices.

“We figure there are five good reasons why the motor truck is an improvement over teams, when it comes to making and saving money.

“First, they cost less to operate; second, they do much more work, enabling one to handle more orders, and, consequently, to get more profits; third, we are able to haul farther, thereby taking in much larger territory, and we get business from as far as 25 miles out in the country that we would not get were it not for our efficient delivery equipment; in fact, a majority of our business requires average hauls of from eight to ten miles; fourth, our customers know that when they order from us they can get their materials when they want them; and, fifth, it is the modern way.”

The accompanying illustration was made from a photograph showing the Franklin company’s truck loaded and ready to start out into the country. This is the “sudden service” which dealers promise.
Solving the Contractor's Hauling Problem

It takes more than the average truck to answer satisfactorily the demands put upon it by the average contractor. But why take a chance and make costly experiments. Be safe. Buy an Acme—the proved unit truck, and you will be sure of getting a standard of service which will more than make good in your work.

We have yet to hear of an Acme truck that did not make good under the grueling service expected of it by contractors everywhere. The truck shown above is typical of what Acmes are doing. The W. H. Patterson people do all their contract hauling with Acme and find it very satisfactory.

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Contractor Uses Truck for Many Purposes

THAT a motor truck is extremely useful to a contractor whose work is both in town and in the rural sections is demonstrated by the experience of E. T. Sheeler, contractor and builder, Millersburg, Ky. Mr. Sheeler has had a one-ton truck for eight years, and uses it to haul equipment, his men and materials to and from the building job. Besides, the truck comes in handy as the power to raise barns, hoist shingles, brick and heavy timbers; and to haul scrapers in grading and excavating.

Here is what Mr. Sheeler says regarding his experience with trucks:

"A motor truck is more profitable than teams; that is, if you use a good truck. I have been using a truck for eight years and find it gives a great deal more service and satisfaction than teams and wagons. I have been using my truck for hauling men to and from work, but I do a great deal of material hauling with it also. I find I save one-half or two-thirds of the time formerly consumed when I used a horse and wagon. I have a one-ton truck and haul my men as many as 18 miles a day to and from the job. I believe that the truck is a great deal cheaper—I would say one-half—than teams and wagons, for you save much time in going and coming and in loading and unloading. And, furthermore, you can get to places with a truck that you cannot go with a wagon.

"To get the best results with a truck you ought to be able to drive one yourself and understand its mechanism. I find that a great many contractors blame their trucks for not giving good service, when it is their own fault, for they do not understand how to drive them and how to keep them in good condition. I use my truck to raise barns, hoist shingles, brick and heavy timbers and have pulled scrapers and plows in excavating and grading. So you see I get some good use out of the truck. I would be lost without it."

The accompanying illustration shows the one-ton truck that Mr. Sheeler has run for eight years, hauling a concrete mixer. This is only one of the many things Mr. Sheeler says his truck accomplishes for him.

Hundreds of contractors are using motor trucks. And without exception they find that they save time, do a great deal more work, and are, consequently,
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With either passenger car or light truck the Trailmobile hauls building materials, tools and supplies at exceptionally low costs for the equipment itself and for maintenance and operation.

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The owner has found the equipment the best investment he ever made. It is equally efficient where smaller loads are to be handled. A Trailmobile that doubles the capacity of a truck or hauls a ton behind a passenger car adds only about $1.25 per cent to the usual operating cost of the vehicle.

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more economical means of transportation than teams and wagons. The motor truck has the power to transport materials and men directly to the job, thru soil that would balk a team. They have speed, which enables them to save time in getting needed equipment or materials to the building site, so that the work is kept going at top speed.

These capabilities of the motor truck are what is making them essential pieces of the contractors' equipment.

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Special bodies or beds to accommodate the needs of the owner whose truck is used to haul loads of extraordinary shapes are built to specifications by the manufacturers of motor trucks. These bodies are put on standard chassis, so that the extra cost of the truck is not great.

A truck with a special body was designed for the Beckwith Machinery Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., and is shown in the accompanying illustration. The company hauls a great many derrick masts and booms, and to accommodate them had this truck made. The bed is so constructed that it extends beyond the sides of the cab, and permits the mounting of long timbers directly in the truck body. The timbers extend to the front of the truck as well as the rear, and permit a better balance and the truck can be operated thru crowded streets more easily.

The photograph shows the truck loaded with a stiff leg derrick, having a boom 16 by 1 inches by 60 feet. The truck body is about 20 feet long.
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Yours truly,
C. H. BULTMAN.

WHEN WRITING ADVERTISERS PLEASE MENTION THE AMERICAN BUILDER
Wants Method for Turning Cornice Shingles

To the Editor:
Los Angeles, Cal.

I've never asked the AMERICAN BUILDER a question, but as I've been a subscriber of the valuable magazine a long time, am about to ask something on a circular turned cornice, a quarter turn, for shingles, where the corners are all on a true circle to conform with the eaves and rakes.

Recently I spent about three weeks working such a cornice over an eight gabled house. I would like to know if there can be worked out a system of getting all points by such method, as it seems to me there ought to be a method for it, as well as other points about buildings. The boss said there is no system, saying have to go by looks. I told him I'd write in to Chicago and find out about that.

W. Lacey.

Another Method of Squaring a Building

To the Editor:
Sonora, Texas.

Mr. H. R. Seager is correct about squaring a building with a chalk line being inaccurate.

A better method, than using 6, 8 and 10 as a diagonal on a corner of the building, is to use a steel tape and make the diagonals of the building equal; i.e., measuring from opposite corners of the building.

This method is accurate and practical.

J. L. Martin.

Is This Good Roof Truss Construction?

To the Editor:
Croswell, Mich.

I would like to ask thru the columns of your paper if I could truss a building in the manner which I have drawn a rough sketch, the building to be 52 feet wide, 90 feet long, walls 10 feet high to beam, the wall being built of cement blocks, 14 feet between beams and the roof to be put on of felt shingles; there will be double windows between the strusses in the upper deck or roof. If it could not be trussed in this manner, what is the best way to truss it? It is to be used as a garage.

Wm. Miller.

What Should We Charge Per Day for Mixer?

To the Editor:
Pontiac, Ill.

In the November AMERICAN BUILDER, W. R. Davis, of Dublin, Ohio, asks, in the Correspondence Department, how to determine the rental he should receive for his equipment. That is just what I have been thinking about for some time. I have a concrete mixer, a five-foot machine, that cost new, three years ago, $312. I loaned it once and the party broke it, so now I don't let it go unless my son goes with it. The wages for common labor here are 50 cents to 60 cents an hour. What I want to know is, how should I figure the charge by the hour? Most of the jobs here are done in less than a day. I have been charging $1 an hour. Is that enough or is it too much?

W. F. Davis.

Tile Roof on Church Leaks

To the Editor:
Lyons, Kan.

About three years ago a $40,000 church was built at this place. The contract was let to an outsider builder, who put on a "green tile" roof and it has always leaked. The roof was sheathed tight with 6-inch flooring and paper put on. There was a good deal of walking over this paper before the tile was laid. The tile is nailed on and no cement used. This building was put up without any superintendent as the official board wanted the honor of building it, and now they come...
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From first landing up, I build the stairs
boxed with foot rail and balusters. You
will find full size detail of bottom rail
and fillet on 8½-inch tread. I would use
3 balusters, which makes it look more
complete on narrow tread.

E. Lange.

How to Build Concrete
and Tile Door
To the Editor: Akron, Ohio.
Enclosed find rough sketch of rein-
forced concrete and tile floor as per
S. Edgar Tuthill’s request. Temporary
supports of 4x4 should be set every two
feet, then put on joint of 2x8 or 2x6—
16-in. on centers. Lay 8 by 12 hollow
tile 16 inches on centers. Then put in
one-inch iron rods about one and one-
half inches from bottom of tile. Iron
rods should be laid so as to cross
as shown. Then fill in between tile
with concrete, including finish coat. Ex-
treme care should be taken not to let rain
fall on this until thoroly set, as it will
only crush the concrete and cause it to
leak. He should have no trouble with
floor laid this way. Chas. S. King.

Suggestions for Stair Builders
To the Editor: Dayton, Ohio.
In regard to question of H. R. Fraser requesting sugges-
tions for building stairs.
I am enclosing pencil sketch of stairway which I am using
in houses. I am in charge of building. I build my stairs
to me wanting me to tell them how to stop the leaks, but I
am up against it. Have been a building superintendent for
about thirty years, have a number of tile roofs put on and
never seen one go on without cement before.
If someone can help me out of this trouble it will be
greatly appreciated.

F. W. Martin.

Rules for Getting Radius of Circle
To the Editor: Vallejo, Calif.
The discussion which has been going on in your valuable
magazine in regard to the radius of any segment of circle
has been very interesting.
The rule which has been given by many—squaring ½ chord,
dividing by the rise, adding the rise and then dividing by 2,
which gives the radius, is correct. I do not remember
seeing anyone giving the proof of this, which I will at-

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tempt with your permission, as shown on separate sketch.

This simple problem opens up the possibilities contained in this sketch, as many men are apt to forget this formula, but, knowing the principle, would never forget the rule or possibilities contained in the diagram.

Rule 1. Draw any angle within the circumference of a circle, as A B C. If a line be let fall from the circumference C to its diameter B forming two right angle triangles, A B C, also B C D, these two angles are similar, then it follows that they are proportional.

Rule 2. Then it follows that sine 3 feet is to 16 feet of small angle as 16 feet is to long angle leg B D, or $3:16::16:85.333$, then if you add 3 feet sine to B D leg you have 88.333, which is the diameter; $1/2$ of diameter = radius 44.1666 feet, or 44 feet 2 inches approximately.

Rule 3. Areas of similar figures are to each other as the squares of their corresponding dimensions. The area of triangle B A C = 24 square feet. It follows in proportion than $9:256::24:682.666$ area of angle B C D, which is 682.666 square feet.

The proportion ration would be stated like the following as sine 3 squared is to 16 squared as area 24 is to area in large angle—682.666.

Rule 4. Areas of similar figures are to each other as the squares of their corresponding dimensions. As the area of the circle under discussion is 6128.2873 square feet, the area of a circle whose diameter is only 20 feet would be in ratio or proportional—as the following:

88.333 squared is to 6128.2873 area of 88.333 foot circle as 20 feet squared is to 314.1593 area of 20-foot circle.

I hope I am not tiring you with this sketch or its possibilities, but am sure that many of your readers would be pleased to know the theory of the radius formula, as it will assist them in their work. At least, anyone that has work in circles and angles—inside of a circle.

To illustrate the value of this sketch, supposing you and I wanted to know the radius of a railroad curve and I should take out an ordinary 2-foot pocket rule and open it to 2 feet length and place it on the inside of the rail, and the space between the rail and rule at the 12-inch junction of the rule was 3/4 inch very close—the radius of the circle which the rail was bent is easily obtained by the same rule of similarity of angles as follows:

Diagram Showing Use of Rule in Finding Radius of Circle.

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sine \cdot 125:12 \text{ inches}::12 \text{ inches}: \text{long leg } B \text{ D } +.125 = \text{ sine } 1152-125 \text{ inches diameter, or } 96.0104 \text{ feet diameter = radius } 48 \text{ feet.}
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Uses His Tools Forty-Two Years

To the Editor: Danville, Pa.

Recently I saw in the AMERICAN BUILDER a picture of a carpenter who had tools that he had used 40 years. Enclosed is a photograph of some tools I have used 42 years, and by good care can be used many more years. The photograph does not show more than two-thirds of the tools I have used many years. I have done a very large amount of carpentry and mill work. I take great pride in my tools and keep them in trim, and, as I work a great deal with heavy timbers need nearly all kinds of tools. They are shown leaning against my tool box.

Henry F. WILLIAMS.

Simple Method of Getting Rise and Run of Rafters

To the Editor: New Castle, Ind.

After reading in the November AMERICAN BUILDER the answer to S. M. Doyle's problem, published in the October issue, I decided to submit a method I use. I would subtract the rise per foot of the rafter—in this case 6 inches—from the rise per foot of the brace, or 12 inches, which leaves 6 inches, the amount the brace gains on the rafter each foot of run. Divide 36 inches, the distance apart at the starting point, by 6, the number of inches gained each foot. The result is 6, the number of feet both the rafter and brace must run to come to the same level. This is taking the corner of the plate as a working line. An addition must be made for the part of the rafter coming above this line. To obtain the top cut of the brace lay the square on at 12 and 12 and you will have a level line. Then deduct the pitch of the rafter, using 6 and 12, cutting on 12.

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How to Estimate Shingles

To the Editor: Hayden, Colo.

In regard to C. W. Baker's inquiry about estimating shingles of various or random widths, a very simple way is to take length of rafter from top point to projection of cornice. Double this so as to get both sides of roof. Multiply this by the length of building, cornice included. Divide the total by 125 for 5 inches to weather, as 1,000 shingles 5 inches to weather will lay 125 feet; 1,000 laid 4½ inches will lay just 100 feet, or one square.

J. F. Bruce.

Wants Plans for Wood Material Storage Bin

To the Editor: Alexandria, La.

We would appreciate any information you could give us regarding the proper manner in which to construct a wood bin for the storing of gravel and sand. We want a bin whereby the gravel and sand could be unloaded from the cars into the bin, and at the same time have it so constructed to permit a truck to pass under or back up to it, so that material could be loaded.

Thanking you or any of your readers in advance for the desired information, we are, Gehr Construction Co.

Builds Huge Tobacco Warehouse

To the Editor: Millersburg, Ky.

I am sending you a picture of a large tobacco warehouse I am building. It is 128 feet wide and 290 feet long. I am standing by the transit, back of the second wheelbarrow to the left. I have had a great deal of work this season—barns and other buildings, and this warehouse. The latter is of timber frame construction, set on concrete. The picture shows my concrete crew and the carpenter crew at work.

E. T. Sheeler.

Template to Lay Out Partition Studs

To the Editor: Millersburg, Ky.

I am sending you a drawing and explanation, to be published in the paper, of what I call a studding template used in laying out partition studs 16 inches on center. This is a time-saver and if slid along right will not make a mistake. I have used this a great many years. Fig. 1 is first floor of the house. Fig. 2 is the bottom plate, or toe sill. Fig. 3 is the top plate which is tacked temporarily to the outside of the frame even with the top of the bottom plate so both plates can be marked at the same time.

Fig. 4 is the template laid on top of the two plates ready to mark off the studs. In the gains cut 16 inches on center. Then this section is marked, the template is moved and another section laid out in the same way. The stub at each end is a guide to go by in sliding the template.

Fig. 5 is the elevation of template with gains cut in the thickness of the studs standard size 1½ inches wide, which is better than using the 2 inch blade of the square. Also the headers of the windows can be cut by this template and windows framed while the partition is lying on the floor and set in place.

Fig. 6 is a cross section. I think the other dimensions are plain enough for most anyone to make out.

Now I hope this article helps some carpenter to progress as it is a time-saver, and no mistake will be made if handled right.

At some future time I will write an article on arranging a newel post to attach three rails to, without making land post larger than the other posts, using straight rails.

A. P. Stone.

Wants Design for Roll Top Desk

To the Editor: Fort William, Ont.

I have been a subscriber to the American Builder for 10 years and like it very much. I get a lot of information from it. I would like to get a design and plans, if possible, for a roll top desk, one suitable for a house. Please put this before your readers, and perhaps some brother "chip" will help me out.

Fred Gayton.
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Points of Law the Builder Should Know

USE OF BUILDING BY OWNER IS NOT AN ACCEPTANCE.

By Leslie Childs

Whether the use or occupancy of a building by the owner, either before or after completion, amounts to an acceptance has been threshed over for several hundred years. The law books contain many cases dealing with the question from the early English decisions down to the present time. The question crossed the pond with the Plymouth Rockers, and the American courts have probably blackened as much good white paper in discussing the point, as on any other subject relative to building law.

And with all this, the question has not been settled conclusively, as witness the cases that are every day being brought to the attention of the courts, dealing with some phase of it. And, it probably never will be settled, because of the individual circumstances surrounding each case. But the general rule is well settled in the United States, and unless a given case presents some facts that would make it an exception, it would in all probabilities be measured by this established rule.

This general rule was stated in the case of Pope vs. King et al., 69 Atl. 417, in a very clear and well written opinion, and is without doubt supported by the great weight of authority. The facts in this case were substantially as follows.

Points in the Controversy

The plaintiff, John W. Pope; entered into a written contract with the defendants, King et al., to make certain alterations on some church property. The plans and specifications were prepared by an architect, and the contract stipulated that payment should be made in three payments, as the work progressed, upon certificate of the architect.

The agreed price for the job was $2,611.00, and the defendants paid $1,790.90 on account, but refused to pay the balance. The plaintiff thereupon filed suit on the contract to recover the balance alleged to be due under the terms of the contract.

The defendants based their refusal to pay the balance on the ground that the work was done in an unskillful, unfaithful, improper and imperfect manner; claiming that the plaintiff had already received more money than he was entitled to, when the proper deductions were made for the imperfect work done. All of this was denied by the plaintiff, who claimed that the work had been faithfully and properly performed.

At the trial of the case it was shown that the architect had refused to furnish a certificate, claiming that the plaintiff had not done the work according to the terms of the contract. The plaintiff attempted to overcome this by showing that the defendants had used and occupied the building, contending that such use and occupancy would amount to an acceptance; at least would constitute a waiver of the condition to produce a certificate from the architect.

The trial resulted in a judgment for the defendants, under an instruction from the court given at the close of the plaintiff's case.

What the Court Decided

The plaintiff appealed to the Court of Appeals, and in passing on the points raised it was held:

That as the contract provided that payments should be made on a certificate from the architect, this certificate must be obtained, or it would have to be shown that its refusal was due to fraud or bad faith. It was pointed out, that in this case, there was no claim that the architect wrongfully, or fraudulently, refused to give the certificate. On the contrary, the evidence showed that the architect had refused the certificate, because, in his judgment, the work did not measure up to the terms of the contract.

In disposing of the contention on the part of the plaintiff, that the use and occupancy of the building constituted an acceptance, or at least a waiver of the condition to produce the architect's certificate, the court said:

"It was settled that the use of a building under circumstances which negative the intention of the owner to accept the work under the contract does not constitute an acceptance of the work. * * * Upon a consideration of the whole evidence, we are of the opinion that there was no intentional waiver of the production of the architect's certificate." * * *

The Court of Appeals thereupon affirmed the judgment in favor of the defendants rendered in the lower court.

This case is in accord with the general rule that the use and occupancy of a building by the owner will not IN ITSELF constitute an acceptance. Before it will ever amount to that, the act of use must be coupled with some act, or language, that would indicate the owner meant such use, or occupancy, to be an acceptance.
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Building Operations for 1919 Break All Records

THE F. W. DODGE COMPANY'S REVIEW OF BUILDING ACTIVITY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, AND FOR THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR

Building contracts awarded during the month of October, 1919, in the territory north of the Ohio and East of the Missouri rivers, amounted to $311,382,000, which was greater than the figure for any previous month of this year. This was an increase of $76,801,000, or 33 per cent over the total for the month of September, the September total having been somewhat less than that for August.

Of the total amount for October, 34 per cent, or $105,663,000, was for residential buildings; 25 per cent, or $78,249,000 was for industrial plants; and 15 per cent, or $45,939,000 was for business buildings. Public works and utilities amounted to $42,334,000.

The October figures brought the total for contract awards for the first ten months of 1919 up to $2,111,452,000, which is greater than the total for any entire year previous to 1919. In fact, these figures indicate an actual average annual volume for the five years previous to 1919.

New England

Contracts awarded during October throughout the New England district amounted to $32,384,000, of which $7,351,000 was for new residential buildings; $13,655,000 for manufacturing buildings; and $6,536,000 for business purposes.

The gross total shows an increase of $2,581,000 over the figures for September and brings the total for ten months' business to $188,109,000, which is the record figure for any ten months of the New England district since the records began in 1901.

New York State and Northern New Jersey

The total of contracts awarded for the district which includes the state and city of New York and Northern New Jersey, for the month of October is $53,219,000, which is less than the amount for the month of September by $14,081,000. The records show the expenditure of $21,922,000 for new residential buildings; $11,409,000 for manufacturing buildings; and $6,245,000 for business structures.

Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington District

A marked increase in the construction of new buildings and engineering works is shown to have taken place in the Philadelphia district during the month of October, 1919, when the returns are compared with those for September. The total for October is $46,425,000, an increase over September of $10,576,000, or about 30 per cent. Of this total of $46,425,000 there was expended for residential buildings $19,137,000; for manufacturing structures $6,427,000; and for new business buildings $10,927,000.

Pittsburgh District

The total for contracts awarded in the Pittsburgh district, which includes western Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia, for the month of October, 1919, is $61,622,000, of which $15,385,000 is for residential buildings; $18,245,000 for manufacturing buildings; and $6,977,000 for business structures.

Central West

The Central West district, which includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and parts of Missouri and eastern Kansas, expended during the month of October, 1919, a total of $106,314,000, of which $36,877,000 was for new dwellings, $27,546,000 for manufacturing buildings, and $13,655,000 for business structures.

The Northwest

In the Northwest district, which includes Minnesota and North and South Dakota, the contracts awarded during October, 1919, totaled $11,418,000, of which $4,992,000 was for dwellings, $999,000 for manufacturing structures and $1,597,000 for business buildings.

Comparative Statistics of Building and Engineering Operations From January 1 to November 1, Based Upon Contracts Awarded

Comparative statistics of building and engineering operations in the states north of the Ohio and east of the Missouri rivers, viz.: New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Virginia, Ohio, West Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas, as compiled by the F. W. Dodge Company.

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The development of Beavertone, the announcement of the companies says, was in response to an oft repeated question of the purchasers of Beaver Board, "How shall we decorate?" Beavertone is the companies' answer. It secures a smooth, velvety, washable finish for side walls and ceilings and can be applied to Beaver Board, other wall boards, plaster, wood, metal, burlap or canvas.

The companies will market Beavertone thru its wall board dealers, enabling them to give complete service to Beaver Board customers. Beavertone is made in ten shades, and is contained in cans of a capacity of from one quart to one gallon.

F. W. Ruggles Secures Control of Republic Truck Co.

F. W. Ruggles, president of the Republic Motor Truck Co., Inc., Alma, Mich., formally announces that he has, in conjunction with John N. Willys and W. J. Baxter of New York City, acquired control of the Republic Motor Truck Co., Inc., and the Torbensen Axle Company of Cleveland, Ohio. The interests formerly held in these corporations by parties located in Cleveland, Alma and other points, were purchased outright. The men whose holdings were purchased, including Charles G. Rhodes, former secretary of the Republic Company, C. F. Hepburn, former vice-president and general manager, J. O. Eaton, and others, have no further connection with either of the organizations.

F. W. Ruggles further announces that in spite of conflicting rumors which have been published recently, the Willys-Overland Company, of Toledo, Ohio, is in no way connected with the transaction, which was a purely personal investment by himself, John N. Willys and W. J. Baxter.

Mr. Ruggles also announced that the original administrative policies of the Republic Motor Truck Co. will in a large measure, be continued, and predicted a period of continued growth and prosperity for the institution.

Concrete Block Makers Organizing

A small but enthusiastic meeting was held at Rochester, N. Y., on September 21 for the purpose of forming an association for improvement and promotion of concrete block. All of the manufacturers were represented, with one unavoidable exception. There is unanimous desire on the part of Rochester manufacturers to put a better product on the market and enter into a spirited promotive campaign. The city fire marshal was present and made an address in which he strongly advised the new organization to work for better block and for fire-safe buildings.

On Wednesday evening, October 22, Cleveland concrete block manufacturers met to reorganize the Concrete Block Association of Cleveland. Every concern in the city and vicinity making structural block was represented. There were also present one or two representatives from each of the following cities: Erie, Lorain, Elyria, Rocky Falls, Bedford and Painesville. Most of the latter attended for the purpose of getting information helpful in organizing block associations in their respective cities. Robert Scholl was elected president and E. G. Barnett, of the Geist Building Material Co., secretary. Short reports on conditions of the concrete block business in Cleveland were made by Clarence Echle, Wm. Hoag, Harry Bennett and Robert Scholl. The condition of the block business at Erie was described by Grant Smith; at Paynesville by Platt Rust; at Elyria by Chas. Crehore; at Chagrin Falls by Chas. Giles; at Lorain by H. F. Fraley and at Bedford by Herman Doll. The meeting resulted in a permanent organization which will meet at an early date to adopt a broad plan for promotion work.

Similar meetings were held at Milwaukee on November 7, at Indianapolis on Nov. 10, at Detroit, November 12, at Windsor, Ont., November 13, and at Kalamazoo on November 14. At each of these points preliminary steps were taken to form local concrete block associations. At Milwaukee, Wm. Yonker acted as chairman and a committee was appointed to present constitution and by-laws. At Indianapolis, O. L. Miller, president of the local block association, was instructed to place before that body a plan for reorganization, including a new constitution and by-laws, taking in block manufacturers at Anderson, Pendleton, Worthington, Carmel, Knightstown, Noblestone, Lebanon, Greensburg, Richmond and other nearby cities.

There was an attendance of 51 at the Detroit meeting, where a permanent association was organized and dues paid down by a large proportion of those who attended. At Windsor, Ont., all of the block makers of Windsor, Walkerville and surrounding towns were present and a permanent organization established, all concerns represented paying their dues at the meeting. There was an attendance of 14.

The second meeting of the Concrete Block Machinery Association was held at Chicago on October 13, at which time constitution and by-laws were adopted and dues fixed for the remainder of 1919. The organization is looking forward to an intensive promotion campaign, and several of the members are preparing splendid new catalogs for 1920.

The National Cement Stave Silo Association will hold its fourth annual convention at the Fort Dearborn Hotel, Chicago, on December 2, 3 and 4. A special committee is assisting A. W. Clyde, secretary, in the arrangement of an elaborate program. President E. M. Heim has been in touch with a large number of the members and reports that the convention will be the biggest ever held. It is expected that reports made at that time will indicate the greatest silo season ever experienced by cement stave builders.

The concrete roofing tile manufacturers are planning a rejuvenation of the Concrete Roofing Tile Association, which became inactive during the war. Preliminary arrangements are being made for a meeting at Chicago about January 1. Readers of the AMERICAN BUILDER who may be interested in membership in the association may communicate with D. Helmuth, president of the Empire Tile Co., Scofield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Stucco over metal lath as fire-resistant construction is treated at length in the September issue of “Expanded Metal Construction,” published by the North Western Expanded Metal Co., Chicago. Fire tests of metal lath and stucco walls and other phases of this type of construction are discussed by text and illustration.

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The history of walnut is contained in a booklet entitled "American Walnut," issued by the American Walnut Manufacturers' Association, New York City. The booklet contains 48 pages and is well illustrated with photographs showing furniture made of walnut.

Portable belt conveyors for economical and speedy handling of building materials are described in a booklet of 32 pages and cover issued by the Barber-Greene Co., Aurora, Ill. The booklet not only describes the equipment the company makes, but illustrations show them in use.

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"Receivador, the Automatic Servant" is the title of a booklet that describes by text and illustration the kitchen doors equipped with package receivers manufactured by the Hardwood Products Co., Neenah, Wis. The receivers have a novel lock, which prevents entrance to the house when the outer door is open, and unlocks the inner door when the outer is closed.

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