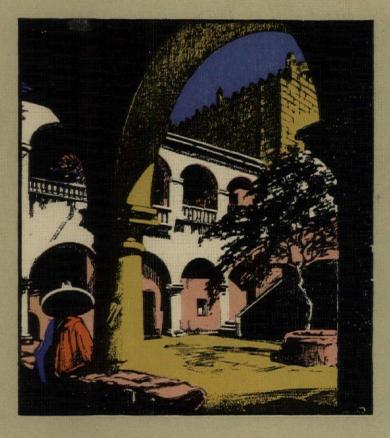
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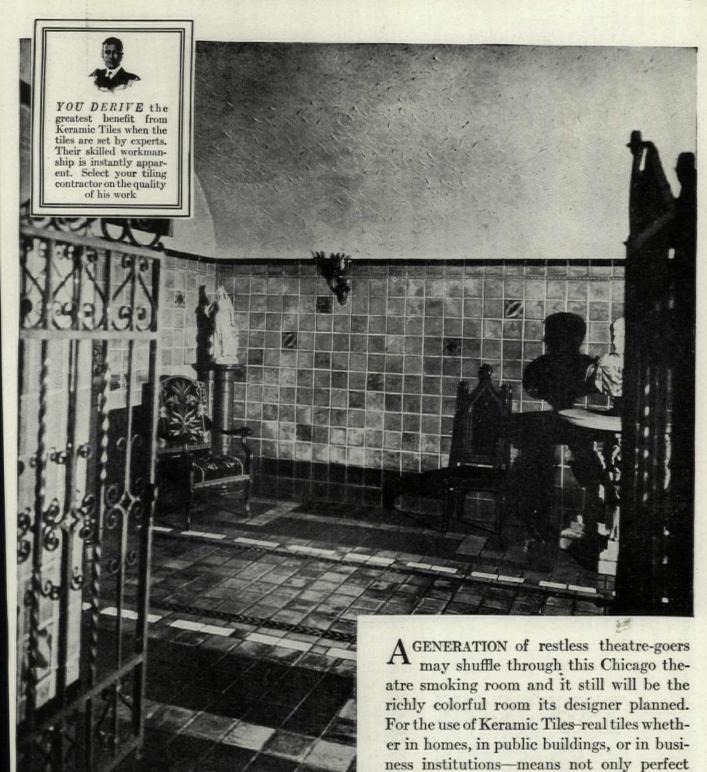
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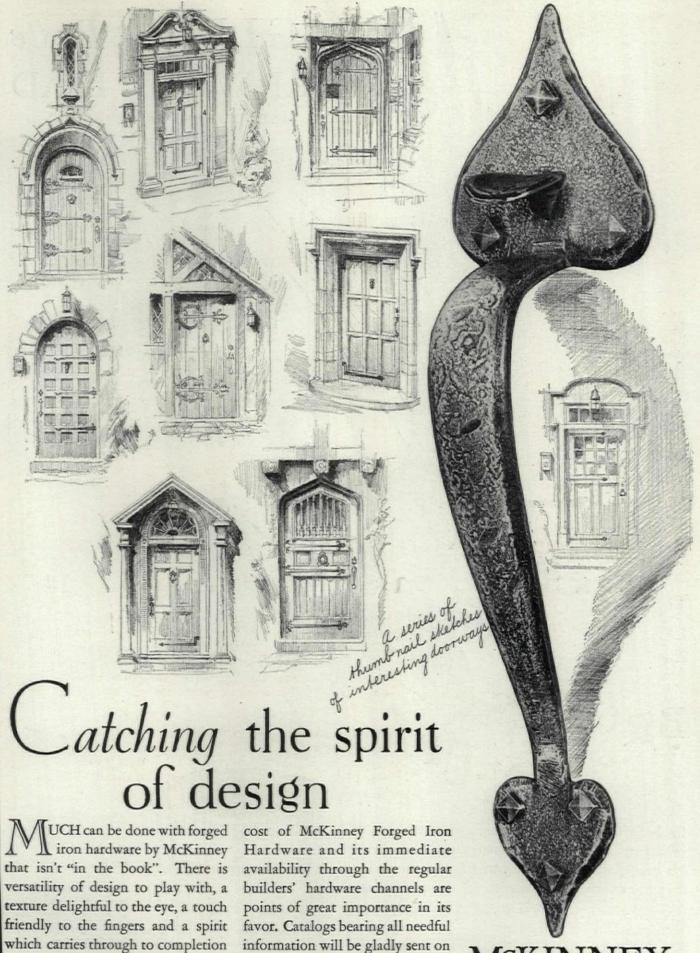
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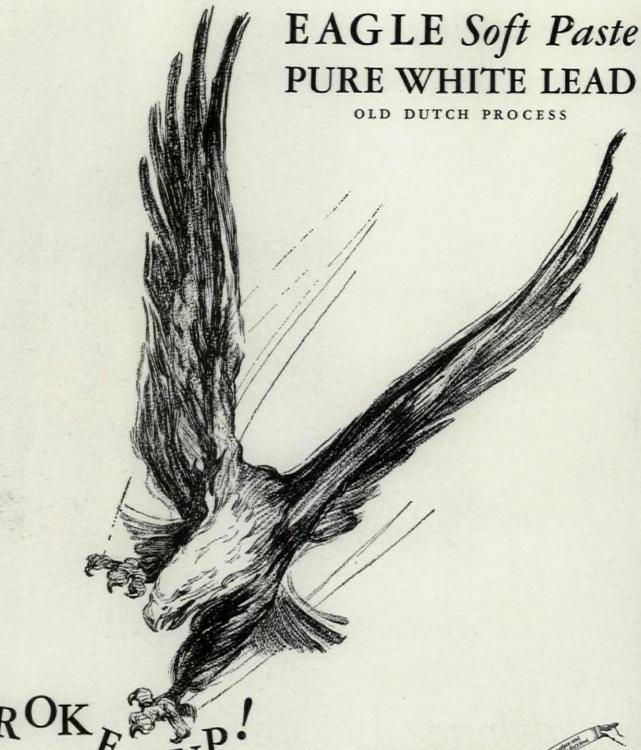
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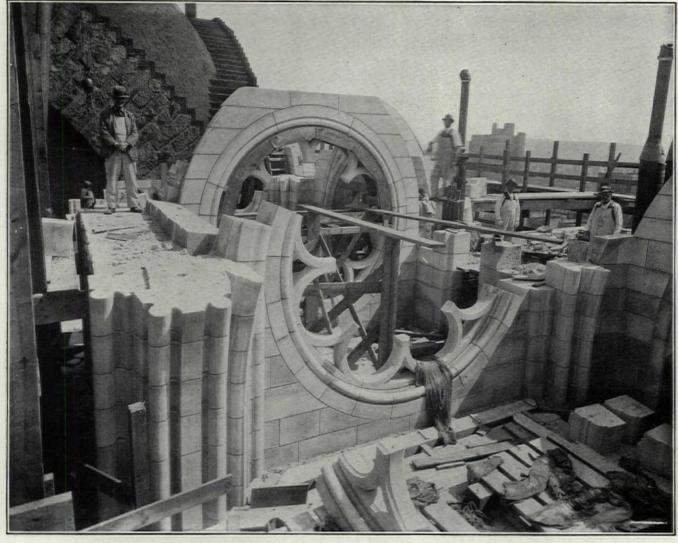
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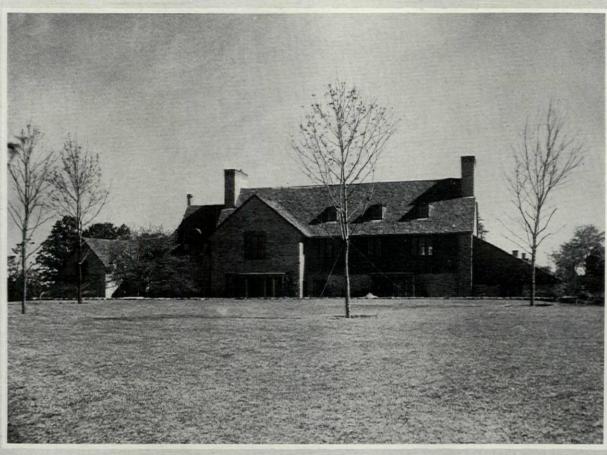
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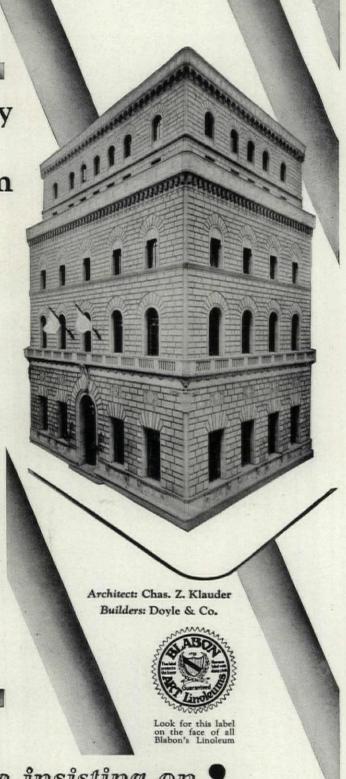
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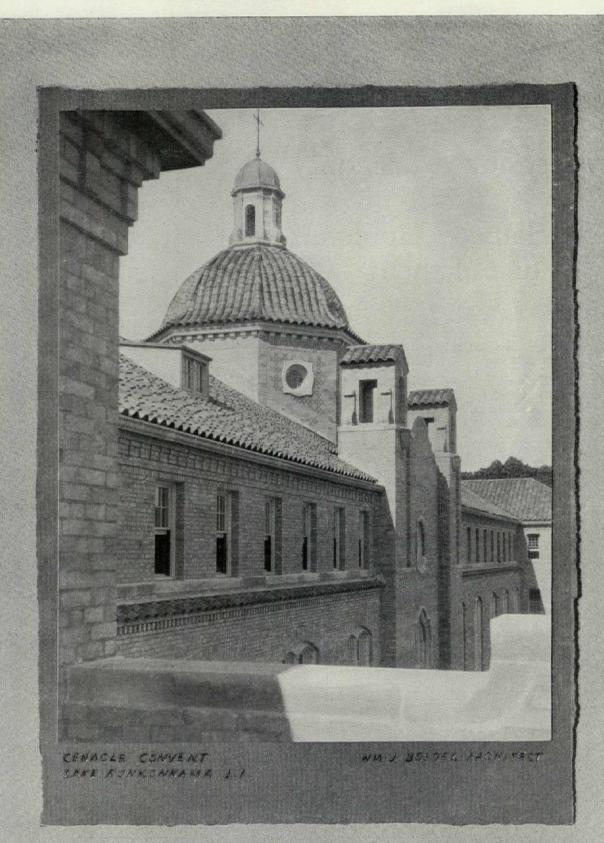
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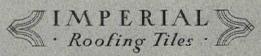
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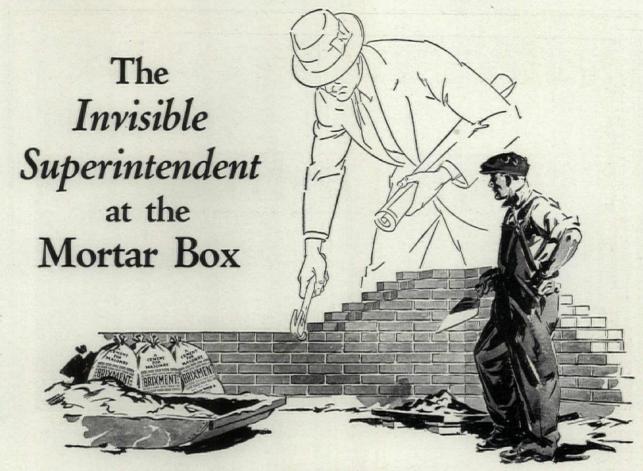
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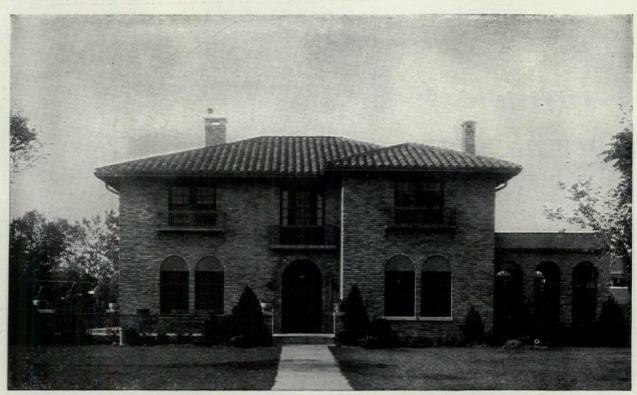
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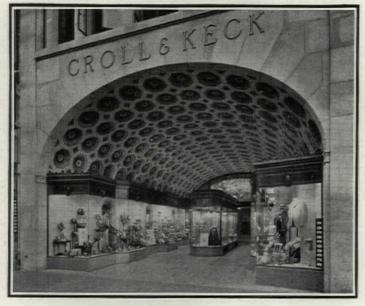
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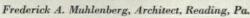
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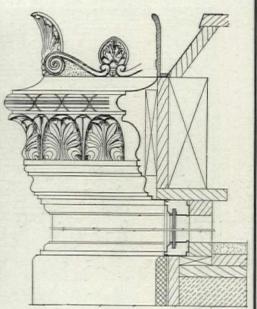




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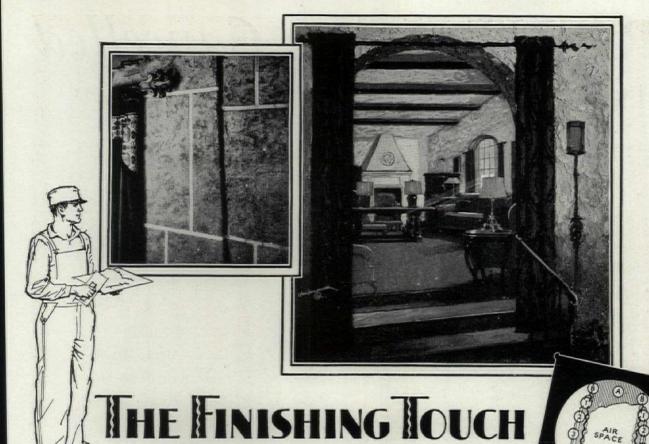
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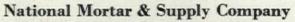
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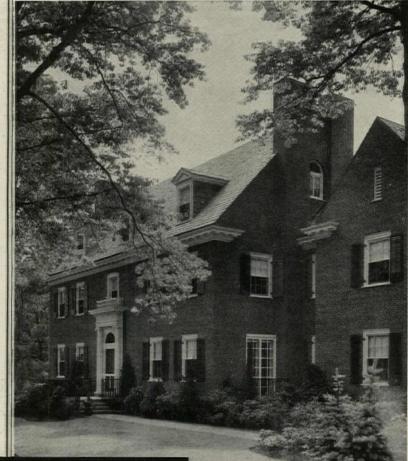
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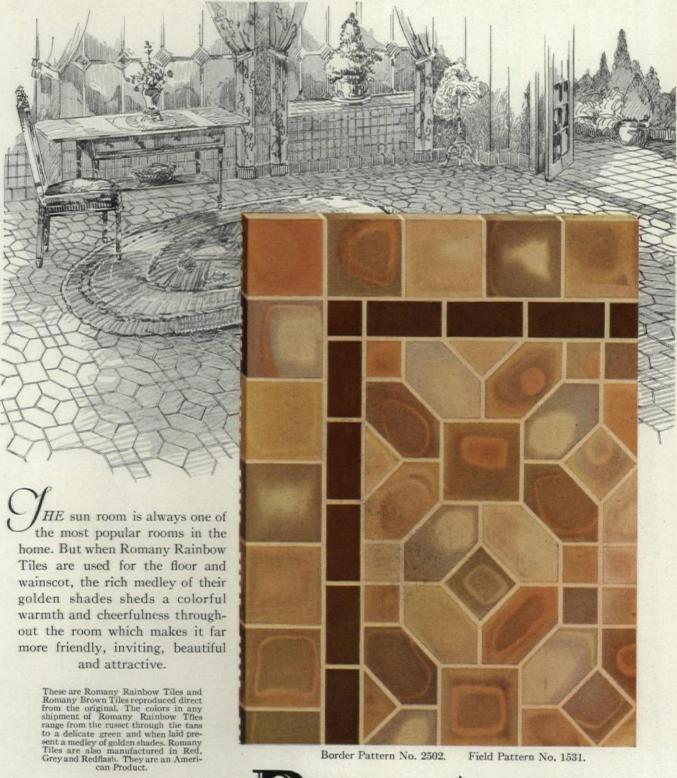
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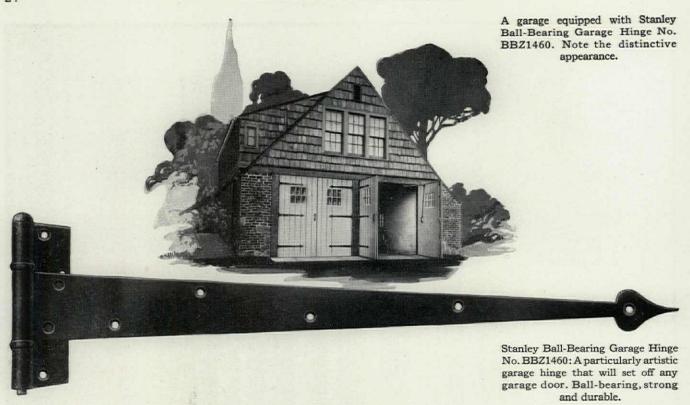


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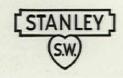
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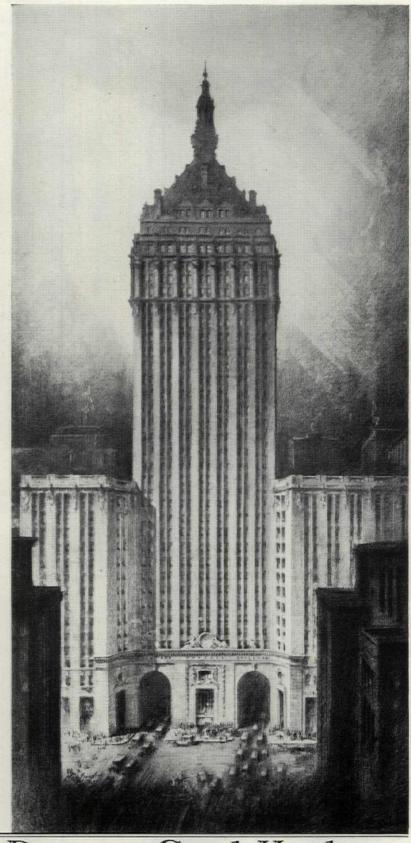
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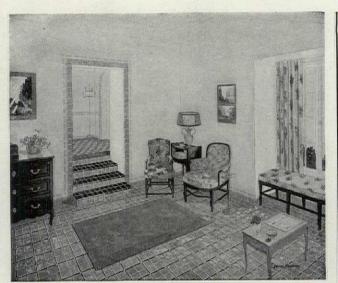
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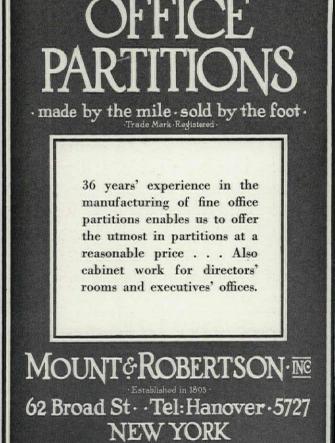
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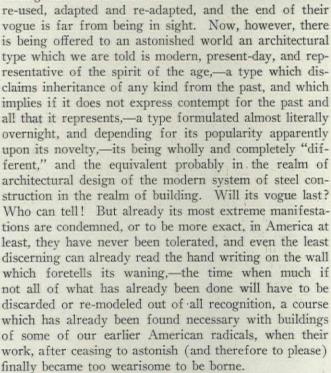


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A Review by WALTER F. WHEELER

THOSE students of architecture who are accustomed to seeing in one type a definite relationship to what has gone before, find that a study of distinctly "modernistic" architecture involves something of a shock. The

merging of Tudor forms into Jacobean and later Stuart is of course readily accounted for; so is the easy and graceful transition from Queen Anne into Georgian and from Georgian into Adam. Architecture like nature demands time if she is to bring forth perfect work; she refuses to be rushed or hurried, and therefore her work possesses qualities which because they are enduring or lasting have been used and



This work on modern French architecture has been edited and prepared by two well known British architects, and they have evidently selected from a wide field merely the examples calculated to offend as little as possible the English and Americans to whom the volume is presumably directed and who refuse to either acknowledge or follow the leadership of the French. A large proportion of the 100 plates show the fronts of shops or the facades of business structures, which depend for effectiveness upon use of the bold and often striking treatment which this particular type of architecture affords.

The editors say: "The forms of architecture, through their essential character of permanence, have always been somewhat slow to reflect the intellectual and emotional tendencies of any epoch. And yet today, largely perhaps

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tions, which stand as an expression of a social idea rather than as that of a modern suitability to purpose, that we find exemplified the latest developments in modern proportions,—dictated perhaps by the latest experiments in structural methods,—and the detail reflecting what we may call the trend of the moment, that mysterious urge toward design of a certain type which affects alike the painter, the sculptor, the dressmaker, and the architect.

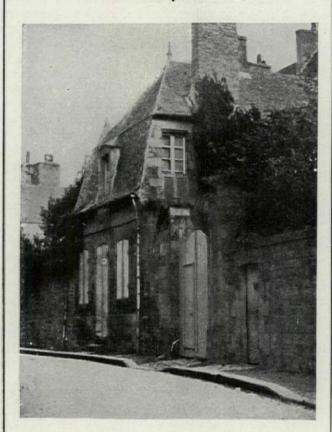
"On the contrary, it is in the smaller, and to this extent the less important, examples of building and craftsmanship that can be detected those signs of change and of experiments,-some of which latter may bear no fruit,-but which in their aggregate may eventually contribute to form an architecture worthy some day to be designated as "the modern style." It is in the shops, the homes, the hotels, the cafes, the buildings sheltering activities which lie at the door of everyday existence, that we find the reflection of a desire for new expression. These buildings make no claims as regards posterity: they are buildings of today, for modern people. They reflect what many modern people think, and do, and want. Hence in this volume the paucity of large important work in the modern manner. Little of it exists as yet, except on the drawing board; and what we show today, work by no means picked at random, but chosen because of its intrinsic interest, may serve as the hors d'œuvre to some future architectural dish. The work is valuable to architects in illustrating what are probably the most pleasing and satisfying examples of the type,—examples which may perhaps continue to please when the vogue of the style has waned and when popular taste has been directed toward use of conservative architectural types.

EXAMPLES OF MODERN FRENCH ARCHITECTURE. Edited by Howard Robertson nad F. R. Yerbury. Text and 100 plates, 8½ x 11 ins. Price \$10. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

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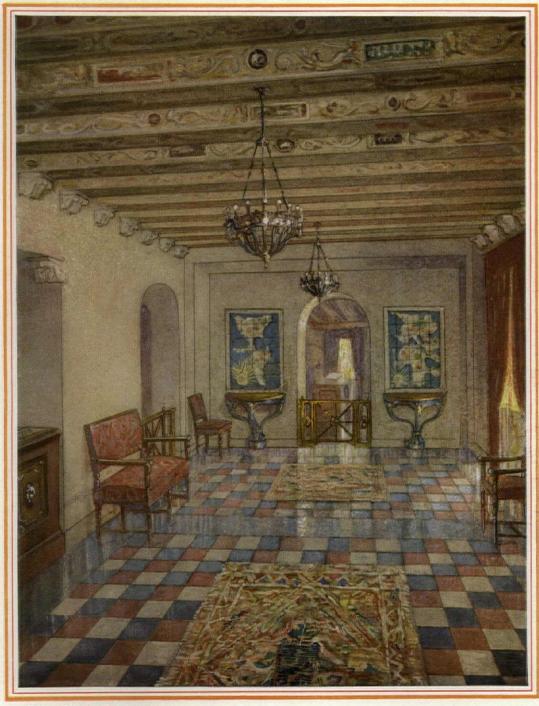
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THIS volume is a new edition of Professor Heulsen's "Forum and Palatin," published in 1926, with extensive changes, and containing 100 pages of text, 66 plates, and a large plan of the Forum and Palatine. It is interesting to note how the Forum received its name. Below the Palatine lay an open market place into which peasants would bring their wares to sell. The old Roman scholars explained the derivation of the word Forum from ferre, to bring or carry. This open space was also used for processions, celebrations and funeral games, and was bordered on two sides by stalls or booths. In Imperial times, the Forum was an important part of a network of streets. In the manner of a guide book, the reader of this volume is taken through the streets, pausing at each place of interest, where a detailed description is given, sometimes including an elevation, detail or floor plan, which has significance. The temple of Vesta was one of the oldest in Rome. It was a circular building, reminiscent of the oldest peasant huts of straw and waddles. The foundation of concrete tuffa blocks supported 20 Corinthian columns. The cella had walls of solid marble, probably without windows, and received its light through the door and an opening in the summit of the roof. In the center of the cella was a hearth where the virgins were required to keep the sacred fire burning forever. Men, with the exception of the pontifex maximus, were forbidden to enter the temple, and women were admitted only during the festival of Vesta in June. The tent-like roof, as we learn from representations on coins, had a sort of chimney, probably of bronze, in the shape of a flower, which protected the interior and the hearth from rain. dwelling of the six vestal virgins was called atrium vestal. from a large courtvard in the house, embellished with gardens. The tablinum had three single cells on each side, supposedly for the sacred vessels of the priestesses. The living quarters were in the upper stories, as the house had at least three or four floors.

The first building dedicated to the Christian religion, was built between 526 and 530, and not much later, the Church of S. Maria Antiqua was established in the library of the Temple of Augustus. During the tenth and eleventh centuries, the destruction and burial of the Forum went steadily on, and by the middle of the twelfth, it was a pathless waste. The barons of the day built their towers largely from materials quarried from the ruins. In the fourteenth century, when the seat of the papacy was removed to France, Rome suffered annihilation and destruction. With the return of the pope, toward the end of the century, great activity began in the building of churches, with one unfortunate result,that the Forum was among the ruins that served as a quarry. This continued through the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Cattle grazed above historic spots, and the common name was "Campo Vaccina". The name "Forumn Romanum" was forgotten for centuries,-indeed it was believed to be in an entirely different locality. At the end of the eighteenth century, a revival in the study of archæology brought about methodical excavation. After 1870 the new Kingdom of Italy uncovered



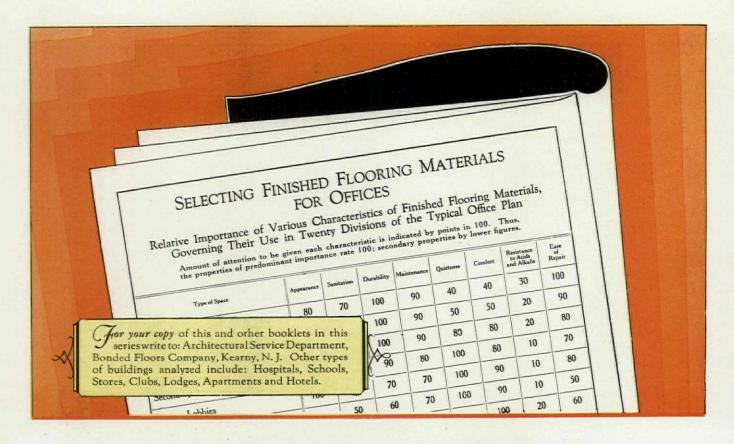
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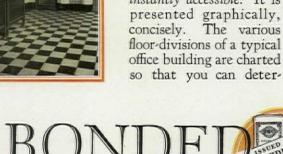
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An excellent idea of the arrangement of a well-appointed Roman house of the middle of the first century B.C., may be gathered from the excavated house, thought to be the birth place of the Emperor Tiberius. The house faced east, and we can still recognize an atrium of the usual shape, with rooms surrounding it. The vestibule was covered over in the first century A.D. by the foundations of the Flavian Palace. There are several well preserved rooms adjoining a second court toward the rear, which are approached by a passage leading down. The rooms are decorated in the architectural style of Pompeii of the first century B.C. Wall paintings represent statues, and frescoes imitate a facing of colored marble. In the middle room on the court, a large painted window with a pediment, gives a landscape view, and on the mouldings there are paintings of sacrificial scenes, and of women at their toilet. According to ancient usage they were protected by shutters. Of the imperial buildings of the Palatine, the general arrangement of the Palace of Tiberius is of interest. The buildings were grouped around three right-angle courts, the center area being an oblong of 100 by 80 meters. The facade of the Palace of Augustus, or Flavian Palace as it was called, because it was restored and enlarged by three Flavian emperors, may have had a colonnade of moderate height, above which rose the walls of the side and center rooms. From the portico, three doors led into large halls, the center hall being the throne room, 52 meters wide, and the barrel vaultings covering it were 10 meters wider than the nave of St. Peter's.

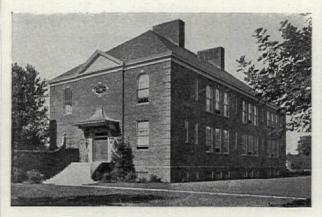
With the transfer of the imperial residence from Rome to Byzantium, there began the slow decay of the Palatine. From the eighth century up to the present time this work traces interesting discoveries and excavations. For the student of classical architecture and history, the volume gives excellent detailed information.

SKETCHES ON THE OLD ROAD THROUGH FRANCE TO FLORENCE. By A. H. Hallam Murray, accompanied by Henry W. Nevinson and Montgomery Carmichael. 328 pp., 6 x 9 ins. Price \$5. E. P. Dutton & Company, New York.

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every way station, permitting the traveler to alight, stretch his legs, refresh his mind and observe the people who live there. Independent of time tables and Baedekers, they follow where fancy and interest lead, aware that if they miss the last train today, there is always another tomorrow. The artist is A. H. Hallam Murray, who sketches along the way in the vivid colors the landscape dictates, these to appear in this volume in handsome, full page color prints; or in demure sketches tucked away at the bottom of the pages with delightful unexpectedness. The writers are Henry W. Nevinson, who tells the story of the journey through France, and Montgomery Carmichael, who picks up the tale at the Italian Riviera and carries it on through Florence, the city that is all things to all travelers.

Just as the artist adds something to the picture which the camera alone does not record, so the authors have written into this book more than a mere record of their journey or a description of cathedrals, churches and castles they visited along the way. In these artistic monuments they see the living story of the people who built them, how they lived, what they thought, and the traditions which prompted their work. The writer turns philosopher in a pleasantly whimsical way. As he passes through Avignon where lived Laura when Petrarch sang of her, he pauses long enough to wonder why Petrarch did not love his own song less and the beautiful, pining Laura more, that she might have lived for him. And why do Frenchmen, the most skilled on earth in the art of conversation, turn suddenly stolid and silent when they sit down to their table d'hote? At Arles and Nimes, in the country which Caesar snatched from the Gauls, he does not reconstruct for the reader the old Roman ruins that stand there. Instead he talks of the selfconfidence of an ancient people who could impose their peace on the earth and mark their conquests by memorials which neither time nor kings have been able to duplicate or destroy. In what remains of the amphitheaters, the people still witness bloody games between man and beast. How could the Romans know "the immortality of cruelty or see mankind's perennial joy ir drawing blood?" In the church which the Romans built to the nymphs at Nimes, he explains "we are not much interested in the sizes of the stones, which are large, nor the decoration, which is said to be good; but we would give much to know what the builders really thought about the nymphs, what was thought by the priests who

were paid for their services, and what was thought by the people who came to worship them." As our travelers pass the Riviera, they avoid the modern road which leads past the luxurious hotels, the palatial homes of the English turned invalids ("as comfortable as any pig sty"), to follow the higher mountainous road and glimpse the ancient city as it was built among the hills.

The co-author, Mr. Carmichael carries this spirit through the journey in Italy, to prove that he is interested in the people who made the art as well as in the art itself. One learns more of a country, he explains, by studying its industries than its museums. He tells of the marble quarries at Cararra where the great blocks of marble are moved up and down without a derrick, without a steam crane in sight, by ropes, slowly and painfully, a distance of 6 inches at a time, by men who work with a wild enthusiasm and chant in rhythm as they pull, to make the task thrilling, not drudgery.

At Genoa and Pisa he turns architect again. There is the lighthouse at Genoa, 250 feet high, visible to the mariner on the Ligurian sea for a distance of 40 miles. Sorrowfully his guide admits that the light at New York is taller, but he is consoled when the stranger explains that the light at New York was built with modern appliances and is new, whereas that at Genoa has stood since the fifteenth century, and therefore is the work of the mightier brain. Tradition has a two-headed legend that the architect threw himself from the top of the tower that he might never have to build another lanterna for any other nation,-or else he was so thrown for the same reason! When he sees the leaning tower of Pisa he declares with Leigh Hunt, "I do not know whether my first sensation was admiration of its extreme beauty or astonishment at its posture." But the ideal traveler will tarry long enough to get the posture out of his mind and dwell on the beauty alone. A campanile 179 feet high, it is 14 feet out of perpendicular. Did the architect build it at that angle or did the foundation slip? Long have been the disputes on that subject, but since there are no contemporary documents in proof, the student must form his own conclusions. The author adds a word of common sense to the argument. "The aim of Italian art was simple and direct; it nowhere reveals a crooked notion; of its very nature it abhors a freak. Its present posture jars with its sense of beauty. But if it did not lean, it would be merely an exquisite white marble tower, -not one of the wonders of the world."

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It seems appropriate to include in this Country House Reference Number a brief survey of what has happened in the field of domestic architecture. During the two years in which the United States was an actual participant in the World War, practically all the creative arts were at a standstill. Such houses as were built between the years of 1916 and 1920 were with few exceptions of no great size or importance. The red brick or white painted shingle and clapboard house in the Colonial style was the type most frequently built during the war period. The Spanish and Italian were still largely confined to southern California and Florida. Houses in the French farmhouse and small chateau styles were infrequently used as precedent. Houses following the Tudor and the later types of Elizabethan England were declining in popularity. Already ten years had elapsed since John Russell Pope built his masterpiece at Newport for Stuart Duncan. So when THE ARCHITECTURAL FORUM reviewed in its first Reference Number in 1923 the development of country house architecture during the five years previous, it was able to show little that was new, original or outstanding in this particular field of architecture. Today the situation is quite different. Five years of amazing national prosperity, such as no country in the world has ever experienced, has stimulated and made possible a real development in country house design. American architects have enjoyed opportunities of exercising their creative ability, good taste and architectural sense to a degree before unheard of. Great mansions have arisen in the country, at seaside resorts and in suburban districts which equal and even surpass in size, beauty and magnificence the best work of the past. It is only necessary to mention such great houses as have been built for Otto Kahn, Richard Crane, and Marshall Field and hundreds of other leaders in the social and financial circles of today. At no time in the entire history of civilization has the architectural profession experienced such a tremendous opportunity for designing and building great and outstanding examples of creative architecture. The members of the profession should appreciate the privilege of living in this age and of taking parts either large or small in this far-reaching development of American architecture. So great is this opportunity that it should stimulate as never before the creative instinct of the profession. In the field of American architecture today the country house leads not only in numerical, but also in popular importance. Examples of recently completed country houses in many different styles, scattered throughout the United States from coast to coast are shown in this issue of THE ARCHITECTURAL FORUM. From a general survey of these illustrations one will be immediately impressed by the variety and freedom in design which are evident. Houses indirectly derived or closely following Georgian and Colonial precedent are in a growing minority. Except for regional and climatic reasons, houses more or less influenced by Spanish and Italian precedent are declining in popularity. The work of the modern English architects, such as Baillie Scott, Guy Dawber and Sir Edwin Lutyens has considerably influenced the trend of American country house design in the past five years. Also greater familiarity with the cottage and farmhouse architecture of northwestern Europe has made possible the splendid work in these particular styles of many leading younger architects. Such names as Frank J. Forster, Lewis Bowman, Edmund B. Gilchrist, Robert R. McGoodwin and George Howe immediately call to mind delightful houses suggesting Normandy, Brittany, the Cotswolds and other rural districts of France and England. There are too few American architects today who have either the desire or the determination to do really individual and outstanding work, too few men who are neither passive followers of precedent nor clever copyists of current work. It is indeed a pity that we have not developed in this country more architects of ability, perfection of taste and individualism of style, such as Harrie T. Lindeberg and Edward Clarence Dean. The expenditure of no amount of time and thought and inspiration is too great, in the opinion of these men, to produce the subtle charm, artistic quality and original conception which characterize their work.

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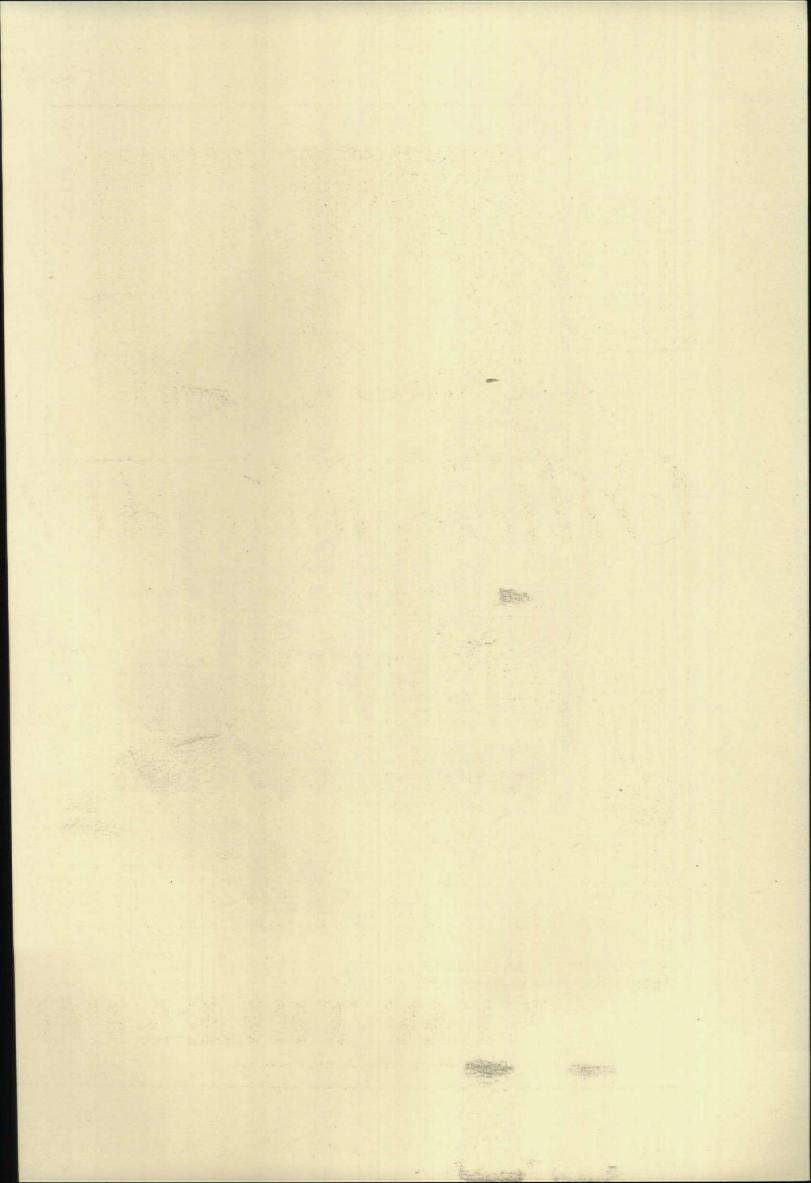


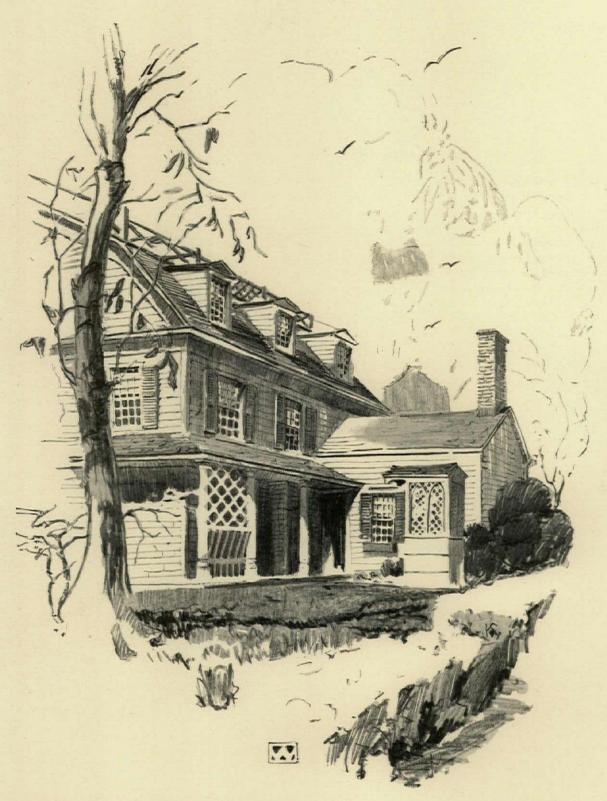
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"CANNON BALL HOUSE," RIDGEFIELD, CONN. FROM A PENCIL SKETCH, BY FRANK A. WALLIS

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THE COUNTRY HOUSE

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OMING only once in six years, publication of the Country House Reference Number of THE ARCHITECTURAL FORUM affords an opportunity for stock-taking, for a brief breathing space in the hurry of trying to design country houses, in which one may consider what has been accomplished, and in which one may examine the current trend in domestic architecture and may speculate as to what the future may hold. It is of course true that in so brief a period no marked difference will appear between the work of this year and that of six years ago, but at least one can discover whether one's opinion of five years ago was based upon a correct understanding of general tendencies, or whether it was the unconscious expression of a hope, perhaps reinforced by observation of some happy examples which were sprouts rather than true growths upon the tree of architecture.

Of one thing we may be sure,-that the general public understanding and appreciation of good architecture are growing by leaps and bounds. People are demanding today, as they have never consciously demanded in all the history of the world, beautiful buildings (or what they believe to be beautiful) for their offices, for their civic structures, and above all for their homes. So widespread is this demand that architects instead of leading their clients are in many cases led by them, and while this great mass of unformed and to some extent ignorant desire for beautiful things is in the long run sure to be of great public benefit, it is not only possible that it does occasional and temporary harm to the development of sound architecture, but it is from time to time evident that it actually does work in a harmful way. That this half educated mass of public interest and opinion in architecture is really of great numerical strength is evident by the astonishing circulation of the untechnical magazines which specialize in the field of home building and home making, and by the space which the general magazines of enormous circulation, such as for example The Saturday Evening Post and the Delineator, give to articles about house building, garden planning and interior decoration. Why, they have even begun to make the collecting of antiques a popular hobby!

As has already been said, this enormous general interest in dwelling houses will in the end have an

excellent effect. It must always be borne in mind that the appearance of our towns and cities is dependent not upon the few fine buildings they possess, but upon the average of all of them; and we shall never again have in the United States, towns, cities, and villages of such lovely and unspoiled beauty and perfect consistency as those of colonial times, until the average of all our houses is as good as the average was then. It is doubtful if such a time will ever come, but at least we are tending toward an approximation to it; for one good country house of 30 years ago there are a thousand today, and for one layman who was then really appreciative of good design, there are five thousand today. It was not that three decades ago our architects were incapable of good design, but rather that the public taste was so unformed that the good house passed unrecognized. It is over 30 years ago that McKim, Mead & White built the Breese house at Southampton; in 1903 Charles Barton Keen built the Chauncev Olcott house at Saratoga, and in 1897 Cope & Stewardson were the architects of the Fine house at Princeton; and to those who remember these three lovely houses and compare them with the best of the current work. it will seem that domestic architecture has not advanced a great deal; none of the recent houses of Colonial precedent shows more complete understanding of the principles of Colonial design and a finer hand in their adaptation to modern needs than the Breese house; the Olcott house might, had it not already become almost the foundation of a country house school, have been an example from which one could demonstrate how a new architecture may be developed from old precedent; and of all our careful current copies of seventeenth century English country houses, none has expressed the spirit of that delightful time more beautifully and more simply than the Fine house. It is obvious that it is to the mass of work and not to the exception that we look for progress,-and there we find it.

In certain ways, a survey of the field is discouraging; there is in American architecture as a whole, and especially in domestic work, a great deal of "know how," but an almost total absence of what, for want of a better word, may be described as "inspiration." It is of course an arguable point as to



House of James L. Breese, Esq., Southampton, N. Y. Built in 1898 by McKim, Mead & White, Architects

whether there is in architecture any such thing as inspiration; there may be or there may not be, but there is certainly far too much downright copying. To take an example of the domestic field, York & Sawyer, apparently tired of the endless repetition of four engaged columns which they and their imitators have taught the public spell BANK, designed by what seems a genuine effort of the imagination and consummate genius that extraordinarily interesting and beautiful Bowery Savings Bank; and behold!as if fertilized by a magician's wand, the land sprouts bastards thereof from coast to coast. And one could not complain if these conscious imitations of a fine piece of architecture showed any knowledge or appreciation of design as an expression of structure; on the contrary, the principal motif, the deep arched portal, as well as the Romanesque detail, and even the yellow stone, are plastered against facades where they have little meaning; and even when the copies are as accurate as good photographs, measured drawings and excellent modelers can make them, they still are second rate.

Truly, "the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." So in our country houses, every little new trick in design, every little charming detail, every tendency toward growth produces a host of debauched imitations; and every new book that contains work of real quality, be it French, Spanish, English or Colonial, brings a new crop of country houses, often the frankest copies of picturesque exteriors, with plans tortured into shapes which by some effort will permit some faint, far-away agreement with these exteriors. For this architects are primarily to blame; we should know how to use our books as mines in which to delve for inspiration, but not as sources of models

to copy, a thing of which we are likely to be guilty.

On the other hand, the poor devil of an architect has often been put into a miserably unhappy position

by the very magazines which have done so much to help him. The public has been taught to demand labels on everything, and people have also been taught to distinguish pretty accurately between the various sorts of labels, and to demand only the genuine. It is very nearly impossible to design for the average American woman just a "house." It must be "true Colonial," or "Mediterranean" (a terrible word), or in some other style which has been stamped with the approval of the editor of House & Garden or of The House Beautiful before the architect is permitted to build it. The really cultivated client not only requires a general type but a particular sub-species thereof, as for example a "XVI century Cotswold cottage," or an "early XIX century Pennsylvania farmhouse." Very often the clients' desires result in charming examples of domestic architecture, but more often the badgered architect pulls out, or buys, or borrows a book on a style about which he knows nothing and for which he has no sympathy, and falls to copying. Under these circumstances an art can hardly be advanced very steadily in any given direction; it is driven to diverse quarters by contrary and baffling winds of fashion which change so frequently that no architect can keep up with them. To design in the spirit of any style, even of so simple a style as our own Colonial, requires a deep and genuine knowledge of an archæological kind, plus an ability, the style once learned, to forget its results and only remember its processes. Better, far better, to begin with a plan and on that plan to erect walls high enough to provide head room, with windows that



House of Henry B. Fine, Esq., Princeton, N. J. Built in 1897 by Cope & Stewardson, Architects

give light and air, decorated with any traditional motifs that fit the mass, and call it a "house," rather than to start with a formula, and try to compress within its limitations a mode of living.

Partly, of course, the varying fashions are due to the enormous number of houses that are being erected, and to the fact that in many cases they are the result of mass production. Lovely as we may think the old colonial towns like Stonington or Milford, and much as we may regret the fact that our modern real estate "developments" lack the charm of these old villages, it is obvious that if the twenty thousand little houses built during the last ten years between the edge of Brooklyn and the beginning of Jamaica had all of Colonial precedent, the dreary monotony of these square miles of small white boxes set on a treeless plain would have been at least as depressing as the featureless varieties of ugliness which have actually been built. Mass production may be economically necessary, but too constant repetition of any architectural motif, no matter how good, becomes a weariness to the flesh. The University of Virginia depends for its exquisite loveliness upon the classic column; but the effect of its repetition upon the student body is shown by the fact that the young initiate into its architectural society is required to count them and name the orders; there are 2284 columns (not orders) without counting pilasters!

If, therefore, we cannot repeat motifs constantly, and preserve in them any freshness, we must change the motif. So far in this country we have acquired a sort of false vitality by seeking out unused sources of precedent. We have had our Colonial revival, our English farmhouse spasm, our "Mediterranean" obsession, and may be said to be fairly in the throes

of the "minor French manoir" period. In Europe they have tried all these things in the past, and are sick to death of them; hence the determined and largely unfruitful effort to create a new architectural style, the so-called "modernist" movement. One must admire the attitude of mind that has the courage to determine to be bound by no tradition, without being able to sympathize with the attempt to throw away the accumulated knowledge of thousands of years; nor does one seem to be the necessary concomitant of the other. Just as Charles Barton Keen, 30 years ago, produced a logical, beautiful, and entirely novel type of country house, by a new and skillful (I had almost said inspired) combination of old motifs, so it would seem today that the determination to break loose from tradition does not imply the discarding of all traditional forms of ornament. With the announced principles of the European (and American) architects practicing in the new school, one cannot quarrel. It is axiomatic that a building should be expressive of its purpose; that ornament should be derived from the spirit of the times; that there should be no sham, no striving for effect for the sake of effect. But these are not new principles; they have been taught at the Ecole des Beaux Arts for a century, and Asher Benjamin wrote them in the early days of our republic in one of his humble handbooks for the country builder. But when the results obtained by the new school are compared with those obtained by the old, we find that architects will be architects, and that the new, like the old, are utterly unable to forget that a picturesque mass is a pleasing thing, whether it be reducible to essentials or not. To take an oftquoted sample, compare the Pennsylvania Station in New York with the Central Station

Part One



The House of Chauncey Olcott, Esq. Built in 1903 at Saratoga, N. Y., by James Barton Keen, Architect

Helsingfors, Finland, designed by that brilliant architect, Saarinen. The protagonists of the new school abhor the Doric colonnade of the Pennsylvania as unnecessary and therefore ridiculous, while in the Helsingfors station they fail to see any anachronism in the tower, presumably for the signals on an underground railroad.

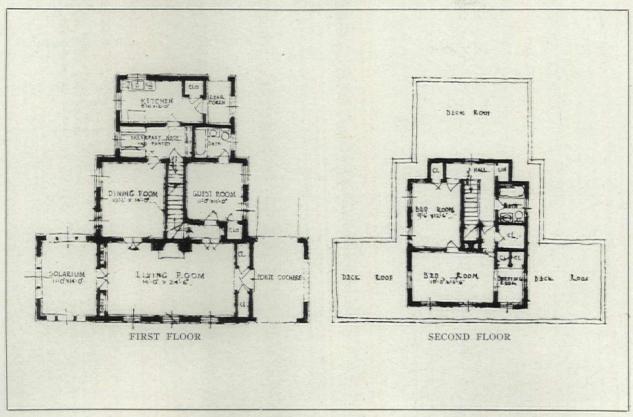
Yet if these apostles of the new have produced little that is of intrinsic value and enduring worth, they have at least pointed to the way out of our present unhappy dilemma. It is true, that with the exception of certain houses by Frank Lloyd Wright, to which the hide-bound conservative must render somewhat grudging praise for their power and sheer creative ability, there are no country houses in the new school here or in Europe which thrill us by their loveliness as do many of the older works both of Europe and our own colonial times, or even as do many of our modern houses founded upon and closely following well known precedents. Yet it is perhaps much due to the fact that these new houses err in the same way as the older buildings, in the desire of their designers to achieve certain results rather than to let these results grow naturally from expression of plan and the normal needs of life. Our materials and our ways of life are changing; our design will change with them unless it is consciously held within narrow and specified channels by preconceived notions of architectural dress. Take, for example, so simple a thing as steel casement sash. Here is an article developed to fill the need of a commercial product which would be consistent and in keeping with our copies of the English country house, and we find it economical, convenient, and rational. Today use is being made of these casements in houses

derived from all sorts of precedents, and since fenestration is, next to mass, the most important element in country house design, a profound change automatically takes place. If the designer has a plan which naturally brings to mind the simple, square, box-like Colonial house, and has the skill to adapt to this mass the fenestration required by the steel sash of stock design, he produces not a bastard but a hybrid product; and if the hybrid has a real flavor of its own, he has by so much advanced the design of country houses, and will not be without copyists and imitators. And in that lies the saving grace of our architecture today (that evidently we know what to copy), even though done in too great haste, often without thought, often straight copying. No longer are the bad old precedents regarded as of equal value with the good. We have learned to know good architecture when we see it,-architects and public alike,—and the day may be not far distant when we may be able to do, on the average, really good architecture ourselves!

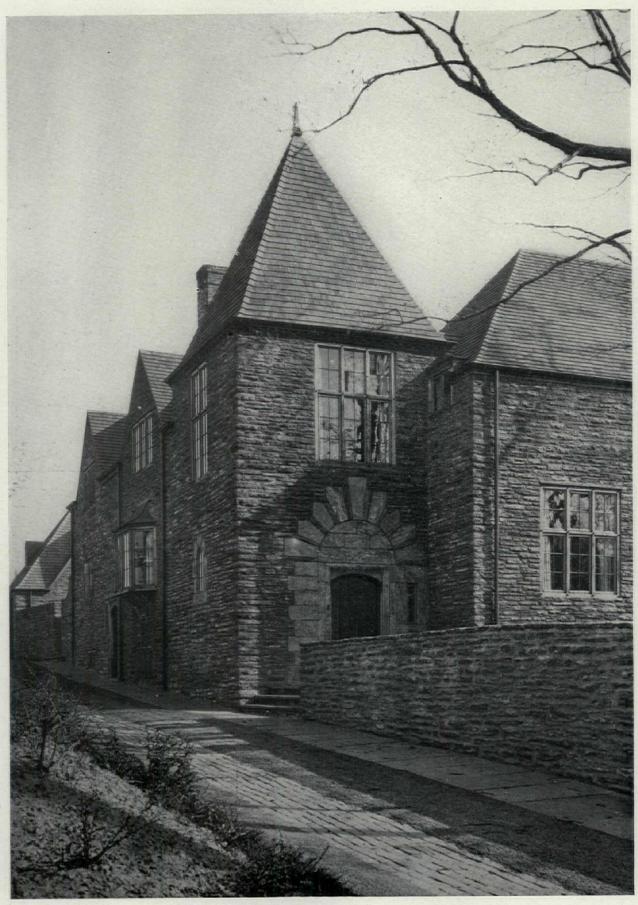
Very truly and heartily do I include myself among the vast number of architects, who today, due to the high tension under which we live and the terrific speed at which we are forced to work, have little time or incentive to secure ideas and inspiration from the careful study of precedent either old or new. We are all too likely to work along the lines of least resistance, to follow the accepted styles and tastes of the clients whom we serve. In case by chance any of the readers of The Architectural Forum should really have time or opportunity and should read this article with the rather iconoclastic opinions set forth, I wish to make it clear that I take full responsibility for the various opinions expressed.



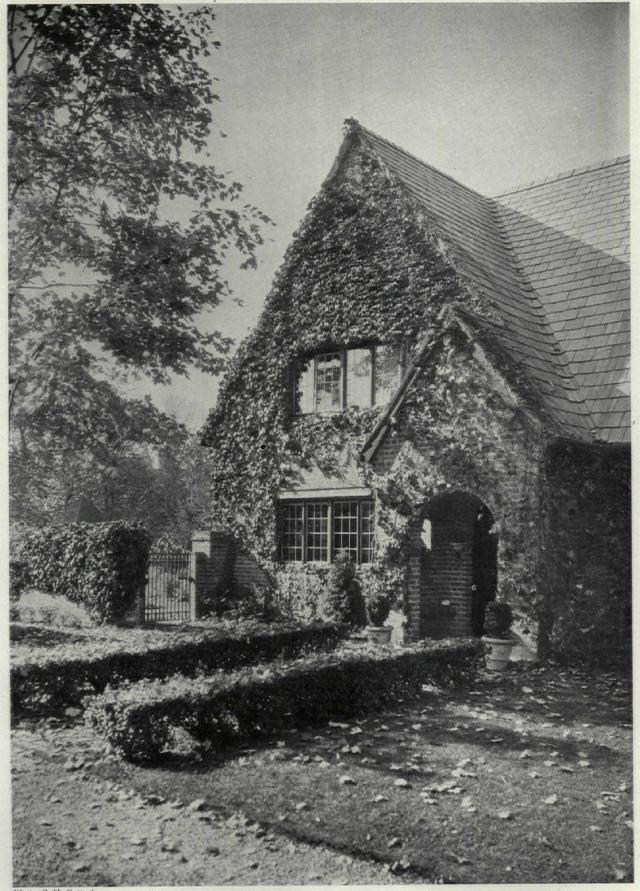
FRONT ELEVATION



A HOUSE IN THE MODERN STYLE, BUILT IN 1927 AT AMARILLO, TEX. FRANCIS KEALLY, ARCHITECT



ENTRANCE FRONT
A HOUSE IN THE FRENCH STYLE, BUILT IN 1927 AT GERMANTOWN, PA.
EDMUND B. GILCHRIST, ARCHITECT



A HOUSE IN THE ENGLISH STYLE, BUILT IN 1926 AT SAUGERTIES, N. Y. BUTLER & CORSE, ARCHITECTS

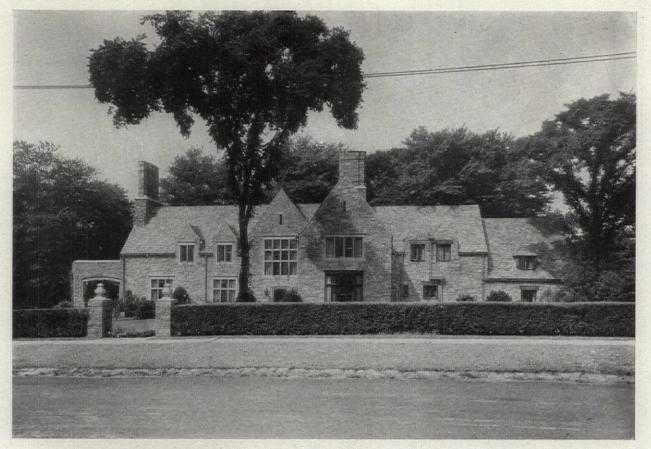


HOUSE OF J. LEVY, ESQ., NEW ORLEANS

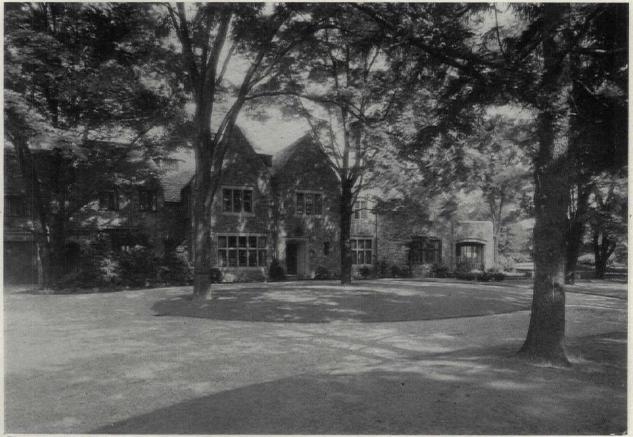


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HOUSE OF A. M. WEST, EŠQ., NEW ORLEANS TWO HOUSES BUILT IN THE SOUTH IN 1926 MOISE GOLDSTEIN, ARCHITECT



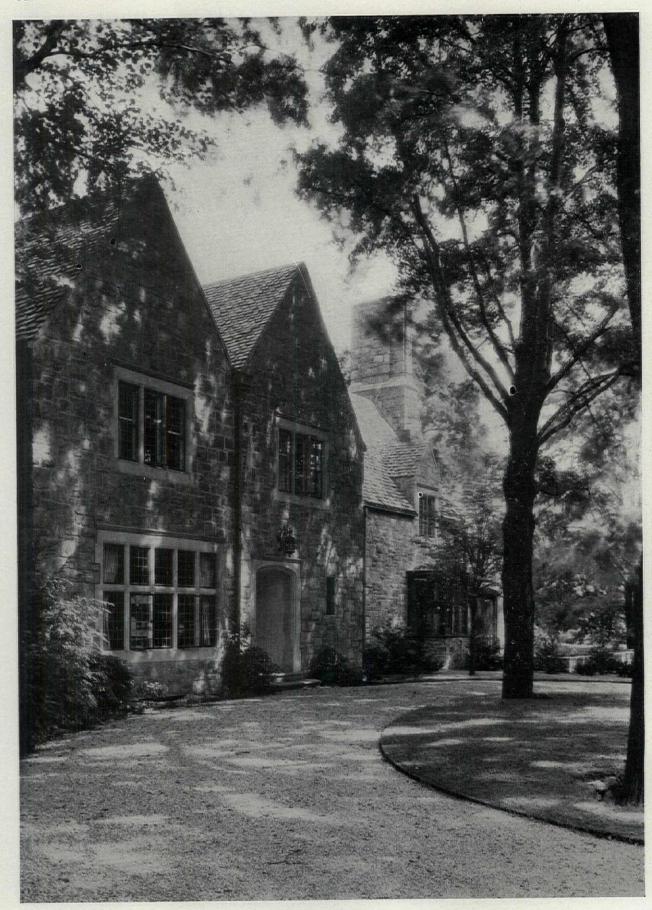
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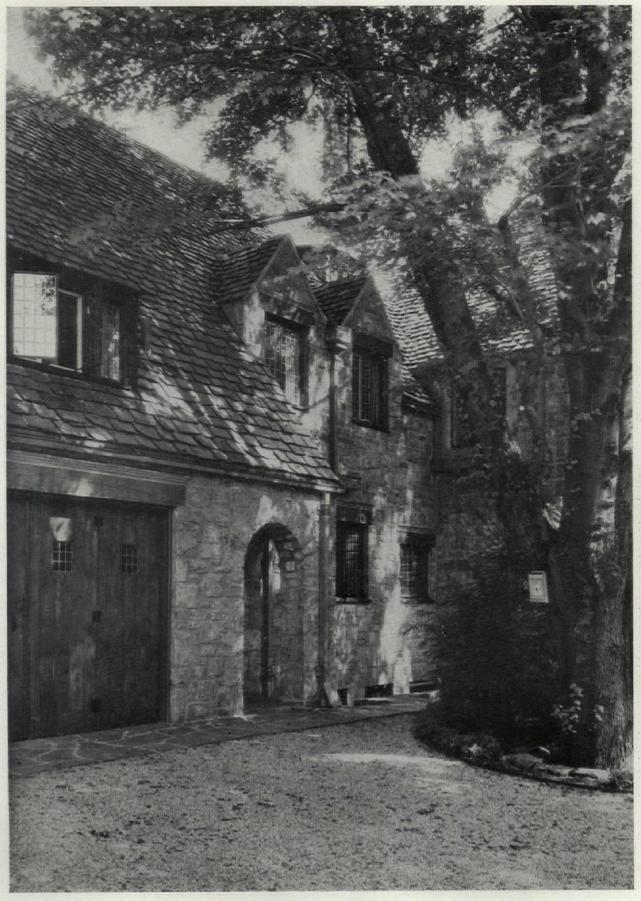
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LEWIS BOWMAN, ARCHITECT

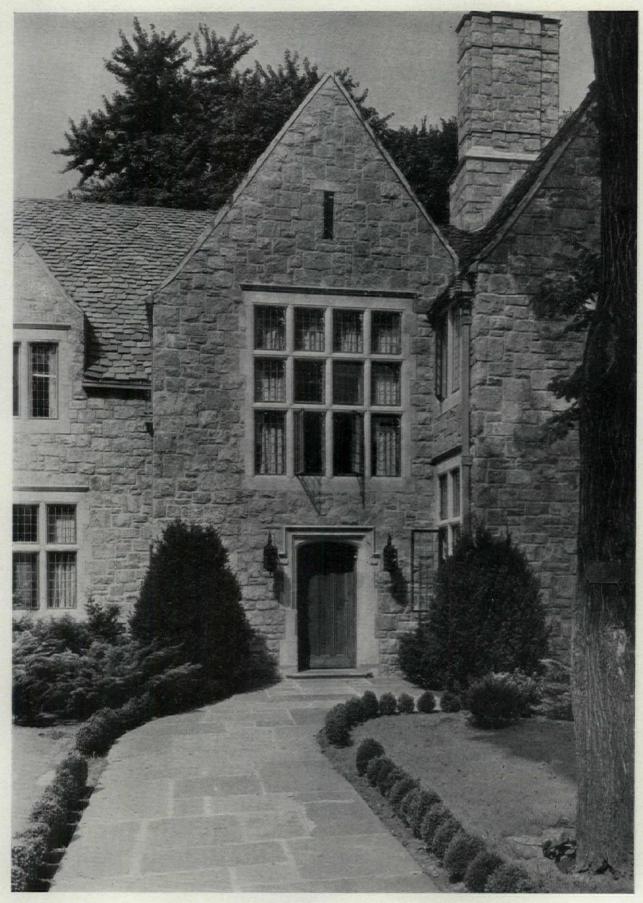


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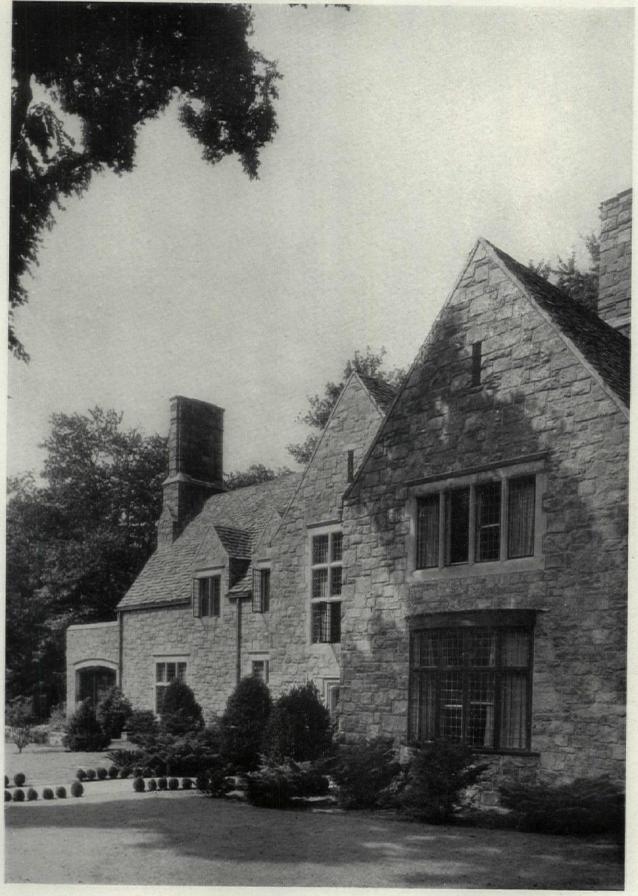


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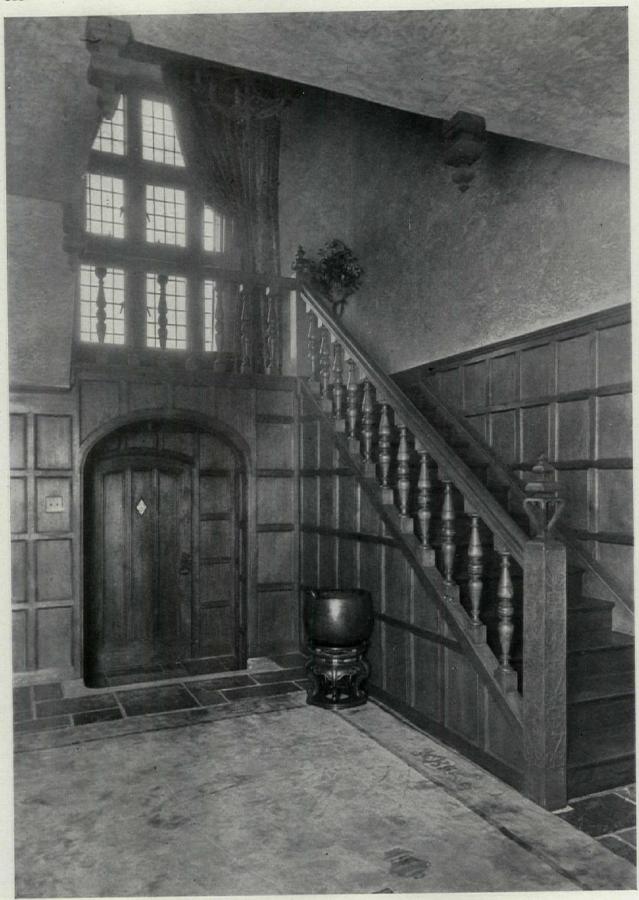
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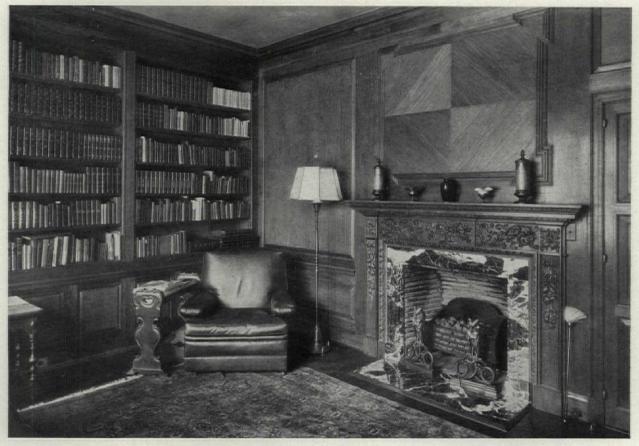
DETAIL OF DINING ROOM BAY AND GARDEN FRONT HOUSE OF C. T. WEIHMAN, ESQ., BRONXVILLE, N. Y. LEWIS BOWMAN, ARCHITECT



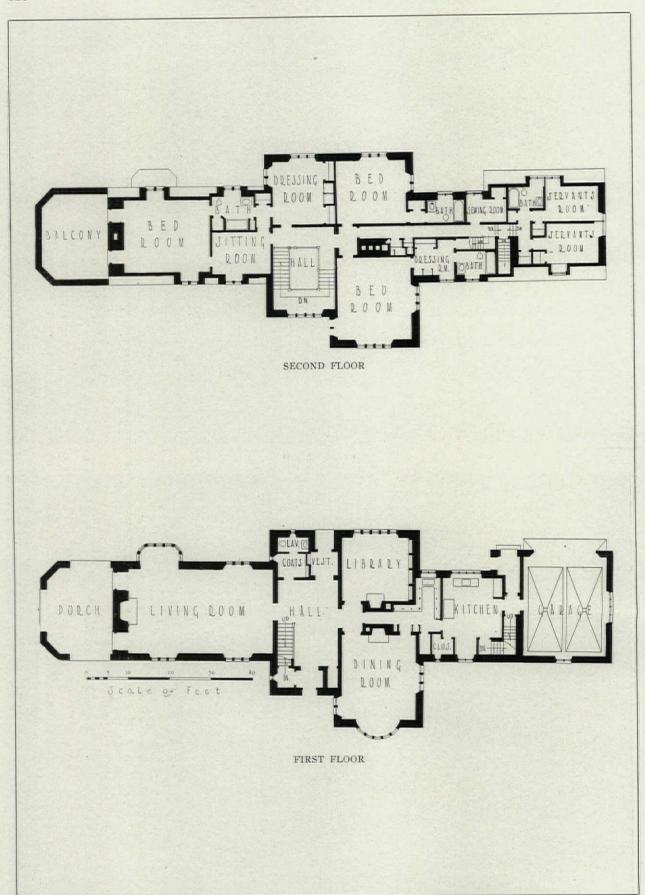
STAIRWAY AND GARDEN DOOR
HOUSE OF C. T. WEIHMAN, ESQ., BRONXVILLE, N. Y.
LEWIS BOWMAN, ARCHITECT



LIVING ROOM



LIBRARY
HOUSE OF C. T. WEIHMAN, ESQ., BRONXVILLE, N. Y.
LEWIS BOWMAN, ARCHITECT



PLANS: HOUSE OF C. T. WEIHMAN, ESQ., BRONXVILLE, N. Y. LEWIS BOWMAN, ARCHITECT



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Plans on Back

HOUSE OF A. M. WEST, ESQ., NEW ORLEANS MOISE H. GOLDSTEIN, ARCHITECT

CONSTRUCTION DATA

General Type of Construction: Masonry and

frame.

Exterior Materials: Hollow terra cotta tile, stuccoed.

Roof: Iron-flashed brown English tile.

Floors: Oak.

Heating: Warm air.

Interior Woodwork: Cypress.

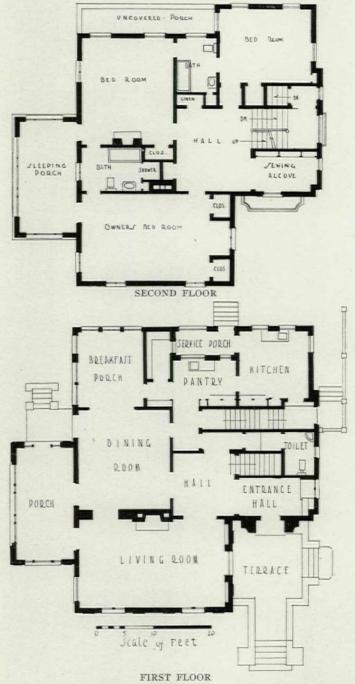
Interior Wall Finish: Plastered and painted.

Interior Decorative Treatment: Caen stone and

painted plaster.

Approximate Cubic Footage: 62,200, including

attic and basement.



PLANS: HOUSE OF A. M. WEST, ESQ., NEW ORLEANS MOISE H. GOLDSTEIN, ARCHITECT



GARDEN FRONT



Photos. Mattie Edwards Hewitt HOUSE OF NORMAN MACKIE, ESQ., PRINCETON, N. J.
MARION SIMS WYETH AND FREDERICK RHINELANDER KING, ASSOCIATED, ARCHITECTS

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Date of Completion: June, 1927

General Type of Construction: Brick and tile.

Exterior Materials: Brick and limestone.

Roof: Slate.

Floors: Marble and oak.

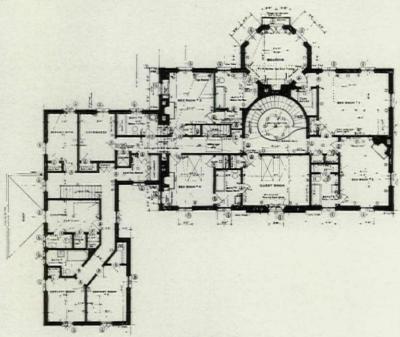
Heating: Oil.

Interior Woodwork: Pine. Interior Wall Finish: Plaster.

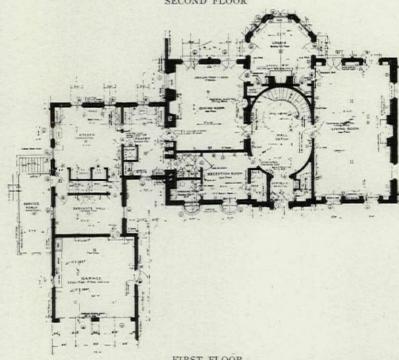
Interior Decorative Treatment: Georgian.

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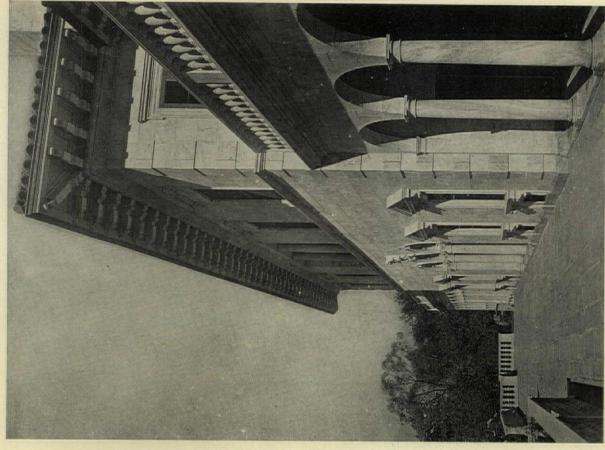


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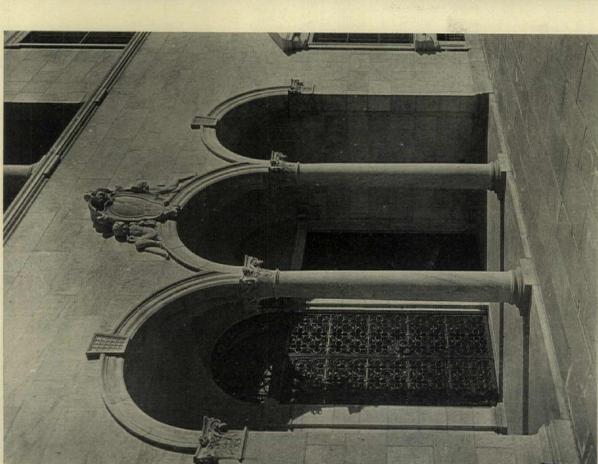


FIRST FLOOR

PLANS: HOUSE OF NORMAN MACKIE, ESQ., PRINCETON, N. J. MARION SIMS WYETH AND FREDERICK RHINELANDER KING, ASSOCIATED, ARCHITECTS







HOUSE OF JAMES A. TROWBRIDGE, ESQ., NOROTON, CONN. ELECTUS D. LITCHFIELD, ARCHITECT

Photos. Kenneth Clark

Date of Completion: November 3, 1924.

General Type of Construction: Fireproof

throughout.

Exterior Materials: Pink marble.

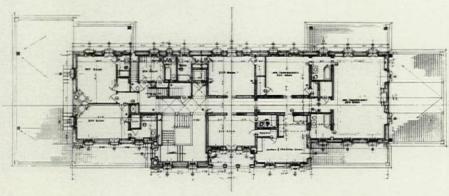
Roof: Tile.

Floors: Black terrazzo, granite and composition.

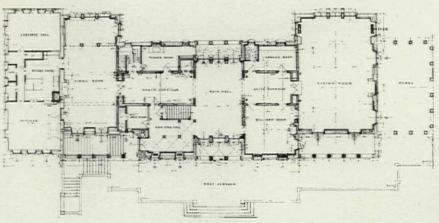
Heating: Indirect steam.
Interior Woodwork: Birch.
Interior Wall Finish: Sand-finished plaster. Interior Decorative Treatment: Decorative ceil-

ings and doors.

Approximate Cubic Footage: 354,479. Total Cost: \$482,482.16.



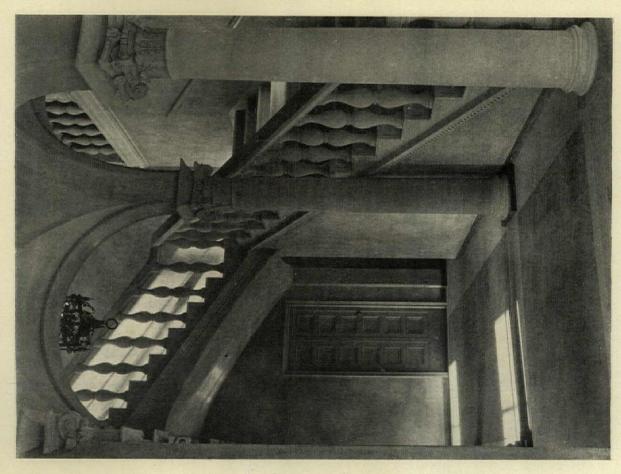
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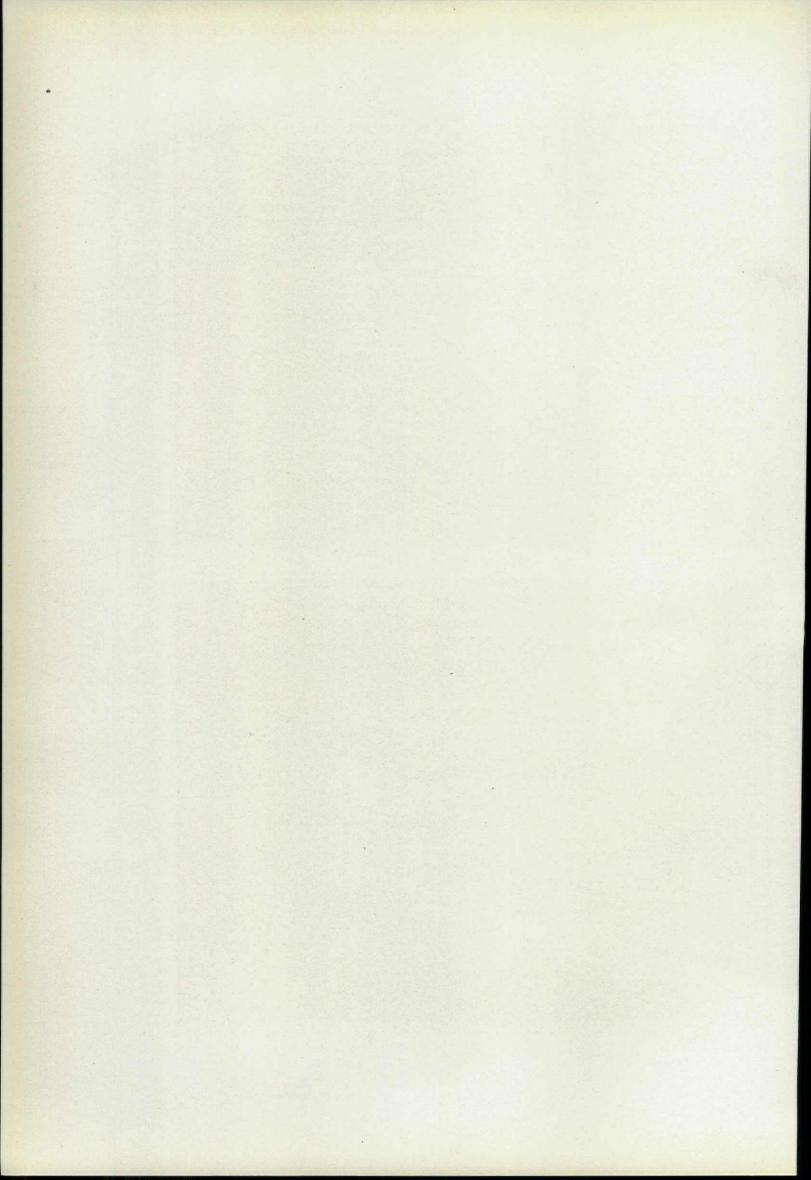
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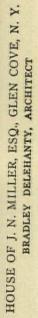


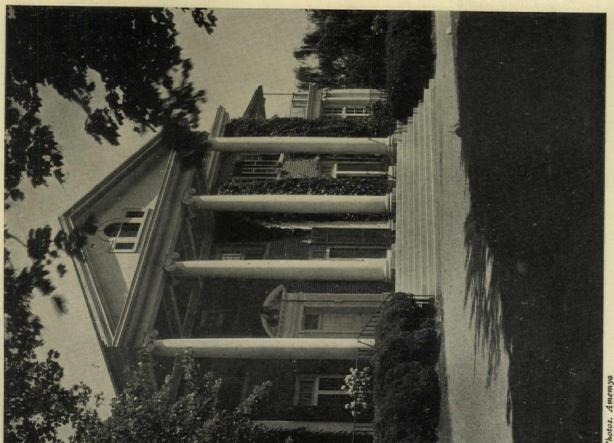


INTERIORS: HOUSE OF JAMES A. TROWBRIDGE, ESQ., NOROTON, CONN. ELECTUS D. LITCHFIELD, ARCHITECT









CONSTRUCTION DATA

General Type of Construction: Brick and wood.

Exterior Material: Brick (common).

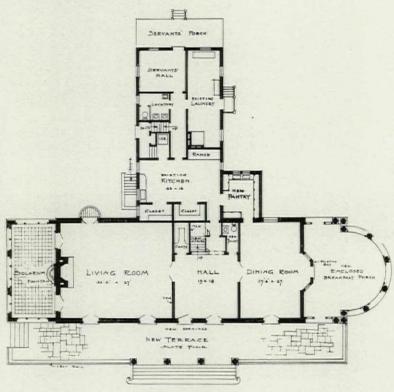
Roof: Slate. Floors: Oak.

Heating: Hot water.

Interior Woodwork: White pine. Interior Wall Finish: Plaster and pine.

Interior Decorative Treatment: Painted; living

room paneled in white pine.



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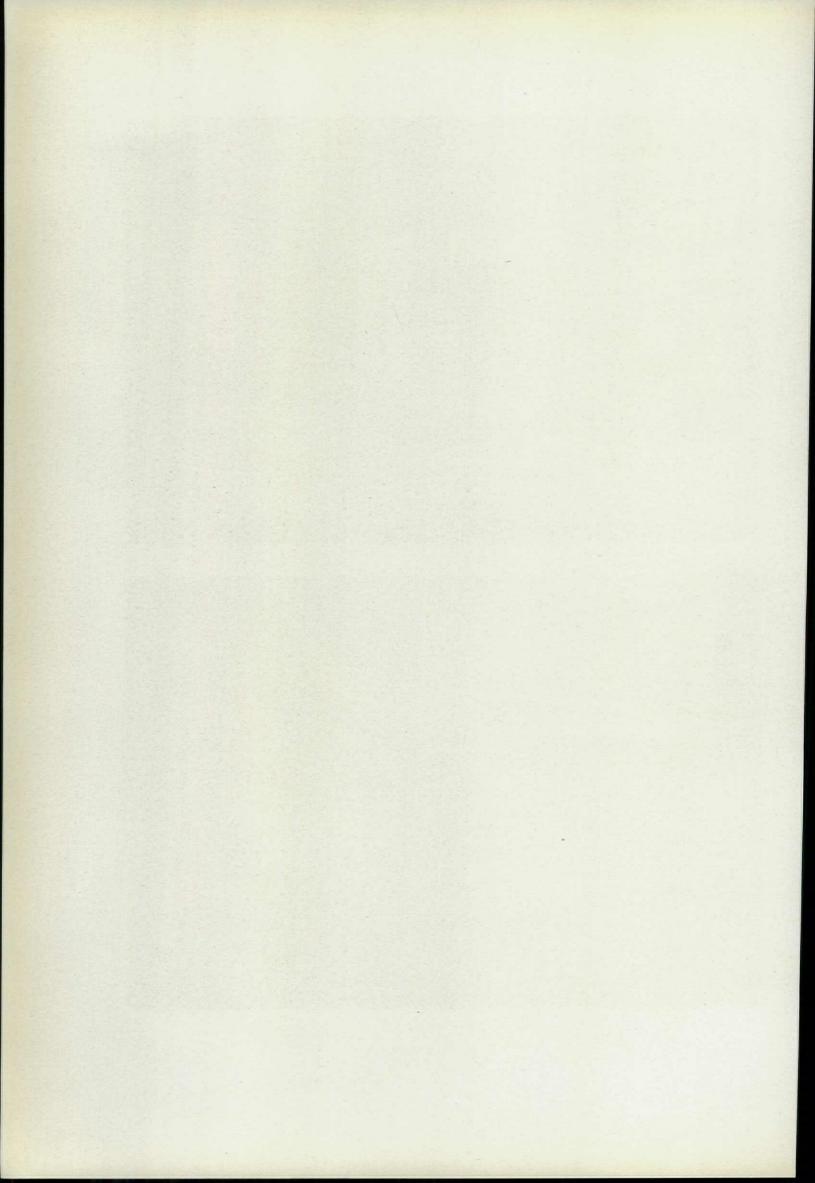
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LIVING ROOM



DINING ROOM
HOUSE OF J. N. MILLER, ESQ., GLEN COVE, N. Y.
BRADLEY DELEHANTY, ARCHITECT





GARDEN FRONT



Photos. F. E. Geisler

HOUSE OF WALTER BARRET, ESQ., SOUTH TAMPA, FLA.
DWIGHT JAMES BAUM, ARCHITECT

Plans on Back

Year of Completion: 1926. General Type of Construction: 8-inch brick walls, main portion; wings, frame.

Exterior Material: Brick, painted with white cement coating. Other walls of Southern

Roof: Variegated colored slate.

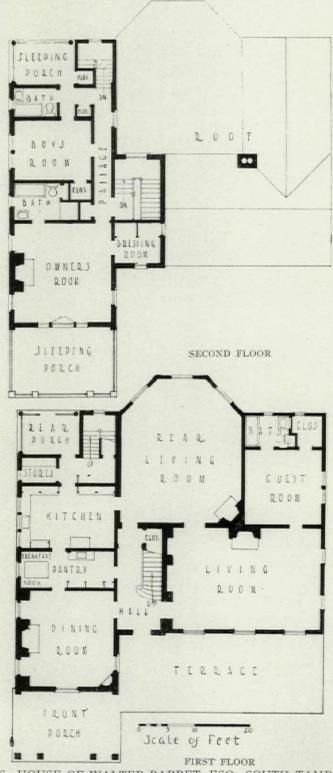
Floors: Oak and tile.

Interior Woodwork: Whitewood, painted and enameled.

Interior Wall Finish: Walls painted and glazed in oil; some rooms papered.

Approximate Cubic Footage: 48,000.

Total Cost: \$30,000.



PLANS: HOUSE OF WALTER BARRET, ESQ., SOUTH TAMPA, FLA. DWIGHT JAMES BAUM, ARCHITECT



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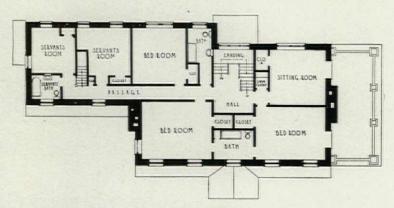
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HOUSE OF MRS. JAMES HASTINGS, ALTOONA, PA. CARL A. ZIEGLER, ARCHITECT

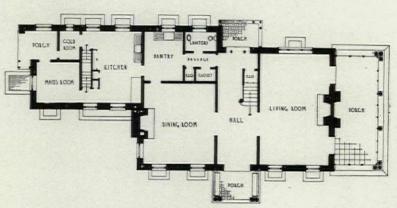
Year of Completion: 1923.
General Type of Construction: Stone walls; wooden joists and floors.
Exterior Materials: Local stone laid random;

rubble.

Roof: Split cypress shingles.
Floors: Quartered white oak.
Heating: Hot water.
Interior Woodwork: White pine, painted.
Interior Wall Finish: Wallpaper.
Cost: 40 cents per cubic foot.



SECOND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR

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ENTRANCE FRONT



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HOUSE OF W. L. CLAYTON, ESQ., HOUSTON, TEX. BIRDSALL P. BRISCOE, ARCHITECT

Roof: Shingles. Floors: Oak; tile; pine. Heating: Hot water.

Year of Completion: 1924.

General Type of Construction: Frame.

Exterior Materials: Clapboards and painted

Interior Woodwork: Pine, enameled.

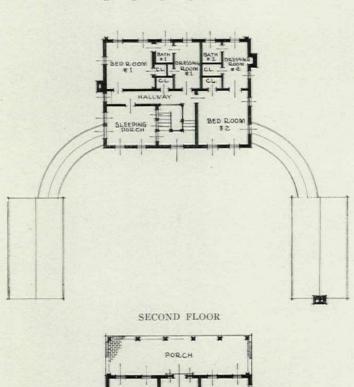
Interior Wall Finish: Wallpaper.

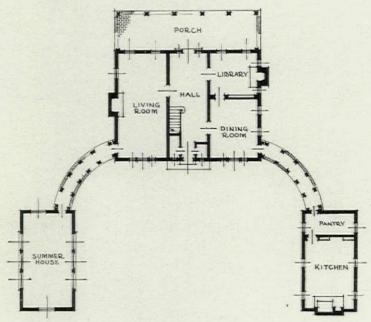
Interior Decorative Treatment: Simple Geor-

gian.

Total Cost: House, garage and pool, about

\$45,000.





FIRST FLOOR

PLANS: HOUSE OF W. L. CLAYTON, ESQ., HOUSTON, TEX. BIRDSALL P. BRISCOE, ARCHITECT



GARDEN FRONT



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HOUSE OF VIRGIL A. LEWIS, ESQ., ST. LOUIS BEVERLEY T. NELSON, ARCHITECT

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Year of Completion: 1927.

General Type of Construction: Fireproof ma-

sonry.

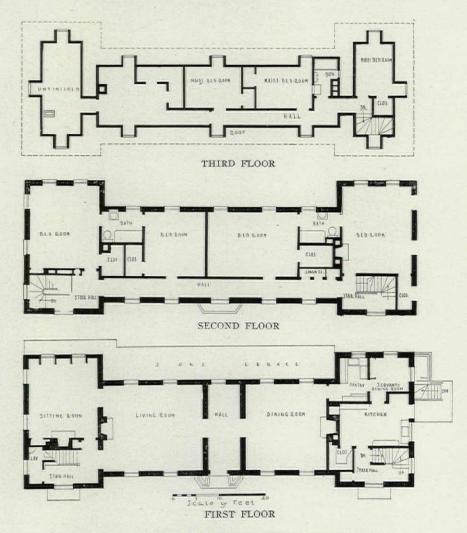
Exterior Materials: Stucco with stone trim.

Roof: Slate.

Floors: Reinforced concrete and gypsum, covered with marble. Parquet, walnut and oak

flooring.
Heating: Vapor system; oil burner.
Interior Wall Finish: Hall, composition Caen stone. Living room, canvas painted. Sitting room, canvas papered. Dining room, plaster. Second floor bedrooms, papered. Approximate Cookie Footage: 66,239.

Total Cost: \$70,000.



PLANS: HOUSE OF VIRGIL A. LEWIS, ESQ., ST. LOUIS BEVERLEY T. NELSON, ARCHITECT





HOUSE OF C. L. DINKLER, ESQ., ATLANTA OWEN J. SOUTHWELL, ARCHITECT



Date of Completion: September 15, 1928. General Type of Construction: Masonry walls; wood stud and metal lath partitions, wood floor and roof framing, except basement and garage.

Exterior Materials: Stucco on concrete tile.

Roof: Fading green slate. Floors: Oak, stained walnut.

Heating: Blast system indirect steam.

Interior Woodwork: White pine painted, except

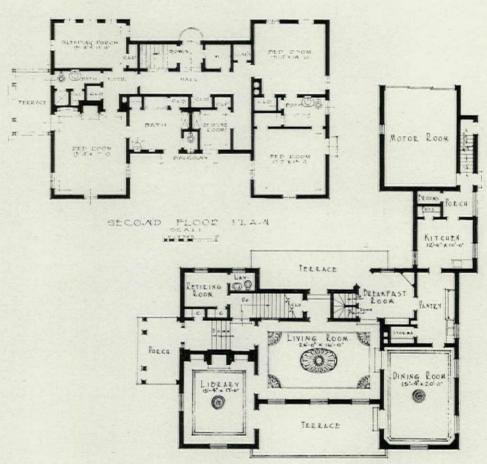
library, which is poplar stained. Interior Wall Finish: Hard-finished plaster, painted and papered.

Interior Decorative Treatment: Ornamental plaster cornices and ceilings; pilasters in living room, with wood dado; papered panels. Dining room, papered walls; ornamental cornice and base. Library, poplar stained brown, marble mantel. "Powder room," hand-blocked linen wall panels. All baths tiled to ceiling, one in sea green and turquoise.

Approximate Cubic Footage: 47,600.

Total Cost: \$45,696, including drives and architect's fees.



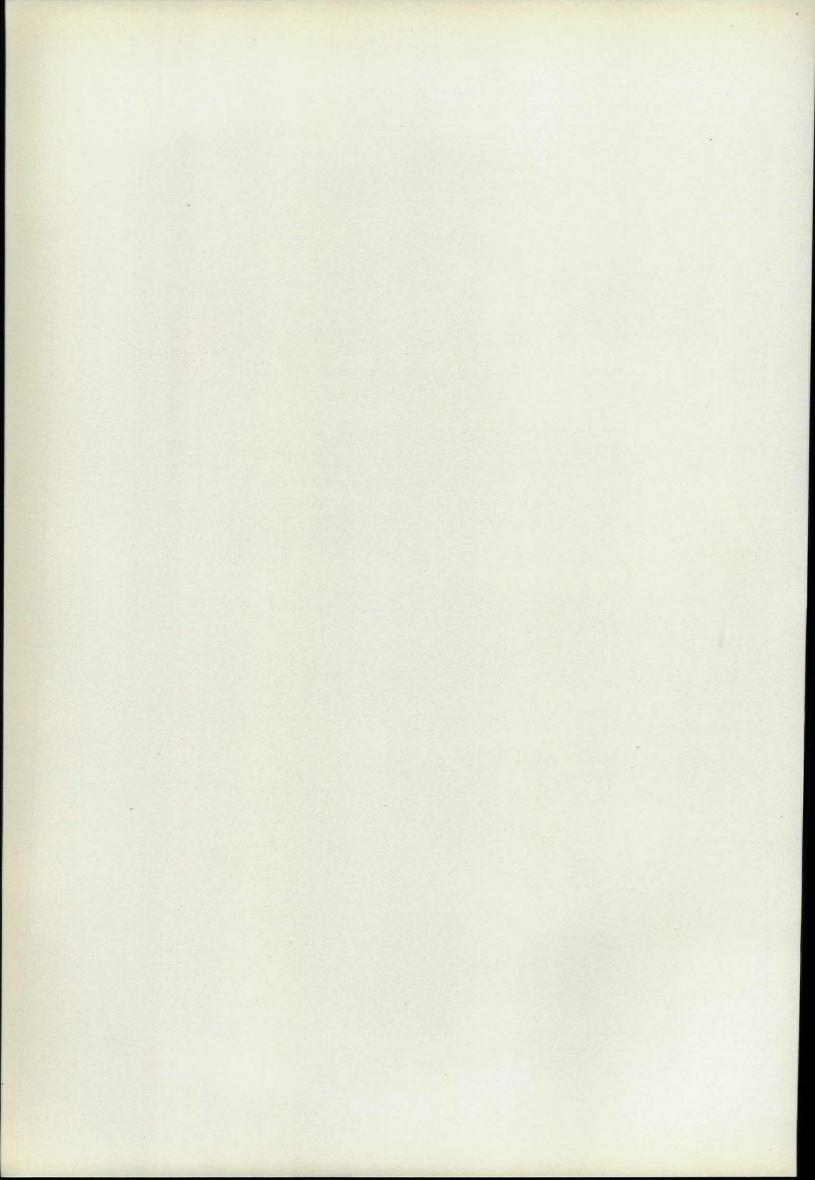


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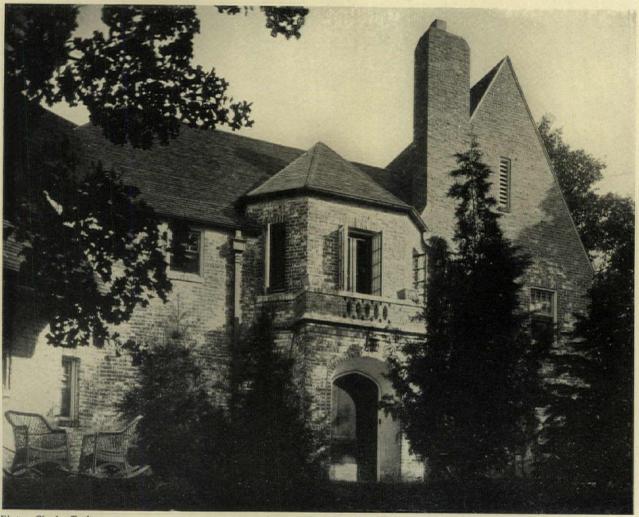


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ENTRANCE FRONT



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HOUSE OF GUY W. OLIVER, ESQ., ST. LOUIS WILBUR T. TRUEBLOOD AND HUGO K. GRAF, ARCHITECTS

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Year of Completion: 1924.

General Type of Construction: Brick walls;

wood joists.

Exterior Materials: Brick facing, backed with heavy duty clay tile.

Roof: Wood shingles.

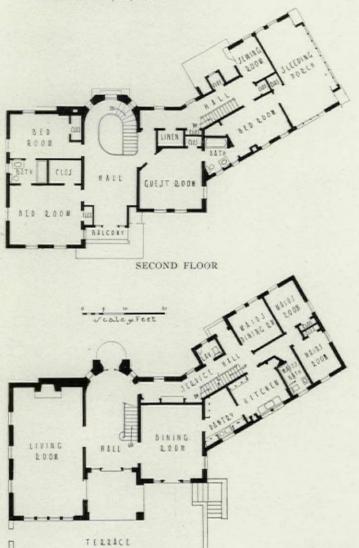
Floors: Oak.

Heating: Vapor or modified steam; oil burner. Interior Woodwork: Oak.

Interior Wall Finish: Plaster; oak paneling in

living room.

Approximate Cubic Footage: 68,000. Total Cost: \$24,000.



PLANS: HOUSE OF GUY W. OLIVER, ESQ., ST. LOUIS WILBUR T. TRUEBLOOD AND HUGO K. GRAF, ARCHITECTS

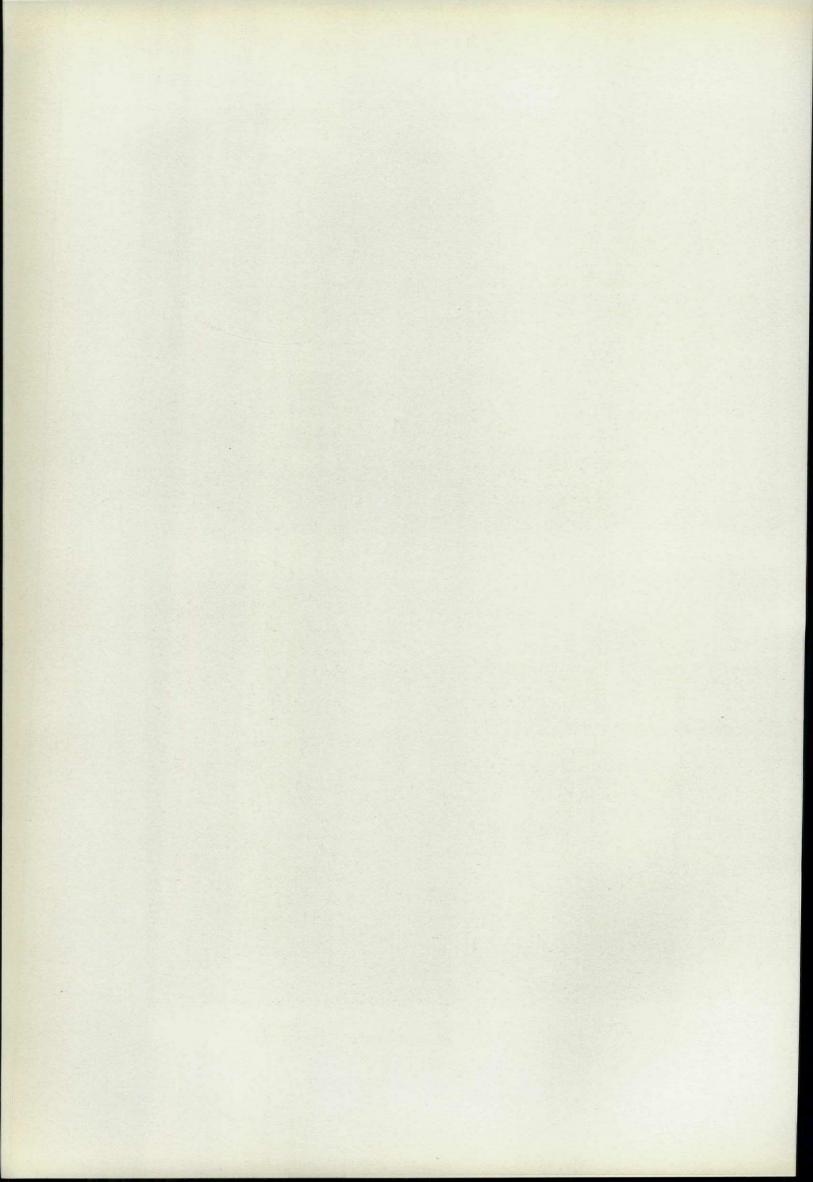
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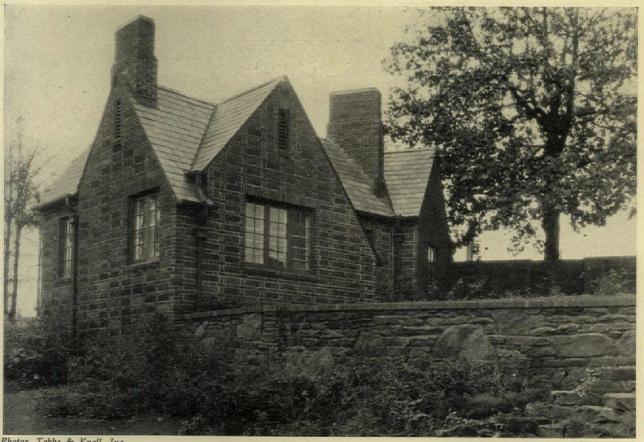


HOUSE OF E. E. CRANE, ESQ., INDIANAPOLIS GEORGE & ZIMMERMAN, ARCHITECTS





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HOUSE OF THOMAS H. BENNERS, ESQ., BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
WARREN, KNIGHT & DAVIS, ARCHITECTS

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CONSTRUCTION DATA

General Type of Construction: Frame. Exterior Materials: Brick veneer; stone trim.

Roof: Slate.

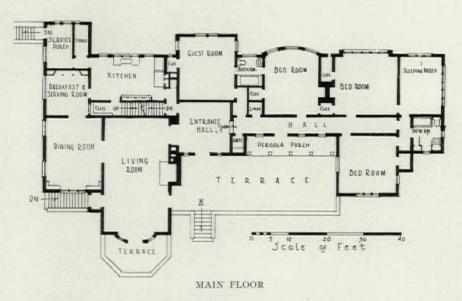
Floors: Oak, slate, linoleum, rubber tile.

Heating: Vapor steam.

Interior Woodwork: Oak and pine.

Interior Wall Finish: Canvas; wood paneling

of oak.



PLAN: HOUSE OF THOMAS H. BENNERS, ESQ., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. WARREN, KNIGHT & DAVIS, ARCHITECTS



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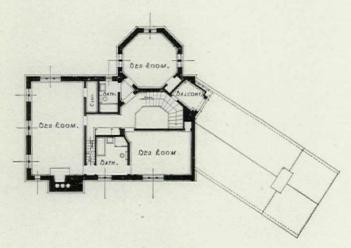
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Year of Completion: 1926.

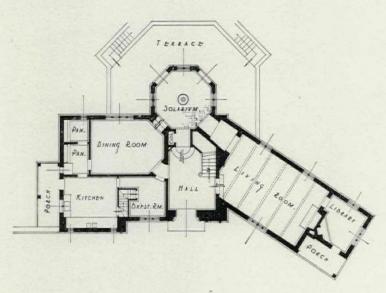
General Type of Construction: Masonry. Exterior Material: Field stone; brick; cast-stone

trim.

Heating: Vacuum vapor. Total Cost: \$40,000.



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FIRST FLOOR

PLANS: HOUSE OF EARL WORSHAM, ESQ., KNOXVILLE, TENN. BARBER & McMURRAY, ARCHITECTS

THE AMERICAN COUNTRY HOUSE IN THE FRENCH PROVINCIAL STYLE

BY LEIGH FRENCH, JR.

VERY year more and more American country E houses are being designed and built for which some type of provincial French house has unmistakably supplied the initial source of inspiration. This patterning of American country houses after French regional prototypes has not only become a widespread practice, but there is also every indication that it will increase. As an accomplished fact, this practice is either justifiable or not justifiable. It is either desirable to adapt the building styles of different parts of provincial France to the requirements of American clients and environment, or else it is not defensible. There are those who stoutly maintain that the practice is inconsistent, and there are others who just as vigorously take up the cudgels to defend Gallic adaptations and champion every move to derive and apply inspiration from the domestic architecture of Normandy or Picardy, of Touraine or Burgundy, or of any of the other parts of France where the local modes of building in the past offer qualities and characteristics that seem convertible to good purpose in the plan and design and furnishing of the American country house of today.

The opponents of using French adaptations are of two sorts,—first, those who object on the ground that basing adaptations on acknowledged models of

any kind tends to stifle originality and inclination to an individual quality of utterance; and, second, the rigid traditionalists who insist that the only legitimate style for an American country house must be based on some phase of the "American tradition," which they usually describe under the loose and misleading blanket term, "Colonial." The former antiarchæological camp would take away from the architect legitimate food for his imagination to work upon, sterilize his inventive faculties before beginning a project, so that no contaminating germs of recollected style may vitiate his work, and then, from an arid outlook, divested of all the natural accumulations of an active and well stored mind, set him to evolving from his own inner consciousness a design to clothe with a three-dimensional structure the plan indicated by the bald, utilitarian requirements of the occasion. Their attitude is not unlike that of some of the ultra-modernists who take as an insult any intimation that their work exhibits the least trace of precedent, though the precedent may come from nothing nearer than the remotest antiquity; their policy puts a premium on ignorance, nullifies the value of architectural education, requires of the architect merely ability to handle instruments and draft with reasonable decency, and would turn him



Proposed House for Douglas M. Bomeisler, Esq., Greenwich, Conn. From a Pencil Sketch by Leigh French, Jr., Architect

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House for John R. Munn, Esq., Princeton, N. J. From a Pencil Sketch by Leigh French, Jr., Architect

loose to design with the mental equipment of a child.

The "American tradition" protagonists usually ignore the fact that within the compass of the original thirteen colonies there were in use five or six distinct types of real Colonial expression, evolved from widely different inherited modes, which the settlers had brought across the Atlantic with them and which they tried to perpetuate unchanged as far as they could. Besides these diverse Colonial modes, there was the Georgian manner, which was Georgian pure and simple, and in neither character nor origin to be confounded with Colonial; it was deliberately imported from England in its entirety, and it reflected in America all the successive changes it experienced in England. True, restriction to a mode of style derived from some episode of the "American tradition" leaves considerable range of choice, but why should latitude of choice stop short with the so-called "American tradition"? The Colonial elements of the "American tradition" were themselves imported to American soil in the seventeenth century; before their importation they had a history of miscellaneous and partially exotic origins. The Georgian part of the "American tradition" came here intact from England; in England it was an imported exotic of Italian origin, with sundry contributions and additions from Dutch and French sources, and with further modifications and adaptations dictated by local needs and tastes at the hands of the English.

To my mind the whole situation in a nutshell is just this. The history of architecture is a record of the borrowing and assimilation of styles and modes of structure, continued without interruption since the dawn of civilization. Borrowing, experimentation and assimilation are the factors that have kept architecture fresh and vital, and that have made possible the process of healthy evolution. Nobody invented the Romanesque style; it was the result of evolution. Nobody invented the Gothic style; it, too, was the result of evolution. Furthermore, it is often possible to trace the very steps, with geographical and chronological accuracy, by which the evolution proceeded. The cathedral builders of the middle ages cribbed from one another, and there is enough documentary evidence to show that they did so and how they did it. The story of architecture and architectural style is a story of cribbing, either admitted or tacit. Cribbing, indeed, is and always has been a most useful ally to originality. Every style, as a matter of fact, is the product of cribbing and coördination in the light of local requirement. It is absurd, then, to take exception to the use of any French style on the ground that it is exotic or "foreign." The real test of its propriety in America is, first, whether it suits the conditions for which it is employed, and, second, whether the adaptation is well or badly done. This and nothing else is the test.

Hitherto various French provincial styles have proved suited to the needs for which they were used, and it is to the credit of the American domestic architect's acumen that he has been quick to grasp and turn to good account the opportunities offered. In other words, French domestic architecture of the provincial types afforded material of unusual sug-



Design for a House in the French Style From a Water Color Sketch by Leslie I. Nichols, Architect

gestive value. Why the types of French regional domestic architecture have fitted so well the wants of American country dwellers can be understood if we summarize the characteristics common to them all, irrespective of particular locality. In the first place, topographically and climatically the greater part of France is closely akin to America, and a manner of building that has approved itself in France is not likely, other things being equal, to present physical difficulties in America. There is none of the exotic flavor often incident to modes that have been adapted from countries whose climates are semitropical. Moreover, since climatic conditions, local materials and the general lay of the land,—three factors that inevitably affect architectural style,-exhibit numerous similarities to the same factors in America, there is bound to be much that we can consistently adapt to great advantage.

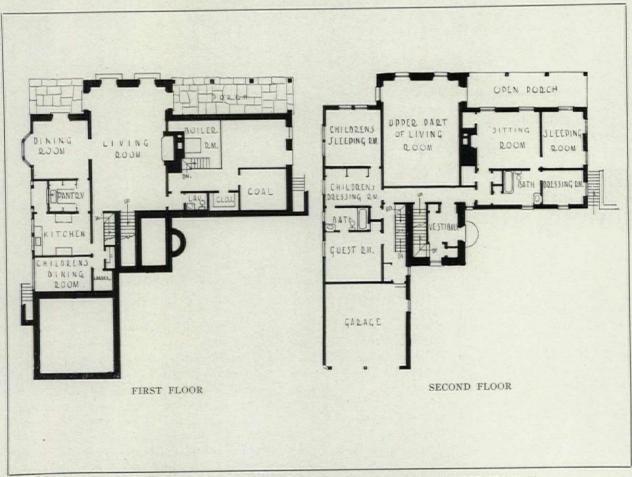
A second characteristic shown by country houses throughout provincial France is their privacy from the gaze of the passing world, a quality insistently required by their occupants. Though there may be wide divergences between the different modes of French domestic building, there are certain features that might be called *national* characteristics, which all of them almost invariably display. And not the least significant of these is that privacy which the Latin demands in his home. It may be secured in various ways, such as by building garden walls, by the arrangement of hedges and other planting, or perhaps by the choice and management of the site, but it is never absent. The French may have a racial

preference for living in or near villages and small towns, rather than in the open country, but proximity of neighbors never minimizes their privacy, which they always take sufficient steps to preserve. For that reason this aspect of plan and design has a pertinent bearing, in view of the perceptibly growing inclination in America to keep outside surroundings at their proper distance; its importance increases measurably for those living in a more or less suburban neighborhood rather than in the complete seclusion of the deep country.

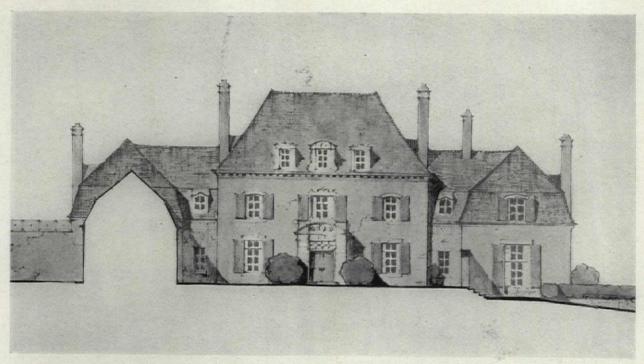
A third common characteristic is to be found in the coherence of plan that prevails in the arrangement of the house together with all of its dependencies so as to constitute a fully organized group. "All the subsidiary buildings, as well as the dwelling of the master, are considered as integral and essential parts of the total scheme, a scheme in which each part is looked upon as an individual unit. It would be futile to think of any one of these houses without taking into account at the same time the relation that each and every one of the dependencies, from the coach-house to the pig-sty, bears to it. In other words, we must regard the house as the chief unit of a group, a unit, however, that would lose most of its significance if we attempted to disassociate it from the other component parts of that group, no matter whether the group be composed of many units or of few." It is this well defined inter-relation of all the units that conveys the satisfying air of completeness so generally observable, even in establishments of very limited extent. The garden, of course, always



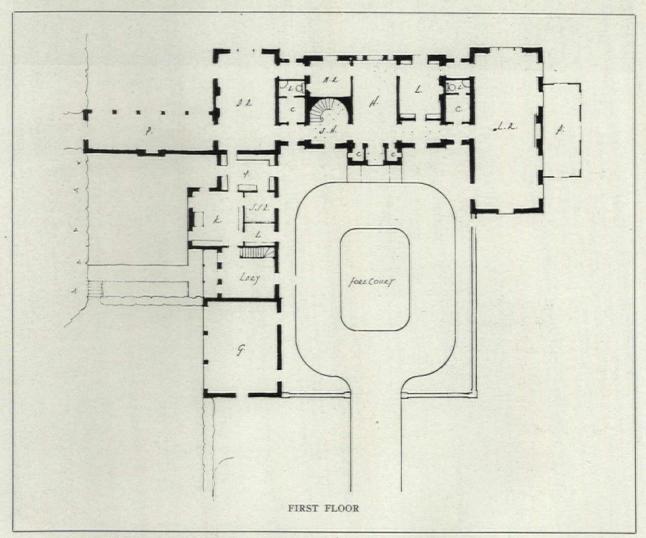
FRONT ELEVATION AND SECTION THROUGH GRADE



PROPOSED HOUSE IN THE FRENCH STYLE AT POUND RIDGE, N. Y. DONALD G. TARPLEY, ARCHITECT



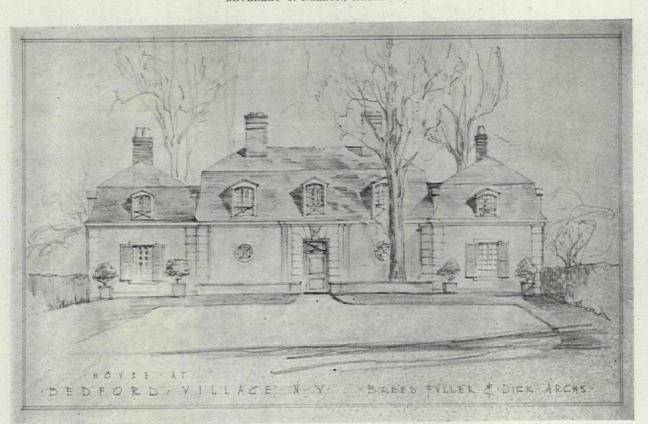
FRONT ELEVATION AND SECTION THROUGH GRADE



PROPOSED HOUSE IN THE FRENCH STYLE AT CHESTNUT HILL, PA. EDMUND B. GILCHRIST, ARCHITECT



ENTRANCE FRONT, HOUSE OF VIRGIL A. LEWIS, ESQ., ST. LOUIS BEVERLEY T. NELSON, ARCHITECT

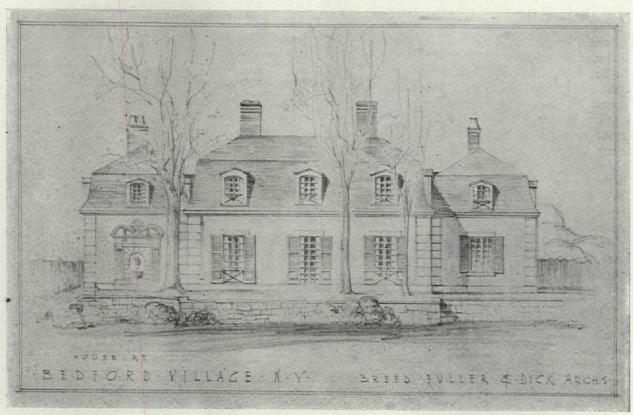


FROM A PENCIL SKETCH, FRONT ELEVATION OF A FRENCH COUNTRY HOUSE BREED, FULLER & DICK, ARCHITECTS



GATE LODGE, HOUSE OF VIRGIL A. LEWIS, ESQ., ST. LOUIS BEVERLEY T. NELSON, ARCHITECT





FROM A PENCIL SKETCH, REAR ELEVATION OF A FRENCH COUNTRY HOUSE BREED, FULLER & DICK, ARCHITECTS

forms an inseparable and intimate part of the scheme.

A further characteristic of the French provincial house occurs really as a corollary to the practice of grouping just referred to. It is the "intimacy of relationship in utilitarian functions" that exists between the master's dwelling and all the subsidiary buildings on the place. Every structure in the group indicates a necessary connection of functions with the dwelling itself and the life of the people who occupy it. The poultry houses and the rabbitry are not only items in the group composition; they are also necessary and inevitable adjuncts to the house itself, for the poultry houses shelter what is destined for the use of the owner, either as a part of his direct food supply or as an immediately contributory to his profit, while the rabbitry ministers to domestic needs in exactly the same way. The master is vitally in-terested in the welfare of his sheep and swine, so why should not the sheepfold and pig-sties be where he can most readily see and care for them? All the farming operations, in short, are vital parts in the master's scheme of existence, so why should not the individual buildings that accommodate them have undisguised and visible representation in the group of which the master's own dwelling is the chief unit?

It was eminently logical that things should be so ordered. And the logic of the situation appealed to the practical-minded Frenchman. Without academic polish or sophistication, as most of the French provincial houses are, they possess in abundant measure an intensely human and domestic quality that strongly commends itself to American ideals of the country residence. The pictorial values so often exhibited in their composition are neither intentional nor calculated; they are attributable to straightforwardness and common sense in achieving the purpose intended in the most direct and logical manner. To their candid adaptation to individual needs and the special demands of environment, and likewise to their frank accommodation to utilitarian ends, can be traced a great measure of the fascination they invariably exert. Their directness in arriving at the purpose aimed at is thoroughly refreshing. And directness is the essence of style.

With the foregoing qualities of French provincial types in mind, we may examine the way in which American architects have approached the task of applying Gallic inspiration to the design of the American country house. It would be utterly futile and absurd to think of copying or reproducing exactly any given example of French regional architecture. Aside from the ridiculous affectation of such a performance, the result in most instances would be totally impracticable and not only look out of place but also be entirely unsuited to its purpose. The occupants would be nothing but the tenants of an unusual piece of stage setting and would find themselves constantly embarrassed in trying to act their

parts becomingly. But very few such copies are perpetrated. In the main, the process of adaptation is carried out with good judgment and sincerity, and hence with no small degree of success, even when gauged by exacting standards established by taste.

A review of some of the work designed by a number of different architects, and now in course of construction, quite fully justifies the wisdom of deriving a body of style expression from French regional prototypes. It likewise demonstrates the ability of the American country house architect to invest his adaptations with a fresh vitality and to perform his task in a manner that is wholly original. What the architect has done in this field is exactly comparable to what the musician does when he takes an old motif or theme as the base of a musical composition and then builds up from it an altogether new symphony or concerto.

The plans, elevations and renderings here shown speak sufficiently for themselves to make any extended comment on the subject of their style unnecessary. Style, however, they all have; -style, that is, in its truest sense, the accomplishment of the end proposed in the most direct and the simplest manner, without affectations, whimsicalities or any fruitless turning aside for irrelevant incidents. All of them display certain preëminent characteristics that cannot fail to command approval and convey a sense of reassurance by the complete sanity with which every situation presented has been solved. There is nowhere to be found the least suggestion of that copyism which agonizes over the literal reproduction of non-essential "prettinesses,"-and generally gets them wrong,-while it overlooks fundamental principles. There is no trace of the cramping influence of being too archæological. If anyone obsessed with the passion for tagging and tabulating were to try to label them with arbitrary classifications, he would find that many of them he could scarcely assign to any one period or wholly to any one region. These houses, indeed, present a well digested composite drawn from a wide range of dates and places, so far as the bases of inspiration are concerned; in their ultimate manifestation, they are essentially modern, in the best sense, and thoroughly fitted to their purpose.

Like their French prototypes, they show no striving for effect; they derive their convincing interest from their plans, their just proportions, a sane and pleasant use of materials, and the simplicity, directness, genial dignity and serenity of their composition. The qualities displayed by country houses of this type augur well for the future of domestic architecture in America. The fresh tone infused by their presence is a valuable contribution toward the enrichment of the body of American architectural tradition, and it aids in maintaining the high standards of excellence that our architecture has achieved.

USE OF ENGLISH AND FRENCH TYPES FOR AMERICAN COUNTRY HOUSES

FRANK J. FORSTER, ARCHITECT

F all the types of architecture imported into this country, perhaps the English and French country house types have been the most successful. This is a logical and natural result, since our climate, except in the semi-tropical sections of the country, is quite similar to that of England and northern France, and our building materials are the same. The varied topography of the land furnishes sites for both the simply composed mass for a level site and for the more rugged, picturesque type of house suited to a rocky hillside. Racially and culturally we are more closely related to England and France than to any other European countries. For an understanding of these two types of houses, we should know something of their history. It is almost impossible to assign any definite dates for the development of the Norman country house in France, because this growth was so gradual and because there is very little documentary evidence concerning it. We can only guess, from the parallel development of the great churches, castles and public buildings which were the flower of the Gothic impulse, that the earliest beginnings of the Norman and Breton types of small houses go back as far, perhaps, as the ninth or tenth century. There are still many houses in France that are known to have been built as early as the fourteenth or fifteenth century. Even at that time the architecture had taken on definite characteristics of mass, uses of material and modes of construction which persisted down to the last century and were

influenced only mildly by the Renaissance or any other upheaval in social and cultural life. The inherent stability of the country people precluded the possibility of their being influenced greatly by the Renaissance. Then, too, the cost of the elaborate over-ornamentation of the Renaissance was fortunately beyond their means. So today we find in the minor chateaux, the farm buildings and the peasant cottages of France a much truer representation of the Gothic than can be seen in many of the large and famous chateaux and public buildings. The castles and dwellings of the wealthy, the public buildings of the cities, and even some of the cathedrals are so be-daubed with Renaissance detail as to have lost much of their original Gothic character.

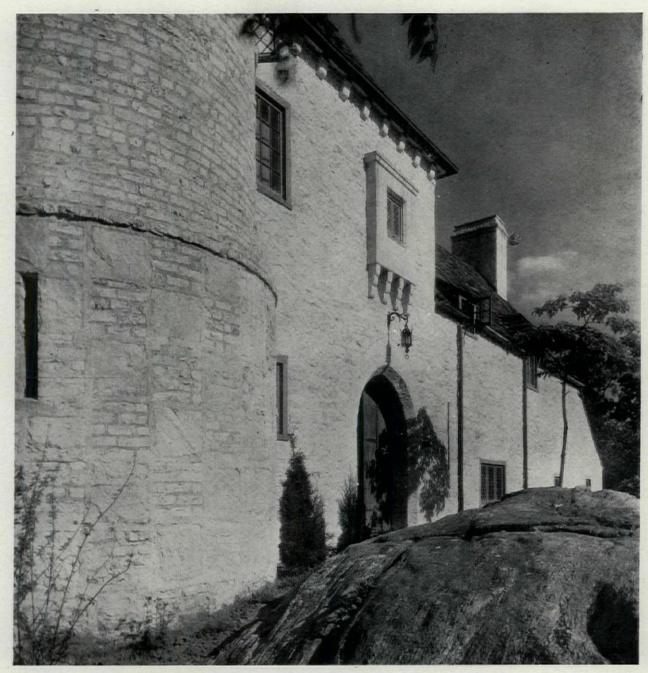
In England, the introduction of French ideas in architecture began of course with the Norman Conquest. Gradually the Saxon and the Norman types mingled, and the true English style was evolved. The English type differs from the Norman in that the roof pitch is not so steep, and cornices are heavier. Certain minor details in the English are perhaps not so graceful or romantic as in the Norman, but the two are similar in thought, in mode of construction and in materials employed, and in picturesqueness of mass. In my opinion, no other countries have developed architecture so vigorous and honest in idea and execution and at the same time so homelike and livable. The two styles, at their best, are a perfect representation of the taste



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A Garden Courtyard



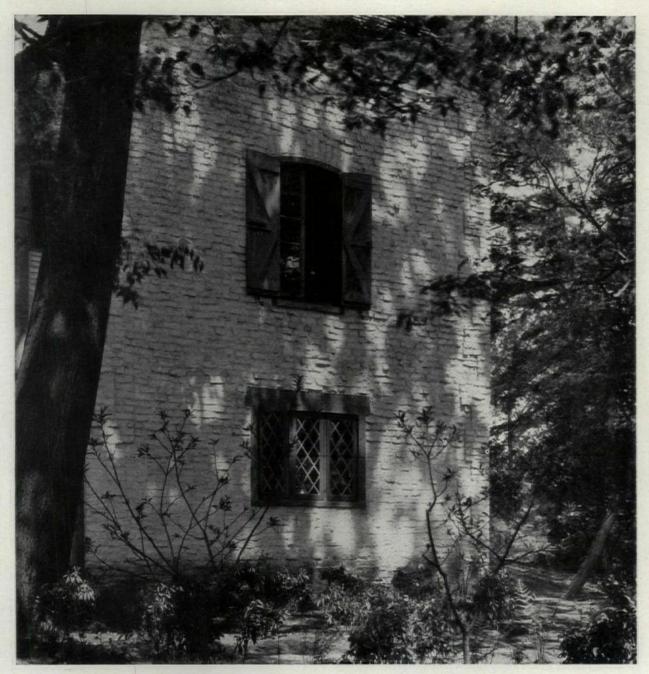
An Entrance Approach



Brick and Stone Detail, House of Guiseppe Cosulich, Esq., Riverdale-on-Hudson, N. Y. Frank J. Forster, Architect

of two similar races of people, culturally sure of themselves and not readily changed by passing fashions in architecture. In England, much of the finest country house architecture can be found in the Cotswolds, and in the counties of Sussex, Kent and Suffolk. In France, the regions around Rouen in Normandy and Coutances in Brittany, yield some of the best examples of domestic architecture. Here it would be well to go into the differences of materials dependent upon the geology of the various localities. In regions where there is plenty of clay, brick and half-timber construction is the usual thing, with tile roofs. In the heavily wooded sections of England the timbers are placed close together, with the spaces between filled in with stucco on brick,

and in traveling to more sparsely wooded regions one notes that the timbers are more widely spaced. Buildings entirely of wood are rare in England and almost unknown in France, but wherever wood is used, for half-timber, structural timbers, or for window and door frames, the wood is solid and sturdy; we find none of the flimsy, inch-thick veneer of wood so common in America. In regions of abundant stone supply the use of solid stone construction is the rule. Limestone and chalk and chert are found in northern Normandy, sometimes combined with brick. Slate is often used for roofing, a heavy, light colored variety in Normandy, and a thin, darker kind in Brittany. A buff or grayish stone, often used for the entire building in Brittany, is so hard that it



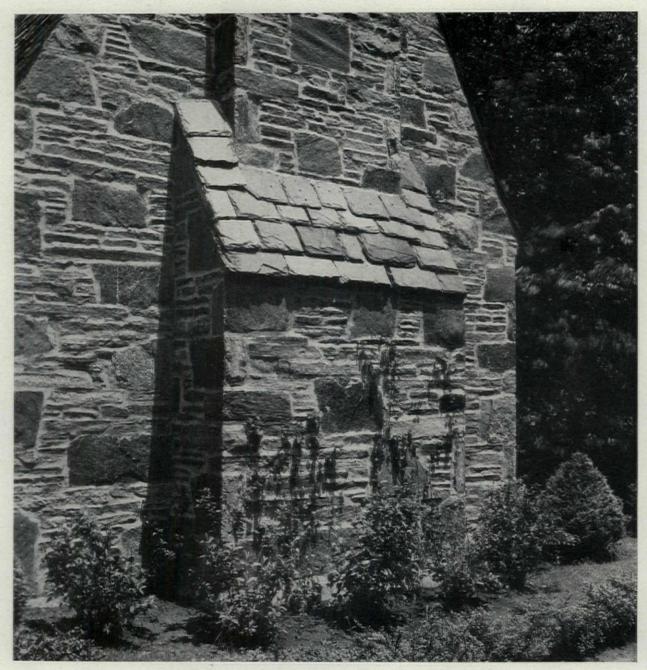
Brick Detail, House of Edwin C. Duble, Esq., Forest Hills, N. Y. Frank J. Forster, Architect

cannot easily be carved, and the resulting architecture is somewhat more severe than that of Normandy.

The Worcestershire region of England, particularly near Broadway, abounds in fine examples of limestone construction. The quoin stones, window and door frames, and copings are of smoothly dressed stones, while the rest of the walls are of irregular sized and rougher faced stones. Interesting houses of a warm, buff colored limestone can be found in Chipping Campden, Stanton, and Bilbury, in Gloucestershire. Even the roofs of these houses are often of thick slabs of limestone. Warwickshire has many fine examples of half-timber construction. Kent and Surrey excel in half-timber and brick construction. I know of no more interesting or

instructive method of studying architecture than by traveling in rural England or France. One finds the same idea worked out many times, a similarity of mass and design running through all the architecture, but details and decorative motifs differ with use of dissimilar materials and ways of using them.

The greater part of the beauty found in this Old World architecture lies in the materials used and the way in which they are handled. The stone selected is rich and warm in color and texture, and it is laid with all joints filled in flush with the stone. Often the stone itself is partially or wholly parged over with cement, which gives a very pleasing surface. Large quoin stones are used at the corners of the structures, around doors and windows, and when-

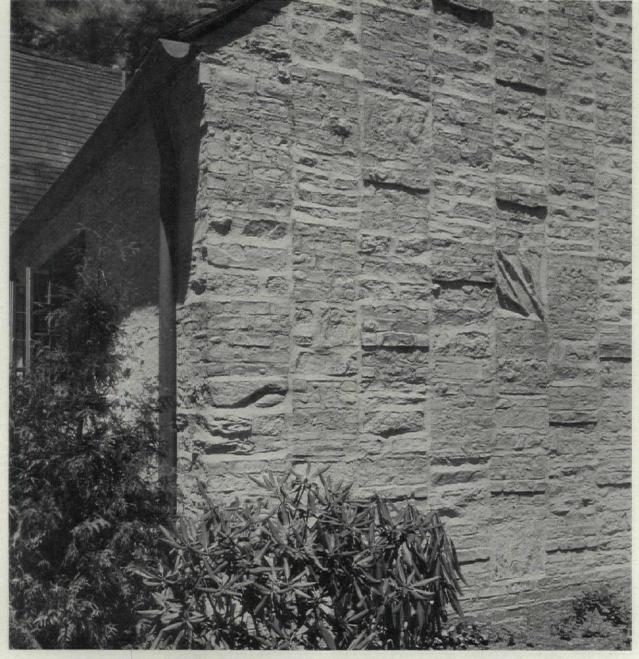


Detail of Large and Small Stonework, House of Milton Hatfield, Esq., Montclair, N. J. Frank J. Forster, Architect

ever an appearance of extra strength is needed. The carving may be elaborate or very simple, according to the fancy or means of the builder. Patterned brickwork affords another means of enriching plain wall surfaces, often employed in the peasant architecture of both France and England. Much of the brick is quite old and is longer and thinner than modern brick. Its texture and color are more variegated than those of modern brick, because of impurities in the clay and unequal baking in the kiln. The brick are laid up in any number of simple patterns, such as herringbone, checkerboard and variations of the cross motive. Often brick and stone and chert will be found together in one wall, laid in checkered designs or in belt courses, and al-

ways showing great skill in manipulation and imagination in the use of designs. Where half-timber construction is used, the timbers are always solid, sturdy pieces, generous in proportions. They are hand-adzed and hand-carved, which adds infinitely to the richness of their texture. The material used for filling in between the timbers, brick or stucco is brought flush with the wood. All timbers are mortised and tenoned together with strong wooden pins.

When the pitch of the roof is steep, as in the architecture of northern France and much of that of England, the roof masses play an important part in the design of the structure as a whole. In some French dwellings the roof is more important in appearance than are the perpendicular walls. Quite



Brickwork Laid Up in Squares, House of Karl Kuffer, Esq., Scarsdale, N. Y. Frank J. Forster, Architect

naturally, then, the texture of the roof influences, to a considerable extent, the architectural success of the building. The beauty of the roof likewise depends on materials and workmanship. In Normandy, tile is the usual roofing material, hand-made and of several tones of red in color. Much of it is worked and twisted in the process of firing, and these irregularities add greatly to the richness of the surface. The tile are laid with a very slight exposure to the weather, perhaps not over 4 or 5 inches; the irregularities of the tile are emphasized by an unevenness in laying, and the result is as delightful a roof surface as can be imagined. The slates used in roofing, in both England and Normandy, are quite heavy, and irregular in size. They vary in color from dark

grays and greenish grays to deep purplish browns, depending on the locality. These slates also are laid in uneven courses and with very narrow weather exposure. In Brittany the slate is almost all of a dark color, and quite thin, and the beauty of the roofs is almost wholly dependent upon the skill with which the slates are laid. All of the roofs, of no matter what material, are laid with a skill which, so far as I am aware, is not surpassed, a skill which has its source in a deep, instinctive love of beauty and reverence for honest native materials honestly used.

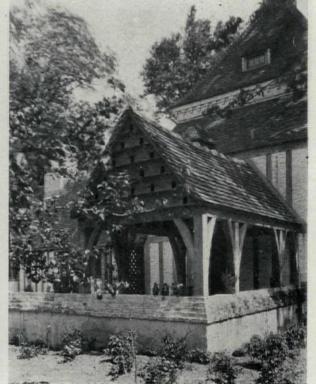
The subject of dormers is important enough to deserve a paragraph for itself. Perhaps in no other one feature is there so clearly displayed the sense of balance and proportion of the native workmen.

The Norman dormers excel in variety and picturesqueness. They are of numerous shapes and sizes,-flat roofed, peaked, or hooded. Some are set directly up from the side walls, while others are perched up on the roof away from the cornice and serve to break up the plain stretch of roof surfaces in the most engaging way. Great skill is shown in their sizes and spacing. The dormers of Brittany and England are usually of a simpler type, peaked or flat, set directly above the vertical walls and forming parts of these walls. All dormers are small in scale in proportion to the size of the whole structure, and are thus kept in their proper subordinate position. a matter too often overlooked in America. The window openings are small compared to the sizes of the dormers themselves, thus preserving in the dormer a feeling of structural sturdiness. It is quite apparent that in this country the problem of the dormer is not understood, or at least is not given sufficient study. Many a good house is ruined, architecturally, by oversized and poorly placed dormers as observation almost anywhere will prove.

There is, to my mind, no type of European architecture so adaptable to our uses in America as the English or Norman country house. It is appropriate climatically, and so far as use of materials is concerned, we have at our command all of the natural products found in the old buildings. The style is informal, and hence appropriate to our modern way of living. The interiors of the buildings must necessarily be modified to conform with our American ideas of comfort and practicability, but American architects are masters in the art of planning con-

venient and livable interiors. Because of its plastic, informal qualities, the English and French architecture can be made to conform to any conceivable interior arrangement. Though we excel in the planning of practical and healthful houses, we often fail in designing houses which are harmonious and beautiful, and this, in my opinion, is an equally important matter. If architecture is to be an art, rather than a trade, it must satisfy the spirit as well as the body. Both the æsthetic and the physical needs of human beings must be considered. In our efforts to reproduce in this country the English or Norman type of dwelling, we can be successful only if we absorb the spirit and vitality of the old work. We cannot make a line-for-line copy of an old building, and then expect to inject into our copy anything of the real essence of the original if we use our modern machine-made and artificial building products indiscriminately. Fine as this old architecture is in design, the greater part of its charm is due to a sympathy for and understanding of honest, natural materials, skillfully and appropriately employed. We must use, whenever possible, old hand-wrought materials, or at least the best of the modern. We must teach workmen to use these materials with imagination and a feeling for their intrinsic beauty. The workmanship and materials throughout a structure must be the finest obtainable. Above all, architects must constantly strive for a better understanding of the spirit behind this ancient European architecture. Only by such means can we ever hope to bring into being in this country an architecture comparable in beauty with that of the best in England and France.



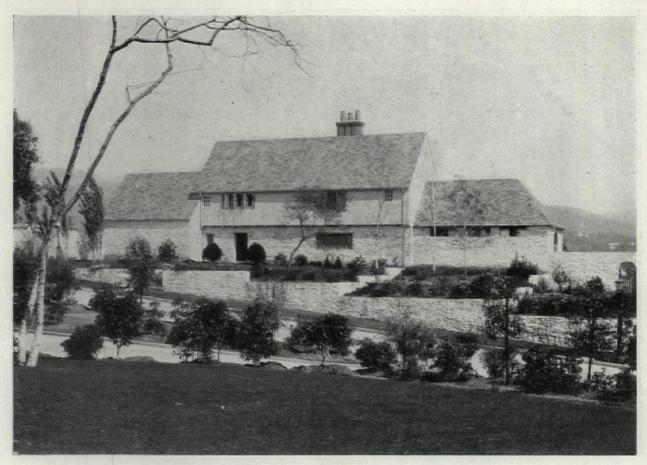


Half Timber and Brickwork

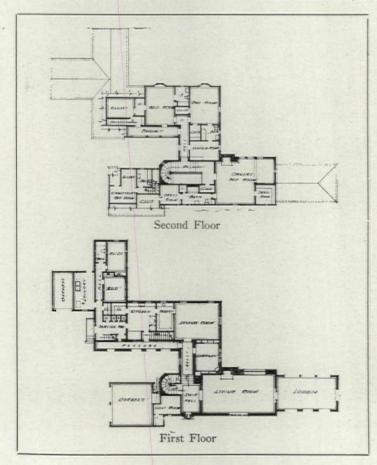
Porch in French Peasant Style

Details from the House of Edwin C. Duble, Esq., Forest Hills, N. Y.

Frank J. Forster, Architect



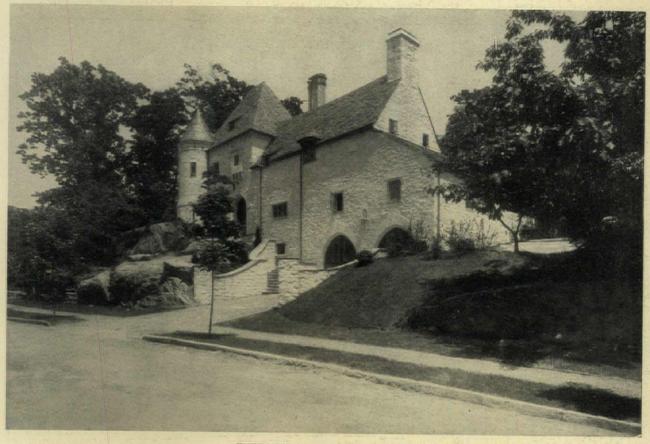
Plans and Elevation, House of Jack Huber, Esq., Los Angeles Gordon B. Kaufmann, Architect



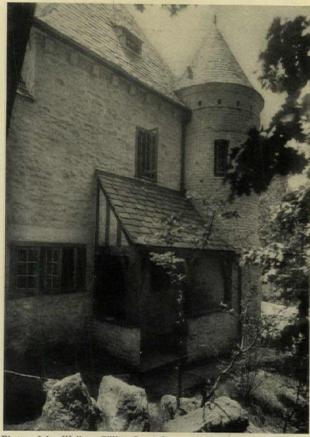
*HERE have been many adaptations in I recent years of the farmhouses of Normandy and Brittany. Roofs of varied slopes and materials have been used in combinations with stone, brick, stucco and halftimber for the walls. The majority of these adaptations have definitely attempted to produce a picturesque and artistic effect. Too often, however, simplicity and dignity, which are definite characteristics of these farmhouses of France and England, have been lost. Much of the charm of this house of Mr. Huber's outside of Los Angeles, is due to the long, simple roof lines. Whitewashed stonework of the first story and the overhang and smooth plaster of the second make a pleasant contrast and obviate the possibility of there being monotony in the unbroken wall surfaces. A spacious living porch, which forms the east wing, has long openings in the wall just below the eave line which permit cross ventilation through the porch and relieve the austerity of the otherwise unbroken wall. From the two illustrations shown on these pages it is impossible to appreciate the size of this house. The plan is as interesting as it is unusual. It is practically two houses joined by a middle section, in which are located hall and library.



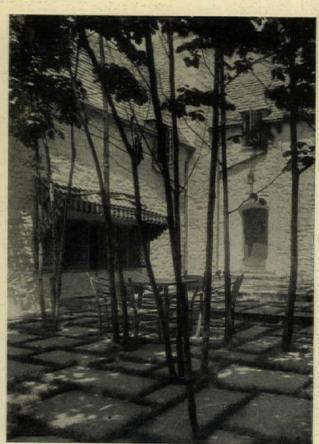
Photos. W. M. Clarke
ENTRANCE TERRACES, HOUSE OF JACK HUBER, ESQ., LOS ANGELES
GORDON B. KAUFMANN, ARCHITECT



ENTRANCE FRONT AND GARAGE



Photos. John Wallace Gillies, Inc. SERVICE PORCH



Plans on Back

SERVICE PORCH

COURTYARD

HOUSE OF GUISEPPE COSULICH, ESQ., RIVERDALE-ON-HUDSON, N. Y.

FRANK J. FORSTER, ARCHITECT

Date of Completion: September 1, 1927. General Type of Construction: Masonry. Exterior Materials: Random rubble stone.

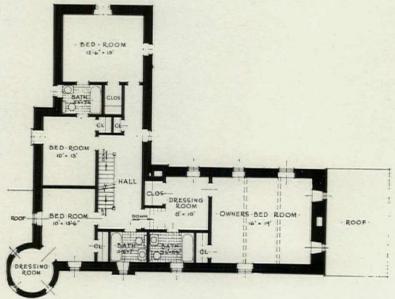
Roof: Heavy graduated slate. Floors: Wide oak boards in main rooms; narrow

in service.

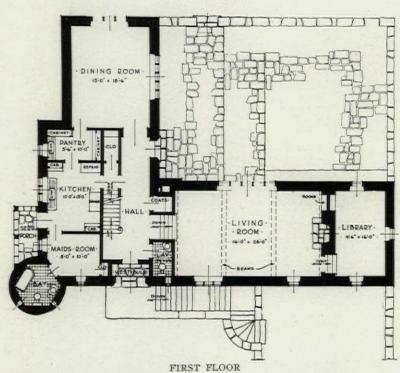
Heating: Hot water.

Interior Woodwork: Stained oak. Interior Wall Finish: Natural plaster finish; white coat finish in service and bathrooms. Interior Decorative Treatment: Stained wood-

work; painted baths and service rooms. Approximate Cubic Footage: 54,711. Cost: \$1.20 per cubic foot.



SECOND FLOOR



PLANS: HOUSE OF GUISEPPE COSULICH, ESQ., RIVERDALE-ON-HUDSON, N. Y. FRANK J. FORSTER, ARCHITECT



ENTRANCE FRONT



Photos. John Wallace Gillies, Inc.
HOUSE OF MILTON E. HATFIELD, ESQ., MONTCLAIR, N. J.
FRANK J. FORSTER, ARCHITECT

Plans on Back

Date of Completion: January, 1926. General Type of Construction: Frame. Exterior Materials: Stucco; brick; stone.

Roof: Heavy graduated slate. Floors: Wide oak boards in main rooms; tile in bathrooms; linoleum in service rooms.

Heating: Hot water.

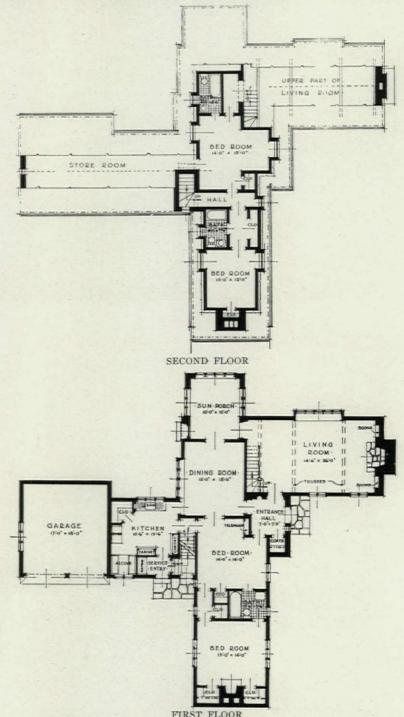
Interior Woodwork: Stained oak in master

rooms; painted whitewood in service and bathrooms.

Interior Wall Finish: Natural plaster finish; white coat in service and bathrooms.

Interior Decorative Treatment: Stained woodwork; painted service and bathrooms.

Approximate Cubic Footage: 36,717. Cost: 87 cents per cubic foot.



PLANS: HOUSE OF MILTON E. HATFIELD, ESQ., MONTCLAIR, N. J. FRANK J. FORSTER, ARCHITECT



ENTRANCE FRONT



Photos. John Wallace Gillies, Inc.

HOUSE OF KARL KEFFER, ESQ., SCARSDALE, N. Y. FRANK J. FORSTER, ARCHITECT

Plans on Back

Date of Completion: April, 1926. General Type of Construction: Frame. Exterior Materials: Stucco and brick.

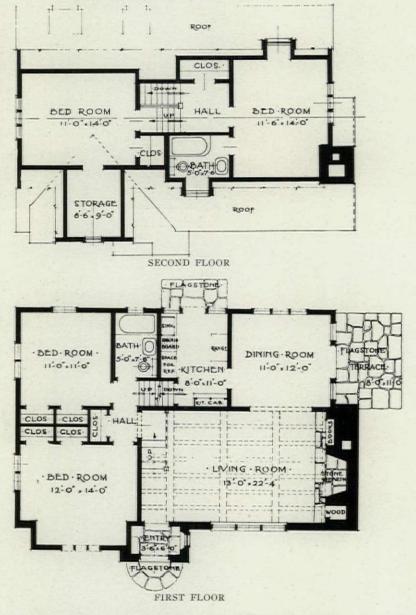
Roof: Shingle. Floors: Oak.

Heating: Hot water. Interior Woodwork: Stained oak.

Interior Wall Finish: Natural plaster unfinished; stained woodwork; service and bath-

rooms, painted.

Approximate Cubic Footage: 23,600. Cost: 82 cents per cubic foot.



PLANS: HOUSE OF KARL KEFFER, ESQ., SCARSDALE, N. Y. FRANK J. FORSTER, ARCHITECT



ENTRANCE FRONT



Photos. Harold D. Eberlein



Plans on Back

HOUSE OF MRS. BENJAMIN S. COMSTOCK, PRINCETON, N. J. FRANCIS ADAMS COMSTOCK, ARCHITECT

Year of Completion: 1926.

General Type of Construction: Frame. Exterior Materials: 4-inch brick veneer.

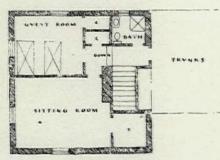
Roof: Blue-black slate 3/16 inch thick, 4 inches

to weather.

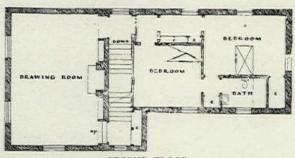
Floors: Oak, except in service rooms. Heating: Vapor vacuum system. Interior Woodwork: Whitewood.

Interior Wall Finish: Painted throughout. Approximate Cubic Footage: 48,000.

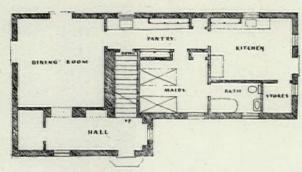
Total cost: \$24,800, exclusive of grading, etc.



THIRD FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR

PLANS: HOUSE OF MRS. BENJAMIN S. COMSTOCK, PRINCETON, N. J. FRANCIS ADAMS COMSTOCK, ARCHITECT



ENTRANCE FRONT



Photos. John Wallace Gillies, Inc.
MAIN ENTRANCE



GARDEN TERRACE

HOUSE OF F. A. SCHAFF, ESQ., BRONXVILLE, N. Y. LEWIS BOWMAN, ARCHITECT

CONSTRUCTION DATA

General Type of Construction: English.

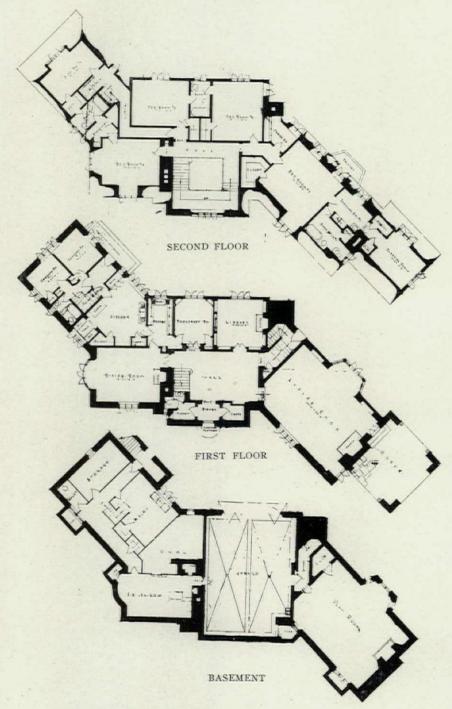
Exterior Materials: Stone, half-timber and stucco.

Roof: Tile. Floors: Oak.

Heating: Vapor.
Interior Woodwork: Living room and dining room of oak panels; library of country pine panels; remainder of house of whitewood

painted.

Approximate Cubic Footage: 90,500.



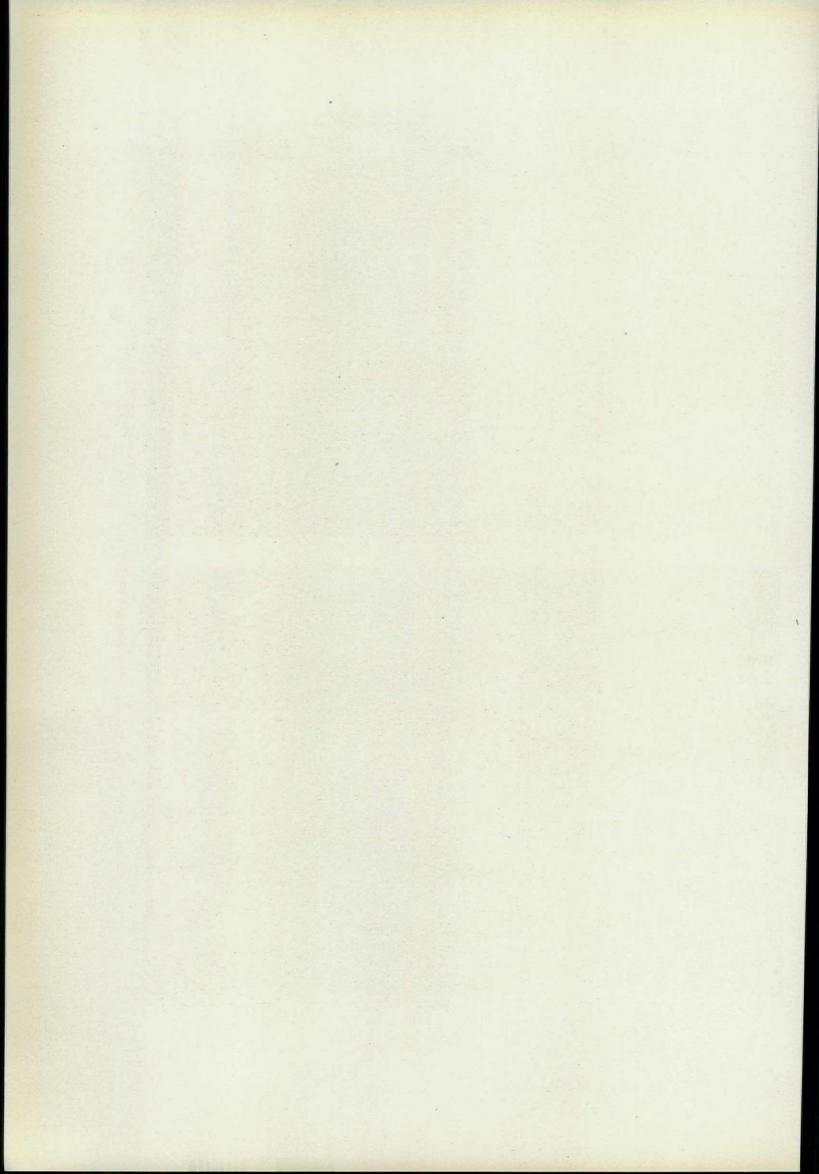
PLANS: HOUSE OF F. A. SCHAFF, ESQ., BRONXVILLE, N. Y. LEWIS BOWMAN, ARCHITECT



MAIN HALL



LIVING ROOM
HOUSE OF F. A. SCHAFF, ESQ., BRONXVILLE, N. Y.
LEWIS BOWMAN, ARCHITECT





ENTRANCE FRONT



LIVING ROOM
HOUSE OF G. HAYWARD NIEDRINGHAUS, ESQ., ST. LOUIS
BEVERLEY T. NELSON, ARCHITECT

Year of Completion: 1927.

General Type of Construction: Masonry, semi-

fireproof.

Exterior Materials: Brick and concrete.

Roof: Slate.

Heating: Vapor system.

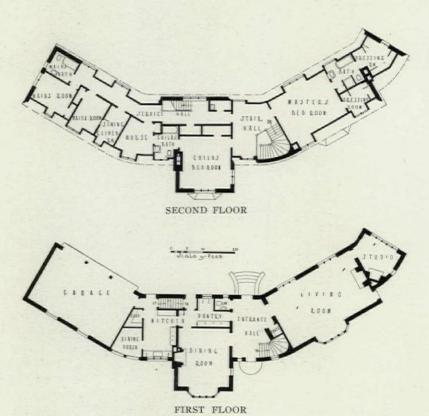
Interior Woodwork: Living room paneled in

pine.

Interior Wall Finish: Halls and dining room in

colored stucco; bedroom papered. Approximate Cubic Footage: 58,125.

Total Cost: \$45,000.



PLANS: HOUSE OF G. HAYWARD NIEDRINGHAUS, ESQ., ST. LOUIS BEVERLEY T. NELSON, ARCHITECT



ENTRANCE FRONT



Photos. Harold D. Eberlein

SERVICE WING
HOUSE OF J. T. LAZARUS, ESQ., ITHAN, PA.
DAVIS, DUNLAP & BARNEY, ARCHITECTS

Plans on Back

Date of Completion: September 1926.

General Type of Construction: Non-fireproof.

Exterior Materials: Local stone.

Roof: Wood shingles. Floors: Rift pine. Heating: Hot water.

Interior Woodwork: White pine.

Interior Wall Finish: White plaster and sand

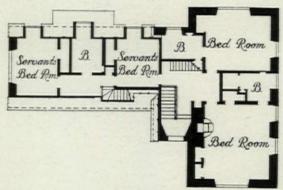
plaster.

Interior Decorative Treatment: Wall paper and

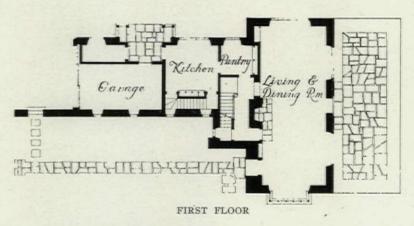
paint.

Approximate Cubic Footage: 42,000.

Total Cost: \$25,000.



SECOND FLOOR



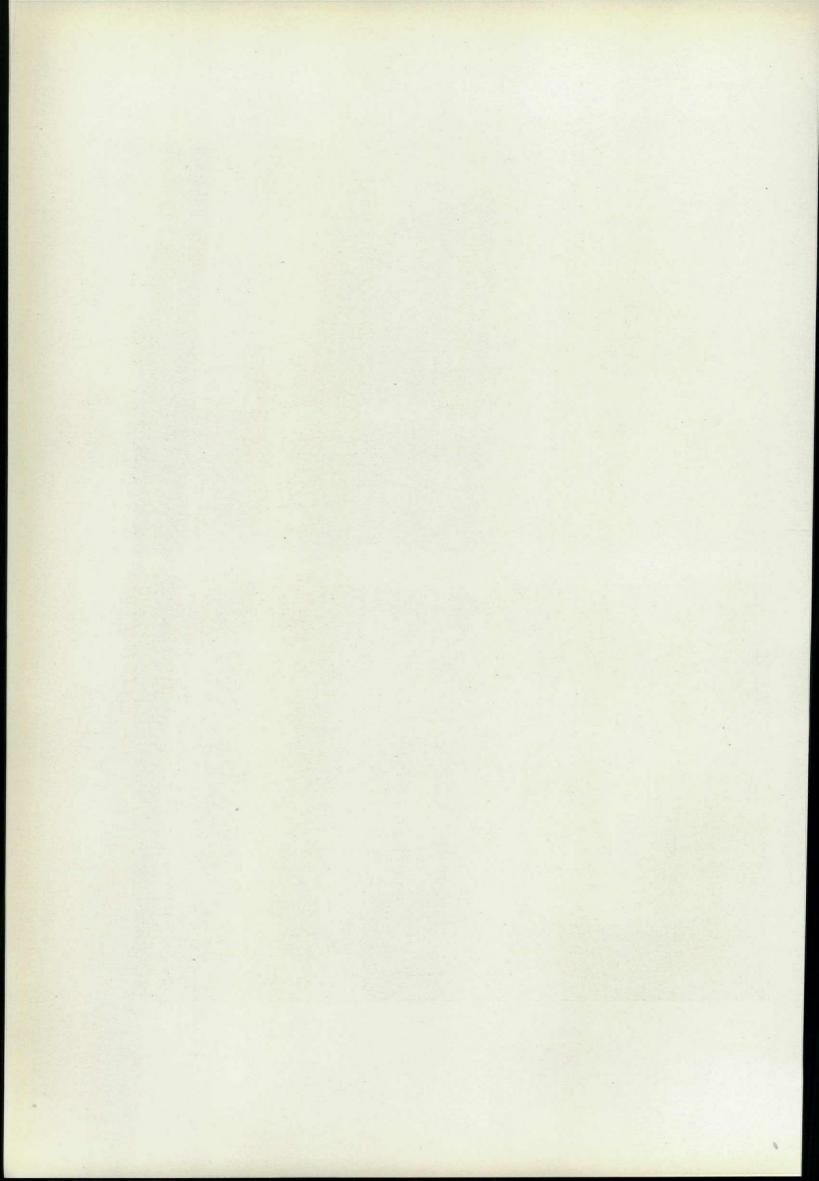
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GARDEN TERRACE

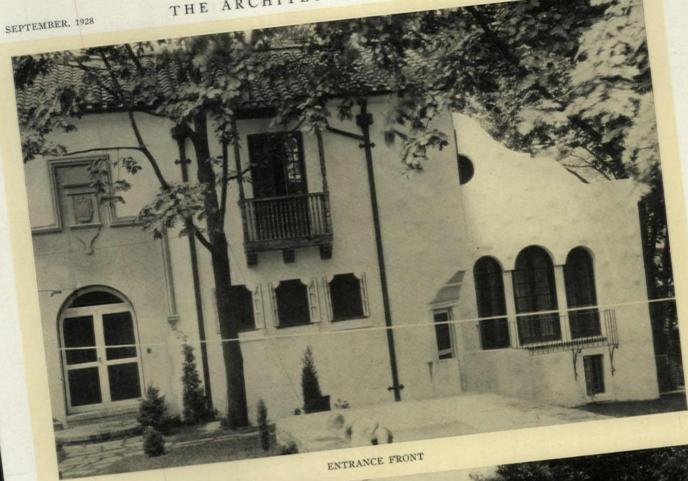


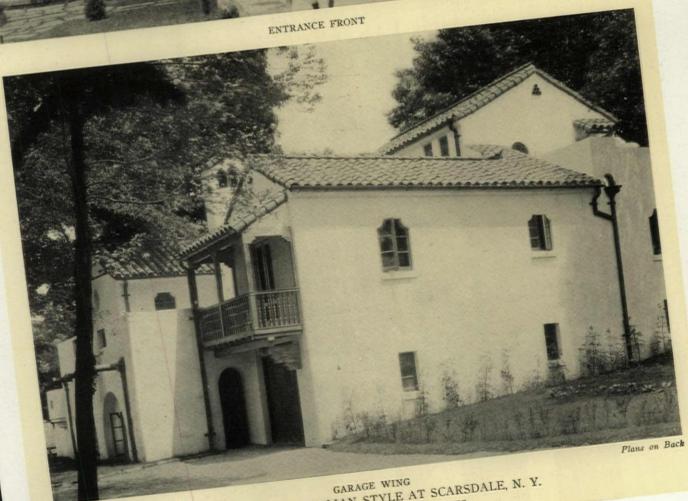
ENTRANCE DOOR HOUSE OF J. T. LAZARUS, ESQ., ITHAN, PA. DAVIS, DUNLAP & BARNEY, ARCHITECTS



THE ARCHITECTURAL FORUM

PLATE 74





GARAGE WING
HOUSE IN THE ITALIAN STYLE AT SCARSDALE, N. Y.
R. C. HUNTER & BRO., ARCHITECTS

Date of Completion: October, 1927.
General Type of Construction: Exterior walls, hollow tile; wood floor beams.
Exterior Materials: Stucco. Roof: Hand-made Spanish tile. Floors: Composition and wood.

Heating: Hot water.

Interior Woodwork: Pecky cypress.

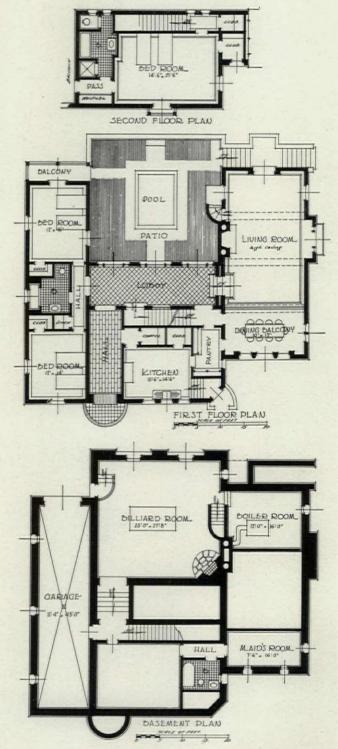
Interior Wall Finish: Rough-cast plaster; main

rooms have timbered ceilings.

Interior Decorative Treatment: Early Spanish.

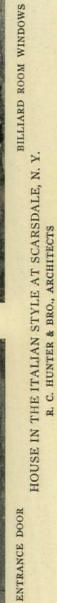
Approximate Cubic Footage: 49,500.

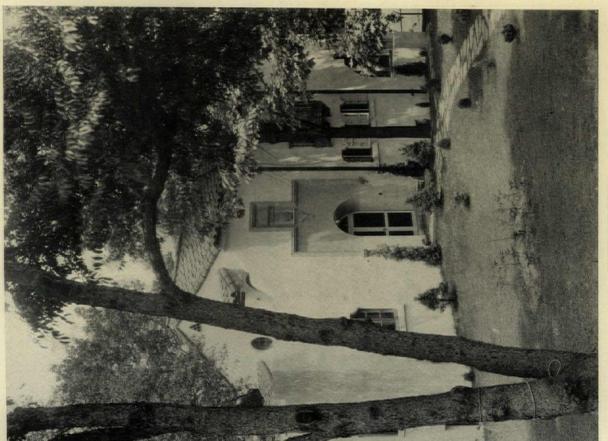
Total Cost: \$29,700.

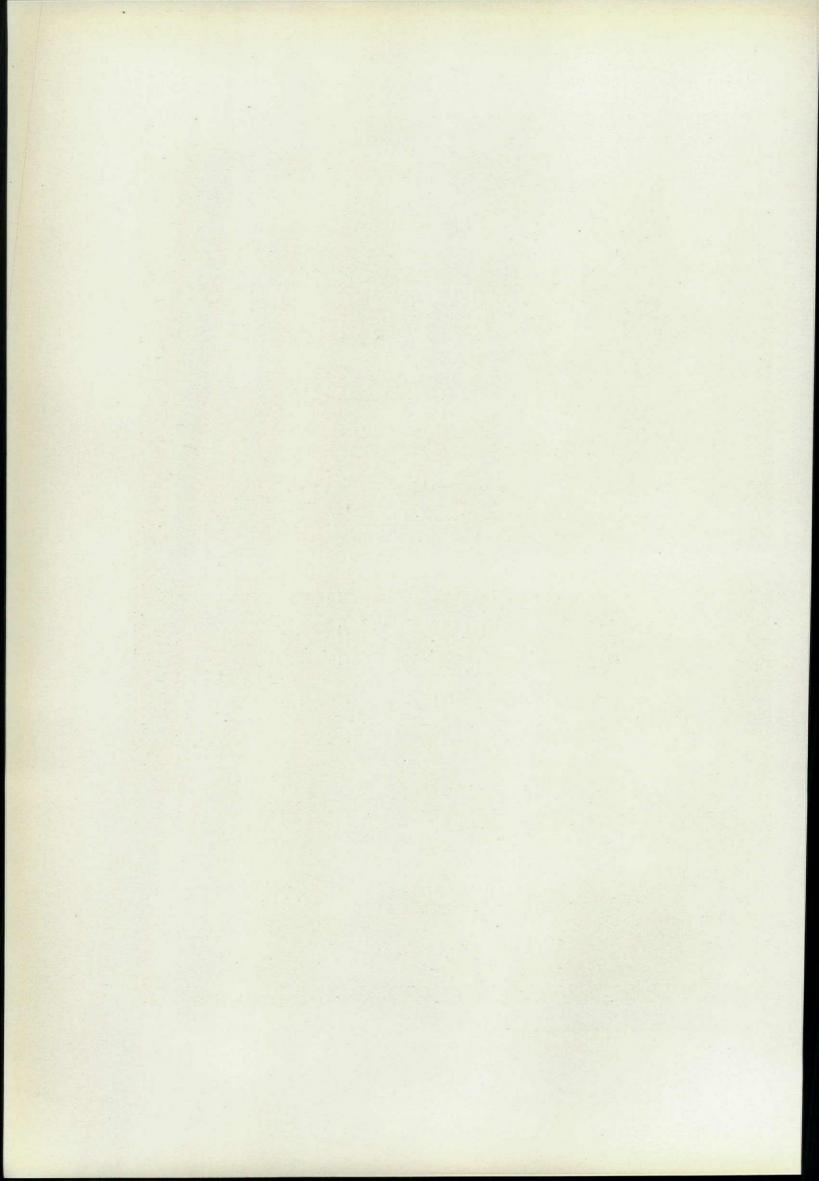


PLANS: HOUSE IN THE ITALIAN STYLE AT SCARSDALE, N. Y. R. C. HUNTER & BRO., ARCHITECTS











LIVING ROOM FROM THE GARDEN



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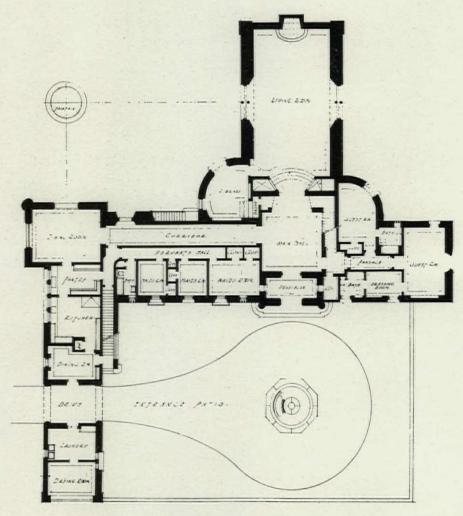
FOUNTAIN IN THE ENTRANCE PATIO

HOUSE OF FRANCIS MARION THOMPSON, ESQ., BEVERLY HILLS, CAL. WALLACE NEFF, ARCHITECT

Date of Completion: September, 1925. General Type of Construction: Frame. Exterior Materials: Stucco. Roof: Hand-made tile.

Floors: Hand-made tile.

Heating: Hot air; Gas furnace. Interior Woodwork: Spanish cedar. Interior Wall Finish: Textured plaster. Approximate Cubic Footage: 123,000. Total cost: \$100,000.



PLAN OF HOUSE AND GROUNDS

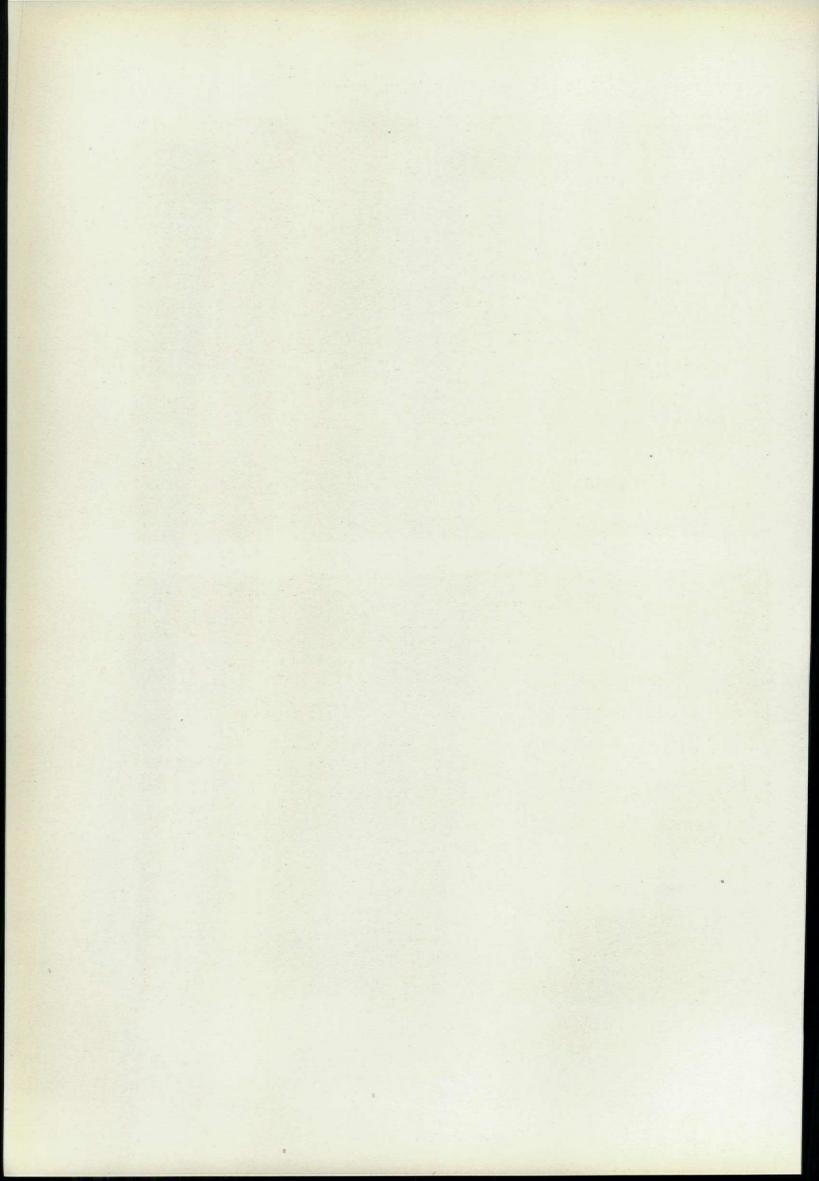
HOUSE OF FRANCIS MARION THOMPSON, ESQ., BEVERLY HILLS, CAL. WALLACE NEFF, ARCHITECT



DINING ROOM FROM THE GARDEN

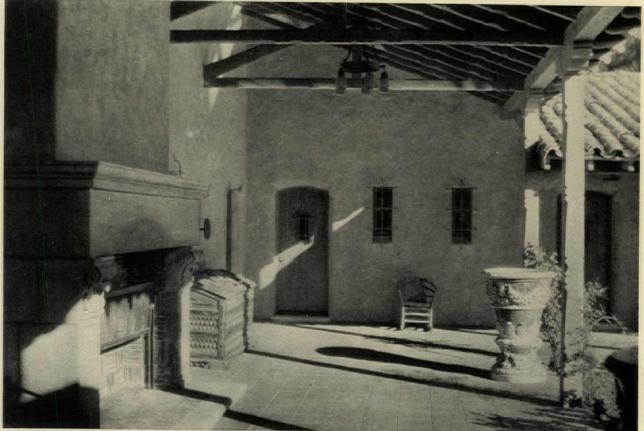


STAIRWAY FROM THE ENTRANCE PATIO HOUSE OF FRANCIS MARION THOMPSON, ESQ., BEVERLY HILLS, CAL. WALLACE NEFF, ARCHITECT





ENTRANCE LOGGIA



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LOGGIA AT END OF PATIO

Plan on Back

EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE OF SECONDO GUASTI, ESQ., GUASTI, CAL.
MORGAN, WALLS & CLEMENTS, ARCHITECTS

Year of Completion: 1924.

General Type of Construction: Brick. Exterior Materials: Brick, stuccoed.

Roof: Tile.

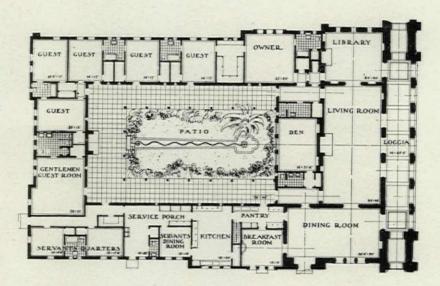
Floors: Oak; tile in bathrooms. Heating: Unit system; hot air.

Interior Woodwork: Cedar and Oregon pine.

Interior Wall Finish: Textured plaster, deco-

Interior Decorative Treatment: Wood beamed ceilings in living room, porches, club room; vaulted ceilings in dining room, and library; vaulted ceilings in main bed rooms.

Approximate Cubic Footage: 221,000. Cost: 38.8 cents per cubic foot.



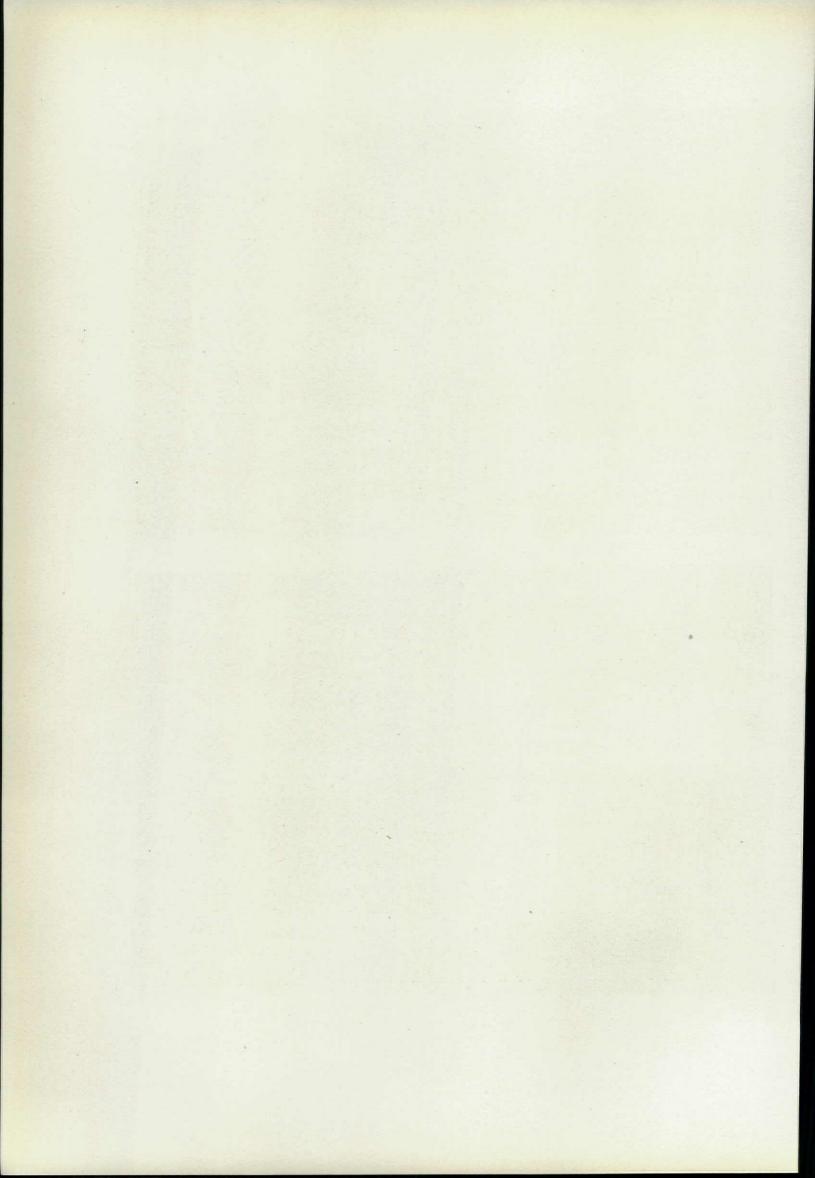
PLAN: EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE OF SECONDO GUASTI, ESQ., GUASTI, CAL. MORGAN, WALLS & CLEMENTS, ARCHITECTS



LIVING ROOM



BREAKFAST ROOM
EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE OF SECONDO GUASTI, ESQ., GUASTI, CAL.
MORGAN, WALLS & CLEMENTS, ARCHITECTS





ENTRANCE COURT AND TERRACE



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LIVING ROOM HOUSE OF CURTIS W. CATE, ESQ., CARPINTERIA, CAL. REGINALD D. JOHNSON, ARCHITECT

CONSTRUCTION DATA

General Type of Construction: Concrete foundation; brick walls.

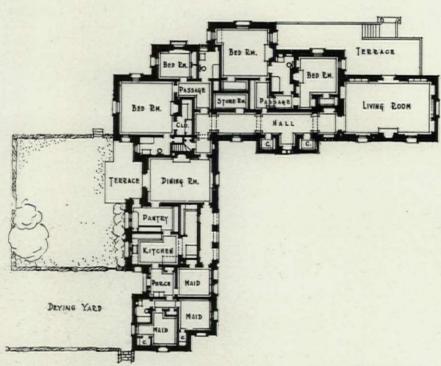
tion; brick walls. Roof: Shingle roof.

Floors: Hardwood and tile. Heating: Electrical and fireplaces. Interior Woodwork: Oak and pine.

Interior Wall Finish: Plaster; oak paneling. Interior Decorative Treatment: Early American

and English.

Approximate Cubic Footage: 71,254.



PLAN: HOUSE OF CURTIS W. CATE, ESQ., CARPINTERIA, CAL. REGINALD D. JOHNSON, ARCHITECT

A SMALL - TOWN HOUSE

ROBERT H. SHERLOCK, ARCHITECT BY PARKER MORSE HOOPER

HERE is no more interesting type of architec-I tural design than that pertaining to the home, and in no field of American architecture has such tremendous progress been made during the past quarter-century as in that of the country house. Whether large or small, costly or inexpensive, pretentious or simple, tremendous improvement has been accomplished. This is due partly to the growing good taste of the public in general, and partly to the increased skill of the profession itself. In the problem of designing a commercial building, which is distinctly typical of our present civilization, it seems logical and permissible to break away from precedent, as none exists for our modern skyscrapers, and design something distinctly new and different,-new, because the problem is new, and different because no precedent exists. Possibly the modern feeling expressed in our commercial architecture may eventually creep into our city domestic architecture. It does not, however, seem likely or reasonable that any marked degree of the modern expression should or can evince itself in our country house architecture.

At our very doors on every side there exist splendid examples of early American domestic architecture which should be and are very largely used as precedent for modern work in this particular field. The Colonial houses of Boston, Philadelphia, Newburyport, Salem and Portsmouth give us numerous suggestions and inspiration for the large and smalltown houses of today. Particularly in New England do we find countless examples of the story-and-a-

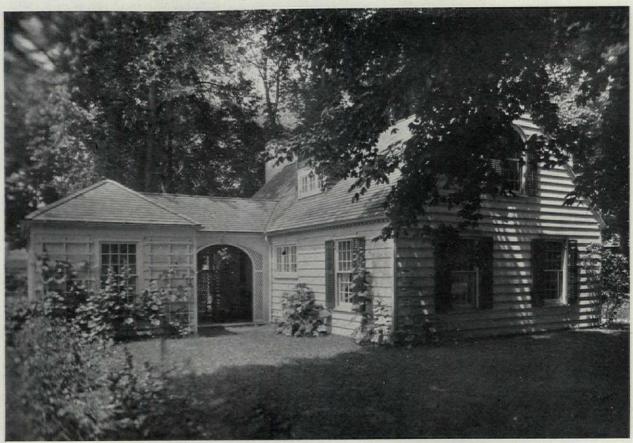
half, or cottage type of country house, so common on Cape Cod and the coast of Maine. There are such charming examples to inspire us, that it is hard to believe that the angular, box-like modernistic style of house being built in France and Germany today will ever gain a permanent foothold in this country.

When one sees such delightful examples of the modern small-town house as the three shown on these pages, it is difficult to understand why any homebuilder should desire a house of the modern, flat-roofed, angular, bleak and forbidding type. In one of these houses, which faces one of the elmlined streets of Geneseo, N. Y., there is found all of the charm of carefully studied proportions, graceful roof lines, and refined and delicate detail characteristic of the homes of our New England ancestors. The relation of the height to the width of this house is particularly fortunate. The short wing at the rear, which connects the garage with the house itself, is unusually well designed and adds to rather than detracts from the charm and dominance of the main house. The windows are well proportioned, with 12 panes to each sash. The louver shutters also add distinction and charm to the design. The entrance porch is kept suitably small and is consistently tied into the house itself. It is to be earnestly hoped and desired that more people building small and inexpensive homes should employ the services of real architects or those of an organization made up of architects, such as the Small House Service Bureau of the American Institute of Architects.



House of Miss Elinor McBride, Geneseo, N. Y.





HOUSE OF MISS ELINOR McBRIDE, GENESEO, N. Y. ROBERT H. SHERLOCK, ARCHITECT



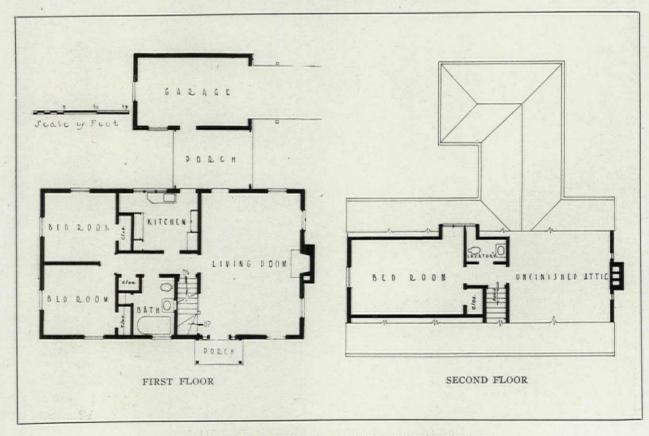
LIVING ROOM



HOUSE OF MISS ELINOR McBRIDE, GENESEO, N. Y. ROBERT H. SHERLOCK, ARCHITECT



LIVING ROOM END, PORCH AND GARAGE



HOUSE OF MISS ELINOR McBRIDE, GENESEO, N. Y. ROBERT H. SHERLOCK, ARCHITECT

A COUNTRY HOUSE OF CONCRETE

BY

HERBERT LIPPMANN, ARCHITECT

THE owners of this house expressed dislike of I the appearance of wood-framed buildings, whether finished in siding or stucco. They were averse, too, to the use of brick as a building material. They had seen and admired rubble stone walls and rubble-faced concrete. Use of the latter materials was unreasonable in cost because there was no stone in the immediate vicinity, and because of the union wage scale for stone masons in their section. Under these circumstances a simple system of hollow reinforced concrete wall construction was recommended. The clients were shown barns and silos built according to this method, were readily interested in its appearance, and were convinced of its practicability for residential purposes. The requirements, otherwise, were that a house to cost \$20,000 must contain four master bedrooms, two bedrooms for servants, three bathrooms, a playroom, a guest room and wash room, a kitchen, and a spacious room which could be used as living and dining room combined. The cellar is used for laundry and boiler room, and the grade of the site makes possible use of a portion under the kitchen as a garage. The living room is 31 feet by 17 feet, 6 inches, planned so that the living portion can be used separately from the dining portion. The combination playroom and guest room is located conveniently to the kitchen, so that children can be served there when their elders are entertain-

ing. This room is provided with patented folding beds which stand in special closets, and cupboards have been built to contain children's toys. It is in this way that the playroom is converted into the guest room, the transformation being quickly made.

A hollow concrete type wall system was specified, but for comparison, alternate estimates were taken on brick walls and on stud walls, sheathed and with brick veneer. These proved to be more costly, despite the fact that only two of the bidders had had any previous experience with the first specified method of construction. No wooden forms or centering, other than for openings, and no scaffolding, were required. The walls were actually constructed by one intelligent mason, assisted sometimes by one and sometimes by two laborers. The laborers had had no experience as masons, and the mason, acting as foreman, had had no previous experience with the particular system, which was to him quite new.

In this system steel forms are used, the forms being 9 feet high and 2 feet or 5 feet long. Use of them was begun at the footings and carried the entire masonry wall height. Below grade, the walls were specified as two 6-inch shells, separated by a $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch air space. A half-round land tile was laid to drain, open and upward, in the concrete footing directly below this air space; this takes the place of the customary girdle drain. The upper walls were built

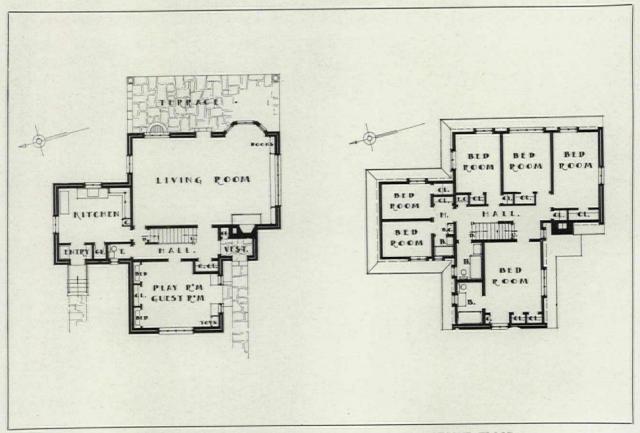


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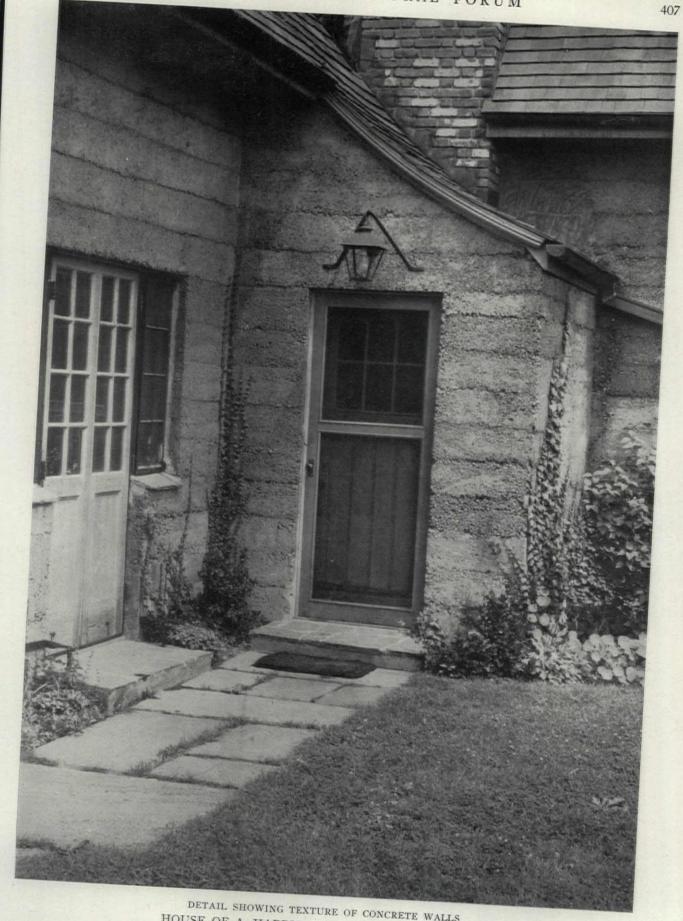
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of two 4-inch shells, separated by a 2½-inch air space. The air space is continuous around corners and is sealed around openings by placing a 2 by 2½-inch timber in the air space, top, bottom and sides of openings; galvanized 10-penny nails are driven into these timbers to combine with the concrete. The concrete itself, a 1:2:4: gravel mix, had no more water than would make it possible to remove

the forms immediately after tamping. General reinforcement consisted of two No. 2 galvanized wires, one top and one bottom, in each 9-inch Two 3/8-inch course. rods are used in lower foundation courses, gable or top courses, and in courses under window openings. Openings have additional rod reinforcement determined by the span. Cross-reinforcing between shells occurs every 2 feet on every course, in the form of galvanized S-anchors 6 inches long with 1-inch hook ends. In the exterior walls the concrete was colored with dry ntineral siena, in the proportion of four cups of color to a bag of Portland cement. To this ten cups of white cement were added to reduce the green tendency of the ordinary cement. walls were left as they

came, with the form marks showing. They were neither painted nor stuccoed on the outside. In the vestibule they were left unfinished on the inner side as well. In all rooms they were plastered directly with a scratch leveling coat and a colored sand finish coat. There is no furring on any exterior wall, and none is required. Where stud partitions met concrete walls, the wire lath lapped over the concrete and was fastened to the concrete. This was so successful that no cracks appeared at meeting places, in spite of the fact that the building has settled.

To 2 by 2½-inch timbers sealing the air spaces around openings there were nailed the wood frames for steel sash or wood doors. The timber over openings was covered with a copper flashing which runs 3 inches up the outer side of the inner shell and projects beyond the sash and door frames, as a drip for any condensation or moisture which might run down into the air space and wet the plaster over openings. The heads of two windows had a 1-inch recess left in them, in which faience tile were "but-

tered on" for the width of these openings. Window sills outside were covered with roofing slate laid to wash. Inner sills were made of faience tile, placed directly on the concrete, and serving as a plaster stop below the windows. Door and window frames were designed to accommodate screens. Wood blocks were set in the concrete walls for curtain rod nailing. Joists were set 3 inches into the inner shell by fire-

cutting the timbers and installing the triangular sawed-off portions at the proper intervals for use as a form for joist holes.

This type of wall construction has been dwelt upon in this description because of the interest it has occasioned. There are several other features which might, however, be of interest from the point of view of reduction of cost of such buildings. With this intention, the area below the house not needed for laundry, boiler space, or garage, was unexcavated, and the first floor built on grade leveled with tamped cinders. A 4-inch concrete slab was laid and covered with 2-inch thick corkboard in pitch for insulation. This cork was directly covered with a 3/4-inch cement (sidewalk mixture) coat, troweled smooth, and on this latter, by preference of the owners, a finished



Fireplace in Living Room

cork composition floor was placed. This portion of the building includes the playroom, on the floor of which the children play with no danger of ground dampness. Another economy was effected by the use of cork composition floor and base in place of bathroom tiling. Still another saving was made by the use of chestnut trim throughout, inasmuch as this was finished by the carpenters with linseed oil and required no paint or stain. Door jambs in stud partitions are 2-inch thick chestnut, 8 inches wide, rabbeted 34 inch to receive wire lath and plaster on either side, and installed, oiled, with one additional rough stud all around to make the door openings. Doors themselves are of the batten type, of chestnut boards with H and H- and- L hinges and thumb latches. These were specified as alternate to stock two-panel doors with customary hardware, and were found cheaper as well as more in keeping with the simple early American design of this small house. In this building the concrete construction has amply proved its practicability and demonstrated its merits.

AN EARLY AMERICAN HOUSE AT FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT

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I T is altogether beside the point to dwell at length upon what is plainly to be seen at a glance. It is needless to enter into extended comment on the fact that the small house at Farmington, Conn. illustrated here is designed according to the early Colonial tradition of the neighborhood, with various modifications in plan and adapted interior features in order to make it fulfill satisfactorily the requirements of a modern dwelling, but without disturbing the traditional character of the exterior. To two facts in connection with this house, however, it is distinctly worth while directing attention. In the first place, the house is a small house. Notwithstanding this handicap, it is conspicuously well studied in every particular, both outside and within. It bears every mark of a finished product, not the air of a step-child or changeling, left to shift pretty much for itself.

It cannot be denied that the average small house does suffer a serious handicap architecturally because it is a small house. Too often does it "come out at the little end of the horn," especially if it has been designed in a great office with a complex organization or in the office of an architect who specializes in large domestic work. Its unstudied or half-studied details smack of the standardized, and it fails of possessing that individual quality which clients presumably desire when they retain the services of an architect instead of appealing to a building contractor. The architect, to be sure, cannot be held wholly to blame for this unfortunate state of affairs. In order to make a living he must make a reasonable profit on each commission that comes into his office. And the small house, in proportion to the labor, time and thought involved in its design

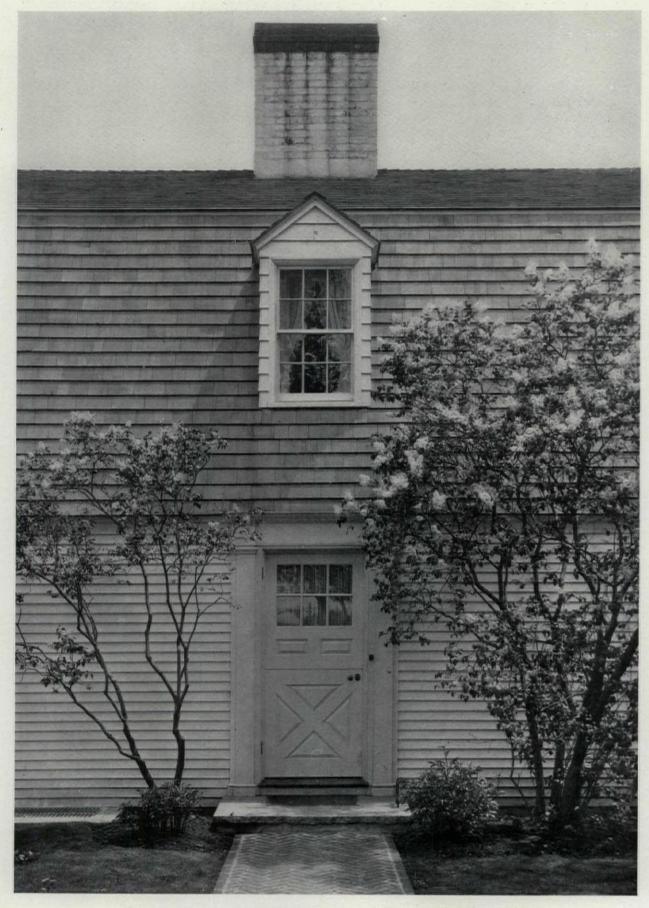
and erection, is relatively not nearly so profitable a subject as a larger commission. In some cases, indeed, it is not at all a source of profit. Quite naturally, then, the architect prefers the larger work, and with good reason he spends upon it his best efforts.

And yet, though a busy architect of prestige may reasonably be chiefly occupied in executing important commissions, is there not something to be said in favor of his giving a little more personal effort and care to the occasional small project? Commensurate profit therefrom, in a pecuniary way, he probably will not get. But the small house is numerically preponderant, and numerical preponderance inevitably imparts the prevailing architectural tone to a neighborhood. Is it not worth while, therefore, to devote a little extra personal interest to the small house in the interests of general architectural betterment? It may seem like "casting one's bread upon the waters," but, in curiously indirect ways, small excellences achieved have a habit of attracting substantial returns in forms that cannot be expressed in figures on the ledgers. At any rate, this Farmington house affords refreshing evidence of studied attention bestowed as freely and conscientiously as though the commission had been five times as large.

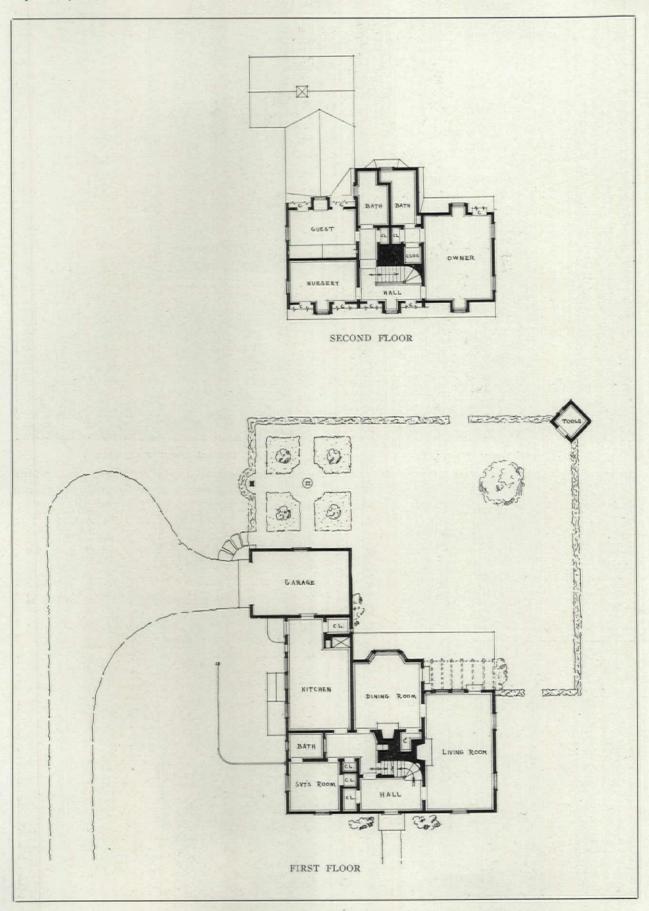
The second fact suggested by the Farmington house is that the interior architecture and fixed decoration of a small dwelling exact no less skill and even more mature discrimination than do the same items in the treatment of a large house. Where every least touch assumes a magnified importance, because the field of action is so limited, there is no chance to retrieve or counterbalance any error in judgment. The good has an effect relatively greater.



House of Mrs. Philip Roberts, Farmington, Conn. Leigh French, Jr., Architect



HOUSE OF MRS. PHILIP ROBERTS, FARMINGTON, CONN. LEIGH FRENCH, JR., ARCHITECT



PLANS: HOUSE OF MRS. PHILIP ROBERTS, FARMINGTON, CONN. LEIGH FRENCH, JR., ARCHITECT

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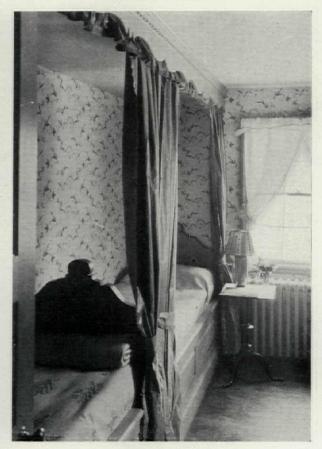
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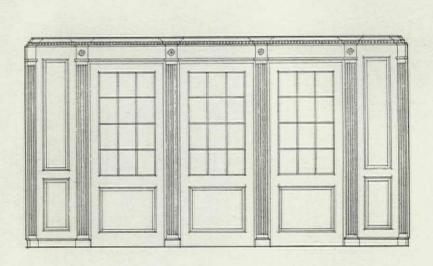
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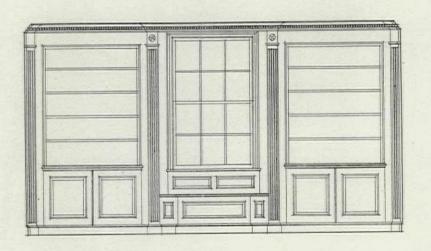


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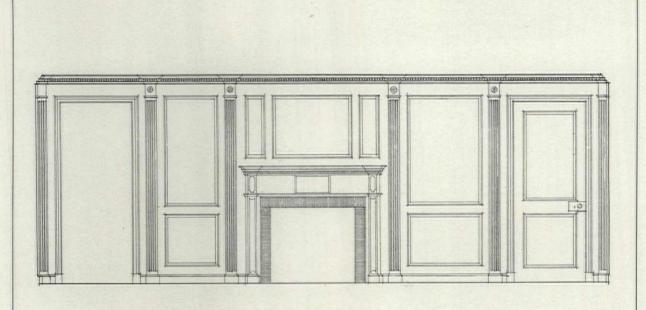


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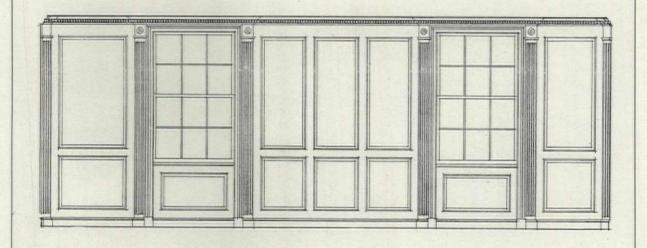


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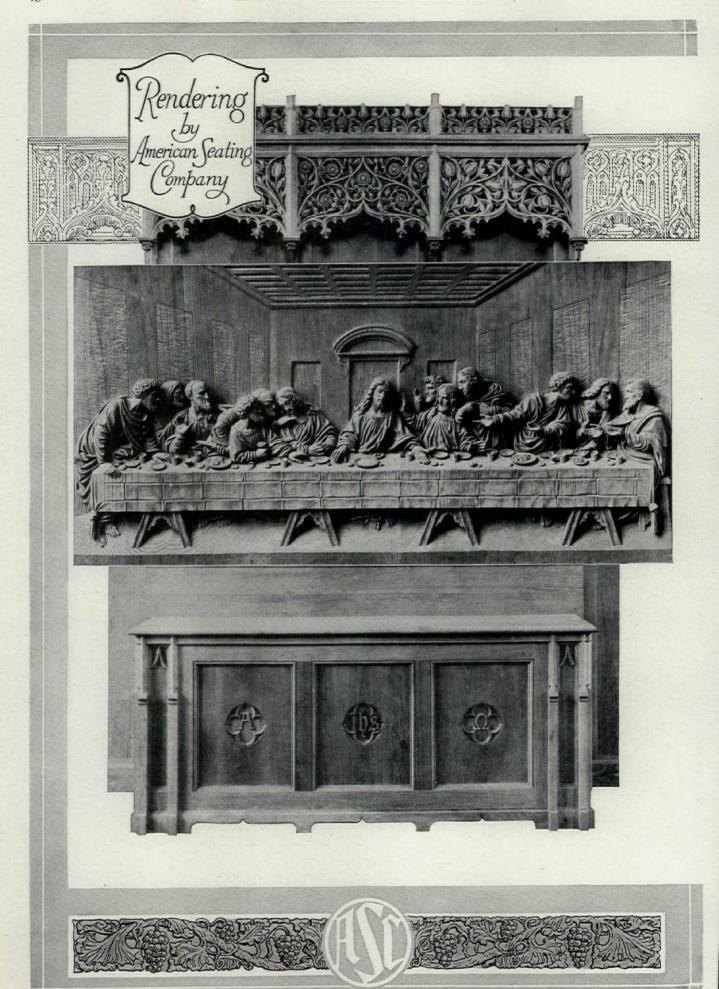
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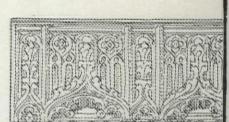


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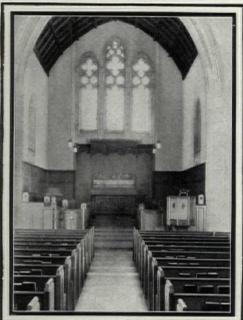
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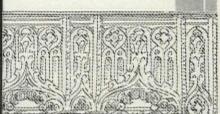
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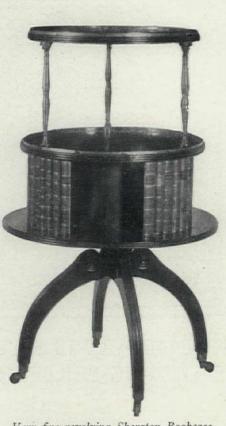
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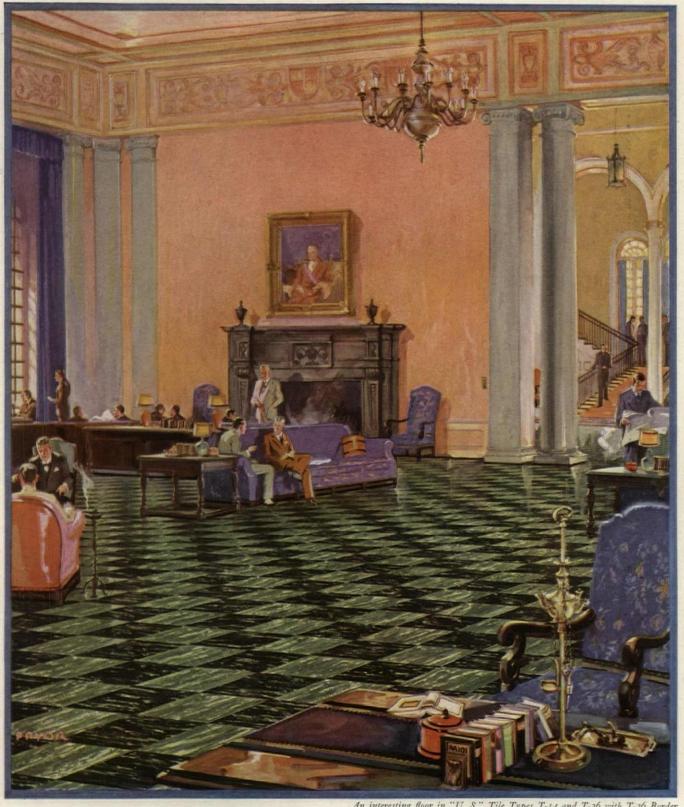
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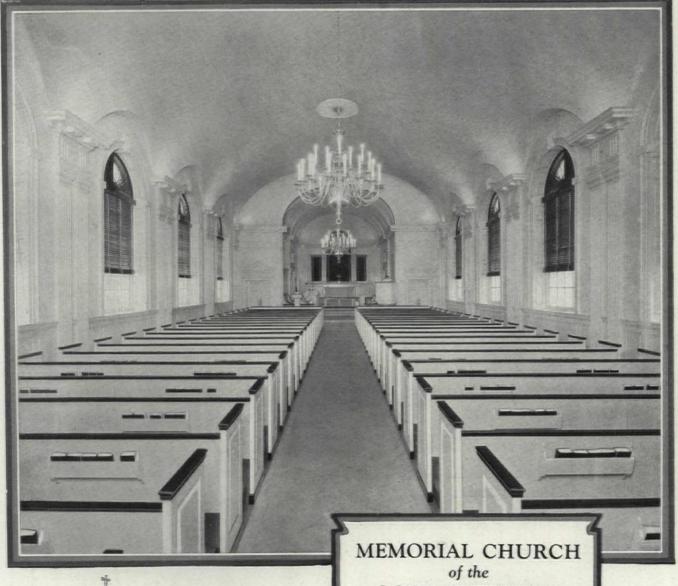
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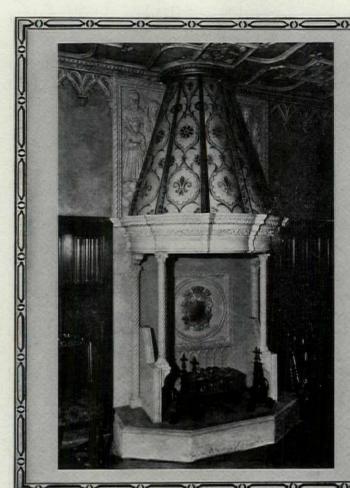
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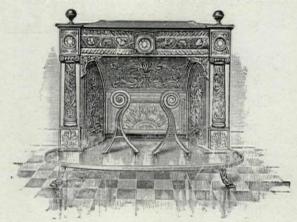
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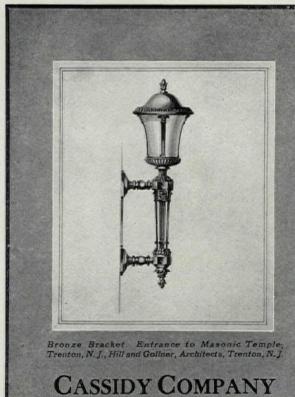
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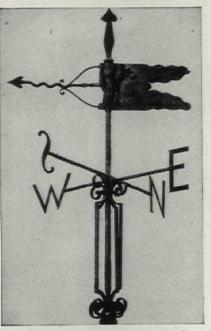


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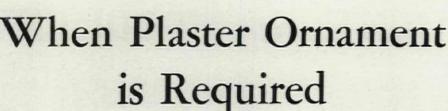
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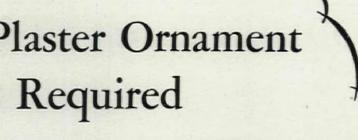
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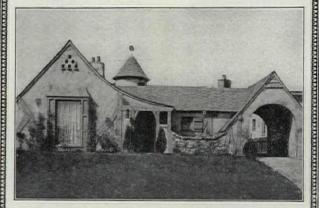
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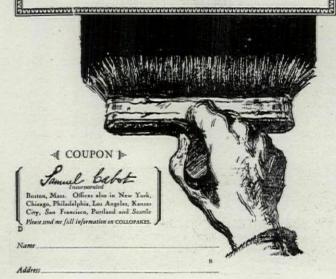
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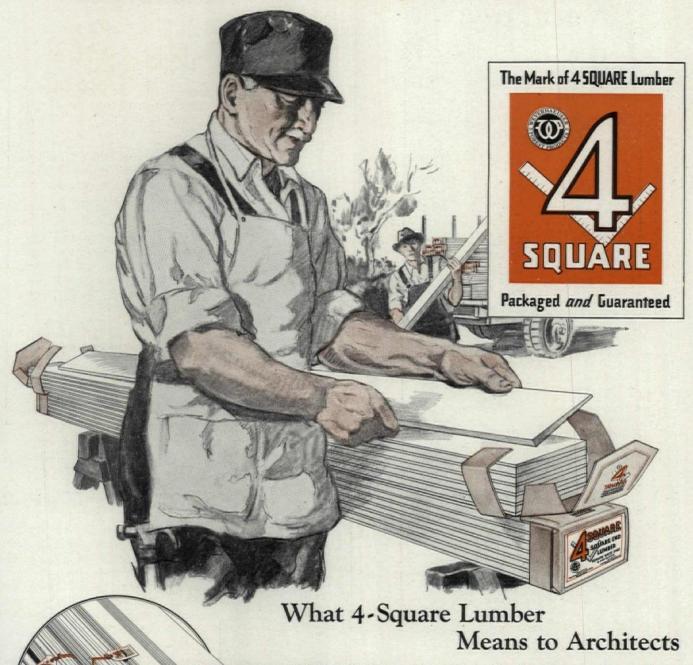
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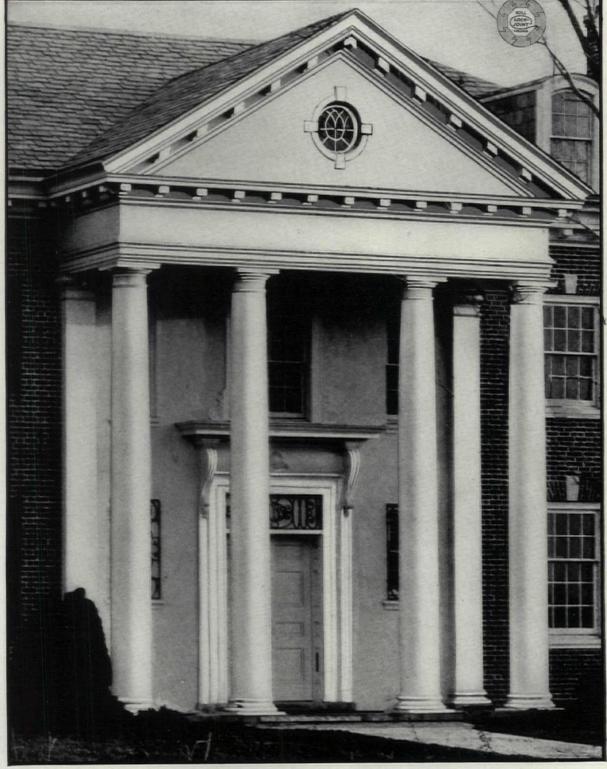
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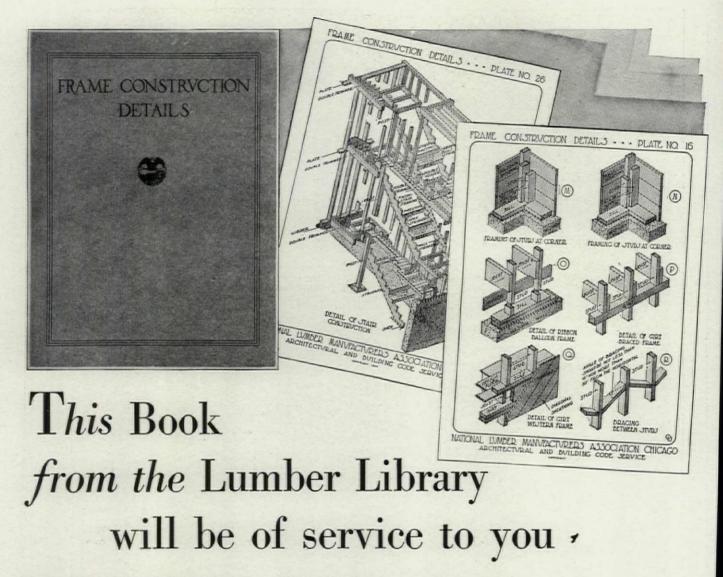
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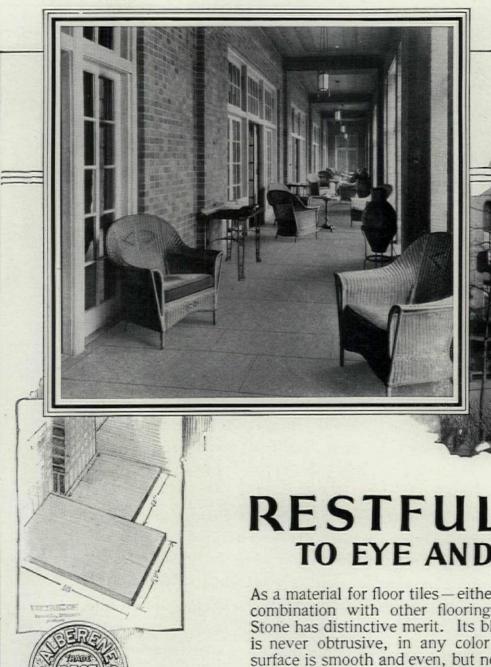


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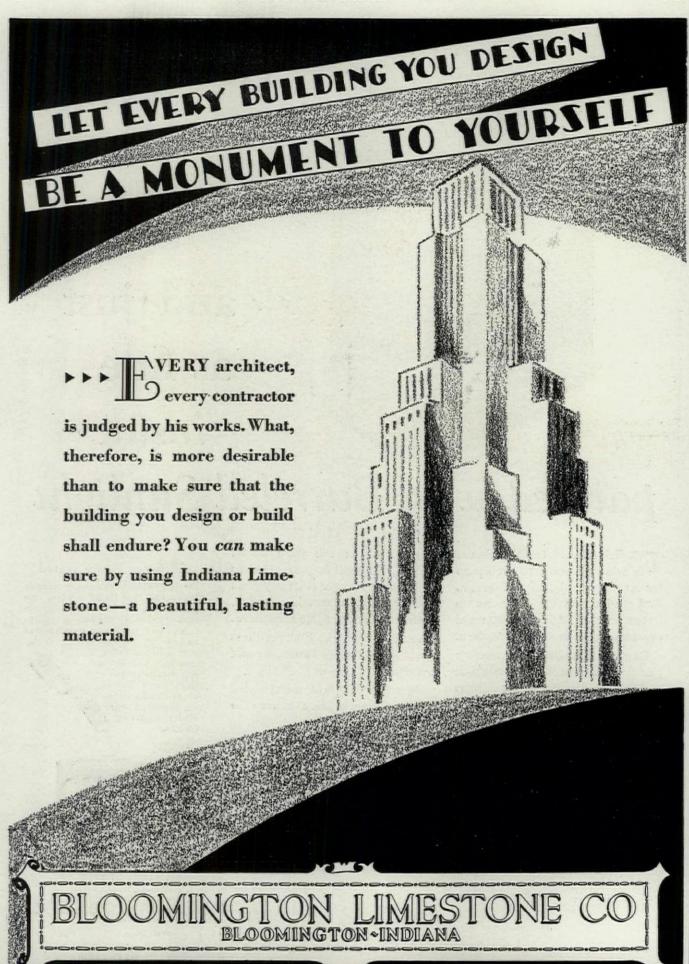
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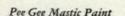
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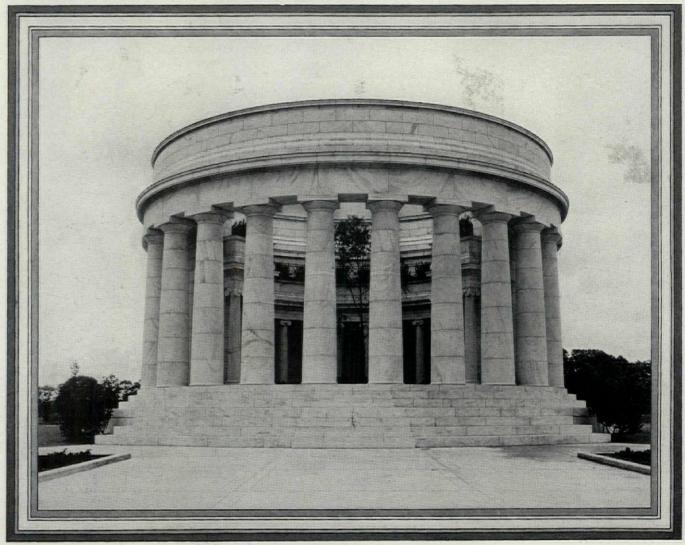
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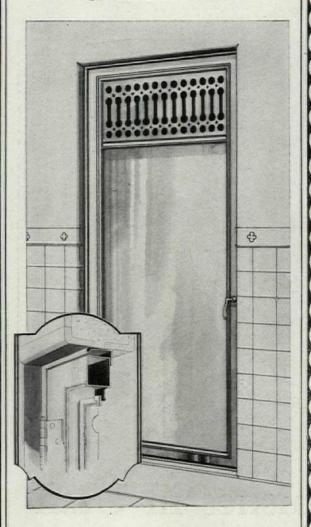
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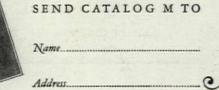


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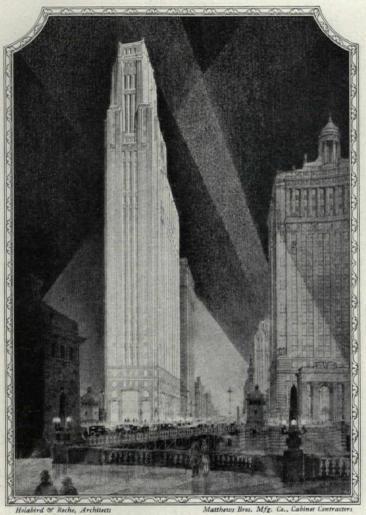
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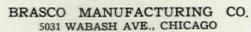
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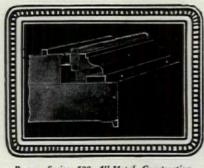


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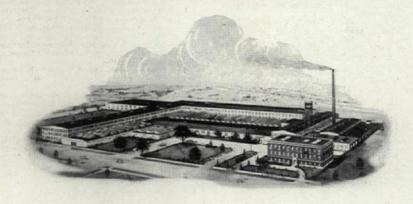
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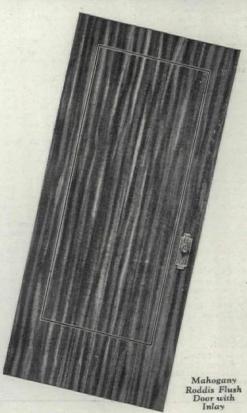
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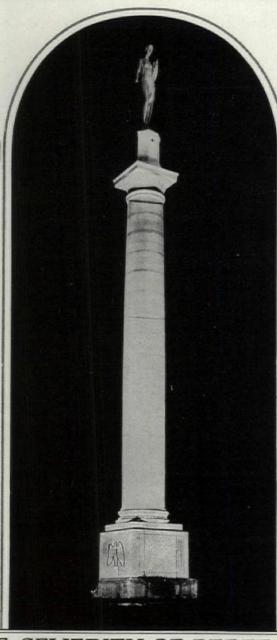
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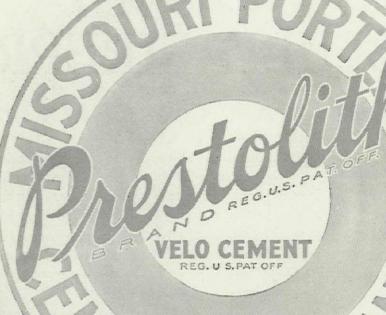
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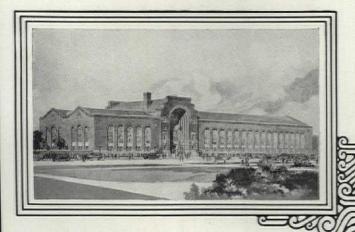
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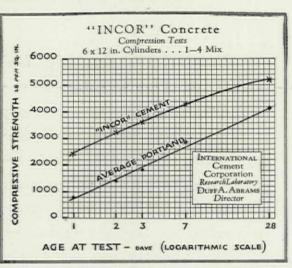
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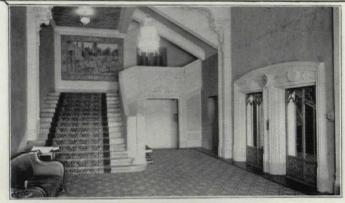
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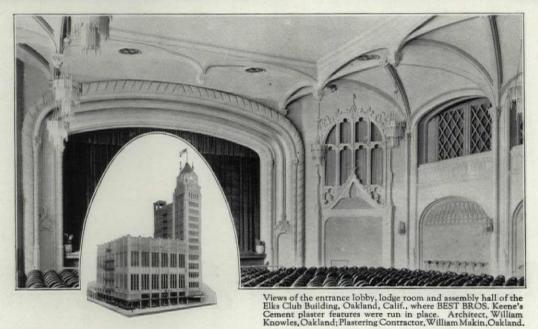
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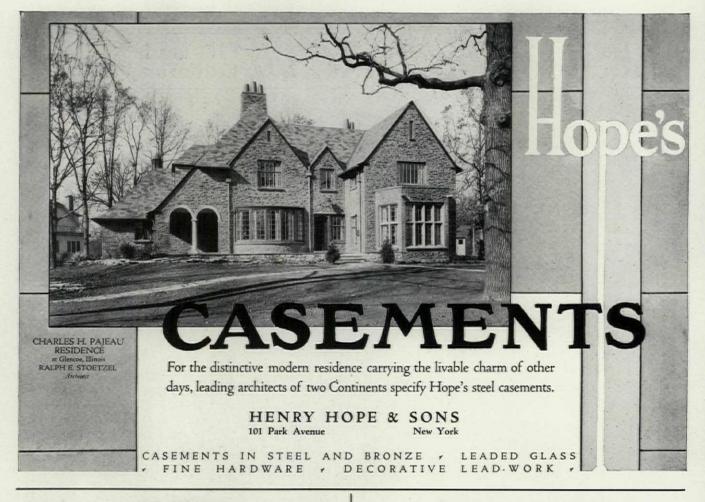
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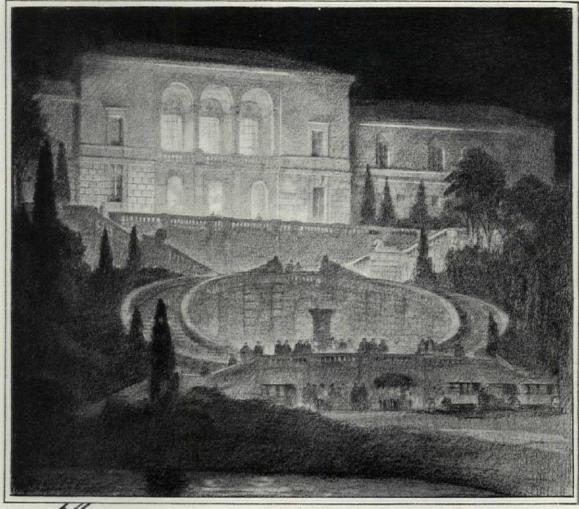
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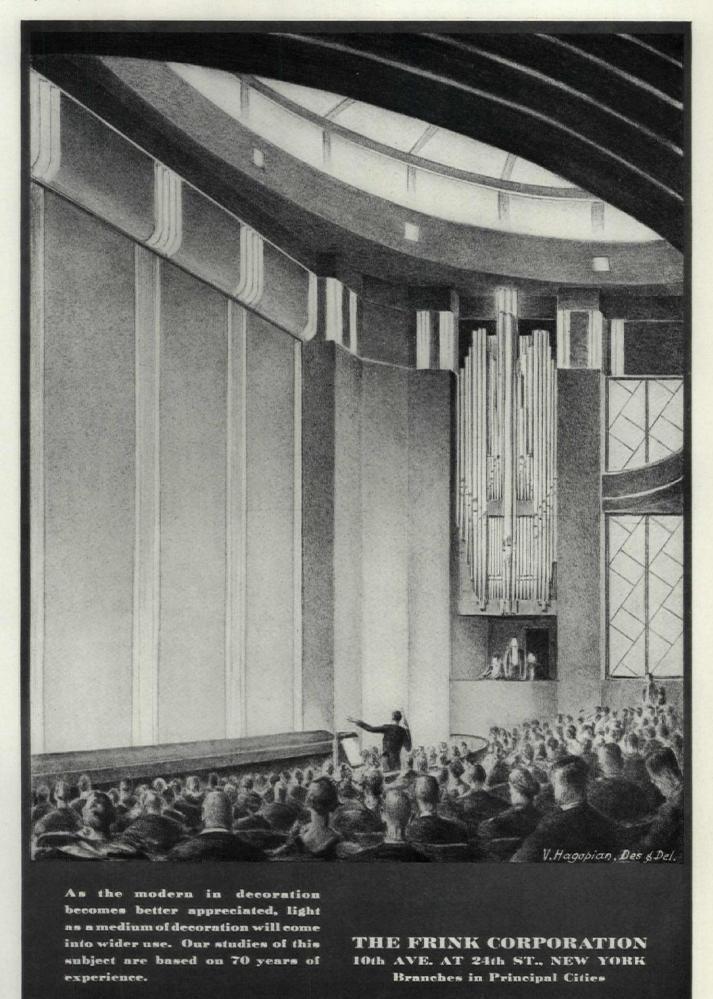
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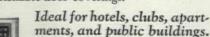
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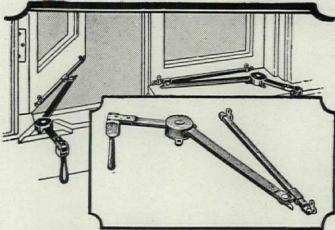
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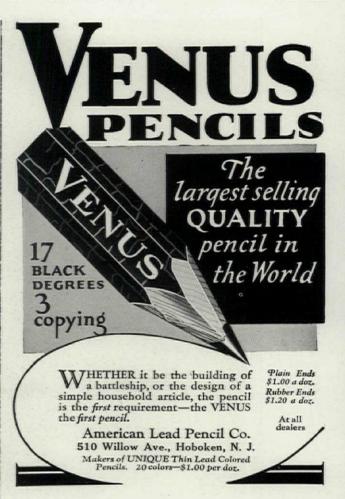
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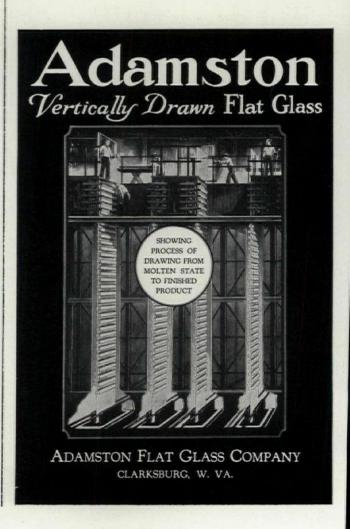
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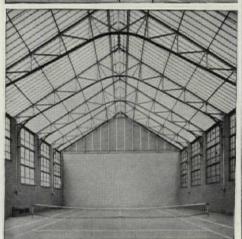
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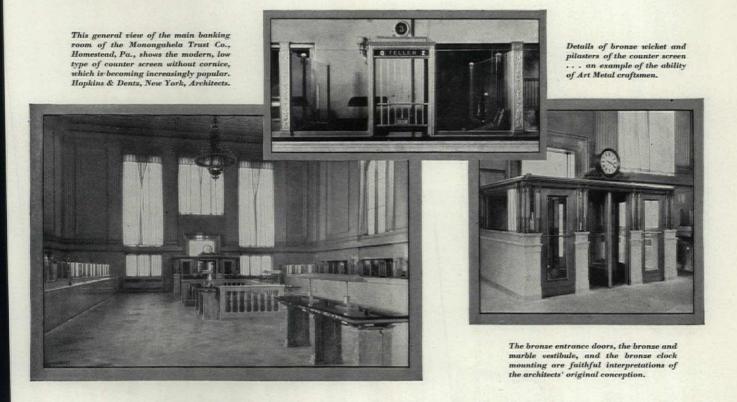


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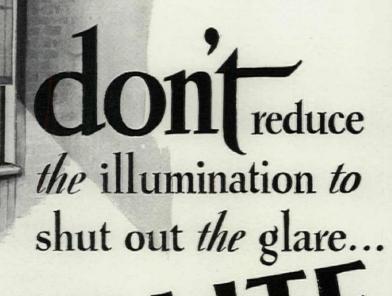
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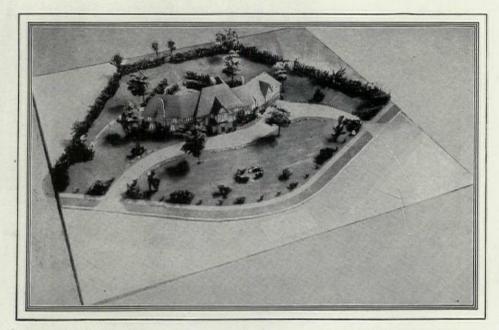
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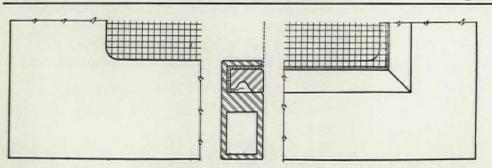
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NATIONAL LEAD COMPANY, 111 Broadway, New York. "White Lead and Oil Plastic Finishes." How to use them.

Like many other things which have to do with architecture and decoration, the matter of wall textures has been badly overdone. More or less rough or rugged textures are of course highly appropriate for interiors of certain architectural types,-notably the Italian and Spanish, for which in fact nothing else could be used;—but it is distressing to see an interior in perhaps the "Colonial," Georgian, or Adam style with refined, graceful trim ruined by having its walls jazzed up with a rough and frequently colored surface. Some use of good taste or even of ordinary common sense on somebody's part might have prevented it. This valuable little booklet deals with the reasonable and legitimate use of plastic finishes and explains and illustrates the methods by which they are obtained,—methods which are quite sim-ple and which should not be beyond the skill of any reasonably well trained workman. From the architect's point of view, this new plastic finish has much to recommend it. In the first place, it makes possible desirable low relief effects, restrained and dignified enough for any type of interior. The cost is relatively low, and the paint is easy to mix, from materials that painters use regularly.—Dutch Boy white lead, whiting, flatting, oil and drier. The finish sets up overnight, can be tinted with colors in oil, and may be glazed or left unglazed as desired. No size coat is necessary before glazing. Like all finishes made with white lead and oil, this new textural finish is washable. The low relief makes thorough cleaning very practical and easily performed.

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The character of a room of any kind is made or marred by its furniture; interior architecture, in fact, important as it is, merely supplies the background. This brochure, one of quite a number being distributed by this well known concern, deals with the furniture which it supplies for large and more or less important interiors, such as hotels, particularly their lobbies, and other public or semi-public rooms; the private offices and executive quarters of banks; lounging rooms in club buildings and fraternity houses,—furniture in excellent taste, scaled to accord with the uses for which it is intended, and developed for the most part in American walnut and Honduras mahogany. The Kittinger Company welcomes coöperation with architects and their decorators. Its contract department will be glad to coöperate by suggesting artistic layouts and appropriate furniture. This decorating service is offered without cost or obligation. The Company is prepared to handle contracts regardless of size anywhere in the United States, and will welcome inquiries whether for a single piece, a suite, or for the furnishings for an entire building in all departments.

TRUSCON STEEL COMPANY, Youngstown, O. "Standard Casements; Windows of Beauty." Their desirability.

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ORANGE SCREEN COMPANY, Maplewood, N. J. "Orsco Aluminum Screens." Some of their advantages.

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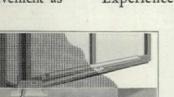


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VALENTINE & COMPANY, 396 Fourth Avenue, New York. "Four-Hour Varnishes and Enamels."

Present-day building methods make impossible the use of some materials which have been used by generations of American workmen. For example, there are certain paints and varnishes, several coats of which must be applied one over another, each of which must be quite dry before the next is applied, the drying of each coat often requiring a day if not a longer time. The line of varnishes and enamels dealt with in this booklet has been produced to meet the demand for a material which would dry quickly. "Four-Hour Floor Varnish," the booklet says "can be applied at 8 o'clock, the second coat at noon, and the third at 4 o'clock. Tough and elastic and highly resistant to soap and water, it stands up under long, severe wear after ordinary varnishes have perished. Easy-working, full-bodied, free-flowing, it levels out perfectly, giving a finish of unusual brilliance and depth of inster. A single coat of Four-Hour Floor Varnish is equivalent in 'body' and depth of finish to two coats of Valentine's Four-Hour Enamel is made in the best shellac. white, gray and ivory. It is available and sold in either of two finishes, as desired for the type or class of work to be done, flat or satin-gloss. Similar in body to the Four-Hour Varnishes, it will not wrinkle, bead, or gum up the brush; nor will it show brush strokes when dry, skin-over in can, or discolor with age." The greater part of the cost of The greater part of the cost of painting is for labor,-not for materials,-and it is the part of good practice to use materials which will cut labor costs, which use of quick-drying paints and varnishes does.

CONCRETE SURFACE CORPORATION, 342 Madison Avenue, New York. "Texture and Color in Concrete."

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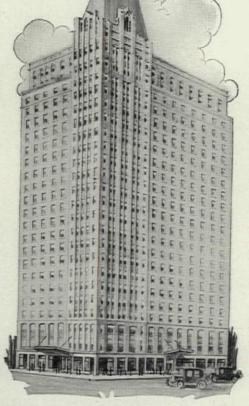
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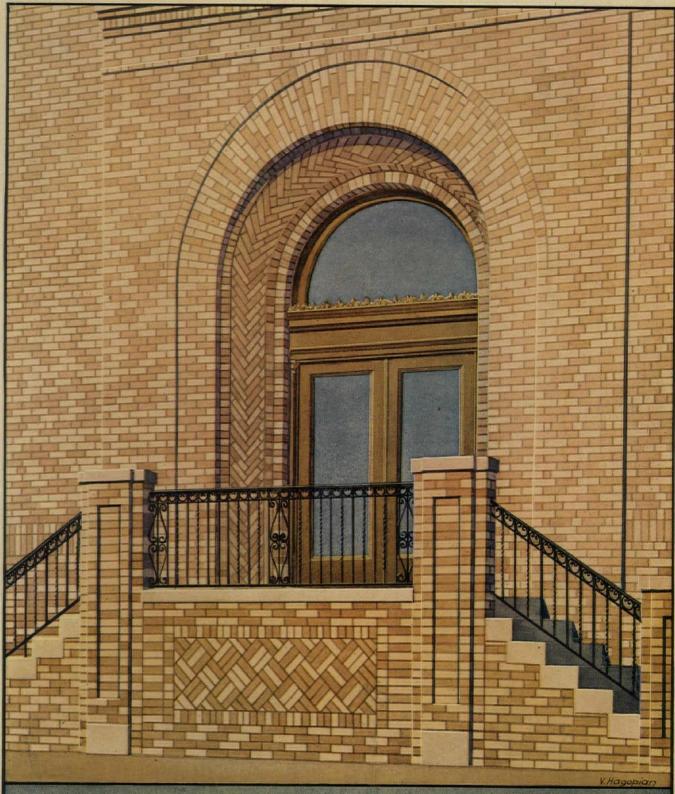
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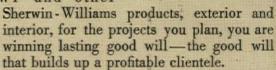
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