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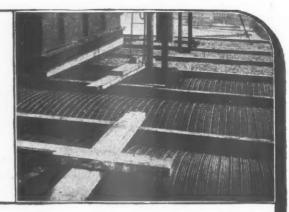
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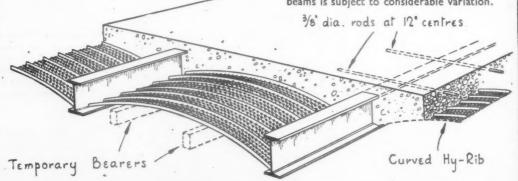
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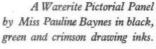


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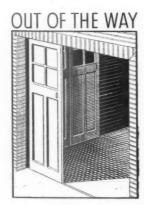


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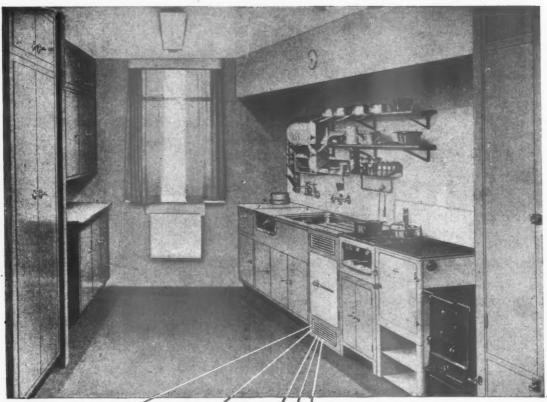
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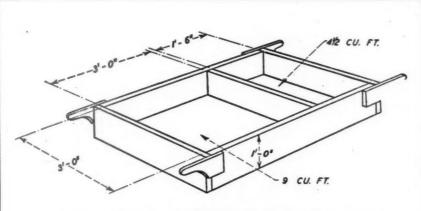
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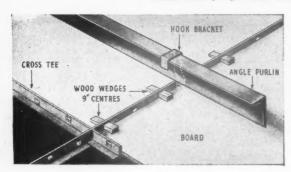
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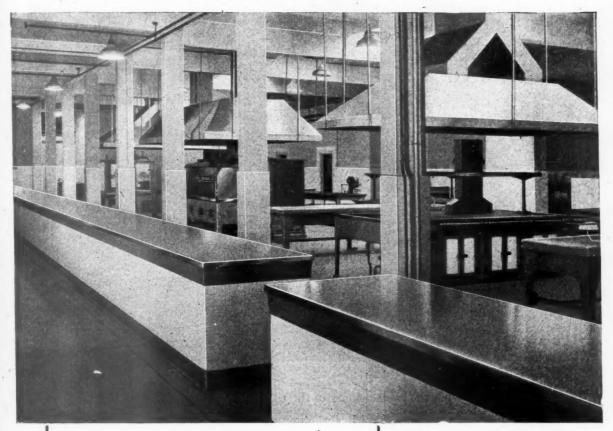
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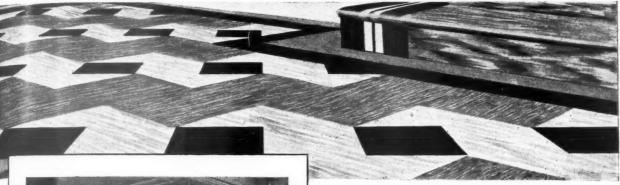
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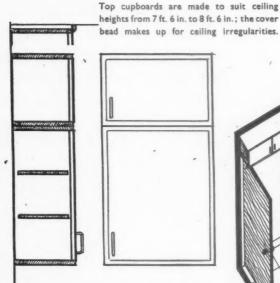
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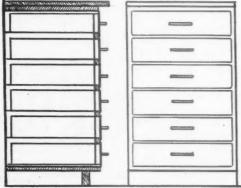
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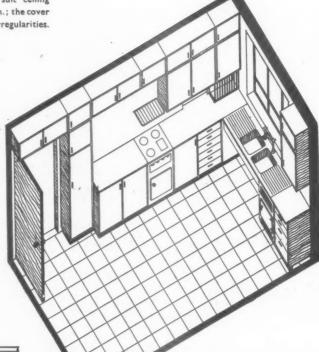
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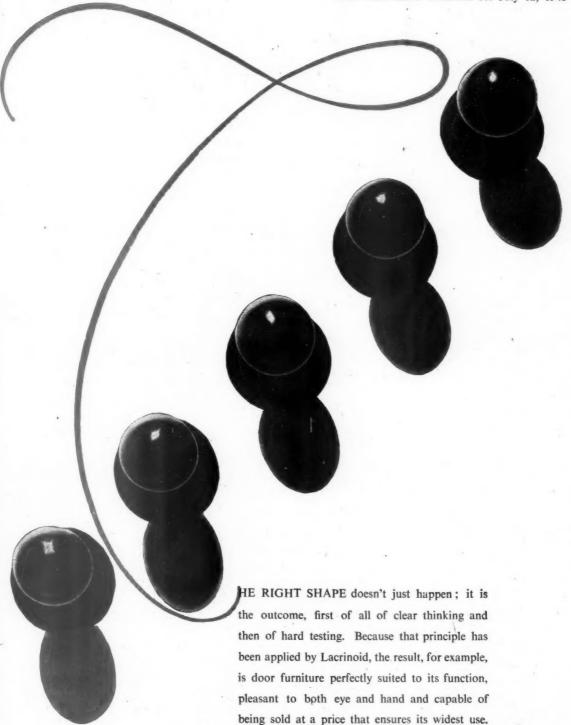


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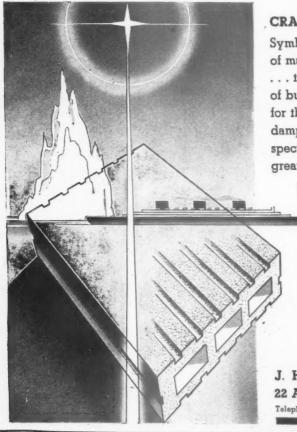
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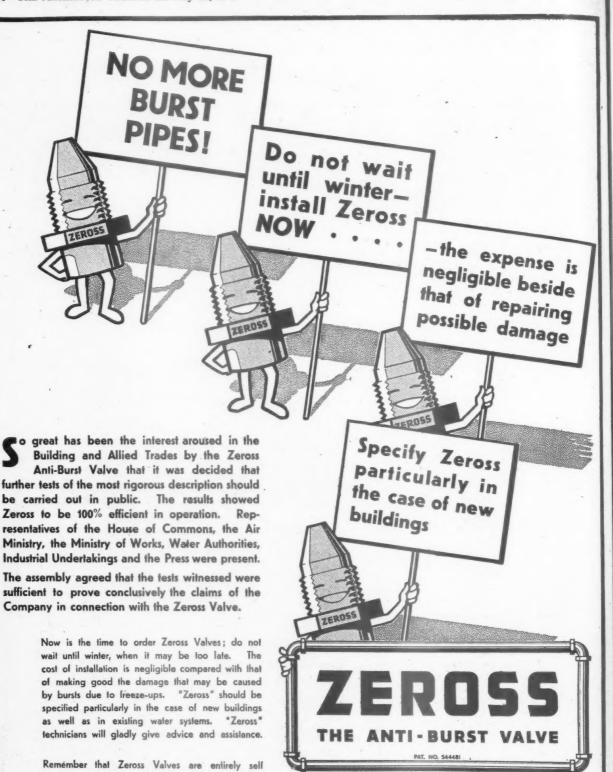
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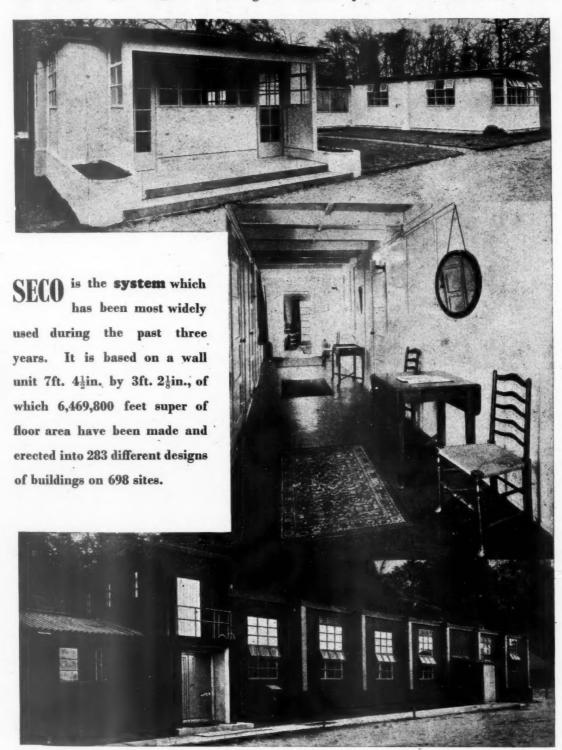
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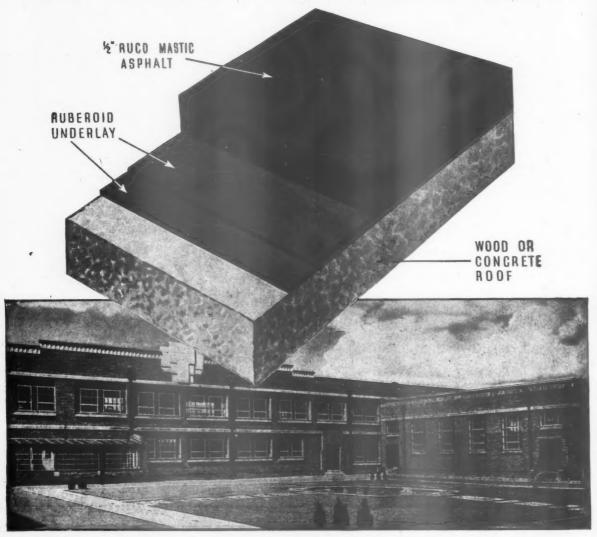
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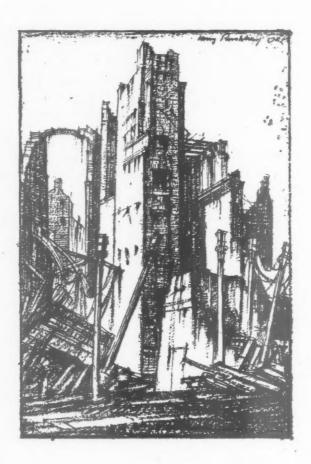
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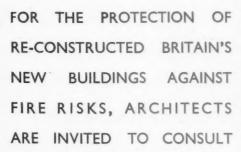
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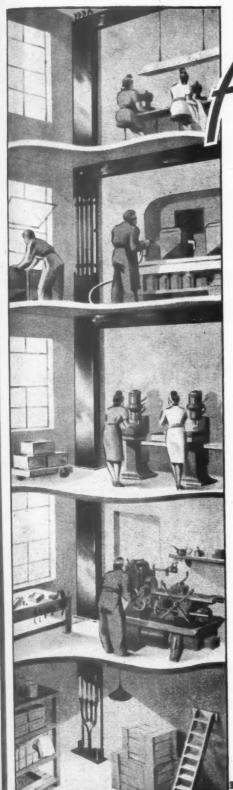


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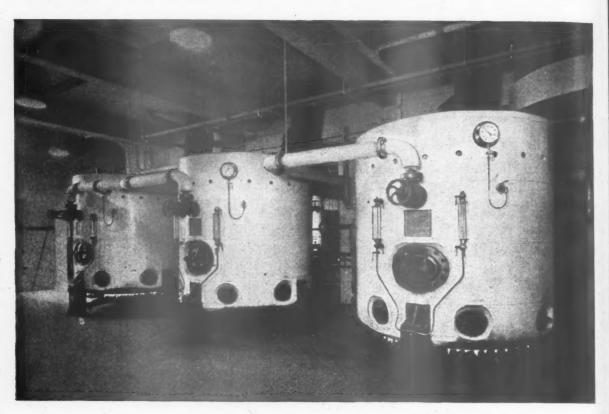
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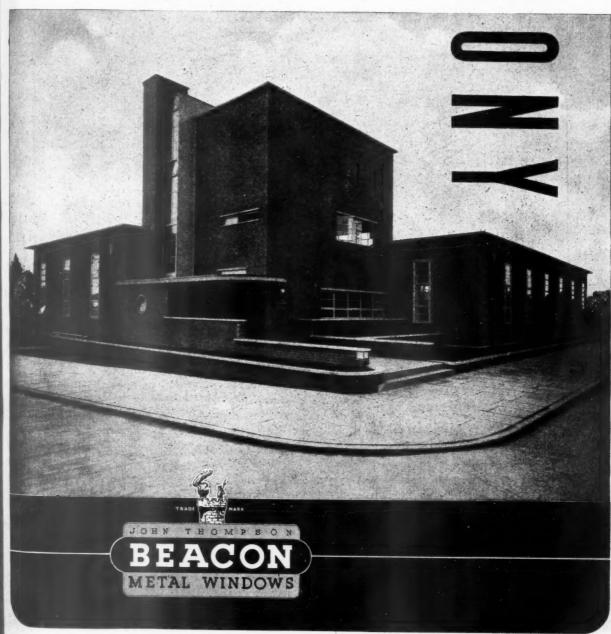
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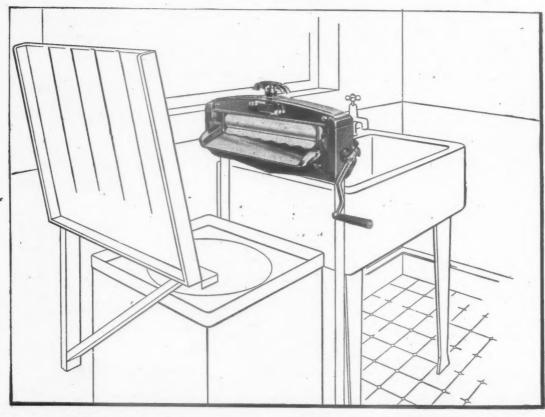
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Lecture by Dr. Edward Glover. At 28, King Street, W.C.2. Buffet lunch 2s. 6d., 12.45 to 1.15 p.m. Talk and discussion 12.45 to 1.15 p.m. Talk and discussion 1.15 to 2.15 p.m. (Sponsor, TCPA.)

JULY 12 AA Annual Prize Day and Exhibition of School Work. At 34-36, Bedford Square, W.C.1. Speeches in the Library 3.30 p.m., when the exhibition will be formally opened; afterwards tea will be served from 430 p.m. A dance, arranged by the AA Sudents' Club will begin at 8 p.m. and end at 5 a.m. Tickets 5s. each. The exhibition will remain open until August 10. Sponsor, AA School of Architecture.)

Newer Heat Exhibition. At the Building Centre, Conduit Street, W.1. In view of the interest shown in the new fires and cookers at the exhibition the Coal Utilization Joint Council has arranged for the exhibition, which was due to close on June 30 to be continued until July 28. Open from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. daily, Saturdays until 1 p.m. (Sponsor, BCUJC.)

JULY 12-28 Plastics in Display. Lecture at the Lighting Service Bureau, 2, Savoy Hill, W.C.2, by H. Metten, wholesale display manager of Lilley and Skinner. Chairman, Rowland Hill. (Sponsor, British Display Association). Hill. (Sponsor, Blasses, July 12 News of the World Housing Exhibition. At Selfridges, Oxford Street, W. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (Sponsor, the News of the World.)

July 16-Aug. 11

National Federation of Building Trades Employers' Half-Yearly Meeting. At the Connaught Rooms. G. W. Buchanan will preside, and representatives of the eleven Regions into which the Federation is divided—they cover every county in England and Wales-will be present. JULY 18

Three films illustrating American building past and present, by courtesy of the USA Government: The Home Place; At the Assembly Hall, Royal Empire Caven Street Entrance, Strand, (Sponsor, IAAS, London branch). 6 p.m.

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BINC Second Building Congress. At Central Hall, Westminster, S.W.1. The general object of the congress will be to enable those in both official and private positions to meet in both official and private positions to meet and discuss the many problems facing the building group of professions and industries at the present time. 10 a.m. Opening of the congress by the Lord Archbishop of York. First Session: Discussion on the supply of labour and materials for post-war building.
Speaker: Ernest Bevin, M.P., Minister of
Labour, 1940-45. Discussion opened by:
J. W. Stephenson (President of the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives and Vice-Chairman, National Joint Council and Vice-Chairman, National Joint Council for the Building Industry), and Sir P. Malcolm Stewart, Bt. (President, National Council of BMP). 2.15 p.m. Second Session: Discussion on the position of the building industries and the local authorities in relational position. industries and the local authorities in rela-tion to post-war housing. Speaker: The Minister of Health (H. U. Willink, M.P.). Discussion opened by: E. B. Gillett (Presi-dent, Chartered Surveyors' Institution). 10 a.m. Civic Welcome by the Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Douglas Wood, F.R.I.B.A.). Third Session: Discussion on the organization of the building industries and their future relationships with Government Departments. Speaker: The Minister of Works (Duncan Sandys, M.P.). Discussion opened by W. H. Forsdike (Senior Vice-President National Federation of Building Trades Employers and Chairman National Janes Employers and Chairman National Joint Council for the Building Industry). 2.15 p.m. Fourth Session: Discussion of the place of the building industries in the resuscitation of economic activity and in the maintenance of full employment thereafter, and on the need in this connection for a halanced building programme. Speaker: The Minister of Labour (R. A. Butler, M.P.). Discussion opened by Percy Thomas (President of the RIBA). 4.30 p.m. Summing up of congress by the President and Chairman of Congress Committee. Admission to the congress, open to all in any way interested in the activities of the building group of professions and industries, will be by ticket price 1 guinea, obtainable from the Building Industries National Council, 11, Weymouth Street, W.1. The fee will include Buffet Lunch, to be served each day between sessions in the Central Hall. (Sponsor, BINC.)

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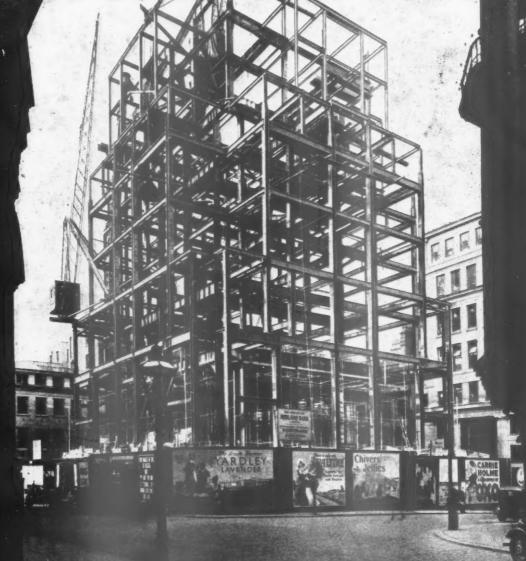
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In the House of Commons Mr. Sandys, Minister of Works, stated that over 100,000 Minister of Works, stated that over 100,000 dwellings in the London civil defence region were destroyed or damaged beyond repair by enemy action during the course of the war. He said: In addition it is estimated that about three-quarters of London's 2,200,000 dwellings received damage of some kind. Fortunately a considerable proportion of this damage is of a minor character. Over 1,000,000 houses were damaged by rockets and flying bombs during the 10 months' bombardment. The during the 10 months' bombardment. great majority of these houses have been repaired at least up to the emergency standard laid down last winter. Except in a few areas, where the damage is most recent, the remainder will have been dealt with by the middle of July. When this important stage has been completed we shall be left with two main tasks of house repair in London. First, to repair the large number of dwellings which were so heavily damaged that they are not at present habitable; secondly, to finish off the remaining repairs on several hundred thousand houses which have so far not been repaired beyond the emergency standard. The Government intend to tackle the bulk of this work before the middle of July. Large numbers of these houses have, of course, been repaired up to a higher standard. BUILDERSINSTEEL

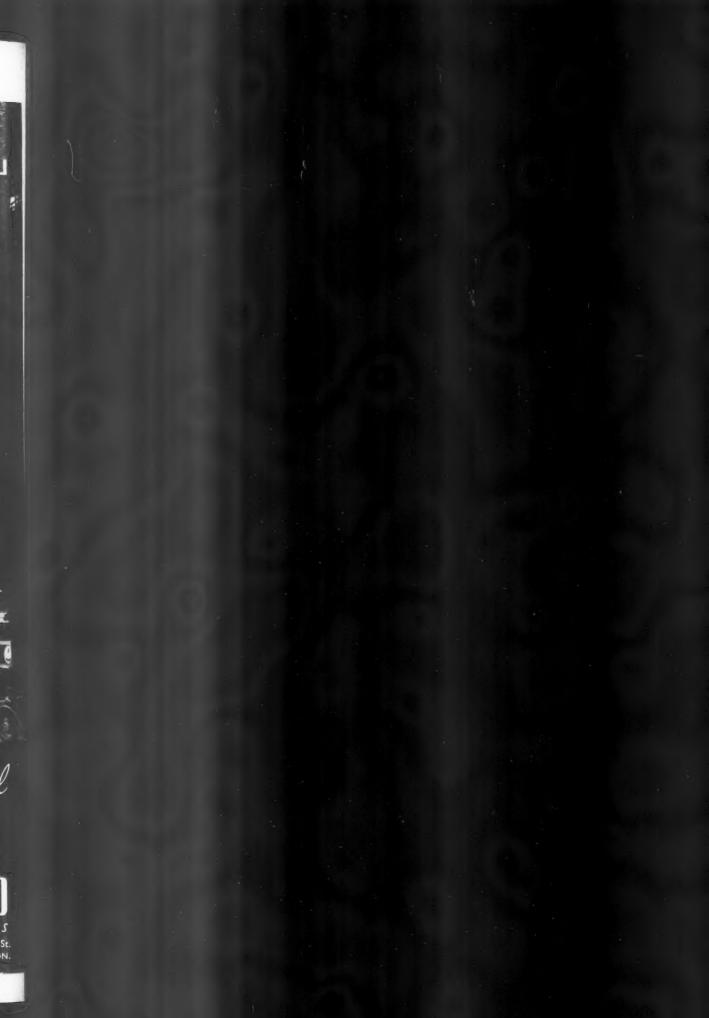


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LESSON OF THE MEDIÆVAL TOWN [From The City: Its Growth, Its Decay, Its Future by Eliel Saarinen (Reinhold Publishing Corporation)]. The landscape is—as is any appearance in nature—an open book where one can read about the drift to form-correlation, and about the significance of this drift as a fundamental law. In much the same way, the mediæval town is an open book where it is written with clear letters that man's creative instinct in those days was inspired by the same drift to correlation as in nature. If only the eyes are opened to see and the mind to understand, this open book of the mediæval town contains many enlightening chapters about that form-correlation through which the architectural form of the mediæval town became so animating. Since the mediæval era, the instinct for correlation has gradually waned. Even the eyes have lost much of their sharpness, for often-times we cannot discern the significance of correlation, no matter how clearly it is manifested In general people have little notion of form-correlation between the various buildings in the town. They look at buildings, as such, with little or no consideration as to whether or not these buildings are adequately interrelated one with another and correlated to the surroundings as a whole. That town which has many beautiful buildings they regard as a marvel of beauty. But only few seem to realize that if a town really is a marvel of beauty it is so because of a proper correlation of its buildings. Remove this correlation and the town becomes slovenly in appearance, regardless of the number of beautiful building units. Jumble together all the single handsome features of a wellfurnished room, and the result is plain.

Mr. Percy Edward Thomas, O.B.E., J.P., Ll.D., F.R.I.B.A., has been elected PRESIDENT OF THE RIBA for the session 1945-46. This will be the fifth year that Mr. Thomas has filled the office of President. He was nominated at the express request of the Council, and the election was unopposed. Only one man before has been elected President five times—Sir William Tite in 1861-63 and 1867-70. Mr. Thomas, fol years of age, is a Cardiff architect who has been responsible for the design of important public buildings in all parts of the country. Many of his principal building commissions he won in open competition. These include Cardiff Technical College, 1911; Merthyr Y.M.C.A., 1911; Bristol Fire and Police Station, 1924; Newcastle Police and Fire Station, 1925; Swansea Guildhall, 1930; Accrington Police and Fire Station, 1930; Tunbridge Wells Civic Centre, 1934 (in collaboration with Mr. Ernest Prestwich, F.R.I.B.A.), Swinton and Pentlebury Town Hall, 1934. He has been placed in many other competitions, notably those for the Masonic Temple in London and the Board of Trade Offices on the Embankment. He was third in the competition for the Institute's own building in 1932. He 61 years of age, is a Cardiff architect who the Institute's own building in 1932. has also designed the Glamorgan County
Offices and the Welsh National Memorial
Headquarters. This last is the third of his
buildings to be erected in Cathays Park the civic centre of Cardiff, and also in many ways the national centre of Wales. He is consulting architect for the Government Trading Estate at Treforest. He was awarded the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture in 1939. In the war of 1914-18 he served in the Artists Rifles and the Royal Engineers, and ended as Staff Officer to the RE XIIIth Army Corps in France. ing the present war he has occupied important positions under the Ministry of Supply. Since 1942, he has been Regional Controller for Wales, Ministry of Production, and Chairman of the Regional Board.

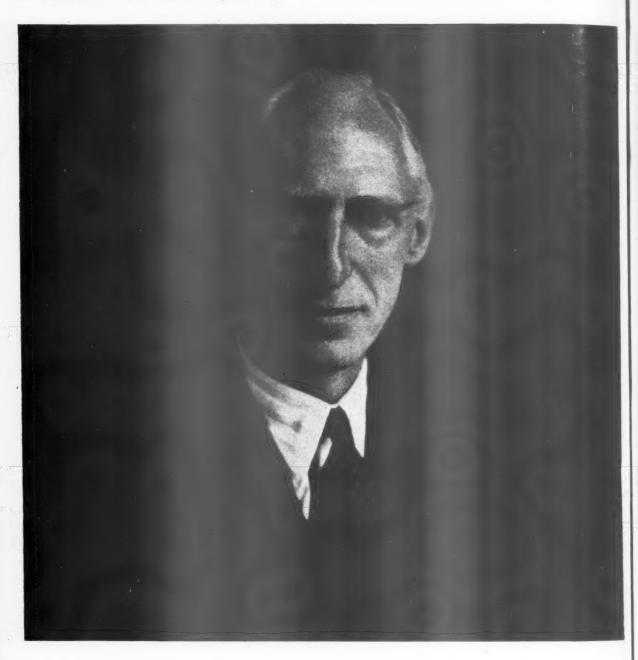
A. Leonard Roberts (Chairman of the Allied Societies' Conference) (Winchester). Honorary Secretary: Michael Waterhouse, M.C., B.A. OXON., Honorary Treasurer: John L. Denman, J.P. (Brighton).

For the first time in any big national house-designing competition, WOMEN WILL BE INCLUDED in the committees adjudicating the designs sent in for the house-designing and building competition organized by the House-Building Industries' Standing Committee. The competition closed on June 30. It was a National Competition for builders who are members of the National House-Builders Registration Council, and they were asked to design a pair of three bed roomed houses, or alternatively, one having two and one having four bedrooms. the purpose of preliminary adjudication the country has been divided into three Group Areas for which Committees of architects and builders have been nominated. Women will be included on these Committees, These women, who must be experienced in reading plans and know the needs of the working housewife, have been nominated by the women's organizations. Three will by the women's organizations. Three will sit on each Group Area Committee, and there will be one woman member of the final assessing Committee which will sit in London. From the plans which are selected, houses will immediately be built, and it is hoped that they will be on view to the public before the end of the autumn. This drive on the part of the house-building and allied industries is designed to demonstrate the type of small house of the two, three or four bed-roomed type, which it is hoped will be available (as soon as labour is released) to the younger married couples who wish to invest their savings in their own house, as well as providing houses to let at nominal rents. The houses will be so denominal rents. The houses will be so designed that construction in numbers will not be delayed by lack of materials or fittings which may be in short supply. Given 25,000 men, the building industry believes that it could supply 30,000 houses of types such as these will be, within twelve months from the time an analysis is made of public criticism of the demonstration houses.

The Architects' Registration Council has issued the following statement on APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION as Architects by members of the Forces who are being demobilized. Although since August 1, 1940, the normal method of entering the architectural profession is by passing one of the examina-tions recognized by the Architects' Regis-tration Council, men who joined the Armed Forces of the Crown-other than the Home Guard—before August 1, 1940, are still entitled to the benefit of the temporary provisions of the Architects' Registration Act, 1938, and the Regulations of the Council and can apply for admission to the Register of Architects within six months after discharge from the Forces, without passing an examination, provided they are able to fulfil the conditions of the Act and Regulations as follows:—(1) Under Section 2 of the Architects' Registration Act, 1938, a person shall upon application to the Council in the prescribed form and on payment of the prescribed fee, be entitled to be registered if he proves to the satisfaction of the Council that on July 29, 1938, he was or had been practising as an architect in the United Kingdom, or in some other part of His Majesty's Dominions. (2) Under Regulation 26 (2), a person is entitled to be registered as an architect if he can satisfy the Council that he was an architectural assistant on August 1, 1938, and had at that date been engaged in the study of architecture and execution of architecture work in the United Kingdom for at least 7 years. (3) Under Regulation 26 (5), a person is entitled to registration if he can satisfy the Council that he was an architectural assistant on August 1, 1938, had before that date served as an architectural assistant in an architect's office in the United Kingdom for at least a year, had been engaged in the study of architecture and execution of architectural work in any part of His Majesty's Dominions for at part of His Majesty's Dominions for at least 7 years, and had received an architectural education and training equivalent in value to that normally received by an architect in the United Kingdom. Application should be made to the Registrar, Architects' Registration Council, 68, Portland Place, London, W.1, giving the date of enlistment in the Forces, unit in which the applicant has severed and the date of his applicant has served, and the date of his discharge.

At the first meeting of the RIBA Council for the session 1945-46, the following HONORARY OF-FICERS WERE APPOINTED.

Vice-Presidents: J. Murray Easton; T. Cecil Howitt, D.S.O. (Nottingham); L. H. Keay, O.B.E., M.ARCH.(LVPL.) (Liverpool);



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Mr. Graham Richards Dawbarn, M.A. (CANTAB.), F.R.I.B.A., F.R.Ae.S., M.I.STRUCT.E., the new President of the Architectural Association, is a partner in Norman & Dawbarn, architects and consulting engineers. After he had been awarded the Godwin & Wimperis Bursary in 1931, he navigated 7,000 miles in the USA in a Puss Moth piloted by his late partner, Sir Nigel Norman, and reported on American aerodromes. Four years earlier he had been awarded the Henry Saxon Snell prize and reported on hospital construction in Europe. Fifty-one years old, he was educated at King's School, Canterbury, and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, studied architecture under Professor Prior, Ernest Newton, and Arthur Keen, served in France with the Royal Fusiliers 1915-16, was invalided out in January, 1918, and was Assistant Engineer P.W.D.

Hongkong from 1921 to 1923. His executed works include Constantine Technical College, Middlesbrough, Raffles College, Singapore (with Cyril Farey), additions to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, various civil aerodrome buildings, a permanent A.A.F. Station, reconstructions for the Tavistock Clinic, The Lancet, Hodder & Stoughton, and Dame Ethel Locke King. He continued in private practice throughout the war, working on aircraft repair depots, assembly sheds and military camps. Now he is engaged on housing and educational buildings. He was a member of the Business Buildings (Reconstruction) Committee, and, for eight years, examiner in Construction to the RIBA. He is a firm believer in the most intimate co-operation between architects and engineers.

Mr. Harold Conolly, A.R.I.B.A., has been appointed to the post of COUNTY ARCHITECT TO THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL at a salary of £1,600 a year, rising to £2,000.

Badly damaged by bombing, the famous LA SCALA OPERA HOUSE IS NOW BEING SO SPEEDILY REBUILT, that it may reopen on the traditional date, December 26. Repairs to the roof are nearly finished, while all boxes have been renovated. The rebuilding plan includes the enlargement of the stage, improvements to the lighting, and better accommodation for 50,000 costumes. The allies have allocated 20,000,000 lire to the reconstruction of the theatre, while a gift of 1,000,000 lire has come from Signor Toscanini, who may return to conduct the opening performances.

If materials and labour allow it, TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY HUT SCHOOLS are to be built by the LCC to accommodate the 50,000 school children now returning from evacuation. These timber hut schools are to be built on playgrounds and on the sites of bombed schools. Thirty have already been erected. So serious is the shortage of school accommodation that these schools will only partly solve the problem. It is anticipated that for several years most of London's school children will receive only part-time education. Two groups of children will be taught at each school by the same teachers in two sessions.

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With the termination of hostilities in Europe, the RIBA BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL ED-UCATION is arranging to resume all its normal activities. During the war periodical meetings of the Board of Architectural Education have been held, but the main business of the Board has been transacted by the Officers of the Board—the Schools Committee, the Examinations Committee, and the Prizes and Scholarships Committee will shortly resume their normal functions. The RIBA Visiting Board expects to resume its visits to Schools of Architecture next session. The competitions for the RIBA Prizes and Studentships will be re-instituted for the year 1946, the competitions being held on the usual lines during 1946, and the announcement of the Council's Deed of Award, followed by the Criticism of the Prizes, taking place in January, 1947. The Board is examining the values of the various prizes from the point of view of the increased cost of living, any accumulation of prize monies that may have taken place, and the conditions governing the competitions from the point of view of relaxations which might be made for those who have been affected by the war.

PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES

HAT is the future of the architectural profession to be? It seems that there is a steady move towards more and better official architects. The organization of work of the Miners' Welfare Association before the war showed clearly enough that official architecture need not be dull. Moreover, a number of County and Town appointments have recently been made with a view to achieving quality, initiative and imagination in official building, instead of mere safe respectability. All this is excellent and it is to be hoped the movement towards better and brighter official architecture will continue. Incidentally, it is to be hoped, too, that the value of good official assistants will also soon be recognized, and that the lesser lights will receive more attractive salaries. But what of the private architect? Is he to continue only as a rarity, or will there still remain a considerable number of the profession which prefers the complete freedom of private practice to the more restricted field of service to local or government authorities? No doubt, a considerable number of private architects will remain and, however improved the conditions of official architects may become, this is as it should be, for the community will always benefit from the independence of thought and action of the private practitioner. If, however, the private architect is to be of the greatest value, then means must be found to bring to the forefront all the most promising material. This has not, as a rule, happened in the past. Some of the great architects have been "fortunate in their relations," and have thus started off in practices of their own. A certain number have found their way to the front through the chancy avenue of public competitions. A very few have been able, by a combination of hard work and a wise or fortunate choice of master, to grow into prominence through partnership as a reward for long service. These latter, it should be noticed, achieve a measure of freedom and security only rather late in their career. How many good, or even, brilliant, architects have never made their way to independent practice because of lack of opportunity can never be known, but we suspect the number has always been considerable.

Lack of opportunity could be largely overcome to the advantage not merely of the individual young architect, but to the public at large. There will soon be a vast amount of official work to be carried out—almost certainly more than can be done without the calling in of private practitioners. Could not a system be organized whereby small official works could be handed over to many young architects? Let each local authority decide to give one or more small jobs per year to young local men and women who have shown promise. If the result is a success, the dose could be repeated.

There need be no difficulty about the choice of the architects for there are a number of ways in which this could be arranged. The best students in each architectural school and in the RIBA examinations could be rewarded, say two years later,

(Something of the kind was once with small private jobs. tried with Rome scholars). Another method would be the holding of compétitions open only to architects who have never done a job of their own over a certain size. Such competitions might well be held on a small scale to develop local talent. Doubtless, there are other ways of achieving the same object. We believe that some such scheme would be sure to provide a great deal of interesting work and give many young men an opportunity to start out on a successful career, which might otherwise be thwarted or at least seriously delayed by lack of opportunity. If the buildings chosen were small, the few failures which might occur would be a low price to pay for the excellent results which might be achieved. The risk, in fact, would not be great, as each fortunate recipient of a job would be sure to put his utmost energies and skill into such an opportunity.



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ABUSE OF THE DINING ALCOVE

Architects, beware of the dining alcove. If it is incorporated in dwellings without sufficient knowledge of how people live in them, it may lead to bad conditions. This moral is dramatically revealed in an article which recently appeared in the Swedish paper Form. It is a report of an investigation into the habits of the home undertaken by the Svenska Slöjdforeningen and the Association of Swedish Architects under the leadership of Gotthard Johansson, who writes the article.

"I have often heard the expression," he says, "especially in radical architectural circles: 'What interests us is not how people live, but how they ought to live.' On the other hand, I have often heard in public discussions people who represent, or think they represent, the residents themselves say: 'Just give us enough space and we will use it aright. We don't need to learn how to live in a house.' Both expressions are equally wrong. In planning new houses we cannot disregard existing habits; at the same time it is unfortunately true that people do not always understand how to use their housing space in the most sensible way."

As a typical example of how bad planning is frequently the result of insufficient knowledge of how people live in their homes, he points to the dining alcove, which is now so found in modern Swedish flats. "It originated," writes the author, "in the 1920's in the 'thick houses' that were built at that time. The depth of the houses was about 15 metres, within which space rooms fought a desperate struggle to reach the facade and the inner dark centre of the dwelling became disproportionately Someone then hit upon the brilliant idea of partitioning off the long narrow kitchen in the middle. This resulted in a back kitchen alcove lit by artificial light and a front dining alcove open to daylight, the two being divided off by a glass partition. Without increasing the space of the flat an extra room was obtained in this way."

"When the narrow houses appeared in the middle of the 1930's with a depth of only 8 to 10 metres, where the difficulties described above did not exist, the partitioned off kitchen was included as a matter of course, the only difference being that both the kitchen and dining alcoves were placed in front and were open to direct daylight. The type had arisen because of a problem in design, but architects and builders had come to believe that the reason for it was that people objected to eating in the kitchen."

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In reality, many working class families, it was discovered, much preferred a big kitchen to a diminutive dining alcove. The habit of eating in the kitchen is deeply rooted in the Swedish working class, where it is a legacy from country districts. Moreover, with the growth of the servant problem, many middle class families now like to eat in the kitchen provided it is big enough.

Apart from this factor, it was found that the dining alcove is used for other purposes than that for which it was intended. Two, and sometimes three, people often sleep in it, school children do their homework in it, infants play in it, housewives sew in it, and it is often used as a family gathering place in the evenings. The average size of the alcoves investigated was 5.38 square metres and the smallest 3.95. More than half of them were found to fulfil four or five functions. In other words, the smallest room in the dwelling is most used.

"From the point of view of housing functionalism the dining alcove has thus proved to be a catastrophic miscalculation. It is used, it is true, to a great extent for the purpose for which it is intended, but in addition it has been put to a number of uses, for which it is not designed or intended. This, of course, is due partly to bad habits in the home, but it is also to a great extent due to the lack in the dwelling of any other suitable space for these functions. This has also helped to create yet another kind of over-crowding, about which figures of the official statistics have nothing to say, an overcrowding based

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As the author points out, it is selfevident from such examples as this that the attitude taken towards habits in the home must be twofold. have to distinguish between habits which are a result of necessity and therefore should be accepted in the planning of new houses, and those which follow pure routine. So far as these are socially, hygienically and practically detrimental, they should be combated by means of information and propaganda.

In this country, as in Sweden, it is obvious, even from the example of the dining alcove alone—one among a number quoted by Mr. Johanssonthat a survey of home habits should form an integral part of house planning.

POETS' CORNER

EPITAPH FOR THE LIVING (Inspired by a letter in The Times)

Here sleepeth some who tried to waken London from her slumber. In prime of planning they were taken And dumped beneath the lumber.

They tried to save the ship of State From foundering upon The Land. (Alas for London and for Fate, By Blimps the ship was manned.)

But still with heart and hope we say: Lie lightly on them, Earth, for they Shall rise again another day And build what they have planned.

EDWARD LEWIS

THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN AD-MAN

Architects seldom figure in the adcolumns of the daily press, and when they do it is usually in some highly irregular position or as sufferers from some degrading sort of disease. Their well-known rôles as THINKERS (horn-rimmed spectacles and a firm mouth), and as EXPERTS (in thoughtful conversation with some intolerably reliable old craftsman over the merits of the Bumpo Building Block), are only displayed regularly in the advertisement pages of the technical press-and they fool nobody.

Welcome, therefore, to the advertisement reproduced below for its combination of sex-appeal with reasonable accuracy. Reasonable, because it contains surely one error. No, not the fact that the woman architect is particularly personable—for are not they all? Nor the démodé character of the plan under discussion-and God knows it's a real brute.

ASTRAGAL

No, the mistake is surely in placing a cup of coffee-I beg your pardon, I'll write that again—a cup of cocoa upon a drawing, a fundamental prohibition in all well-run drawing offices. What adman can know the agony of that damp yellow ring across a half-inch detail, those biscuit crumbs dissolving wetly upon the wrinkled surface of the tracing paper? And it's no excuse to say that no amount of yellow rings could affect that plan.



LETTERS

Peter Dunham, A.R.I.B.A., Maj. R.E.

John Gloag

Architects' Resettlement Advice Bureau

SIR,—I enclose a copy of a letter I have sent to the RIBA. I should be pleased if you could find room to publish it in the A.J., as I should like to hear the reactions of your correspondents to the suggestion therein.

Dunstable

PETER DUNHAM

Below is Major Dunham's letter to the RIBA Council.

SIRS,—I suggest you set up at once an Architects' Resettlement Advice Bureau (a clumsy title I admit) for the benefit of architects who are now being released and for the many who will be released in the near future, that is if the Demobilization Committee which has kept in such close touch with the authorities concerned has done its stuff.

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done its stuff.

There are dozens of questions a returning architect wants to ask on all subjects—what books and pamphlets he ought to get—where he can see this and that—and a host of others. At present Mr. E. J. Carter is only too willing to help in every way, but he will not be able to cope and carry on his duties as librarian at the same time. Besides a properly organized affair could give so much better service.

What is wrong with this picture? Astragal tells you above.



Surveys · plans · elevations · stresses and strains

-it's hard on her nerves

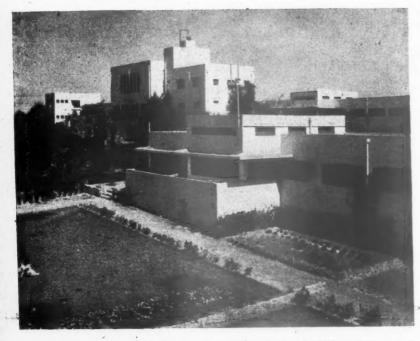
There are plenty of problems for the woman who is an architect. They challenge her brain - and they fray her nerves; so the soothing cup of Rowntree's Cocoa comes as a boon.

She designs the houses: what of the busy housewives who live in them? Are their nerves any less jangled? By no means; the care of a home and family makes big demands on nervous energy. Amid the bustle of the day's housework, a cup of Rowntree's Cocoa soothes ragged nerves and aids digestion. Unlike so many drinks, it contains bodybuilding protein, energy-giving carbohydrate and fat.

Rowntree's Cocoa soothes frayed nerves

BUILDING IN PALESTINE







A lecture on Architecture in the Jewish National Home was given at Palestine House recently, by Dr. Harry Rosenthal, when he described contemporary building developments in Palestine. Above are three of the buildings mentioned in the lecture. Top, porch of the Medical Centre, Jerusalem, by Eric Mendelsohn, established in 1939. Centre, a group of buildings at the Girls' Training Farm, Ayonoth. Below, the house of a farmer who also practises as village dentist; designed by Dr. Rosenthal.

I therefore suggest a room or part of room I therefore suggest a room or part of room at the RIBA is set up, where all this interesting material can be displayed. It should include all relevant H.M. Stationery Office publications, particulars of the various schools' further architectural training schemes, recent books, information from the Development Associations (timber, zinc., etc., etc.), the Building Centre, Housing Centre, Town Planning organizations, etc. There could be either a sample of each of these publications for perusal but etc. There could be either a sample of each of these publications for perusal, but much better still, there should be a stock of the more vital ones, so that they can be bought on the spot, instead of chasing round most of London for them. I suggest also the Building Research Station at Garston would probably co-operate and lay something on if approached by the RIBA. There are obviously many other things of interest that could also be included.

There are obviously many other things of interest that could also be included. I'm sure the returning architect would find this most useful and strongly recommend that it should start at once. I should be pleased if you will let me know what the reactions of the appropriate committee are to this suggestion.

This bureau would of course, have to be staffed by one person, who could probably carry on to a certain extent with this normal staff duties. However, I don't care how short staffed the RIBA may be, I feel this is the first small practical service that you have been able to give to many of your members and students for the past five years or so, and it should be done at the expense of something else if necessary—shortage of staff is no excuse.

I must say, I should have thought somebody on the Council or the staff could have foreseen a need for this and that something on these lines might have been organized by now.

PETER DUNHAM

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Global Topics And Astragal

SIR,-Astragal mourns the fact that the SIR,—Astragal mourns the fact that the expression of his views on a variety of "global topics" has failed to inspire any action. As he was kind enough to include me under that large, yague heading, I feel compelled to admit that I derive from his well-conducted columns the continual refreshment of surprise and stimulation. To read Astragal is rather like attending a cocktail party, once a week, where you are offered various stimulants, but can never be sure that what looks like a dry Martini be sure that what looks like a dry Martini of the kind which reveals the genius of its composer may not turn out to be a draught as sharp as ammoniated tincture of quinine. as sharp as ammoniated tincture of quinine. The heady enthusiasms and fashionable patent medicines Astragal hands out are a tribute to his eager impartiality; but the recipient, though sometimes refreshed, is more often a little dazed. Does Astragal want things bigger and better, grimmer and greyer, or does he—as I suspect—want to give strong, sobering doses of common sense to a world that is half sozzled with theories? If he would set forth clearly what he stands for—apart from excellent what he stands for—apart from excellent entertainment—many more important things than a radiator in a school of architecture might be repaired, restored or replaced.

replaced.
For example: if Astragal believed it was a good thing, he might advocate the restoration of the architect's sense of universal responsibility for design which he possessed in the eighteenth century and lost in the nineteenth. Here is a "global topic" worth tackling, for it is one that should engage the unremitting attention of the only profession that is trained to think logically about design. about design.

London

JOHN GLOAG

PHYSICAL PLANNING SUPPLEMENT



On this and the following pages are three estate layouts; they are not published together for the purposes of comparison but for their interesting solutions to three entirely different problems. Above is the general plan of the proposed Grange Road Estate at Letchworth by G. A. Jellicoe. On page 26 there is an estate layout on the dual access principle by Gerard K. Cooper, and on page 28 a proposal for an addition to the village of Moelfre in East Anglesey by Clough Williams-Ellis.

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In this estate the road system is exact, but it is suggested that while keeping the character of the general design architects should be appointed to interpret the different sections individually.

G. A. Jellicoe

This estate comprises approximately 219 acres, and is sited north-west of Letchworth Garden City. The ground is undulating, and rises gently from south to north. It is bounded on the south and east by existing residential property, and on the north and west by the green belt that encircles Letchworth.

The plans show sites for 1,546 semi-detached houses, each having 30 ft. frontage and an average depth of 125 ft. There are also 11 detached houses. Space is allowed for community centre, school, and playing-fields, children's play areas, communal garages, gardens, and groves of trees.

Excepting the eleven referred to above, the houses shown are semi-detached. Consideration should be given to a

estate layouts

variation from this of at least 10 per cent. to include detached houses, terraces and, possibly, flats.

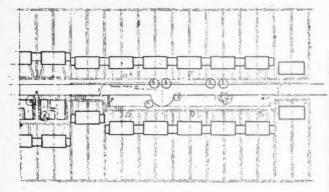
The Estate should contain a balanced proportion of Local Authority and private enterprise housing.

Community Centre. A scheme is indicated for hall, shops, church, and other buildings. This must be taken as undetermined; it is probably somewhat small, and the area which might be reserved for expansion is indicated on the drawings. "Corner shops" should be encouraged elsewhere. School. The buildings need not reflect the adjoining symmetry of layout. The landscape round the school should create a small world of its own, having for its purpose the elimination of boundaries.

Children's Play Area. Children might play in parts of the school playing-fields at all times. An additional area has been allocated in a part of the Estate furthest from this point. Distributive Roads. These contain communal garages, with their wash yards away from the front, single bungalows, shelters, telephone booths, seats and other miscellaneous structures. All buildings should be linked by a curtain wall at least 6 ft. high.

Tree Planting is of the following kinds:—

(a) Indigenous hardwood trees, with underplanting along the



distributive roads, making these country ways.
(b) Pollarded hardwoods adjoining community centre.

(c) Varieties of thorn, to form groves of trees.

(d) Individual planting of residential roads, each to be different, and based primarily on shrubs and small trees of the garden variety. Species from all over the world that grow satisfactorily may be included to give brightness, colour and interest.

(e) Planting round School. This to include large and small trees, with an element of evergreens to give substance in the winter; trees to break the skyline and arranged like theatrical scenery, with the school as the auditorium. Foliage on the north boundary to be arranged to create shadows and fictitious perspective; surplus soil from the Estate may be dumped on this boundary to form a continuous mound.

(f) Hedges adjoining paths leading to view-points over green belt to be approximately 8 ft. high and to act as

wind-breaks.

Interpretation of the Drawings. Only the road system as shown is exact. It is hoped that architects will be appointed for different sections, and that each will interpret his section according to the general principles of the design that has been indicated. The circular road lends itself to private

Left is a planting plan on a suggested layout for one of the residential roads in the Grange Road estate.

I. Cotoneaster Horizontalis.

2. Arbetus zontalis. 2. Arberry (Strawberry Tree). 3. Prunus Amysdalus (Almond Tree). 4. Laburnum Vulgare (Common Laburnum). 5. Prunus Ceraesifera Pissadi (Flowering Cherry). 6. Crataegus Oxyacantha Tree). 7. Crataegus Monosyna thorn hedge). (Clipped 8. Ilexaquifolium (Clipped holly hedge).

enterprise development, where each house could be different from the other, the street planting for which should be well

esigned.

Maintenance. The country-ways may be left as rough grass land if considered desirable. The residential roads, on the other hand, should be well kept, and it would be of value to maintenance if school children could help to plant their particular trees and thus create a community pride in each residential road. The groves of trees may be left wild, and no harm need be considered done if children damage trees up to reachable height. Such an area should, however, be railed off for some years until the trees have reached reasonable maturity and are no longer liable to be damaged. All trees elsewhere will require protection during their early years of growth.

The need for protection from wind has its effect upon every part of the design; it is to be hoped, for instance, that fences between gardens may be draught proof. The general

orientation of the houses is east and west.

2 DUAL ACCESS

The dual access principle explained in the following article aims to save costs in the laying out of housing estates and to achieve the maximum degree of separation of different kinds of traffic. It is also suggested that this principle would enable estates to be inhabited before entrance motor roads are completed.

Gerard K. Cooper

Studies of the flow of traffic from houses on open planned Estates disclose important deficiencies in most pre-war practice.

An attempt has been made, summarized in the Traffic Flow Diagram on the facing page, to find an improved Planning Principle which will act as a basis for the design and layout of access roads.

It is suggested that the logical requirement is separation of

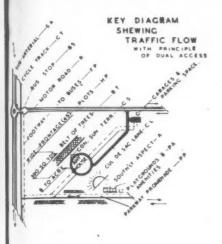
the various types of traffic to ensure that:

- (a) Expensive motor roads are not put down to serve as cycle tracks or footpaths.
- (b) The minimum amount of motor traffic is allowed in the vicinity of houses and fast and through traffic entirely diverted.
- (c) Inexpensive roadways are laid down past the front of houses (permitting wide frontages).
- (d) Residents and children are enabled to walk to 'buses, schools, playgrounds, and all necessary amenities without crossing motor roads.
- (e) Flexibility in the layout of plots and types of houses can be observed and provision for future developments and expansion be made.

Trials show that many variations are possible, and the illustration shows an angular "layoff" which has certain advantages in staggering the front building lines of the houses and giving a full potential daylight factor.

Orientation is obviously something separate from traffic planning principles, and whilst here the houses are shown with the garden on the North side and a Southern living Above is principle The Parincludes cycle tra 'buses, s amenitie

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Above is a key diagram to the dual-access principle illustrated in the drawing below. The Parkway Promenade (PP) which includes footpaths and separate two-way cycle tracks, enables residents to walk to buses, schools, playgrounds and all other amenities without crossing motor roads.

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aspect, it is obvious that this can be reversed or varied as required to suit the type of house or lay of the land.

If planted tree belts are incorporated in the layout and sheltered corners can be provided with a combined sun veranda and tool-shed, the North side garden is most advantageous, but without knowing the individual house plan, this cannot be decided.

It is obvious that in planning a substantial estate utilizing the dual access principle, provision should be made for a varying size of house and garden, and in some cases no garden at all, opening directly on to "greens" which would connect at one side to the motor road and at the other to the "Parkway Promenade."

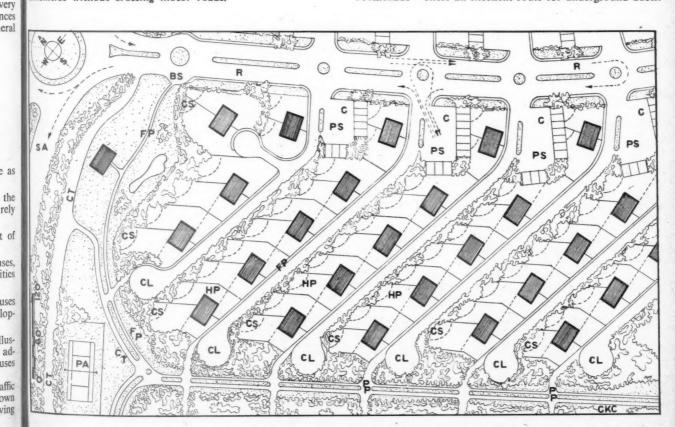
The latter would be a pleasant tree lined way, giving rapid circulation of foot and cycle traffic about the estate and, above all, a perfectly safe place for children to play or older persons to wander and gossip without the nuisance of motor traffic in the immediate vicinity.

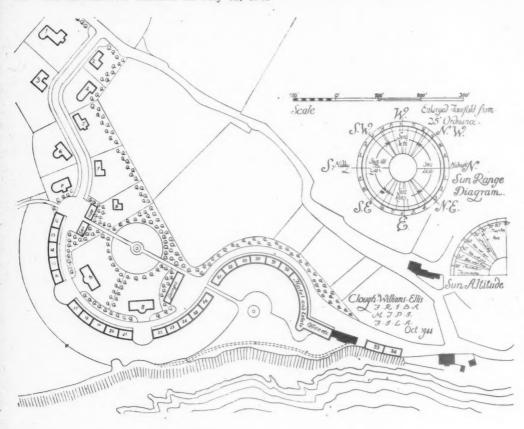
In preparing sites for houses now on open land, it is suggested that the utilization of this principle would enable estates to be made habitable and usable even before the entrance motor roads are completed, and that such motor roads can be completed in stages up to the final specification and widths.

The staggered form of layout and bent "L" shaped plot with wide frontage lends itself readily to schemes for siting temporary housing.

In making a comparison of road costs, it will be seen that where a cul-de-sac lane has a length suitable for 8 pairs, or sixteen detached houses and a consequent maximum walking distance to garages of just over two hundred yards, that the length of the house plots, plus trees, determines the total frontage to the motor road and the "Parkway Promenade." In a trial case, with 390-yard plots, this frontage came to 135 ft., and this means a 7 ft. 6 in. length of half the width of motor road and the same of the "Parkway Promenade," per house served. To this must be added the 45 ft. × 12 ft. or 14 ft. of the light specification "Lane."

On Estates where district heating is embodied the "Parkway Promenade" offers an excellent route for underground ducts.





3 MOELFRE VILLAGE

The estate layout above for Nant Bychan, an addition to the village of Moelfre in Anglesey, is a very individual solution to a problem which will arise in different forms on many parts of the coast. Compact, imaginative planning in this manner is the only way to avoid the destruction to the coastline by haphazard development which was so prevalent between the wars.

Clough Williams-Eilis

This development scheme, prepared at the request of a landowner, is for the southerly extension of the somewhat diffuse sea-side village of Moelfre on the East Anglesey Coast. The place began very well with a compact cove of solid, whitewashed fisherman's cottages, a few admirably appropriate new houses being added just before the last war. After that there was an unfortunate interval of go-as-you-please building, the damage, however, being confined to its hinder parts—inland.

Now discipline again. The estate has been divided into four distinct zones:—

(1) The greater parts sterilized from building in perpetuity by covenant and left as cliff-side sheep pasture as from time immemorial.

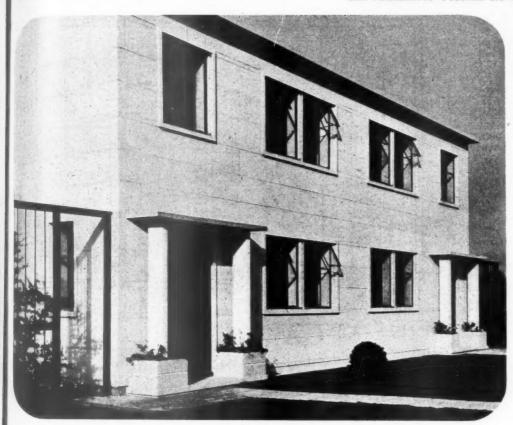
(2) A very few specially selected and secluded and sheltered sites where a small island plot would be leased to an appreciative applicant prepared to build a cottage in the best old local Welsh tradition, so as not only to be worthy of its privileged position, but, fit, too, to contribute acceptably a new point of interest to the whole ensemble—(not marked on plan as they are beyond the area covered).

(3) A limited number of individual leasehold sites in open order, which though back from the actual coast-line, none the less all have a sea-ward view. (Nos. 1-11 on map.)

(4) Close-order sea-front development in convex and concave crescent terraces, so securing maximum frontage and shelter and optimum prospect and aspect. It is proposed that the estate itself shall at any rate initiate this continuous development, though so long as continuity is maintained and elevations are acceptably harmonized in scale and colour, there is no intention of imposing uniformity on individual lease-holders or builders who may choose to occupy or themselves develop these sites. (Nos. 12-34 on map.) N.B.—A detailed planting scheme both for amenity and shelter has already been prepared and will be put in hand as soon as food-production demands on the land allow of the necessary enclosures.

Planning control of all building development, particularly along the coast, and especially on such notable stretches as lie around Moelfre, will, quite rightly, be particularly strict, and any proposals that are unnecessarily diffuse and wasteful of land or sea-frontage or in any way destructive of existing amenities, whether natural or not, are unlikely to be accepted.

If Town and Country Planning is to become the positive guiding principle that it is intended to be, the merely negative attitude suggested above will soon be replaced by a more positive and directive policy, when development will not be sanctioned unless it can be clearly demonstrated that what is proposed will actually enhance the existing amenities and be to the general public benefit. It is in the expectation and hope of such rigorous standards and requirements that this scheme has been drafted, it being fully recognized that all reasonable measures taken to safeguard the integrity of the Anglessy coast will redound to the advantage of such of its resorts as Moelfre and hence to any carefully co-ordinated extensions thereof, as now envisaged at Nant Byckan. In short, the right thing from the point of view of public amenity and of planning generally will be found to be the best also for the long-term success and prosperity of the estate itself.



View of the front elevation of the completed pair of prototype houses built at Colnbrook. Below, a view of the kitchen looking towards the back entrance.

THE ORLIT SYSTEM OF HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

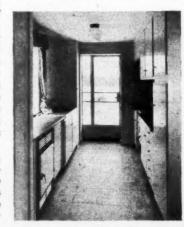
ARCHITECT: E. KATONA

GENERAL—The Orlit system is the outcome of many experiments to provide a system of construction for permanent multi-storey domestic buildings. The photographs and drawings here show a pair of demonstration houses built at Colnbrook. One or two alternative designs illustrate the flexibility of the system.

CONSTRUCTION — The contruction of the carcase can be described as a precast reinforced concrete frame with cavity walls held in position by the columns of the frame. The frame has been designed for quick and foolproof erection, and both the vertical and horizontal connections of its component parts can be carried out in a very simple way. The vertical connections are formed

by bolting together steel plates cast into the ends of the columns, and the horizontal ones by pouring a small amount of concrete into the cavities at the ends of column brackets and beams, which contain the overlapping steel reinforcement. The connections are made at points where the bending stresses in the structure are low, preferably at points of contraflexure. These simple operations create monolithic frames, which provide support for floor and roof beams, and act as stiffeners to the outer walls.

The walls consist of two leaves, the outer being of special stonefaced dense concrete slabs, the inner of lightweight concrete slabs providing thermal insulation. The two leaves are connected by metal tie-wedges and bonders. The finish of the external slabs is an integral part of the slabs



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and textures is possible.

Medium-sized slabs have been chosen as a useful modular unit, both for planning and fenestration. The relatively small slabs have the advantage that any expansion or contraction can be easily absorbed by the joints, especially where the inner and outer skins have to resist the very different expansions due to moisture and heat. The slabs are lightly reinforced to prevent breakage during handling.

The slabs are jointed in cement gauged lime mortar. Pointing is in the same material.

Concrete channels have been adopted for floors and roofs, but combined concrete and timber floors (as well as pitched roofs) can also be constructed. concrete frames could be re-placed by steel frames when material and skilled labour become available. Concrete, however, has a very great advantage in that no skilled labour is required for production or erection, and all the materials are immediately available in all parts of the country.

The manufacture of all constructional units can be carried out on the site, and all parts can be stored in the open before being transported to their definite location.

The material resists fire, impact and weather; it is also proof against dry rot and vermin. In short, it is of a highly permanent character.

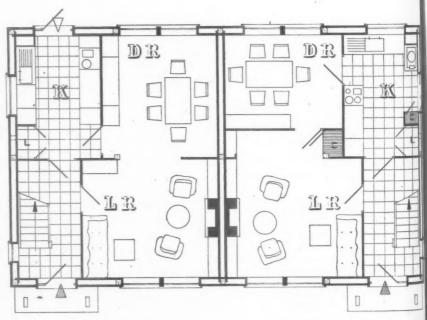
The setting out on the site is simplified by the use of a special jig, which follows the outlines of the building. This jig fixes distances and levels of the column bases, and holds them in position during concreting of foundations. Shuttering is fixed to the jig for the accurate laying of the concrete curb. This makes all operations practically foolproof, and minimizes inaccurate setting out.

THERMAL INSULATION -Walls: (1) Outer Skin: Orlit slabs, stone faced. Inner Skin: 2 in. foamed slag concrete slabs with $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. plaster board. U=0.23 B.Th.U./sq. ft./1° F./1 hr. (2) Outer Skin: Orlit slabs stonefaced. Inner Skin: lightweight concrete slabs faced with glasswool on the cavity side and finished on the inside face with $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. sprayed plaster. U = 0.18. (3) Comparison with brick walls

plastered inside: (a) 11-in. cavity

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GROUND FLOOR PLAN

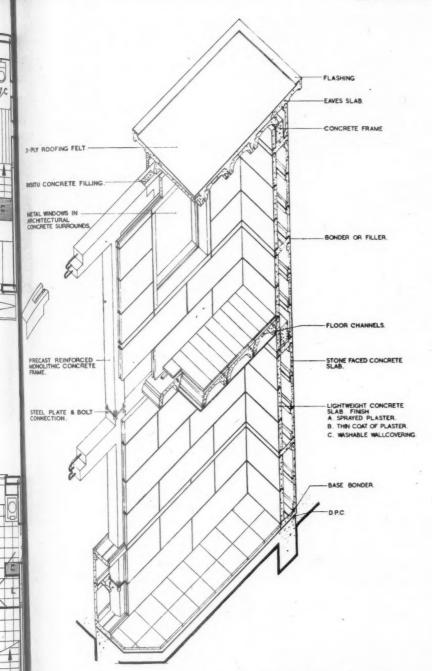
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wall, U = 0.27; (b) 9-in. wall, U = 0.40.

Roofs: (1) Orlit channels, 1-in. fibre board fixed on 12-in. battens, $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. bitumastic felt, U = 0.19. (2) Orlit channels, $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. fibre board fixed on 11-in. battens, 2-in. foamed slag screed, $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. bitumastic felt, U = 0.15. (3) By comparison, the coefficient of thermal transmission of a good traditional roof is U = 0.25.

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unometric drawing to a scale of $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to 1 ft. 0 in., showing system of construction.

The coefficients of thermal transmission have been calculated for 15 m.p.h. wind. The Orlit wall behaves better than traditional construction under driving rain or wind. There is no infiltration of cold air, nor absorption of moisture by the outer vibrated, and practically impervious, wall slabs.

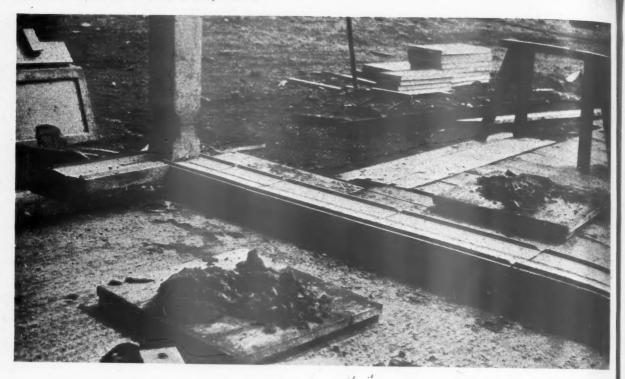
SOUND INSULATION—Owing to the weight of the materials and discontinuity of the construction at party walls, sound insulation provides no problem. The sound reduction factor of the party wall is R = 56 db. This figure complies with the recommendations by the Committee on Sound Insulation and Acoustics of Buildings. (Ministry of Works' Post-War Building Studies, No. 14.)

PLANNING-Design is governed by the 2-ft. module of the walls, and any layout should easily fit this modular pattern. The photographs show demonstration houses of 880 sq. ft. floor area, being the types built with Government subsidy, but other types can be built without difficulty. Terraced houses can also be built with the usual amendments of the end walls, and the system of construction can be used for multi-storey flats, schools, etc. Standardization lies only in the units, and not in a fixed house type. This allows extreme flexibility in design and leaves plenty of scope for the architect's imagination.

EQUIPMENT — The equipment of the demonstration houses complies with British Standards. Since it was not possible to obtain modern cookers, pre-war models had to be used in the demonstration houses.

FLOORS—Living Room: joint-less Semtex Floor. Hall, Kitchen. Bath and Lavatory: Orlit tiles, Bedrooms: Columbian pine strip flooring. Ceilings: plasterboard fixed to battens. Roofing: built-up Ruberoid covering. Hot water supply: Sadia U.D.B. hot water storage heater. Refrigerator: Electrolux. Sink: Johnson stainless steel. Kitchen furniture and built-in furniture: supplied by Kandya. Other furniture: Utility, supplied by Whiteley's.

COST—It is claimed that the cost of the houses can very nearly be expressed as £1 per sq. ft. of floor area, i.e., £880 for the 880 sq. ft. type.





Top, base bonders in position showing an angle post with its metal connector at the joint. Left, a close-up showing the connections of members at the first floor level. The joint on the left is ready for its concrete infilling.

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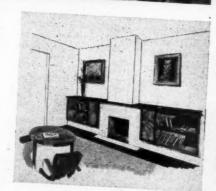


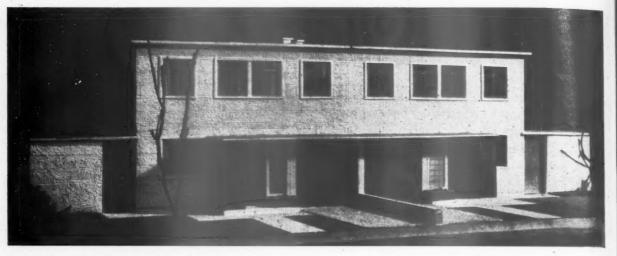






Top, three progress photographs taken during construction: from left to right, the precast frame in course of erection, the finished frame with floor and roof slabs in position, and walls completed up to first floor level. Below, a close-up of the walls during erection. Right, a sketch of a living room fireplace in the prototype houses.



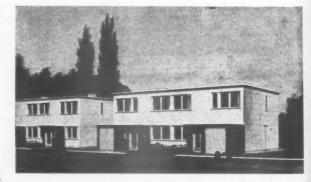




GROUND FLOOR PLAN

FIRST FLOOR PLAN [Scale: 1"=1'0"]

The Orlit system has wide flexibility. To illustrate this the firm has prepared a number of alternative plans and designs. Top, a model of Type 3 with garages. Below, ground and first floor plans of Type 3. Right, a perspective of Type 4, with and without garages.



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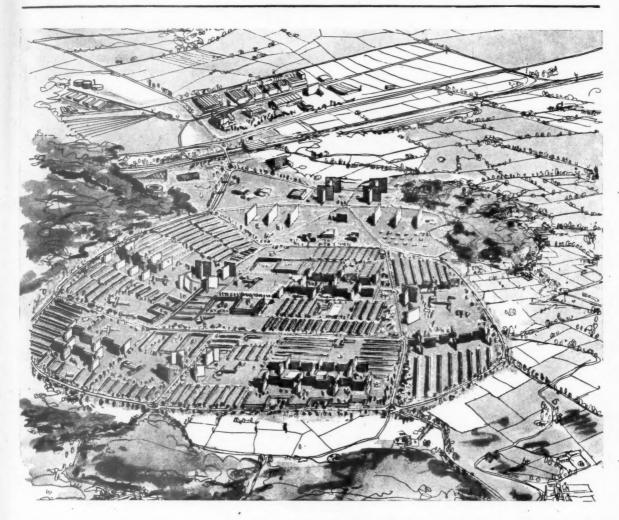
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THE ORLIT SYSTEM

BUILDING FOR DAYLIGHT

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Here is an imaginary town plan on an open sloping site with good aspect to the south, to house 50,000 people, with a medium and light industrial zone sufficiently large to employ the working population.

There are clearly defined working zones: the *industrial*, separated from the rest of the town by a narrow belt of agricultural land; and *administrative business and shopping*, sited on the spur of the hill behind the town, which also provides a visual screen between the industrial zone and the housing.

Housing is sited on the southern slope and divided into five neighbourhood units, each accommodating from 8,000 to 10,000 people. About 40% is in medium or high flat blocks and 50% in terrace or semi-detached houses. There are two nursery and infants' schools, one or two junior schools, and one senior school to each unit. By concentrating the high

and medium blocks of flats, large open spaces are provided which are interspersed with the more closely built areas of the terrace houses. The school playground between the houses gives additional open space.

Communication is by means of a ring road which circles the housing and links up with the trunk road, which passes the town, again dividing the town centre from the industrial area. A railway runs alongside the trunk road with branches to the industrial zones.

Community buildings, theatres and central library, are sited in the open area surrounding the administrative centre.

A small village which the town has avoided is shown at the right. By confining the housing area, the ring road gives immediate access on foot to the open countryside.

Daylight flows through this town, allowing windows to derive maximum benefits from the siting of individual buildings.

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INFORMATION CENTRE

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STRUCTURE

2022 Plant of Laminated Timber

PIONEER DESIGN IN LAMINATED WOOD I-BEAMS. S. B. Barnes. (Engineering News Record, February 22, 1945, pp. 250-252.) Three-hinged arches of 120 ft. span with rise of 72 ft. of laminated timber in warting industrial plant.

ft. span with rise of 72 ft. of laminated timber in wartime industrial plant.

The building covers an area of 248 × 740 ft. and is divided into two spans by a central row of double columns. Under normal conditions structural steel would have been used, but with steel classed as Highly Critical, three-hinged, glued laminated timber arches have been adopted, having a web 6 in. thick and flanges 14 in. wide. The depth of the section varies from 24 in. at the lower hinge to 49½ in. at the point of maximum bending moment, reducing again to 18 in. at the centre hinge in the crown of the arch. The section was made up entirely of 1 in. and 2 in. material, scarf spliced and glued together.

together.
Each half of an arch was made up in three pieces, consisting of two flanges and the web. The three pieces were put together in a specially constructed field plant at the site. The parts had to be fitted exactly to curvature before being jointed.

Experience with these laminated arch ribs has suggested the possibility of further development of this type of construction. With improved glues of controlled setting periods and with better clamping devices fabrication costs could be reduced. There is no reason to doubt that glued laminated construction acts as a homogeneous section. The assurance that any defects in one lamination do not extend into the next is a definite structural advantage.

MATERIALS

2023 Airbricks and Gratings

AIRBRICKS AND GRATINGS (DIMENSIONS AND WORKMANSHIP). BS 493: 1945. (British Standards Institution, 2s. 0d.) General requirements and examples.

The first issue of this Specification was confined to cast iron airbricks, and it was possible to give requirements in some detail. The present revision has been undertaken in order to provide for the use of other materials, and it has been necessary to draft the Standard on somewhat more general lines.

2024 Cast Stone

CAST STONE. BS 1217: 1945. (British Standards Institution, 2s. 0d.) Definition, materials, colour and texture, strength, shrinkage, methods of testing. In the past, manufactured stone has been described in a number of ways, such as re-

constructed stone, artificial stone, cast stone, etc. Cast stone has been adopted in the Specification. It means a building material manufactured from cement and natural aggregate, for use in a manner similar to and for the same purpose as natural building stone. It is not claimed that this Specification is complete since the liability to surface crazing has not been covered.

025 Steel Fabric

STEEL FABRIC FOR CONCRETE REIN-FORCEMENT. Part A: Hard drawn steel wire fabric. Part B: Twisted steel fabric. Part C: Expanded metal (steel) fabric. BS 1221:1945. (British Standards Institution, 2s. 0d.) Properties of materials, tests, tolerances, dimensions and weights.

This Specification is divided into three parts which have to be stated when the Specification is referred to. These three parts correspond to the three groups of material on the market. Although many of the clauses, test requirements, etc., of the three forms of fabric are similar, each has certain properties which differ from the others. Each part forms a complete specification for one of these classes of fabrics.

2026 Book on Quantity Surveying

MORE ADVANCED QUANTITY SURVEY-ING. Arthur J. Willis (Crosby Lockwood & Son, 1945, 25s.). Not full treatise but intended for more advanced students. Completes triology by same author. Ample information in convenient sections with examples. Separate drawings in case. Taking off, editing of Bills, reproduction and reading of proofs, issuing of Bills, receipt of tenders, and examination of prices. Reduction Bills, writing of specifications.

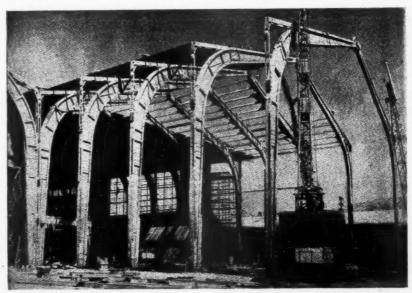
As its title implies, this book is not a full treatise on Quantity Surveying; it is intended for the more advanced students of the subject. It is best considered in relation to Mr. Willis's other works, Elements of Quantity Surveying and An Example in Quantity Surveying. (See Information Centre, Nos. 1444, April 4, 1944, and 1603, September 21, 1944.)

Elements of Quantity Surveying introduces the students to the subject and An Example in Quantity Surveying, gives him a complete example of taking-off, abstracting and billing a Bill of Quantities. The latter was something of an innovation, as, unlike orthodox text-books, it consisted of a case containing complete drawings, dimensions, abstracts and bills resembling, as closely as possible, the actual documents to be found in a first-class Quantity Surveyor's office.

Having bridged the gap between theory and practice by inducing the student to prepare a Bill of Quantities for a complete house, it was unnecessary to follow the system further, and indeed it would have been impossible to reproduce in convenient form a similarly complete but more complicated work for the benefit of the more advanced student.

More Advanced Quantity Surveying deals with the whole subject in convenient sections, and in an extremely informative manner assists the student or junior taker-off to apply the knowledge he has already gained to serious work, at the same time stressing the necessity for accuracy, full descriptions, the proper setting out of dimensions, with side notes and side casts, the importance of which are so frequently overlooked by students.

The book contains a large number of wellchosen examples, and for this purpose Mr. Willis has adopted the method he popularized with An Example in Quantity Surveying—that of supplying separate drawings in a case which can be taken out and spread in front of the taker-off, thus obviating the necessity for turning back to small-



Three-hinged, glued, laminated timber arches in a USA wartime plant take the place of steel. Each half of the arch was lifted to position by a crane. See No. 2022.

scale drawings in the book itself—a process which can be extremely irritating.

Following the main sections of the book which deal primarily with taking-off, a chapter is devoted to the editing of Bills, the reproduction and reading over of proofs, the issuing of Bills to Contractors, the re-ceipt of tenders and examination of prices, the possibility of Reduction Bills and simi-lar matters which a Senior Surveyor must attend to before he can consider that he has completed his job.

One further chapter follows: the writing of the Specification—a job which now often falls to the lot of the Quantity Surveyor. Obviously, one chapter cannot be sufficient for the teaching of specification writing, and this the book does not set out to do, but the Student's attention is drawn to the object of the Specification, the methods of preparation most commonly adopted, and the importance of making the Specification and Bill of Quantities agree in all respects. Good examples are also shown in this sec-

tion of the work.

There is no doubt that Mr. Willis's three books, taken together, constitute a carefully thought out programme of training for would-be Quantity Surveyors. In the more elementary works he avoided burdening the student with too much detail, and in this book he has avoided the common and equally irritating error of under-rating his reader's ability and knowledge. The system of providing separate drawings is one which cannot be too highly praised.

PLUMBINGand Sanitation

2027

Cast Iron Gutters

CAST IRON GUTTERS, FITTINGS AND Accessories. Part I, Half-round Gutters. BS 1205: Part I: 1945. (British Standards Institution, 2s.) Quality of material, sizes and finish.

Diagrams of gutters and fittings.

Admirable as the efforts of the British Standards Institution are, it is necessary to register a protest at the production of this Specification as a Part I only. Not only is it irritating to have to refer to two documents in order to get the full Specification for Gutters, but it is also expensive since each Specification normally costs 2s. In the case of this one there are only 5½ pages of Specification, including the Foreword. Even specification, including the Foreword. Even so, it is necessary to refer to three additional BSS for full information on materials mentioned in this Specification so that to cover Half Round and Ogee Gutters fully will mean reference to at least 5 Specifications at a total cost of 10s.

Cast Iron Pipes

CENTRIFUGALLY CAST (SPUN) IRON PIPES FOR WATER, GAS AND SEWAGE. BS 1211-1944. (British Standards Institution, 2s.) Materials, methods of test, tolerances on dimensions. Marking. Special conditions applicable to such pipes, according to methods of casting. Tables of Dimensions, weight, etc.

2029

Copper Tubes

LIGHT GAUGE COPPER TUBES FOR GAS AND SANITATION. BS 659:1944. (British Standards Institution, 2s.) Revision of 1936 standard. Now provides for reduction in thickness of the tubes. Two thicknesses included for larger sizes, one for water and gas and other for sanitation. Other

minor amendments and inclusion of minimum tensile strength and revised clause on chemical composition.

Social Services in Factories

EMPLOYEE SERVICES. (Brochure on Exhibition organized by the Recruitment and Training Department of the Cotton Board, Manchester.) Little information of value to architects, but Little interesting as yet another example of growing demand for better conditions for factory workers. Deals with sanitary and working facilities, first-aid and rest rooms, clothing accommodation, factory seating and overall design.

ACOUSTICS

and Sound Insulation

Theory and Application

ACOUSTICS OF BUILDINGS. F. R. Watson. (Building Standards Monthly, February, 1945, p. 4.) Theory of acoustics. Public address systems. Application in the Pentagon.

This is a brief but satisfactory review of acoustical theory and practice: It covers the general action of sound in rooms, the behaviour of the ear, the treatment of rooms to reduce noise levels (special emphasis is laid on office noises), resonances (rather un-usual in a short article), and, very briefly,

public address systems.

The note concludes with an outline of the acoustical problems in the Pentagon (the very large building which houses the American war departments). The chief features of treatment were these. Machinery for the air-conditioning plant was placed on the top floor, remote from the main activities, and mounted on resilients. The bus terminal ceiling was covered with slag wool, and the many hundreds of offices also had absorbent ceilings. The Lamsen tube conveyors were specially treated to reduce the explosive sound when packets left the tube. Some special treatments using convex panels were devised for a small auditorium and several meeting rooms.

Many architects have already observed how commonly the Americans now use sound absorbents, and this particular case is a good, typical example, though, of course, on a very

large scale.

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2032

Light-weight Concrete

Could you give us some specifications and method of making lightweight cellular concrete with heavy aggregate, as distinct from breeze or furnace slag?

A The material you require appears to be that used in one of the Government's experimental houses at Northolt, and con-

sists of a concrete made without the use of sand.

Recommendations for the use of no-fines concrete are contained in an Appendix in Post-War Building Studies No. 1, House Construction, published for the Ministry of Works, by HMSO, 2s. net (pp. 140-150).

2033

Patenting a Building Block

Q I have designed a lightweight concrete building block, and I would like to get it patented. Can you tell me how this can be done, please?

A To patent a lightweight concrete building block you should get in touch with a Patent Agent who would deal with the matter for you. This can be done through the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents, Staple Inn Buildings, London, W.C.1.



Speeches and lectures delivered societies, as well reports of their activities, are dealt with under this which includes trade associations, Government departments, Parliament and professional societies. To economize space the bodies concerned are represented by their initials, but a glossary of abbreviations will be found on the front Except where inverted commas are used, the reports are summaries, and not verbatim.

Liberator Council Conference

At Caxton Hall, Westminster. Conference to discuss the Plan of the Liberator Council (35-36, Castle Chambers, Union Street, Torquay) for INTEREST-FREE HOUSING CREDITS FOR MUNICIPAL HOUSING. The conference was attended by delegates from some 70 Councils from various parts of Scotland England, and Speakers included Eric Troward, President of the Liberator Council, W. R. Hipwell, President of the Allied Ex-Services Association and Editor of Reveille, W. A. Narbeth, Councillor, of Aylesbury Borough. Chairman: Wilfrid Hill.

E. Troward: It is daily becoming the Government is frightened to proceed with an adequate housing programme, and Nev our only

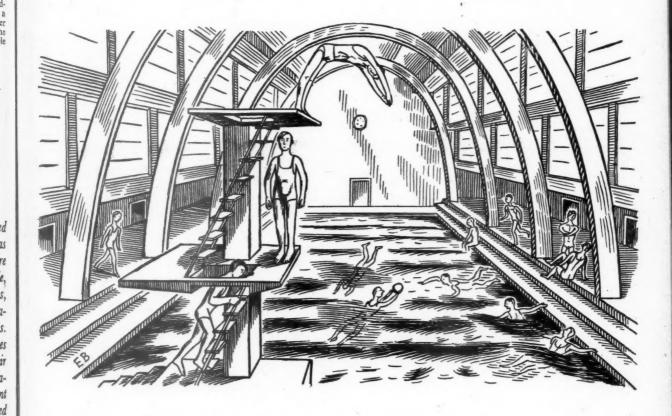
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that the real underlying reason is not the shortage of man-power nor of building material for permanent houses, but the absence of sufficient money under peace-time conditions. We can spend £16 millions a day during wartime on material such as planes, tanks, shells and bombs, which quickly wear out or are destroyed at once, but the moment peace is declared it becomes impossible for the Government to use similar methods for financing housing under the existing financial system.

If housing is to be achieved in a nation-

wide programme of any value it will have to be by the introduction of new financial methods under suitable safeguards, as the old ones have completely broken down. The main reason for this is the gigantic rise of the National Debt, which from £800 millions in 1914 rose to £7,000 millions in 1919, and now stands at the enormous total of £23,000 millions, and will continue to rise till the Japanese war is over. By then it will be between £30,000 millions and £40,000 millions.

The Government is in a quandary, and fears to take the people into its confidence, preferring to put across a carefully worked out bluff to endeavour to show that the cause is shortage of man-power.

The shortage of material for construction

The shortage of material for construction of permanent houses is also a myth.

What the Government has done is to balance its Housing Budget as far as it dares ahead (two years), and then decide how much money can be possibly raised under the old-fashioned existing methods of loans at interest. Having arrived at this loans at interest. Having arrived at this figure, they have then worked backwards, and have done a little arithmetic sum, saying in effect: "We can raise £X for housing in the next they were and a more resulting in the next they were and a more resulting in the next they were and a more resulting in the next they were and a more resulting in the next they were and a more resulting in the next they were and a more resulting in the next they were and a more resulting in the next they were and a more resulting in the next they were and they are the next they were resulting in the next the next the next the next they were resulting in the next the next the next they ing in the next two years, and no more. That sum of money will only be enough to build 220,000 permanent houses and 145,000 temporary houses and no more." They have then decided that only 50,000 men can be employed on building municipal houses,

and perhaps 50,000 on better class housing, namely, 100,000 in all, because that number of men would build all the houses for which the Government expects to be able to raise money under existing methods.

In other words, it has worked the sum out backwards taking the answer that it wants, and applying the necessary labour figures to make the answer work out.

Let us content ourselves with the following remarks:-

1. Shortage of labour, even of skilled labour, did not stop us building aero-planes or tanks, or making shells or bombs sufficient to win the war in Europe.

2. The Government did not say in 1940: "We have only 2,000 aeroplane pilots available, therefore we can only

have 2,000 planes."

3. There was never any shortage of material for the building of factories, camps, the Mulberry Invasion Harbour,

If the same energy, keenness, and adaptation were used in tackling the housing problem, as was constantly applied to the many problems of war production, there would be no shortage of labour or of materials.

I want to outline a little more fully the exact process we suggest to enable interestfree credits to come into circulation. of the delegates has asked the following question: "Supposing you get this scheme going, and the Government take it up and each of the Big Five Banks agree to ear-mark £100 millions of their money for this purpose each year, making £500 millions a year total, would this not result in a general

shortage of money for other purposes "?

The answer is: This delegate has not quite understood the nature of the plan.

There is no question of earmarking money as such or of taking any of the actual money of the banks or their customers. What we suggest is the creation of a credit,

and that is a very different thing.

During W. A. Narbeth: question that arose in financial matters was, 'Is this necessary?' If it was, then the money was forthcoming. Unless we are money was forthcoming. Unless we are going to get an interest-free plan for housgoing to get an interestrice pairing, you representatives of Municipal Authorities will not be able to do anything. You are all up against the same thing. You the down on the question of 'How to afford it?' In certain years, my Council has paid out more in interest on loans than I advise you to it has received in rates. look into this matter as regards your own councils, and you will be astonished at the annual total which goes out as interest on loans.

If the only criterion during the war was necessity, then that is so now, and especially as regards housing. If the Government can do it for destruction, they can do it for construction and we must see that they do. Members of Councils here to-day must stress it to their friends on other councils and to the various Council Associations.

W. Hill: It seems to me that interest has become a habit, like cigarettes, beer, etc. and we take it for granted. History however, tells us that interest has been condemned throughout the ages, and indeed, up to the 17th century was forbidden under the laws of England. The Liberator Council is putting up a fight and is succeeding. I particularly ask you to bother your M.P.'s. It must finally be settled by legislation. Not 2 per cent. of M.P.'s know anything at all about Monetary Science.

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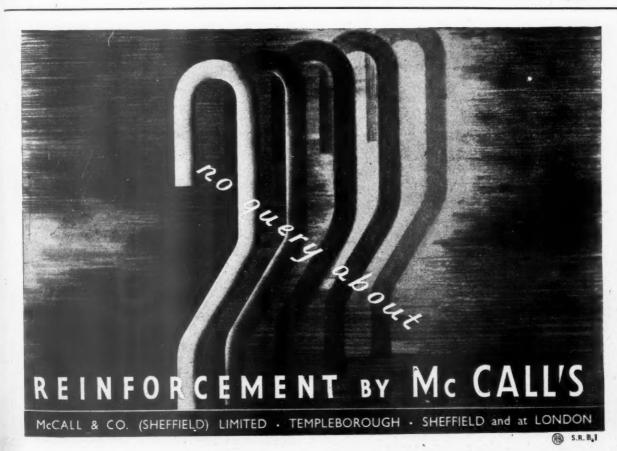
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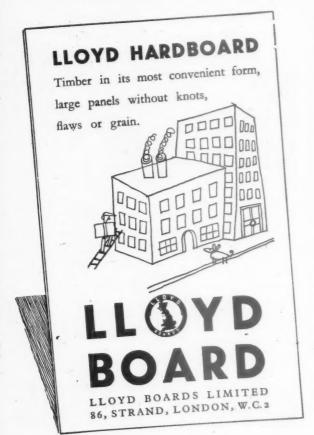
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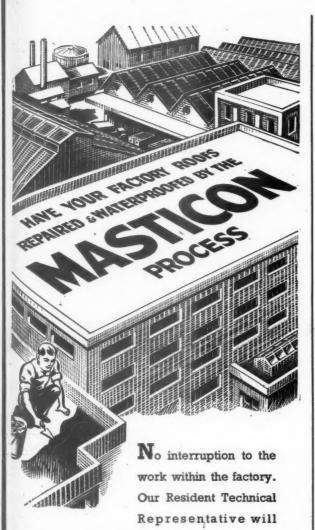
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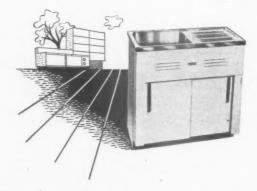
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