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1879-1930

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CARL E. HOWELL, architect, of the firm of Howell & Thomas, Cleveland, died on June 17 last in California. Mr. Howell had given up active work in his firm some two years ago, and had gone to Santa Fé and later to California in the effort to recover from his failing health.

Educated at Ohio State University, Mr. Howell studied drawing at the Columbus Art School. After an apprenticeship of several years in the office of Frank E. Packard, Columbus, he attended the University of Pennsylvania. Here he won several scholarships, culminating in the John Stewardson Travelling Scholarship, which took him to Europe. Upon his return he formed the partnership with Mr. F. W. Thomas. In addition to many houses, some of the better known works of Howell & Thomas are: Library and Auditorium Buildings for Ohio University at Athens, Ohio; East High School of Columbus; High Schools in Lakewood and Shaker Heights; Churches at Columbus, Canton, and Oxford; and Y. W. C. A. Buildings at Cleveland and Zanesville.

Mr. Howell was a life member of the Cleveland Museum of Art, a member of the American Academy in Rome, and a member of the American Institute of Architects.

SIR ASTON WEBB
1849-1920

SIR ASTON WEBB, former president of the Royal Academy, died in London on August 21, at the age of eighty-one years. He was one of the four men outside of the United States honored with the Gold Medal of the A. I. A. Sir Aston, a son of Edward Webb, engraver and watercolor painter, was probably more responsible for the beautification of twentieth-century London than any other man. From the time he first became prominent in British architectural circles in the early '80s, he labored to transform London's public buildings to something resembling beauty.

In the course of his work he completely revolutionized the appearance of the Mall, designing the Admiralty Arch at one end and the architectural features which adorn the roads that skirt the white marble Victoria Memorial at the other. He was intrusted with the refronting of Buckingham Palace, which had constantly been criticized as having some of the ugliest façades in existence.

London and the provinces owe to him many fine buildings. The restoration of the Norman Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, London, was carried out by him. He completed the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, and designed the Royal College of Science and the Imperial College of Science and Technology, the offices of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada in Cockspur Street and the French Protestant Church in Soho. When Christ's Hospital School was transferred to the country he was responsible for the new building in which the unsanitary quadrangle system was abandoned. Ingress Bell collaborated with him in this commission and also in the plans for the Birmingham Law Courts.

Sir Aston was president of the Architectural Association in 1884 and of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1902. He was elected a Royal Academician in 1903, was knighted in 1904 and was created a K. C. V. O. in 1914 and a G. C. V. O. in 1925. In 1923 Cambridge University bestowed on him the honorary degree of LL.D. In 1919 he was elected president of the Royal Academy, but because of failing health he was forced to resign in 1925.

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The Hand Behind the Machine

By Harrison Gill

With the passing years the architect is being burdened with more and greater complexities. Many of these new phases of the work involve design in materials and by methods with which he is necessarily unfamiliar. The time seems to have arrived when these accessory fields of design must be delegated to collaborators, if such are available.

At the annual meeting of the American Institute of Architects, it was reported that the time is ripe for the Institute to concern itself with the aesthetic quality of manufactured products. This was interpreted by some as referring to such products as are manufactured on a quantity basis and sold from catalogues and price lists, and they apparently failed to include all of those products which are made on special order for specific buildings. Though there are many differences in these two types of manufacturing, they also have many things in common and, in some instances, the same manufacturing organization is engaged in both types of work. In both cases the product must be fitted to the process and a constant search must be made for possible improvements. It is not very difficult to take any specific object which may have been manufactured and improve the appearance of the profiles and proportions. This act, however, involves doing exactly what we are trying to avoid in architectural design; that is, having the building designed by one mind and the "architecture put on" by another. The axiom that fundamental aesthetic design should grow out of function, and the postulate that design should be controlled by the characteristics of the medium, these are as true for all of the ornamental trades and crafts as they are for the building as a whole. It can be applied to manufacturing only by incorporating the creative intelligence of an artist who knows perfectly the purpose of the object to be made, the characteristics of the material in which it is to be embodied, and the processes which are to be used in forming it. The only solution to the aesthetic side of mass production, it seems to me, is to include such an individual in the manufacturer's organization. Every sound argument in favor of such practice is equally applicable to the specifically designed products which form the decorative features of our buildings. It is manifestly impossible for any architectural designer to acquire sufficient knowledge in every field of applied design which may be involved in the embellishment of a building.

A medieval baron had decided to build a chapel as a part of his castle. He knew that this was a complicated undertaking and involved many difficult problems. To insure the proper execution of the work he sent for a man from a near-by town who knew of such things. They discussed the various features of the edifice and the amounts which would have to be expended. The man from the town was experienced in handling such projects and had acquired a reputation for maintaining friendly relations between the various craftsmen.

A master mason was selected, who prepared various drawings indicating the plan and appearance of the chapel. Stone was quarried and the construction started. Not far away were the furnaces where clay was baked into floor tiles. The master of the tile workers made certain designs incorporating the coat of arms and badges of the baron, and then began to make the tiles which would fill the floor space which the mason had shown on his plan. A glass painter agreed upon the iconography which his patron desired, and then prepared drawings over which bits of glass were placed to form the glowing picture which no paint on wood or plaster could simulate. The saints and gargoyles emerged from the blocks of stone under
the chisels of master carvers. A cunning smith forged great, scrolled hinge plates for the doors, which he felt would be in keeping with the eminence and dignity of the nobleman. A painter designed a beautiful diaper for the walls which enriched the interior and formed a colorful background for the creations of the woodcarver.

Six hundred years later a young American architect was commissioned to design a clubhouse for the local civic organization. He worked diligently on the preliminary sketches, and presented to the committee a set of beautifully rendered drawings, which were approved. After consulting various mechanical and structural engineers he proceeded with his contract drawings. The questions of construction, heating, ventilating, lighting, telephones, elevators, and radios were all solved and provided for. He interviewed dozens of salesmen and pored over the pages of catalogues, finally devising an adequate specification. Among the items described were certain features of carved and cast glass, a monumental entrance in bronze, some stair railings which he had described as monel metal. An ornamental floor for the main lobby called for composition tiles, and there was a terracotta frieze on the exterior which was to symbolize the activities of the club. Altogether it was quite a pretentious affair which would be a credit to the town, the members, and the architect himself. He had been very careful in wording the specification so as to keep all of the ornamental features under his control. As soon as the contract was let he started the scale and full-size details. A little trouble developed at this stage because the bronze contractor had not figured on the work being detailed so elaborately, and he had taken the job at such a low figure that no concessions could be made. Before the contract had been signed the monel had been omitted so as to bring the price within the appropriation, and the glass had gone the
same way. The architect had kept the ornamental floor, but after it was installed it did not look as he had expected. He had used a modeler’s allowance for the cast bronze and terracotta, but both of the manufacturers claimed extras for work on the plaster casts after they were delivered. However, after all of the drawings he had made had been redrawn by the various shop draftsmen so as to make them “practical,” and all of the compromises and adjustments had been settled, the job was rushed through to completion.

The inadequacy of these composite descriptions is obvious; however, certain facts force themselves upon us when contemplating the modern practice of architecture. We have travelled far from the conditions of the Middle Ages. The economic and social complexity of our civilization, together with the enormous advances of science, have forced radical changes in all the professions. Any attempt to return to all the early practices of handling a building operation would be both impractical and ridiculous. The profession of architecture, which began to develop during the Renaissance, did not become thoroughly established in England or France until the later years of the seventeenth century, but it did not resemble the all-embracing profession it is to-day until the late eighteenth century. The immediate effect on the art of the nineteenth century through this complete monopoly of design is well known. After the invention of steel construction architects began to collaborate with various kinds of engineers. Beginning with H. H. Richardson, and particularly since the establishment of the American Academy at Rome, collaboration between architect, painter, and sculptor has steadily progressed.

All of this close relationship between several professional men has had a healthy influence on the progress of architecture as a creative art, but one great fact has been almost consistently
overlooked. When the master craftsman was squeezed out of existence during the eighteenth century many of the arts died with him. The final vestige is embodied to-day in the so-called "ornamental trades." It is true that there are a few master craftsmen and artists engaged in the use of specific materials to-day, but their influence is felt in a very small percentage of the total production of the building industry, and in machine-made products it is infinitesimal.

To-day intelligent design and the development of technics are far more complicated problems than during any former age, and it will require even more specialization than that of the Middle Ages if we are to make any marked improvement or progress.

Harvey Wiley Corbett stated in 1928 that "A competent and inspired designer should be part of every manufacturer's organization. Given the proper freedom, he might well develop combinations in form and line that would surpass anything yet known. In America the opportunity for such work now surpasses that of any other period." He was referring particularly to the ornamental metal manufacturers. It might be safely stated that no drawings are ever submitted by the architect to the metal shop which can be used without radical changes in construction and very often of the design itself. The result is not a collaboration between two men of comparable artistic training, but it is a compromise between the ill-informed designer and the technical shop man without taste. It seems utterly impossible ever to expect any progress or intelligent aesthetic development in

the use of new materials and processes so long as this condition persists in the decorative and ornamental arts.

In metal work there are many processes which have never been exploited. They cannot be utilized to the full unless the men who know these processes are given an opportunity to create in terms of these new technics. The extruding process has almost invariably been used as a cheap substitute for straight cast members, yet many things can be done with it which are impossible for the foundry. Repoussé was once a fine art. In bronze and brass it held a prominent place in architecture; in steel it was the basis of the superb creations of the fifteenth-
Lighting fixture designed by Maurice Heaton in which he used the glass discs which he is shown producing at the right

Maurice Heaton of West Nyack, N. Y., designer and craftsman in glass and metals, laying on a glaze which will later be fired

A seal of carved lead by Hollingsworth Pearce

century armorers. Yet machine stamping has never been developed because of the modern divorce of the “artistic” from the “practical.” An embryonic effort to use the acetylene torch intelligently has been made by Edgar Brandt, of Paris, but his imitators have copied his mannerisms and failed to perceive in any way the epochal nature of his revolutionary methods. Only one who has an intimate knowledge of metal work will analyze and build upon the invigorating logic behind his design. To use his motives as merely another form of “precedent” is to prolong the enervating influence of eclecticism.

Machines are not new tools as such; it is only the power which is used to operate them that is new. The design of Greek vases, which reached a perfection of form never surpassed, was based on the machine process of the potter’s wheel. The invention of that wheel was a wonderful time-saving advance over the more primitive method of building up the pots and jars on stationary stands. Had the invention been made ten years ago, many people would be saying: “These new machine-made vases may be all right for the cheap stores, but an art object must have the texture and irregularities of the old pots.” The lathe is another machine which has been used for centuries for wood and metal. Spinning is another metal technic which has been put to many uses but not thoroughly developed as to artistic possibilities. The whole history of craftsmanship has been a constant effort on the part of the master craftsman and designer to develop processes which would eliminate imperfections of surface. One of the tragedies of modern times is the fact that the craftsman ceased to be an artist before power-driven machinery was made available. This is why machine-made things are so often mediocre in design; it is not the fault of the machine.

In the metal arts there are so many new methods of forming, as well as so many forgotten technics of the past, that it would be impossible to describe them all in a single article. To acquire sufficient knowledge to design metal work intelligently requires several years of study and practice. Among the ancient technics are forging, casting, repoussee, chiselling, inlaying, turning, cloisonné, and champlevé enamelling. Each of these has an infinite num-
Detail of a console table in "carved" (sandblasting through stencils) glass lighted from the inside edge, designed and executed by Feybusch Associates, New York

A lighting fixture of metal and "struck" glass by F. L. Keppler, New York. The surplus molten glass is struck from the mould with a cherry stick.

The writer's intimate knowledge is confined to metals; he makes no pretense of knowing what the possibilities may be in other decorative arts, but it will be evident that the same conditions exist in many other fields. The glass industry has made many advances in casting and carving as well as combinations of forms which remain to be exploited. And there is enough lore in medieval glasswork to keep any craftsman busy for a long time. Synthetic materials for floors and walls might be developed by specialized designers to undreamed-of creations. The art of artificial lighting is in its infancy. The projection of light, the diffusion of light, the use of colored lights and Neon tubes, together with many other possibilities, will probably form the basis of a major art if it is allowed to develop in the hands of specialists. None of these arts will ever develop so long as we continue to draw a line between the functions of design and execution.

Thousands of artists can be absorbed into our industry if the demand is created by architects and the enlightened public. In fact this movement has already begun, but it is hedged and hampered on all sides by conditions which have grown up during the last century. As long as the artist remains aloof from the crafts and the industries, the outlook will remain discouragingly bleak, but with the creative artist as an integral part of our social structure, being allowed to play a part which is honored and given recognition, then we may reasonably expect a golden age in modern times.

Another machine that is being drawn from commercial use into the field of de-

sign—a device with vast possibilities for spraying glass with molten metals.
Hotel Rolyat, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Kiehnel & Elliott, Architects
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The Basis of Greek Design: II
By Ernest Flagg

The basic principle uncovered in the dimensions of the Parthenon (Part I in the September issue) is applied in the Temple of Theseus, but in a somewhat different way. In the Parthenon, as above demonstrated, proportions were calculated to horizontal dimensions at stylobate, and diminution for optical reasons made at top, whereas in the Theseum they were calculated to horizontal dimensions at architrave, and instead of diminution upward from base there was increase downward.

Breadth to depth at architrave seems intended to be as 3 to 7.

Penrose's measurement for depth being (in inches) 1242.600*

* Should equal length of stylobate top (Fig. 1) 1250.76
less setback of architrave, which equals distance from it to plumb line (Fig. 2) 18.42
Less distance at stylobate (Fig. 2) 14.34
leaving 8.16
For the two sides which being deducted leaves as length at architrave. 1242.60

Discrepancy 0.571

But Penrose's statements as to breadth are not consistent.

Dimensions at first step, as stated on page 72 of his text, would make breadth at architrave more than indicated on the plates by reducing the discrepancy to 0.163 and length would be more by 0.768.

It is not practicable within the limits of this document to explain how the unit was found; suffice it to say that length at architrave was intended to equal 686 of them, amounting to 1243.375 and breadth 294, amounting to 532.875.

† Should equal breadth at stylobate top (Fig. 1) 540.132
less setback as just stated 8.16
531.972

FIG. 1. Plan of the Temple of Theseus, Athens, with Penrose's measurements transposed to inches and decimal parts thereof.
It was to these quantities that external ratios of height to breadth and length were calculated. They were as follows:

**Stylobate to top of cornice, or height of order**
- No. 1. Height at ends to breadth as 4 to 7.
- No. 2. Height at sides to length as 1 to 4.

**Ground to top of cornice**
- No. 3. Height at ends to breadth as 5 to 8.
- No. 4. Height at sides to length as 3 to 11.

**Stylobate to top of pediment at ends, and roof at sides**
- No. 5. Height at ends to breadth as 5 to 7.
- No. 6. Height at sides to length as 3 to 10.
- No. 7. Whole height to breadth as 7 to 9.
- No. 8. Whole height to length as 1 to 3.

This remarkable series of proportions interlock in such fashion as to leave no doubt as to intentions, each one being dependent on the others and certain features of the work, such as height of cymatium or crown moulding carried at sides but not at ends, and reduced by bevel on which it rests; height of stylobate, or base, height of pediment, roof, etc. Thus No. 2 requires greater height than No. 1 by the exact height of cymatium reduced by bevel on which it rests.

No. 3 requires greater height than No. 1 by height of stylobate.

No. 4 requires greater height than No. 2 by height of stylobate.

No. 5 requires greater height than No. 1 by height of pediment.

No. 6 requires greater height than No. 2 by height of roof, while to prove all, Nos. 7 and 8 must be equal and heights for stylobate must agree. It is of course impossible to suppose that the exact agreement of the work with all these interdependent conditions could have been accidental, nor is it too much to say that agreement is exact where discrepancies representing margin for mistakes both in building and measuring in each case amount to only a few thousandths of an inch. Moreover, the system used and the reasons for it are perfectly clear and in exact accord with the principle which governed, not only in the rest of this particular building, but apparently in all others of its class. It now remains to verify the statements just made by the measurements.

**No. 1 of the list.** Height from stylobate to top of cornice to breadth as 4 to 7.

**No. 2 of the list.** Corresponding height at sides to length as 1 to 4.

Length at architrave as above stated \(1243.375\) 4\(\text{ths of which is} \quad 310.844\)

This should equal height at ends as in No. 1 \(304.366\) plus height of cymatium, a fragment of
which was found and is given by Penrose at \( \frac{1}{6} \) size (his plate 35). It scales 8.50 or 8.45 but does not increase height that much for it rested on a bevel cut on cornice slabs, the height of which according to S. & R. (Fig. 3) is 1.666 and Penrose (Fig. 2) 2.1, the average of which two measurements is \( 1.883 \) which, subtracted from cymatium height, leaves 6.567 making whole height 310.933 Discrepancy 0.089

**No. 3 of the list.** Height at ends including stylobate to breadth as 5 to 8.

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**No. 6 of the list.** Height at sides from stylobate to top of roof to length as 3 to 10.

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**No. 7 of the list.** Whole height to breadth as 7 to 9.
Breadth as before in Nos. 1, 3, and 5 \( \frac{5}{6} \)ths of which is \( 414.458 \)
Evidence here is circumstantial but within very narrow limits.
Whole height includes that of order plus pediment as in No. 5 \( 380.522 \)
Plus stylobate (Fig. 3) \( 28.000 \)
Plus 6 Greek inches at \( 0.98 \) \( 5.800 \) \( 414.322 \)
Discrepancy \( 0.136 \)

The 6 Greek inches just mentioned evidently represent the usual small base below steps still in place, as shown on Penrose's Plate 35, but whose height, owing to the disappearance of the ancient pavement, has not heretofore been known.

No. 8 of the list. Height above base to length as 1 to 3.
Length as before in Nos. 2, 4, and 6 \( 1243.375 \)
\( \frac{1}{3} \) of which is \( 414.458 \)
Height as in No. 7 \( 414.322 \)
Discrepancy \( 0.136 \)

The figures here given, even by themselves, are sufficiently conclusive and afford a marvelous exhibition of accuracy both in building and measuring, but when considered in connection with the immense mass of corroborating evidence found not only in all other parts of the two buildings from which the foregoing illustrations are taken, but in the whole class to which they belong, the proof is complete, exact and overwhelming. Here then is news so old that it is new, but, whether considered as old or new, of utmost importance, for it not only sheds more light on Greek art than ever before but provides for our own use a principle without which art of that type is unattainable, yet of so simple a nature that it can be employed by intelligent artisans in the liberal arts as was done in ancient times. It provides a rule for proportion by which the designer may proceed in certainty instead of by guesswork; it establishes the ancient standards of measure, explains how the ancients could execute works of great magnitude with absolute exactness, using very little paper, makes intelligible many obscure passages in ancient writings and inscriptions and in other ways throws a flood of new light on the history of art, but above all it shows how art may be endowed with an intellectual quality lacking for almost two thousand years. Thus we are put in possession of that conception of art which was common when it reached its apogee, viz:—a quality which man in his interpretation of nature is enabled to supply from his intellect and which nature cannot give—the measure of his superiority over nature, the hallmark of his mind. It shows us that since the time of the Greeks art has only been half understood, and the proof of this revelation rests on exact mathematical data which it is as impossible as it would be foolish to deny. Real art is simple and should be as natural to man as the air he breathes and common to all his productions, but ignorance of one of its fundamental principles has made it too complicated to understand and too difficult to use.
Study of stairway motive from an impression of that in the Palace of Fine Arts, Rome

Edgar F. Bircsak
A. W. Brown Travelling Scholarship, 1929

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James Earl Fraser's monument to Abraham Lincoln, recently unveiled in Lincoln Park, Jersey City, N. J.

Montreal also is to have its Architects' Building, after the design by Ross & MacDonald.

The Cincinnati Times-Star is to have this building, largely for its own use, designed by Samuel Hannaford & Sons.

The changing type of school buildings — Herman Ridder Junior High School, Brooklyn. Walter C. Martin, architect, superintendent of school buildings.

The proposed New England Building, a part of the Park Square development in Boston. Blackall, Clapp & Whitemore, architects.

The Netherlands Legation, Washington, designed by the director of fine arts in Amsterdam.
in Photographs

John D. Sanger's drawing for the Park Tower Hotel, Central Park South, New York. Frank Grad, architect

Winner of the short-span steel bridge prize for 1929—Bronx Parkway Extension Bridge, Mt. Pleasant, N.Y. Jay Downer, engineer

Henry Ford's new hotel, to be erected at the Ford Airport, Dearborn, Mich. Albert Kahn, Inc., architects

The Stewart Office and Theatre Building, home of the Lincoln University Club, Lincoln, Neb. Davis & Wilson, architects

Another unit in Boston's Park Square development—the Professional Arts Building. Blackall, Clapp & Whittemore, architects

By Ewing Galloway, N.Y.

Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney's monument to the D. A. R. founders, Washington, D.C.
BOOK REVIEWS

LIVING ARCHITECTURE. Edited by Arthur Woltersdorf. 178 pages, 7 by 10 1/2 inches. Illustrations from drawings and photographs. Chicago: 1930: A Kroch. $4.50.
A series of essays by various architects, published under the sponsorship of the Chicago Chapter, A. I. A., and aiming to acquaint the public more clearly with the problems and methods of solution abounding in present-day architecture.


The first of a series of annual publications containing information as to the Society and as to the laws, regulations, and data in reference to building in Westchester County, N. Y.

The author, who is home economist in the employ of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, traces the effect of social and economic changes in American housing from the time of the colonists down to the present. The book is perhaps of greater interest to the student of sociology than to the architect.

The authors are two enthusiastic architects who have noted, as have others, the fact that in most books on Mexico, the work that has been illustrated and described is the more important work of a public nature. The smaller houses and the intimate features of domestic architecture have, for the most part, been passed by, or possibly not even discovered. It is this latter classification that has engaged the camera and pencil of the authors. Their photographs are excellent, and their measured drawings and captions supplement the former with very valuable information.

The fifteenth edition, revised and enlarged, of this useful standard volume.

A praiseworthy and eminently successful attempt to bring together between the covers of one book some of the work of sculptors of the day in collaboration with architects. M. Aumonier claims that it is merely "a collection of the work I have seen and sometimes admired in my travels at home and abroad." He displays a catholic and discriminating taste.

ACCOUNTING FOR DEPRECIATION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS. By George Stephen Murray. 45 pages, 8 1/2 by 11 inches. Mimeograph printing, pamphlet binding. 23 Judson Avenue, New Haven, Conn.: 1930: The Author. $1.
A technical analysis, from the point of view of the certified public accountant, of depreciation of educational buildings. A practical handbook from which boards of education and others similarly interested may set up a rational system of depreciation charges.

The whole literature of architectural history, and particularly that dealing with structures of a religious character, is sprinkled with references to monasticism and its works, yet it has remained for Mr. Palmer to bring together this outline of the origins, characteristics, and customs of the monastic orders. He stresses in fuller detail the development in England of the churches which they served, and the buildings in which the life of the orders was carried on.
NUMBER V
IN A SERIES
OF
WORKING DRAWINGS
By Jack G. Stewart

This series, in which one drawing will appear each month, is designed to cover the smaller practical problems that confront the architect in his day's work. The subjects chosen are those which, while not uncommon, call for some experience and knowledge of approved solutions. Next month the subject is Wood Trim.
HOUSE OF WILLIAM RUTLEDGE BULL, PELHAM, N. Y.
PLINY ROGERS, ARCHITECT

Photographs by Richard Averill Smith

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House of William Rutledge Bull, Pelham, N.Y.

Pliny Rogers, Architect

First-floor plan

Second-floor plan
The hall

The garage wing

House of
William
Rutledge Bull,
Pelham, N. Y.

Pliny Rogers,
architect
The dining-room

A corner detail

House of William Rutledge Bull, Pelham, N.Y.

Pliny Rogers, Architect
The terrace entrance

House of William Rutledge Bull, Pelham, N.Y.

Pliny Rogers, Architect
Combined living-room and dining-room in the home of E. S. Sparkman, Washington, Conn. The floor is of pine, painted dark blue and waxed; lower walls medium blue; upper walls light blue; back of shelving, deep pink; the chintz patterns carrying blue and pink flowers. Richard H. Dana, Jr., architect.
Breakfast-room in Yester House, the home of Mrs. G. D. Webster, Manchester, Vt., where her collection of rare old glass is ideally shown by transmitted light, each bay holding glass of one color. The floor is of gray, the furniture light yellow maple. Richard H. Dana, Jr., architect.
Some Pitfalls in Supervision

By W. F. Bartels

III. CONCRETE

When the architect appears on the job to superintend the concrete work he will remain cool, calm, and all-seeing—only if he is an “old stager.” Between the discordant grinding of the mixer, the confusion of reinforcing rods, spirals, and stirrups and the primeval forest of upright supports, he is not unlikely to feel at a loss to cope with the situation. If an experienced superintendent could conduct an explanatory tour it would be the ideal means through which to become intelligently versed in concrete construction. That being impractical for most of us, these notes may serve as a partial substitute. We shall omit any discussion of concrete theories, tests, and uses, and consider only the essentials in superintending. For convenience let us divide the three main uses of concrete: (1) grout, (2) reinforced concrete, (3) cinder-concrete arches.

Grout, which is a rich mixture of cement and sand thinned with water, was used in the past chiefly for filling the voids of stonework. To-day grout has an even more important mission. When billet plates, those great slabs of steel to support the columns of a building, are set, they are grouted. When the concrete pier is finished, the billet plate is placed on top of it, raised an inch or inch and a half by means of wedges, or, on the larger ones, by means of adjusting bolts. A form is then built around the pier just slightly higher than the top of the billet plate. After being rechecked for position, level, and elevation, the plate is ready to be grouted.

The grout generally is a 1:2 or 1:3 proportion of cement to sand. It should be well mixed and of a consistency to allow a free flow. The cement should be one which has not only been used previously, but which has also been tested by a cement technician. Sand should be clean and sharp with not more than 6 or 7 per cent of loam. A simple way to test the approximate loam content is to put a handful in a glass or bottle, adding water and then shaking. On being allowed to settle, strata of sand and loam will be observed. Certain sands have a tendency to make the grout “dead”—that is, the sand will settle and tend to separate from the cement. This is at once noticeable and resembles sand and water dumped out of a bucket, in that the water drains away from the sand very rapidly. In most cases this tendency probably does not affect the strength of the grout if it can reach its set under ideal conditions, but with the flow which is necessary and the time taken to grout properly, it is best avoided.

Care must be taken, when starting, to see that the grouting of the billet plate is begun from one corner and gradually worked to the corner diagonally opposite (Fig. 1). This is necessary to remove air pockets beneath the plate. Heavy wire may be used for pushing the concrete along, and where the billets are high enough from the top of the concrete pier a rope may be put underneath and pulled back and forth. This will help distribute the grout evenly and eliminate air pockets. The grout is then brought up to the level of the top of the billet. So important is this work, since this grout carries the entire column load, that it is deserving of the superintendent’s closest personal supervision. Grillages are treated in the same manner but present less likelihood of air pockets.

Reinforced Concrete: Cleanliness is essential in concrete. Indeed, in many cases concrete depends for its strength on cleanliness. Forms should be freshly swept before concrete is poured. Handholes—those small removable boards located in the lower part of forms for removing the dirt from the forms—should be provided and used. The reinforcing rods should be thoroughly cleaned before being put in place if any rust or scale is in evidence. The stone or sand aggregates should never be anything but clean. Even though concrete be of the right mixture and properly puddled, it cannot be expected to form a sharp right-angle edge. It is therefore advisable that the specifications require and the superintendent insist on a 1" x 1" strip being sawed diagonally and nailed in the corners of column and beam forms, as shown shaded in the accompanying diagrams. Needless to point out, the corner strip in the column forms must be nailed in place before the four sides are nailed together.

It often happens, when the “shoring” and
wood forms for a floor slab have been in place for some time in the sun, that the boards will shrink and open up wide crevices. Unless this is remedied, when the concrete is poured all the vital cement aggregate will drip through, leaving only coarse gravel and stone. In case the reinforcing rods are not yet in place, a simple remedy consists in tacking building paper over the entire form. If the rods are already in place there is no alternative but the expensive operation of cutting laths into lengths which fit between the vertical supports on the under side of the forms.

Once water is added, concrete should be poured immediately. If this is distributed by means of a chute, the latter should be first washed down with water. The slope should not be more than 1 in 2, nor so slight that the composition of the concrete at the end of its journey is different from that at the start. Concrete should never be allowed either to flow or drop in such a manner that the aggregates become separated. It should have aggregates of such size that they will flow around the reinforcing rods without getting caught between them and the forms, so as to cause chokeage. All the while the concrete is being poured, the mass should be constantly and thoroughly stirred or puddled by means of a spatula, a length of 2 x 4 or, if the rods of a column are very close together, a smaller-sized rod. The coarse aggregates should be kept away from the side of the forms and care taken not to disturb the positions of the reinforcing rods or spirals, which should be firmly wired. In a wall all the wood separators—short lengths of wood placed between the sides of the forms until ready for pouring—should be knocked down and retrieved with a nail on the end of a pole.

It is strongly advised to check the width between forms as they are being constructed, so that the wall when completed is of the required dimensions, otherwise a 12-inch wall is likely to be at least an inch less in thickness. When pouring concrete in a wall form it is very important that only about two to three feet in height should be poured at one time, lest the weight of the wet concrete make even the strongest form bulge out of shape, if not actually wreck it. After a few hours, when the mixture is partially set, another two to three feet can be added. When it is decided to stop pouring a large slab, the line at which the stop is to be made should be determined by the designer. Generally, if it can be at the quarter point between columns it will be satisfactory, as shown in plan in Fig. 4. The break should not be a gradual one as in Fig. 5, but the last batches of concrete should be drier or stiffer and so tempered that a short vertical edge will be formed as at A—A in Fig. 6. Any particles at B should be removed and the concrete at A—A roughened and thoroughly wetted before pouring is started again.

Great care should be taken in pouring concrete in cold weather. If near the freezing point the aggregates should be heated before mixing. Too much heat, however, has a tendency to reduce the strength of the concrete. Neither should the opposite problem of concrete be overlooked, that of extremely hot weather. In this case all poured concrete should be sprinkled with water regularly for several days so that it does not dry too quickly. This “curing” will be of great benefit to it.

Authorities differ on the length of time to leave concrete forms in place. It is safe to assume that they should be left up as long as possible. In no case should columns and slab forms be removed under three days, and beam and girder guide forms under one week. It must not be forgotten that these carry much weight above in forms and new materials.

In Mr. Bartels's first article (August) he wrote of Steel-tube Piles; in the second (September) of Piles and Rock, Cinder Concrete Floor Arches will follow in November.
Store of Sears, Roebuck & Co., Miami, Fla.

Nimmons, Carr & Wright, Architects
Store of Sears, Roebuck & Co., Miami, Fla. Nimmons, Carr & Wright, Architects
Simon & Simon, Architects

Second-floor plan

First-floor plan
Details of the three main entrances on Broad Street. Limestone and mosaic panels in rich color have been used to express the richness of Judaic symbolism, the triple portal set between the broad and undecorated planes of the corner pylons.


Simon & Simon, Architects

The eastern end of the Temple, and the Ark. Nicola d'Ascenso collaborated in the decoration
Above, the dome of the Temple. Below, details of the side façade on Mt. Vernon Street.

Monday, July 28.—Julius H. Barnes says of America: "It has to-day the distinction that here one-fifteenth of the world's population performs one-half of the annual labor of the world."

Tuesday, July 29.—Called on Clarence S. Stein and talked with him regarding progress that is being made in suburban housing projects, particularly Radburn. Mr. Stein, while admitting that we are under the necessity of discovering more economical ways of building these houses, points out the fact that, after all, the cost of construction is but one of several factors contributing to the ultimate cost. In some recent work, for example, the cost of construction as compared with the asking price to the ultimate owner was not a great deal over 50 per cent. Among the other factors, of course, are the cost of land, financing, share in public space, selling cost, carrying charges until the property is sold, and the public utilities. The cost of the latter is a considerable item, particularly when these utilities have to be carried under ground over considerable areas in the development. One interesting point that Mr. Stein's experience, both in Sunnyside and in Radburn, teaches, is that by giving the prospective buyer full measure of values in value, the cost of selling is reduced, and through prompt sales the carrying charges are reduced.

Wednesday, July 30.—The London Times says that there is now every prospect that the great Roman Catholic Church in Liverpool will be built on the Brownlow Hill site. Sir Edwin Lutyens has already submitted the preliminary plans, calling for a massive structure covered with a dome under which, and from the surrounding arches, ten thousand persons will be able to see the high altar. The cathedral is to be neither Gothic nor literally classic. The length of the building will be 680 feet over all, 30 feet inside from narthex to apse; the width across the transepts will be 400 feet; across the nave and aisles, 280 feet. The choir is to be sunk in a circular well 250 feet inside from narthex to apse; the transepts will be 530 feet; across the nave and aisles, 400 feet; the height of the building into the summer as well as conditioned and cooled in the winter. It is adding just one more complexity to those piled upon the architectural profession. Fortunately, with this demand there is developing a group of engineers who design air-conditioning and air-cooling equipment just as the heating engineers design their own aids to the comfort of life.

Thurdsday, August 2.—Henry Ford says that while one out of every five families has an automobile, only one out of ten families has a bathtub—which aligns him with the growing number of those who realize that some way has got to be found to bring housing and its accessories within the reach of more people. In this connection Clarence Stein was telling me the other day that in his most recent housing project he has gone one step farther in the matter of standardization. While the plans and elevations of the houses in a group are variable, the plan and all details of kitchen and bath are precisely alike. Moreover, the bath is precisely in the same position over the kitchen in each case. As a result, all of the piping can be cut beforehand, in the shop, and easily fitted together on the job.

Friday, August 1.—The details of telephone service in modern hotels, such as the new Waldorf in New York, comprise one of the amazing achievements of modern science. This hotel, for example, has to have a telephone personnel of 108, working in three shifts of eight hours each—an equivalent of the number required in a telephone central office for a city of 25,000 population. Among the modern developments in the effort to gain greater comfort and convenience, each room will have one permanent extension and two telephone outlets bridged from this with an additional portable instrument. Besides the telephone equipment proper, Schultz & Weaver are providing an elaborate telephone-type writer installation for the dissemination of messages throughout the building, providing a written-word form of communication for the two groups known as "paging and message" and "on arrival, change and departure." At any one of the master stations it will be possible to send messages of this kind to any or all floor clerks and bell captains simultaneously through the operation of one key.

Saturday, August 2.—A correspondent writes The Architect's Journal of London: "Is there any fixed proportion which governs the depth of a cornice?" From Strozzi Palace, Florence, 2/29; Gondi Palace, Florence, 2/3; Farnese Palace, Rome, 2/34; Palladio's rule was to make it 2/29. But several modern examples are deeper, and a good rule is to divide the total height of the building into 25 parts and allow 2 parts for the cornice." From which I take it that tradition and the architecture of the books is still very firmly seated in the English saddle.

Monday, August 4.—A. E. Horst, president of the Associated General Contractors of America, pointed out in a radio address to-night that while President Hoover's plan for stimulating public building has been well executed, there has been a marked decline of more than half a billion dollars in residential building as compared with 1929.

Tuesday, August 5.—America seems rapidly to be becoming, as the ad writers would have it, air-conscious. We are coming to demand air within our buildings that is conditioned and cooled in the summer as well as conditioned and warmed in the winter. It is adding just one more complexity to those piled upon the architectural profession. Fortunately, with this demand there is developing a group of engineers who design air-conditioning and air-cooling equipment just as the heating engineers design their own aids to the comfort of life.

Wednesday, August 6.—Ha! Marchbanks, the eminent authority on printing, was the guest of the architectural editors at luncheon to-day. Since he is particularly free from inhibitions as to the expression of his opinion when asked, he told us freely what he thought of the appearance of our various professional journals. Like all those who really know printing and its traditions, Mr. Marchbanks has all the reactions of a bull to a red flag when confronted with various misguided efforts to make typography spotty, decorative or merely different. Type matter, in the final analysis, is an attempt to convey thought. Anything which makes it difficult to read, bizarre in effect or overemphatic in its contrast of black-and-white, is merely a clouding or even complete defeat of this main purpose.

Thursday, August 7.—Lunched with Chester Holmes Aldrich at The Coffee House, and found him somewhat distracted over the many difficulties of making archeological architectural drawings and specifications in New York for work that is to be executed in such widely scattered locations as Paris, Belgium, England, and Venice. In addition to the regular staff of draftsmen and specification writers, Delano & Aldrich have had to establish a metric-system division. Plans at the scale of one centimetre to the metre are almost indistinguishable from plans at the scale of one-eighth-inch to the foot. Local ordinances, however, contribute largely to the difficulties of building abroad—for example, the French law which requires that every dwelling shall have a fireplace in every room. One of the joys of such work, however, is the discovery that in Venice one can put up a building in Istrian marble more cheaply than one can build the same structure of wood here.
Friday, August 8.—The house in which George Washington was born, on the Potomac River in Virginia, was destroyed by fire on the Christmas Eve of 1782. There have been conflicting theories about what the house looked like, and even as to the materials of which it was built. One theory, based upon some old sketches, maintains that the original was a small, unpretentious, wooden dwelling. Another theory, which now seems to have won acceptance in the Wakefield National Memorial Association, is that the birthplace was one of the brick buildings of the period. Under the direction of Edward W. Donn, Jr., of Washington, the house is to be rebuilt as nearly as possible like the original. Already a primitive brick-making plant, such as was frequently established near a proposed mansion, is turning out hand-made bricks from the local clay, 4,000 a day, under the direction of an ancient negro and his little crew, the main power for the "mill" or mixing-box being furnished by a patient circling horse. Architectural students of a future generation, unless they watch their steps, are going to be caught measuring up some of our twentieth-century restorations in the belief that they date back a century or two behind us.

Tuesday, August 12.—My home town of Huntington is all stirred up over the possible destruction of an old grist mill first operated in 1752. The mill wheel is driven by the incoming and outgoing tides, and was originally used to grind grain. For many years it has stood idle and almost unnoticed. However, an architect bought it for $12,000 for its magnificent hand-hewn timbers. When he started to tear it down, the town awoke. The D. A. R., S. A. R., Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, and unattached citizens arose in their wrath and protested. A truce has been attached through the architect's agreement to take other timbers of equal size and comparatively equal age in place of the mill timbers if such can be found—which seems doubtful.

Wednesday, August 13.—After having for several years urged in these pages and elsewhere the election to the Hall of Fame of Charles Bulfinch, I am delighted and relieved to see heavy reinforcements being brought up by the A.I.A. The Institute's Board of Directors has sent to each elector a summary of Bulfinch's achievements, pointing out his many qualifications for this honor, not alone as an architect but as a statesman as well. It is just this sort of official recommendation, on the part of those who should know whereof they speak, that will decide these elections. All the arts and professions are represented in the Hall of Fame excepting architecture.

Bulfinch's name and bust should be among our immortals, and the chances are that they soon will be. Incidentally, a list of his architectural achievements is worth setting down—see page 45 of the Bulletin Board.

Thursday, August 14.—The Diary seems to be involved in a controversy between two of our very good friends, Royal Cortissoz and Raymond Hood. Cortissoz, writing in The Architectural Forum, quotes my report of Hood's lecture at New York University, wherein he said (or so I understood him) that when all the practical considerations of a problem, specifically the Daily News Building, had been met—the needs of the client supplied, the plan economical, the building well constructed—the architect's work was at an end. No further attempt need be made to make it beautiful nor to put ornament upon its essential skeleton. It seemed to me at the time that in Hood's desire to stress the importance of practical considerations, he used the common aid of exaggeration. In fact, in the Diary for February 27, recording Ralph Walker's talk, in which he said that architecture must do two things—satisfy man's physical needs and his mental needs, I pointed out that this was in disagreement with Hood's contention and added, "though I think he believes nothing of the kind." Hood answers Cortissoz in the same issue of The Forum by saying that if he made such a statement it was not what he intended to say. Great care and study evidently was applied to the Daily News Building's appearance after the practical considerations had been met. Any one can see that; such a building doesn't just grow. There was a very definite effort made to satisfy aesthetic as well as practical needs, but it did not take the stereotyped form of depositing ornament here and there like icing on the pastry cook's funnel.

Friday, August 15.—An interesting competition that has just been held is one for the selection of an architect for the proposed chapel and assembly hall for Girard College, Philadelphia. The other buildings are Neo-Grec, permitting, it would seem, a particularly satisfactory development in simple rugged masses, and the suggestion of a classic antecedent. Thomas, Martin & Kirkpatrick, of Philadelphia, have won it; Harry Sternfeld, associated with Zantzinger, Bortz & Medary, was placed second; and Raymond Hood, Godley & Fouilhoux, third. The other members of the notable group competing were: Paul P. Cret, Harvey Corbett, Frederick C. Hirons, Charles Z. Klauder, Robert W. Kohn, Charles Butler and Clarence S. Stein, McKim, Mead & White, and Egerton Swartwout.

Saturday, August 16.—Motored up the so-called "College Highway" through western Connecticut and central Massachusetts. With the exception of the so-called "College Highway" at Simsbury, Mass., and, of course, Old Deerfield, this motor highway is far inferior in architectural interest to the Connecticut Valley route. At Amherst, Mass., there are two outstanding buildings of recent construction: The Lord Jeffery, an inn owned and run by the Amherst alumni, and The Jones Library, both by Putnam & Cox of Boston.

Monday, August 18.—This country's needs in the matter of building homes for the multitude have been recognized by President Hoover. He announces a White House Conference to undertake the organization of an adequate investigation and study on a nationwide scale of the problems presented in home ownership and home building, with the view to the development of a better understanding of the questions involved and the hope of inspiring better organization and removal of influences which seriously limit the spread of home ownership, both town and country."

The conference will meet during the later part of September under the chairmanship of Secretary Lamont of the Department of Commerce, with Dr. John N. Gries as executive secretary. The President's first appointment to the committee is William Stanley Parker of Boston, representing the American Institute of Architects and the architectural profession.

Tuesday, August 19.—Major Robert W. Gardner lunched with me and brought with him some drawings bearing upon his new theory of how the Greeks designed. After having been shown Ernest Flagg's findings so recently, it is rather staggering to find another and quite different theory that seems an amazing coincidence if it is not convincing proof. Major Gardner disagrees with Mr. Flagg in the contention that the secret of Greek design was lost throughout the Middle Ages, believing that it was closely guarded by the guilds and passed on from generation to generation with decreasing frequency. Vitruvius may have been trying to hint at it without disclosing the principle to the public. Major Gardner believes he has evidence that Sir Christopher Wren knew it, also Macomb, who applied it in the design of New York's City Hall. It would be interesting to have a grand conference at which each man could elucidate his own theory of Greek design and dispute the findings of others. Whatever the outcome, this much seems to me certain: No system of establishing proportions in a design can be of the slightest value without the architect, and that factor, in order to produce something of beauty, must be an artist.
ARCHITECTURE’S
PORTFOLIO OF
CASEMENT WINDOWS

THE FORTY-EIGHTH IN A SERIES OF COLLECTIONS
OF PHOTOGRAPHS ILLUSTRATING VARIOUS MINOR
ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS

Forthcoming Portfolios will be devoted to the following sub­
jects: Fences (November), Gothic Doorways (December),
Banking-room Check Desks (January), Second-Story Porches
(February), Clock Towers (March), and Altars (April).
Photographs showing interesting examples under any of these
headings will be welcomed by the Editor, though it should be
noted that these respective issues are made up a month in ad­
vance of publication dates.

Subjects of Previous Portfolios

1926-27
DORMER WINDOWS
SHUTTERS AND BLINDS
ENGLISH PANELLING
GEORGIAN STAIRWAYS
STONE MAJOR TEXTURES
ENGLISH CHIMNEYS
FANLIGHTS AND OVERDOORS
TEXTURES OF BRICKWORK
IRON RAILINGS
DOOR HARDWARE
PALLADIAN MOTIVES
GABLE ENDS
COLONIAL TOP-RAILINGS
CIRCULAR AND OVAL WINDOWS

1928
BUILT-IN BOOKCASES
CHIMNEY TOPS
DOOR HOODS
RAY WINDOWS
CUPOLAS
GARDEN GATES
STAIR ENDS
BALCONIES
GARDEN WALLS
ARCADIA
PLASTER CeILINGs
CORNICEs OF WOOD

1929
DOORWAY LIGHTING
ENGLISH FIREPLACES
GATE-POST TOPS
GARDEN STEPS
RAIN LEADER HEADS
GARDEN POOLS
QUINS
INTERIOR PAVING
BELT COURSES
KEYSTONES
AIDS TO PENESTRATION
BALUSTRADS

1930
SPANDRELS
CHANCEL FURNITURE
BUSINESS BUILDING ENTRANCES
GARDEN SHELTERS
ELEVATOR DOORS
ENTRANCE PORCHES
PATIOS
TREILLAGE
FLAGPOLE HOLDERS
Steel casements opening out, with wood mullions in a stone wall. Charles S. Keefe

Wood casements opening out, with roll screens inside. Edward S. Hewitt

Steel casements grouped without mullions, lower sections opening.

Steel casements following closely the English half-timber prototype. Walter Pleuthner.
Wood casements opening in, with draperies on sash. Marshall P. Wilkinson


Steel casements in heavy timber frame with lead flashing. Benjamin Wistar Morris

Steel casements in a wall of stucco on hollow terra-cotta tile. Aymar Embury II
Wood casements opening out, draperies on continuous rod inside. Charles Holden

Leaded casements in typical English timber work with herring-bone brick nogging in Lavenham

Leaded wood casements opening in, in three sections, with boxed draperies. Harold W. Vassar
Steel casements opening out. Shades and two sets of draperies are used inside. McKim, Mead & White

Decorative leading in sashes opening out over a ventilating lower section. Ralph T. Walker

Leaded wood casements in a half-timber bay. Lundeen, Horton, Roozen & Schaeffer
Steel casements, upper sections hinge at top. Leslie Oliver

Leaded glass medallion in steel casements with double inside draperies. James Gamble Rogers; Childs & Smith

Wood casements in a wood-frame wall stuccoed. Park & Morgan

Wood casements without muntins opening in, to avoid awnings. Louis Hessler, Inc
Steel casements in wood frames in a stone wall. Edmund B. Gilchrist

Double tier in steel, all opening out, with heavy mullions and horizontal divisions. Taylor & Levi

Steel, opening out, with glazed chintz shades and draperies inside. Henry F. Withey

Steel, opening out in three tiers, the upper two sections draped separately. Peabody, Wilson & Brown
Unusually tall leaded sash in a lead bay. Paul P. Cret

Steel casements in a half-timber bay with decorative lead flashings. Henry J. McGill

Etched glass in extruded bronze frames. Raymond Hood

Centre wood window fixed. W. Pope Barney
Steel casement doors with fixed transom under awning
Large wood casements with single chintz draperies.
Edward S. Hewitt

Wood sash in a terra-cotta frame. Halpin & Jewell
Leaded glass in double tier of wood sash. Charles M. Hutchison
Wood casements, opening in, with single chintz draperies. Jerauld Dahler

Steel casements with rough plaster and no trim. Kenneth Albright

Wood casement doors in a pine-sheathed wall. J. H. Phillips
Wood casements, with wood frame screens inside, and boxed head for draperies. Ethel A. Reeve, Inc.

Steel casements with a wood interior. Frederick G. Frost

Double sash with Venetian blinds between. Nancy McClelland, Inc.
Tudor-arched casements, leaded, in cut-stone trim.  
Cram & Ferguson

Leaded sash in stone tracery.  James Gamble Rogers

Three tiers in a curved bay, with three lines of inner draperies.  York & Sawyer

Leaded sash in Tudor-arched openings of stone.  James Gamble Rogers
French doors opening in, with double draperies. Peabody, Wilson & Brown

Leaded casements with transom tops, screens inside. York & Sawyer

Steel casement group in wood frame and stone trim

Wood casements opening out, with inside over-all screens. Jeraund Dahler
Draperies cut to arched head of wood casements opening in

Leaded wood sash opening out, with transoms separately draped. Arthur C. Harmon

Steel and leaded sash in a timber wall, with decorative lead flashing. Walter Pleuthner
Steel, opening out, with transom and roll screen. Kenneth Albright

Wood casements opening out, with draped ("Princess") shades. Aymar Embury II

Steel, with timber mullions and lintel protected by decorative lead flashing. Walter Pleuthner
Steel, opening out, with scalloped wooden head for draperies. Lawrence C. Licht

Wood, opening in, sash bearing their own double draperies. Tooker & Marsh

Steel casements, painted white, with wood mullions and alternate sash fixed. Beck & Tinkham

Sash opening out by adjusters through screen frames. Wood mullions and transom division. F. A. Moore
Floors for the Factory

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The floor is usually the most important part of any building. The equipment of business and of production rests on it. Workers stand and walk on it. Materials are transported over its surface.

Careful adaptation of the floor to its use is of utmost importance. Its wearing surface must be designed to endure, if possible, throughout the life of the building. Repairs are expensive, not only because of the difficulty of renewal, but because floor repairs always hinder production.

Other points to consider in the choice of a floor are safety and comfort of employees, quietness and ease of cleaning. A floor embodying all these properties would indeed be ideal.

Because the cost of the floor represents such a large share of the total cost of the building, it is often the target of attempts to economize. There is no part of a building in which "cutting" results more surely in disappointment and expense. A good durable floor paves the way to successful operation.

In a single-story industrial building the main floor is placed directly on the ground or fill. This limits the floor construction to a few proven types. They consist of two parts: first, a structural sub-floor which is not damaged by moisture and is designed to carry the expected floor loads; second, the floor finish which functions as a cushion and wearing surface.

Concrete is the best sub-floor material for most purposes. A fairly rich mix is damp-proof without aid of special treatment. When there is a possibility of settlement of the ground or fill supporting the sub-floor, the concrete is reinforced with wire mesh or reinforcing bars.

A five-inch thickness will carry loads up to one thousand pounds per square foot if the ground beneath is unyielding. Loads up to two thousand pounds are being carried safely in warehouses storing steel sheets and cast-iron radiators. A monolithic cement finish on the concrete sub-floor is the cheapest in first cost and is largely used in machine shops, warehouses, garages, etc. If it is properly laid and cured it will not dust and will wear satisfactorily.

Liquid floor hardeners are often added to harden the surface and prevent dusting. Fine chips of extremely hard inert material are often troweled into the surface. Metallic hardeners are also sorted to but are not used where acid conditions prevail or where the presence of even minute quantities of iron are harmful to the process, as is the case in the manufacture of pottery or glass.

The most common objection to a concrete floor is that it is cold and causes leg weariness. This difficulty is often met by placing wood panels around machines, work benches, etc.

Where water or oil is likely to be spilled on the floor, the surface should be given a non-skid finish with a wood darby, or by the addition of carborundum chips. Acids have a destructive effect on concrete and ammonia salts tend to roughen the surface.

Some engineers prefer a one-inch or one-and-one-half-inch concrete finish over the concrete base, consisting of cement, sand, and fine aggregate. A number of patent processes have been developed for placing this type of floor finish. The bond with the sub-floor, the mix, and the water content must be controlled in accordance with rigid specifications. The concrete should be compacted, the water which comes to the surface must be absorbed, and the trowelling done at the right time. The completed floor must be carefully cured. If any of these elements is lacking the result will be a poor floor.

Wood block floors were developed on the well-known principle that the end grain of timber presents the greatest resistance to wear. The blocks are usually impregnated with creosote oil as a preservative and are laid in hot pitch which anchors them to the sub-floor and seals out moisture.

Care should be taken to buy wood blocks of uniform size and thickness, made only from seasoned yellow pine lumber, except as mentioned later.

Wood blocks were originally manufactured in plain rectangular shapes. It was difficult, however, to get the pitch between the blocks so as to form a secure bond. Two types of blocks have since been developed to correct this difficulty; one type has grooves cut into the sides of the block and the other has projecting lugs which act as spacers.

The grooved blocks are for use in dry interiors and the lug blocks are for wet interiors or exterior use.

The spaces between the blocks provided by the lugs permit expansion of the blocks under moist conditions. The general use of the
groove and lug blocks has permitted a general reduction in the thickness of the blocks formerly specified. A two-inch wood-block floor on a substantial concrete sub-base is sufficiently durable for ordinary manufacturing use and costs little more than other good floors which may prove short-lived.

Where odor of any nature is objectionable, as in food industries, blocks treated with odorless oil may be obtained. The filler may also be eliminated and the blocks fastened together by a proprietary method which furnishes a clean wearing surface required in many industries.

In light manufacturing plants where a light-colored reflecting surface is essential, the blocks may be sanded smooth and covered with shellac to preserve their original color. Wood blocks are also made of oak for use under especially heavy duty, as in aislesways or about heavy machinery. For especially fine surfaces, blocks of redwood are used and are sanded smooth, waxed, and polished.

In order to obtain an absolutely smooth surface with wood blocks, the concrete sub-floor should be given a steel-trowelled surface. For ordinary purposes, a sidewalk finish is sufficiently smooth.

Another, but more expensive, type consists of two-inch wood blocks attached by dovetailing to a one-inch sub-floor and damp-proofed with paraffin oil for interior use. These blocks are milled to a uniform finish similar to that of a maple floor. The blocks come to the job attached to the sub-floor strips and are laid directly on the building floor base with wood splines between each row of blocks. They are attached by means of lateral nailing.

This floor is designed to give a smooth non-slip surface and has been used principally in main trucking aisles, elevators, loading-platforms, freight cars, etc.

Maple floors are used in light manufacturing plants of the multi-story type. They should not be laid over a concrete sub-base resting on the ground unless a damp-proof coating or membrane is used to prevent moisture from reaching the flooring from below. Dampness in unprotected wood will cause it to warp, buckle, and eventually rot.

Air spaces should be left between the sub-floor planks and around walls or other fixed boundaries to permit ventilation and expansion.

Maple floors are well suited to the requirements of light manufacturing where little moisture is present. They do not damage tools or finished machine parts that fall upon them. They also provide good anchorage for light machinery and are warm and resilient underfoot.

Where it is necessary to economize it is possible to obtain a very satisfactory floor by laying maple over three-inch planks which are spiked to four-by-four sleepers imbedded in cinders. This type of floor, however, should not be considered permanent, as moisture from below will attack it in time, causing the timbers to rot.

Another type of hardwood wearing surface that appears to have considerable merit consists of accurately dimensioned blocks of oblong shape which are laid flat over a concrete sub-base in a herringbone pattern. The surface of the concrete slab is water-proofed with an adhesive bituminous membrane. The under surface of each block is coated with the same material and is driven into place without nailing. The surface of the floor is then sanded to a smooth finish.

Three types of asphalt mastic floors are being used in industrial plants. The original development was a hot asphalt concrete laid in a one-inch minimum thickness on a concrete or wood base. The second development was the mastic block—corresponding in size to the wood block. The last and more recent development is the asphalt plank.

The one-inch mastic floor is made of a mixture of natural asphalt with a binder of cement. The percentage of asphalt is varied to give a soft surface. It is sufficiently resilient to afford comfortable working conditions for the workers and is moisture-proof. It should not be used where cutting or transformer oils occur, as the mastic dissolves under these agents. It also shows indentations under heavy storage. Mastic softens when temperatures exceed 110° F., a condition which makes trucking difficult.

Asphalt blocks are an improvement over asphalt mastic laid in a mass, for they eliminate cracking and sponginess. All other limitations for mastic floors hold for this type.

An asphalt plank floor is lighter than any flooring except wood, is easily and quickly applied when laid over concrete, and is adapted to use in trucking aisles.

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