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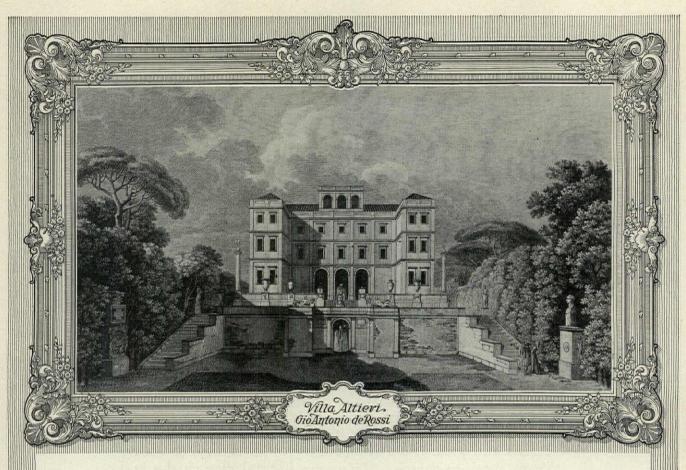
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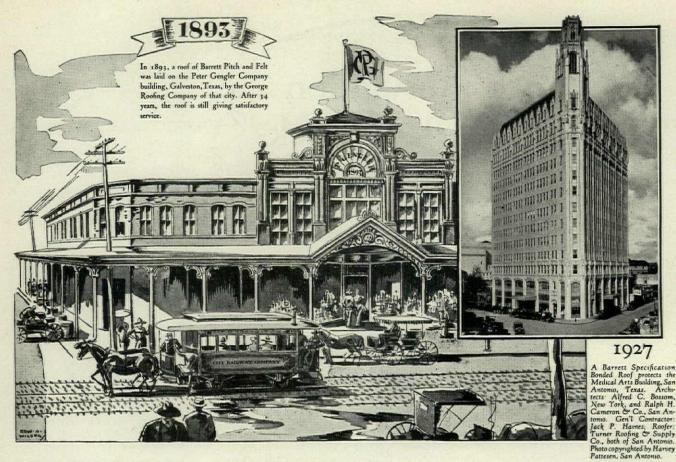




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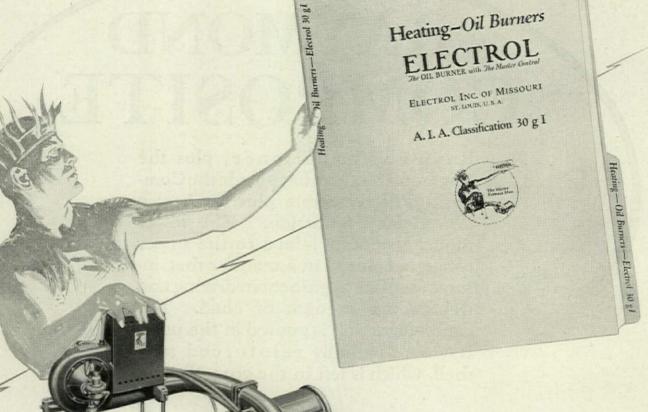
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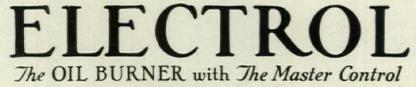
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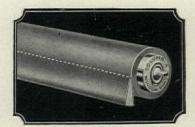
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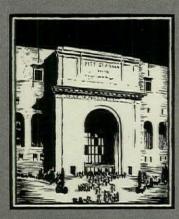
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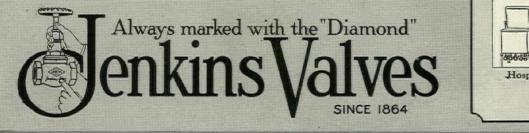
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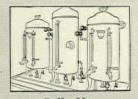
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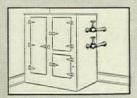
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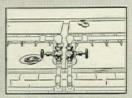


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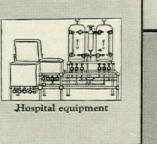




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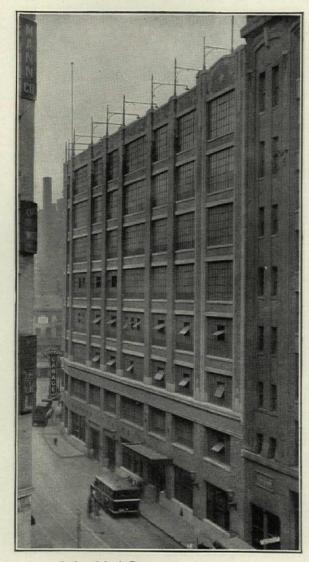
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In this system the profile of a moulded section is divided into "members".

1 MEMBER

12 MEMBERS

17 MEMBERS.

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MEMBERS

A "member" is a more or less arbitrary unit in which the edges, contour, and changes in direction of the surface between edges, and the width between edges is taken into consideration.

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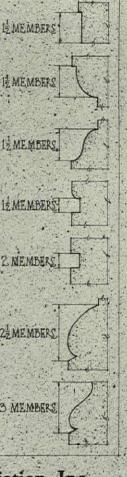


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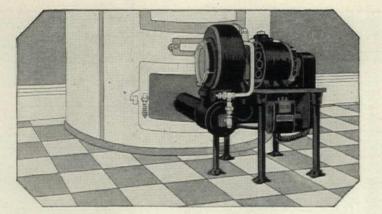
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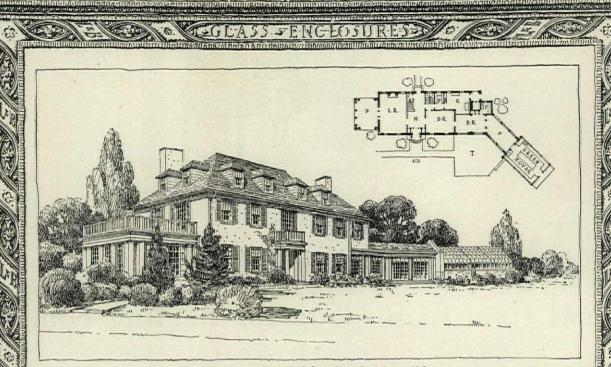
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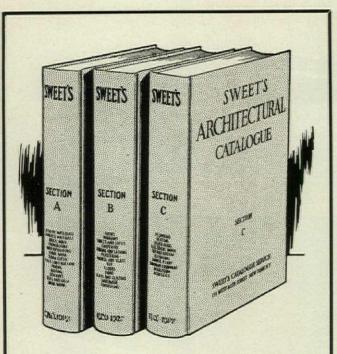
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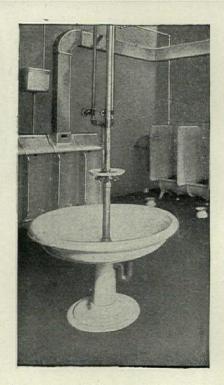
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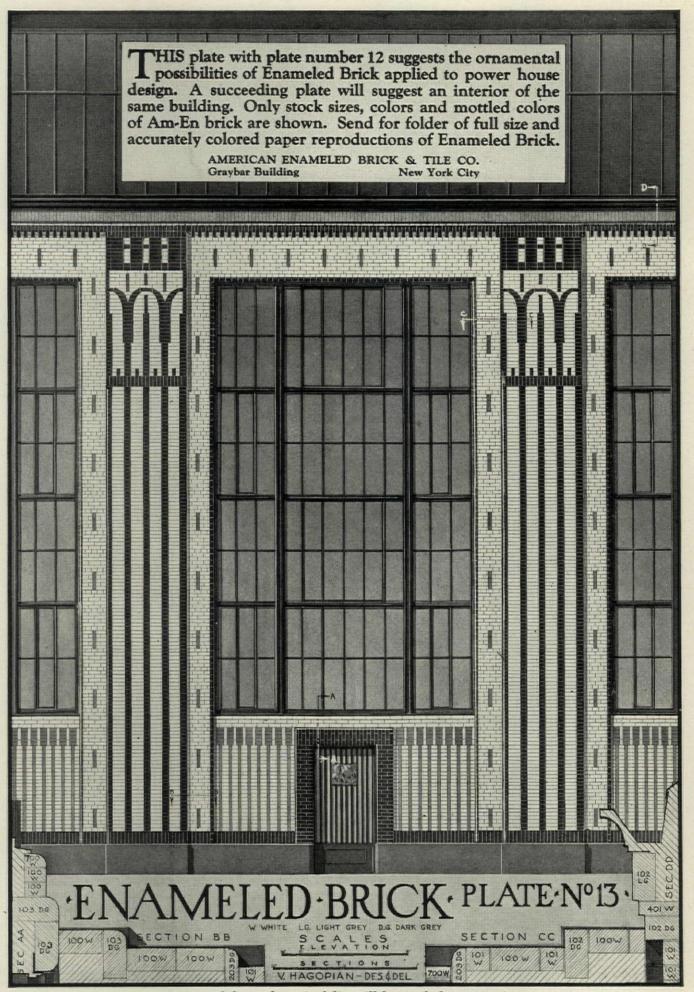
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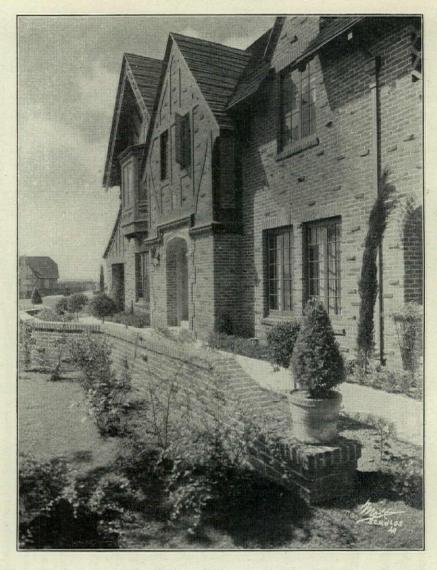
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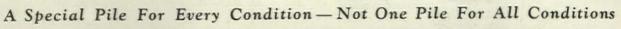
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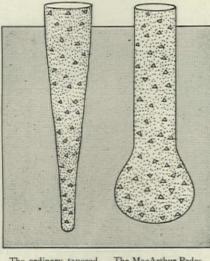
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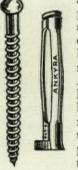
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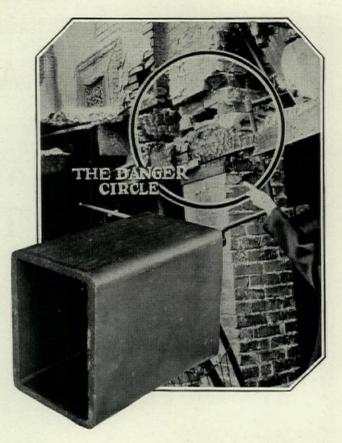
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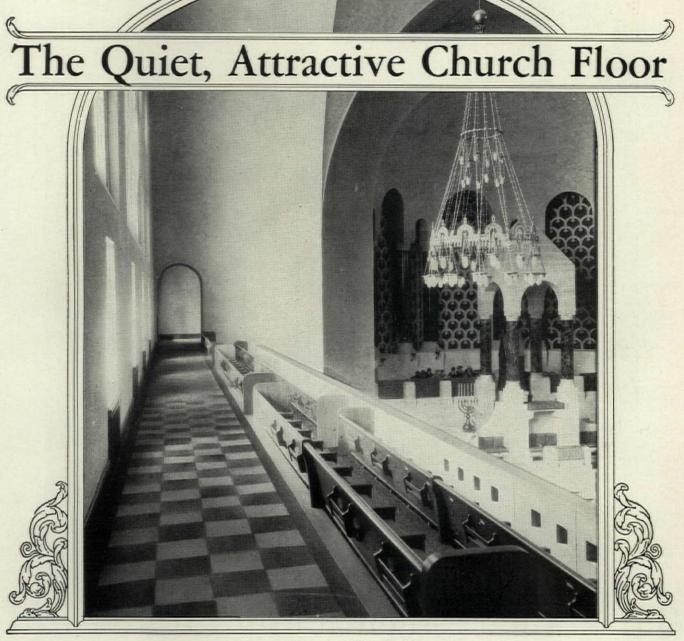


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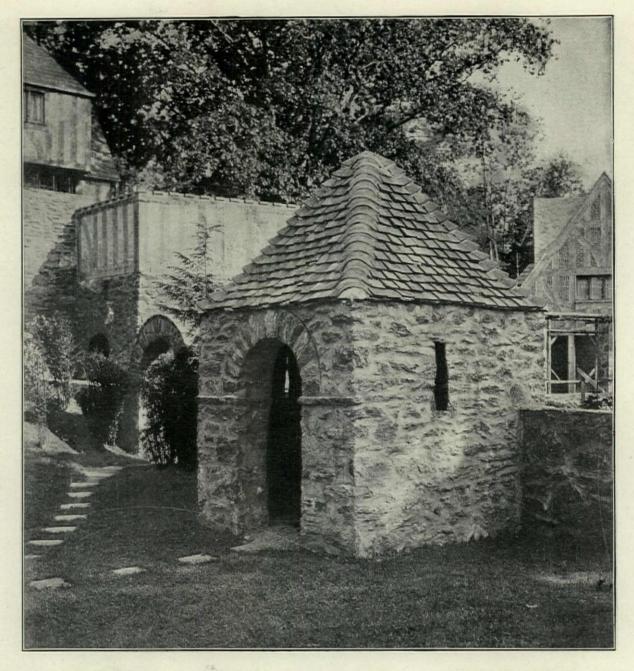
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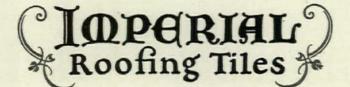
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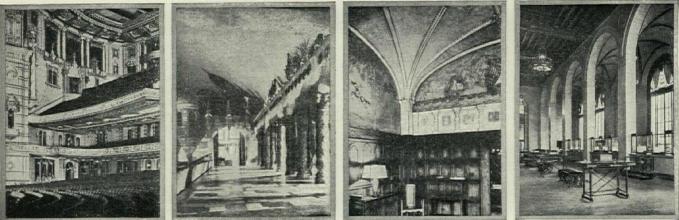
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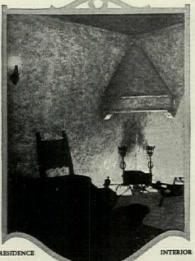
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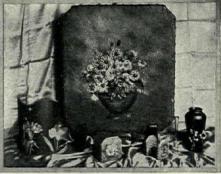
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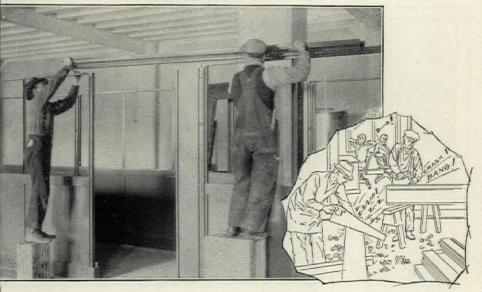
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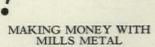
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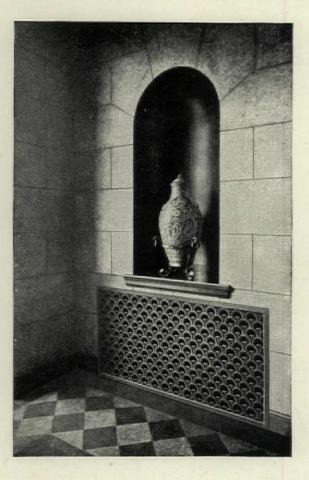
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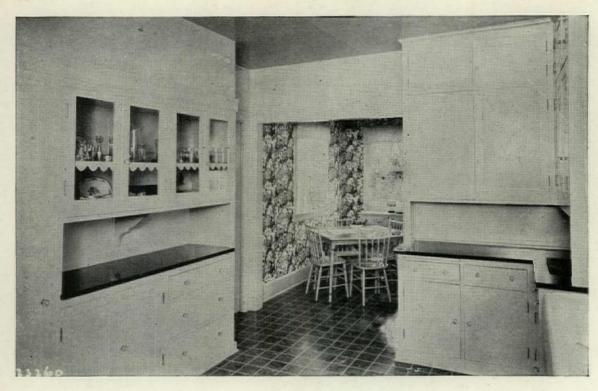
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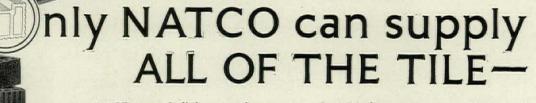
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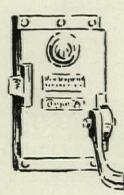
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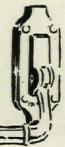
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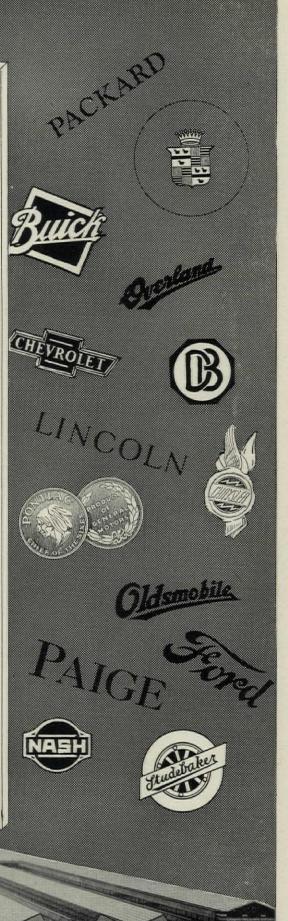
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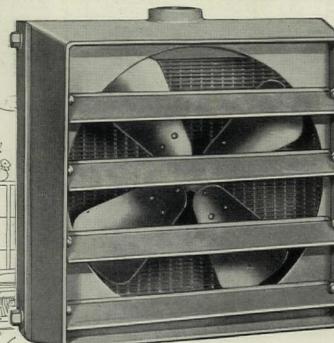
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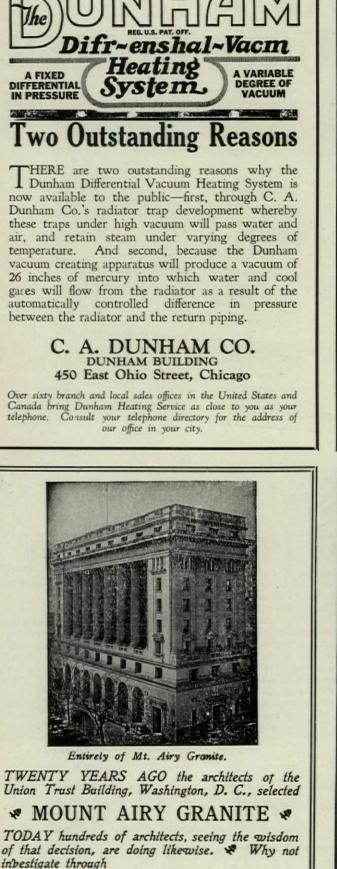
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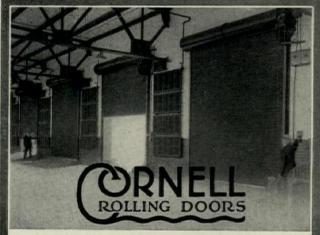
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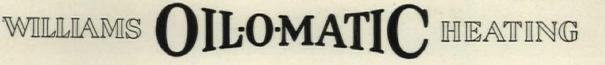
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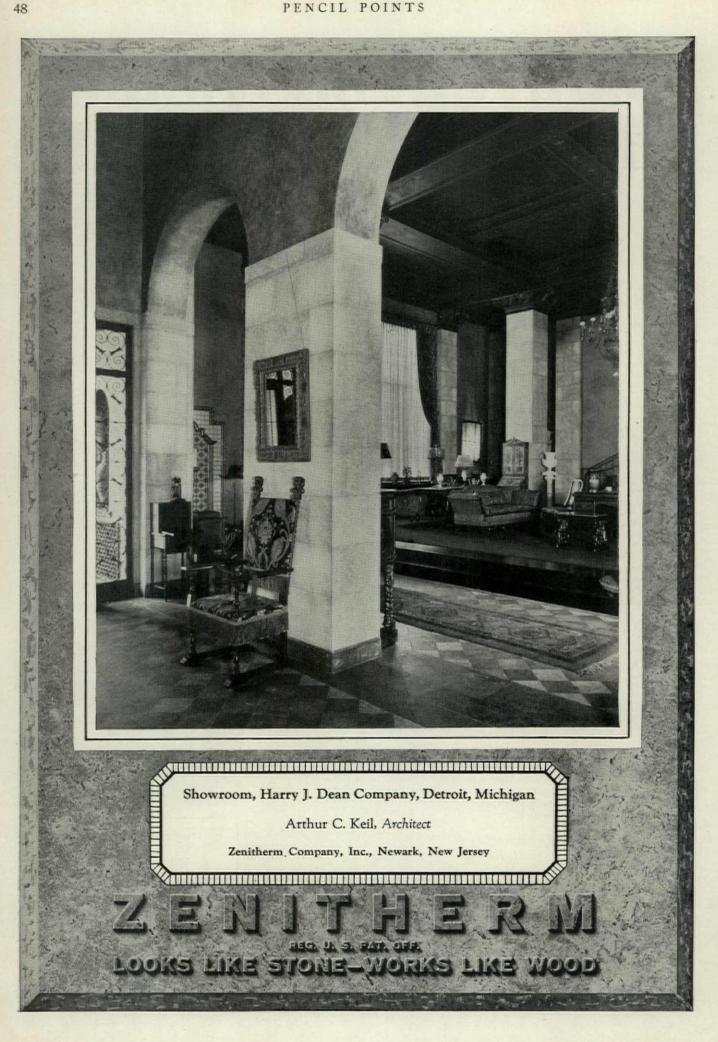
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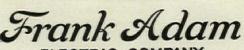






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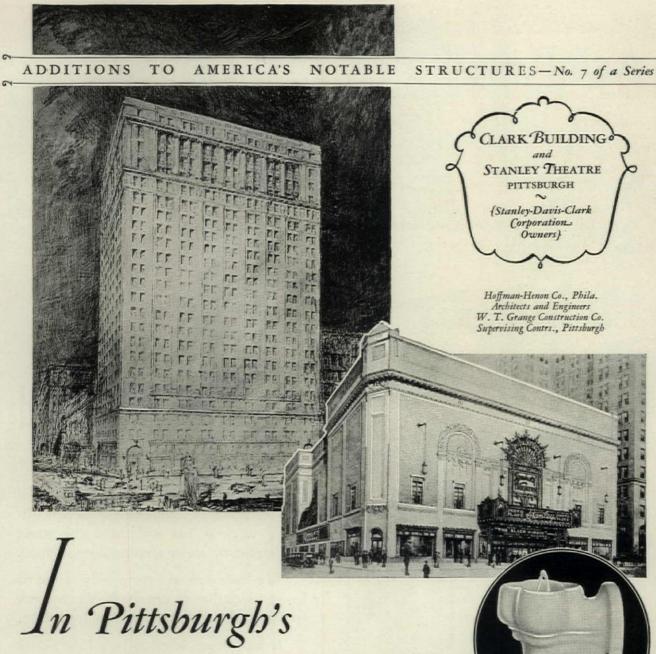
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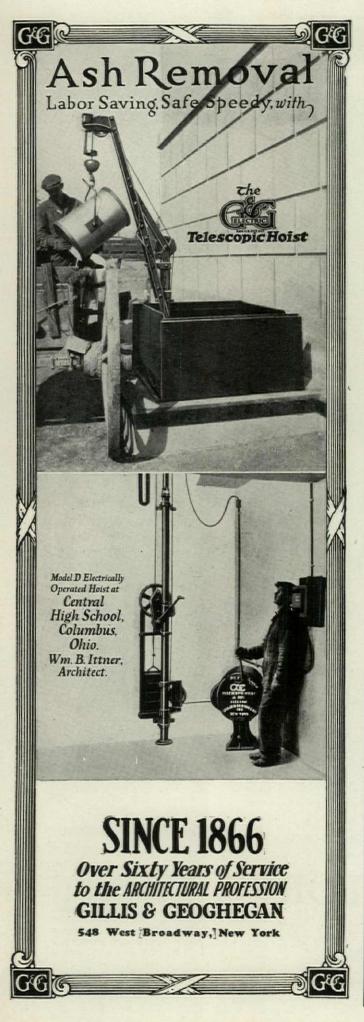
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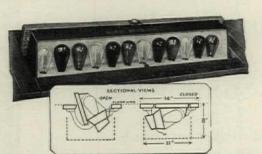
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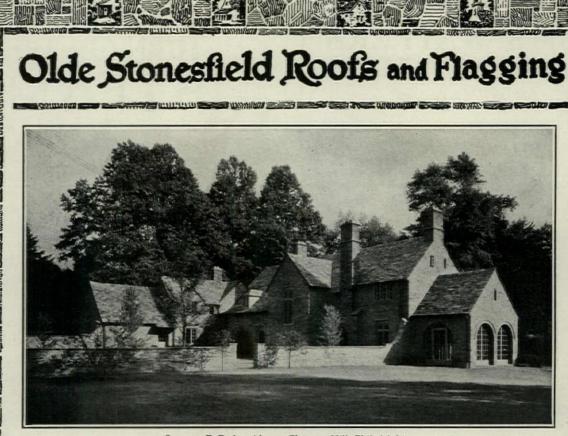
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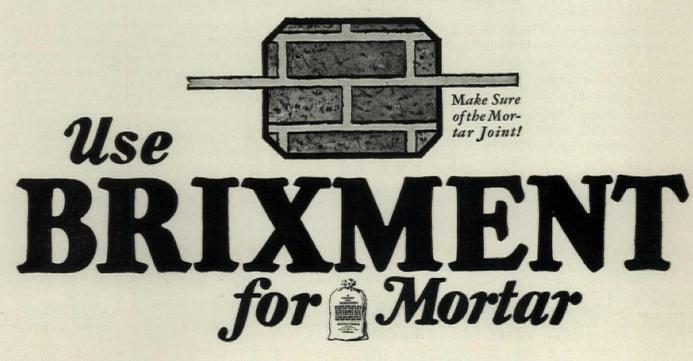
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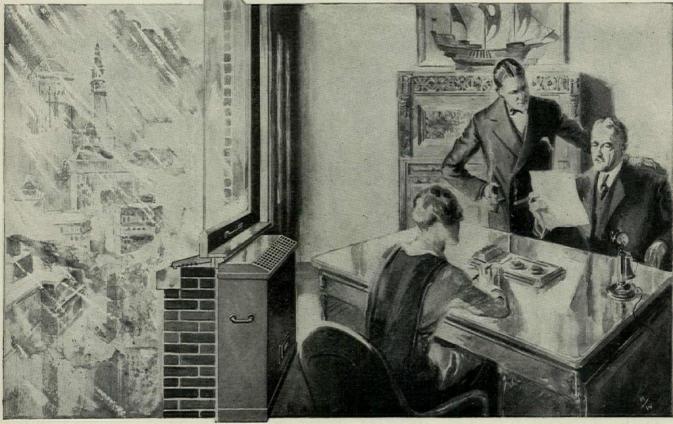
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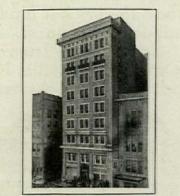
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### ARCHITECTURE AND THE SCHOOL BOY

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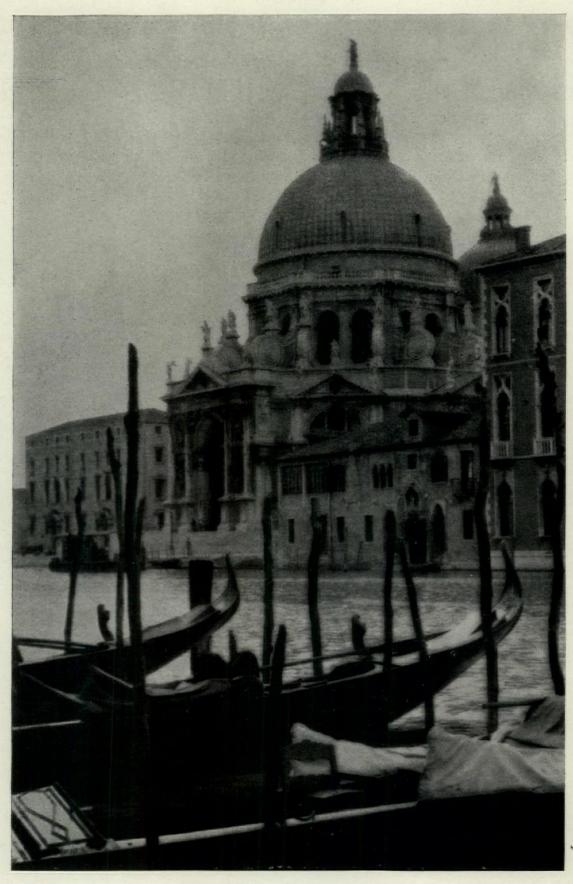
Now we come to a consideration of the beginner, of the High School boy, who has decided that he wants to become an architect. Let us encourage him in every way possible so that he may have a full appreciation of what the profession of architecture has in store for him. The students of today are the draftsmen of tomorrow-and the architects of the day after tomorrow.

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### RAMBLINGS

### A CHAT WITH THE YOUNG DRAFTSMAN

### By F. W. Fitzpatrick

OUR FRIEND THE EDITOR has been good enough to ask me to chat with you for a column or two. He did say something about a subject, Fire Prevention, or was it the Invasion of the Architectural Field by the Builders? Oh well, a garrulous old chap surely may impose upon PENCIL POINTS a bit, take liberties and chat in its columns upon whatever subject he chooses. I will chatter about those other things by and by, some other day. Just now I want to get off a wee sermonette upon—of all things, HEALTH! And, by jinks, it has more to do with Architecture than is generally wotted of, so to speak.

Here now it is just fifty years since I first began to foregather with and know architects, draftsmen, and builders. Ever since then it has been a most intimate association, and I have had opportunities to observe many, many followers of our beloved Art, or is it Business? There has been in these latter years a general improvement, it seems to me, in the profession's health and general physical condition. Prohibition perhaps is one reason, but I am sure golf can be credited with the larger share of that improvement.

In the old days drink was the curse of the profession. Many men who believed in their genius had to follow the example of the other genuises in literature and painting and the rest of 'em. They had to draw inspiration from a bottle. It was said of far too many that the tipsier they were the better they could draw. And that was a great incentive to guzzle to the limit so as to excel in our Art!

Then, too, there were many temptations. Drinking was most general. Architects and draftsmen had much to give and were courted and invited, and fat cases of good wine were sent to their homes. Building contracts, opening of bids, finishing of jobs, laying of corner stones, were all occasions of much bibbing, and some of the latter was done every day without much occasion, just to show the architect or draftsman that this or that builder or the other material man was a good fellow.

A great Danish scientist avers that every glass of beer tends to shorten life 25 minutes and a litre of spirits is apt to lop off 11 hours, so that, alas, too many of our old timers must have lived hundreds, yea thousands, of years less than they were intended to. The Wets claim that there is more drinking now than in pre-Prohibition days, especially in golf clubs. It is not so. Golf has lengthened and bettered architects' lives. Only trouble is they don't do enough of it.

What I am getting at is that as draftsman and architect the rank and file of us could and should be far healthier. Habits of life are not quite right. Spasmodic overwork is another cutter-down of general health. Badly ventilated offices, wrong positions at work, too little exercise and too much to eat can be blamed too. Take a big office full of men and you will find too many of them pale, dyspeptic, stoop-shouldered, lop-sided.

We hear a lot about great genius burning in a poor physique. In rare cases yes, but as a general proposition it is *mens sana in corpore sano*. And I know you can't do your best work with a headache gnawing at your topknot or dyspepsia dancing the Charleston in your tummy.

You must have good health to do good work. You also need a tranquil mind to give it the best study. And pleasing surroundings and good friends, a cheerful home and a non-nagging wife all contribute to the perfecting of that work. Draftsmen and architects as a class, I find, give altogether too little attention to health and these other matters, and seem to take pride in having something wrong with their innards.

Now then, it just so happens that whilst I may be a blamed poor architect, I am, at sixty-five, as healthy a specimen and perhaps the most violently active old goop you will find in the whole blooming profession. A concrete case of good health is assuredly a greater incentive or example to follow than any amount of theorizing, so I will tell you how I do it. Regularity of living, refusing to worry, good hard work and lots of exercise. I am perfectly well and the nearer you work to the system that keeps me so, the better I am sure you will be. We will qualify that by saying a system instead of the system, for, of course, locality and conditions make modification necessary, but I am speaking of the matter broadly.

I live now as I did at forty, and thirty and twenty. Seems to me that a satisfactory routine and absolute regularity go far in keeping the human machine in

order. I am up at sunrise, and take four or five glasses of hot water with a pinch of salt, followed by a good run, walk, or horseback ride,-at least an hour outdoors and going. A little bran, raisins, yeast and cream, a small saucerful, for breakfast. Then work, no lunch, as many hours as necessary to accomplish what is before me. Instead of eating at noon, I make it a half hour of handball, dumb-bells, or something to stir a man up and fit him for the afternoon's work. In summer I generally get out at four and it is tennis, hard and fast, mostly singles, until seven or even till dark. Last Fourth of July I played seventeen sets. In winter it is as nearly two hours as I can give to gym, boxing or fencing, handball, a run, and the rowing machine,-or another good walk. Then dinner, the one meal, a good dinner, not overdone, but enough, and the evening as pleasantly spent as possible, but no cocktails nor coffee, tea or other stimulant nor more than one cigar (a day) and to bed as early as possible. Six hours sleep is the most I take, but, gosh, it is sound, blissful sleep!

Stick to some régime as sane as that day in and day out and you will live long and do good work. Incidentally you will feel like a game rooster and everyone will swear you are not over fifty when you are nearing the seventy mark. Too few of you, old or young, give much attention to the physical part of life. Try it out just once—in this incarnation.

Tennis and boxing I think are the best all around sports for us who have to sit and think and stay indoors so much, though of course golf is almost as essential to a practicing architect on account of "business contacts," something like belonging to a fashionable church and to the best clubs. But, begosh, it must take away from the value of the exercise to do it with such sordid motives.

I took to boxing not naturally but perforce when quite young. An only boy, I was rather coddled as a kid, not a sis exactly but one who loved to read and draw. I kept away from rough play and companions, but I did love horses and dogs and rode a good deal.

My Father died when I was an infant. My Mother was rather impulsive and when I was nine she suddenly took a notion that the son of a Frenchman (of Irish name and descent) should know French. She was an Englishwoman and utterly innocent of French. So was I. But off to a French school was I bundled, a rather forlorn kid. Only one teacher knew a few words of English. But I learned French and never forgot it. Today I use it freely and write almost as many (and as poor) articles for French publications as I do English.

But whilst absorbing French I was also kept constantly reminded that the English were no good, one Frenchman was good for at least three Englishmen, and so on. All of which led to more or less mild denial on my part and frequent beatings. But little by little I found that sometimes I could put up a pretty good scrap, so I worked at it zealously and by the time I left the school at twelve I had licked or been licked by every boy there, acquired friends and skill and was backed up by the gang as its "champeen" against other schools.

At fifteen I began Architecture in earnest, under the best masters, with travel and so on, but along with it I as zealously applied myself to boxing and rowing, also under the best masters, and gave a pretty fair account of myself, judging by results.

In the middle eighties, quite by accident, and raw from another country, I found myself chief draftsman in the biggest office of the Northwest. Of all that gang the office boy was the only one younger than I. A motley crew, some exceedingly fine fellows. For instance, just before me, Hains and LaFarge had been in charge but had gotten enough of the wooly West and gone back to New York, where sometime later they won the competition for St. John's Cathedral. Most of the men who later made the Northwest what it is passed through that office, some of the finest draftsmen the country has known. Harvey Ellis, for instance, than whom no finer pen-and-ink worker ever lived, was there for a time. And engineers too. Strom for one, who was the first man to figure out all the possibilities of skyscraper construction. To him is due perhaps half the credit of really devising that construction.

But the majority of the chaps in that office were tramps. Like the printers of those days, draftsmen were a more or less itinerant lot. They would stay there a few weeks or months, then off to California or back East, and their habits were very similar to those of the printers.

Three-quarters of the pay checks came back from bar-rooms and such places. Often I would note the disappearance of many tee-squares; a dollar sent to the nearest bar would redeem them. They had been pledged for a few guzzles.

To keep anything like discipline and order and get some work done required tact, perseverance and a strong arm. I had large, frequent and not unwelcome opportunities to exercise what skill I had in quick action and pretty thorough knowledge of the manly art. At different times a six-inch dirk, an axe, and several bricks would have accounted for me had I not been fairly handy. All this was rather a revelation to a fellow fresh from most respectable fields. One of the first days there on coming back to the office I was greeted with the sight of six drunken louts asleep on their drawing boards. Another time two of that same crew got into a squabble and by the time I heard it one had the other half out of a sixthstory window. And there was comical as well as almost tragic stuff. One chap's wife was going back home to the South for a visit to her Ma and he and his three cronies in the office, all gotten up in their best, went to see her off. Of course, to console him they afterward made a tour of down town. In those

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### DRAWING TREES WITH PEN AND INK

### ANOTHER CHAPTER FOR THE BOOK ON PEN DRAWING

### By Arthur L. Guptill

HE WORD TREES, AS USED above, is meant to be inclusive, for it is not our intention to confine our discussion in this chapter to the representation of trees alone. Aside from them we shall also touch on such similar things as bushes, vines and grass.

To acquire the skill to draw all of these is by no means easy, yet the need for doing so is apparent, for there is hardly a follower of any one of the fine and applied arts who does not, at one time or another, have some of them to picture.

The landscape artist and the landscape architect perhaps need the largest amount of special knowledge along these lines, for to them all such things are of primary consideration. The architect and his assistants, too, necessarily deal with them so often as a part of the settings for their buildings, that they must give their representation serious attention; particularly must he who specializes in architectural delineation have real skill in this direction. Even the art student, especially if he has illustration in mind as a profession, needs to become familiar with them, too; if he uses them for nothing else they will still be valuable as accessories to other subjects.

Obviously it is impossible for one to draw all these things well unless he knows them well. A too frequent failing of beginners is that they think that because they have always been surrounded by such things they have automatically come to a full knowledge of them; they therefore try to draw them from memory when their mental impressions are too vague to make this practical. There are others who learn to do one or two types of trees and bushes with a fair degree of satisfaction, and who then grow indolent, thereafter employing these same trees repeatedly regardless of their appropriateness to place or purpose.

It is only from outdoor sketching that one can hope to acquire a real knowledge of these subjects. Drawing from good photographs is of course valuable training, too, and easier for the beginner. There is no harm in studying, and occasionally copying, representations by other artists. As a preparation for all of this work, however, or accompanying it, one should brush up on his botany, and above all he should study some of the books which are mainly devoted to a consideration of trees. There are plenty such, among which we might mention F. Schuyler Mathews' Field Book of American Trees and Shrubs, which is excellent, especially from the draftsman's standpoint, as it is fully illustrated with pen, crayon, and color reproductions. Then there are some written entirely for the artist, among which Rex Vicat Cole's The Artistic Anatomy of Trees is splendid, for

although it is an English volume dealing mainly with trees native to England, it nevertheless offers many suggestions applicable to the representation of our own trees. A perusal of such volumes will not only familiarize one with the names and leading characteristics of the more common varieties and train him in the laws which govern their growth, but should, also, strengthen his love and appreciation of the beautiful in nature. It is by no means necessary to learn all the scientific terms employed, unless one chances to be a landscape architect, or to memorize more than a few essential facts concerning each species. It is advantageous, however, to gain enough of a knowledge to enable one to answer such questions as the following,-What are evergreen trees? What are deciduous trees? Name some of the characteristics of the Pine family,-of the Maple family,-of the Birch,-of the Beech. Do elms grow in Ohio? Are hemlocks found in Kentucky? Name five trees that are tall and pointed. Name five that are short and widespread. Questions like these may seem unrelated to pen sketching, but they really are not. They are especially pertinent for the illustrator or the architectural delineator, either of whom may be called upon at any time to make drawings of places which he has never visited. Unless he has acquired such a knowledge, therefore, or knows where he can easily secure the information when it is needed, he may make absurd errors.

It is, of course, particularly important for one to be familiar with the trees and shrubs and grass and vines of his own vicinity, so he should visit a park or the country, sketchbook in hand, looking for actual examples to illustrate the things he has read. Before starting to draw he should take an observing walk. He might first concentrate on the trees. How do they appear in the distance? Can one see the individual Do the trees look flat? Do they appear leaves? Do the trunks seem darker or lighter than round? the foliage? Do the trunks and branches seem of a uniform tone? As he strolls about in this questioning way, comparing one tree with another, observing the shape of the general mass of each, analyzing, also, its skeleton of trunk, limbs, branches, and twigs, he might be selecting the subject for his first sketch, using his viewfinder as an aid. As a rule a beginner will have less trouble if he first draws some subject far enough from him to show little confusion of detail. A tree in full foliage is often easier to do than one which is bare, also-when the subject has been selected one should search for the best viewpoint from which to draw it,-then he should get out

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### FIGURE 1, ILLUSTRATING PEN-AND-INK TECHNIQUE FOR FOLIAGE

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his materials and make himself as comfortable as possible.

Just as for the drawing of any other type of subject there should be a few minutes of analysis before the paper is touched. What of the shape of the tree? What of its values? Is it lighter or darker than the sky? What of its edges,-are they soft or sharp and clean-cut?

Such observation will show that some trees are nearly round and much like balls,-a thought which has been illustrated at "1", Figure 1. Others seem like groups of balls of varying size in combination, as at "2" in the same plate. Still others are suggestive of such geometric forms as cones, cylinders, ovoids and ellipsoids. They can be represented, then, in much the same way as these geometric solids, yet care must be taken that they do not seem too heavy and solid when finished. And it is seldom that they hold exactly to any geometric form, unless they have been carefully trimmed. In fact even a tree which seems ball-like in general mass usually diverges sufficiently from this form to make it possible to entirely bound it with a line made up largely or wholly of straight strokes. This means that though it is helpful to think of trees as similar in form to geometric solids, they should not be rendered without also taking into account these customary variations.

When one has analyzed his subject he should proceed with his sketch. There are several things essential to satisfactory delineation of trees, and one of them is that the outline or contour drawn for each tree should be a correct expression of its proportions. If it is, a good foundation has been laid for a creditable drawing. Unless it is, no amount of labor on the technique will make up for it. As an exemplification of the importance of contour we have made marginal sketches. These show that even a solid black silhouette drawing of a tree is surprisingly expressive of its true appearance. In these sketches, for instance, one would scarcely mistake the elm for the apple or maple.

Though we have just recommended accuracy in the delineation of tree contours, we do not mean that one has to be as painstakingly correct as when drawing portraits of people; for trees, even of one species, vary so in size and shape that the observer, in looking at a drawing of one, is not able to notice faults of proportion which would seem alarmingly conspicuous in representations of many subjects. The important thing is for the artist to learn to express the main characteristics of contour well, and especially such of these as are peculiar to each species. If this is done, one's sketch in contour will always have promise of becoming convincing when finally rendered.

As the student works at the perfecting of his contour, which is usually lightly indicated temporarily by a few dots of the pen, or by delicate pencil lines, hterpretate



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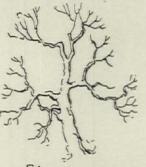
FIGURE 2, ILLUSTRATING PEN-AND-INK TECHNIQUE FOR FOLIAGE

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framework or skeleton,—the trunk and the branches. Faulty construction of these lines of growth causes many of the failures of the beginner. Therefore it is well for one to carefully suggest, in pencil, not only the larger branches which are plainly visible, but also those which are partly hidden, if a hint of their directions can be traced through the foliage of the tree itself.

With the contour right, and the framework correctly suggested, the values of light and dark are the next consideration. If a tree is nearby, its values often seem extremely complex; each leaf which is visible has contrasts in light and shade of its own. It is in view of these complexities that we advise the beginner to draw trees which are not too near him. If a tree is in the extreme distance, and the sun is not too bright or the air too clear, it often shows only one plane of tone, which can be represented by a silhouette of gray, as has been suggested on page 465. Sometimes a distant tree stands out as a single dark plane against another tree, or mass of trees, which appear as a lighter plane, as shown. Now and then the opposite is true. These are extreme examples, however. More often a tree, even in the distance, has at least two rather distinct planes, in addition to which it is often seen in relief against a background plane of still different value. Still more often it is hard to resolve the values of a tree or bush into less than three planes. When it comes to the interpretation of these planes there is sometimes no definite line of demarkation between them. Reference to the marginal sketches will make these points clear. The student, then, having completed his contour and having blocked out the framework of branches, should observe the direction of light, and the resulting values of light and shade on the subject which he is drawing. If they appear to be confusingly complex he may be able to see them in a more simplified form if he squints at them through partly closed eyes, thus blurring the detail. Or he may get a similar effect by walking directly away from the tree, observing it from a greater distance. He should try to think of the whole as resolved into a limited number of values, and as another aid to this it is often advantageous for him to make one or two little trial value sketches of it, similar to those shown. Having done this he is ready to render his larger sketch.

This brings us to a consideration of the actual technique used for this work, which is highly important, for it is here that the student, and particularly the beginner, seems to have the greatest trouble. This is often because he tries too hard; instead of using the technique which seems to him a logical expression of that which is before him, he attempts to apply some method which he has seen used by some other artist, perhaps for an entirely different purpose. He knows, of course, that he cannot hope to render every leaf; instead he should study the general direction of growth in every part of a tree. In some trees or some parts of trees leaves are drooping,—in others they



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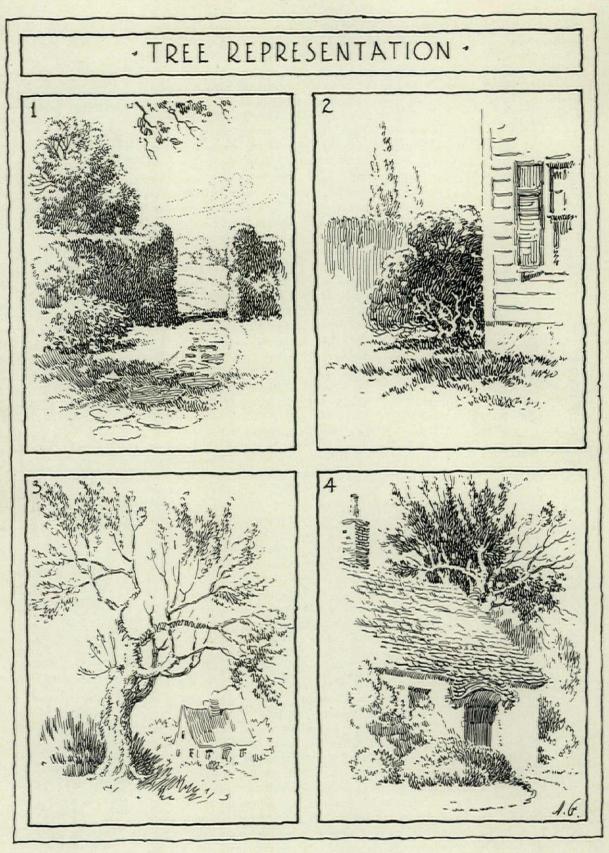


FIGURE 3, APPLICATIONS OF METHODS FOR RENDERING TREES, BUSHES, AND GRASS

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are stiff and upright. It is these directions of growth that one should try to interpret, and the strokes used should be those which seem to offer a natural expression of this growth. The stroke which one would select to represent the drooping leafage of the willow, for instance, might not do at all for suggesting the bristling pine.

Figure 1 shows at "3" a number of sketches of bushes in which a variety of strokes have been applied; similar strokes would do as well for rendering trees. Figure 2 offers several other applications. Figure 2 presents one of the most popular strokes of all, for not only can it be done very quickly but it can be applied with variations to the representation of almost any subject having foliage. The plate is self explanatory. Before sketching outdoors, one should study these plates and other examples by various artists, and should then practice such indications as appeal to him the most, later applying an appropriate one to each outdoor subject.

When the foliage is finished on a sketch, the student should complete the branches, if they can be seen, and the visible portions of the trunk. These should be modelled so as to express their correct shapes; they will usually seem rounded unless in the distance. One should notice the great difference between the tone of the bark in light and in shade, a difference which is frequently exaggerated by the artist to good advantage, as is shown by marginal sketches. In one, for instance, the nearby limb is in the sunshine; it has been left white. The farther limb is in shadow and has been made dark by lines running lengthwise of it. In another the branches are both left white, excepting the upper portion of the nearer, which has been darkened by lines running around it. The nearer one casts a shadow on the other, which detaches the two. Shadows of this type, cast on a limb by foliage or by another limb, are common to trees. A less usual effect is shown also, where the nearer branch is the one in shadow, the other being light behind it. In one sketch all of the branches are light but run up into strong shadow just as they disappear in the leafage, a very frequent condition. Just as we have these sharp shadows on branches we often find the upper edges of holes through foliage in deep shade, which means that in rendering them it is necessary to accent them. This makes the holes look like holes and not like clumps of light leaves.

Not only should these minor shades and shadows, which seem parts of trees themselves, be given attention, but when one draws a tree he should handle thoughtfully the main shadow which the tree casts on the ground. Often the shape of this shadow helps to give a correct impression of the shape of the tree and of the character of the ground itself. The type of line used for suggesting the shadow on the ground will depend largely on whether the ground is smooth or rough, bare, or covered with grass. If smooth and

bare, horizontal strokes sometimes seem to give the best results. If covered with close-cropped grass, similar strokes may be used to advantage, but if the grass lacks the perfect smoothness of a newly mowed and well-kept lawn, strokes done with greater freedom and generally in more or less of a vertical direction are better. Note the grass suggestion in Sketch "5" at the bottom of Figure 2, as well as in several of the sketches in Figure 3. Study other drawings, too, in order to get as many suggestions as possible for grass indication. Comparisons of reproductions will show that if one draws the shadows of trees, buildings and the like, as they fall on the grass, the white of the paper may sometimes be left blank-or nearly so-for those areas of grass which are in sunlight.

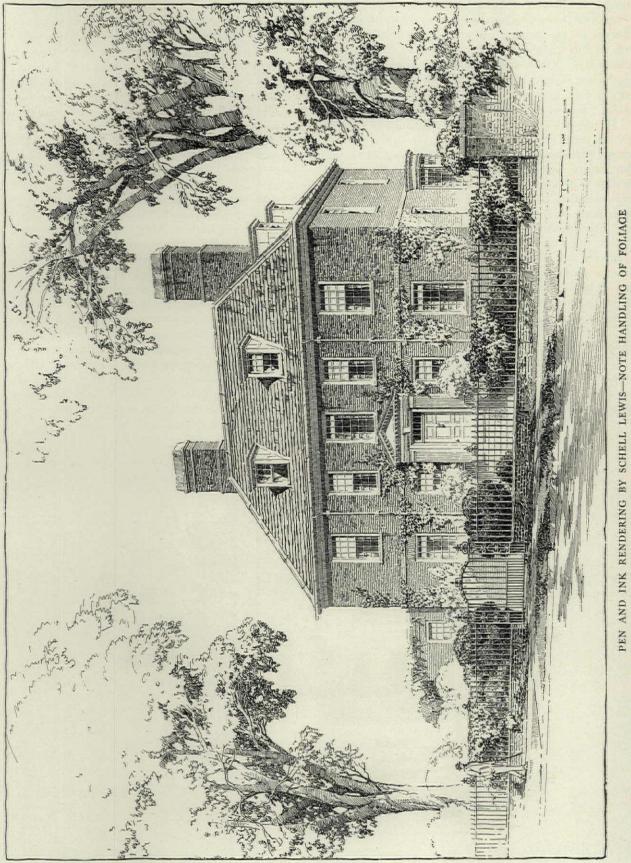
But we are digressing a bit. If a tree casts a shadow onto a building, and this building is included in the sketch of the tree, it is important to get the shadow correct in shape, right in value, and at the same time expressive of the surfaces on which it falls.

When the student has completed his first tree sketch he should try others; - having done a few drawings of individual trees, adding bits of the surroundings, if he chooses, he might attempt groups of two or more trees. In such a case the shadows cast by each tree on its neighbor should be represented with care. Often when one tree or bush is partly in front of another there are very interesting contrasts of light and dark. In Sketch 5, Figure 1, at "A" one bush has been left almost white against a darker one behind it, the lightest values of green not being indicated at all. We have something of the same effect in Sketch 1, Figure 3, for there the tree beyond the hedge starts light at the top and grades down to dark as it disappears behind the hedge. This in turn is light on the top where the sunlight strikes it most directly; then it darkens until it forms a foil to set off the foreground bush. On the same plate at "4" the dark of one bush and of the doorway throws the shrubbery beneath the door into relief.

Though most outdoor tree sketching is done in the summer, the student will add greatly to his knowledge of trees if he gives some attention to them as they appear at different times of the year. In the autumn or winter, when the leaves have fallen from the deciduous trees, one has the best opportunity to study their skeletons. It is surprising what a variety of types exist. Some trees have a very meagre arrangement of branches. Some, instead of this barrenness, have a surprising richness; there seems almost no end to the arrangements of trunks, limbs, branches and twigs. One should sketch some of these contrasting arrangements. If the weather is too cold to permit this, several photographs might be made to be drawn later. The shadows cast by these skeletons on the ground or the snow, or on buildings, are also worthy of study; in fact one can hardly afford to neglect them. One of the marginal sketches shows







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one of these skeleton forms done in the winter time, —another shows the same form as it appeared partly clothed in the spring. Another sketch showing the tree in full leafage would have added to the value of this study. Vines, and especially those which grow on houses, should also be drawn at different seasons of the year; they are not difficult once tree representation has been mastered.

During all of this study and sketching one should try to memorize the leading characteristics of the things investigated, thus building a firm foundation for future memory work. The sketches themselves should be preserved, too, for no matter how imperfect or incomplete they may seem when made, they may later prove of inestimable value for reference.

Figure 4 shows two outdoor studies of the sort which the student might try, the first being of a complete tree, the second of portions of a group of trees and bushes. It will be noticed that in a number of places the nearest branches, which are out in sunshine, have been left white; the farther ones, being in shadow, are shown dark. This gives depth to the sketches. The trees do not look flat as they sometimes do in drawings.

The architectural student should make many studies like those in Figure 3, particularly "2" and "4", for he must early learn how to represent trees, bushes, grass, and the like, as part of his settings for architecture. In fact this is important for almost anyone who is learning to draw. Trees used as part of an architectural setting are generally of the common kinds and rendered in a somewhat conventional manner so they will not detract from the architecture. Such trees are less interesting, however, than are those which are unusual in character. Old, gnarled, wind-blown veterans, for example, that have fought the elements for years, are the sort which bring joy to any lover of sketching, and when one has arrived at a reasonable degree of skill in the delineation of the more usual but less individual types, these are the kinds he will seek.

In conclusion, just a word about trees in motion. Such trees as we have just described, especially those which have stood for years in exposed positions, often have become permanently deformed or crippled, either through reaching out towards the sun, or, more often, through the force of the wind. If such deformity exists the artist must try to portray it; if he cannot do so his drawing is in a measure a failure. Trees, too, are often seen waving back and forth in the breeze or temporarily bent by the force of the wind, or, again, there is simply a rustling or rippling tremor to the leaves. Such movements as these last are of course extremely difficult to suggest,-it is interesting to try to do so now and then, however, The other effects of motion, particularly the bending of a tree by the wind, being less subtle, do not offer such obstacles to the artist, who can, therefore, learn with practice to suggest them expressively.



PEN-AND-INK DRAWING BY BERNARD S. SHERIDAN SCENE AT CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

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# SPANISH SKETCHES

## By Edmund R. Purves

**1** O SKETCH INTELLIGENTLY in Spain, or for that matter in any other place, is to understand the country and its people and to appreciate to a marked degree its atmosphere. Sketching, even of the primarily architectural strain, is a highly personal affair and unconsciously reflective; even as is architecture itself the child of its creator. The old equation still applies and the merit of the result is commensurate with the labor and the fervor.

To accomplish a bit of satisfaction is ridiculously easy in that merry land and does not necessitate more than the scantest knowledge of its sweetly harsh language. "Manana" and "Muchas gracias" if applied with abandon, suffice, and the necessary food, drink, and lodging come as a matter of course. Which last, despite many warnings to the contrary, I have always found abundant and beyond reproach. I am not, however, overly fastidious by habit or nature, yet there were certain demands which never failed to be met.

The difficulty of voyaging in Spain is purely a myth, founded perhaps on the facts of many years ago. At any rate I would far rather trust myself to the mercies of an Andalusian brigand, should such a person actually exist, than to the policed streets of almost any of our cities. Spanish ignorance I failed to find and Spanish ill-humor appeared to be an unknown quality. In passing I might add that Spanish good-humor, whose depth varies throughout the country, can always be brought to the surface by more or less simple operations,-and the effort is well repaid. A merry laugh is an "open sesame" and worth more than much gold. Also it is often well to seek the friendship of the biggest and most important policeman in town, not as a matter of protection, but because he invariably knows the ropes, and if his aid is once enlisted almost perfect senatorial immunity may be enjoyed.

Unfortunately Spain is so rapidly passing into the tourist-ridden class into which sorry category Italy and France are fast falling, that I urge speed, utmost speed, for any one with Spanish intentions. This passing is due to the progress of the Royal Automobile Club, the inception of a Spanish line of steamboats, and the presence of a king with a genius for advertising. I recollect with a certain glow, a genuine glow of nostalgic satisfaction, that I have seen shepherds of the south, high up in the fastnesses of the Sierras, black-hatted, short-coated, and wearing rawhide thongs over their goat-skin leggings; and those of the north wrapped in great sheltering cloaks on the wind-swept plains of Estramadura; and that I have heard the clatter of castanets in a spring evening in Seville coming from a hundred streets. I have heard still stranger and more eerie music from great bagpipes played in Catalonian villages, and seen a fiesta in a small town near Valencia where seemingly unending bowers of a million blossoms were wrought of simple streets; this and a hundred other sights and sounds come floating back to this time and country.

So I urge speed, to see, learn, and love before the inroads of Messrs. Cook and Bartlett have become boulevards littered with gas stations and the offenses of a thousand advertisements. Of course color, composition, and the theatrical fantastic material of the land are rather immovable (despite the destruction wrought by American progress) but they form a scant half, and a lifeless half, without the generous if unconscious aid of a people who still continue to lead their own lives.

Of material for your pencil, crayon or brush there is a wealth but slightly scratched, and then only in the rather customary grooves of Granada, Ronda, and Toledo. Grooves into which I slid with utmost ease, and for which sliding I am not altogether sorry; grooves for which I even hold a bit of a brief. I spent little time in looking for the unknown spot. I was not a discoverer, merely a draftsman trying to solve the problem "why is architecture". I am not an artist or even a sketcher, whatever technique fought its way to the front arrived "ipso facto".

I highly recommend drawing the customary view. It is without exception the best, and has been proven so through generations of artistic endeavor. It survives the last analysis. Particularly for architects it is inadvisable to go in search of the undiscovered, it is not worth the effort. Far better to spend every available minute in a complete study of the aspect at hand. I was more interested in carrying on my own education than in surprising whatever friends might show even the most cursory interest in the fruits of my expedition. The practice of bringing home an unknown bit of architecture to transplant in these United States always seemed to me particularly vicious and stupid. A lamentable pursuit followed by too many of our travelling architects and draftsmen. Whole days are wasted in trying to find something nobody has seen before, and carrying an idea securely home to foist on an untravelled clientèle.

But to continue, go!—go by all means; while the mule bells still tinkle, and while people still cling to a bit of romance, a flash of natural color, and live out the tradition of centuries of doing as they please and doing it when they please, even with architecture. See what could be done with Gothic magnificence, how the Renaissance could be playfully munipulated and when Romanesque was of the soil, when through every aspect of life there runs a strain of the Orient and the clash of far off cymbals, and PENCIL POINTS

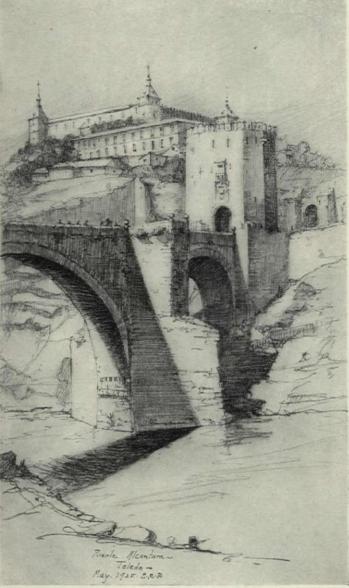


WOLFF PENCIL SKETCH BY EDMUND R. PURVES THE BRIDGE AT RONDA where a beleaguered nation still holds out against the blight of encircling civilization.

Coming down to actual fact, should a personal narrative be of interest to anyone. Perhaps one might glean something of advice or of warning. Space forbids any but a short summary of five fruitful weeks spent in as comprehensive a tour of Spain as was possible in so short a period.

The coming and going was not altogether of my own choosing and I was resting up a day in Clermont Ferrand after some few weeks' walking over the hills of Auvergne, looking at every Romanesque church that had ever been tucked away in the folds of that land, when an old friend appeared with a new Ford in which he suggested that we circumnavigate Spain. The invitation was greedily accepted and we sped forth the following day after a farewell dinner to ourselves at a restaurant of note. We continued our merry way through Rodez, Albi, and Carcassonne to Perpignan, rushing madly through some of the fairest of France in our haste for Spanish adventure.

In Perpignan we bade ourselves goodbye again and loaded o u r machine with extra gasoline, tires, tools, and even food



SKETCH BY EDMUND R. PURVES THE ALCANTARA BRIDGE AT TOLEDO

and drink as if for an expedition to a savage hinterland. All of which was subsequently proven to be a wholly unnecessary gesture, for a country more completely supplied with Ford mechanics and spare parts than Spain is scarcely to be found. And incidentally despite our utter ignorance of the native language we never failed to obtain even more than our natural share of three square meals a day. I heartily endorse touring by Ford in Spain, especially if two or more can be of the party. It is no more expensive and far more pleasant than train travel. To begin with anyone going anywhere by train in Spain, as I have been told, must change at Boabadilla, from all accounts a desolate spot,—while we never approached nearer than fifty miles to it

> and laughed in our sleeves. Though as a sidelight on the joys of railroading my friend Muirhead Bone, the etcher, showed me a book full of landscape sketches done on a Spanish train in full motion. The windows, he explained, were quite clean.

> Before the question is asked my confidence can be encroached upon to the admission (made with some pride) that the total cost of my trip to Spain, including board and lodging, gasoline, tires, car washing, sketching materials, theatres, beggars, and bull-fights, was two hundred and fifty dollars. And I believe that there is still time to carry on in like fashion.

> We crashed through the mountains beyond Perpignan and bowled down through Catalonia to Gerona where we spent our first night. From there we went to Barcelona and caught our breaths, after

which we followed the coast through Tarragona, Tortosa, Sagunto, Valencia, making dashes on the side to Montserrat and Poblet.

After Valencia we left the sea and went over the mountains by Jativa to Alicante and thence through Elche and Orihuela to Murcia. A vastly interesting and unexpected trip of African illusion. From Murcia we headed for Granada and Andalusia, which is the most beautiful country in the world, past cave towns and lofty sierras and through twisted, fantastic valleys—settings for the activities of brigands.

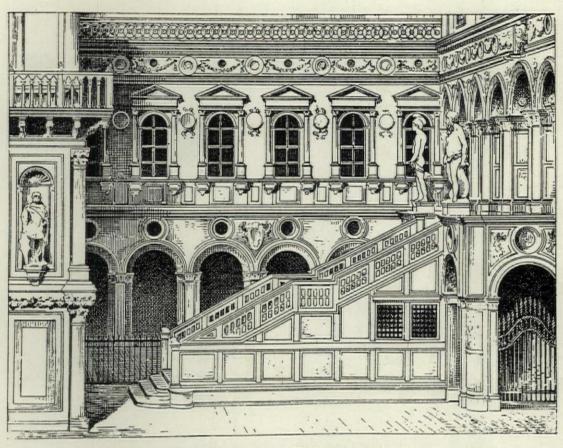
Granada and the Alhambra marked a sort of goal and we basked for five unforgettable days under the trees listening to nightingales. After Granada came Malaga and Ronda, and then on we went to Seville through the wheat countries and past vast bullraising ranches.

From Seville we made a dash from Madrid through Merida and Trujillo but our flight was arrested at Talavera de la Reina due to motor trouble and we spent a night in a Spanish inn. A comfortable night too. Madrid was a matter of hours from which trips to Toledo, Aranjuez and the Escurial are to be made. There is nothing of note in Madrid except the Prado, and the only shop in Spain where Wolff pencils may be bought in unlimited quantities. I did all my sketching with Wolff pencils on ordinary paper for convenience and economy.

From Madrid we pursued our way northward to Segovia, thence to Burgos and finally out through Logrono and Pamplona to St. Jean Pied de Port. Of course we missed innumerable places, monuments, and scenes which serve, however, as a further incentive to return. We never reached Cordova, Valladolid, Salamanca, Avila, Leon, Oviedo and many other spots, but we had our vision of the country, the land teeming with romance and theatrical composition of towering towns and splendid rocks, and kindly natural natives. We learned how academic styles may be taken and made to do tricks at the will of an irrepressible people, and that architectural inspiration does not come from rule and rote alone, but from imagination and ability. This was our Spanish legacy. For who can doubt the majesty of the Giralda or the forbidding grandeur of the Escurial or the stalwart splendor of the bridge at Ronda?



WOLFF PENCIL SKETCH BY EDMUND R. PURVES CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, TOLEDO



AN EXTERNAL OR COURT STAIRWAY, FROM THE DOGE'S PALACE, VENICE

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# GUADET'S "ELEMENTS AND THEORY OF ARCHITECTURE," VOLUME IV

### By Thomas E. O'Donnell

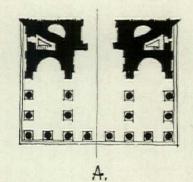
THE FOURTH AND LAST volume of Guadet's work is, in many respects, the most interesting of the series. It is certainly the most varied in subject matter. In a way, it forms an extended supplement to the first three volumes and a summary of the work of a lifetime of this most eminent architect. The volume consists of his final series of lectures to the students at the Ecole des Beaux Arts and, like all the other volumes of the series, is well illustrated. It is arranged in four "books," each of which is subdivided into a number of chapters.

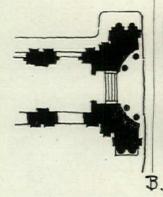
Book I deals with the Elements of Composition in Funerary, Commemorative and Ornamental Edifices; Book II, with Military and Rural Architecture, Gardens and Public Ways; Book III with General Elements of Composition; and Book IV with The Profession of the Architect.

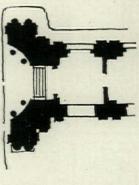
The three opening chapters of the first book are on funerary architecture and are a direct continuation of the third volume, which was largely on religious architecture. The first chapter treats of ancient methods and the resulting type of structure; the second chapter, of the changes in methods due to the influence of Christianity and the third chapter, of modern funerary types.

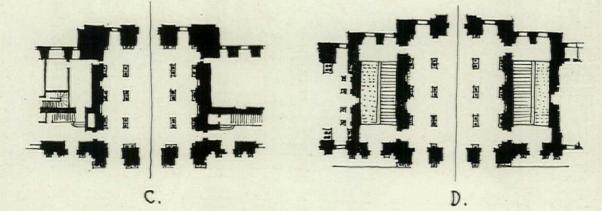
Chapter four is given to a study of commemorative monuments and edifices, such as memorial columns, arches of triumph, statues and pedestals, etc. Commemorative monuments are defined by Guadet as those that are erected for the purpose of recalling historical remembrance, such as the Vendome Column. He also states that every commemorative structure must express the historical fact simply and without equivocation, that its eloquence must be concise and, since its purpose is to transmit the memory of a fact to a distant posterity, its architecture must be durable and defy The part played in such structures by inscriptime. tions, carvings, and paintings is also considered. A classification of monuments shows some to be purely commemorative and decorative, while others may be utilitarian as well as being beautiful and inspiring. Guadet, in order to bring out the character, signifi-

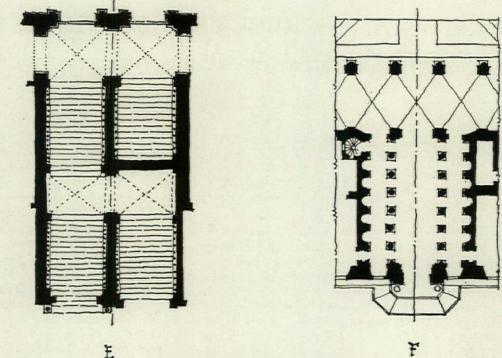
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TYPICAL ILLUSTRATIONS TAKEN FROM GUADET'S FOURTH VOLUME

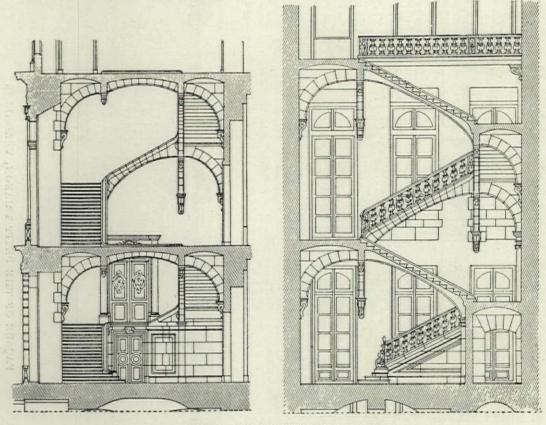
Showing his method of examining the elements of composition of the various parts of the plans of buildings. "A," an exterior vestibule, from the Pantheon; "B," an entrance vestibule, the Luxembourg Palace; "C" and "D," typical vestibule arrangements, from the Louvre, Paris; "E," typical illustration from Guadet's study of stairways; "F," the grand vestibule, from the Farnese Palace, Rome.

cance, and meaning of monuments, analyzes a number of the most noted historic types, showing how the character of the peoples who built them is unquestionably expressed. The commemorative monuments of the Chaldeans, Assyrians, and Romans, for instance, show unlimited pride and personal agrandizement. The Greek Temple, however, was nearly always a memorial building—such as the Parthenon, with its wonderful Panathenaic frieze. The Choragic Monument of Lysicrates, on the other hand, merely celebrated a fact.

In the closing chapter of the first book, Guadet discusses ornamental edifices, such as fountains, decoinspiration may be had for modern work, such as military schools and defense works built during times of peace.

Another interesting chapter is that on rural architecture. Although French rural architecture may seem, at first, a bit afield, it must be remembered that in the past and possibly in the future, the better farm houses of France offer great inspiration for modern work. Scientifically, we may be far ahead of rural French work, but artistically we are far behind, and can study certain of the French rural types with profit.

The chapter on gardens is one of the most interesting in the entire volume. In it Guadet discusses, at



STAIRWAYS IN THE THEATRE AT VERSAILLES

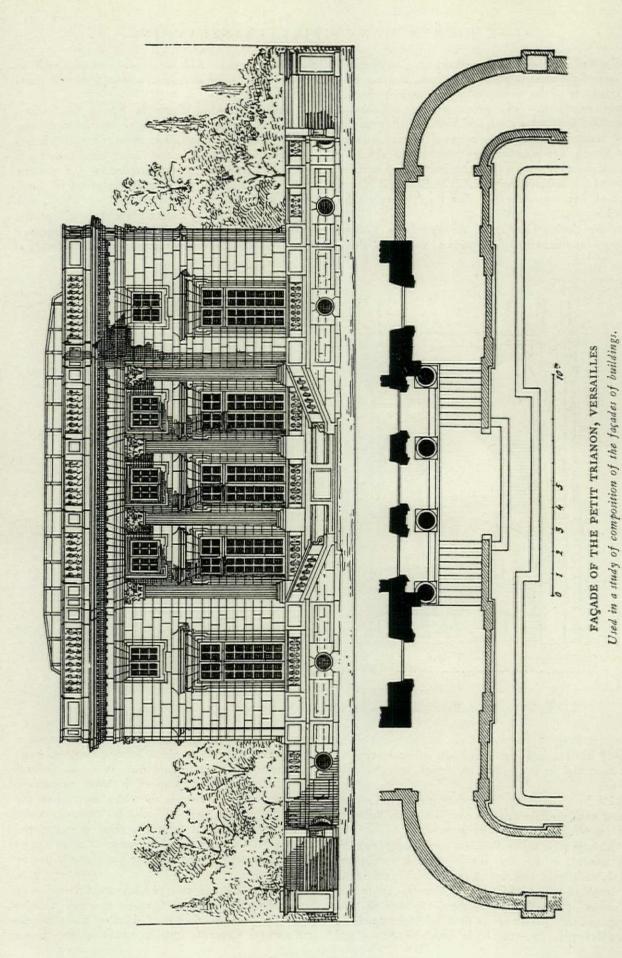
Typical of the illustrations used by Guadet to explain the elements of composition in Stairways.

rative retaining walls, and so on, and draws a sharp line of distinction between real ornamental types of structure and mere decoration which may be only applied.

Book two is divided into six chapters, and is concerned with the elements of composition in military, rural, garden, and public way architecture.

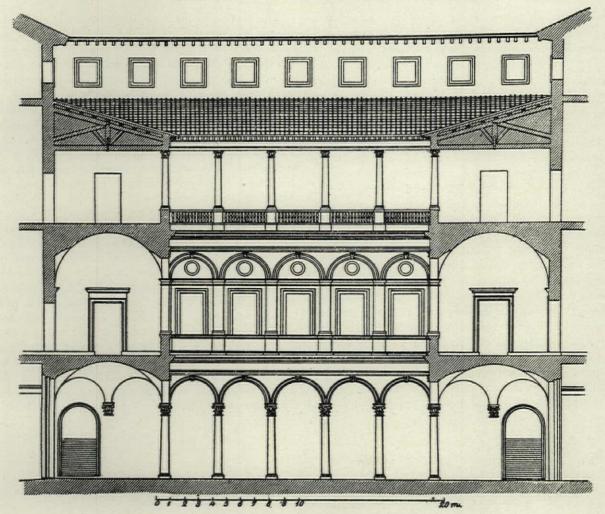
Although military architecture now belongs to military science, it was not always so and, except for strictly utilitarian features, is really within the realm of architecture. Guadet gives a most interesting discussion of Mediaeval structures for defense, and brings out the characteristics that should be found in every defensive structure from which suggestion and length, the following: gardens for utility, pleasure gardens, Italian villa gardens, French gardens, English gardens, and public gardens. With the general utilitarian types, the architect is little concerned. However, where beauty is the chief aim, as in the pleasure gardens used to enhance château, villa, country house, or other architectural features, the design of the garden may be considered as an extension of the structure and within the domain of the architect.

After considering the general characteristics of the Italian, French and English gardens, Guadet then turns his attention to a detailed study of the architectural elements usually found in the larger





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COURT OF THE STROZZI PALACE, FLORENCE Used by Guadet to show the elements of composition in the courts of the Italian palaces.

gardens; terraces, grottoes, basins and pools, fountains, water effects, jets, cascades, arbors, pavilions, stairs, inclines, and so on. These are all elements belonging primarily to the architect and are an integral part of the composition and decoration of gardens. The relation of each of these architectural features to the garden as a whole is carefully considered by Guadet.

The next two chapters Guadet devotes to public gardens, and to other phases of public and civic work that should be of special interest to the architect work which was once within the realm of the practices of architecture, and should be, in part at least, recovered by the profession, namely: the architecture of the public ways, especially the design and construction of ramps, flights of steps, quays, banks, canals, bridges, and viaducts. In modern times work of this character usually comes under the direction of the so-called "city planners," but, whatever the name, it should be in the hands of an architect who is skilled, not only in construction, but in design as well. These chapters contain valuable material that is suggestive and inspiring for those interested in city planning and other civic improvements.

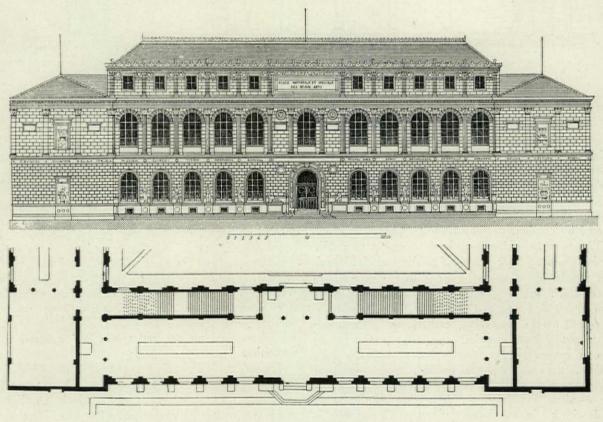
In the third book, Guadet returns to the more fundamental subject, the General Elements of Composition. This part is, in many respects, a more extended study of the work of the first three volumes. The book is divided into fourteen chapters. The first is an explanation of the general elements of composition, modern search for and the increase in requirements and means. Chapters two to five, inclusive, Guadet devotes to a detailed analysis of the following elements and their composition: vestibules and their function in buildings; various types; external and internal vestibules; incorporate vestibules; engaged or attached types; and monumental vestibules.

Chapter six is devoted to a study of general circulation, touching upon the following phases: public porticoes; ornamental porticoes; porticoes for lighting halls; widths of porticoes, and so on. The next chapter deals at length with interior circulation, various types and combinations of corridors, passages, and other elements, being carefully considered. Under the heading of vertical circulation every well known stairway arrangement is discussed in detail, a few of the more important subjects being: monumental flights of steps; flights with two branches; ramps; stairways between walls; attached to walls; and location, direction, enclosures, and so on, of stairways.

In another chapter Guadet discusses in a very interesting way the subject of courts in buildings. He begins with antique courts and peristyles, courts in oriental countries and in Mediaeval castles. From these he passes to courts in Italian palaces; courts with porticoes; internal courts of modern houses; open courts; courts of honor; and the many special features of courts.

In the chapter which follows, the elements and composition of façades in the various styles are discussed. The following phases are considered: foresight for façades in the study of plans; projections and recesses; façades, uniform or in the same plane; character and differences in façades; variety in expression; façades with several bodies; with end motifs; façades with middle motifs or pavilions; angle pavilions; association of two motifs; façades with single story; several stories; gables, and so on. This section of the fourth volume contains a great amount of material that is most valuable and applicable to the work of the modern designer. It is well illustrated with specially prepared sketches of plans, sections, and elevations in line drawing, examples taken from the most noted buildings of all time.

In the fourth and last book of this volume, Guadet deals with the Profession of the Architect, in all its larger and finer aspects. Although written with particular reference to the French student of architecture who will eventually become a French architect, it nevertheless contains much that the American student can study with credit to himself and to the profession. The French architect has a far higher standing professionally and is charged with more exacting responsibility than is the case in this country. The profession is and should be one of the highest callings, and the very high plane set for it by Guadet will cause one to realize that it requires men of the best training and character. To raise the standard of practice should be the highest and noblest ambition of each young architect and, whether French or American, architects have much in common in the field of design and in the ideals of the profession, all of which are thoroughly covered in the Ricker translation of Guadet's four volumes on the Elements and Theory of Architecture.



FACADE OF THE MAIN BUILDING OF THE ECOLE DES BEAUX-ARTS, PARIS Showing Guadet's method of studying the façade of a building in relation to its plan.

# THE DIMINISHING GLASS, V

# EXCURSUS, APPENDIX B.

Riser and tread, riser and tread, When you reach the top You'll wish you were dead.—Raffles

# By Hubert G. Ripley

**K**AFFLES IS A MASTERFUL FELLOW, full of sage quips and astute observations. His comment on the architecture of escape, quoted in excursus a, indicates a quality of mind unusual even amongst architects. We had been invited to make the journey home from Washington with Fellows in his car, which was just the right size for four people and their luggage, judiciously stowed. On the beautiful Saturday morning following the Sixtieth Annual Convention of the A.I.A., (while the President and

vention of the A.I.A., Directors, the Producers Council, the Committee on Earthquake Hazards, and others were holding Post Convention meetings), we started for Annapolis, without a care in the world.

Our first stop landed us at the steps of the national Capitol, and the climb to the main floor produced the above couplet. It is something over twenty years since we stood beneath the great dome, craning our neck to view the famous paint-

ing of Washington, crowned in glory by the nine muses or genii of some sort, by that Italian master whose name escapes us for the moment. Since that time many grand buildings have been built, vast halls, great domes, rare marble, mosaics, murals, all the pomp and circumstance that wealth can produce, have been lavished on our interiors; the genius of the most skillful artists has been invoked to emulate the glories of the past and fulfil the promise of the future, yet the simple grandeur of that great hall remains unsurpassed and its lustre undimmed. It is quite like those splendid old Prix de Rome drawings of 1804-1810. Raffles says the finest period in American architecture was 1830, and he's probably right in this respect as he usually is in most matters. The nobility of the enframement of the pictures of Trumbull, Weir, Vanderlyn, Powell, and Chapman, and the naive quality of the pictures themselves, (they do not pretend in the least to be "decoration"), is refreshing. The Supreme Court and Statuary Hall are gloriously proportioned and full of delicious detail, even though



STENTON MANSION, PHILADELPHIA

some of the portrait marbles are excruciatingly humorous. The *epée de blé*, or corncob columns in the vestibule of the ground floor entrance at the right of the big steps, said to have been designed by T. Jefferson, are our earliest example of Alfalfa Renaissance. This little groined vestibule with its staircase is well worth studying showing the advancement in arcuation and stereotomy of its designer.

Annapolis, viewed in the rain, the traditional weather for architectural excursions, made sketch-

ing impracticable, though we might have made an essay in the Harwood House, where a word from Fellows procured us an entree. We noted many fine trees loaded with great purple clusters that were like wisteria and like locust, only different. We repeatedly inquired the name but nobody seemed to know, which shows that not much is gained by asking questions.

Our luncheon in the Carvel House Inn was

somewhat sketchy and provocative of the red hot gulps during the ride to Pimlico. At intervals seductive signs by the roadside cautioned us against "soft shoulders". As this was somewhat perplexing we kept a sharp lookout going through villages, but to our disappointment saw nothing to disturb our peace of mind.

In order to reach Pimlico it was found necessary to pass through Baltimore. The Washington Monument, high up on the intersection of Washington Place and Mount Vernon Place, gave us a big thrill. The oldest of the monuments erected in honor of the Father of His Country, (corner stone laid 1815, completed 1820), is of beautifully weathered white marble, the base 50 feet square, 24 feet high. On this stands a Doric column, 25 feet in diameter, 130 feet high, surmounted by a statue of George, 16 feet high.\* It was almost one hundred years later that H. Hornbostel, D. Barber, J. Friedlander, H. Magonigle, not to mention McKim, Mead and

\*Further data may be culled from the Encyclopedia Britannica, Vols. III and IV AUS to CAL. White, Carrère and Hastings, and a score of others, awoke to the possibilities of the Doric column as a commemorative shaft. None of the above has improved much on the Baltimore example, although one of them, (we believe), certainly did a fine job of embellishment in the balustraded garden forming the approach from the South.

Fellows was our guide and mentor on the arrival at Pimlico. It was the last day of the racing season, still raining, and the fifth race about to be run as we entered the betting shed (admission \$1.65 including tax). All was bustle and confusion, and a vast sea of faces, some of them haggard and drawn, lined the grandstand, tier upon tier, while a seething mass of moist sports nervously paced to and fro in the open space between the track and the seats. Crowds of excited people were hurrying to place their bets parimutuel is the technical name for the transaction ---before the bell rang. Fellows studied his card.

"Dangerous looks good to me",

he said. "Whoofinger is riding him and Whoof's a bear in a heavy track."

We tried to look intelligent and judicial.

"Let's put a V on Dangerous for 'show', and if he romps in we'll pyramid it."

"Good idea, Fellows", we said, without knowing in the least what he was talking about.

Dangerous came in first, to the great satisfaction of the crowd, and Fellows cashed in \$21.80.

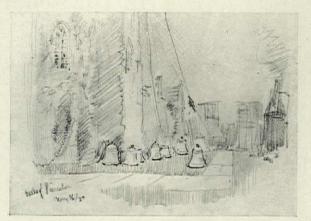
"Fine," said he, "now let's play Raclaweis both ways and Cup Custard for show."

It was a tense moment. A deep roar from 40,000 hoarse throats told us they were off. With backs

curved the jockeys crouched over the horses' withers as the field swept past in a piebald mass. We couldn't see anything, but nobody ever does see anything at a race.



SITE OF COLTON HOUSE, LONGMEADOW



BELLS FOR PRINCETON CARILLON

"Just watch that blackboard out front", Fellows cried.

With bated breath we kept our eyes glued on a

large sign in the middle of the field we had previously thought was a real estate sign advertising "lots for sale".

Sure enough, in a minute or two a man put up some numbers. One, Raclaweis, two, Leviathan, three, Cup Custard.

Raffles was deeply stirred, man of iron though he is; Fellows had disappeared but returned in a few minutes with a fist full of bills, some of them yellow boys. We became intensely excited and wanted to blow our entire roll on the seventh and last race. Calmer judgment prevailed, however, which was just as well, for our selection, Typecutter, who led the field for three quarters of the way and almost caused us heart failure,

finished a splendid fourth.

"Now let's see how much of this roll we can spend for a good dinner at the Belvidere", said Fellows on the way in town.

They gave us the bridal suite, its carpeted floor still littered with bits of confetti and Fellows telephoned "Room Service". "Bring us a big pitcher of ice, some lemon peel, and a waiter with a card", he said. "You fellows do the ordering."

While we were busy with Parker Morse Hooper's cocktail shaker, (which by the way, he left in Jo's room in Washington, and which we must remember, treasured souvenir though it may be, to return to him), Raffles animatedly discussed Green Turtle, Terrapin, Soft Shell Crabs, Asparagus, Guinea Hen, *Pommes Souffles*, Old Stilton, Hot House Grapes, and such, with a waiter who proved most sympathetic. Seated at table an hour later we talked of many things over our "White Rock".

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### THE DIMINISHING GLASS



BELLS FOR PRINCETON CARILLON

"The evils of the betting ring" said Fellows, "may be divided into two classes." He spoke with authority, being familiar with New Orleans, Tia Juana,

Belmont Park, Longchamps, Ascot, and Epsom Downs. "Those who win, and those who lose. Better far that the first venture prove disastrous, and with lost illusions, the beginner rids himself of the shackles that bind the soul with insidious seduction, than that through paltry initial success, he pursue the *ignis fatuus* that can only lead to ruin. Thousands go over the brink every year!"

"Facilis descensus asparagus," murmured Raffles, dipping a stalk in Hollandaise.

Sunday morning dawned fresh and clear, and we got away for an early start to New Castle, Delaware. Ever since the White Pine Series of Architectural Monographs, (Vol. XI, No. 6 and Vol. XII No. 1,) appeared we had

been crazy to visit New Castle. It's all the book says it is, only more so, absolutely swell and almost untouched by the bawdy hand of the speculative builder. Even the old buildings seem ungnawed by the relentless tooth of time, or else they are kept spotless and restored by a recognizant citizenry. Immanuel Church on the Village Green was intensively interesting. Built about 1704, still in splendid repair, it is full of inspiration. The exterior is covered with stucco, slate roof, wood cornices. The tower and spire is a curious combination of simple Tudor and early Georgian. The slate is a delightfully soft greenish blue which harmonizes pleasantly with the cool gray stucco and the warm orange brickwork of the surrounding buildings. The graveyard contains hundreds of simple monuments of the celebrated of Delaware. One could spend weeks painting and sketching in New Castle, and it was slowly

and with regret that we left this delightful spot.

The road to Philadelphia was past rolling fields, yellow with butterscotch and saxifrage, the sun playing hide and seek between masses of fleecy cumuli. In homage to B. Franklin, whom the Philadelphians have appropriated as their very own, (many of them even believing he was born there, much to the annovance of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities), we alighted at the vast new hotel. (opened January 1, 1927), named in his honor. It's rather an appalling place,-the hotel-and while we were perfectly comfortable, even luxuriously so, we did not enjoy it over much. After dinner we paid our respects to Independence Hall, where, to settle a wager, we tried to measure a light of glass in one of the ground floor windows, but a coarse brutal policeman tolds us to get to hell out of there,-the first unkind word we had heard on the trip. Things have come to a pretty pass when an architect cannot

avail himself of the storied wisdom of the ages, as exemplified in noted works of art, without becoming an object of suspicion, and the recipient of the vituperative abuse of a vulgar belligerent night watch. To hide our pique we walked across the park with bowed heads and peeked timidly into the entrance of the Curtis Publishing Company's building. (E. V. Seeler, Architect). There was a great marble vestibule, or entrance hall, on the back wall of which was a mural by Maxfield Parrish. In front of the mural was a large oaken table in the Neo-Pompeiian manner. On this table was a tall vase containing a single American Beauty rose, (a long-stemmed one, about \$25 a dozen we estimated it). The only other object in the room was the

latest copy of the Saturday Evening Post, placed nonchalantly at a slight angle so as not to look too set. We



HOUSE AT BROOKFIELD, MASS.

FIRST CHURCH, HARTFORD

removed our hats and stood silent for a moment and then tip-toed quietly back to the hotel.

In the morning we inspected Paul Cret's great bridge which is rather difficult to see properly except from the air maybe. This is a fine structure, worthy of the great pontists, and the recent award of the medal of the Philadelphia Chapter. The new Art Museum with its polychrome decorations, failed to cause us æsthetic emotion. It's a bit unfair perhaps

to attempt to evaluate impressions while the building is still under construction, and the tympani and the acroters and such not in place, but one needs a strong glass to discover the polychrome at a little distance, and the color of the stonework is certainly sterquilinous. The retaining walls and terraces at the side, and the great steps, all executed in granite, are fine and impressive.

After a visit to the Stenton Mansion, where we wandered in the beautiful gardens, and Fellows' diplomacy overcame the scruples of the guardienne, who let us inside on the distinct understanding that no sketches be made or measurements taken, (the Philadelphians seem obsessed by an anti-measuring complex), we were off again to

Princeton. Here we stayed for the afternoon, seduced by the beauty of Nassau Hall, the Dean's House, Holder Hall, the Graduate School, and the genial luxury of the College. We saw the Hun School, where the undergrads pursue their athletic studies, we were told; the Architectural School, which looked even better than it did two years ago, and watched the workmen install a carillon in the Cleveland Tower.

Fellows adores the sea, and when it was discovered that by crossing to Staten Island and thence to the Battery, two ferries would be necessary, our route was changed accordingly. Halfway across the island we pulled up sharply as we were passing Ernest Flagg's little stone church with a tar paper roof. A kindly parson showed us all over this really extraordinary contribution to modern architecture. We liked it. We liked also the Barclay-Vesey Building, which in another way is likewise a fine example.

We had given a great deal of thought to the subject of hostelries in New York. The choice of the visitor is a wide one. We arrived at the conclusion that the two best inns, in the order named, are the Lafayette and the Brevoort. We tried the Lafayette first and were fortunate in securing a splendid great 1860 room *au premier* with a vast garde-robe in which Casanova may have passed anxious hours. A huge pitcher of ice and a smiling waiter, barely a week off La Gascogne, shortly appeared, and we refreshed ourselves, after a hard day's study of the Fine Arts. The hors d'oeuvres, and the escargots were sublime, as were the pommes Anna, spring lamb, and the bel paese. After dinner we watched them play checkers and whist in the cafe, and drew pictures on the marble top table with a 6B Pencil.

Tuesday morning we paid short visits to the Coffee House and the Gracie Mansion, and after a long

ride with several stops, one of them being New Haven to view the sumptuosities of Otto Faelten, and the new theatre of Jim Clapp, -where strangely enough the brick gave out and they had to piecen out the facade with stone-(the weather holding perfect), towards evening we came to Avon College at Farmington. This is a wonderful place, provocative of varied emotions, æsthetic and homiletical. The materials, Longmeadow sandstone, impressively thick red slate, huge oak timbering and red brick, with walks and drives of red gravel, enframed in dark pines, silver aspen and verdant greensward, could not be improved The handling of these upon. materials is skillful to an unusual degree, and the result, to our way

of thinking, masterful. Fellows and Raffles were deeply impressed, and excitedly discussed their reactions, while we could not help but feel that these fine buildings made our rather timid and conservative efforts seem futile and anemic.

Fortunately on account of a convention of Visiting Firemen we were unable to obtain rooms at the New Bond in Hartford. Heublein's, however, gave us food and shelter in exchange for what was left of our once plethoric roll, and here we almost had an adventure. Out of regard to John, the night porter, we must regretfully refrain from saying more, but if any architect contemplates a visit to Hartford we shall be glad to drop him a hint. John might be very helpful in an emergency.

The art treasures of Hartford are many. There is the fine old Bulfinch Capitol, now in charge of the Colonial Dames, with splendid interiors, the First Church, many stately residences of the 1830 period, the Morgan Memorial Museum, where you are regarded as a suspicious character immediately on entering the door; spacious streets and fine modern buildings of varying degrees of excellence. We spent a profitable morning and rolled quietly home in the afternoon, just as the Scotch gave out. Raffles remarked, as the silhouette of the Watertown Bleachery rose in view, "Not including intoxication, we have been in seven different States during the past five days."



AVON, CONNECTICUT

# BLADES OF RAZZ

### By Charles Kyson

"THE BLADES OF RAZZ will please come to disorder!" Tom Kenyon pounded the table and glanced down its length. Smilingly he surveyed the gay, expectant Blades. The warm, smoke-stained walls of the little French restaurant, *Au Point du Crayon*, was their background and meeting place. A miscellaneous assortment of paintings, sketches, and architectural renderings formed the mural decorations and contributed much to the atmosphere. Henri, its proprietor, exuded the friendliness of the Latins for those they like and Henri loved this roistering crew of gay young architects, "The Blades," as they had called themselves.

"Why the addition 'Razz' to the name of our worthy organization, Tom?" J. Chesterman Heatherstone sardonically inquired.

"Chet, as official chief of this outfit of architectural hoodlums, I have the floor and want to make a near speech, so don't interrupt me or I'll have Pat O'Hara, our august and husky sergeant-at-arms, throw you out in the alley."

"'At a boy! Sic' 'em, Tommy. Have him thrown out and then give us the dope," yelled one of the crowd.

"Well fellows, it's like this," Tom explained. "You see the name Blades fits this crowd pretty well. We've had some bully good times at these meetings, wise-cracking with one another and all that sort of thing, but a number of us feel we could run in some discussion about the good old profession of architecture and its problems and maybe do a lot of good at that. Our idea was this. At these meetings we fellows are privileged to say anything we want, for or against any subject brought up for discussion good-naturedly razz the other fellow and his ideas all we want, but always make our criticisms as constructive as we can."

"Mr. Chairman!" called out Chesterman Heatherstone.

"All right, Chet, what is it?"

"Tom, I rise up to come to your rescue-to save you from talking yourself to death."

Tom bowed a mocking thanks.

"That is a mighty good idea even if Tom did spring it," Heatherstone addressed the group. "I've just had one too." He surveyed them impressively.

"O. K. Chet, let 'er cackle," jeered one of the crowd.

"Well it's a good one," he defended, glowering with a mock severity at the interruption.

"All right, we'll bite, what is it?" demanded another.

Chet cleared his throat with the solemnity of a patent medicine orator. "I hereby propose," his tone rose oratorically, "that we devise, and I hereby propound, a motto for our august organization." He paused for dramatic emphasis. The crowd applauded.

"Hurrah, grab a fire-extinguisher and distinguish him," someone called out.

Tom pounded on the table for order.

Chesterman continued: "And let that motto be descriptive of our policy and feeling. Let it be etched deep on the hearts of us all—"With Razz to all and Malice to none"." A burst of applause followed this sensible nonsense.

"By Jove, Chet, that's a pip! Put it in the form of a motion, Chet, that it be officially adopted." Chet raised his hand for silence.

"No, let's hold action over on that and wait for our friends in Architectural Radioland to suggest a better one. Maybe some of these wise and witty young artichokes and draftsmen can spring a better one." Chet sat down amidst a clapping of hands.

Tom rapped on the table. "That's a noble idea, Chet—after this has been broadcast, we'll wait and see how Radioland reacts to that bedtime suggestion of yours. On what subject are we to pan the noble profession of architecture this evening—any suggestions?" he inquired.

George Clarkson rose to his feet. "Boys, I'd like to speak a little piece if you don't mind. You remember our informal discussion of last month, when we were waiting for the chapter meeting, and Tom, you teld us about that jazzy Architects' League of Hollywood and the booklet they got out, 'Your Profit, Friend Architect. How About It?' I shipped them fifty cents to 6040 Hollywood Boulevard, and back the thing came. Well, it has a cover that looks like a circus poster and I took it home to read it and I left it on the table. Friend Wife spied the big question mark on it and declared priority right and she spent the evening reading it and I want to announce to the waiting world, I haven't had a minute's peace since."

"How come?" inquired an interested Blade. "Well," he continued. "the lady glared impressively at me when she had finished."

"'This tells what's the matter with your business all right, George Clarkson, and why I have to make over my dresses and hats—can't have a maid—and why we are always hard up. And George, I'm going to personally see that you memorize that little book. For the sake of your soul and the glorification of the family exchequer.'

"We spent the evening reading it over and analyz-

ing it and she gave me no peace until I hired a cost accountant to check over my business and see where the difficulty was. I really made the acquaintance of old Dragon 'Overhead', and he's a tough old reptile. Honestly fellows," he continued earnestly, "I didn't know what overhead was until I read that. I gave it to the cost accountant and he read it over and said he didn't know there was a bunch of architects that had brains enough to figure it out. But there it was and I want to announce to the world, if anyone ever catches me cutting under the American Institute of Architects' schedule again, I hope they'll kick me from one end of town to the other. Why, according to that booklet, you can't do it and make any net profit at all. I wouldn't take three thousand dollars for the information I got out of it."

"Bully for you, George,—anybody else follow my suggestion and send for it?" Tom inquired. "Let all the enlightened ones rise."

Five other members rose to their feet; among those was Pat O'Hara, who started a dolorous chant,—the other four joined him as he sang: "So say we all of us, every damn one of us, so say we all." The Blades interrupted this musical attempt by pounding the table until the dishes danced.

"You know, fellows," Chet had risen with the other four—"that Hollywood outfit ran an article in *The American Architect* entitled 'The Architect and His Profit.' It was published in three issues starting with the August 5th, 1926 number, and it was along the same line and told us what was the matter with the architectural profession,—why we weren't making any money and most of us were hard up all the time. You know," he continued dryly, "that bunch out in Hollywood seem to think they discovered architecture and I don't know but what they have at that; at least, a modern application of it. They're certainly hounds for publicity—must be the movies." A laugh went around the table.

"Say, speaking of publicity, I heard a darkey story that wasn't so bad along those lines," Pat O'Hara spoke up.

"Go ahead, Pat, spin the yarn."

Thus encouraged, he continued: "There was an old darkey undertaker who was called upon to officiate at the last rites of a very popular colored citizen in a Southern community. The deceased's brother had embarked on the sea of matrimony three times and on the first two voyages he had to change captains. The last one had proved to be an aggressive widow who claimed exclusive right to sit on the mourners' bench. The two former 'blue grass' widows violently contested this privilege and the old darkey undertaker was called upon to settle the dispute. Marshalling all his powers of diplomacy he firmly stated himself. 'Ladies, dis am no tam foh any unseemly controversy and ah hereby rules as follows,—dat all three ob yo ladies get up on de mourners' bench and share equally in de publicity!" A hearty laugh burst forth. Pat continued: "And I'm wondering when we architects are going to climb up on the mourners' bench and get in on the publicity."

"The Lord speed the day, the enlightened do pray," chanted a witty Blade.

"Speaking of publicity," one of the group looked inquiringly at Tom—"how did your speech get over with the Chapter. I wasn't there, did you get a rise out of the old boys?"

"By Jove, I don't know, Jack." Tom looked thoughtful. "In some ways it seemed to me like talking into a wet blanket. I was awfully discouraged about it, and yet a number of the younger and more progressive fellows called me up and said it was great stuff. That night I thought it was an awful washout, and yet when it was over one old boy waddled around to me-one of the old guard reactionaries dyed in the deepest purple-and said he thought radio casting the message to the public would be a good scheme. Bless his kind, ultra-conservative old heart. I could have kissed him. The old boys are good old scouts, mighty intelligent men and all that, and yet why they cannot or will not see the value of modern progressive advertising methods in putting themselves over to the public, I can't understand. When I went home, I was one blue devil."

"Why, that was a good speech, Tom,-you gave the old sewing circle an ear full." Jack Mannington turned eagerly to his fellows. "We mustn't be too hard on the mothy old crowd-why their eyes bulged out like a lot of gold fish. Tom told them that when a business got to such a point that out of every one hundred who build, only seven employ an architect, it wasn't just plain ordinarily sick-it was deathly sick. He told them their only way out was to employ a professional publicity expert and sell themselves to the public as is done by every other modern progressive business. The general contractors' association is getting a lot of publicity in magazines and papers and they are getting a decent price for their work. The lawyers, doctors, dentists, engineers, all the progressive professions are advertising and employing publicity agencies-every one but we architects and we're sound asleep to the most vital and pressing problem facing us."

"That's true, fellows," Tom Kenyon spoke up— "but there is one great difficulty in our getting publicity. We architects are not advertisers and the contractors are. It's mighty few newspapers that will give us much free news space unless we run paid advertising."

"Say, fellows, here's an idea." One of the previously silent ones rose to his feet. "Why couldn't we persuade the Chapter to put on a program of mass advertising? They could run general advertisements in the papers under the name of the association telling the public what the architects could do for them,

telling the advertising value of good architecture, how it increases property values, results in higher. incomes on building investments, and all that sort of thing. We could advertise stuff like 'The Plans and Specifications are more the Foundation of your building than the concrete under it,'-such catch phrases as that. We could employ a good advertising expert to help us frame up the copy-let him tell the public how much it costs for the services of a trained architect and how valuable it is to them. It's just as Tom says-the public doesn't know a thing about architecture and we haven't told it. It's a mighty good idea, Jack, and if we can talk that up and get the A. I. A. behind it, it would go over. Every dollar invested in that kind of advertising would pay us many times over. Then if we had a live-wire publicity agency to hitch up to the advertising we could get the news publicity and then we could tell the world.

"You know these publicity agencies don't confine themselves to just newspaper advertising. We could put speakers at club luncheons, like these Service Clubs, and tell them how necessary good architecture is to the development of our community. The public wants artistic things and good architecture but it doesn't know how to get it; it falls for this free plan racket. You know the game. Some incompetent turns out a set of skeletonized plans and that's why so many of our buildings are so terrible. Of course the public doesn't know it though, and we architects are so darned old-fashioned and out of date, we won't tell it."

"Mr. President!" One of the men rose to his feet. "I for one would appreciate it if you could get a definite proposition from a reputable publicity agency, telling us how much it would cost to put on a publicity campaign, and how they would do it."

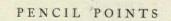
"A mighty good idea, Harrington, I'll get the dope for the next meeting and I hope you fellows will put your shoulders to the wheel and let's get it over. We architects may as well sing 'The Graveyard Blues' if we don't and I don't mean perhaps."

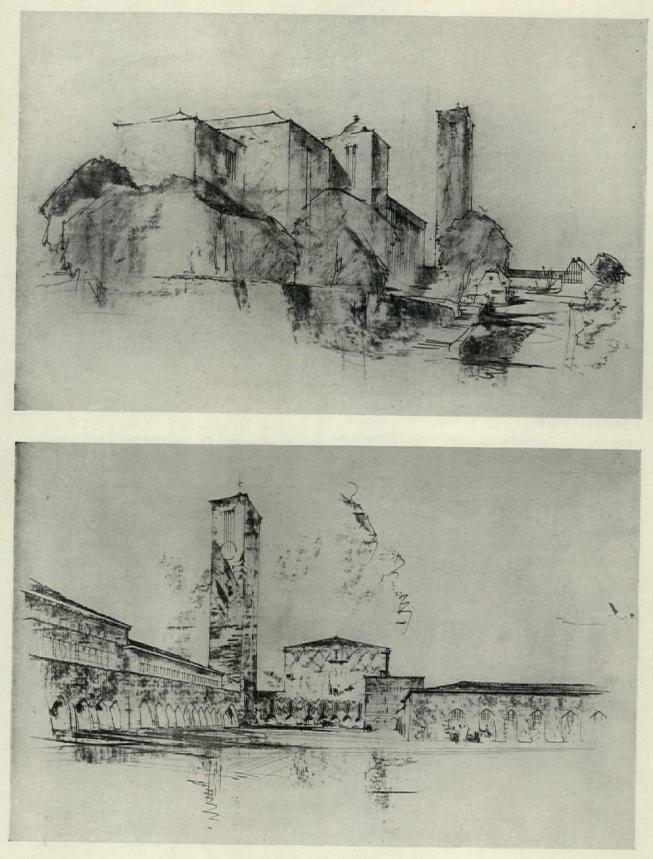
"'At a boy, Tom, we're with you. We may ruffle the dignity of some of the esthetic 'high hatted' old things in the profession. It may be wormwood to their souls but it will be balm for their pocketbooks."

"Well," laughed another, "we can always fall back on our slogan, 'With Razz to all and Malice to none'. They may go out and buy some sheets of asbestos letter-paper upon which to pen their flaming words of disapproval, but if they'll sleep on it and call a spade a spade they'll find we're not so far wrong at that."

"Well, fellows, it's getting late. I have some more ideas I'd like to spring on you but we'll have to put them over for another time and tell all the fellows you know in the business about our royal and regal order of the 'Blades of Razz.' Tell any of the wise-cracking young draftsmen in your office they can write in and tell us we're all wrong and why. They can make cartoons of us or anything else as long as they'll think about us and talk about us. Even that exalted and celestial creature, your typical architect, can daintily descend from the royal throne of his dignity and hand us a mean crack if he wants to,we'll send him our engraved motto and read his reply out here in meeting, so think up any razzibilities and have them ready for the next meeting. Don't be too long-winded about it though, we don't want to get the editor sore at us and give us the air. And that recalls the story of the parrot who tried to razz a fox terrier pup. He sat on his perch and yelled 'Rats'; the pup rushed around the room excitedly and was disappointed in finding no rat. Going back to sleep again he was awakened by the squawking cry 'Rats'; again he made his excited exploration and returned to his nap. Peevishly awakened by the third call of 'Rats' followed by the raucous laugh of the parrot, he made a dash for the feathered wise-cracker and jumped up and caught him by the tail feathers, pulled the squawking, protesting bird to the floor where he rolled him around and pulled out and demolished his feathered coat enthusiastically. Feeling he had done a thorough job, he returned to slumber on the rug. The parrot ruthfully surveyed his dilapidated person with sadness, and then,- 'Gerrawk! Polly, the trouble with you is you talk too damn much'."

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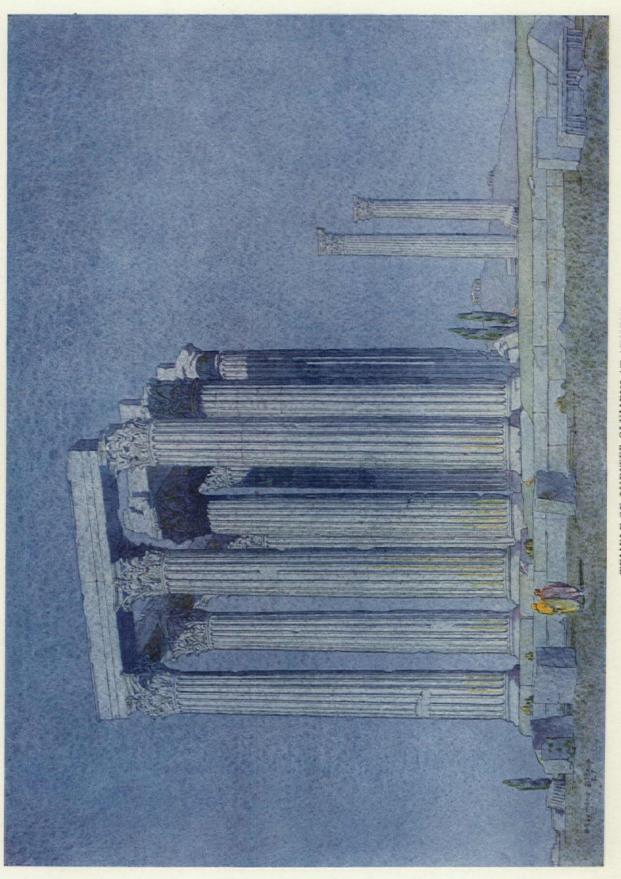


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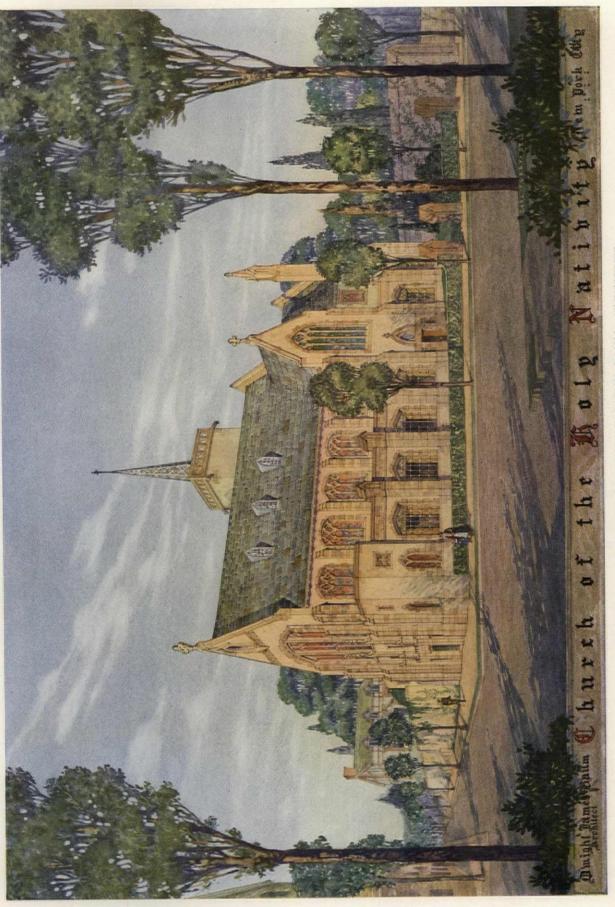
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# PENCIL POINTS SERIES of COLOR PLATES

The rendering reproduced on this plate, while not of a modern building, is valuable as showing the effective result which can be obtained with a few simple washes. The drawing, which measures  $14'' \times 20''$ , was made with water colors on coldpressed Mounted W hatman's. A wash of Antwerp Blue and Rose Madder was run over the whole surface, then another over the sky, and a third in the shadows. A little yellow over the grass in the foreground and a few touches of opaque color on the figures and columns completed the picture. The result of the simple treatment has been to achieve a unity almost impossible to attain by other means.



TEMPLE OF JUPITER OLYMPUS AT ATHENS DRAWING IN WATER COLOR BY H. RAYMOND BISHOP



DESIGN FOR A CHURCH BY DWIGHT JAMES BAUM, ARCHITECT WATER COLOR RENDERING BY EARL FURDY

# PENCIL POINTS SERIES of COLOR PLATES

We show here a reproduction of a straightforward water-color rendering by Earl Purdy of the office of Dwight James Baum, Architect, New York. The same general arrangement and color scheme could be applied to renderings of many different types of moderately sized buildings. This example was rendered over a pencil drawing on cold pressed paper and measured  $28\frac{1}{2}$ " x 19".

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Print by George C. Miller

FROM A LITHOGRAPH IN TWO COLORS BY JOHN RICHARD ROWE SOUTH PORTAL OF CHURCH AT LOUVIERS, FRANCE

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### PLATE XXVIII

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On this plate we have reproduced a lithograph by John Richard Rowe, the original of which was printed in black and tan and measured  $15'' \times 21\frac{1}{2}''$ . The two impressions necessitated the making of drawings on separate lithographic stones, one for each color, the tan being printed first. Our reproduction in black and white gives only a partial impression of the beauty of the original print, but it is still a sparkling bit of Gothic lacework.

DRAWING OF SAINT PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON, MADE BY SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN THE T E Pe 0 29

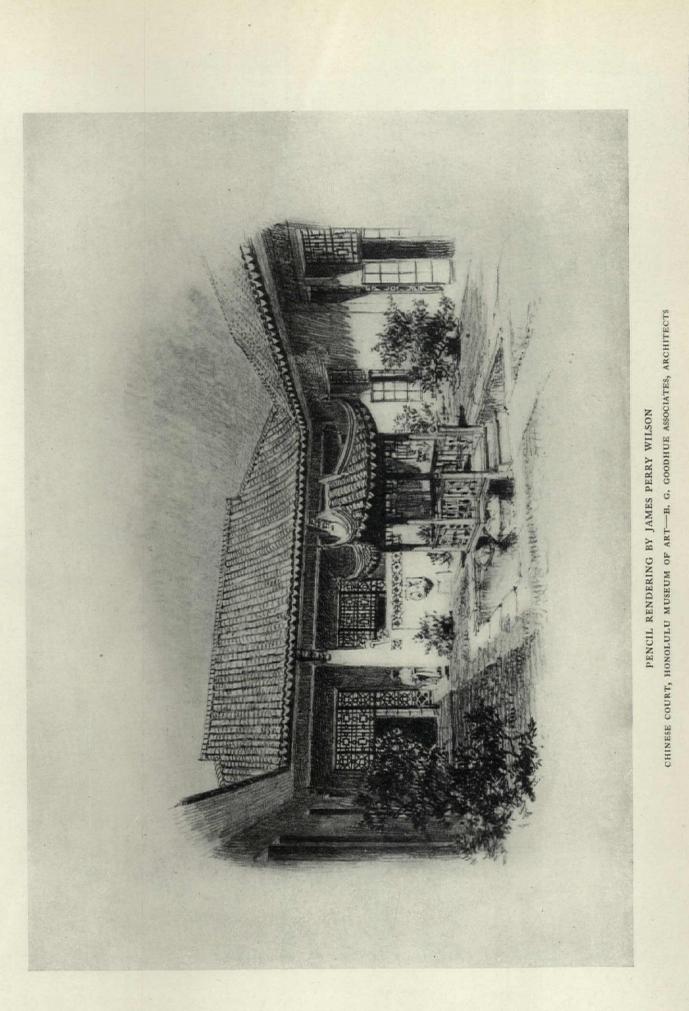
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### PLATE XXIX

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A plate from the first Volume of original Wren drawings published by the Wren Society. The catalogue states, "The drawing shows the south front of St. Paul's as at present, with small variations in the cupola and western towers; the cupola with roundels and the campanile tower like the present dome; peristyled with statues over every pilaster; in rustic, drawn, well shaded in ink. The dome and western towers are of course very different from the executed design. There are also minor variations to the lower part, such as the omission of the rustication and the consoles to the main cornice." Compare with plate XIX in the May 1927 issue of PENCIL POINTS. This plate is reproduced through the courtesy of the Wren Society, information concerning which may be obtained from H. Duncan Hendry, Hon. Secretary, 53, Doughty St., London, W. C. 1.



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# PLATE XXX

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This plate shows a pencil rendering by James Perry Wilson of the office of Mayers, Murray and Phillip, which was formerly known as B. G. Goodhue Associates. The subject is oriental in flavor and of unusual charm which has been well rendered by the artist.



ETCHING BY LOUIS RUYL WOOLWORTH BUILDING AS SEEN FROM A FALL RIVER LINE BOAT

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# PLATE XXXI

### VOLUME VIII

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An etching by Louis Ruyl, the well-known architectural delineator, is shown on the other side of this sheet. We have not often had the pleasure of reproducing specimens of Mr. Ruyl's work, and we were therefore pleased to secure permission to present one of his latest plates to our readers. He has chosen an unusual view of the Woolworth Tower.

# WHITTLINGS

#### HARVEY WILEY CORBETT,

In an interview with the press as represented by Dorsey Kay, special writer, gives some success advice:

"Work hard but keep your eyes open for the lucky chance. Do each job as well and as energetically as you can, no matter how small or unimportant it may seem to be, but be sure to have a good time doing it.

"Success in the field of architecture is due as much to patience as to any other factor, but, of course, with that you must have an enthusiastic love for beauty and an ability to visualize it in mass and proportion in structures.

"Many a budding architect, fired with ideas of beauty, finds success still beyond his grasp because he has not sufficiently considered his profession as applied art, full of technical difficulties and with ramifications into engineering problems and the practicalities of dollars and cents."

#### "ANONYMOUS",

Writing in the Philadelphia Public Ledger under the heading "Out of the West":

"There were Barnums in the good old golden days when art was art, even though they hadn't been born in the American circus, and Benvenuto Cellini was one of them. Like Barnum, he had a rich fund of psychology which, of course, wasn't even known as psychology then, but was considered just part of the general equipment of an intelligent man. What Cellini said has come to be of even greater importance than what Cellini did. You see, he was really a modernist, but he had one thing in common with Michelangelo—what he did he did well, and he knew his job.

"Any artist who copes with the world today knows that Barnum was right—and that he must cultivate a bit of circus technique to gain his audience, but what he is beginning to appreciate is the equal claim to rightness of the surprisingly complete Michelangelo."

#### IRVING T. BUSH,

President of the Bush Terminal Company, in an interview with K. B. McCann as published in the Brooklyn Times:

"It is to be regretted that since the war there has crept into the industry, insidiously at first but with firm tentacles that now may be hard to pry loose, a new type of building. In the desire to keep down costs, the appearance of many buildings has been depreciated and the high standard one might expect has not been maintained. Buildings are being put up overnight to last for a short period of time; what we need is the adaptation of the old school of architecture to present day operations."

#### LUCIA AMES MEAD,

In a letter to the New York Times, voices opposition to skyscrapers:

"We pride ourselves on what should be our shame. Granted that the Woolworth and individual lofty buildings are beautiful in themselves; but when they are huddled together regardless of proper setting and spacing and the rights of human beings, they proclaim the insanely tense life that we are living."

#### MAJOR HARRY BARNES,

Chairman of the R.I.B.A. Registration Committee, writing in the Architect's Journal, argues for the necessity of registering architects:

"There appears to be in some quarters the view that the services of the trained architect are only necessary when works involving great expenditure are being carried out. No view more fallacious or more disastrous could prevail. It is the trifles that make perfection, and one cheap and nasty structure may spoil a whole landscape. Such a view is tantamount to saying that the only field for the display of taste is in important public and commercial buildings and in the dwellings of the well-to-do.

"It is forgotten that in bulk these buildings form a comparatively small percentage of the total number of buildings in the country. The truth is, that we shall not get a country architecturally fit until it is realized that there is no building, however simple in construction, limited in accommodation and inexpensive in cost, but will benefit by being the subject of trained architectural design."

#### MILTON B. MEDARY,

President of the A.I.A., makes clear his position in regard to American Architecture in his speech at the opening of the late convention:

"The architect hears everywhere, 'Let us have done with the dealers in classic and medieval forms; let us have something truly American.'

"This is plain sophistry. Just as well say: Let us have an entirely new written language as well as a physical one.

"I have come to the firm conviction that architecture can have no existence apart from the elements of which it is composed; that no architecture can be created or ever has been created which is not an assemblage of the arts; and that no truly great architecture ever was or can be except it be a complete fusion of all the arts into a perfect harmony, each dependent upon the other, the whole inspired at its conception by the appropriate beauty each holds ready for the enrichment of every other and of the whole."

#### LOUIS REPPLIER,

Citizen of Philadelphia, writing to the Editor of the Philadelphia Record, takes issue with Mr. Medary:

"In your issue of today there is an editorial about the president of the American Institute of Architects saying: "We refuse to repeat the expression of other lives and demand opportunity to add our own expression to the sum of truth and beauty built up through the ages."

"This is all very well, but, as John Keats said: 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever.' What is there beautiful about much of our modern architecture? Our skyscrapers are what they are called, and nothing more.

"When our architects and builders can design anything as beautiful as the famous buildings of the past ages then they have a right to demand 'opportunities,' for they will have them already."



PRIZE WINNING DESIGN BY MICHAEL RAPUANO

#### ROME PRIZE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

MICHAEL RAPUANO, of Syracuse, N. Y., has been awarded the Fellowship in Landscape Architecture at the American Academy in Rome. The term of fellowship is for three years, beginning October 1st, and carries an annual stipend of \$1,300 a year with free residence and studio at the Academy.

The program called for the designing of a site for a museum of fine arts in a municipal park. Mr. Rapuano's winning design is reproduced above.

Honorable Mention was given to Thomas D. Price, a graduate of Ohio State University and Harvard; and to Charles R. Sutton, a graduate of the University of Illinois.

The Members of the Jury of Award were: Ferruccio Vitale, *Chairman*, Arthur F. Brinckerhoff, Noel Chamberlin, Albert D. Taylor and Arthur A. Shurtleff.

Other competitions as announced in the School of Fine Arts, up to date have resulted as follows: George Holburn Snowden, of Bridgeport, Conn., Fellow in Sculpture for three years; Dunbar Dyson Beck of Indianapolis, Ind., Fellow in Painting for three years; Homer F. Pfeiffer of Kansas City, Kansas, Fellow in Architecture for three years; and Alexander L. Steinert, of Boston, Fellow in Music for three years.

#### SKETCH CLUB ATELIER OF NEW YORK

THE SKETCH CLUB ATELIER will start its second season at the Art Center, 65 East 56th Street, New York, on Tuesday evening, October 4th at 6:30 P. M.

This year Arthur L. Guptill will be the instructor. Mr. Guptill's many years of experience as a teacher, his fame as a renderer and his jovial personality will quickly inspire all those who come under his instruction. Mr. Guptill is very versatile, and while he is better known for the book he has produced on pencil sketching, nevertheless he is a master of all mediums and techniques.

The class will be limited to forty students. The method

of teaching will include general class criticism, a series of progressive lectures on composition, pencil, pen and ink, colored pencil, the use of a simple color wash, and a combination of all these mediums for sketch purposes, and personal instruction.

During this past spring, the work of the Atelier's first year under Ernest Watson was exhibited in one of the galleries at the Art Center. It created much favorable comment and proved beyond a doubt the advisability of continuing such exhibits at the end of each year.

D. Everett Waid, Thomas B. Hastings and Otto R. Eggers are members of the Advisory Council.

The course will run throughout the fall, winter and spring, for twenty-four lessons at a season cost of \$48.00. The Atelier is one of the art classes conducted by the Pratt Art Alumni Association.

All inquiries and applications should be made to A. Thornton Bishop, 105 West 40th Street, New York.

#### RAMBLINGS

#### (Continued from page 462)

days ditches and work in the streets were not so carefully marked and safeguarded as later, so in front of one bar, "cabby" happened to draw up beside an open ditch. He had been well treated by the lads so didn't notice or couldn't see the ditch in the dark beside the cab, so proceeded to fall in. Then each one of them got out to see where the other had gone and followed the cabby into the ditch. There, presumably, they blamed each other for their plight, anyway it was a fight and the police fished them out and locked 'em up, and mine the task of bailing them out next morning to help rush through the plans for a Capitol building!

For a while before pay day peace and contentment reigned and we could get stacks of work done. And some of those chaps were splendid workers—at intervals. The one thing I wouldn't tolerate was for them to be drunk at work. That meant out, and there was the rub generally, rebellion and allies, so that about every so often I spent a physically strenuous short period, until my reputation was fairly established as a young but rather hard nut to crack, albeit a comparatively easy mark to touch financially. They swore artistically at me when spiffled but I will say they also swore by me when sober.

Four years I had of that sort of thing, then in other partnerships and my own office, but with fewer though somewhat similar fellows to deal with. It was fairly well into the nineties before the rank and file of office help steadied down and became part of what might be called a permanent organization. The few itinerant draftsmen were more respectable though not any more skillful than their rollicking, hard-boiled predecessors. And by 1905 offices thereabout were as sedate and orderly as are the big architectural work shops of today.

Then back East accident took me again, to eminently respectable and dull government circles where the only architectural physical mix-ups ever forced upon my not too unwilling attention were strike fusses, and some interesting ones too.

Then another move, to Chicago, where I have had absolute "pace and contintment" for five years in spite of the hold-ups, murders, race riots and what not you read about out here. So that all the boxing I get is with gloves, tamely within the conventional confines of a gym.

Now about Fire Prevention, or the Invasion of Architecture by the Builders? Oh well, that's another story. Let's keep it for some other time.

#### PARIS PRIZE AWARDED

THE 20TH PARIS PRIZE in Architecture of the Society of Beaux-Arts Architects was awarded to Donald S. Nelson, of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, whose patron was Mr. Jacques Carlu. A. J. Kelsey, of Yale University, was awarded second place in this competition; G. E. Brennan of Princeton, third place; I. W. Silverman of Harvard, fourth place. A. F. Euston, of Atelier Hirons, was placed *hors concours*.

Members of the jury were: George Howe, Charles Z. Klauder, and C. C. Zantzinger, of Philadelphia; William E. Parsons of Chicago; Henry Richardson Shepley of Boston; Archibald M. Brown, Philip A. Cusachs, Wm. Adams Delano; Howard Greenley, Edward S. Hewitt, Raymond M. Hood, Charles L. Lawrence, H. Oothout Milliken, Julian L. Peabody, and Whitney Warren, of New York.

The drawings are hung at the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design, 126 East 75th Street, New York, and may be seen by telephoning Miss Rother for an appointment.

Reproductions of the winning design and a brief outline of the program will be published in the September issue of PENCIL POINTS.

#### PRINCETON ARCHITECTURAL PRIZES AWARDED

THE JURY FOR THE Princeton Prizes in Architecture for 1927-28, met at Princeton on June 16th, 1927, and consisted of Messrs. Corbett, D'Amato, Githens, Licht and Morgan.

The program called for the design of a *Memorial Group* of *Buildings* on a University campus, consisting of an Auditorium, a Library, an Art Museum, and a Tower, arranged around a court to be dedicated to the Liberal Arts. The drawings submitted were of very high quality, and showed in general, an excellent grasp of the problem.

The prizes were awarded to Martin L. Beck, of New York, and John A. Nelson, of Watertown, Mass., and honorable mentions were awarded to Alan C. Davoll of New York, and Harry Gulesian, of Ashmont, Mass. The prizes amount to \$800 each, and entitle the winners to spend a year in the Advanced Class of the Princeton School of Architecture.

#### THE T SQUARE CLUB ATELIER

AT A RECENT MEETING of the Atelier of The T Square Club of Philadelphia, the following were elected: Joseph J. Kohler, Massier; Carl H. Faltermayer, Sous-Massier; Albert M. Davis, Secretary & Treasurer; Franklin Raudenbush, Librarian; Albert R. Ware, Atelier Representative.

The Atelier has just completed one of its most successful seasons with about forty men doing work at the club, under our able patron, Grant M. Simon, and critics, Sigismund Laschenski and Walter Antrim.

Interest in the Atelier has been so aroused by the active members that the coming year we will in all probability have more than fifty men taking an active part in the work and we look for a most prosperous season in the work of the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design for 1927-28.

CARL H. FALTERMAYER, Sous-Massier.



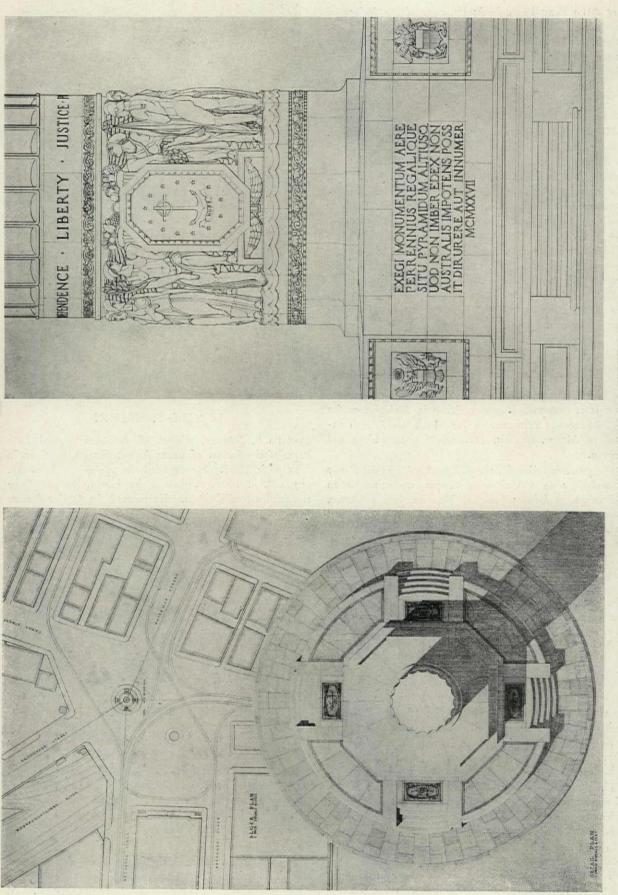
DONALD S. NELSON

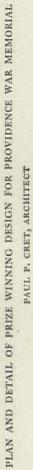
DONALD S. NELSON, winner of the 20th Annual Paris Prize of the Society of Beaux-Arts Architects, was born in Chicago in 1907. He attended the public schools in that city and, in 1922, studied in the evening school of the Art Institute of Chicago. He entered the Atelier Parsons in the same year, working under Mr. William E. Parsons. In 1924, while in this Atelier, he won the Special Student Scholarship offered by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In his first year of study at Tech he completed both the junior and senior work and won the Fontainebleau Scholarship, as well as another scholarship at M. I. T. for post graduate design.

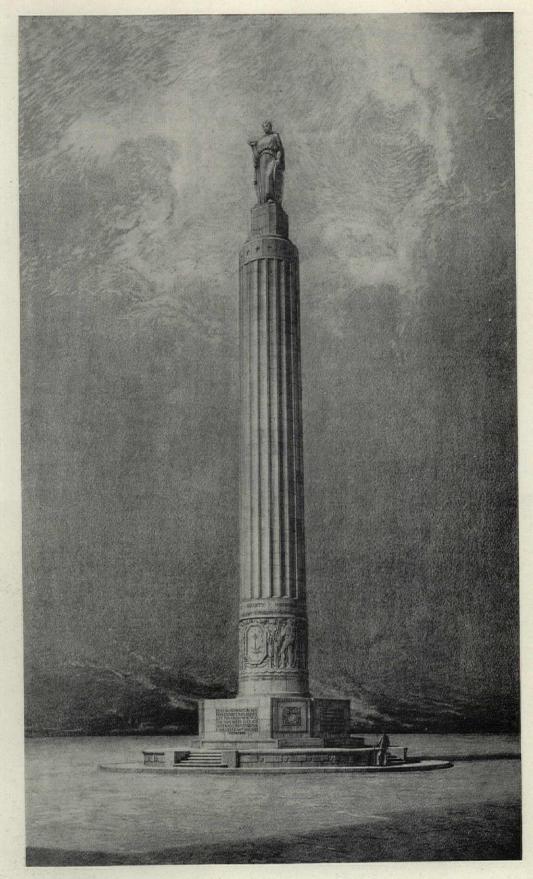
During the summer of 1925 Mr. Nelson studied at the Fontainebleau School where he received a diploma and the Jean Paul Alaux Prize. The following winter he was a member of Mr. Jacques Carlu's class in post graduate design at Tech. During this course Mr. Nelson won the Emerson Prize and several prizes in Beaux-Arts work. He also received numerous other awards, including the Chandler and Despradelle prizes. In the Paris Prize competition for 1926 he placed second, with first medal.

Mr. Nelson wishes to express his particular appreciation for the interest that Mr. Jacques Carlu has taken in all his work at M. I. T. and Fontainebleau. Mr. Carlu was his parton on last year's Paris Prize as well as this year's. Mr. Nelson is also greatly indebted to Professor William Emerson for his kindly interest and help throughout his architectural training.

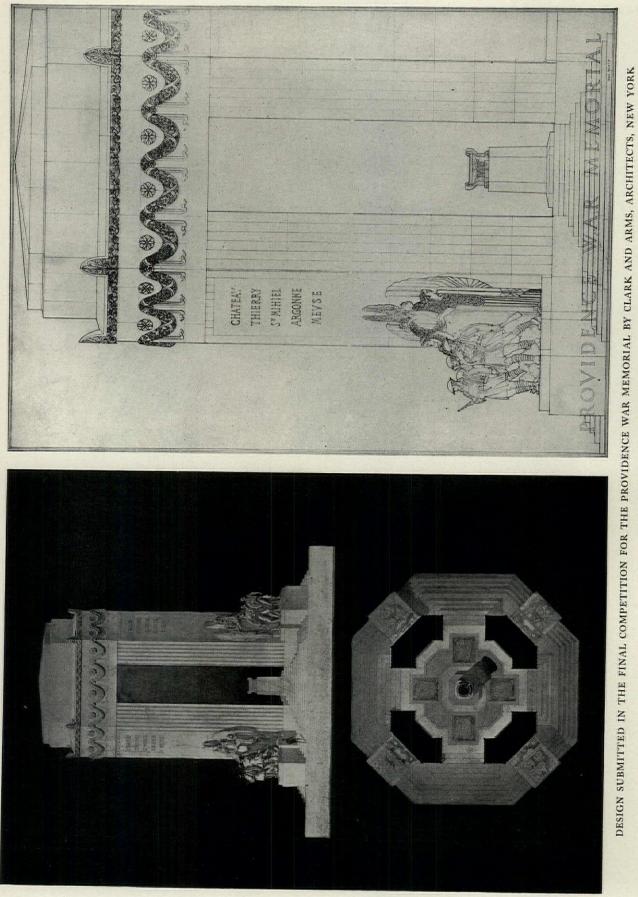
At the present time Mr. Nelson is in the office of B. W. Morris, of New York. In the fall he plans to enter either the Atelier Laloux or Atelier Expert. As holder of the Paris Prize he will be admitted to the Ecole des Beaux Arts without entrance examinations.



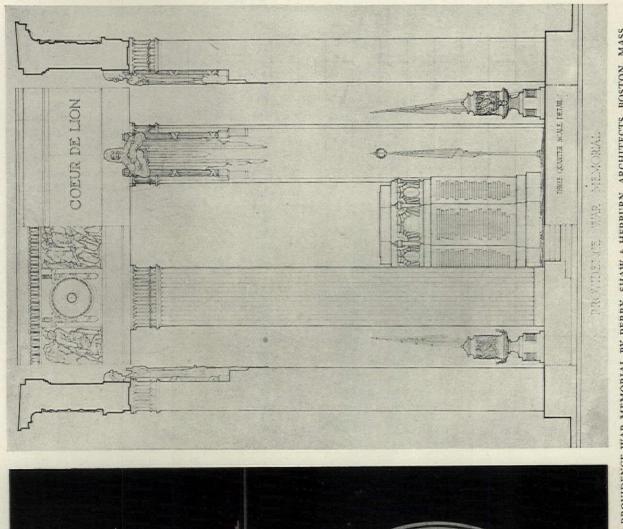




PRIZE WINNING DESIGN FOR PROVIDENCE WAR MEMORIAL PAUL P. CRET, ARCHITECT



ORONZIO MALDARELLI, SCULPTOR



DESIGN SUBMITTED IN THE FINAL COMPETITION FOR THE PROVIDENCE WAR MEMORIAL BY PERRY, SHAW & HEPBURN, ARCHITECTS, BOSTON, MASS.

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#### 1865 - 1926

AN UNASSUMING DRAFTSMAN with an intense appreciation and love for art-such I think would be a just description of Oscar Enders who passed away in Chicago, December 22, 1926.

He had gone to the Presbyterian Hospital for a minor operation which had been successful, and he was getting along so well, that the doctor had given him permission to go home. But his destiny was otherwise, and he passed away suddenly and unexpectedly, from embolism. It had been his first and only

severe illness.

It can be truthfully said that he shared with his friend, Harvey Ellis, the distinction of being one of the two most talented and widely known draftsmen of the middle west. He was born in Milwaukee, May 4th, 1865, and at first was a prestidigitator with a circus that toured Wisconsin. He soon abandoned this profession and took up architectural drafting. He was self taught, a flower of the system that graduated the men of that day from the drawing board.

He left Milwaukee to make his home in Chicago where he soon became one of the leaders of a buoyant and brilliant coterie of draftsmen that was making the name of the Chicago Architectural Sketch Club known throughout the land.

In a competition instituted by the Architectural League of New York to design a tomb for an illustrious architect, he won the silver medal. His develop-

ment as a designer and perspective artist had been very marked and he attracted the attention of Isaac Taylor of St. Louis, who was able to persuade him to come down there and take charge of his office. In attributing to Oscar the design of Isaac Taylor's work of this period, I believe that I violate no confidences, for Isaac Taylor was always generous enough to credit Oscar as the author.

The years that followed were fruitful years, and Oscar's powers of design matured and flowered into a dignified series of structures that ranged from Mercantile Buildings, hotels and residences, to the purely monumental design of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. In moments of respite from his more arduous work he would make perspectives, beautifully rendered in pen and ink, which usually appeared in The American Architect. I still feel the thrill with which I would carefully cull those plates from the rest and file them away. His exquisite draftsmanship was both my delight and my despair.

In his social life he was a great companion and friend. His skill at sleight of hand he always retained and he could bring it into play at unexpected moments to amuse and mystify. He wrote rollicking verses, architectural and otherwise, and these he would sing in a fine baritone voice to the melody of the popular songs of the day. But best of all he loved to take his sketching materials and go out and paint direct from nature. His paintings, both in oil

and water colors, were of a very high order. The great number of works that he left behind testified to a tremendous energy. He was an indefatigable worker.

When the work of the secessionist German architects appeared in about the year 1900, Oscar became an enthusiastic follower of the new school of design, which made a deep impression upon him. While in this mood he wrote his famous poem, "Stoffa da Italiano", in a spirit of protest against the dull, slavish copying of Renais-sance forms. The poem was included in a slender brochure of blue prints of his best songs and mailed to the various architectural clubs. "Stoffa" made an instant hit and was sung across the land. But the humorous sarcasm with which the verses barbed went unne were went unnoticed, especially by those at whom the verses were aimed.

The last stanza is especially satirical:

Now, if you want to shine in this Dago line, And draw your stuff right smart, Lay in a stock of balusters, Festoons, and eggs, and dart; Swipe all you can from "Le Troolay," "Buhlman" and "Raguenasy" Then a song and dance in the Renaissance, Will come to you quite easy.

Has ever a keener javelin been thrust into the side of the dull, unimaginative copyist? I hardly think so.

When Isaac Taylor died he bequeathed the office and his splendid architectural library to Oscar, who continued the work of the firm up to about 1922. Graham, Anderson, Probst & White now made Oscar a very advantageous offer to return to Chicago and join their organization as designer. He accepted their offer and was with this firm till the day he passed away.

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. Enders

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The impression that Oscar always made upon me was that of a man happy in his work. And this feeling of happiness surely reacted upon his sensitive preceptions and made his work more convincing. In this connection I would like to quote from Dr. Denman W. Ross' book, Drawing and Painting:

"The secret of a reasonable happiness for everybody lies in being governed by our work, whatever it is and the ideal we find in it. We must have something definite to do, every one of us, and we must do it as well as we can, following good precedents and having as our motive the law of excellence and perfection and a longing for order and beauty everywhere. If we do not do that, life, the biggest show on earth, will not be worth the price of admission."

And this secret, I believe, Oscar Enders had, from the beginning, laid hold of, with a firm, and sincere, and steadfast heart.

-Hugo H. Zimmermann.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PROVIDENCE WAR MEMORIAL COMPETITION To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence:

The Joint Special Committee on Memorial to Soldiers and Sailors respectfully reports:

Since the signing of the Armistice the City of Providence has been vitally interested in commemorating its citizens who served during the World War. Your Honorable Body created Committees who labored exhaustively in this matter, many questions were involved, the selection of a suitable site, the nature of the Memorial and the question of finance.

Your present Committee carried out the first stage of the competition which was open to all architects and sculptors desiring to submit designs. About one hundred designs were submitted and the Jury, which was composed of William Emerson, Louis Ayres, and A. A. Weinman, chose from this number three designs, and their authors were invited to enter the second or final stage of the competition. The designs submitted in the final competition by these three are reproduced on pages 502-505. Six architects of recognized ability in the architectural field were added to compete in the final stage, restricting the competition to the following architects: Joseph H. Freedlander, New York; Raymond Hood, Godley & Fouiloux, New York; H. Van Buren Magonigle, New York; Thomas J. Hill Pierce, Providence; John Russell Pope, New York; Parker, Thomas & Rice, Boston; Perry, Shaw & Hepburn, Boston; Paul Cret, Philadelphia; Clark & Arms, New York.

The terms of the competition, as approved by the American Institute of Architects, provide that the Committee should act as the Jury and select one design for presentation to the City Council for its approval, said approval being the award of the first prize, i.e., the erection of the memorial. The Committee on June 24th and 25th, aided by Henry H. Kendall, Professional Adviser, W. F. Fontaine, President of the Rhode Island Chapter, A.I.A., and Charles Butler of New York, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Competitions, A.I.A., proceeded to judge the nine designs submitted and selected a design that they believed best suited to the location indicated by the City Council. This design is the unanimous choice of the Committee, its professional advisers and the representatives of the Veterans who aided the Committee greatly in its deliberations.

The premiated design (reproduced on pages 502 and

503) consists of a column rising approximately 115 feet in the air. This rests on a platform approached by steps from four directions. Four bronze plaques, bearing insignias of the various branches of the service are inserted in this. The plinth, or base supporting the column above, has four large faces suitable for memorial inscriptions or the names of the citizens of Providence making the supreme sacrifice during the World War. The four diagonal corners of this plinth contain the seals of the Army, Navy, Air Service and the Medical Corps. On the lower part of the shaft is a memorial frieze symbolizing the moral virtues of our citizens during the War. This frieze is flanked by the seals of the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island. The shaft proper is symLelical of the American coat-of-arms, the Stars and Stripes. Surmounting the shaft and crowning the whole, is a large heroic figure of Peace. It is proposed that the design be executed entirely in an enduring pink Westerly granite, except certain portions of the platform where other colored granites and bronze plaques are inserted.

Your Committee is satisfied that the designs submitted represent the best thought of the leading architects in this country and that the one selected will harmonize with the location and will by its design permit the free movement of vehicular traffic at its base and believes that a beautiful and enduring memorial has been chosen.

> Respectfully submitted, for the Committee, Sol S. BROMSON, Chairman.

#### DETROIT ARCHITECTURAL BOWLING LEAGUE NOTES

WE ARE COASTING along this summer with very little thought of bowling, although a few of the boys are spending their noon hour, and a few minutes of the boss's time, shooting ducks. But we expect to start off with a bang on or about September 16th when our sixth season starts.

Our team lineup will be the same as last year's viz: Malcomson and Higginbotham; Donaldson and Meier; Janke, Venman and Krecke; Weston and Ellington; Smith, Hinchman and Grylls; Frank H. Nygren; Albert Kahn; Louis Kamper; McGrath, Dohmen and Page; Van Leyen, Schilling and Keough.

Plans are being made for golf and tennis tournaments sometime this summer.

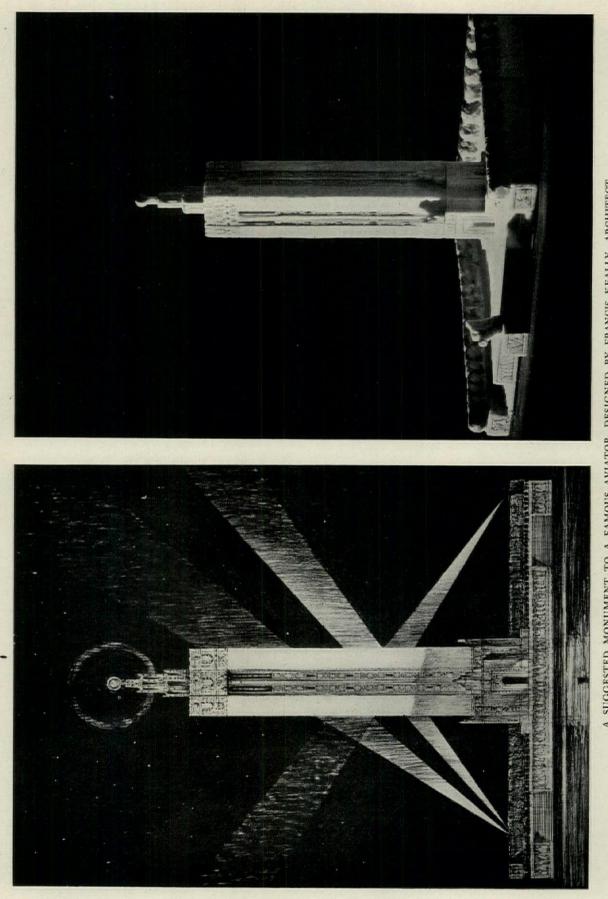
Our matchmaker has not been appointed yet for the coming season but in case Cleveland or St. Louis or any other embryonic architectural bowling league wishes instruction in the gentle art of bowling, they may communicate with C. L. Toonder, *Secretary*, D. A. B. L., 800 Marquette Bldg., Detroit, Mich., regarding any and all particulars.

#### SUGGESTED MONUMENT TO AN AVIATOR

FRANCIS KEALLY has designed a suggested monument to be erected to a famous aviator symbolizing his character and achievement. The model for this has been carved in white soap by Miss Margaret J. Postgate. The design is reproduced on page 508.

The monument, which would be carried out in white marble, would be five hundred feet high, sixty feet square, and rest on a base two hundred feet square. It sweeps upward in a single shaft with a beacon flood light at the top, to be seen for miles, as a guide for aviators, and it would serve as the center of an aeronautical museum and research laboratory, the buildings for which would be grouped around the base of the monument. It has been suggested that the monument be erected at or near the Roosevelt Field.

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A SUGGESTED MONUMENT TO A FAMOUS AVIATOR, DESIGNED BY FRANCIS KEALLY, ARCHITECT THE MODEL SHOWN AT THE RIGHT WAS CARVED IN WHITE SOAP BY MARGARET J. POSTGATE, SCULPTOR (A Description of the Monument Appears on Page 507.)



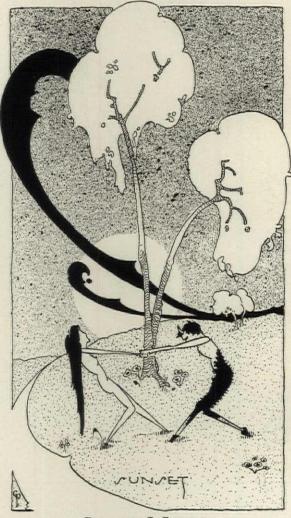
THE WINNERS IN THE monthly competition for the period closing July 15th are as follows:

Class 1, E. M. Schiwetz; Class 3, Lansing C. Holden, Jr.; Class 4, Jay Allen. No award was made in Class 2.

In response to our invitation extended to our subscribers to write us letters giving their views on the best material published in each issue of PENCIL POINTS we are receiving some very interesting communications. Some of these will be published in the September issue of this department.

We are now going to extend this feature to include the advertising as well as the editorial pages. Which is the most interesting and valuable advertisement published in this issue and why? For the best letter received in this office before August 30th a special ten dollar prize will be awarded. Letters should not contain more than five hundred words. And a special ten dollar prize will also be awarded for the best letter dealing with the editorial section, received not later than August 30th.

Thomas Mitchell, Secretary of the Glasgow School of Architecture Club, thinks it might be a good idea for some traveling student of architecture from this country to



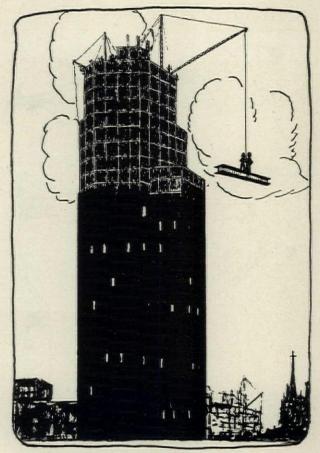
DRAWN BY G. PAOLILLO

deliver a talk before his Club sometime next winter. This seems to us such an excellent scheme that we are printing part of Mr. Mitchell's letter and suggest that anyone interested communicate with him in care of Wright & Wylie, Architects, 204 W. Regent St., Glasgow, C2. Dear Sirs:

Doubtless this coming winter will see some of your men over here with sketch books and foot rules and hornrimmed spectacles. Well then, The Glasgow School of Architecture Club is at present compiling its syllabus for the forthcoming session, and in so doing it has been smitten with the bright idea of trying to get in touch with any American student who might be over during the winter, and of inviting the said student to give us a talk —anything from a more or less informal chat to a highbrow lecture—on any conceivable subject under the sun.

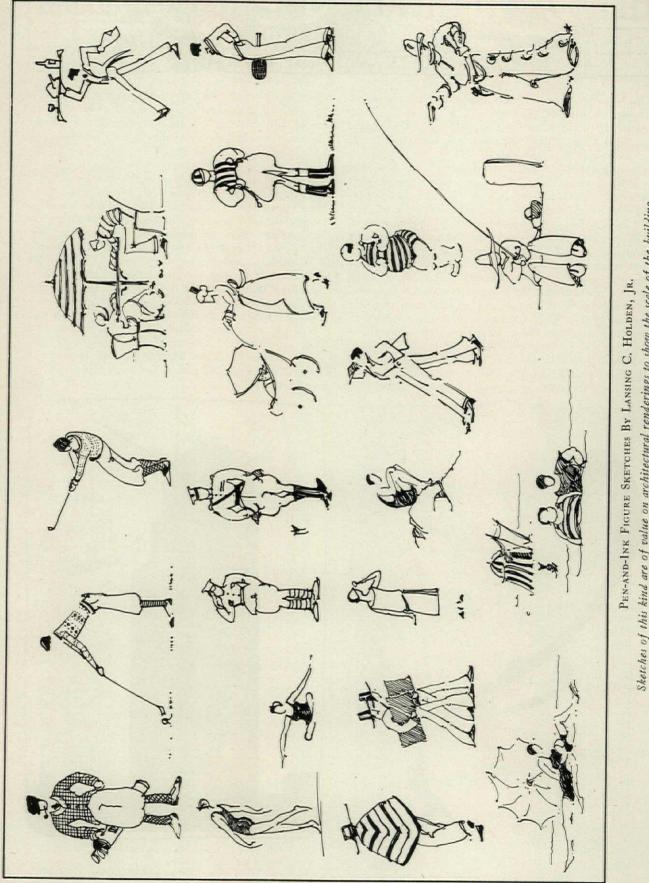
Can you help to put us in touch? Would it be too much to ask you to publish this or its potent, say in your HERE AND THERE, etc., columns?

(Signed) THOS. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary. P. S.—Please don't all rush at once. There is no fee attached to this.



Old Timer: "See all the people down below?" New Man on the Job: "Yeah." Old Timer: "Well 50% of them expect us to fall and be killed." New Man: "Yeah, well 50% of the people up here feel the same way about it."

BY JAY ALLEN (PRIZE-Class Four-July Competition)



Sketches of this kind are of value on architectural renderings to show the scale of the building. (PRIZE-Class Three-July Competition)

### HERE AND THERE AND THIS AND THAT



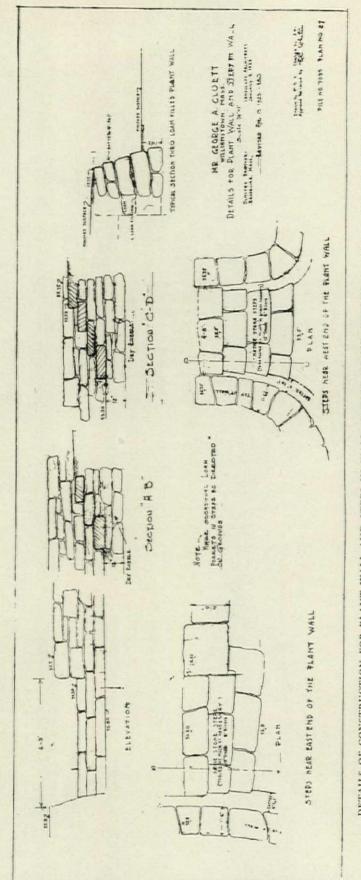
"PEARL STREET MARKET, DALLAS"—PENCIL SKETCH BY E. M. SCHIWETZ (PRIZE—Class One—July Competition)

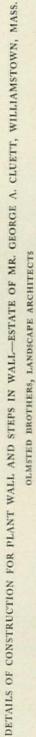


Sketch on Cameo Paper by Francis J. Cormier

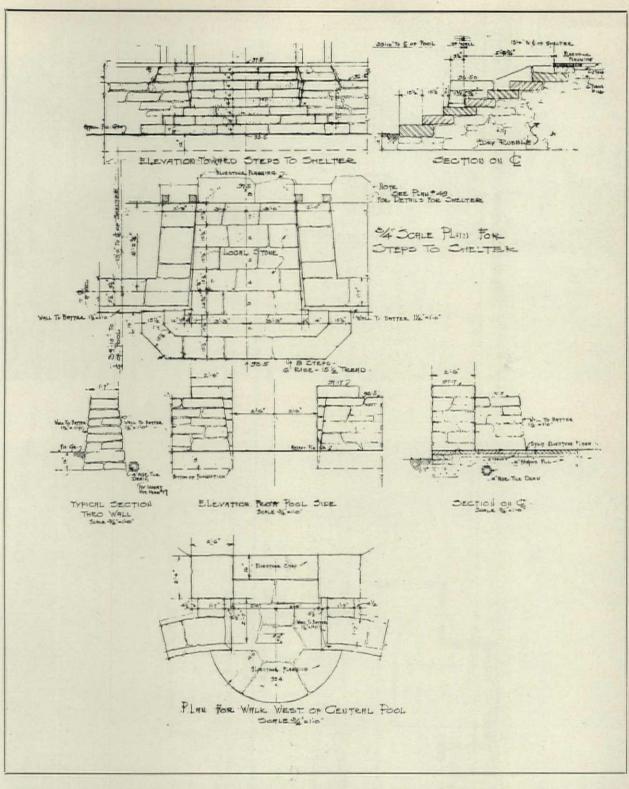


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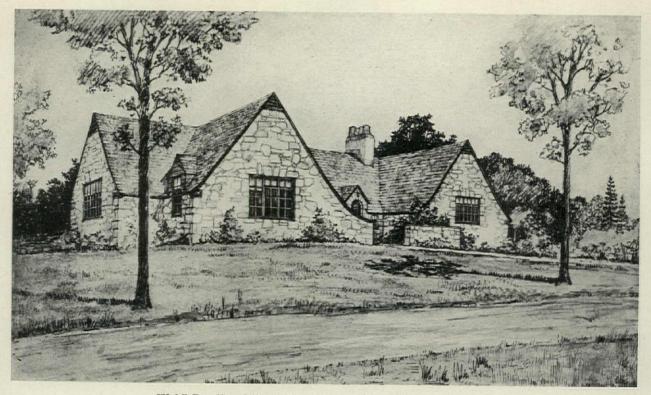




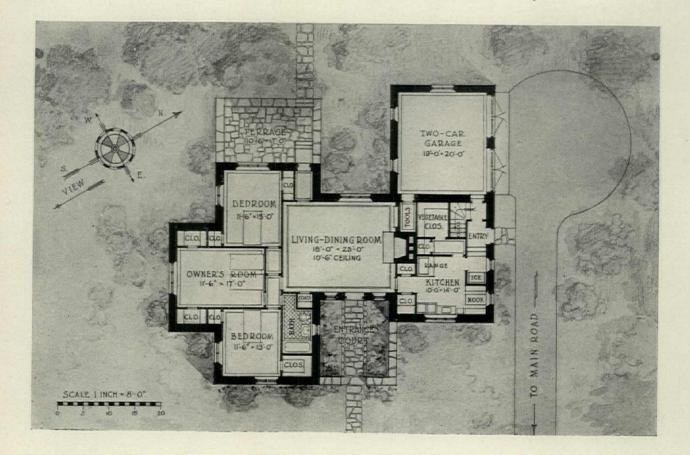
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DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION FOR STONE STEPS-ESTATE OF MR. GEORGE A. CLUETT, WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS. Olmsted brothers, landscape architects



Wolff Pencil and Wash Rendering by Gerald Lynton Kaufman



A STONE HOUSE AT ORIENTA POINT, MAMARONECK, N. Y. GERALD LYNTON KAUFMAN, ARCHITECT

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## THE SPECIFICATION DESK

A Department for the Specification Writer

### SPECIFICATION ENGLISH

By W. W. Beach

SPECIFICATIONS SHOULD satisfy three principal requirements. First, they should, in combination with drawings, so adequately describe a given work as to enable the builder to understand exactly what is intended.

Next, they must, when made part of a contract, enable the owner to legally compel the contractor to produce

precisely what was proposed. And lastly, being an emanation of one of the learned professions, they must be couched in good English, both diction and grammar so well observed that no needed word is omitted or misused, nothing ambiguous or superfluous.

In a previous article in THE SPECIFICATION DESK, the writer touched upon the necessity for general improvement in specification diction and grammar. Apparently, there is sufficient need of this to warrant further dissertation on the subject.

Nor is criticism of specification grammar to be limited to the products of architects' offices. Typical specifications offered by manufacturers as standards to be copied by architects are filled with incomplete clauses treated as finished sentences, such as "All ends of flooring to be centered on joists." No doubt, the copying of these is responsible for much that is in poor form in our documents. Nevertheless,

that is not a good alibi, inasmuch as the original was probably derived from an architect.

#### MODES AND TENSES

The question of modes and tenses of the verbs to be used has much to do with the make-up of our specifications. Obviously, the best form should be decided upon and adhered to. The American Institute of Architects has cleared the way for this by adopting the future tense of the indicative mode and using it consistently.

This is most logical since it is the plain intent of the contract documents that the contractor shall do certain things, in exchange for which the owner will do thus-andso, and binds himself accordingly.

Notwithstanding the example set for us by the A.I.A.,

we frequently find an unwarranted mixture of modes and tenses made use of in a single specification, sometimes in a single paragraph. The following is to be found on a certain page of a current publication offered as a guide to specification writers:



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Future indicative: "From a point directly back of the house-trap, a cast-iron freshair inlet shall be carried to a point where indicated".

Imperative: "Finish with an approved cowl".

Present indicative: "The location of vents is to be as inconspicuous as possible".

How much better to combine the first two into a single sentence in the future indicative: "From point directly back of house-trap, a cast-iron freshair inlet shall be carried to point indicated and finished with approved cowl," and, "Location of vents shall be as inconspicuous as possible". Note also the omission of unnecessary articles and adverbs.

SENTENCE CONSTRUCTION

This matter of sentence construction is worthy of more attention than appears to be given it by the average specification writer. The combining in the preceding paragraph of what had been two sentences is advisable because each has the one subject, "air inlet".

This does not mean that long sentences are necessarily an evidence of better construction. On the contrary, one frequently finds two statements combined into a sentence which would be better if separated.

For instance, "All back-fill is to be well compacted to meet the approval of the Superintendent and all surplus earth and other rubbish and unused material removed from the premises;" this should be written, "All back-fill shall be well compacted to meet the approval of the Superintendent. All surplus earth and other rubbish and unused materials shall be removed from the premises."

But many sentences in current specifications need paring down rather than extending. Consider the following: "The hardware for operating the windows shall be solid bronze hardware recommended as standard by the manufacturers of the windows and approved by the Architects. All hardware shall have a coinage-color finish." Here are thirty-three words used to express what can be better said in fifteen: "Window hardware shall be maker's standard, solid-bronze, coinage-color finish, all acceptable to Architect".

#### Abbreviations and Phonetics

It should go without saying that, whereas we should feel justified in curtailing volume by the use of abbreviations, yet we should be most careful to confine them to such as are incapable of being misunderstood.

Some which seem quite permissible are y.p., c.i., g.i., c.s., c.l., f.o.b. s4s, sls&le, m&b, m&d, o.c., viz., etc. "C.o." is a poor abbreviation, since it means either cutout or cleanout. This is true also of b.l. which might mean either bill-of-lading or building line.

Boiled down, the same rule applies to abbreviating as to other features of specification writing: "Use only what will express the meaning without uncertainty". Use the longer form where there is otherwise a chance of misinterpretation.

This is equally true of the use of phonetic spelling. While there are a few justifiable cuts, such as *thru*, *thruout*, *thoroly*, *wrot*, etc., there are only a few and the practice had best stop with these.

The omission of u in such words as gage, calk, mold, etc., is so sanctioned by usage that the longer form is safely forgotten.

#### REPETITIONS

The spelling out of numbers, followed by figures in parentheses, is a relic of pre-typewriter days and has, apparently, no good reason for perpetuation, except as a sort of affectation to satisfy our legal brethren in stating the contract price.

Such sentences as "There shall be four (4) of these, one ten and one-half  $(10\frac{1}{2})$  inches long, one twelve (12) inches long and the remaining two each 2'6'' long," is typical of such writing. It seems impossible to carry such a system consistently through an entire specification.

It is not, however, a bad idea to spell out quantity digits when they occur next to figures expressing dimensions. Thus the above sentence would be better expressed in this fashion: "There shall be 4 of these, one  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " long, one 12" long and the remaining 2 each 2'6" long."

Owing to the use of the letter l for the figure l on all typewriters, it is generally best to write "one", when expressing a quantity, though 1'' is unmistakable as a dimension.

#### USE OF THE HYPHEN

An increased use of the hyphen can often be counted upon to improve one's sentence construction. There are many nouns and verbs which we use as adjectives, the which appear better when thus joined. *Cast iron* needs no hyphen when used alone; neither does *soil pipe*; but, when combined as modifiers, the hyphens help, thus: *cast-iron soil-pipe* riser.

"Type-S, single-phase, 60-cycle, 2300-volt, 110/220volt, oil-emersed, self-cooled transformers", would not look as well without the hyphens.

In all such expressions as *nickel-plated*, *asphalt-coated*, *building-line*, *pitch-and-gravel*, *matched-and-dressed*, *right-of-way* and the like, the compounded form should be used whenever the clarity can be improved thereby.

#### USE OF THE COMMA

Whereas a more liberal use of the hyphen is to be encouraged, such is certainly not true of the comma. In fact, it should be used as sparingly as possible. Its misuse may prove expensive. Here is an example:

What the architect intended was "This Contractor shall supply all wood-bricks and centering needed in masonry walls." What the stenographer wrote was "This Contractor shall supply all wood, bricks and centering for use in masonry walls".

A comma can do no harm in being used to set off such modifying clauses as can as well be enclosed in parentheses. For instance, "All face-brick, unless otherwise specified, shall be \*\*" would read as well if written "All face-brick (unless otherwise specified) shall be \*\*".

Commas are also useful between nouns in lists and between a sequence of modifying adjectives but should not be used before "and", "or", "but" and "etc".

"Brick should not be laid when dry, and if necessary should be drenched just before being placed in the wall," could better be written "Brick shall not be dry when laid and, if necessary, shall be drenched just before being placed in wall" or, better still, "Brick shall not be dry when laid. If necessary, they shall be," etc.

#### USE OF INITIAL CAPITALS

There is a tendency among many specification writers (or typists) to use initial capitals rather freely in order to set out certain words as of more importance than others. Some even insert warnings in capitals to command attention, the effect of which is to influence the reader to pass by something else of, perhaps, equal importance.

If one starts in with initial capitals for all personal nouns, then for the names of parts of the building etc., one really finds no good place to draw the line. Probably the best procedure is to use the capitals for *Owner*, *Contractor*, and *Architect*, and stop there, except, of course, that proper names cannot be written without capitals. Proprietary names, such as *Universal*, *Bull-dog* and the like, should also be in quotation marks.

#### AMBIGUITIES

A specification without ambiguities is indeed greatly to be desired. The major part of such faults are, of course, due to lack of care. The average specification can be improved by following these "dont's", which have to do chiefly with words of two or more meanings:

Don't say:

plans when you mean drawings;

furnish when you mean provide or supply;

furnish all material and perform all labor when you mean provide all labor and material;

pitch when you mean incline;

line when you mean plane;

level when you mean surface or area;

ridge when you mean apex;

door when you mean doorway or opening;

saddle when you mean either threshold or watershed; contractor when you mean sub-contractor.

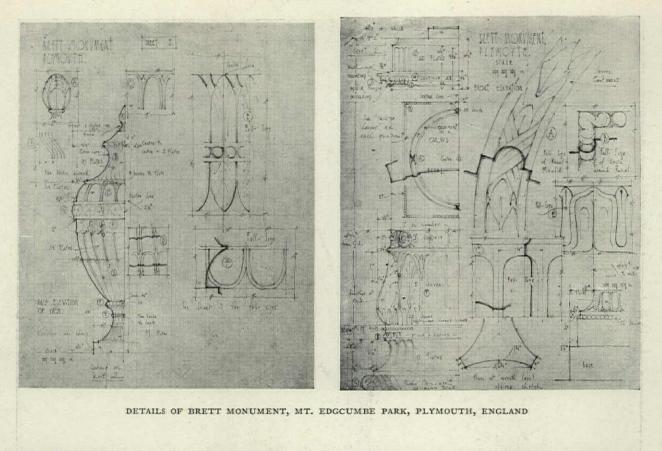
One can make a sentence just as ambiguous by the use of unnecessary words as by employing words of more than one meaning. An example frequently met with is "necessary or required", in such clauses as "The Contractor shall provide all bracing and shoring necessary or required in connection with the work". This might be taken to mean that the architect reserved the privilege of requiring the contractor to do more shoring or bracing than necessary. In fact, it is difficult at times to determine just what is meant by the use of both words. One should be ample, especially in view of the fact that the architect is recognized as the arbiter to determine exactly what is required or necessary.

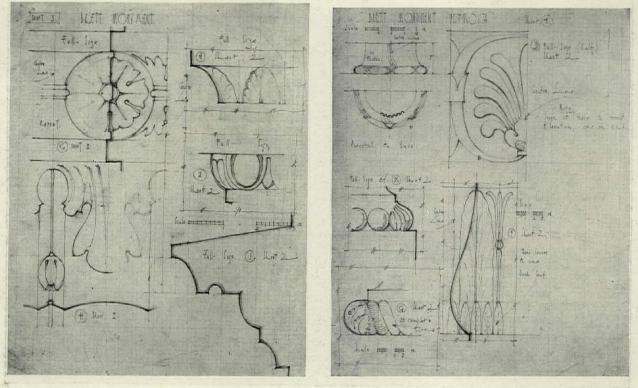
Finally, then, let us be clear, concise without lacking clarity, and consistently insistent throughout.



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SKETCH NOTES FOR A MEASURED DRAWING, BY JOHN H. MILLMAN (See Finished Drawing on Page 517)

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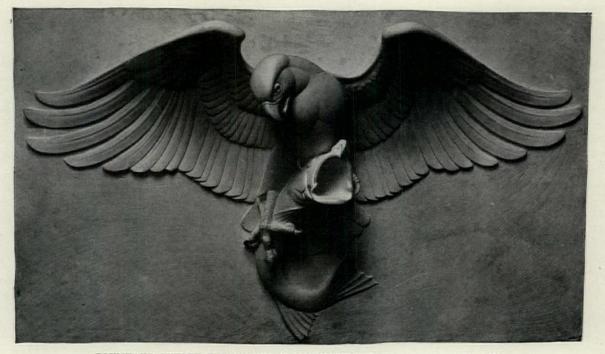
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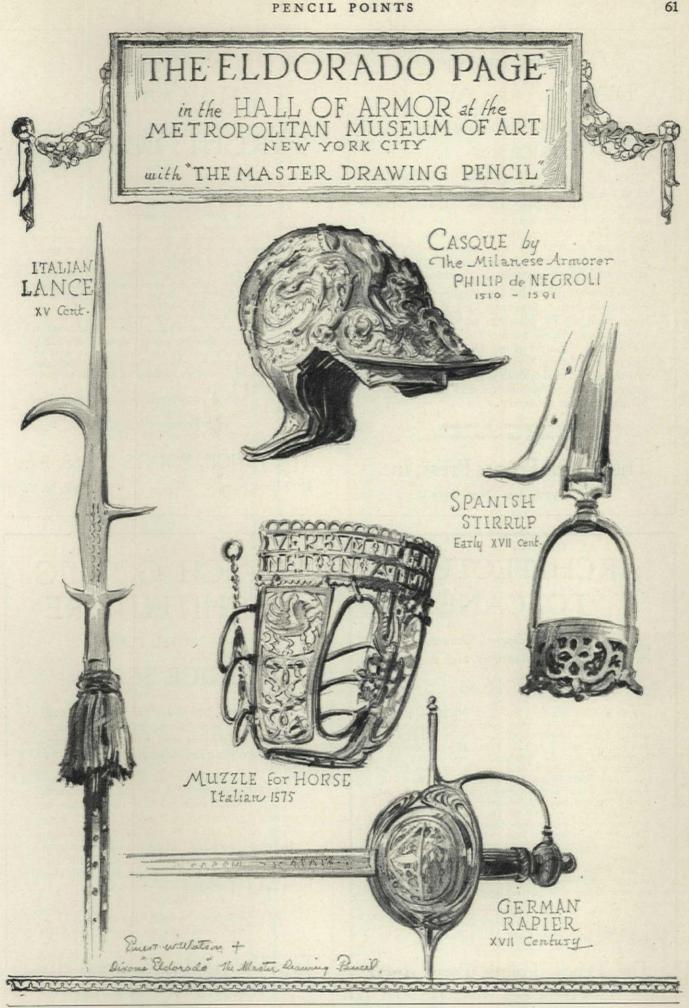
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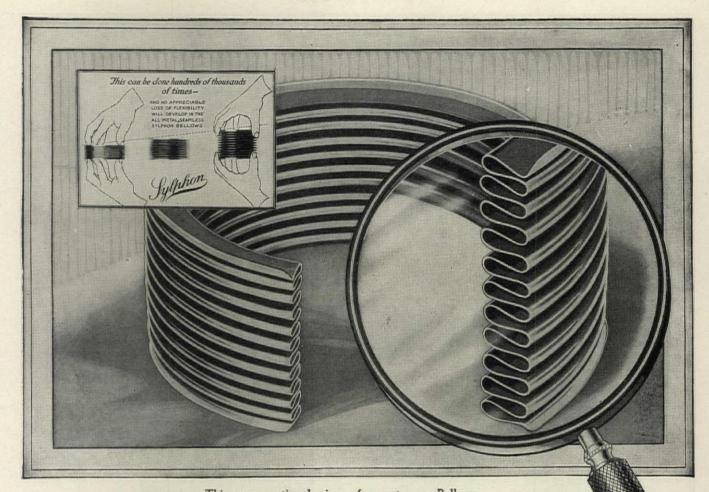


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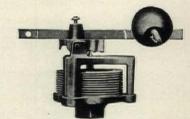
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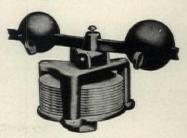




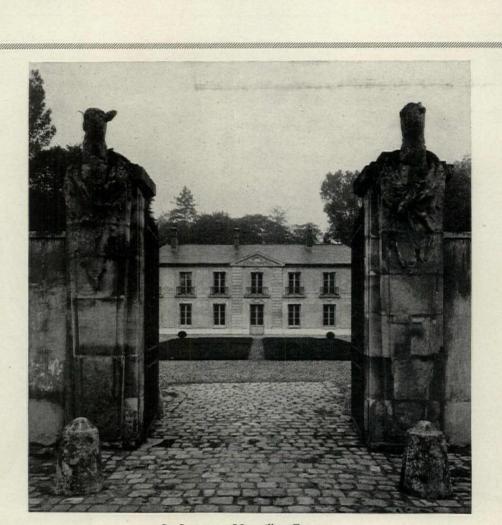
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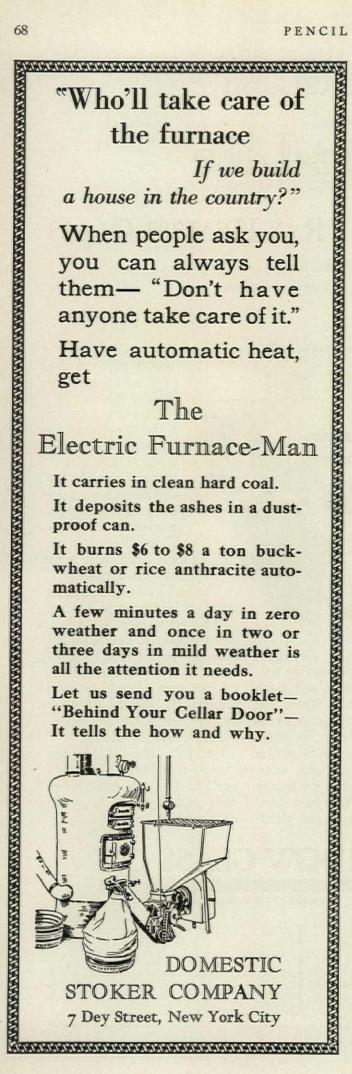
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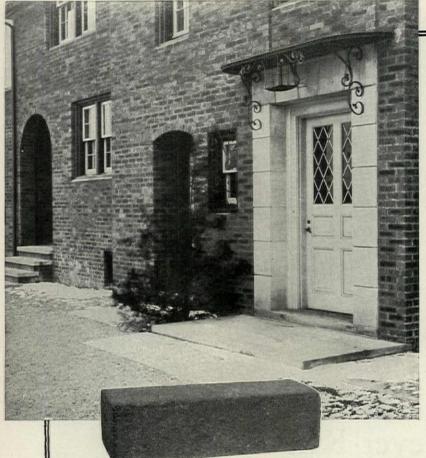
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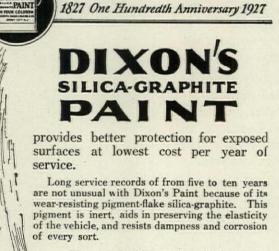
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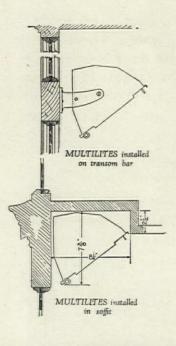
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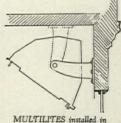
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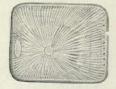
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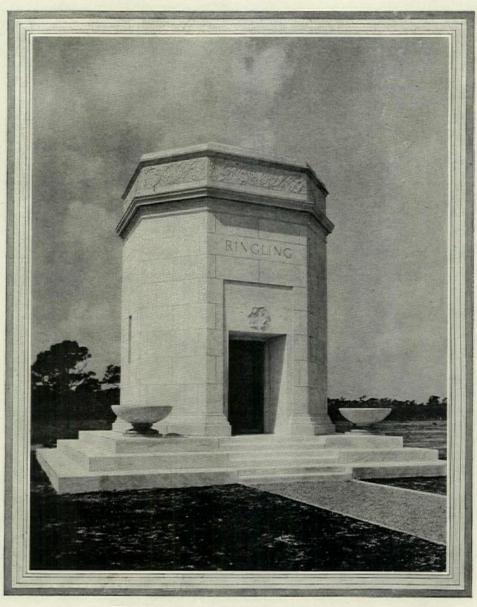
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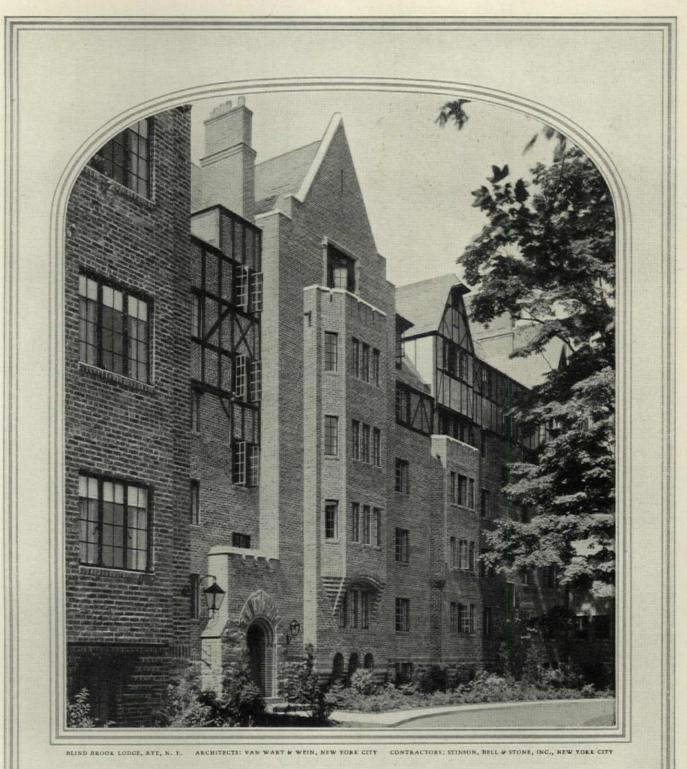
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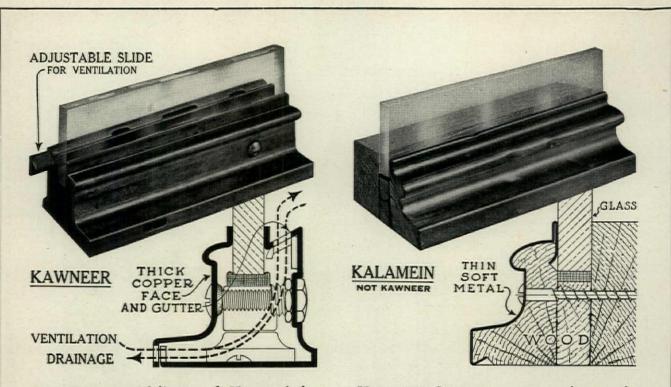
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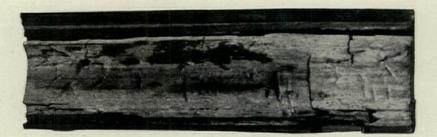


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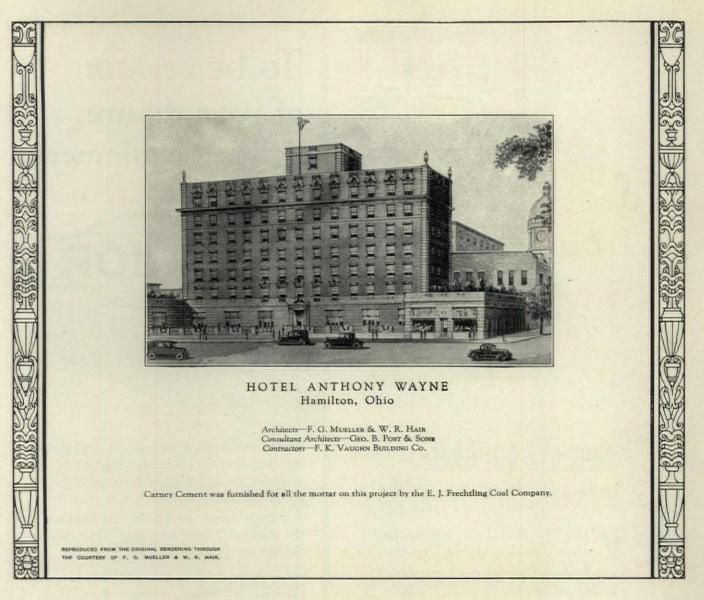


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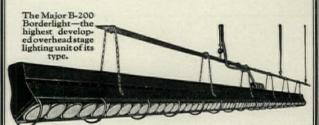
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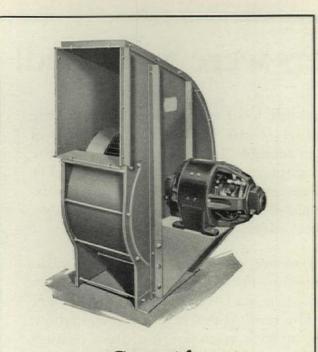
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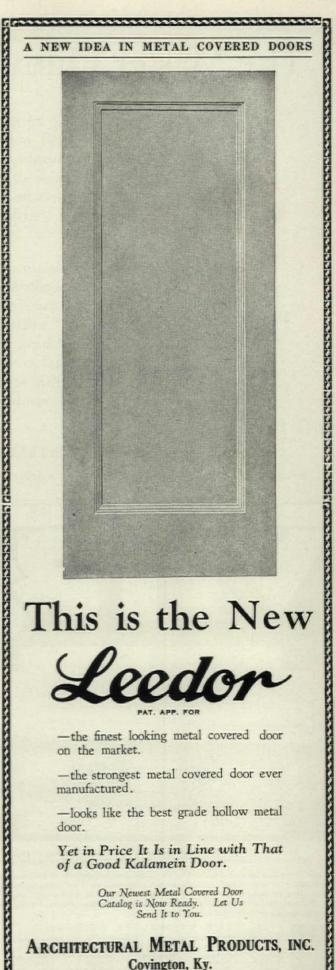
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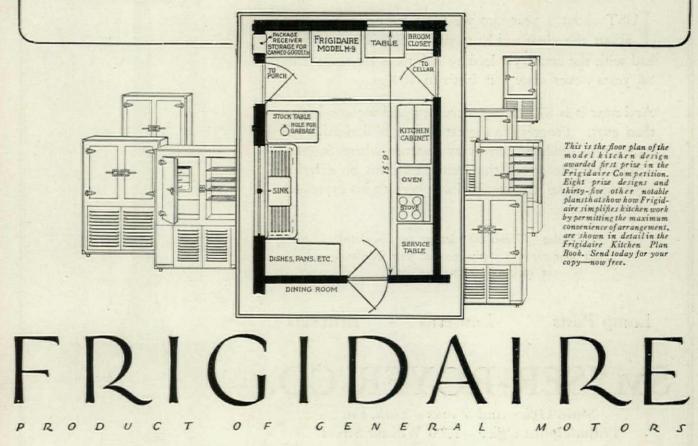
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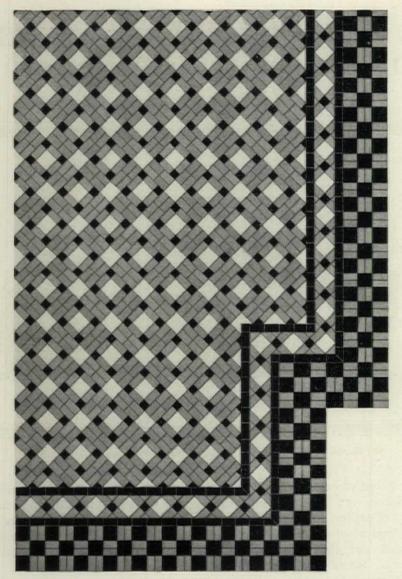
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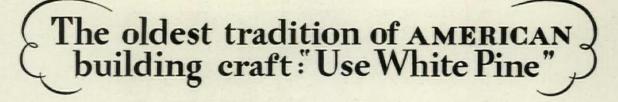
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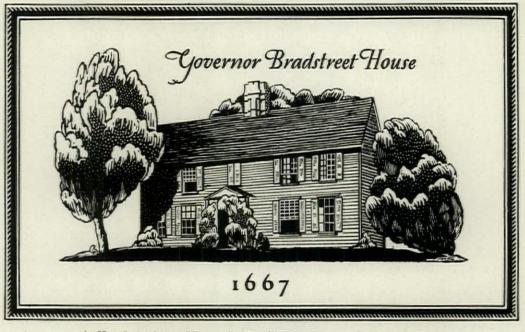
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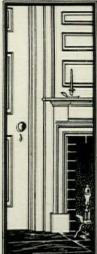


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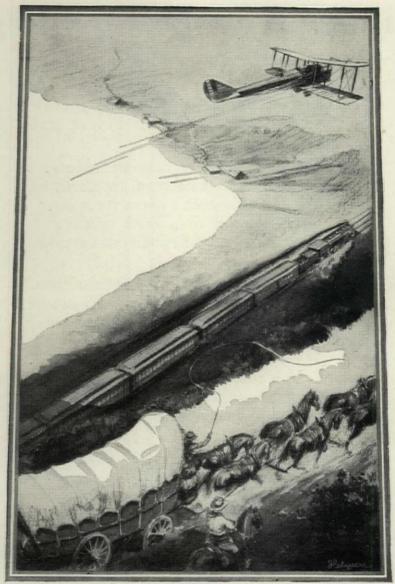
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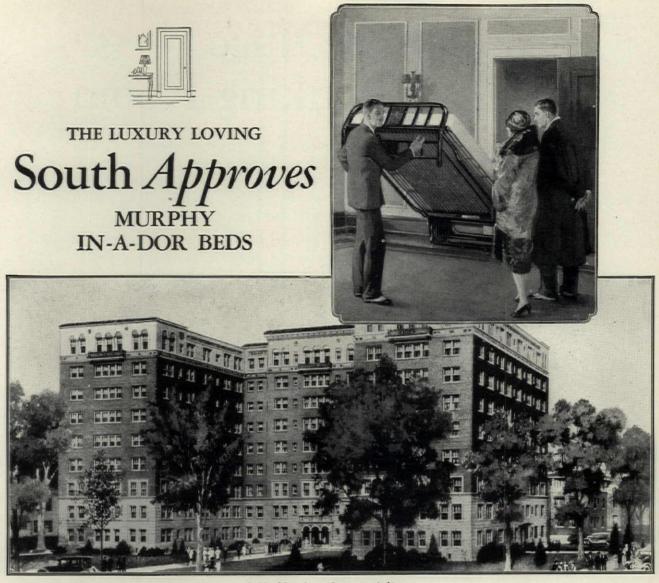
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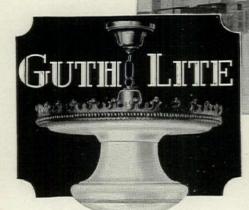
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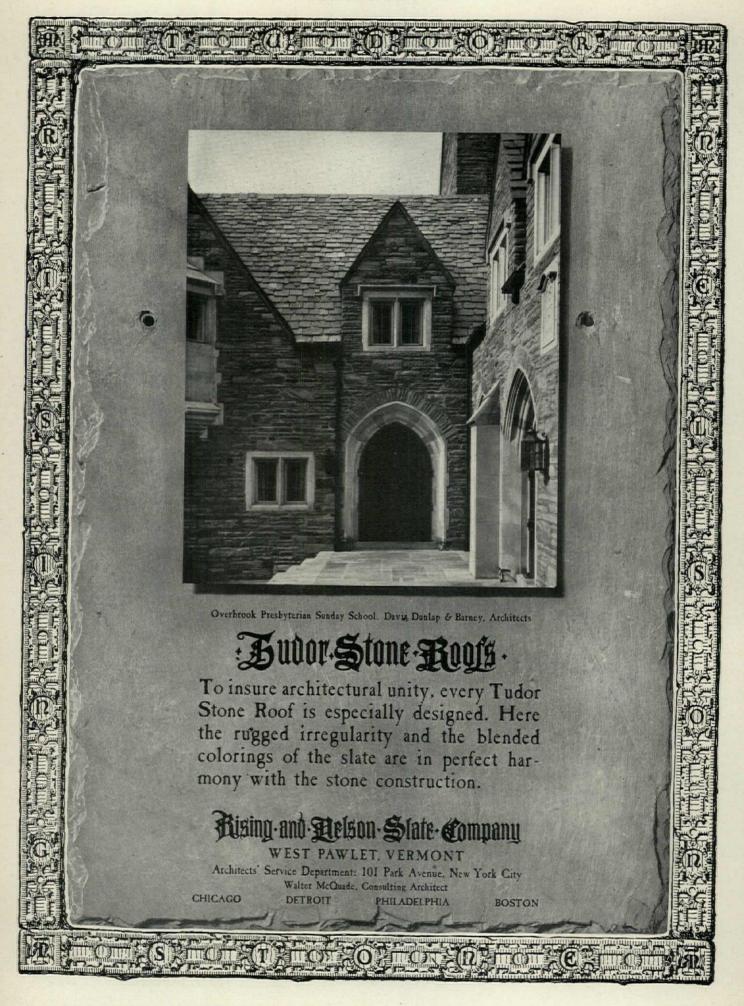
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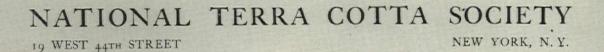


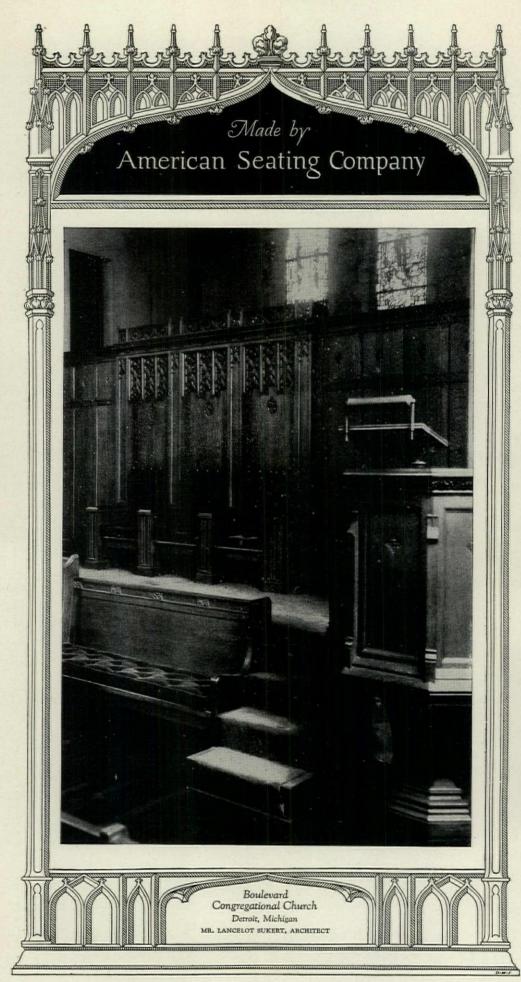
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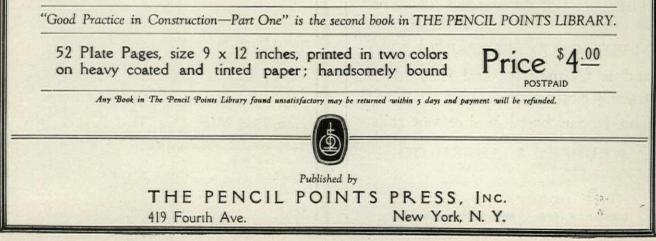
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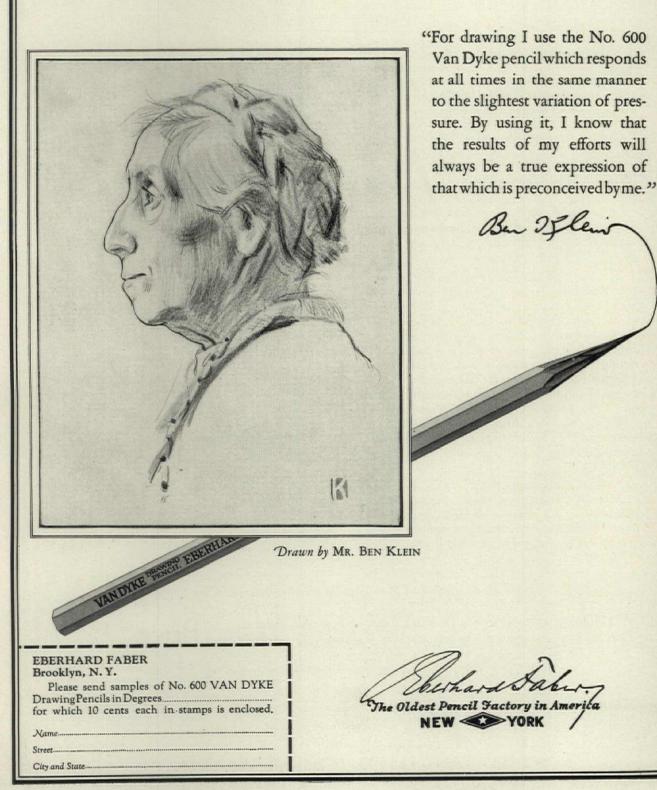
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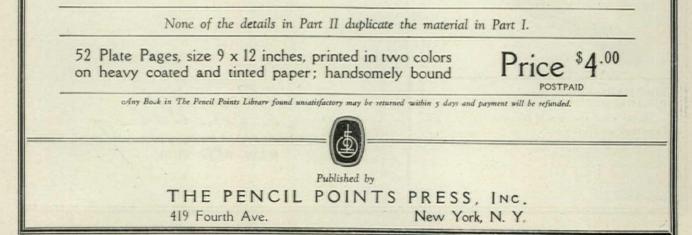
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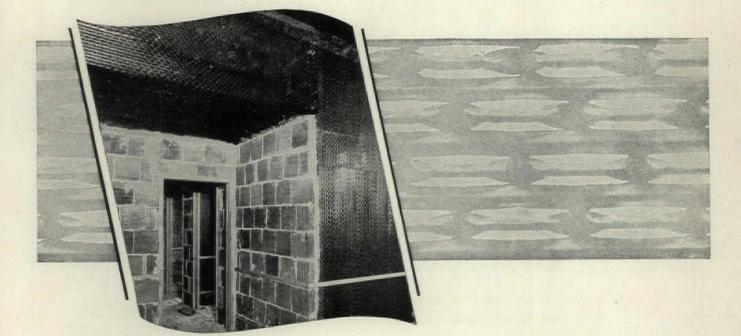
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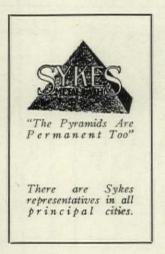
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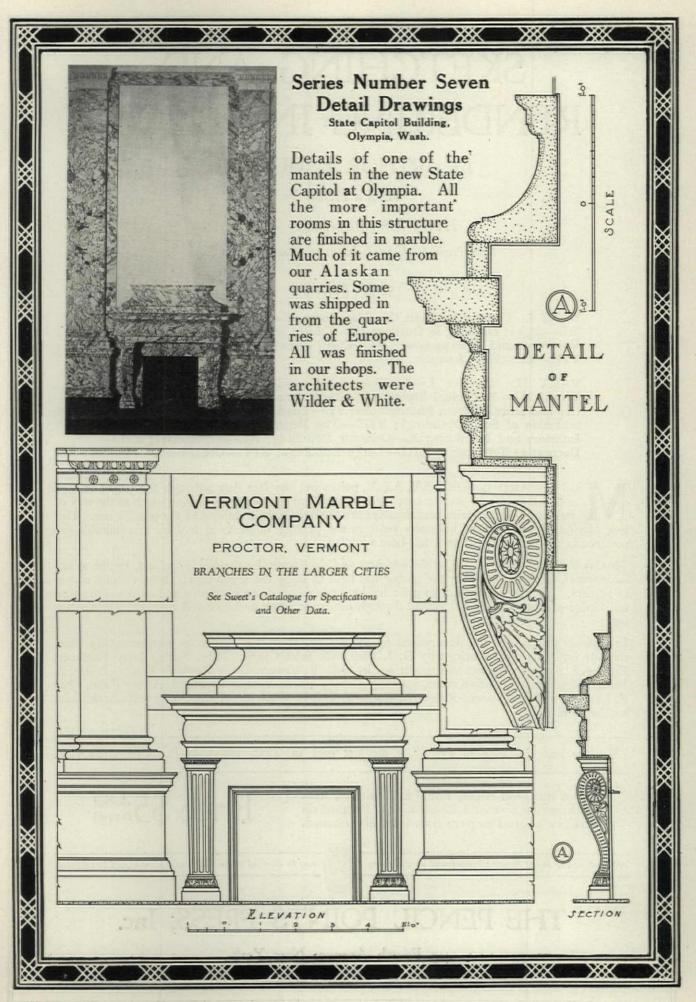
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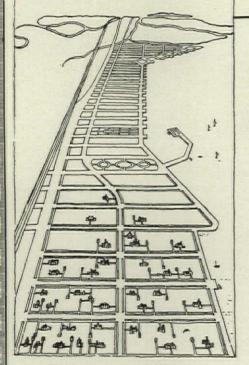
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OUR Light Joist meets a certain need separate and distinct from the requirements fulfilled by our Massillon Bar Joists. Massillon Bar Joists are used in building fireproof floors in all types of structures. This fireproof floor construction is scientifically designed to secure the maximum benefits from the materials involved. The dead load of each floor slab is materially reduced the structural savings go right down to the footings—the construction time is cut to the minimum. And yet, when you analyze the layouts, you will be surprised at their simplicity—even to the installation of piping and miscellaneous floor accessories. These can be run in any direction through the web of the joists without raising floor levels or suspending ceilings. Massillon Bar Joists are made in standard sizes to meet all span and load requirements and are shipped from stock. Send for literature giving construction details and safe loading tables.

Canton, Ohio

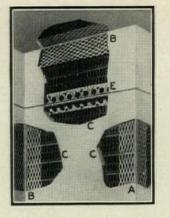
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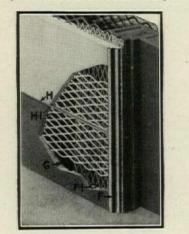
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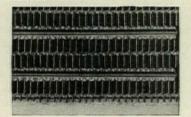
STANDARDIZED STEEL BUILDING PRODUCTS



Section of wall exposed to show Milcor Products, essential to Better Plastering: ""A", Expansion Corner Bead No. r (Pat'd]; "B", Expansion Corner Bead No. 2 (Pat'd]; "C", Stay Rib Metal Lath No. r; "E", Milcor Concealed Metal Picture Molding.



Showing Milcor's popular new metal trim which replaces wooden trim for doors and windows: — "F", Exposed molding of Expansion Casing No. 6 [Par'd] and "F-r", the expanded metal wing of same; "H", Exposed bead of Expansion Base Screed No.3[Par'd] and "H-r", the expanded metal wings of same; "G" —Netmesh MetalLath.



Milcor Stay Rib Metal Lath No. 1 In addition to this lath, the Milcor Line includes 3/" Stay Rib No. 2, 3/" Stay Rib No. 3 and Netmesh [diamond expanded] metal lath. Available in steel, "Coppered Metal", or ARMCO Ingot Iron, painted or galvanized, or in zinc or copper.



#### PENCIL POINTS



## Where one goes the gang goes!

STOP them! Fire and his henchmen pick the unprotected homes and buildings. There lies their strength—in the weakness of shoddy construction. Indifferent plastering on unsafe plastering-bases never did and never will represent anything but danger and undue expense, eventually — and sometimes before there is time to move in!

Last winter, in Milwaukee, on the eve of the day the owner was preparing to move into a supposedly high grade new home, FIRE stalked in and gutted the entire interior! The plastering had been done on a base of wooden lath. The heating plant had been started, to help dry out the building. Overheated flues started the trouble. FIRE had another feast — nothing to stop it! Plenty of encouragement! Thousands of dollars lost. And deep chagrin, instead of happiness, for all concerned.

Plastering on metal lath prevents such losses. It saves lives. It keeps out FIRE, Cracks and Dust Streaks, permanently. It insures lasting beauty for plastered walls and ceilings inside and for stucco outside.

The cost is so little and the value so great that the common sense of building this way for safety and permanent beauty is plainly evident. Stop these depredatory plotters. You know how!

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# Slide the doors inside

#### one of these methods will take care of any condition

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**Slidetite** equipped doors (above) are so easy to operate that a child can open and close them. All the hardware is inside the garage where it will work better and last longer.

Slidaside (below) is frequently the method specified when a garage is not deep enough to

fold the doors inside. They slide around the corner against the wall, regardless of the distance from door jamb to side wall.

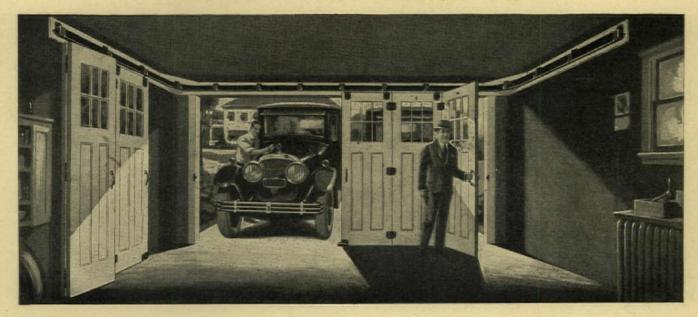
R-W garage door hardware eliminates center posts, leaving a clear and unobstructed full width opening. Doors are adjustable—always fit snug.

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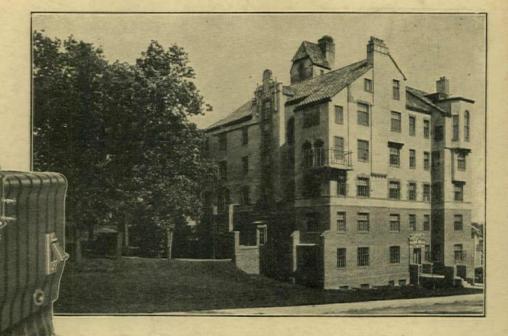


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