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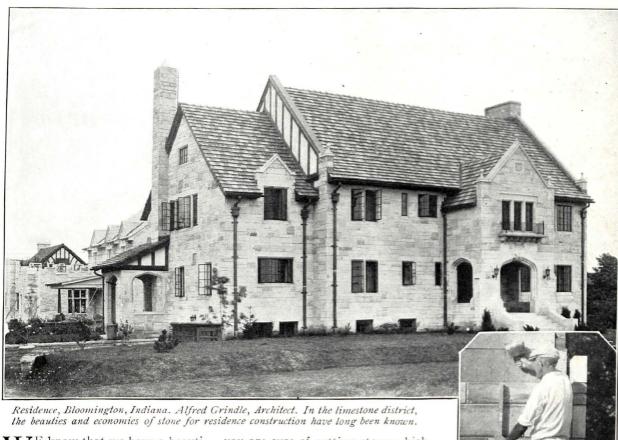
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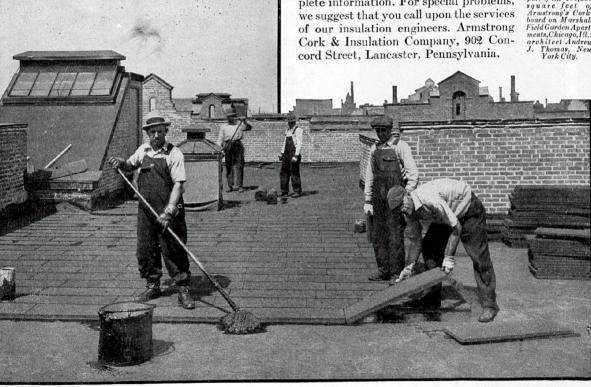
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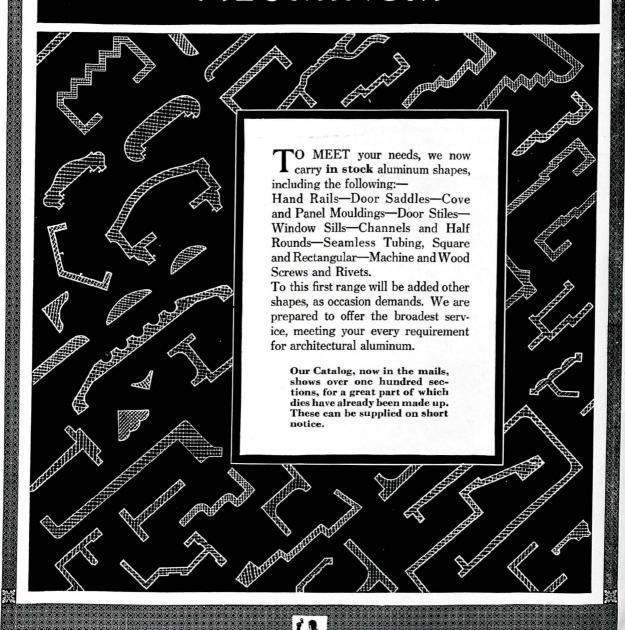
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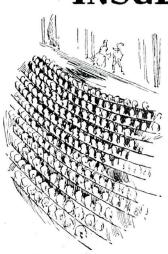
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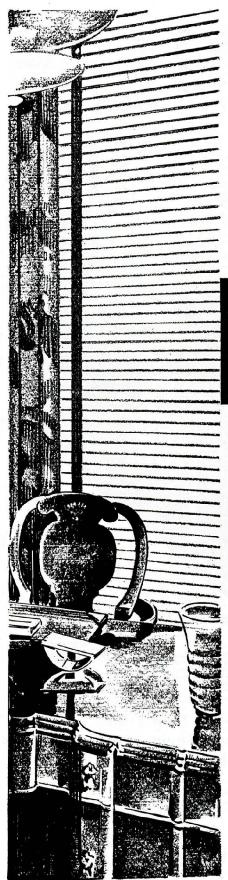
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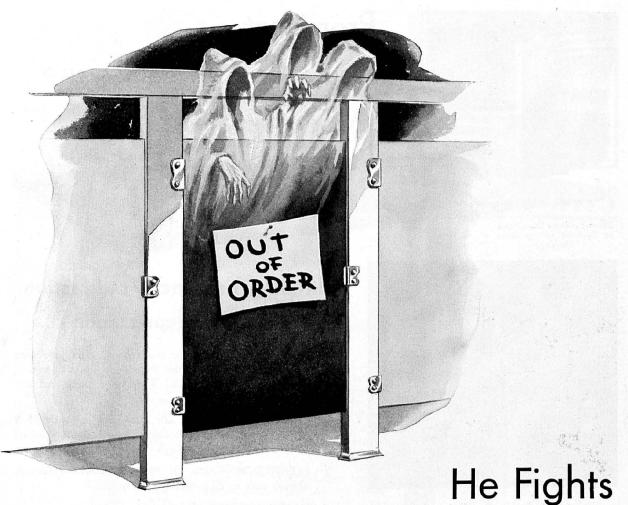
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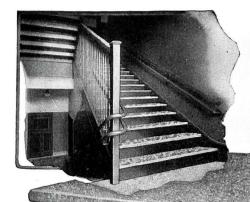
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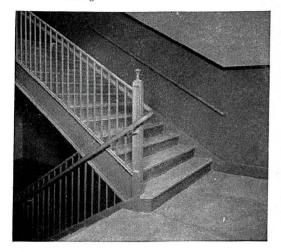
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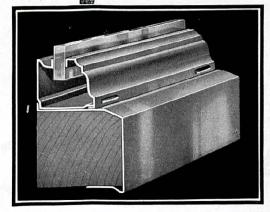
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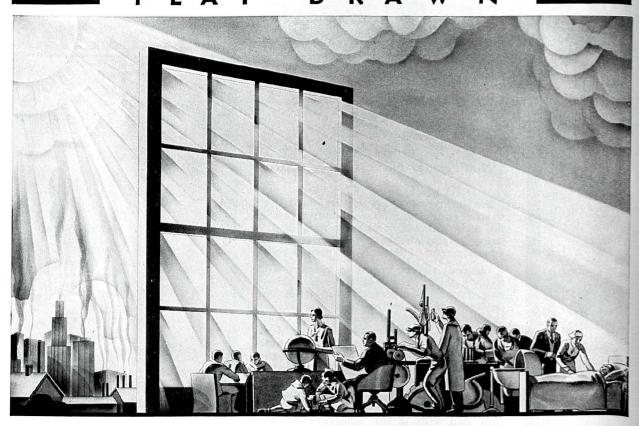
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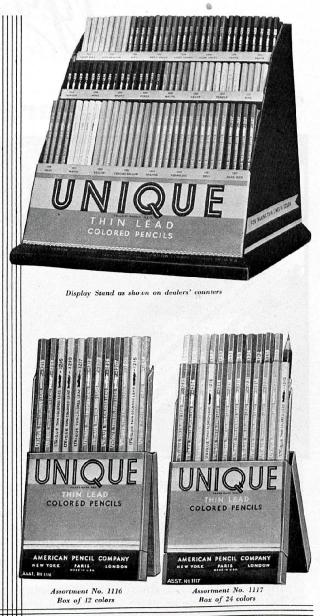
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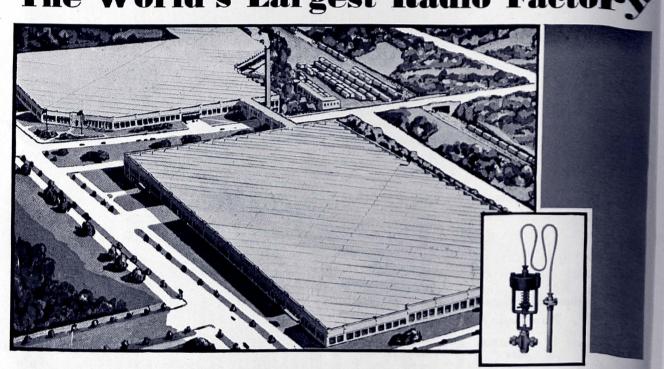
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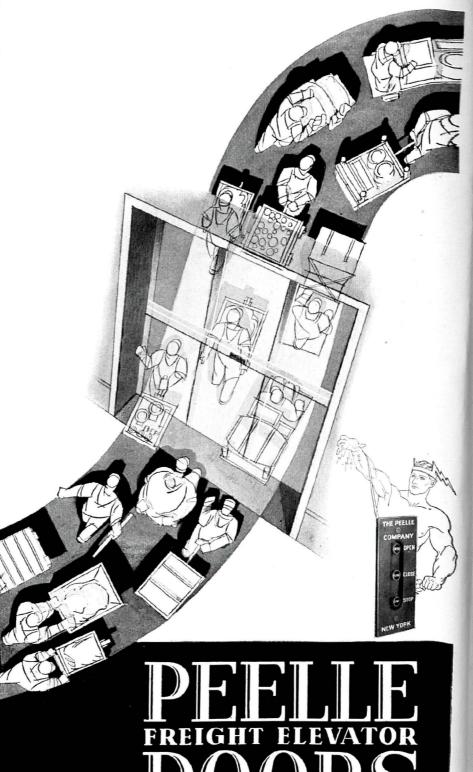
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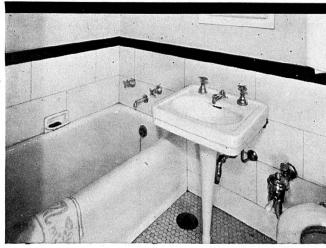
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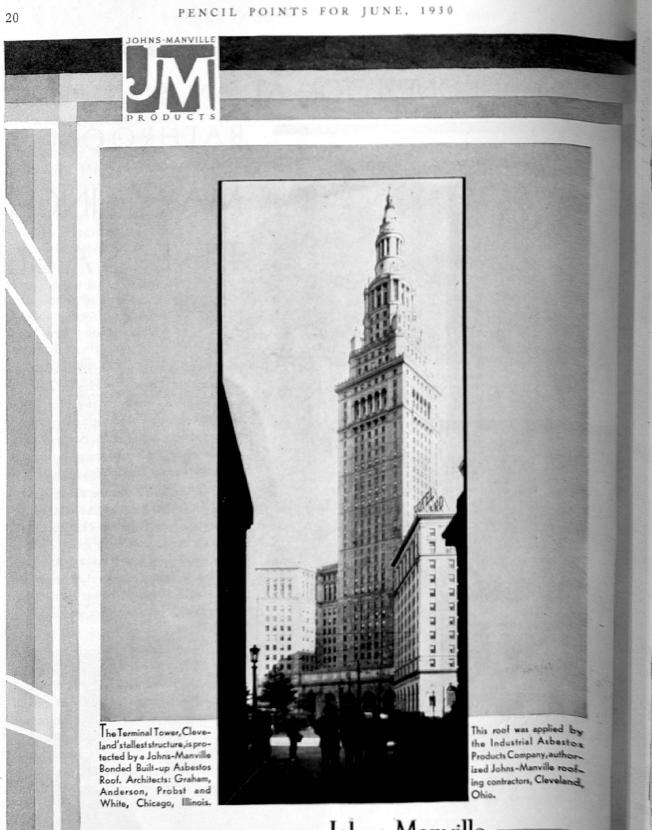
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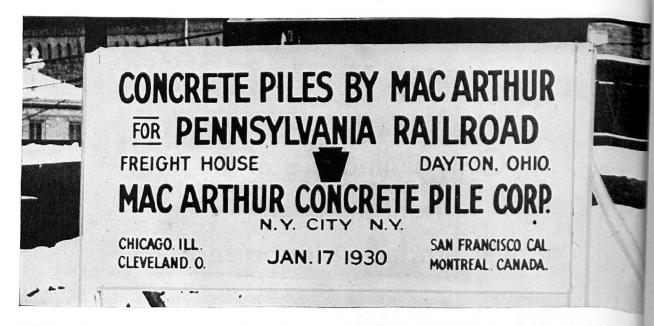
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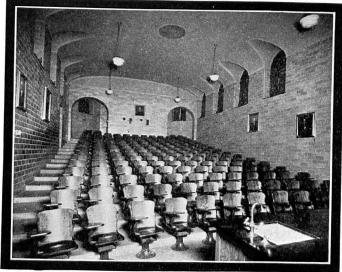
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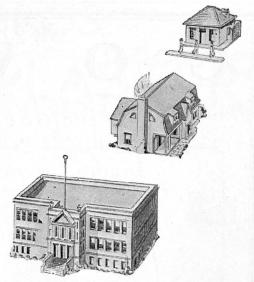
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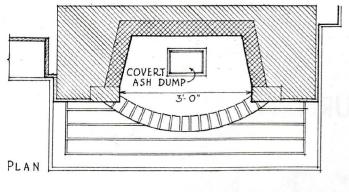
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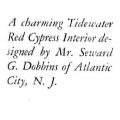


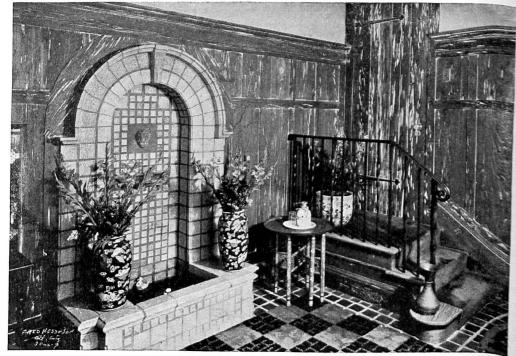




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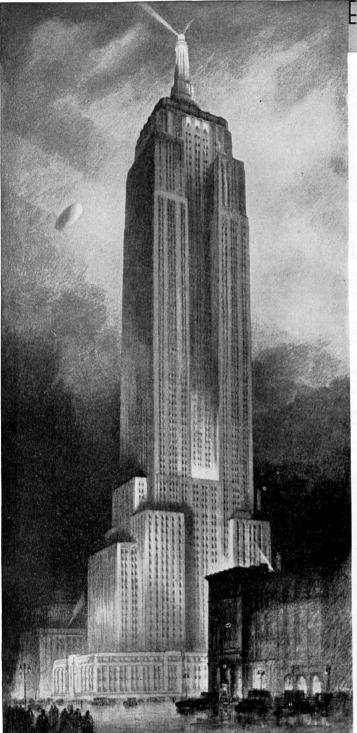
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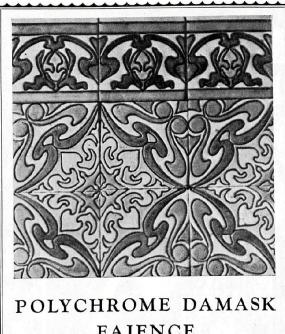
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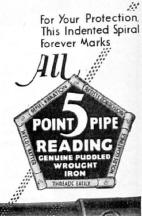
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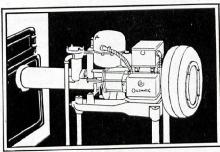
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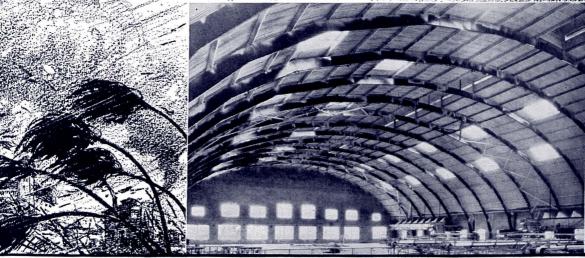
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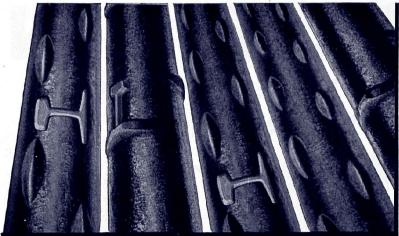








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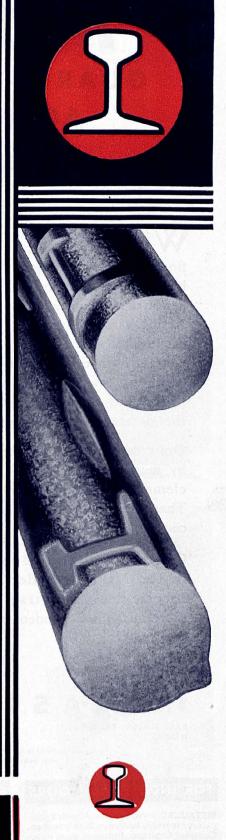


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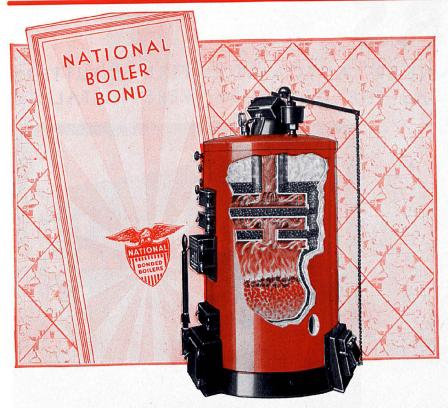
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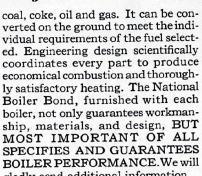
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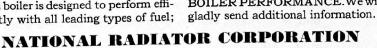
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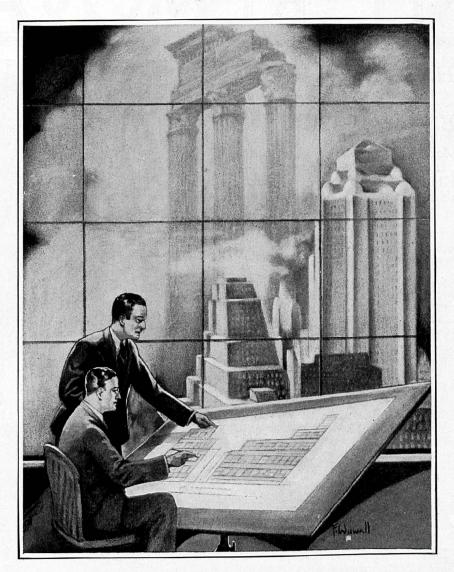


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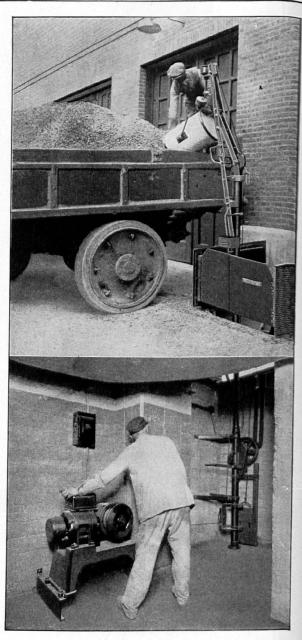
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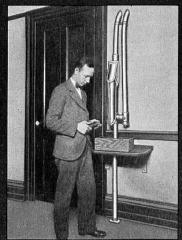
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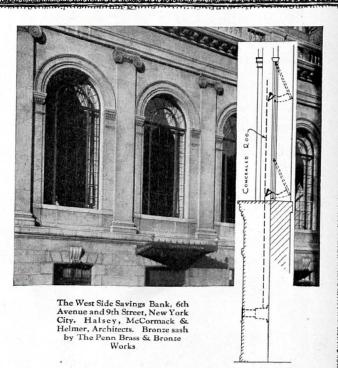
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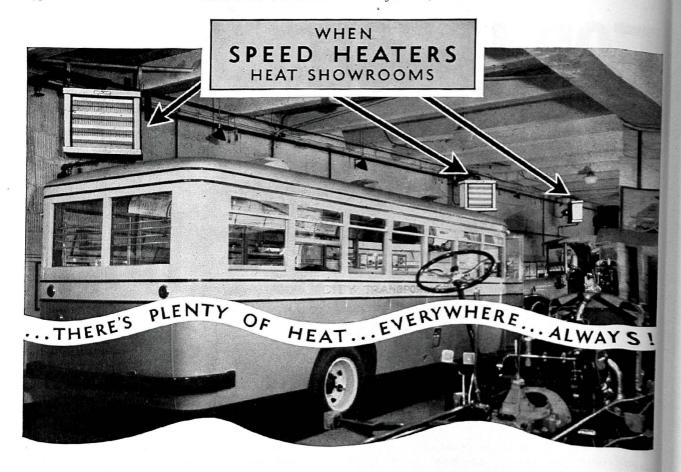
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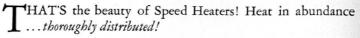
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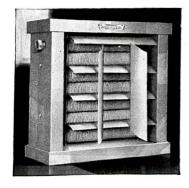
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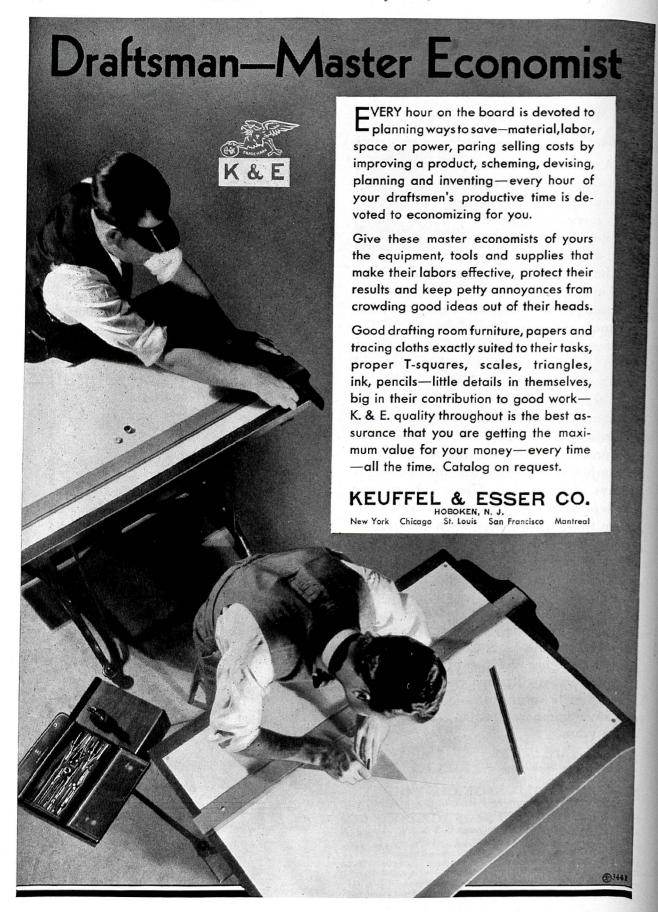
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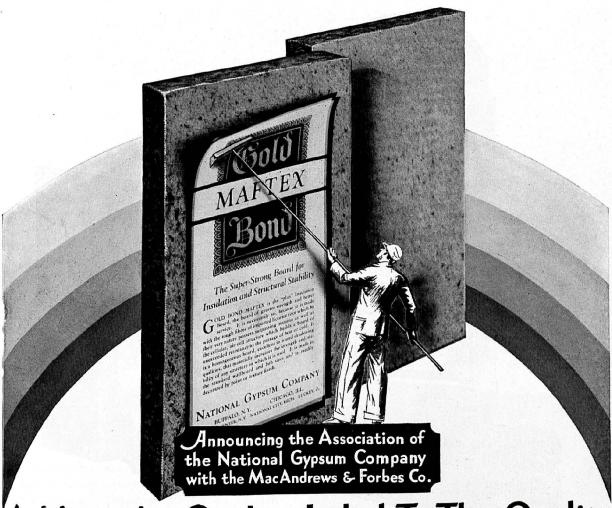


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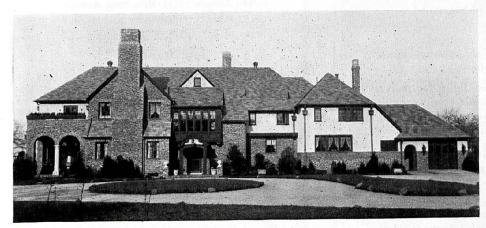
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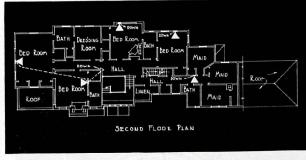
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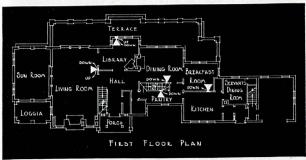
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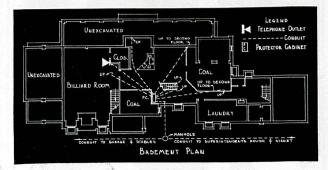
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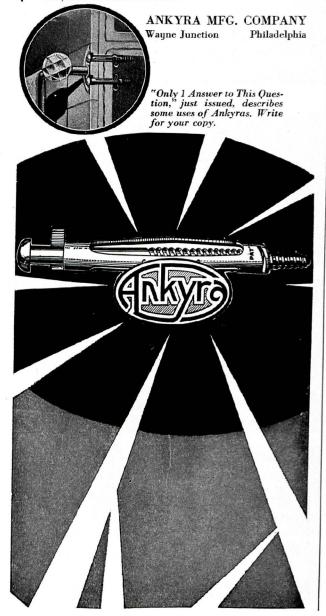


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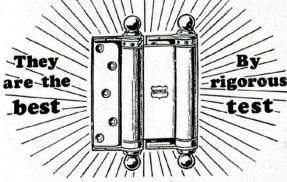
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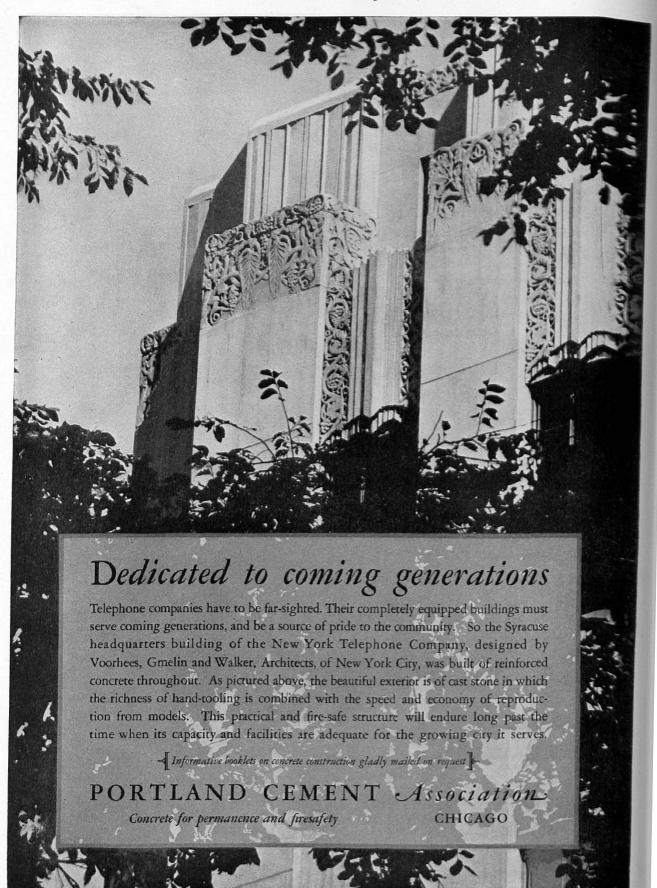
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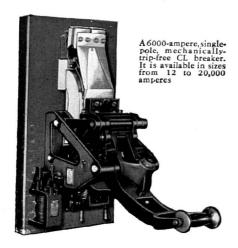
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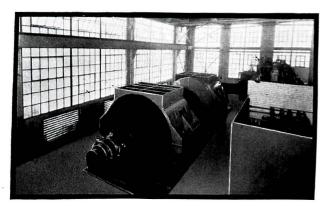


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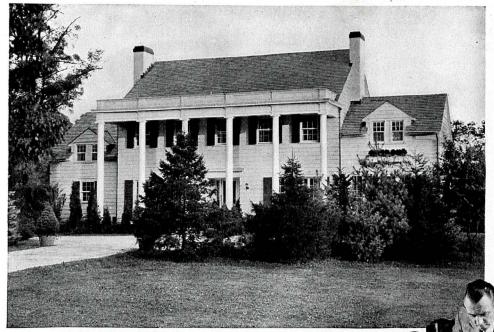
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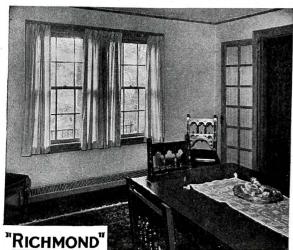


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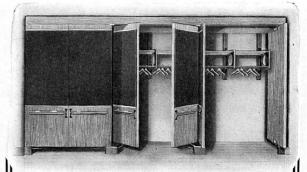
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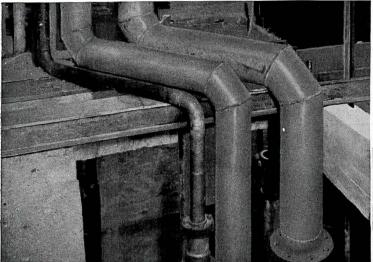
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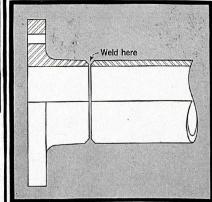
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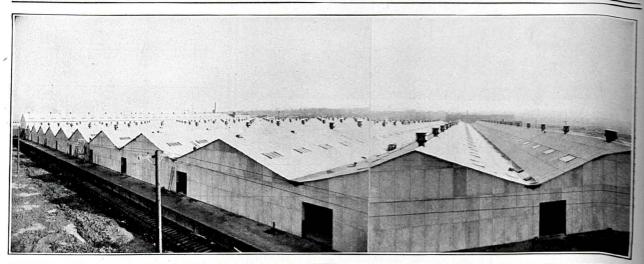
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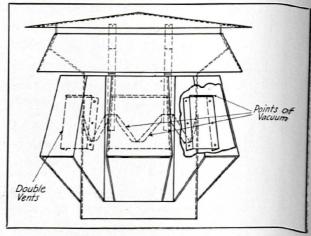
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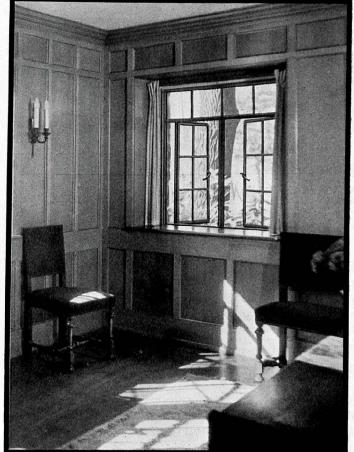
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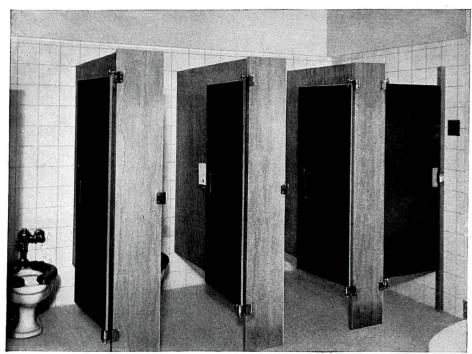
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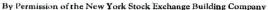
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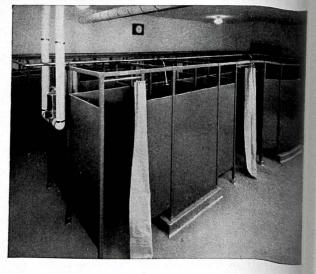
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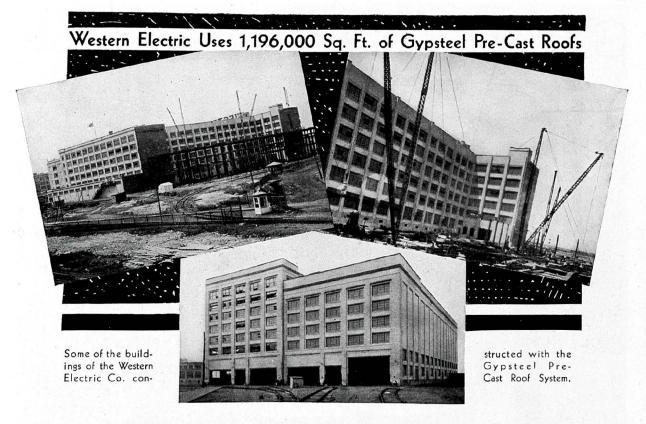
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### BEFORE THE JUDGMENT

As THIS ISSUE GOES to press we are about to depart for Washington to attend the convention of the American Institute of Architects which is being held May 21, 22, and 23. We are going to attend the meeting of the Producers' Council the day before the opening of the Convention and are looking forward to a very busy and pleasant week.

We are gratified to know, before leaving, that the PENCIL POINTS ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION for 1930 bids fair to be a complete success. Already there have been over six hundred designs submitted and there will undoubtedly still be others to come in, mailed last

week from distant points. The total will be more than twice as great as in our last competition for the sort held in 1927!

The jury will meet to select the prize winning designs and the honorable mentions on June 6, 7, and 8, and from what we have seen of the designs as they have been opened in this office we are sure that the judges will have plenty of work to keep them busy for the entire three days. All types of house are represented, to be built of all varieties of material-wood, stone, brick, stucco, and combinations of these. They are designed to be built in practically every section of the country. The architectural styles range from the conventional period types to the most modern 1930 concrete "battleship" forms which we have seen pictured in recent architectural publications from There are good and abroad.

bad of all these styles. Some of the more modern designs strike us as excellent—but of course it is up to the jury to decide which manner is preferable. Many of the plans are most ingenious solutions of the problem, which was not an easy one. We will watch for the results with extreme interest.

The jury will include, unless unforeseen circumstances prevent, Thomas E. Tallmadge of Chicago, Benno Janssen of Pittsburgh, Robert P. Bellows of Boston, Paul Cret of Philadelphia, and Dwight James Baum of New York. Their report will, we expect, be ready in time for publication in the July issue of

PENCIL POINTS along with reproductions of the winning and

mention designs.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every competitor for participating in this competition and for helping to make it a success. We wish it were possible to award every one a prize but since that is not the way of competitions we will have to confine ourselves to wishing them all success and hoping that, win or lose, they will feel that the game was worth the candle and that they have profited by the work they have done.

Drawings not premiated will be returned to their respective owners as soon after the judgment as it is possible for our shipping department to handle such a large order. An effort has been made to mark the mailing tubes so that each design may be returned in its original container.

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### THIRD MONTHLY REPORT

THIS MONTH WE PRESENT the contributions to the fund arranged by states instead of in the order of their receipt, as formerly. This is following a suggestion made by one of our architect friends who thought this would be more convenient for reference than the arrangement we have previously used.

It will be seen that we are not being flooded with money to expend for the noble purposes previously outlined, but it is good to know that some architects and draftsmen believe in our plans and are able to find a few dollars around the place to send in for the fund.

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# GASTON DORFINANT

## ONE OF THE SURVIVING MASTER LITHOGRAPHERS

By Samuel Chamberlain

Editor's Note:—The illustrations for this article were reproduced from recent lithographs printed in Paris on the Dorfinant Press.

THAS BEEN nearly a decade since I pushed my way through two cluttered courtyards to the picturesque shrine of Gaston Dorfinant. A hasty jotting on the back of an envelope had led me to a two-story house on the banks of the Seine at Number 12 rue Chanoinesse. A jovial little man with bright crimson cheeks, sparkling eyes, and a broad Parisian accent welcomed me and ushered me into his studio. Through the dusty windowpanes the ornate Hôtelde-Ville and the Church of St. Gervais silhouetted themselves against a lavender-grey Paris sky. Outside, tugboats churned laboriously upstream, towing loaded barges and emitting a maritime squeal now and then. The studio contained a half dozen stocky drawing tables, reinforced to carry the weight of heavy lithographic stones. At each of these sat a commercial artist, copying poster designs for pâté de foie gras, coal stoves, windshield wipers, or outboard motors.

There were old doddering draftsmen and fresh young apprentices who were marvellously agile at copying things. In the choicest corner was a grizzled old lettering expert whose passions were horse racing and la boxe. Next to him was the venerable Monsieur Paul, smooth-shaven and sophisticated, gurgling a rich meridional brogue. He knew a dozen operas by heart, and had a habit of singing one from end to end as he worked. It used to take him two weeks to run through his repertoire. Then there was the enormous, smiling Monsieur Nicolas, whose muscular arms turned the hand press ten hours a day. A perpetual rigolade reigned in the place, a subtle and well perfected badinage which killed the monotony of copying dull things in reverse. The Atelier Dorfinant was a busy place at that time, but even then one could sense the beginning of a slump, for the electrotype process was making insidious intrusions into the lithographic



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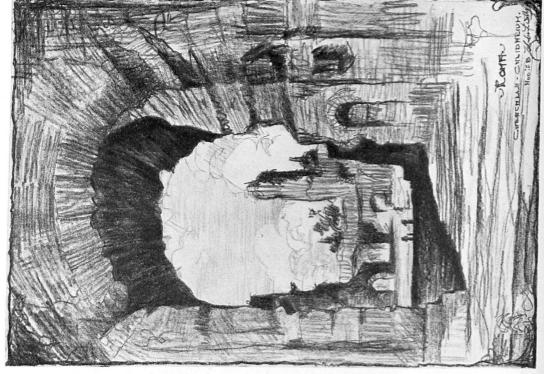


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IMAGINATIVE COMPOSITION—BY DONALD NELSON

BATHS OF CARACALLA—BY HERBERT WATTS The print at the left measured, in the original, 13" x 161/2"-that at the right, 11" x 16" domain. When Gaston began his career with his father, who was a lithographer before him, most of the fine color printing in France was done from stone. Everything from huge bill posters to soap wrappers was pulled by hand in the Atelier Dorfinant. The gradual triumph of mechanical reproduction and speedy machine printing was but a mere repetition of the same story one encounters in this mechanical age. Gaston Dorfinant did not view the situation with alarm, however. He saw instead an opportunity to concentrate

on artist's proofs, and to escape the tedium of candy box covers. His artist clients began to increase as his commercial artists were let loose for their military duty or merely from lack of work. He began to print illustrations for de luxe books of limited edition, to prepare albums for ambitious debutants at the lithographer's art. Finally the last commercial artist took leave. Now only the capable Monsieur Nicolas remains to aid Gaston in turning his presses. Some of the most noted graphic artists in France now use Gaston's tables to retouch their stones. Luc-Albert Moreau and Boussaingault, two of the most famed of the modernists, spend much of their time there. The artist-grand-son of Victor Hugo, the exotic Vertés, the venerable Pissaro all are found there at least once a week. The list could be carried to a tiresome length. Most of the American students at the Ecole des Beaux Arts know Gaston. He has pulled large proofs or solved the Christmas Card question for most of them.

PORTE DE CARMONA, SPAIN
BY JEAN LABATUT
Original, 7½" x 13½"

The exterior of Gaston's setting has undergone many transformations also. A greedy landlord has made many an attempt to oust the little lithographer from his choice diggings, for which he pays a microscopic rent. All of the other tenants of the property have been forced out, and their modest apartments have been enlarged and re-antiqued, if such an expression can be tolerated. Timbered galleries have suddenly appeared; stained glass windows and old stone detail have been inserted with an expert hand, and

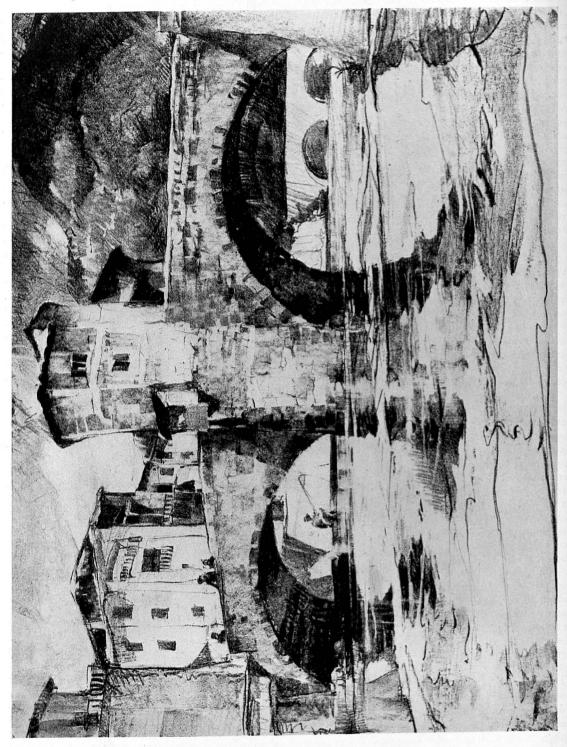
(this is a naïve touch) a half-timbered elevator shaft has been incorporated in the plant. The result is an unbelievably "de luxe" apartment house, inhabited by three fastidious families of fabulous fortune. The quaint old 17th Century courtyard on almost any morning is embellished with a shimmering Rolls Royce, a colossal Farman, and an Isotta of almost insolent magnificence. Once beyond all of this semi-spurious antiquity you will still find the old house of Monsieur Dorfinant, unchanged and genuinely ancient. The

landlord's various devices have all failed, even the ungallant expedient of removing some of the roof tiles so that Gaston's kitchen would become drenched on a rainy day. The law is on the side of the *locataire*, particularly if he be a craftsman working at home. So Gaston has held on.

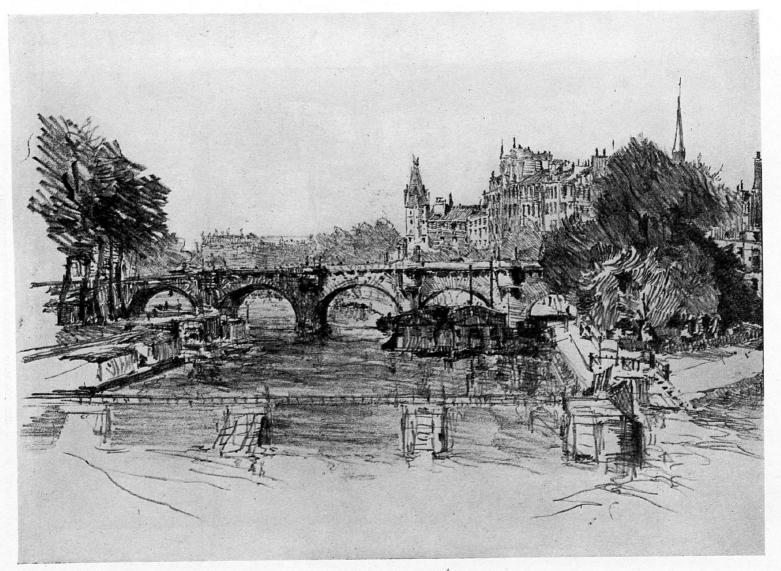
Dorfinant is a lithographer of the old school, but he knows all of the newest tricks of the craft. I only regret that my limitations as a technical writer force me to omit a summary of his talents. He can make a transfer to stone from almost any kind of paper, but he doesn't like to, because only a fresh sheet of genuine transfer paper gives a good quality of impres-He is almost a sion. fanatic on the question of lithographic quality, of richness of blacks and integrity of waxed lines. He advises, almost implores his clients to work directly on the stone or zinc.

One of Gaston's most successful tricks consists of reducing or enlarging a lithograph. This he does by printing the image on a stretched sheet of rubber, in case a reduc-

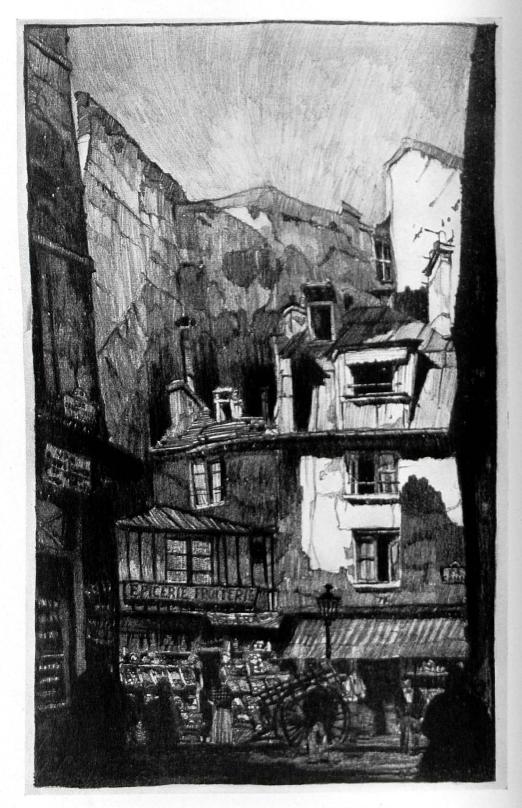
tion is desired, then allowing the rubber to contract and transferring it to another stone. It works perfectly. To enlarge a lithograph, he merely reverses the process, printing it on a relaxed sheet of rubber and stretching it evenly for a transfer. He can make mysterious looking prints which resemble photographic negatives, or ones that are dead ringers for pen and ink drawings. He has experimented and brought forth prints which are a combination of etching and lithography. Prints in many colors are, of course,



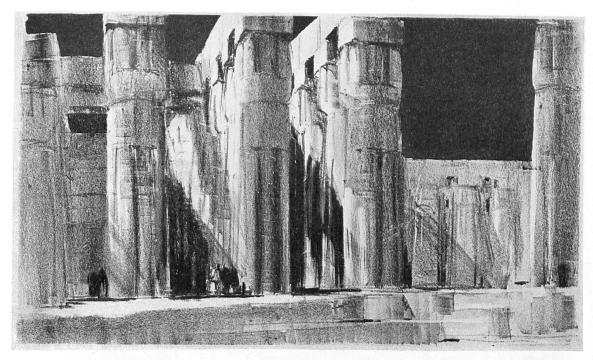
OLD BRIDGE AT SOSPEL—BY M. H. ALBEE Size of original, 17" x 12¾"



"LE PONT NEUF, PARIS"—BY JOSÉ PEDRO GIL Size of original,  $10\frac{V}{2}" \times 7\frac{3}{4}"$ 



RUE GALANDE, PARIS—BY SAMUEL CHAMBERLAIN Size of original, 11" x  $17\frac{1}{2}$ "



"LUXOR"—BY DONALD NELSON Size of original, 18" x 101/2"

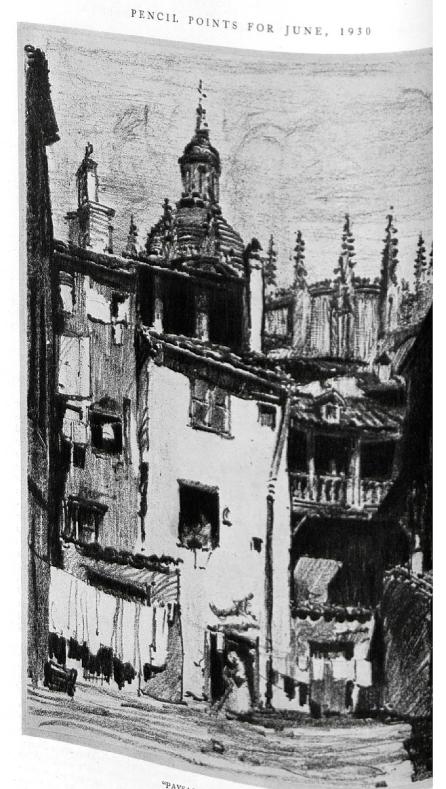
easy to pull in lithography, and Gaston has printed many a book illustration in ten and twelve colors.

An interesting, semi-woodcut technique can be obtained also. A smoothly grained stone is covered black with lithographer's ink, and the image is merely scraped out with a variety of burins and scrapers. Brilliant black and white effects and a multitude of rich, unique greys can be obtained from this method.

Luckily, the lithographic stone prints well on almost any kind of paper, save a heavily sized or extremely coarse and hard grained stock. Dorfinant has experimented widely with sturdy Holland papers, with frail and fragile stocks from China, with satin-surfaced sheets from Japan, and the whole gamut of French papers from the old houses of Rives, Canson, Arches, and Navarre. One of his most successful innovations is the épreuve contre-collée. This is a proof pulled on a very thin, faintly tinted Chinese paper which adheres to the backing of a heavily sized white paper as it passes under the press. This gives the effect of a slight tone over the body of the drawing, leaving the edge of the proof white. It bears some resemblance to a proof pulled from a copper plate, and seems more like a "print" and less like a poster. Here, incidentally, is one of the reasons why lithography lacks the enthusiasts and collectors enjoyed by drypoint and etching. Lithographs do not look enough like "prints" to the unpracticed eye. The fact that circus posters are made by lithography seems to linger in the minds of collectors. Quite as much talent or effort can be squandered on a lithograph—quite as much can be indicated with a few swift lines on stone as on copper-still the prejudice persists.

Gaston has two old-fashioned hand presses, both of them more than half a century old. One of them he obtained from a bankrupt artist who offered it in payment of a stack of bad debts. Gaston is convinced that nothing can rival the sturdy suppleness of these old presses, but he has tried all of the new ones to be sure of the fact. Most of his stones boast a venerable antiquity. Some of them are centenarians and are now not much thicker than a prayer book. Only a reckless statistician would hazard a guess on how many different lithographs have been drawn and effaced on one of these creamy veterans. Gaston says that one of the most ticklish problems in printing with the hand press is the matter of pressure to put on the stone. Just a bit too much force will snap the stone in two as neatly as a wafer. There are many other perils and pitfalls which lie about to keep lithography from being TOO easy, but a discussion of them would lead me to an explanation of the entire lithographic process. And an account of that has already appeared in the pages of PENCIL POINTS (April, 1926).

Gaston Dorfinant's war record is of more than ordinary interest. For two years he was a fantassin in the trenches, getting fairly well knicked up by stray shell fire, before the army discovered that he could be of immense value in its topographical section. War maps of the trenches were corrected daily, following new information brought in by observation planes. But the lithographic stones, on which the maps were drawn, were far off in Paris, and there was a clumsy delay in delivering the revised maps. At Gaston's suggestion, his faithful old hand press was brought out to the Front, installed in a closed truck and put to work.



"PAYSAGE ESPAGNOLE"—BY RUSSELL LIMBACH
Size of original, 91/4" x 121/2"

Thus the aviators would bring in their photographic plates, the photographers would rush proofs of them, the draftsmen would make corrections on the stones in Gaston's truck, and by midnight the little lithographer would be pulling proofs which would be in every general's hands by dawn. Many a "big vegetable" in the French Army has waited patiently outside of Gaston's portable studio, or crowded over his elbow. Several of the most noted graphic artists in France were Gaston's companions in the truck, and he has many a poilu portrait of himself done by artistic celebrities whose present fee for a similar service would be prodigious. One of his treasures is a portrait of himself by Icart, that fashionable color-print artist whose languid ladies, with or without wolf hound, are known to every frequenter of Arte Shoppes.

This is by no means the Golden Age of lithography. It has lost its place in the newspapers and magazines, where once it played such an important role. Nothing so trenchant as the "Assiette au Beurre," often printed in lithography, can be found in the kiosks nowadays. No newspaper cartoons of the moment have the prestige of the old lithographic drawings in the "Figaro." Nor is there any contemporary lithographic illustrator of the stature of Daumier or Gavarni, of Willette or

Vallaton. The glorious irony and dazzling color technique of Toulouse-Lautrec finds a faint echo in the brilliant bits of satire by Marcel Vertés, though technically he falls far short of the warped little master. The prince of publicity-getters, Foujita, and the pale and insipid Marie Laurencin hold two of the most conspicuous niches among French lithographers of today, a fact which pays nobody any great compliment.

Despite all of this, the pendulum of favor and interest is unquestionably swinging back again, and the next decade should see a healthy revival of the lithograph.

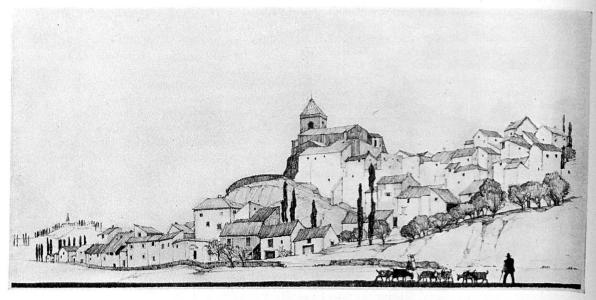
Fortunate it is that a few faithful exponents of good lithography have stuck by the ship. Gaston Dorfinant and his rare colleagues are sure to have an influence on the lithography of the near future, just as the "père Delâttre," etching printer extraordinary, influenced that remarkable band of etchers of the last century which included Meryon, Whistler, Lepère, and Legros.

I don't believe that anyone could know Gaston Dorfinant and the charming Burgundian Madame Dorfinant, and not be a Francophile for life. Every admirable trait of the French he seems to possess. He



"THE TOWN CRIER, CHANTILLY"—BY CLARK FAY Size of original, 163/4" x 13"

### PENCIL POINTS FOR JUNE, 1930



DECORATION BY MILLARD SHEETS

Size of original, 15½" x 8"

is jovial, hospitable, appreciative, a master craftsman who loves his craft, and a true philosopher possessed of the keenest of intellects and sensibilities. I can only join dozens of itinerant American pencil pushers in stating, with considerable emphasis, that many of my happiest days in Paris have been spent working in a little studio on the banks of the Seine, while in the corner a red-cheeked little man wields ink rollers and press wheels—and asks incessant questions about sky-scrapers and express elevators!



Detail of figure by Arthur Buttner for center of sounding board of Oriental Theatre, Chicago—C. W. and George L. Rapp, Architects.

# TO EACH MAN HIS BEAUTIFUL

By William Williams

A HEAVY LUNCH is something I was advised to keep away from, long ago. Prudence told me that there are limits to what a draftsman can do with what he earns. If he wants to make ends meet, there's got to be a compromise. Draftsmen, as a class, are known for their sartorial elegance, and I found it wise to make my concession to respectability. If I must give up something for the sake of something else I would give up my heavy meals and be done with it. My compromise is a compromise between an empty stomach and a shabby front—a quick lunch. And having an aversion to traipsing the streets, the main business of the noon hour soon over, I find myself, more often than not, back in the office while the place is still deserted.

At one of these times, I was standing in the office library musing over the incoherent state to which the art of architecture has fallen. The whole business, I thought, seems to be topsy-turvy. Granting that architects are in their right minds, granting that they are rational human beings, how can one account for any of them sitting down in cool, steady deliberation, wracking their brains to produce that fledgling of the imagination that I had, only a few minutes before, been looking at; had they never learnt their craft, or has the craft no principles? But this, very plainly, was an absurd idea; no principles! there must be principles; how else could a thing be taught without a fundamental set of rules, a range of limitations to bind the creative will? And yet, what are these rules? One soon forgets in the drum of office practice what when he was young he might have known!

And so I stood, pondering the architectural enigma. If architecture can be taught, the documents are here, in these shelves of books. All of the architecture of the grim past is here. All that needs to be done is to take the stuff and evaluate it; sort it out, sift it, find out what is good and what is bad, wring from these buildings the essence of them, adduce by comparison those principles which are the fabric of the art.

Not a new idea, by any means. Here, for instance, was a book above my head, that held these principles apparently rendered from the fat of time. I took the thin red volume in my hands—Essentials of Architecture, by John Belcher—and gave it a sharp rap, and the thick of the dust went rising in that firelit room; herein were set down those things that make a building fine, those things that give to a building the metamorphic quality of art. Now we shall see! I looked and saw that the author required two principles of architecture; truth and beauty. Not many, to be sure; two of Ruskin's lamps, I thought, unless my memory, like my hair, is fallen out. But this gentleman, Mr. Belcher, says that truth is paramount, truth is the first essential principle and beauty is the second.

J—, who had just come into the library, came across the room. Indicating the book in my hands,

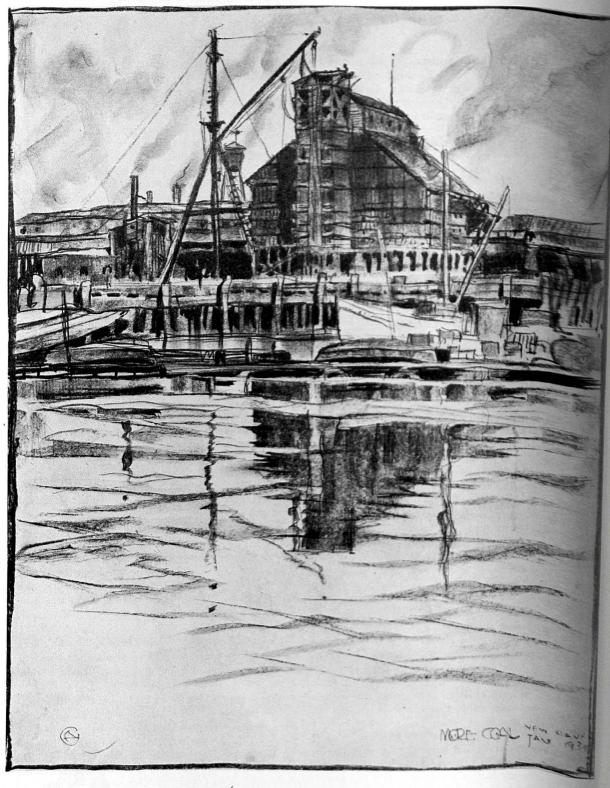
he asked if this were something new, and when I told him that it was written over twenty years ago, he asked me what the thunder I was reading it for. "I'm doing my fifteen minutes a day, if you'd like to know," I said. "And what is more, I've just discovered that truth is the most important element in architecture; that's something worth knowing isn't it?" And Jwho'd sooner talk than check a shop drawing, said: "It's a good story, but there's no plot to it, as the critics say. Queer as it may seem, no two people have ever come together who could quite agree as to what truth is. The truth that Mr. Ruskin saw-good old crusader for the cause that he was-is not the truth that M. LeCorbusier is working himself up to a frenzy over. And this old fossil, what's-his-name there, what has he to say about it?"

I handed him the book where it was open and he scanned the page with a dubious smile. "This chap's dead," he said. "Passé as a Chelsea cupid! Listen to this: 'It is quite evident that the conditions are untruthful which make a building appear to be standing on a sheet of plate glass, as if it were suspended in the air.' And look, if you please, what he shows to illustrate the point! The best part of the thing's the very part that he condemns. See, the trouble doesn't start until you get above the plate glass-if the rest of the structure were as unpretentious as the first two stories, the thing would be a gem. And what is this? '—Good architecture never deceives the eye for a minute-'; and look at the illustrations, ninety per cent Renaissance! Never deceives the eye for a minute," he scoffed. "Here, chuck the book away! Throw it in the fire! Read something worth while. Here's a copy of PENCIL POINTS!"

He had turned to the table and was offering me the magazine, which I refused to take; but I opened up the book again to follow through my good intentions, to discover if I could what precisely are the essentials of architecture. Truth and beauty, this author had it. Things must look like what they are; there must be no deception of the eye. Very good. But there's something awry here!

"I think you're right," I said to J—, "this isn't very clear, this 'standing on a sheet of plate glass as if it were suspended,' a bit confusing—but I think I know what the beggar means."

"He means he'd sooner trust his eye than his intelligence," said J—. "He condemns that 'modern shop' because the upper stories appear to be supported on the glass windows—but what could be more honest? He doubts the truth because he does not see it. He insists that a thing must look like what it is, and when it does, he doesn't want it; 'Out with it,' he says, 'it's false!' And anyway, whoever said the eye could see the truth? The eye can only see what the mind is ready to allow it. The truth is usually what is accepted—and so is variable. It is all a matter of habit, what



FROM A CONTÉ CRAYON DRAWING BY GEORGE NELSON ON THE WATER FRONT AT NEW HAVEN

one is used to. If I remember right, Vitruvius did not mention truth among his fundamental principles; it was never questioned! A thing is always true of itself, however short it falls of one's ideal. Only when the eye mistakes it for something else is it false; and then the error lies in the eye and not in the thing that the eye sees. The truth, Williams, is what one believes; and what one believes has nothing whatever to do with that immutable quality inherent in a work of art. If Mr. Belcher believes that even the best British plate glass can hold those upper stories, he ought to be the chairman of the Board of Trade."

I laughed as I turned the pages. Then beauty too, I wondered, as I came across the word, how can that be a principle, when it is a result, a quality, the outcome of principles; principles that I had hoped to find in this book when I took it from the shelf? "Beauty," said this author, "is a very illusive principle, and despite the many efforts that have been made to determine its essential nature it still remains dearer for its mystery." I read the passage out to J—.

"Sounds as though he has his doubts," said I-, who now had his feet on the library table. speaking of beauty, do you remember what Mr. Roger Fry said about the beauty of a building? He said that there are two possible kinds of beauty. The first, which he called natural beauty, such as the beauty of a locomotive or a panther, results, he said, from a clear expression of function; and the second, æsthetic beauty, results from the clear expression of an idea. Now if Mr. Fry can be depended on, we've got something to look forward to, something to encourage us; it means that we can have a vital architecture without its necessarily being fine art, in the sense, say, that Rheims is fine. This type of beauty—the beauty of Rheims, I mean—depends upon what Mr. Fry calls 'plastic form,' which is probably what another writer means when he speaks of 'significant form.' In any case you don't bump into this type of beauty every day. It's rare, and isn't to be got by a theory. Architecture has suffered too long from art consciousness. Too many conceited asses 'feeling' this and 'feeling' that, when there isn't an honest-to-God feeling in a car load of them."

"But what," I asked, "is this plastic beauty? It's nearly as clear as the New York building code to me."

"Well plastic form, as far as I can understand," continued J—, "is a shaping of a thing by the intellect, so that the thing seen is capable of arousing ecstatic emotions not in any way caused by the function of the thing."

"You mean the 'clear expression of an idea,' " suggested A—, who had come into the room and was warming his rumps at the hearth. "But isn't there an idea behind the 'clear expression of function'? I fail to see where the difference lies."

"It lies here," said J—; "an aeroplane is an example of a clear expression of function; the—well the Parthenon, for instance, is an example of the clear expression of an idea."

"But the function of the Parthenon was just as

essential in its way as the function of an aeroplane," said A—.

"True, my dear Alphonse!—but without function an aeroplane is nothing; its power to satisfy lies in our appreciation of its suitability for its job—probably the remnants of our craft pride. It's only a tool, after all. But the Parthenon, without affiliation with the gods of Greece would still evoke exclamations of wonder, would still send those sensitive souls, that discriminating, privileged handful capable of the supreme joy, dancing with æsthetic delight. Simply a case of plastic form or significant form, or what you will, the essential requirement of art in the æsthetic sense."

"Is it not possible," suggested a voice—for the men, by this time, were dribbling back from lunch—"that significant form might be arrived at accidentally? Mechanics, working on your aeroplane, produce something you admitted to be beautiful, yet rarely will they think of shaping the thing to please the eye. The machine is pared into shape by the pure mathematics of aeronautics, and when it is finished, presto! a work of art. Why not treat our buildings that way, skin them clean of everything, cut away all irrelevancies, let them stand in their naked austerity, make, in short, machines of them? Then perhaps we'll find—who can tell?—a short cut to beauty, a solution to our quandary."

J— answered, "No, the true æsthetic quality in a building can not be got that way; for as much as you might admire a machine and sense its beauty it could never transport you to the empyrean heights of art. The machine is only a record of man's ability to shape things to his use—quite a material end, which is to say, quite the antithesis of art."

But as I could see that the matter would soon be out of bounds, as far as my enquiry was concerned, I pointed to the book still in my hands and asked J—, "What of these—these principles, qualities, and factors? The first of this man's principles of architecture, truth, you dismissed as a simple word with a composite meaning; beauty, it seems, is not a principle at all; but what about these other things this Johnny talks about—strength, vitality, restraint, refinement, and all these?"

"You can usually apply one of them to any decent building, but as for forming a basis for building up a theory of architecture, they're all bosh! What meaning has the word refinement when it is applied in turn to Grecian Doric and German Baroque? It means two entirely different things; and so with the rest of them, they're just empty words. Take, for example, scale, one of the most belated of the lot; scale like everything else is largely a matter of what you are used to. The word itself probably came into common use about the time the architectonic sector was devised; and in case you don't know it, an architectonic sector was a little instrument by which, given a module, you could lay out the entire front of a building. word scale means little without its Renaissance precepts based on classic elements. And there's a moral in the fact that it took us thirty years or more to realize that the elements that make a perfect Roman order could not be applied with any satisfaction to a tall building."

"Are we to infer from this that there are no principles to architecture?" I asked.

"If you're talking about architecture in 'the mother of the arts' sense, that's exactly what I mean. In the realm of art there are no principles, no rules at all. Once a thing of æsthetic quality is produced it is recognized by a discriminating handful, and has that which is common with the works of art of all ages; it is immutable and timeless, and no system of dynamic symmetry or whirling circles will get you to the bottom of it."

As this was getting to my point I asked J—, "if there are no principles, what is it we learn when we are learning architecture?"

"We learn to do things that will not offend the eye; we learn to put a mask on a structure that people with their whims expect to find. We learn to cater to sentimentality. We cater to sentiment even in our so-called modernism; there's nothing there to back it up. It's all a matter of what you are used to—and people can get used to almost anything, whatever's the fad. And it is the fashion nowadays to do things to a building that will probably look as foolish fifty years from now as anything that Eastlake was responsible for fifty years ago. But that is the way; and no amount of argument has ever changed a fashion."

"Where then lies the solution?" someone asked.

J— laughed. "There is no solution in our present mood, the tempo's too fast; you can't bat out buildings the way Ruth bats out homers and expect to get anything enduring out of them. We must get rid of all ideas about architecture being art; it isn't, it's a business. And the man who pays the piper, remember, calls the tune. There isn't an architect in the country

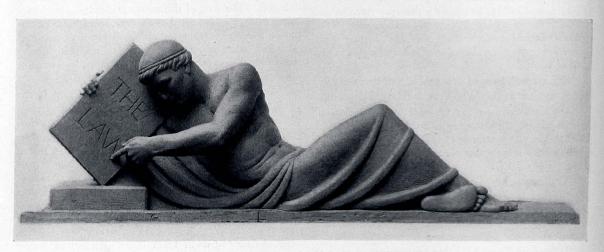
who would dare to foist his stolen modernism on to a client until the client had seen enough of it in Europe to become inured to it! What was the extent of Sullivan's practice when he died six years ago? And you can count the buildings Wright has built in this country on your hands. Now, he's coming into his own; it looks as though they're going to give him some rope, at last—."

"And it looks by the pictures of those proposed apartments on the East side, as though he's going to hang himself with it," interrupted D—.

"Perhaps you're right," J— went on. "In any case, architecture as it's practiced isn't art, by any means; and the sooner we realize the fact the better. The sooner we simply build as the function of the job demands the better for our self-respect—the sooner we'll be taken for intelligent human beings, instead of sentimental geezers! Let us solve the physical requirements with the economy of means that mechanics use. Forget the tripe and goulash! Make the things as sleek as Mr. Fry's panther and then, though we will not have fine art—not by a long shot—at any rate we'll have no more Lincoln buildings. Architecture won't be a fine art, as M. LeCorbusier thinks it will, but it won't be silly."

How much longer this harangue of J—'s would have gone on is hard to say, but at this point familiar footsteps were heard coming down the corridor, and according to the office hours we should have been at work twenty minutes ago.

J— took his feet off the library table, and we all assumed a guilty nonchalance. "Well anyway, I like the Bowery Bank," said D—, as he sauntered from the room. "To each man his beautiful, as to each man his fair one," quoted J—. And a few minutes later he was drawing Romanesque ornament out of a book for a cornice detail of a hospital in Pittsburgh.



PEDIMENT FIGURE BY EDMOND AMATEIS, SCULPTOR, FOR GEORGE CARY, ARCHITECT BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING—BUFFALO, NEW YORK

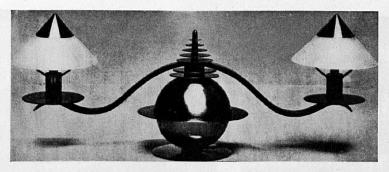


A MODERN STAINED GLASS WINDOW DESIGNED AND RENDERED IN WATER COLOR BY RALPH NICKELSEN

# PENCIL POINTS SERIES of COLOR PLATES

Mr. Nickelsen's procedure in making such drawings as the one shown on this plate is as follows. He first lays out the design roughly in charcoal and after studying it in this medium makes a pencil drawing in which it is refined and improved. This is transferred to water color paper and transparent color is then applied. The individual pieces of glass are modeled with brush, stump, eraser, or carbon pencil to give texture. India ink is used for the lead lines. Shellac is applied finally to enrich the color and give more realistically the effect of glass. The design is interesting as showing how stained glass may be used effectively in other than the conventional mediæval manner. The original drawing was  $14\frac{1}{4}$  high.







From "L'Art Vivant'

MODERN FRENCH LIGHTING FIXTURES

At the left a metal ceiling fixture by Eugene Printz, the lighting being entirely by reflection. In the center a table lamp by Marc Erol. At the right a metal reading lamp, with adjustable reflector and ash tray, by Boris J. Lacroix.

# DESIGN IN MODERN ARCHITECTURE

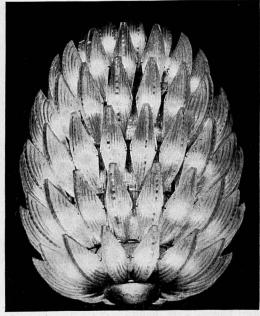
### 6—LIGHTING AND LIGHTING FIXTURES

By John F. Harbeson

"THE QUANTITY OF shade, whether measured in terms of area or depth, contributes considerably to the power and expressiveness of architecture. A famous critic has stated that no building was ever truly great unless it had mighty masses, vigorous and deep, of shadow mingled with its surface. In architecture there are two distinct styles, one in which the forms are moulded in light upon shade as in Grecian pillared temples; the other drawn by shadow upon light as in early Gothic foliation. Outdoors it is not

in the architect's power to control the factors involving direction and distribution of light which influence the light and shade effects, but a partial control of these effects lies in the original design. Indoors the lighting is usually under control so that it should be predetermined and considered in conjunction with the modeling, the position and character of the ornamental work, the reflection co-efficient of the various large surfaces and the positions of the light sources with respect to them."—M. LUCKIESH, Light and Shade, and Their Applications.





From "Le Luminaire" SUSPENDED GLASS FIXTURES BY SABINO, MADE OF PRESSED GLASS SHAPES

The light is partly direct, through the translucent moulded ground glass, and partly indirect, from reflection from the ceiling. No light units are directly visible from the eye. That on the right is much like the natural bud forms shown in "La Plante" and similar books.





SHOP IN HOTEL "MANNHEIMER HOF" IN DUSSELDORF, FRITZ BECKER AND E. KUTZNER, ARCHIT of composition.



BALLROOM OF THE STEAMER "BREMEN," BY FRITZ AUGUST BRENHAUS OF DUSSELDORF. From "Moderne Bauformen"

The lighting is partly concealed trough lighting, partly by suspended fixtures (at either side of stage) and partly by The lighting is partly concealed trough lighting, partly by suspended fixtures (at either side of stage) and partly by horizontal running bands of cylindrical ribbed glass. The columns are of polished metal, as is the fountain in the center forming innumerable highlights.

It will readily be seen why cornices and other parts of the orders can no longer be used as "elements" of an architectural composition, as they were used before 1900, without some thought as to the use that is to be made of exterior artificial light. For the first time in architectural history architects must study a composition as lighted both from above-in the daytime, by the sun-and from below-at night, by flood projectors, which are best placed so that the actual source of light will be hidden. Under such conditions it is not strange that architectural forms are changed, or that new ones are added to the vocabulary.

While invention has had such effects on the exteriors of buildings, the greatest mission of artificial light is interiors. Here, too, science has been at work, studying the relative values of reflected or direct light, of light as transmitted by various kinds of transparent and translucent media, plain glass, sanded or etched glass, ribbed glass, and moulded glass; of reflection of light from different types of surfaces, whether mirrors, painted or enameled surfaces, unglazed plaster, or marble. Some interesting effects have been obtained recently by so placing plates of glass that the light shines through the edge of the glass instead of through its side; from some angles glass so placed

acts as a prism, and disassociates the different colors of the spectrum in the light.

"The tremendous effect of the distribution of light and shade upon the mood of interiors is but little appreciated. Even in the art of stage lighting the wonderful possibilities of light and shade have been barely touched upon . . . . Man's activities have changed very much since the advent of comparatively efficient artificial light. At present a considerable portion of his activities extend hours after sunset, and the working hours of many are such that recreation and opportunities for seeing the beautiful things about them are only available after natural light has waned."\*

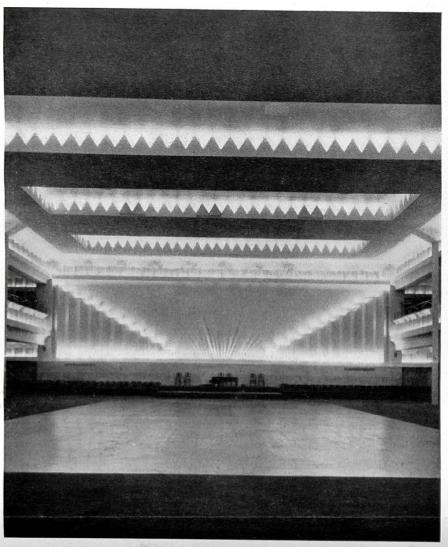
Direct lighting-by the use of chandeliers, brackets, or table lamps, would of itself have caused only minor changes in form. But designers interested in the newer forms naturally carry them into all phases of designing, and so we have chandeliers formed of a succession of circular glass plates, which act as baffles to the lights between, and there are lights of all kinds made of etched and moulded glass (new products, commercially) held in metal fashioned in the new spirit.

Indirect lighting, on the other hand, is a product of quite modern times. For some time there had been

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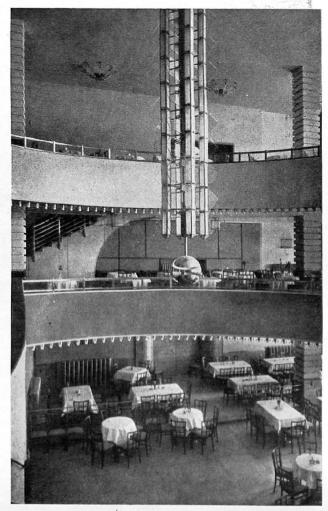
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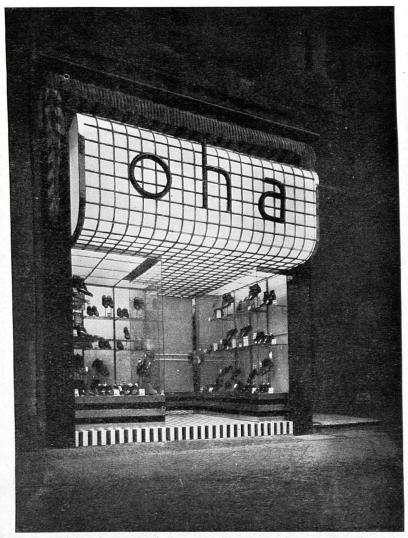
BALLROOM OF THE NEW ST. GEORGE HOTEL, BROOKLYN—WINOLD REISS, DESIGNER

Decorated entirely by shifting and changing shadows and colored lights.



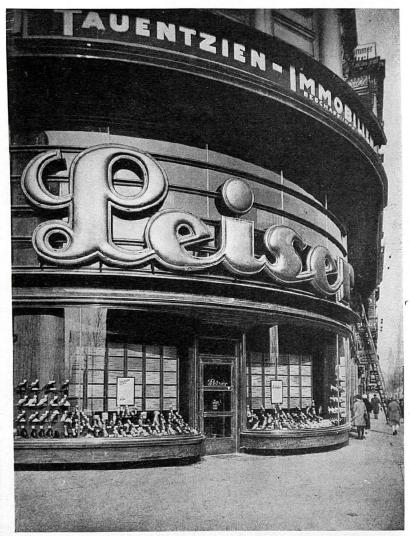
Three-tiered cafe—hindenburg building, stuttgart The central lighting fixture has, between its square ground glass prisms, clear glass wings set so that the light shows through endwise, On the ceiling are fixtures of tubular lighting units. Around the edge of the soffit of each balcony are rows of visible bulbs.

#### DESIGN IN MODERN ARCHITECTURE



SHOE STORE IN DUSSELDORF, BERNHARD PFAU, ARCHITECT

Modern use of whole surfaces of glass, lighted, the lines of the glass divisions forming patterns on the plane of light, in which are introduced advertising or, sometimes, decorative forms.



DETAIL OF THE BERLIN SHOE STORE SHOWN ON PAGE 434

Notice the method of arranging the Neon tubing around the large letters of the sign.



From "Boutiques et Magasins"

LEISER SHOE STORE IN BERLIN, PAUL ZUCKER, ARCHITECT

Neon lighting used to "render" a building at night, as well as for advertising purposes.

an effort to get rid of what are often "ugly" chandeliers, and this indirect lighting does. But there is another more compelling reason for its development. The use of higher and higher intensities in the lighting units—and more light is one of the demands of the age—makes a glare unpleasant to the eye if the light source is visible, but has no such effect if the light source is concealed. The very fact that the light sources are concealed makes it possible to use quite elaborate apparatus, with dimmers, and with several colors of bulbs, all handled by "remote control."

The ballroom of the St. George Hotel, Brooklyn, is a room of which the lighting is the entire decoration. The room has no windows, and is painted throughout a flat white. But when a button is pushed "light in the most subtle variations begins to clothe the ceiling . . . a soft green steals like moonlight over the walls about you . . . delicate pastels creep out of the coves and flutes around the walls and ceiling . . .

and then the moonlight begins to wane . . . dawn comes, pale at first, and then glowing with ambers . . . patterns take on robust reds and yellows and greens . . . they play up and down the wall and across the ceiling, constantly changing or remaining motionless at the command of the remote control room."\*

It is needless to say that such lighting is quite expensive, and does not solve all problems, for it cannot be used unless there is sufficient "turnover" of patronage to avoid the inevitable feeling of boredom on the part of those who are forced to see too often an ingenious mechanical effect.

Lighting of this character has been used with great success in fountains, especially at amusement parks or expositions. If the range of effects is wide enough such a fountain is a veritable "color organ," and, when played by an artist, is in itself artistic.

Similar ingenuity is used in advertising; here it is possible to spend great sums of money to obtain elaborate effects because the electric signs can be placed at the world's cross-roads, where they will be seen by countless people, perhaps a different hundred thousand every night. Under such circumstances the great cost of wiring such mechanical devices, to say nothing of the cost of the electric current used in so great a number of lamps, is thoroughly justified.

One of the more recent developments in advertising lighting—the Neon tube, where light appears as a line of any length instead of as a point or series of points—

gives promise of interesting developments in architectural lighting. The Germans have already used this form of light in the "Hindenburg Building"; but this is only a beginning.

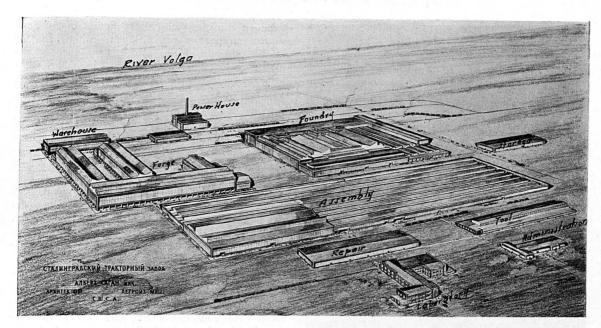
In fact artificial light has but started its history. It has had a marked effect on modern architectural form: it is likely to have still more to do with the architecture of the future. As expositions frequently show trends in architecture much before any other kind of building can, it will be interesting to see the uses to which artificial light is put in the coming exposition at Chicago in 1933.



MUSIC ROOM IN RESIDENCE IN STUTTGART, BLOCH AND GUGGENHEIMER, ARCHITECTS

Lighting fixtures consist of flat plates of etched or figured glass held by metal cylinders. In this case there are glass sides to the fixtures, but these are frequently omitted in similar fixtures.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Decorating with Light." Stone and Webster Journal, April, 1930.



GENERAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE STALINGRAD TRACTOR PLANT-ALBERT KAHN, INC., CONSULTING ARCHITECTS

# AMERICAN ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS IN RUSSIA

By A. L. Drabkin

Editor's Note:—The author of this article was the representative of Albert Kahn, Inc., and Resident Engineer at the Stalingrad Tractor Plant during its construction. His description of the way in which this building operation was carried on will be of interest to many of our readers who have wondered how the huge construction program of the U.S.S.R. is proceeding.

No country has ever been so much in the world's public eye as has Russia within recent years. At first it was the outbreak of the revolution and its probable effect on the world war that held everyone's

attention. Then followed the spectacular succession of political regimes with all its possibilities and probabilities. Of late it is the unprecedented industrial expansion of the country that makes us all take cognizance of that mysterious land.

Just what is happening in Russia? Why such concentrated efforts in the direction of industrial development? Why do tractor and automobile plants head the list? What other projects are undertaken and to what extent? What is the five-

year plan? How does the Russian government go about solving this problem? Why is the foreign specialist called upon? What is his task and how does he go about it? Perhaps some of you have wondered.

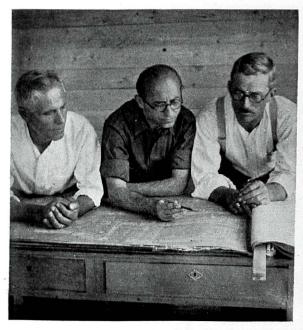
To answer these and many other related questions completely one must first give a "bird's-eye view" of that country and her immediate problems.

A glance at the map brings out the fact that Russia, or U.S.S.R. (United Socialist Soviet Republics) occupies an area equal to about onesixth the combined areas of all continents; her climatic conditions vary through all gradations from mild Crimea to severe Siberia. The natural resources consist of grain, wool, oil, coal,



GROUP OF ENGINEERS, AMERICANS IN FRONT, RUSSIANS IN REAR

Seated in the center is the General Superintendent with the author at his left.



GOING OVER THE PLANS

The author in the center with the general superintendent and his assistant at right and left respectively.

gold, silver, iron, copper, aluminum, nickel, lumber, fish, fruit, garden and dairy products. The population is about 150,000,000 and is made up of more different and distinct nationalities than that of any other country on earth. The European part is generally a flat agricultural land; the Asiatic part is mostly lumber, metal, and mineral land.

Shortly after Russia's entry into the world war the long existing dissatisfaction of the masses with the tsarist regime flared up into an open revolution. Several forms of government in rapid succession finally gave way in October of 1917 to the one now existing. After the smoke of the external and internal wars had cleared away the people found their economic life completely disrupted, the fields and industries neglected, the national treasury greatly reduced. It took superhuman efforts to reorganize the national life, reestablish relations with other countries, and make preliminary plans for resurrection and amelioration of the entire social, economic, cultural, and industrial phases of the country's life.

One of the many proposed schemes of reorganization known as "the 5-year plan" was finally adopted in 1928. This plan is a systematic effort to reconstruct all industries, exploit all natural resources, and includes development of oil, coal, metal and mineral fields; textile, leather, dye, glass, lumber, electrical, and mechanical industries; automobile, airplane, tractor, and chemical plants; extension and improvement of railroads, harbors, highways, bridges, canals, etc., etc. As the name implies, the plan is to run for a period of five years; 1928 to 1933. The expenditures involved run into billions of dollars per year. Purchases of construction and production materials and

equipment run into such colossal figures that no one country can possibly furnish them on time for the progress schedule of this plan. Then there is the problem of technical forces and qualified labor, without which such a task could hardly be undertaken.

In the pre-war days Russia was known as an industrially "backward" country and dependent mainly
on her agriculture and natural resources for national
subsistence. The railroads and factories had been
built and operated by foreign capital and under foreign
management; the metal and mineral mines sunk and
exploited by Westerners; oil fields and fisheries generally leased to outsiders. The Russian peasant stuck
to the soil, working it in a rather primitive way and
with domestic animals rather than modern machinery.
Even the large landholders found it more profitable
to employ man and animal labor than to import agricultural equipment.

When the present government took over the reins of power it found itself heir to a sadly neglected, devastated land, depleted and crippled railroad equipment. All industries, mines, and concessions were shut down and, worst of all, no technical leadership nor financial assistance available. For all foreigners had fled that country. Realizing the seriousness of the problem, as well as the great handicaps involved, the Soviet government turned its eyes Westward. Group after group of the best trained Russian engineers. architects, agriculturists, and economists were sent to all corners of the earth to study their particular problems and the solutions offered or methods adopted by the other countries. No easy task was that, for so complex is the structure of modern society and so intimately interdependent its social, cultural, economic, climatic, and geographical conditions that the choice of methods best suited for some definitely fixed set of circumstances was in itself an intricate proposition.



CAMEL CARAVAN BRINGING IN STONE

From nearby quarries, this stone is to be crushed and used in road construction and for concrete aggregate.

The Russians turned their first attention to the agricultural question. Fertilization of the land and greater ease and speed in working it pointed to the necessity for chemical and tractor plants and agricultural implements. Then followed the automobile industry, improvement of railroads, bridges and highways, development of harbors and canals. Building industrial plants on the scale projected by the government made it advisable to start at once the development of iron, copper, aluminum, and coal mines, oil and bituminous fields; lumber, brick and cement and other structural industries. Then, again, agricultural development paves the way to wool, textile, and leather industries; chemical and steel plants to the dye industry, etc., etc.

From above it is evident that at the outset of such a program most of the structural materials, and construction, as well as plant equipment had to come from abroad. Moreover, in making such investments in new gigantic plants the government's technical advisers decided not only to consult the foreign "specialist" but actually bring him to the job and let him erect buildings, set equipment and run it. This accomplished two purposes: the most modern methods of construction and plant operation are used throughout, and besides the Russians are being trained in all this work under the leadership of men qualified in the respective fields.

Albert Kahn, Inc., of Detroit, Michigan, were chosen the official consulting architects and engineers for industrial development of U.S.S.R. The 5-year plan calls for an expenditure of many millions of dollars. The systematic and most economical disbursement of such a sum requires a thoroughly trained and well organized force. And so it was decided by the Soviet Supreme Council of National Economy (S.C.N.E.) to arrange with our firm for the establish-



A SQUAD OF WOMEN GLAZIERS

On the roof of the assembly building. The framework of the forge shops is seen in the distance.



THE AUTHOR ON ROOF OF ASSEMBLY BUILDING
The steel in the background is the frame of the foundry.

ment of a branch office in Moscow. This office is to have a certain number of qualified American Architects, Structural, Mechanical, and Electrical Engineers capable of handling industrial and commercial work along modern lines. The work to be done consists of the preparation of plans for foundries, forge shops, assembly buildings, glass and steel plants, paper and textile mills, tanneries, printing and other industrial establishments, in all of which our force is to cooperate with the Russian technical staff. Previous to this arrangement with the Russian government we were called upon to design a plant at Stalingrad, capable of turning out 50,000 tractors per year; also a smaller assembly plant at Moscow. Recently preliminary drawings for a ball bearing plant were prepared by us here. For the latter the actual working drawings will be made in Moscow.

There are numerous problems involved in designing for Russia. The climatic conditions and the extremes of summer and winter temperatures are different from those of most other countries. Then the newly adopted metric system must be contended with. The structural materials, as well as equipment, are to be obtained partly in U.S., partly in Germany and Russia. The structures must be erected with native labor. The relative costs of labor, with its varied qualifications, and materials has to be studied for purposes of economy and convenience. Moreover, to keep their capital within the country, Soviet officials are naturally insistent on utilizing as much as possible of their own materials and machinery. The stocks of these at the present time are neither varied nor plentiful, thus necessitating substitutions of all sorts to conform to different standards as well as to mate-



A GROUP OF RUSSIAN WORKMEN IN THE SHEET METAL SHOP

Prominent among their products are large ventilating ducts. Considering the fact that
the only tools available were wood mallets and shears, these men have good reason to
be proud of their work.

rials most easily obtainable. At that, speed of construction is of major importance.

The Stalingrad Tractor Plant, the first to be designed and built under this system, attracted much attention. The eyes of all Russia were literally on that spot on the banks of Volga about 650 miles S. E. of Moscow and about 225 miles N. W. of the Caspian Sea. Would this new plan work out? Even if structural steel (a material at present not easily obtainable in U.S.S.R.) were imported from Germany or United States, would the three main manufacturing buildings, costing about \$4,000,000, be erected by July, 1930, bearing in mind that the design had not begun till May, 1929? Would equipment be made, shipped and installed in time for the plant to begin operations by October 1, 1930? How efficient would

native labor be on this kind of work? This was to be the test in determining the feasibility of the undertaking.

In June, 1929, two American engineers left for Russia with enough information to start the foundation work for the main buildings; six weeks later followed four more Americans with completed plans for these buildings. These six men comprised a general construction superintendent, three assistant superintendents, one superintendent of welding, and the architect's representative. The latter, having been

in contact with the project during the entire period of its development in the architect's office, was to be resident engineer. He was to see that the drawings and specifications were closely followed, that any changes desired by the owner, for any reason, be properly taken care of and that any substitutions of materials, necessitated by local conditions, be made correctly.

Immediately upon the arrival of this engineering nucleus from the United States, it was augmented by an equal number of Russian engineers, who were placed in charge of the construction gangs, but were acting only on

advice and under instructions from the Americans. At first the "foreign specialists," who were anxious to get started and show American speed in construction, and their Soviet assistants, who were very anxious to learn and follow suit, experienced some difficulty in understanding each other. The interpreters, who were, as a rule, not acquainted with the proper terminology had a difficult task in bringing them together. After some time, however, both sides learned enough of the key-words in the other language to facilitate matters. Even though the American would say Lithuania for "liteynaya" (Russian for Foundry), Abortion for "sborochnaya" (meaning Assembly), Clutch for "klyooch" (key), etc., and the Russians would answer with Troos for "Truss," Pairlean for "Purlin" and Rough for "Roof," etc., they came to



ANOTHER GROUP OF SHEET METAL WORKERS

What appears to be three letters (C, T, 3) are the initials of the

Stalingrad Tractor Plant.

# AMERICAN ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS IN RUSSIA

understand each other pretty well. In fact after the first three months it was a rare sight to behold an interpreter trail after an American engineer on the site of the growing plant.

As for the actual speed of construction, it was soon realized that the progress schedule originally worked out would be left behind, and the dates of completion of the various structures advanced con-

siderably. The anxiety of the labor of all grades to prove itself equal to the new task, the collaboration of all technical and executive forces with the "spets" (as the foreign specialists are referred to) proved that the Russians could and would meet the American "tempo." A revision of the progress schedule was undertaken with the object of completing all structural and architectural trades by May 1, 1930, and installation of machinery ready for operation by July 1, 1930—a gain of three months in opening the plant! This decision of the executives and engineers was passed on to a hurriedly-called meeting of all workers, and resolutions were passed by them to coordinate all efforts in order that the first tractor of the plant come off the conveyor line on July 1, 1930.

About the middle of September, 1929, the first boatload of structural steel, shipped from U. S. via the Black Sea, and by rail from there on, appeared on the site. 252 carloads of steel came in within three days. All structural members had been completely detailed and fabricated in the States, but were shipped 100% "knocked down." Long before the steel arrived skids for assembling were built, assembling and erecting gangs organized, and many lines of powerful electric lights strung in readiness for any possible night work required. On September 21, the first steel column was erected to the sound of clicking cameras for

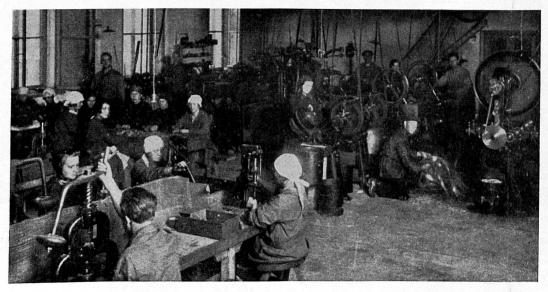


WOMEN REPAIRING TRACTOR

movies and newspapers. Thereafter the work went on in a mad rush with one object in view: "To overtake and outstrip the Americans." This was the motto. So well did the first experiment work out, so far and wide did the story of the success at Stalingrad travel that commission after commission was sent there from all corners of Soviet Land to watch its progress.

One of the most unusual experiences for an American engineer in Russia is to find among his workers a large number of women. While here women, as a rule, are kept "off the lot" where any construction is going on, in the land of Soviets one finds women unloading cars, carrying brick, lumber, glass, and steel; laying brick and tile; setting and glazing sash, heating rivets, cleaning the snow off the roofs; cutting and laying wood blocks, clearing the buildings and site of debris. Some of the best operators of rivet forges are women, and some of them can pitch a heated rivet with a dexterity and skill that would do honor to many a male competitor in the United States.

Until the winter of 1929-1930 no construction work of any consequence had ever been attempted in Russia during the four or five coldest months of the year. Whenever this subject came up for discussion in this country the Russians would invariably point to our mild "Italian" climate, as they called it, as not being a criterion to go by. And so it fell to the lot of the dwellers of an "Italian" climate to demonstrate that work can actually be done successfully at subzero temperatures. By completing all foundation and other concrete work before the onset of severe weather it was proven that steel erection, carpenter, sheet metal, sash, roof, and other work can just as well be done there in the winter as in the United States. True



TYPICAL RUSSIAN SHOP OF TODAY SHOWING PREVALENCE OF WOMEN WORKERS

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enough, the Russian law requires that below a certain temperature (somewhere around -5° C) all workers exposed to the weather must be provided-by the employer-with suitably warm clothes, including an overcoat and felt boots. But then, this is one of the things in social obligation that we were to learn from them, as well as the fact that when anyone is forced to discontinue work for a portion of a day for such causes as lack of materials, unfavorable weather conditions, etc., he is to be paid for the balance of that day at the rate of the average earning for his particular grade. Although the past winter was exceptionally mild in Russia,\* the Stalingrad experiment has proven the feasibility of winter work in that country. And now it is planned to build in the severest climates of Siberia, during the winter season.

We, of course, met many new problems, such as differences in language, codes, materials, and local conditions in this, our first effort in Russia. It was not an easy task to adjust ourselves to such unusual circumstances. We were, however, given the very best cooperation and most considerate treatment by the Russian government officials. They met every detail of the agreement with us. We found their labor, at least at first, not as efficient as ours, but ready to do its best and willing to be taught our methods. With such efforts on the part of the Russian workmen and the efficiency shown by the respective heads of the government, there is every reason for believing in the ultimate success of their remarkable 5-year plan.

\*The lowest temperature reached was -24° F, coupled with a 50-mile gale.



FROM A WOOD ENGRAVING BY PAUL LANDACRE—"PHYSICS BUILDING, U. C. L. A." ONE OF THE FIFTY PRINTS OF THE YEAR SELECTED BY JOHN SLOAN FOR THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GRAPHIC  $A_{R_{TS}}$ 

# ADVENTURES OF AN ARCHITECT

### 8—LAND SUBMARINES!

By Rossel E. Mitchell

"ROLL ON, thou deep and dark blue ocean, roll!— Man strews the earth with ruin. His control Stops at Thy shores."

The lame lord understated. Man's control has never yet compassed the unstable element on land, much less the sea. Flood control is much in the public eye at present. Flood control in the cellar has been less in the eye but very much at the feet, not to mention the doorstep, of a great section of the public having dwellings with cellars, and business houses with basements. The great sums to be spent to bridle the Father of Waters and his feeders probably does not exceed the aggregate spent already by Americans to secure "bone dry" basements, regardless of how wet some Bolsheviks may want the contents! An army of engineers, chemists, manufacturers, salesmen, builders, and a mighty corps in tar bucket brigades have labored more or less effectively to solve the innumerable problems, small and large, of damp and waterproofing. Spring freshets and flooded streets are accepted as acts of Nature, but high water in cellars brings chagrin to an owner, an inundation of complaints to the architect, and often proves so costly to the builder he can no longer keep his head above water!

An amusing experience occurred in the very first office in which I worked as a junior draftsman. The architect was of Teutonic extraction and nothing if not positive. Having ventured to overcome the laws of hydraulics in the basement of a client's residence, he was asked on the wind-up, "Are you sure our cellar will be absolutely dry?"

He replied, "I will drink all the water that ever comes into this cellar!"

Several months later, the locality was subjected to a period of prolonged rains. What was the consternation of Mr. Architect one morning, as a female voice gently informed him, "We have about three inches of

water in the cellar for you to drink!"

It was years after this before I encountered my first real waterproofing problem, but the experience of that architect had put me permanently on guard against such cock-sureness. My building was located in a flat country, and in a depression in the flatness. The ground water level averaged three feet below grade. Storm sewers led from this point, but were inadequate for excessive rains. We needed a basement, and a subbasement for the mechanical equipment, with a total depth of 15 feet below the water level. Hardly was the excavation well opened before there commenced a series of tremendous showers. I received an early morning 'phone call: "Come down to the building; we have the swimming pool all built-only it's a lake!"

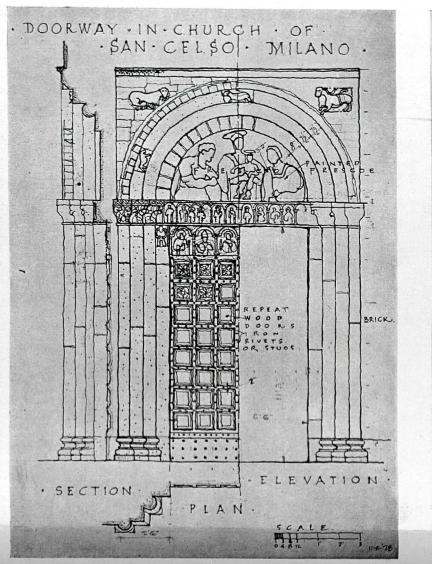
The storm sewers had overflowed, the excavation was overwhelmed with water. No sooner would the bedeviled builder pump the hole out than Jupiter Pluvius would fill it up again. We figured finally he

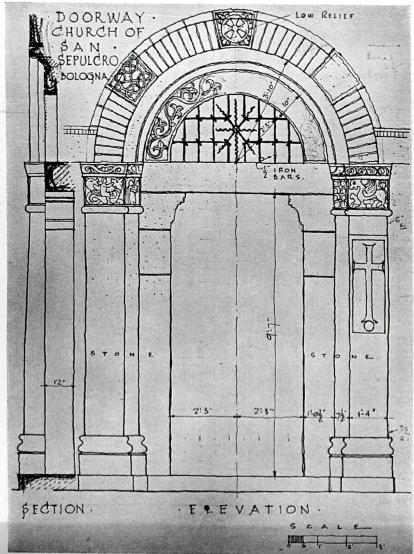
could float the largest ocean vessel in the water he had pumped out, with extra berths for some tugboats! He managed to get his footings and outer concrete walls in place, but the felt and asphalt membrane got washed off several times. At last the "membrane" was finished and the reinforced concrete topping put down. Every architect understands the tremendous pressure exerted upwards by a substantial "head" of water. Nine hundred pounds per square foot is regarded as an extremely heavy floor load, requiring extraordinary construction. Yet this pressure, which we had to overcome, is not at all unusual in building construction below water. The fact that the pressure is upward, and must be provided for uniformly at all points, and be erected in the mud, does not simplify matters! Finally the work was done and under cover, the pumps stopped and—a dozen small leaks showed up in the walls! Not large or fast flowing, but small and persistent. "Integral" waterproofings were rather new in those days, and lightly regarded. But the builder's foreman and I decided to see if we could finish the job the experts left incomplete. We used pure cement with some compound added, for a stucco. Nothing, however, will stick to a wall with the water coming through. So we borrowed a plumber's blow torch and dried out the wall temporarily, then applied the cement, using the torch immediately to hasten the set.

It was quite contrary to accepted standards then to attempt waterproofing on the inside of a wall. No expert at that time would consider anything but outside waterproofing for walls. However we stopped one leak, then another, and finally all of them until the sub-basement was quite free from seepage. Our work was amateurish and not very scientific, but it succeeded! Some years since that time, waterproofing on the inside of walls has become standard practice.

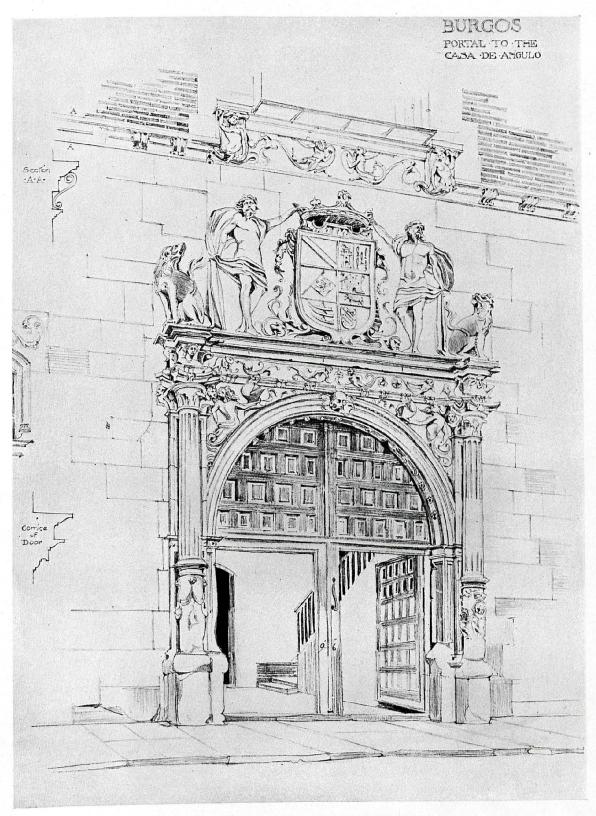
In the meantime another architect was also having his troubles in a building directly across the street. His basement was only ten feet deep below grade-but quite enough to invite a peck of trouble! The first we heard was that there had been an "explosion." An inspection showed a six-inch plain concrete floor had been laid down, over a water pressure of about 400 lbs. per square foot. Since the concrete weighed only 70 lbs. per square foot, it is not difficult to figure why the floor burst up. Shortly thereafter the building was decorated profusely with the signs of a metropolitan waterproofing company. After they had collected and departed for some months, I decided to visit that basement and note results. Much steel had been built in to hold down the new floors. The waterproofing company had evidently gone about the matter systematically, and the concrete work was beautifully done. Only one thing disappointed me, and I can only imagine how the owner felt about that-four inches of water covered the entire floor!

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FROM TRAVEL NOTES BY JOHN N. RICHARDS—HOLDER OF THE STEWARDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1928-29



RENAISSANCE ARCHITECTURE AND ORNAMENT IN SPAIN A PLATE FROM THE WORK BY ANDREW N. PRENTICE

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"This handsome stone doorway, situated in the Calle de la Calera, and adjoining the Casa de Miranda, is in a very good state of preservation. The original wooden door remains, and is made to open in parts to suit the convenience of the inmates. The plain wall space adds greatly to the effect of the excellent sculpture. The upper portion of the house, consisting of two stories, is of brick, a treatment common to many of the houses in Burgos. It contains numerous windows with rich stone dressings, and iron balconies."

A. N. PRENTICE.



FROM A WOOD ENGRAVING BY WALTER COLE  $^{\prime\prime}$ BACK OF THE BARN"

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This wood engraving has been reproduced here at the exact size of the original. It is an extremely good example of the art of the engraver on wood and was selected by John Sloan from among 946 prints submitted for inclusion in the Fifty Prints of the Year sent annually on an exhibition tour by the American Institute of Graphic Arts.



FIGURE BY EDMOND AMATEIS, SCULPTOR, FOR PEDIMENT OF BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING "AGRICULTURE"

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On this plate is shown one of a group of nine figures composing the pediment sculpture of the Buffalo Historical Society Building at Buffalo, New York. This figure, representing Agriculture, is a sturdy peasant type, suggesting the strength and dignity of those who wrest their living from the soil. It will be executed in white marble and is to stand 7 feet high. The entire pediment tympanum space is about 50 feet wide and 8 feet high at the center. One of the end figures, representing Law, is also shown in this issue on page 424. George Cary was the architect of the building.



FROM A DRYPOINT BY WILLIAM C. McNULTY "WOOLWORTH BUILDING, NEW YORK, 1929"

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This plate by William C. McNulty was done from an excellent point of view to take advantage of the way in which the structures of a big city build up in a sequence of zig-zags from bottom to top while the verticality of the tall buildings remains dominant. The composition will repay careful analysis. The original print measured 9" x 13". The tower at the right of the Woolworth is the Transportation Building.

# ELEVATOR TRAFFIC SCHEDULES

By L. J. Kinnard

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THERE IS A general opinion among the building trades and professions that "Elevator Traffic Studies" are difficult to make and very mysterious. This article has been written to disprove that fallacy, and to provide the tools with which anyone, familiar with elevators, may easily determine how many cars are needed in a prospective building. The information is based primarily upon office building service, but it could be readily applied to other types of buildings.

It is quite true that a great many variables enter into the problem of elevator application, but fortunately the averages of those variables have been determined. For instance, the average number of stops per round trip during the rush period in an office building has been found to depend upon the number of passengers carried and the number of floors served, as will be shown by one of the following curves. Likewise the average number of false stops, the average length of time required for each false stop, the average time consumed per passenger entering and leaving a car, and even the average length of time required to open and close doors are elements in elevator schedules that can be safely calculated from the past experience of many observers in all parts of the country.

Besides these variables, and in many cases directly affecting them, are many conditions surrounding an elevator installation which cannot be disregarded if an intelligent study of the prospective building is to be made:

- 1. Population of building.
  - (a) The anticipated density.
  - (b) The uniformity of distribution.
  - (c) Type of tenants.
  - (d) Length of arrival and departure periods.
- 2. Corridors.
  - (a) Their relation to entrances.
  - (b) Possibility of congestion.
  - (c) Distance of elevators from offices.
- 3. Crowded Floors.
  - (a) Assembly Halls or Auditoriums.
  - (b) Dining Rooms.
  - (c) Exhibition Floors.
  - (d) Wash Rooms and Rest Rooms.
- 4. Shape of Building.
  - (a) Tower type (Small cars at high speed).
  - (b) Spread type (Large cars at lower speed).
  - (c) Irregular shape (Requiring more than one bank).
- 5. Location of Building.
  - (a) Distance from transportation terminals.
  - (b) Rental competition with other buildings.
  - (c) Habits of tenants (Fairly consistent in

- any one city, but different in different cities).
- (d) Class of elevator service required.
- 6. Location of Stairways.
  - (a) Accessible stairways relieve elevator congestion between adjacent floors.
- 7. Maintenance and Operation.
  - (a) First class maintenance by the owner cannot always be expected.
- 8. Terminal Floors.
  - (a) Subway, basement, and second floor entrances must be considered.

The actual effect of the various items, listed above, upon the final operation is a matter of speculation and their consideration must depend upon good judgment and experience.

There has been a general demand among architects for a "Rule of Thumb" by which one could determine in a few seconds how many elevators were needed in a prospective building. If every one concerned agreed upon a certain performance as being satisfactory, then a "Rule of Thumb" could easily be produced that would serve the purpose. But since "Satisfactory performance" is also an important variable, it might be well to indicate what is considered good performance in most of the large cities. The following table shows satisfactory values, and not the extremely high class service that has been obtained in a few of the most recent and spectacular buildings. The "Interval of Departure" refers throughout this article to the length of time between consecutive cars leaving the main floor; and the "Time to Empty Building" assumes the average rush-hour load down, each trip, and not capacity load.

TABLE I.
SATISFACTORY ELEVATOR SERVICE

	Interval of Departure	Time to Empty Building	
Office Bldg.	30 Seconds	45 Minutes	
Public Bldg.	40 "	60 "	
Dept. Store	60 "	100 "	
Hotel	40 "	45 "	
Hospital	45 "	60 "	

In different cities and even in different locations of the same city, the congestion of offices varies over a large range. Considering the rentable area or space used for offices, stores, studios, etc., the following table permits a fairly accurate estimate of the population of a building.

TABLE II. (Item 5)
OFFICE BUILDING POPULATION

100	"	"	"	"	Normal
120	"	"	"	"	Comfortable

In order to solve the problem—"How many cars are needed?"-two methods are offered. The first method requires only the consideration of Table I, Table II and Figure 1, and of course assumes that at least an approximate estimate has already been made as to the height of the building and the rentable floor area or number of offices. If the conditions of the prospective building differ radically from the assumptions shown on Figure 1, reasonable allowances can be made for these variations. For instance the curve assumes "automatic Landing Control." If "Car Switch Control" is deemed satisfactory for a certain prospective building, the "Interval of Departure" would be increased about 15% for the same number of cars, and the "Time to Empty Building" would also be increased in the same proportion. As an example in the use of these curves, it will be noted that a bank of 4 cars in an 18 floor building will maintain an Interval of Departure of 30 seconds and will handle about 1,450 people per hour. Obviously it would empty a building having 1,100 people (or 360 small offices), above the main floor, in 45 minutes. This performance, according to Table I, would be satisfactory.

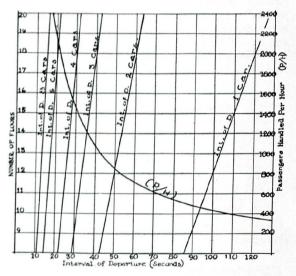


FIGURE 1-SEE TEXT

Assuming Automatic Door Operators, Automatic Landing Control, Capacity of 2,500 lbs. at 600 F.P.M., Office Building Service at Rush Period.

If the foregoing approximate method is used for a bank of express cars the curves of Figure 1 would still apply to the upper or local zone. The Interval of Departure, however, would be increased in each case by twice the length of time required for the car to travel through the express zone, which could be calculated by simple mathematics. The people handled per hour (P/H) would decrease accordingly for the same number of cars.

The following method of making a traffic study requires more time than the first method and makes more accurate provision for all variables. In every round trip of an elevator, there is a definite sequence of operations. The required time of some of these depends upon the personal element, in which case, average observed values must be used. Other operations depend upon the mechanical and electrical mechanism—in other words—upon the machines and control. The required time for these functions can be very carefully tested and calculated.

Figure 2 shows a convenient form of detailed Traffic study. It includes a list of the items entering into this study and in order to explain the procedure, each item is considered with its corresponding charts or curves. A typical building is used for an example. The tentative number of elevators was chosen after an inspection of Tables I and II, and Figure 1.

On the form shown in Figure 2, the first four items can be taken from the preliminary architectural drawings. The fifth item can be determined by inspection of Table II or by observation and examination of the census records of similar buildings in the same neighborhood. Item 6, of course, depends upon the height of the building and some assumptions must be made upon which to base a traffic study. Express cars are seldom used on buildings less than 20 floors in height.

The principal purpose of making the entire traffic study is to determine Item 7, "The Number of Elevators in the Group." Nevertheless, an arbitrary decision must first be made; the results of the traffic study simply show whether or not this decision is correct. Figure 1 will help to make at least an approximate assumption.

Items 8 and 9 "Full Speed of Car" and "Capacity in Pounds" also call for some experience and judgment, although elevator practice has become fairly stable in respect to these features.

Item 10 can easily be figured by allowing about 150 pounds per person (The weight of the operator must be considered). The "Type of Control" (Item 11) and "Type of Door Operators" (Item 12) have a very decided effect upon the operation of a bank of cars, as further discussion will disclose.

Item 13, "Time to Open and Close Doors." It should be noted in the following table that when automatic landing (Auto. Ldg.) is used, the door operating time is decreased by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  seconds. The doors themselves do not operate any faster, but they may be

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### TRAFFIC STUDY

Name of Building		Location	
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		· And Andrews		
1.	Number of floors served (Including Main Floor	)	18	
2.	Travel, Round Trip (Ft.)		400	
3.	Rentable Area, per floor (Sq. Ft.)		7,750	P. T. Market
4.	Rentable Area, above Main Foor (Sq. Ft.)		132,000	
5.	Population, Above Main Floor		1,100	
6.	Service (Local or Express)		Local	
7.	Number of Elevators in Bank		4	
8.	Full speed of cars (F.P.M.)		600	The second second
9.	Capacity (Pounds)		2,500	
10.	Capacity (Passengers)		16	
11.	Type of Control		Auto. Ldg.	
12.	Type of Door Operators		Power	
13.	Time to open and close doors, each stop	(Seconds)	2	popular The series
14.	Extra time to Accel & Descel, each stop	(Seconds)	2.3	and principles of
15.	Standing time, Main Floor	(Seconds)	20	
16.	Standing time, top floor	(Seconds)	5	held the filling to a t
17.	Passengers carried per round trip, each car		12	
18.	Stops per round trip, each car		9	and the state of the state of
19.	Loading time per passenger	(Seconds)	1	
20.	Standing and Loading time, each car	(Seconds)	37	
21.	Door Operations, round trip, each car	(Seconds)	18	
22.	Full Speed Time, round trip	(Seconds)	40	
23.	Extra Time, Accel & Descel, round trip	(Seconds)	21	and the same
24.	Extra Time, slowdown in limits	(Seconds)	5	
25.	Time for False Stops, round trip	(Seconds)	0	
26.	Total time of round trip	(Seconds)	121	
27.	Interval of Departure	(Seconds)	30	
28.	People Handled in 1 Hour		1,440	
29.	Time to Empty Building	(Minutes)	46	

### FIGURE 2-TRAFFIC STUDY FORM

zone, which is several inches from the floor.

TABLE III. (Item 13)

Manual Corridor Door	5	Seconds
Manual Corridor Door & Manual Car Door	7	Seconds
Power Doors	31/2	Seconds
Power Doors with Auto. Ldg.	2	Seconds

Item 14 "Extra Time to Accelerate and Descelerate." As a matter of convenience in calculating, it will be noted that Item 22 covers the required time for the car to run at full speed the entire round trip distance. Therefore, to obviate calculations that would involve vertical space in the hoistway through which the car runs at full speed, the following table shows

started to open as soon as the car enters the landing the "Extra Time" consumed for each stop for acceleration and desceleration.

TABLE IV. (Item 14)

EXTRA TIME PER STOP FOR

ACCELERATION AND DESCELERATION

F.P.M.	Rheostatic	Variable Voltage		
200	1.5 Seconds	1.2 Seconds		
300	1.9 Seconds	1.5 Seconds		
400	2.6 Seconds	1.8 Seconds		
500	3.6 Seconds	2.1 Seconds		
600	4.5 Seconds	2.3 Seconds		
700		2.6 Seconds		
800		2.8 Seconds		
1000		3.1 Seconds		

Item 15 and Item 16. "Standing Time" at the main floor includes the loading or unloading of passengers. It has been found that in different types of buildings the Standing Time at terminal floors varies somewhat.

TABLE V. (Items 15 and 16) STANDING TIME

	Office Buildings (Sec.)	Hotels (Sec.)	Dept. Stores (Sec.)
Main Floor	20	25	35
Top Floor	5	5	10
Transfer Floor	10	10	

Item 17 "Passengers Carried per Round Trip." It is noticeable that even during the rush period, elevators do not average capacity loads; in office buildings the average load is about 70% capacity, in hospitals and hotels about 50%, while in department stores it is about 90% full capacity.

TABLE VI. (Item 17) AVERAGE RUSH PERIOD LOADS

CAPA	CITY	Office	Hotels,	Dept. Stores	
Pounds	Pass.	Building	Hospitals		
1000	6	4	3		
1500	9	7	5	8	
2000	13	9	6	12	
2250	14	10	7	13	
2500	16	12	8	14	
2750	18	13	9	16	
3000	19	15	10	17	
3500	23	18	12	20	
4000	26	20	13	23	

Item 18 "Stops per Round Trip." This is very important and can be determined from Figure 3, which has been compiled from a great many observations. For example, an inspection of this curve shows that for 18 floors served, which in this case includes the main floor, and with 12 passengers in the car, it will probably stop 9 times during a round trip.

Item 19 "Loading Time per Passenger" has also been obtained by careful and repeated observations. During the "Up" rush period such as occurs in the morning, this is really "Unloading Time," since the time used by passengers either entering or leaving the car at the main floor is included in the "Standing Time."

TABLE VII. (Item 19)
LOADING TIME PER PASSENGER

Office Buildings	1	Second	
Hotels	2	Seconds	
Department Stores	11/2	Seconds	

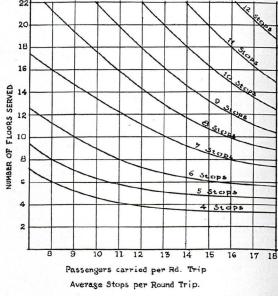


FIGURE 3—TO DETERMINE ITEM 18

Item 20 "Standing and Loading Time, Each Car." This is the sum of Items 15, 16 and 19, keeping in mind that the number of passengers carried is shown on Item 17.

Item 21 "Door Operations, Round Trip." This is simply a combination of Items 13 and 18.

Item 22 "Full Speed Time, Round Trip." As mentioned above, this item is used as a matter of convenience in figuring. It is impossible, of course, for a car to start at full speed and stop instantly; at least, it would be very uncomfortable. Nevertheless, this method permits of simple calculations, as shown by the following table.

TABLE VIII. (Item 22)
Full Speed Time—Round Trip

F.P.M.	Tin	ne of	Round Trip	)	(Sec.)
200	Round	Trip	Travel (In	Feet) X	.3
300	"	"	"	X	.2
400	"	"	"	X	.15
500	"	"	"	X	.12
600	"	"	"	X	.1
700	"	"	"	X	.085
800	"	cc	"	X	.075
1000	"	"	"	X	.06

(For round trip travel, refer to Item 2)

Item 23 "Extra Time, Acceleration and Desceleration, Round Trip." This is found by examination of Items 14 and 18.

Item 24, "Extra Time, Slowdown in Limits." The time lost due to the longer slowdowns at the ends of travel is proportional to the speed because, as a matter of safety, the higher speed cars have a longer

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slowdown period. A reasonable figure is twice the "Extra Time for Accel. and Descel."; in other words, twice as much as Item 14.

Item 25, "Time for False Stops." On Car Switch Control, the time lost on account of the operator missing floors averages 1½ seconds per stop. With automatic landing, properly adjusted, there are no false stops.

Item 26, "Total Time of Round Trip." This is the sum of the values found for Items 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25. In the example this round-trip time is 121 seconds.

Item 27, "Interval of Departure." By many architects and owners, this is considered the "measuring stick" by which a bank of elevators is to be judged. In many cases it is sufficient but in buildings that have considerable rentable area and hence a heavy population, the following items must also be considered. To continue our example, it will be seen that if these four cars are dispatched at regular intervals, the "Interval of Departure" will be 30 seconds, which corresponds to the curve of Figure 1.

Item 28 "People Handled in 1 Hour." This item can easily be calculated from Items 17 and 27. To

prevent any confusion the following formula will show the number of people that can be handled in one hour:

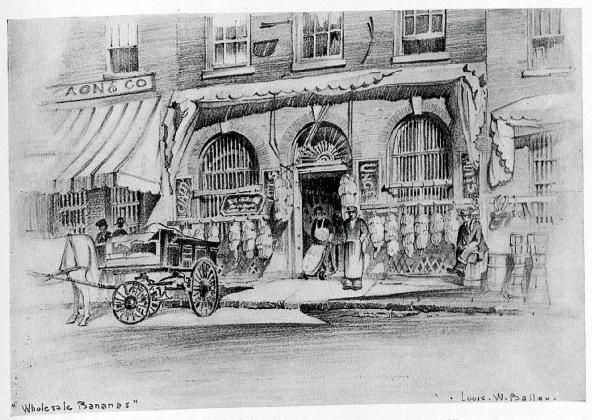
$$\frac{3600 \text{ x (Pass. Carried per Trip)}}{(\text{Int. of Dep.})} = \text{People per Hour.}$$

$$\frac{\text{Or: } 3600 \text{ x (Item 17)}}{(\text{Item 27})} = \text{Item 28.}$$

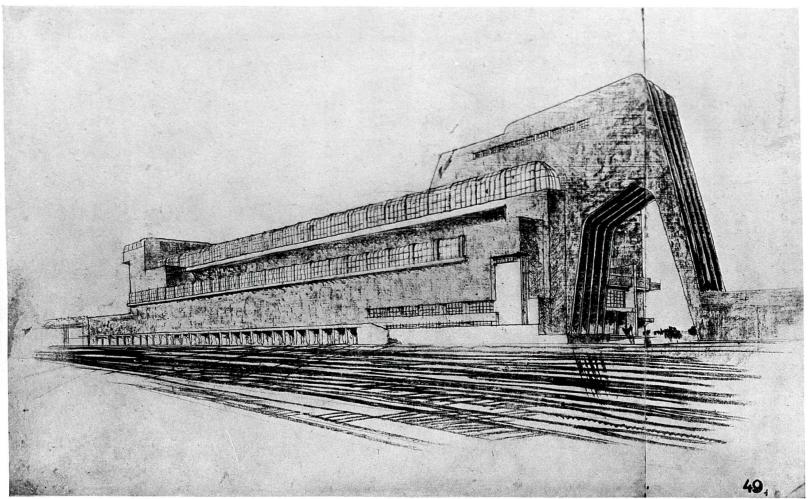
Item 29 "Time to Empty Building." It is readily apparent that this item can be calculated from Items 5 and 28. In other words:

$$\frac{\text{(Item 5) x 60}}{\text{(Item 28)}} = \text{Item 29.}$$

From the foregoing explanation, it will be seen that a great deal of experience is not required to make an elevator traffic study. In many cases, it is worth while to compile several combinations, using not only prospective cars of different capacities and speeds, but also different controls and door operators. A variety of traffic studies will very quickly bring to light the best possible elevator installation, indicating the best equipment and the proper number of cars.

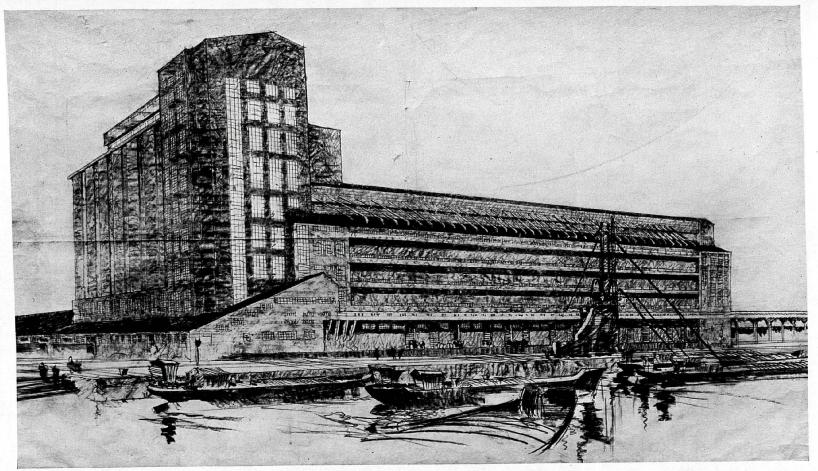


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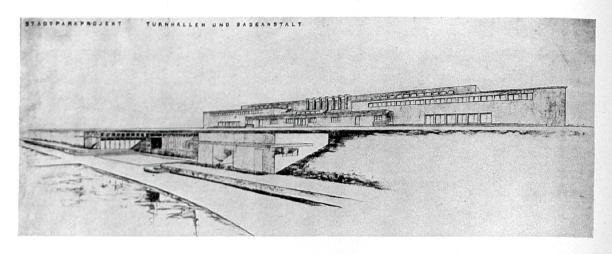
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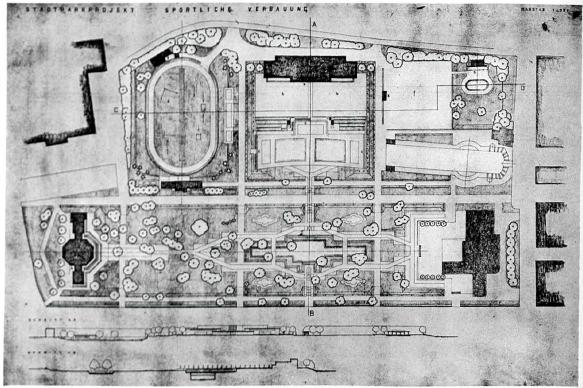
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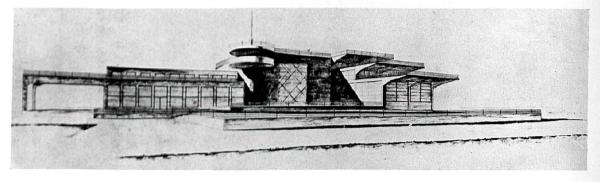


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COMMUNITY PARK WITH GYMNASIUM AND SWIMMING POOL
DESIGN BY ERIC RICHTER SHOWN AT GERMAN EXHIBITION IN BROOKLYN ART MUSEUM

# THE A. W. BROWN TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR 1930

# THE PROBLEM AND REPORT OF THE JURY OF AWARD

THE 1930 COMPETITION FOR THE A. W. BROWN TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP established by Ludowici-Celadon Company was judged in Charleston, S. C., on April 24th, 25th, and 26th, by a Jury of five architects.

### THE PROBLEM

The problem is the design of an Exterior Court in

an Exposition Building.

It is assumed there is being designed for an Exposition a Building to house the exhibits of many small manufacturers and, that the competitor, working in conjunction with others, has the problem of designing the embellishment of the court itself and of the walls enclosing the court.

For the purpose of this design, the competitor may assume that the architectural style of the remainder of the building, the heights of openings, belt courses,

cornices, etc., will be set by his design.

The dimensions of the court are 40'-0" x 65'-0", the open side being 65'-0" wide. It is assumed that the level of the main floor of the building is 6'-0" above the ground and that the exterior walls shall not extend higher than 24'-0" above the floor level. In other words, the treatment of the wall surfaces, including cornices and parapets, shall not be higher than 30'-0" from the ground level, except for roofs which may show above this.

The inside 65'-0" wall of the court is the wall of a passage and may be opened with whatever penetrations the designer wishes. However, the two wings contain one-story exhibition rooms with overhead light and their walls shall be without openings.

Opposite the court is a small lagoon 65'-0" wide with its nearest edge 30'-0" from the face of the wings. End of lagoon may be any shape but no point may be closer than 30'-0" to building.

It is assumed the ground for this portion of the ex-

hibition is level.

The main entrance of the building will be on the opposite side from the court. The court will be used as a promenade and resting place and should be treated to take advantage of the outlook over the lagoon. However, the actual design of the three enclosing walls is the essential part of the problem.

Choice of materials and type of architecture are left entirely to each competitor. The committee desires to call specific attention, however, to the fact that, while the donors of the scholarship are manufacturers of roofing tiles the use of tile roofs in the design is not in any way to be considered essential or necessary and that the Jury will not give any preference, in making their judgment, to designs in which such roofs have been shown.

There were one hundred and seven designs submitted by architects and draftsmen from all sections of the

The Scholarship or first prize of two thousand dollars was awarded to Carl K. Loven of Bloomfield, N. J. Second prize of two hundred and fifty dollars was given to Kindred McLeary of Pittsburgh, Pa.; third prize of one hundred and fifty dollars to Eugene P. Nowlen of

Chicago; and fourth prize of one hundred dollars to Carl C. F. Kressbach of Jackson, Mich. Honorable mention was given Elmer I. Love of Urbana, Illinois, and mentions to William P. LaVallee of New York, Joseph N. Arnold of Middletown, Ohio, and to Simon Breines of Brooklyn, New York.

As required by the program, the Scholarship Committee has investigated the personal qualifications of the competitor whose design was placed first by the Jury and has confirmed the award of the Scholarship to him.

### THE JURY REPORT

The problem in the program as issued was the design of a court at the rear of an exposition building with particular emphasis given to the treatment of the wall surfaces. The Jury was disappointed to find that the majority of the competitors had rather ignored this part of the problem and had failed to study the decorative treatment of the three walls enclosing the court as a definite part of the problem. Also, in most of the designs the court had been treated more as an entrance to the building than as a court which visitors would enter from the building, as implied by the program.

It was extremely interesting that of the 107 drawings submitted, in only four or five were the traditional classic forms followed; in the others the designs were of the so-called "modern" trend. While many of these were interesting and fresh in their spirit, the Jury wishes to express itself as deploring the results shown in many cases where the "modern" treatment seemed to be more an effort to throw over all tradition rather than to use tradition as a foundation from which to advance.

The Jury in accordance with the suggestion in the printed form of competition presents the following statement of the reasons for its awards.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (Carl K. Loven): This design, while having a freshness of feeling in its actual detail, nevertheless respects the tradition of our art.

The Jury felt that of all the designs this one was the best interpretation of the problem as a court to be used as a "promenade and resting place." The sunken garden space with walking space bordering the building, the colonnade somewhat enclosing the court, the indicated planting—all these would make for a pleasant and comfortable place to enter and in which to sit.

The decorative treatment of the wall surfaces is simple and fine; the mosaic-lined niches on the side walls would be interesting in themselves and afford a contrast to the

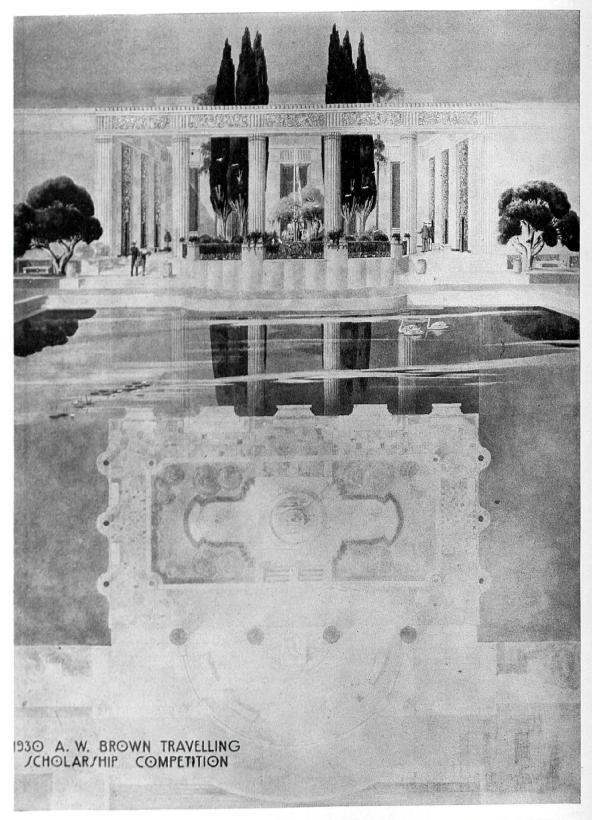
openings in the rear wall.

The Jury felt that the arrangement of the steps and circular promenade in front of the colonnade had not been sufficiently studied and also that the iron railing was not in character with the rest of the design. But the design as a whole was nearest the solution of the problem, was generally good in detail and was excellently presented.

SECOND PRIZE (Kindred McLeary): The plan of the court in this design was carried into the building by making the "passage" a loggia, with steps inside at either end, giving more height to the walls of the court. While the

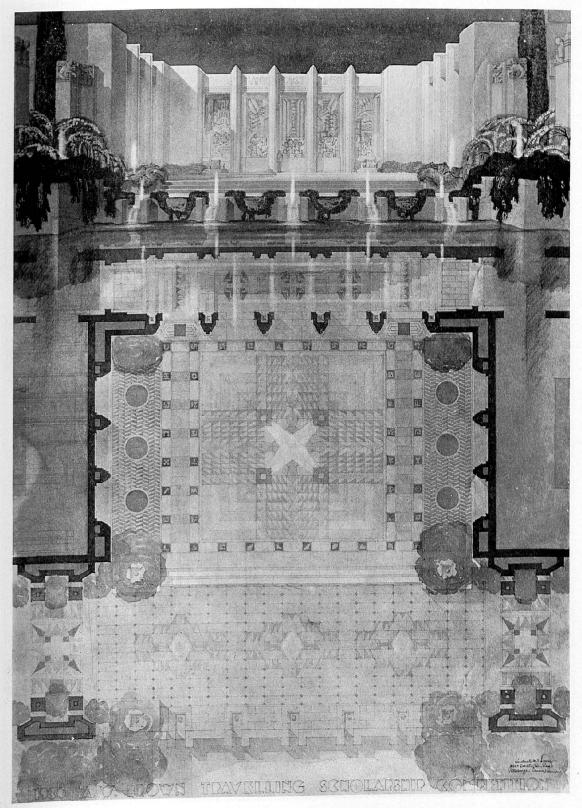
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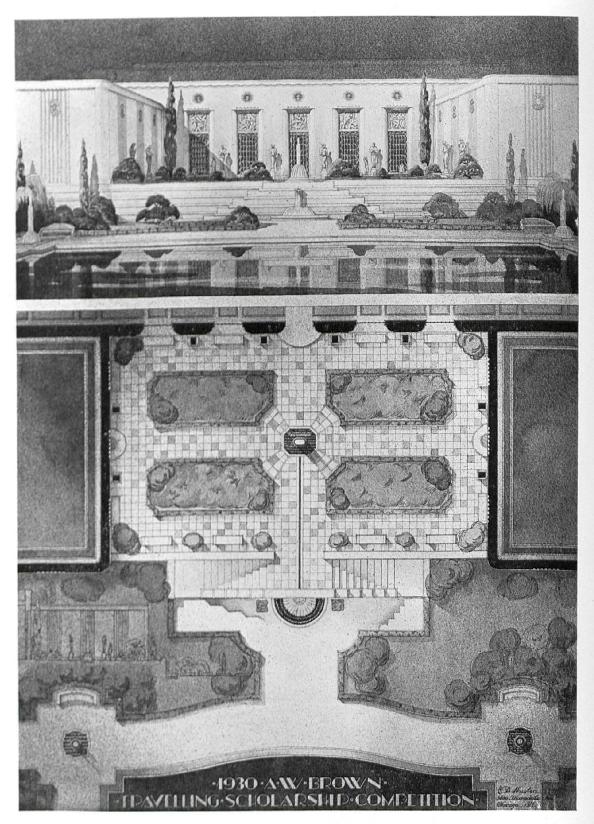
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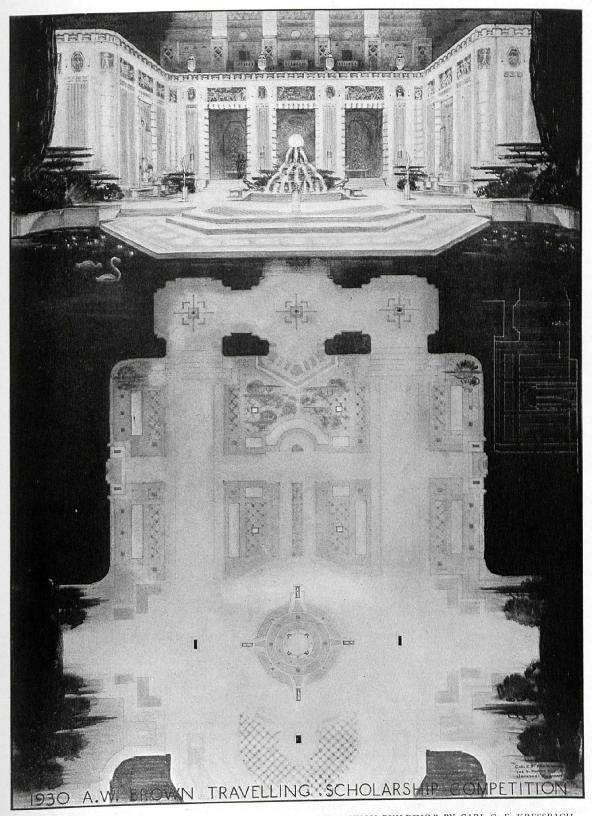


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A. W. BROWN TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR 1930



FOURTH PRIZE DESIGN FOR "AN EXTERIOR COURT IN AN EXPOSITION BUILDING," BY CARL C. F. KRESSBACH
A. W. BROWN TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR 1930



CARL K. LOVEN

Carl. K. Loven, winner of the A. W. Brown 1930 Travelling Scholarship, was born in Jersey City in 1906.

Mr. Loven is a graduate of Dickensen High School, Jersey City, N. J., where he received his general education and started his studies of architecture.

After graduating from High School he was employed in the office of Mr. Newmann of Jersey City. From there he went to the office and atelier of William Mayer, West New York, N. J., to whom he is greatly indebted for his encouragement and help. He was then employed in the office of Sibley and Licht of Palisade, New Jersey, and through Mr. Licht's persuasion started Beaux-Arts work under his criticism.

At the present time Mr. Loven is employed in the office of Schultze and Weaver, New York, and he wishes to express his appreciation to Leonard Schultz and S. Fullerton Weaver for their encouragement and the opportunities they have given him. It is here that Mr. Loven came into contact with Lloyd Morgan.

For the past year Mr. Loven has studied in Atelier Morgan, and although his practical training has helped him a great deal in Beaux-Arts work, he gives the credit of his success to the unfailing help and able guidance of his patron, Lloyd Morgan.

### THE INDIANAPOLIS ARCHITECTURAL CLUB

THE "GRAND INAUGURAL" of the new clubroom in the Architects' Building took place on Saturday, May 17th, at which time the ceremonies opened with a Stag Banquet in the evening.

The initial exhibit in the new clubroom was the Chicago World War Memorial Competition drawings. The exhibit was sponsored by the Indiana Society of Architects.

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Team	1	2	3	Total
Monks & Johnson	454	468	450	1372
VS.				
N. E. Power	449	447	468	1364
Densmore, LeClear & Robbins	432	439	464	1335
vs.				
J. D. Leland & Co.	391	450	435	1276
J. W. Beal Sons	429	451	446	1326
vs.				
Hutchins & French	448	422	429	1299
Cool., Shepley, Bulfinch & Abb.	433	433	444	1310
vs.				
J. H. Ritchie & Associates	448	415	400	1263
Adden, Parker, Clinch & Crimp	407	444	442	1293
vs.				
Chas. T. Main, Inc.	413	433	406	1252
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FIRST TEN AVERA	GES			
1. Davis—(H. & F.)				3/81
<ol> <li>Peterson—(N. E. P.)</li> <li>Reid—(D. LeC. &amp; R.)</li> </ol>				3/60
4. Wilson—(M. & J.)				6/78
5. Gader—(N. E. P.)				2/78
<ol> <li>Gader—(N. E. P.)</li> <li>Maker—(M. &amp; J.)</li> </ol>				6/78
7. Werner—(N. E. P.)				3/66
8. Biagi—(C. S. B. & A.)	in the	1		2/81
9. Buckley—(N. E. P.) 10. Bullock—(D. LeC. & R.)	in.			4/69
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LEADERS				
Team Single String				520
Densmore, LeClear & Robbins Team Three-string Total				520
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NEW YORK SKETCH CLUB ALUMNI DINNER THE ANNUAL DINNER of the New York Sketch Club Alumni was held at the Architectural League Clubhouse in New York on the evening of Saturday, May 17, 1930. An account of the evening's activities will be included in the July issue of Pencil Points.

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Individual Single String

Peterson-(N. E. P.)

Individual Three-string Total

Davis—(H. & F.)

# EXHIBITION OF MODELS AND PLANS AT BROOKLYN ART MUSEUM

An IMPORTANT EXHIBITION of models and plans by Professor Peter Behrens and his Master School at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna showing modern developments in architecture was held recently at the Brooklyn Art Museum. Several of the drawings are shown in this issue of Pencil Points on pages 458, 459, and 460.

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON SMITH

THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY AMERICA, is full of architects, and perhaps the highest average of professional work is done by the group in this country. Even the European architects, to whom we have had our hats off for so long, have been free to admit that in residential and commercial work especially, the results in our country have been in advance of that in other countries.

This admission was first made in regard to residential work, and one of our foremost architects in this line was the late George Washington Smith, who is best known for his achievements in the neighborhood of Santa Barbara in California. With a background of education in the Harvard Architectural School and a certain amount of experience in this country that is rather unknown to most of us, he spent several years abroad, as he explained to me, "trying to find myself."

No doubt, much of his early work had the same charm and quality as he showed later on, but it has been lost sight of and is probably included in that great volume of most excellent design that is daily produced by so many of our young men who are gaining their experience in the various architectural offices.

The outbreak of the war found him abroad, where he had become intensely interested in modern painting, which he studied there for three years and later exhibited some of his paintings in this country. Fortunately for California, he finally settled in Montecito adjoining Santa Barbara, where the wonderful climate and natural picturesque settings gave him an opportunity to design buildings in the Spanish style he loved so well, and which seem so particularly suited to the place from an historical point of view as well as in other respects.

Apparently, he found himself right from the start, as every building or house of his that I saw, in a trip through this section, was a great success. Starting with rather modest houses, they had such merit and were so outstanding that in an incredibly short time, his work was known all over the country and photographs of his houses were sought for publication in the best magazines and for exhibition in the important architectural shows, such as the first Architectural League Exhibition at the Grand Central Palace at the time of the Institute Convention a few years ago.

The quality of Mr. Smith's work was so subtle, and the manner that he combined extreme simplicity with a rather sparing use of well chosen Spanish detail would make his buildings charming in any setting. When combined with the marvelous landscape effects that are possible in Santa Barbara, the result was too exquisite for expression.

Every student or draftsman would do well to study his work, especially noting the straightforward quality of design, the lack of artificial effects that can be no more than fads and the charm of composition both of masses and line. These are the qualities that make his work so outstanding and are of more importance than the detail which, though excellent, is more historical than original. It is indeed a pity that he did not live to try his skill at some of our more complex modern problems where historical detail and ornament do not seem as appropriate as that of the modern school, for I feel that he would have contributed much help where it is so badly needed.

But at least, we can be thankful that his beautiful section of California has been made still more beautiful because of his efforts, and I hope and believe that many future generations will do honor to George Washington Smith, a modest man whose achievements have placed him in the front rank of architects.—Leon N. Gillette.



GEORGE WASHINGTON SMITH 1876 — 1930

George Washington Smith died at his home in Montecito, California, on March 16, from heart failure. He was born at East Liberty, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1876. After studying architecture at Harvard, he was employed by various architects in Philadelphia before going abroad to study. He remained in Paris for three years and became intensely interested in modern painting. Upon his return to this country, while on a painting trip in California, he decided to make his home in Santa Barbara. Miss Lutah Riggs, Architect, who was in Mr. Smith's

office at the time of his death, says, in a tribute to him: "Mr. Smith's taste was toward the more primitive in architecture, as in painting and sculpture. His work was always distinguished by its purity and simplicity, its lack of self-consciousness, its fitness and exquisite charm. The exotic and romantic qualities were balanced by a certain restfulness and peacefulness.

"He distinguished himself in residential architecture, although he did other work as well. He built extensively, not only in Santa Barbara and Montecito, where he had his office, but up and down the coast of California, in Texas, Arizona, Colorado, and New York. He took only those of the long distance commissions which he felt he could handle with distinction and satisfaction."

"He was of a retiring nature, modest and reserved, and not an adept at small talk. Dinner parties, conventions, and gatherings of any sort he regarded as ordeals. And with his tall and imposing frame, he presented a figure difficult to approach. But with the ice finally broken, he was the most genial of companions, making the wittiest of dry remarks. He was always kind, calm, and thoughtful of the people around him; not overhasty in making decisions, and displayed infinite patience in dealing with everyone. He was a great artist, a distinguished architect, and a gentleman of the first water."

### CONCERNING ST. MARK'S IN THE BOWERIE

IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF PENCIL POINTS there appeared as illustrations for John F. Harbeson's article on Design in Modern Architecture a plan and perspective view of the proposed St. Mark's Tower, Saint Mark's in the Bowerie, New York, as designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. In his comments on this design Professor Harbeson included some criticisms to which Charles Morgan of Chicago, Mr. Wright's associate in the practice of architecture, has taken exception in a letter which we are glad to print, together with a defense by Professor Harbeson of his position. Both letters follow:

April 24, 1930.

Editor

PENCIL POINTS

"DEAR MR. WHITEHEAD:

"I do not know how PENCIL POINTS can achieve or hold any influence in architecture when it will misrepresent so valuable a construction to modern architects as the designs by Frank Lloyd Wright for St. Mark's in the Bowerie.

"The bathtubs are symmetrical if special.

"The rooms all likewise, and well adapted to their purpose.

"The fireplaces are not sham.

"The arrangements for dining are not irregular but convenient and plausible.

"The bedrooms have not only each direct access to outer air but to an exterior balcony as well.

"They also have perfect privacy within and without by means of closing screens.

"There is an independent fire tower for all to reach the street.

"In other words why criticise what you have apparently taken no pains whatever to understand?

"Sincerely yours,

(Signed) CHARLES MORGAN, 333 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill."

May 7, 1930.

The Editors Pencil Points

"GENTLEMEN:

"I thank you for the privilege of reading Mr. Morgan's letter in reference to my remarks about the proposed Apartment House for St. Mark's in the Bowerie, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

"When I started these articles I realized the likelihood of treading on people's toes, and for that reason put what I called the author's apology at the head of that first article, in which I said, 'It is difficult to judge the work of one's own time: it is too close to allow perspective.' I should, perhaps, have asked that you print this at the head of each article.

"Evidently Mr. Morgan is a disciple of Frank Lloyd Wright and resents criticism. I do not think that Frank Lloyd Wright himself would object to honest criticism; for he, like all men of active minds, with imagination, would be the first to say that new ideas in Architecture are not born fully developed. He would probably say

that he has ideas now that would improve some of his earlier work.

"I am certainly an admirer of Thomas Edison, and I do not feel in the least that I am trying to detract from his reputation in saying that the early electric lights which he invented were not a complete solution of the problem he had set himself, nor was his early Gramophone the last word in the reproduction of music. Had Mr. Edison died after making those early experiments and before he had time to bring his work to its present perfection, he would still have deserved all the credit for the original idea, even though others would have carried on the refining of the invention to somewhat their present situation.

"If Mr. Wright suffers the usual fate of Architects who have new ideas, various parts of this scheme for an apartment house will be erected by imitators before he has a chance to complete so large a building. Frequently the façade of a winning competition drawing is imitated, somewhere, in stucco before the building itself is done in stone. Should that happen, there will be an opportunity to see if people fit well into bathtubs 'symmetrical if special,' where one leg must be drawn up further than another, or if they would like beds of relatively the same shape.

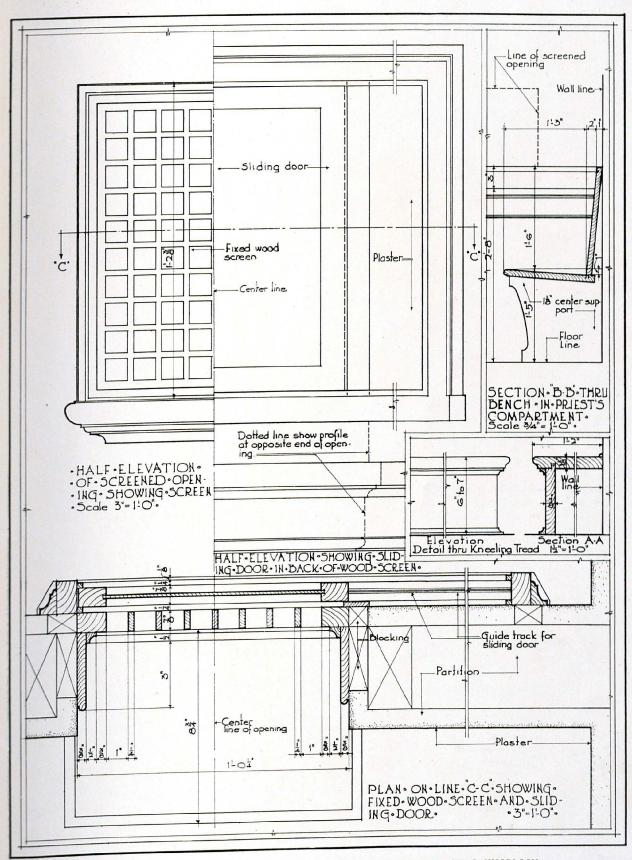
"Mr. Morgan says perfect privacy is effected in the bedrooms by sliding screens: these screens may be a new invention, but certainly the type now common would not keep out either conversation (even the mackite block partitions in office buildings do not always do so), or cigar odors. In this connection I might call attention to one note on the plans: 'No radiation needed otherwise; bedrooms above receive heat from this source' (from under sills of living room). This would indicate that the screens are not entirely airtight. But even if the screens could hermetically seal the room, would the psychological effect of living behind such screens along one complete wall be a happy one?

"Much depends, of course, on what we mean by words. Mr. Morgan says the fireplaces are not sham. To me a fireplace is a sham unless one can burn wood or coal there (and my dictionary agrees with me). To others, a satisfactory fireplace is one where by a turn of a button a colored light may be made to glow under a number of pieces of black glass, or a gas jet burns in small flames around an asbestos log. Certainly effects can be attained by gas and electricity, but why should modern architects, who have attained a great reputation with the public because they meet modern problems in a modern way, make modern scientific apparatus masquerade in the guise of relics of a sentimental age, which fireplaces, speaking in the old-fashioned dictionary sense, are.

"'The proof of the pudding is in the eating.' If people prove to like rooms of irregular shapes with no right angles, and enjoy sitting at dining tables such as here are shown, then the scheme is a good one in these respects. If the public feels, rather as I do, about these things, then the apartments will probably be left when others with rooms of more usual shape are built which may be rented for the same price and which have the other advantages of this scheme.

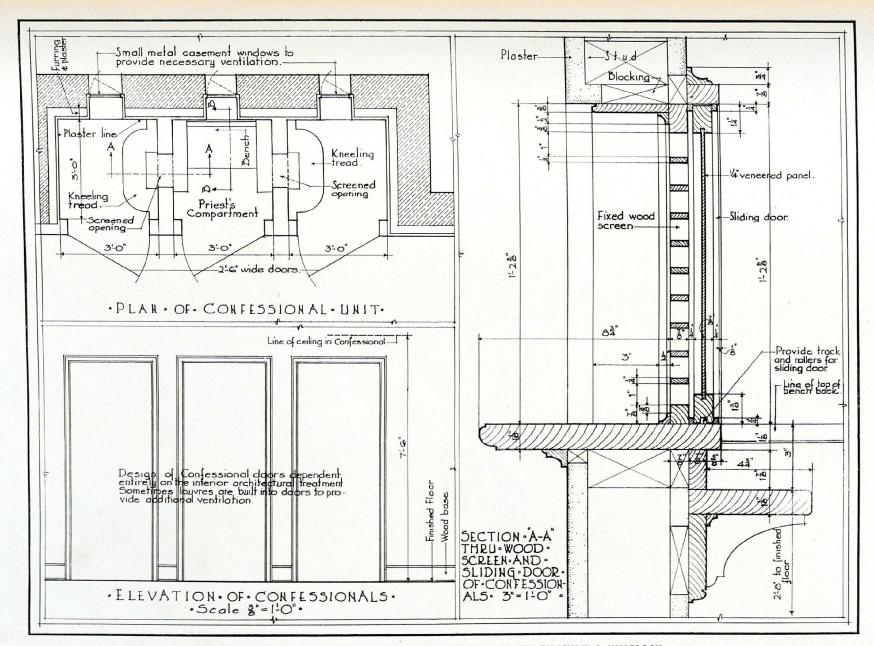
"Sincerely yours,

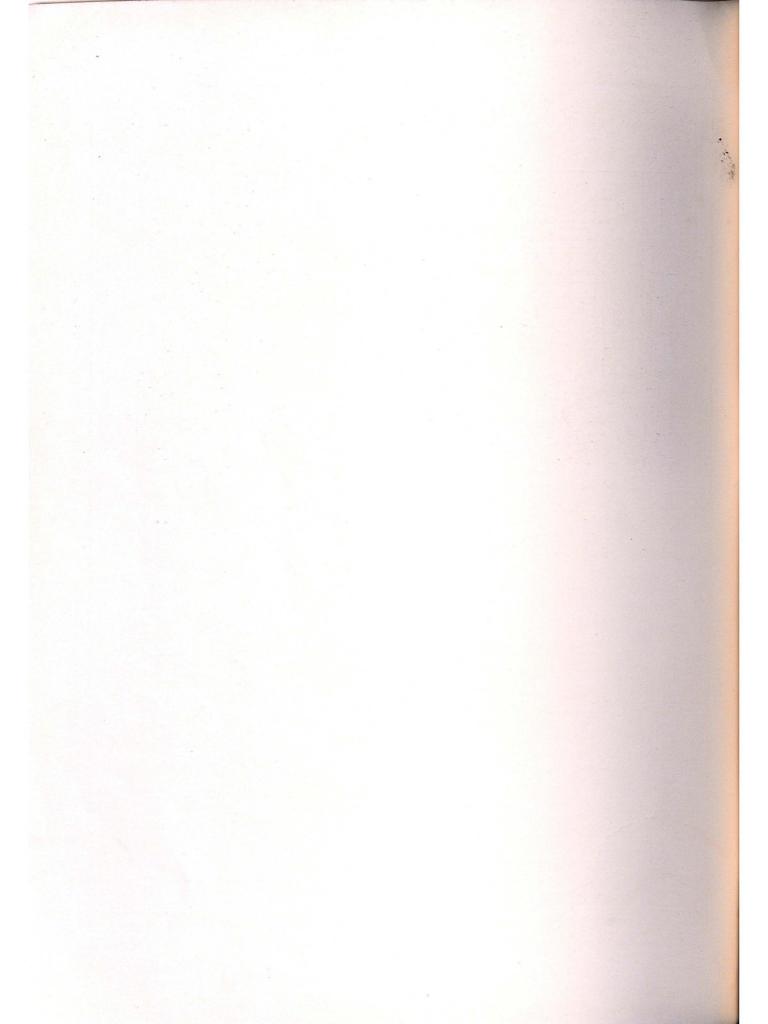
(Signed) JOHN F. HARBESON, Acting Dean, The School of Fine Arts, University of Pennsylvania."



GOOD PRACTICE IN CONSTRUCTION—CONFESSIONALS—DRAWN BY PHILIP G. KNOBLOCH









BARNETT SUMNER GRUZEN

BARNETT SUMNER GRUZEN, winner of the Rotch Travelling Scholarship for 1930, was born in Russia in 1903. He came to this country at the age of four and until two years ago lived in Chelsea, a suburb of Boston. Here he attended the public schools. He graduated from Chelsea High in 1922 and after attending the Berkeley Prep School of Boston entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a student of electrical engineering. In 1923 he transferred to the Architectural Course in which he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture in 1926.

During his early summers at Tech he worked for S. S. Eisenberg and later for Ritchie, Parsons, and Taylor of Boston. In 1926 he left for the Florida office of this firm returning to enter the office of Perry, Shaw, and Hepburn and later that of Henry and Richmond, successors to Guy Lowell. He spent a short time as designer in the Architectural Department of Stone and Webster. In 1927 he re-entered Tech where he secured his degree as Master of Architecture in 1928.

In 1927 Mr. Gruzen placed second in the Rotch Fellowship which carried a prize of \$100 and the following year placed fourth. This year he won second place in the Guy Lowell Travelling Scholarship.

Mr. Gruzen is now associated with Charles Shilowitz of Jersey City. He feels that while he is particularly indebted to Professors Emerson and Carlu of the Institute for their interest and advice, he knows that it was the wonderful training he received at the Institute as he progressed each year under the able guidance of the instructors in each department, culminating in the masterly criticisms of M. Carlu, that he owes all that he has gained.

Mr. Gruzen will sail in the fall and plans to visit England, Italy, Spain, France, and Germany. He is a licensed Architect in New Jersey, a member of the Jersey Society of Architects and a junior member of the A.I.A.

### ROTCH TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

THE ROTCH TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP Competition for 1930 has been awarded to Barnett Sumner Gruzen. The scholarship provides \$3,000.00 payable quarterly over a period of two years while the winner is travelling abroad.

The subject of the program for the competition was A Memorial to the Pilgrim Fathers.

#### THE PROBLEM

The State of Massachusetts proposes to erect a permanent memorial to commemorate the landing of the Pilgrims on the shores of New England. This memorial is to be of a monumental character executed in stone. The site selected is part of a beautiful park reservation bordering the ocean. Parallel to the shore and forming the only approach to the Memorial is a wide boulevard. The distance from the boulevard to the shore is approximately 500 feet. From the boulevard to the shore line there is a gradual downward slope of approximately 30'-0". The buildings, treatment of grounds, etc., should be studied to compose well with the adjacent wooded park and rocky shore.

The location and character of buildings, and treatment of the grounds, is the subject of this program.

The requirements are: A large, formal and paved court or area suitable for open air gatherings. Adjacent to, and forming part of, this court there are to be two buildings, one for public receptions and the other a museum. There should also be a monument or memorial to the Pilgrim Fathers.

Memorial: Placed in a conspicuous location of the large open court which may be closed or partly closed by the two main buildings, colonnades, balustrades, etc., is to be erected a monument dedicated to the Pilgrim Fathers. The character of this is left to the discretion of the designer, the only restriction being that it is not to be over 100'-0" above the court level.

Reception Hall: This building is to contain a large hall of approximately 3000 sq. ft. used for receptions and other State functions. On one side or end of this hall there should be a slightly raised platform for important guests. Preceding the hall there must be a generous and monumental lobby with coat rooms, toilets, attendants' rooms and other necessary services. Two or more small reception rooms for distinguished guests should also be provided.

Museum: This building is to house a permanent collection of objects such as furniture, medals, paintings, books, documents, etc., relating to the early history of the Colony. The space required for the main exhibition room is approximately 3000 sq. ft. There may be several smaller rooms to be used for special collections. There should also be a large entrance lobby for the public with coat rooms, attendants' offices, public toilets, etc.

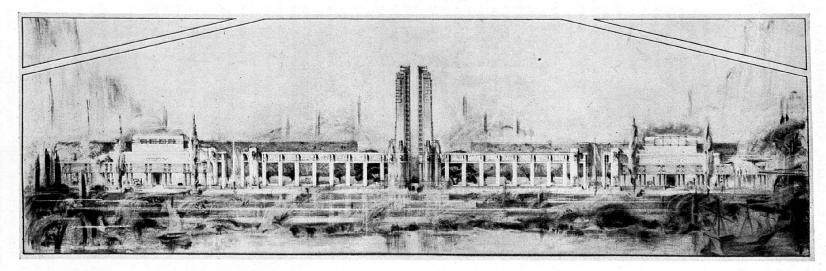
Grounds: The grounds surrounding the Memorial and buildings including the area from the shore to the boulevard should be treated with walks, terraces, colonnades, gardens and other suitable accessories.

### REPORT OF THE JURY OF AWARD

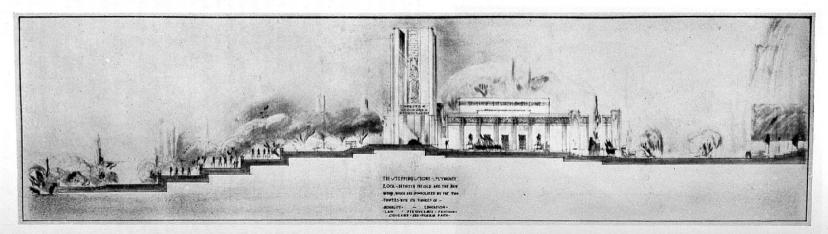
The Jury was impressed with the high quality of the presented drawings, and wishes to commend the competitors on the high excellence of the work achieved in such a short time.

After considerable deliberation, the Jury was reluctantly forced to place projet marked No. 3 Hors de Concours.

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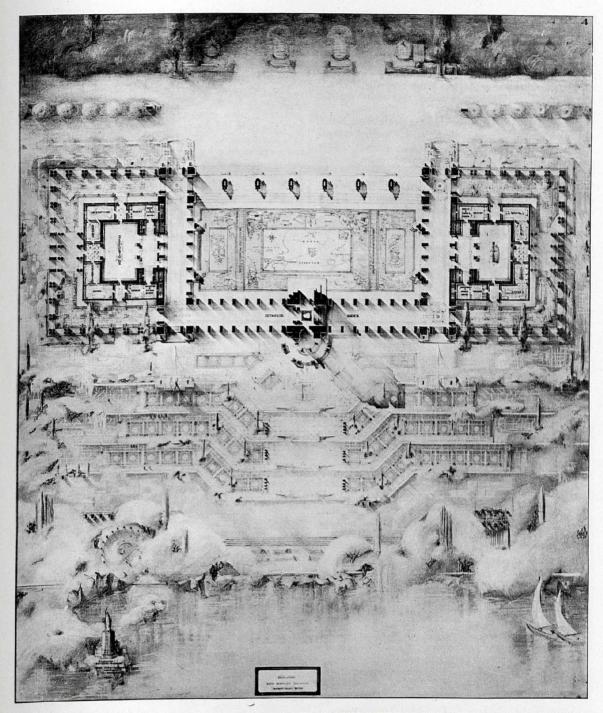
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ELEVATION AND SECTION OF WINNING DESIGN FOR "A MEMORIAL TO THE PILGRIM FATHERS," BY BARNETT SUMNER GRUZEN ROTCH TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR 1930

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PLAN OF WINNING DESIGN FOR "A MEMORIAL TO THE PILGRIM FATHERS," BY BARNETT SUMNER GRUZEN ROTCH TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR 1930

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### ROTCH TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED (Continued from page 473)

It was felt this contestant had created a central axis across the open court in rendu which did not exist in sketch, and eliminated in rendu the forecourt motif shown in sketch. Such major changes are beyond those generally allowed, and additionally they harmed rather than aided the de-

velopment of the projet.

Of the remaining three drawings, projet marked No. 4 [Barnett Sumner Gruzen] was placed first and recommended for the prize on the following grounds. This projet showed recognition of the grounds as an element of the problem and its arrangement in relation to the buildings, as also the handling of the grading was very ably done. The plan is well balanced and studied on the whole and in its various parts and showed imaginative, able, and sympathetic execution.

The jury wishes to state, however, that had the monument itself been detached from the colonnade, the projet both in elevation and plan would have been one of outstanding merit. The balance of merits of this projet, however, sufficiently justified and confirmed this award.

Projet No. 2 [submitted by Carney Goldberg] is to be commended for its simple parti, and particularly for the excellent placement of the monument, and is here recommended for second prize, \$100 offered by the Boston Society of Architects. It was felt, however, that the expression of the buildings, the innumerable columns, and the detached arrangement of the gardens precluded his recommendation for first place.

In regard to projet No. 1 [George Lewis], it was felt that although the parti was an excellent one, its promise in sketch had not been fulfilled in rendu, and further that the various elements of the plan and elevation were unduly

small.

(P. A. Cusachs, Chairman (Signed) DEAN EVERETT MEEKS J. F. CLAPP

### THE A. W. BROWN TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR 1930

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loggia would undoubtedly be a most agreeable feature of the plan, the rendering of the perspective falsifies the actual design in that it leaves the rear wall of the loggia on the plane of the court rather than twelve feet back of it. Had this wall been rendered with more accuracy the design would have shown the lintels and piers to be too thin. The general scheme is good and is well worked out; the pylons at the ends of the wings are interesting. The planting as indicated is over-decorative; had it been placed in the court as part of the architectural scheme, the court would have appeared more attractive to visitors passing through the loggia.

THIRD PRIZE (Eugene P. Nowlen): The treatment of the wall surfaces in this design is extremely simple, but shows good taste as well as restraint; the walls would undoubtedly look well in actual execution. The Jury felt there should have been more study given to the corners where the walls of the wings join the main building. Also, the plan seemed rather broken up in scale, though it is commendable in that it is not treated as the main entrance

to the building.

FOURTH PRIZE (Carl C. F. Kressbach): In this design the short axis of the court has been lengthened and made very important by using the passage as a loggia and also by carrying the plan of the court to the lagoon, with an important secondary axis between the wings and the lagoon. While this gives a very decorative plan, the Jury felt the scheme to be altogether too much that of an entrance court, The whole sheet was exceptionally well rendered and made an excellent presentation of the scheme.

The Jury thought there was sufficient merit in certain of the other designs to deserve recognition and accordingly four were given mentions. In the design by Elmer I. Love the scale and arrangement of the plan were particularly commended. The design by William P. LaVallee was given mention because of the simplicity of the design and the quality in presentation, though there was lack of definite decorative wall treatment as well as faulty scale in the plan. The drawing by Joseph N. Arnold showed good design, well presented, but the Jury felt that the covered colonnade was not a true solution of the problem and it particularly wishes to call attention to the lack of structural feeling where the lintels were joined to the end walls. Mention was also given to the design by Simon Breines because of its commendable plan and the simple, chaste character shown in the perspective-a little too simple, however.

ROBERT M. AYRES, San Antonio HAL F. HENTZ, Atlanta Jury of Award H. Van Buren Magonigle, New York FRANK B. MEADE, Cleveland RALPH MILMAN, Chicago

### BROOKLYN CHAPTER OF THE A.I.A.

On Monday evening, April 28th, the Brooklyn Chapter of the American Institute of Architects held a reception, banquet, and exhibition in the dining hall and recreation room of the Pratt Institute for the Student Affiliation of the Chapter. One hundred-ten were present, seventy-five of which were student affiliates. Guests and speakers were Frederic B. Pratt, President of the Pratt Institute and Honorary Member of the American Institute of Architects; James Monroe Hewlett, First Vice President of the American Institute of Architects; Harvey Wiley Corbett, Fellow of the A.I.A.; James C. Boudreau, Director of the School of Fine and Applied Arts, Pratt Institute; Paul Simonson, Patron of the Brooklyn Chapter Affiliates Atelier; Ralph M. Rice, Vice President of the Brooklyn Chapter, A.I.A., and Lester B. Pope, who acted as toastmaster for the occasion.

There was exhibited at this time work of student affiliates, members of the Brooklyn Chapter Atelier, and work of the student affiliates in a pencil rendering class which has been held by the Chapter during the past season under the instruction of Mr. Ernest Watson. Drawings of the recent student affiliate competition conducted by the Chapter were also exhibited and the awards were made to the prize winners. The awards in this, the sixth annual competition, were as follows: First Prize, \$75.00, Paul McDade; Second Prize, \$50.00, Charles Macchi; Third Prize, \$25.00, Harvey P. Conaway; First Mention, Robert Hillier; Mentions were awarded to W. Parker Dodge, Jacob Sherman, William Leyh, and André Schwob. The problem for this competition was the design for a decorative fountain to be built into or against the lower stories of the main façade of a municipal office building facing a plaza.

This occasion was part of a general program of education and recognition of the younger men of the profession by the Brooklyn Chapter, A.I.A., under the direction

of the Committee on Education.

### THIRD CHRISTIAN HERALD CHURCH BUILDING COMPETITION

This competition calls for photographs and plans of finished churches that have been completed not earlier than 1925. The competition is restricted to new structures; not alterations. These buildings will be judged on the following basis: 1. Excellence of design; 2. Adequacy of building in regard to size and needs of congregation for its worship, religious, educational, fellowship, and recreational activities; 3. Skill in selection and use of materials; 4. Economy in space and convenience of plan; 5. Adaptation to lot and orientation.

Entries from architects of church buildings in the classes specified will be welcomed. They will be judged by a Jury of Awards headed by Francis Laurie S. Mayers, A.I.A., of Mayers, Murray and Philip, New York, and including in its membership Louis La Beaume, F.A.I.A., of La Beaume and Klein, St. Louis, H. J. Maxwell Grylls, F.A.I.A., of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Detroit, Dr. Paul H. Vieth, Ph.D., Research Secretary of the International Council of Religious Education and Rev. Louis C. Wright, D.D., Cleveland. Rudolf H. Blatter, A.I.A., consulting architect of Christian Herald Department of Church Planning, will act as professional advisor.

The entries will be judged in Cleveland in connection with the Sixth National Conference of Church Architecture, October 8-12, 1930.

Cash prize awards totalling \$1,500.00 will be divided among three classes of entries, classification being on the basis of scating capacity of the church. In addition a grand prize will be given the best of the prize winners in these

three classes. As heretofore, each cash prize will be equally divided between church and architect.

A first prize of \$250, a second prize of \$100, and a third prize of \$50, will be awarded in each class. In addition, the Grand Prize Award will include \$300 in cash.

The competition closes at midnight, September 30, 1930. For complete information regarding the conditions of the competition address the Christian Herald Building Competition Editor, 419 Fourth Avenue, New York. Announcement of intention to enter the competition should be made as soon as possible, but not later than September 1, 1930.

# COMPETITION FOR A GROUP OF MEMORIAL TABLETS

THE PASSAVANT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL announces an open competition to select a design for a group of memorial tablets to be installed in the Entrance Lobby of the Passavant Hospital.

This competition is open to all architects, draftsmen, students, and artists. Any number of designs may be submitted.

The prizes to be awarded in this competition are as follows: First Prize, \$200.00; Second Prize, \$100.00; Third Prize, \$50.00.

Designs are to be submitted on or before June 25, 1930. For information and program of the competition, address Passavant Memorial Hospital, Development Committee, Tribune Tower, Chicago, Illinois.

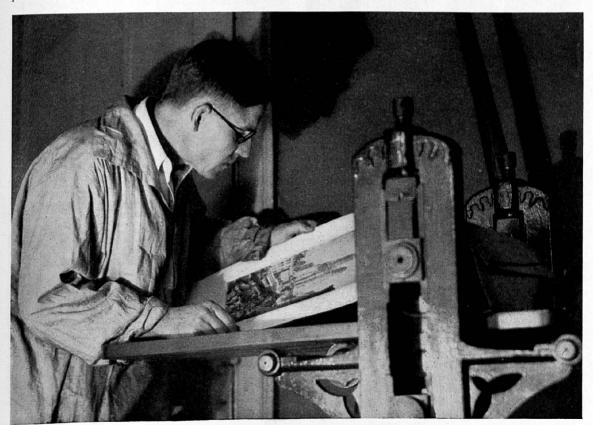


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WILLIAM C. McNULTY INSPECTING A FRESH PROOF OF THE PRINT SHOWN ON PAGE 451 IN THIS ISSUE



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HOUSE OF LOUIS WILPUTTE, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.

JULIUS GREGORY, ARCHITECT

From "American Country Houses of Today"

American Country Houses of Today, 1930, by R. W. Sexton, with introductory text by Arthur C. Holden; 203 plate pages, 9½" x 12½"; price \$12.50; published by the Architectural Book Publishing Company, Inc., New York.

Examination of this book is reassuring. American domestic architecture needs no apologies, for the many examples of excellent houses represented here demonstrate that there are architects of distinction and clients of taste to be found for the searching in the more enlightened sections of this country. The wide geographical distribution of the designs encourages the belief that the enlightenment is spreading. The book should be useful to designers of domestic work everywhere. Its photographic illustrations are clear and informative and the accompanying plans make them readily understandable.

Drawing and Painting Self-Taught, by Anson K. Cross and Evelyn F. Cross; 198 pages,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8"; published by Anson K. Cross, Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

Mr. Cross, as a teacher of drawing and painting, has gained a wide reputation for his success in making his pupils progress with unusual rapidity. In this book, which is now in the second revised edition, he gives us the fruits

of his more than thirty years' experience in developing beginners into competent artists. As its title implies, the book is designed to help students who are working independently without any instructors. It is an extremely sound and helpful volume—one which we can well believe will be of the greatest assistance to many a person who wishes to improve his or her ability to draw. We have had letters in the past from some of Mr. Cross's former pupils and from some who have used his book. Without exception they were enthusiasts for his method of teaching. When a teacher can make his pupils so grateful he must have something real to give them and we are therefore recommending his book and his method without hesitation to any and all who want to draw better.

Our Cities Today and Tomorrow, by T. K. Hubbard and H. V. Hubbard; 295 pages, 7" x 9¾"; price \$5.00; published by the Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass.

It is a part of the architect's responsibility to his community to exert his influence in the direction of civic improvement, not only through his designs for individual buildings but also in the larger field of town and city planning. This volume by Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard should be in the hands of every practitioner who feels this re-

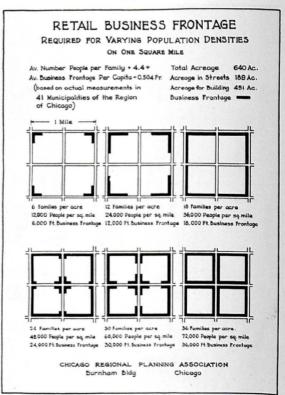


DIAGRAM PREPARED BY CHICAGO REGIONAL PLANNING ASS'N

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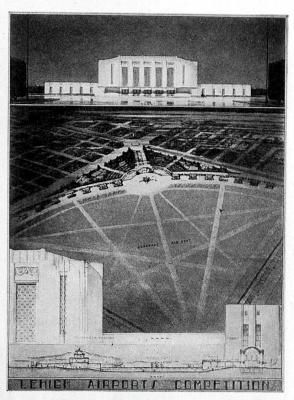
sponsibility, for it is a comprehensive survey of planning and zoning progress in the United States compiled as the result of months of study and research. No more important book on the subject has been recently produced. Every aspect of city planning has been most intelligently discussed and there is a wealth of information which may help to solve civic planning problems in many communities that are still backward in this important respect. The architect can increase his own prestige and that of the profession in general in no better way than by keeping abreast of city planning developments and becoming a leader in his own community's efforts to improve its livability. This volume will make him better able to do so.

High-lights of Architecture, by Edith Long Thurston; 64 pages, 8½" x 11"; price \$2.50; published by Bridgman Publishers, Pelham, New York; reviewed by O. W. Wilson

This book, beautifully printed, is an analysis of the stylistic architectural development in the past to the present day in the simplest form. For the student that is interested in the historical evolution of architecture it has little use, but as an outline with all the details of buildings and dates eliminated it does give a vivid description of the most important periods of architecture. One feels, however, that the complexity of the Renaissance styles has not been treated as well as the earlier periods. As the author says, her book is a method of simplification.



ENGLISH DOMESTIC DETAILS From "High-lights of Architecture"



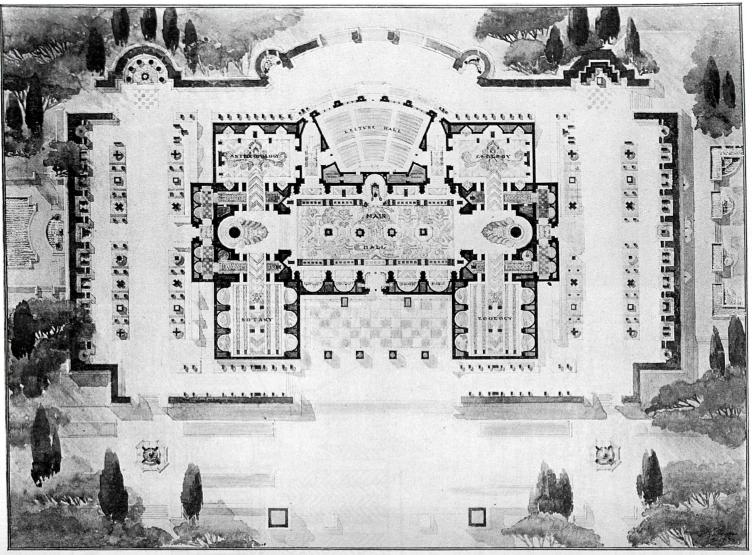
FIRST PRIZE DESIGN BY ZIMMERMAN AND HARRISON
From "American Airport Designs"

American Airport Designs; 88 plate pages (including text), 9½" x 12½"; price \$3.00; published for the Lehigh Portland Cement Company by Taylor, Rogers & Bliss, Inc., New York.

The results of the recent Lehigh Portland Cement Company's Airport Competition are presented in this volume in convenient form for reference and constitute a most important contribution to the available literature on the increasingly interesting subject of Airport Design. The four prize winning designs, twelve honorable mention designs, and twenty-six others of interest are illustrated and analyzed for merits and faults by Archibald Black, well known as an air transport engineer and a recognized authority on airports.

Pine Homes and Pine Interiors; 37 pages, 83/4" x 111/2"; price \$1.00; published by the Shevlin, Carpenter & Clarke Company, Minneapolis, Minn.

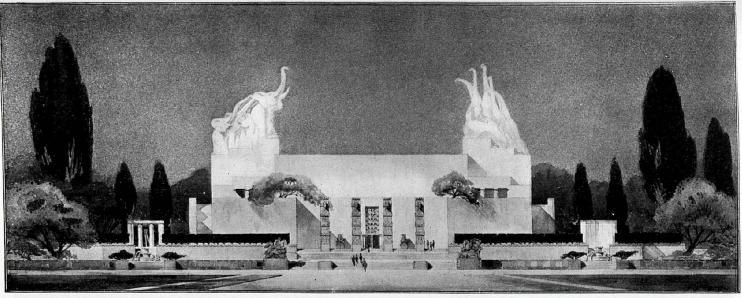
This handsome brochure is more than simply a piece of manufacturer's advertising literature. The well selected illustrations, beautifully presented in natural and convincing color, contain a wealth of information for the architect and designer and may well furnish much inspiration for interior design where the natural beauty of pine is to be employed to full advantage. The text gives a historical background which will aid the designer in using the material as it should be used. We believe any architect of taste will be glad to find room for this publication in his library.



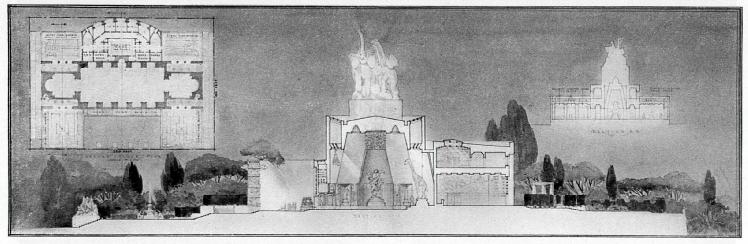
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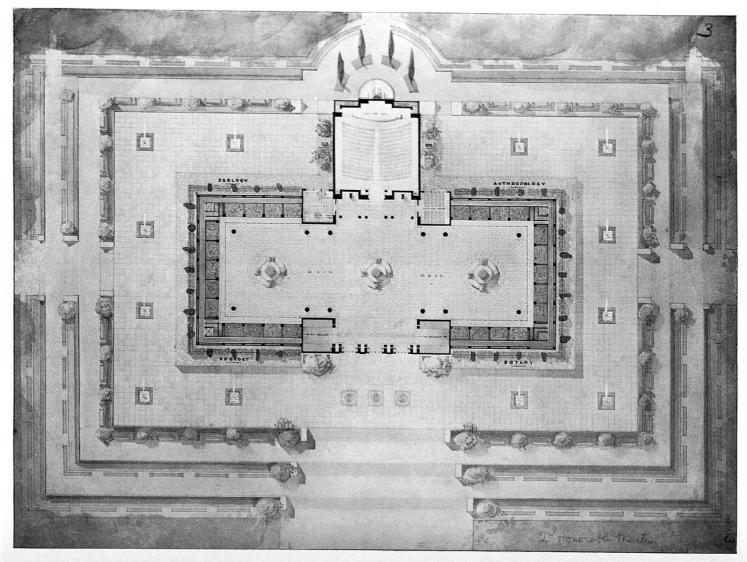


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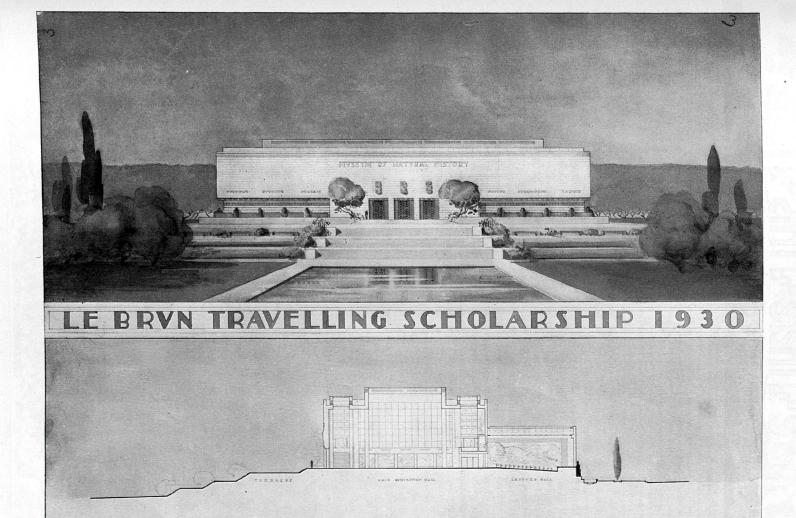
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SECOND HONORABLE MENTION DESIGN FOR "A NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM," BY JEAN BRAND

LE BRUN TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR 1930

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## SKETCHES CONCLUCTED TO SCARTIONS.

This department conducts four competitions each month. A prize of \$10.00 is awarded in each class as follows: Class 1, sketches or drawings in any medium; Class 2, poetry; Class 3, cartoons; Class 4, miscellaneous items not coming under the above headings. Everyone is eligible to enter material in any of these four divisions. Good Wrinkle Section: a prize of \$10.00 is awarded for any suggestion as to how work in the drafting room may be facilitated. No matter how simple the scheme, if you have found it of help in making your work easier, send it in. Competitions close the fifteenth of each month so that contributions for a forthcoming issue must be received by the twelfth of the month preceding the publication date in order to be eligible for that month's competitions. Material received after the closing date is entered in the following month's competition.

The publishers reserve the right to publish any of the material, other than the prize winners, at any time, unless specifically requested not to do so by the contributor.

THE PRIZES IN OUR regular monthly competitions have been awarded as follows:

Class I-John Welker, New York

Class II-William J. Honack, Chicago

Class III-Chicago Office of Rapp and Rapp

Class IV—Thomas H. Liang, Tientsin, China

Good Wrinkle-E. B. Forrester, Arlington, Mass.

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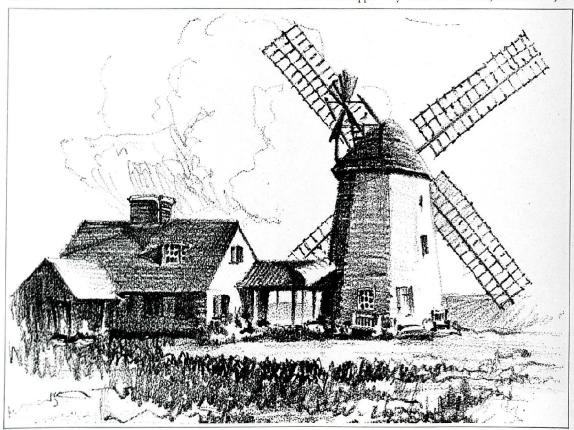
We are delighted to have had contributions this month from far away China and hope our fame will spread to all corners of the globe. Incidentally, Mr. Liang sent in a very swell cover design for Pencil Points as it would appear in Chinese. We'll reproduce it for you next month.

RICHARD WRIGHT, office manager of Carleton Monroe Winslow's office in Los Angeles, sends along the following clipping from the front page of a copy of the Los Angeles Journal of Commerce, a local publication circulated among the building trades.

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The editor didn't have space to make this announcement in the regular news pages so we have to put it here. The two plates of construction details for confessionals on pages 469 and 471 were drawn up by Mr. Knobloch from data supplied by Peter B. Sheridan, of Hazleton, Pa.



WINDMILL LATHROP BROWN, Esq.—LITHOGRAPH PENCIL DRAWING BY JOHN WELKER

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#### THE SPECIFICATION DESK

#### A Department for the Specification Writer

#### LUMBER AND TIMBER-2

By David B. Emerson

Yellow poplar, frequently shortened to "poplar," and known in New England and parts of New York as "whitewood," is the tallest hardwood tree growing in the United States. It is widely distributed throughout the hardwood regions of the country, but the center of lumber production is now in the Southern Appalachians. The wood is rather light, soft to medium hard, fine textured, easy to work, takes carving very well, finishes smoothly and stays in place very well. The color of the heartwood varies from olive green to yellow or brown, quite often streaked with steel blue. The sapwood is white, and in second growth trees it is very thick. This wood is largely used for interior finish. It can be given a natural finish, and it takes paint and enamel very well.

Sycamore is a widely distributed tree, but the main supply comes from the river bottoms of the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys. The wood is moderately hard, heavy, stiff and strong, and is inclined to warp in seasoning. The color of the heartwood is pale brown tinged with red, and the sapwood is nearly white. When quarter sawn the rays show conspicuously, giving it a beautiful flaky grain, and some of the lumber is ribbon grained. This wood is used for furniture and interior finish. On account of the variations of color which are encountered in this wood, it should always be specified to be selected for uniformity of color, or the effect will not be at all pleasing. Some so-called "English sycamore" is sold in this country. This wood is not a sycamore, but is a maple, therefore does not resemble the true sycamore.

Beech is rather hard, heavy, and strong, works well, but is not always easy to season. The color is white or reddish and the wood is intermediate between sycamore and hard maple in most of its properties. It is principally used for furniture and for flooring. Beech flooring ranks very high, its wearing quality is equal to that of birch and is second only to hard maple. For very good, low cost floors, a mixture of beech, birch, and maple is sold, and it makes a good floor where utility rather than beauty is the main consideration.

Locust, which is the wood of the yellow or black locust, is yellow or greenish yellow in color, very hard, heavy, strong, and extremely durable. This wood is very little used, except where a wood is wanted to be placed in contact with the soil, and for tree nails or pins in heavy timber construction.

Holly is a small Southern evergreen hardwood. The wood is chalky white and of the same consistency as maple. It is used almost exclusively for inlays and marquetry in furniture, veneered doors, and similar work.

In addition to the native hardwoods a large variety of hardwoods is imported, mostly from tropical countries, and is used almost exclusively for furniture and high class interior finish. Mahogany, from the Indian mohagoni, has been the premier cabinet wood for the past two hundred years. It is said to have been introduced into England by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1595, but does not appear to have come into general use until about 1720. It was extensively used by all the great Eighteenth Century cabinet makers; Chippendale used practically nothing else. This wood was introduced into the American colonies about the middle of the Eighteenth Century, and Savary, Goddard, and Phyfe made the larger part of their best furniture of mahogany.

The principal commercial sources of mahogany are the West Indies, Southern Mexico, Central America and the Peruvian Amazon district. Tabasco and Honduras are the best of the Mexican and Central American woods; both are available for interior work and are probably the best on the market owing to their density and texture. Cuban is not feasible for interior work being almost entirely second growth. San Domingo is commercially exhausted. The wood varies greatly in density, color, and figure, but in general it is easy to work, holds its place remarkably well, takes a beautiful polish, has a high natural luster, and the color deepens with age. In consequence of this deepening of color, all stains applied to mahogany gradually lose their life and color, but this deterioration of color in the stain is taken care of by the aging of the wood. Some mahogany is quite free from figure with close flecked grain, others have a marked grain known as "plum pudding" or "ocean figured," "fiddle back" (similar to well marked maple), and "curl." Curl is a freak in the growth of the tree, and the rich effect of the grain is very often enhanced by cutting veneers at an obtuse angle to the line of the tree trunk.

African mahogany is a near relative of the true mahogany, growing in tropical West Africa. It comes in larger sizes, is of a coarser texture than the true mahogany and has other distinguishing features. It is soft in texture, carries a good percentage of figure, often very highly figured and in consequence is in demand for large panels. The chief defect in this wood is "wind breaks," that is the fibres are frequently broken in spots due to the action of high winds. African mahogany does not color with age.

Vermilion wood, sometimes called East Indian mahogany, is a dyewood of the mahogany family, coming in various shades of red, as its name would indicate. This wood was, and I think still is, controlled by one lumber company in New York City; others will quote on it, but their product is generally African padauk, which is inferior in quality and texture. Padauk grows in the East Indies, Andaman Islands and Africa, it comes in various shades of red and has been frequently used as a substitute for the true mahogany. In some respects it is suited for work which can not be executed in mahogany,

as on account of its toughness it admits of fret carving which is not possible with mahogany.

Prima vera, also known as white mahogany, is a pale yellow or nearly white wood of medium density, often more or less feather-grained, and capable of taking an excellent polish. This grows in Southern Mexico and Northern Central America. This wood can be used for any of the various uses of true mahogany.

Several of the reddish Philippine woods, including bataan and red lauan have been sold as Philippine mahogany, but they are not related to the mahogany family. Of late they have been sold under their true names and some very good cabinet work has been done with them. The principal sources of supply of rosewood are Brazil and Madagascar. The first comes from Northeastern Brazil. It is moderately hard and heavy, easy to work, takes a high polish and is fragrantly scented. The color varies considerably, but the typical color is a chocolate brown streaked with black. Madagascar rosewood is stronger than Brazilian and less fragrant. These woods are used in very limited quantities for furniture veneers. Some years ago rosewood was quite a popular wood for furniture and piano cases, but has entirely lost its vogue. It is an excellent wood, as the furniture of the mid-Nineteenth Century will prove, and certainly should be more popular.

Satinwood comes from Ceylon and the West Indies. Both woods are hard, close-grained, heavy, and of very fine uniform texture, the color varying from a bright glossy yellow to brown, some of the wood being very beautifully figured. The West Indian satinwood is of an oily nature, and gives off a pronounced odor of cocoanut when it is being worked. Both woods are used for fine furniture and interior finish. Satinwood was very popular in England in the latter part of the Eighteenth Century as its color and texture were particularly suited to the light delicate designs of Hepplewhite and Adam, and to the color decorations of Pergolisi and Angelica Kaufman.

Teak is the best known and most highly valued timber of the East Indies. The principal sources of supply are Burmah, Siam, Java, and the Straits Settlement. The wood is moderately hard, tough and strong, is usually coarse textured, easy to work, carves readily and holds its place exceptionally well. The color is a reddish brown or olive brown, and becomes dark upon long exposure. The wood looks and feels oily and gives off quite a disagreeable odor when it is being worked, but this is not noticeable after the wood is polished. This wood is used not only for furniture and interior finish, but is also an excellent flooring wood. On account of its water repellent qualities teak flooring stands up better under scrubbing and continued moisture than any other wood flooring known.

There are several varieties of true ebonies, all of which are related to the American persimmon. The colors vary from jet black to streaked and patchy. The wood is very hard, heavy, fine textured and takes a lustrous polish. The Gaboon ebony from Africa is most typical of the black variety, which is practically the only kind used to any extent in furniture and cabinet work. The principal uses of the wood are for inlays, marquetry and small articles of cabinet work.

Kingwood, sometimes called bois violet, is a variegated purplish and black wood somewhat lighter in color than rosewood and more strongly marked, growing in the dry region in East Central Brazil. The use of this wood is limited almost entirely to inlays and marquetry.

Zebrawood, which comes from Gaboon Africa, is socalled because of the dark brown or blackish stripes on a pale reddish brown background. The wood is of medium density and has good cabinet qualities.

Tulipwood is a well known wood of Northeastern Brazil. It is hard, heavy, fairly easy to work and takes a beautiful polish. The wood is a yellowish brown with longitudinal stripes of pinkish red. When freshly worked the wood is quite fragrant.

In the foregoing list I have not tried to describe all the woods growing in this country and imported from other countries, but merely to pick out and describe those which have a direct bearing upon the building and furniture industries, which are of particular interest to the reader.

Not a little importance attaches to the methods of sawing lumber. The two methods of sawing are flat sawing, sometimes called plain sawing, and quarter sawing. Flat sawing is done in one direction across the annual rings, and quarter sawing is done by sawing the log in quarters and then sawing the quarters with the surface parallel to the medullary rays and at right angles to the annual rings. Quarter sawn lumber shrinks less in width, is less inclined to warp, in some instances wears more evenly and has a much better figure than flat sawn. With some woods flat sawing brings out the figure better than quarter sawing, the most notable examples being pine, ash, Douglas fir, and cypress. Bird's-eye maple should always be flat sawn.

Veneers are either sliced, sawed or rotary cut. Rotary cutting is done by machine around the log, like the unrolling of a spool of very wide ribbon. Rotary veneers give very much wider sheets than are possible with sliced or sawed veneers. The standard thickness for face veneers for panels is 1/28 inch for walnuts (American, French, Italian, and Circassian), mahogany, and the various tropical woods; 1/20 inch for oak (quartered or plain, American, English, and Austrian), the former generally being sliced and the latter sawed. Veneers for stiles and rails of doors should be at least 1/8 inch thick, sliced or sawed and for outside doors 1/4 inch thick. It is very important that lumber and timber should be thoroughly dried before using, for several good reasons, as follows:

Dry lumber is nearly twice as strong as green lumber. Lumber which is thoroughly dry is not nearly as liable to the attacks by insects as green lumber, nor will it prove as fertile for the growth of dry rot. Dry lumber shrinks much less than green lumber, and will not warp or cup, nor will it become crooked when placed into use. Dry lumber is ready for paint or any other finish. To obtain the best results both air drying and kiln drying should be used. The various hardwoods, oak, mahogany, maple, etc., should be thoroughly air dried before kiln drying. One inch stock should be dried at least fifteen months, two inch stock at least eighteen months and heavier stock two years and over according to size.

Care should always be exercised in the selecting of woods for various purposes, to see that they have the proper qualities for the uses to which they are to be put, especially where they are liable to be subject to decay. The most durable (rot resisting) softwoods are the various cedars, redwood, cypress, and highly resinous long leaf pine—in the order named; and the most durable hardwoods are black locust, chestnut and white oak in the order named.

This is not the whole story of lumber and timber, nor is it likely to ever be written, but so long as man continues to seek the beautiful, wood will be sought as a decorative medium for the enriching of buildings and the making of beautiful furniture and I seriously doubt if any material is ever likely to supplant it in its true field.

#### PENCIL POINTS FOR JUNE, 1930

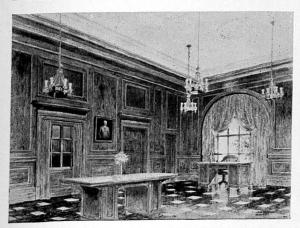
#### NATIONAL ENGINEERING INSPECTION ASSOCIATION

IN DECEMBER LAST, a group of Inspecting Engineers and representatives of Testing Laboratories from all sections of the country met in Detroit, Michigan, and formed a preliminary organization among those engaged in the practice of testing and supervising the manufacture and use of various engineering materials for construction work of Federal, State, and City Governments; public service corporations; railroad and highway construction and maintenance; bridges; office, manufacturing, educational and

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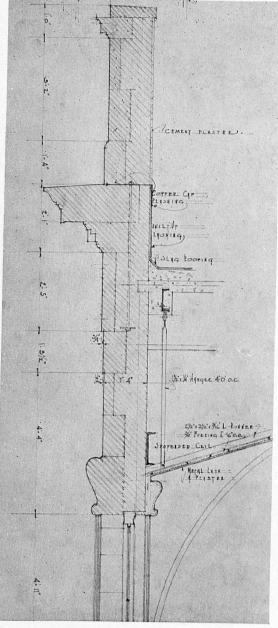
At a second meeting held April 3rd and 4th, also at Detroit, the success of the preliminary gathering was continued and there was finally concluded the formation of the National Engineering Inspection Association. The officers elected were: Watson Vredenburgh, President of Hildreth & Company, Inc., New York, as President; J. D. Stoddard, Vice-President of The Detroit Testing Laboratory as Vice-President, and B. H. Witherspoon, President of the Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory as Secretary-Treasurer. The Board of Directors include the Officers and a representative from each of the four geographical sections of the country as follows: Henry Gulick, President of Gulick-Henderson Company, New York, for the Eastern Section; James H. Herron, President of The James H. Herron Company, Cleveland, for the Mid-Western Section; F. B. Porter, President of the Southwestern Laboratories, Fort Worth, Texas, for the Southen Section; Abbot A. Hanks, President of Abbot A. Hanks, Inc., San Francisco, Calofirnia, for the Western Section.





The Association adopted complete Constitution and By-laws, and Code of Ethics. The former states the object of the Association is, "to promote a proper understanding and cooperation among those engaged in and concerned with Engineering Inspection; to establish practices which will prove beneficial to proper service and to develop and encourage better and more effective inspection methods."

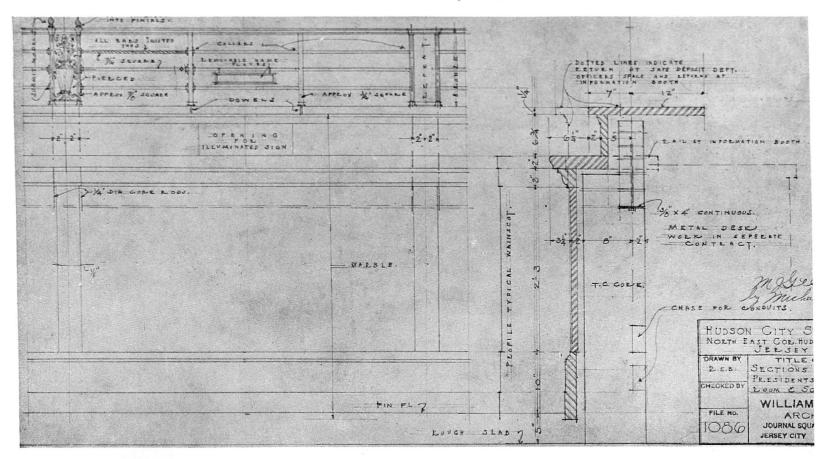
The charter membership consists of twenty individuals, partnerships or corporations distributed throughout the country, seven from the Eastern Section, seven from the Mid-Western and Southern Sections and six from the Western Section.



HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY—WILLIAM NEUMANN, ARCHITECT PERSPECTIVE, INTERIOR, AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS OF UPPER PART OF TYPICAL WALL SECTION

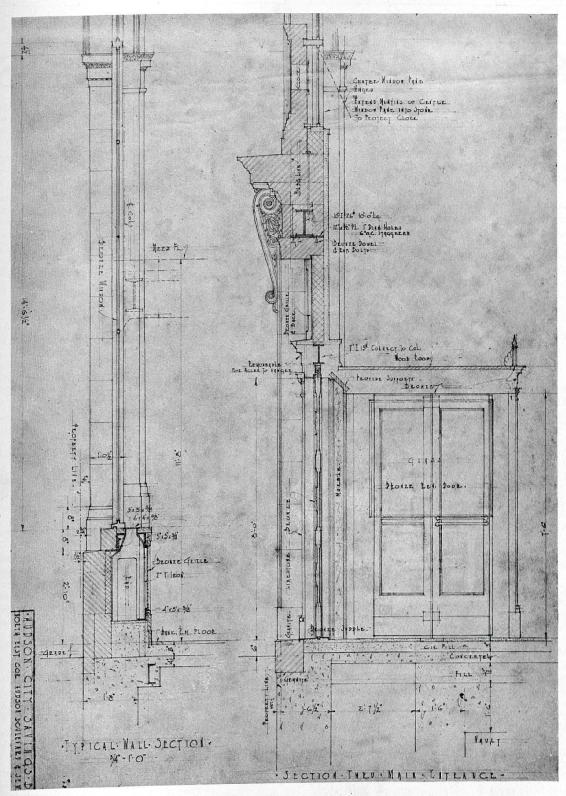
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CONSTRUCTION DETAILS—LOWER PART OF TYPICAL WALL SECTION AND SECTION THROUGH ENTRANCE HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY—WILLIAM NEUMANN, ARCHITECT



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The following copies of White Pine Monographs are wanted: Vol. II, Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 6; Vol. III, Nos. 1 and 4. Address Box No. 612, Pencil Points Press, Inc., 419 Fourth Avenue, New York.

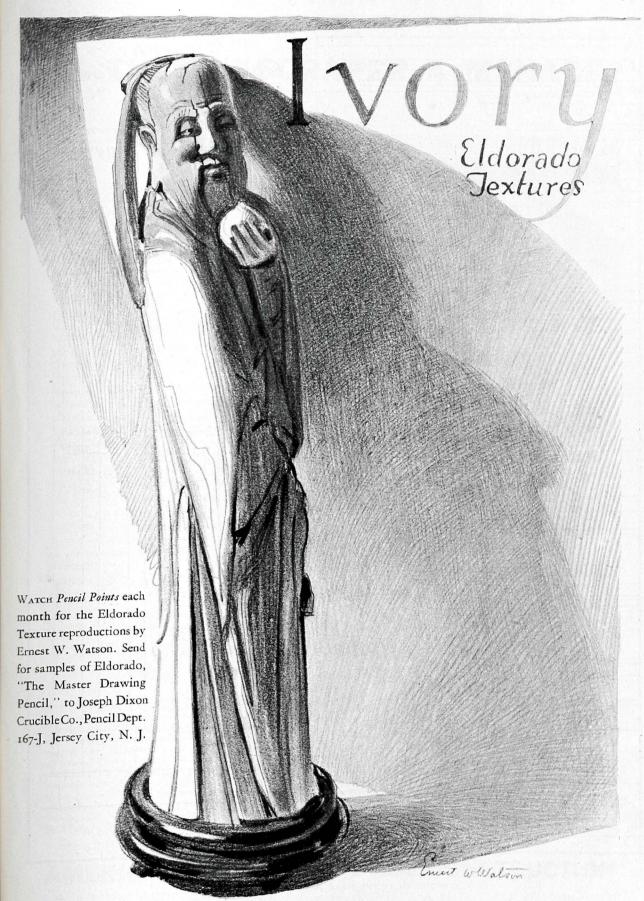
University of Texas Library, E. W. Winkler, Librarian, Austin, Texas, would like to have the following magazines: Architectural Record, August, 1928; Architectural Review, February and June, 1920; November, 1919; August, 1923; Architecture and Building, February, 1928; Buildings and Building Management, July 13, 1925; Western Architect, August, 1928.

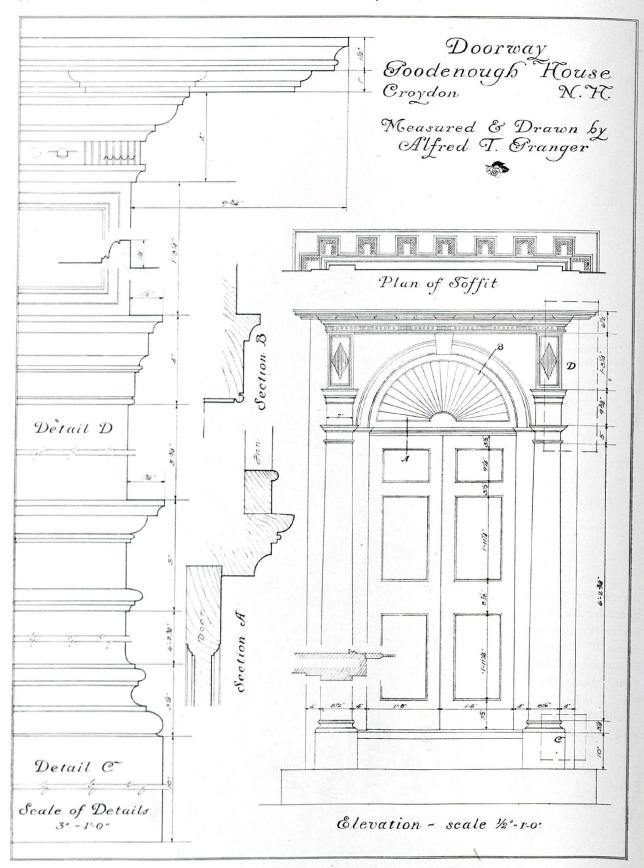
#### **PERSONALS**

A. J. DAIDONE and S. L. Grant have formed a partnership for the practice of architecture under the firm name of Daidone & Grant, 189 Montague Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. P. A. Bartholomew, Architect, and W. H. Kirchenbower, Associate, have removed their offices from the Keenan Bldg. to 2206 Clark Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Wallin & Comer, Architects, of Savannah, Ga., have dissolved partnership. Arthur F. Comer has opened his own office at 909-910 Realty Building, Savannah, Ga. Nicklas & Rodrick, Architects, have moved their offices from 1227 Prospect Avenue to Room 812 in the Leader Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

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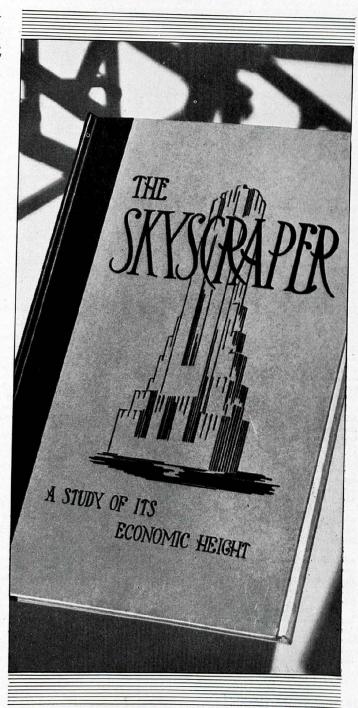
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Gypsteel Floor and Ceiling Construction.-A.I.A. File No. 4-k-1. Catalog 30B, just issued, presents complete informa-tion for architects and engineers on the subject of Gypsteel precast floor and ceiling construction. Specifications, engineering data, blue print designs and construction details. 32 pp. 8½ x 11. Structural Gypsum Corporation, Linden, N. J.

All-Tile Bathroom Accessories .- A.I.A. File No. 23-i. New bulletin showing a new and up-to-date line of accessories and incorporating a number of new items and improved models 8 pp. Standard filing size. The Mosaic Tile Co., Zanesville, Ohio.

Pennyernon Window Glass .- A.I.A. File No. 26-a-1. Attractive new illustrated brochure contains an interesting description of a new process in the making of window glass. Separate sheet with specifications and other data accompanies document. 16 pp. 81/2 x 11. Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Grant Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Evans Vanishing Door .- A.I.A. File No. 28-b-33. Catalog K illustrates and describes modern door equipment for school lockers and wardrobes, lavatories, telephone booths, etc. Many detail drawings showing construction and installation. 48 pp. Standard filing size. W. L. Evans, Washington, Ind.

Peelle Freight Elevator Doors .-- A.I.A. File No. 33-g. New edition of Catalog G contains much useful information for architects and engineers on counterbalanced truckable freight elevator doors, bi-fold doors, tel-co doors, canopy doors, dumbwaiter doors, one-piece vertical sliding doors, electrical and mechanical inter-locking systems, safety appliances, pneumatic and electric door openers. Blue print sections, outline specifications. Indexed. 64 pp. x 11. The Peelle Co., Flushing and Stewart Aves., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lupton Detention Windows for Hospitals and Jails .-A.I.A. File No. 16-e-1. Bulletin No. 303, just issued, gives descriptive data, with details and specifications covering this type of steel window especially adapted for installation in hospitals, sanatoriums, jails, etc. 12 pp. Standard filing size. David Lupton's Sons Co., Allegheny Ave. and Tulip St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Allen on Interior Fire Protection.—A.I.A. File No. 29-e-2. New data book prepared especially for architects presents detailed information on interior fire protection equipment including cabinets, hose racks, fire hose units, Siamese connections, standpipe systems, fire line valves, extinguishers, etc. Specifications, dimension drawings and tables. 24 pp. 8½ x 11. W. D. Allen Manufacturing Co., 566 West Lake St., Chicago, Ill.

Yeomans Horizontally Split Case Centrifugal Pumps .-A.I.A. File No. 29-d-5. Bulletin No. H.S.-1200 just issued covers this line of single and multi-stage pumps. Construction details, capacity and friction tables, specifications, piping diagrams, etc. 12 pp. 83/2 x 11. Yeomans Brothers Co., 1433 Dayton St., Chicago, Ill.

Jefferson Illuminating Glassware.—Catalog No. 30-G, just issued, lists and illustrates a wide range of decorative glass lighting shades and enclosing globes. 18 pp. Standard filing size.

The Jefferson Glass Co., Follansbee, W. Va.

Majestic Verti-Fold Door.—A.I.A. File No. 17-a-2. Illus-

trated folder with descriptive data and detail drawings covering this new type of door for garages, warehouses, factories, etc. Standard filing size. The Majestic Co., Huntington, Ind.

Showers by Elkay .- Attractive new brochure printed in colors pictures the possibilities of this type of steel shower unit in meeting the trend toward colorful bathrooms and the vogue for the shower type of bathing facilities. Specifications. 12 pp. 8½ x 11. Elkay Manufacturing Co., 4710 Arthington St., Chicago, Ill.

Steel Joist Data Book .- A.I.A. File No. 13-g. Useful reference document for architects, engineers and draftsmen on the subject of Ingalls steel trusses for floor and roof construction. Included are blue print details, specifications and tables of loading values. 28 pp. 8½ x 11. Ingalls Steel Products Co., Birmingham, Ala.

Published by the same firm, "Steel Joists." Bulletin prepared to acquaint architects and engineers on the properties and functions of steel joists as a structural unit, outlines the history, characteristics and design of steel joist construction. 16 pp. 81/2 x 11.

Incinerators (Chimney-Fed) .- A.I.A. File No. 35-j-41. Catalog No. 18 describes the principle and design of Kernerator chimney-fed incinerators for residences, apartments, stores, hospitals, schools, apartment hotels, clubs and other buildings. Also covers heavy-duty garbage and rubbish destructors and gas-fired incinerators. Specifications, standard layouts and other useful working data. 22 pp. Standard filing size. Kerner Incinerator Co., 1225 No. Water St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Residence Air Conditioning Systems .- Illustrated publication describing Hot-Kold, a gas-fired electrically-operated residence heating and ventilating system. Includes data on actual heat losses and directions for estimating gas consumption. 32 pp. The General Iron Works Co., Cincinnati, O.

Published by the same firm, "Gas-Fired Factory Unit Heating Systems." Bulletin gives descriptive data covering small gas-fired unit heaters equipped with thermostatic control for use in industrial plants.

Fairhurst New Unit-Fold Folding Partitions .- Architect's filing folder with set of specification and detail sheets covering Fairhurst's new unit-fold and improved duo-fold folding partitions for schools, churches, hotels, clubs, public buildings, and a new type of school wardrobe. Standard filing size. Park, Winton & True Co., 101 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.

Everfast Window Cleaning Safety Devices .- A.I.A. File No. 27-a-2. Catalog B illustrates and describes this type of safety device together with specifications and methods of installation. 81/2 x 11. 16 pp. R. J. Dickey & Sons, Inc., Columbus, Ind.

Stedman Ray-Proof Rubber .- New illustrated brochure describes the application and advantages of ray-roof rubber, a scientific light repellent for floors, walls and ceilings for X-ray departments of hospitals, laboratories, etc. Construction details, specifications. 12 pp. Stedman Rubber Flooring Co., South Braintree, Mass.

Terra Cotta Futurities .- First of a series of publications under this title presents a brief discussion by Harvey Wiley Corbett on the future development of new decorative qualities in wall surfaces with terra cotta. Several designs of interlocking blocks developed on suggestion of Mr. Corbett are illustrated. Standard filing size. Federal Seaboard Terra Cotta Co., 10 East 40th St., New York, N. Y.

Herwig Exterior Lighting Fixtures.—Catalog No. 30 lists and illustrates a complete line of cast iron and bronze exterior lighting fixtures for apartment buildings, bungalows, churches, garages, residences, warehouses, country clubs, public buildings and filling stations. Indexed. 40 pp. The Herwig Co., 1753 Sedgwick St., Chicago, III.

Cohoes Pipe Handbook.—A.I.A. File No. 29-b-2. Useful reference book for architects and engineers on the subject of Cohoes pipe, couplings and nipples. Engineering data, tables, etc. 48 pp. Cohoes Rolling Mill Co., Cohoes, N. Y.

Pease Blue Printing Machinery and Drafting Room Furniture. - Catalog M-29 illustrates the latest styles of steel and wood drafting room tables, drawing storage cabinets, vertical plan files and the latest models of Pease blue printing machines. Also covers blue print papers, cloths and other drafting room items. Indexed. Price list. 100 pp. The C. F. Pease Co., 813 N. Franklin St., Chicago, Ill.

Published by the same firm, "Peerless Model 30 Blue Print-ing Equipment." New brochure illustrates and describes the design, construction and operation of a new model of continuous blue printing equipment. 24 pp. Standard filing size.

Reinforced Concrete Floors for Residences .- Illustrated publication presents helpful design and construction information on the subject of reinforced concrete floors for residences or small buildings. Also describes methods for developing floor finishes and laying floor coverings. Construction details, tables. 16 pp. Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, Tribune Tower, Chicago, Ill.

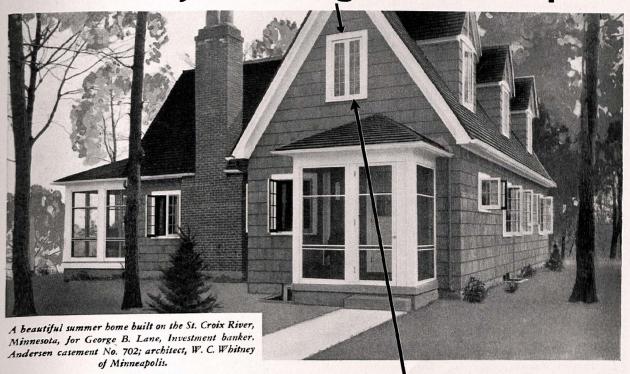
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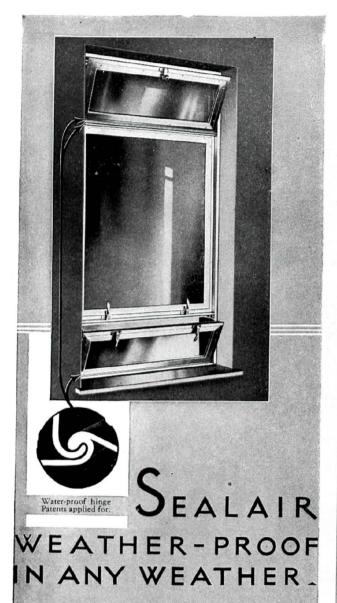
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#### PRATT ARCHITECTURAL CLUB

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING and dinner of the Club was held at the Fraternity Club on the night of May 14th and a large crowd of members found it the excuse to make merry in proper fashion. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, George F. Axt, '16; Vice President, Clarence Crocheron, '09; 2nd Vice President, Frank E. Ward, '21; Secretary, Burton F. Hall, '29; Treasurer, Donald W. Lockhard, '20; Asst. Secy., W. G. Pederson, '27; Asst. Treasurer, A. H. Johnson, '26; Members of Board of Governors, Harold H. Bulmer, '25, Dan. O. Larsen, '12, H. L. Skidmore, '08.

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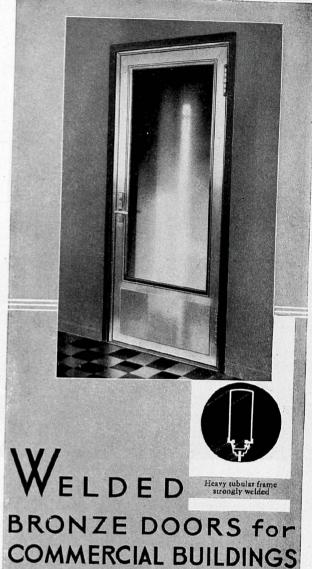
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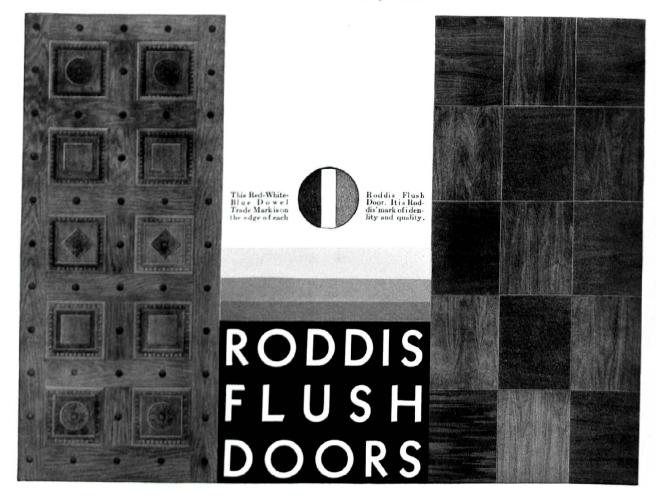
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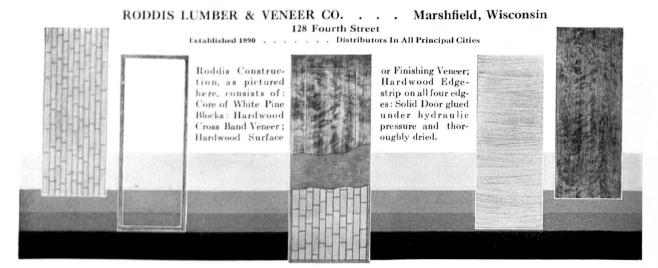


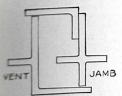
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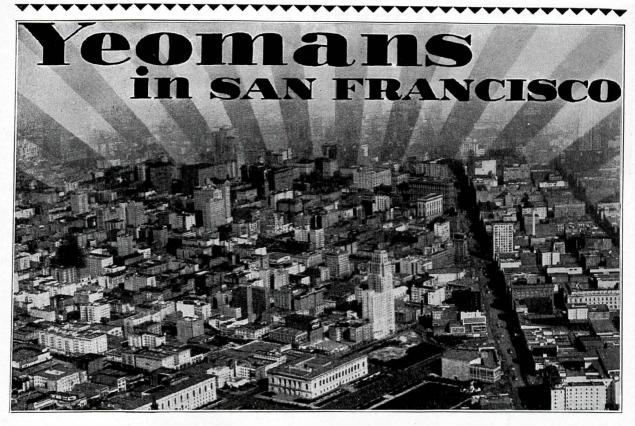
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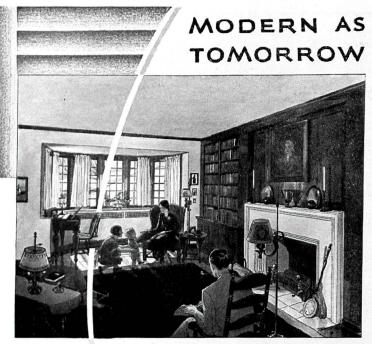
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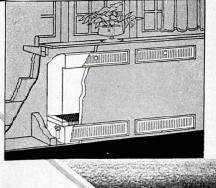
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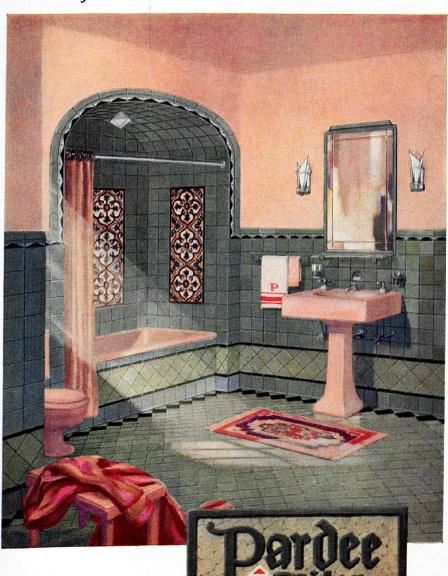
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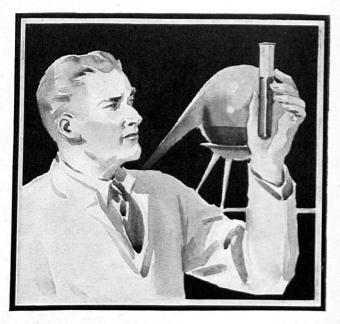
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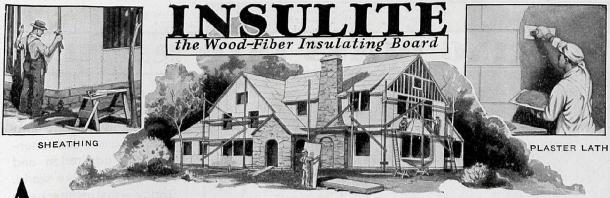
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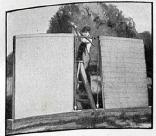




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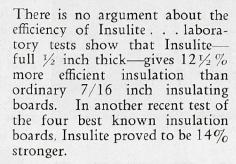


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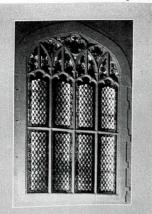
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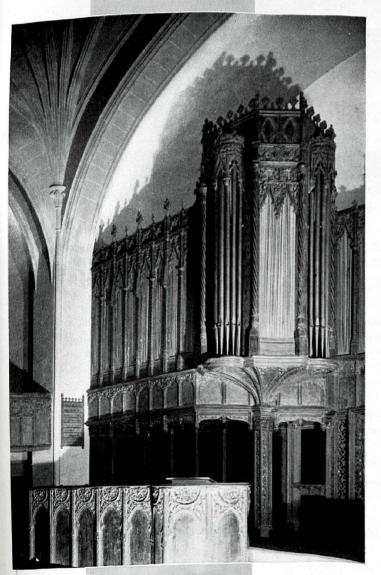
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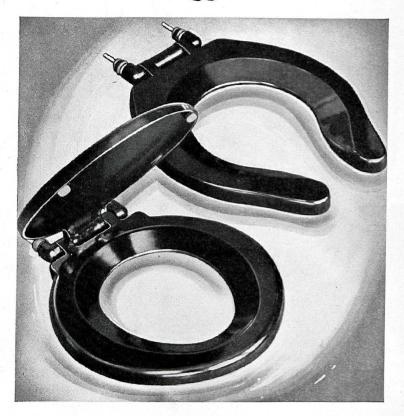
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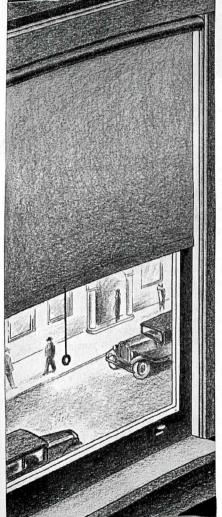
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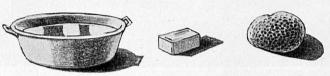


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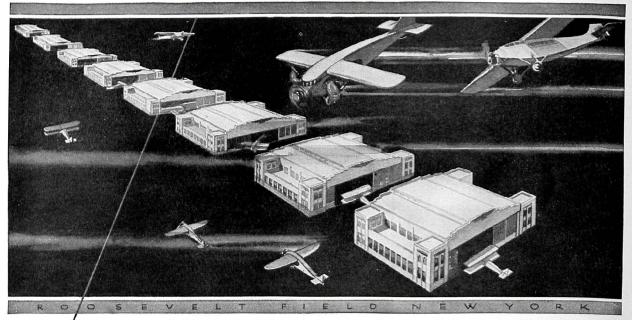
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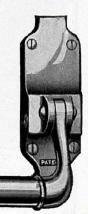
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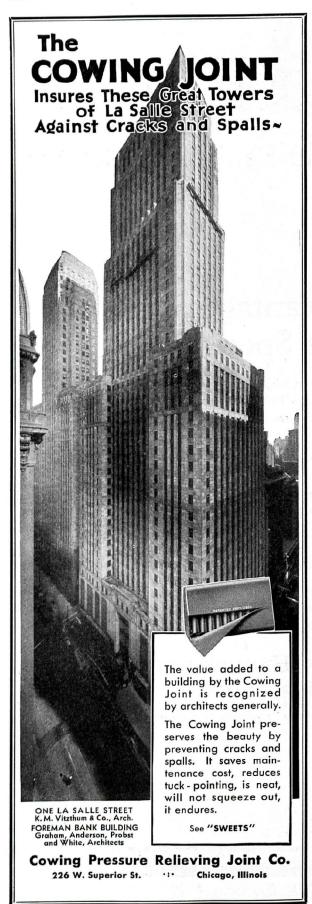
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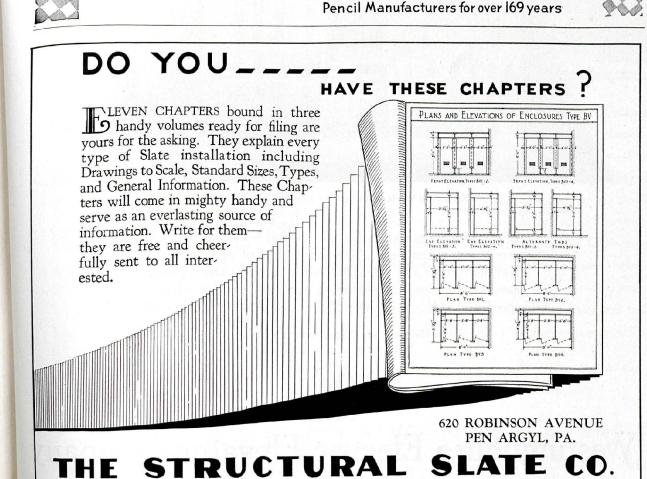
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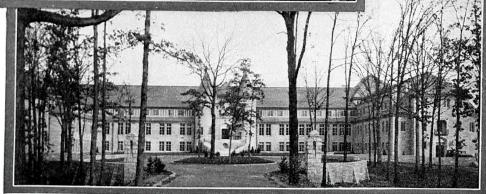
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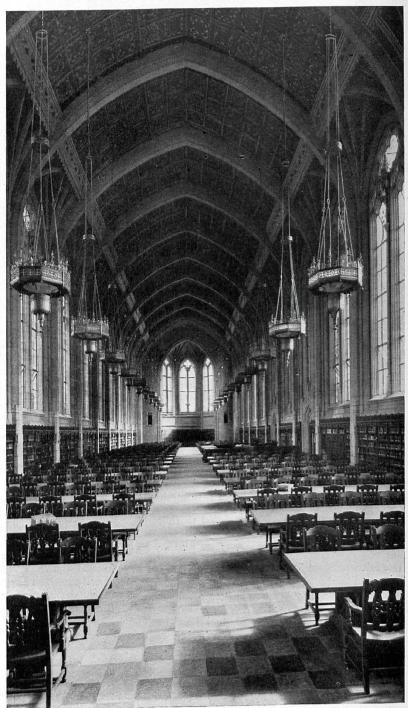
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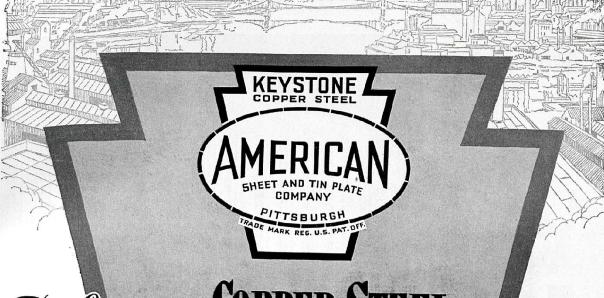
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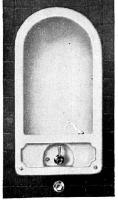


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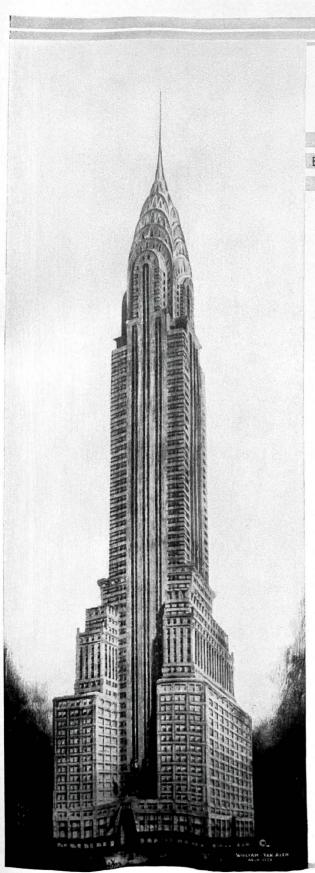
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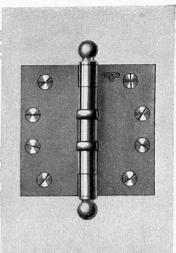
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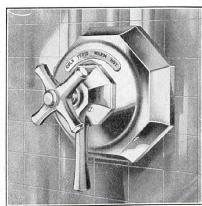


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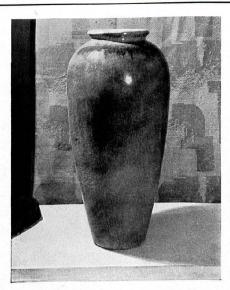
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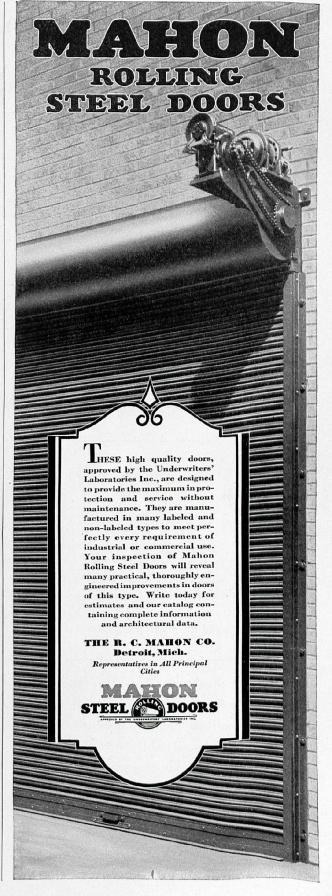
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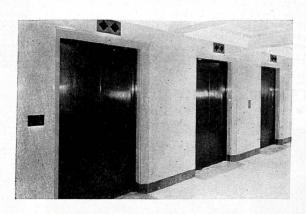


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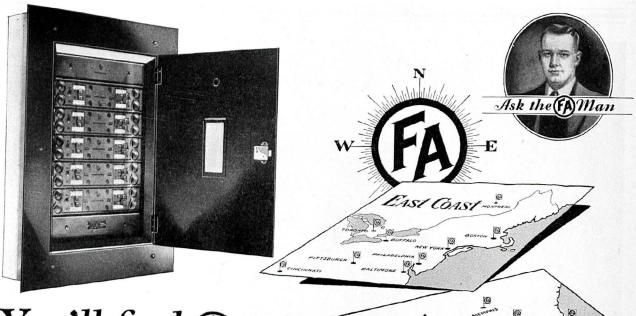
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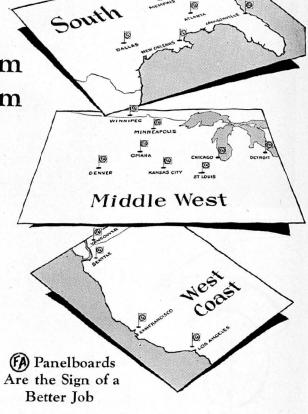
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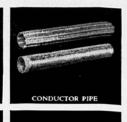
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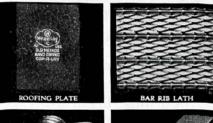


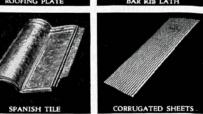






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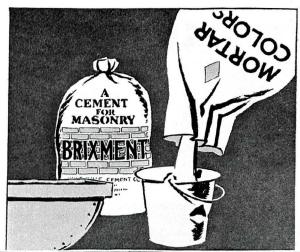
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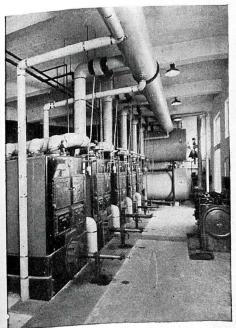
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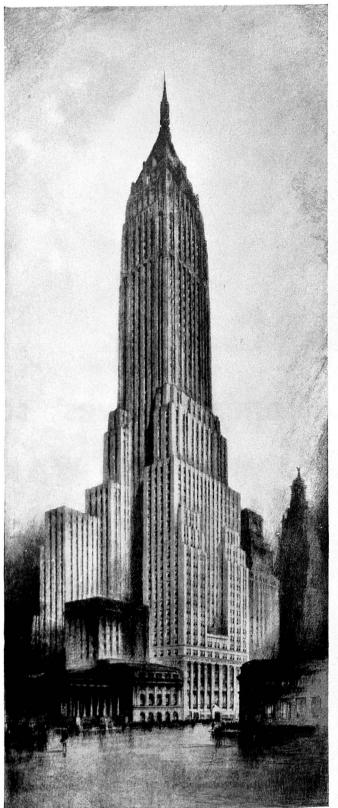


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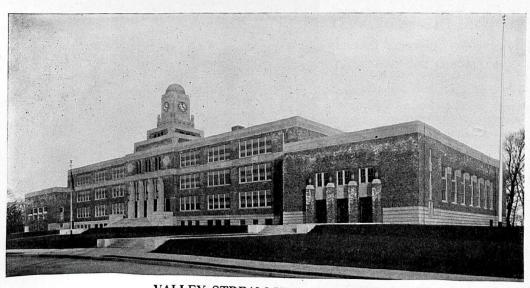
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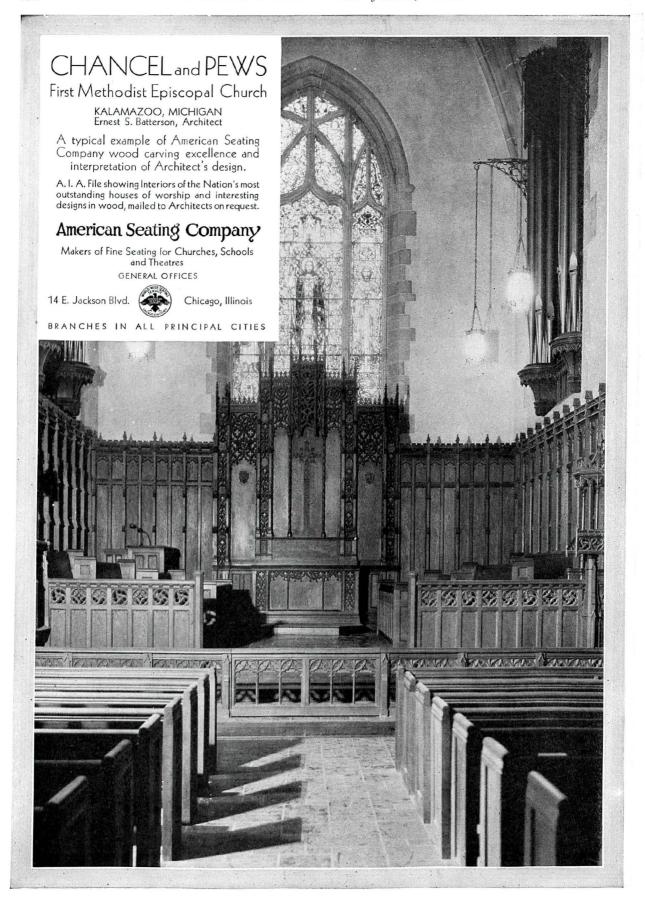


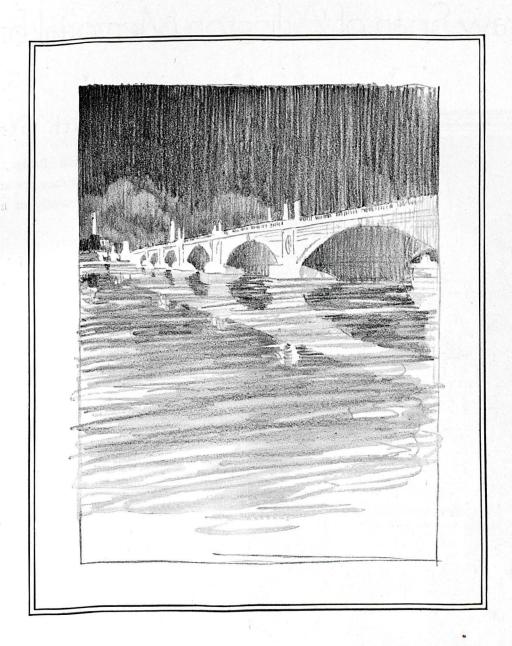


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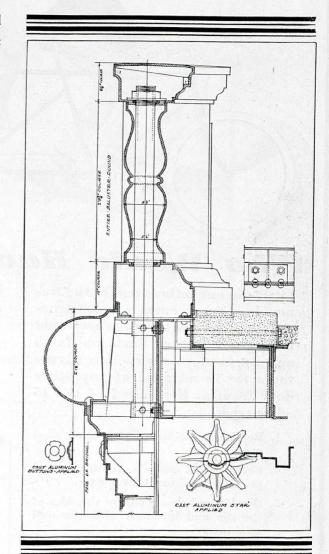
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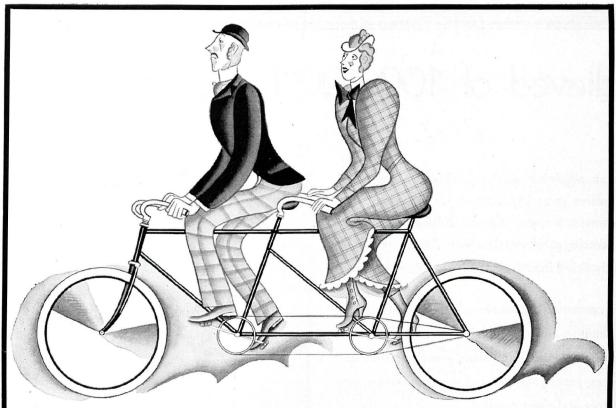
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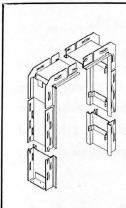
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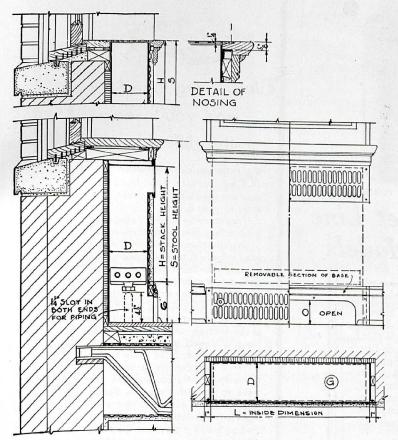
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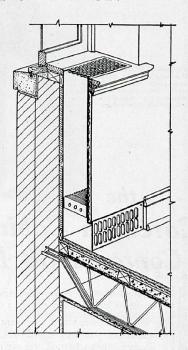
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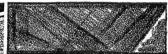
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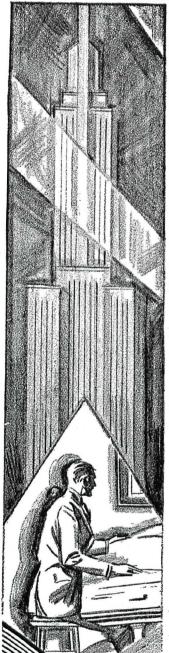






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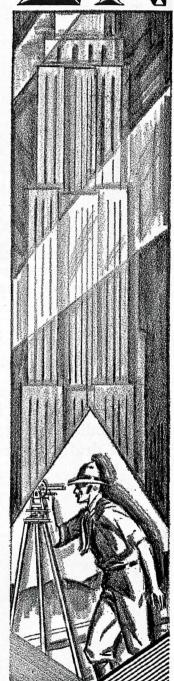
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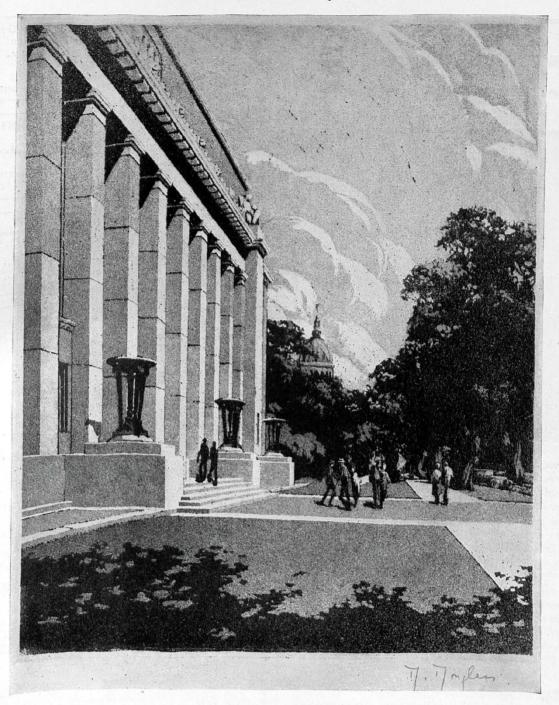


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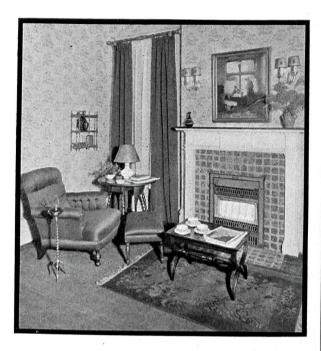
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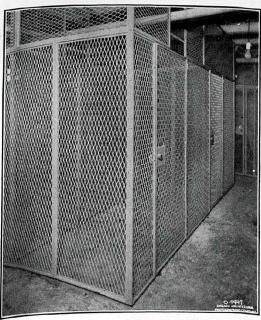
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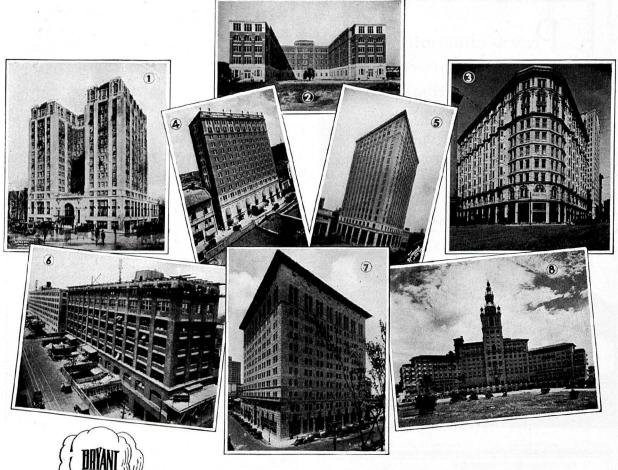
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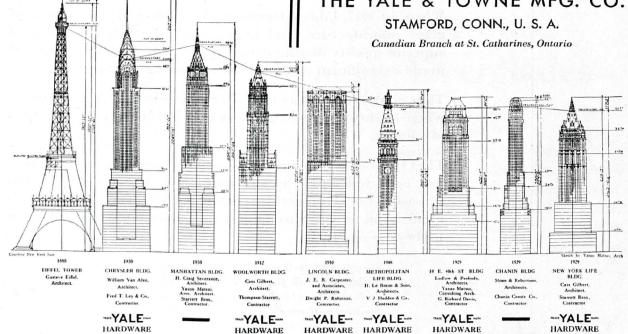
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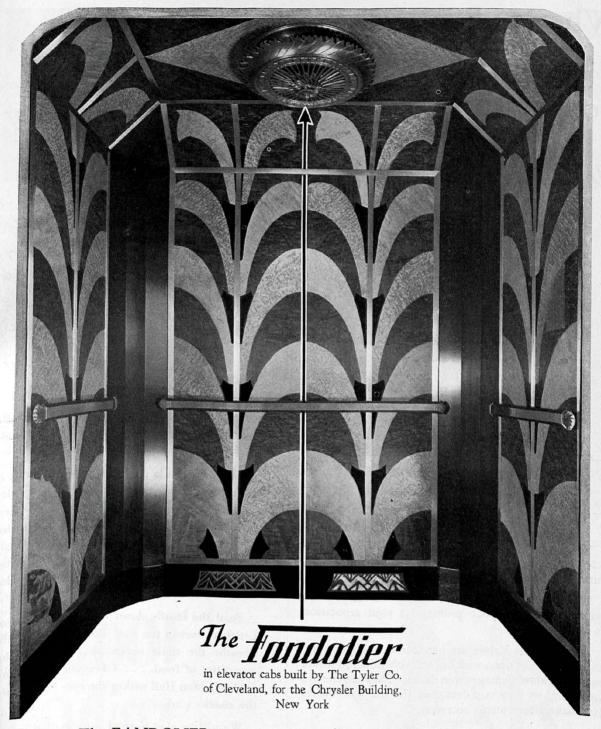
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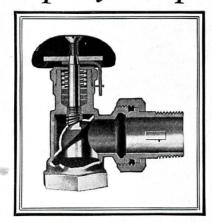
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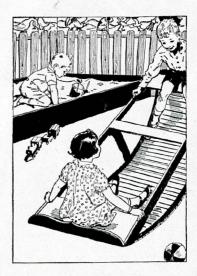
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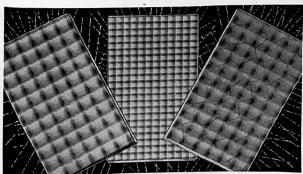
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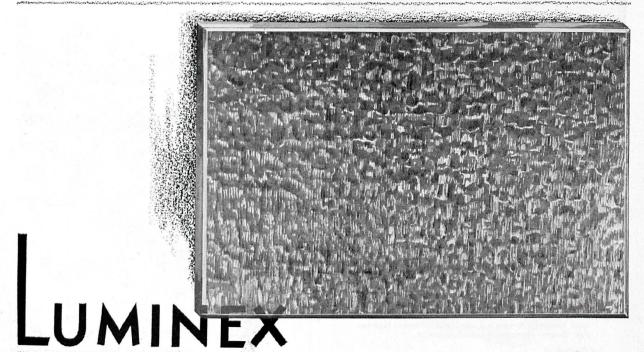
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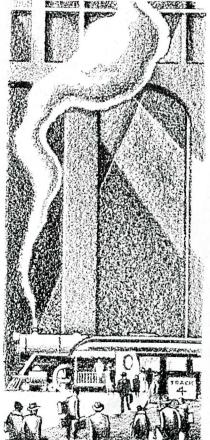
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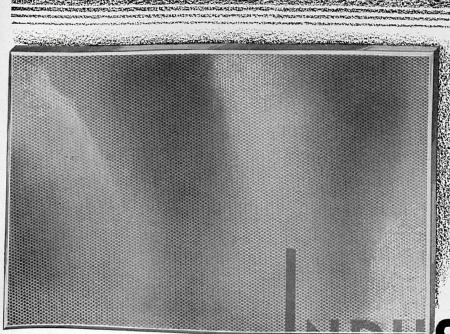




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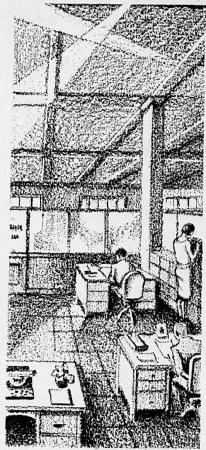


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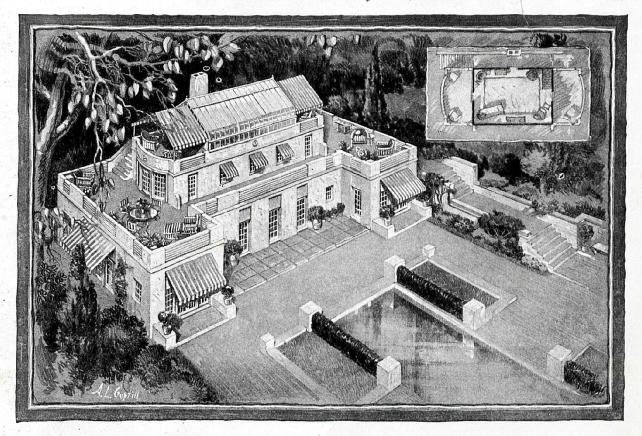
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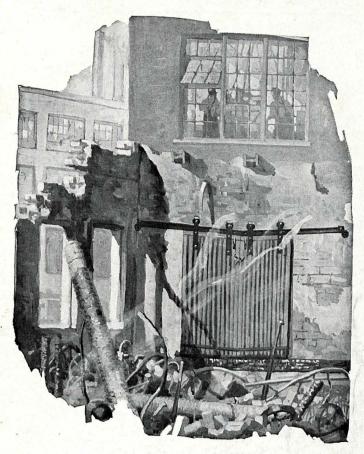
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