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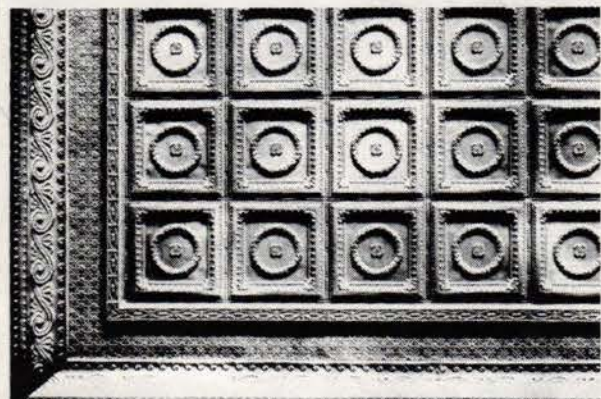
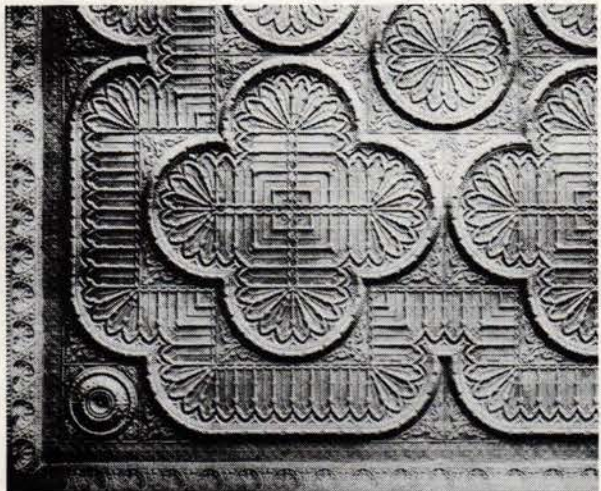
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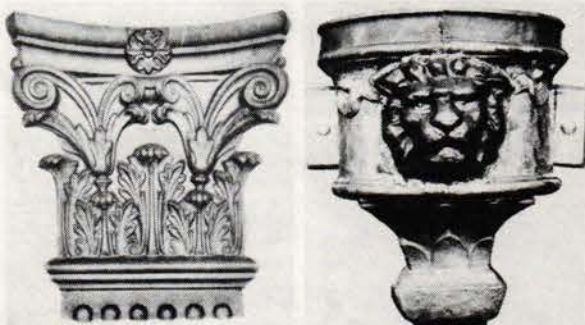
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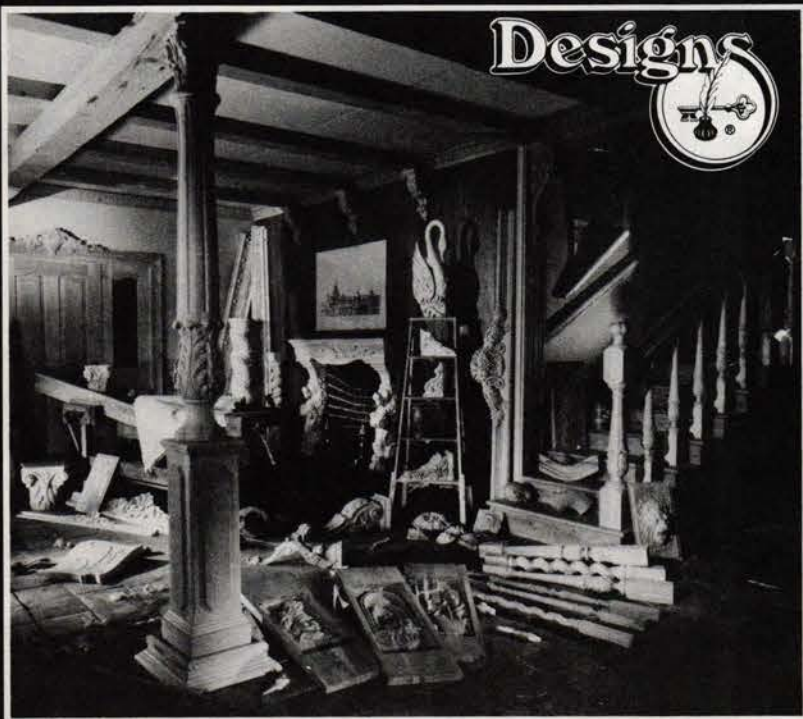
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THE HAPPIEST ARCHITECT

Richard C. Frank, FAIA, has done it all: Pioneered the field of preservation planning, run a large architectural firm, and supervised over 700 historic projects. Now he's polishing Michigan's crown jewel.

❖by Clem Labine

When you talk to Richard Frank, the energy radiates. It's not the nervous energy of someone who's simply had too many cups of coffee. In fact, his outward manner is calm, perhaps even courtly. But beneath the composed exterior, one senses the coiled energy of someone who knows that there's much to be done — and is anxious to get on with it.

It's understandable that Dick is eager to get on with the work... because he does, in fact, have a powerful amount to do. Dick is currently (among other things) the Capitol Preservation Architect for the State of Michigan — and has over-all responsibility for restoration of the 111-year-old Michigan State Capitol.

Now, restoring any state capitol is a fairly ambitious project... a high-visibility job fraught with professional pitfalls. There's always an army of potentially vocal critics lurking in the bushes ready to launch volleys of second-guessing at any hint of a foul-up. What makes Dick's situation even more precarious is that he has taken on this massive job as a one-man shop!

What makes it possible for the sole employee of the firm of Richard C. Frank, FAIA, of Saline, Mich., to take on a project of the size and complexity of a state capitol restoration? When asked this question, Dick flashes a sly smile and refers to his "little black book" of consultants whom he can assemble into an elite task force as the occasion demands. "I don't work alone," Dick observes, "I've got the best minds in the country working with me."

Those who have worked with Dick say that one of his success secrets, in fact, is his ability to recruit top talent, and then to play the role of symphony conductor — orchestrating diverse talents in architecture, engineering, and conservation — to create a harmonious *oeuvre*.

Where's The Staff?

Dick didn't always operate as a one-man office. From 1975 to 1984, he was president and owner of Preservation/Urban Design/Incorporated (PUDI). With 28 employees, PUDI was at the time the largest firm in the country specializing in preservation.

Setting up PUDI was the fulfillment of a 10-year dream for Dick. In his previous firm (Frank and Stein Associates, Lansing, Mich.) Dick and his partner accidentally found themselves starting to do preservation work. "I was in charge of new business," Dick recalls, "and somewhat to my surprise, I found that our firm had been selected to oversee restoration work at Fort Mackinac." One thing led to another. "Pretty soon, we were one of the leading experts on fort restoration in the country."

"Bear in mind that during the 1960's there wasn't a vocal constituency for historic preservation. In the Midwest, forts were one of the few things that everyone agreed were historic and worth preserving. So if you were going to do restoration in the Midwest, you had to do forts," says Dick by way of explaining his rather exotic beginnings in preservation.

Building on that foundation, Dick was one of the first architectural practitioners to realize that preservation had to be regarded as more than saving single buildings. He saw that preserving the surrounding context was of equal — or greater — importance.

Around 1970, Dick became intrigued with the idea of establishing an architectural firm that would specialize in preservation planning and restoration. Up to that time, there was no firm of any significant size that concentrated on historic work. After much foundation work, PUDI opened its doors in 1975.

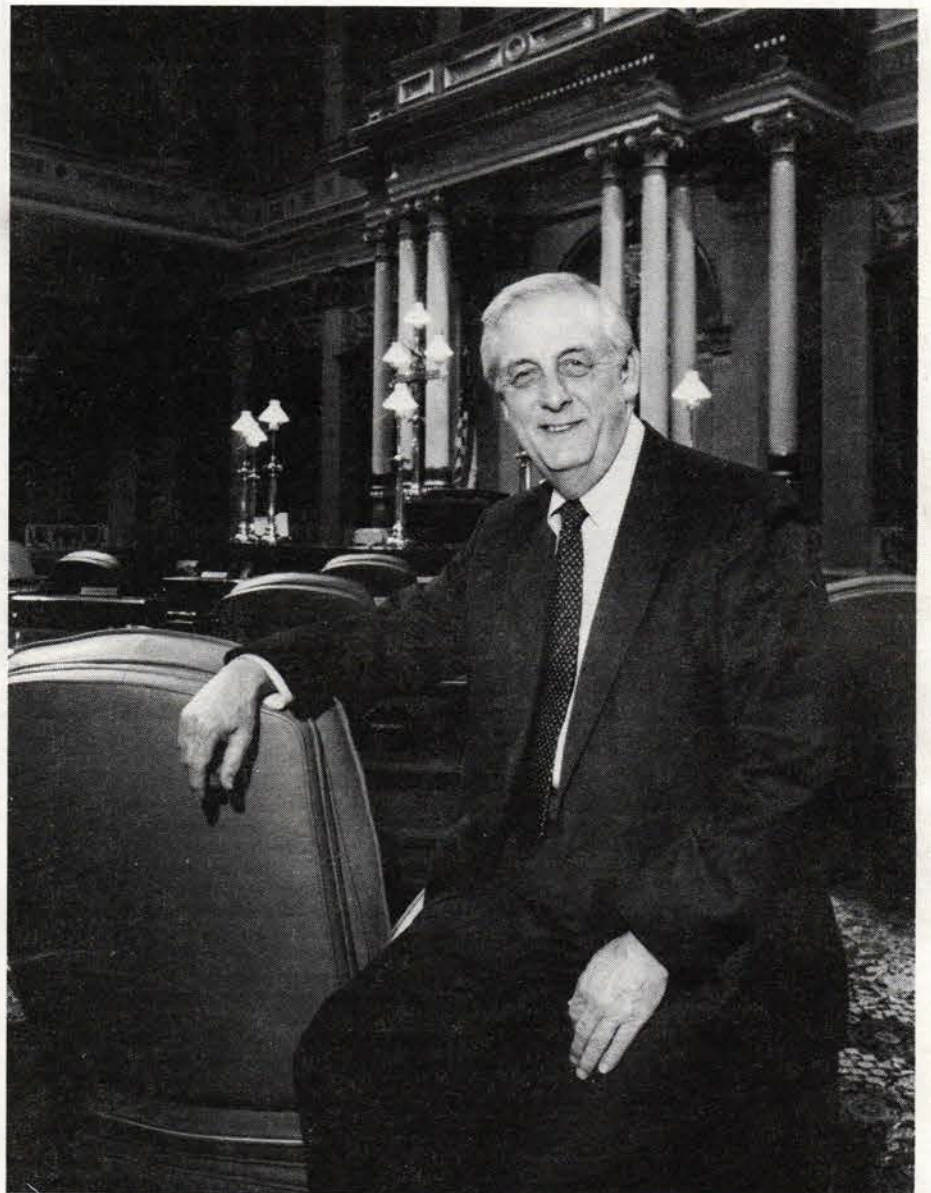
Home base for PUDI was Ann Arbor, Mich., but in 1978 the firm opened a second office in Washington, D.C., to put it closer to some of the major East Coast jobs. PUDI eventually participated in more than 600 preservation planning and restoration projects in 28 states and 65 cities around the country.

Among its showcase projects, PUDI put together the first Historic Structures Report ever commissioned by the General Services Administration — as part of the recycling of Washington's Old Post Office Building. PUDI was the restoration architect for the Smithsonian Institution's Arts & Industries Building, and served as restoration consultant to Arthur Cotton Moore/Associates for the restoration of the Library of Congress building.

A Landmark Change

In 1983, Dick's life changed dramatically. He merged his company into a large international architecture/engineering firm, believing that with greater resources, PUDI's preservation practice could spread worldwide.

Let's just say that things didn't work out that way. By the end of 1984,



Richard C. Frank, FAIA, basks happily in the reflected glory of his latest project: The restored Victorian splendor of the Senate Chamber in the 1879 Michigan State Capitol. Photo: Greg Domagalski

Dick had resigned from the merged firm. "By the time we undid the merger, I was exhausted," Dick says in tones that still resonate with weariness at the memory.

At this juncture, Dick faced a pivotal career decision: To go back into another large firm, or to try something else. He chose "something else."

"I was tired of corporate architecture," Dick states emphatically. "When you run a big firm, you spend most of your time promoting new business, supervising, and worrying about personnel, financing, and administration. You don't do much architecture."

Dick's decision: To set up a one-man shop. There was plenty of room in the Frank's 12-room, 1872 Second Empire house in Saline for an architectural office. Within a few days of hanging out his new shingle, former clients were ringing his phone off the hook. Soon he was in the happy situation of being able to pick and choose among jobs.

"Of course, some things took getting used to," Dick recalls. "One of the biggest symbols of the changed scale of operations is the daily mail. No one is there to open it and present you with neatly organized stacks. You've got to find the letter opener yourself and start slitting those envelopes!"

Capital Projects At The Capitol

Restoration of the Michigan State Capitol is the largest job that Dick has taken on since establishing the office of Richard C. Frank, FAIA. The Renaissance Revival capitol, built in 1879, was designed by Elijah E. Myers, who also designed the Texas and Colorado state capitols.

The capitol in Lansing has suffered the same fate as many other state

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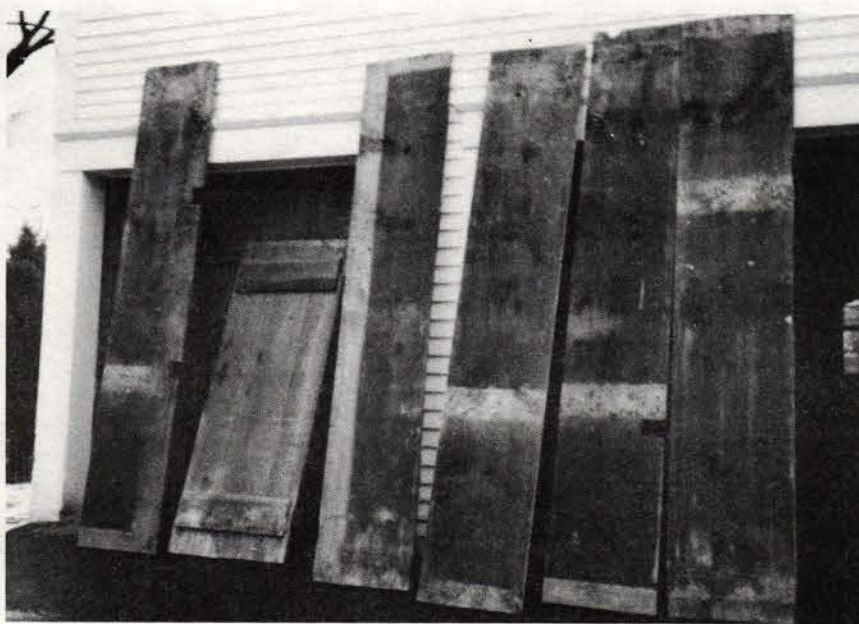
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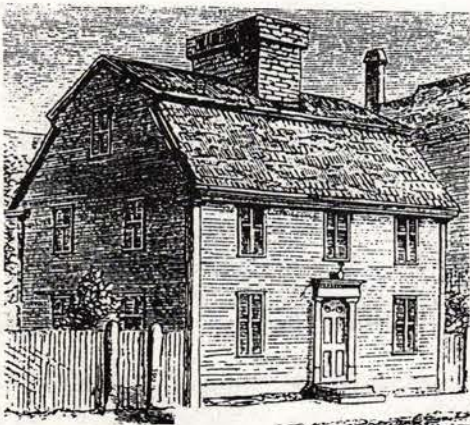
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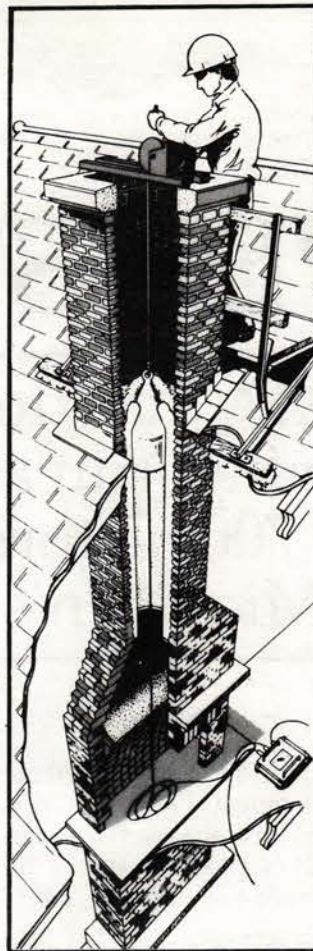
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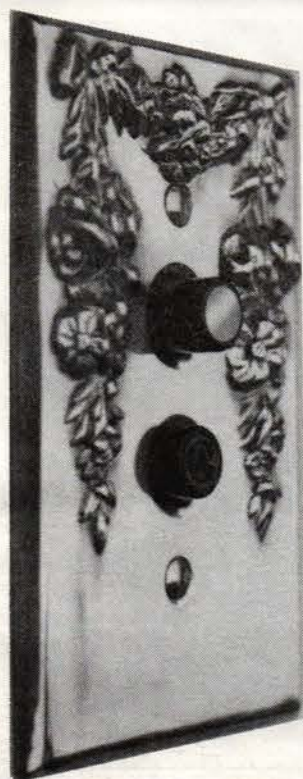
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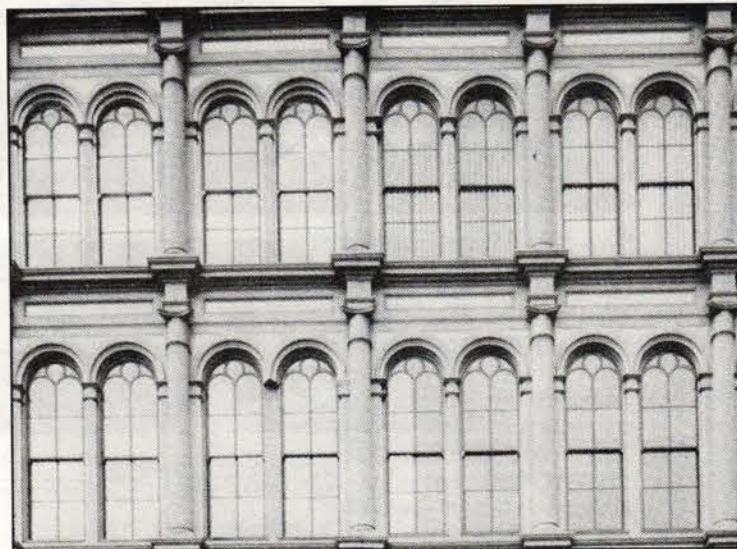
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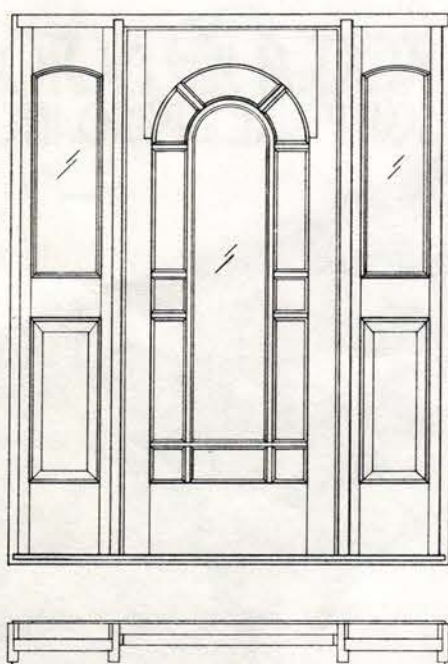
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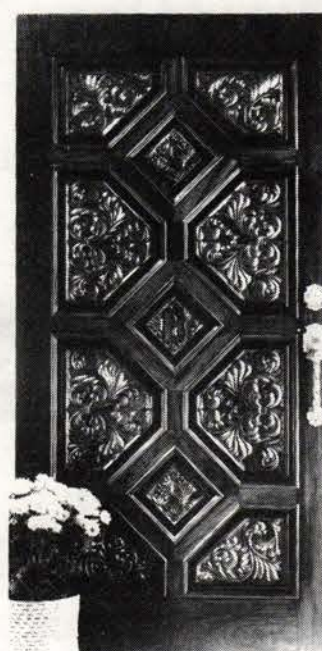
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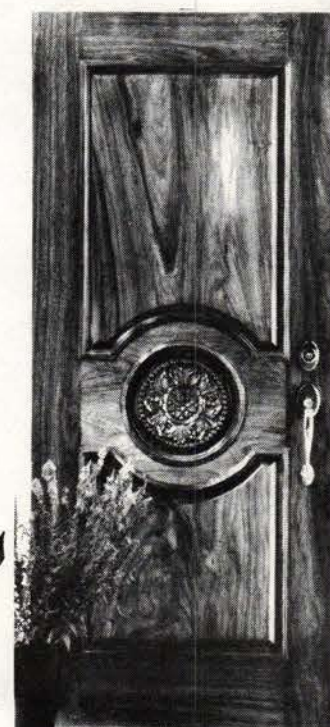


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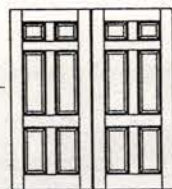
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Most of the shelter magazines these days are full of ads for fiberglass and steel doors. The market for these materials is growing but not, as you might suspect, for high-end new construction and restoration. There, the wood door still reigns supreme.

Nothing can compare with the warmth and handsome texture of real wood. Also, wood is infinitely repairable. If you buy from a manufacturer who knows how to discourage warping with straight-grained wood and proper joints, you'll probably never have a problem with a wood door. Steel, on the other hand, can be quite problematic. It's cold to the touch, its embossed details look artificial, and it's hard to

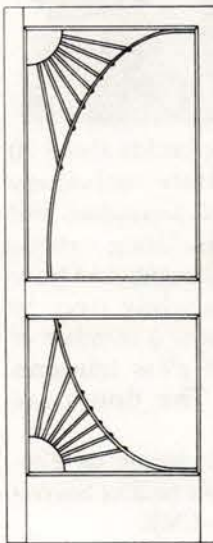
repair once it's rusted or dented. Fiberglass is durable, but it, too, appears unnatural, and there are so few companies using it that few styles are available. And fiberglass, like steel, cannot be customized; you have to accept the manufacturer's designs.

Wood doors, however, come in thousands of varieties — even in the stock models. The catalogs of the companies listed in the SourceList on pages 11-13 include examples of everything from sleek contemporary models to intricate Victorians. Some basic styles, like the ever-popular 4-panel, have been available for decades while others, like Queen Anne dentil-trimmed entries, have only reappeared in the past ten years. And as customers continue to show a preference for natural materials, the wood door promises to stay on top. ♦

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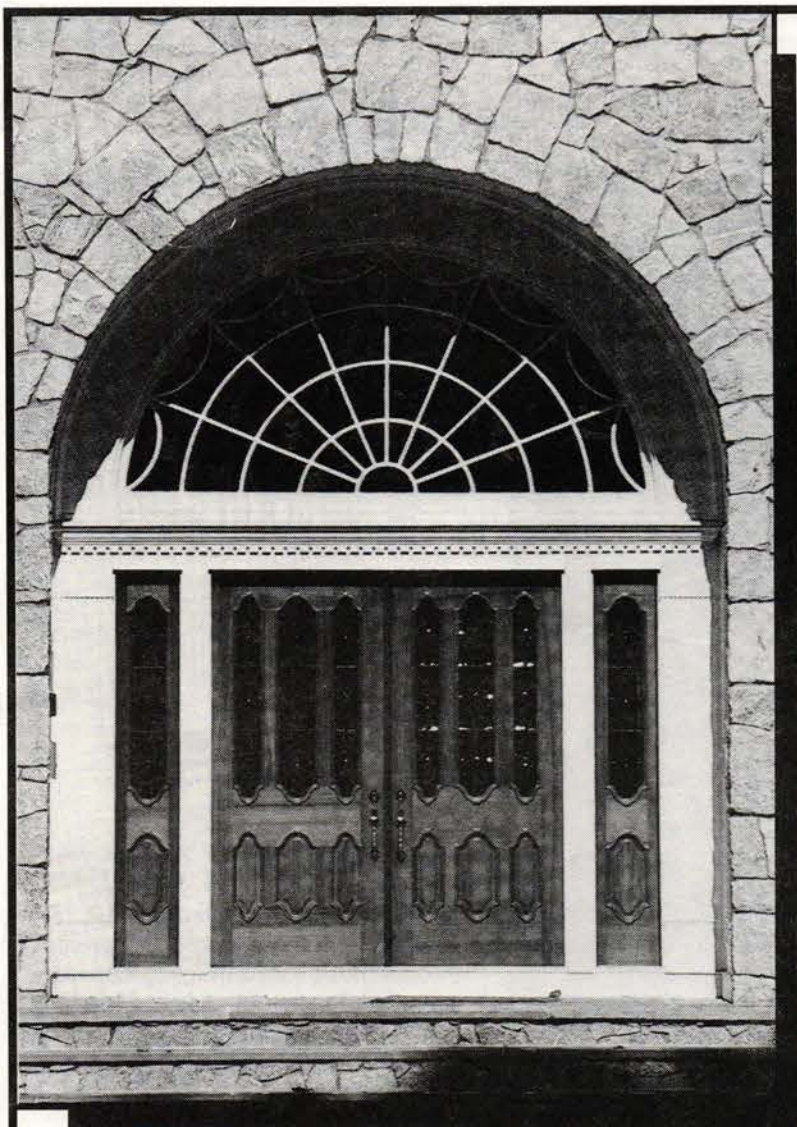
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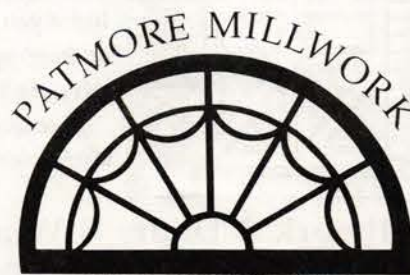
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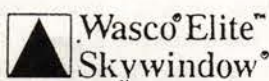
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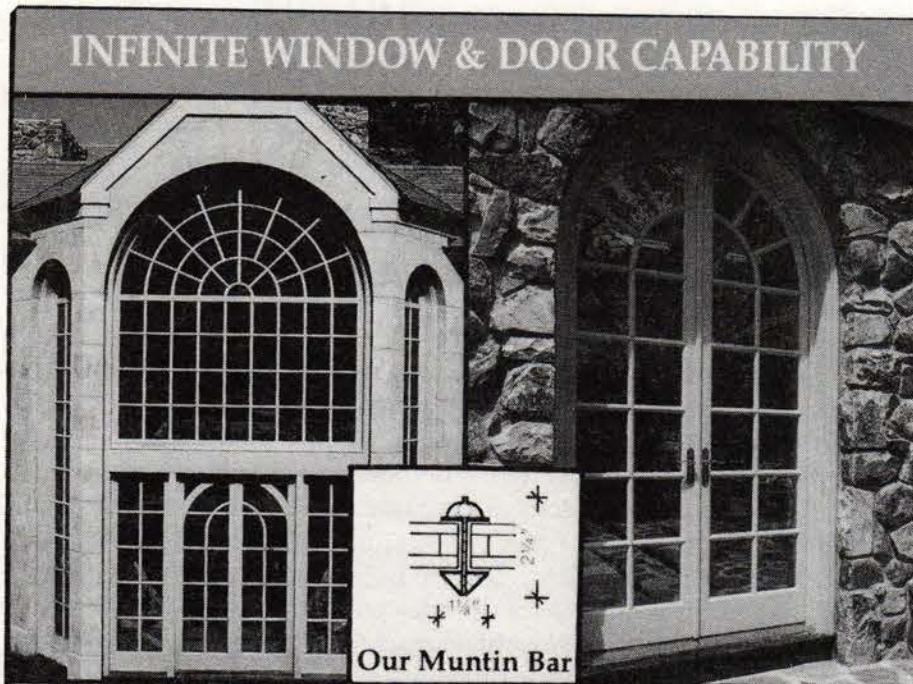
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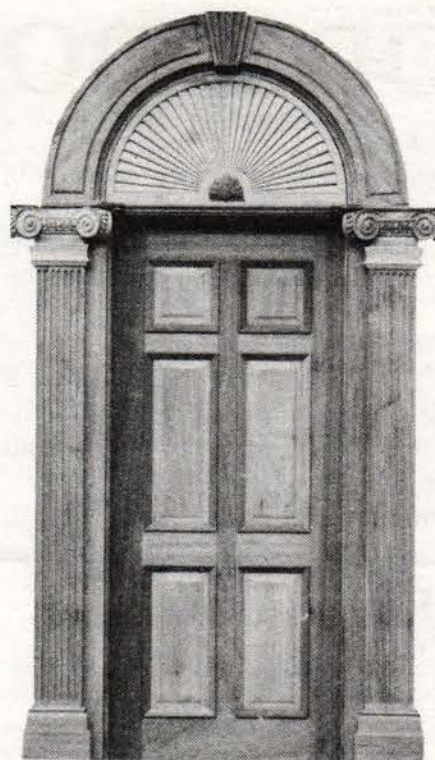
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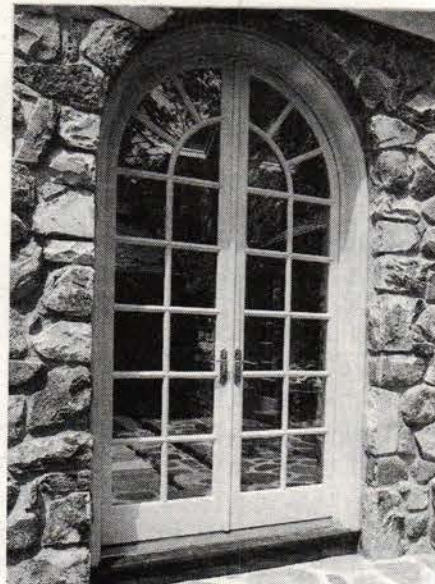
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Kenmore Industries builds about 20 varieties of elaborate mahogany entrances in Federal, Georgian, and Greek Revival styles. Using various combinations of pediments and transoms, they have slightly over 50 varieties of doorways; a number of which have leaded glass transoms and sidelights. The doors are generally six panel.

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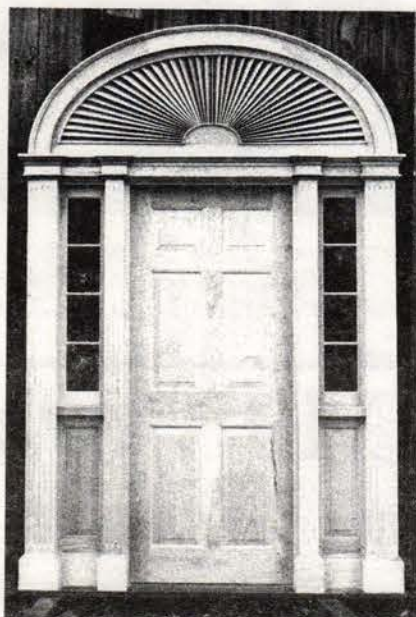
Estimating Doors By The Inch



The suggested door designs in J. Zeluck's catalog range from colonial to psychedelic, and the company's custom creations are even wilder. Most recently, they built pool-house doors that sink into the ground when they're not wanted. On projects like that, for wealthy clients, "we estimate by the inch," says co-owner Roy Zeluck.

Among their specialties are glazed fold-away doors that appeal to gyms, restaurants, and anyplace where ordinary folding partitions would look cheesy. Zeluck also makes louver doors with PVC mechanisms that can withstand salt and moisture. The company's Beverly Hills office will be opening soon.

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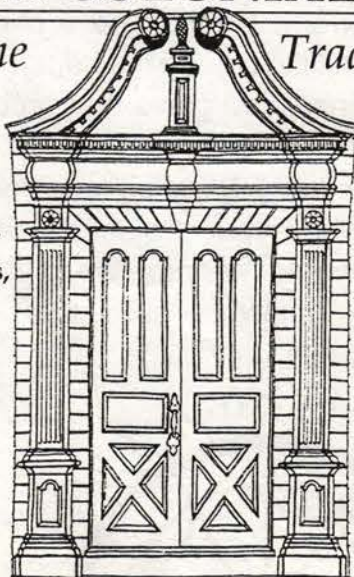
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For more on Elegant Entries, see the SourceList in this section. — EMK

COLONIAL GOES WEST



Colonial Woodworks builds a lot of interior doors — the 3-panel, \$370 model is their best seller — and they also offer two styles of exterior entries, both based on originals from Historic Deerfield, Massachusetts. The people who buy these doorways, however, "usually live in places like Tulsa or Phoenix," says CEO Carl Biathrow.

Stock interior doors feature between 3 and 8 panels and up to 15 lites, and they all measure 1-3/8 in. thick with 3/4-in.-thick panels. Prices range from \$266 to \$436 for 6 ft. 8 in. tall models; add \$30 for a 7 footer, and add \$26 per pane for insulated glass.

For more information on Colonial Woodworks, see the pullout SourceList in this section. — EMK

Doors For The Corridors Of Power



Ricketson Woodwork tackles large commercial, religious, civic, or educational buildings, old and new. Recent door projects include the Federal Court House in New Haven, Conn., on whose massive slabs were carved the scales of justice; the Connecticut state capitol, where the doors were made of solid quarter-sawn oak; and Northeast Plaza, a Hartford office/retail complex, where the 2-1/2-in. thick mahogany doors feature tombstone-shaped leaded-glass

panels as well as lion's head carvings.

Impressive as these surface details may be, the real advantage of using Ricketson's doors is their construction, according to engineering manager Steve Augustus. "We use only blind mortise-and-tenon construction — no dowels — to prevent sagging," he says. "And we buy the straightest grained wood we can get."

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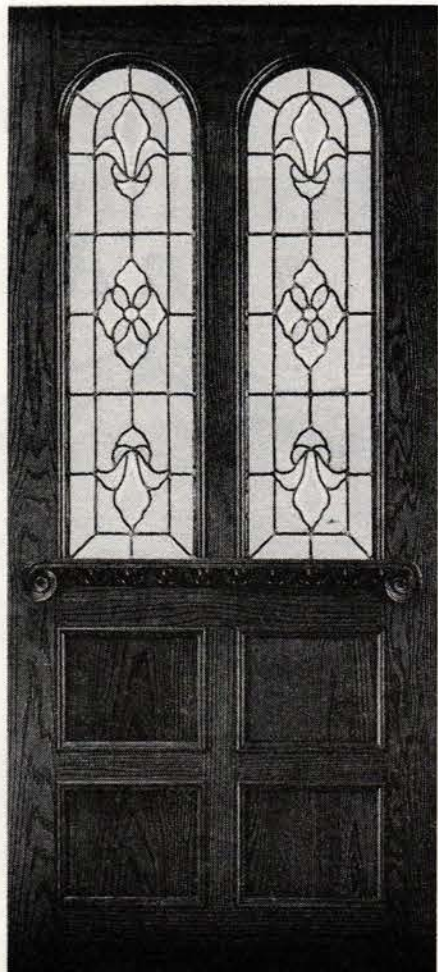
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Jack Wallis opened Jack Wallis' Doors in 1971 by hanging a sign along his road, because he'd always enjoyed carving wood and building stained-glass windows. Now he employs a half-dozen people and offers 30 stock models of ornate Victorian-style doors. Rope-like pilasters, dense carving, dentil molding, and floral trim prevail.

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The doors can be ordered carved on both sides and complete with brass hardware. Also, some of Wallis' carved ornament is available separately (\$3.20 to \$185), so that surrounding woodwork or furniture can complement the doors.

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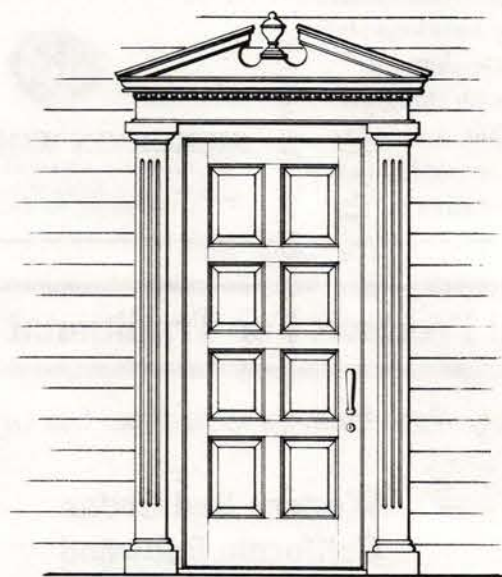
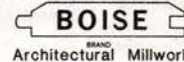


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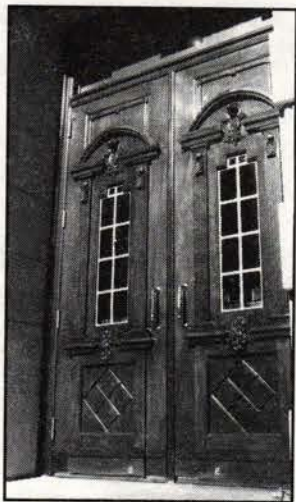
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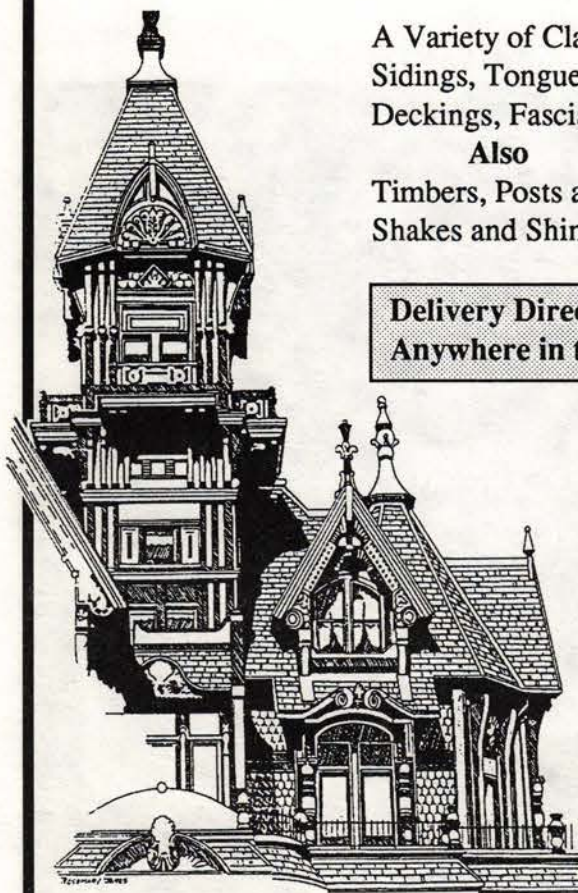
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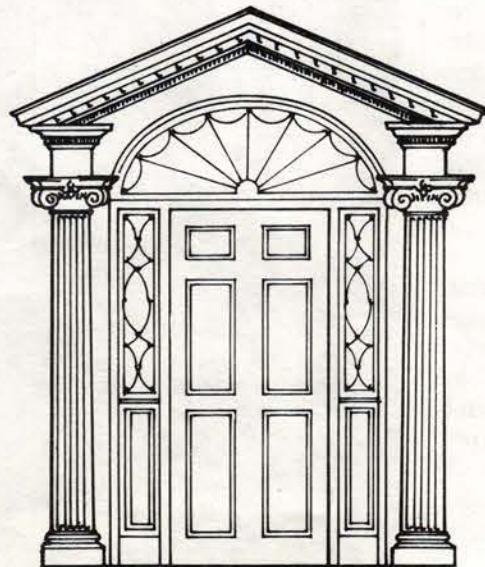
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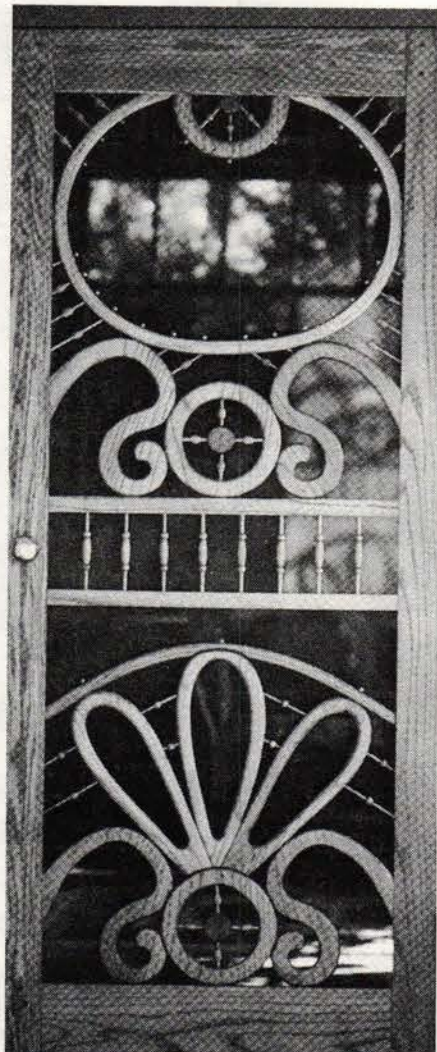
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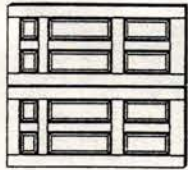
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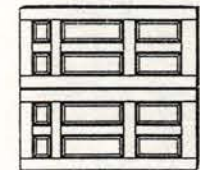


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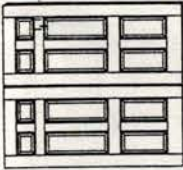
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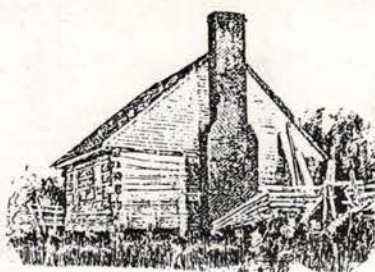
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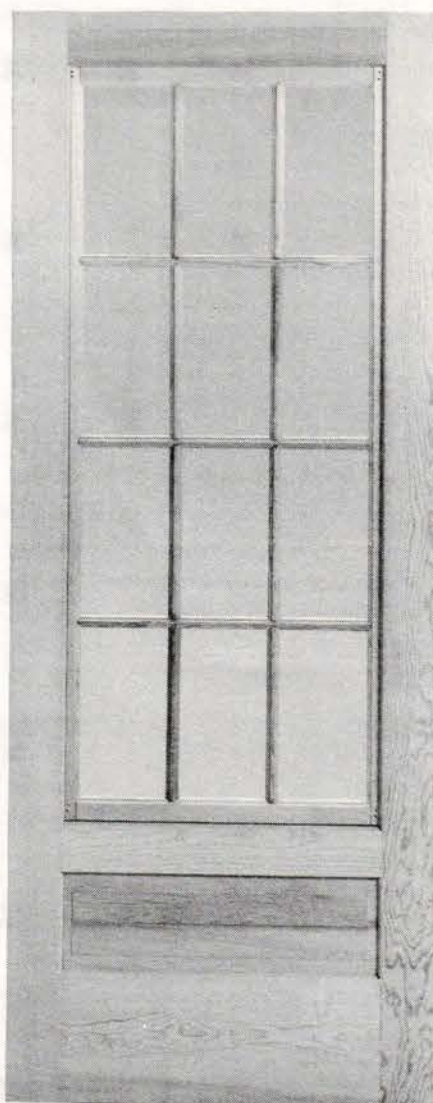
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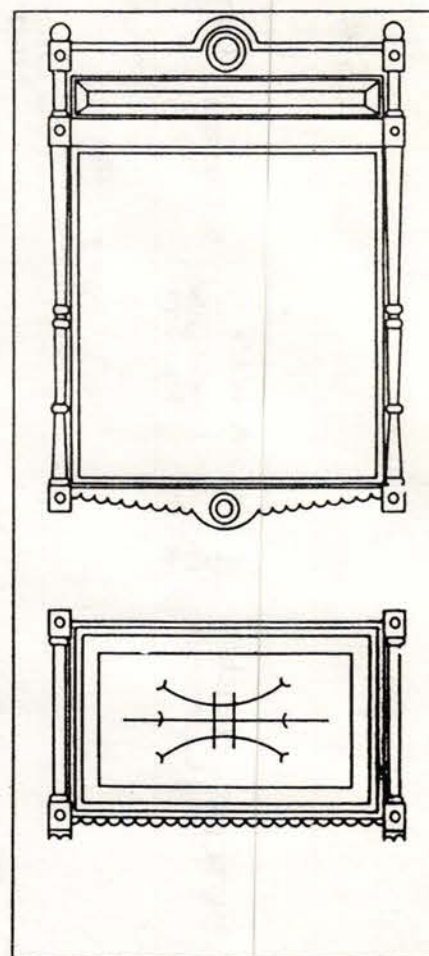


The Colonial has a crossbuck solid panel beneath a scalloped opening. The Classic features a 2-panel lower half and a plain opening. The ultra-VU consist of one large opening framed by either ponderosa pine or red oak. And the Easy Change doors can come with 1 or 2 lower panels and up to 12 lites (shown) — the more lites, the more traditional the look.

The doors cost between \$140 and \$160 (\$220 to \$240 for the oak ultra-VU). The company also offers simple 4- or 6-panel interior doors for between \$120 and \$140.

For more on The Combination Door Co., see the SourceList. — EMK

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The Wood Factory's Victorian entry doors are so unusual and so well replicated that when a recent customer used them, "Everybody asked where he'd found old doors in such great shape," says co-owner Dean Arnold. "That made us feel good."

The company offers three entry door styles: One is neoclassical, with an oval upper panel with pedimented trim; one is Eastlake (shown), with incised decoration in the lower panel and pilasters flanking the upper panel; and one is Queen Anne, with 5 lower panels and dentil molding under the upper panel. Prices range from \$465 to \$880, and custom orders are welcome.

The Wood Factory also builds screen doors based, like the entry doors, on old models spotted in the region. Three of the stock patterns look Victorian and one befits Bungalows. Their components can be mixed and matched for custom work; fiberglass, aluminum, and copper screens are available, as are exotic-wood spindles. Prices range from \$245 to \$345.

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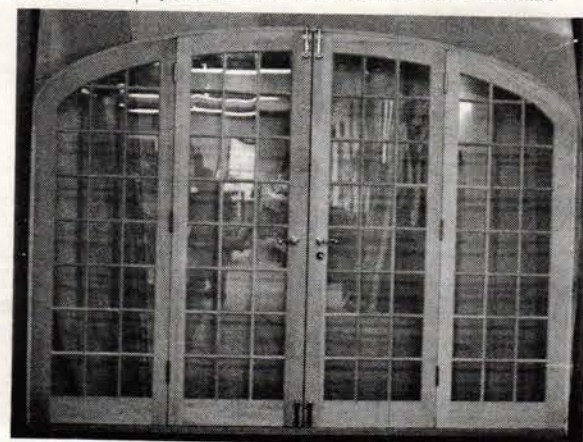
INDIAN PROTECTION

Architectural Components has been building some unusual doors lately. Along with a whole household full of wormy-chestnut doors — "the wormholes don't go all the way through. It's a very pretty wood," says owner Chuck Bellinger — the company recently created an "Indian" exterior door: The lower half is paneled, the upper half is glazed, and there's also a movable panel that can be slid over the panes to ward off storms or intruders.

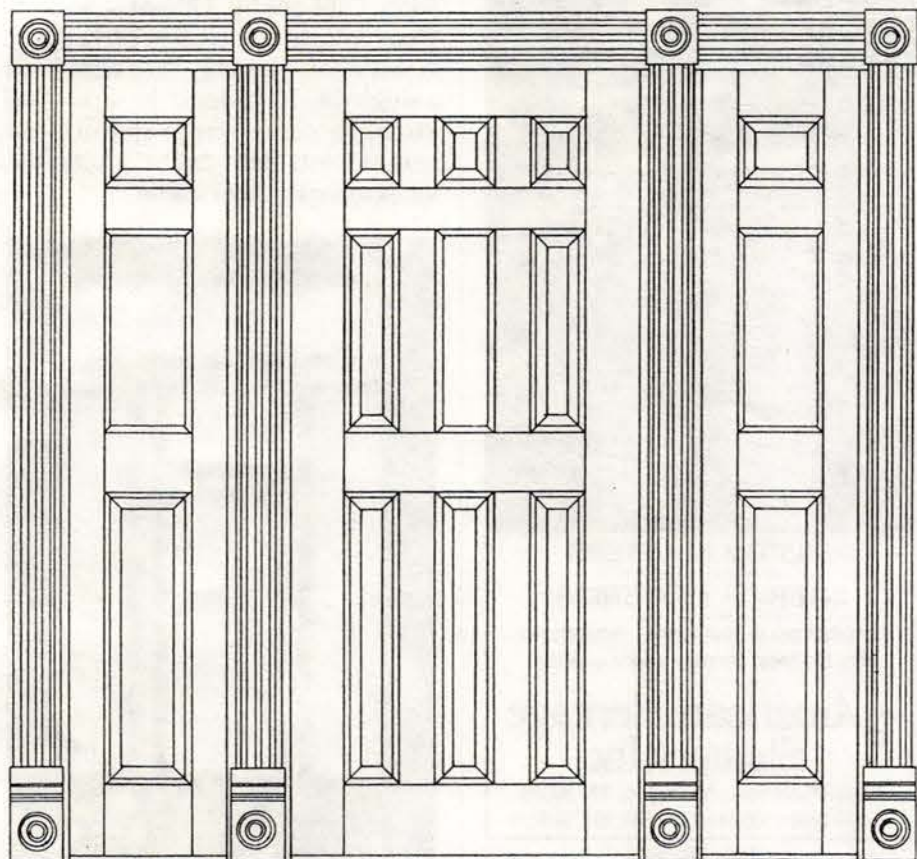
The firm specializes in more traditional items, based on 18th- and early 19th-century models and made of eastern white pine. Interior doors come with 2, 3, 4, or 6 panels and cost from \$182 to \$328 in 1-1/16-in.-thick wood. Ex-

terior units measure up to 2-1/4-in. thick and cost between \$425 and \$560 with 4 or 6 panels. Arched or elliptical transoms are available, as are many other kinds of Federal, Georgian, and Greek Revival entrance details.

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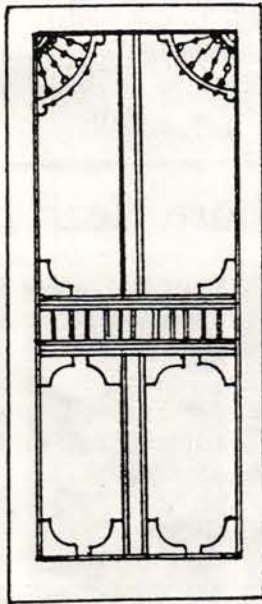
Boise Moulding & Lumber Co., a 30-employee millwork shop, sells everything from flooring to store counters, with a heavy emphasis on 19th-century architectural woodwork.

The door designs in their catalog range from simple 2-panel interior models to elaborate store entrances. Particularly unusual are the Victorian models whose upper panels are trimmed with dentil mold-

ing. And the most exciting pieces are the custom ones: Boise has manufactured doors up to 8 ft. tall incorporating 27 raised panels of varying sizes. And on special order they have distressed new doors to achieve an antique look while preserving the security that a new door provides.

For more information on Boise Moulding & Lumber Co., see the pullout SourceList in this section. — EMK

When Out-Of-Square Is A Virtue



Mad River Woodworks manufactures its screen doors to spec. "We just built four all out of square for the Dublin Historical Society in Ohio," says owner Tim Thornton. "They fit perfectly; the door frames had sagged."

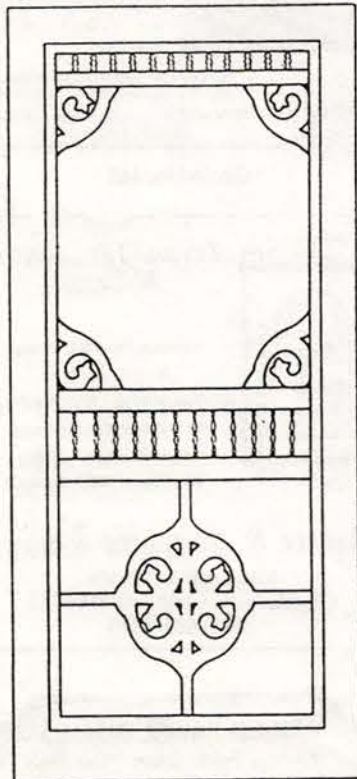
That Victorian model (shown, \$270), complete with corner fan brackets and a spindled push rail, has now become one of the company's stock patterns. It's an authentic replica, or as close to authentic as Thornton could achieve after examining turn-of-the-century photos of the house under a magnifying glass. Everything's made in-house except the spindles, balls, and dowels.

There are seven other standard models, starting at \$110 for one decorated only with a plain push rail. Screens, but not plexiglass slabs, come with the doors.

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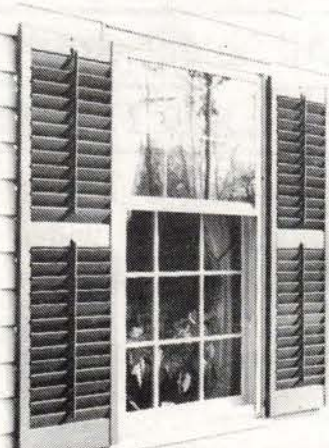
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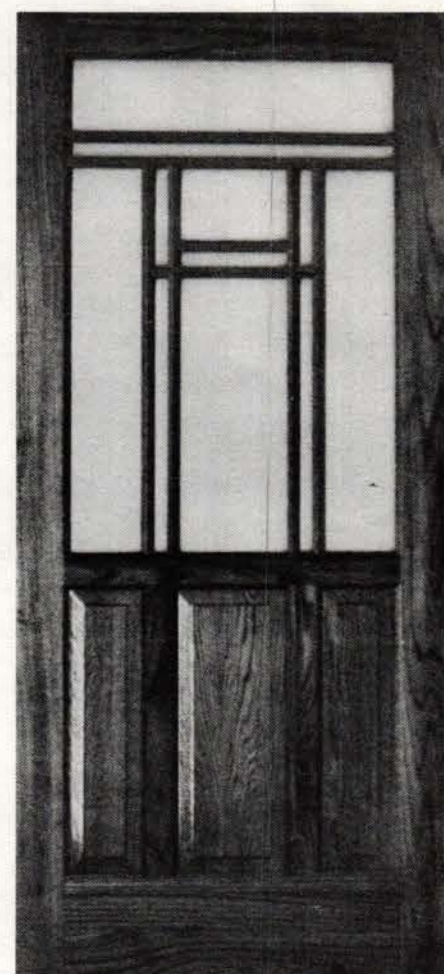
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His tricks are especially well-adapted to his local Wisconsin climate. "We get dry cold winters and hot wet summers," he says. "But our doors have never had a problem." Most of his creations appear on commercial buildings, but shown is his most popular residential model.

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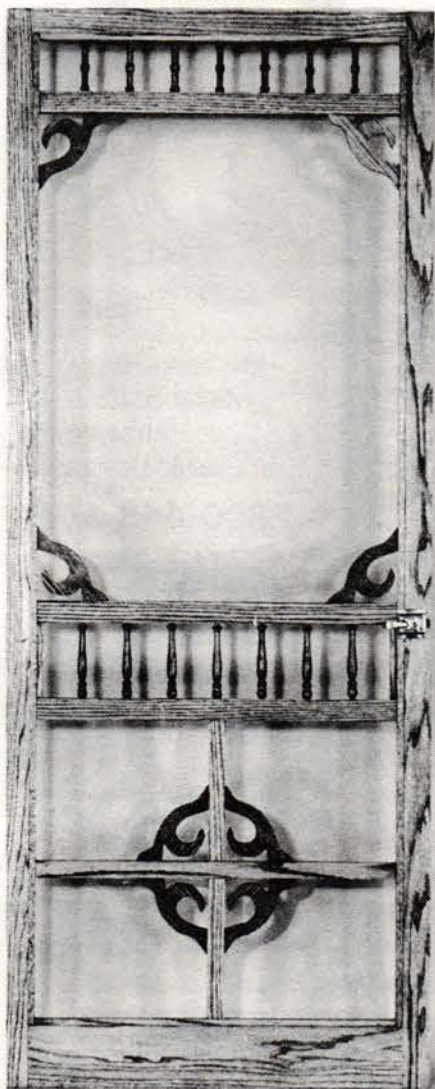


Coastal Millworks finds its material — southern longleaf pine — by salvaging pre-1930 buildings and by dredging rivers for long-forgotten "sinker" logs. Although 90% of their customers want flooring, Coastal also builds doors. "We can make anything, as long as we have an architect's drawing," says sales manager Mike Prendergast.

Their typical door measures 3 ft. wide and 6 ft. 8 in. tall, with raised panels "floated" to prevent expansion or contraction cracks. It costs \$600 to \$800. Stained glass inserts are available from a local company called, believe it or not, A Pane in the Glass.

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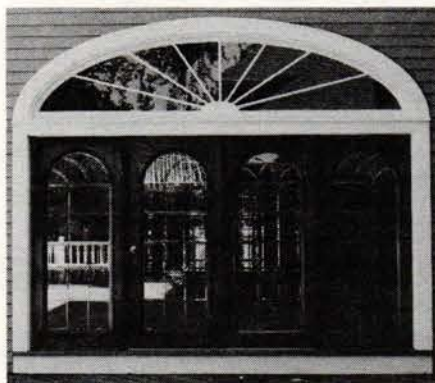


The quality of the northern Wisconsin red oak that Silverton Victorian Millworks uses is so fine that "we've thrown the Architectural Woodwork Institute's standards out the window," reports research-and-development manager Erik Enriquez. The company sells eight styles of oak screen doors (\$325 to \$410), most with ornate gingerbread. The designs came from Victorian pattern books, and they complement Silverton's two-model line of entry doors ("Pride of America" and "Belle of the West," both with stained-glass inserts for about \$1,500) and Silverton's extensive collection of porch parts.

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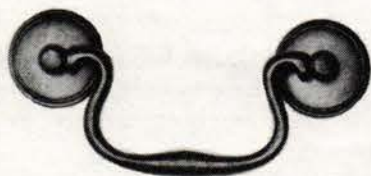


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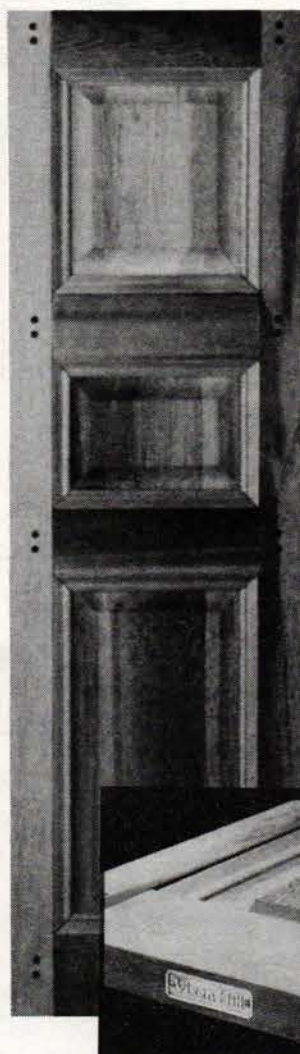


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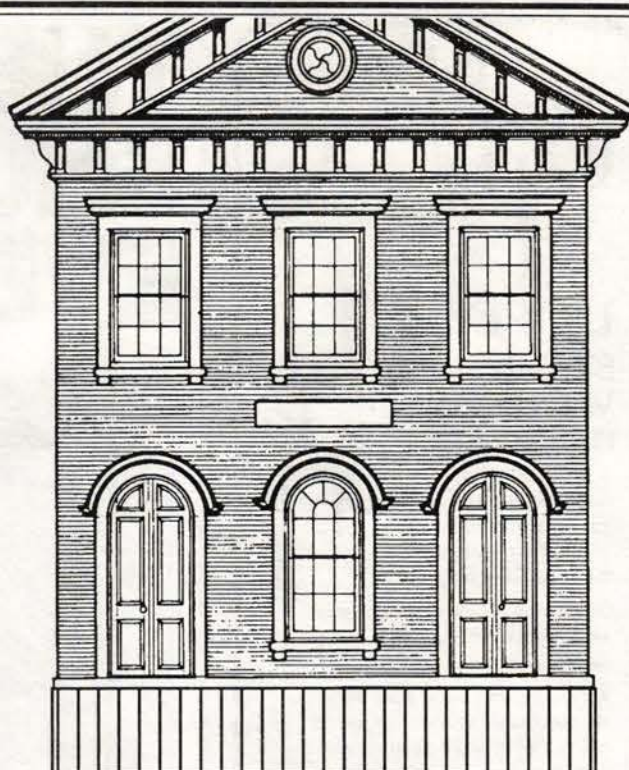
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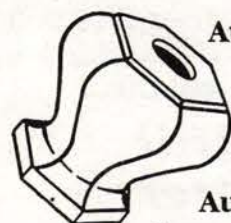


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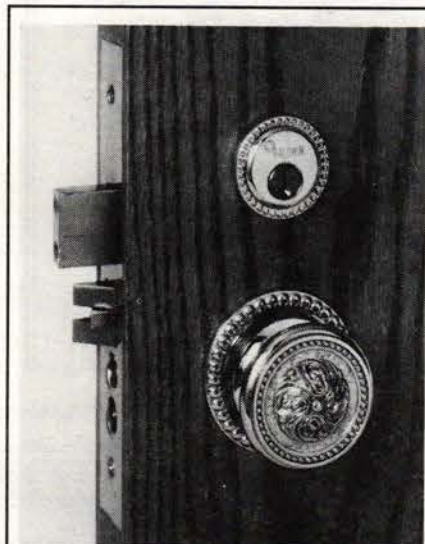
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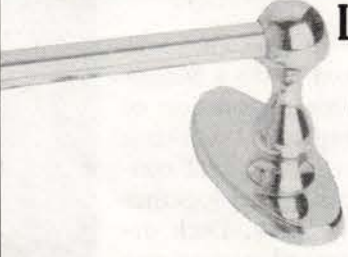


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capitols: Insensitive remodelings prompted by changing usage and the need to cram more people into the building. For example, there are 40,000 sq. ft. of over-floors inserted into what were originally high-ceilinged rooms in order to create more office space.

In 1986, Dick was retained to do a Master Plan for restoration of the capitol. Working with a team of 12 consultants pulled together for the task, Dick orchestrated a massive 248-page document that covers not only restoration of the original building, but also a 200,000 sq. ft. underground addition to relieve overcrowding.

While waiting for the work to start on Phase I of the \$45-million restoration, the State Senate hired Dick to renovate the 4th floor of the East Wing to expand committee rooms. The State House of Representatives, seeing how well the Senate rooms came out, then hired Dick to renovate the 4th floor of the West Wing!

The most spectacular part of the Master Plan executed so far has been the \$5.4-million restoration of the Senate Chamber. It's an elegant combination of restored 1890 Victorian grandeur and concealed 1990 high-tech conveniences. The restoration includes concealed TV lights in the ceiling and small hidden loudspeakers in the chandeliers (to improve acoustics). And adjacent to each senator's antique desk is a new roll-top cabinet that hides a loudspeaker, voting buttons . . . and a terminal for computerized voting and other special functions.

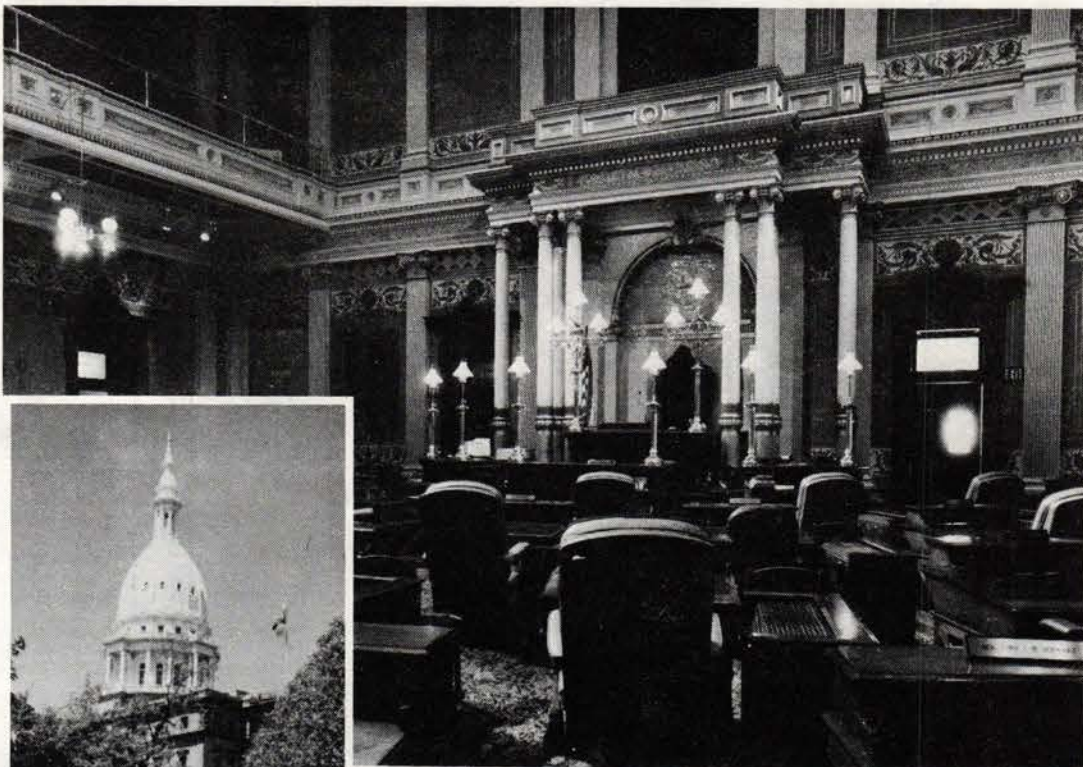
The Senate Chamber job certainly fulfilled Dick's wish to really DO architecture. From November 1988 through February 1989 he worked 16-hour days for 7 days a week producing working drawings and specifications. "I really like drafting," says Dick, "but by the end of February I'd had my fill."

The Orchestra Comes Back

One of Dick's other favorite projects is Orchestra Hall in Detroit, a 1919 building that he's been involved with for 18 years. Erected originally by the Detroit Symphony, the orchestra lost the building during the Depression. After a variety of occupants, the building stood empty for 12 years. When the building faced demolition in 1970, members of the Detroit Symphony led a successful drive to save their old home.



The Old Post Office in Washington, D.C., adjacent to the mall, was originally slated for demolition. When sanity prevailed and it was decided to recycle the building, Dick Frank's firm did the Historic Structures Report — the first one commissioned by the General Services Administration.



The newly restored Senate Chamber in the Michigan State Capitol is a skillful blend of 1879 elegance and 1990 high-tech efficiency. Modern lighting and mechanical systems are cleverly hidden, and adjacent to each senator's antique desk is a new roll-top console that conceals electronics for voice communication and a terminal for voting and other computerized functions. (Interior photo: Greg Domagalski)



The Library of Congress is considered by many to contain the most richly finished interior in the country. For its restoration, Dick Frank's firm, Preservation/Urban Design/Incorporated, acted as consultant to Arthur Cotton Moore/Associates for restoration of the historic surfaces.

Because of the superb acoustics in the auditorium (asserted by some to be the finest in the country), the Detroit Symphony dreamed of moving back into Orchestra Hall. But money came slowly. As funds appeared, Dick stabilized and repaired the building. By 1974, the building was rehabilitated sufficiently so that it could host Friday night concerts. Then a year ago, to much municipal rejoicing, the Detroit Symphony officially moved back to its ancestral home.

Much work remains to be done in Orchestra Hall: They're about to undertake a \$350,000 paint restoration. And there needs to be a large addition to accommodate offices for the symphony. But the turnaround since 1970 has been so amazing that it has provided immense gratification to everyone associated with the project.

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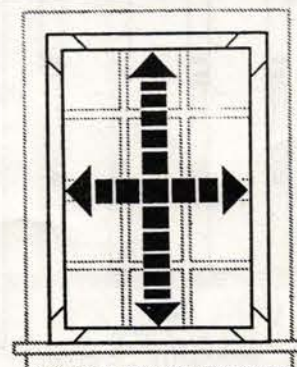
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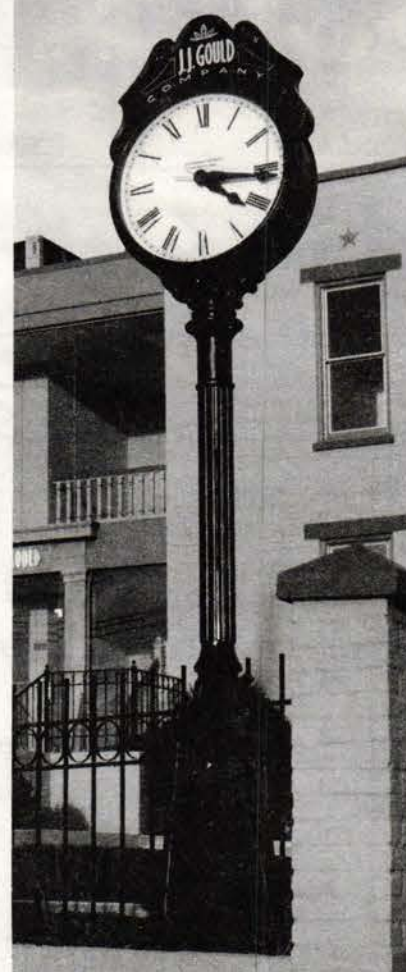
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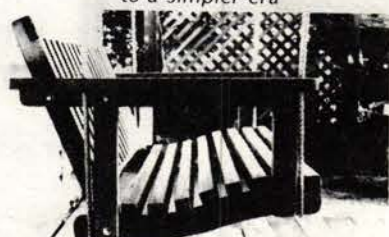
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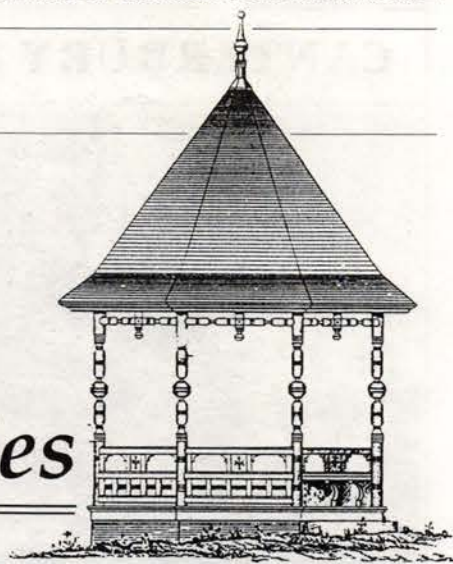
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■ BY CLEM LABINE



he idea of taking one's ease in a small garden summerhouse is as old as recorded history. Paintings of garden houses appear in ancient Egyptian tomb paintings. Roman villas had gazebos that looked out over Italy's rolling hills. Medieval monasteries used little garden houses as sanctuaries for rest and meditation.

The Mogul emperors of India, who imported the concept of garden houses from Persia, raised gazebo building to a high art. The Mogul gazebos were often elaborate marble constructions, inlaid with precious metals and stones, hung with fine embroidered textiles, and situated at junctions of the water channels that coursed through their gardens. The water flowing by — and sometimes through — the garden house made the hot, arid days more bearable.

In America, the heyday of the gazebo was the 19th century. The newly emerging monied classes could afford to display their wealth in lavishly appointed grounds. And the romantic landscape movement, whose first champion in this country was Andrew Jackson Downing, called for architectural embellishments in the landscape. Downing proclaimed that such embellishments would help foster a "union between the house and the grounds." Two generations later, in 1884, Elias A. Long wrote in "Ornamental Gardening For Americans:"

Whatever the size or nature of a garden, there is almost always need of some kind of architectural structures besides the main buildings, for adding to its comfort, security, and interest.

For the Victorians, the gazebo served the dual purpose of private pleasure and public display. For private enjoyment, the gazebo provided a picturesque place of refuge, solitude, and serenity. For

public display, the gazebo was a symbol that the owner had made enough of a mark in the world to be able to afford the construction and upkeep of elaborate garden embellishments. Further, the architectural style selected for the gazebo was a public statement of the cultural values of the homeowner: Gothic showed a romantic attachment to the Age of Chivalry, classical symbolized a reverence for order and rationality, etc.

In the mid-20th century, when the romantic and ornamental traditions fell out of favor, so did the gazebo. But with the reappraisal of Victorian architecture that started in the 1970's, a new appreciation for gazebos has emerged. Besides being visually pleasing, the serenity offered by a few stolen minutes lounging in a gazebo is the perfect antidote for the pressures of modern life.

Selecting The Right Gazebos

Well-constructed gazebos aren't cheap today . . . and they never were. Frank J. Scott, in his 1870 book, "Beautifying Suburban Home Grounds," comments about garden constructions:

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Prices for gazebos can vary by a factor of 8. John Rogers, proprietor of Bow House, Inc., points out that for a 12-ft. gazebo, you can spend anywhere from around \$1,200 to \$8,000. At the low end, as expected, you find the rickety lumberyard specials. At the high end are summerhouses from such suppliers as Vixen Hill and Dalton that are elegant examples of the builder's art.

Quality of materials is one major cost variable. For example, select clear cedar that's used in the top-of-the-line gazebos is 3 times more expen-

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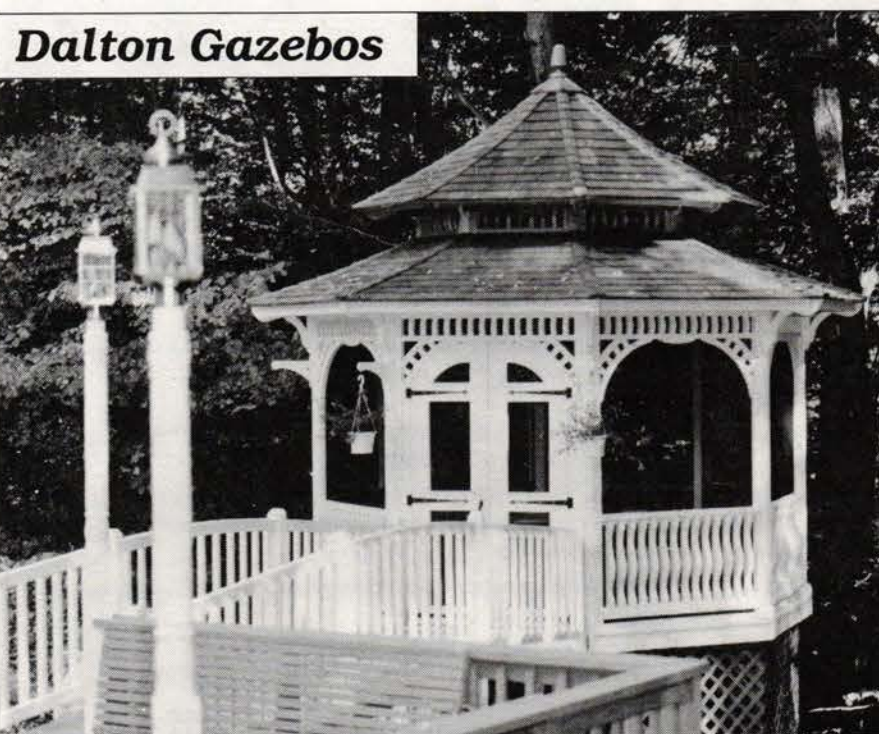
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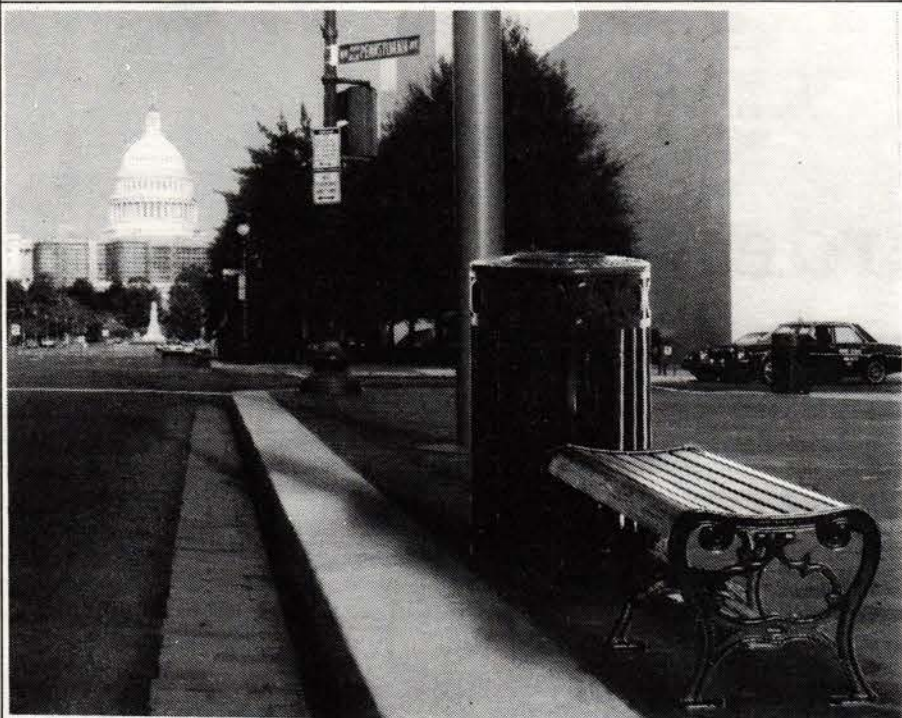
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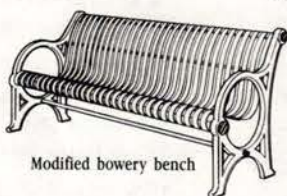
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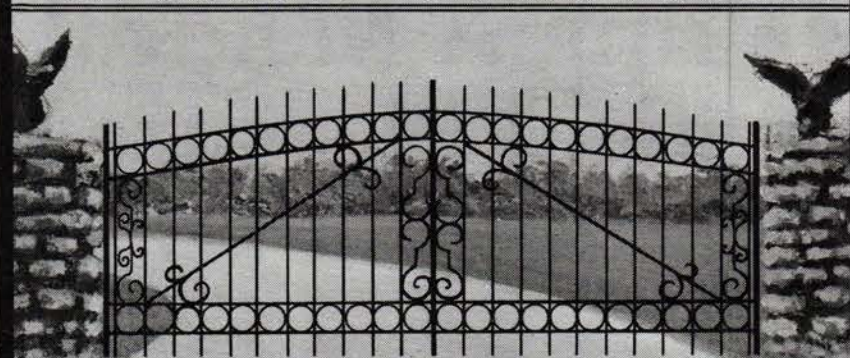
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When Is A Gazebo A Folly?

The term "folly" was derived from the French *folie* (madness). It was first used in England to describe unfinished architectural garden ornaments and newly constructed "ruins", which were designed to evoke the romance and mystery of vanished ages. The term was soon applied to any whimsical construction. Follies can be anything from an Egyptian obelisk to a miniature Roman temple to a Gothic ruin. Occasionally (and incorrectly), the terms folly and gazebo are used interchangeably. A fanciful or whimsical gazebo could conceivably be called a folly, but a plain gazebo could not.

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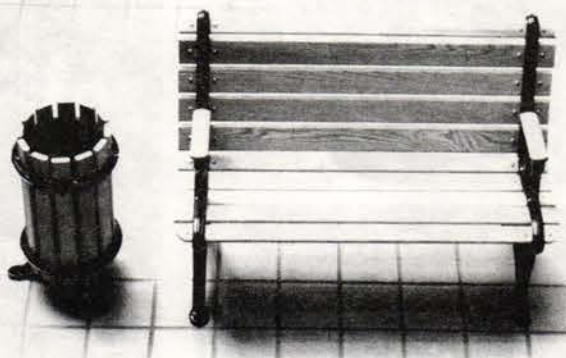
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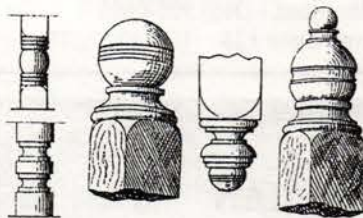
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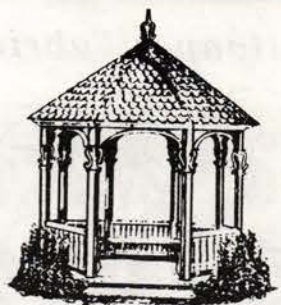
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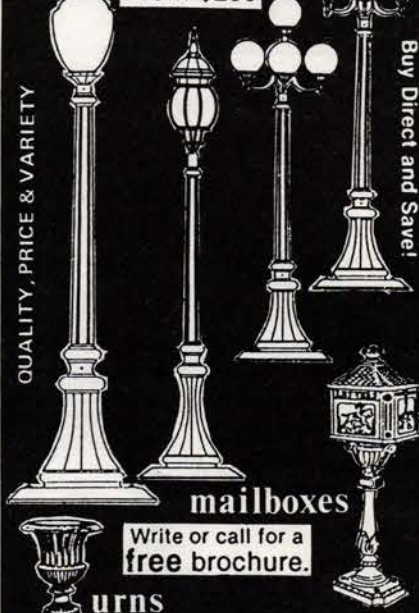
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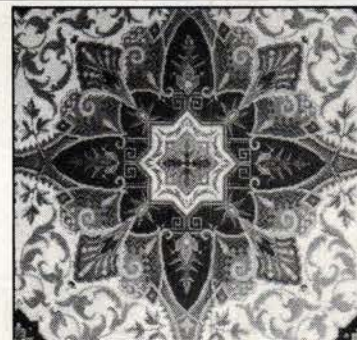
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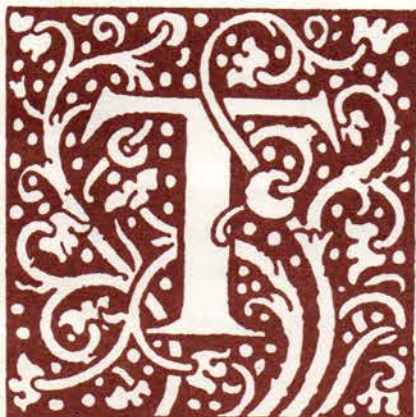
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HISTORIC PAINT COLORS

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his piece is not about PAINT but HISTORIC COLORS. Paint today could be summarized in a paragraph or two, citing the dif-

ferences between linseed oil, alkyd, latex, acrylic, epoxy, and alcohol-based paints and emphasizing the changes required by laws controlling environmental pollution. Historic color is a more complex subject. Ready-mixed paint, which is an industry over 125 years old, is fully mature with excess capacity and companies fighting for market share. At the retail level, most paint is sold as a commodity, i.e., promoted solely on the basis of price. Commercial or industrial sales are likewise primarily dependent upon price. They are also heavily influenced by convenience — end-users often purchase a particular manufacturer's product because the supply is handy to the job site.

I wish I could say with total honesty that all those manufacturers who put out special lines of colors for traditional buildings believe that it is crucial to their position in the marketplace. I'm not convinced that any of them believe that strongly in any line of historic color! Additionally, any line of colors is subject to theft by competitors, especially with the advent of computer color-matching available in some stores at the point of purchase.

Decorating centers are a small exception to the general rule that paint stores are arranged for the convenience of paint contractors. The front of an ordinary store has products stacked on shelves and piled in the aisles. All of the color and design materials are off-axis, tucked away in a semi-secret section.

Ready-mixed paint is marketed in a variety of ways, many of which are survivors from the 19th century, especially the company-owned store. Sherwin-Williams is not unique in its chain of company-owned stores, even though it is the largest with nearly 2,000 of them. M.A. Bruder (MAB) owns its stores and is a strong competitor in the Mid-Atlantic market. Many of the other companies sell their products through local dealers — either decorator centers or hardware stores. For example, next door to a Sherwin-Williams commercial store near me at King of Prussia, PA, selling over one million dollars of product each year, is a locally owned hardware store which sells Martin-Senour, a Sherwin-Williams brand. Dutch Boy, another Sherwin-Williams brand, is distributed through local dealers as well as K-Mart.

As far as I know, this is the first annotated listing of "historic" or "authentic" color cards. Many of the "historic" color cards are more the product of a "color stylist" working from the "color forecast" of industry analysts, like the Color Marketing Group, than a serious revival of authentic period colors. Many color cards are casual about the difference between interior and exterior colors; they

artfully sling a bunch of fashionable colors across a page. Others are more helpful in suggesting color combinations. Most color names are more evocative than specific, causing much confusion; naming colors has primarily moved into the hands of the marketing departments of paint companies.

HISTORIC COLORS

COLOR didn't become an important factor in the marketing of paint until the late 19th century. Prior to the first patent for ready-mixed paint in 1867, all American paint was manufactured at the job site and tinted with pigments bought from suppliers like Devco (founded 1754) or the local drug store. Large and reputable Victorian ready-mixed paint companies positioned themselves in the marketplace with color cards and architectural books illustrated with innovative color schemes. A century later, this product literature became the documentation for a Victorian Revival of Queen Anne color schemes.

After the color card was established as a standard marketing device for ready-mixed paint, there was no major development of "historic" or "authentic" colors until the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg in the late 1920's. But not until the resurgence of the Colonial Revival in the 1950's and the marketing efforts of a new licensee, Martin-Senour, did "Williamsburg Colors" become a na-

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HISTORIC PAINT MADE TO ORDER

For museum-quality restorations, not only is the color of paint important, but also physical factors, such as pigment size, chemical composition, and spread characteristics. Case in point: A recent restoration at Andrew Jackson's home — The Hermitage — near Nashville, Tenn. Historic Paint Consultant Matthew Mosca was called in to do a complete paint study. The specifications called for Mosca to replicate not only the original colors, but also the look and feel of the 1830 painted surfaces. "I usually make historical paints myself," says Mosca, "grinding the pigments and blending by hand. But there was so much paint needed for this job that I searched for another option. Fortunately, The Stulb Company agreed to custom-make the needed paints according to my specifications."

Mosca made a sample board for each color, and sent these to Stulb — along with the basic chemical formula for each paint blend. In the Andrew Jackson dining room, for example, the walls were originally painted a Prussian Blue. Stulb custom-ground Prussian Blue pigment, then mixed it with a white base, linseed oil, and turpentine — similar to the original formula. Says Laney Stulb Loughridge of The Stulb Company: "We paid special attention to making the paint 'ropey' so it would show brush marks — just as a hand-mixed 1830 paint would have."

In all, Stulb prepared 12 different colors for this job (not including primers) in quantities ranging from 1 to 6 gallons. While The Stulb Company's main business is their stock line of historically authenticated paints (see the chart on p. 30), Laney says the company is willing to blend custom historic paints for professionals in special cases like this one. — CL



Admiring their handiwork in the newly painted Prussian Blue dining room of The Hermitage, near Nashville, Tenn., are (l. to r.) George Anderjack, Hermitage Curator; Bill Murdock, Master Painter; Matthew Mosca, Historic Paint Consultant; and Laney Stulb Loughridge of The Stulb Co.



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tional standard. It has almost become generic, with "Williamsburg Green" or "Williamsburg Blue" common parlance.

COLOR REVIVAL

The revival of Victorian colors began in 1976 when The Athenaeum of Philadelphia reprinted Devoe's 1885 countertop display book titled *Exterior Decoration*, and Devoe revived most of its colors for their "Traditional Authentic Historical Colors." The Victorian Revival was broadened in 1981 when The American Life Foundation published Roger Moss's *Century of Color, 1820-1920*, a documentary survey of Victorian and Edwardian product literature. Concurrent with this book, The Sherwin-Williams Company created, with Dr. Moss's assistance, "Heritage Colors: Authentic Exterior Colors for American Buildings 1820/1920."

The Bicentennial of 1976 was probably the last hurrah of the Colonial Revival in the 20th century, and in celebration several paint companies brought out Colonial color cards. The success of Devoe's and Sherwin-Williams' Victorian color lines and *Painted Ladies* (1978), by Elizabeth Pomada and Michael Larsen, encouraged other companies to create special Victorian color cards or add a section of Victorian colors to their Colonial cards.

The most recent developments in historic colors have taken place in Early American and Craftsman interior colors. The Stulb Company has a new line of documented Williamsburg Buttermilk Paint Colors taken from painted objects in The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Center. They are the first commercially offered palette of colors that are not the normally perceived, grey/dark "Colonial" colors. The Roycroft Associates collaborated with Patricia Eldredge, archivist and color coordinator of The Sherwin-Williams Company, in the selection of Roycroft Arts & Craft Interior Palette.

The latest development in the literature of historic colors is the publication late this year of The American Life Foundation's "Joy of Color: Interior and Exterior Painting of American Romantic Homes, 1900-

1940," a documentary survey by Patricia S. Eldredge and John Crosby Freeman with colors keyed to the color system of Sherwin-Williams. Eventually this will be followed by a survey of the 1940-1990 period.

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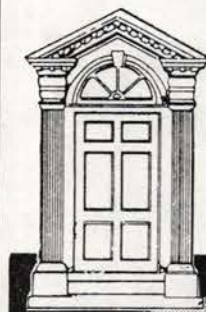
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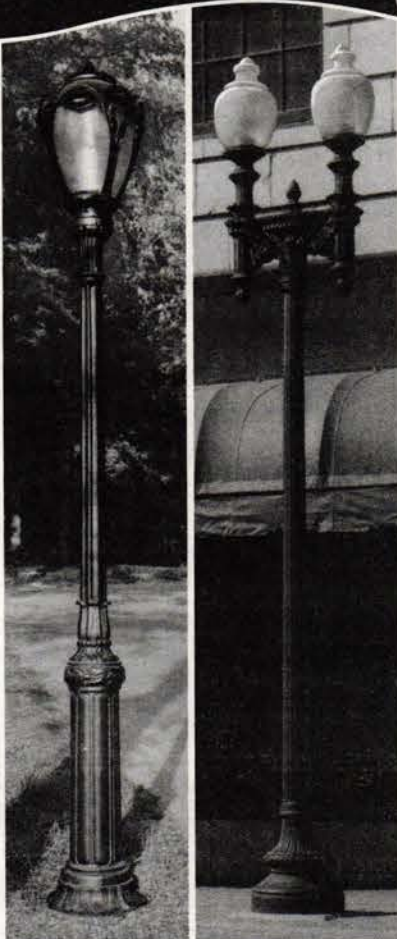
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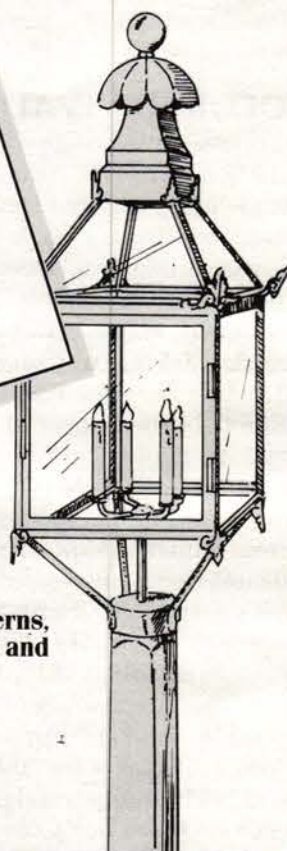
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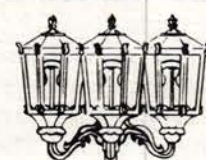
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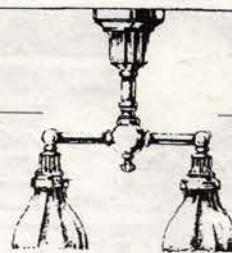
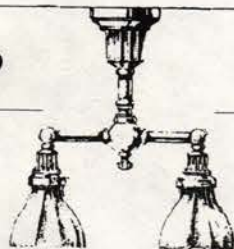


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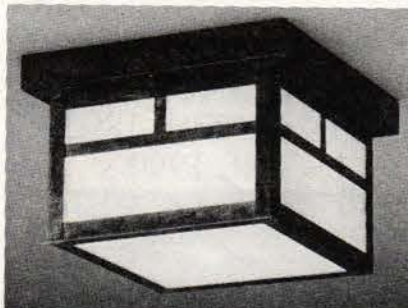
"I stalled the sale for a couple of days and did some research on the building. I found some drawings that included the original light fixtures and made an appointment for dinner with my architect friend. I made my case politely and vowed to help him get the proper lighting. He was thrilled. Several months later, the fixtures were installed — the result of parts I fabricated, salvaged, and acquired from other manufacturers."

This story is a vivid reminder that many people don't realize there was "life after Victoria." Victorian lighting fixtures abound and are often what people think of when they think "Period Lighting." There is, in fact, a substantial demand developing for Post-Victorian, Craftsman, and Art Deco lighting.

We did a quick survey to find out what was "hot" in Turn-Of-The-Century lighting. Listed below are seven specialty manufacturers who provide well-crafted, historically accurate Turn-Of-The-Century lighting fixtures. — JL CSI# 16500

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HOT: (and new) The Huntington series (chandelier and interior and exterior flush

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ART DIRECTIONS

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HOT: Calypso I, a reproduction of a 20's style, this fixture is cast yellow brass or copper-plated over brass (rings are hand spun). 18 in. (shown and priced), 24 in., or 30 in. dia. Acrylic globe included. \$495. Circle No. 436

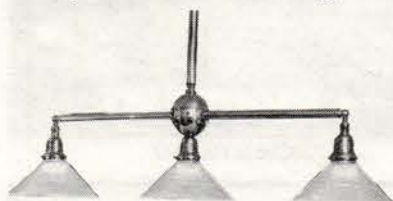


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HOT: No. 554-I Three-Light Santa Barbara Island light with 10 in. prismatic cone shades. 47 in.

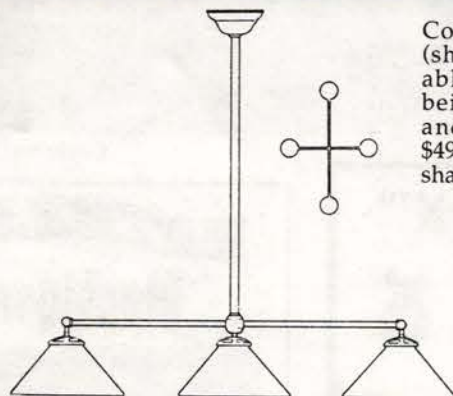
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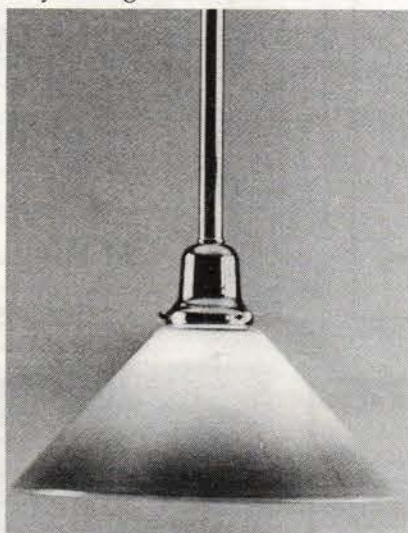
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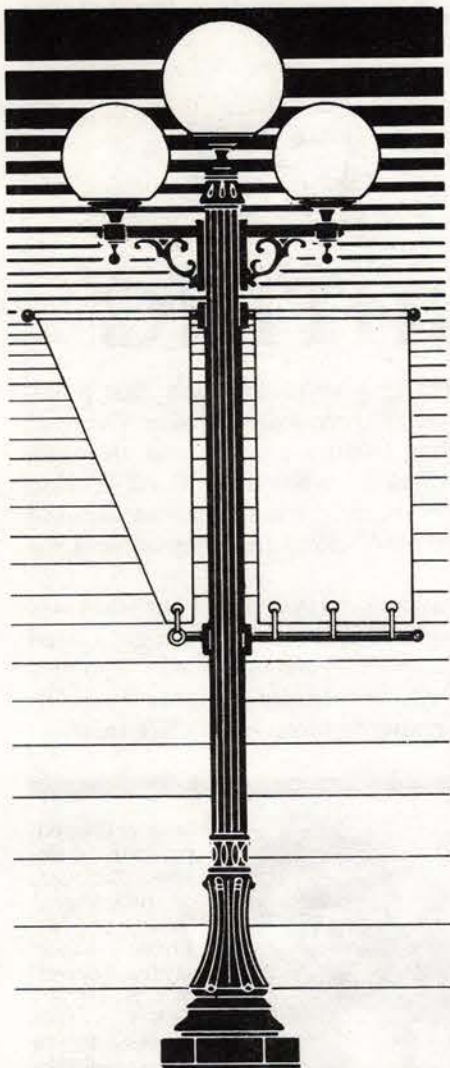


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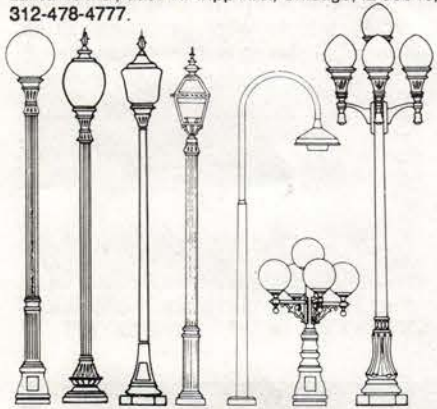


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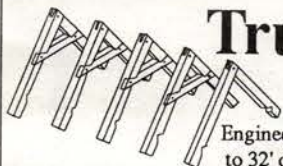
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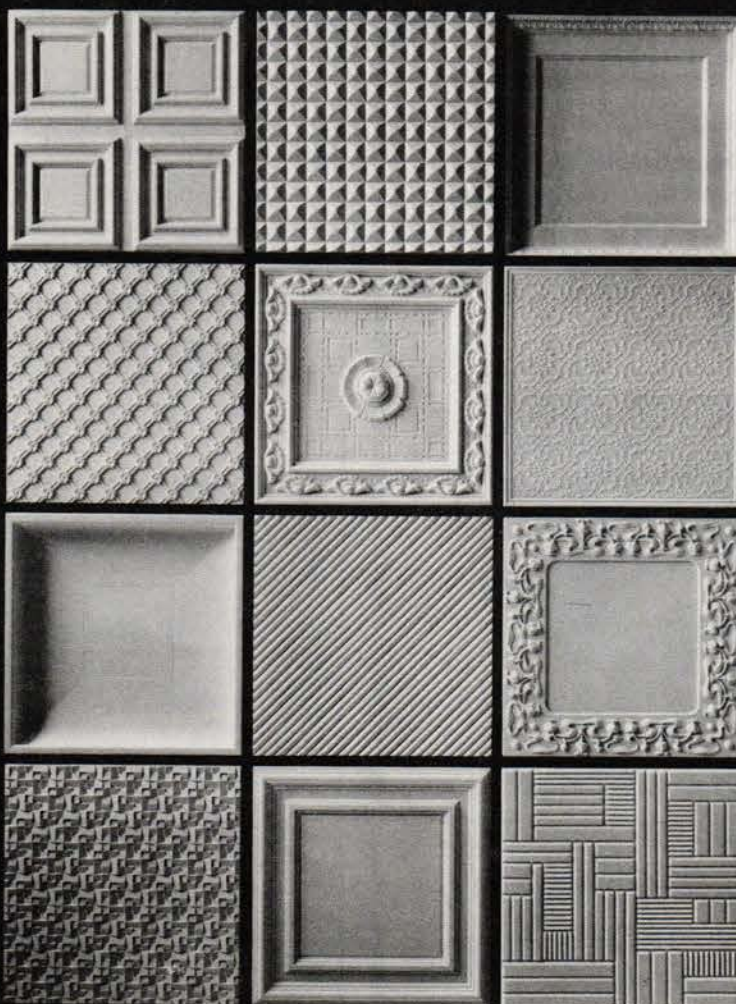
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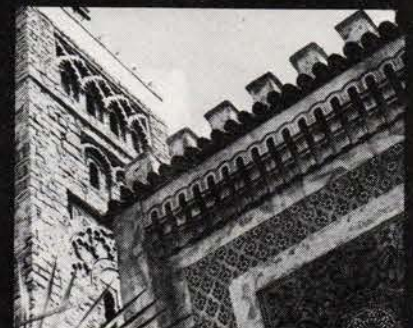
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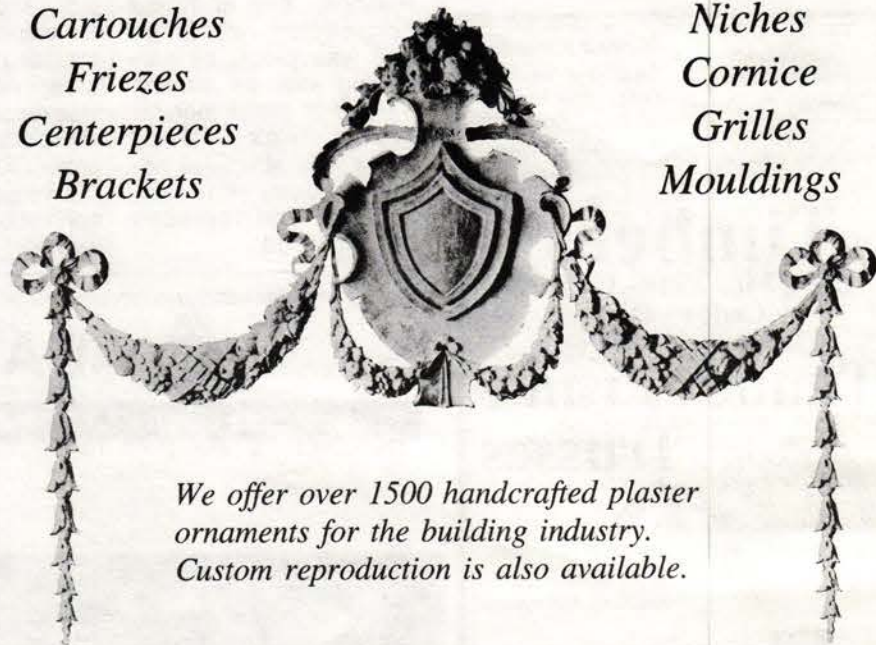
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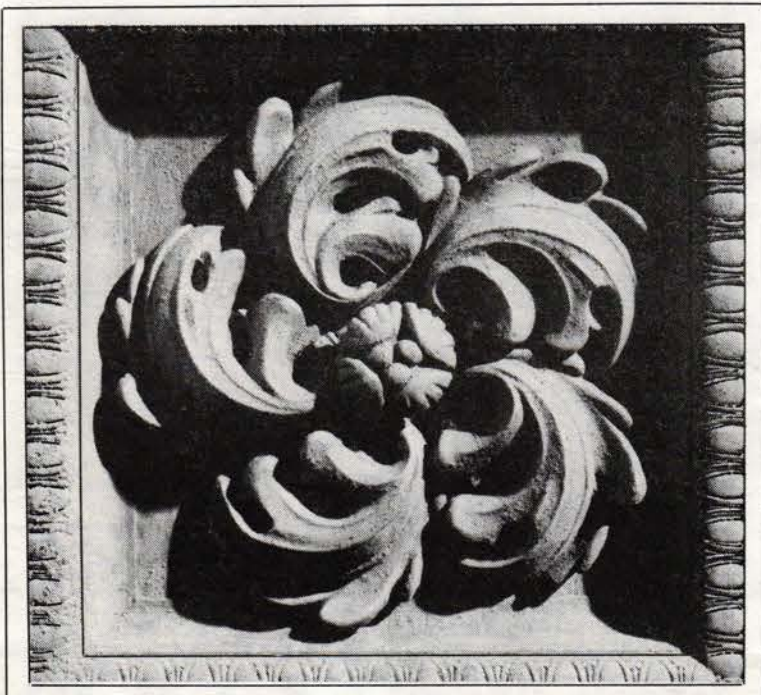
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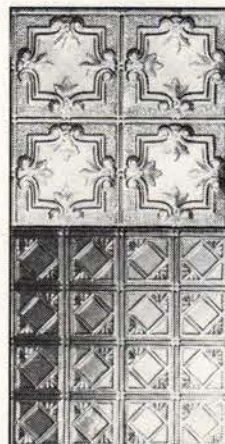


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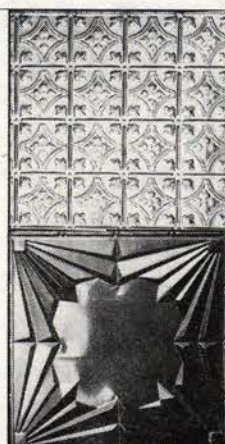
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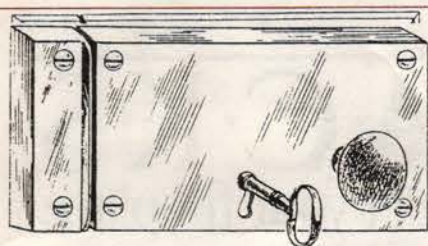
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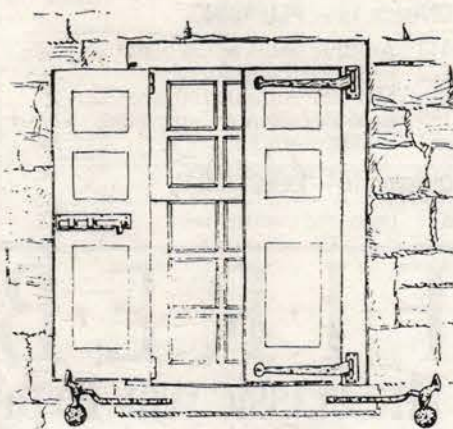
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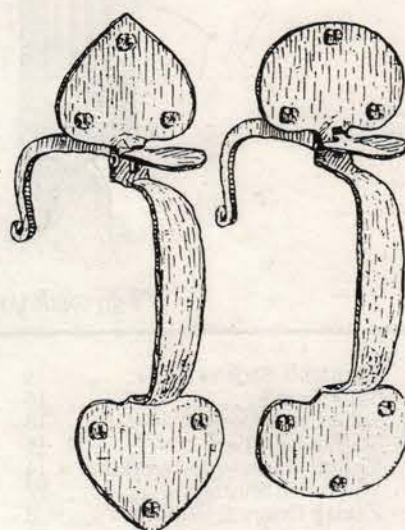
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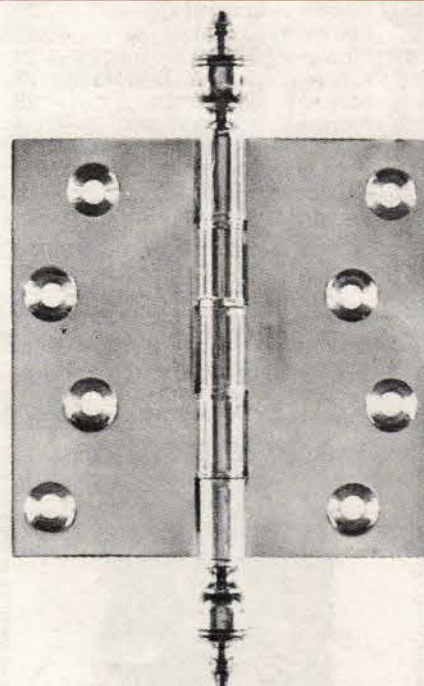
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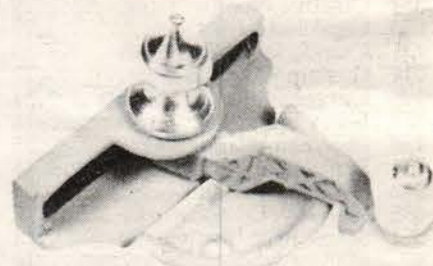


We carry a wide selection of iron and brass hinges from the Early American and Victorian periods. Shown: the H1877 4x4 brass steeple-tip door hinge with bronze load-bearing bushings, typical of the style used in the late 1880's.

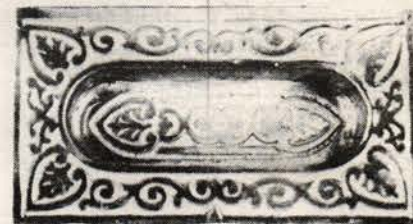
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