# THE ARCHITECTURAL FORURAL IN TWO PARTS



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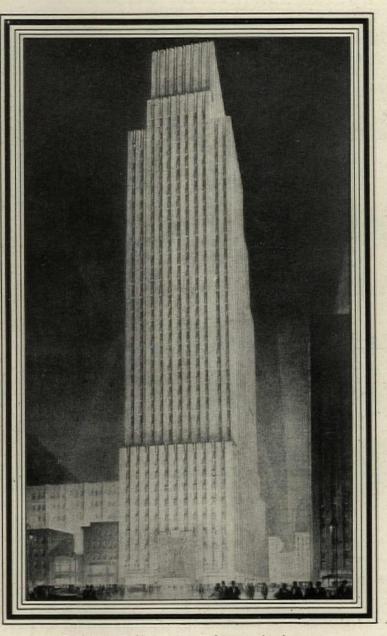
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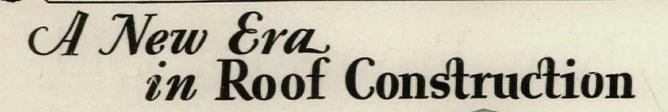
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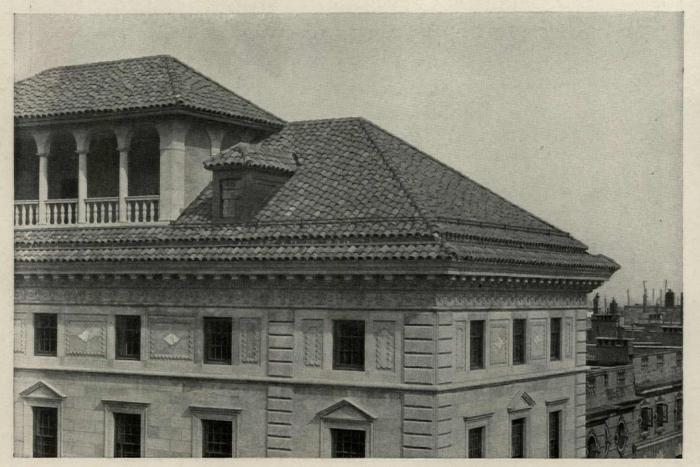
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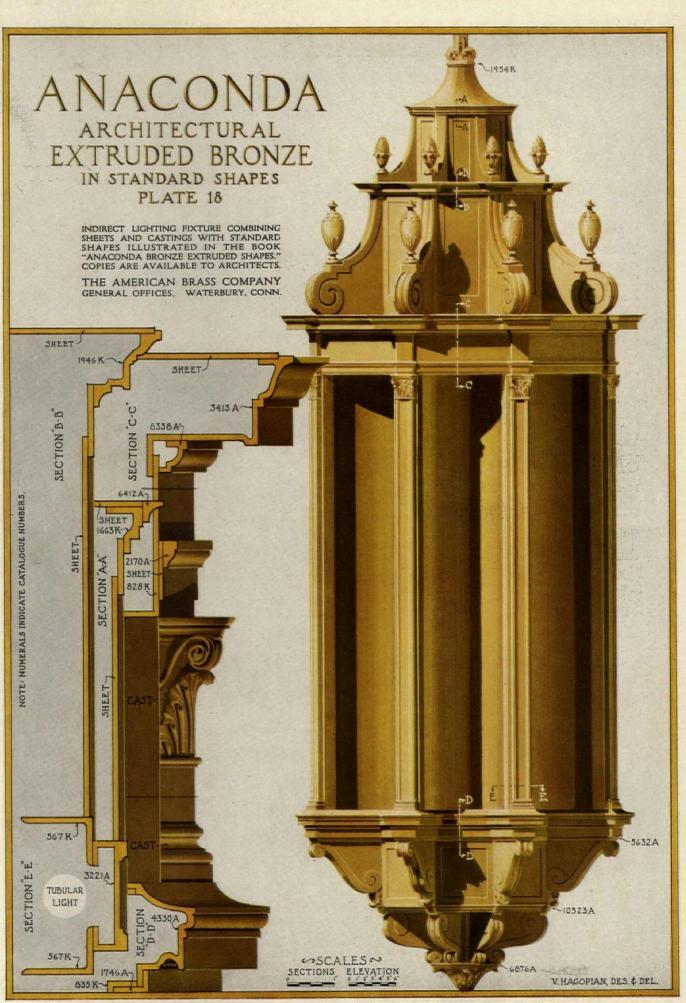
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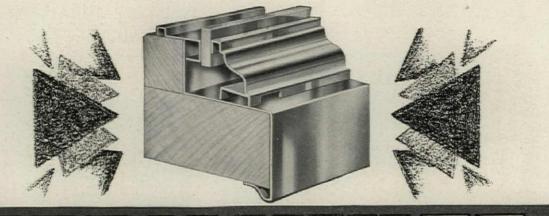
Lhe interior of The First National Bank of Boston building in Buenos Aires is finished in porphyry and green and yellow Uruguay marble. Its spacious dignity is in keeping with the character of this banking institution.



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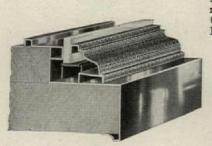
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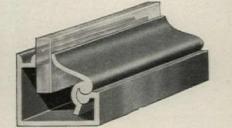
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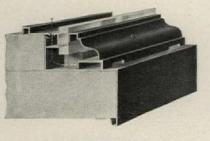
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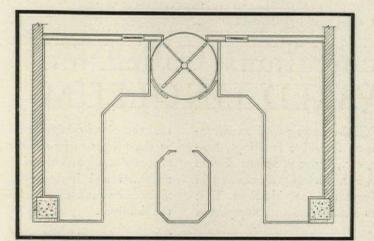


The attractive store of the Illinois Power and Light Co. at Ottawa, Ill., set in Brasco construction. Note how effectively this layout utilizes the space for jull, efficient display. Architect: John Hanifen; Brasco by Rugg Glass Co.

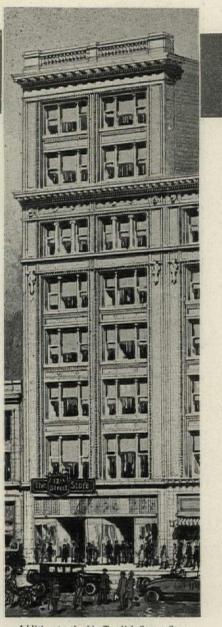
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The design of this front for the Twelfth Street Store addition embodies an island show case, flanked by a broad expanse of show windows leading to the concealed doorway. All plate is beautifully framed in Davis Solid Architectural Bronze, Architect and Engineer: A. Epstein; Contractor: L. Balkin.



Addition to the big Twelfth Street Store, Chicago. with store front construction of Davis Solid Architectural Bronze. (Plan at left.)





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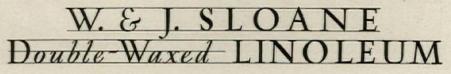
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The terms of the competition have been formulated by the Committee in a manner best to serve the interests of architects, engineers, and the aeronautics industry. Each entry will consist of two drawings rendered in black and white in any medium. Each drawing will include two principal elements. The four major elements are: a small-scale plot plan of ground area; block plans of the structures needed to house the present and future facilities of a complete airport; an airplane perspective, showing principal structures in relation to flying area and to the traffic arteries serving the port; and an elevation and detail of the major structures at larger scale.

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All structural features shall be indicated as constructed of Portland Cement products wherever practicable. Further specifications, including size of ground area and type of accommodations—which are to be designed for airplane rather than lighter-than-air traffic —are listed in the Competition Program. Programs have been mailed to architects and engineers; if you have not received your copy and wish to enter the competition, write or wire the Lehigh Portland Cement Company.

The Jury of Awards, consisting of the Chairmen of the four sections of the Program Committee and other members selected by them, will judge each entry for excellence of design, practicability from an engineering and an aeronautical standpoint, and ingenuity in the development of the principal structures and their disposition with respect to the landing area best to serve the air traffic of today and the immediate future.



The timeliness and public importance of this competition, and the thousands of airports needing competent professional counsel which are to be constructed in the next few years alone, warrant the participation of every architect and engineer in the United States. Upon completion of the contest, the winning designs and those receiving honorable mention will be widely published for the guidance of municipalities and all organizations interested in airport development.

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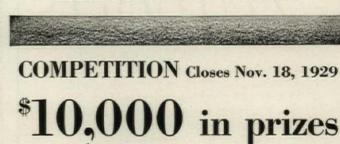
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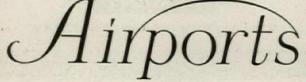
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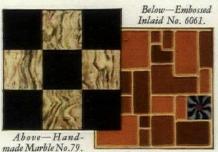
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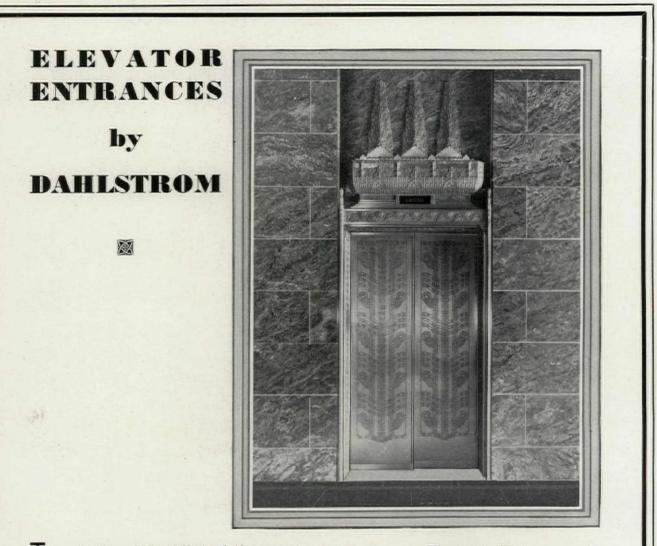
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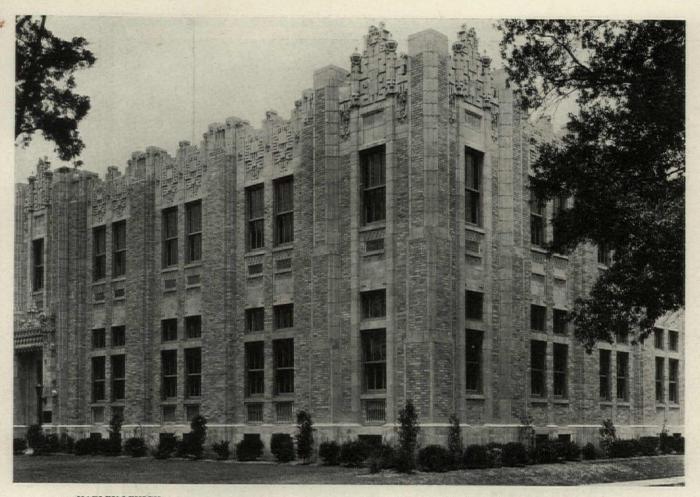
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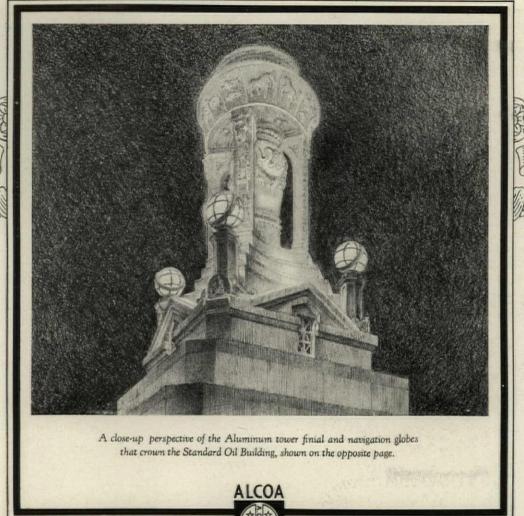
The base is covered with Aluminum sheet. The balance of the tower finial, with its four navigation globes, consists of one hundred and sixty Aluminum castings, the largest of which weighs eighty-five pounds. Erection was accomplished without the use of derricks or hoists.

An interesting close-up perspective of the tower finial will be found on the opposite page.

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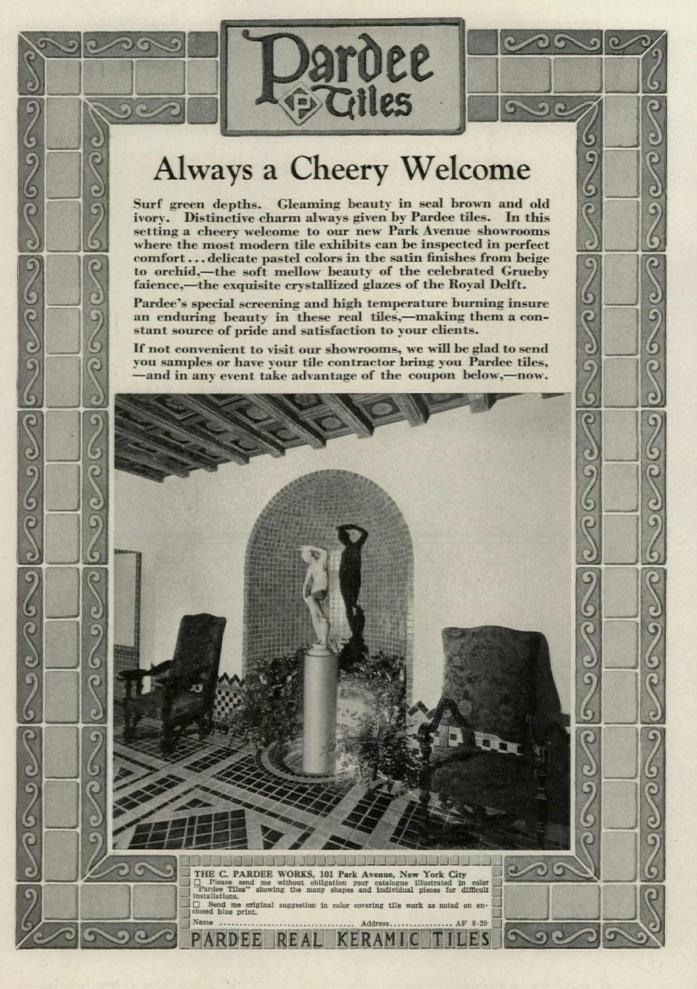
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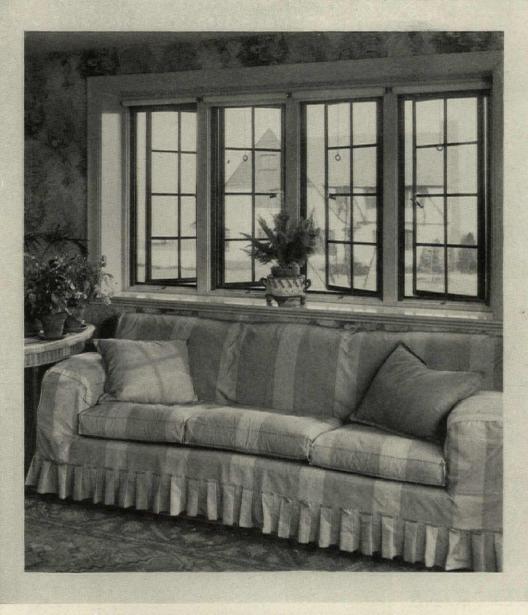
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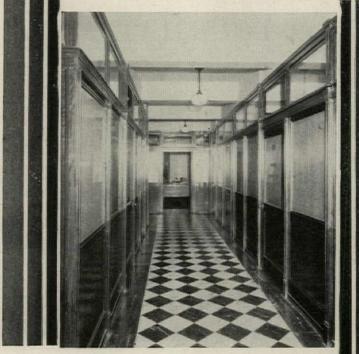


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THE authors of this work on "College Architecture in America" give as its *raison d'etre* the statement: "There is no art in which this country has made more rapid strides than architecture, and our institutions of

learning should exemplify this national progress, especially since it so effectively ministers to all other arts as well as to science and to daily life.' Indeed it is not hard to understand that a lasting influence can be brought to bear on the whole future lives of students in institutions of learning by surrounding them with scenes of real natural beauty and architectural character. Such students are usually at an impressionable period of their lives, and it is during this period that much of their taste for art and literature, whether



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it be good or bad, will be formed. Added to this are purely practical considerations having to do with the advertising of the institution. The colleges of the country have come to realize that in order to remain popular in the face of so much competition as now exists it is necessary to adopt some of the advertising tactics commonly employed to keep certain commercial products in the public eye, and good architecture does this well.

While the more sensational method of college advertising consists largely in the assembling and developing of successful athletic teams, a much more lasting and dignified means of attracting public interest is by presenting an exterior appearance of true æsthetic and architectural worth, embodying something of the dignity and character of the institution that occupies the buildings. The fact that good architecture is one of the best advertising media in existence has long been well known to the leaders of industry. It is said that in the period immediately following the erection of the Woolworth Building in New York, the Woolworth organization experienced a tremendous expansion throughout the entire country. Although it is possible for but few to write their names at the topmost point of the Manhattan skyline, many have succeeded in gaining much desirable publicity through housing their offices or plants in buildings having distinguished or unique architectural character, a good example of the latter being the American Radiator Building. The same principle applies in the matter of presenting the merits of a particular institution of learning to public attention. Since the contact

of a vast majority of persons with colleges consists solely of a passing view or an excursion through the buildings, the importance of an attractive exterior is evident. If the institution greets the eye with a medley of dreary,

obsolete structures the impression gained is naturally not at all favorable, whereas, on the other hand, a well ordered college campus with beautiful, dignified academic structures excites popular admiration and gains for the institution a feeling of respect which would be hard to impart in any other manner likely to be adopted.

Another matter contributing to the importance of having good architecture in college buildings is the fact that the buildings form the only really tangible part of the institution and are most impor-

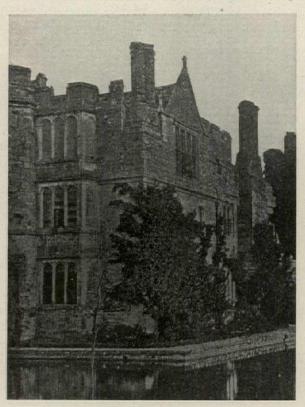
tant in maintaining contacts between the graduates and their alma mater. The personnel of a college changes rapidly, and new faces replace the old, but beautiful old buildings remain throughout the years to greet the returning alumni and bring back memories of bygone days. For all these reasons it is important that the problem of laying out a new college or adding new buildings to the plant of an old institution shou'd be given a great amount of study. The buildings differ from those used for commercial purposes in that they will in all probability be in use for several centuries, whereas the average life of a commercial structure extends only over a few decades at the most. Therefore college buildings must be planned with a view to great permanence and as far as possible to meet the changing needs and conditions that are likely to arise throughout years to come. Their planning must take into consideration a vast number of controlling factors, such as the traditions of the school and the type and topography of the site as well as the kind of instruction to be given; as already said, provision should always be made for future growth and changing needs, and due regard be paid to the character of the student body which is to use the buildings.

The present era has been marked by a greatly increased tendency on the part of large numbers of young people to seek higher education, so that there has been an unprecedented rush of students to colleges and universities throughout the country. The older institutions have had to add greatly to their physical equipment, and an unbelievable number of brand new colleges have been

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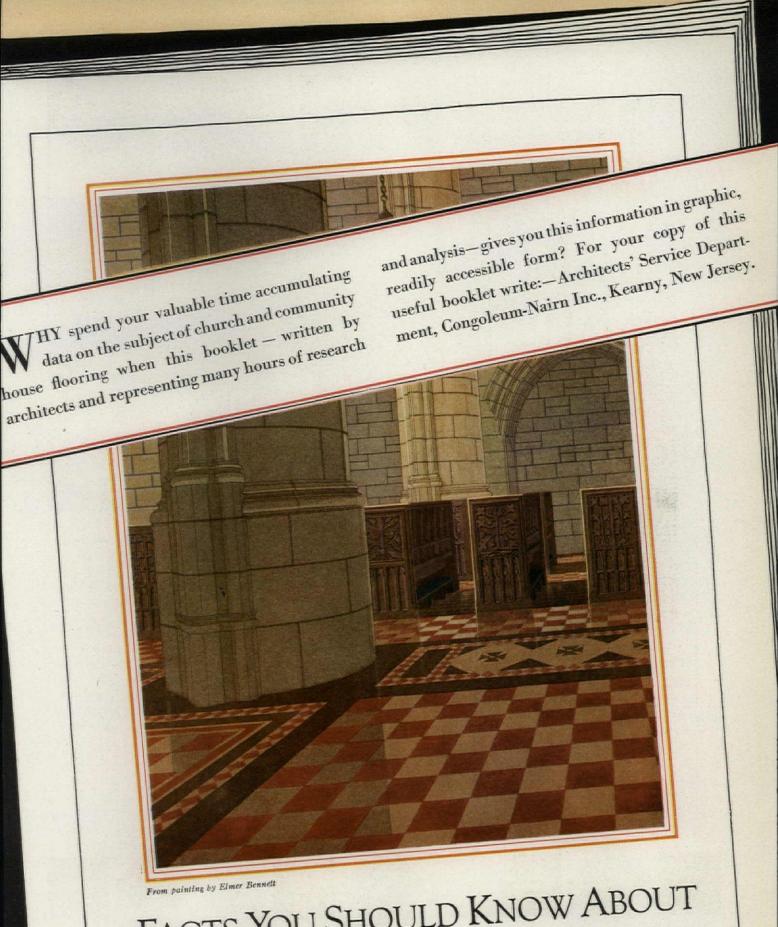
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springing up. In the past it has been too often the case in the construction of college buildings that the money spent has been wasted on structures which are not only unsightly but impractical and poorly suited to the requirements of utility, with the result that our campuses are dotted with buildings which the authors of the present work describe as a "blot upon the scene that evokes the unholy impulse in some secret breast to pray for a fire." Most of these buildings, it is true, were constructed during the dark ages of American architecture. Many of the early college buildings were extremely fine examples and include such masterpieces as the structures designed by Thomas Jefferson for the University of Virginia, and Philip Hooker's Hamilton College Chapel, and the earliest college building in America, built at William and Mary College after designs by Wren. At Dickinson College the old West College building was designed by Benjamin Latrobe, and at Rutgers the Queens Building was the work of John McComb, Jr. The way in which these fine old examples have endured to glorify the names of their designers should inspire present-day architects to strive to perpetuate the ideals of present-day architecture in work that is so likely to be enduring and therefore of such great importance.

Since orderliness is the first requisite of all art as well as of education, this is one of the most desirable qualities to be embodied in a group of college buildings, not only for the effect it has upon the developing minds of the students, but for the pleasing appearance it imparts to the general scene. Architectural confusion detracts more from the beauty of American cities than any other single factor and is a phase of architecture that should receive much more serious consideration. In the field of college architecture a great deal has recently been accomplished in the way of preparing preliminary comprehensive plans for the layout and development of college groups. It may be said that Thomas Jefferson was the first to prepare a well ordered general development plan by laying out a complete group of buildings for the University of Virginia. The idea was not generally followed, however, and for a long period colleges were allowed to develop along haphazard lines by adding buildings from time to time as the need was felt. The practice of orderly planning was revived and given new impetus by the complete designs for Stanford University by Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge. Since that time it is likely that practically every college in the country has obtained for itself some sort of prospective plan for the future layout of its buildings. Since it is such a difficult task to foretell accurately what the future needs and conditions will be, these general development plans are adopted in principle only and are subject to change at any future time. They do, however, furnish a definite basis on which to proceed and help greatly in solving the problem of combining the teaching, housing and recreational facilities in one group of buildings. The æsthetic advantages arising from the use of such a general development plan are incalculable, since in this way each structure is made to harmonize with the others, and the entire group is given the quality of orderliness, whether the plan adopted be formal or informal and rambling, according to site and conditions.

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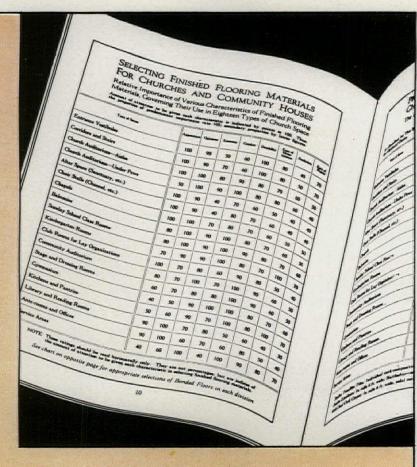
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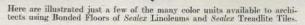
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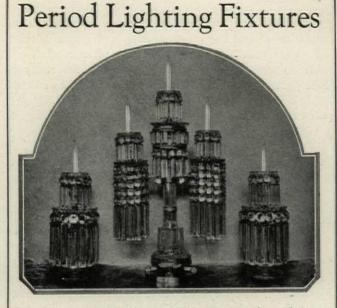
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the part of the authors, who visited over 70 institutions personally and spent much time in writing for and receiving information from those they were unable to visit personally. Their positions as leading architects of college buildings make them particularly well fitted for the task of bringing together all available information, and it is felt that they have contributed something really worth while to the field of college architecture. There are 217 illustrations from plans and photographs, and the text discussion of the various classes of buildings is very complete. The more notable examples of old college structures are shown, and the story of college architecture from the beginning is well told. The general principles and controlling factors in relation to college buildings are discussed and give an idea as to the way in which the problem of college planning should be approached. The important subject of general development plans is also well covered by illustrations and text descriptions. The various classes of buildings are then treated separately, each in a chapter of its own. Administrative office buildings form the nerve centers about which a college or university functions, and they should be planned so as to centralize all departments in as efficient a manner as possible. The authors, under this heading, discuss the administrative buildings in many colleges, pointing out their advantages and disadvantages by the use of illustrations and floor plans. The structures to be used for academic purposes exclusively form another important class of buildings, and the laying out of classrooms and special departments is of great importance to the proper functioning of the educational department. Here again much careful consideration must be given to probable future conditions and provision be made for possible expansion. A wide variety of such buildings ranging from the skyscraper school of commerce at Northwestern University, to the small building housing the law school at Emory University are shown.

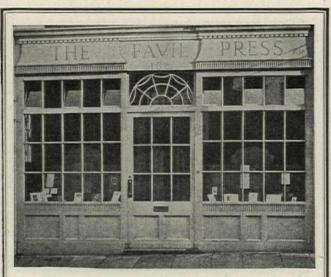
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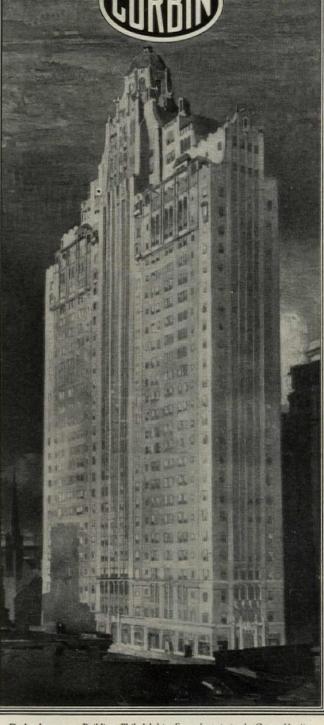


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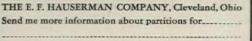
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until we can be quite sure that the modernism we strive for is inherent in our own character. To borrow it from Sweden, from Germany, from Holland or from France would be but to continue our incorrigible habits of plagiarism. As moderns, we need offer no apology for being modern. It may be our misfortune, but it can hardly be said to be our fault. We were born too late to be anything else, and it is really to our credit that we are more willing each day to admit the dreadful fact. We share our modernism, too, with our contemporaries the world over. If our old stodgy habits are changing, if we are beginning to detect a new crispness and terseness, a new simplicity and directness in the design of our small as well as of our large buildings, we may seek for the cause in two factors. First, we are living in a crisper, speedier, smarter time; and, second, client and architect are more nearly one and the same than they ever were before.

"The young architect of today feels and reflects the tempo of his generation. As in dress, for instance, and feminine dress particularly, yards and vards of hampering fabric which an outworn tradition had sanctified, have been stripped off; as manners and music, and even morals, are tending more to the point each decade,-each year almost,-so our architecture is stripping itself of much of the historic impedimenta which clog and hamper its natural purpose. Climate and war and the worship of God, trade and the lust of gold, the struggle for power, the struggle for liberty, and fire, these things have all affected the architectural panorama. Which, most of all, it is difficult to say. The mediævalists might say the love of God; the classicists the love of liberty. War opened the path of the Renaissance into France; the great fire of London cleared the way for it in England. The love of gold, and again the love of liberty, lured men across the ocean. Perhaps in some cities of the United States fire has done more for civilization and architecture than any other single force. Fire can of course be a great blessing.

"Architecture is an art which, above all others, is founded on realism, on sincerity. Our past history might indicate that we have been rather flippant in our attitude toward it. Art is something more than the feather in an Alpine hat or the gold braid of an admiral's sleeve. If we are to regard modernism as just another fashion to be played with, as something that is going to be the rage like all the other rages, we will continue to be fashion mongers rather than architects, false to our opportunities and our obligations. As a plagiarist with a bad conscience but at the same time with an earnest desire to reform, I would say that the American architect should have full faith in the essential virtues of the American character, and that he should 'be himself."

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# FLOOD IN BANK

## .... rips linoleum from floor tears veneer from table .... **TELESCO PARTITION PRACTICALLY UNSCATHED**

FEW weeks ago, on a Sunday, a bursting water main precipitated tons of water into the Director's Room in the Bank of Yorktown, New York City. For practically an entire day the room stood in 2 feet of water. After the water was pumped out, here is what they found:

1. The linoleum had been ripped clear off the floor and had been floating in the room.

2. On the expensive Director's Table in the center of the room, the veneer had been torn away.

3. On a coupon booth just outside the room, the finish of the wood was utterly ruined.

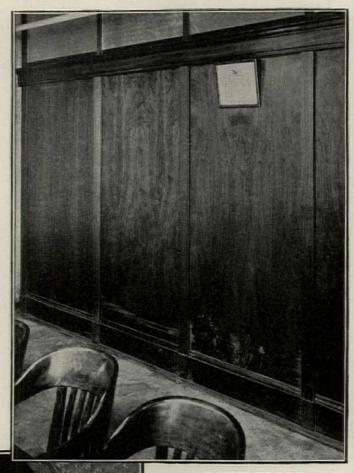
With such havoc around it, you would expect the partition to be a total loss. You might expect it to collapse from the water pressure. Certainly its finish must be destroyed. But as a matter of fact the partition was practically unscathed. For it was Telesco Partition. Its beautiful walnut finish was unharmed, thanks to the exclusive lacquer used. The partition was as rigid as ever except at one point where shelves of stationery stored behind it came tumbling down against it! "We were amazed," writes Mr. J. O'Brien, vice-president of the bank, "at the remarkably fine appearance of the Telesco Partition in contrast to the other equipment in the room!"

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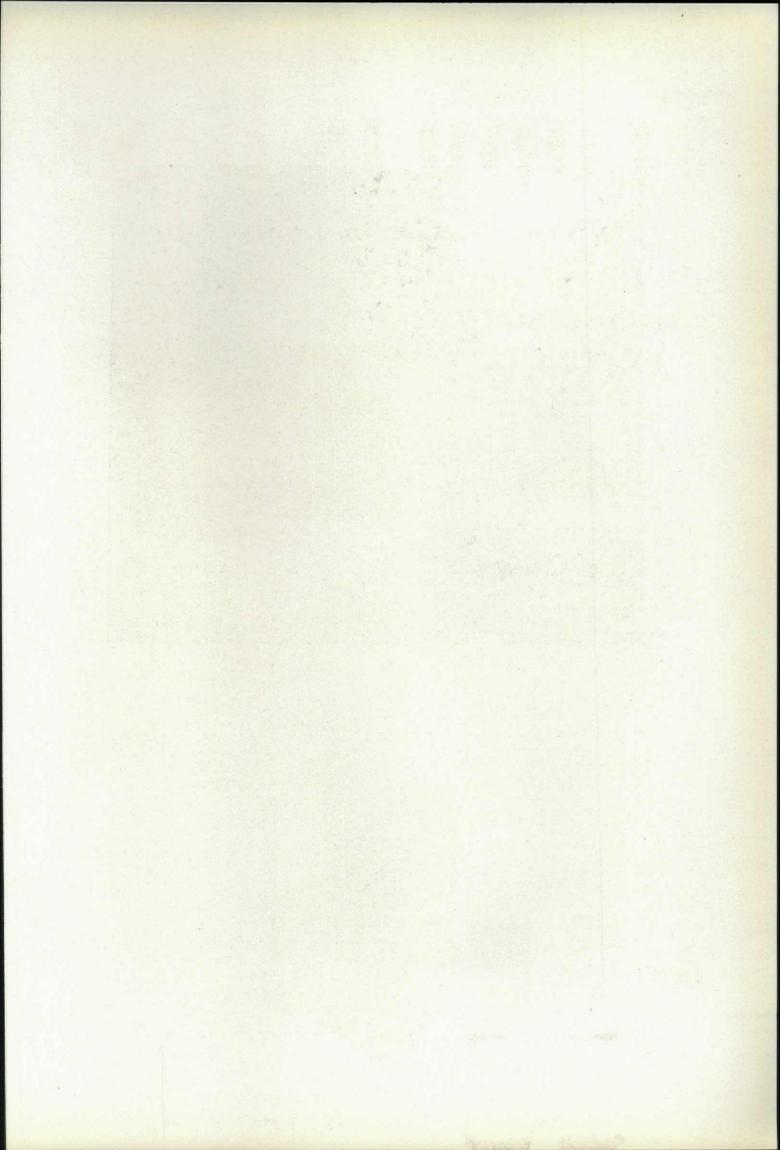


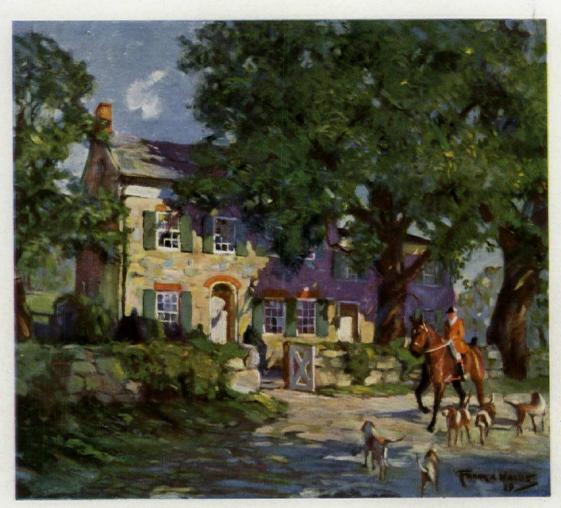


AFTER THE FLOOD {Photos shown were not retouched} Above: Telesco Partition, unharmed-At left: Leg of Director's Table, show-ing how veneer had been ripped away.

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"BLOCK HOUSE." STANWICH, CONN.

From an Oil Sketch by Frank A. Wallis

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#### THE "BLOCK HOUSE," STANWICH, CONN.

TEXT BY STEPHEN HAWEIS DRAWINGS BY

FRANK A. WALLIS

CERTAIN woman was once talking to the Chinese ambassador at a distinguished gathering in Washington. "My passion," said she, "is American antiques. I collect them." And a slow, irrepressible smile overspread the face of the oriental diplomat. To one who habitually thinks of antiquity in terms of thousands of years, the very phrase, "American antiques" seems to be a contradiction in terms,-almost an "Irish bull." But we have a few things, already as obsolete as the astrolabe, which are both historic and antique. There are certain things and places which should never be forgotten and which should be most carefully preserved. Every memento of Washington and Lincoln is eagerly sought for. Tom Paine's house at New Rochelle, the old train in the Grand Central Station, and a host of other historical remains are already under watchful care. It is to he hoped that Robert Fulton's steamboat at Kingston will be rescued from decay before it falls to pieces. But if there is one thing of more interest than another to the millions who now find their chief joys in the possession of automobiles, it should be,-one would think,-the birthplace of the first American-made machine.

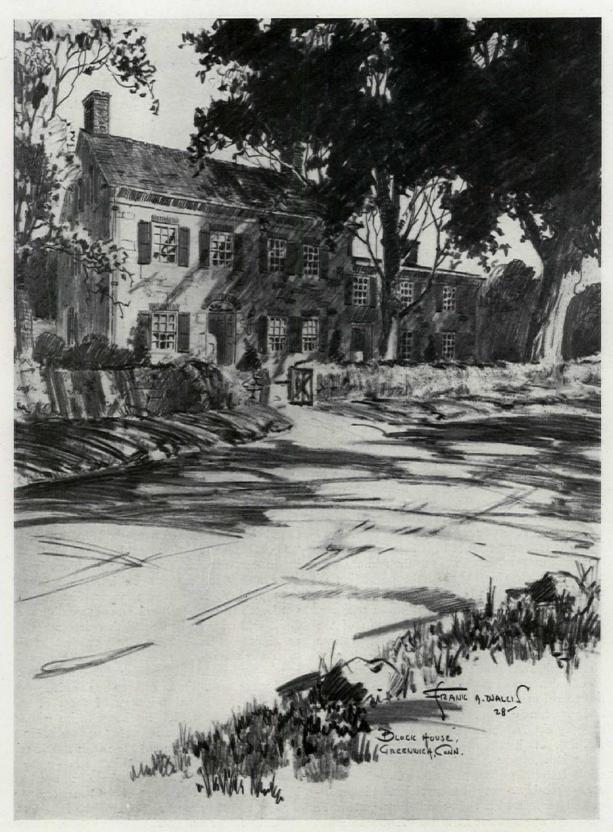
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In 1858, one Simon Ingersoll, cousin of the great American freethinker, constructed a steam car at his home in the parish of Stanwich, near Greenwich, Conn., and drove it proudly into Stamford, a distance of about eight miles. The horrified sheriff of that day arrested his progress there and would, no doubt, have arrested Simon, too, if anybody else had known how to drive his infernal machine. As it was, there was nothing to do but order him to take it off the road as quickly as might be, on the score of its being a public menace,-probably a very just suspicion. Simon Ingersoll performed a right-about turn and drove the car home without accident. It did 16 miles over poor roads in safety,-that alone should not escape the recording stylus of Clio, the muse of history. The machine was then scrapped, and the inventor turned his hand to other things. Simon Ingersoll was not a man of one idea, nor were all

his inventions interesting only because they were novel. He was a genius whose labors gave us the Ingersoll rock drill and the Ingersoll thrust bearing, both of which, with very little alteration if any, are in use today. Devices which make holes in rocks, and the details of the intricate machinery which carries us to Europe, are not very conspicuous in everyday life, but most of us are old enough to remember the days when "He had to get under, get out and get under, to fix up his automobile," had an intimate appeal which is almost dead today. Think what the emotions of a man must have been when he made, with his own hands, a car which necessitated no such thing, but was successful from the first.

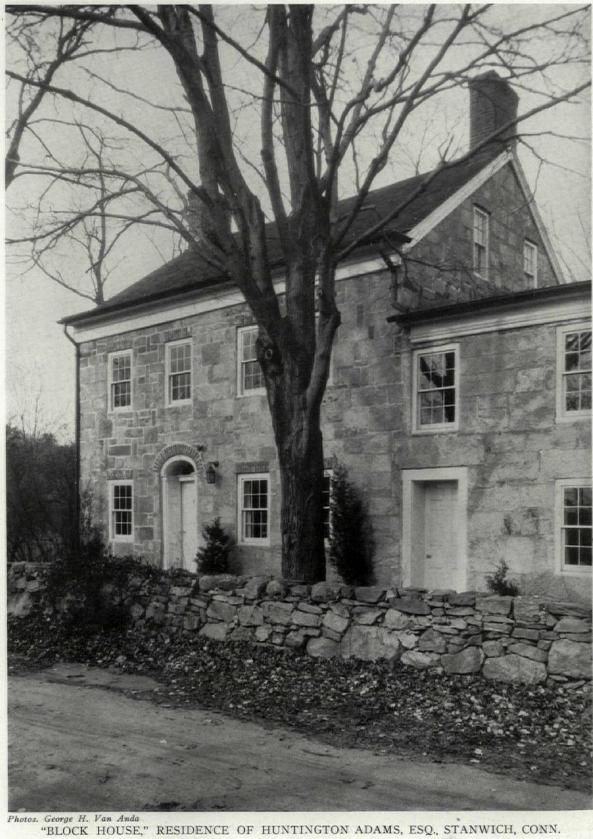
The birth chamber of the first American motor car is situated about 50 yards behind the old "Block House" of Stanwich. It is a stone ruin now, but some day it will be restored, and it may even become a national monument. Odd that the "Block House" is of stone! It is not of Dutch origin, but a typical English west country house quite unlike the many stone houses of Ulster County, N. Y. New England was not healthy for the Dutch when the "Block House" was built, in 1721. Old country houses of that date are very rare indeed, if this be not the only one left. It was originally almost square in plan, to which a smaller wing was added in the same style about a hundred years later. Simon Ingersoll, who died poor, as is the traditional privilege of most of the world's benefactors, left the house to his widow, who was the last of the Ingersolls to own it. Here is a veritable American antique which should appeal to a variety of American interests,-a stone house in New England, long known and admired by architects, the birthplace of the American motor car, and the ancestral home of the Ingersolls. Both the father and grandfather of Robert G. Ingersoll lived here, so it is probable that Robert spent much of his time here, though he was not born in the house. Lovers of the past will be glad to know that the "Block House" is now the home of Huntington Adams, who has had it admirably

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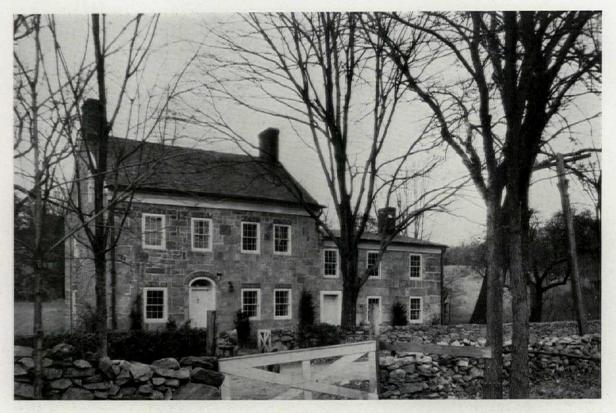
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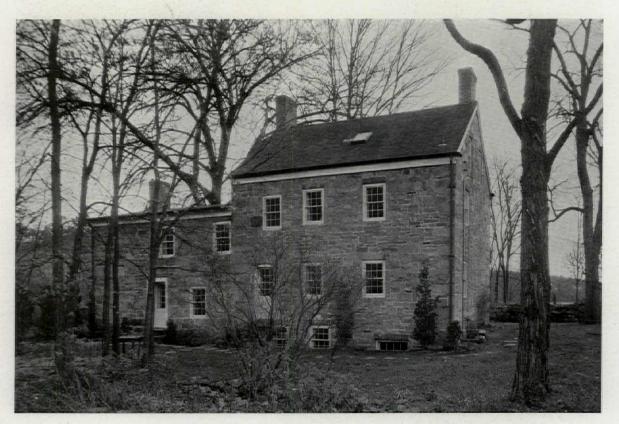


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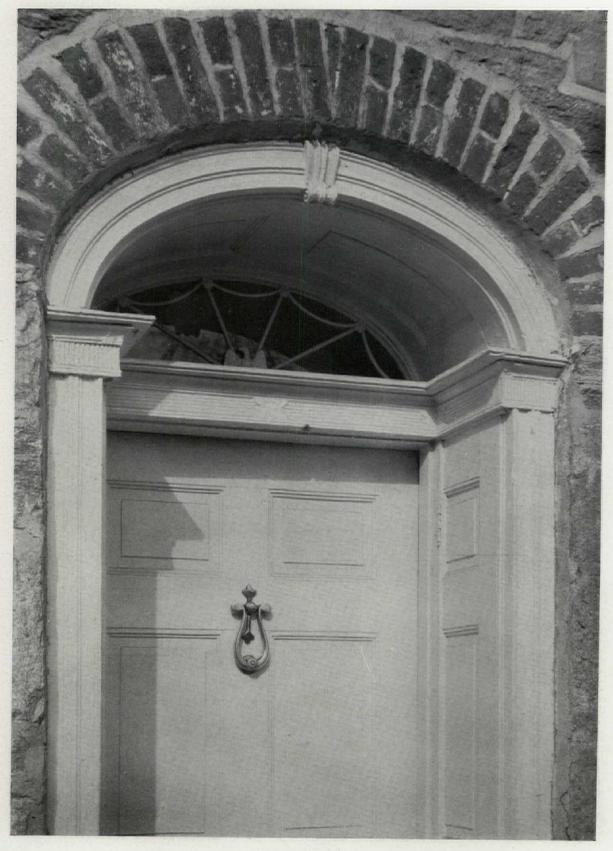


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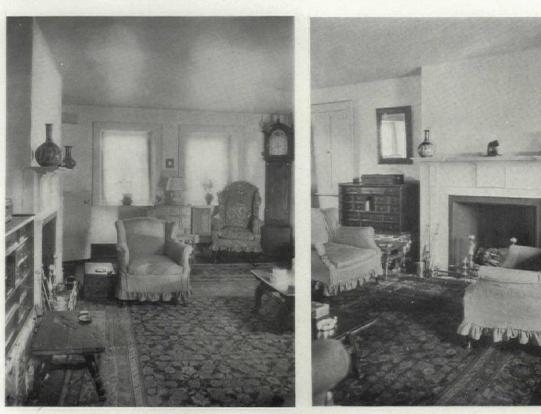
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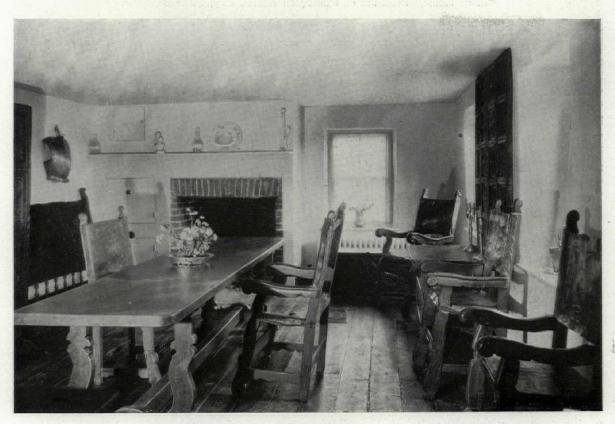


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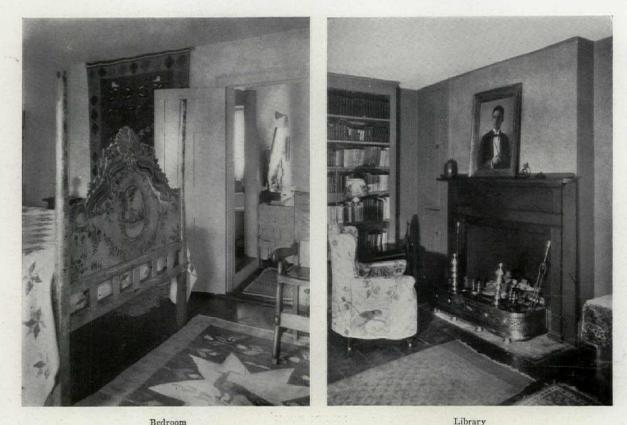


DINING ROOM "BLOCK HOUSE," RESIDENCE OF HUNTINGTON ADAMS, ESQ., STANWICH, CONN.

Providence of Contragonality -

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"Block House," Residence of Huntington Adams, Esq., Stanwich, Conn.

restored under the skillful supervision of Parker Morse Hooper, the architect. Shaded by huge trees, of which at least one must be fully as old as the house, it stands close beside the road. Its walls are 20 inches thick, and the plaster, on the inside, where it has not been removed to show the beauty of the hand-faced stone, is applied directly to them. Another curious feature in the building is the brickwork over the windows, curious since there were practically no brick made in this country at that date. The Fraunces Tavern in Broad Street, New York, has similar brick arches, and it may be that the few used in the "Block House" were part of the consignment imported from Swansea for the other building. Brick were made in a factory in the Delaware valley at a very early date, but they must have been rare in Connecticut.

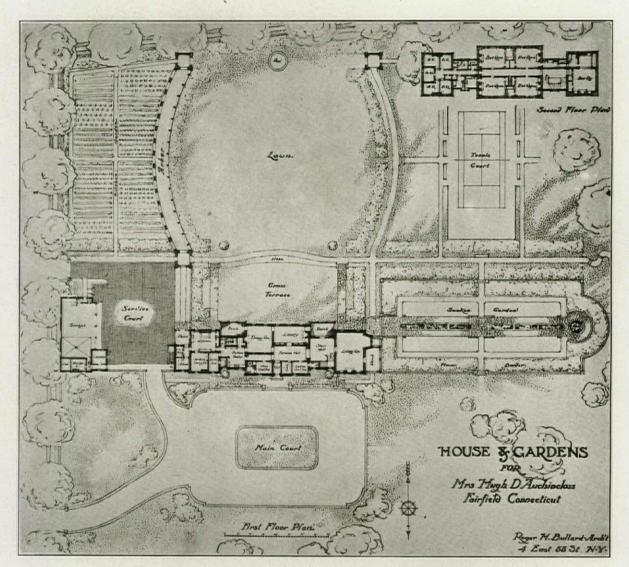
Perhaps these details are of less interest to the average citizen than they are to specialists. More poignant historical associations are not wanting, though particulars may never be found and proved. It is certain that this house was built so strongly to repel the attacks of the Myano Indians who had their forts throughout the wooded hills behind the house. The valley of the Mianus River is still the wildest and least visited section of the country within 50 miles of New York. Women who were our great great grandmothers were hurried to safety within these walls, while great great grandfathers, armed with flintlocks and blunderbusses, stepped warily from the shelter of a rock to that of a covering tree, hoping for a shot at the Indians. There is romance a plenty in American annals which was not recorded by our forefathers because the tragic events of daily life were so common as to cease to be remarkable. If Uncle were late for supper, it was not his club which was the cause of his default, but someone else's club! It was more than likely that the body would be found with a neat circle of skin skillfully removed from the scalp!

Coming down to Revolutionary times,—the days of yesterday by comparison,—the old "Block House" played its part nobly. Half a dozen or more of the defeated soldiery made their way to it after the Battle of White Plains. They could not hide in a conspicuous house by a public road, but the old stone house concealed behind it in the woods, which long afterwards became Simon Ingersoll's workshop, was an ideal retreat. The Ingersoll family kept them hidden and fed them for weeks until it was possible for them to escape.

In imagination I can see an endless procession of cars and trucks, cultivators and business wagons, reverently visiting the first factory and garage, the place from which the great great grandfather of millions of Fords and Packards, Buicks and Cadillacs ran his first Marathon of 16 miles, —a building deserted and broken up in the prime of life, to be utterly forgotten until the year 1924.



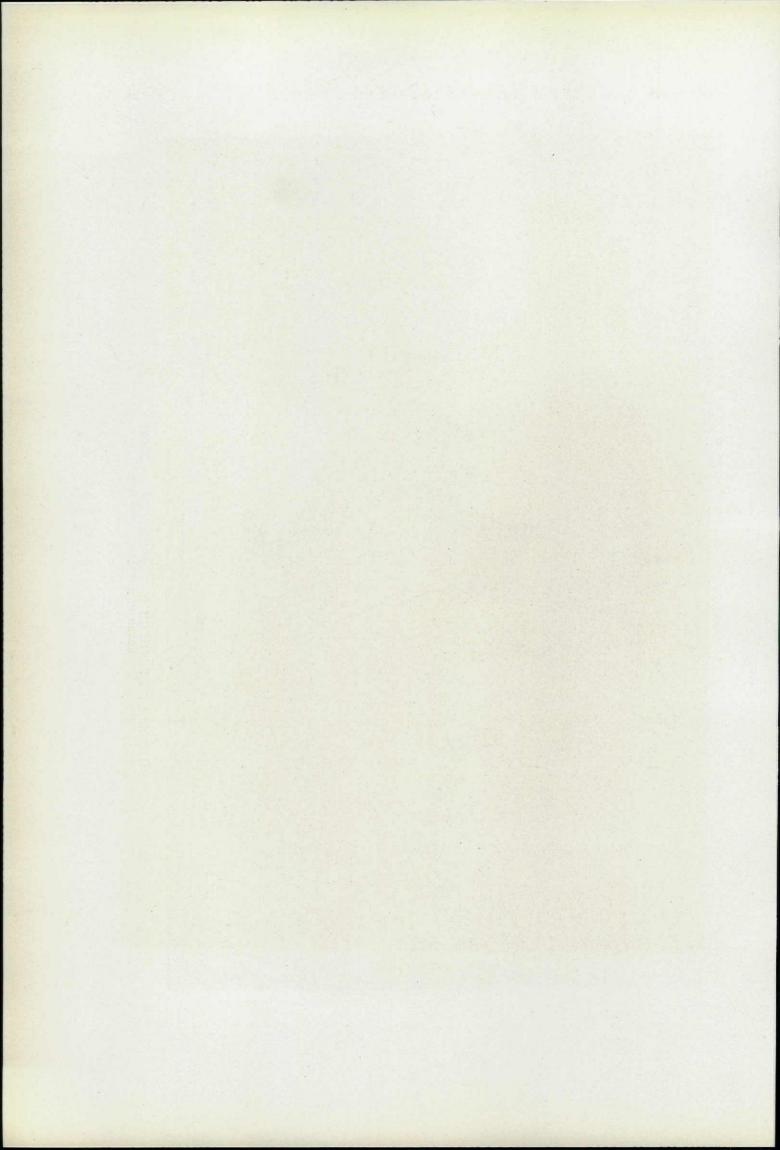
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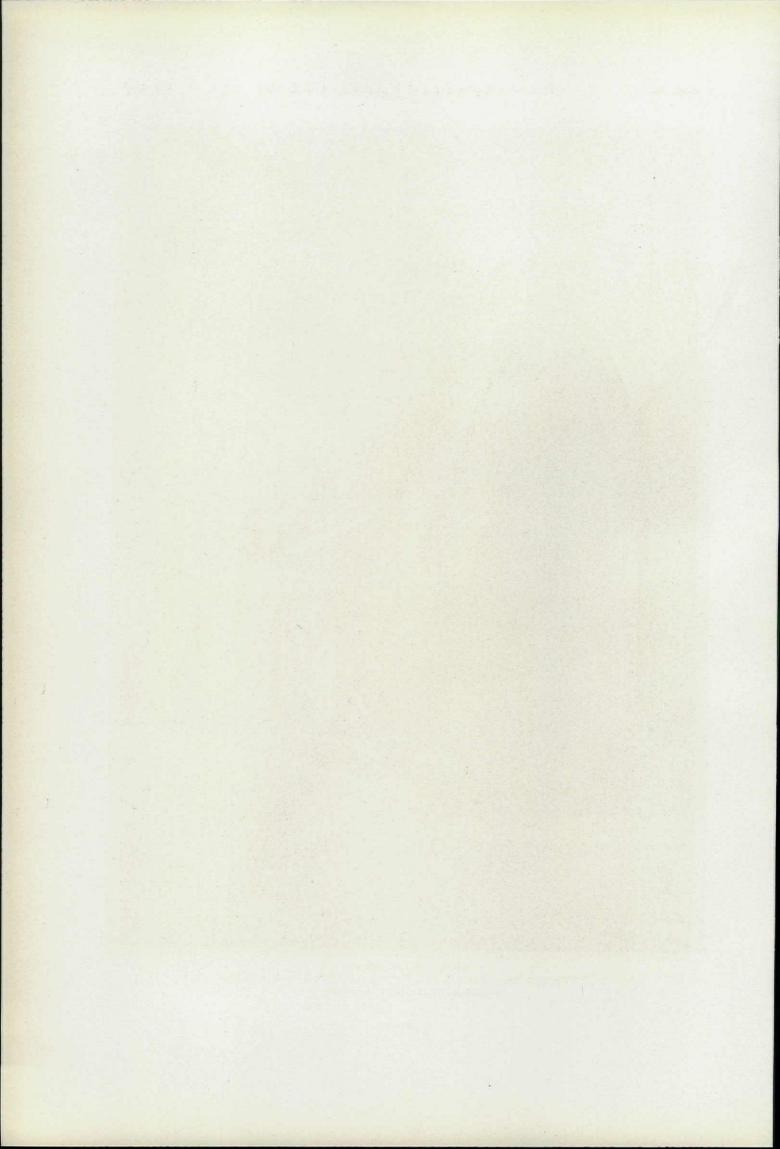
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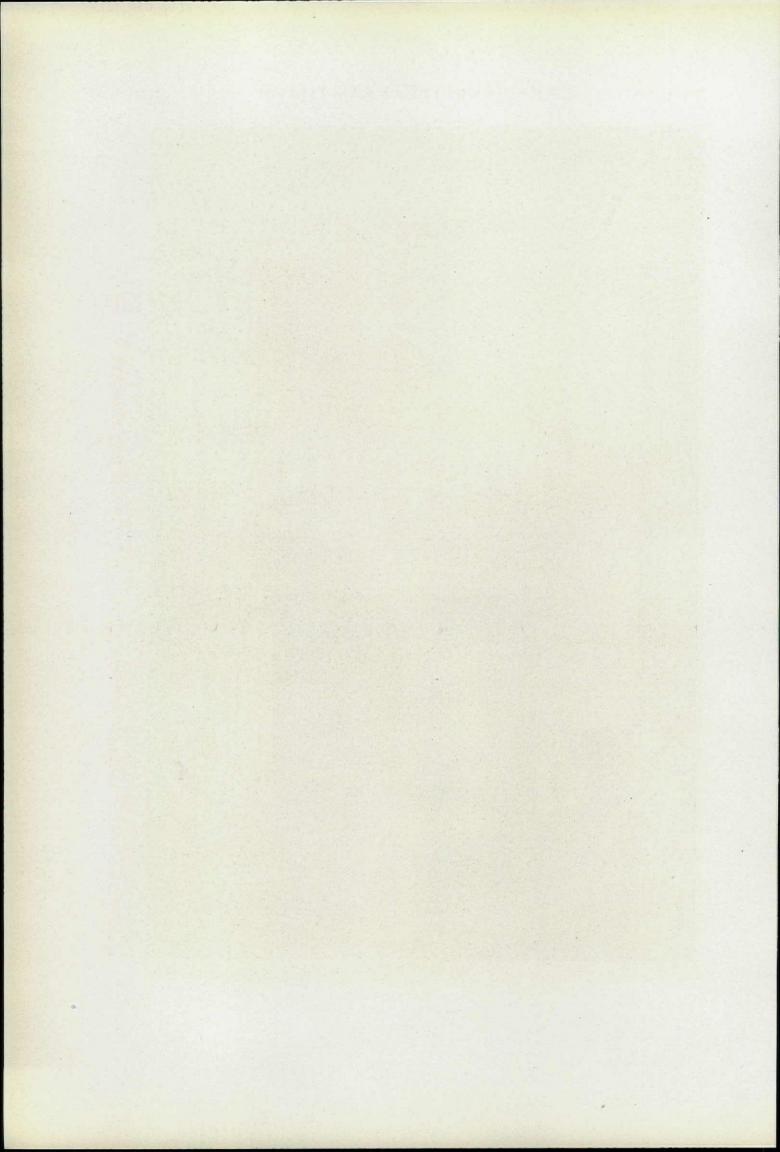
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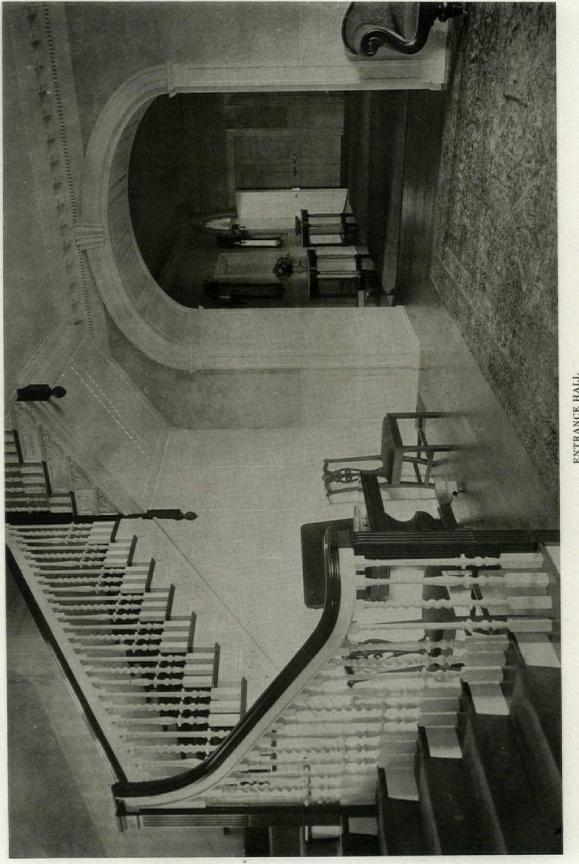
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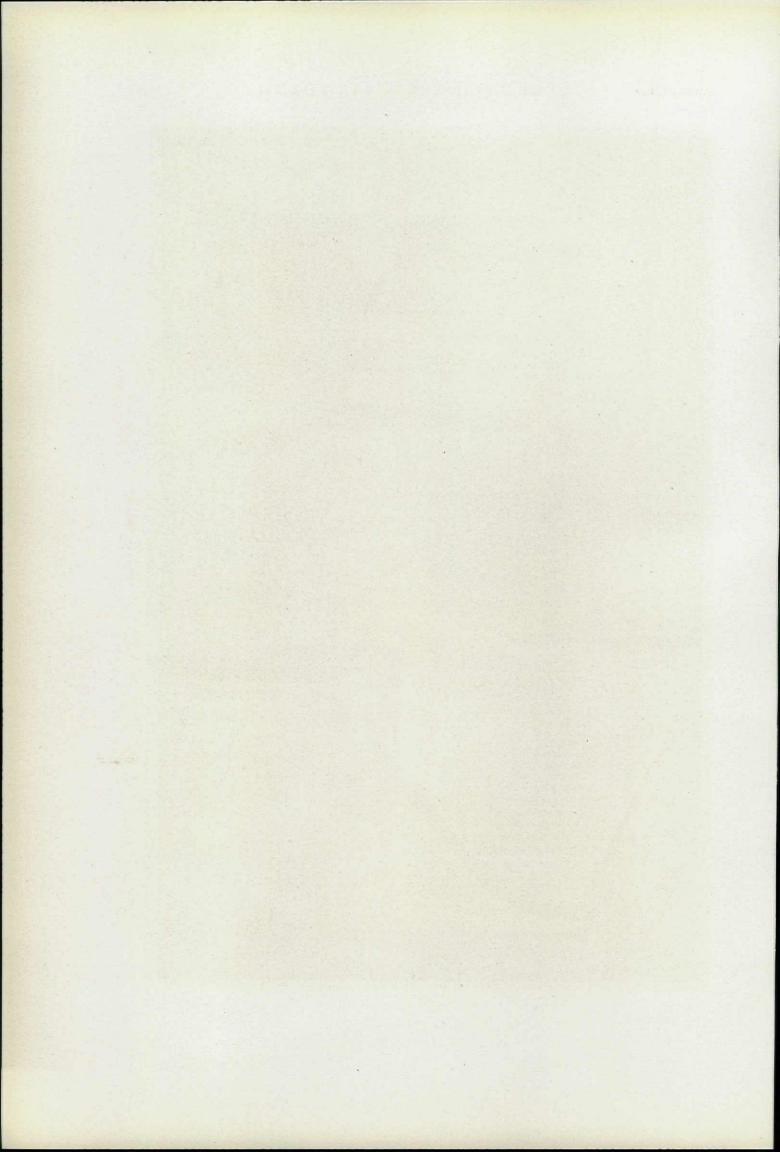
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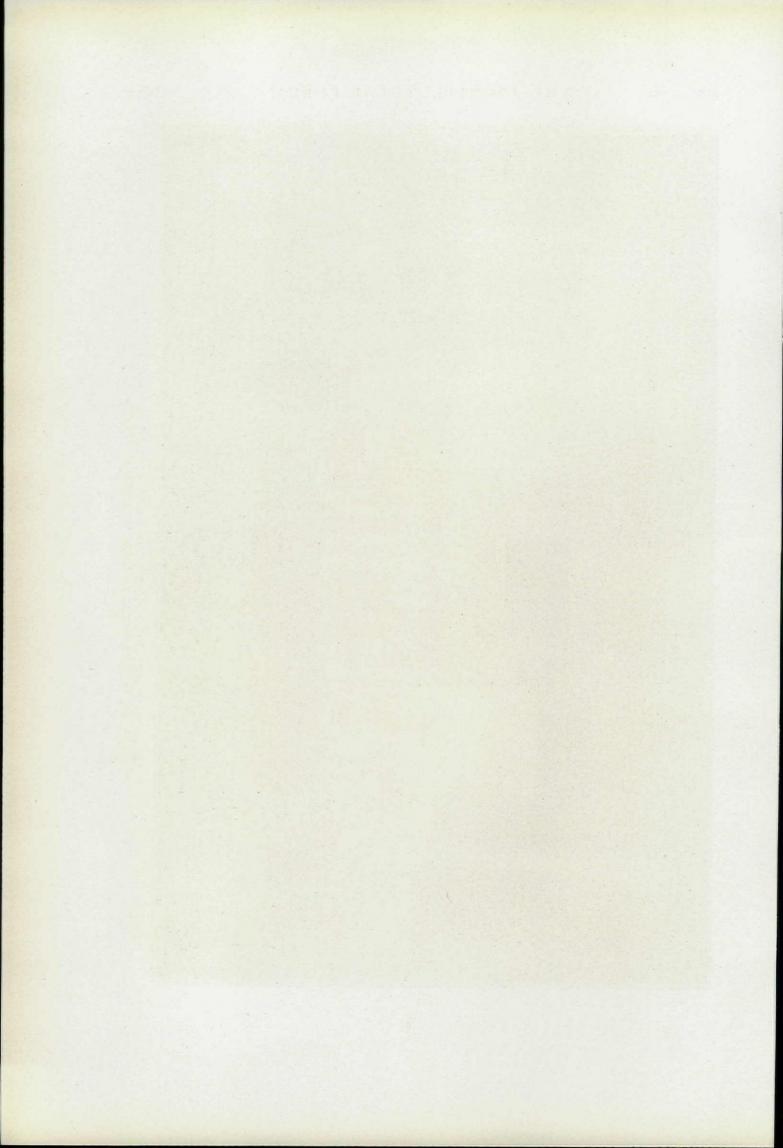
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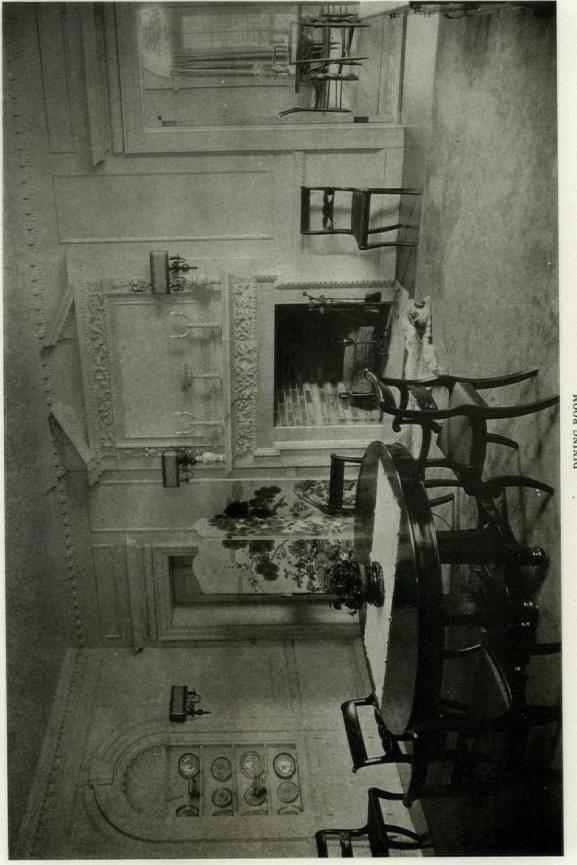
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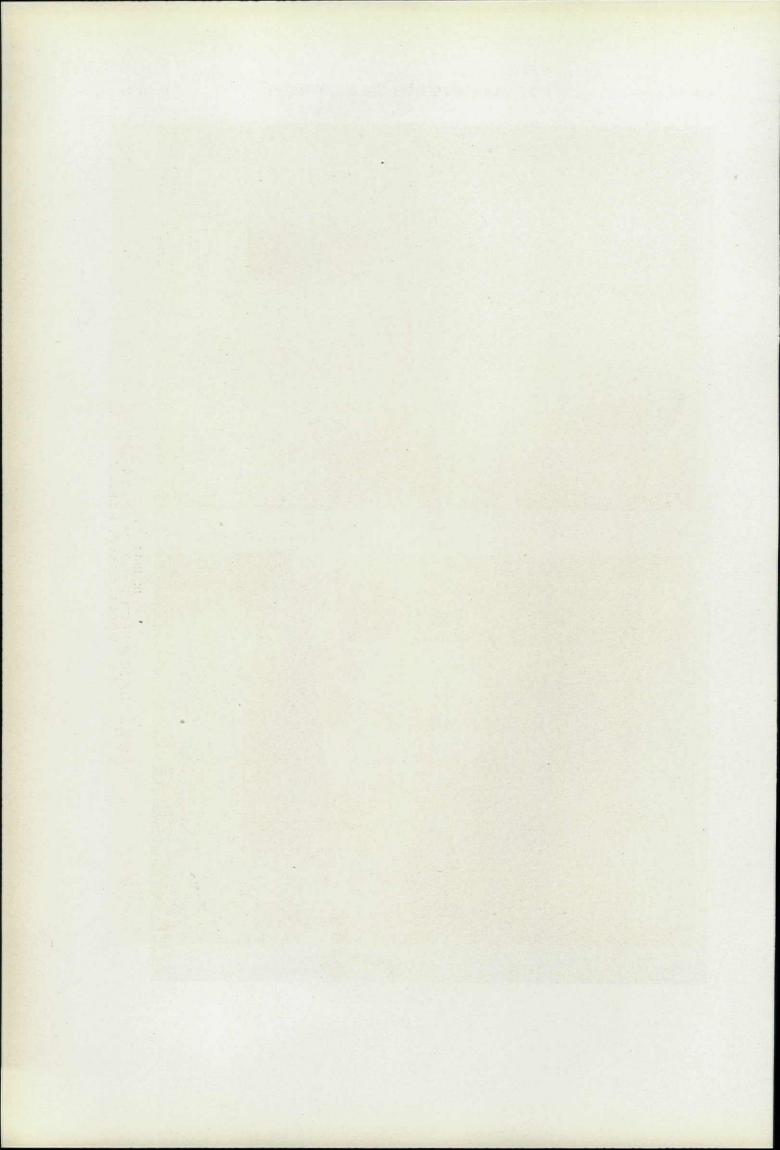


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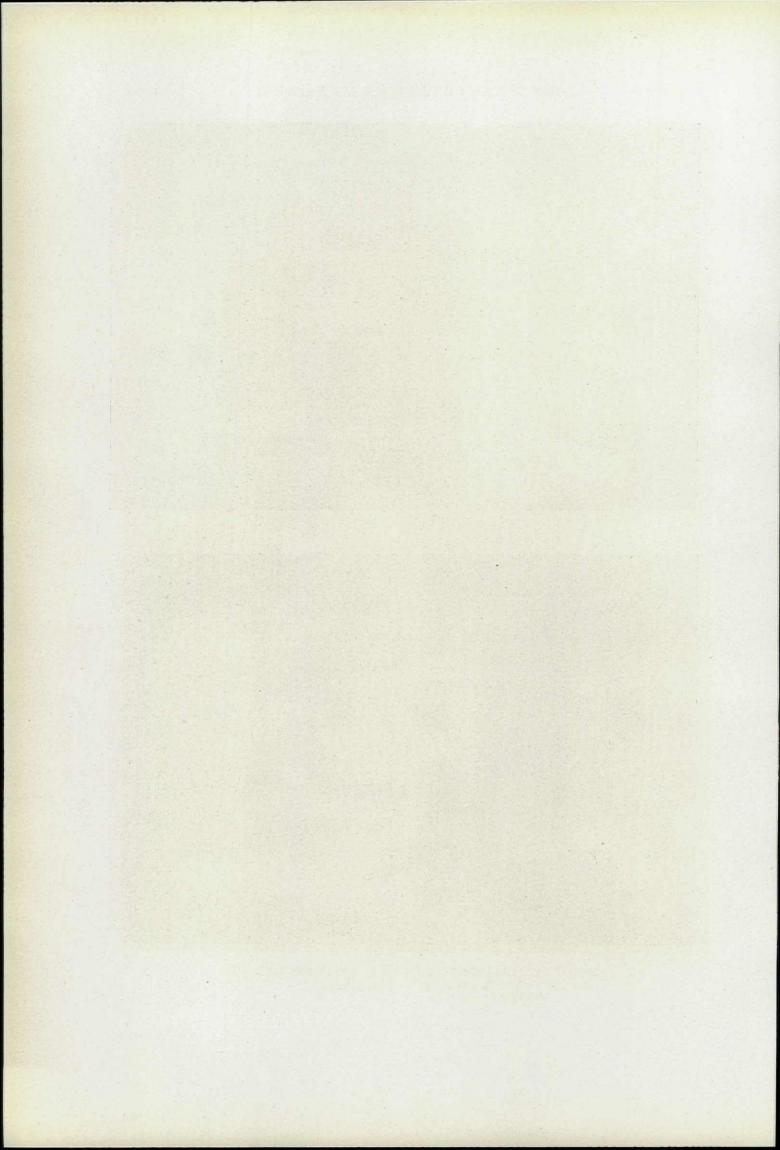
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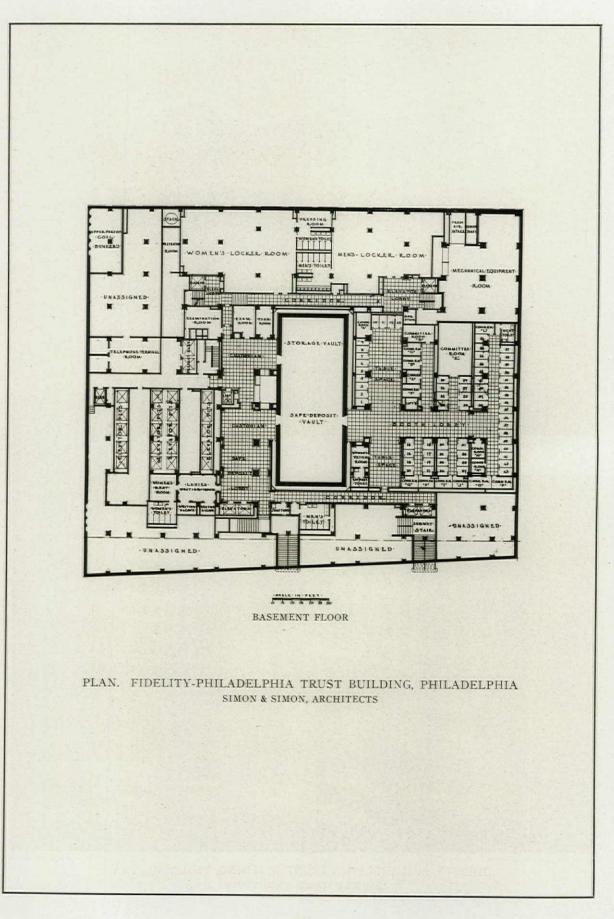
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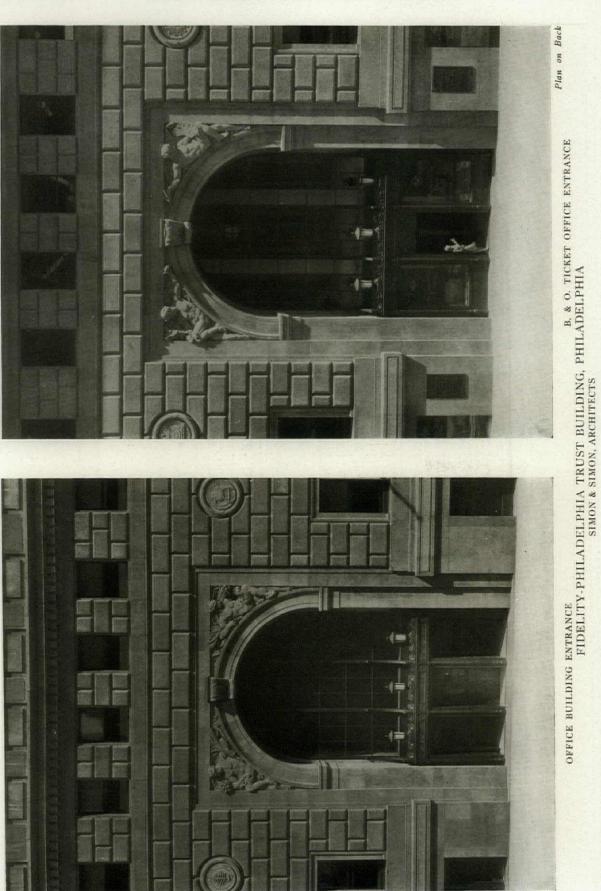


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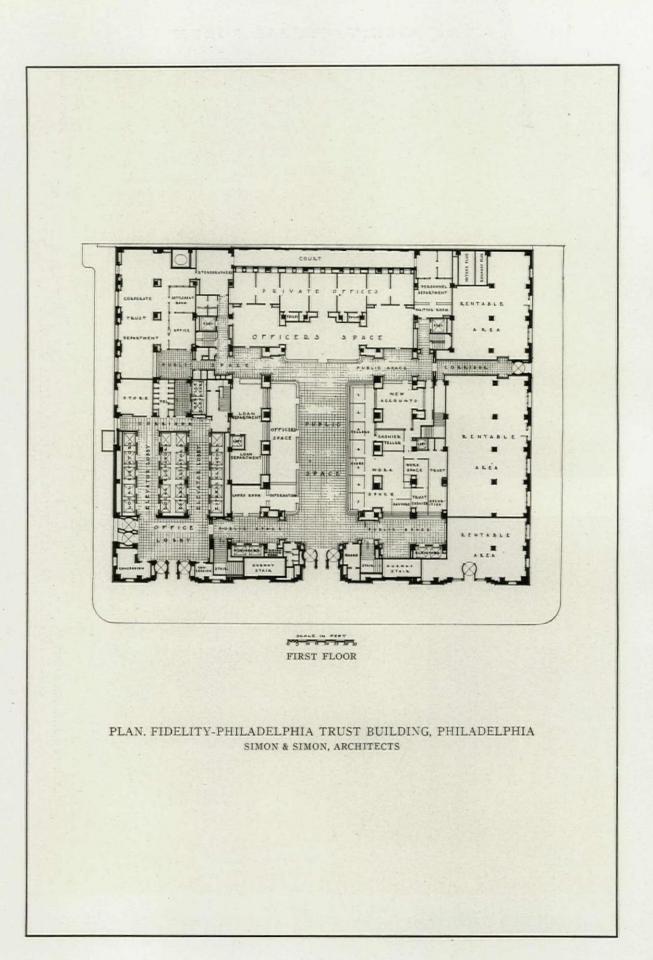


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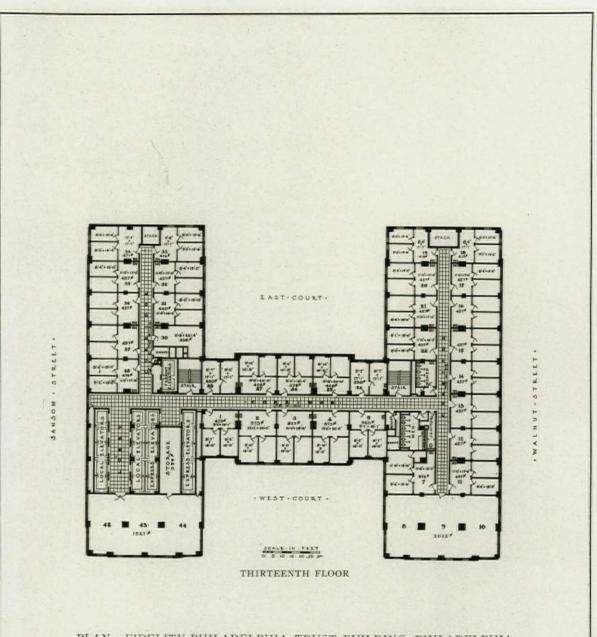
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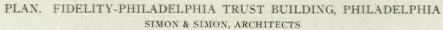


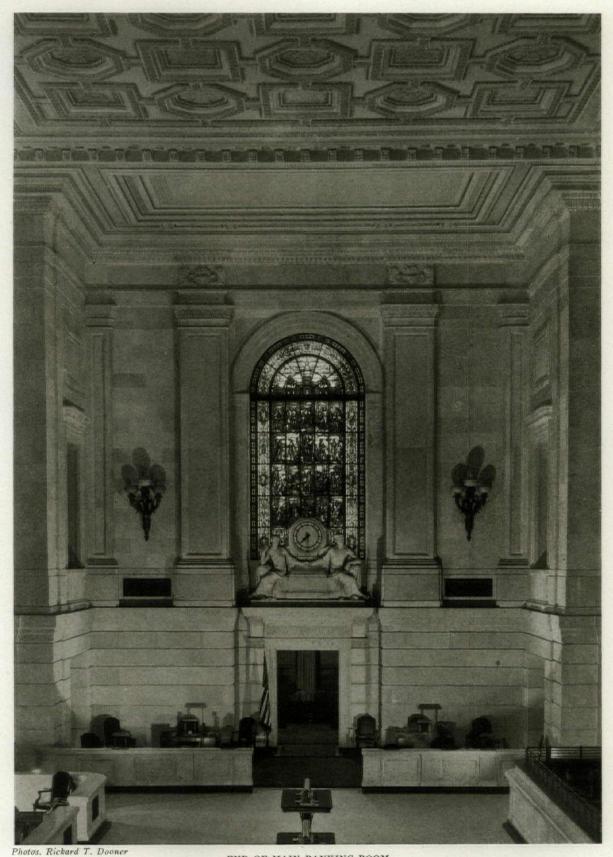
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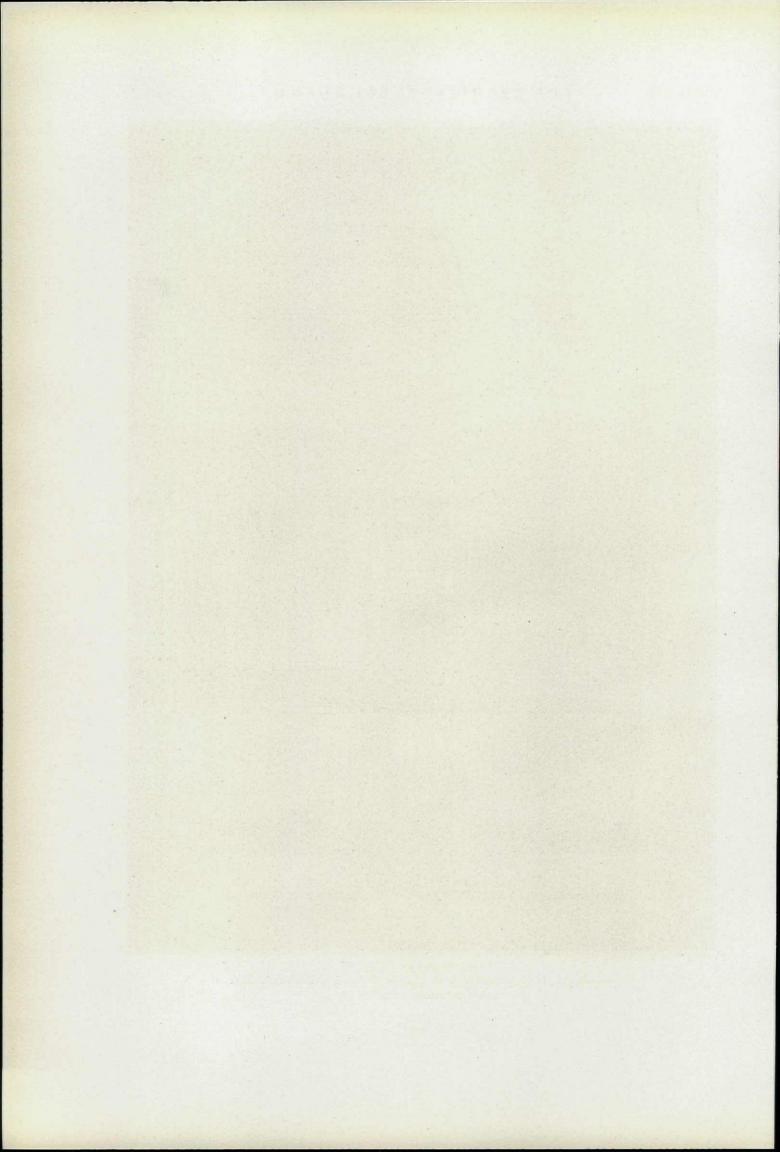
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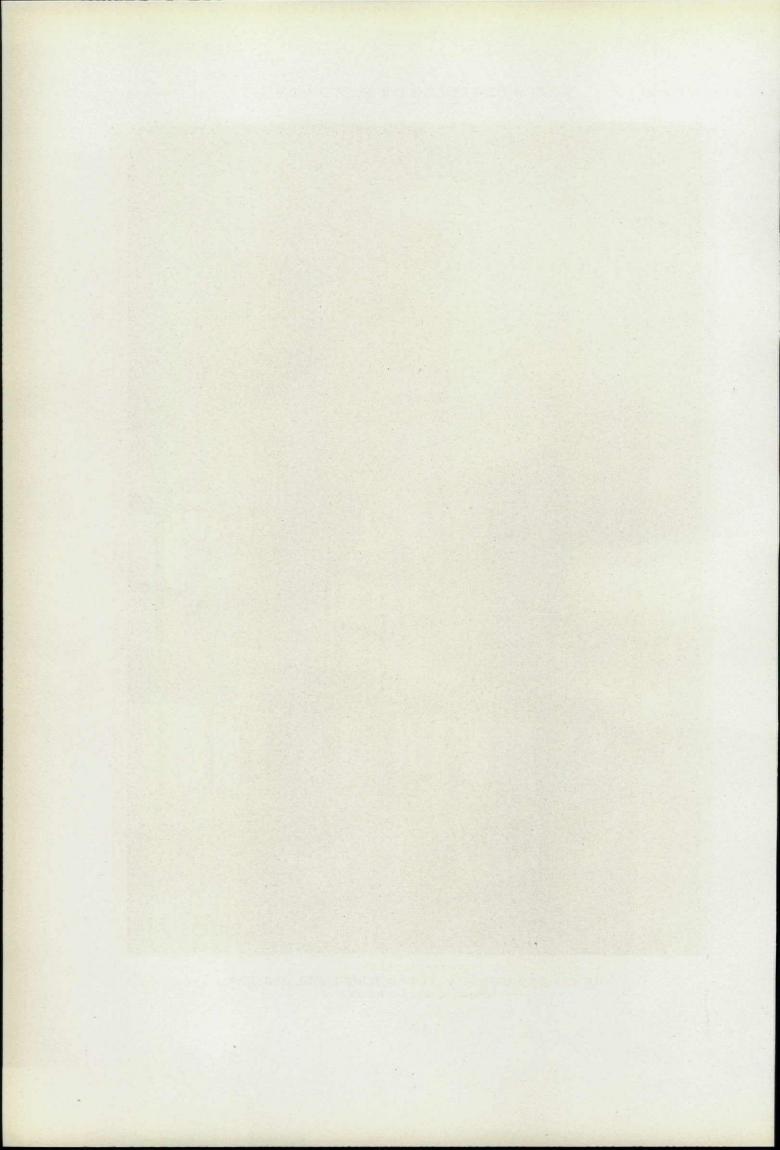
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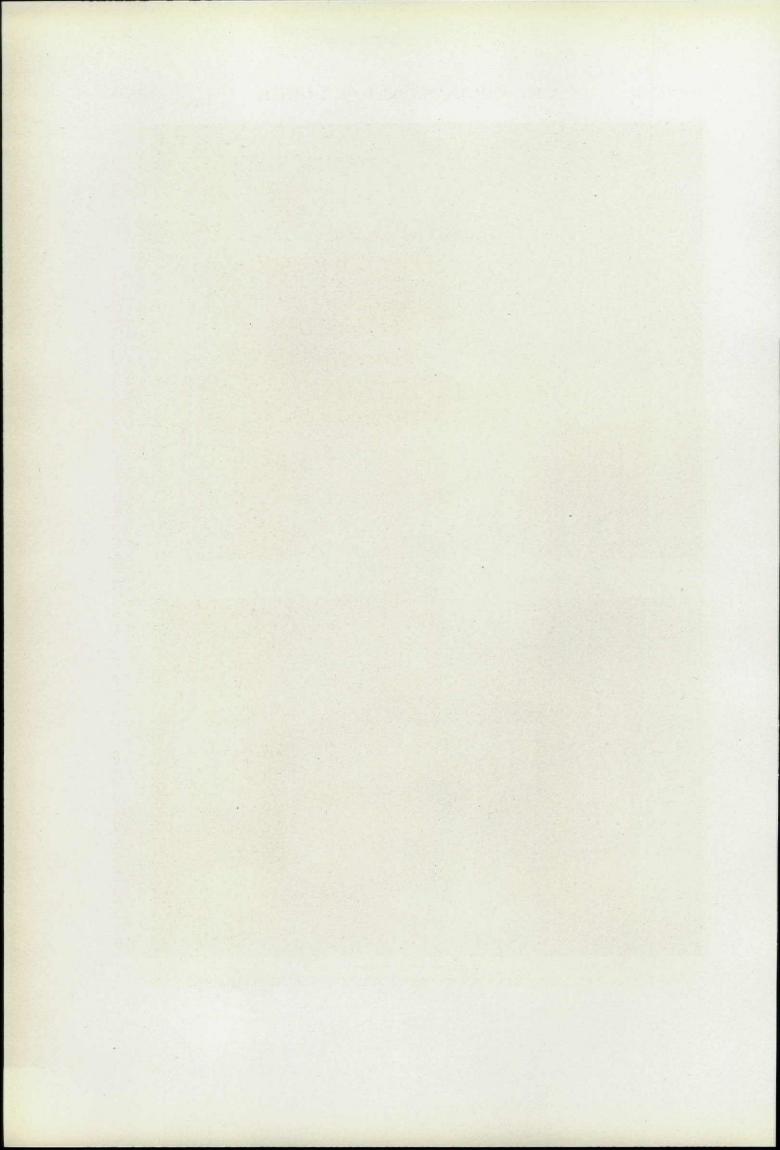
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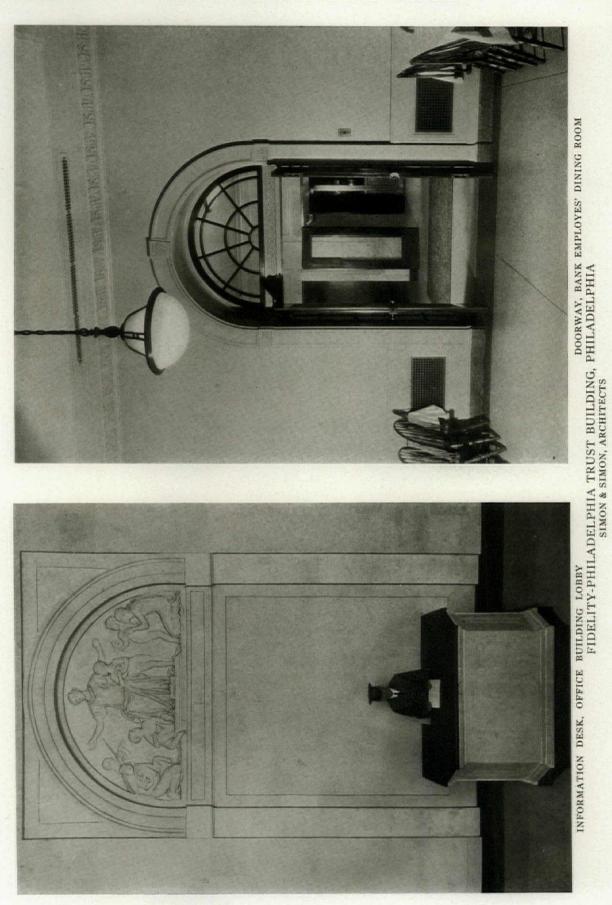


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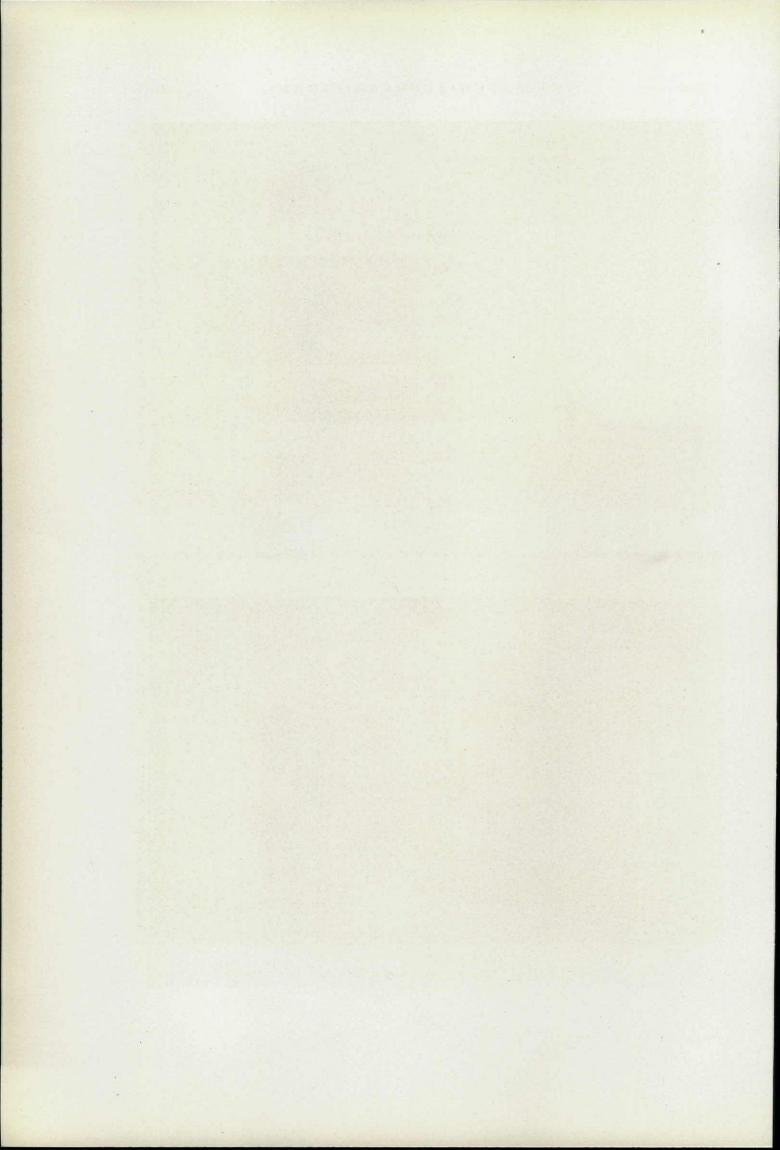




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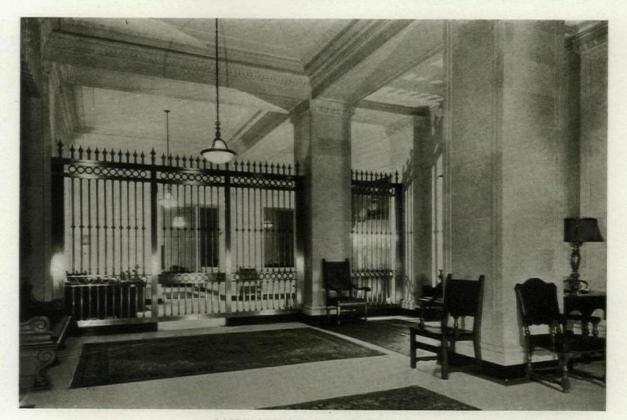


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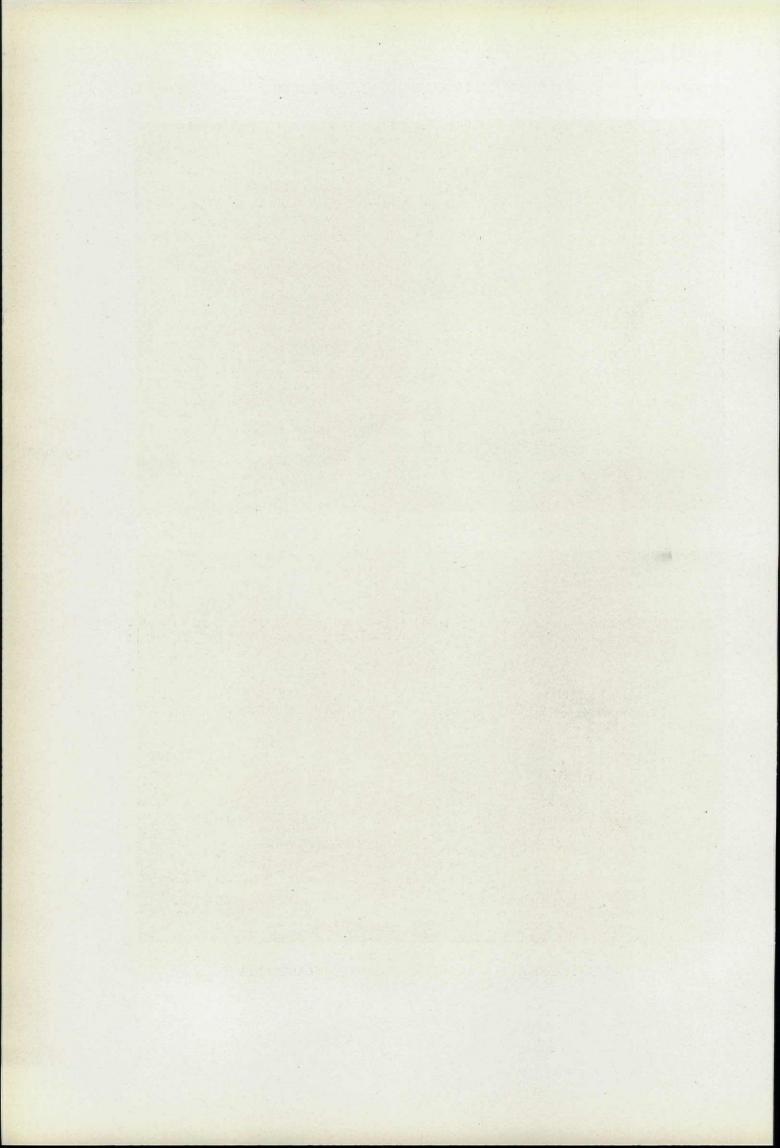
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#### THE FIDELITY-PHILADELPHIA TRUST BUILDING

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BY

### EDWARD P. SIMON

THE recently completed 32-story Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Building, Philadelphia's largest office structure, stands in South Broad Street, occupying a block frontage of 221 feet, 6½ inches on that street and extending along Walnut and Sansom Streets to a depth of 175 feet, 11 inches. The major portions of the ground and basement floors and all of the first five office floors are used as a banking house for the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company, which institution, through a subsidiary real estate company, financed and owns the building. Twenty-four floors are given over to leased office space, while the top floors are occupied by a luncheon club.

Access to the office building lobby and the elevators is through the entrances at the corner of Broad and Sansom Streets, since this corner of the building lies nearest to the avenues of approach from the most populous parts of the city. The 24 floors of rented offices have a usable floor area of 402,507 square feet or about nine acres. The building has a total usable floor area of 618, 249 square feet or more than 14 acres. Considerable study was given to the provision for such expansion of the banking house as might come through future mergers or from the natural growth of business. It is interesting to note that such a merger actually occurred and at a time

when the architects' drawings were still in process and might easily have been altered, but due to the provision which had already been made, it was found necessary to only slightly change the design. Another problem considered by the architects was that of securing the ideal dimensions for office bays and depths. In an endeavor to get expert opinion on this question, the owners and the architects invited a conference of the Building Planning Service of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers. This meeting took place in Philadelphia with delegates arriving from points as far distant as the Pacific coast. After several days of open discussion, a ballot was taken which resulted in the establishment of these proportions as the ideal for an office building of this size: The width of the units to be nearly constant at from 17 feet to 17 feet, 6 inches. The depths, measured on a line parallel to the direction of the light, to be allotted in this way: 45 per cent of the units to be 20 feet deep, 45 per cent of the units to be 25 feet deep, and 10 per cent of all the units to be 28 feet deep.

Two factors determined the choice of the architectural treatment. The problem was to design a building in keeping with neighboring structures and in accord with Philadelphia's conservative traditions and at the same time afford a dignified



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style of decoration suited to the character of the banking institution which occupies the dominant position in the structure. Classic design was clearly indicated. As the study in this style of decoration progressed, opportunities were presented for the introduction of a number of sculptural features, notably the spandrel reliefs over the entrance arches, the cornice and spandrels over the board room windows, the coins in relief along the lower facades, the lunette in the office

along the lower facades, the lunette in the office building lobby, and the two figures in the round which support the clock at the end of the banking room's interior. These sculptural contributions as well as the ornamental bronze entrance doors and their frames are the work of Piccirilli Brothers, sculptors, of New York.

The early American coins and medals, represented in a series of medallions above the second floor level on the three facades, seem worthy of a detailed description. Beginning at the west end of the Sansom Street facade, there is a representation of the obverse side of a coin authorized by the legislature of Vermont and minted at Rupert, Vt., by Reuben Harmon, Jr., showing the inscription "Vermontis Res Publica, 1785," with a plough in the foreground and the sun rising from behind mountains. At the north end of the Broad Street facade is a representation of an American pine tree three-pence piece with a pine tree in a field under the inscription "Masathusets" and the date, 1653. The next medallion, proceeding south along the Broad Street facade, is a reproduction of the Granby copper with a standing deer and the inscription "Value Me as You Please," dated 1737. These coppers and other coins were struck off by one Highley, a blacksmith, at Granby, Conn. The next coin is the first authorized United States cent. It shows a dial with three hours and the word "Fugio" as well as the inscription, "Mind Your Business." On the face of the coin are 13 circles linked to form a large circle. The minting of this coin was ordered by Congress, July 6, 1787. Another Vermont coin is carved at the south end of the Broad Street facade. It shows the "All-seeing Eye" directing its rays upon 13 six-pointed stars and bearing the inscription, "Nova Constellatio," 1783. Two of these coins in silver were found near Newark, Del., in a secret drawer of an old desk that had belonged to Charles Thomson, a close friend of Benjamin Franklin. Turning the corner and at the west end of the Walnut Street facade is the face of the Lafayette medal, commemorating the triumph of the American forces over Burgovne in the Revolutionary battles at Saratoga, October 17, 1777, and over Cornwallis,



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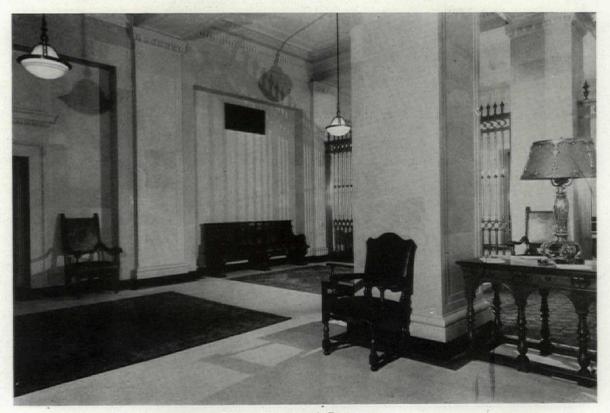
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at Yorktown, October 18, 1781. The reverse of this medal is at the east end of the Walnut Street facade. All these medallions are highly decorative.

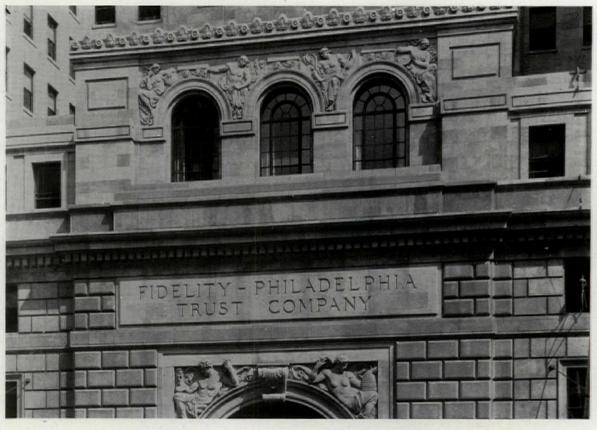
Approach to the banking room, through the main entrance from Broad Street, is on the street level. This room is 119 feet long, 54 feet, 113/4 inches wide, and 46 feet, 91/2 inches high. The illumination of the room is carried out with the view to giving an even radiation of light to all parts of the working area and customers' spaces and with the further stipulation that the light originate from sources which will be instinctively sensed as natural. To prevent on the east wall the glare that must have resulted from the dependence on or accentuating of the daylight coming from the Broad Street windows, it was thought advisable to include an apparent source of light in this wall, which was accomplished by use of a stained glass window. This records historic incidents of Philadelphia and contains as well medallion portraits of famous Philadelphians. It is one of the best in the city and one of the few in the country devoted exclusively to the portrayal of secular history. This window and the leaded window over the main entrances were created by the D'Ascenzo Studios, Philadelphia.

Direct illumination, falling at a natural angle from side brackets, fills the banking room with a soft, even glow of light. Incidentally, it may be interesting to note that this is believed to be the largest banking room in America to be lighted solely by side brackets. Honed Tavernelle Claire marble forms the walls and wainscoting of the room. There were imported from the Chiampo quarries, near Verona, for the interior facings of the building, 20,000 cubic feet of this marble. The coffered ceiling of the room is modeled in plaster and decorated in soft coloring in key with the marble walls. An ingenious system allows the ceiling to receive its occasional cleaning from scaffolds to be suspended from invisible attachments in the ceiling itself. Along the south side of the banking room is the tellers' space. Polished marble counters surmounted with screens of bronze and glass of the low type eliminate the familiar tellers' cages. Along the north side and at the east end of the public space are marble railed divisions for officers.

Six private bank elevators, four for customers and two for employes, as well as stairs, give access to the trust department on the second floor. Here, as on the first floor, the public area is in the center with rooms for officers along each side, and as elsewhere in the bank's quarters, the wood used in the trim is prima vera (white mahogany). From this second floor, balconies overlook the main banking space. The north and east portions of this floor are occupied by the



Lobby, Safe Deposit Department Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Building, Philadelphia Simon & Simon, Architects



Detail, Main Entrance to Bank Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Building, Philadelphia Simon & Simon, Architects

tax departments and the library. Facilities for the trust accounting department are provided on the third floor, and here also is the income tax department available for service to clients in the preparation of returns and other tax matters. On the fourth floor are the photostat department, the mimeograph and duplicator, general ledger, bank bookkeeping, transit, mail, addressograph, general index and files departments. Girders at the fourth floor level spanning a distance of 60 feet support the entire central part of the 27 stories, form the ceiling of the main banking room below, and eliminate all vertical obstructions from the most important space in the building. As the girders are nearly 10 feet in depth, the space between them is utilized for the general files. A first aid dispensary and infirmary are on this floor, intended for the service not only of the bank and its patrons, but also for building tenants, their employes and visitors. The board room, which forms a dominant feature of the main facade, is reached by private elevators. This room is finished in prima vera, its deep texture and warm color accentuated by touches of dull gilding and a gold clock on the wall. The board room has as dependencies an

ante room and a small committee room, with interiors to harmonize. On this same floor, the fifth, are the officers' dining rooms and the dining room for employes where three hundred persons can be served at one sitting. A kitchen with ample equipment provides for the preparation of meals. The real estate department, with its many activities and sub-divisions, is located on the sixth floor. For the safeguarding of thousands of important documents, a large vault is provided immediately adjacent.

In addition to its size, this building is noteworthy on account of the exceptional quality of materials employed and the remarkable speed with which it was erected. The outer veneer above the base of pink granite is of selected buff Indiana limestone, while all the door and window frames are of bronze. From the time wreckers began clearing the site until the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad ticket office was open for business on the ground floor of the new building, there had elapsed a few hours less than one year. Within four months more the structure had been completed and turned over to its owners and their tenants. To a time-sensitive people this achievement is not lacking in a certain dramatic quality.

#### THE CHURCH OF INFINITY

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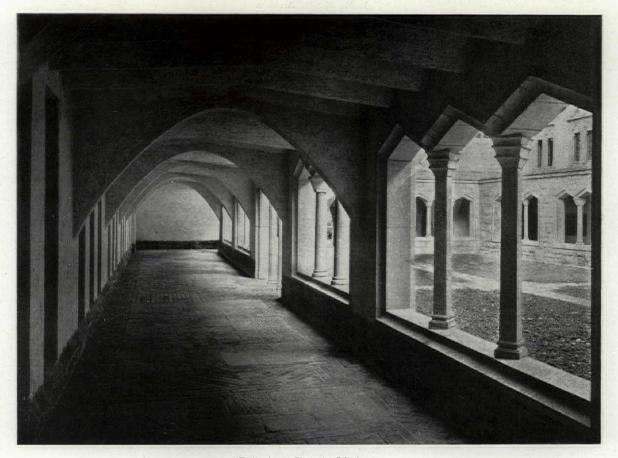
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PROFESSOR H. E. BARNES called man a "temporary chemical episode on a celestial juvenile and cosmic dwarf." Orthodox priests who had ignored astronomical discoveries were shocked, and freethinkers rejoiced. But progressive friends of religion who derive no income by propagating an ancient creed will say in accord with H. G. Wells, Sir Oliver Lodge and L. N. Tolstoy: "Yes, we are weak primates on a cosmic dwarf, but yet part of an infinite universe, at least one so vast that the term infinite best describes it; we are transitory and stand with one foot in our graves; but with our arms we touch infinity, and eternity is our background. This is our tragedy but likewise our opportunity. We cannot rest content at the fireplace but must seek to explore the Antarctic or try to fly across the Atlantic ; a slow train makes us feverish, and races thrill us into a higher state of being. Yet these are substitutes used by moderns who do not know how to scale infinity by the aëroplane of the soul,-faith; who have lost

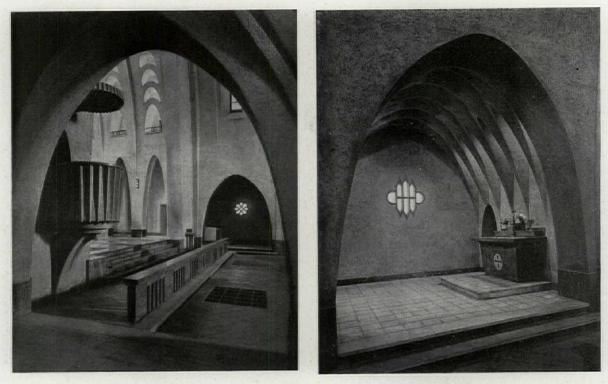
the knowledge of quenching their thirst for the eternal by developing an inner fountain."

Architecture symbolizes the thoughts and longings of an age unless it hypocritically masquerades in the symbols of a past generation. That the parabola is the geometrical expression of the "half finite, half infinite" consciousness of our age was discussed in an article in Part II of THE ARCHI-TECTURAL FORUM for November; that its structural virtues were discovered by the engineers and that the liquid quality of concrete makes possible the introduction of such a subtle arch with everchanging curvature were likewise pointed out. New examples of the application of parabolic or elliptical arches are to be seen in the gymnasium of the school in Suresnes, France, in the hall of the Royal Horticultural Society in London, and in the main halls of the Czechoslovak Exposition at Brunn, Moravia. In the latter instance the upper part of the vault consists of a network of concrete ribs framing glass panels; it proves that the para-



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Pallotiner Church, Limburg J. H. Pinand, Architect SIDE CHAPEL

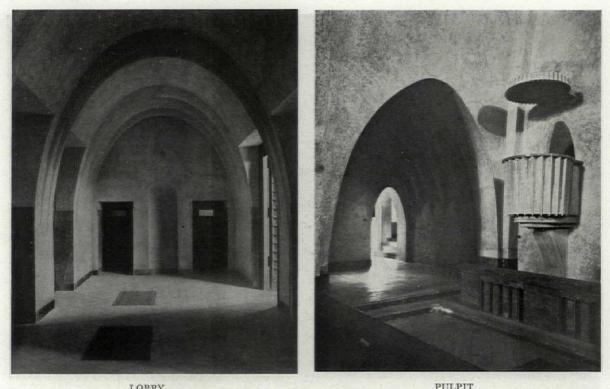
bolic churches of Professors Bohm and Pinand could have been as light as those of Perret had they chosen to use this type. The administration building of the J. G. Farbenindustrie, in Hochston-the-Main, Germany, is connected with the rest of the plant by a parabolic street bridge; this arch is echoed in the tower windows as well as in the third story fenestration which shows that Professor Peter Behrens appreciates the value of the parabola. The most remarkable recent use of a parabolic vault is shown in the Pallotiner church in Limburg-on-the-Lahnriver, Germany. That this modern structure is a church for orthodox, conservative Catholics is one of the anomalies of which our present age possesses so many. It marks its designer, J. H. Pinand as one of the foremost architects of our generation.

Maybe the reader resents the word "modern" when used by architects as much as does the writer. Mr. Cram, with partly justified abhorrence, lashed modernism in the September issue of the *Journal of the A.I.A.* and gave ferro-concrete a few blows which the author of "The Ferro Concrete Style" cannot leave unanswered. There exist as many modern styles as there exist modern architects, and all the excitement is caused by the fatal habit of generalizing. In politics the same mistake is often made; one says: "The French do this and that, the Germans are so and so," which prompts the question, "Do you mean the royalist, Daudet, or the socialist, Jean Jaures, or Mr. Coue, when you speak of the French?"

So before discussing modernistic architecture, one must first agree on which variety of modernism is being debated. Just as the progressive, republican Germans and the reactionary, war-loving German *Hakenkreuzler* hate one another much more than the Germans ever hated the French, so among modern architects there are wider chasms than there are between certain types of modern design and historical precedent. The churches of Professor Bohm and J. H. Pinand may be considered more closely related to Gothic tradition than to some of the angular barns considered modern churches by many contemporary architects.

One can divide modern art into two distinct groups. One group is decadent, with "artists" who mock the public by purposely disobeying all laws of beauty, hoping to win publicity and money by their monstrosities; some of this decadent group may be sincere, but mentally diseased. This decadent group is more represented in painting than in architecture, since architecture is protected by the laws of statics, building codes and the demands of people who intend to use the buildings. The distorted features of some "modern" portraits and the convulsions into which their painters torture the human form prove that these paintings are the product of insanity. Actually, inmates of insane asylums have defiled canvases in so similar a manner that they could be exhibited in a salon of "modernists." Modernists of the second group are full of the artistic expression of a new age and a new religion; they too are no longer

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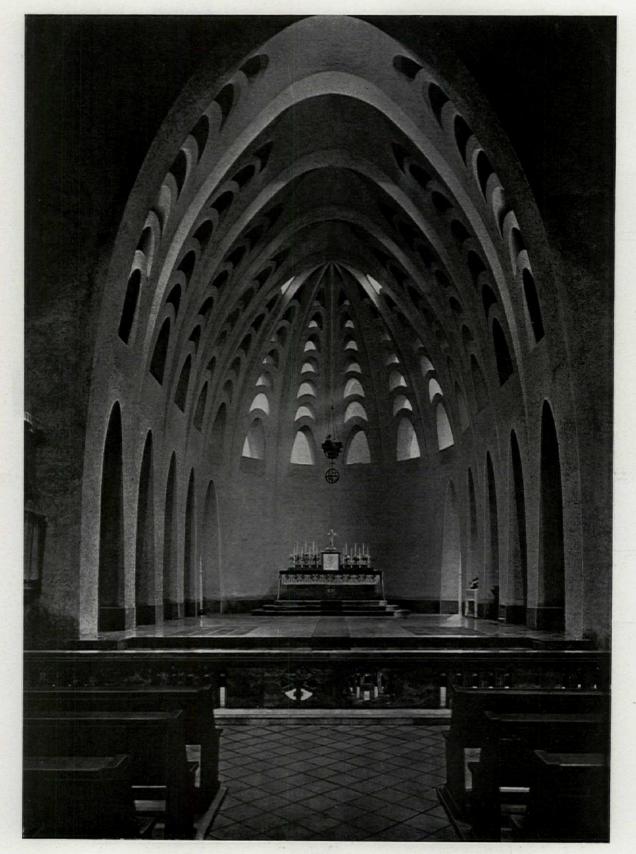
using traditional forms, but they are putting their best logic and sentiment into their creations. These have sometimes a primitive, crude expression, for naturally pioneers err from the right trail at times. Striving to find new symbols for their new messages, their utterings may sometimes be mistaken for those of decadent bluffers and lunatics. But as a rule health and truth are discernible in the embryo of the New Age style and distinguish it very definitely from the stench of the corpse of a decadent, immoral, aimless culture. Mr. Cram has made the mistake of throwing these two very different kinds of modern style on one pile, inviting us to burn the whole as rubbish. Let us rather remember Christ's parable of the wheat and the tares, which is full of significance.

Mr. Cram amplified his article "On Decadence in the Arts of France" with some illustrations, among which were the Le Raincy and Montmagny churches of the Perret brothers. Yet they belong to the second, healthy class of modern architecture and develop the Gothic tradition of making the church a colored lantern by having the entire walls grilles framing pieces of colored glass. How then can Mr. Cram claim that the designers "ignored all considerations of the Catholic religion as such . . . rejected all the canons of beauty as these had existed for three thousand years ... "? What would Mr. Cram have done with only \$30,000,-the price of Le Raincy,-at his disposal? Perret's churches are crude and bear the stamp of hasty construction,-but they have the

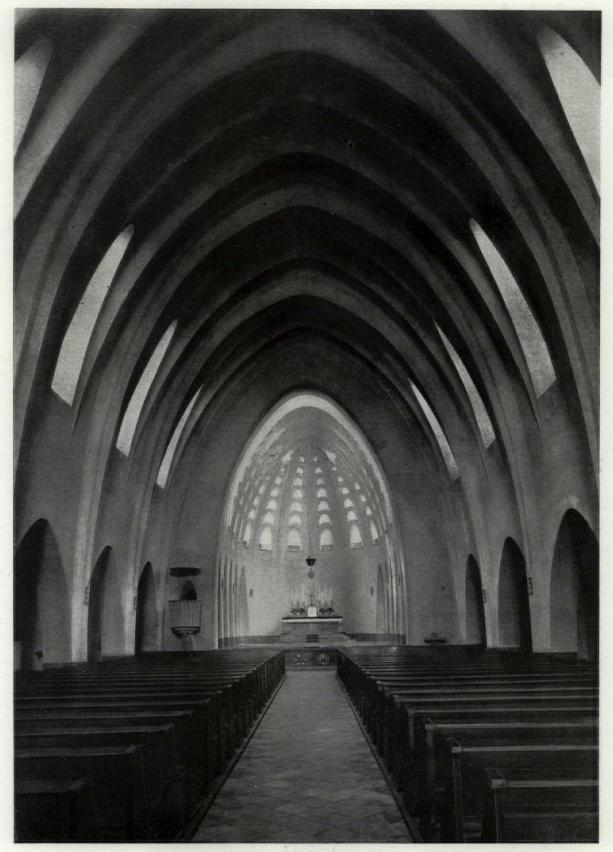
beauty which intelligence dominating dull matter always produces. An example of the decadent school in modern architecture is the barn-like Goethaneum in Dornach, Switzerland, which deserves all the disdain which Mr. Cram heaps on the ferro-concrete style as a whole (whereby he denies its very existence).

Professor Bohm's parabolically vaulted Bischof sheim church possesses the advantage over the Perret type in that it made the curved form supreme. The angularity which conservatives dislike characterizes the "wood-centering style," the earliest, most primitive stage of ferro-concrete building, in which the wooden forms but not the liquid contents were expressed. "Liquid stone," as the name implies, is better suited to curved forms than any other structural material, and as soon as the designer realizes that concrete can be formed with self-centering metal lath, with curved metal forms or with very thin, bendable wooden boards, he will rid himself of the now prevailing idea that concrete demands angular shapes and straight planes. Unquestionably, Perret's designs are too much dominated by angularity; but they stress concrete tracery, use of which is one of the main characteristics of the perfected ferro-concrete style; the large amount of light introduced into Perret's churches, and the wonderful display of color they permit, present advantages which the Catholic church in Bischofsheim lacks; the latter has a crypt-like aspect due to its narrow windows, which belong in the Romanesque period.

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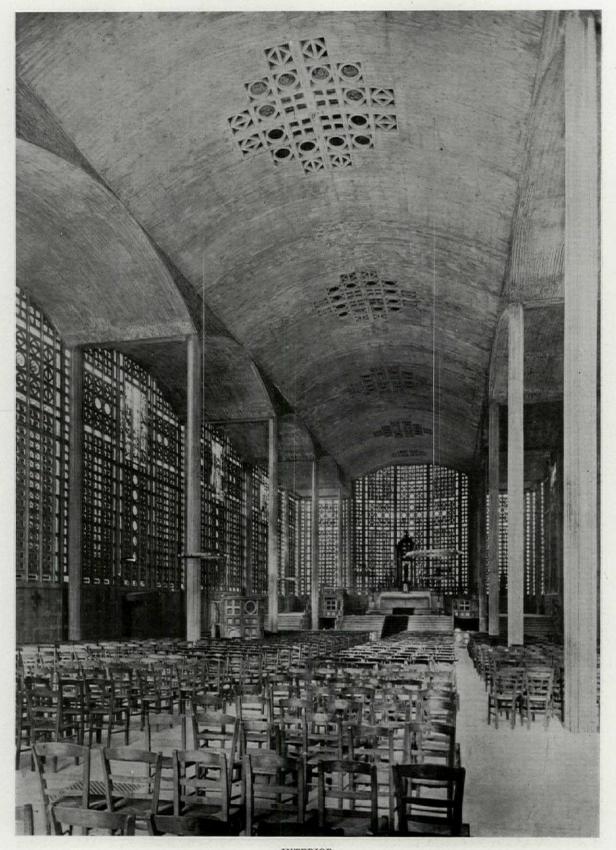


CHANCEL PALLOTINER CHURCH, LIMBURG J. H. PINAND, ARCHITECT



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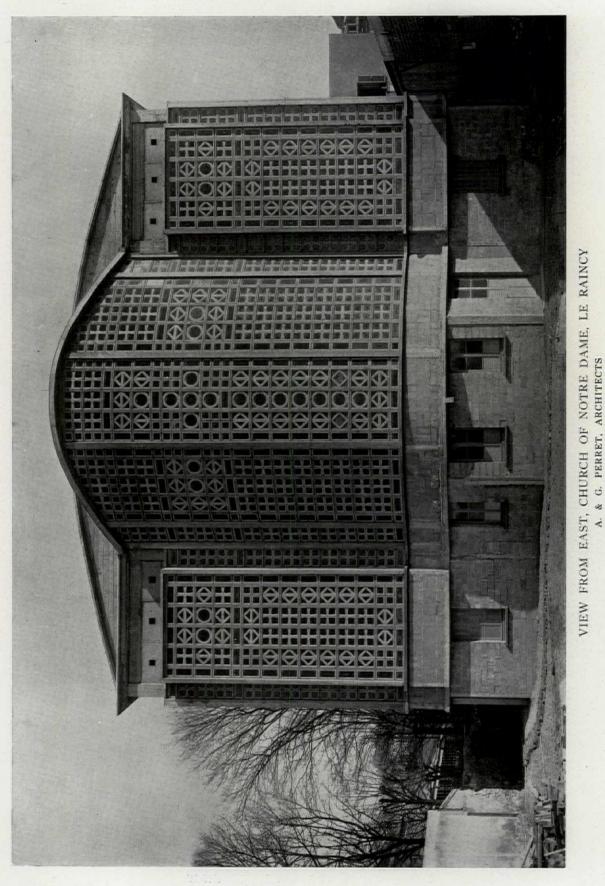
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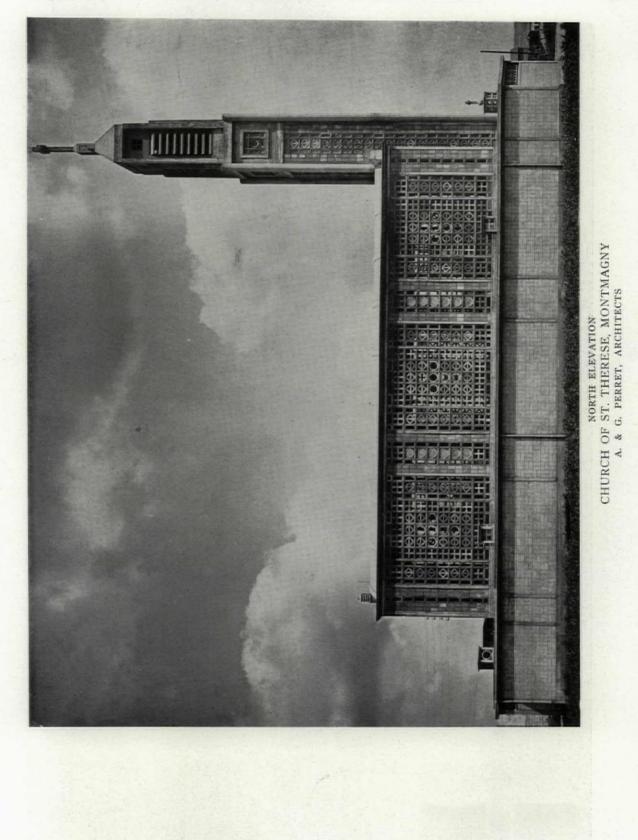
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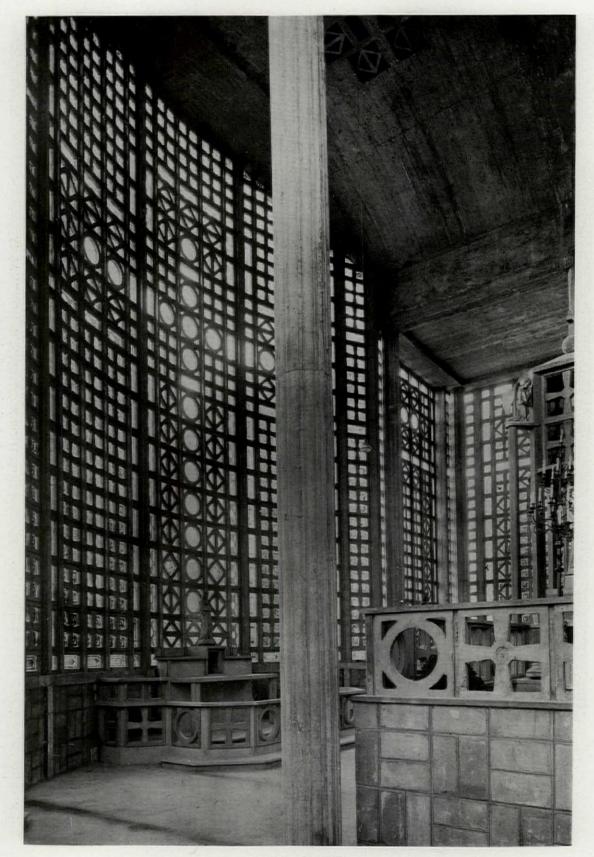
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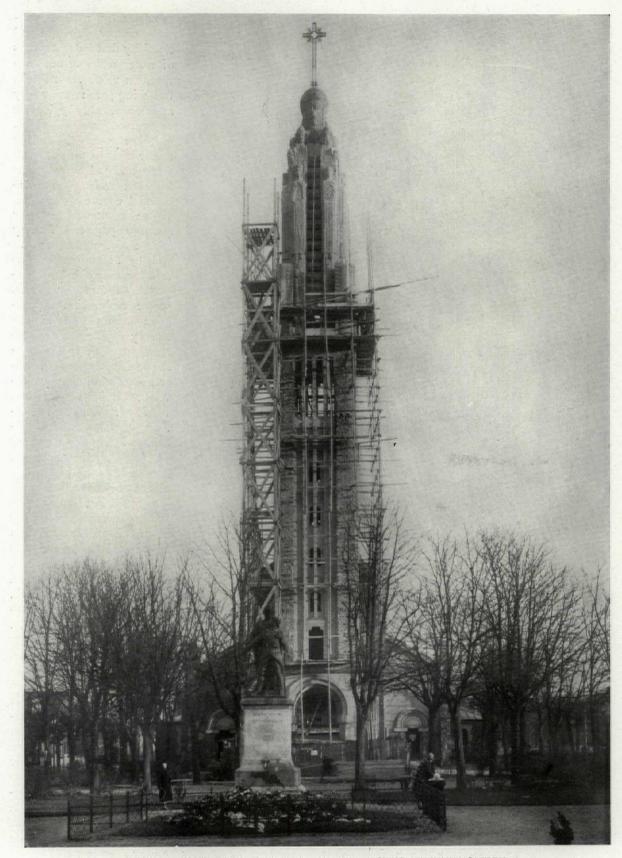
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Interior, Church of the Sacred Heart, Washington

Yet we must be grateful to both of these designers, for each has materialized one outstanding feature distinguishing the ferro-concrete style.

J. H. Pinand's church better illustrates use of the perfected ferro-concrete type than does Professor Bohm's in that not only is the nave a parabolic vault but also the windows and the arches supporting the cloister roof are parabolic. It admits more light and is not as oppressive as the Bischofsheim church, due to its parabolic clerestory windows. It is to be regretted that each church masks a novel interior in a more or less Romanesque exterior in which a few pointed arches occur. The most delightful part is the choir, a "lantern" in which successive tiers of whole . . . primeval-eternal experiencing of the harmony of all visible and invisible . . . it is more than an attempt; I consider it an epochal step in the evolution of modern church design . . ; nowhere is there a harshness which forces the eye to halt. Thus it vibrates in spiral lines toward the center and is captivated, bodily and spiritually, by the vision point of the altar. The church is connected with a monastery, and hence the ten chapellike niches which replace the customary aisles. . . . Courage was needed to arrange the lighting of the nave by narrow windows which are hidden from view on the interior by very deep reveals."

The highest type of church of the ferro-concrete style will combine two features. Space will

parabolically arched windows convey a rhythm and elasticity that suggest sprays of water whirling out of a fountain at different levels, following parabolas as they mount and fall, obeying the recognized laws of gravity.

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These parabolic arches are examples of concrete tracery as understood in the broadest sense. Semi-traditional concrete tracery is visible in the side chapels shown on page 178. Tracery is not yet understood as well by Pinand as by Perret, for only the latter replaces all walls by grilles. In the combination of parabolic arches and modest tracery application the Pallotiner church is closer to the perfected type than either Perret's building or Professor Bohm's churches. Professor Wienkoop, director of the Darmstadt Architectural School, in writing of the Pallotiner church, speaks of revelations in the design of churches made during the last two or three years (especially of Catholic churches). He condemns churches built in the new style of Le Corbusier and approves of those which, like the Pallotiner church, show the architect's understanding of religion, ". . . his having grasped cosmic universality as a completed

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be enclosed by a parabolic vault in which walls and roof will merge into each other. All apertures will be covered by parabolic arches. Concrete tracery will make up all surfaces, but it will not consist of the simple geometrical shapes employed by Perret ; rather it will have pictorial content produced by the silhouette effect of the concrete backed by interstices. A variation of this type will maybe have a parabolic plan, with the pulpit placed at the focus. Designs of this type of auditorium were submitted for the League of Nations Palace competition. The ramped floor of Notre Dame, Le Raincy presages that the future type may have a curved floor.

As the significance of the parabolic arch was described in a former article, pictorial concrete tracery will now be defined. Frank Lloyd Wright has built several residences in California, some of which are so adorned. These ornamental voids give a decorative effect from without as well as from within. Since the ancient days in which the first true arch was constructed, nothing more revolutionary than the tracery walls of Perret and the pierced tapestry walls of Frank Lloyd

Wright has been created. And yet these are mere beginnings; the surfaces of the perfected ferroconcrete church will represent the parables of Christ, and symbolic figures in concrete will be silhouetted against stained glass. The term "tracery" may be misleading for this new type of wall treatment, as it will in no way resemble the tracery of historic styles. The concrete framework of arches (piers) and girders which form the skeleton will become veritable frames for pictures and ornaments wrought in concrete tracery. Gothic tracery bars were limited in thinness; reinforcement by aluminum wire will make possible creation of very thin rods in concrete tracery. Gothic tracery partly served to strengthen the

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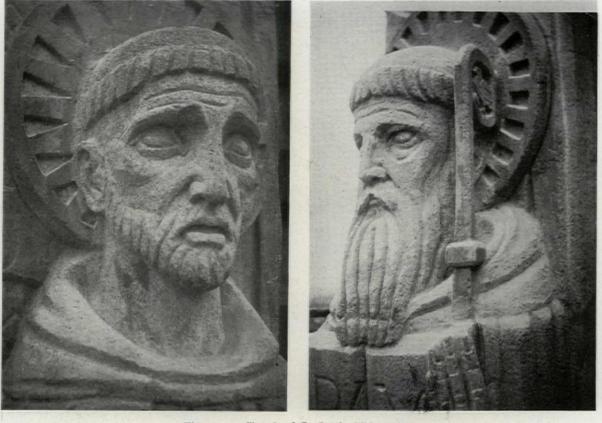
window panes; in concrete tracery this will be of only secondary importance since the new tracery will act as bracing for the bearing members. The reinforcement will tie concrete tracery and structural frame into one,-will make the entire wall a rigid unit pierced by holes,-holes that tell a story.

The modern architect must take the psychology of our present-day life into account. Hundreds of impressions, electric signs and glaring displays enter our vision, and motion pictures bring our nerves to a tense pitch. The ornament and the bas-relief sculpture of traditional type cast too pale shadows and remain unnoticed. John Ruskin's contention that the power of architecture depends on the quantity of its shadow is very true.



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Figures on Church of St. Louis, Villemonble

Concrete tracery will cut out the shadows and provide the high lights which we need in our temperate zone. We need so much window area to admit sufficient light that, in order to provide some restful wall space, the architect must leave the remaining areas undecorated and use the window with its deep shadow and clear outline as a motif. The curvilinear windows in the church at Ulm are a step in the direction of this development. As concrete will harden into any form into which it is poured, it is no longer natural or necessary to have vertical contours for all openings. Bricks, wood, and steel beams are straight elements, and therefore it has been natural to have windows and doors as well as other parts of design rectangular, since introduction of curves necessitated extra cost. In concrete design, curvilinear outlines must become usual, as they are more beautiful. These curtain walls resemble in their function the tympanum of the classical temple and the metopes of Doric friezes; we therefore would be following tradition in covering our concrete wall panels with pictorial tracery. Only a few of the glass panes need be made movable.

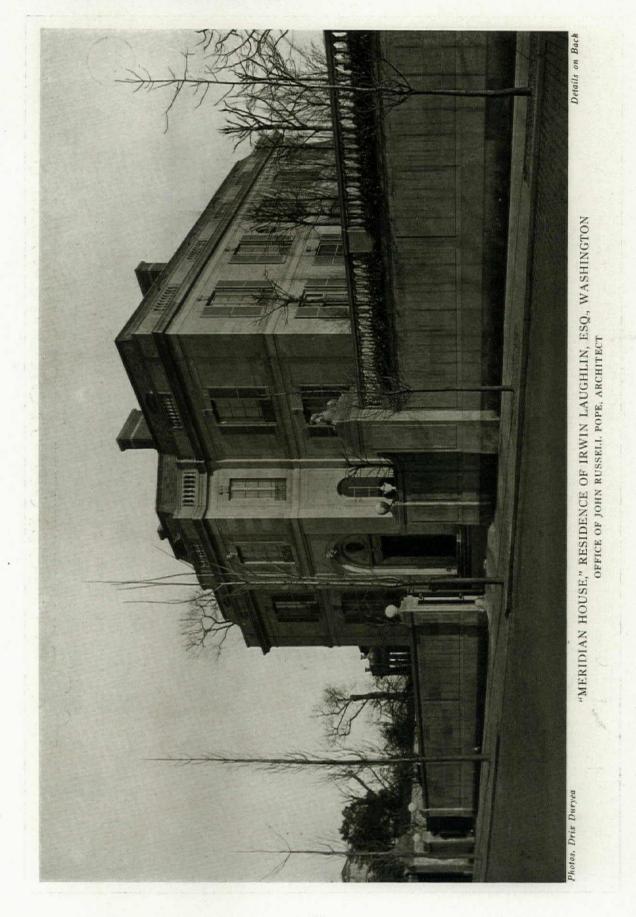
As Goethe recognized, evolution follows a spiral curve, returning after a cycle to the starting point, but on a higher level. Use of concrete tracery harks back to the Egyptian tradition of scratching pictures on the early mud or plastered walls. Concrete walls have two points in common with the ancient mud walls of Egypt,—plasticity before setting and the possibility of avoiding projections,—with concrete, a matter of economical centering. On the other hand, ferro-concrete is hard and can carry tension; therefore it can be pierced, and it permits the creation of pictorial silhouettes which are more effective than the incised outlines of wall sculpture as known to Egypt.

Use of concrete tracery will help the architect to fulfill once more his supreme duty,—to create poetry and tell stories in stone,—and to be heard. Concrete tracery with its black and white, eventually even with color, will convey the architect's message, and in a way to compete successfully for attention with the advertisements which are the most conspicuous features of our streets. The true artist always has a message, and concrete tracery will be an effective medium for proclaiming it. The thoughtful architect will have to agree with Ruskin in affirming that the rudest work telling a story or recording a fact is preferable to the richest without meaning.

In case bas-relief as an addition to the simple silhouette effect,—light concrete on dark window glass by day, dark concrete on lit-up window glass at night,—is desired, the sculptor could chisel before the concrete is hard, or without difficulty moulds could be inserted in the main centering. AUGUST, 1929

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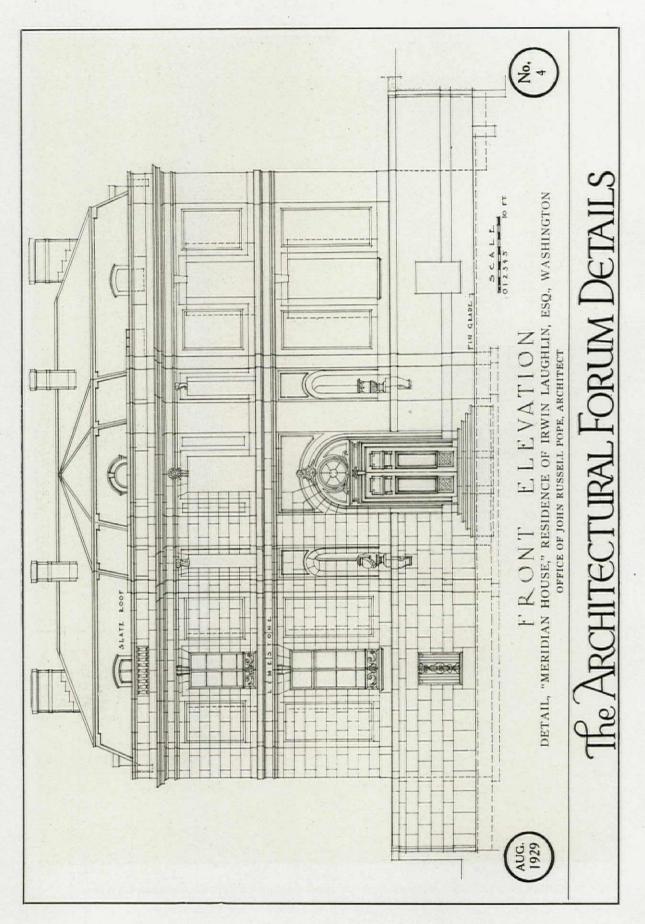
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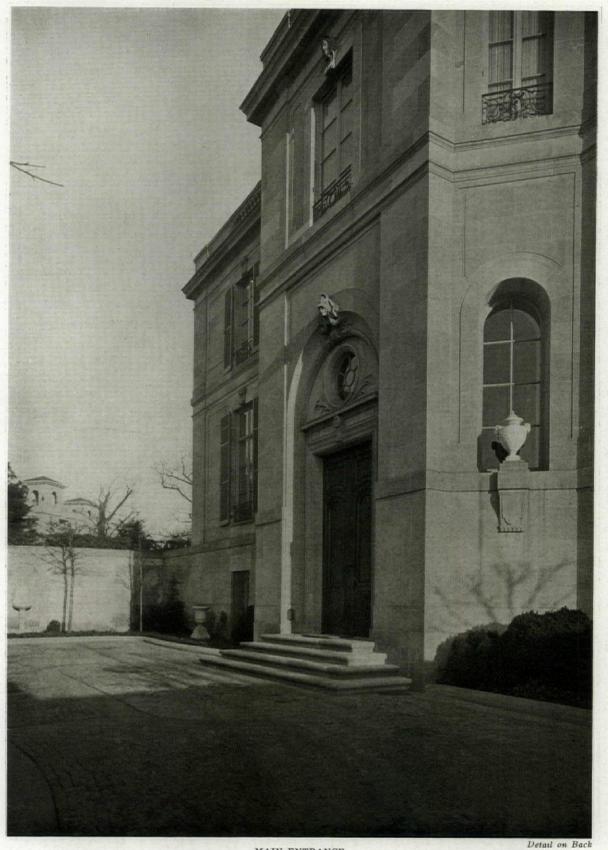
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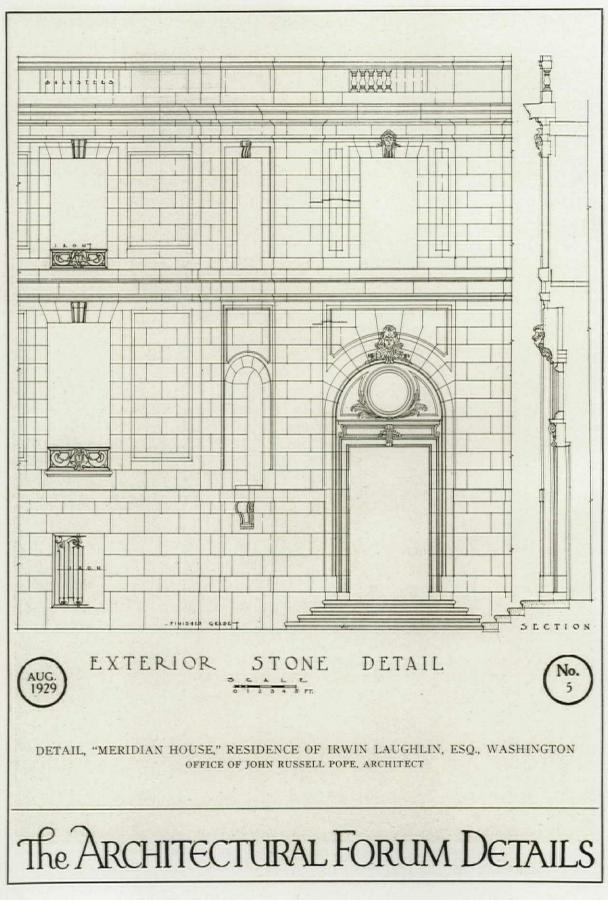
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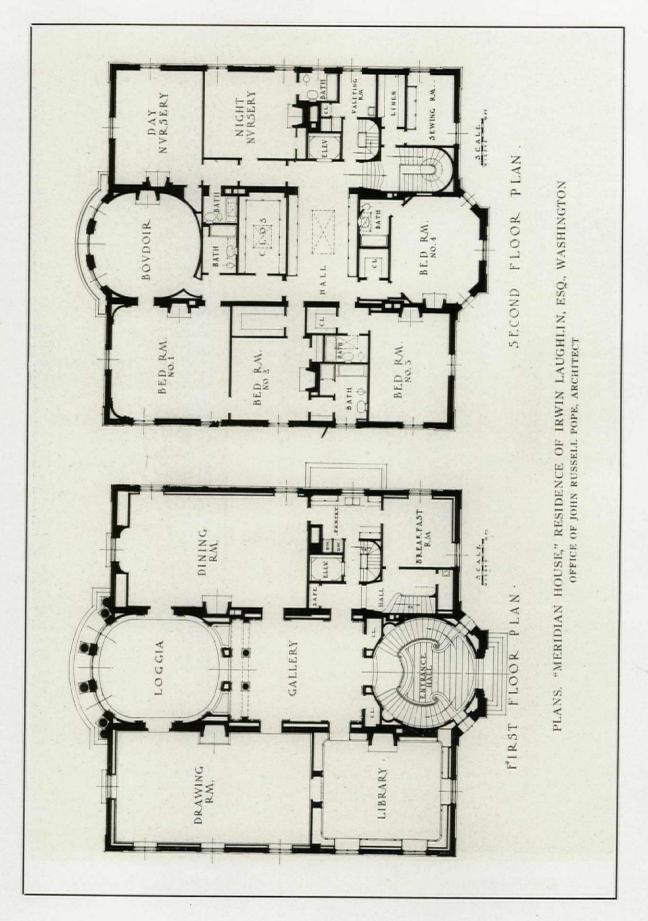
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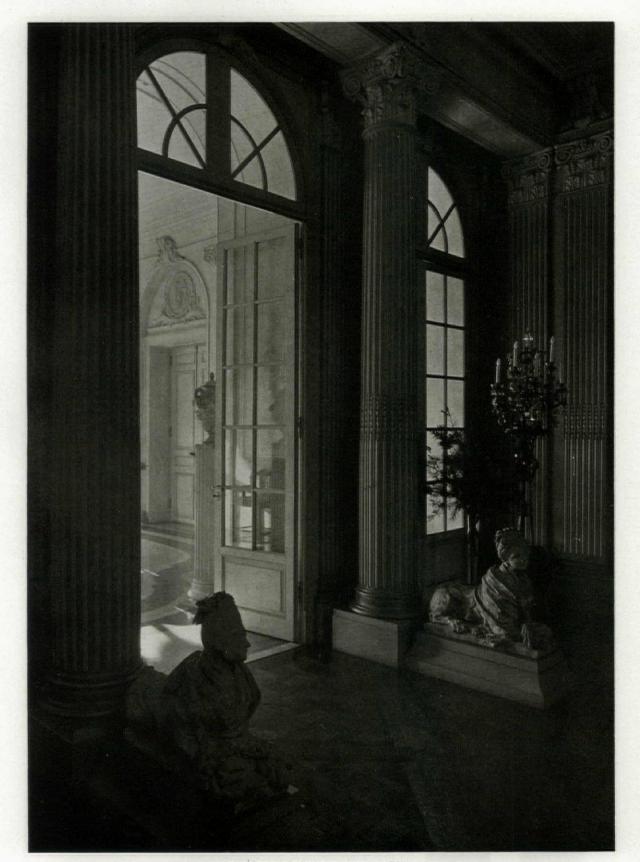


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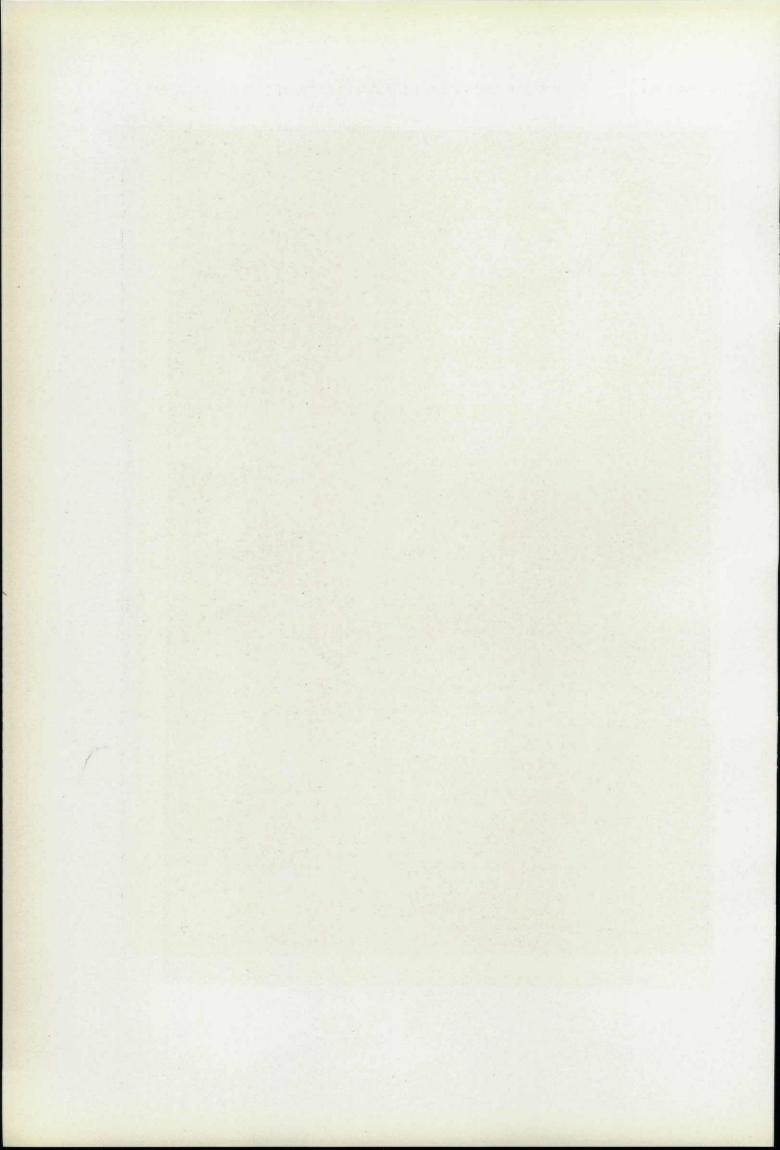


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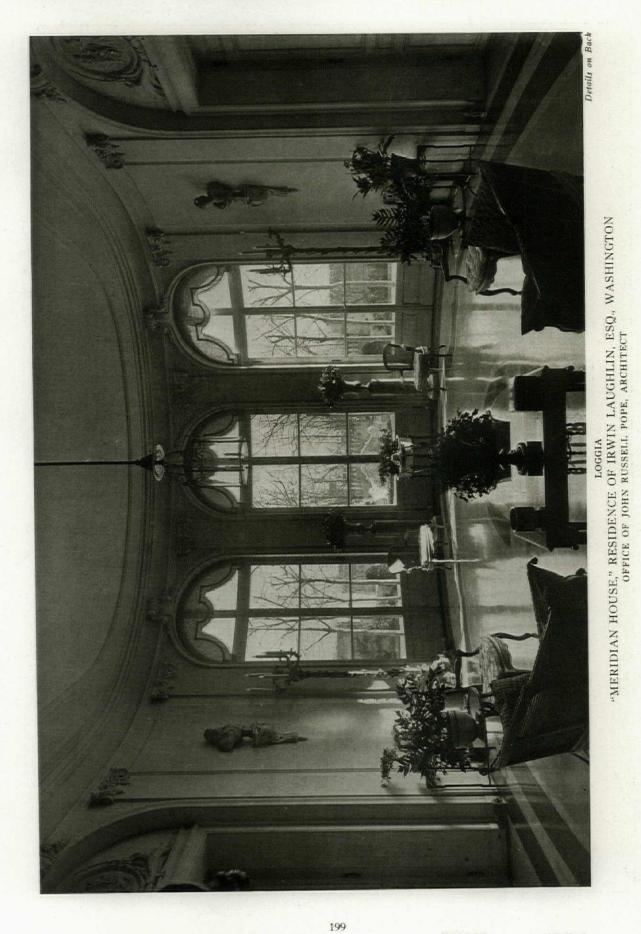
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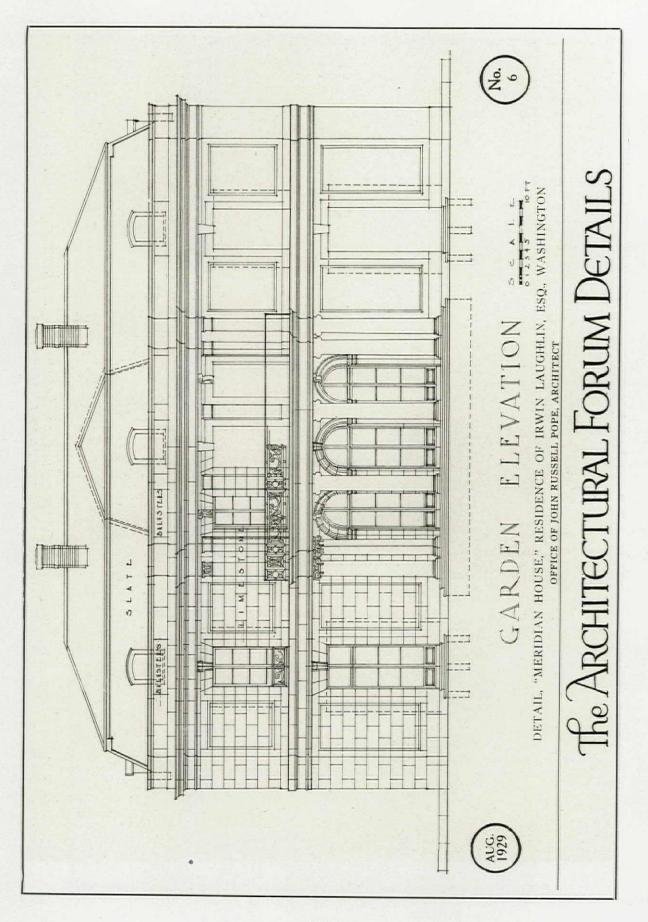


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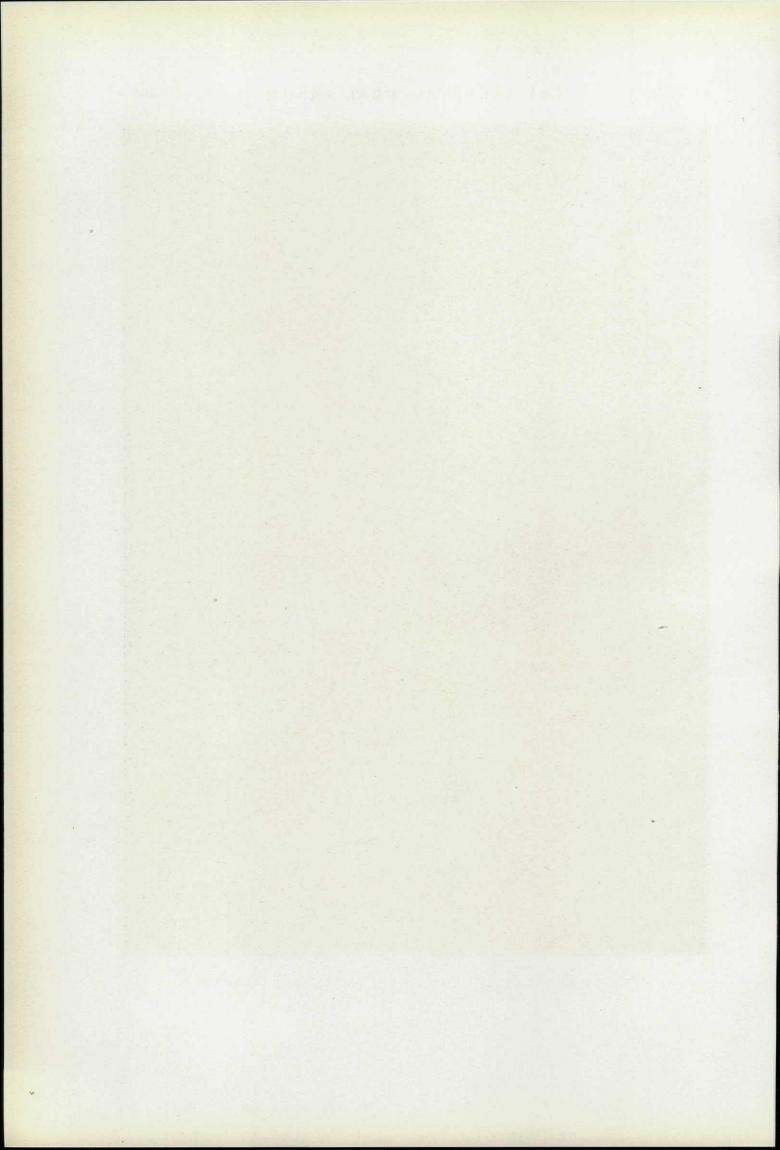


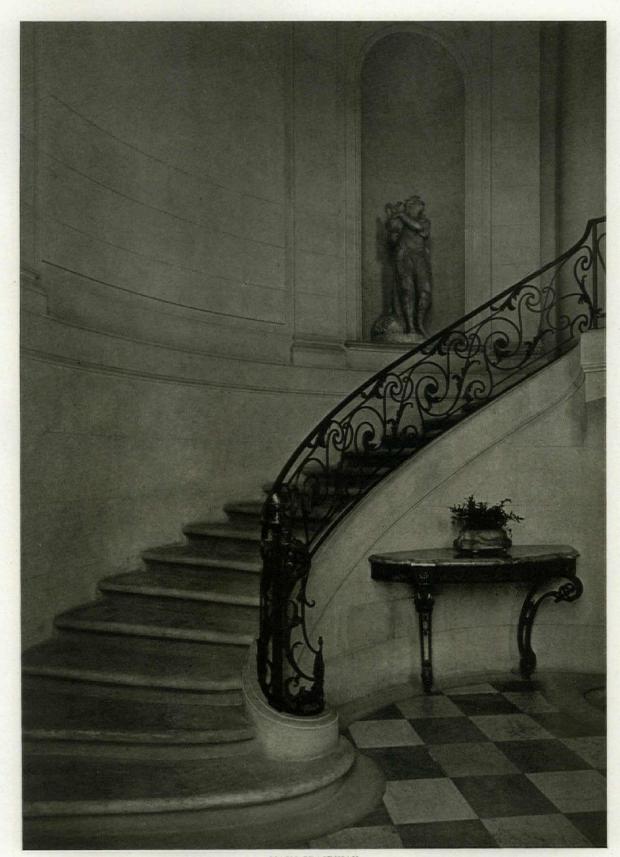




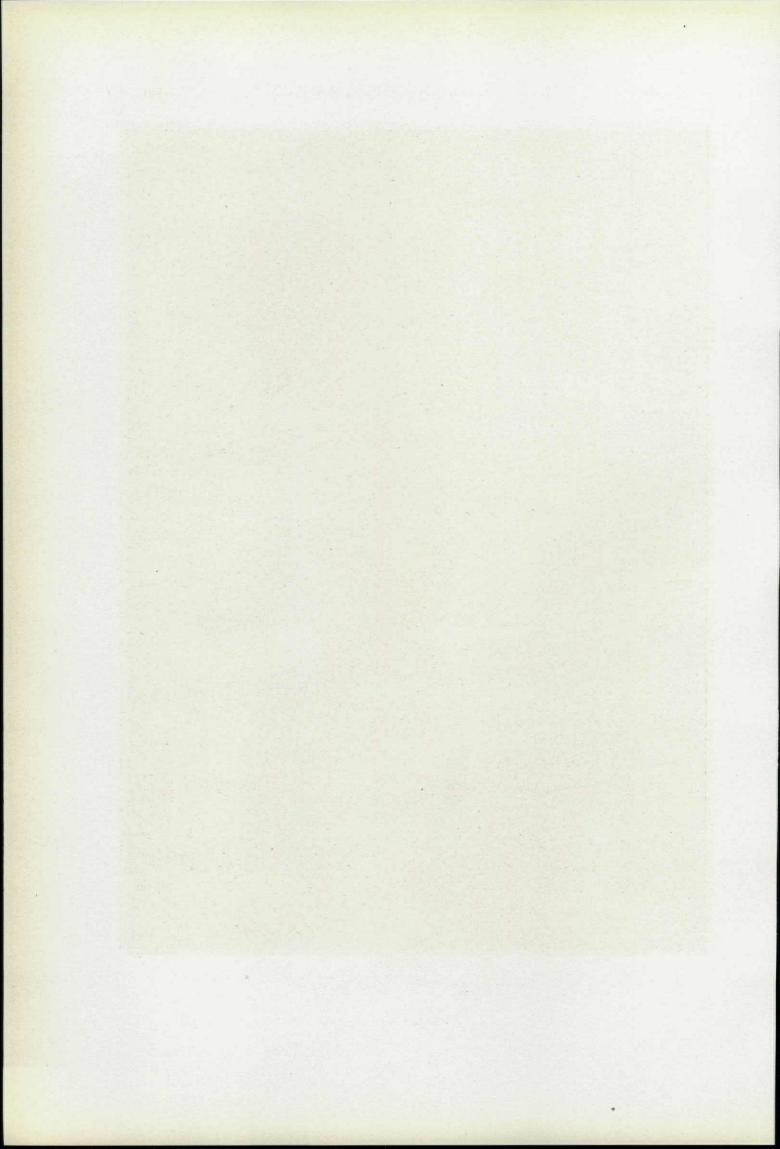
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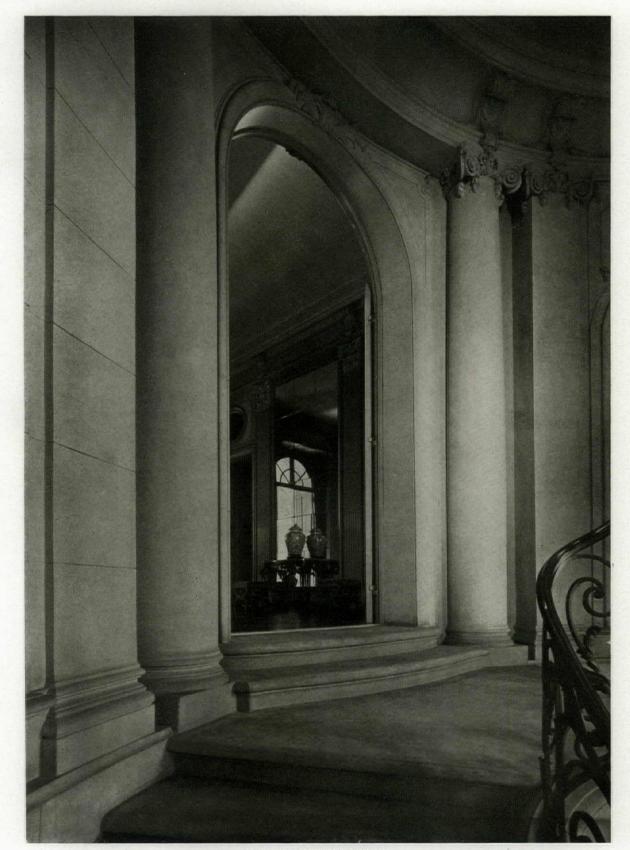
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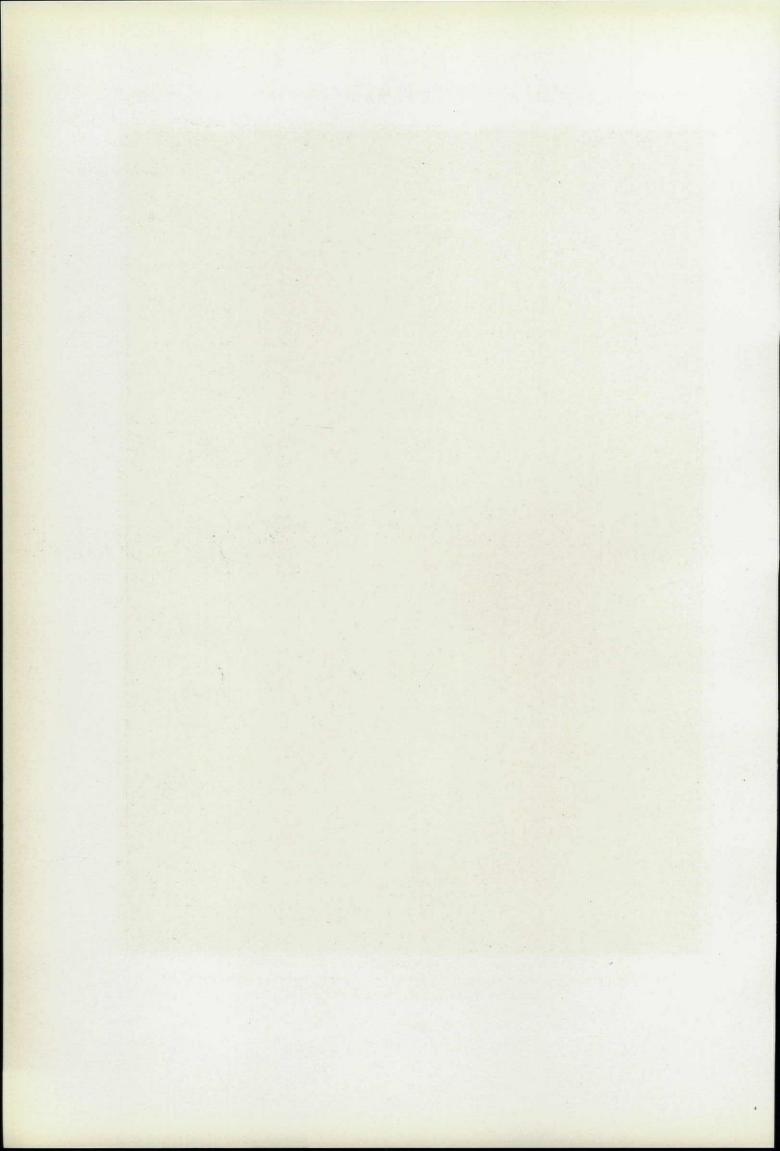


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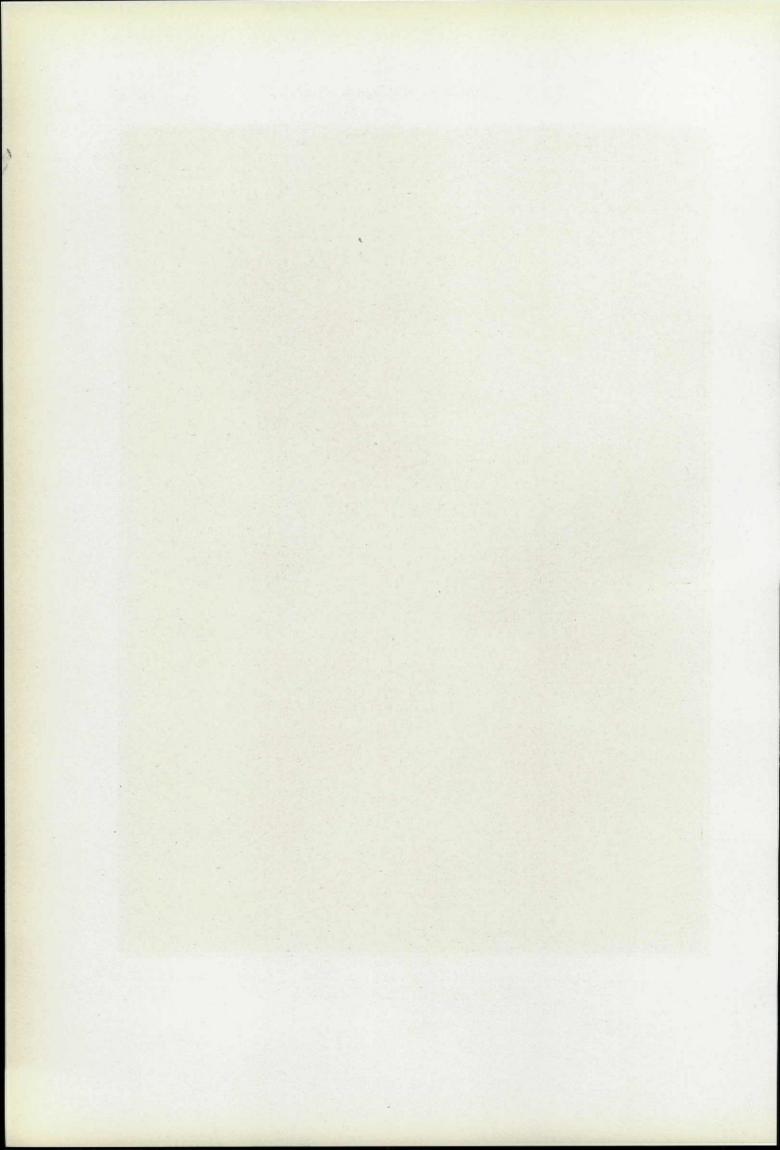


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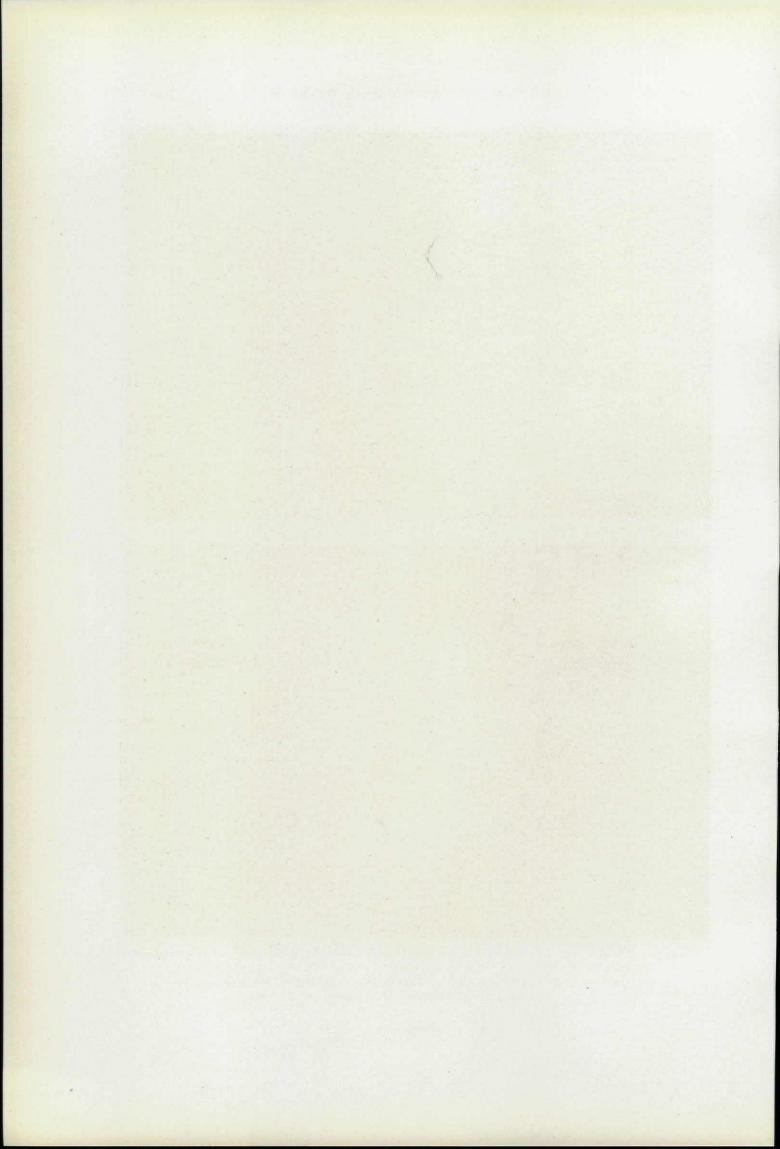


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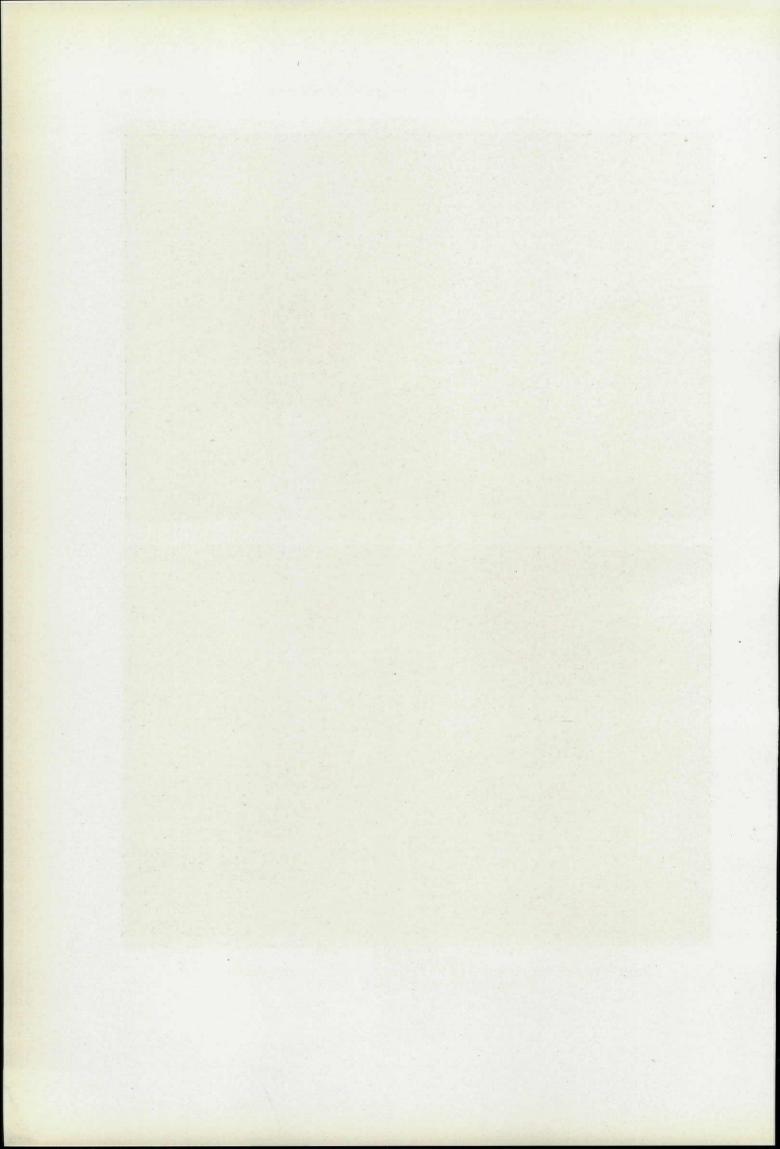


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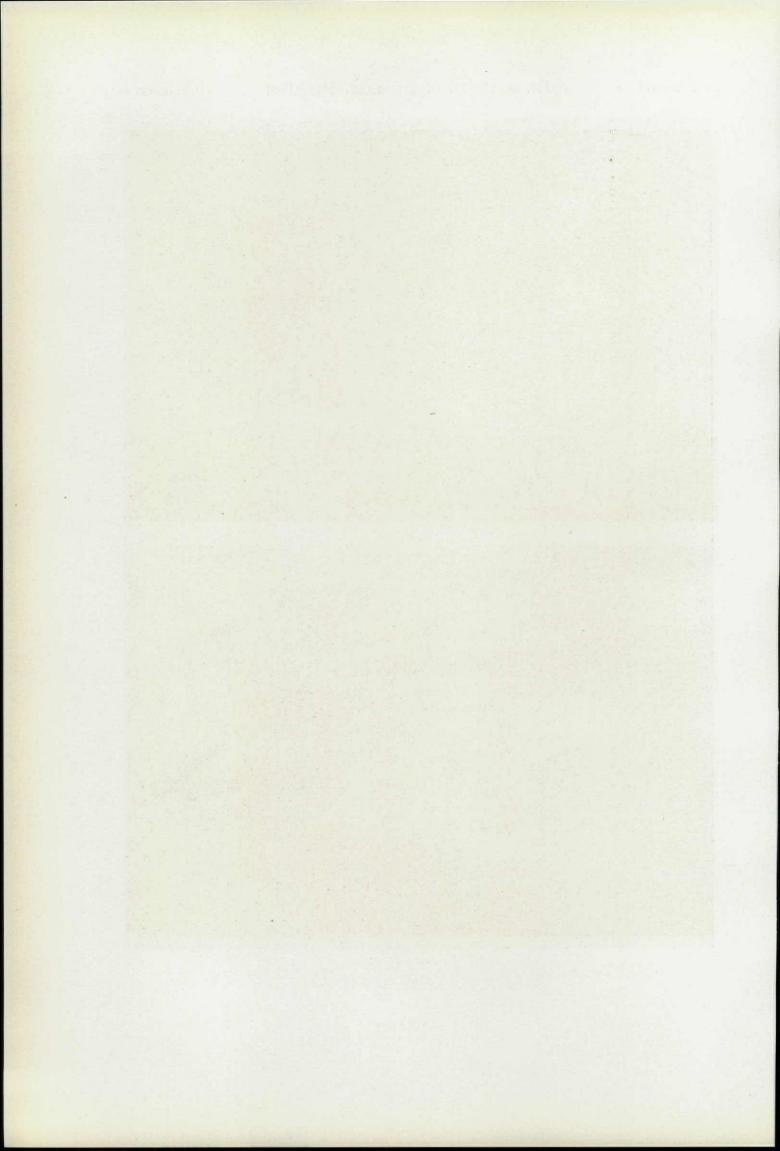


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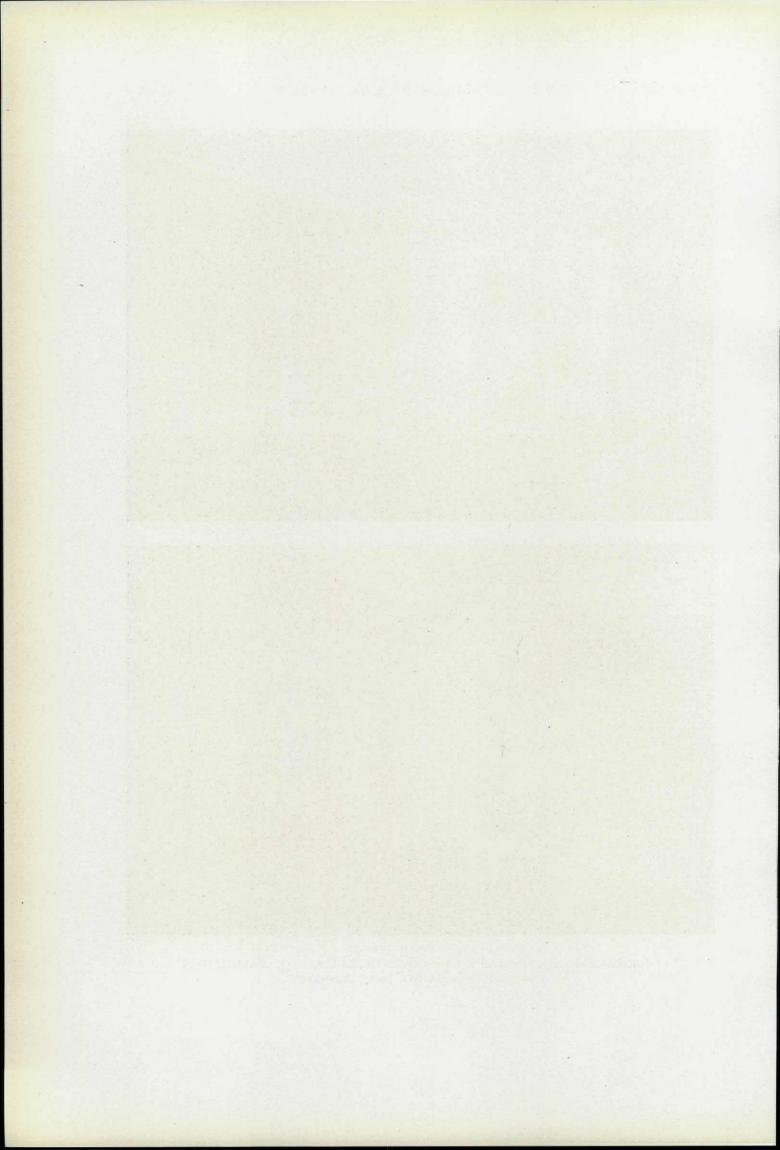


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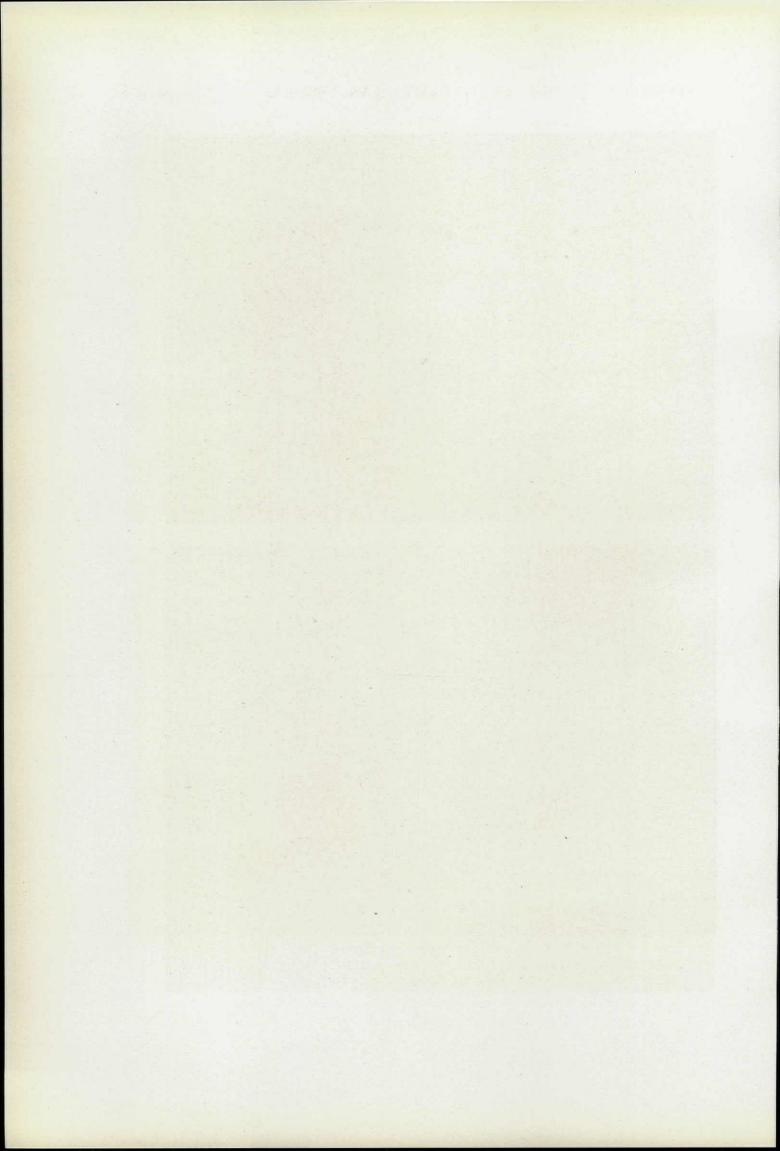


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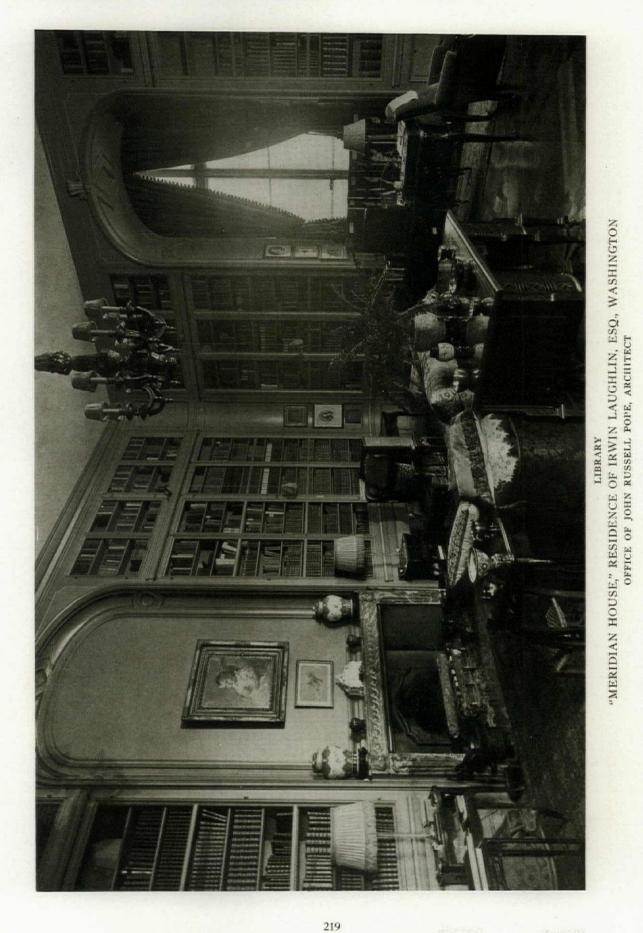
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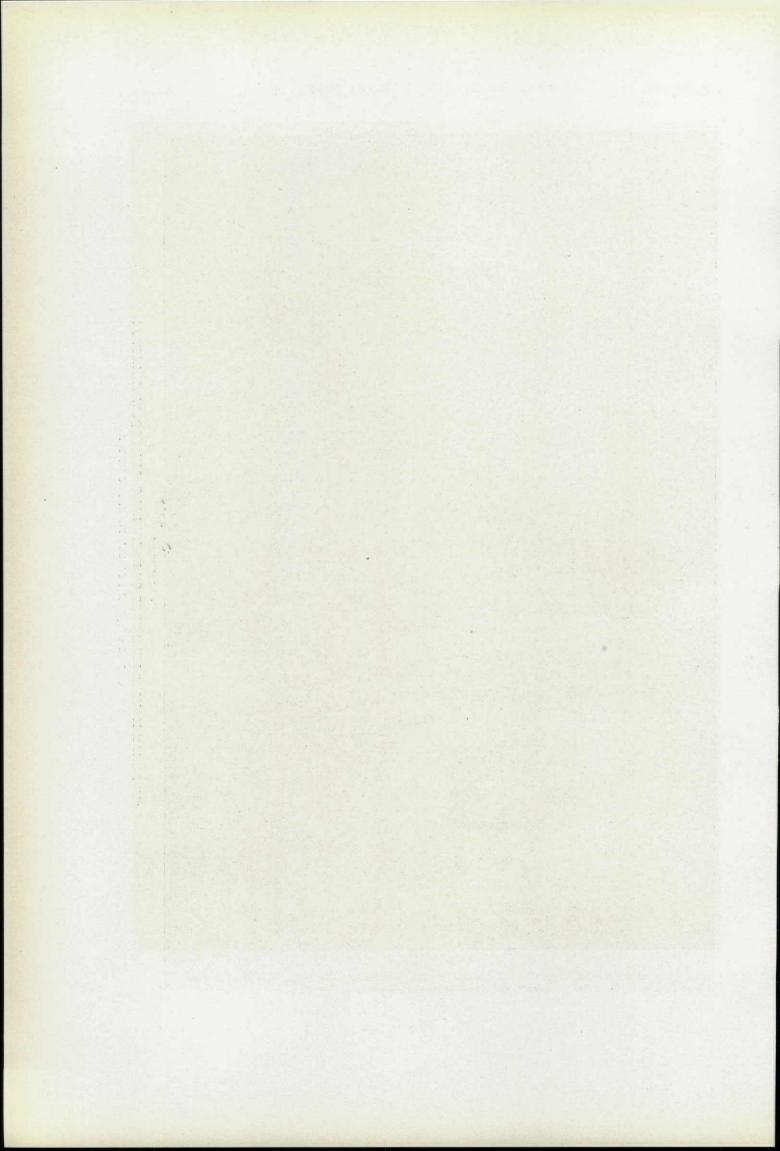


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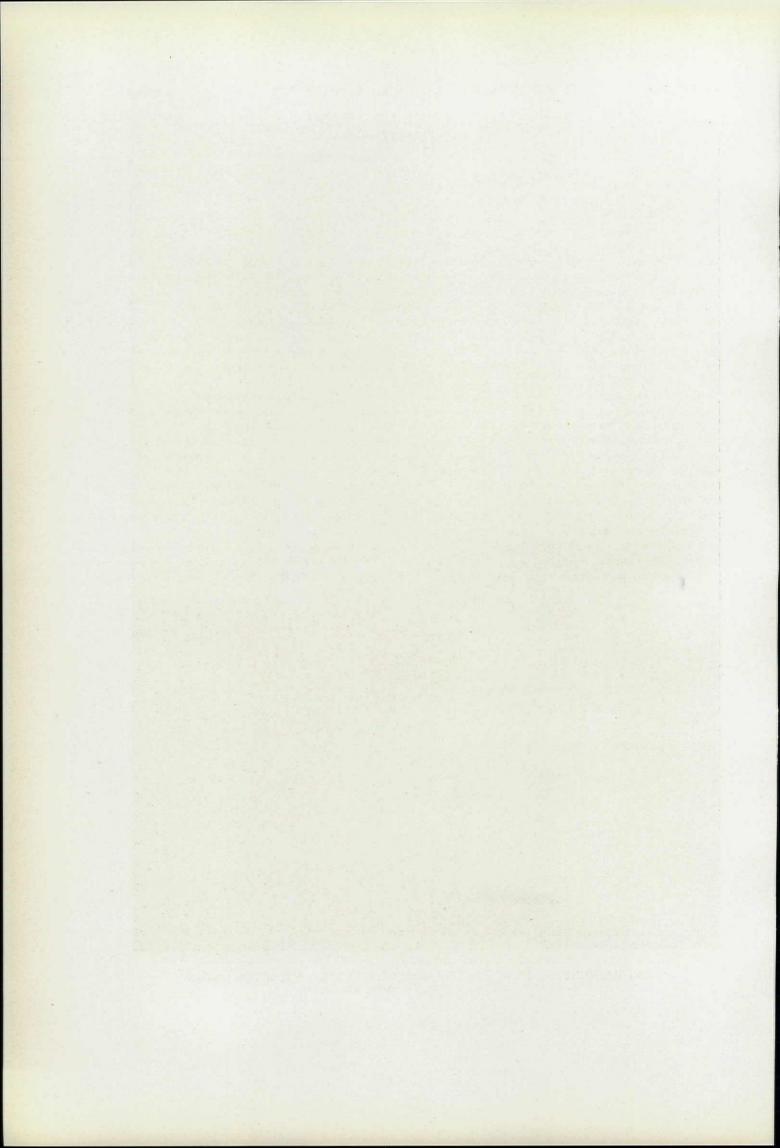
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OW that much of the architectural thought of this country is preoccupied with new architectural ideas, with expressions variously called "modern" or twentieth century, it may well be that we shall set up new standards in our renderings of historic styles. Such new standards would, necessarily, have to do with degrees of perfection. Ever since it became the architectural fashion to adapt European styles, this has been done very thoroughly, and in a complete range not only of origins but of merit. American architects have adapted historic styles as badly and as well as it is imaginably possible for adaptation to go,-but if we are to suppose this era to be nearing its close, have we not so come of age æsthetically that we can demand only the very finest work? It has always seemed to me a futile business to work in a borrowed style without interpreting it at least as well as those who originated it. Our task is not, inherently, so difficult. We have the best things they did to serve us as models and standards.

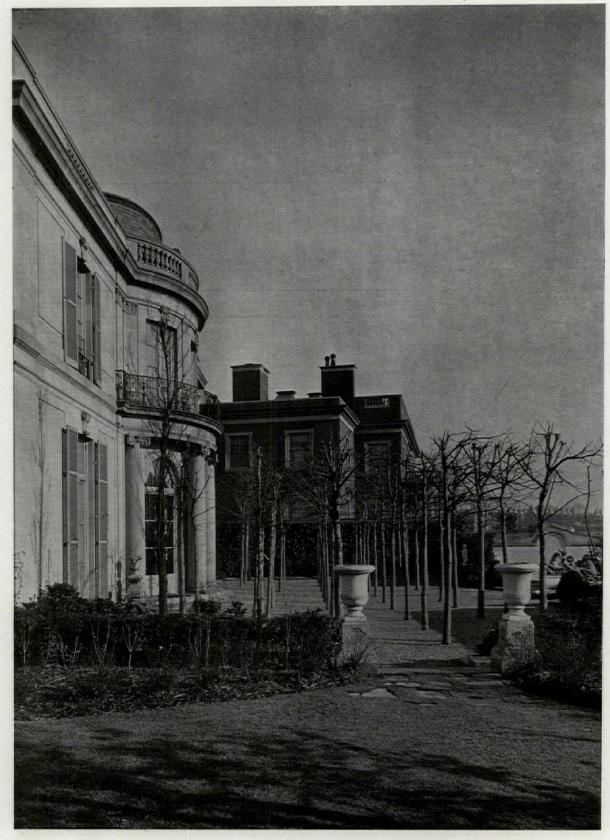
It would not be wise to say that any one style of the historic periods is more easy or more difficult to adapt, today, than any other. Or that the flair of any architect for adapting one style surpasses, necessarily his flair for adapting another. This concerns itself more vitally with good taste, which is not to be had from books. It is true that many architects have become known, and justly, for their achievements in one historic style. As thoroughgoing an architect as John Russell Pope does a Georgian Adam house as finely as the Hitt house in Washington, a Tudor house as well as the Duncan house in Newport, and an eighteenth century French house as finely as the Laughlin house in Washington. But there are not many such architects; if there were, there would be more really distinguished houses designed in the historic styles.

Certainly our achitecture has reached the point where the period adaptation needs to be thoroughly done or let alone. We cannot, indefinitely, have much patience with pretentious houses, whether they are English, French or Italian, unless they show a high degree of good taste on the part of the architect. There have been plenty of French houses in this country, but not many which have been really fine. This house for Irwin Laughlin, from the office of John Russell

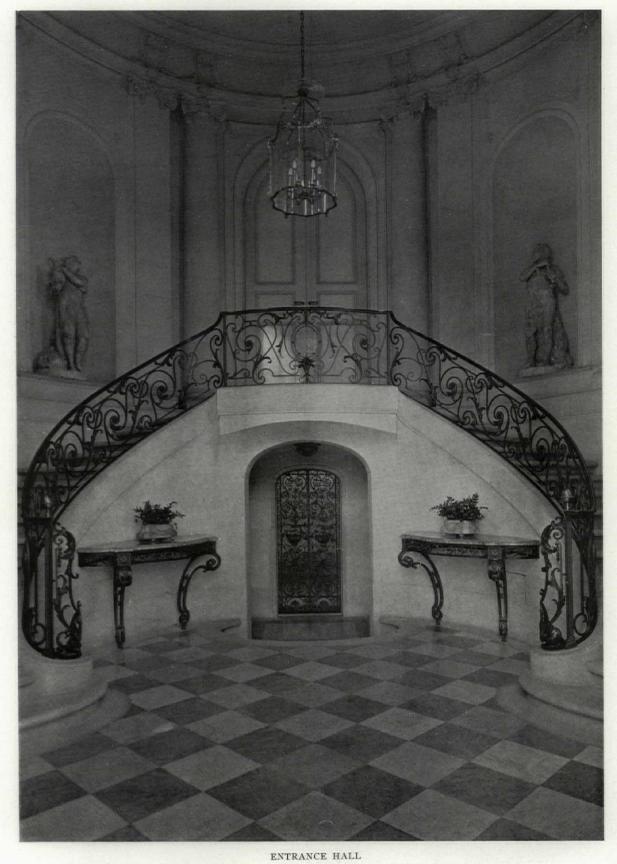


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Pope, is perhaps as fine a piece of work of its kind as this country can show. The French manner here has worn several period costumes,especially in town houses. And there have been more chateaux in the way of country houses, or houses detached, than houses such as this by Mr. Pope. "Biltmore," in North Carolina, is still a fine thing of its kind, and two of the Vanderbilt houses in New York, Francis I in manner, will always be missed. It is a pity that Fifth Avenue was so in need of improvement that these had to be demolished. Most other French houses in New York were done in what was, at the time of their building, "modern" French architecture, that is, the profusely detailed and over-detailed manner that was being taught at the Beaux Arts. The recently demolished residence of the late Senator Clark was a not too unfair example.

More nearly in character with the house here illustrated are such houses as the Gambrill and Berwind houses in Newport, though even these have not the restraint of the Laughlin house. And such examples as the Stotesbury house outside Philadelphia have been effective mainly in their reënacting the Grand Manner. To re-create the

really chaste phase of the Style Louis XVI is quite another matter, and one comparable in difficulty only with an authentic rendering of the style of the brothers Adam. Even to an eye architecturally untrained there must be, in the Laughlin house, a feeling of authority, of an inescapable finesse in its very corners,-so finely sharp in its every moulding, so incredibly restrained. A high wall partly masks its entrance, with a very stylized sphinx flanking the terrace balustrade at its abutment to the right of the shallow forecourt. Even in mass the house has a delicate nicety, to the slate mansard behind its balustraded parapet. The chimneys are as finely proportioned as a French mantel clock, and every exterior moulding is so perfectly scaled to the whole building as to suggest the nicety of a piece of furniture of the period. It seems to be an exterior (and how rare they are!) free from architectural regrets. Here is an exemplar of good taste,-an achievement not only in architectural manner but manners so sure that even the possibility of a faux pas is not to be conceded; faultless architectural diction; an architectural beau geste even in a style of which the essence was the



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gesture that reflected a graceful scheme of life. On the terrace elevation there are tall windows with tall shutters, a curved bay with composite columns, ironwork that can only be called, in spite of its material, charming. For some reason, perhaps because of half-forgotten memories of an autumnal Versailles, one thinks of this terrace as on a late October afternoon, with a few vellow leaves fallen in the gravel walks,-a warm, distant haze, and the curious sadness that there is in places very beautiful and perfect. The outer elevation of the terrace shows to the street only a high wall, with a rail partly solid and partly balustraded, and garage doors opening at the street level. It is a proper rear elevation for such a house,-dignified to the point of urbanity; exclusive as a chateau was exclusive when peasantry peered through its tall iron gates. Undemocratic? That was an architecture that did not even pretend to be democratic, and could not have been democratic even if it had considered the pretense worth making, and which it most assuredly did not.

The approach to the interior is a sweeping stair, up from a foyer. There is the scale of the Grand Manner in the array of tall columns, and there is an incredible perfection of scale in every moulding and in the gracefully cursive ironwork of railings and consoles. Au premier etage the foyer looks through three arched openings into a sitting room,—it might be called an entre salle, —exquisitely done, the walls in the architectural manner so essentially of Louis XVI, with Ionic pilasters, bas reliefs over the doors, and classic busts on console brackets. In this room there is the bow window which we have already seen from the terrace, and to enter, from the foyer, one passes between two sphinxes, a delightful fancy of the period, strictly classical as to their bodies, and with the high coiffed heads and coquettish realism of eighteenth century courtesans.

The ball room, as might well be supposed, is an affair of Corinthian pilasters and crystal chandeliers, of sectional mirrors and beautiful ironwork,—highly stylized, gracious, ultra-formal, with a formalism that is not cold. In the creation of this kind of a room the Style Louis XVI excelled,—and its re-creation here achieves the old illusions without being, even remotely, antiquarian. The dining room is, as might be expected, chaste to a degree. It is a room of finely



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planned plaster panels, its mantel very, very stylized, and its only other conspicuous feature a fine French tapestry. The whole manner of this house, deriving so definitely from the eighteenth century France of Louis XVI, is grand without being grandiose; impressive without being pompous; rich without being ornate. The library is more intime, and properly so. There would need to be, in this kind of a house, something to serve as a living room. Here the possessions of the people who live in the house become more important than the architecture. From the nature of things this would have to be so, and an intelligent architect is the first to recognize it. No matter how much a house is designed for a formal scheme of life, and for formal entertaining, there is much of life to be lived otherwise than in this manner, and of this account must be taken.

Certainly the manner of this house has not, in this country, been better done, not only in terms of stylistic authenticity but in terms of pure architecture, meaning good taste in selectivity, in elimination, in execution. It cannot, from its nature, do otherwise than set a standard which should endure permanently,—a standard which should be seriously considered whenever a prospective builder decides he must have this or that type of house from the historic pages of our great picture book of European precedent.

There is, in this distinguished house, more than mere stylization. There is an unusual degree of good taste with refinement of scale in mouldings and other profiles carried out with far more fidelity to the very essence of the style than is observable in most contemporary work of the period in France. There are, in fact, plenty of very poor examples of the style of Louis XVI in France, and few that could so well be presented as an exemplar if a student were to ask for a consistently fine example. The grandiose heaviness of Mansart and Oppenord, plus the fantasy of the Rococo, were not transformed either suddenly or completely into the chaste delicacy of Louis XVI.

W. H. Ward, a very thorough English authority on the whole evolution of eighteenth century French architecture, is valuable to quote if one would refresh one's memory of the circumstances that brought about the French classic revival that culminated in the ultra-classic styles of the Directoire and the Empire. "This period," writes Mr. Ward, "is marked architecturally by a reaction toward antiquity and simplicity; and though the reign of Louis XVI covers but a small portion of it, the style which resulted from this reaction has by common consent received his name. Its beginnings may be traced to the second quarter of the century when the Palladian Rococo compromise was generally accepted in France, and Baroque and Rococo held undivided sway in Germany, Belgium and Spain." New discoveries in Pompeii and Herculaneum stimulated a first hand appreciation of antiquity, and the didactic Palladian doctrines, together with the dictates of Vitruvius, began to lose their authority. "Antiquity began to appear in an entirely new light, and architectural thinkers realized that they had hitherto been accepting a mere fragment of the performance of Rome as fully representative of the whole architecture of the classical ages. They now saw that the departures from Vitruvius' canons already observed were not isolated aberrations,-that the ancient architects, and especially the Greeks, had been wholly unconscious of the existence of such canons. Instead of handing down to posterity the vivifying principle which had brought the whole glorious art of antiquity into being. Vitruvius was seen to have nothing to offer but a sort of pemmican, compounded out of a few specimens, and those not all of the first quality. . . . The whole edifice of rules and orders, proportions and modules, so laboriously built up by a long line of writers, stretching from far-away Albert to Briseaux in their midst, was seen to be raised on phantom foundations, and down it came about the ears of the architectural world like a house of cards. . . . These revelations, far from discouraging the study of antiquity, only convinced men that much more might be learned from ancient monuments than the academic school had supposed. More than this, it was the opinion of many thoughtful persons that the restoration of a simple and noble style could be attained only by such study. . . . Architects exhibited an increasing submission to the guidance of antiquity, with whose monuments there was now a wider and closer acquaintance. Yet the old academic methods, though shaken, on the whole maintained their sway, and the new ideas influenced detail and ornament more than composition. . . . The resultant style is characterized as regards the main architectural lines by a four-square sobriety; as regards decoration by refinement; and generally by classical purity.'

This would fairly describe the Laughlin house, in which it seems as though the architect had taken the style of Louis XVI, with all its defects, and converted every defect into a perfectly stylized virtue. Outside a few superficial writings, and an unexamined tradition, this style seldom attained the classic perfection at which it aimed. For this reason, among others, Mr. Pope had no inconsiderable advantage over the architects of the time of Louis XVI. He could examine their works, get an idea of the thing they were trying to do,—and then do it better. Certainly there is nothing experimental in the technique of the Laughlin house inside or out, for here are fine forms rendered with the utmost finesse of manner. August, 1929

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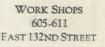
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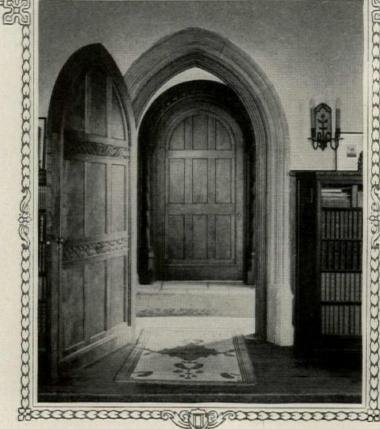


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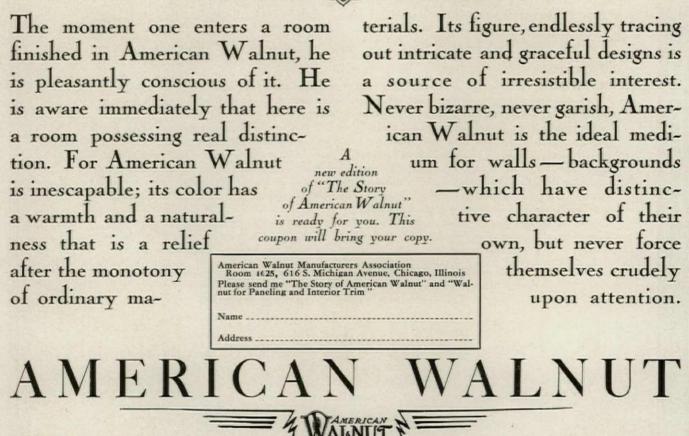
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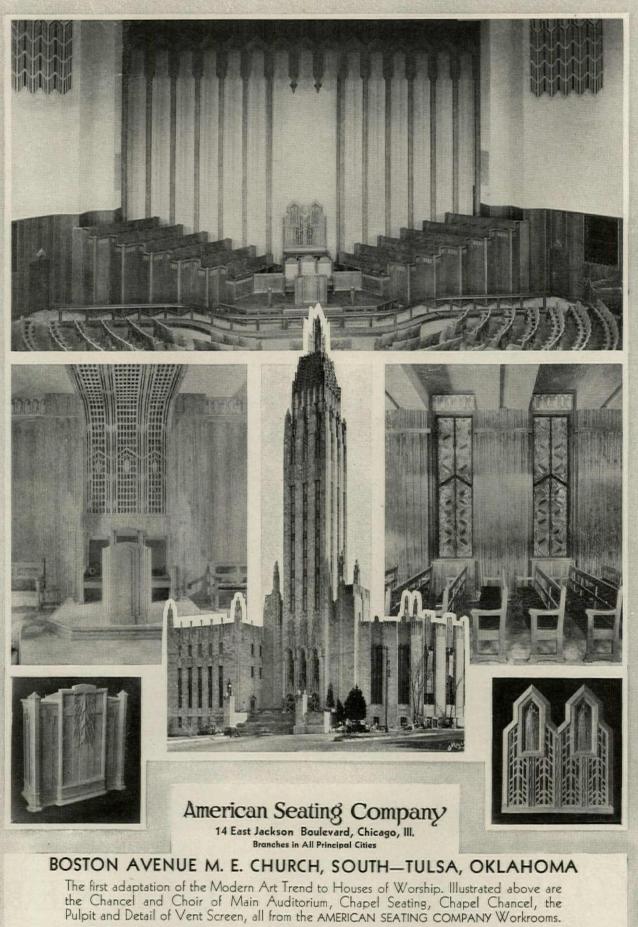
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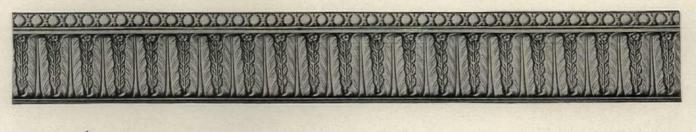
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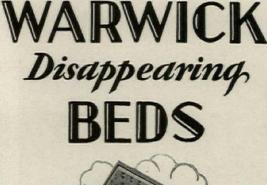
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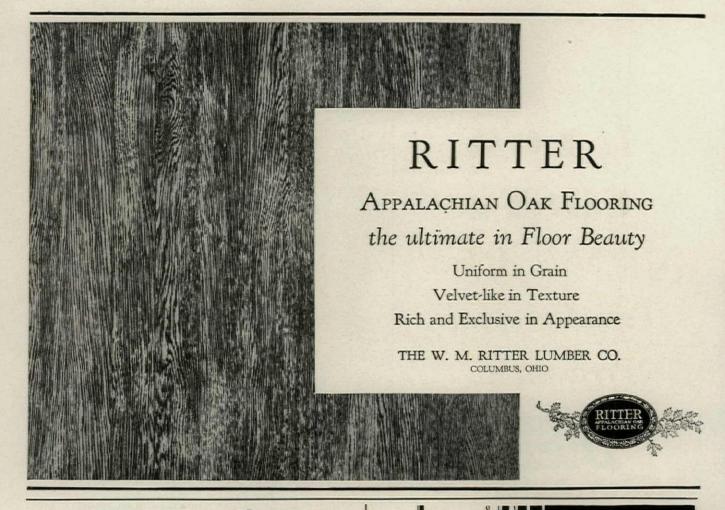
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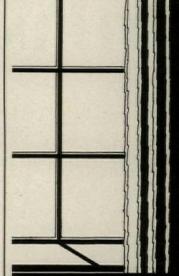
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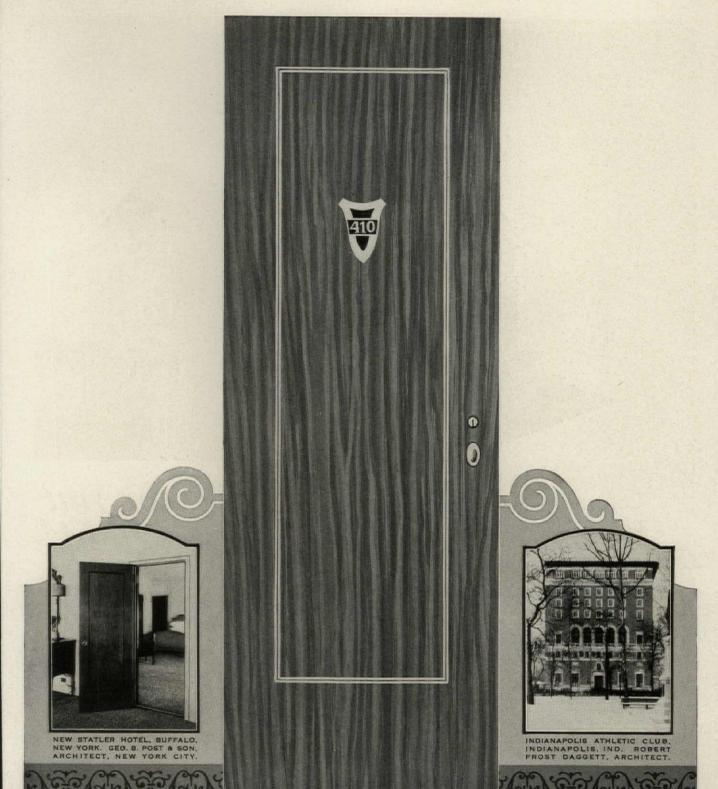
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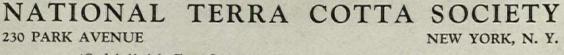
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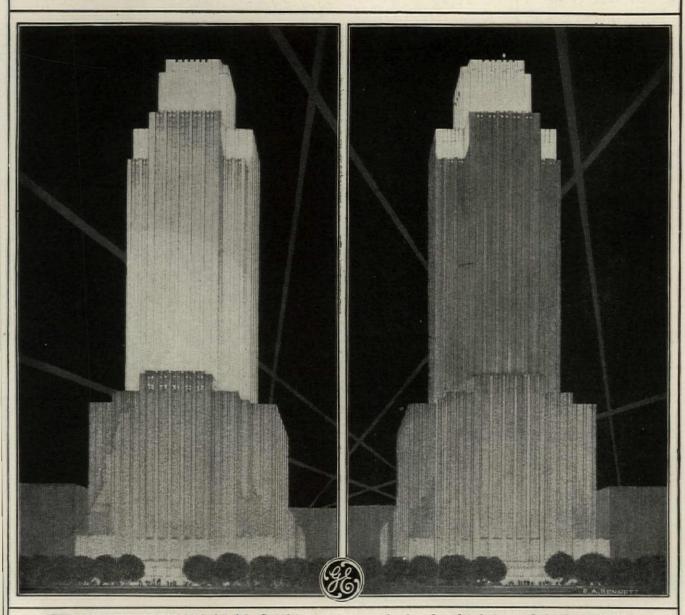
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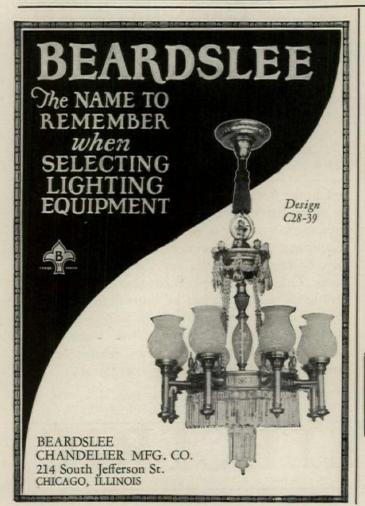
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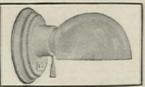
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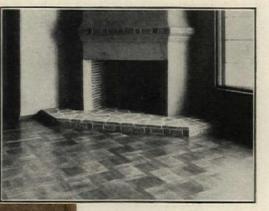
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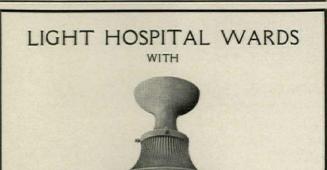
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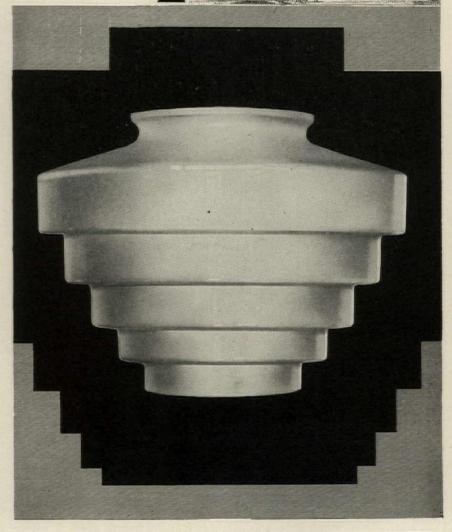
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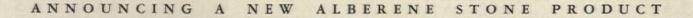
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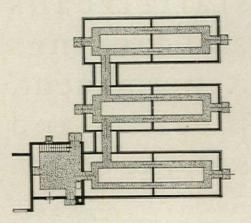
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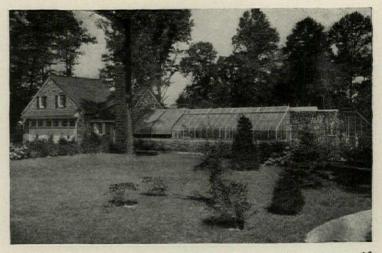
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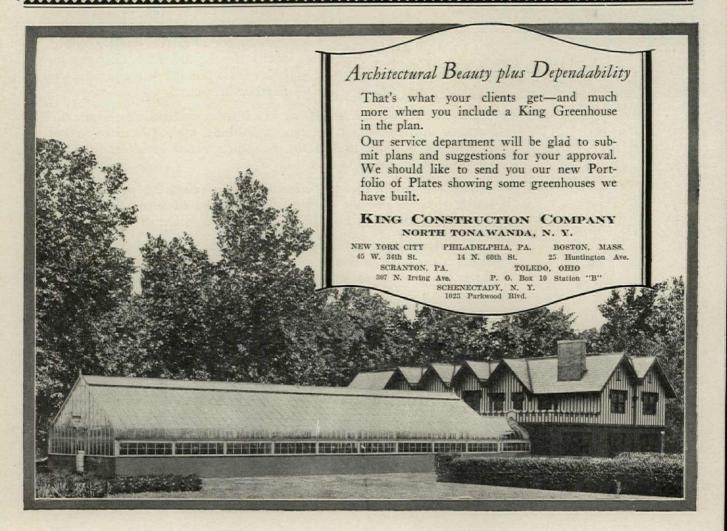
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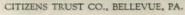
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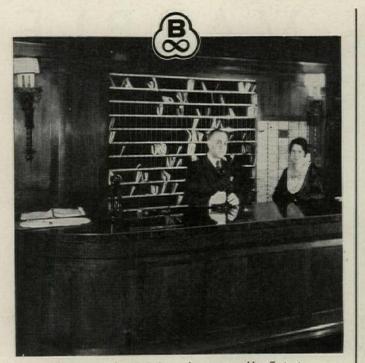
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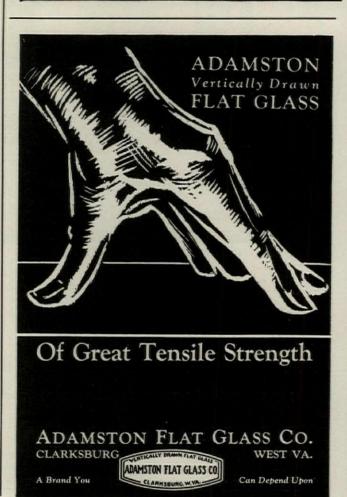
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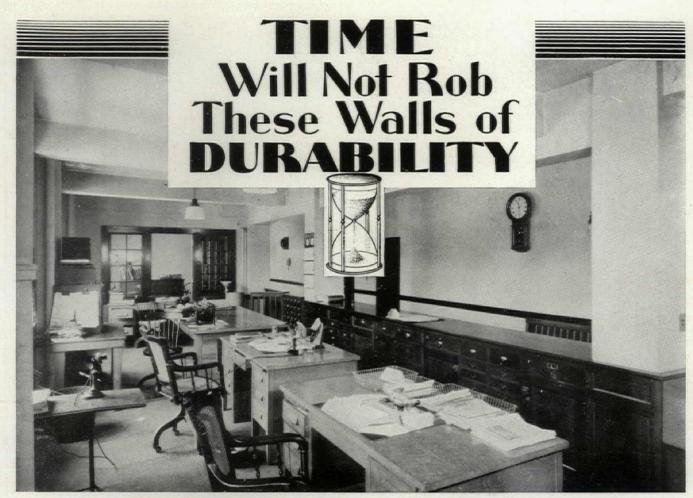
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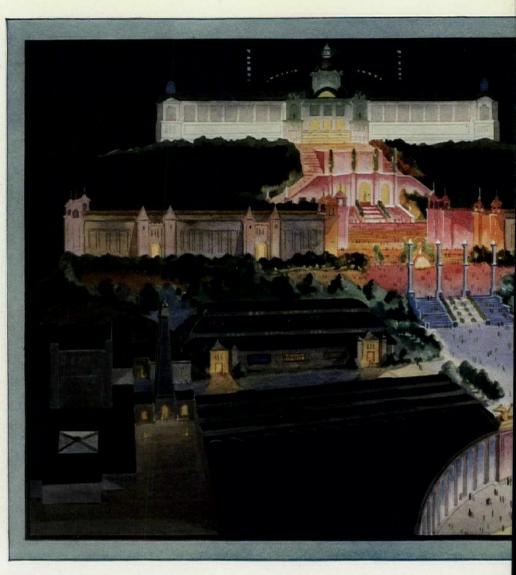




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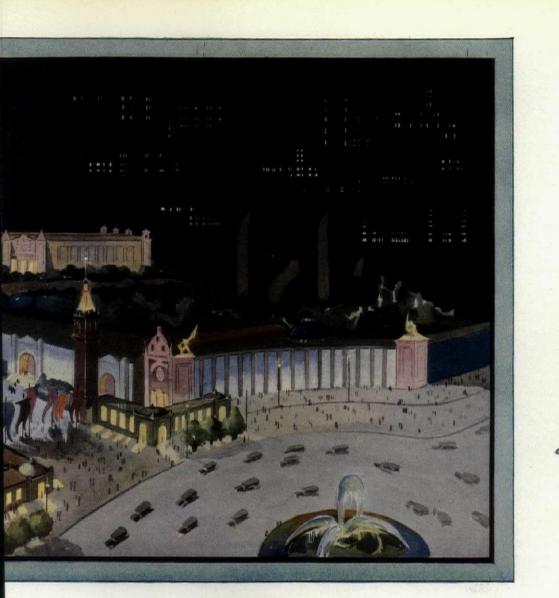
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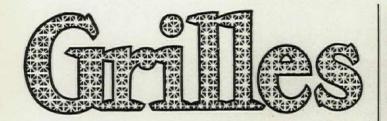
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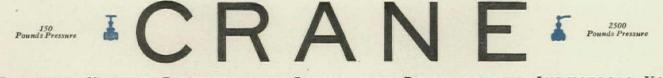
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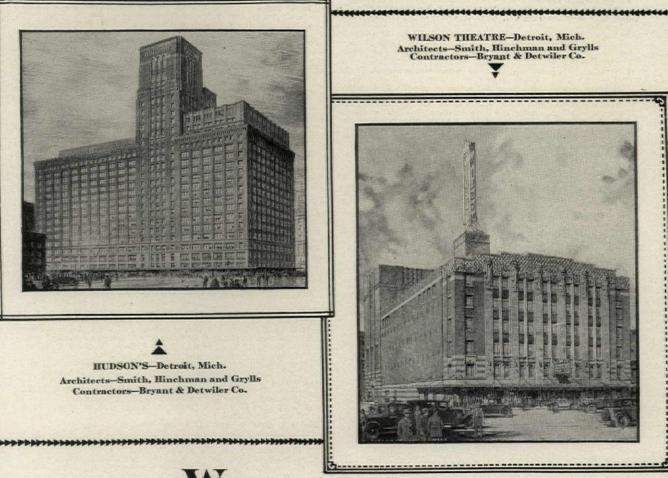
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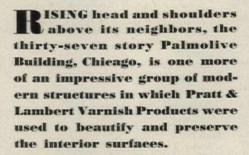
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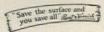
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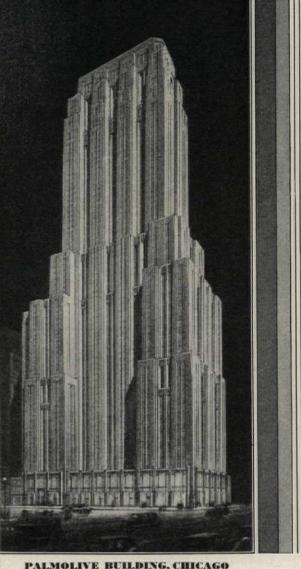


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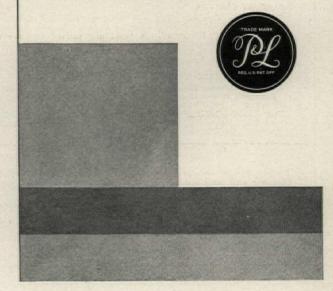
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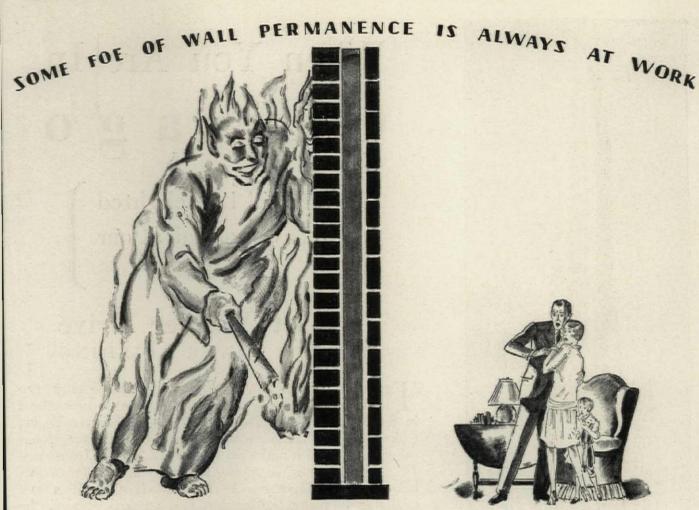
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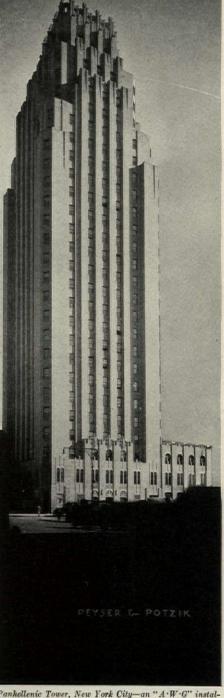
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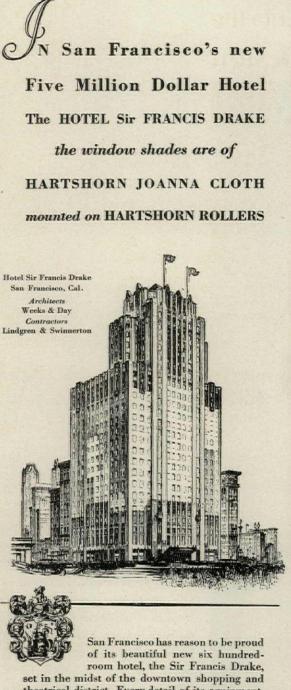
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While not often used to any great extent in structures of a residence character, use of the door check now seems to be nearly universal in buildings of other kinds,-great office and institutional structures, hospitals, theaters, public libraries, etc.,-almost everywhere, in fact, since the slamming or too sudden closing of a door is objectionable. Like the elevator and certain other utilities, the door check has been the object of endless experiment and improvement, until now (again like the elevator) it seems to have reached the utmost limit of its development. The Corbin organiza-tion has long been in the foremost rank of firms manufacturing these useful devices, and this brochure deals with the many varieties of door checks which have been developed by the firm's ingenuity. "As with other mechanical devices, by the firm's ingenuity. "As with other mechanical devices, changes have been made from time to time in the principles and construction of door checks. The first radical departure from door check construction as originally conceived was the change from air to liquid as a checking medium. This development made possible the correction of many of the faults of air checks, but it also necessitated the formulation of a liquid which would act as a lubricant for the moving parts and at the same time possess the viscosity necessary for a uniform and dependable checking action. Furthermore, to retain its effectiveness under conditions of extreme or varying temperature, this liquid must necessarily be impervious to heat or cold. After considerable experimenting, Corbin has produced a liquid which is meeting these requirements most satisfactorily. The next important step was the introduction of the coil spring in place of the flat band spring. This further eliminated many of the objectionable points which were previously to be found. Since the pres-sure of the coil spring is divided evenly over its entire length when tensed, the danger of crystallization at any one point was avoided. When released, its power is transmitted in a steady uniform flow. Another important feature of this spring is the fact that it makes possible the reversible check, for either right or left hand doors. Other achievements are the new coil spring and ball type holdback attachment and the three-point holding device designed especially for hospital service. New adjustable brackets for applying checks to arched doors have been added. With these and the various other types of brackets, there is no condition under which a door cannot be equipped with a Corbin door check."

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# THE NAILCRETE CORPORATION, 105 West 40th Street, New York. "Nailcrete for Better Roofs and Floors."

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# HOLOPHANE COMPANY, INC., 342 Madison Avenue, New York. "Ornamental Luminaires." Booklet No. 900.

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# MACBETH-EVANS GLASS CO., Charleroi, Pa. "L'Art Moderne. By Macbeth." Attractive Lighting Fixtures.

Architects and interior decorators well know the importance of lighting fixtures as aids to interior architecture, their importance in fact being such that an interior may be either made or marred by their wise or their unwise selection. The coming into prominence of what is just now being called the "modern" style has of course directed the designers and manufacturers toward producing lighting fixtures appropriate for use with architecture of this type, and this brochure describes and illustrates some of the fixtures produced by this well known firm. While of course 'modern'' in every sense, these fixtures do not suggest the extreme of the type, which has thus far found little favor in America, though highly popular in certain countries of Europe. The influence of the "set-back" style, however, is plainly to be seen.

# THE MASTER BUILDERS COMPANY, Cleveland. "The Fifth Ingredient." Valuable data on concrete.

The researches of the chemists, engineers, and others who conduct experiments for large manufacturers or associations of manufacturers produce many results which are interesting and which often bring about marked improvement in the product in behalf of which the researches are made. The manufacturers of cement and similar materials have long been to the fore in studying concrete and in trying to overcome the vulnerability of concrete,-its susceptibility to injury by moisture and even by certain chemicals and liquids, even where these liquids and chemicals are not apparently Much valuable information in regard to concrete present. is given in this booklet issued by the widely known Master Builders Company. "The search for ways to increase the resistance of concrete to compression, tension and abrasion is as old as concrete itself. Of more recent interest is the question of corrosion. Authorities have long realized the harmful effect on concrete of corrosive agents including sea water, alkali water, and strong acid solutions. Only within the last few years, however, has the attention been directed to the serious losses in strength and life of concrete structures caused by the action of these same agents encountered under industrial conditions everywhere, but heretofore considered harmless. That grease, oil, fruit juices, sour milk, sugar, vinegar, and many other commonplace products, by-products, and waste materials ever present on floors in com-mercial and industrial buildings gradually attack the solu-ble constituents of the concrete floor and thus prepare the way for untimely wear through abrasion, has now well-nigh universal recognition. To reduce the ratios of these soluble constituents in set cement is to reduce the vulnerable factor of concrete to the minimum, extending the life of the structure proportionately. The four components of concrete,cement, sand, coarse aggregate, and water,—have now been supplemented by 'Omicron, the Fifth Ingredient,' which com-bines with the soluble constituent of Portland cement concrete, rendering it insoluble and thereby strengthening and lengthening the life of the structure. This booklet is devoted to the graphic exposition of this new material and its adaptation to the products of The Master Builders Company." The brochure is full of data having to do with the effect upon concrete of time, weather, wear, etc., which are in-valuable to architects and engineers, builders and contractors.





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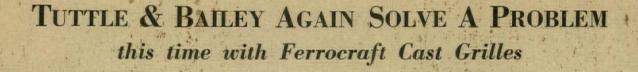
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