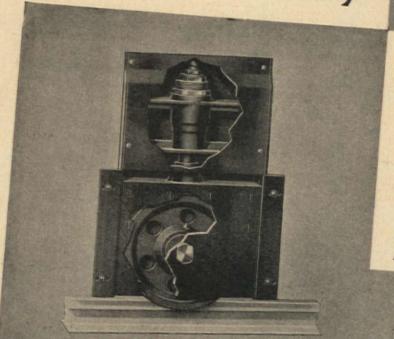
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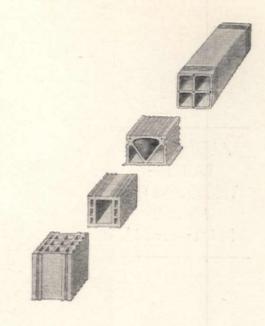
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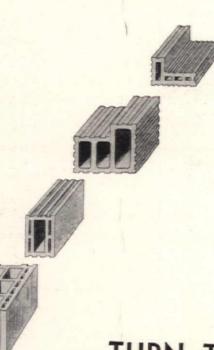
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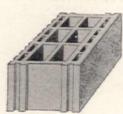


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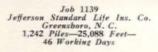
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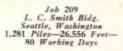




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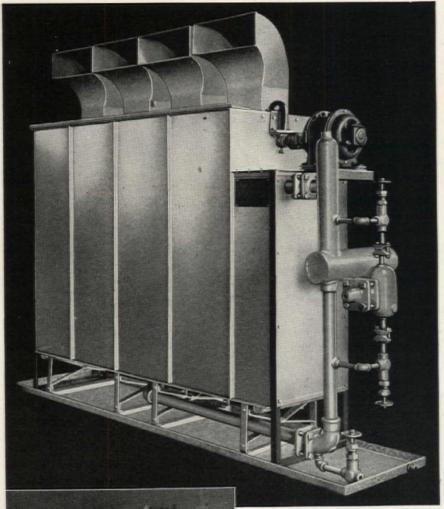
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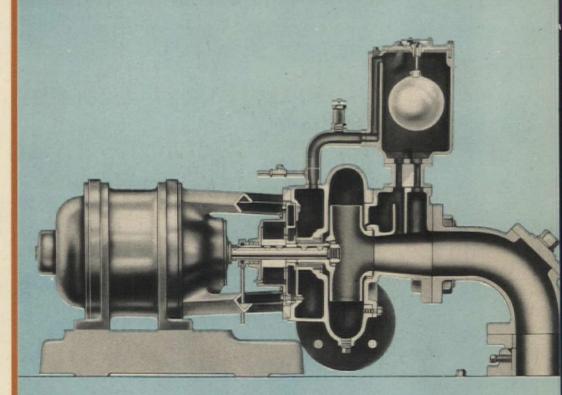
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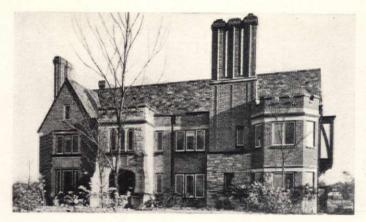




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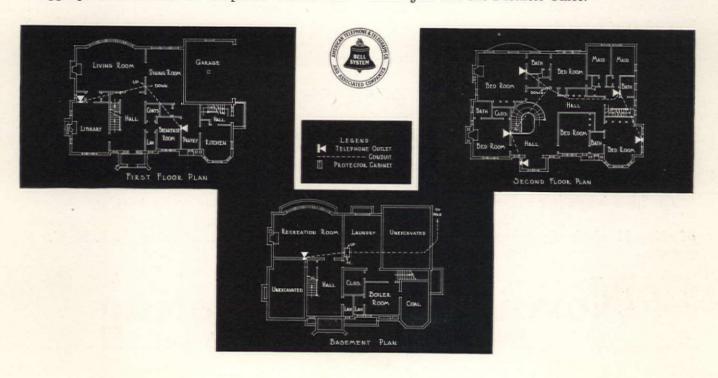
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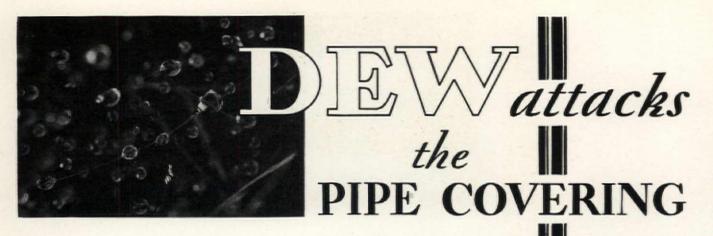
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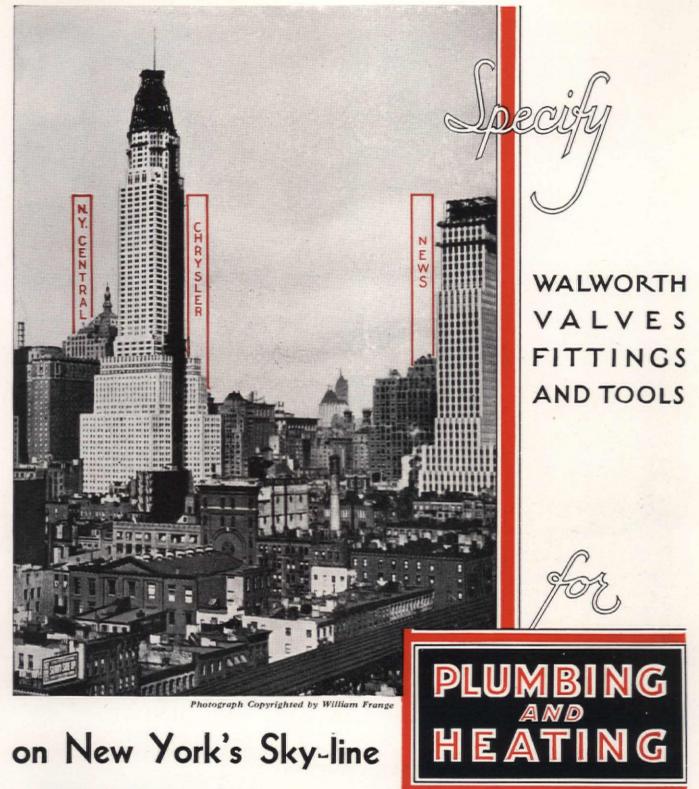


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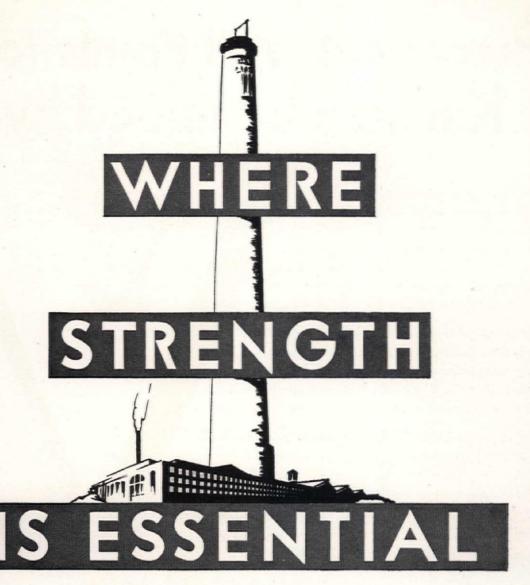






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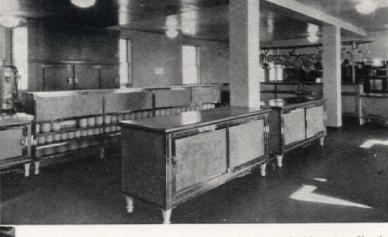
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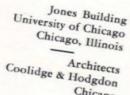
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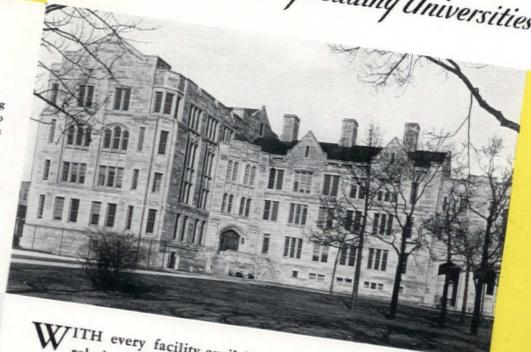
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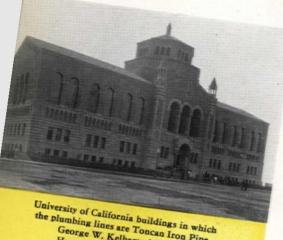




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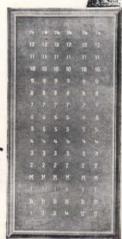
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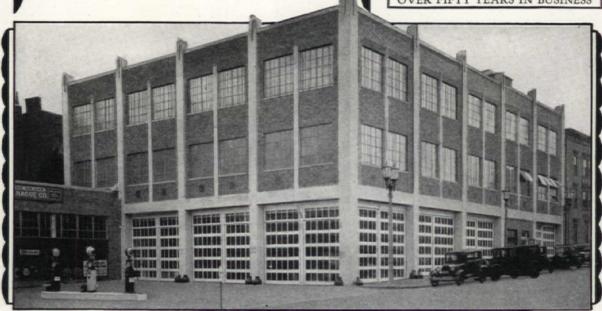
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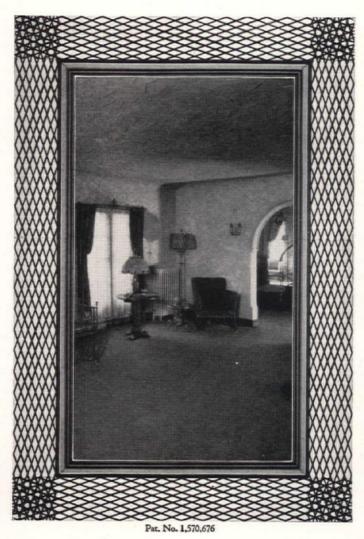
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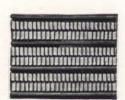
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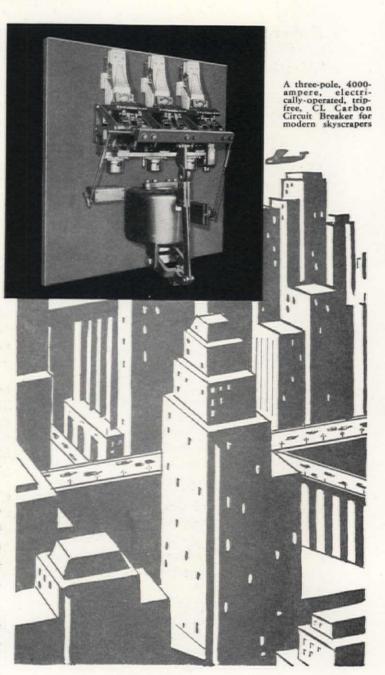
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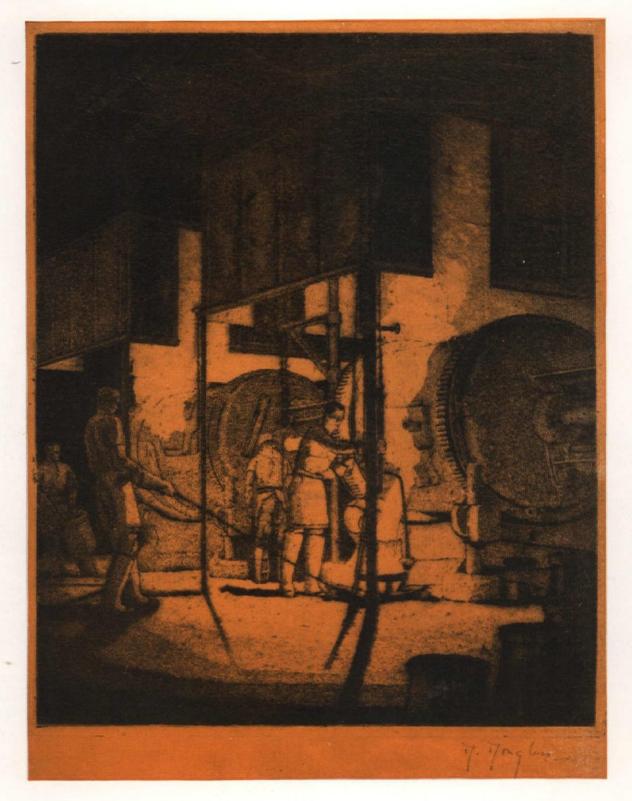
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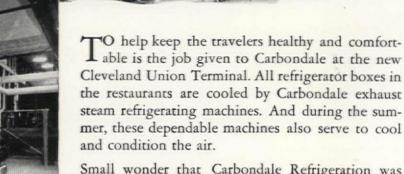


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THE history of mankind is closely bound up with the history of architecture. Every great civilization has developed its own distinctive types of building, and it is by studying these remnants of examples of these styles that we may learn something of the true nature of the people by whom and for whom they were built. The written chronicles of history may recount more or less accurately the important events that took place and even something of the social, economic and political developments of a given era or nation, but it is very seldom, if ever, that they record an unbiased conception of the everyday life and nature of the masses which formed the basis of all civilizations and states.

For an indication of the social, religious and political fabric of the nations of the past, and even of the present, the buildings in which the people lived, worshiped and carried on the affairs of state are the best historical documents. Thus we can learn from the sheer massiveness of Egyptian temples that they were built by a nation of slaves oppressed by their rulers and compelled by their superstitions to spend their lives in endless toil that they might erect by primitive means great palaces for the Pharaohs and temples to their gods. In like manner the observers of the future may learn from a study of English domestic architecture that the backbone of the British Empire consisted of peaceful, home-loving yeomen, content with their status in life and willing to live in their humble picturesque cottages and serve the considerable body of landed aristocracy and nobility. The rise and fall of the Roman Empire may be traced from the severe simplicity of the early republic to the lavish indulgence that brought about the downfall of the empire, by means of a study of the buildings of the various periods. So it is that the more carefully one investigates the character and structural features of architecture the greater becomes one's understanding of the forces underlying historical development.

Unfortunately, volumes which aim to cover the history of architecture in detail are likely to become so massive as to discourage anything like a careful perusal by even the professional reader. How many of us have resolutely determined to read carefully through the pages of Sir Banister Fletcher's "History of Architecture on the Comparative Method," only to be overcome in the early stages by a realization of the immensity of the task? In fact, if one should have the diligence to carefully study all the material in some such complete and authoritative work, there is danger that he might become lost in the maze of detail and lose sight of the general picture of architectural history. It is as an intro-

duction and supplement to these more complete treatises that the little volume which is the subject of the present review will probably be found most useful. The architect who has long passed his student days and would like to refresh his memory as to some of the major features of architectural history, will find it a valuable short cut in doing so, as will those who wish to make a rapid review of the subject in preparation for an examination.

As is the case with many books on the subject, emphasis has been placed strongly on British architecture. In fact, it might almost be called an introduction to the history of English architecture. The earlier styles of architecture are well covered, however, and the author follows the usual procedure of tracing the stages of development in chronological order, starting with the Egyptian and following with a chapter on the architecture of Greece, Rome, the early Christian and Byzantine, Saracenic, early British and Saxon, Norman, French, Gothic and Renaissance. The rest of the volume treats of the various types of English architecture under the headings of Early English, Decorated, Perpendicular, English Houses, Parish Churches and Monasteries.

It can be seen that as a guide to the general history of architecture many important contemporary styles have been overlooked. The authors no doubt intended it as a guide to the study of English architecture, and as such it is very successful. As a matter of fact, the list of important buildings contained in the appendix might well serve as a guide as to what the architectural student should see while traveling in Great Britain. In presenting their material, the authors have based their selection on the sound fundamental principle that good architecture implies all builders' work that is nobly conceived and faithfully carried out. This at once shuts out a vast number of buildings which pretend to be what they are not, or which grudgingly supply our bare material needs but offer nothing to the mind and spirit. As defined by the authors, "nobly conceived" does not necessarily mean the grand and the magnificent, for modesty and simplicity stand high among noble qualities, and there is many a quiet little building that deserves to be included in the realm of architecture and many a pretentious pile which does not. Any building which does its proper work well and with grace and dignity may be said to be "nobly conceived."

Since architecture springs from good building, it follows that an understanding of architecture depends to a great extent on a knowledge of the simple forms of building and the proper use to which materials are put in all countries and at all periods. "The too-commonly

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ETALS are attracting attention because their uses are becoming more numerous and unusual. Forward-looking architects are giving increasing attention and study to the characteristics of metals and their possible uses that are within the scope of architectural practice. We are all accustomed to the use of cast iron, wrought iron and steel and bronze in connection with buildings, and the use of metals in furniture manufacturing in Europe is bound to have its effect on furniture designing and production in America. Other applications of metal to building construction are being studied seriously, and the metal-clad building of real architectural merit is passing out of the visionary class into reality. Under these conditions it is but natural that architects are seeking knowledge pertaining to all metals that promise a fruitful field for exploration and adaptation to uses within their province. Among these metals is aluminum, the architectural use of which is still embryonic.

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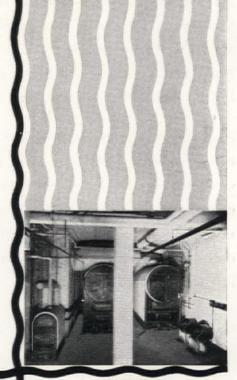
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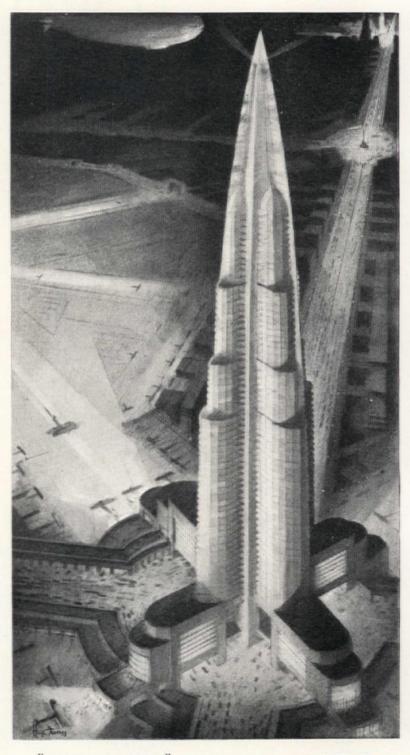
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# STRUCTURAL FEATURES OF THE WEST SIDE Y. M. C. A.

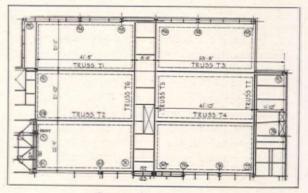
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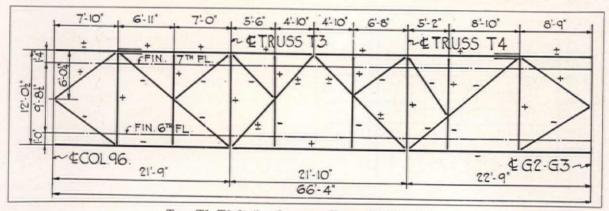
THE inclusion in a building of extremely large rooms, in juxtaposition and used for different purposes, presents some interesting structural problems that require judgment and skill in their solution. The new West Side Y.M.C.A. Building, New York, is such a structure. Above the swimming pools, extending through the second and third floors, are three gymnasiums extending through the fourth and fifth floors, and above the larger gymnasium are six handball courts extending through the sixth and seventh floors. The floor area occupied by the gymnasiums and their separating corridors is about 11,500 square feet, and the construction above is supported on four interior columns.

The unobstructed floors of the gymnasiums are obtained by using seven steel trusses which extend through and between the two-story handball courts. The longer transverse trusses are 12' 0½" high on center lines of chords. The four longitudinal trusses are 19' 11" high on center lines of chords. All of these trusses are level on the bottom and the longitudinal trusses extend 7' 10½" above the transverse trusses. They are supported at the ends of the top chords by struts supported on the top chords of the trusses below. This scheme made it possible to use a rather

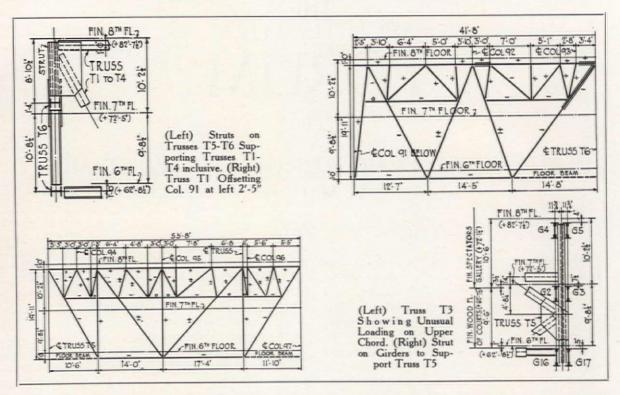
unique form for the longitudinal trusses T1 to T4 inclusive. It will be seen that they practically consist of two trusses in one, and the reasons therefor are obvious. A large number of irreguiarly spaced concentrated loads are supported on the upper chords and compression web members are placed under each of these load points. These loads are distributed through subsidiary trusses that are about 6'8" high, the reactions of which are carried into the deeper principal truss, which is 19'11" high. The ceiling of the gymnasium and floor of the handball courts are supported by the lower chords of these trusses.



Framing Plan of Trusses

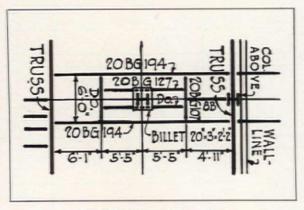


Truss T5, T6 Similar, Supporting Trusses T1-T4 inclusive



Above the handball courts, eight columns supporting the upper floors are supported between the longitudinal trusses on baskets or huddles of beams. It was necessary to limit the depth of the supporting steel to 20". As will be seen in the illustration, 20 BG floor beams are arranged so as to transmit the column loads to the trusses or other supporting members. On top and in the center of this basket or huddle is placed a 20 x 3" x 2' 2" steel billet, which serves as a base plate for the superimposed column. This construction was not economical, but it was a logical construction design within the height limitations.

The floors about the swimming pools are 5' 0" above the general second floor level, with spectators' galleries at the third floor level. The bottoms of the pools at their greatest depth are below



Steel Huddle for Column Base

the second floor level. The pools are lined with 3/8" steel plates welded to a structural steel cradle. The cradle floors are composed of longitudinal I beams supported by and coped into transverse I beam girders. The side walls of the pools are made of vertical I beam struts supported on the transverse girders, and between the vertical struts horizontal I and channel beams are placed. All of the members are designed to support the dead loads and the hydrostatic pressures.

Before the inner walls and floor of the pools were finished with gunite and tile, the pools were filled with water to test their tightness and were kept filled for some time to permit the welded steel tank to adjust itself to the loads. It is reported that in the case of a pool that was finished without adjusting the welded steel tank to the water loads, the tile lining cracked some time after the pool was filled with water. It is but reasonable to expect that some distortion, if you please, will take place in the tank lining under load, and obviously it is good practice to adjust the lining to load before installing the inelastic gunite and tile finish.

This building is an example of the inclusion of complicated structural steel within certain fixed and unusual architectural limitations, and is evidence of the versatility of engineers and the adaptability of structural steel to unusual demands. Weiskopf & Pickworth, Consulting Engineers, designed the steel work, which was detailed by Steinmetz & Rice and fabricated and erected by the Harris Structural Steel Company.

# HEATING AND VENTILATING THE Y. M. C. A.

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THE West Side Y. M. C. A. was designed to have among its facilities a very large physical department, including two swimming pools, three large gymnasiums, six handball courts, and a number of other facilities. In addition, there are sleeping accommodations for 600 people and a large cafeteria. All of these various forms of service combined make a heavy hot water demand.

One of the first considerations in the design of the mechanical equipment was the selection of the type of boiler and generating plant, if any. A careful analysis was made by studying actual data from other Y. M. C. A. buildings. From this information, graphs were prepared indicating the daily fluctuation of hot water demand, electrical demand, and the various steam demands. These graphs indicated that the amount of lowpressure steam available from a private electrical generating plant would take care of the heating of the building in winter and the supplying of the hot water service throughout the year with a comparatively small waste of exhaust steam in summer, even allowing ample interest and depreciation charges on all the necessary equipment. It was found that the saving to the Y. M. C. A. of the private electrical generating plant was great enough to pay off the first cost of the generating plant within the first four years.

Consequently, an electrical generating plant was installed. The high-pressure boiler plant to provide all the necessary steam for the various services was made a water-tube boiler installation, stoker-fired, burning a mixture of 50 per cent anthracite dust, and 50 per cent bituminous coal. This combination was selected for the highest over-all efficiency. To further facilitate the coal handling problem, conveyors were installed to take the coal directly from the coal storage bins, and deliver it into the stoker hoppers.

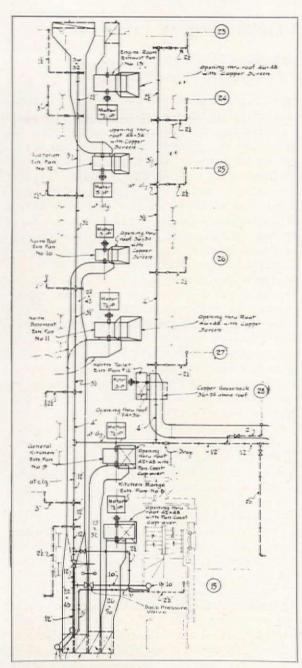
With the atmospheric relief riser from the engines running to the roof of the building, it was determined to make the low-pressure steam heating system a down-feed system with the distributing low-pressure main located at the top of the building, and starting right next to the back-pressure valve. This low-pressure distributing steam main is illustrated on the roof plan herewith. To further facilitate the maintenance of plant economy, the steam heating system was made a vacuum return line installation, thus effecting a minimum back pressure on the engines. It is of interest to note that the heating system is arranged so that heat can be maintained in the physical

department even though the heating system is shut off for the rest of the building. This has the advantage of removing the slight chill in spring and fall when such heat is desired in the physical department, whereas the remainder of the building does not need to be heated. As the owners were particularly interested in the distribution of steam demand through the building, all the various steam services were metered, thus making it possible to properly charge each department with its steam, water, and electrical demand.

The location of the physical department part way up in the building introduced some exacting structural conditions due to the large open spaces required in such places as the gymnasiums, coupled with the fact that above the gymnasiums the dormitory sections were located. arrangement created a very interesting problem of carrying the structure above the gymnasiums, and for this purpose the steel engineers designed some heavy steel girders. These girders in turn required the offsetting of a number of steam distributing risers for the heating system in order to clear the mass of steel and concrete caused by the use of the girders. The sixth floor plan illustrated herewith shows one of the many cases of this kind encountered. This type of offset was also a contributing factor in the selection of the down-feed, low-pressure steam distributing system, since the down-feed method eliminated the problems of dripping long steam riser offsets, which would have been the case with an up-feed system.

One of the interesting ventilating features in the building is the use of unit ventilators for the two swimming pools. While the use of unit ventilators was dictated primarily by the tightness of space conditions, it was found during the first winter's operation that this method of combined heating and ventilating for the swimming pools was very effective and efficient. Automatic temperature regulation was used so as to hold the temperature in each of these rooms at about 80 to 85° Fahr. The rate of air change caused by the units kept the atmosphere in these poolrooms fresh and pleasant.

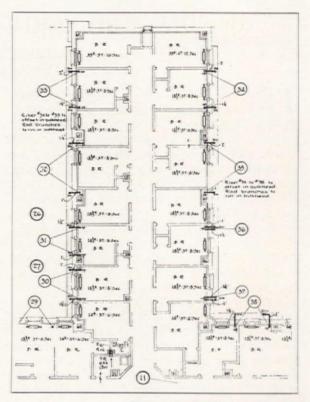
Another interesting feature in the ventilation is illustrated on the roof plan herewith showing the grouping of the exhaust fans in the attic spaces at the top of the building. The north fan room especially lent itself to an arrangement of fans, motors, and ducts whereby easy access to all bearings for oiling purposes was obtainable. This fan room being located over bedrooms, it



Portion of Roof Plan Showing Grouping of Exhaust Fans

was especially important to prevent the sound of operating fans and motors from being heard in the bedrooms below. The small detail of the fan base indicates the method which was successfully used to prevent these fan noises from traveling into the building structure. Essentially, the fan foundations consisted of a sheet lead pan in which the timber frame and natural cork for the fan bases were set, thus avoiding any direct contact between the fans and the structure.

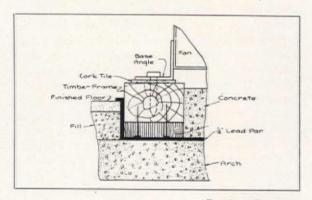
The customary division of the kitchen exhaust ventilation was used wherein a separate fan for



Portion of 6th Floor Plan Showing Branches in Bulkheads on Roof

the range hood exhaust was installed independently of the general kitchen exhaust. In addition to the exhaust, the kitchen was given mechanical air supply.

The cafeteria alongside the kitchen received an excellent architectural treatment, requiring as high a ceiling as possible. For the proper ventilation of this area, therefore, it was determined to use unit ventilators for the air supply and to confine the entire exhaust ductwork over the serving counter. Thus, while the rest of the basement ceiling is quite thoroughly filled up with ducts, pipes, and electrical conduits, the cafeteria, in spite of its location in the basement of the building, possesses excellent headroom.



Detail of Fan Bases to Eliminate Noise

# THE Y. M. C. A. SWIMMING POOL EQUIPMENT

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AMONG the chief attractions of the Y.M.C.A. are the two swimming pools, the large pool for men with 85,000 gallons' capacity, and the small pool for boys with a capacity of 54,000 gallons. The large pool is 25 feet wide by 75 feet long with an 8-foot maximum and a 3-foot minimum water depth; the boys' pool is 20 feet wide by 60 feet long with the same maximum and minimum water depths. Both pools are of steel, lined with concrete, mortar and tile.

POOL EQUIPMENT

The mechanical equipment of the large pool consists of a single-stage, double-suction, centrifugal pump, operating against a net head of 53 feet, driven by a 1720-r.p.m. motor; two pressure filters, built of open-hearth steel, fitted with single-control five-way operating valves with lever and brass dial and with feeding pots for sulphate of aluminum and soda ash. The maximum filter rate is four gallons per square foot; the filter bed consists of three grades of quartz, properly graded and suitable for pressure filter service, the filter sand containing 98 per cent silica A.S.M.E. standard. Filters used in connection with New York water require the use of soda ash to raise the alkalinity of the water in order to make the aluminum sulphate effective; otherwise, the alum will go through the filter without reaction. A pressure gauge is provided on the inlet and outlet ends of each filter unit. When the pressure drop through the filters rises to 15 pounds, the operator knows that the time has arrived for filter washing; the normal pressure drop through the filters when clean is not over 5 pounds.

The large pool is also equipped with a heater of sufficient capacity to maintain the temperature of the pool at 72° Fahr. A liquid chlorinating machine of the solution feed type sterilizes the water. The chlorine solution is purchased from the manufacturers in demijohns, which are kept on hand; a full demijohn is merely placed in position when the demijohn in use is nearly exhausted. The chlorine solution is fed into the pipe supplying the pool inlets after the entire water filtration and heating processes are completed. A lint and hair catcher is inserted on the suction side of the recirculating pump. The large pool has three inlets at the shallow end and six recirculating outlets at its deepest point. These recirculating outlets are also used for draining purposes. Their multiplicity is due to the requirement of the New York Plumbing Code which limits the size of each outlet.

#### RECIRCULATING EQUIPMENT

With the recirculating equipment installed, the entire contents of the pool are turned over in about 9½ hours. Provision is made to replenish the water lost by evaporation and splashing through the addition of fresh water which may be fed either directly without filtration and heating or by passing it through the filters and heater. The make-up water is, however, sterilized by the chlorinator.

This is the process of recirculation: The recirculating pump takes its water from the six

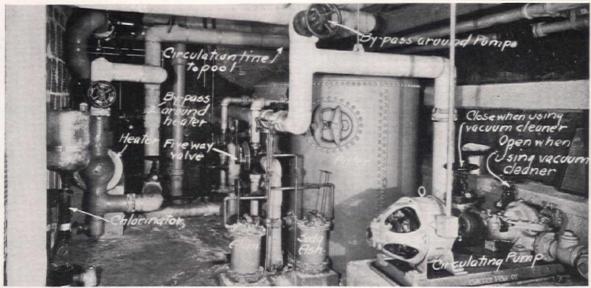
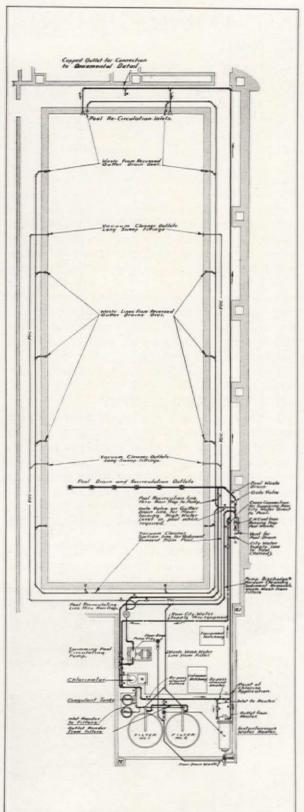


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Machine Room of the Boys' Pool



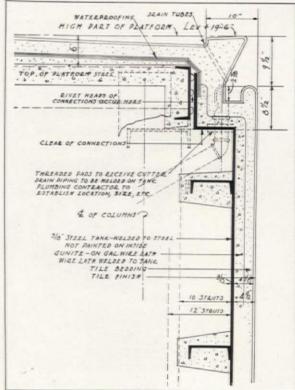
Plan Showing Equipment and Connections of the Large Pool

Section of the Large Pool Showing Details of Construction recirculating outlets at the deepest point of the pool through the lint and hair catcher. It discharges to the filters, taking on its way, first, the required amount of soda ash and then the required amount of alum, depositing the alum floc on top of the filter bed. The water then passes through the two filter units to the heater. From the heater it goes to the pool feed line where it is sterilized by the addition of the liquid chlorine, and is then discharged through the three inlets at the shallow end of the pool.

#### POOL CLEANING

For cleaning purposes, the pool is provided with four suction outlets located two in each side of the pool below the water line. These outlets are capped when the pool is not being cleaned. These suction outlets are piped along the sides of the pool and connected at the deep end of the pool, entering the pump suction on the pool side of the lint and hair catcher. When the pool is being cleaned the recirculating pump has a valved by-pass to discharge the used pool water through the pool drain to the sewer. The vacuum cleaning equipment, which is attached to the four cleaning outlets, was furnished by the owners and was not included in the plumbing contract. The pool is provided with a scum gutter having 14 outlets located at various intermediate points along the gutter; they drain to the pool drain. To refill the pool when empty with fresh water takes about 51/2 hours.

The equipment for the small pool with the



operation of the recirculating apparatus is similar to that of the large pool except that the small pool has five recirculating outlets instead of six, only two vacuum cleaning outlets instead of four, and has only ten instead of 14 scum gutter outlets. The plans and specifications provided for two recirculating pumps for each pool; one of each of these was omitted for economy.

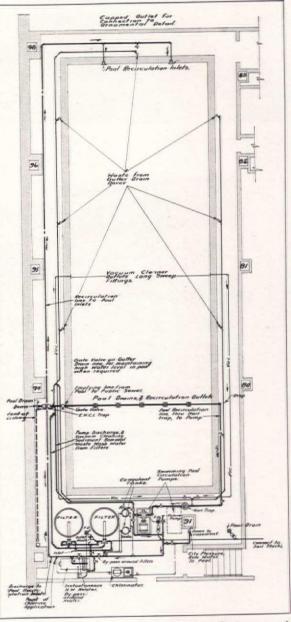
#### SHOWER ROOMS

Separate shower rooms are provided in connection with both pools. There are four men's shower rooms containing two small rooms in which are 11 shower heads each and two large rooms in which are 16 shower heads each, making a total of 54. The illustration shows the large shower room for men. The boys have a similar shower room with 16 shower heads. The shower rooms are so located that neither men nor boys can enter the pools without passing through their respective shower rooms. It is compulsory that both men and boys take showers before entering their pools; in the case of the boys, this rule is enforced by an attendant. As will be noted, the shower heads project from the wall at about a 45° angle; each battery of showers is controlled by a thermostatic anti-scalding valve, set at 110° Fahr. Each shower head has its own hot and cold control valves so that the shower may be regulated, but the bather cannot scald himself, due to the thermostatic mixing valve control. It is interesting to note that the hot water supply for all showers in the dormitory portion on the upper

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floors of the building is controlled by similar thermostatic anti-scalding valves, also set at 110°. UNIOUE FEATURES

The Y. M. C. A. boasts of its own efficient barber shop. One of the unique features of the plumbing installation in the Y.M.C.A. building is that it contains plumbing fixtures for so many various purposes, such as wall-hung water closets and lavatories; specially designed urinals; drinking fountains; hospital, dentist and chiropodist fixtures; special cafeteria and kitchen equipment; chemical laboratory with its acid-proof waste



Plan Showing Equipment and Connections of the Smaller Pool

Section of the Smaller Pool Showing Flat-type Gutter



Men's Shower Room Showing Drain Gutter at Wall; Valves at Right of Shower Heads

lines that empty into neutralizing lime boxes before entering the sewer; special cuspidors which are flushed by the waste of adjacent drinking fountains in each gymnasium and in the hand-ball courts; a liquid soap dispensing system for each battery of lavatories; special mop sinks that can accommodate mop trucks, used for washing the floors throughout the building; and an ice water system piped to the various drinking fountains; also, an adequate fire protection system.

### MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

The mechanical equipment for the plumbing in the building, in addition to that described for the swimming pools, consists of two house pumps with their suction tank, three hot water heaters, two hot water circulating pumps, and a central vacuum cleaning machine as illustrated herewith, except that the hot water circulating pumps are located on the right side and not within the camera field. In addition, there is a two-compartment, combination house and fire tank located in the tower, and a refrigerating plant, located in the tower below the house tank.



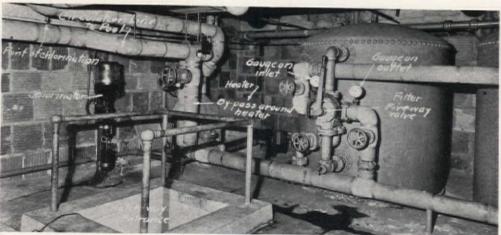


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Two Views of the Machine Room of the Large Pool



Setting First Basement Columns, April 7, 1930

# THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

III. THE STRUCTURAL FRAME

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HE outstanding structural feature of the THE outstanding structural Empire State Building is its height, which gives it first place among the world's tall structures. The highest point of the building proper, exclusive of the mooring mast, is 1,092 feet above Fifth Avenue. A comparison of the height and outline of the Empire State and other noted tall buildings is given in Fig. 1, showing, to the same scale, the Metropolitan Life, Woolworth, Chrysler, and Empire State towers. Figures, such as 58,000 tons representing the total weight of structural steel in the building, and 303,000 tons representing the total weight of the completed, occupied building, are impressive, but perhaps other ways of expressing these quantities may give a clearer comparative idea of its size."

If it had been necessary to move all of the

steel from the shops to the site, at one time, it would have required a train of heavily loaded cars 11 miles long, and to transport all of the materials used in the building, the train would have been 57 miles long. The structural steel could have been rolled into railroad rails and used to lay a double-track railroad from New York to Washington, Many people have expressed the fear that such tremendous loads of building materials, concentrated in a small area, create a dangerous condition which might result in widespread settlement or shifting of the underlying strata. The absurdity of this is best appreciated by comparing the total weight of rock originally on the site with the weight of the building. If the Empire State site had been originally solid rock, level with the present streets, then the weight of rock removed in excavating for the previous buildings and for the basements of the present structure would be equal to three-

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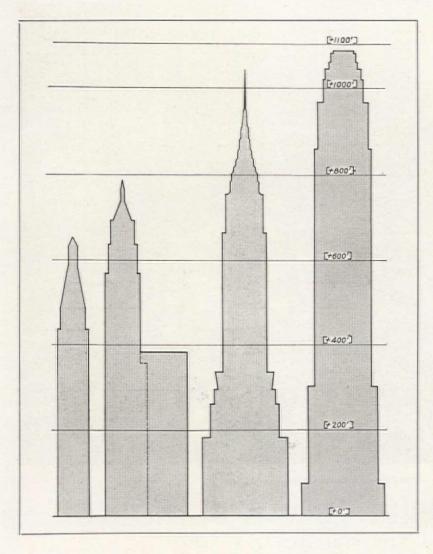


Figure 1. The Comparative Heights and Outlines of the Metropolitan, Woolworth, Chrysler and Empire State Buildings (Left to Right)

quarters of the total weight of the building. A hill of rock 45 feet high over the entire site occupied would be equivalent in weight to the entire building.

The floor framing presents few unusual features. The floor arches are the ordinary 4-inch cinder concrete slabs used so extensively in New York on spans up to 8 feet, and consequently the floor beams are spaced to accommodate this type of construction. Provision was made in the framing to allow for a maximum of four temporary passenger elevators and eight hod hoists to be used during construction. The former hotel building had vaults under the sidewalks which could be utilized for storage and subcontractors' supply rooms during construction, thus releasing space in the interior of the building. To make the space available, the sidewalk was temporarily supported on timber shoring when the old building was demolished. The ground floor framing was designed with double beams extending beyond the columns, which were located 4 feet

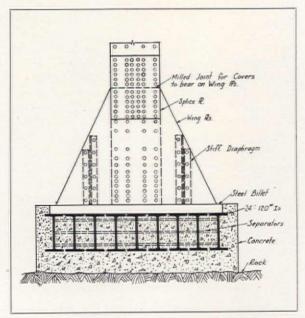
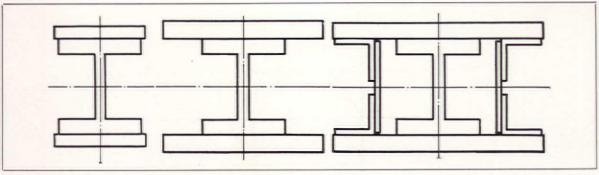


Figure 2. Typical Foundation Grillage



Type 1 Type 2 Type 3
Figure 3. Types of Built-up Column Sections

back of the building line. This arrangement allowed the construction of the building, including building of the first story walls, to proceed before the former sidewalk framing was removed and replaced with permanent steel.

The building columns are all supported by concrete piers extending down into solid bed rock. The column loads are distributed over the concrete piers by means of heavy steel billets alone for loads up to 2,600,000 pounds, and by singletier, beam grillages with steel billets on top for heavier loads. Where the column loads exceeded 4,500,000 pounds the cover plates were cut at a point 4 feet or more above the bottom of the column, and wing plates of the same thickness as the cover plates were spliced in with milled bearing surfaces in order to spread the load over the grillage beams. A typical column base for one of the tower columns is shown in Fig. 2.

The steel columns used are of three general types, depending upon the loads carried. These are shown in Fig. 3. Type 1 consists of a rolled steel column section alone or with cover plates up to 24 inches wide and 311/16 inches thick used for loads up to 4,530,000 pounds. Type 2 consists of the heaviest rolled column with two 32-inch wide cover plates which have their projecting edges supported by diaphragms at intervals of about 3 feet. This type carries loads up to 5,700,000 pounds. Type 3 columns are box columns with a core section of the heaviest rolled column, two plate webs, four angles, and cover plates 32 inches, 41 inches or 42 inches wide. The heaviest column of this type has 693 square inches of steel in cross section; weighs, without adding weight of connections, 2,360 pounds per foot; and supports a load of 10,340,000 pounds. The lowest section of this column is 26 feet, 8 inches long and weighs 44 tons. As far as the writer knows, this is the heaviest column for its length ever used in a building. On account of the large loads and the thickness of material involved, the rivets connecting the various parts of built-up columns are 11/8 inches or more in diameter.

The great height of the building naturally created a difficult problem in wind bracing. This was simplified considerably by the almost ideal arrangement of columns arrived at by the architects in the development of their plans. Practically all of the main column lines are continuous, and none of the tower columns are offset. The number of columns carried by girders is surprisingly small for a building of its size in this day of setback building construction. The building was designed to resist a wind pressure of 20 pounds per square foot on the total area above the sixth floor, and in addition a pull of 50 tons which might be produced by anchoring a dirigible at the top of a mooring mast to be placed on the roof.

The bracing used was of two types. First, in the interior of the building adjacent to elevator

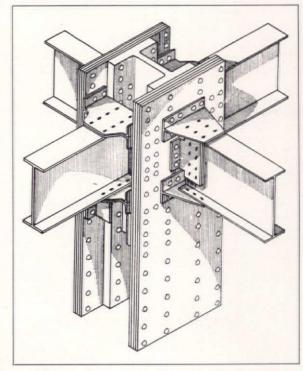


Figure 4. Typical Wind Bracing Connection

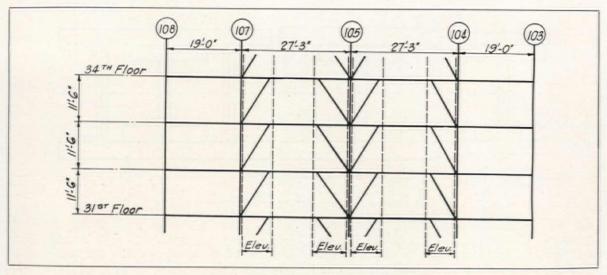


Figure 5. Typical Knee Bracing, Looking East

shafts, knee braces were used extending from the top of one beam, at the column, to the bottom of the beam above at a point as far out as possible without having connections encroach on the ceilings of elevator halls. Since this bracing acts as a partial support for the girders, these members were designed taking this into account, and the sizes are in some cases smaller than would have been required without knee braces. Where knee braces were not permitted, and for constructions carrying smaller wind moments, the stiffening

was obtained by using beam stubs or angles riveted to the top and bottom flanges of the beams as shown in Fig. 4. A diagram showing the bracing on one of the north and south column lines in the tower portion is shown in Fig. 5. This shows how the knee braces were used in the center of the building. A typical floor plan for a lower floor is shown on which the location of knee-braced panels are indicated (Fig. 6). In distributing the wind shears among the columns, the direct wind loads were assumed to be pro-

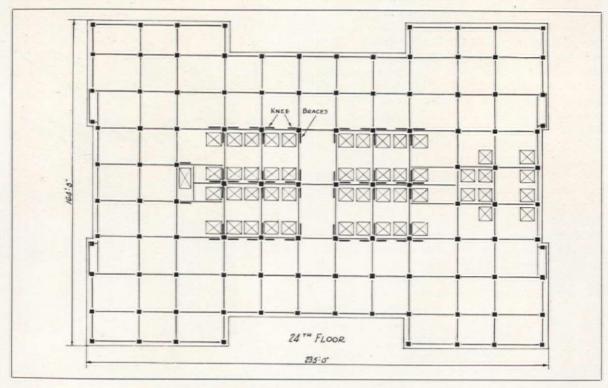


Figure 6. Plan Showing Location of Wind Bracing



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Nearly 30,000 Tons of Steel Set by June 9, 1930

portional to the capacity of the columns in resisting overturning moment. The direct stresses in the columns vary in a straight line from zero at the center to a maximum at exterior columns, and the total loads depend both on area of section and distance from the center. After the shears were determined by this method and the moments calculated, the various members were designed with such relative stiffness as to follow approximately the same horizontal movement at each column under wind loads. Knee braces were

used at the back of the elevator shafts in the east and west direction up to the 71st floor and at the sides of the shafts, in the opposite direction, up to the 68th floor.

The total wind pressure on the north or south faces of the building is figured to be 4,340,000 pounds, of which 318,000 pounds, or a little over 7 per cent of the total, represents the wind pressure on a mooring mast and the pull of a dirigible anchored at its top. For the lower columns the direct wind stress due to the mooring

mast loads is about 23 per cent of the total due to their relatively greater share in producing overturning moments. An attempt will be made to measure accurately the wind stresses in some of the columns and girders during high winds by reading, with sensitive instruments, the shortening or elongation of the steel. On account of the symmetrical column plan and the relative simplicity of design, the results obtained from such tests should be highly valuable in determining how closely actual stresses agree with those arrived at by theoretical calculations.

On account of the size of the project, which required an enormous amount of work to be done in a short period, it was of prime importance to schedule all work carefully. Erection of steel was scheduled to begin on April 1, and the roof framing is planned to be completely erected by September 1. The first small scale architectural plans for use in making the structural design were completed about the middle of November. Two months later, in the middle of January, the first steel plans, showing grillages and lowest tier of columns, were turned over to the steel contractors, and information was given to the men working on the site to enable them to begin work on the necessary concrete column foundations and walls. Completed structural design drawings for steel were furnished to the contractors at frequent intervals, several floors at a time, so that they could proceed without delay in their work of preparing detail drawings and fabricating steel. The structural design was completed to the roof over the 85th floor by the middle of June.

Except where built-up sections were necessary, Carnegie Broad Flanged Sections were used. All steel was furnished by the Carnegie Steel Company and was largely rolled at their Homestead plant in Pittsburgh. Though the schedule allowed about five months for complete fabrication, the erection schedule necessitated the fabrication of about 15,000 tons for each of the two first months. In order to avoid any possibility of delay, the fabrication was divided

between the Ambridge, Penn., plant of the American Bridge Company, and the Rankin, Penn., plant of the McClintic-Marshall Company. If the American Bridge Company had done all the fabrication, it would have required practically the entire facilities of its Ambridge plant, which is its largest mill, to keep pace with the schedule. The fabrication was divided between the two fabricators in alternate groups of six or eight floors.

The steel work is being erected by Post & McCord of New York. In the beginning when the building covered the entire site, nine derricks were used, five of a 30-ton rated capacity and four more of 20-ton capacity. To handle several of the larger pieces, two derricks were necessary. Photograph No. 133, taken on April 7, shows the first columns in the basement being set. Photograph No. 205 shows the condition of the work on June 9, about two months later. In this time, nearly 30,000 tons of steel had been set, or about 50 per cent more than all the steel required for the 40 Wall Street Building, or for the Chrysler Building. Due to the large size and simplicity of construction, this building set a perton speed of erection which is greater than any before attained on building work and has set a record which will probably stand for a long time.

The structural steel painting followed the usual standard for this type of work, consisting of an iron oxide and linseed oil paint for the shop coat, which protected the steel during transportation and erection, and an asphaltum paint for the field coat which is alkali-resisting and will not break down when brought in contact with cement. The floor construction steel was fireproofed throughout with cinder concrete, as is usual when cinder concrete floor arches are used. The exterior columns above the street level were fireproofed with 4 inches of brick work. The basement columns and the lower story interior columns, where the fire hazard is great, especially during construction, were fireproofed with cinder concrete. All other columns are fireproofed with 2-inch terra cotta blocks.

# TRAVERTINE AND ITS IMITATION

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S OME 20 years ago considerable interest and curiosity were expressed by many of those interested in architecture as to the nature of a new kind of building stone that was being used in the interior of the new Pennsylvania Station in New York. Although this material had already been used in the beautiful Della Robbia Room of the Vanderbilt Hotel, and perhaps in one or two other small installations, its use in the Pennsylvania Station was the first case to arouse widespread interest and speculation. The stone was of a warm buff color with laminated markings of darker tone, and it showed in its surface just enough imperfection in the form of bubble holes, somewhat similar to those in Swiss cheese, to lend interest and variety to wall surfaces.

At first few of those who noticed the material realized that it was a variety of calcareous tufa known as travertine, of which so much is to be found in and about the Roman Forum. In fact, it came from the same district that furnished the travertine of which the exterior of the great Amphitheatrum Flavium or Colosseum and many other Roman edifices and early churches, including St. Peter's, were so largely constructed. Having been thus formally introduced into this country, its popularity increased so rapidly that at the present time many large buildings and not a few smaller structures make use of it to a greater or less extent. Its use as ashlar and ornamental work in banking rooms, office building lobbies, apartment house entrances, and various other places is well known, and its non-slipping and long wearing qualities as flooring material have had a thorough test under the countless feet that pass over it daily in the Grand Central Terminal and other public buildings.

NATURE OF REAL TRAVERTINE. In spite of the great amount of travertine used, there is surprisingly little general knowledge as to its nature. If asked what travertine is, a great many, even among architects, will say that it is a volcanic rock or a sort of lava. This impression is probably due to the fact that the bulk of commercial travertine comes from the Tivoli district of Italy, which is in close proximity to extinct volcanoes, and that most other great deposits occur in volcanic regions. As a matter of fact, travertine is a deposit from lime springs or other lime-bearing waters. In the case of the Tivoli deposit, it was from a great lake that existed in that region at

the close of the period of volcanic activity. According to Lyell, Bischof and other eminent geologists Lapis Tiburtinus was formed by precipitation of calcareous matter from water charged with carbonic acid gas. The gas accounts for the cellular and porous nature of the stone. More richly figured and compact varieties of this precipitation are known as onyx marble and alabaster. Hot springs are especially productive of this form of calcareous tufa. Deposits of travertine are found in all parts of the world, including the United States. Domestic travertine is of good quality and compares favorably with many types of imported stone. Minnesota and Colorado produce a good quality of travertine which has been used in large quantities and there are many undeveloped deposits in other sections of the country, notably one in Georgia, which is about to be made available for use. In general, the domestic product is slightly grayer in color than most of that imported.

As in the case of marble, there is a tendency toward the use of the more exotic and richly marked varieties of travertine, and we find an increasing number of hotel lobbies and other public places decorated with such special varieties as Siena travertine, which is warmer in color and more strongly marked with dark veinings and takes a high polish. Then there is Travertine Fleuri of about the same color value as Roman travertine but having strong yellowish markings. Travertine D'Or is of a warm brown color, and a still darker variety is known as Travertine Antique. The use of black travertine in this country is quite rare but its decorative possibilities are important. These are only a few of the variations in color and markings which are available to the architect in search of new and pleasing effects. Most of these varieties are used with a polished surface, but they are also very effective with a honed finish. The Roman type, which constitutes the bulk of travertine used in the past, is seldom polished, being more attractive in a rough sanded finish. The quarrying processes for travertine are about the same as those employed in removing marble from the earth, travertine having the advantage of being quite soft when first removed and becoming harder on exposure to the air. This quality is dependent largely on the age of the deposit. In the case of more recent deposits, it can almost be cut with a



Artificial travertine ashlar, closely resembling the natural stone

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shovel, while in other cases the deposit has been formed so long that it has attained such a hardness as to make quarrying operations quite difficult. Italian travertine is usually imported in block form to avoid loss by breakage and to secure the advantage of a lower duty.

ARTIFICIAL TRAVERTINE. As is natural in the case of such a popular building material, which must be brought from a great distance and is therefore quite expensive, the reproduction of travertine by the use of plastic substances has become very extensive, and the usual practice of cheapening these reproductions to meet competition has filled our cities with installations which, to say the least, are not pleasing. These abuses have given rise to the mistaken impression in the minds of a few architects that all imitation of travertine is to be avoided. In the early days of use of imitation travertine, some installations were made which have since turned out to be rather unsatisfactory. It must be remembered,

however, that at that time very little was known about the making of imitation stones of any kind, and that work done then was of a highly experimental character. Artificial travertine was used in connection with the real stone in the Pennsylvania Station, and since that time new manufacturing methods and materials have been introduced from time to time so that now it is possible to produce an imitation stone that is said to have all the advantages of real travertine at a considerable saving in cost.

The various types of artificial travertine can be roughly grouped into three major classes, not including the many plastic paint preparations by the use of which a travertine effect is often obtained. They are, first, the more carefully prepared pre-cast imitations which match the genuine stone in all respects; second, other pre-cast products which only approximate the appearance and physical properties of real stone; and, third, the work which is applied directly to the wall in the



Newark. Guilbert & Betelle, Interior North Ward Bank, Architects





Carved and moulded decorations are easily executed in artificial travertine

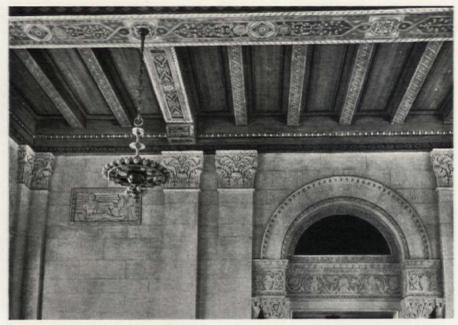
same manner as ordinary plaster and then given a travertine effect by some one of the many processes which will be described later.

MATERIALS used include gypsum plaster, Keene's cement, and in rare cases Portland cement. These are mixed in some instances, and many manufacturers have secret formulæ, some of which make use of one or more of the materials named. Some manufacturers produce a high grade artificial travertine, using a large proportion of marble dust and aggregate mixed with a secret-formula binder, which does not contain either Keene's cement, gypsum or Portland cement. There are also available on the market ready-mixed and colored travertine plasters, which any plasterer can buy and apply in his own way. The travertine color effect is attained by the use of mineral colors, usually having some form of iron oxide mixed with the cement or plaster. An advantage of the use of artificial travertine lies in the way in which the color

variation can be controlled. If it is desired to have walls of uniform color and shade, it is easy to obtain it, or the various slabs may show any range of color variations to meet the architect's wishes. There have been some cases where the coloring has been forced or made unnatural to agree with some particular treatment, while the travertine texture is retained. This practice, however, is not to be commended as a general procedure. Cements employing a magnesium base have also been used, but it is generally conceded that work done with this material is subject to shrinking, expanding or warping due to the tendency of the magnesium to remain active, and to the large amount of moisture which is absorbed. It is possible that this material is used in some of the secret formulæ, and that by experimentation the unfavorable features have been corrected. The magnesium base cement has the advantage of being very hard, and if its faults could be corrected, it would be ideal material for such work.



Dime Savings Bank, Brooklyn. Halsey, Mc-Cormack & Helmer, Architects



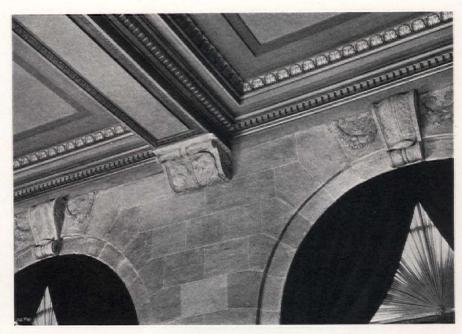
The warm color and the texture of travertine make it especially desirable for interiors

PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE. There are numerous ways of imitating the texture and markings of travertine in the various materials. Perhaps the most satisfactory method is to cast the slabs in moulds taken from carefully selected samples of actual travertine. This method has the advantage of reproducing exactly the markings of travertine, but care should be taken that a sufficient number of matrices are used so that "repeats" are not noticeable in the finished wall. In the case of moulded or carved work it is not profitable to carve the matrices from real travertine unless the same motif is to be repeated a large number of times. In other cases the markings have to be obtained by some mechanical method or by the use of some secret process known only to the manufacturers. This method of casting from travertine blocks gives artificial travertine an advantage over the real in that blocks to be used in this way will be all carefully selected examples, and the slabs made from them will be of a uniform high quality as regards markings and texture, whereas a wall of real travertine is likely to contain some blocks that are not up to standard in every way. Another method of producing the characteristic marks in pre-cast travertine is by putting a powdered chemical on the moulding table and pouring over it the wet cement. This causes a chemical action, and the powder effervesces, the bubbles forming holes quite similar to those in travertine, which are formed by a similar bubbling of gas. Still another method is by rolling up small "dough balls" of slightly moistened and crumbling cement or plaster and then pouring the wet mixture over it. When the slab has hardened, the dough balls which were not wet enough to cause them to set

can be scraped out, and the holes they leave give a good approximation of the desired effect. The point of a trowel or a wire brush is also used to introduce markings in the surface of both precast travertine and that applied to the wall in the form of plaster, with varying success, depending on the skill of the workman.

APPLICATION. Pre-cast travertine can be made in practically any thickness from 3/8 inch up. Slabs under 34 inch may be set by plasterers and are buttered onto the brown coat plaster. Non-staining cement or plaster-of-Paris should always be used. This method is quite satisfactory, especially for smaller rooms, but the slabs applied in this manner should be limited in size, the largest dimension not exceeding 2 feet. When the slab is to be made of a thickness of 34 inch or greater, it should be treated exactly as marble in the setting,-that is, it should be set by marble setters and anchored to the backing in every course with brass hook anchors and set with nonstaining cement or plaster. In the New York metropolitan area and some other districts the setting of this material is defined in the labor union rulings, but in all cases it is best to carefully cover this matter in the specification in order to insure satisfaction. Whatever the thickness of pre-cast slabs, it is always more desirable to have them set by marble setters, as it is essentially a stone setter's problem, and ordinary plasterers are not equipped to handle it satisfactorily. Labor rules, however, in some districts prevent this being done in the case of thin slabs.

QUALITIES. The advantages of plaster work and Keene's cement are well known to all, and it will not be necessary to discuss here the quality of work done in these materials, since the same



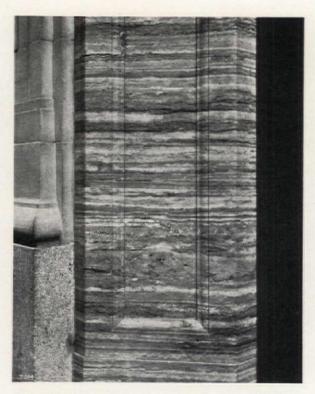
Arch details, People's National Bank and Trust Co., White Plains, N. Y. H. P. Zoller, Architect

conditions would apply to artificial travertine made of these substances as would apply to ordinary plaster and Keene's cement work. In the case of travertine made by secret formula, the appearance of real travertine is imitated as nearly as possible. One of the principal advantages in the use of real travertine is its comparative light weight, a slab one inch thick and one foot square weighing about 11 pounds. This quality of lightness can be and is obtained in some of the better grades of artificial travertine. A high degree of sound absorption is another of the desirable qualities of travertine, and it is attained to an equal degree in some brands of artificial travertine. Resistance to stain and moisture absorption of good artificial travertine should be at least equal to that of the genuine. Most artificial travertine is not suitable to use in places where it will be subject to wear. If its use as flooring or stair treads is contemplated, the manufacturer should be required to furnish satisfactory proof that it will withstand hard usage to the same extent as will the real.

COST. As the paramount advantage of using artificial travertine is the saving in cost, a rough approximation of the relation of the prices of the several varieties of artificial travertine to that of the real is of special interest. If the material is carefully made to equal real travertine in all its important characteristics, its cost may be about 60 per cent of that of genuine stone. The range of pre-cast material of good quality will vary from 40 to 50 per cent, while the plaster work colored and treated to imitate travertine can be applied to the walls at a cost of only 10 or 15 per cent of the real stone. Of course many factors enter into the determination of cost, as for in-

stance, the amount of carved or moulded work. On an important bank recently built in New York, a building containing a large amount of ornament, the bid for the real travertine was \$69,000, and only \$27,000 for high class artificial.

SPECIFICATIONS. Since artificial travertine is a material which if not properly made can result in producing very unsatisfactory conditions, a careful investigation should be made of any product that is to be used. The contractor or manufacturer should be required to guarantee it against warping, shrinking, expanding, changing color, or cracking and chipping for a period of at least a year after the work is completed. Care should be taken to specify exactly the kind of material and methods to be employed, since there is such a great variation in the quality of artificial travertine work that a general specification will be very likely to result in a low grade of work. In one specification which the writer has examined the travertine specification opened with this statement: "In general, all travertine work may be run directly on the walls or may be set up in the form of pre-cast blocks at the contractor's option." This provision would certainly allow the contractor sufficient leeway, as there is great difference in quality. Fortunately, the specification writer had included other provisions which precluded the use of low grade materials and processes. The artificial travertine contractor should always be required to furnish for approval adequate samples of the work he proposes to do and should be rigidly forced to maintain the standard set by the approved samples. Work done in place on the walls should be specified according to the best usages governing the usual plaster or Keene's cement work, with the addition of explicit direc-



Door enframement of Siena Travertine in contact with limestone and granite. 10 West 40th Street Building, New York. Ludlow & Peabody, Architects

tions as to the manner in which the surface is to be colored and the characteristic travertine markings to be produced.

Here are some provisions gleaned from various specifications, and they may be altered to fit special cases if necessary:

- (1) "For walls of ½-inch material or less, the artificial travertine shall be applied with pure plaster-of-Paris (or other non-staining cement or plaster). The plaster shall be buttered over the entire back of the moistened travertine slab, which is then to be applied immediately to the backing, which is also to be moistened, and carefully lined up and plumbed. Where tight joints are required, the edges of each slab shall be buttered as it is set in place. All pointing to be be done with stainless cement.
  - (2) "For walls of heavier material:
  - (a) All artificial travertine work shall closely imitate the genuine travertine stone in texture, and the contractor shall submit samples for the architect's approval before estimating on the work.
  - (b) All slabs shall be set in the form of tiles with an average thickness of 3/4 inch (this may be modified to suit conditions), set on a backing of non-staining cement and white sand.

- (c) Return ends shall be cast on the blocks (alternating and breaking bond on each course) at all exterior angles. . . . The voussoirs and keystones of arches shall be cast in one piece the joints on soffits to carry through without cross joint. Return ends on vertical exterior angles shall not be of less than 8 inches, and in no case shall the true thickness of the slabs show on the return.
- (d) There may be slight variations in the color of the individual blocks subject to the approval of the architect.
- (e) The slabs shall be laid up with fine joints not to exceed ½ inch in thickness in setting mortar composed of non-staining white cement and white sand in the proportion of one part of cement to three parts of sand, or as may be required to work easily. The slabs are to be anchored to the backing in every course, using heavy brass wire hook anchors, all according to the best marble setting practice.
- (f) The relation of the face of imitation travertine to the backing will be established on the working drawings, and in no case shall this be changed without the consent of the architect.
- (g) All ornamental work shall be cast in the same material as used in the ashlar, and all shall be careful and accurate reproductions of approved models.
- (h) All surfaces shall be plumb and true with all angles true right angles, and arrises clean and sharp. Horizontal joints shall line through level and vertical joints plumb.
- (i) Samples not less than 3 x 3 feet, divided into ashlar, shall be submitted for the architect's approval, and the work shall not be gone ahead with except upon the basis of an approved sample, which shall be closely duplicated in color and texture.
- (j) If blocks of real travertine are to be used as models, the manufacturer should be required to use not less than ten selected blocks (the number may be varied according to the size of the installation) as matrices from which to cast the artificial travertine slabs.
- (3) "If artificial travertine is to be used for floors or stair treads, the voids in the surface and joints should be filled with a grout of white Portland cement. The surface may then be rubbed slightly with a dry rubbing machine. Floors should be laid on a 1-inch bed of one part Portland cement to three parts of sand over an even underfill. When the concrete sub-floor is fairly dry, the floor slabs are buttered on the underside with a thin coat of pure cement and immediately set and leveled. Stair treads are set in a similar way, except that the bed may be only ½ inch.

# A NEW PROCEDURE IN PUBLIC WORK

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N architect commissioned to produce a build-A ing for a state, county or municipality is in effect a public servant. His duty consists in producing this building in accordance with the best legal, economic, business, constructive, engineering and artistic practices. His duty is to safeguard the interests of the public he represents. The question of public policy with its multitude of adverse interests makes the production of a building under these conditions extremely difficult. Desirable materials, methods of construction and administrative practices are very often sacrificed upon the altar of public policy. This is a condition which must be overcome, as the public interest is, or should be, always paramount. The purpose of this article is to indicate some ways in which success has been obtained in eliminating some of the handicaps imposed by these conditions.

All agents of the states, counties or municipalities are strictly governed by the laws or acts These laws or under which they operate. acts define the authority vested in the various public officials and outline the conditions which bind an architect in producing a building. The first principle in awarding a contract for public work is that the work must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. This requirement, which in effect ignores the relative ability, integrity and financial responsibility of the respective bidders, places a handicap upon the architect that is extremely difficult to overcome. As the award is made strictly on a price basis, there exists no reason for good will between the owner and the contractor, or between the architect and the contractor. With the element of good will non-existing, the architect's duties become extremely difficult. The normal "set-up" is: A good client, a good architect, a good contractor, good subcontractors, and good materials equal a good building. That is elementary. On public work we have, let us assume, a good client, a good architect, a questionable contractor, a questionable subcontractor, and questionable materials. That is the condition which an architect labors under in attempting to give the public a given result.

QUESTIONNAIRES. To overcome some of the undesirable features in public bidding, questionnaires have been developed. These are intended to define the responsibility of a bidder. The writer has found in his experience that these questionnaires have proved in most cases valueless, due to the fact that after they are used and the contractor rejected as irresponsible, the laws safeguarding public work in the states, counties and municipalities that the writer is familiar with allow the contractor the right of review in open court. He must there be proved irresponsible. Needless to say, this is an extremely difficult task and one which few wish to attempt. The state of New Jersey has a law which allows the state, under certain conditions, to reject a contractor if he is considered irresponsible without the right of review. This covers work executed for the state and its branches, but apparently does not apply to counties or municipalities.

SUBCONTRACTORS' LISTS WITH BIDS. In a desirable attempt to control the second questionable element, the subcontractor, there has been developed a practice of requiring with the bid of the general contractor the name of each subcontractor who will execute the work if this work is awarded. The theory behind this practice is to prevent the shopping of sub-bids after the award of the contract. This theory seems excellent, but in practice it has proved questionable. The weakness in submitting subcontractors with the bid is shown up in this example.

If the second low bidder had used the same subcontractors as the low bidder, he would have been the low bidder. Who is the low bidder in this case? The logical development of the principle of establishing subcontractors with the bid would be to obtain sub-bids on every portion of the work. This in effect would eliminate the general contractor, and, therefore, it appears to be unworkable under the present organization of the building industry. The writer believes the establishment of subcontractors with the bid is impractical. The establishment of all subcontractors before the contract is signed has proved to be a desirable procedure.

"OR EQUAL." Our third questionable item, that is, *materials*, brings up the question of our old friend "or equal." Public policy requires that free and open competition be had on all materials that enter into the construction of a building. There are three methods by which this can be handled.

First, the material can be specified in competition with two or three similar materials, allowing the contractor to submit to the architect at any time material which in his opinion is equal to that specified; and, if the architect approves this material, the contractor has the right to use it in place of the material called for.

The second method is to require the contractor to estimate upon exactly the material specified, giving him the right to submit with his proposal alternative prices on any other material which in his opinion is equal to that specified, with additions to, or deductions from, the contract price. This system causes considerable confusion before the signing of the contract. It can also be used as a means of switching the award of the contract from one to another of the contractors, and in some cases it opens up the question as to whether all bids were submitted on exactly the same basis, which is one of the main requirements in public work. It is the writer's belief that this method should not be used.

The third method of handling the situation, and one in line with legal opinion, is for the architect to specify the exact kind of material that he desires, allowing the contractor to request approval on any other kind of material within a given number of days of the receipt of the bids, so as to allow the architect sufficient time to investigate the material submitted and to bulletin all other contractors, notifying them that this material is also approved. This method conforms to the policy that all bids must be made on exactly the same basis. The practical effect of this, however, is that shopping is practically eliminated, as the contractor is not anxious to save the owner any money. All he is anxious to do is to obtain an advantage over his competitors. Inasmuch as his competitors will be bulletined and will be allowed to use the same material that he has asked to be approved, it has been found that very rarely will a contractor ask approval on a material other than that specified, unless he does so as a personal favor for some materialman or manufacturer.

The writer has found that there are many items in which open bidding is desirable as protecting the best interests of the public. On these items the "or equal" clause is used, which allows the contractor to do his legitimate shopping after the contract is awarded, the architect reserving the right to judge what is equal. There are some items on which it is important that the exact materials specified be used. For these materials, the method of specifying the article outright is used, requiring the contractor to request approval within a given number of days of the receipt of the bids.

PROCEDURE IN OBTAINING QUALITY. The following method of obtaining quality in public work has worked with considerable satisfaction over a number of years. To get back to our original statement: "A good client, a good architect, a good contractor, good subcontractors, and good materials equal a good building." As the contractor, our key man, in this "set-up" is an unknown quantity, and as he receives the award on a strictly price basis in a "free for all"

against all competition, without respect to his ability, experience or character, the system was reversed; so that we now have the following "set-up:" "A good client, a good architect, good materials, good subcontractors, and an unknown general contractor, equal a good building." To make this "set-up" work, manufacturers outstanding in their line were approached. The "setup" was explained to them, and, realizing that the ultimate aim was to obtain quality in public work, they cooperated to the fullest extent. In specifying materials, two or three materials of a given kind were specified so that the better class of manufacturers had legitimate competition. These manufacturers furnished written assurance from their responsible officers that under no circumstances would they sell materials other than those which were specified. This blocked shopping as far as materials were concerned. The contractors and subcontractors soon found out that they could not purchase materials other than those specified, as the manufacturers frankly told them that they had written agreements with the architect to that effect.

Now we come to the subcontractor. As the architect reserves the right, and has the right, to approve or disapprove a subcontractor as capable to produce a given work, he controls this element in this manner: Through the manufacturer who sells the subcontractor his materials, a credit rating and trade rating can be obtained on the particular subcontractor proposed. This allows the architect to establish the financial standing, the kind and class of work a given subcontractor has produced, where he buys his materials, and the number of men he has normally in his employ. When this information is requested from the manufacturer, the manufacturer obtains a "lead" and in effect investigates the subcontractor before he sells him, instead of selling him first and investigating him afterwards. Under this "setup" the legitimate manufacturer gains, the legitimate subcontractor gains, the legitimate contractor gains, the owner gains because he is assured that he will obtain exactly what he paid for, and the architect gains because it simplifies his supervision and he is able to sell the owner a superior service, inasmuch as he is in a position to assure the owner that he will obtain exactly what he paid for. This procedure allows complete control of materials and subcontractors irrespective of the general contractor. The ultimate result of this policy has been that legitimate manufacturers are attracted, legitimate subcontractors are given a fair chance and are also attracted; the general contractor, realizing under the "set-up" that there is little opportunity for the illegitimate contractor to "crash the gate," he in turn is attracted.



Polished Aluminum Spandrel in Lobby of 450 Sutter Building, San Francisco. Miller & Pflueger, Architects

# ALUMINUM IN ARCHITECTURE

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MODERN architecture is using new materials for old purposes in keeping with the thought and spirit of this generation. This is the age of simplicity, speed and lightness; the architectural trend is toward use of those materials which best express these present-day feelings. Over-ornamentation belongs to another generation. Architects are using simple, unassuming metal forms, not only in grilles, balustrades, spandrels, etc., but in mouldings and inlays and for other interior decorative effects in which simplicity is the keynote.

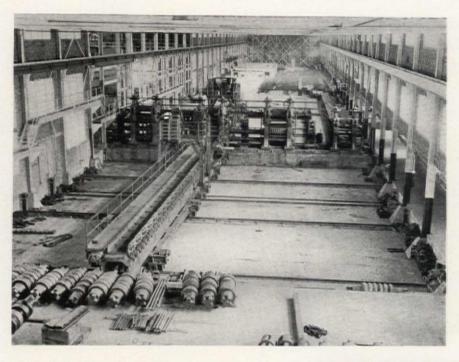
True, some aluminum was used in architecture in the nineties, a few short years after the present commercial process for its electrolytic reduction was developed, but principally because it was a new metal, a departure from the then-accepted standard. Its use, however, was short lived for then and during the next two decades use of brass and bronze,—the yellow metals,—held sway.

PRODUCTION PROCESSES. While Charles Martin Hall was still in school, with his mind set on discovering a process for producing aluminum cheaply, a small ornamental casting was placed on top of the 3,300-pound capstone of the Washington Monument. This was in 1884, and was probably the first architectural use of aluminum. The casting weighed only 100 ounces, yet at that time it was the largest ever produced. The metal was made by the reduction of anhydrous aluminum chloride with metallic sodium. Both of these materials were expensive, and as a result aluminum was too costly to be used on a commercial scale. However, early in 1886 Hall, an American, and Heroult, a Frenchman, both work-

ing independently, perfected similar processes for producing aluminum electrolytically. The electrolytic process eliminated the costly sodium treatment and permitted the use of aluminum oxide in place of the chloride. The ore from which aluminum oxide is obtained, is beauxite. It is found in this country in Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Some beauxite is imported for domestic use from the Guianas. Briefly the Hall-Heroult process consists of dissolving aluminum oxide in cryolite in a carbonlined pot and passing an electric current through the mixture. With the advent of the electrolytic process for the production of aluminum, the price of the metal was reduced materially.

EARLY USES. The Venetian, Monadnock and Isabella Buildings, erected in Chicago in the early nineties, had aluminum elevator enclosures on the first floors and aluminum stair panels between the first and second floors. In 1901, a number of exterior beam casing castings were placed on the Frick Building in Pittsburgh. An examination of these early installations shows clearly the durability of the metal.

Aluminum may be obtained in plates, sheets and foil; in bar, rod and wire; in structural shapes and mouldings; in tubing, in die, permanent mould and sand castings; in screwmachine products; and in forgings. Because it can be produced in so many different forms, one problem the architects have reluctantly been forced to accept is practically eliminated. This is the use of dissimilar metals. Unless the installation is of the same material or of materials which are closely associated in the electromotive



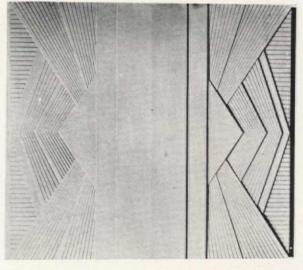
Interior of a Mill to Roll Structural Aluminum Shapes

series, electrolysis often takes place in the presence of moisture and reduces materially the life of the composite structure. With aluminum bolts, nuts, rivets, screws and nails available, the entire assembly may be fabricated from the same material, and the danger of galvanic action avoided.

WROUGHT ALUMINUM products may be formed either hot or cold. Commercially pure aluminum and the less complex alloys are more plastic than steel or brass in that they can be deformed to a greater extent without fracturing. Hence, they can be given a greater number of successive draws without requiring intermediate anneals. The workability of any metal is, of course, a function of its mechanical properties, and the different tempers of the same alloy will have different degrees of ductility.

FORMING. In the hot forming of aluminum, the principal factor to control is temperature. This, of course, varies with the shape to be formed, but in general it is the highest temperature at which the metal will retain its ductility. The standard type of steel-forming equipment may be used in the hot forming of aluminum; in fact, practically all of the hot forming of the metal has been carried out in plants normally operating on steel.

JOINING. Aluminum may be joined by welding or by riveting. Soldering is not recommended except for covering surface defects not exposed to moisture. Soldered joints have very little strength, and if the joints are exposed to moisture, electrolysis is very likely to occur. The usual methods employed for torch, spot and arc



Cast Aluminum Spandrel, Deplated. Empire State Building, New York. Shreve, Lamb & Harmon, Architects

welding are used in connection with aluminum and aluminum alloys. Butt, lap, tee fillet welds may be made on aluminum sheets. Castings may be welded either by means of a welding stick and torch or by pouring molten metal into the area to be welded.

Either steel or aluminum rivets may be employed in the riveting of an aluminum structure. Steel rivets can be driven hot in aluminum plates and shapes with the same equipment which is used in ordinary steel construction practice. Although the heat of the rivet produces practically

no effect on the properties of the adjacent material, it is often advisable to avoid localizing the heat by driving the rivets at random rather than progressively. Aluminum rivets can be readily driven, but, because of certain characteristics of the metal, the driving practice differs from that of steel. Since aluminum has a greater capacity to absorb energy, it is necessary to use a larger hammer to drive an aluminum rivet than is necessary to drive a steel rivet of corresponding size. Experience has indicated that the compression or squeeze method of riveting is best suited for aluminum.

THE MACHINING of aluminum presents no problems if the proper tools are employed. The cutting tools have appreciably more side and top rake than those commonly used for machining steel. They should have very keen edges, obtained by hand stoning with an oil-stone. In many cases, these tools do not differ from those used for machining hardwoods. Generally, aluminum can be machined to the best advantage by using high speeds and fine-to-medium feeds.

RESISTANCE TO CORROSION. Besides the ready workability of aluminum, certain other inherent characteristics of the metal make it particularly adaptable for architectural purposes. Chief among these is the resistance of the metal to atmospheric corrosion. The compounds of aluminum are colorless, thus eliminating the danger of streaking and staining adjacent surfaces. Since aluminum is resistant to corrosion, it requires no painting to preserve it. This not only eliminates the trouble and expense of upkeep, but insures against the loss of sharpness and of refinement of detail that invariably results from the filling up of ornament by successive coats of paint.



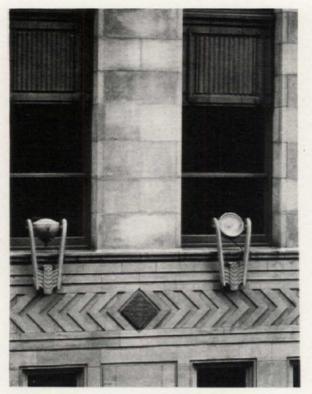
In color, aluminum resembles silver, but with a slightly bluish tint. On weathering, the color becomes darker. This is due in part to the protective coating of oxide which forms on the surface, and to the accumulation of foreign particles from the atmosphere. A polished surface will remain bright much longer than a rough or "as cast" surface, since the dust and dirt in the air can not collect on it as easily.

PROPERTIES. Aluminum is the lightest of all the metals used in architecture. It has a specific gravity of 2.7 (approximately .1 pound per cubic inch). Commercially pure aluminum is quite soft and ductile. Its strength is not over 10,000 to 12,000 pounds per square inch, yet by the addition of small percentages of other elements, alloys are obtained which have tensile properties ranging upwards to 60,000 pounds per square inch. The physical and chemical properties of the strong aluminum alloys commonly used in architecture are shown in Table 1. The maximum properties are obtained only after the cast structure has been completely obliterated and the alloys have been fully heat-treated and aged. There are, however, other tempers besides the fully heat-treated and aged tempers; these are the annealed and the heat-treated tempers. The various tempers are designated by letters added to the alloy numbers, "O" standing for dead-soft or annealed temper; "W" for heat-treated temper; and "T" for heat-treated and aged temper.

Where maximum strength is not a requisite for the wrought alloys, commercially pure aluminum, designated 2S, 3S or 43S alloy, may be employed. In the strong aluminum alloys, the tempers depend upon the heat treatment, while in 2S and in 3S and 43S alloys, the tempers depend upon the amount of cold working. The properties of wrought aluminum and of 3S and 43S alloys are shown in Table II. The physical and chemical properties of some of the more common casting alloys are indicated in Table III.

The modulus of elasticity for practically all of the commercial aluminum alloys in both the as-cast and wrought conditions is approximately 10,000,000 pounds per square inch. Since steel has a modulus of elasticity of 29,000,000 pounds per square inch, this means that under the same unit stress, aluminum alloys will deform about three times as much as steel, provided the proportional limit is not exceeded. For the majority of ornamental aluminum castings, No. 3S alloy

Deplated Aluminum Spandrel. City Bank, Farmers' Trust Building, New York. Cross & Cross, Architects

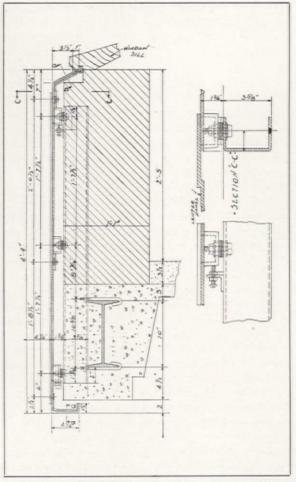


Cast Aluminum Floodlighting Brackets. Merchandise Mart, Chicago. Graham, Anderson, Probst & White, Architects

is employed. This alloy has a low solidification shrinkage, making it possible to cast intricate shapes having both heavy and thin sections and to obtain sharpness of detail. Spandrels, mullions, window sills, copings, roof crestings and cornices, facias, grilles, radiators and covers, statues, and many other decorative details are commonly cast in this aluminum-silicon alloy, as are some extruded parts, such as mullions, casement and double-hung windows and window sills.

Most of the sheet metal work is executed in No. 3S alloy because it has a slightly higher yield than commercially pure aluminum. Many extruded sections for doors, windows and store fronts are regularly produced in this alloy. Sheets of this aluminum-manganese alloy are generally used for cornices, marquises and shingles. For parts which receive maximum strains in service, and in which the strength of steel and the lightness of aluminum are requisites, the strong alloys, 17S, 25S and 51S, are used.

FINISHES. A number of different finishes and combinations of finishes may be obtained on aluminum ornamental castings and wrought metal products. The natural finish is that of silver with a bluish cast. However, there is a slight difference in the color of the different



Erection Drawing for Aluminum Spandrels. John Hay Commercial High School, Cleveland. J. M. Hopkinson, Architect

products depending upon the method of manufacture. The surface of a casting, for example, appears darker than that of a wrought object because of its coarser texture. On polishing an aluminum surface, the tinge of blue becomes more pronounced, and the surface has a greater reflectivity for light. Sand-blasting reduces the reflectivity of the surface, and produces a finish similar to that of etched glass. A carborundum blast gives a darker shade of gray since in this operation small particles of carborundum are deposited on the aluminum. A satin finish is obtained by wire brushing the surface or rubbing it with an emery cloth. A caustic dip merely cleans the surface. Different shades of gray may be produced by "deplating" products made from the aluminum-silicon alloys. Aluminum surfaces may be enameled or painted. As a base for paints and enamels, and since the metal does not corrode and has a pleasing color, it may serve as one of the colors in a combination color effect.

#### TABLE I-AVERAGE PROPERTIES OF STRONG ALUMINUM ALLOYS

Nominal	Сомро	SITION	·—%			TENSILE	PROPERTIE	S
Alloy (1)	Copper	Manganese	Magnesium	Silicon	Aluminum (minimum)	Yield Point (2) Pounds Per Square Inch	Ultimate Strength Pounds Per Square Inch	Elongation % In 2 Inches
17 SO 15 ST 25 SO 25 SW 25 ST 51 SO 51 SW 51 ST	4.0 4.0 4.5 4.5 4.5	0.5 0.5 0.8 0.8 0.8	0.5 0.5 0.6 0.6 0.6	0.8 0.8 0.8 1.0 1.0	92.0 92.0 92.0 92.0 92.0 96.5 96.5 96.5	10,000 35,000 10,000 25,000 35,000 5,500 20,000 35,000	26,000 58,000 26,000 48,000 58,000 16,000 35,000 48,000	20.0 20.0 20.0 18.0 20.0 30.0 24.0 14.0

- NOTES:

  1. The alloy numbers referred to are those of the Aluminum Company of America. The letters at the end of the alloy numbers designate the heat treatment: "O" standing for the annealed condition; "W" for the heat-treated condition; and "T" for the heat-treated and aged condition.

  2. The yield point is the stress at which the stress-strain curve shows a departure of .2 per cent from the initial modulus line produced.

# TABLE II—AVERAGE PROPERTIES OF WROUGHT ALUMINUM AND THE ALLOYS 3S AND 43S

Nominal	Composi	TION-%	,	TENSI	E PROPERTI	ES
Alloy (1)	Manganese	Silicon	Aluminum (minimum)	Yield Point (2) Pounds Per Square Inch	Ultimate Strength Pounds Per Square Inch	Elongation % In 2 Inches
2 SO 2 S½H 2 SH 3 SO 3 S½H 3 SH 43 SO 43 S½H 43 SH	1.2 1.2 1.2	5.0 5.0 5.0	99.0 99.0 99.0 97.0 97.0 97.0 92.5 92.5	4,000 14,000 21,000 5,000 17,500 25,500 10,500 22,500	13,000 17,000 24,000 16,000 21 000 29,000 19,000 25,500	40.0 20.0 10.0 40.0 20.0 10.0 21.0 7.0

- The alloy numbers referred to are those of the Aluminum Company of America. The letters at the end of the alloy numbers designate the temper; "O" standing for the annealed condition; "H" for the hard temper; and "½H" for the half-hard temper.
- The yield point is the stress at which the stress-strain curve shows a departure of .2 per cent from the initial modulus line produced.

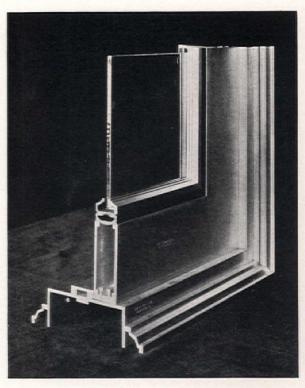
#### TABLE III-AVERAGE PROPERTIES OF SAND CAST ALUMINUM ALLOYS

Nominal Composition-%				TENSILE PROPERTIES			
Alloy (1)	Copper	Silicon	Aluminum (minimum)	Yield Point (2) Pounds Per Square Inch	Ultimate Strength Pounds Per Square Inch	Elongation % In 2 Inches	
43 47 (mod.) 195-4 195-16 195-10	4.0 4.0 4.0	5.0 12.5	92.5 85.0 93.0 93.0 93.0	9,000 11,000 16,000 22,000 27,000	19,000 26,000 31,000 36,000 40,000	4.0 8.0 8.0 4.0 2.0	
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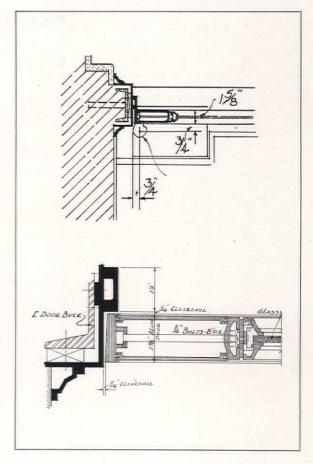
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- The yield point is the stress at which the stress-strain curve shows a departure of .2 per cent from the initial modulus line produced.



Section of Door and Door Jamb Fabricated from Extruded Aluminum Moulding. Details Below





# POLICY AND OPINION



#### LET US BE HONEST

THE element of camouflage has been a characteristic of American architecture since its beginnings. The cause can be attributed to an owner's desire to reproduce the architecture of his foreign origin or to a blind conformity to the dictates of fashion, in any event excusable only as measured by his intelligence and culture. Camouflage does not excuse the architect who understands and honors his art. On the other hand, engineering in all of its manifestations has been essentially honest. Engineering deals with the elemental forces of all kinds which are utilized to serve mankind. Simplicity and dignity characterize the engineer's art.

One function of engineering is to conduct forces from their points of origin through a stress-resisting structural medium safely to an adequate foundation. This applies to buildings and bridges. The engineers of the new Hudson River Bridge designed its massive steel towers in the most simple and direct manner. It was understood that they would be encased in a stone masonry shell designed by an architect; another example of architectural camouflage.

We are deficient indeed, if unimpressed by the majestic proportions, dignity and adequacy of these steel towers which support the cables now being spun from shore to shore. It does not require engineering knowledge to resolve the forces caused by the weight of the bridge and the pressure of the winds nor to trace the invisible stresses in their course down to the foundations. Will the Hudson River Bridge be improved in appearance if the two steel towers are enclosed in stone masonry shells that perform no structural function except to support themselves and pretend to support the cables? Is not the appearance of these sturdy steel towers satisfying to every reasonable æsthetic demand?

Everyone admires the proportions and dignity of the stone towers that support the cables of the old Brooklyn Bridge, the old Cincinnati-Covington Bridge and the rugged masonry towers of the Ferrenz-Aulne Bridge in Finistere. These masonry towers actually support the imposed loads. Improved methods in suspension bridge designing permit a certain flexibility in the steel towers as a feature of economy of cost and efficiency of structure. The stone tower is outmoded and its use as in the new Hudson River Bridge is a mere architectural camouflage, the cost of which can better be expended where more needed.

The steel towers of the Delaware River Bridge at Philadelphia-Camden were designed in part by Paul P. Cret, as architect, associated with Ralph Modjeski, Laurence Adams Ball and George Smedley Webster, engineers. Theodore E. Blake, as architect, was associated with Robinson & Steinman, engineers, on the new Mount Hope Bridge in Rhode Island. These steel suspension bridge towers, along with Ralph Modjeski's new towers at Poughkeepsie, are unrivaled for their beauty of design. Why, then, should anyone resort to an outmoded method of suspension bridge construction in appearance only, by constructing fake masonry towers and covering the beautiful, inspiring and adequate steel towers?

#### ARCHITECTURAL CRITICS

I N a recently published essay (The New Republic, July 23, 1930), Professor Hook writes: "A genuine critical tradition helps to make creation significant; its task is not merely to recognize such creation, when once it is achieved, as a chance variation in a riot of creative action. Criticism not only makes art significant, but all life and thought as well; and American culture lacks genuine significance because it lacks genuine criticism. Its critical voices have not yet made themselves heard above the din and clack of strident self-adoration from the right, and empty denunciation from the left."

Printed architectural criticism is practically nonexistent in America; it is, however, quite stridently vocal and voluminous among architects. Sporadic and superficial observation detects an unusual combination of, perhaps, brick and marble or the use of a new metal for spandrel panels of unusual design. Then the chorus of critics is heard. It is of no consequence that the structure is not one-half completed, something unusual has been done!

When the building has been enclosed and a roof termination of unusual form and construction has been completed or perhaps the building has been cut off short at a dead level with no roof in sight, the chorus of disapproval and carping comment is most vociferous. The principal objections are based on the fact that something unusual and non-conforming has been done. With time, they may be accepted as a fine forward step, as is the once shocking, to some, American Radiator Building. In any event, is it not better from a sense of fairness; sportsmanship and a decent regard for a man's effort, to withhold the barrage of adverse and flippant, superficial criticism until the structure has been completed, observed under all conditions of weather and light, and rationally discussed? Admitting that the style and form is unusual, it may possess great merit,and beauty, of course, is always an individual interpretation which should be tempered with tolerance.

Can we not justly paraphrase the quotation to read: "American architecture lacks genuine significance because it lacks genuine criticism"? What would result from a genuine public criticism of architecture such as is found in the leading European publications? It would cause the uncultured parvenu owner, or the owner who has acquired a patter of alleged artistic culture, to subordinate his own halfbaked and immature ideas to the dictum of an architect who has acquired the reputation of producing acceptable buildings. Criticism would cause architects properly to qualify themselves, to think twice and then make an honest creative effort rather than to be satisfied to reproduce or adapt in the all too commonly prevalent mechanical manner. First of all, we should determine whether American architecture as a whole does possess genuine significance. That is a matter for interpretation and demonstra-Is it possible to set up a system of genuine criticism, and through what mediums? Of course, genuine criticism cannot eliminate architectural mediocrity, but it certainly will recompense creative architectural ability.

# TO MODERNIZE OR TO BUILD?

G. HIRSCHFELD

THE volume of business which is being done year after year in the building industry has considerably changed during the last decade, and, in general, continues to grow toward new record figures. Changed also is the position of the architect,-not because his skill is less than what it used to be; not because his art has undergone any deterioration; but rather on account of the general shifting of the economic conditions of this country. It is not the problem of satisfying the demand of the client so much as the problem of finding new demands. A decade or two ago the client or the owner of a building would seek the architect to design a new building, or to remodel or to replace an existing structure, and the architect would proceed according to the wishes of his client. But in the building industry, as in other industries with but few exceptions, supply has

advanced so rapidly that the demand is not monopolizing the market. Business has to be fought for, and demand must be created.

The architect cannot afford to wait until his prospect has definitely made up his mind as to whether he should build, remodel or rebuild, but should be in a position to advise him. If new business is looked for, new fields must be invaded; in other words, the architect may have to seek the owner of property and convince him. To do this, he must know more than is usual at present. The present knowledge of the architect in general is concerned with matters of design and structure; the future knowledge will have to comprise the other factors of the enterprise. So far the architect has devoted himself chiefly to the problem of how to build; it seems as if he will have to study the question of why to build, should he desire to



A Striking Contrast Between the Concentrated Demand for Space in the Grand Central Section, New York, and, Right Next Door, Rows of Old and Obsolete Buildings Waiting for Their Turn of Increasing Land Value and Higher Rentals



The Proposed Sunfreze Building in Los Angeles Which Will Replace Two 2-Story Frame Houses

create lasting and profitable business for himself. Many problems relating to the design are solved by economic considerations. The decision of the owner as to when and where to build or to remodel is also guided by economic planning. Both considerations, though similar in nature, are entirely different when it comes to their practical application. It is the economic consideration on the part of the owner which shall be discussed here; it is the knowledge of these economic conditions on the part of the architect that will enable him to give advice to the client, thus opening up a new field of professional activity which is bound to pay rich dividends in the future, for the architect will no longer wait for his prospect but will be in a position to exercise a certain control upon the latter's plans and intentions. When the architect shall have developed his knowledge of economic principles to such an extent that he can give sound economic advice to his client, then it will be time to speak of a sound architectural profession.

BUSINESS GETTING. The present attitude of the average architect is to "wait and see." If this is a modern business method, then the other industries must be wrong: the department store which invades private residences with invitations to open accounts; the automobile manufacturer who sells cars on installments; the whole advertising industry, which has no aim other than to get out and create customers; and all those who annually sell goods valued at \$25,000,000,000 on a credit basis. They do not sit and wait, but get out on the street and look for business. Applied to the architectural profession, it means that the architect must get acquainted with the economic principles which form the basis for the owner's final decision. This survey will refer to already existing buildings and to when they should be remodeled and when replaced by new structures. It will show, to be more exact, the advantage of new over remodeled structures.

DEMAND FOR NEW BUILDINGS. It might be said that the question of remodeling or replacing has little to do with the building and more with the property. The architect, for instance, would ask: "Is the building still in good condition?", but the owner is more interested in the question: "Is there some way in which I could make more money on that same plot?" In the section around Grand Central, New York, few buildings will be found which have been remodeled since the boom in land value started. The reason is simple; land value is rising, rentals go higher, the old buildings have limited area, and even remodeling could not considerably increase rentable space. But space means earning capacity; so, new and tall buildings are being erected simply because they bring an income many times greater than that of a reconstructed building.

NO DEMAND. Take the opposite case, for instance, some of the sections of the older part of Brooklyn around Livingston and Joralemon Streets. The buildings are obsolete, and still they stay; demand for space is unchanged (perhaps even reduced); rentals are static, and the existing space meets whatever demand there is. Therefore, the best thing the owner can do is to let the building stand as it is and cash in on its present earning capacity. Here, neither remodeling nor replacing is advisable, for there are no changes in demand.

PARTIAL DEMAND. Between these two extremes is some section where a definite trend of development is not clearly visible but where business is pushing and moving,—for instance,

Broadway between Duane and Bleecker Streets. Lying between two business centers,-City Hall and Union Square,-this district, with its glorious past, is by no means at the end of its commercial development. At the present time, however, the future looks uncertain, and it must be left to each individual case as to whether it merits remodeling or whether a building should be torn down and replaced by a new structure, and this in spite of the fact that the buildings are obsolete and could very well stand some overhauling from an architectural point of view. But the latter would be without practical value. The fact remains that, generally speaking, to erect a new and tall building would involve tremendous expense, while on the other hand one cannot be sure of a real demand to fill its space. Remodeling would also cost money and would, no doubt, bring better income. However, it is very questionable whether this income increase would be high enough to justify the remodeling work. High rentals are ordinarily based on two things: increased land value and new buildings providing modern accommodations, and neither exists in the aforementioned district

One of the best examples to prove the influence of land value upon the question of remodeling or replacing can be found in Manhattan between 30th and 50th Streets. Business expansion has been such in recent years that a great amount of space was needed in order to meet the demand. Land value rose accordingly, and so did rentals. The owners of existing buildings faced the golden opportunity to profit by this sudden demand. They could decide for either remodeling or erecting new buildings. Why in most cases they have favored the latter alternative, shall be shown later on.

SHIFT OF TRADE. The department stores which were located for many years along lower Fifth Avenue, New York, later showed a decided tendency to move to the upper part of the same thoroughfare. This is chiefly accounted for by the shift of trade in general to a more convenient neighborhood. Here is a factor well worth remembering when deciding the question of remodeling or replacing. This shift of trade is clearly noticeable in different sections of the city and has an important bearing upon the earning capacity of a building, for the newest and tallest and most spacious building is without value if the trade it caters to is located in an entirely different section of the city. A loft building would be out of place in an office district or an apartment house in a manufacturing section or an office building in a residential zone, and so on.

CONCENTRATION TENDENCY. We come now to the problem of concentration toward trade centers. This concentration movement is in in-



In Minneapolis, the Rand Tower Replaces the 4-Story Minneapolis Club and a Small 2-Story Taxpayer. Some Years Previously, the Club Building Had Been Remodeled for Office Space, But This Was Only Temporary Relief

timate connection with the shift of trade, or rather it is supposed to prevent this shift. In all large cities there are concentration centers growing up. In New York one is the office center around Grand Central; another is the loft building section around the Holland Tunnel; the most important is probably the garment center between 34th and 42nd Streets. The underlying reason for this concentration tendency is neither land



Concentration Tendency as Expressed in a Los Angeles District; the New Ferguson Building. Walker & Eisen, Architects

value nor earning capacity but the growth of the city in general and the subdivision into certain trade sections in particular. A city can grow uncontrolled in its sectional division to a certain limit, but not beyond it. This limit has been passed in large cities such as New York, Chicago and others, and a slow but steady contraction into trade centers is the logical consequence.

Traffic, transportation facilities and ease of access are some other factors which are influential, inasmuch as from the higher land value which they create there originates partly the necessity of either remodeling or replacing an obsolete building. The new subway (Municipal Line) which will be constructed within the next few years will tremendously increase land value along Eighth Avenue, and most of the owners of buildings will take this increase with the accompanying rise in rentals as a fine opportunity for increasing the earning capacity, be it by way of reconstruction or of replacement by new structures.

ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES. Thus we always

come back to the value of the land, which has the final word to say. Most of the time it is demand for space which drives the value of the property up and up; it should only be added that demand for space in turn is caused by the different circumstances just explained, shift of trade, concentration movement, accessibility, traffic and transportation facilities, and other factors. The architect must take into consideration these economic factors if he wants business, for they are the guiding principles behind the owner's projects, and to anticipate them means to improve his chance of obtaining the contract. Today the majority of owners or prospective owners are getting their advice from the real estate people because they want to sell. The architect's interest should not be less intense; if the realtor wants to sell, the architect wants to build; if one is anxious to get rid of certain properties, the other is just as anxious to obtain the owner's confidence, i.e., his contract. The fact remains that the architect has to adopt (out of shrewd business sense) the interests of his client, and even before he becomes his client. If the man from the real estate ranks talks business with his prospect, there is no reason in the world why the architect cannot put his activities on a business basis. More than one of the outstanding and truly successful architects have adopted business methods without prejudice to their work as artists.

REMODELING. It has been explained what circumstances raise the question of remodeling or replacing an old and obsolete building. While remodeling has certain advantages, there are disadvantages also. We have seen that land value is the real factor behind building development, and right here lies the grave point of danger, for remodeling can only change the building more or less superficially, while land value may change the whole aspect within a couple of years. Take some building in a section of rising value,-for instance, the former Lorraine Hotel at 545 Fifth Avenue. While many changes have been made, thus justifying better rentals, as a whole space has not been increased nor has the earning capacity increased to such an extent as to keep pace with the rising value of the land along Fifth Avenue. It seems, therefore, safe to say that within a reasonable time the property value will have risen so high as to demand the construction of a new building with sufficient space to meet the demand. In other words, remodeling by its very nature is of only temporary value as long as the value of the property is rising.

This characteristic of a temporary project in remodeling is not limited to the building itself but is often related to the character of the immediate neighborhood. Generally speaking, it is of little use to remodel an apartment building in the gar-

ment center, for the chances are that soon additional space will be required by the garment people, and then the apartment house must give way. However, as long as the sectional change is not completed, as long as there is no way of saying whether this particular district is definitely going to be an apartment center, an office district, a loft section or a manufacturing division, it is advisable to remodel obsolete buildings if thereby the earning capacity can be increased. The construction of a new building in one of the aforementioned instances would definitely establish the character of the structure and would, later on, leave no chance of changing it according to the eventual change in the character of this section. The Pictorial Review building on 39th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York, was only seven years old when it had to be torn down, partly because trade had shifted in that time and partly because its earning capacity had fallen far behind the gross rental obtainable on the basis of the greatly increased property value.

Another reason why remodeling pays only in exceptional cases is that space cannot be created (generally speaking) by the reconstruction process; and space is the most valuable asset in building construction. Besides, economic considerations such as accessibility, light and air, traffic facilities, etc., can only occasionally be taken into account. There are cases, however, where remodeling is the wisest thing to do. The former Belmont Hotel, now the "Peerless," on 45th Street, had two front apartments on the ground floor which brought in only small revenue. The building has been remodeled, and the ground floor converted into stores, whereby the rental of this floor has been multiplied by four. In the upper 70's in Manhattan there are some brown stone dwellings which have been remodeled, converting each floor into one or two apartments. The change of this neighborhood is not yet completed; it is not profitable as a section of small dwellings nor is it ripe for large apartment houses. The sensible thing to do is to wait and just use the time for bridging between the past and the future development. Remodeling as a temporary measure is an excellent way out of temporary problems, and it is therefore estimated that a remodeled building should pay for the outlay within three or five years.

NEW BUILDINGS. The chief advantage of new structures over remodeled buildings lies in the fact that it will be in precise accordance with the possibilities growing out of the value of the property. All the economic principles which can be traced back to demand for space, trade conditions, traffic, transportation, etc., can be considered in the new structure, thus allowing for the highest possible exploitation of earning power



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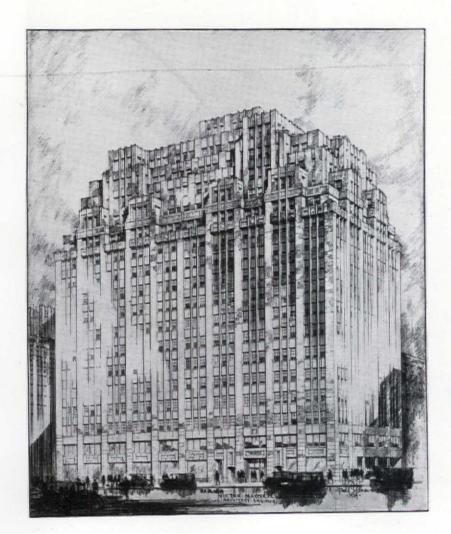
according to the prevailing circumstances. The ground floor space can be doubled by keeping the height of the floor down to 13 feet or even less and giving the second and perhaps the third floor a margin of 22 feet, the first floor being reserved for brokers and retail stores and the second being occupied by a bank, thereby also doubling the high ground floor rental. Besides, a new building can be constructed in such a way that after a number of years it can be used for a different purpose. Some of the loft buildings around Varick Street have been built so that they can easily and with little expense be converted into office buildings. In this case the building facilities are put at the center; true, ground floor space is being sacrificed, but considerably more space is saved in the 20 or 30 stories above.

BUILDING AS BUSINESS. The trend of modern building development is, no doubt, toward the tall building, and rightfully so. The question as to whether remodeling or rebuilding is preferable is not one of the building itself, but one of profit. If the architect wants to exercise a certain control upon building activities (and only such control upon building activities)

trol can obtain for him valuable contracts), he has to look at the matter from the business point of view. The man who controls the building industry, as well as building development, is the owner, no matter whether he is a speculator or an investor. The architect has to subordinate his interests to the owner's financial, or rather material viewpoint. So far the average architect has been very careful indeed not to step out of his bounds. In fact, he has not only not stepped out but he has secluded himself in his strictly artistic atmosphere. But how does he reconcile his attitude with the modern building development? Building is no longer a matter of art but a matter of area. The fundamental question is not how to erect buildings of great artistic excellence, but how to erect profitable buildings, i.e., buildings at the least possible expense, with the largest possible space.

It is surprising to see how many an architect has held aloof from business methods when it is considered that no one should be more interested

in creating new space, in replacing old buildings, in furthering modern urban development, than the architect himself. Who builds the new structures, lofts, skyscrapers, apartment towers and the like? Who is the modern city builder? The owner? Or the real estate man? By no means! And yet, in the hands of these two lies the control of actual building development. The architect who bears the responsibility and gets the contract sits idly by. True, there are a few architects who go out and talk to owners and give advice and get the contracts before anyone else even hears of the pending projects, but it is a fact that the great majority of architects just fulfill their professional duties as their fathers and forefathers have done,—basking in the sun of artistic intuition. If our great industrialists were sitting and waiting for orders, the United States would not be where it is,-neither financially nor commercially nor industrially. It is up to the architect to follow this modern industrial leadership.



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#### THE SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

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CHAPTER 18—CONTINUED; MISCELLANEOUS METAL WORK

AS to the materials entering into the construc-tion of articles of miscellaneous metals, we find, to begin with, that nomenclature is needlessly loose in general practice. For instance, one finds steel angles referred to as "angle irons," and the terms "brass" and "bronze" used more or less interchangeably. Where steel is called for in this division, it is supposed to conform to the requirements for structural steel described in the preceding chapter. Although no inspector can detect the finer variations in pig iron products (subjects for laboratory tests), he should know, in a general way, the differences between steel and the various forms of iron. Quoting from the Century Dictionary, these are "(1) cast iron, which is hard, comparatively brittle, and readily fusible, and cannot be forged or welded: (2) wrought iron, which is comparatively soft, malleable, ductile, weldable, and fusible only at a very high temperature; (3) steel, which is also malleable and weldable, but fusible, and,-what is of great importance,-capable of acquiring, by being tempered, a very high degree of hardness, so that it cuts wrought iron with ease. By the processes ordinarily followed, wrought iron and steel are made not directly from the ore, but from iron which has been smelted in the blast furnace or that has the form of cast iron. The name cast iron, however, is ordinarily given to iron which has been re-smelted in the cupola furnace and cast in any form desired for use. . . . Malleable iron castings, or (as more generally called) malleable cast iron, is cast iron de-carbonized by packing it with oxide of iron and subjecting it to the temperature of red heat for several days. Iron thus treated and carefully cooled may be bent considerably without breaking and is malleable in a slight degree."

A superintendent does not seriously concern himself as to whether or not wrought iron or steel has been used in the make-up of balustrades, railings and similar ornamental work for which either material is specified. He ascertains that details have been faithfully followed, in the medium best suited to the purpose, which is as far as he need go. In the matter of cast iron, however, he must be more careful. Different foundries may vary widely as to their practice in the use of admixtures of junk metal with their pig iron, as well as in the care in making the moulds and pouring the flux. Specifications for cast iron vary in the perfection demanded. depending upon the purpose of the member. Greater refinements of modeling and finishing are

demanded for ornamental work; better chemical constituents for columns, baseplates and similar members subjected to special loadings. An experienced inspector can satisfy himself superficially, by visual inspection, as to the general characteristics of such castings, but he must have chemical analysis of the pouring, if he is to be sure of the composition. This is so inconvenient and the composition of cast iron so unequal and uncertain, that it is seldom used under severe conditions of heavy loadings, except with a high factor of safety. Another feature of structural castings, one that can and must be watched by the inspector, is the thickness of the metal, especially throughout large areas. Variations in thickness of from 1/4 to 1/2 inch have been detected in the shells of columns supposed to be uniformly 1/2 or 3/4 inch thick. For purposes of inspection and measuring, cast iron columns should be designed with open ends or with small test holes cast in the shells at intervals. Both columns and base plates should have turned bearing surfaces, except for light loadings.

At one time, it was customary to delay stair setting until toward the finishing of a building, and to install temporary stairs for use during construction. But with the increased use of substantial steel stairs, one sees them installed as rapidly as the progress of other work will permit, and their free use by all mechanics deemed a matter of course. Treads may be either of checkered steel, slate, marble, or a composition, such as concrete or terrazzo, into which anti-slip aggregates are mixed, or dusted and troweled. For such stone or concrete treads, the stair framing is suitably depressed and fitted with steel angles or plates, on which temporary planking is attached during the construction period. Platforms and other landings should be similarly cared for until time to apply the finished treads and floor surfacings.

Exterior stairs and fire escapes that come under this heading must be watched as carefully as those inside. In all cities, and in some states, fire escapes are required for certain types of buildings and must conform to code specifications. The superintendent must know if these apply to his work, and, if a public inspector has jurisdiction, see that he is notified and that the contractor secures a certificate of inspection and approval of everything in which such an official is concerned.

Bronze and brass are metal alloys used to a large extent for decorative features of buildings, such as tablets, grilles, railings, sash-frames, hardware, etc. They may be cast, rolled, drawn or extruded. (Sheet bronze and brass will be treated of in the chapter on Sheet Metal Work.) Chemically, there is much variation in each of these materials. Bronze is from 70 to 95 per cent copper (usually about 85 per cent) and the remainder tin, though some bronzes contain small amounts of zinc, lead or aluminum. Phosphor bronze is an alloy rendered exceedingly hard by the introduction of less than 1 per cent of phosphorus. Brass contains from 60 to 90 per cent of copper and the remainder zinc, with an occasional admixture of small percentages of tin or lead, the usual proportion being 2/3 copper and 1/3 zinc. There are government standards for all these various alloys, which standards are frequently mentioned in architects' specifications. However, inasmuch as few architects call for chemical analyses, or even dependable proof, of the constituency of either bronze or brass, the superintendent has no recourse but to accept the statement of the producer as to what is being supplied. This means that he must either insist that such purchases be made from a concern of known dependability or he must take his chances with substitutes. In the latter event, the architect might save money by specifying "commercial" grades, thus allowing the foundry or mill to supply its regular product. Inspection of these materials is thus, of necessity, confined to the degree of excellence of the workmanship and to the comparison of finishes with those of approved samples. Such finishes are applied equally well to plated work, such as is sometimes used for counter grilles in offices and the less expensive banks. Occasionally, a superintendent will discover that members that should be solid bronze or brass are, through oversight or dishonesty, actually plated steel. Such substitution is easily detected by the application of an ordinary magnet which will adhere to steel, but which has no attraction for bronze or brass. This test should be applied to various members, as it is quite possible that only the heavier parts are of steel, and that others conform to the specification demands.

Ordinary sash bars for store fronts are generally designed in accordance with the details as shown in the catalog of some particular manufacturer, "or approved equal," the material being drawn or extruded bronze in natural color. The architect must determine whether or not a suggested substitute (if any) is to be accepted and must pass upon the details submitted. The superintendent must see that the material delivered is in accord with such details, or those originally shown, and that it is installed as the makers intended, substantially secured in place,

and with all rebates and connections so formed as to make perfect receptacles for the glass; with due allowances for setting, condensation and drainage. More elaborate sash frames are detailed with members of cast or rolled bronze or iron. Some of these have all the refinements of the most ornate doors, gates and grilles and must be made to conform to full-sized details and models. The same is true of bronze tablets, medallions, etc., all of which are subjects for the

mature judgment of experts.

Nothing in connection with building operations is of more importance than the anchorage of one material to another, yet nothing is so easily slighted by the artisan,-or so frequently overlooked by the inspector. Carelessness in this particular is one of the first things manifest in the deterioration of a building. Members that should be rigid work loose for every conceivable reason,-or for no apparent reason, as is the case with many individual bronze letters used for exterior signs. It thus behooves the superintendent to give particular attention to this matter in every instance. The need of extra care in the case of wall rail brackets has already been mentioned. Such precautions should be applied also to the attachments of all pipe railings and similar members. The posts should be grouted into sleeves cast into the concrete, wherever possible. Elsewhere nothing but the most effectual bolting should be held to suffice. Corner guards and thresholds are likewise likely to leave their moorings, and hence need special attention.

The superintendent should check up his thresholds (sometimes termed "saddles") early in the proceedings. These may vary to a considerable extent throughout the building. Present custom is to use them only in doorways where a change in floor material occurs, the old time wood "carpet strip" being seldom used. Thresholds must be of full length and correctly located in reference to the door above, as well as rigidly secured. Some drawings are vague as to which doorways are so equipped, and the uncertainty should be cleared up before orders are placed.

The question of location of access doors in relation to concealed valves and other operating conveniences also demands forehandedness. These are sometimes located tentatively on drawings, sometimes merely specified in quantity, to be located entirely according to the judgment of the superintendent. He must consult with the contractors for the pipe trades and make sure that nothing needing access is left out of reach, though he has to requisition more doors for the purpose. Bucks for such doors and for register openings and the like must be set and anchored with the same care as those for larger openings.

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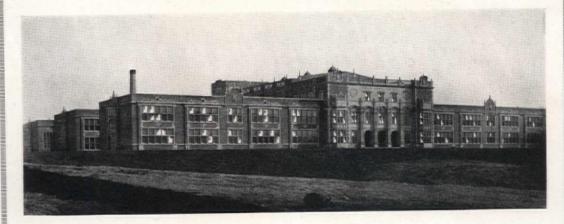
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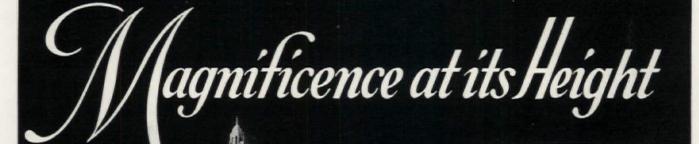
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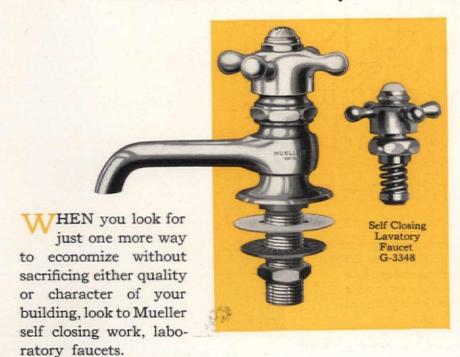
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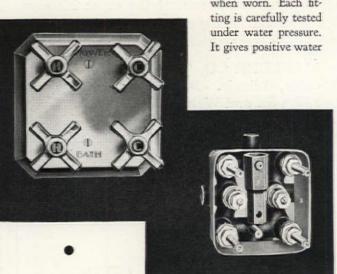
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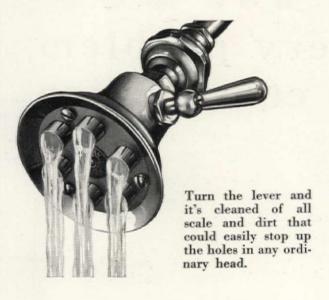


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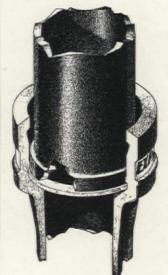
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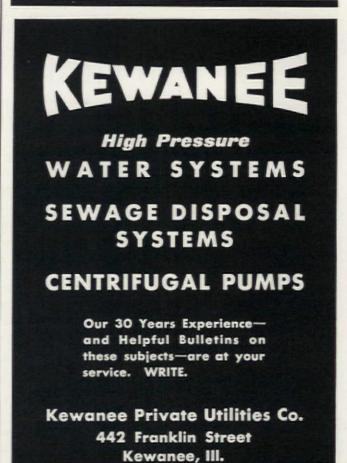
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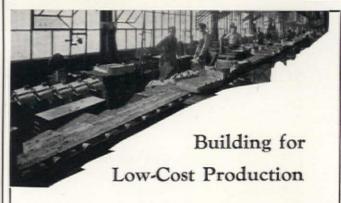


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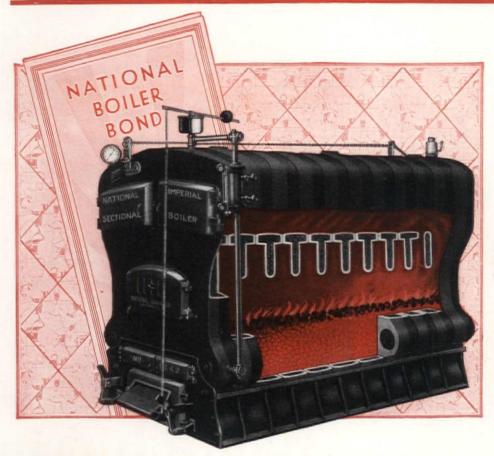
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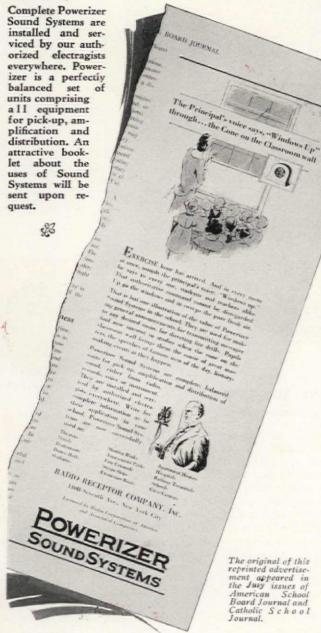
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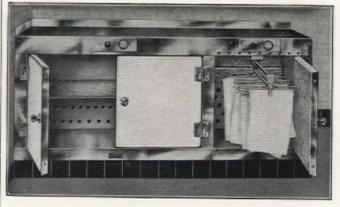
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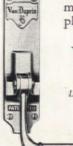
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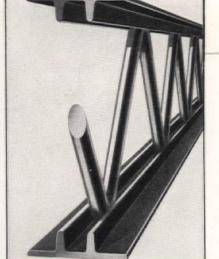
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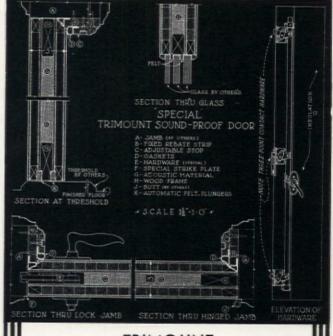
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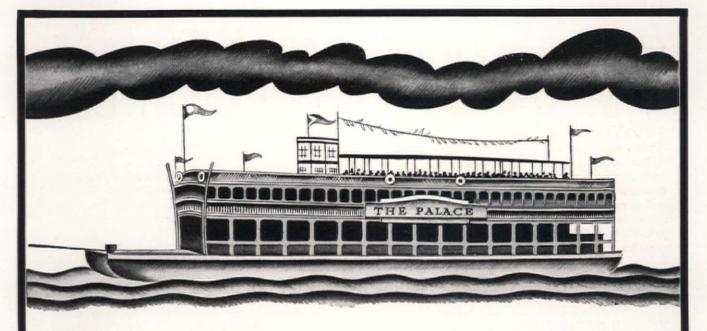
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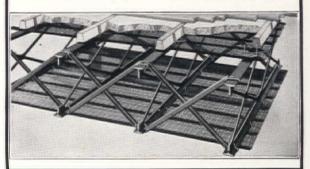
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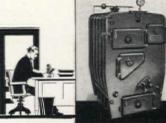
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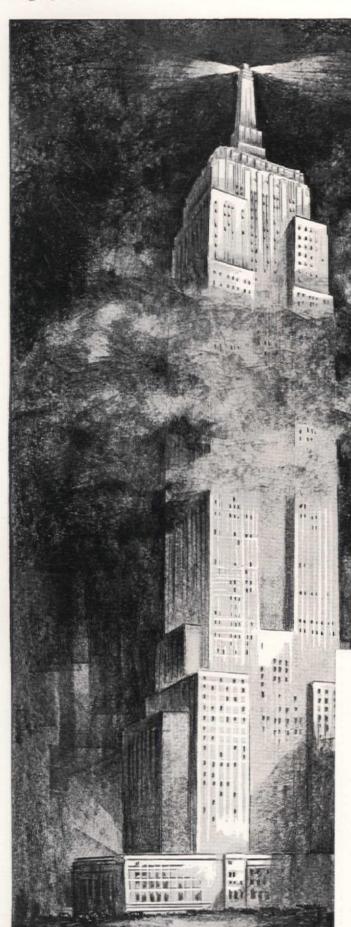
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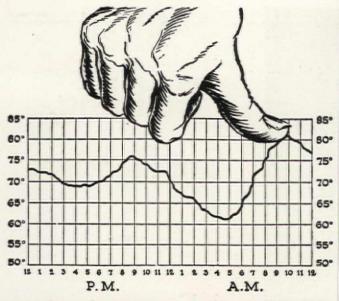
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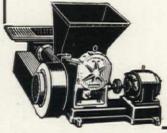
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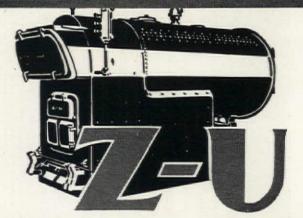
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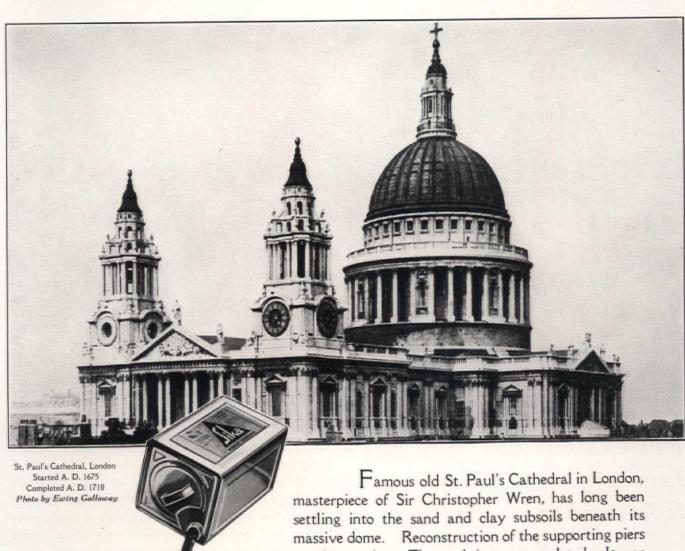
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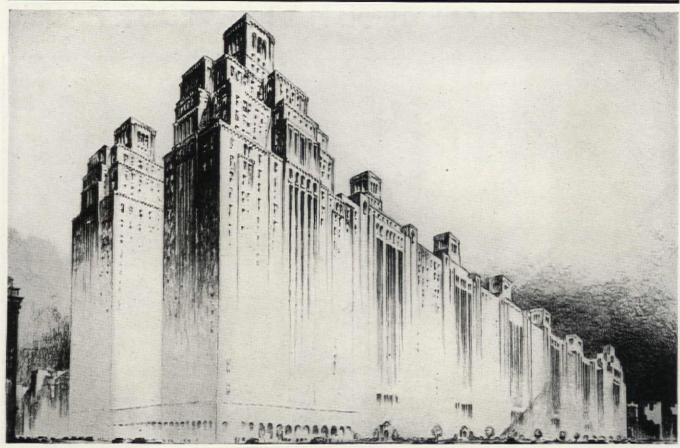
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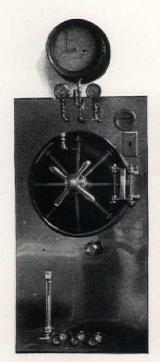
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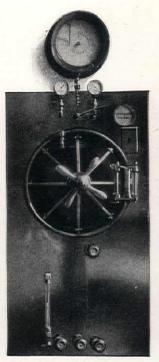
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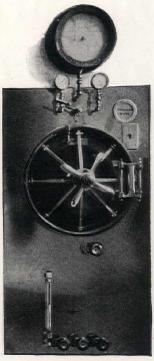
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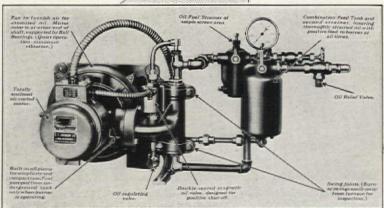
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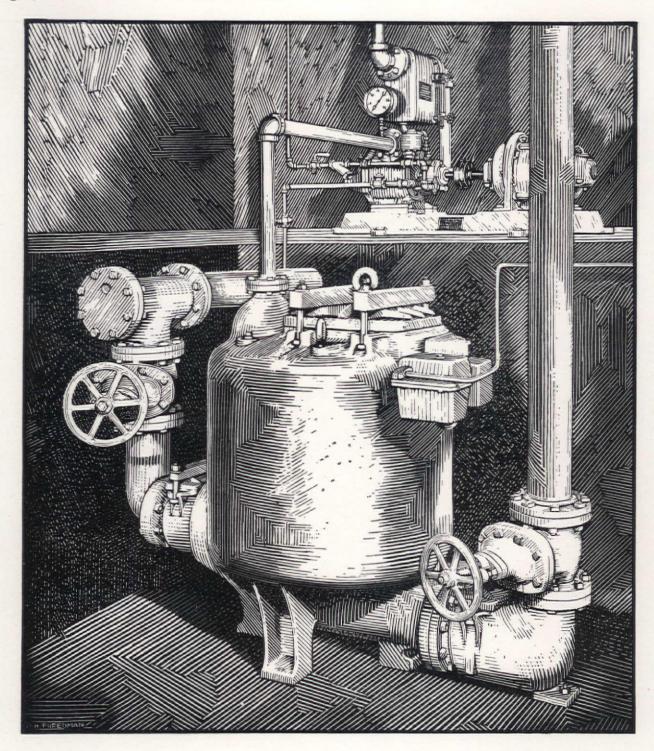
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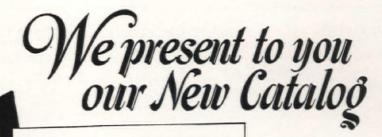
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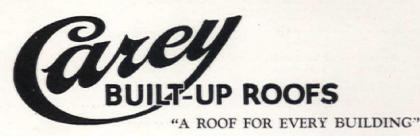
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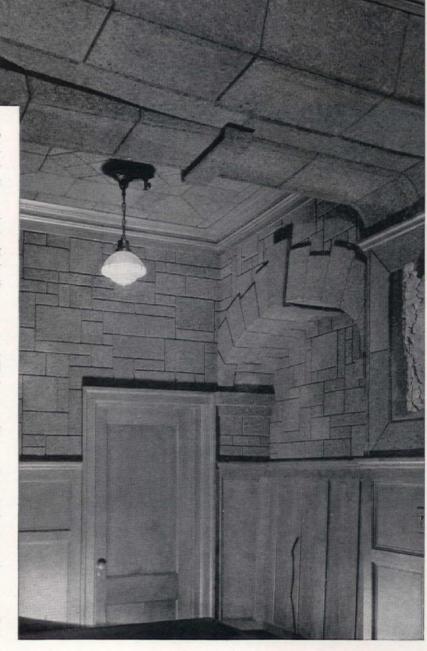
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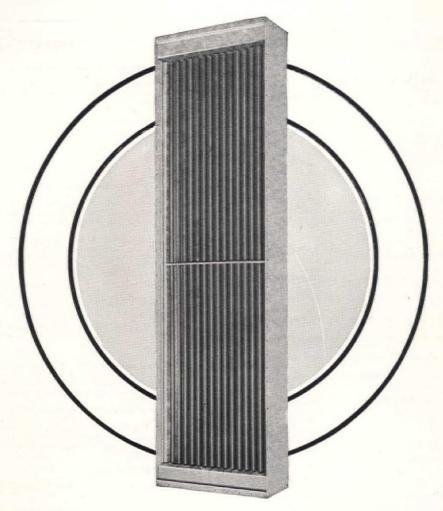
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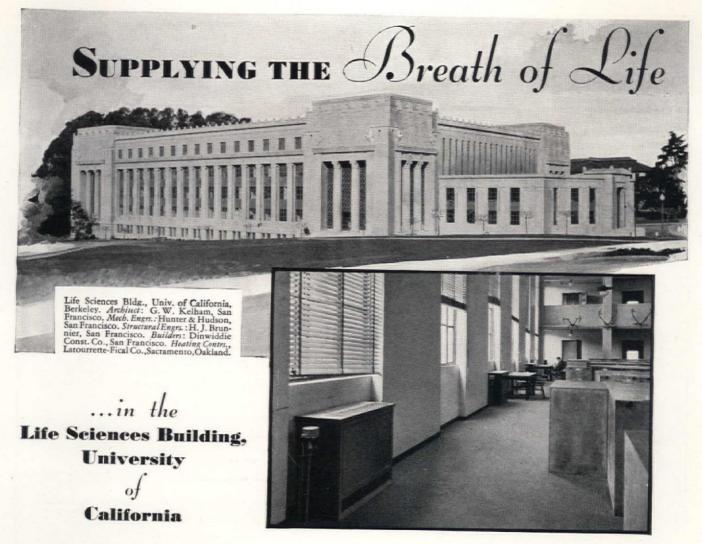
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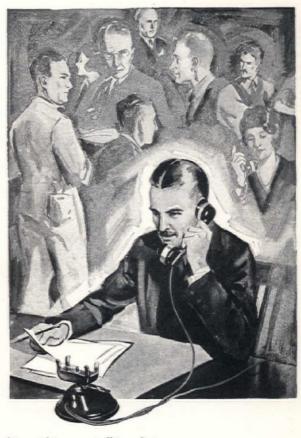
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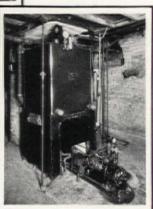
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### FRIGIDAIRE CORPORATION, DAYTON, O. "Frigidaire and Electric Range Combined."

Architects who are interested in the designing of buildings containing small apartments are likely to value anything which economizes space. The manufacturers of bathroom fittings have experimented in devising arrangements which permit placing the necessary fixtures in the "irreducible minimum" of area, and the invention of the bed which during the day may be folded into a closet meant the further economy of valuable area. But neither of these meant anything in economy of space in the kitchenette, and there if anywhere space saving was necessary. Every kitchen or kitchenette to be really practical must have a sink, a work table, a refrigerator, and a range for cooking. The use of electrical refrigeration has become general, and there has now been placed upon the market a combined refrigerator and range which of course aids greatly in reducing the square foot area which is required in a kitchen or a kitchen-The arrangement provides for placing the range for cooking on top of the refrigerator. The exterior of the Frigidaire cabinet is finished either in cream white Duco or gray and white porcelain-on-steel, with a gleaming white porcelain-on-steel interior. There is nothing to catch dust or dirt. Surfaces, inside and out, are as easily cleaned as chinaware. And the mechanism is completely concealed. It is also equipped with the famous "Fridigaire cold control" which speeds the freezing of ice cubes and makes possible the serving of many new frozen desserts and salads. With the new Frigidaire combination model, one can not only offer prospective tenants the advantages of a superior electric refrigerator, but also a high grade electric range. The range is equipped with oven and surface burners, which can be heated at the turn of a switch. The oven burners are The exterior recessed to allow maximum cooking space. of the range is finished in durable gray and white porcelain. The interior of the oven is aluminum lined, so that it is easy to clean. The broiler and oven of the range are combined, making a more compact arrangement and eliminating the inconvenience of having a separate door for the broiler. Either open or enclosed hotplates can be secured for the surface High grade nickel chromium resistance wires are used throughout. The inside wiring in the range has asbestos covering, and the connecting parts are of monel metal to prevent oxidation where they are connected to the burners. COPPER & BRASS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION. "America's Leading Bankers Recommend Copper and Brass."

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#### ASSOCIATED METAL LATH MANUFACTURERS, INC., Engineering Building, Chicago. "Partition Handbook."

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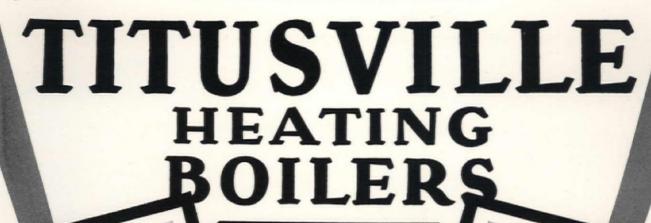
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INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY, Bedford, Ind. "Contemporary Architecture."

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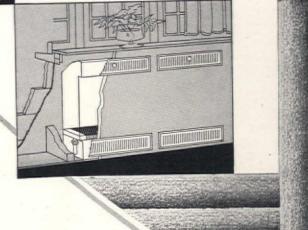
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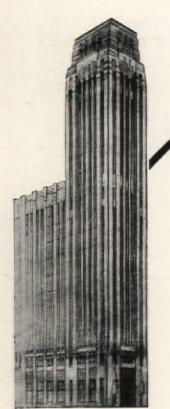
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