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HOIT, PRICE and BARNES, architects, have moved their offices to 2500 Telephone Building, Kansas City, Mo.

ROBERT M. BLACKALL and S. BRUCE ELWELL have dissolved their partnership. Mr. Blackall is now practicing architecture and engineering at 75 State Street, Boston, Mass., and Mr. Elwell has established architectural offices at 18 Newbury Street, in the same city.

GEORGE HARWELL BOND announces his withdrawal from the firm of G. Lloyd Preacher & Co., Inc., effective July 1st, 1929, and also announces the establishment of an office for the practice of architecture under the name of George Harwell Bond, with offices at 1309-10 Candler Building, Atlanta, Ga.

THE NEW OFFICES of R. E. Bostrom are located on the fifth floor of the Castle Building, 1410 Stanley Street, Montreal, Canada.

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JOHN TAYLOR EGAN, architect, has moved his offices from 12 East 41st Street, New York City, to 205 East 42nd Street.

OTIS JOSSELYN FITCH, architect, has opened new offices in the Studio Building, Portland, Oregon.

MERTON E. GRANGER has moved his architectural office from 600 Merchants' Bank Building to 605 Gurney Building, Syracuse, N. Y.

ARTHUR M. HEDA is now practicing architecture at Suite 1800, Madison Square Building, 123 W. Madison Street, Chicago, Ill.

F. Albert Hunt and Edward Kline, architects, have opened new offices at 127 East 47th Street, New York City. Formerly, they were located at 157 East 44th Street.

JOSEPH R. KOBERLING announces the formation of the architectural firm Koberling & Baker, located at 569 South Peoria Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma. They will be glad to receive manufacturers' literature.

WILLIAM C. LAURITZEN, architect, has moved his offices from 690 Eighth Avenue, New York City, to 356 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

FRANK LIPPERT, architect, is temporarily located at 50 Richards Road, Port Washington, N. Y. He has moved from his old office at 47 West 34th Street, New York City.

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Owing to the retirement of Mr. Frank J. Helmle, the firm of Helmle, Corbett & Harrison will be known as Corbett, Harrison & MacMurray. This firm is located at 130 West 42nd Street, New York City.

THE OFFICES of Frank McCandless Crooks are now located at 508 Third Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

CARL W. CLARK, architect, has changed his New York City address to 33 West 42nd Street.

LEWIS SETTINO is now practicing architecture at 225 Westchester Avenue, Portchester, N. Y. Formerly, he was located at 11 South Main Street, South Norwalk, Conn.

The partnership of MacManus & GRIFFITHS of 11 East 42nd Street, New York City, has been dissolved. Alex. J. MacManus is practicing architecture temporarily at 75-42-113th Street, Forest Hills, Long Island, N. Y.

CHARLES F. PARK announces the removal of his architectural office from 600 Merchants' Bank Building, Syracuse, N. Y., to 605 Gurney Building in the same city.

W. STENWOOD PHILLIPS, architect, formerly at 137 East 43rd Street, has opened offices at 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

RICHARD S. SHAPTER, architect, has changed his address from 23 Maple Street, Summit, N. J., to 382 Springfield Avenue, in the same town.

The firm of MAX SEIGEL & GEORGE H. LEVY, architects, has succeeded the firm of Cohen & Siegel at 45 West 57th Street, New York City.

CHESTER J. STORM, architect, has changed his address from 1440 Broadway to 225 West 34th Street, New York City.

WALTER S. TIMMIS is now practicing architecture at Second National Bank Building, Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y. He used to be at 315 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made by D. A. Valvano of the removal of his architectural office from 88 Broad Street, Elizabeth, N. J., to 225 No. Wood Avenue, Linden, N. J.

LAWSON LIBBY WAGNER, architects' consultant, has offices at 1420 Graybar Building, New York City, where he would be glad to receive manufacturers' literature.

C. W. BRAZER, architect, has changed his address from 1133 Broadway to 232 Madison Avenue, New York City.

ROBERT WISEMAN has moved his office from 18 East 41st Street, New York City to 7 East 42nd Street.

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#### EXCAVATIONS AT DELOS

Delos, to the architect and archaeologist, is important for its mosaics. Knowledge of the old Greek floors is derived almost entirely from the excavations made on the island by the French Archaeological School at Athens. The ancient floor mosaic reproduced here was excavated recently and has not before been illustrated. It was measured and rendered in water color by André Leconte, winner of the Grand Prix de Rome in 1926.

The peristyle court distinguished the domestic architecture of Delos. Each house turned its back to the street and the entrance gateway was the only element of interest on the exterior, excepting the high walls of marble. Through the vestibule and past the gatekeeper's quarters, the visitor came to the court, the very heart of the house, surrounded on four sides by the portico.

Generally a cistern was found under the court for storage of water to supplement the well in the event of a great drought. The vaulted ceiling of the cistern was often richly ornamented in mosaic.

Around the court were the rooms of the household. The reception and banquet halls were spacious and had mosaic floors as fine as that of the court. In the service rooms, the kitchens and the slaves' quarters, flooring was either the trodden earth or a very coarse mosaic. One house possessed a bath room; almost all had a rudimentary sewerage system.

The Delian house usually had an upper story, reached by large stairways of stone or wood. These rooms, likewise decorated in mosaic or fresco, were arranged like those of the ground floor and opened on a gallery surrounding the court. A terrace or low roof with large tiles topped the house.

The mosaics belong to the period of great prosperity, the third, second and first centuries B. C., after the Romans ceded the island to the Athenians and Delos became the center of a flourishing commerce.

Great buildings and fine private houses were built. With rare exceptions the houses were grouped in *insulae* varying greatly in dimensions, sometimes comprising three or four large mansions, sometimes a large number of small lodgings. Forms were very irregular since the Delian architect was not constrained by parallel lines or right angles. Streets went zigzag and crossed obliquely. Each builder had the same ideal to utilize most advantageously the ground at his disposal. Because of this natural development, the architecture of Delos avoided rigidity and the harshness of geometric lines.



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# CENTRAL PARK CASINO JOSEPH URBAN, ARCHITECT

**P**ARK restaurants in the United States are something of a rarity. Road houses, night clubs, hotel dining rooms, "hot dog" and soda stands are more national expressions of eating out. The park restaurant is for most of us a European acquaintance. A few unimaginative attempts serve chiefly to emphasize the lack.

The old Casino in Central Park was such an essay. In make-up it was a compromise between a road house and a sort of Coney Island Winter Garden. The accommodations comprised two small dining rooms, a glassed-in conservatory covered with paint and a large, dark interior room, the middle of which was occupied by a steep stair to the basement. Outside, a tiled terrace covered with a low awning in summer provided out-of-door eating space. There was no resemblance to the outdoor restaurant of Europe similarly located, but in a rough and ready fashion it furnished some of the elements of an inn and something of the air of an amusement park. In the nineties, when New York was small and Central Park something of a drive, the Casino enjoyed a polite popularity.

The alterations by Joseph Urban place the Casino in the hotel class. Something of the old inn character was preserved with one of the small dining rooms, at present the least used feature of the layout. The two most popular rooms are those where tables are set about the dance floor and the part of the main dining room where the ballroom floor is in view. Similarly, the first seats taken on the terrace are those where persons arriving can be seen. Seclusion can hardly be set at a premium at present, whatever its value to the Victorian diner.

The old building could have accommodated about three hundred and fifty persons shut off from one another in small and large groups; the altered layout provides for four hundred and sixty-eight. On the opening night this layout gave place to one for six hundred; tables for two were practically without demand and larger parties had to be accommodated. Such continues to be the case. Parties of six are a fair average. The original plan seated 114 persons in the pavilion, 96 on the terrace, 128 in the main dining room, 96 in the ballroom and 24 in the small dining room, at round tables 30 inches for two persons and 33 inches in diameter for four, accommodations which can be stretched to four and six covers. Twelve square tables in the main dining room were provided to be used separately, or combined as banquet tables.

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The plan provides a clear traffic scheme emphasized by the carpet designs. Although it is in units based on a 27-inch width throughout, open in arrangement as the old building permits, its use and the comments of patrons suggest that still greater openness of arrangement would be practical. One of the excellences of the arrangement for social usage is the sense of pageantry and leisurely movement suggested in the traffic routing. A single, sweeping stair with an easy rise and many landings gives access through a porch and vestibule to the square foyer which distributes guests to the coat rooms, dressing rooms and main dining room, office and the lobby. The lobby in floor plan is a continuation of the foyer but mounts higher in volume. It gives access through two doors, six feet wide, to the pavilion and through a ten-foot folding door to the ballroom. At the other end of the ballroom a ten-foot door throws the main

dining room and ballroom together. The small dining room is entered directly from outside or through a small door and passage at the end of the lobby. This passage connects the pantry service with the pavilion. The terrace and pavilion in summer work as one room together through the use of seven ten-foot openings at the curved end. The glass doors fold back against the reveal of the walls and the pavilion becomes a room virtually out of doors. On the terrace the cantilevered awning gives shade but, instead of interposing supports between the people and the prospect, enframes the view in one sweeping, inclusive line. The bigness in effect of this device together with the unobstructed spaces of most of the rooms gives a grandeur to the scheme often lacking in arrangements of greater actual dimension.

The domed ceiling of the pavilion contributes to the airiness of this room, main-



tained by the delicacy of its lighting and decoration. The unobstructed space was attained through the use of *Lamella* construction, an invention used first for hangars and somewhat familiar at present in garage work. In Europe it has been developed also as a steel structure. Steel *Lamella* is not yet available in this country. The decora-

tive qualities of this method of construction are shown in the room by Urban. Foreign photographs also show its decorative possibilities though the apsidal form is less usual. In order to preserve the unit scale of the construction Urban covered the under size intersections in the apse with plyboard and formed a great six-pointed half star of streaming floral decoration. The dome itself covers the space like a tent; there is no air chamber, yet the room remains the coolest in the building owing to

Photo. Sigurd Fischer CASINO IN CENTRAL PARK JOSEPH URBAN, ARCHITECT

the openness of the door and window plan.

Acoustically the Pavilion is a sensation. When the orchestra placed in the central bay under the half dome plays, the music has a richness of tone seldom heard. There are no echoing surfaces owing to the broken ceiling and the wood construction seems to vibrate like a cello.

The ballroom, originally the interior space with the central stair already described, has a ceiling of black glass squares hung on a wooden framework from the old ceiling. By leaving the ceiling undefined in this way height is given the room and the festive quality of the crystal chandeliers and the people below is doubled by reflections.

Opposed to the pavilion in tonal quality is the effect of the glass ceiling on the acoustics. Here the music has a sharp brilliance lacking, however, any metallic quality.

Such power is given the tone that it penetrates the whole building when not muffled by the presence of many people.

The main dining room occupies the former winter garden designed originally as a conservatory. Heat through the glass was always a drawback which had been formerly somewhat overcome by painting the roof. Urban dropped the ceiling at the sides and filled the central dome with a mural of purple and blue butterflies and flowers. The walls and low parts of the

ceiling were covered with silver leaf to provide a lively background for the magenta-stenciled decoration.

Lighting is for the most part handled in a flood-light system, either through glazed diffusing transoms, as in the lobby and main dining room, or in enameled metal diffusing fixtures, as in the small dining room and pavilion. Opal glass plates conceal the source and soften the light in the foyer and entrance vestibule. Down the corridor an extremely effective enameled metal fixture is used which gives a diffused illumination



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ALCOVE OFF SMALL DINING ROOM CENTRAL PARK CASINO JOSEPH URBAN, ARCHITECT



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CORRIDOR CENTRAL PARK CASINO JOSEPH URBAN, ARCHITECT



LADIES' DRESSING ROOM CENTRAL PARK CASINO JOSEPH URBAN, ARCHITECT

leading to the main dining room. Brilliancy was desired for the ballroom so crystal covered the shining metal reflectors and clear bulbs. A ring of unshaded candle lights finishes the fixture at the top and describes a circular constellation in the black glass above. All lighting fixtures, furniture and carpets were specially made. The cretonnes of the pavilion were specially blocked in Urban's scenic studio. Precedent for the architect's universality, established in the Metropolitan Museum Exhibition, is continued in the Central Park Casino. New York now possesses a restaurant which, for versatility of design in varied media, can be compared with European achievements.



# THE TECHNIQUE OF THEATRICAL PRODUCTION

#### BY CLAUDE BRAGDON

To GIVE a glimpse of the World-of-Make-Believe in the making, by tracing the permutations a theatrical production goes through from its inception to the moment when the curtain rises on the opening night, I am choosing for illustration Walter Hampden's *The Light of Asia*.

The play is a chronicle of the life of Buddha, presented in nine scenes and involving over a hundred characters, many requiring three and four complete changes of costume. Numerous elaborate properties are also necessary; a fruit tree in full bloom, a litter and two palanquins, thrones, rugs, cushions, flowers, musical instruments, swords, spears, head dresses, belts, sandals, and so on, all of which, even to the last shoe string, it is the province of the art director to provide.

Although the designing, drawing and detailing of all this may occupy months, the actual fabrication must be done in a few weeks by reason of the conditions prevailing in the New York theatre where scenery must pass without a pause from carpenter shop to scenic studio and thence to the theatre, and where costumes cannot be started until rehearsals are under way, not until four weeks before the opening because of the terms of the Equity contract. For example, if you need horses as gentle as kittens, they will be delivered punctually every night at the stage door. If you are called on to furnish a room in the Victorian manner, there are two great emporia wherein are stored the spoils of countless auction and rummage sales. One man makes a business of buying clothes from arriving immigrants for use in the theatre; another specializes on the making of animals' heads; still another makes practically all the armor seen on the New York stage. During the peak of the theatrical season all these purveyors of theatrical pleasure labor incessantly.

Active work on a production begins usually about four weeks before the opening and corresponds to "breaking ground" for a building operation. For months before one has been dreaming, scheming, drawing, and re-drawing. Just how much of this has to be done depends largely upon the felicity and practicability of one's initial conception: in the case of Cyrano, the preliminary sketches were carried out without a single important change; in The Light of Asia, on the other hand, three schemes were abandoned before discovering the final one which grew out of the necessity for quick scene changes, for getting many actors effectively on and off the stage, and for the performance of certain rituals and dances.

All these matters were determined by Mr. Hampden in the same manner an architect's client determines the general layout of his factory, store or bank. Our deliberations finally led us to an arrangement of steps and platforms, a permanent set in which there are seven separate entrances and exits and four different acting levels. Moreover, the steps are so few, low and broad, that they do not interfere with the dramatic action. This stage arrangement proved to be half the battle, because it established other features of the production. All that remained was to give each scene its appropriate "dressing" by means of curtains, ground rows, back drops and stage "props." The elimination of "flats" greatly facilitated scene changes.

My experience in the theatre has convinced me of the soundness of Mr. Hampden's contention that the stage floor should be three dimensional, with some practical system of ramps and platforms to reinforce the "mystical protagonists." The sound-

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ness of such a scheme was demonstrated in the scene before the battle of Agincourt in Mr. Hampden's production of *Henry V*., where the kneeling king has a long scene alone; only by placing the single figure on a rocky mound was it given the necessary dominance.

The permanent set was built first of all, and rehearsals conducted upon it, so that the actors could become at home in their environment. The next addition was a vast expanse of black velvet curtains at the sides and rear of the stage, forty-two feet high, and set as far back as possible. These curtains absorb the light so successfully that they give the effect of infinite space; they can be parted to reveal the cyclorama, and masked apertures at right and left form invisible exits. Gauze drops, ground rows and foliage borders, slim garlanded masts, a ruined wall, a pool, a shrine, wine jars full of orchids and jasmine, and other paraphernalia of luxury and pleasure complete the stage accessories.

The scenery and stage "props," such as chairs, tables and beds, are usually let by contract from working drawings, supplemented sometimes by color sketches or pasteboard models. For curtains and draperies, samples of materials and dyes, and fullsize details of stencils are furnished. Rugs are bought, rented or borrowed. All artificial foliage is executed from sketches by artisans. Costumes are let by contract from carefully drawn colored sketches. Wigs and shoes are the work of specialists.

In the costumes for *The Light of Asia*, a difficulty was encountered. Hindu clothing consists largely of simple cloths and success depends, therefore, less in the making than in the wearing. The costumes were designed on the back instead of on the drawing board, the actors being instructed how they should be worn. In the coloring of the costumes three things had to be kept in mind: their dramatic and psychological appropriateness, their relation to the various backgrounds, and to one another.

Scenery is painted either vertically on counter-weighted frames that slide up and down, or horizontally on what is known as a "painting floor." The latter is the European method, and has an advantage in permitting the color to puddle, giving a richer texture. The Bodhi tree, in The Light of Asia was painted in this way. The medium used is opaque water color with an admixture of glue, and the material canvas, except where an effect of luminosity is desired, and muslin and dye are used. Curtains must always be dyed, for paint will stiffen the fabric and flake off. A variety of materials may be used, but linen is perhaps the most satisfactory. In The Light of Asia, for the large curtains I used what is known as table felt; this has a heavy pile and takes dye. After being dyed in two tones they were spattered with violet, and darkened gradually toward the top to give an effect of descending "from the unknown to the

known." In the theatre, broken color, mixed in the spectator's eye instead of on the canvas, is the most beautiful. Sometimes painted surfaces are sponge-stippled, spattered, or rolled with a wound-up cloth, to give richness of texture. Sometimes, like water colors, they are washed on. To give "life" sometimes they are sprinkled, while still wet, with bronze or silver powder.

A scientific knowledge of color is of the utmost value to the artist working in the theatre. He must know not only the visual effect of various color combinations, but also the effect of colored lights on colored surfaces. Stage light is usually warmer than studio light, so all colors must be correspondingly colder. The finished and lighted scene has often to be toned up or down by the painter.

During the fabrication of the scenery, properties and costumes, the company is being rehearsed, the "extras" drilled, the



GAUZE DROP OF PALM TREE FOREST FOR WALTER HAMPDEN'S LIGHT OF ASIA PRODUCTION



BODHI TREE AND FOLIAGE BORDER, WALTER HAMPDEN'S "LIGHT OF ASIA"

dances and music developed. These various elements coalesce shortly before the first dress rehearsal. This event is preceded by a dress parade in which each costume is inspected, accepted or rejected. Changes are inevitable in the costumes brought thus into juxtaposition with other costumes and seen under stage lights. These changes continue up to the opening night and not infrequently thereafter.

Only after the dress rehearsals is it possible to attack the problem of lighting, although charts of the lighting of each scene have been made, and the necessary equipment provided. Because dress rehearsals are usually few and troubled, the lighting, though of the first importance, gets less than its due consideration. This was not so, however, in the instance of *The Light of Asia*, where an entire day, instead of the usual few minutes, was given over to the lighting of a single scene. Of course, this scene involved sunlight, moonlight, dawn, lightning, and "the light that never was on sea or land," in addition to an aura about the body of the Buddha and the "invisible ray" (made visible by a chemical paint) directed on Mara's animal-headed horde.

The ideal equipment would make it possible to command light of any color or intensity upon any point within the stage area. Color is obtained by means of differently dyed gelatines; intensity is regulated by means of rheostats or dimmers. Diffusion and concentration are taken care of by diffusing screens and lenses whereby the lighted area may be reduced to the size of a human face. The old system of "strips" and "borders," rows of lamps in galvanized iron troughs placed above and at the sides of the stage, is obsolete in up-to-date theatres. The X-ray type of unit, with each lamp in its individual reflector and equipped with

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VARIOUS ROCK AND FOLLAGE WING PIECES, GROUND-ROW, AND SHRINE

gelatine screens, is gradually giving place to spot-lights of various types and sizes, which are capable of being swung in any direction, focused, and provided with adjustable metal shields to overcome the spill" of light. Footlights are used more and more sparingly, merely to mitigate the heavy shadows cast by overhead light. In Hampden's theatre I eliminated them entirely, together with the unsightly footlight "trough." Their function is performed by spot-lights on the front of the balcony. There are certain types of lighting units used for special purposes: a powerful lamp

and its reflector on an adjustable stand to throw a shaft of light through a window or open door; small strip-lights placed on the floor or hung on the scenery to take the blackness out of ground rows or masking pieces; flood-lights hung far away and high aloft to give the effect of bright sunshine or moonlight. The cyclorama, or sky cloth, is lighted by units of a special type, which, though only four feet away from the cloth, spread an evenly distributed sheet of light from top or bottom, of any color or intensity.

The richness of stage light, compared

with ordinary lighting, is due to the fact that the white light is split into its component colors and re-mixed "in the eye." The result is a natural light, but one in which the shadows are opalescent, multicolored, because the shadow of a colored light yields always its complementary hue. If, for example, an object be illuminated by a red light from one direction and by a green light from another, it will appear in its making the scene blend into darkness before it intersected the proscenium arch. This was achieved by means of the black curtains, the dark painting toward the top and sides, and a concentration of warm light in the center of the stage, surrounding this with a penumbra of colder, dimmer light. The purpose was to make the play a series of dreampictures, as if seen in the depths of some great crystal sphere.



CURTAINS AND CURTAIN STENCILS, WALTER HAMPDEN'S "LIGHT OF ASIA"

true color because red\_and green, being complementary, will produce white, but the shadows, instead of being grey-violet, will be red on the side opposite the green light, and green opposite the red. By the use of different colored lights a living, dynamic quality can be imparted to the most ordinary fabrics,—they can be painted with light.

In The Light of Asia production I endeavored to eliminate the "picture frame," Fabricated and delivered at the stage door, all these accessories of the production are ready to be handled by the stage employees. The wardrobe mistress delivers the costumes to the dressing rooms, and keeps them clean and in repair. The "crew" is captained by the head carpenter, whose lieutenants are the head property man and the head electrician. Each in turn is commander of his own squad, which

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varies in number according to the size and elaborateness of the production. The head carpenter's contingent handles all the scenerv on the stage floor; another group, the "flymen," aloft in the fly gallery, attends to the curtains and painted drops, and whatever else may be suspended from the gridiron. The head property man usually has assistants whose duty it is to lay the floor cloth, set, and dismantle the stage of its mobile elements at the beginning and end of every scene. There is a house electrician and a stage electrician, each presiding over his own switchboard. This backstage crew, never seen and rarely heard by the audience, often outnumbers the actors in a theatrical production.

Such are some of the problems and processes of professional theatrical production. Into the question of the inherent necessity of these problems, or the intrinsic excellence of these processes, I shall not enter. When it is impossible to change existing conditions one must operate as one can within the imposed limitations. But perhaps some new start on simpler and firmer foundations may emerge under the domination of a different consciousness, perhaps the consciousness of the younger generation, in whom, despite discouragement and frustration, enthusiasm and hope burn bright. For to them the theatre is an altar flame of which they could be, and perchance will be, the ministering acolytes.



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# ARCHITECTURE, THE EXPRESSION OF THE MATERIALS AND METHODS OF OUR TIMES

### BY LE CORBUSIER

LET US not confuse outward show, however impressive, with an essential truth which is still indistinct in the whirlpool of an epoch in the full tide of evolution.

By "impressive outward show," it is implied that the architecture of today appears to be dictated in the eloquence of its form by modern materials and methods. "Essential truth" suggests an architecture that results from the state of mind of an epoch and that an architecture exists, takes form and is expressed only at that very moment when a general evolution of mind is accomplished. It is at that moment alone when mind has recognized and admitted a system of thought which, above all, represents in every field a profound modification of previous states. There is no architecture during periods of crisis; architecture comes after periods of crisis.

The crisis then has passed? From the consideration of the world about us the opposite seems certain. Perhaps not; a few spirits (not all—far from that, but only those of leaders—and that is enough) have passed through the crisis, and have formulated a new attitude of mind which follows *completed changes*. Only objects—material reality—are in a state of complete disturbance. And why are they? Because precisely at this moment, there breathes a new spirit and the entire world—both man and materials—must inevitably follow the implacable destiny of a new tendency.

Is there then indeed an origin to this profound upheaval? Most certainly. It has existed for a hundred years. During the century our brains have escaped from ancient customs. Our life has gone from day to day, changed bit by bit. And thus we scarcely appreciate it. We were unable to know where all this was leading, we could feel only that it *was* leading, powerfully, violently, and ever and ever more rapidly.

Meanwhile, shallow spirits of limited vision cried out: "The world is being wrecked, all is lost." And in desperation, like shipwrecked sailors grasping at floating debris, we clung to the past. Never before had so much archaeology been done as during those heroic times when science was pushing us, each day more insistently, along the adventurous paths that lead towards the unknown.

Is not architecture determined by new materials and new methods? (It is high time I were defining what architecture is.) Indeed to all in America belong the new materials, with you modern methods are in use. But for a hundred years your architecture has not evolved. Alone your programs have changed. And you construct your skyscrapers in the manner of students of the École des Beaux-Arts building a private house. I repeat: a hundred years of new materials and new methods have made no change whatsoever in your architectural viewpoint.

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It is time, though, to define architecture. Architecture is not building. Architecture is that cast of synthetical thought in response to which the multiple elements of architecture are led synchronically to *express a purpose*. And as this synthetical purpose is absolutely disinterested, having for object neither to make durable, nor to build rapidly, nor to keep warm, nor to promote sanitation, nor to standardize the domestic usefulness of the house, I would say, since it is above any utilitarian objective, it is an elevated purpose. Its object is to bring us benefits of a different nature from those of



PALACE OF THE CENTROSOGUS, MOSCOW LE CORBUSIER AND PIERRE JEANNERET, ARCHITECTS

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A PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR PARIS LE CORBUSIER AND PIERRE JEANNERET, ARCHITECTS

material usefulness; its aim is to transport us to an inspired state and thus to bring us enjoyment.

Saying this I find myself in accord with the humblest accomplishment of the simplest conscientious laborer, and on the other hand I put myself in agreement with all the great traditions of the past.

#### \* \* \* \* \* Nevertheless, there exists in these days,

an absorption in definitely practical ideas which is precisely expressed by the subject which was suggested to me, "Architecture, the expression of the materials and methods of our times."

I will even say that it is the clue to the present situation. And here is the reason:

A system of thought is imbued with life only when there exists a balance between the results of evolution and the spiritual direction of its progress.

What, then, is the direction of its progress today?

A hundred years of a mechanical era have brought forth an entirely new spectacle. Geometry is supreme. Precision is everywhere. The right angle prevails. There no longer exists any object that does not tend to severity.

Industrialism has stated the postulate of economy: to attain the maximum of result at the minimum of expense.

Science, mathematics, analysis and hypothesis, have all created an authentic machinery of thought. An imperative need of clarity, the search for the *solution*. It is for that which the mathematicians term the *''elegant solution*.''

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Has not this all pervading precision, exactness and accuracy definitely annihilated the imperceptible, distance and mystery? Miraculously, *quite the contrary* is the case. This century has officially opened to us gates yawning on the infinite, on majesty, silence and mystery. More than ever before, man's soul is pathetically brought face to face with itself. Never was there an epoch so powerfully, so unanimously inspired. Poetry is everywhere, constant, immanent.

Here, then, is set forth that point of view which constitutes the present era, a veritable magnetic pole towards which swings the compass of *our initiatives*, *of all our initiatives*.

Let us come to the point. What, in view of the purity and supreme clarity of this new state of thought, are our present architectural forms? Do we concern ourselves with this gleaming liberty of disinterestedness, of courage and poetry? Alas, how timid we are, how firmly we are chained, like slaves. The past has ensnared us, whereas its law is to cry to us, "carry on—why don't you progress and move forward?" We are cowardly and timorous, lazy and without imagination.

Cowardly, timorous, lazy and without imagination, because, now and invariably, we want our new houses to resemble the old. What a poverty of creative ability!

Meanwhile the means are at hand; science, mathematics, industry, organization.

We still permit our houses to lie close to a damp and unhealthy ground. We are still discussing whether or not our houses

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And so forth and so on.

Here, now, are my conclusions. In what way are we to allow so many innovations? How are we to select these forms still unknown in the building of houses? How are we to arrange them in such a manner as will bring us anew before an architectural phenomenon as will make us feel once more the vigorous delights of architecture?

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The harmony of former centuries is in confusion. The effect continues but the cause has been swept aside by the mechanical revolution. The mechanical revolution is a new cause—immense phenomenon in the history of mankind. Where are the new effects? Let us be led by this enthusiasm which animates us. Industrialization, standardization, mass production, all are magnificent implements; let us use these implements.

I wish to give you the basis of my reasoning: I am certain that that which at this moment appears most revolutionary in contemporary architectural creations, be it in France, Germany, Russia, or elsewhere, all that is still nothing more than the old aspect caught in the quicksands of the past. It is my opinion that as yet we have seen nothing new, done nothing new. That which will come in architecture will survive only when an urbanism, brought face to face with the present social upheaval, will have created cities of which we have as yet not even an idea, of which we have not yet even considered the possibility.

Such is the progress on the one hand (and it is gigantic by comparison with the means at the disposal of the builders of the Romanesque period, or that of Louis XIV) and on the other hand the architects of the contemporary epoch daring at last to state a problem, and to announce the answer, and thus to give to the world an architectural system which is the resultant of the spirit of an era.

The line of action exists—the modern system of thinking.

The Americans, however, are the people who, having done most for progress, remain for the most part timidly chained to dead traditions.

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Noise has become a major problem in our cities. In the hospital where the comfort and even the life of the patient demands quiet, the situation is particularly acute. After every critical operation the first demand of the surgeon is absolute quiet for his patient. Yet in our structures we seemingly do all we can to make this impossible. The density and rigidity of fireproof building materials produce an interior finish which is a perfect reflector of sound, and vibrations are carried through monolithic construction with little loss of intensity.

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Many a sufferer can testify how numerous are mechanical noises. Windows rattle, shades flap, radiators gurgle and pound, valves hiss, faucets drip, doors slam and latches chatter with every passing draft. Such disturbances are inexcusable. Regular inspection will obviate them to a considerable extent. Rigid control of avoidable disturbance will result in marked improvement in any institution. Unfortunately the superintendent has too many other things to think of.

2. UNAVOIDABLE NOISES. Groans and screams of delirious sufferers and cries of infants and children are perhaps the most disturbing psychologically. Many of these conditions can be isolated, walled off in quiet rooms.

Noisy work rooms should be segregated in planning, yet we often see the rooms of patients immediately adjoining an elevator or diet kitchen. When food is served and dishes washed on each floor, the resulting clatter is a major source of annoyance and can be overcome by a centralized food service.

3. VIBRATION. Vibration through the pipes and frame of the building is more readily avoided than corrected. In one hospital, through unwise economy, the power plant was placed in the sub-basement, although there was ample space for a separate building. In the night a patient on the top floor at the far end of the building, 175 feet horizontally and 70 feet vertically away from the engine room, could hear the pumps pounding as if in the next room. Alongside they did not seem noisy. Faulty engineering had failed to take the simple precaution of insulating the pump foundations from the floor slab.

4. SOUND TRANSMISSION BY PIPES. Another hospital went to considerable expense to fur all ceilings in the patients' rooms, but gave no heed to the steam risers which passed through five floors. An unprotected one-inch pipe, it is found, will transmit more sound than 150 square feet of unfurred ceiling. More quiet at less cost might have been secured if the ceilings had been left unfurred and the pipes covered with felt.

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<sup>\*</sup>Reports of the Bureau of Standards at Washington and publications of many recognized acoustical authorities have been consulted. Architects, engineers and builders, who have given special thought to architectural acoustics, have contributed much. The engineering departments of the various firms whose systems are here discussed have given cordial coöperation. Ten hospitals and twenty other buildings using acoustical measures were inspected, and the effectiveness of the treatment and difficulties of cleaning carefully investigated. See also "Sound Proofing Apartments," pp. 290-8, The Architectural Record, March, 1929.

#### II. ACOUSTICAL TREATMENTS COMPARED

Sound is controlled in two ways, both of which are needed to secure quiet: *Acoustical Treatment*, the covering of ceilings and walls with soft or porous materials to absorb the sound waves at the source, and *Sound Insulation*, the setting up of barriers against the transmission of noise from one room to another.

Acoustical treatment is the major line of defense against noise. Until comparatively recently most of

the problems presented to acoustical engineers have been in connection with the even distribution of sounds of different pitch throughout an auditorium, to so control and disseminate them that they would reach each auditor without loss of tone or character. Churches, lecture rooms, theatres and concert halls have all suffered from echoes and poor acoustics, the correction of which has largely stimulated research in the past. Ouiet in a room is accomplished by the same scientific principles.

In the hospital the aim is to eliminate sound rather than to control its distribution, "to convert our corridors from megaphones to mufflers," as an acoustical advertisement is phrased.

The conventional hos-

pital room and its furnishings could hardly be worse if deliberately designed to intensify noise. Rigid walls, bare floors and uncovered furniture offer no check. How unlike conditions in a home or hotel!

The furnishings of a hotel room 12' x 15', usually not found in the hospital, would provide quieting results equivalent to 72 square feet of open window.\*

1 carpet, 80 sq.ft. ozite lining 25% absorption 45	sq. ft.
1 easy chair, 8 sq. ft. upholstery 100% absorption 8	
2 side chairs, 1/2 sq. ft. cushion each 75% absorption 2.2	
1 pair heavy curtains, 28 sq. ft. 60% absorption 16.8	

72 sq. ft.

\*Based on Prof. Floyd R. Watson's "Table of Sound Absorbing Coefficients for Materials."

#### A. ACOUSTICAL MATERIALS.

These may be divided into two groups: organic, felts and fibres; and inorganic, —plasters and tile. Ten different makes using hair felt, hair and asbestos, cane fibre, wood fibre, flax, gypsum and cement were considered. The felts and fibres are cemented or nailed to walls and ceilings and variously finished; the plasters are applied over brown mortar.

Since all the available systems of acoustical treatment utilize soft or porous materials, it would seem difficult, if not impossible, to maintain the

traditional standards of cleanliness. Can we safely introduce in the structural surface of the hospital a material whose nature imposes any restrictions on cleaning and painting? Can it be kept sterile to bacteria and vermin?

By the process of elimination, which took into consideration all the factors that the hospital must weigh in making its investment, the study focused on five different types of acoustical treatment. These are products of firms long and successfully identified with hospital problems and will serve as examples. Other similar systems are available and it is not necessarily a reflection on their value that they are not discussed in detail. The treatments identified by their trade names may be briefly described.\*



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The inside noises incidental to hospital operation are many and varied. We may divide them into four groups.

I. AVOIDABLE NOISES. Among these are loud talking and laughter in rooms and corridors, thoughtless acts of which everyone is guilty at times. Given rigid enforcement of the rule "Be Quiet" and a proper hospital morale, these can largely be controlled. Accidental noises resulting from dropping of dishes and pans and shifting of chairs on the hard floor, theoretically avoidable, call for constant care on the part of all.

Many a sufferer can testify how numerous are mechanical noises. Windows rattle, shades flap, radiators gurgle and pound, valves hiss, faucets drip, doors slam and latches chatter with every passing draft. Such disturbances are inexcusable. Regular inspection will obviate them to a considerable extent. Rigid control of avoidable disturbance will result in marked improvement in any institution. Unfortunately the superintendent has too many other things to think of.

2. UNAVOIDABLE NOISES. Groans and screams of delirious sufferers and cries of infants and children are perhaps the most disturbing psychologically. Many of these conditions can be isolated, walled off in quiet rooms.

Noisy work rooms should be segregated in planning, yet we often see the rooms of patients immediately adjoining an elevator or diet kitchen. When food is served and dishes washed on each floor, the resulting clatter is a major source of annoyance and can be overcome by a centralized food service. 3. VIBRATION. Vibration through the pipes and

3. VIBRATION. Vibration through the pipes and frame of the building is more readily avoided than corrected. In one hospital, through unwise economy, the power plant was placed in the sub-basement, although there was ample space for a separate building. In the night a patient on the top floor at the far end of the building, 175 feet horizontally and 70 feet vertically away from the engine room, could hear the pumps pounding as if in the next room. Alongside they did not seem noisy. Faulty engineering had failed to take the simple precaution of insulating the pump foundations from the floor slab.

4. Sound TRANSMISSION BY PIPES. Another hospital went to considerable expense to fur all ceilings in the patients' rooms, but gave no heed to the steam risers which passed through five floors. An unprotected one-inch pipe, it is found, will transmit more sound than 150 square feet of unfurred ceiling. More quiet at less cost might have been secured if the ceilings had been left unfurred and the pipes covered with felt.

<sup>\*</sup>Reports of the Bureau of Standards at Washington and publications of many recognized acoustical authorities have been consulted. Architects, engineers and builders, who have given special thought to architectural acoustics, have contributed much. The engineering departments of the various firms whose systems are here discussed have given cordial coöperation. Ten hospitals and twenty other buildings using acoustical measures were inspected, and the effectiveness of the treatment and difficulties of cleaning carefully investigated. See also "Sound Proofing Apartments," pp. 290-8, The Architectural Record, March, 1929.

#### II. ACOUSTICAL TREATMENTS COMPARED

Sound is controlled in two ways, both of which are needed to secure quiet: Acoustical Treatment, the covering of ceilings and walls with soft or porous materials to absorb the sound waves at the source, and Sound Insulation, the setting up of barriers against the transmission of noise from one room to another.

Acoustical treatment is the major line of defense against noise. Until comparatively recently most of

the problems presented to acoustical engineers have been in connection with the even distribution of sounds of different pitch throughout an auditorium, to so control and disseminate them that they would reach each auditor without loss of tone or character. Churches, lecture rooms, theatres and concert halls have all suffered from echoes and poor acoustics, the correction of which has largely stimulated research in the past. Ouiet in a room is accomplished by the same scientific principles.

In the hospital the aim is to eliminate sound rather than to control its distribution, "to convert our corridors from megaphones to mufflers," as an acoustical advertisement is phrased.

The conventional hos-

pital room and its furnishings could hardly be worse if deliberately designed to intensify noise. Rigid walls, bare floors and uncovered furniture offer no check. How unlike conditions in a home or hotel!

The furnishings of a hotel room 12' x 15', usually not found in the hospital, would provide quieting results equivalent to 72 square feet of open window.\*

r carpet, 80 sq.ft. ozite lining 25% absorption 45	sq. ft.
1 easy chair, 8 sq. ft. upholstery 100% absorption 8	
2 side chairs, 11/2 sq. ft. cushion each 75% absorption 2.2	
1 pair heavy curtains, 28 sq. ft. 60% absorption 16.8	
Car - Contra	

71 sq. ft.

\*Based on Prof. Floyd R. Watson's "Table of Sound Absorbing Coefficients for Materials."

#### A. ACOUSTICAL MATERIALS.

These may be divided into two groups: organic, felts and fibres; and inorganic, —plasters and tile. Ten different makes using hair felt, hair and asbestos, cane fibre, wood fibre, flax, gypsum and cement were considered. The felts and fibres are cemented or nailed to walls and ceilings and variously finished; the plasters are applied over brown mortar.

Since all the available systems of acoustical treatment utilize soft or porous materials, it would seem difficult, if not impossible, to maintain the

traditional standards of cleanliness. Can we safely introduce in the structural surface of the hospital a material whose nature imposes any restrictions on cleaning and painting? Can it be kept sterile to bacteria and vermin?

By the process of elimination, which took into consideration all the factors that the hospital must weigh in making its investment, the study focused on five different types of acoustical treatment. These are products of firms long and successfully identified with hospital problems and will serve as examples. Other similar systems are available and it is not necessarily a reflection on their value that they are not discussed in detail. The treatments identified by their trade names may be briefly described.\*



#### CORRIDOR CEILING OF NASHKOTE B

Nashkote A consists of one inch of hair and asbestos felt which is applied to the ceiling or wall and finished with a muslin membrane cemented to the felt and painted with a special water color paint. It has an absorption efficiency of 42% and costs 70¢ a square foot applied.

Nashkote B consists of one inch of hair and asbestos felt, covered with a light surfaced oilcloth cemented to the felt. The oilcloth is thickly perforated with "pinholes," about  $7\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the felt being exposed to the air. The surface of the felt is of white hair so that the holes are barely perceptible at a distance of

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<sup>\*</sup>The authorities for the coefficients of absorption used will be found in table on page  $18_5$ . The cost naturally varies with the size and location of the job.

to feet. It has an absorption efficiency of 64% and costs 80¢ a square foot applied. The oilcloth can be stippled with washable oil paint without affecting the absorption, provided no film of paint is left over the holes, which requires care on the part of the painter.

Acousti-Celotex is composed of compressed sugar cane fibre, in the form of large tiles,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " thick and drilled with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " holes 1" deep, 441 to the square yard. It is cemented and nailed to the ceiling. The surface can be painted with a brush and oil paint, without loss of effectiveness, provided the paint does not cover or enter the holes. The absorption is 70% and the cost 75¢ per square foot applied.

Acoustical Plasters are available in two forms, precast tile, and plaster mixed and applied on the job. The plaster is usually composed of irregular grains of pumice bound together by cement or gypsum where the points touch. This leaves a multitude of very fine intercommunicating voids in which the sound waves are throttled. The surface is rough. Coloring can be done by mixing pigments in the aggregate. Laboratory tests indicate that the various makes of plasters,  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, have an absorption value varying from 8% to 32%. Two brands of plaster were studied. Akoustolith plaster uses pumice particles graded to approximately uniform size with a Portland cement binder. Its absorption is 32% and the cost 44¢ a square foot applied. Sabinite plaster (New Brighton) uses pumice grains bound with gypsum. Its absorption is 30% and the cost 30¢ a square foot applied.

#### B. RELATIVE COST AND VALUE OF MATERIALS.

To illustrate in a practical way the relative cost and value of the different materials, let us consider them as applied to a nursery  $15' \ge 30'$  with a 10'6''ceiling height. The side walls, to a point 7'6'' above the floor, must be hard finished to withstand daily scrubbing, which leaves available for acoustical treatment the ceiling with an area of 450 square feet, and the upper 3 feet of wall, or a maximum of 720 square feet. To secure the greatest possible quiet, the three treatments having low efficiencies are applied to both upper walls and ceiling, the other two on the ceiling only. The sixth column (TABLE I) shows the



NURSERY WITH ACOUSTI-CELOTEX CEILING ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, TULSA, OKLA. WIGHT & WIGHT, ARCHITECTS

net additional cost for acoustical treatment of the room, allowing for the omission of finished plaster; the seventh column the net cost for each unit of absorption, which one buys actually. All the materials are applied over a coat of brown mortar. The percentage of absorption is based on C4 pitch, as determined by various authorities. (See TABLE A, page 185.)

TABLE I gives the cost of variously providing for the effective absorption of sound in a nursery. A room acoustically treated by one of these methods will be noticeably less noisy than an adjoining room a room without dependence on the human equation.

Noise as it reacts on the human ear is measured by the physicist in sensation units which are of so fine a gradation that a difference of a unit is barely perceptible to normal hearing. The reduction of sensation of loudness from reverberation in a room, by acoustical treatment, is not directly proportional to the amount of absorption, but is proportional to the logarithm of the absorption. To illustrate, if a nursery has 100 units of natural absorption in its bassinets, blankets, mattresses and other surfaces, the addition of 200 units of absorption will reduce

		1	<b>FABLE</b> I				
Material	Per cent of absorption per sq. ft.	Total number of absorbing units	Cost for each sq. ft.	Total cost	Finished coat of plaster saved	Net extra cost of acoustical trearment	Net cost for each absorbing unit
Nashkote A, 1" felt muslin membrane, 720 sq. ft Nashkote B, 1" white felt,	45%	324	70¢	\$504.00	\$57.00	\$447.00	\$1.38
oil cloth membrane pin- hole perforations, 450 sq. ft.	64%	288	80¢	360.00	57.00	303.00	1.05
Acousti - Celotex, 11/4 Oli painted, 450 sq. ft	70%	315	75¢	337.50	57.00	280.00	0.89
sq. ft.	32%	230	44¢	316.00	57.00	259.00	1.13
Brighton), 720 sq. ft	30%	216	30¢	216.00	57.00	159.00	0.74
Sanacoustic Tile,* 250 sq. ft.	74%	333	70¢	315.00	57.00	258.00	0.78

not treated, but at the present time we must take largely on faith to what extent the quiet contracted for in terms of units of absorption is actually delivered.

The result of acoustical treatment is something intangible, and has not been measured in the past except by its effect on the human ear. In the reverberation test commonly used, a note of known pitch is sounded in a closed room and the length of time taken for the sound to diminish to inaudibility is measured by a listener with a stop watch. An expert familiar with this technique can make the test in any small room and determine the effectiveness of the absorption of acoustical treatment, using as a basis, a similar room untreated. This test is not practical in corridors.

Since the motion picture industry has been brought face to face with the acoustical problem through the necessity for proper sound control in studios where "talking movies" are made, experiments furthering those of the acoustical engineers are being carried out. These tests should soon result in a mechanical device for recording sound conditions in the loudness by 5 sensation units. Reduction of 10 sensation units would require 900 additional absorption units. It has been shown in the cost table that these absorption units cost, when applied, about \$r a unit.

Scientists have determined the relationship between loudness and absorption, but the question, "When does loudness become annoyance?" is still the

subject of research. In a hospital the aim is to bring loudness outside the border line of annoyance, which for a sick and nervous patient is obviously lower than for a healthy individual.

#### C. MAINTENANCE OF ACOUSTICAL MATERIALS IN THE HOSPITAL.

If we spend \$200 or \$300 extra to make a nursery quiet, we desire naturally to know how long the treatment will last, what effect frequent cleaning and repainting will have on its efficiency, what the cost of maintenance will be, how the material will be affected by leaks and whether it is sterile to bacteria and vermin. When the manufacturers were asked for

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answers to such practical questions, little substantiated data could be obtained. The admitted lack of definite knowledge is no discredit to them, but rather an indication of the need for more research and experimentation in the new factors introduced by an exacting hospital technique. Since so many points were unsettled, a number of studies were undertaken to see what could be found. The results of these are given in the following tables.

respect, because it may be painted in any way, even with oil paint with a brush, without appreciable effect on the absorption. This is due to the perforations which allow sound to penetrate to the interior, where absorption takes place, even if painted. Porous membranes over materials do not have a marked effect, because sound passes through the open work in the mesh. Such membranes can be painted only with caution, because closing the open

I. FREQUENCY OF CLEANING AND PAINT-ING. First an attempt was made to establish some standards. How often should hospital walls and ceilings be washed and painted? Local conditions and individual theories and practice necessarily govern these procedures. Eighteen hospital superintendents gave their routine for cleaning and painting corridors, nurseries, delivery rooms and the like. In the nurseries, three wash the ceilings every month, nine every three months and two find it necessary to clean them only every other year. Four paint the ceilings annually, thirteen every two years (Table C). From this widely varying practice, we have assumed that quarterly cleanings and biennial painting will



#### CONSTRUCTION OF SANACOUSTIC TILE CEILING\*

represent a reasonable maximum. Several architects and acoustical engineers have criticized such frequent cleaning as extreme. Perhaps this may be so, but the hospital will naturally seek products which measure up to its peculiar needs, rather than compromise its standards.

2. EFFECT OF PAINTING. The following comments of Professor F. R. Watson are significant. Note that the matter of washing is not touched:

"A very important consideration is the painting or decoration of acoustical materials. If such painting closes the pores of the material, or if painting a membrane stiffens it, the absorbing efficiency is reduced. The effect of spraying paint is not as serious as that of applying it with a brush. Acoustical plasters may be sprayed with paints without serious effect. Acoustic-Celotex appears unique in this because closing the open mesh will prevent sound from getting to the material underneath for effective absorption."

Evidently the maintenance of acoustical material will add another problem requiring constant watchfulness to the superintendent's daily work. If a painter puts even a single coat of paint or enamel on an acoustical surface in the wrong way, its value is largely lost. Wherever a room is treated acoustically a small metal plate giving proper instructions for cleaning and painting should be fastened to the material in a conspicuous place.

3. EFFECT OF WASH-ING. A sample of each material was scrubbed with soap and water ten times, allowing sufficient intervals for drying. The average amount of water absorbed in-

creased the weight of samples as follows:

Nashkote A, felt with	mus	lir	1 1	ne	m	br	ar	ie	• •							*0	30%
Nashkote B, felt with	perfo	ra	te	d	oi	lc	lo	th	n	le	m	b	ra	in	e		.18%
Acousti-Celotex, oil pa	inted																13%
Akoustolith plaster																	. 6%
Sabinite plaster																	11%

These tests were not made under actual service conditions. Samples only were available. These were scrubbed on a table, not inverted as they would be on a ceiling, so the absorption of water is naturally exaggerated.

To determine the effect of leaks, samples were immersed in water for an hour. The gain in weight and

\* Since this study was conducted a new material has come on the market which simplifies the problem of cleaning and painting. *Sanacoustic Tile*, shown in the illustration on this page, has a painted or enameled surface which will permit washing without any reduction in acoustical value.



ENTRANCE FAÇADE ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL, ST. CLOUD, MINN. SCHMIDT, GARDEN & ERIKSON, ARCHITECTS



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REAR ELEVATION ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL, ST. CLOUD, MINN. SCHMIDT, GARDEN & ERIKSON, ARCHITECTS



thickness and the condition after 72 hours were as follows:

	Gain in Weight	Gain in Thickness	72. hours drying
Nashkote A	75%	10%	Normal
Nashkote B.	100%	10%	Plus 25%
Acousti-Celotex	60%	7%	Plus 2c%
Akoustolith plaster	14%	0	Normal
Sabinite plaster	20%	0	Normal

The results of these experiments are admittedly, more suggestive than conclusive. The vital question the loss of absorption value after years of frequent washing and painting, can be determined only in an acoustical laboratory where the progressive changes, resulting from similar tests on large areas, can be accurately and comparably measured.

4. Cost of CLEANING AND REPAINTING. To reduce the maintenance factor to definite terms, we will use the same nursery and consider the cost of cleaning and painting the various materials, as previously applied to its walls and ceiling (50 square yards of ceiling, or 80 square yards when the ceiling and upper 3 feet of walls are treated). The cost of cleaning and repainting naturally varies widely, whether done by contract with union labor or by hospital employees. The unit cost figures used here represent a fair average of a number of estimates from contractors, hospital and hotel managers. The important deductions to be made from Table II are the relative costs of maintenance for the different materials.

#### D. SUMMARY.

On the basis of the two computations, Nashkote A would seem to be barred because of the high cost of both installation and maintenance, and yet it has been the most widely used of all the felt treatments in hospital practice. The assumption that the muslin membrane must be replaced every five years, and the oilcloth of Nashkote B every eight years



PATIO FOUNTAIN ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL, ST. CLOUD, MINN. SCHMIDT, GARDEN & ERIKSON, ARCHITECTS

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would seem conservative. In the cleaning test, the cement by which the membranes are attached to the felt lost its strength after six or eight severe washings.

The choice would seem to narrow down to Nashkote B, Acousti-Celotex and the plasters. Both organic materials are incompatible with hospital standards, the one exposing its felt and the other its many deep to put on each square foot perfectly. If too much pressure is applied, and it is instinctive for the mason to use pressure when he smooths his work with a float or a darby, the moisture is squeezed out to the surface and forms a film over the pores. It is, therefore, imperative that acoustical plaster be installed under the supervision of the manufacturer who can then insure and guarantee results in provid-

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TABLE II			Annual	Cost per
Hard-finished Plaster-Normal conditions			Cost	Sq. Yd.
50 sq. yds. Cleaning (sponging) @ 5¢ per sq. yd	\$ 2.50			
Four times a year		\$10.00		
Repainting every 2 yrs., 2-coat work @ 27¢	13.50			
Annual cost 1/2		6.75	\$16.75	\$0.34
Nashkote A-Muslin membrane, water color painted, which must				
be repainted after each washing.				
80 sq. yds. Cleaning (sponging) @ 6¢ per sq. yd	4.80			
Four times a year		19.20		
Repainting @ 30¢ per sq. yd	24.00			
Four times a year		96.00		
Replacing membrane every 5 yrs. @ 36¢	28.80			
Annual cost <sup>1</sup> / <sub>5</sub>		5.76	120.96	1.51
Nashkote B-Oilcloth membrane painted.				
50 sq. yds. Cleaning (sponging) @ 6¢	3.00			
Four times a year		12.00		
Repainting every 2 yrs. (stippled) @ 27¢	13.50			
Annual cost 1/2.		6.75		
Replacing membrane every 8 yrs. @ 36¢	18.00			
Annual cost 1/8.		2.25	21.00	0.42
Acousti-Celotex BB-Finished in oil paint.				
50 sq. yds. Cleaning (sponging) @ 6¢	3.00			
Four times a year	1	12.00		
Repainting every 2 vrs. (stippled) @ 27¢	13.50			
Annual cost 1/2	, ,	6.75	18.75	0.38
Acoustical plasters-Spraved with special washable paint.		.,		
80 sq. vds. Cleaning (careful scrubbing and sponging) @ 8¢	6.40			
Four times a year		25.60		
Repainting every 2 yrs. (spray—1 coat) @ 18¢	14.40			
Annual cost 1/2	-1.15	7.20	22.80	0.41
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These figures represent approximately maximum conditions in t	rooms whe	re the ceili	ngs and up	oper walls
are washed four times a year.				

holes to the air. Both are to a limited extent combustible.

I. PLASTER. Theoretically, acoustical plaster should be ideal. It is inorganic and introduces no new or unusual material into the building. However, unless it is applied in strict conformity with the manufacturers' directions, its use is fraught with uncertainty. It is a comparatively simple matter to make uniform samples in the factory which will be tested successfully in the laboratory, but it is quite another thing to get the average plasterer on the job ing in each room the necessary number of absorbing units determined by the acoustical engineer.

The cleaning and maintenance of the plaster present some difficulties. The coarse granular surface, while pleasing in appearance, from its very texture will collect dust, which is of course the case with the felt fibre. It can be thoroughly cleaned only by the use of a brush. The nature of the plaster aggregate is such that surface grains will loosen to some extent in cleaning. Although this will not affect the absorption, the tendency of the particles to flake off

raises a question of the advisability of its use on the ceilings of nurseries, labor and delivery rooms. Given proper installation, plaster would seem, in spite of its low percentage of absorption, the most appropriate material for corridors, utility rooms and diet kitchens, where flaking will not be a menace to the patients.

Authorities state that the plasters can be sprayed

with a special acoustical paint without materially affecting the absorption value. It seems logical, however, that each successive film of paint, combined with the dust which cannot be reached, must lessen the size and number of the apertures, with the result that the investment will return steadily decreasing dividends in quiet.

2. NASHKOTE B. The type here considered represents the latest development in a long series. The use of a white-surfaced felt and the reduction of the perforations in the oilcloth to pinhole size have overcome the aesthetic objections to the older installations. There are no data to indicate how long the oilcloth will last or what effect exposure to the air will have on the resiliency of the felt over a period of years. The weak link in the chain

represent a permanent form of treatment and should withstand the severe hospital conditions for many years.

3. ACOUSTI-CELOTEX. In all the buildings visited this material had either an unfinished or a stained surface, neither of which is washable. When stained and stencilled a very attractive appearance is secured, but unfortunately such a surface cannot be washed.

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—a serious matter—is the cement which soon lost its strength in both washing and soaking tests. However this treatment possesses a material advantage over both *Celotex* and the plaster since the surface can be renewed through replacement of the membrane at a cost of 4¢ a square foot,\* with only a slight loss of absorption through the successive applications of cement. When leaks occur a large percentage of water is absorbed but soon evaporates with apparently no ill effect to the felt. Theoretically, *Nasbkate B* should a material known as *Sanacoustic Tile*, which apparently meets the hospitals' exacting specifications. This consists of a perforated sheet metal container, the surface of which is finished in baked enamel. It has a high light-reflecting value and may be cleaned easily with a damp cloth or sponge. The claim is made that it can be repainted without affecting the sound-absorbing efficiency in any way.

The metal tile is filled with a sound-absorbing element of rock wool, a fibrous stone not open to any doubts as to cleanliness and sterility which have been raised against vegetable felts and fibres.

Sanacoustic Tile comes in different sizes, 12" x 12",

the appearance of a huge inverted cribbage board. Experiments with various colored paints are being carried on to determine how the perforations may be most effectively camouflaged.

holes will close the pores

and lessen the effective-

when damp. Its surface

is somewhat rough and

the many holes give it

ness is undetermined. Celotex tends to warp

4. SANACOUSTIC TILE. There has been recently brought on the market

Celotex seemingly offers the easiest and most economical maintenance of any of the materials. Oil paints can be put on with a brush in the ordinary way without measurable loss of absorption, provided the holes are not filled. Although the painted surface can be washed, dust will not be reached in the deep holes and can be removed only by a vacuumcleaner. Towhat extent successive coats of paint entering the

<sup>\*</sup>The manufacturers state that in a room of average height they are prepared to replace the membrane of *Nashkote B* at 4¢ a square foot at the present cost of labor and maintenance.

12"x 24", 24"x 24", and filled with the sound-absorbing element is snapped into steel supporting T's. These are attached to the existing ceiling in an old building, or in new construction the supporting T's may be wired to the furred ceiling members and all metal lath and plaster omitted. This form of acoustical treatment may be applied directly to hollow tile, concrete slab or joist construction. It is evident that it will qualify economically for hospital purposes as neither the metal tile nor wool filling will suffer from either cleaning or repainting. Furthermore, the tile or sound-absorbing element cannot be injured in cleaning or repainting. The Underwriters' Laboratories report that Sanacoustic Tile does not contribute to the fire hazard of a building.

Where acoustical treatment is needed in sterilizing rooms, kitchens, diet kitchens and utility rooms and escaping steam is present, continual exposure to excessive moisture will rust the supporting T's. For these conditions, Sanacoustic Tile and all supporting T's and clips can be furnished in aluminum, giving a non-corrosive finish.

#### E. BETTER ACOUSTICAL MATERIALS NEEDED.

While none of the materials and methods now on

the market seem to measure up wholly to the hospitals' exacting standard of maintenance, the manufacturers realize that the ideal is yet to be achieved and are spending many thousands of dollars each year in acoustical research. We hope that out of their efforts will come an improved specific for sound absorption. It should be an inorganic, highly porous tile, smooth-finished, even glazed perhaps, and tinted, never needing to be painted, and washable. It should have more absorption than the present plasters with at least a 50% efficiency. Surely this is an achievement not impossible to our miracle-working industrial chemists and resourceful engineers. Such a tile sounds expensive, but given the formula or process the cost will be based on volume of production. While we are specifying, let us set a price limit of 50¢ per square foot installed.

The purpose of this study is to emphasize the importance of building quiet into the hospital structure and no deductions should be drawn from anything said that acoustical treatment, even in its present stage of development, is impractical for hospital purposes. On the contrary, the achievement of quiet surroundings for the patient is so vital that it far outweighs the cost and care involved in installation and upkeep.

Trade Name	Cost per sq. ft. applied	Co-efficients of absorption	Gain in weight following scrubbing	Gain in weight following soaking	Fire resisting	Appearance
1. Nashkote A, 1" felt, muslin finish . 2. Nashkote B, 1" felt, white oilcloth,	70¢	45%d	30%	75%	Yes	Fair
pinhole perforations	80¢	64%d'	18%	100%	Yes	Good
4. Balsam Wool, 1", perforated steel	85¢	61%a		150%	Smoulders	Poor
membrane	65¢	47%a	Entir	ely	No	Poor
<ol> <li>5. Acoustibloc, 1¼", painted</li> <li>6. Fibrofelt, 1", muslin membrane</li> </ol>	42¢ 65¢	43%b 38%b	Distinc	17%	No No	Fair Fair
7. Acousti-Celotex BB, 11/4", oil painted 8. Acoustex, 1", poplar excelsior, mag-	75¢	70%a	13%	60%	No	Fair
nesite binder	55¢	37%e	2.8%	58%	Yes	Fair
9. Akoustolith plaster, 1/2" 10. Sabinite Plaster, 1/2", (New	44¢	32%c	6%	14%	Yes	Good
Brighton)	30¢	30%d	11%	20%	Yes	Good

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COMPARISON	OF	VARIOUS	ACOUSTICAL	MATERIALS

The coefficients of absorption used (i.e., percentage of sound absorbed as compared to one square foot of open window) are based on a

pitch of 512 (C 4). Source of Coefficients: a. Prof. F. B. Watson; b. Manufacturer; c. Bureau of Standards; d. Prof. Paul E. Sabine; e. Clifford M. Swan. Cost figures cover material installed in the New York district. Prices necessarily vary with locality and quantity. Scrubbing Test.—Each material was scrubbed with soap, water and brush ten times, weighed before and after. The average increase

in weight is the figure used. Soaking Test.—To determine the effect of leaks, samples of each material were weighed, the thickness measured, and then immersed

in water for one hour.

#### TABLE B

#### SOAKING TEST

Each material was weighed and its thickness measured. It was then immersed in water for one hour, weighed and measured again after the drip had stopped. After three days each was weighed again.

		WEIGHT			WEIGHT		
	Before	After	% of Gain	Before	After	% of Gain	After 72 hours
Felts						~	N7 1
I. Nashkote A.	4 oz.	7 oz.	75%	5/8"	11/16"	10%	Normal
2. Nashkote B.	4 oz.	81/2 oz.	100%	5/8"	11/16"	10%	Plus 25%
3. Flax-li-num	3 oz.	7½ oz.	150%	7/16"	9/16"	2.8%	Plus 33%
4. Balsam Wool	2 OZ.	Enti	rely				
*		Disint	egrated				
5. Acoustibloc	6 oz.	7 OZ.	17%	11/2"	1 1/2"	0	Normal
6. Fibrofelt	41/2 OZ.	14 oz.	211%	ı″	11/8"	125%	Plus 70%
FIBRES		_					
7. Acousti-Celotex	10 OZ.	16 oz.	60%	7/8"	15/16"	7%	Plus 20%
8. Acoustex.	12 OZ.	19 OZ.	58%	17/16"	17/16"	0	Plus 25%
PLASTERS		-	1				
9. Akoustolith	10% oz.	12 OZ.	14%	6/8″	6/8"	0	Normal
10. Sabinite	5 oz.	6 oz.	20%	5/8"	5/8"	0	Normal

After one hour soaking, the membranes of Nashkote A and B were noticeably loosened. After a second hour of soaking the cement had entirely lost its strength.

STEAM STERILIZATION TESTS IN HOSPITAL AUTOCLAVES

	AROUSTOUTED	34011	12210
Weight of sample before testing.	269	122 G	rams
Weight of sample after 30 minutes sterilization at 180 degree dry heat	265	115	
Weight of sample after steam sterilization of 15 lb. pressure for 30 minutes at 121 degrees	265	115	
Weight of sample 3 hours after the test.	265	115	
After these tests were made the appearance of the Akoustolith sample was the same, and there seemed little if any t	tendency for	the mat	erial
to crumble or disintegrate.			

The Sabinite showed slight softening after dry heat, but not after steam.

#### TABLE C

Reports from hospitals in various cities showing the frequency of washing and painting the ceilings and upper walls in certain rooms where acoustical materials should be used.

	HC	W FREQUE	NTLY WASH	ED	HOW FREQUENTLY PAINTED					
Hospitals	Corridors	Nurseries	Labor Rooms	Delivery Rooms	Corridors	Nurseries	Labor Rooms	Delivery Rooms		
	Every	Every	Every	Every	Every	Every	Every	Every		
T. N. Y. City	6 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	11/2 yrs.	I yr.	I yr.	I yr.		
2. N. Y. City	2.4 mos.	24 mos.	6 mos.	6 mos.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.		
3. N. Y. City	12 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	3-4 yrs.	3-4 yrs.	3-4 yrs.	3-4 yrs.		
4. Brooklyn	6 mos.	I mo.	4 mos.	4 mos.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.		
s. Brooklyn	6 mos.	3-4 mos.	3-4 mos.	3-4 mos.	3 yrs.	3 yrs.	3 yrs.	3 yrs.		
6. Brooklyn	6 mos.	ı mo.	6 mos.	3 mos.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.		
7. Brooklyn	3 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	ı mo.	ı yr.	ı yr.	ı yr.	I yr.		
8. Port Chester	3 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	ı yr.	ı yr.	1/2 yr.	1/2 yr.		
9. Rochester	ı mo.	3 mos.	ı mo.	ı mo.	3 yrs.	ı yr.	1/2 yr.	1/2 yr.		
10. Utica	2.4 mos.	24 mos.	24 mos.	24 mos.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.		
11. Buffalo	6 mos.	6 mos.	6 mos.	6 mos.	2-3 yrs.	2-3 yrs.	2-3 yrs.	2-3 yrs.		
12. Valhalla	12 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	4 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.		
13. Boston	12 mos.	12 mos.	12 mos.	12. mos.	2-3 yrs.	2-3 yrs.	2-3 yrs.	2-3 yrs.		
14. Boston	12 mos.	I mo.	12 mos.	12. mos.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.		
15. Providence	I mo.	I mo.	I mo.	I mo.	3 yrs.	3 yrs.	3 yrs.	3 yrs.		
16. Pittsburgh	6 mos.	4 mos.	4 mos.	4 mos.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.		
17. Erie	12 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	2 yrs.	2. yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.		
18. New Haven	6 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	2 yrs.	2. yrs.	2 yrs.	2 yrs.		

(Continued on page 148 adv. section)

# NOTES AND COMMENTS

#### APPLICATION OF APARTMENT HOUSE DATA TO AN ACTUAL LAYOUT

IN RESPONSE to the arguments advanced by Mr. Henry Wright in his article, "The Modern Apartment House,"\* and which emphasize the greater net return possible when less ground is covered owing to a decrease in the hall space required, a reader writes him, and with a specific case in mind inquires as follows:

"We shall take a northwest corner because of the morning and afternoon sunshine, size 100 feet facing east and 150 feet facing south. On this we shall erect to best advantage, as stated in your article, a 5-story apartment house. Would you make it a "U"-shape with the light court facing south? What width should the court be, 40 feet or 50 feet? The apartments will be two and three rooms. The main floor will cover the entire property except where the side and back are set back. The main floor is to be separate from the apartments above and will have its own entrance near the corner on the 100-foot side, the apartment entrance being at the other end. At the far end of the 150-foot side will be another entrance for the apartments.

"The set-back is 10 feet on the 100-foot side, 10 feet above the main floor; the 150-foot side has to be set back 8 feet, 8 feet up from the ground.

"The ground value is about \$40,000. The apartments would rent for \$50 a month for two rooms and \$75 for three rooms.

"The cost of construction is 35 cents, or a trifle less, a cubic foot. The basement will be 8 feet under sidewalk level with a 12-foot basement ceiling. The apartments may have any ceiling height desired.

"The building should be of reinforced concrete, sound proof, and containing every thing that will make it rentable. How can this space be divided to best advantage? What features must these apartments have in order that they may be rented ten years hence?

"How would an efficient typical floor plan appear when divided into two and three room apartments The halls can be 4 feet 6 inches according to our building code, and are required to run to light.

"I should like to know what could be built and what the earnings on a financing proposition would be."

Mr. Wright has prepared, in reply to these inquiries, a comparative analysis of the possibilities in developing the site. Three schemes are illustrated: the customary solution of covering a maximum ground area, and two solutions covering less ground

\* See the March, 1929, issue of The Architectural Record, pp. 213-245.

area but so planned that the apartments will have a minimum of corridor space. In explanation of his analysis of comparative costs, Mr. Wright's comments to his correspondent are as follows:

"An archaic plan is proposed for consideration. Many persons conclude that because the tenement law says you must not cover more than 70% of your land nor go nearer to the side and rear lot lines than 8 and 10 feet, the first thing to do is to proceed to these maximum conditions and then, in order to use all the space, to fill your building with wasteful halls.

"After mentioning such requirements as more morning and afternoon sunshine and facing south, you suggest a plan in which at least two apartments on every floor will face north on only an 8-foot light court with no communication through which they can get south, east or west sunshine, breeze and outlook. Two more apartments on each floor will have only a west exposure on a 10-foot court; these would of course get sunlight and a breeze from the west until a building is erected on the property next door.

"You speak of apartments so planned that they will be rentable ten years hence. Let us hope that builders as well as tenants will begin to appreciate the tremendous economic loss in dark inside court apartments by then, in which case at least 40% of such buildings as the one you suggest will be vacant as they deserve to be.

"I shall not attempt to offer any suggestions for a typical efficiency plan or a building required to be sound proof, and to contain everything that will make it rentable. It would take more than laborsaving accessories to make the kind of building you propose,—and there are hundreds of them planned, particularly in Western cities,—really rentable to people who appreciate the comforts of sunlight, outlook and quiet. Fortunately for builders, only a few people ever insist on these essentials. Others will accept as substitutes gaudy foyers, gas fireplaces, humidified air and elevators.

"My suggestion to you is to employ the best architect in your city. Ask him for an economic analysis of the problem. Some stupid building laws may have to be changed if they require you to fill the plans with halls and place stairs on all the best outside exposures. Such cities as New York and Chicago have changed their laws within the last year so that for walk-up fireproof apartments only one stairway and no fire escapes to each section of an apartment building with two or more stair groups are required. The Michigan Boulevard Gardens,\* for

\*Klaber and Grunsfeld, Architects. See the March, 1929, issue of The Architectural Record, p. 223.

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A-66%



B-58%

35 Kooms on	each moor	
Total Cost of	\$288,000	
Roc	m Area	Floor Area
224	Sq. Ft.	7822 Sq. Ft.
sary hall 20		678 "
42		1500 " "
286	Sq. Ft.	st Bldg. Cost
5.00 a month	\$300.00	\$63,000
es	2.85.07	59,864
	\$ 14.93	\$ 3,136
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Plan ''B'' 4 floors	35 rooms Total Cost	on each floor of Building	\$180,960
1	1	Room Area	Floor Area
Net		229 Sq. Ft.	8022 Sq. Ft.
Stairs and no	ecessary hall	19	678 " "
Area		248 Sq. Ft.	8700 Sq. Ft.
	Annual Expen	ses and Retu	rn
	1	Room Cost	Bldg. Cost
Room rental	\$25.00 a mor	1th \$300.00	\$42,000
Carrying cha	arges	270.62	37,887
Profit		\$ 29.38	\$ 4,113



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Plan "C"	2.8 rooms	one	ach floor	
8 floors	Total Co	st of	Building	\$371,772
		Roo	m Area	Floor Area
Net		297	Sq. Ft.	8308 Sq. Ft.
Stairs and n	ecessary hall	24		672 " "
Area		321	Sq. Ft.	8980 Sq. Ft.
	Annual Expe	nses	and Retur	rn
		R	loom Cos	t Bldg. Cost
Room renta	l \$27.50 a mc	onth	\$330.00	\$73,920
Carrying ch	arges		313.20	70,158
Profit			\$ 16.80	\$3,762

#### APARTMENTS COVERING LEGAL LIMITS OF LOT SHOW LESS PROFIT

	Type	Lot Coverage	Light and Air	Corridors
"A"	Ordinary	Maximum	Deficient	Wasteful
"B"	Efficient	Desirable	Satisfactory	Economical
"C"	Efficient	Satisfactory	Ample	Reasonable

which I was consulting architect, are five stories high, fireproof and based on this single exit plan.

"According to your plan, you fill the lot to the maximum side line restrictions with hall entrance apartments, leaving a court about  $56' \times 52'$  toward the south street. You then cover 10,008 of the 15,000 square feet, or  $66\frac{2}{3}\%$  of the lot. My article plainly states that it is uneconomical to cover more than about 50% on land costing less than \$5.00 a square foot. Your land is to cost \$2.66 a square foot. Roughly estimating, you should be able to pay the carrying charges with a four-story building covering between 55% and 60% of the property or with a five-story building covering 50%.

"The plan without halls will be actually more flexible than one with halls so a greater efficiency and better room sizes should be secured. The comparison of the two plans follows:

	A. Submitted Plan 6 Stories	B. Small Hall Plan 4 Stories	C. Larger Rooms 8 Stories
Rooms. Floor area in square feet Height in feet. Cubic contents. Cost at 40¢ a cubic foot in	6 x 35 = 210 10,000 72 720,000	4 x 35 = 140 8,700 52 452,400	8 x 28 = 224 8,980 92 826,160
each case (no extra cost assumed for elevator)	\$288,000	\$180,960	\$371,772
Add 12% financing and carrying charges and multiply 11½% annual charges*	\$34,560	\$21,715	\$37,738
charge. Maintenance and vacancies (No elevator \$72; 6-story elevator \$78; 8-story ele- vator \$80)	4,500 16,380	4,500 10,080	4,500 17,920
Annual charges Allowing for 3% more va- cancies on account of lack of proper light and air	57,974	37,887	71,158
	\$59,864		* * * * * * *

Why do you desire elevators? As owner of any-

\* Carrying charges under A, B and C without the surplus provide for 6% on the equity besides the amortization of  $2\frac{1}{2}\frac{6}{0}$  of the total building cost, so that the owner in 10 years at a moderate vacancy would have paid off  $\frac{1}{3}$  of this original cost and be receiving an additional return equal to 6% on this retired amount. thing less than five or ten such apartments you cannot afford to bother with the extra care of an elevator. "Secondly, why halls? Do you need them to get a good loan? Banks have been known to make loans on useless dead air space before now. A hall 140 feet long should be at least 6 feet wide to appear wellproportioned or to give the children a proper place to roller skate and play ball.

"The cubic area of these halls for 6 floors is over 120,000 cubic feet. Properly finished they will cost about as much as other space, less the mechanical equipment, or about 30¢ a cubic foot, thus adding at least \$40,000 and probably \$50,000 to the cost of the building. A building with two simple stairways and no elevators can be readily designed and for the same net room area it will have about 1300 square feet less gross area on each floor.

"Even ignoring the supposition that a large part of the A plan is absolutely second class space and allowing \$25 monthly rental for each room in each case, we have nearly as much surplus from the fourstory scheme as from the six-story plan (see table). If your plan develops 3% more vacancies owing to a part of the building opening on a court 16 feet wide, you would lose 3% of \$63,000, or \$1,890, which reduces the surplus profit to \$3,136, which is \$977 less than the profit on the revised plan.

	Rooms	Yearly Rental	Total Rent	Carrying Charges	Surplus Profit
Plan A	210	\$300	\$63,000	\$57,974	\$5,126
ance for increased vacancies			63,000	(\$57,974 +\$1,890)	3,136
Plan B.	140	300	42,000	37.887	4.113
Plan C	224	330	73,920	70,158	3,762

"I have omitted altogether consideration of stores in either case. If the ground rental from stores is only 5,000 a year more than the carrying charges this would allow a reduction in the case of the A plan of 2.40 a month for each room, whereas in the B plan it will permit a 3.50 reduction and keep the same net return.

"The whole fallacy is that by borrowing more money and building larger buildings we think we obtain a greater net return, whereas the opposite is often true. All our zoning laws are about 30% too lenient for the good of the owner as well as the public."

## THE ARCHITECT'S LIBRARY BOOK REVIEWS

#### GLAS IM BAU

#### KORN, ARTHUR

Glas im Bau und als Gebrauchsgegenstand. Berlin: Ernest Pollak "G LASS for Building and Objects of Use" contains 187 excellent illustrations chosen from the most advanced German point of view. It is divided in four parts. Each division is preceded by an article explaining the technique of the materials illustrated: opaque glass, prism glass and glass brick, mosaic and glass painting, and glass for illuminating. The articles contain more than mere information; they are written with enthusiasm. The leading article by Herr Korn, the compiler of the book, is an almost ecstatic appreciation of new uses for glass in building.

Glass is the material which encloses space without the appearance of its being there. It is a skin between man and the elements which lets pass the benefits of light and controls for us sound, air, dirt, heat,



SHOP OF KOPP & JOSEPH A. KORN AND S. WEITZMANN, ARCHITECTS



VIEW BY NIGHT SHOP OF KOPP & JOSEPH A. KORN AND S. WEITZMANN, ARCHITECTS

cold and the rain. Open your walls to floods of sunlight and build your rooms inside with the daylight of the street permeating the very partitions. Let the anatomy of your building show not between banks of glass but through great areas of cantilevered crystal. Such are the office building by Mies van der Rohe and the work shops at Dessau. Put your store on the street like an oriental bazaar behind a great sheet of plate glass which makes the store beyond at once part of the street and apart from the street, as in Korn's apothecary shop. Use tremendous areas of glass to be flooded by night with illumination. Place neon light lettering against these backgrounds for night advertising, and by day profit from the light diffused through a glass wall as in the stair shaft by Krayl. New methods have made glass strong enough for use as furniture and proof against heat



for cooking. Look at these recent developments in the glass technique and conjecture the possibilities of glass used fully as a building material.

The choice of illustrations show the latent powers in glass which fascinate Korn. How far these possibilities are discernible in present expressions, how much new technical achievement is put to the test; these are the qualities he seeks to show. Underlying his thought is always the realization of building as space and volume, part of which must be enclosed in glass.

The German sense of carrying an idea to completion tends toward a substitution for windows of areas. entirely of glass; their love of cleanly expressed ideas and uninterrupted space results in what people of of another mind call hardness and bareness. They have caught the artisan's sense of the material itself and its intrinsic nature more purely than any other contemporary nation and are expressing this sense on an unprecedented scale. As the articles by Deutsch, Liese, Gehrich and Osram show, they are a progressive and enthusiastic body of technicians. Their artists and manufacturers are eager to impart the qualities and limitations of their products in order to establish a right use of them and a fuller appreciation. A book exhibiting coöperation on such a geographic and industrial scale as does Glas comes as an inspiration; it cannot be regarded as illustrating an arbitrary whim but must be held as an index of a powerful current in design. Shepard Vogelgesang

#### GROPIUS, WALTER

Internationale Architektur. Bauhausbucher I. Second edition. Munich, 1928

W<sup>HILE</sup> the activities of the *Bauhaus Institut* of Dessau are various it is perhaps in architecture that the most significant work is done. In the excellent series of small, inexpensive and well illustrated books which the Bauhaus issues, the two devoted to architecture, that of Gropius on Internationale Architektur, and that of Oud on Hollandische Architektur, have been perhaps the most valuable, with covers and typography designed by Lucia Moholy Nagy as modern and as interesting as the buildings illustrated within. The first of these has very naturally been exhausted in the three years since its first appearance. The present second edition makes it again possible to obtain what is perhaps the finest epitome of modern architecture and provides for the inclusion of certain work that has been executed since the book first appeared.

The full list of additions includes the designs of Honnes Meyer (of the Bauhaus) and Hans Witwer (of Basel) for the Palace of the League of Nations in which the frame is of aluminum covered steel; two Russian public markets, one by Ginsburg and

Wladimiroff, the other by Mielnikoff, both in Moscow; two Dutch factories, one by Mart Stam, the other by van der Vlugt; the hangar at Orly in France by Freyssinet; a Russian factory by Norwert in Moscow; a design for a skyscraper by Neutra from his "Wie Baut Amerika;" a hospital project by Tony Garnier; the new houses of the Bauhaus professors by Walter Gropius; a country house by Krezcar of Prague; a house by Mart Stam of Rotterdam; steel houses by Georg Muche and Richard Paulick of the Bauhaus; the housing development at Pessac near Bordeaux by Le Corbusier and Pierre Jeanneret; a steel house by Marcel Breuer of the Bauhaus; houses by Oud at the Hook of Holland; houses in rows at Dessau by Walter Gropius; and finally apartments outside Frankfurt by Ernst May. Considering that these new examples are but representative of types, the new preface by Gropius, which the reviewer feels may well be quoted, is fully borne out.

Since the appearance of the first edition (in 1925) the modern architecture of the various lands of western culture has followed the line of development indicated by this book with a surprisingly rapid tempo. Then but an idea, it is today a solid fact: the appearance of the modern buildings as they are shown in the innumerable publications of German, Slavic and Latin lands, is in general more than inspiring. As once Gothic, Baroque, Renaissance were current all over Europe, so the new spirit in building of our technical epoch begins more and more to cover the entire civilized world, borne by the intense standardization of international technique. The increasing interest of the general public in the development of the new theory of architecture points with certainty the sense of the new building: Provision for the demands of life. . . . Dessau, July, 1927.

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#### KITCHEN MANAGEMENT

DAHL, J. O.

Kitchen Management. Harper & Brothers, New York. \$5.00 THE location of the kitchen in the plan of a hotel, restaurant, or other building with food service, is obviously of concern to the designer, but too often it is placed as an afterthought in space "left over" after the dining and other rooms have been determined. That there is now a book on the kitchen, written for architects and hotel managers, is an indication of its importance and that there is something to be said about it.

In this volume the writer deals with the subject of waste resulting from poor planning; of the best kinds of kitchens for all types of institutions; of materials to use in floors and walls; of the position of pantries, store-rooms and dishwashing departments in relation to the main kitchen. Mr. Dahl is well known as a hotel, restaurant and club consultant.

YERBURY, F. R.

Modern European Buildings, First Series, 144 plates. Payson and Clarke. \$19.00

M R. YERBURY was the co-editor, with Mr. Howard Robertson, of a volume on Modern French Architecture previously reviewed in THE ARCHITECTURAL RECORD. He is Secretary of the British Architectural Association, and spends most of his time now traveling over Europe in search of material for architectural publications. He has been largely responsible in England for the more general spread of interest in modern architecture and its developments since the Great War.

The strongest impression one gets from Mr. Yerbury's plates is simplification, the elimination of non-essentials. This, he thinks, has been mainly due to economic depression and the high cost of building. These have to force the architect into new experimental lines.

Mr. Yerbury may be partly right in seeing a more

clearly developing national architecture in England than in most continental countries, but I do not find the evidence for it in the plates. The more creative, the more striking at least, in respect to design seem to be Finnish, Swedish, Danish, German, Dutch. It would seem also that, apart from the towering of our new American structures, European architects are bolder than ours; American architects are relatively conservative, if not timid. The main stream of creative art still flows in Europe. But Europe has not a unity. There is a European culture, but the adjective "European" in such connection is not geographical. Like the adjectives "Latin" or "Greek," it has long overflowed its borders. America is an essential part of that culture. Culturally, we are all Europeans, just as France or Spain is as Latin as Latium. It remains to be seen whether America will take advantage of its detached geographical position to evolve a national expression free from "styles" that have so long been associated with cultural attributes.

ARTHUR W. COLTON

#### A CORRECTION

THE interiors of the Jay-Thorpe Store illustrated in the June issue of THE ARCHITECTURAL RECORD were incorrectly attributed to Buchman & Kahn. While Buchman & Kahn were architects for the building, Whitman & Goodman were the architects solely responsible for the design of the interiors illustrated. The interiors are significant of the recent trend in the design of shops for women's wear in which luxuriously appointed *salons* serve as the setting for the display of models and the exhibition of garments. Counters and display racks are entirely eliminated.



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#### Continued from page 186 Editorial III. SOUND INSULATION AND COSTS

Sound Insulation is the setting up of effective barriers around noise centers to prevent the sound passing through walls, floors and ceilings to adjoining rooms, and to break up the continuity of the building which would otherwise carry the vibrations as readily as the air itself.

When we seek the most effective type of sound proof partitions and floors we are faced with the same situation that we found in trying to determine the best form of acoustical treatment to use,—data based almost exclusively on laboratory tests. The results of different investigators vary widely, due to different methods of testing and the conditions under which the experiments are conducted.

In building a hospital with the usual limited appropriation, a sane balance must be sought between expenditures for insulation and absorption, and sound judgment used in their application. Simple and comparatively inexpensive insulating precautions intelligently applied, so far as could be determined in these studies, offer nearly as effective protection as more elaborate methods and will provide the average hospital with as much "sound proofing" as it can afford.

#### EXAMPLE OF SOUND INSULATED HOSPITAL BUILDING.

Without going into further discussion of acoustics, we will outline the conclusions reached by describing precautions incorporated in the plans and specifications of a new maternity pavilion, soon to be erected in New York City. The hospital is in a quiet neighborhood, so there is no necessity of acoustical treatment to deaden noises which come from the outside when windows are open. This, for hospitals located in congested districts where there is heavy traffic, is a matter of major importance, too often neglected when new buildings are planned. In designing this new pavilion, service and administration noise centers were located as remotely as possible from the patients' quarters, and insulation and acoustical measures were provided only for sources of uncontrollable noise, nurseries, labor rooms, diet kitchens and corridors. Taking the same nursery described earlier in this article, we will complete the picture by outlining the special structural details adopted for insulation against the transmission of noise.

I. FLOORS. The floors throughout the building are of steel beam and girder construction with cinder concrete slab 4 inches thick. Over the slab are spread  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches of dry coarse anthracite cinders which, because of their porosity, make a fairly effective sound deadening pad. On top are 2 inches of concrete mixed with a minimum of water, to serve as a binder and base for an inch of stiff mortar on which is placed the finished floor. One of the soft floors is used, a combination of cork, rubber and asphalt which can be scrubbed. Some engineers recommend the use of 2 inches of cork as a deadening pad. This costs  $25^{\circ}$  a square foot as compared to  $10^{\circ}$  for the cinders. The cinder pad will absorb some vibrations and will serve to insulate the partitions from the floor slab and it was our conclusion that the results should prove effective, with the added provision of a hung ceiling, in controlling the vertical sound waves.

2. CEILINGS. Hung ceilings are used in all patients' rooms, supported on insulated hangers. These are made in two pieces with heavy felt between. If a hung ceiling is connected to the floor slab with rigid hangers it has little sound insulating value. While the special hanger adds about 12¢ a square foot to the cost of ceiling construction, it increases its insulating value 200% to 300% over the conventional type of construction.

3. PARTITIONS. The partitions enclosing the room are formed of two separate walls of gypsum block with a clear, unbridged air space of two inches between. This, Professor Sabine has found, is as effective as the use of insulating materials between walls, either with or without air spaces. Obviously it is less expensive, although covering more floor area.

In erecting double walls care must be taken to avoid bridging. If there is any connection between them, even so much as one nail driven through, the vibration in one will be transmitted, as by a diaphragm, to the other and will set it in motion. The two walls should be laid on the dry cinder concrete and the top mortar floor brought up to them, not carried under. The walls should be laid simultaneously and precautions taken to keep loose mortar from dropping between them and forming a link at the bottom. To prevent this a wood strip hung between the blocks to fill the opening, and raised as each tier is laid, is effective.

4. DOORS. The corridor door frame is anchored to the blocks and built solid, 6 inches of steel and masonry. The door, of furniture steel, is 2 inches thick and cork filled. It closes against felt gaskets on top and sides which stop vibrations and fill the cracks, with an expanding rubber strip to close the bottom space at the floor. Thus the cries of infants are barricaded on all sides except at the windows.

5. WINDOWS AND VENTILATING UNITS. It was decided to keep the windows closed and to provide double sash. This is made practical by a combined heating and ventilating unit proven highly successful in schools. A small noiseless fan draws in fresh air through a vent in the outside wall, passes it through filter pads over a steam coil and blows it up to the ceiling, where it is distributed without drafts to all parts of the room. Clean air, perfect circulation and control of both temperature and air changes are insured. The device is not expensive to install or operate. It is simple in design with all parts readily accessible for cleaning. The problem of the open window is overcome and the ventilation of our nursery and labor rooms improved.

6. INSULATION OF PIPES. Further precautions provide for the covering of all pipes carried through the room or its walls with felt, and the filling of all cracks around pipes and conduits, where they pass through the floor slabs, with insulating fiber. The principle throughout is to break the structural continuity of walls, floors and pipes, and to minimize the sound carrying vibrations.

7. ACOUSTICAL TREATMENT. To supplement Sound

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Insulation, and to blot out the myriad sound waves which the shrill cries of infants set in motion, we must have Acoustical Treatment. As a result of the investigations and experiments already described, alternate proposals for acoustical treatment are called for, specifying either Nashkote B, consisting of 1''hair and asbestos felt covered with finely perforated oilcloth membrane; or Acousti-Celotex,  $1\frac{1}{4}''$  thick. The final decision is to be based on appearance.

Acousti-Celotex costs less for upkeep and maintenance as well as having a lower installation cost per unit of absorption, and has therefore slight economic advantages for hospital purposes. The latest development of Nashkote B, using white felt under the membrane, however, is superior in appearance to the Acousti-Celotex with its many large holes. If the experiments now being carried on produce a color scheme which will successfully camouflage these holes without serious loss of light reflection the weight of evidence would be slightly in favor of the Acousti-Celotex. From the standpoint of absorption there is little difference. Each square foot of Nashkote B absorbs 64%, and of Acousti-Celotex 70%, of the sound waves which would pass out of a room through a square foot of open window.

For corridors, diet kitchens and utility rooms acoustical plaster with at least 30% absorption is called for.

8. Cost of Sound Insulation and Acoustical TREATMENT. The following table summarizes the cost of the various special structural items: of 75 beds on the three upper floors. The delivery suite is in a half story on the fifth floor. The building contains 388,500 cubic feet, or an average of 5,466 cubic feet a bed, which is comparable to the bulk of the modern compact type of general hospital. For this reason the cost of making this building quiet is fairly suggestive in its general application to hospitals.

When the preliminary budget for the new building was prepared, the sum of \$10,000 was included for the control of noise. No attempt was made, as so often done, to insulate all partitions on the patients' floors, the treatment being limited to those around foci of uncontrollable noise which were in close proximity to the patients' rooms. Three nurseries, two labor rooms and two delivery rooms were designed like the nursery described before. Acoustical plaster was specified for the ceilings of the diet kitchens, utility rooms and 480 lineal feet of corridors on the patients' floors. According to the preliminary estimate of the builder, the total cost of the sound control measures will be \$7,967. This represents an extra investment of \$108 a bed. The cost per cubic foot is increased a trifle over 2¢, and the total structural cost about 21/4%, surely a moderate price to pay for permanent quiet.

Prevention rather than cure is a policy that applies to noise as well as to health. Adequate treatment which costs, say, \$500 should last indefinitely, but let us assume its life is only ten years. The cost to the hospital in depreciation and interest, with an

	Sound proof Items	Standard Construction
Nursery 15' x 20', with 10'6" ceiling: 315 sq. ft. of double partitions vs. single wall.	\$393	\$254
2" sound proof door with felt and rubber gaskets vs. ordinary hollow metal door	56	43
Additional inside steel sash; frames and transoms for three 4' x 7' windows The hung ceiling is standard in either case; additional cost for insulated hangers at	180 t	
12¢ sq. ft	54	
Univent heating and ventilating device substituted for an ordinary radiator	320 t	75
of plaster	. 360	57
Pipes are felt covered in either case	\$1363	\$429

Thus we are spending an extra sum of \$933 to control the noises in one nursery.

The maternity pavilion under discussion is an addition to an existing hospital. It is a building of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  stories and basement with a maximum capacity

added \$20 for extra expense in cleaning and painting is \$72 a year, or 20¢ a day to insure freedom from disturbance from infant cries. If 20 beds are within hearing, the cost of relief is 1¢ a bed each day certainly not an extravagant figure.

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#### First Five Months, 1929

	TOTAL	CONTRACTS	PLANNED BY ARCHITECTS		
Classification	Number of Projects	Valuation	Number of Projects	Valuation	Per cent. of Total
Commercial Buildings	10,267	\$408,686,000	4,360	\$298,594,300	73%
Industrial Buildings	2,855	324,036,700	1,012	78,097,500	24%
Educational Buildings	1,430	145,900,000	1,217	140,356,700	96%
Hospitals and Institutions	413	46,183,800	302	40,669,500	88%
Public Buildings	486	55,644,600	286	52,166,900	94%
Religious and Memorial	851	42,319,700	589	37,533,500	89%
Social and Recreational	1,058	62,485,100	639	49,818,300	80%
Residential Buildings	51,202	913,261,500	13,364	556,741,700	61%
Total Building Public Works and Utilities	68,562 6,691	1,998,517,400 487,138,300	21,769 123	\$1,253,978,400 11,484,900	63% 2%
Total Construction	75,253	2,485,655,700	21,892	1,265,463,300	51%
Total Construction, first five months, 1928.	84,737	2,794,401,300	25,666	1,565,687,700	56%



#### COMPARATIVE CONSTRUCTION COSTS 44 Cities—March, 1929

(Index numbers based on New York City taken as 100)

City	Building Costs	Material Prices	Wage Scales	City	Building Costs	Material Prices	Wage Scales
N. V. I. Cim	TOO	100	100	Norfolk	86	104	62
New York City	100	100	64	Oklahoma	85	97	69
Atlanta	84	90	84	Philadelphia	96	109	79
Baltimore	89	92	05	Dissehungh	00	IOI	97
Boston	98	105	89	Presburgh	80	106	66
Buffalo	92	102	78	Portland, Mc.	85	88	81
Chicago	88	85	92	Portland, Ore	05	107	70
Cincinnati	90	92	87	Reading	91	10/	10
Cleveland	IOI	106	94	Richmond	86	105	29
Calumbus	86	97	70	Rochester	92	103	10
D	05	102	84	Salt Lake City	92	110	60
Dallas	95	105	81	San Francisco	88	99	74
Denver	95	105	-8	Seattle	88	94	80
Des Moines	90	90	70	Sioux City	85	98	68
Detroit	09	100	/)	St. Louis	94	93	96
Erie	99	118	13	St. Douls.	86	101	65
Grand Rapids	85	98	00	St. Patarchurg	02	108	69
Houston	90	95	84	St. Petersburg	80	99	75
Indianapolis	95	IOI	86	10led0	80	99	87
Kansas City, Mo.	89	94	8 I	Washington	09	91	-/
Los Angeles	76	83	66		1 sh	ained by c	ombinin
Louisville	91	IOI	77	The building cost index has	s been op	amed by c	maighte
Memphis	85	93	75	the material price index and the	he wage s	cale index,	weighter
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Milwaukee	86	TOT	65	labor cost was the result of	recent res	earch by	the U. S
Minneapolis	8-	101	57	Bureau of Labor Statistics,	as publish	ied in the	January
Nashville	01	99	57	1020 issue of the Monthly La	bor Review	v. The sam	ie weight
New Haven	97	115	13	ing factors have been used for	all cities.		
New Orleans	85	94	72	ing factors mare been aber for			

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