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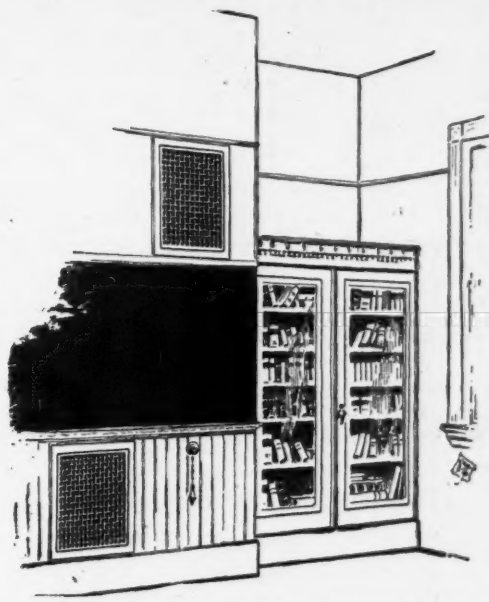
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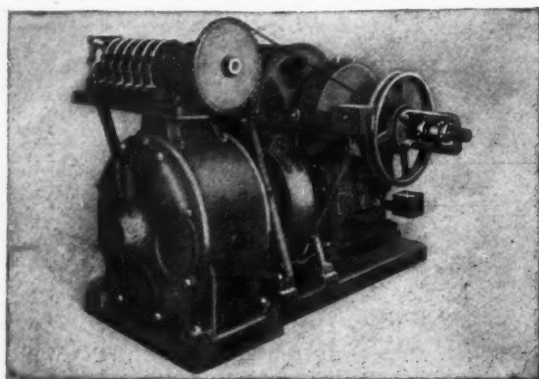
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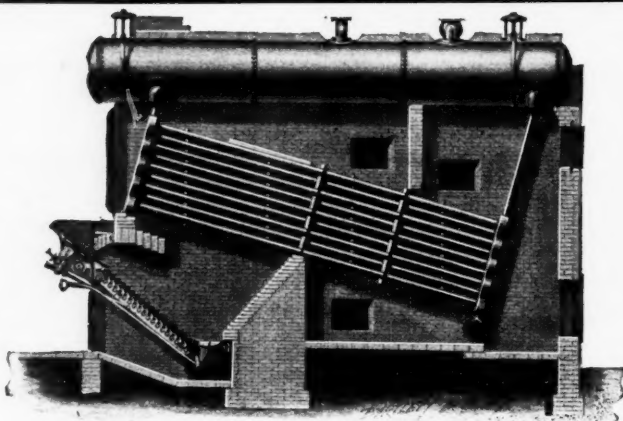
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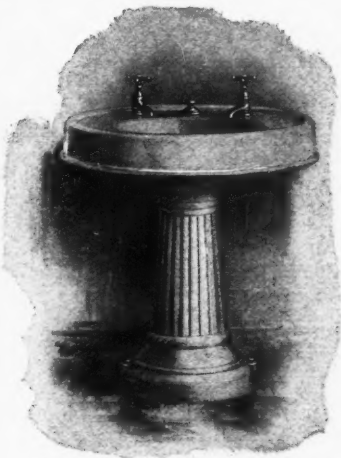


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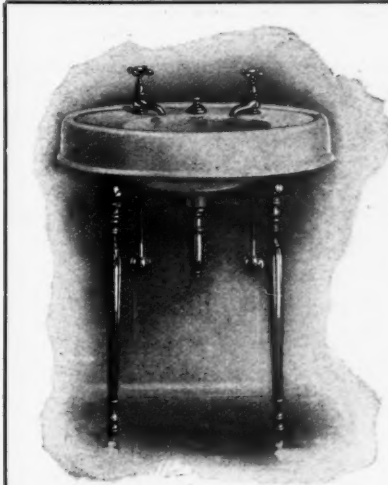


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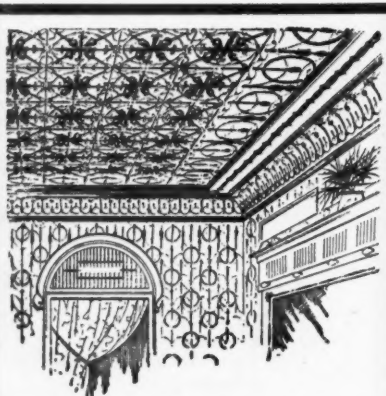
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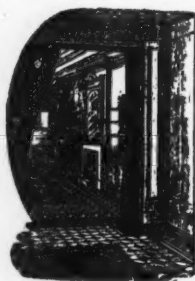
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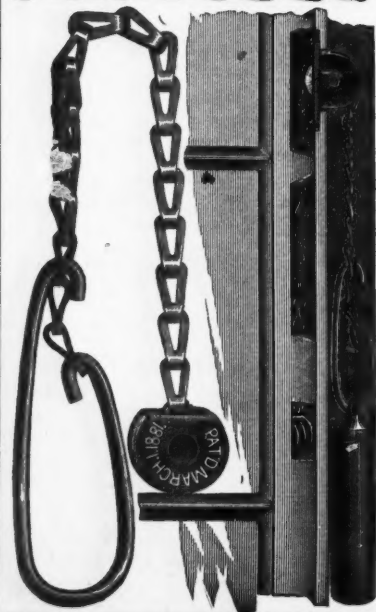
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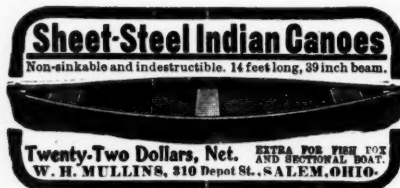
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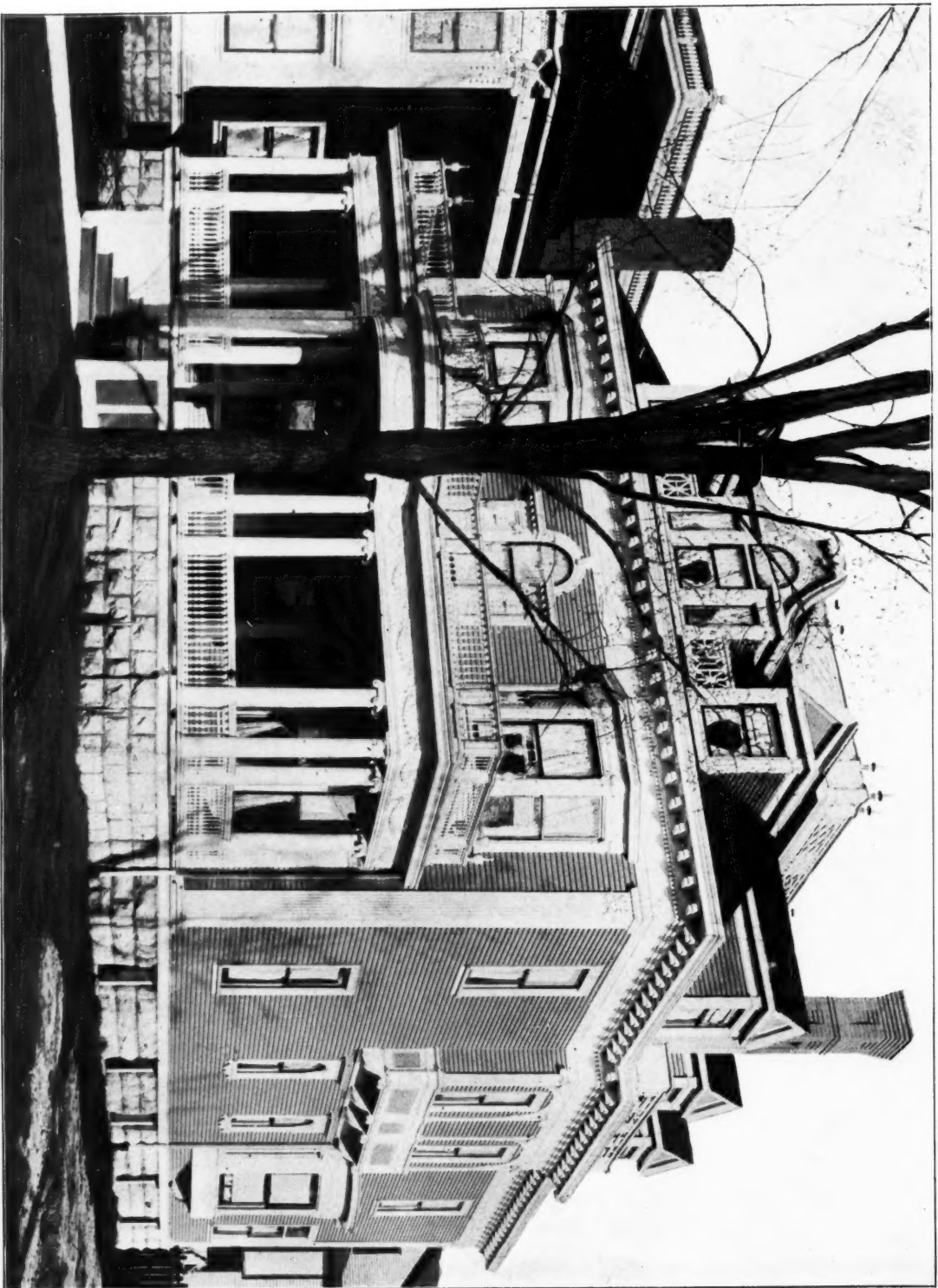
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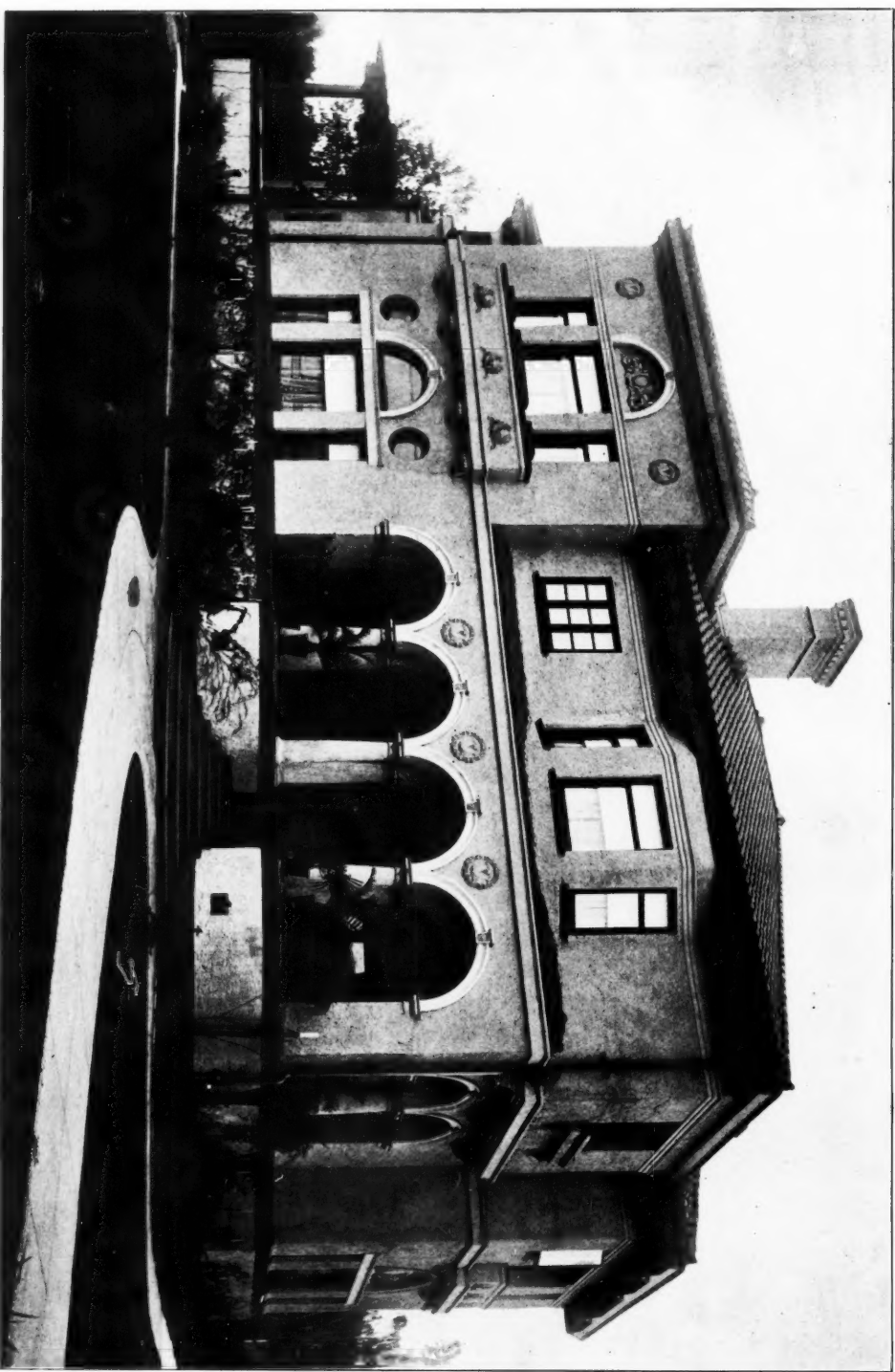


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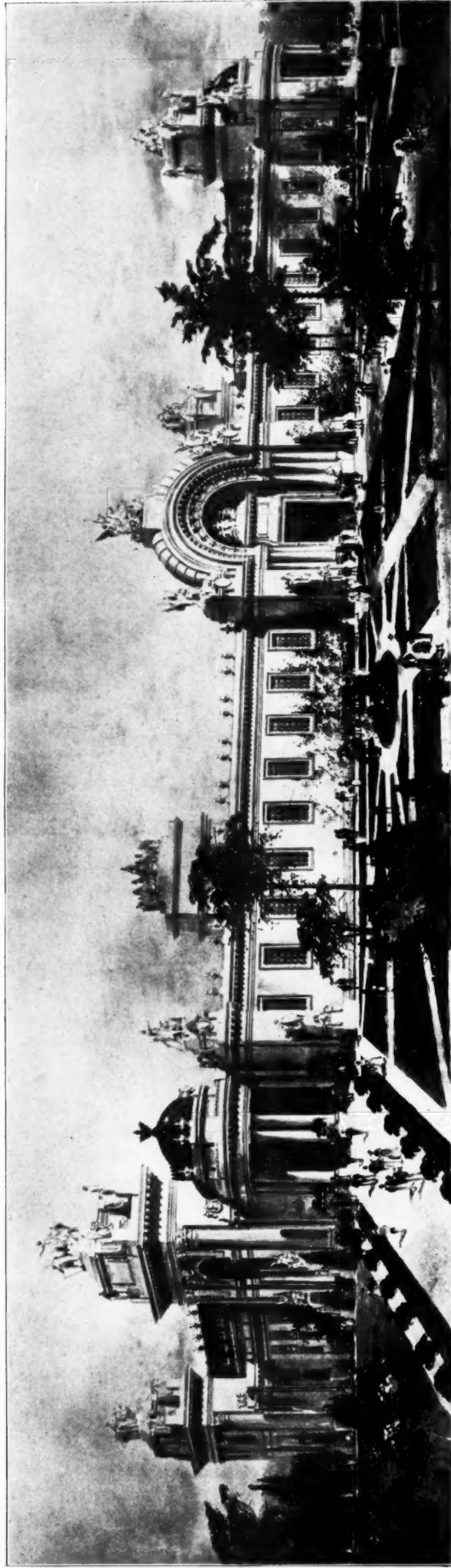




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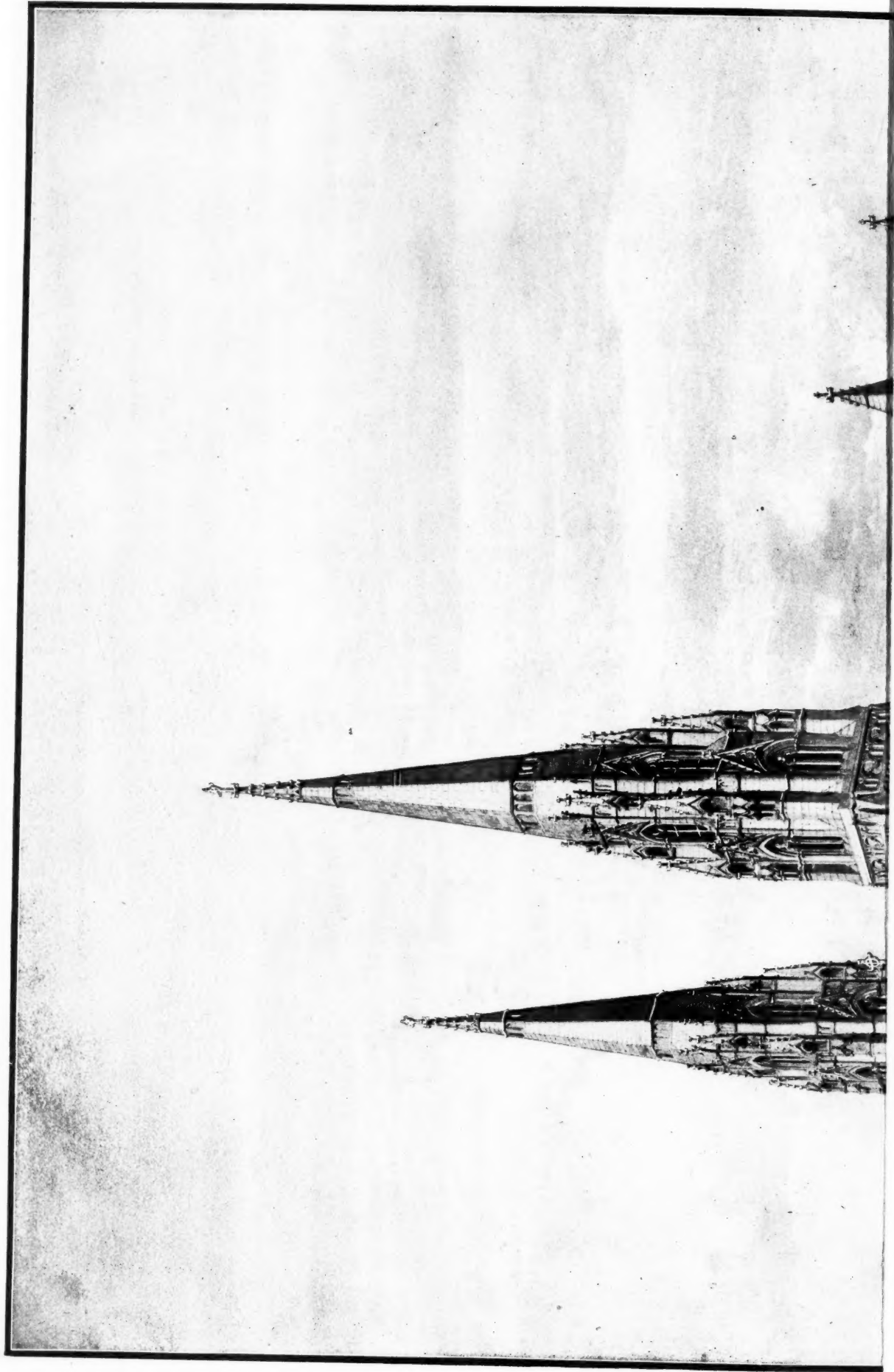


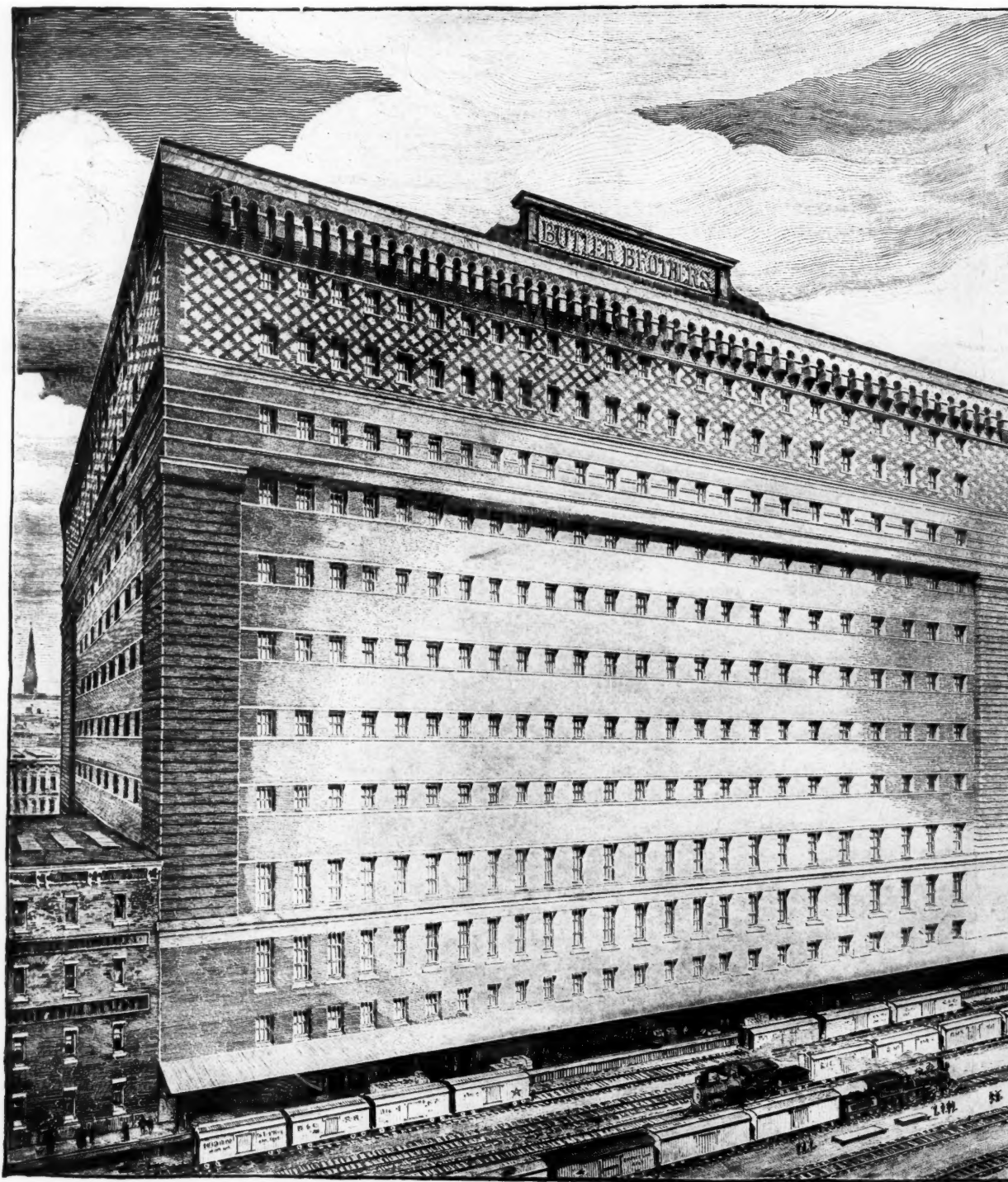
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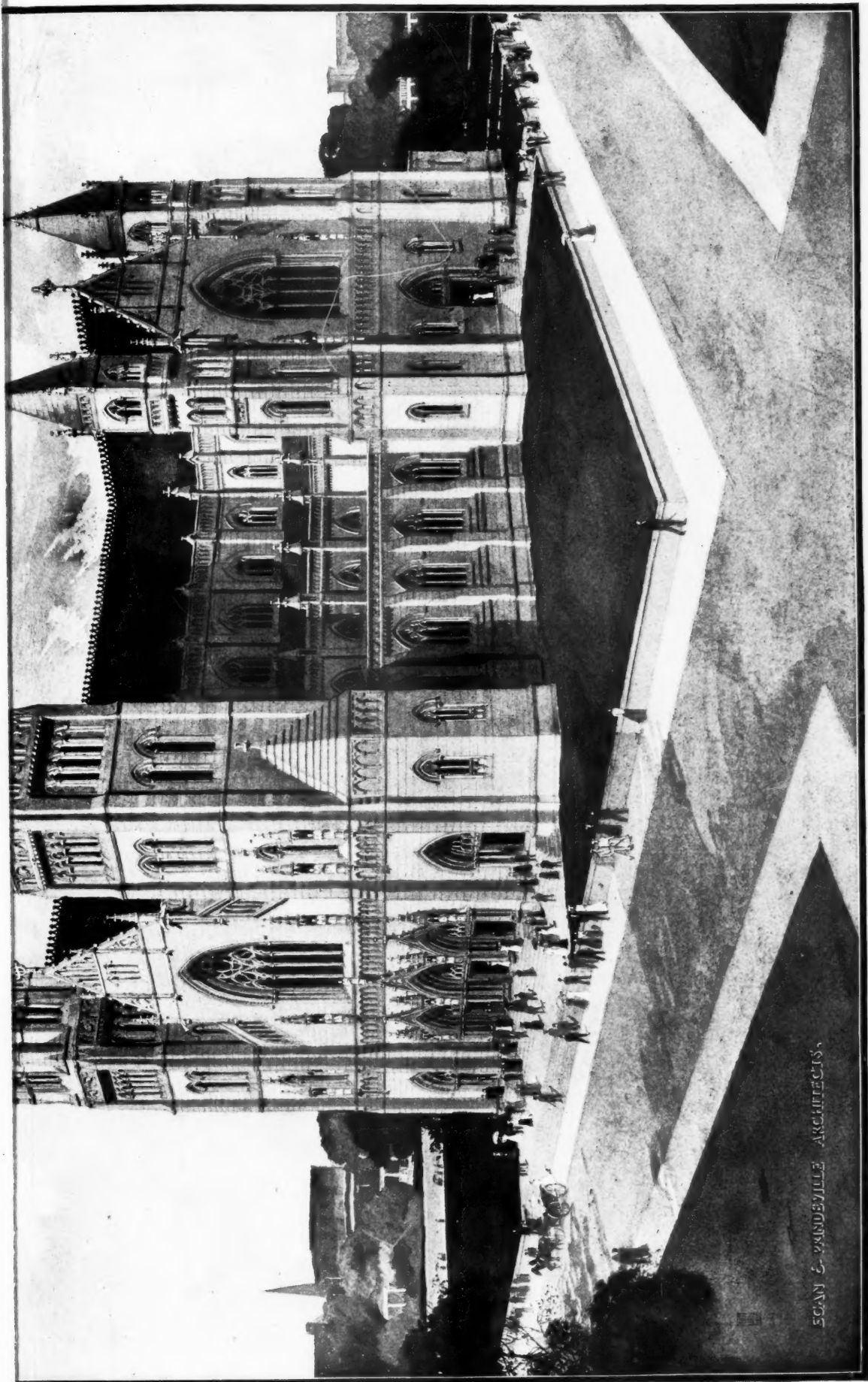


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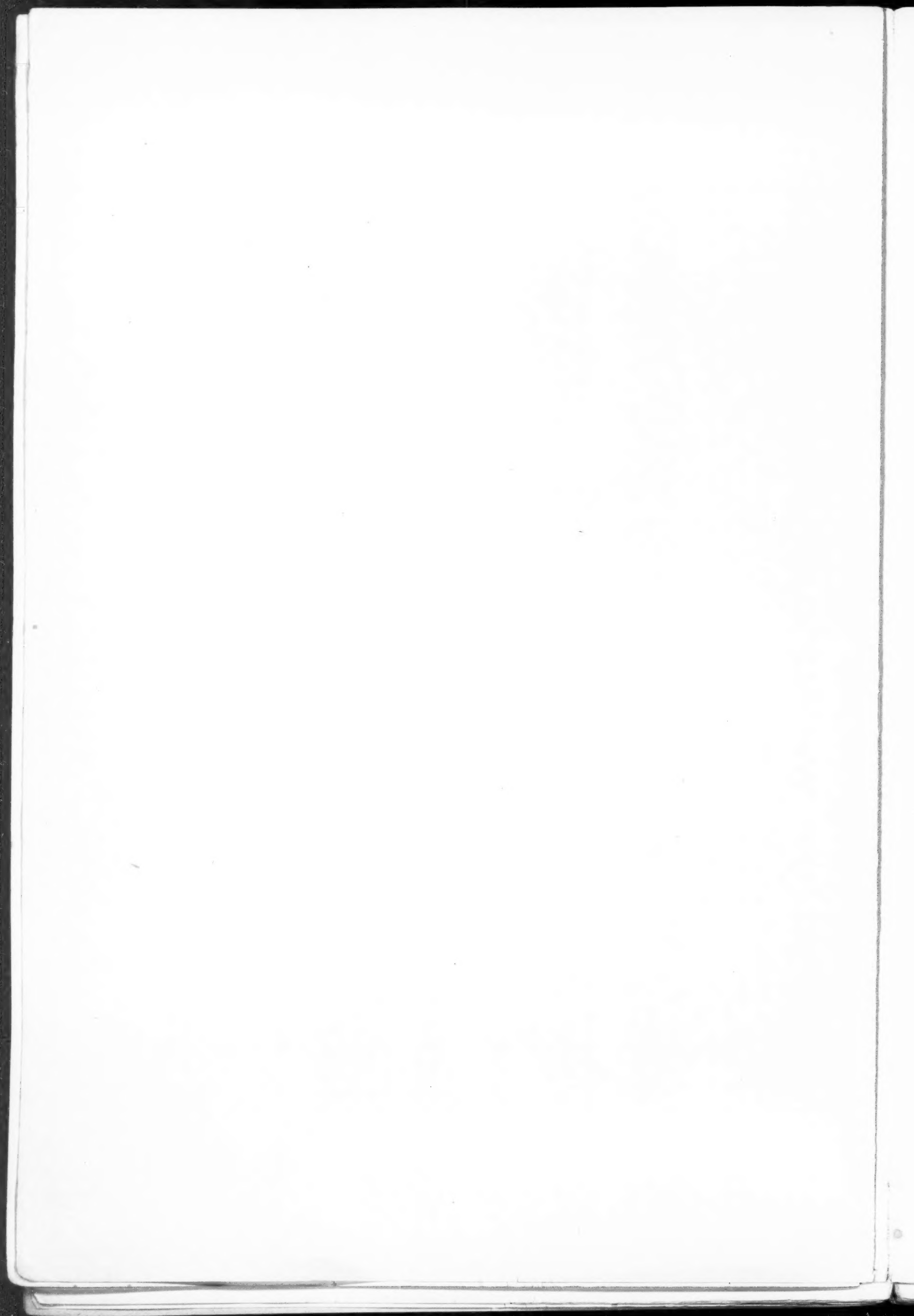
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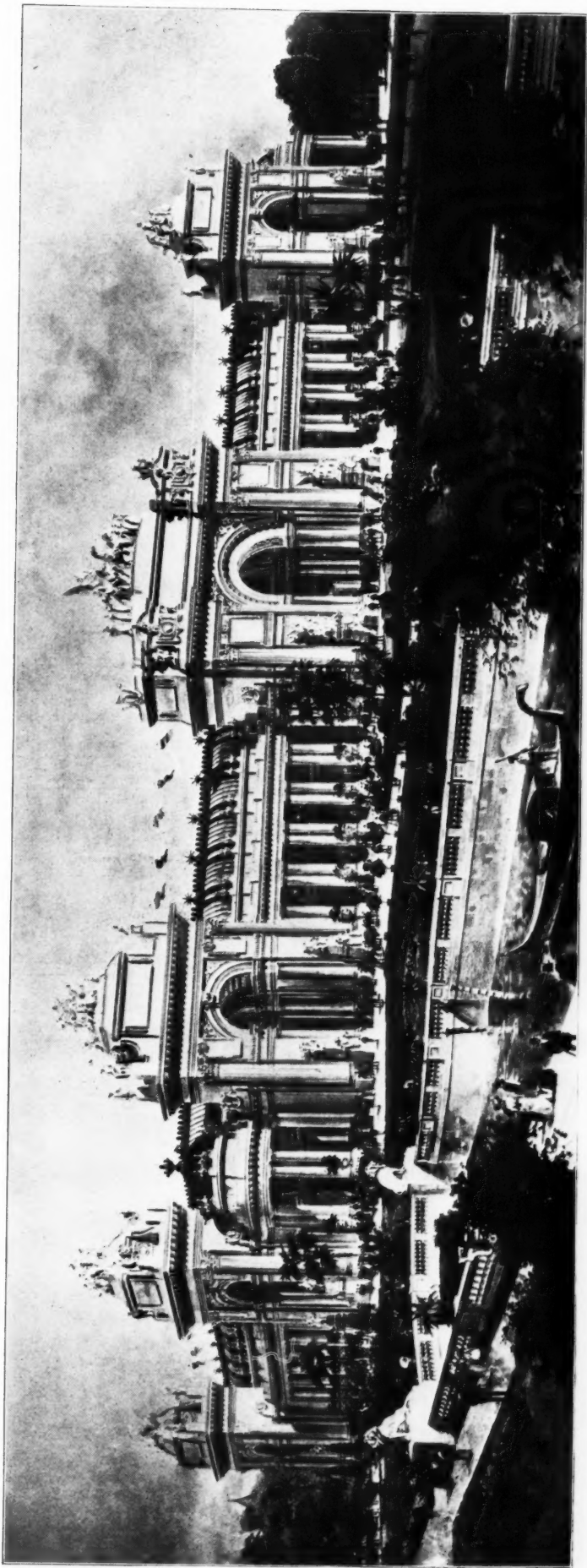


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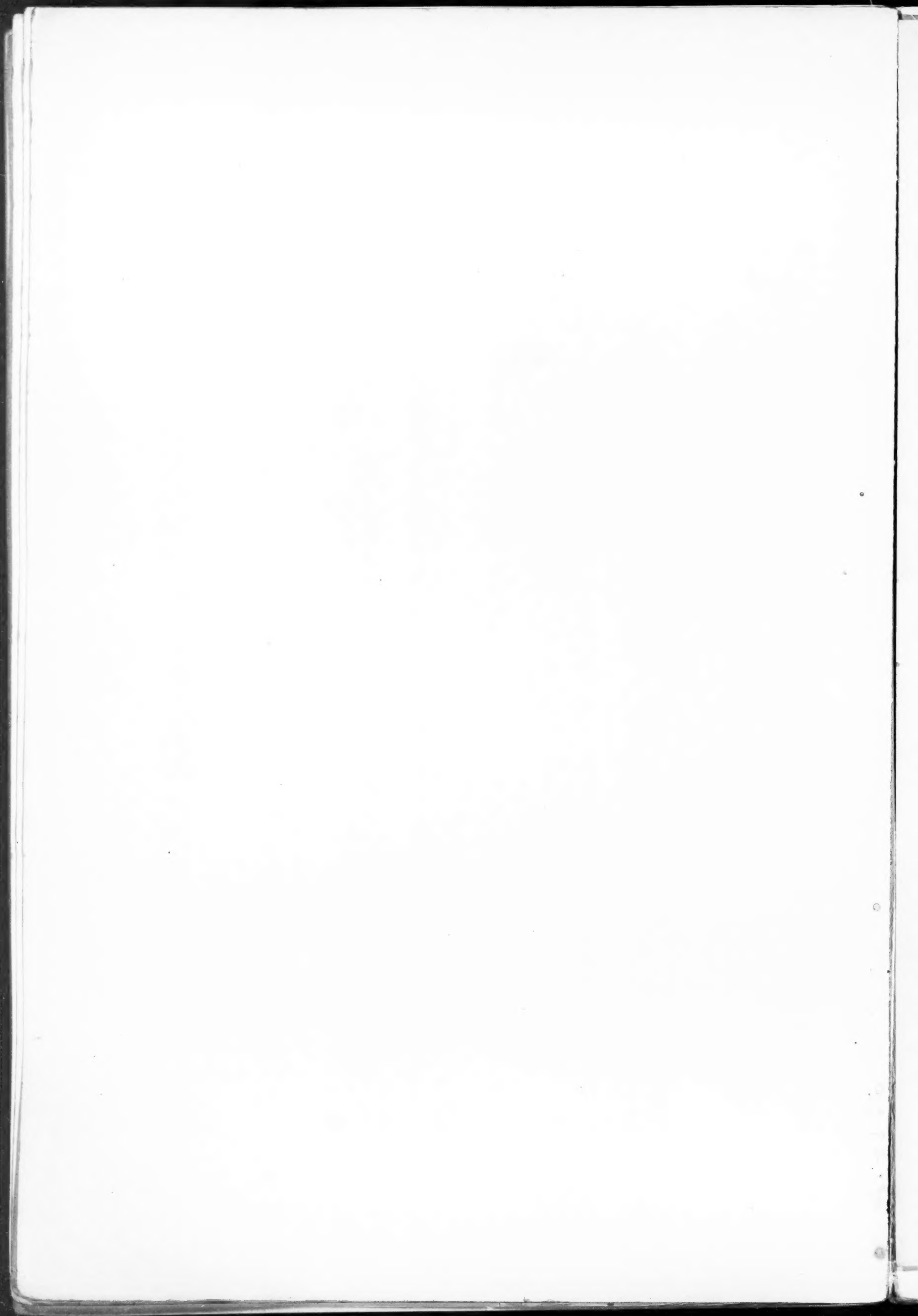
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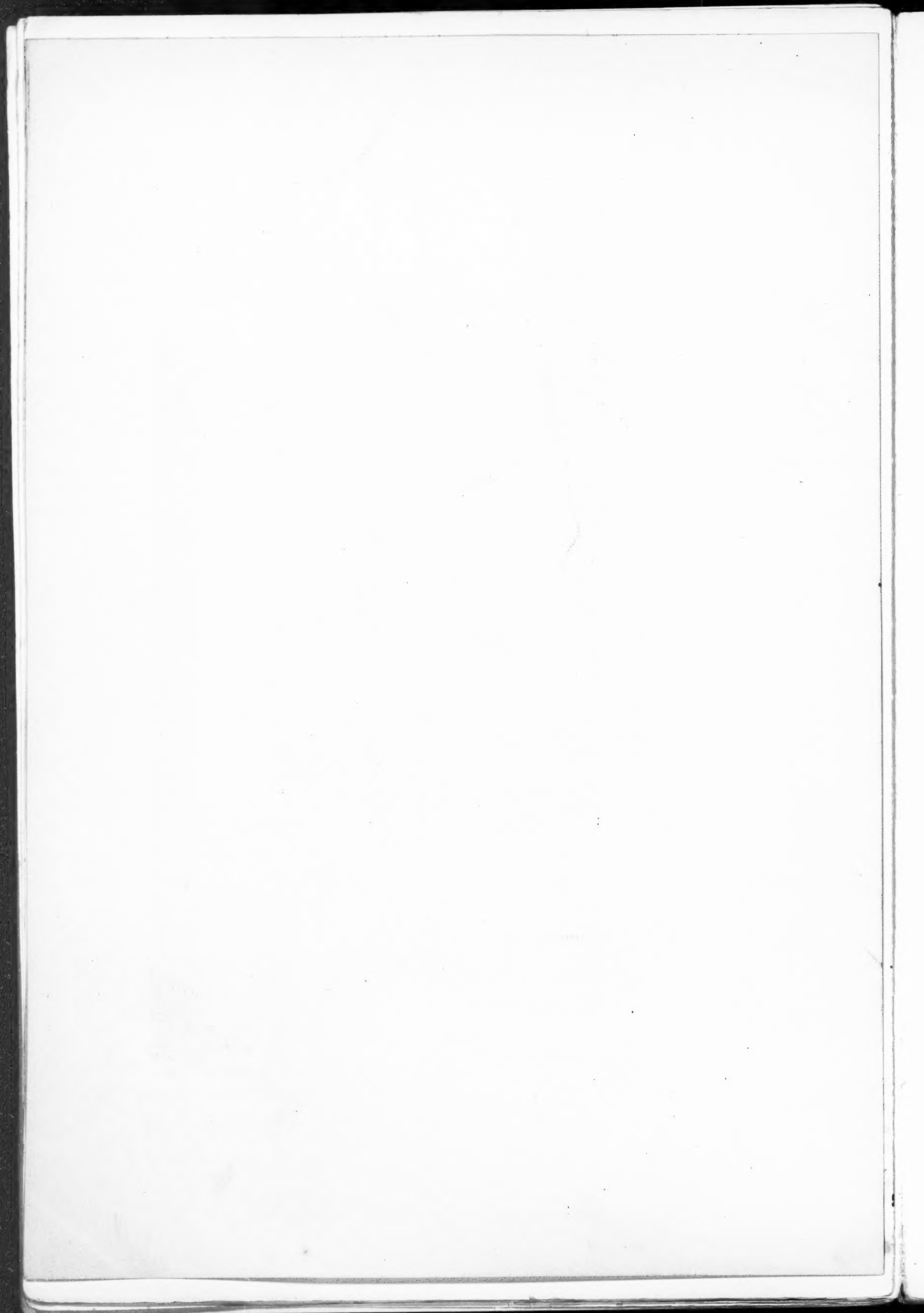


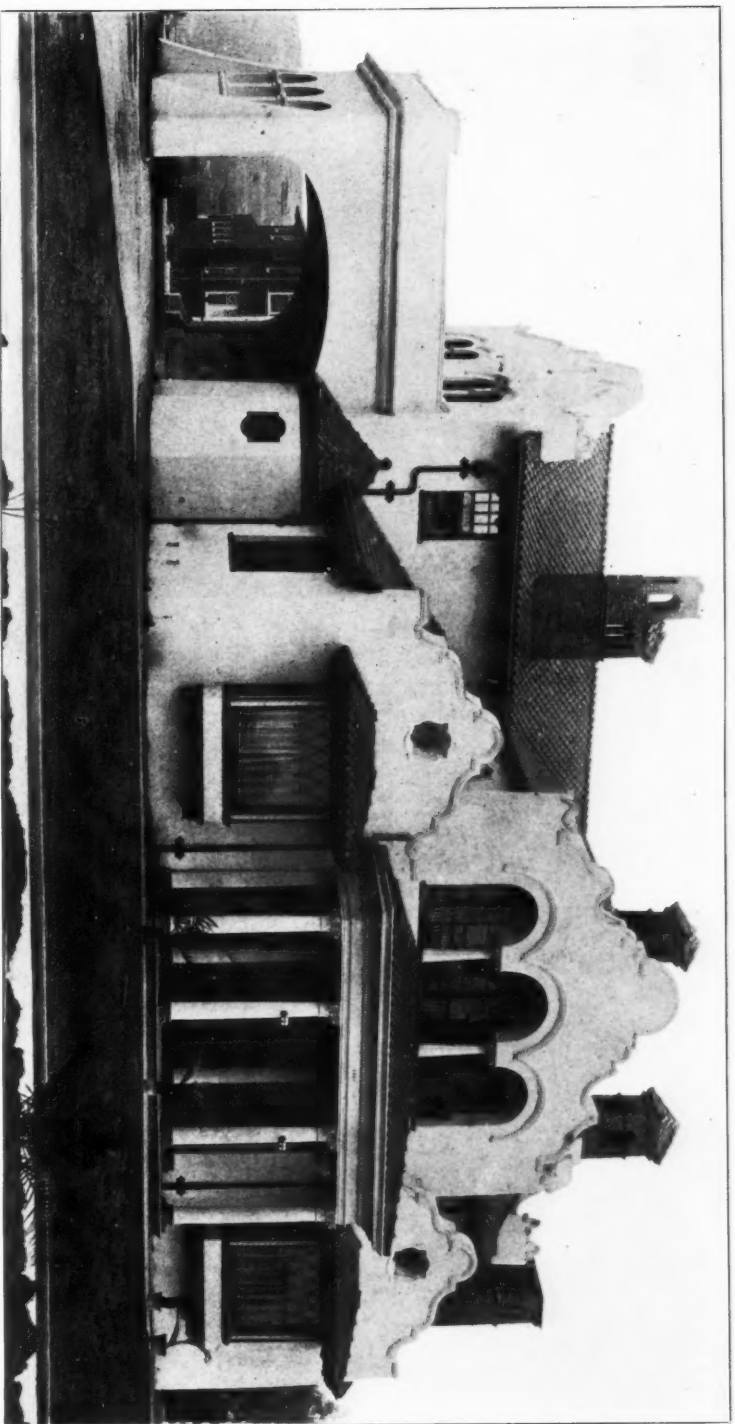
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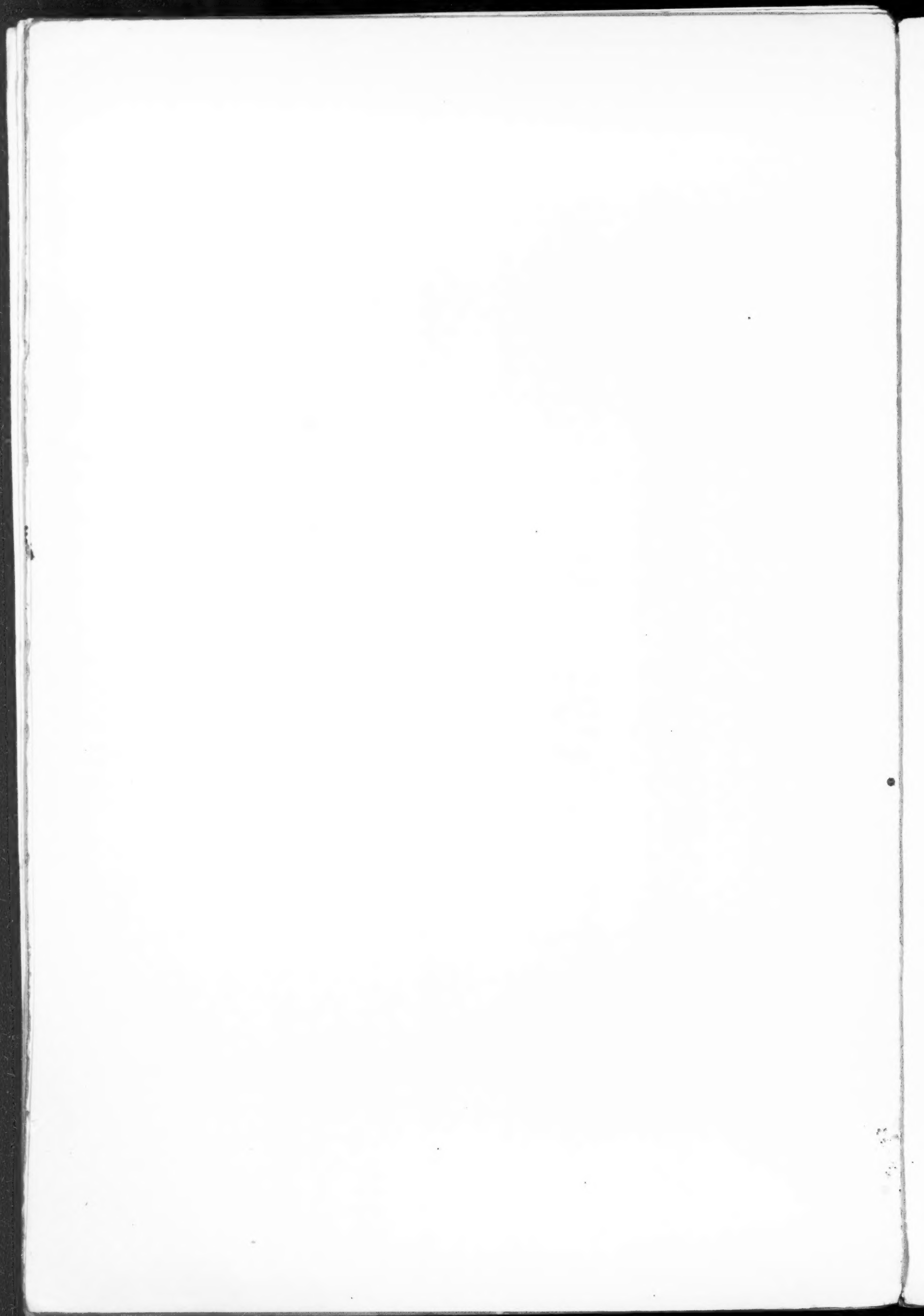


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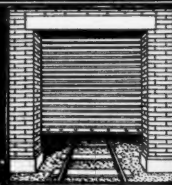
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Obsolete Methods of Fireproofing Condemned.

The folly of using obsolete methods to carry out modern design is nowhere more forcibly exemplified than in the too prevalent practice of fireproofing by the use of concrete. That the method makes the structure fireproof has been its greatest claim, but the accidents that have attended such construction throughout the country show that its fireproofing quality is offset by its dangerous instability, for, when unskilful application or freezing weather or any one of the many destructive elements becomes a factor in the construction, then, even if there were none other as good for the purpose, the advisability of its use would be doubtful. But when the fireproofing experts of the country have, for twenty years, studied the application of hollow tile to the modern methods of building, and the lightness of structure and the required elasticity of frame are secured, so that there is no question of its general stability or its action under fire and water tests, then the futility of using other methods seems unquestionable. We should know better now. The collapse of the bank building at Newcastle and the Johnson electric building at Milwaukee should be sufficient lessons to owners who wish to use obsolete methods, and architects and contractors who value their professional reputations. It takes a long time for either to recover from such an accident, whatever may be the cause. In this case it is entirely useless to take the risk, for the methods of fireproofing with hollow tile are theoretically and practically as perfect as any of the modern methods of construction with which they have kept pace.

Death of Architect Henry Van Brunt.

Henry Van Brunt died at Milton, Massachusetts, on April 8. He was born in Boston, September 5, 1832, and was the son of a commodore in the United States Navy and a grandson of David Bradlee. He graduated from Harvard in 1854, and, during the Civil War, served in the North Atlantic squadron of the Navy. His professional life was largely spent in Boston, where he practiced for twenty years, and achieved a reputation as the designer of buildings for Harvard, as well as churches, public libraries, etc., throughout New England. In 1887 Mr. Van Brunt removed his practice to Kansas City, joining his old friend and partner, F. M. Howe, who had preceded him two years before, and had been his partner since 1879. Spending a year abroad, in 1890, he returned to be selected one of the ten architects for the designing of the Columbian Exposition, for which he designed the Electricity building, and his critical knowledge had much influence upon the general plan. As an architectural critic Mr. Van Brunt stood first among the practicing members of his profession. His volume on "Greek Lines" is a classic, and his essays and contributions to architectural journals and literary magazines are among the best in architectural literature. He also translated Violet le Duc's "Discourses on Architecture," and in verse his "Romanesque Doorway" is singularly quaint and charming. The affection in which he was held by all who knew him testifies to the rare sweetness and nobility of his character.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMPARISONS OF EUROPEAN THEATER BUILDING.

BY J. E. O. PRIDMORE, ARCHITECT.

THE study of European theater architecture and the comparison of Old World methods with those of the American architect prove of great interest to any one specially concerned in that class of building. Conditions vary greatly in many parts of Europe. Greece and Italy, which at different times have been the brilliant centers of the Thespian art, no longer hold their sway.

Westward the actor and his cohorts have moved, and in England, France, Germany and even Scandinavia one must now look for the most highly developed art of the theater builders. Of London's six hundred theaters and allied places of entertainment, those in the central and congested districts where the great throngs congregate, ironical though it seems, are generally the least modern, and, therefore, from their inflammable construction and inadequate planning, until quite lately have constituted a menace to safety of human life, little dreamed of by the layman, but which the London County Council (in conjunction with the Lord Chamberlain), to their credit be it said, are now grappling with, in a spirit worthy of enlightened people. Theater managers do not all see it in this light, and naturally, for it seems like breaking old traditions, after a theater has been used without let or hindrance for fifty or one hundred years, that the authorities should step in and order the place pulled down or permanently closed, as the case may be. This has occurred in more than one instance, and in others radical alterations have been ordered with fireproofing materials and additional exits. In one case—that of the Criterion, whose orchestra floor, by the way, is just forty steps below street level, and its top gallery just on a level with sidewalk—it has been found necessary to buy outright three adjoining buildings, and in the space acquired to construct three additional exits and stairways to street. By the way, this "subterranean" plan is a favorite one in London theaters, even the latest and most modern—Wyndham's just finished St. Martin's Lane playhouse—having its lower tier depressed about twenty feet below street level. Curiously enough, in France the opposite idea finds favor, and we find many theaters raised bodily two or three stories above the street, notably the Grand Opera, whose stage is three stories up. It seems certain that neither plan compares in convenience and safety with that found



RENAISSANCE OPERA HOUSE, PARIS.

generally in American modern theaters, the placing of stage and parquet practically at street level.

But speaking of the County Council's stringent and very sensible regulations for all theaters within the four-mile limit, it can be said that the new theaters of London are being constructed in a first-class manner. Indeed, in Wyndham's, the Imperial, Hippo-

drome, King's, His Majesty's, Apollo and others, perhaps a dozen all told, the steel structure of balconies has been reinforced by a system of concrete steppings and risers, which, for thorough fireproofing, has not been equaled perhaps anywhere in the world. In that one particular England's new theaters stand supreme. For, as in Paris there are not more than three theaters which have been built during the last decade (most of them date back twenty-five years or further), it follows that ordinary wood construction has been used for the most part of floors and balconies.



ROYAL THEATER, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK.

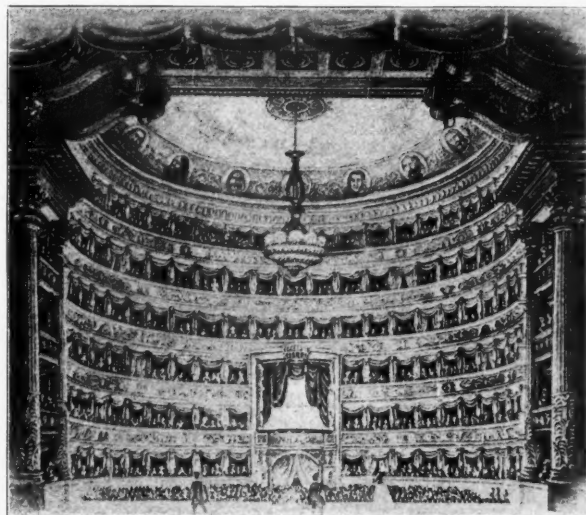
Germany alone might dispute with England the lead in this special fireproof construction, but in America our modern playhouses have not been as honestly and completely fireproofed as the new London houses. It is so easy to cover up these little matters, and we in the States have ever been too ready to do this. But when that is said, the worst is known of the American theater, which in many other ways is a model for all the world in practical utility, ingenious planning and good style.

It is curious to note how the national characteristics always predominate in these places of amusement.

The Englishman above all is for security of human life, and as in the older theaters their obsolete construction is now slated for removal, so in his newer ones their construction is fireproofed in the best possible manner, and he has plenty of exits for the audience, though often, as all playgoers of London know well, so queerly planned as to be a perfect maze of inexplicable twists and turnings. "Looping the loop" must have had its conception here! Then, the love of outdoor life and plenty of air has impelled John Bull to that great creation of his, the sliding roof, whereby the Hippodrome, London Pavilion and many others give matinees by sunlight and reinforce their scenic illusions at night by a real moon and starlight sky! Score one, and a needed one, too, for John Bull—his ventilating apparatus otherwise is only just better than that in France, which is nil.

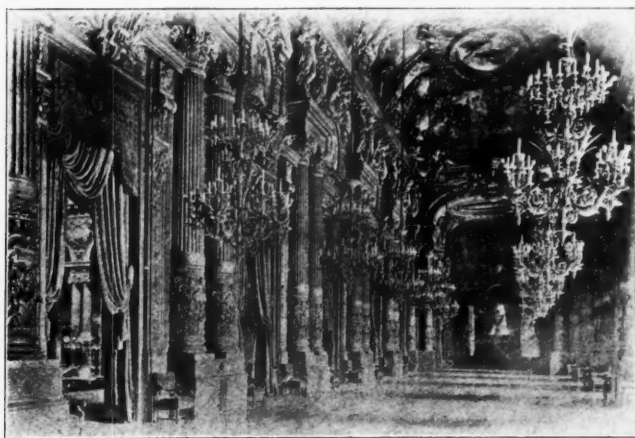
The first impression one gets on entering a Parisian theater is that the artist has been there before you. Whether it be the "Opera" or an unimportant music hall, it makes no difference, the auditorium is a thing of beauty and a joy forever, or until the next revolution. Joy turns to sadness, however, after two or three hours of the evening's entertainment, when one becomes aware that mechanical ventilation is entirely absent. Hot air heaters in the basement are the only substitute. The Renaissance theater, at the Porte St. Martin, is an ideal creation in rich but pure late Renaissance architecture. It follows the all-prevalent Parisian type of plan (that of the Grand Opera, repeatedly copied in Paris)—a circular auditorium with slightly domed ceiling, carried upon eight arches on eight columns, forming an octagon of unequal sides. This plan the swelling balconies repeat from one side of proscenium to the other, all being kept well back, so that from all parts one may view the beautiful ceiling, and to preserve the almost circular shape of hall. It makes for symmetry and an architectural treatment of all portions, but much seating capacity is lost, and, indeed, a French house of equal size only holds, generally speaking, two-thirds the number of seats found in the American theater. But the artistic is preserved; that

is the Frenchman's ideal and no one can beat him at it. Indeed, he goes so far in this direction that his stage floor is built on an incline to give perspective to his settings, although this involves many difficulties in handling scenery which the level floors obviate.



INTERIOR OF SCALA THEATER, MILAN.

In the Opera Comique, of recent construction, the usual circular plan of auditorium is adopted, with decorative treatment in Louis Quinze style. This superbly architectural creation, for beauty and richness of detail and as an artistic *tout ensemble*, is doubtless without a peer among the theaters of any land. Its foyer is matchless, decidedly more beautiful than the larger one of the Grand Opera. In fact, France in her Opera Comique can be justly proud, for not only is it an artistic creation, but it is admirably planned with numerous and convenient exits and it possesses a real ventilating system—the only one in Paris. Take notice! The Grand Opera is no longer the show theater of Paris, with its lack of any attempt at ventilation and with a system of construction the best that was going thirty years ago. It is a masterpiece of architecture and in seating capacity only surpassed by La Scala, at Milan, and San Carlos, at Naples. Its situation is truly magnificent and its surrounding avenues have been fashioned to do it homage. But for all its magnificent setting and its grand exterior, not to forget the marble staircase upon which its fame mostly rests, for all these beauties and notwithstanding its expensive corps of artists and its international renown, it is run at a yearly financial loss, last year's deficit being about \$30,000, and as proof that it does not quite fill the place it should, it is now



FOYER, GRAND OPERA HOUSE, PARIS.

proposed to give operas upon a large scale (and after the fashion of Beyreuth) at the Court theater of Versailles. This edifice was constructed in 1760 and opened on the occasion of the marriage of Louis XVI (then the Dauphin) with Marie Antoinette. But for theater architecture, and by that is now meant the auditorium itself, those who would be bewitched with a beauty not to be forgotten must visit the masterpiece of all—France's Opera

Comique. The voluptuous abandon of the Louis Quinze ornament with the gracefully arched and painted ceiling, and the crescent-shaped plan, are exquisite. The proscenium treatment, with its elliptic arch and sculptured figures, is its *chef d'oeuvre*—without any doubt the most elegant and beautiful proscenium in any theater in the world.

In this theater, completed three years ago, is a proper system of mechanical ventilation (as before said, the only one in Paris), also electric power is used in many ways and especially for the hoist for scenery and horses and carriages up to the stage, and for the working of steel curtain between auditorium and stage. Parisian authorities insist upon this steel curtain and all theaters have it, and it is a very long way in advance of the asbestos board and asbestos canvas used for proscenium curtains in England and in the United States.

In Italy no attempt whatever is made to fireproof between stage and auditorium.

As the Opera Comique is France's finest theater, so perhaps is His Majesty's the premier one of England, completed only a few years since from the designs of Architect Phipps, who had



SCALA THEATER, MILAN.

planned many of the theaters in the metropolis. He died while completing this, his last and finest work.

In His Majesty's theater are many excellent points, notably the very best and most fireproof construction, up-to-date heating and ventilating, the largest stage opening in London, and besides these a very excellent arrangement of plan. The auditorium is treated in a dignified and simple Renaissance and is without doubt the handsomest interior in the metropolis, with splendid distribution of sight lines. One must not forget Mrs. Langtry's Imperial, lately designed by Frank Verity. This architect is to be congratulated on a fine classic interior, and almost the first introduction in London of the pronounced cantilever system of constructing balconies to do away with obstructing columns. Another playhouse of note is the Hippodrome, a new departure in that it contains an arena in front of and in connection with the stage. There is a marvelous arrangement for filling this huge tank with water and converting it into a veritable lake. This idea of stage and arena combined was evidently taken from Barnum's show when exhibiting in London. The possibilities for spectacular performances with this arrangement are unlimited. Indeed, all last summer a brigand piece held the boards, in which a real stage coach with live horses and occupants were, twice a

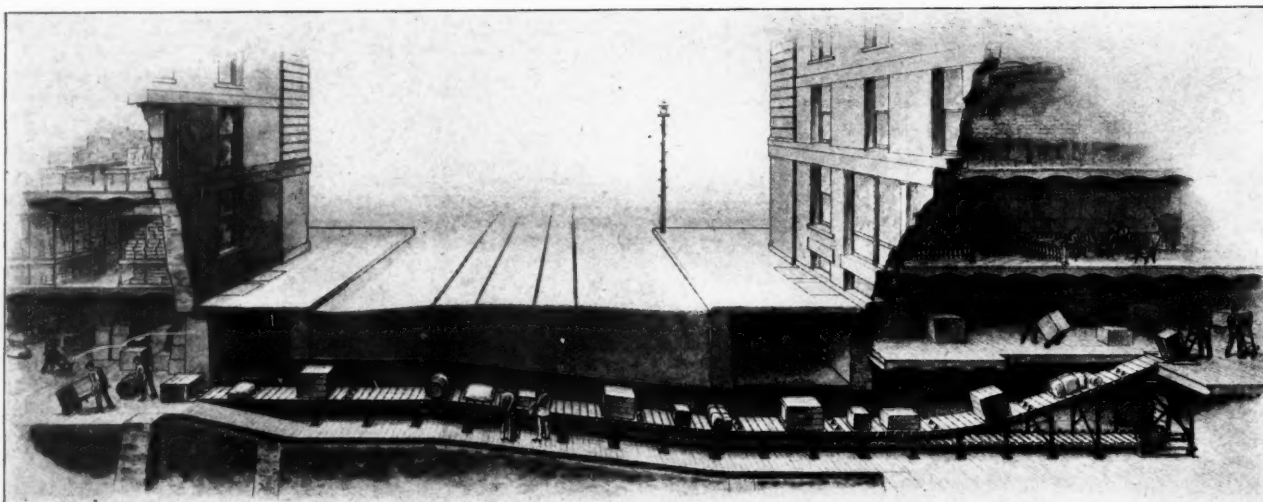
day, hurled from a tottering bridge to sink or swim in the mad torrents below.

In America it must be admitted we have no auditorium to compare in beauty with France's pride, nor perhaps have we any constructed in such thoroughly and substantially fireproof manner as the latest ones in England. But Yankee ingenuity, inventiveness and resourcefulness have always shed honor on the American race, and perhaps nowhere more so than in the theaters of the Western world. The American architect has not alone studied the beauty of his building, nor only its stability and safety. While considering these things and seeking for them, he has also had an eye for the public health and comfort, and for a seating capacity increased and rearranged on scientific lines. And as a result he has built theaters (the modern ones) which in clever arrangement of ground plan, in straightforward and easy aisles and passages, in ventilation and sanitation, in doing away with obstruction of view and in bringing the audience closer to the actor, in all these matters of health and comfort for the audience, his theaters are a generation in advance of European practices. In the American theater the balconies have been brought for-

THE BUTLER BUILDING, CHICAGO.

THE Butler building, or more properly speaking, series of buildings, by Architect Jarvis Hunt, is very interesting both from the architect's and the engineer's viewpoint; to the architect its magnificent proportions, in grand and imposing lines, displaying in the harmony of its strength and simplicity the power of concentrated effort in the expression of modern ideas of progress. This building not only represents the highest type of a modern business structure, but has in its interior construction a combination of all the most modern ideas in that form of structure. Without the expensive details of an office building, it has all the requisite conveniences necessary for the comfort of both employer and employe, with a most perfect arrangement of detail for convenience and utility in the transaction of an enormous business. Every modern feature of appliance for minimizing the labor or economizing space has been used in its construction.

First, there is the massive structure extending seven hundred feet on the line of railroad connections for all the world at their very door. These buildings having been erected at different



AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC CARRIER SYSTEM, INSTALLED BY THE LINK-BELT MACHINERY COMPANY.

ward and the average distance of seats from stage thereby greatly lessened, and in connection with, and as a necessary adjunct of this improvement, there has been introduced the extreme system of cantilever construction for balconies, by which all columns are obviated and removed, as for instance in Chicago's Dearborn theater, a masterpiece in this kind of engineering, with balconies thrown well forward, not a column to be seen and a beautiful and harmonious interior besides. And remember! This boon for the spectator, in bringing him close up to the stage and giving an unobstructed vision, was an extremely bold stroke, involving as it did a totally different, novel and much more difficult design for interior than the easy post-and-lintel system of the arena-like theaters of Europe. How well this difficult problem has been met and solved may be seen to-day in many of our modern play-houses.

(To be continued.)

How to live in one room and still have some space to spare is a problem which has been solved by an architect, who made the plans, and, according to a friend, built and furnished the room. "He turned down a nice bed similar to the sleeping-car variety; adjoining it was a chiffonier with half a dozen drawers in it and a glass at the top, the glass being concealed by a lid which drops down, making a shelf for toilet articles. Beyond was a washstand opening up in the same way, with water-tank and bowl complete. In another place was a door that fell down, making a small table, and revealing a cupboard, where dishes and food might be kept; in still another, a similar lid dropping made a writing table, and revealed space and shelving for a good-sized library, with a nook for ink, pens and such things. A half dozen leather-covered seats were hidden in the same way, ready to be pulled down for use, and behind each of them was shelving. The depth of the wainscoting were drawers and shelves, room for a trunk, and little cubbyholes for storing things, until really in that one wall, 20 feet long and 10 feet high, was room for more stuff than most people possess." Surely all bachelors and bachelor maids, and people of small income generally, will rise up to call this architect blessed.

periods, and one of them for a different purpose, must be combined into one perfect whole.

In putting in the foundation for the new building sixty to seventy-five foot piles were driven to bedrock, while the foundation of the earlier building to the north was laid by the method in vogue in Chicago some ten or fifteen years ago, and designated as the "floating foundation," which was in fact somewhat similar in effect to a series of pontoons so laid and connected that the building, as its weight was increased, gradually pressed the upper strata of clay into a solid form, equal to stone in resistance, but of much greater elasticity. This foundation having become almost solid, the problem in putting in the new foundation of an entirely different material and under these peculiar circumstances, that there be no perceptible difference in the height of the floors, required the most careful and scientific treatment. That this was given is shown conclusively by the fact that when the new building was completed and the settle all accounted for, there was not over a quarter of an inch difference in the two floors. This must be considered a marvel of good engineering and good luck combined.

In the erection of an immense mercantile structure like the Butler building only a construction company with unlimited facilities and wide experience could hope to fulfil the requirements of the contract satisfactorily. There were five millions of brick, four hundred tons of steel and ten thousand barrels of Portland cement, with other material in proportion, put into this building in the space of six months. The cold storage plant, which covered a part of the site, was not turned over to the contractor until June 15, and the building was completed and occupied by the Butler company early in December. The foundations had to be handled with great care, being laid under two totally different systems and at different periods of construction. The problem of settling had to be solved with great exactness. All these matters were brought to a satisfactory

conclusion under the personal supervision of Mr. William Grace, of the William Grace Company, whose practice it is to make an abiding place with a fully equipped office at each of his buildings, thus the responsibility falls upon his shoulders, where it is sure to meet with able management in overcoming the difficulties, that all large enterprises are subject to, with intelligence and dispatch.

Among the numerous mechanical contrivances for the rapid transaction of business in this colossal warehouse, none have created so much interest and made so great an impression on the general results as the automatic electric conveyor, which, by the use of a simple five-horse-power electric motor, carries thousands of large and small packages from the shipping-room on the north to the freight and storage warehouse on the south side of Randolph street. The conveyor is about one hundred and twenty feet long and about nine feet wide. It is operated on the same principle as the moving sidewalks. The machinery is all very simple, but of great strength. Packages are dumped on its moving surface and are held in place by iron dogs. All the packages start from the house north of Randolph street and are conveyed almost to the freight cars on the south side of Randolph street, through a tunnel running under the street, the packages only stopping long enough on the way to be checked in the way-bill of the freight clerk. When the conveyor is run at full speed its capacity is simply enormous, aggregating thousands of tons, and when one considers the tremendous saving of men and time, as well as the great convenience of this method over the use of truckers, it would seem that architects, where they have to arrange for shipping-rooms, would find it convenient to apply this principle to its fullest extent. The Link-Belt Machinery Company of Chicago, who built this conveyor, design and install machinery of this character to suit any conditions, and have equipped many of the largest warehouses throughout the country.

The illustration of the conveyor, as shown above, gives something of an idea of their utility and value as an economist in time and labor.

The Butler buildings are absolutely fireproof and stand on piles driven to bedrock; on these rest heavy steel I-beams imbedded in solid concrete, the framework being steel throughout. Under each floor is a bed of solid concrete, while each story is roofed with hollow fireproof tile. The buildings are provided, by the Otis Elevator Company, with fifteen freight elevators and three passenger elevators. As an illustration of the capacity of their freight elevators, it is worth while to mention they will convey three tons at the rate of 250 feet a minute. The fireproofing, furnished by the Illinois Terra Cotta Lumber Company, required to complete this work would cover ten or twelve acres of surface and amounted to nearly half a million square feet.

THE DECORATION OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

BY SIR WILLIAM RICHMOND, K.C.B., R.A.

At the time of the Prince of Wales' recovery from his serious illness £100,000 was collected for the decoration of St. Paul's Cathedral and about £30,000 was wasted by the authorities in experiments—all manner of experiments being tried. The putting up of scaffolding underneath the great dome, in order to place cartoons there, cost between £800 and £1,000, and that being so, they did not want to make any more experiments.

The work began in this way: Mr. Bodley, who was entrusted with thinking out some scheme of decoration, asked him (the lecturer) for his views, which he gave him. Now those views were absolutely decided long before he was asked even to consider the decoration of St. Paul's, and they were decided rather curiously. When he was a little boy, thirteen years of age, his mother took him to hear a service in St. Paul's. He looked up to the mighty roof, and coming out he said to his mother, "Some day I will cover that with mosaic." Years after that, when he was nineteen years of age, he made his first visit to Italy, and he said to himself then—it was forty years ago—"I will now begin to prepare myself for the great task which may some day come to me."

He visited then, and he had visited since, all the churches covered with mosaics in Italy, many in Asia Minor and all in Greece, so that in a sense he was prepared—anyhow to think about the decoration of St. Paul's. He made up his mind to stick to two things in carrying out the decoration of St. Paul's. One was that the work should be carried out by Englishmen, and not by Italians, and that if he could not find Englishmen who could do the work, he would not send to Italy for them, but that

he would teach and train them himself. The second thing he decided was that he would never have anything to do with that odious modern invention, paper mosaic; that he would set the tesserae in cement and not stick them on with a bit of glue onto a piece of paper and then pile them onto the wall—a most childish and vicious operation. Work which was appliqué could be done anywhere; it could be done in Italy and carted over here, and the man who did it never, perhaps, saw the building in which it was to be placed, and did not know what the environment was—perhaps never saw the work executed at all. An axiom he would go to the stake for was that decorative work, if possible, should be done *in situ*, and with the experience he had had in covering nearly fifteen thousand square feet—including windows—of wall, he knew that that axiom was sound, for it was impossible to tell, except on the spot, how colors or even forms would tell. Light was such a subtle thing—so deceptive, so often misleading, that a red or a blue or a yellow, or even a white, might entirely change its relative value.

The committee entrusted the work to him and he made it a condition that he was not to submit his designs to the British public. The British public had not made up its mind in the least degree as to what it liked, and it was for artists and decorators to help them make up their mind. Neither had the critics of the press unanimously made up their mind, for one set would be found praising one class of work and another set would be demonstrating its folly. He did not intend to alter any of his designs, except from the point of view of either ecclesiology or archaeology, and he said to the committee: "You must trust me as the artist; I am supposed to know my business." He determined to begin in the east end, on the northeast sanctuary wall. For the mosaic he went to Messrs. Powell, of Whitefriars. He asked them if they could make him some glass mosaics as good as the old Greek glass, and he was told that they could, and he was bound to say that they had manufactured glass mosaic as good as the old Byzantine glass. Then, as to laying the mosaics, he had first to teach the workmen how to work. He got together a number of boys and young men who could not draw, and he built a studio in his garden, and there he taught the students how to lay the tesserae from his cartoons.

The labor was great. They started at 8 o'clock in the morning and worked till 8 o'clock at night. He knew it was no use to make the first experiments upon the walls; therefore, he had large slabs of slate cut, well scored with diamond shapes, and upon these he laid the cement. He found the receipt for the cement by accident in the library at Bologna. The cement, which was used in the decoration of the baptistry at Florence, was composed of wax, lime and resin. It was very good for its purpose, for it kept sufficiently moist for five to eight hours, and could during that time be worked as wax, and then it became as hard as stone and did not shrink. From his drawings tracings were made, and the outline was then pricked into the cement. A mosaic worker was then given a series of colors, say four, with a rough color drawing by his side, and was told how to place the cubes. As the boys became more intelligent (and he found that by kindness intelligence grew) they worked better, and after four months they produced two large angels which are now to be seen in St. Paul's on the northwest wall of the sanctuary. A start was then made in the choir vault, and he determined from that time to work direct upon the wall, for he had trained the men sufficiently. With a staff of nine he started on the enterprise, having two assistants who traced for him. He made for the design of the vault of the choir over three thousand drawings, and his *modus operandi* was as follows: He put down as swiftly as he could an idea on paper while it was fresh in his mind, and then he put tracing-paper over that, and corrected it until it began to look right. The same with the color scheme: first a blot of color, then tints carefully chosen and corrected; and perhaps for one design he made twenty color sketches. The design was scored in in charcoal by one of his assistants, and then he (the lecturer) determined the color. He took a tessera which represented the color he had in his mind, and he mixed his tints to that and put them on as swiftly as he could. In putting them upon the walls the workmen became so dexterous after a couple of years that with a very slight hint of color they were able to carry out his scheme with admirable skill. As a fact, he had never seen such fine mosaic work—he was referring to the labor only—in any country in the world as his workmen did in the four quarter domes of St. Paul's. We had no business to say that Englishmen were not artistic. What were called the lower classes were full of taste, and they only wanted good guiding and kindness to do as noble work as was ever done by the Italians.

The beauty of mosaic as an art was that it gave pictures in bricks; but directly the artist attempted to imitate an oil or water-color picture in a material which was not at all ductile he committed a great mistake, and that was the mistake which had almost invariably been committed in England by people who designed in mosaic. He very much disliked the huge prophets in the big spandrels under the dome of St. Paul's; they were very fine designs, but not designs which ought to have been executed in mosaic; they ought to have been painted upon the walls in oil or water color. Mosaic, when used in that way, gave an inferior representation of a superior medium. That kind of bad taste was catching, and it was caught in Italy, at St. Peter's, at that bad time of art when the huge mosaics were done at the east end and over the side chapels. At that time people were treating

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the wall as they treated a picture. The same remarks applied to St. Mark's, Venice. Severity was the mother of mosaic, simplicity its father, and without those two conditions, and unless they accepted those two conditions, they had better never touch mosaic work.

He made a great many mistakes at St. Paul's, but never the mistake of being too simple; he made many by being too complicated. If he were to imagine the most delightful mosaic which could be made, it would be something like this: A simple, graceful, majestic outline of a Greek vase filled with the most simple colors, absolutely irrespective of light and shade, and only dominated by tint and tone. There could be no good reason why the mosaic drawing should not be as splendid as the drawing on the Greek vase, for what they could do in mosaic was essential, and what they could not do was accidental. The Greek, with his magnificent conceptions, his limitless intuition, and his ingenuity, showed simplified nature; he gave it all to them, and yet there appeared to be nothing. That was the principle upon which all great decorators should go. In decoration it was no use to copy nature; they must have learned nature and have nature at their fingers' ends, and they must learn that lesson which came to them late in life, i. e., what to leave out.

Michael Angelo said that one never learned from one's successes, but one always learned from one's mistakes. At the initial part of the work he made two mistakes; he used too much white and too little black. White expanded at a distance, and it had a tendency to spread. Colors needed to be separated by a black line, or they merged. One of the essentials of good mosaic decoration was the use of few colors. He began with thirty, then reduced them to fifteen, and finally to five. He found out how to use these five colors and make them tell, and also to get a greater variety by using five colors dexterously than by using thirty clumsily. Pliny told us that the later Romans had a mixed palette, and they painted bad pictures, and that the ancient Greeks had only four colors, and with these they painted pictures valued at the price of a great city. In order to get white in the quarter domes underneath the big dome of St. Paul's he had to use the very brightest yellow he could procure. If he had used white it would have looked quite blue. He would like any of them who were interested in what had been done at St. Paul's to go on a fine day into the left aisle and look at a window which was in the quarter gallery at the east end, and then at the windows in the dome, and let him know which was the whitest. The windows in the dome were made of what is called cathedral glass—an abominable color, a sort of green stuff which is called white. He determined to make white by color, and he produced a design for white light in sheet lead. He used red, blue and yellow only—no green; that was an abominable color to use; if they wanted darkness, they could use green. White, blue and red in proper proportions produced white at a proper distance. His windows made in that way with sheet lead were whiter than the green tints put up in the dome.

Speaking of stained glass, he said that it seemed to him that the art of stained glass was going out of the country because the designers were determined to make pictures. The most beautiful windows that were ever made were those which were outlined with lead only, and with no pigment added to them. Those were the early windows, such as were to be seen in the upper church at Assisi, which were perfect jewels. At South Kensington the other day two students painted two little specimens of windows as light and colored as they could. One student took a piece of white glass and painted and modeled it very elaborately. The other leaded his window well up in bright color, and when the two were placed side by side at the end of the room the leaded window gave the bright light. Light permeated transparent colors, but it could not get through pigments.

The work at St. Paul's had, for a time at any rate, been suspended. He was finishing one aisle, or one bay of the aisle, and it would be opened before long, and it would give an example of the manner in which he would like some day to treat the two aisles. There were angels on a gold ground—he had used red and gold rather freely. If they looked at his scheme and compared it with the bare walls of the vaulting of the aisle they would see that his mosaic and the decorative part looked as though it were on a paper wall, because the scheme had not been carried across. In the completed part they would see that it not only formed the vaulting of the aisle, but that the color formed the buttress. It was curious to see that since the aisle had been decorated with color and brought up to the same point of interest as the face of the wall how infinitely stronger structurally the church looks, and that was a matter they must always keep before them as decorators. Color could either strengthen the appearance of structure or weaken it.

It was unfortunate that architects were not a little more broad-minded, and that they insisted so much upon their noble art standing alone. It never did. That was the most ridiculous position for architects to take up; in the first buildings ever put up color was introduced. The Parthenon was colored from top to toe, and if some of the sham classic architects were to see that building as it was, they would say it was not to their liking. Every Norman church in England was painted, and there were over two thousand churches in England now, notwithstanding the Puritans and iconoclasts, that retain vestiges of mediæval paintings; and England was renowned on the Continent as having a greater number of painted churches than France and Italy. Until the architect, the sculptor and the painter worked together in unison

we should not get the finest art, or art as it used to be in this country. It had been his endeavor at South Kensington that the students should not limit themselves to one art—they learned to execute work in concert.

FAILURE OF CONCRETE AS A FIREPROOFING MATERIAL.

WHEN an accident occurs during the construction of a building, by which the structure is partially or wholly wrecked and lives lost or jeopardized, architects and contractors are interested in learning the methods of construction employed and the material used. But when a succession of accidents to buildings similar in construction and material occur, it becomes a duty to those to whom the profession looks for information to investigate and report the facts.

Thus, special attention has been called to a disaster that occurred in Milwaukee to a building in course of construction for the Johnson Service Company, for which Herman Esser is the architect. The building is to be used for factory purposes. The area of the building is 58 by 175 feet, seven stories in height. It is enclosed in brick walls—dead walls on the sides 25 inches thick in first and second stories, 21 inches in third and fourth stories, 17 inches in fifth and sixth and 13 inches in seventh story. The front has ordinary piers and window openings. The columns up to the fourth-story floor are of cast iron, placed in panels 18 feet 9 inches apart. With the exception of these columns and the brick walls, the entire structure is of concrete, the columns above the fourth floor being also of this material.

Each square is divided by beams and girders into panels, making squares of 6 feet 3 inches. The beams and girders forming these panels are of concrete. The beams are 6 inches wide and the girders 12 inches, each being 20 inches deep. Through each of these beams and girders, from wall to wall, run twisted iron rods of different dimensions, and the concrete columns seem also to be cored with four to each column; and the floor, which is four inches thick, is set in a network of rods about four inches apart.

These dimensions are taken from the architect's plans, but the distance between girder and beam centers was changed after these were made, and it seems probable that the architect had little to do with the construction of the building, though his design and the construction plans show a safe and ordinary method of factory construction, and that the accident was in no manner due to his officework and can not in any way reflect upon him as an architect.

After the front and side walls had been completed and the interior construction had been carried up to the sixth floor, a sudden collapse of a section embracing two or more columns and a portion of the building, covering twenty feet or more, carried down three stories below, and a large section of the front. As near as can be learned, this was due to the giving way of two concrete columns, one of which was just finished. Shortly before the accident the boxing of this column was seen to bulge with the weight of the beams and the girders and material which was being set, and an attempt was made to tie it together until the concrete had set. It is probable that another column started in the same manner, and these, finally giving way, let the entire mass of concrete fall to the next floor, which in turn gave way with the strain, and so on till stopped by the floor of the second story.

This description of the constructive methods employed will show that if concrete can be used at all as a material for building, that in this case it had every chance for proving its constructive value, but it has been tried and found wanting. It is a specious material, for it gives promise of everything, but may perform nothing. It gives a promise of strength and security which is backed by hundreds of years of service in works of many kinds. Then why, in the construction under consideration, does it fail? Because it does not and seldom can have the complete superintendence that is absolutely essential to its perfect stability. It must be perfect as a chain. A false link jeopardizes the entire structure, and with changeable weather, ignorant and careless workmen, faulty material and the many other factors that are almost inevitable in ordinary construction, its use for columns, beams, girders, or even floors, is incompatible with safe construction. Its weight, if nothing else, is against it, and where the hydrostatic pressure becomes too great on a column or girder that is too green and its supports weak or removed too soon, the inevitable happens; and to repair a building of concrete, especially as observed in this, is no joke, with its jagged, broken concrete (that only yields to drill and hammer) and twisted masses of iron rods, each of which has to be considered in any repairs that are made. If this accident was the only one that has happened to concrete construction, the case against its use would not be so strong, but they are numerous. The partial record shows three floors of the Hotel Oswego fell on October 12 last—gave way under construction; Kaufman Brothers' warehouse, at Pittsburg; Bell Telephone Company building, at Philadelphia, in which an entire floor gave way; the Wonderland Theater, at Detroit; the Conservatory apartment building, at Boston, and the Paddington apartment building, at Chicago, all constructed by some system of concrete, while the most disastrous and recent was that of the Lawrence Savings Bank, at Newcastle, Pennsylvania.

The use of concrete systems seems to be mainly brought

about by owners seeking to find some cheap method of obtaining fireproof construction. Of course, while building ordinances may recognize it as such, concrete is not "fireproof" in the sense of being indestructible, as it crumbles in extreme heat. Constructively it is uncertain, as it can be worse than defective by hardening too quickly and unevenly, or not sufficiently, before weight is placed upon it. Its weight can not be measured accurately in preparing plans, for it is absorbent and its weight is incalculable, except that its weight is such that it should be left to the piers and foundation work, where it is perfectly suited. It is not cheaper than good steel and hollow tile construction and should be relegated to the field in which "slow-burning," "mill construction," "fireproofed wood," "expanded metal" and other fake fireproofing belongs. It is too expensively dangerous for our enlightened age to tolerate, when other and better methods that are perfect in adaptability and secure in their results are at hand and have been in common use and tested in every way for a quarter of a century.

COMBUSTION.*

BY MORRIS R. EBERSOLE.

THE house-builder, generally speaking, is satisfied if the chimney of his residence looks well and balances the general appearance of the house.

That it should become a matter of great importance and serious calculation, seems to be entirely unnecessary, as most chimneys look alike to him, and so long as it seems right to him, all else is taken for granted.

It has been said, on the other hand, that nine-tenths of the trouble people have with heating apparatus—not only that, but with boilers, ranges, furnaces, etc.—is caused by badly proportioned, poorly constructed chimneys.

It is quite proper to give a subject upon which so much depends some thought, and it has been shown again and again that a due appreciation of some of the simple rules of chimney design would not only obviate many positive discomforts in a home, but prove to be the remedy for a so-called faulty heating apparatus.

One of the first problems given to a student in engineering is to calculate the size and height of a chimney or smokestack for a boiler of a given capacity.

If the heating apparatus does not work satisfactorily, the blame is immediately and without fail put upon the boiler or heater, and consequently, upon the company which manufactured it. This is a great injustice to both, provided a thorough investigation of all the conditions is not carried on. The piping, amount of radiation, placing and exposure of same, improper arrangement, and last, but by no means least, the draft or chimney, are many causes which disturb satisfactory results.

In the crowded city, chimneys sometimes have a hard time to breathe; houses are packed together so closely that the breezes which may prove beneficial to one chimney may pitch down upon the next and choke it, or swirling around the corners of walls or over the comb of the roof of the same or adjoining buildings may render them useless.

In the country, a tall tree, or adjoining high building or cornice, may cause the same trouble. These chimneys should either be built up or enough pipe of proper diameter added to carry them free and clear of all obstructions.

It is well to remember the old experiment of baking bread in a cookstove, set up out of doors, with three joints of pipe only for a flue, and the temperature at zero, yet this same stove is not certain to bake bread if attached to many flues indoors.

Draft is a property of the chimney, and the chimney alone. It varies directly in strength as the chimney is low or high, as the area of the chimney and the shape of its cross section.

(To be continued.)

PAINTS IN ARCHITECTURE.

IN the *Deutschen Malerzeitung* of February 1, 1903, I find an interesting article, with the above title, which is worth translating. The writer, evidently a painter, says:

"Regarding the durability of zinc white paint on exteriors, I can testify from my own experience. In the summer of 1889 I painted with zinc white a very large building front (southwest side), and the following year a similarly large building on the opposite side of the street (northwest front), also with zinc white in oil. Both façades, which are very much exposed to the weather, held remarkably well. During 1898 and 1899 both fronts were repainted by another hand, and, indeed, after washing twice only; which permits the conclusion that the paint itself had lasted very well and only the dust and smoke of the great city made repainting necessary.

"I would, without hesitation, again paint any front with zinc white, for an endurance of ten years is truly satisfactory.

"The belief that one can not get along without white lead is one of the many prejudices drummed into the apprentice's head, and which the latter, without verification, simply repeats during the rest of his life.

"That zinc white can not be bad for exterior use is evident on the slightest consideration of the fact that zinc white takes up a very large proportion of oil—much more than white lead—and consequently, since the oil and not the pigment is the effective and

durable constituent of an oil color, the durability of a zinc white coating must be greater than that of a coating of white lead, which is poor in oil.

"Let tests be made after this example, opportunity can not fail to arise, and individual experience convinces—mere words can not. That which is satisfactory for façades will serve also for other work."

This question is just now greatly exercising the European authorities, and the results of a series of tests now under observation at the Pasteur Institute, in Paris, are likely to prove instructive.

CHARLES JOURDAIN.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, February 25, 1903.

Editor, INLAND ARCHITECT:

Does it seem fair and just in the examinations for architects' license to exempt some applicants from part of the examinations, as is the case in our State? Why should a graduate student of a university be exempt from the engineering part of it any more than a student who has studied privately, when it seems apparent that the private student's chances of a more thorough knowledge of construction and practical detail are greater because of individual rather than class work? Then, too, if the "graduate student" is perfect in construction, why should he hesitate to take it; why not raise his general average with that part of the work in which he is supposedly perfect? Why should not the Board of Examiners insist on personal knowledge of the capacity of each individual, rather than the "say so" of a university?

All this may be answered by the "defense" with the statement that the students of the university are regularly examined. To which I will say, that it does not surely follow because their papers are passed on by a too often charitable and favoring professor, that they have the capacity to do four or five days' work in a very small fraction of that time, as is required of the less favored applicant.

My experience is such that I know such procedure is wrong. Personal acquaintance with the ability and knowledge of two or three such licensed architects, "favored graduate students," has proven to my satisfaction their incompetency and the fallacy of such procedure.

To prove my statement, I have personal knowledge of a case where a licensed architect (graduate of the accepted best school of architecture in the United States), in drawing up the basement construction of a residence, called for a girder 6" by 12", 16'0" centers, and it was found that a 16" by 14", placed 8'0" centers, was just sufficient to carry the imposed load.

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Residence, Toledo, Ohio. G. S. Mills, architect.

Warehouse for Butler Brothers, Chicago. South addition, by Jarvis Hunt, architect.

Academy of the Sacred Heart, Lake Forest, Illinois. Egan & Prindle, architects, Chicago.

Residence of Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, Los Angeles, California. John P. Krempel, architect.

Liberal Arts Building, Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, 1904. Two views are shown. Barnett, Haynes & Barnett, architects.

Addition to St. Mary's Academy at Notre Dame, Indiana. Egan & Prindle, architects, Chicago. It will be five stories high and will front 220 feet, with a depth of 175. It will be built of pressed brick and stone, and will be devoted to class rooms, study halls and dormitories. It will cost \$120,000, and construction will be commenced at once.

Accepted Design, St. Paul's Cathedral, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Egan & Prindle, architects, Chicago. The building will cost \$600,000. Construction will be commenced in a short time, and it is estimated that two years will be required in which to complete the building. It will be constructed of Bedford stone. The design is in the fourteenth century Gothic, with double aisles and double clerestories, with two towers, and spires 250 feet high. The spires will be constructed of stone to the top. The total length of the building will be 250 feet, and will be 135 in width.

Photogravure Plate: Apartment Building, New York city. Horgan & Slattery, architects.

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Residence for M. Born, Chicago. Frost & Granger, architects; E. P. Strandberg & Brothers, general contractors.

Building for South Jersey Gas, Electric and Traction Company, Trenton, New Jersey. W. M. Poland, architect.

Residence for Simon Mandel, Chicago. Frost & Granger, architects; E. P. Strandberg & Brothers, general contractors.

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EFFIGY OF A FAMOUS EAGLE.

WASHINGTON, February 27.—The navy annex building, just west of the War Department building on Pennsylvania avenue, is surmounted by one of the most elaborate eagles to be seen on any Government flagstaff. It is an effigy in copper and aluminum of the famous bald-headed eagle, "Old Abe," which the 8th Wisconsin Volunteers carried with them through the Civil War and for years maintained in princely quarters at the Capitol of Madison.

A fine portrait and an interesting biography of this remarkable eagle, probably the most noted bird in history, and the only feathered war veteran on record, will be found in the March number of *The Four-Track News*, which can be obtained of any newsdealer for 5 cents.—*Special to the New York Times.*

ROOFING TIN.

Statistics show that during the last three or four years, or since the American Tin Plate Company began to reform the methods of producing terne plates, the efforts of that company to reestablish the old-time reputation of roofing tin have met with splendid success. The use of terne plate, especially of the higher grade brands, has increased to a very great extent, and this material is now largely preferred to other kinds of roofing material. The truth of the motto, "The Best is the Cheapest in the End," is recognized by the consumers.

When the American Tin Plate Company came into possession of the larger tin-plate works in the country it also gained the services of the best experts in this branch of industry. The combined experience and knowledge of the latter, as well as of the experts engaged by the United States Steel Corporation, of which the American Tin Plate Company is a constituent, are at the disposal of the American Tin Plate Company. This fact, strict supervision and the systematic mill practice which prevails in all of that company's works, enable it to produce material of superior make.

The most favored brands at present are the "MF" Old Style and the "U. S. Eagle N. M." but besides these the company makes a variety of other grades to suit various purposes and occasions.

The American Tin Plate Company's products are for sale by all first-class wholesale metal houses.

Recently the company issued a very handsome booklet, entitled "A Fifty Year Roof," which, besides giving a succinct history and description of terne plate making, also teems with useful technical information. Mr. W. C. Cronmeyer, the Pittsburgh agent of the American Tin Plate Company, 1211 Carnegie building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will send this booklet, postpaid, free to all applicants.

BUFFALO FORGE COMPANY'S BOOKLETS.

Very handsome booklets of value to those concerned in building have just been issued by the Buffalo Forge Company to emphasize the peculiar excellence of their various manufactures.

The larger of these relates entirely to Down-draft Stationary and Heating Forges. This system originated with this company, but is no longer an experiment, having successfully withstood the test of time. So many of these Buffalo Forges have been taken from burned buildings and reinstalled without repairs, as to justify the claim of practical indestructibility. Another of their more notable advantages lies in the fact that they keep forgeshop atmosphere pure, and materially reduce the temperature in summer. The principle of operation is very

thoroughly described, and the various styles of forges manufactured are clearly pictured by more than fifty finely executed cuts.

A second booklet is devoted to "Typical Features of Mechanical Induced Draft," being copiously illustrated with cuts of draft fans, as well as industrial power plants fully equipped. This new departure makes feasible a material increase of capacity without the necessity of enlarging the boiler plants, and prevents smoke, while at the same time saving fuel.

Their "Typical Engine Features" calls renewed attention to their justly celebrated horizontal and upright engines, in which frictional losses are reduced to a minimum, while a continuous spraying action bathes all bearing surfaces in oil. This system represents the most advanced practice in modern engine lubrication.

The further fact that all types may be arranged for direct attachment to standard generators, and are adapted to such service in the highest degree, renders them especially valuable. Thirteen illustrations correctly depicting each type add greatly to the interest of the publication.

All three of these booklets are very attractive in appearance and will prove helpful.

IN HONOR OF THE EXPOSITION.

Railroads entering St. Louis are eager to advance the interests of the World's Fair of 1904. An important addition to the means of communication between St. Louis and the East has just been made. A new train called the St. Louis Exposition Flyer runs via the New York Central, Lake Shore and Big Four lines. Leaving Boston 11:15 P.M., New York 3:15 A.M., Albany 6:40 A.M., Syracuse 10 A.M., Rochester 11:42 A.M., it reaches Buffalo at 1:15 P.M., and lands its passengers at St. Louis at 7:30 the next morning. Complete terminals for the railways entering St. Louis will be provided at the World's Fair grounds, so that visitors to the Exposition of 1904 may have every facility that will economize their time and add to their comfort.—*From the Brooklyn Standard Union.*

A VALUABLE COVERING.

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TRADE NOTES.

"THE LAND OF THE SKY."—This is the title of an attractive booklet just issued by the passenger department of the Southern Railway, descriptive of western North Carolina. The book is beautifully illustrated, and gives the prospective tourist an excellent idea of the attractions of the charming mountain country. To those contemplating a trip for either health or pleasure, during the spring or summer, it would be well to apply to a representative of the Southern Railway for a copy of this booklet.

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