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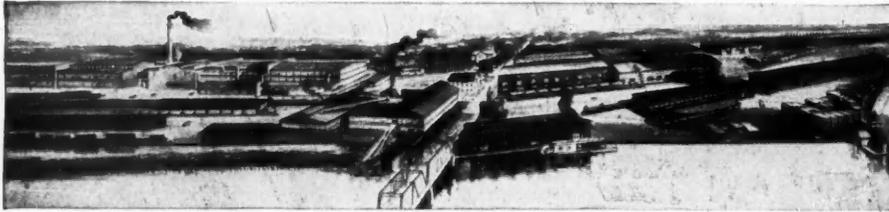
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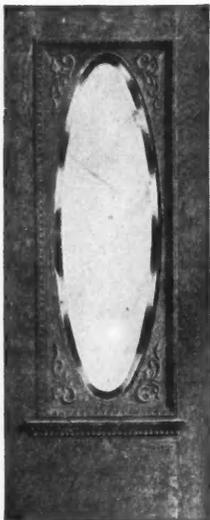
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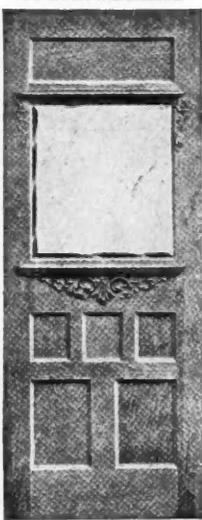
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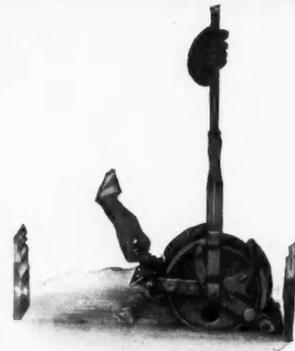
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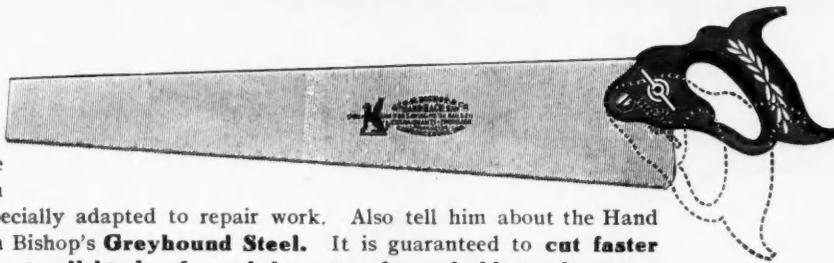
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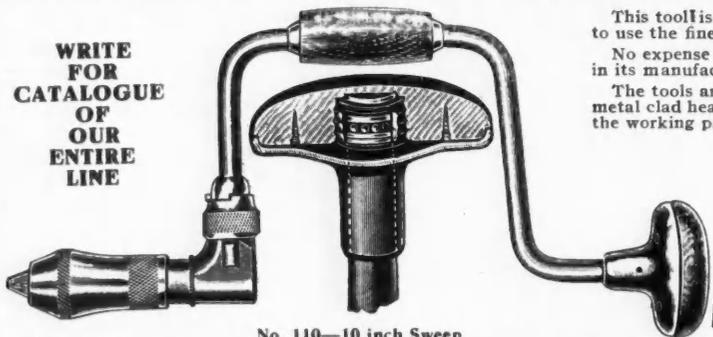
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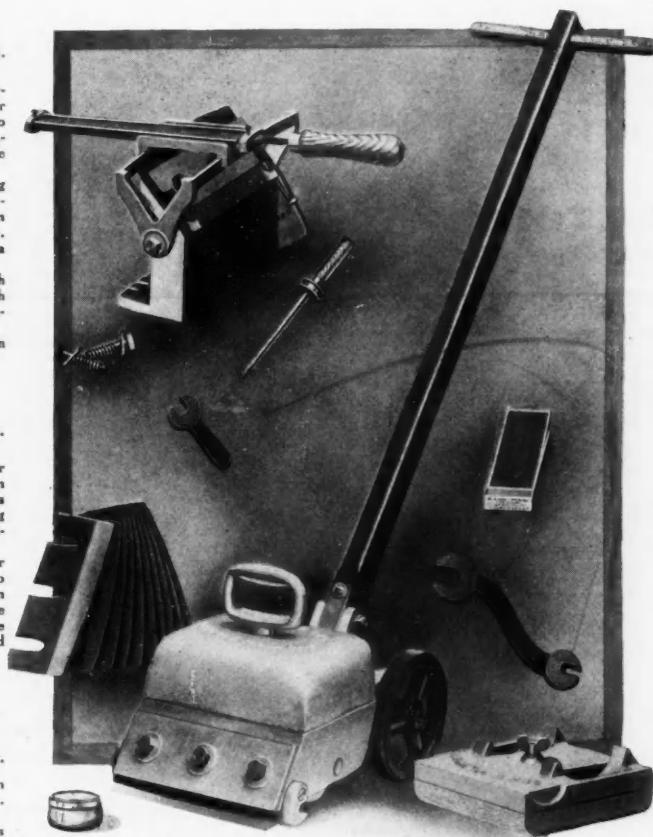
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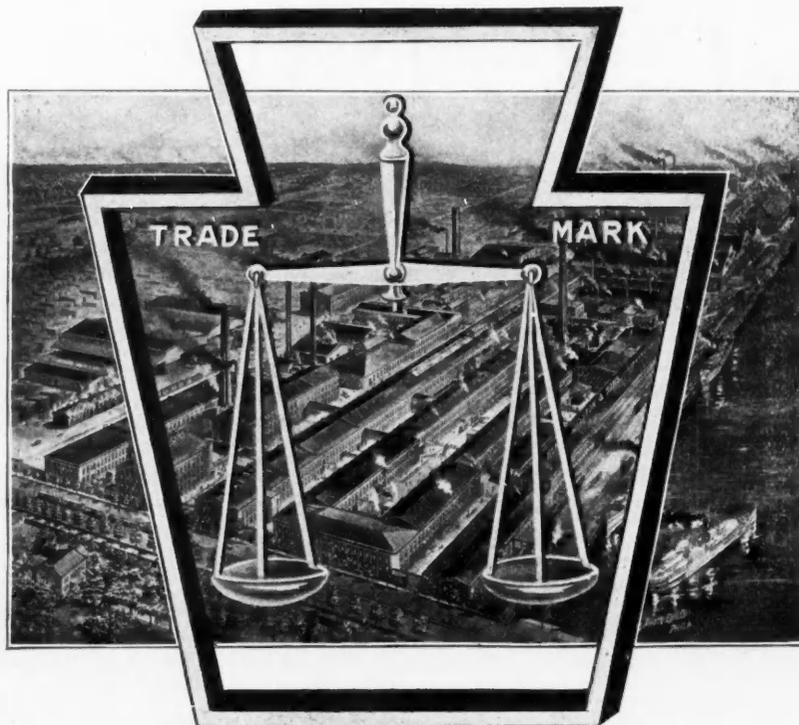
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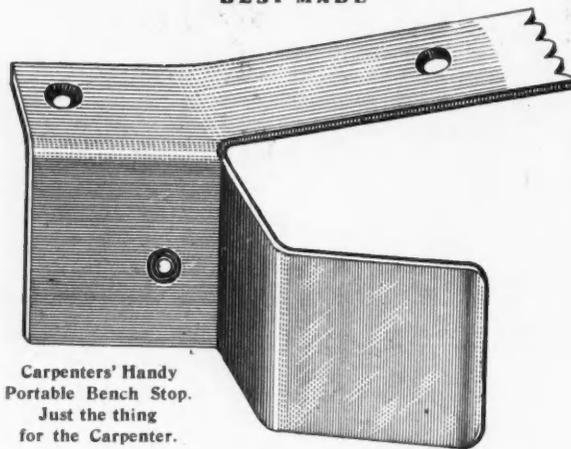


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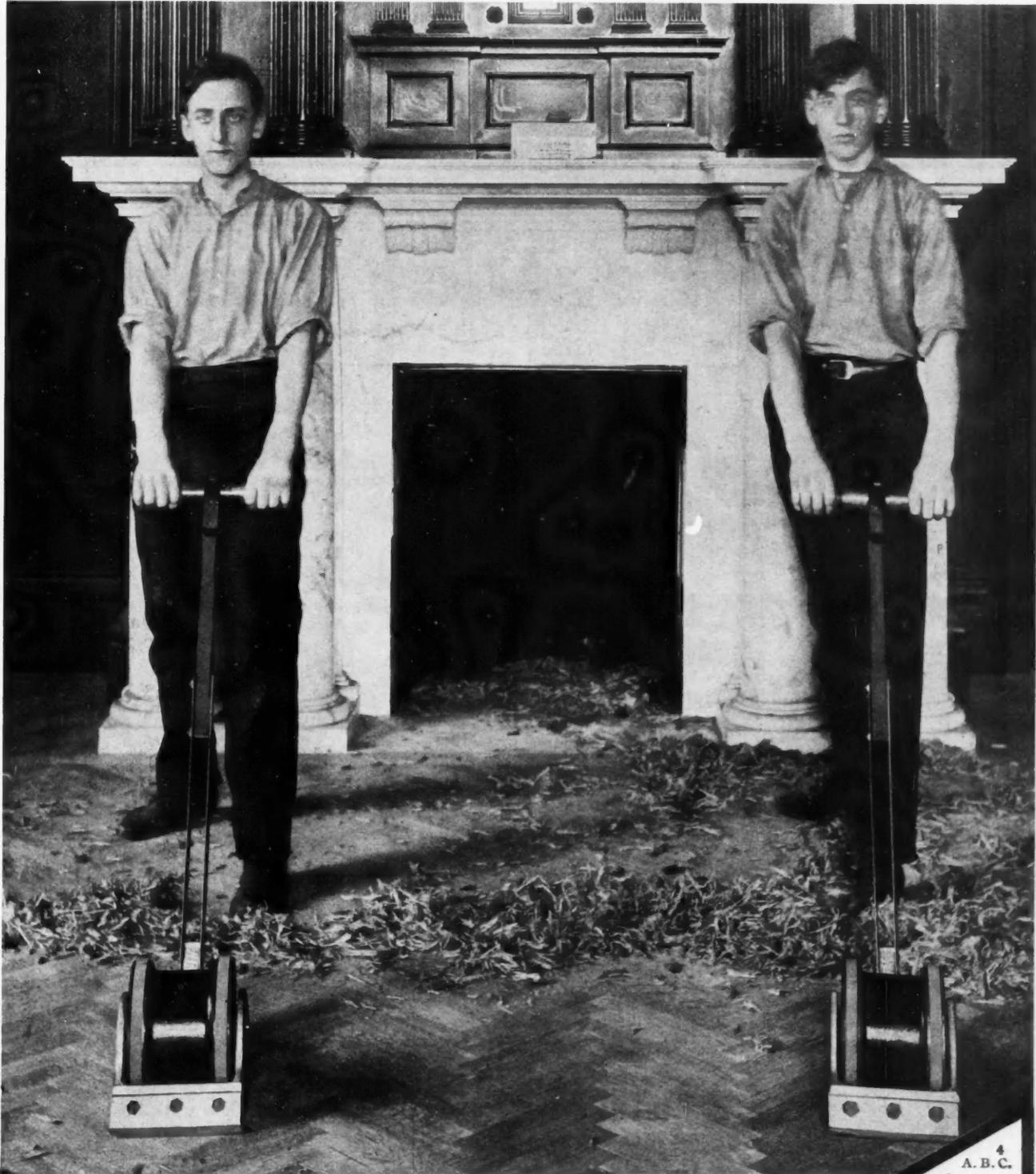
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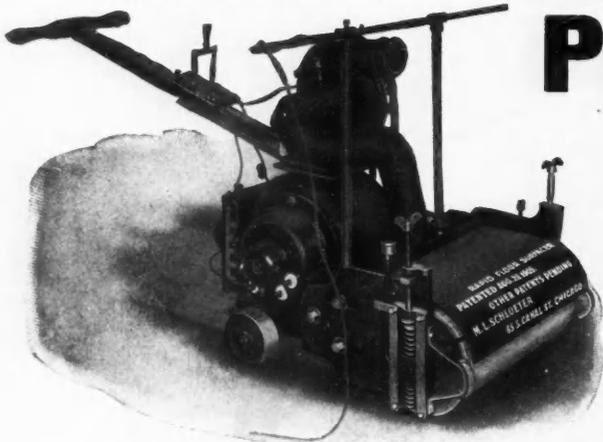
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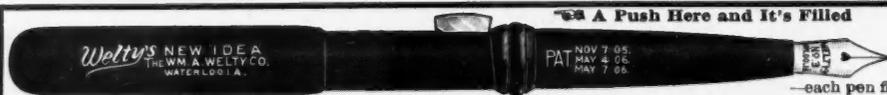
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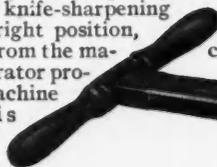
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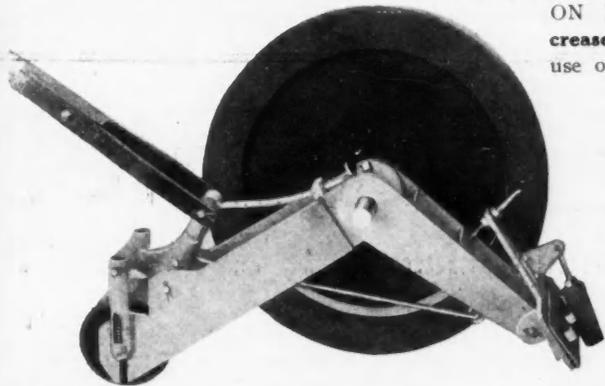
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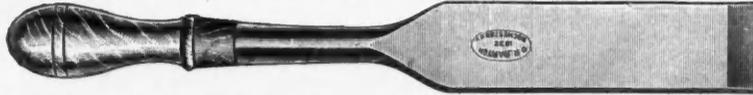
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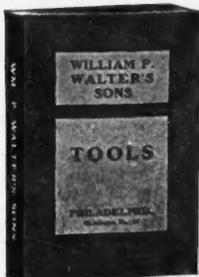
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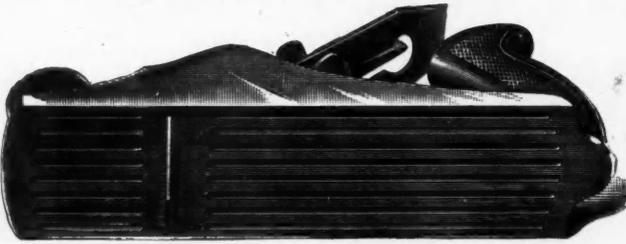
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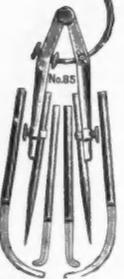
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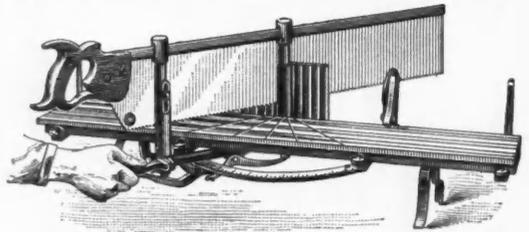
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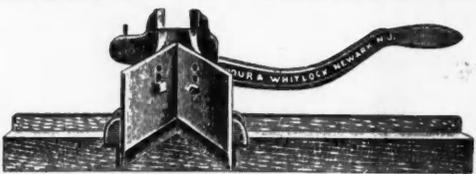


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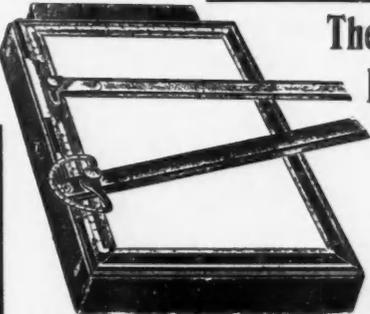
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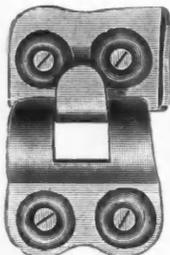
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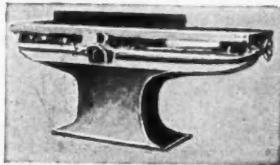
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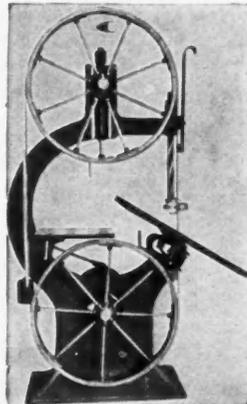
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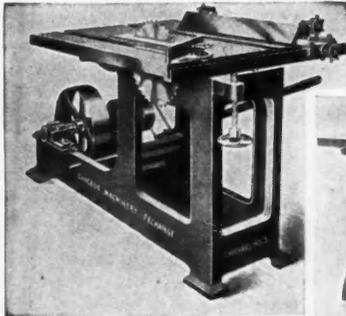


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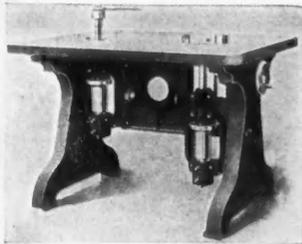
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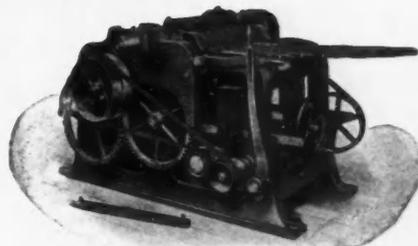
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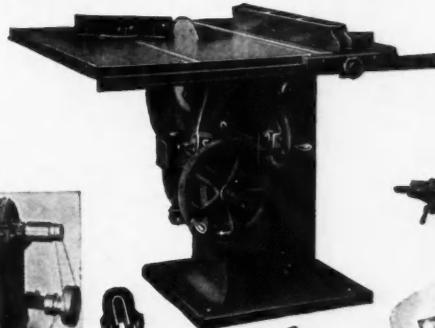


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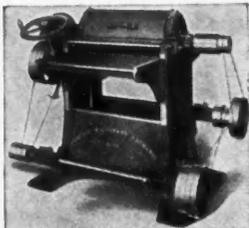


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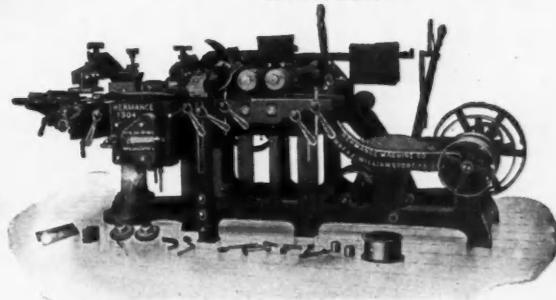
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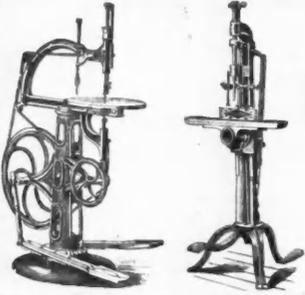
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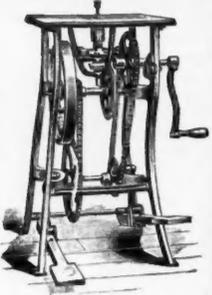
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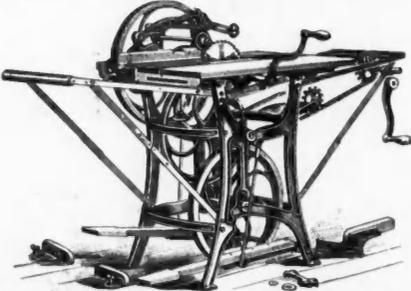


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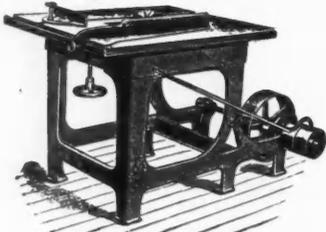
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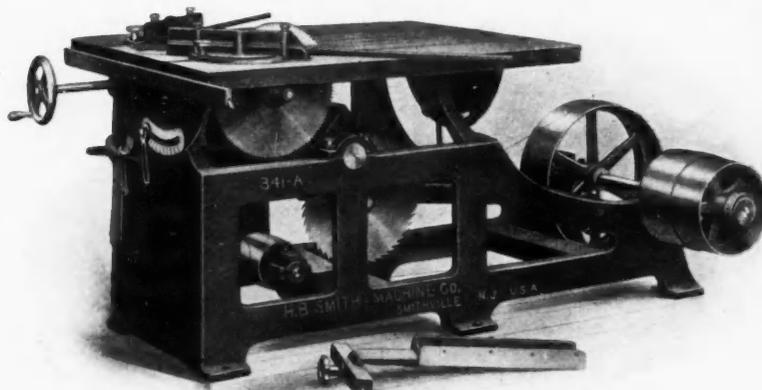
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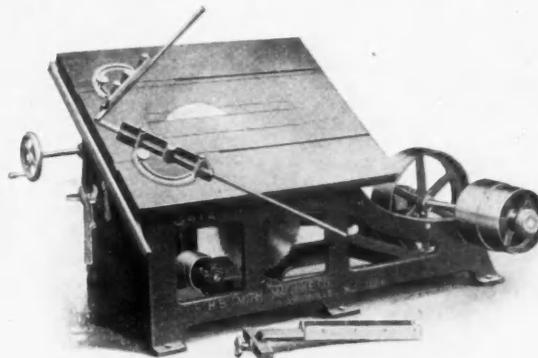
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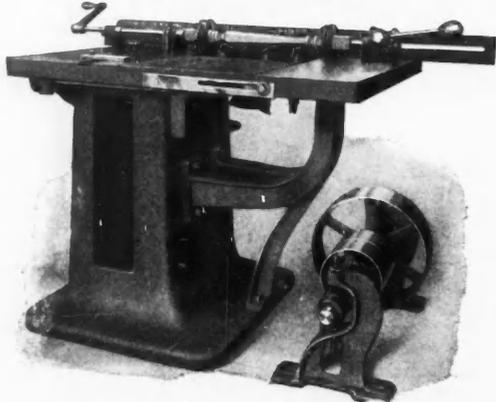
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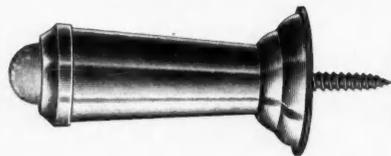
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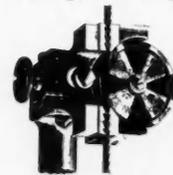


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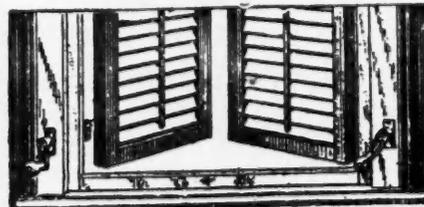
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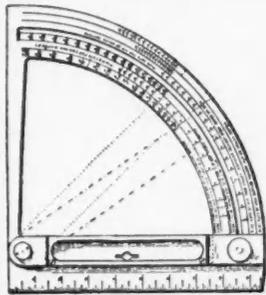
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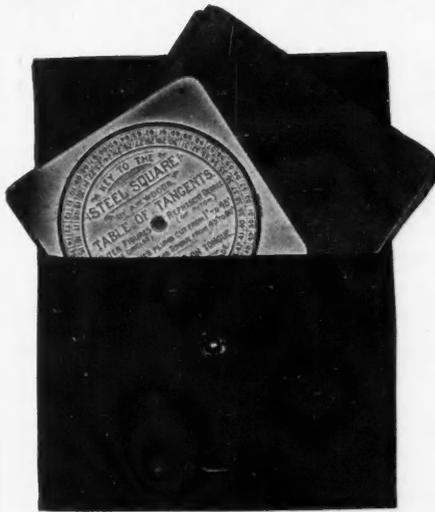
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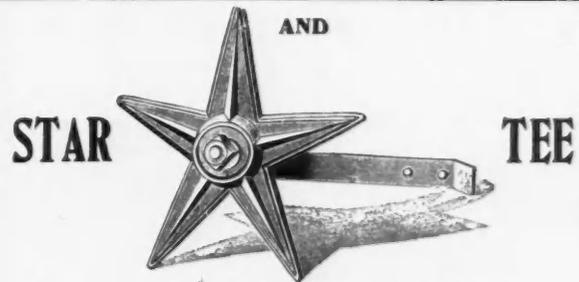
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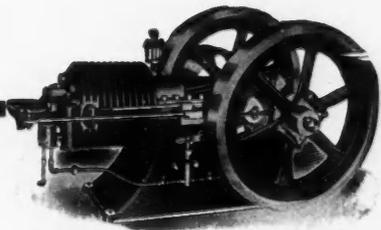


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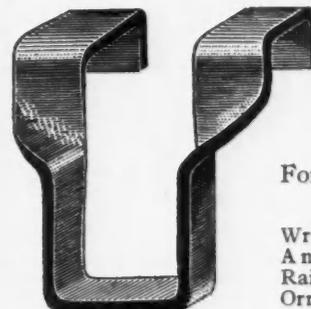
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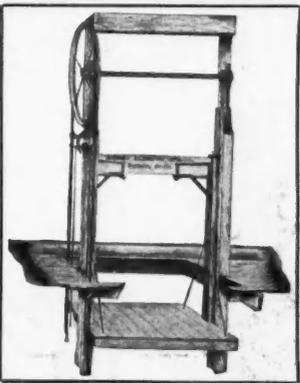
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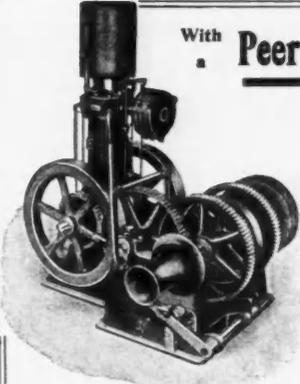
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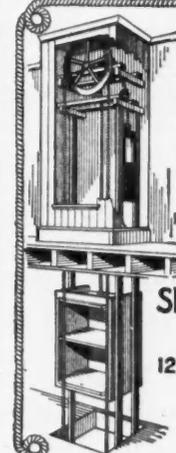


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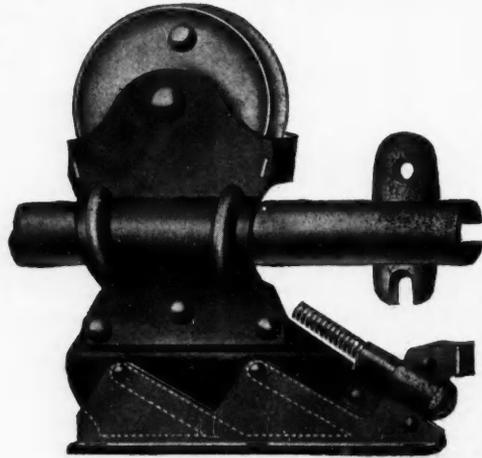
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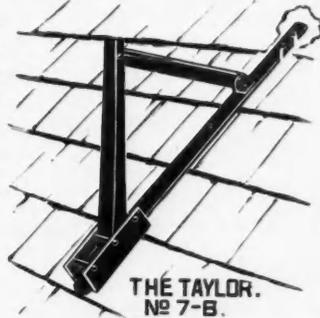
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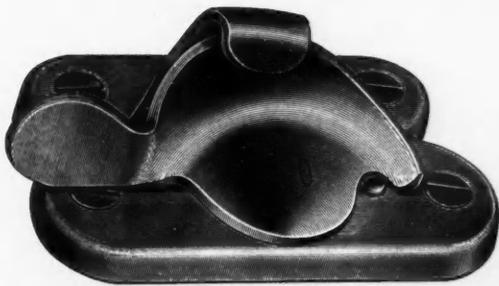
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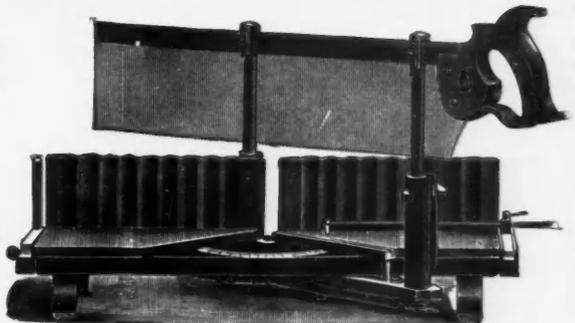
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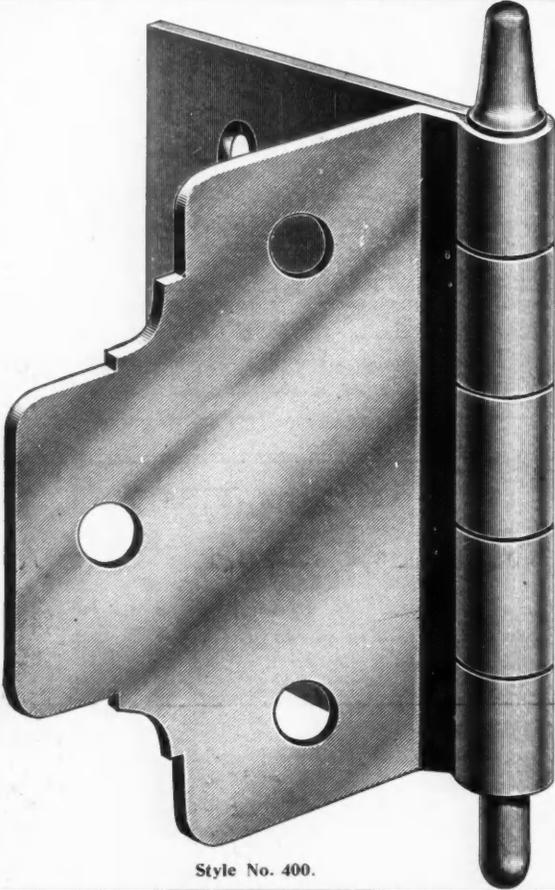
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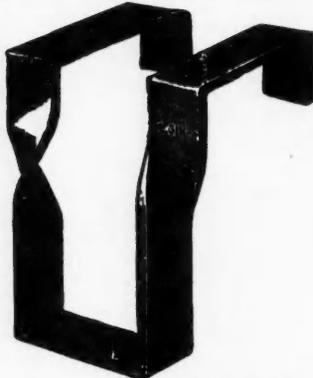
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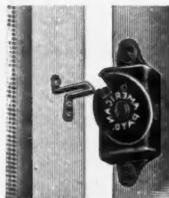
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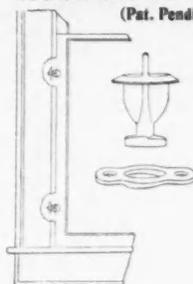
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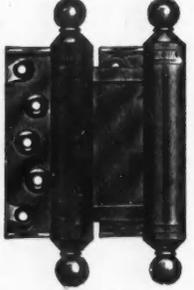


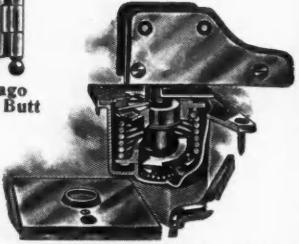
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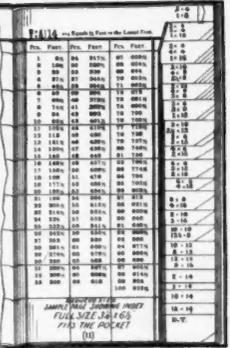
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continue long a "renter." It is a safe investment, too, more than ever attractive this year—over which the bulls and bears can not play! There is no need, however, of going into the figures here; for very often the matter of money is not the important one, not the compelling motive to home building. And it should not be; it enters only to determine how expensive a place it can be.

The great inducement for building, with most men, is the home itself. Few of us have time to analyze our state of mind on this subject; we just *feel* the need. We want to get away from the periodic "moving day," that hopeless institution always in search of contentment but never finding it; we want our own hearth stone, where the family circle may gather; we want a place where improvements will be worth while.

There are many hungers a man has in this world, some bad, some partly bad, some good. This home-hunger is one of the best. It encourages law and peace; it makes good citizens, it leads to consistent effort and puts a stop to the rolling stone by building it into the foundation wall.

The man who would teach his son a practical home lesson of sticking right to a job and fighting it out, feels a trifle embarrassed when he has to move the scene of his instructions the first of each May!

We feel that the home life should have a fixed center, something substantial to tie to, a place always to be looked back upon with a peculiar pleasure and reverence. So build; but build thoughtfully and well. For the influence of the house is great upon the character of the people living within.



### Chimney Construction

ONE-FIFTH or fully 20 per cent of the losses by fire in dwellings in the United States are caused by defective flues; all chimneys should be built from the ground; the walls should not be less than eight inches in thickness and the flues will be improved from fire-resisting and draft view points if lined with terra cotta flue lining. It is quite common to erect chimney flues only four inches, or half a brick, in thickness. Such flues are very dangerous. In view of the fact that it costs very little more to make the flue-wall eight inches in thickness instead of four, such neglect is simply criminal. Before deciding upon a "half-brick" chimney, ask your architect or builder how much additional it would cost you to build an eight inch chimney. You will probably not only build an eight inch chimney, but you will line it with burnt clay pipe.



### Proposed National Paint Law

ON SATURDAY, February 22, Congressman Marshall, of North Dakota, introduced in the House of Representatives a national bill, modeled along the lines of the Pure Food and Drug Law, for the purpose of preventing the sale or transportation of adul-

terated or unlabeled paint, oil and turpentine. This bill has been referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and hearings will be held to enable any whose interests might be affected by the enactment of such a law to express their views before it is brought up for passage. This bill is in part the result of a conference held at Washington on January 19, between Congressman Marshall and gentlemen representing various interests in the paint trade, and in addition has been improved and modified by Prof. E. F. Ladd, of North Dakota, who has charge of the enforcement of the pure paint law in that state.

The Marshall bill provides fines or imprisonment for any one who shall sell or expose for sale any paint, oil or turpentine which is adulterated or mislabeled, and defines these terms, providing for a form or method of labeling by which the contents of the packages will be clearly indicated. Following the precedent established by the Pure Food and Drug Law, the Marshall bill contains a guaranty clause, by which the painter or retail dealer would be able to avoid penalties under the act, if he could establish a guaranty signed by the manufacturer or wholesale dealer, from whom he purchased the goods, that they were labeled in accordance with the provisions of the law. The penalty would then fall upon the manufacturer, who alone would be responsible for violation of the law. This is a very just provision, for of course the painter or retail dealer has no means of knowing whether an unbroken, original package of paint complies with the statement on the label or not. All the state laws, so far passed, put the penalty upon the retail dealer—and under the law the painter who contracts to furnish labor and material is as much a retail dealer as the man who keeps a paint store. The reason for this is that the painter or dealer frequently buys goods manufactured outside of the state, and in such a case it would be impossible to enforce the penalty for violation of a state law upon the manufacturer, hence in order to protect the public, it is necessary to fix the responsibility upon the painter or retail dealer. To be sure, he has recourse to a suit at law before the United States Court, against the manufacturer, but this does him very little good if, meanwhile, he is in jail. A national paint law, such as the Marshall bill, is therefore a protection to the retailer.

Of course it is quite possible that the trade may find objections to the bill now before the house, and that it may be necessary to modify it in some particulars; but it is more than likely that any modifications that may be offered will be more in the nature of a change of language, or in matters of detail, rather than in the broad general principle, aimed at by the Marshall bill, of a law which shall provide for the protection of the property owner and the painter in the purchase of paints, oil and turpentine, and insuring that the consumer shall get exactly what he pays for and what the label indicates the package to contain.



Just a Little "April Fool Joke"



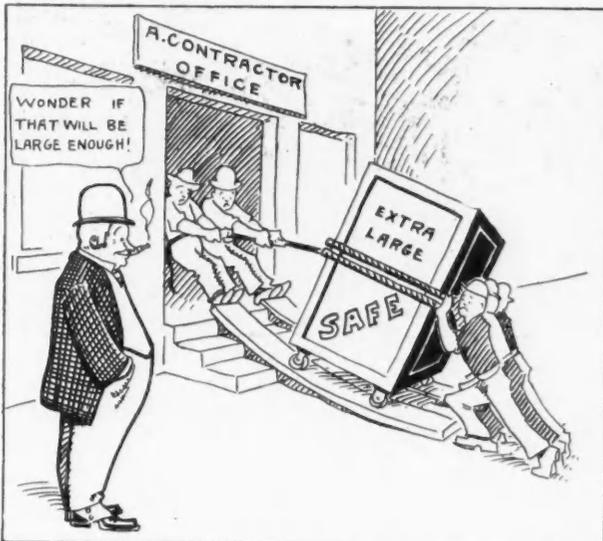
April Showers



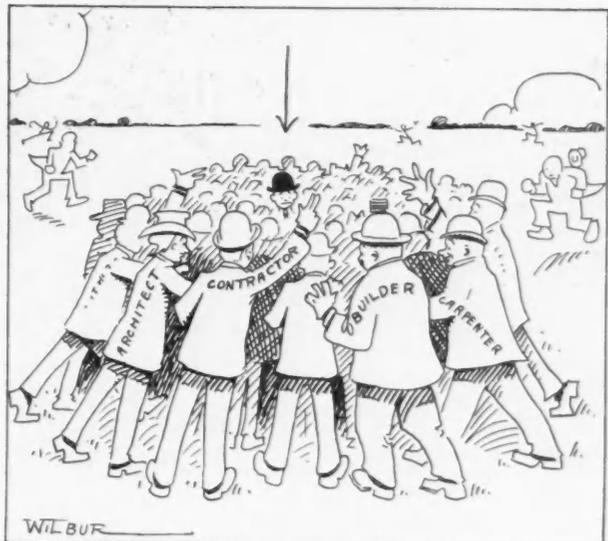
A Willing Leap Year Victim



A Chance for a Big Contract! What?



A. Contractor Preparing for This Year's Business



Puzzler: Find the Man Who's Going to Build

Cartoonlets



**A** NARROW ribbon of a canal ties the lazy blue town of Delft to Rotterdam, and a broader band of water connects Rotterdam and Antwerp. The traveler who lands at Antwerp, worn out with the discomforts of a long voyage, will do well to find the little canal boat the morning after his arrival and go aboard. It is very certain that if he has chosen his hotel near the cathedral he will want

church tower will be the vesper hymn that lulls you to sleep.

At 10 o'clock a hymn peals forth in the darkness, clear and loud above the noises of the city; at every quarter-hour the chimes ring out a different melody. At midnight you conclude that eight numbers of this program are enough, and you are willing to dispense with further music and go to sleep.



Typical Town Hall Found in Most of the Larger Cities

to take passage in something, even if it sails for parts unknown.

If you have read your guide book faithfully you know that the most interesting thing in Antwerp is the cathedral, and accordingly you chose a hotel in the cathedral square, congratulating yourself that you may go as often as you please to see the famous Rubens pictures, and that at night the chimes of the

Now your one object in life is to lose consciousness before the next quarter strikes. You are just going off when the chimes startle you with their sharp call. Then begins a fresh race with time, and always when sleep and oblivion have almost sealed your ears, the pealing bells break in again until, in the gray dawn, the slumber of utter exhaustion gives a few hours' respite from the jangling noise.



A Street in Delft, Showing the Old Church Where Van Tromp Is Buried

At breakfast the man at the table next to yours grumbles, "If it were only a cat you could relieve your feelings by throwing boots at it, but a decent man feels that he can't even hurl the words he wants to at a Christian hymn in a church spire." The landlord looks not too well pleased when a solemn procession files out of his hotel at an early hour in the morning. His look of displeasure changes to blank astonishment, when, observing from his doorway the retreating figures of this company, he sees two seemingly sane men deliberately stop, put down their suit cases and shake their fists at an unoffending church steeple, whose only response is the gentle answer—a melancholy and persuasive hymn—which in this case does not turn away wrath.

A day on the lovely waterway leading from Antwerp to Delft makes one forget not only the miseries of the North Atlantic, but even the first awful night in the City of Chimes. No journey affords a more beautiful or more picturesque view of Holland, or a more delightful rest, than this trip on the canal boat that slowly threads its way between the dykes that outline the path to Delft.

Antwerp fades in the distance, first its towers and medieval fortresses, and then the wonderful cathedral spire which Napoleon, who loved it, used to say was made out of Mechlin lace. You know before an hour has passed that you are in Holland—what else can these monster windmills mean, or the fishermen in great baggy trousers and wooden clogs. At the first landing the peasant women, who are old friends because you have met them so often in the backs of

magazines, come to sell, not the cocoa that is "grateful and comforting," but strawberries and cherries and early spring vegetables.



Most Pretentious Piece of Architecture in Delft

About the Dutch women it is possible to say—how strange! how interesting! how quaint—you cannot truthfully say—how beautiful! Sometimes it takes half



Canal Scene near Delft

an hour of close study to convince yourself that a young girl is pretty in spite of the fact that she is masquerading in a lace cap pinned on with clumsy metal knobs,



Typical Faded Red Brick House of the Older Cities of Holland

an awkward full skirt, and an ill-fitting bodice. The bare arms, purple with cold, are free for the hard work that is demanded of them; and the wooden clogs can travel miles along the tow path without being worn through; so the costume is perhaps adapted to the life these women lead.

The dogs that bear such heavy burdens, and drag the freighted canal boats, the women who are their weary comrades in ceaseless labor, awaken sympathy and indignation at first; but when it becomes evident what a continuous warfare Holland must wage against a relentless and ever encroaching ocean, it becomes evident also that men and women and every living



Typical Town House, Two Windows Wide and Two Stories High

thing must join in the struggle, if man, and not the sea, is to win in the conflict.

Holland, people and landscape, can never seem a strange country to one who has frequented art galleries. The Dutch knew how to paint perfectly the things they loved best—their simple home life, the green meadows, their beloved cattle, and the uncertain skies. Uncertain skies they are, for one moment the heavens are serenely blue, the next instant a cloud hides the sun, the wind blows with fury and the world becomes a dreary gray. After a quick, drenching rain, lines of white streak the horizon, the wind blows the over-shadowing clouds away and it is June again.

The Dutch artists have caught so well the varying light on sky and meadow, that, as one glides along the canal, with the green pastures, dotted with black and white cattle, stretching away on either side, it

all seems a part of some familiar painting, and the traveler feels himself a part of it—caught and held fast in the gray cobweb mist, which is so often the atmosphere of a Dutch picture.

In the early afternoon Rotterdam appears through a veil of fog—a confusion of ships, houses and windmills. Sober and staid as Rotterdam is, the houses present an almost hilarious appearance, leaning as they do in every direction, as though they were in the act of reeling, at the same time making a violent effort to stand erect and convince you that they are sober. Sometimes the buildings the entire length of

ocurity are interesting. Study in detail a group of three or four houses in any city street, and you have studied them all. The buildings are usually of brick, sometimes plastered over. The front wall is carried on up beyond the roof, and at the top usually takes on the form of a triangle with many variations. Little steps, plain or with fancy pinnacles, may be cut in, or the sides may curve inward or outward, to be adorned at the base and the apex with ugly plaster ornaments. The decoration near the top of the roof or above the door may serve a purpose and indicate the wares sold within. Another outward embellish-



**A Windmill that Is Home and Factory Combined**

the street lean in one direction, like a field of grain swept by the wind; sometimes the upper stories lean far over the street. At the street corners the friendly houses gossip away with their heads together. The effect, some one has written, is "an indescribable confusion of lines, a real architectural frolic, a dance of houses, a disorder that seems animated." The reason that these old houses refuse to stand erect is that the soil of nearly all of Holland is reclaimed from the sea, and as a foundation cannot wholly withstand the pressure of the heavy piles of brick; the unequal yielding gives the streets this peculiar appearance, seen nowhere else unless in a town recently shaken by an earthquake.

The houses of Holland, viewed singly, are not interesting, except as neatness, regularity and medi-

ment, more useful than ornamental, is the pulley so frequently seen suspended from upper windows for the raising or lowering of baskets or buckets.

The charm of the houses here is what one has been led to expect—things are so marvelously clean, within and without. No American enjoys sleeping between two great pincushions that serve for mattress and coverlet; but no one can deny that the covers are snowy white. The bare floors paved with dark red tiles may seem cheerless, but the most delicate garments that sweep across them reveal no trace of the contact. Housecleaning seems to be the only occasion when the women of the poorer classes have a frolic. During the morning hours the passerby may see this water carnival. There is a positive fury of scrubbing, nothing—from the metal door to the stones



A Country Road in Holland

in the pavement—escapes. Water flies in all directions, and water is certainly the element in which Holland revels. What wonder, then, that everything is spotless—being so often washed!

The forests at the end of the city streets are unusual—an amazing confusion of trees, masts of vessels, and network of cordage. Looking along an avenue, the scene at the end is suddenly obscured by a curtain, then the ship and its sail slip by. Boats seem to move upon the land, and water seems here as sure and stable an element as the earth. One loses the fear of the sea, and even the sense of distinction between land and water.

After the canals and dykes, nothing that man has constructed in Holland is better worth man's study than the windmills. This is one feature at least in the architecture that is distinctive. Like everything else in this country, they may be picturesque if they choose, but they must be useful first. Their great moving arms press into service the four winds of heaven—they raise water from lower levels, they saw wood, and grind everything that is to be ground, from rock and shells to flour and tobacco. As wealth is counted in Africa in terms of cattle so it is sometimes counted in Holland in terms of windmills, and to marry even one windmill is no small achievement. A girl with three windmills is an unusual prize. A Dutch mill is usually several stories high—near the middle a sort of a balcony encircles it. Windows and curtains show there is a habitation of some sort within, though oftentimes the little house is affixed to the side of the mill. Living under a great pump, or upon a canal boat with water flowing either above or below

or in any case on the very bank of a canal seems to give the amphibious Dutchman a feeling of home. It seems that he would be homesick in an



Entrance to Prinsen Hof, where William the Silent was Assassinated

ordinary house on dry land away from the water.

A people who stay at home and do well the thing they ought to do, a people with whom duty is a habit, can be heroic at need. Every little town shows with pride some place of historical interest—buildings held sacred because a hero has dwelt within. It was at



Canal Scene in Holland

the grim old castle in the historic town of Delft that the greatest of heroes of Holland met his death. The gates of the Prinsenhof—the scene of the murder of William the Silent—still cast a gloom over those who leave the sunlight for its dark court yard, in spite of the quaint and humorous little Dutch

figures carved in relief over the gate. The oldest church in Delft stands near, its tall tower surmounted by four queer conical pillars.

An hour and a half on the loveliest of tiny canals and one has passed from old-fashioned Delft to the very modern and wealthy city of The Hague. It is, of course, the center of fashion during the season, for the summer home of the queen is there. But the cities that are typically Dutch are far more interesting than The Hague with its French atmosphere, or Amsterdam, with its element of modern commercial activity.

Holland is lovely, not deliberately, but merely because it cannot possibly help itself—the meadows are green because of the abundant rainfall—the black and white cattle are there because of the meadows—the windmills are not for scenic effect—the wonderful little canals exist for the transportation of cabbages—and the women and dogs who drag the canal boats along the tow path do not undertake this task to furnish the bit of life and color needed.

Along the canal from The Hague to Delft are many summer houses with orderly little gardens and orderly little inscriptions over the garden gates, which seem to sum up the character and spirit of the Dutch people. Industrious, practical and self-respecting, they deserve to be what one of their mottoes enjoins them to be: "Tranquil and content."

## A Curious Moroccan House

A DISTINCTIVE STRUCTURE OF THE NORMANESQUE GOTHIC SCHOOL—DONE IN MUD AND STRAW

By R. W. Emerson

ONE day while enjoying a ride about a dozen miles from Tangier, in a vicinity where the straw huts were plastered upon every hillside, I came across a curious house which, it occurred to me, American builders would like to see through the medium of my camera. I thought that I had seen and classified most of the species of buildings in Morocco, but this one was distinctly of a new variety. There was a faint suggestion of the Norman about it—or was it Gothic?—and yet the grass of which it was made bespoke Morocco. However, the house could



A Curious Moroccan House

no more be called a native house than St. Peter's at Rome could be called an Indian wigwam. To begin with, there was architectural design. Now, in most Moorish grass houses there is no more attempt made at originality than a wasp makes when it builds a

mud nest. The only way a Moor knows where he lives is by the dogs or the women, and when the dogs are away he is apt to be mistaken even then.

This house had evidently been built by a person who had a faint idea of what a house should be, I thought. It was big enough for a person to lie down in without doubling up. And it had a door through which it was not necessary to crawl upon one's hands and knees. Also windows—a great novelty in Moorish houses! Even that was not all, for the windows were not mere holes punched through the walls, but well constructed *windows*. It would not have surprised me to have found glass in them—but I didn't.

Making inquiries as to who had built the house—thinking that I had found one progressive and original Moor—I was at first unable to get any information, but finally a native said solemnly:

"It was Hadj Muhammed, son of Muhammed Ali—may Allah bring him rest! He saw the house of the Infidel—the frown of Allah be upon him!—and Allah took away his senses for looking upon it. Then he built this house! Allah is great!"

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Wife (looking up from her book)—"You know a great many things, John; now, what do you think should be done in a case of drowning?"

Husband—"Have a funeral, I should think."

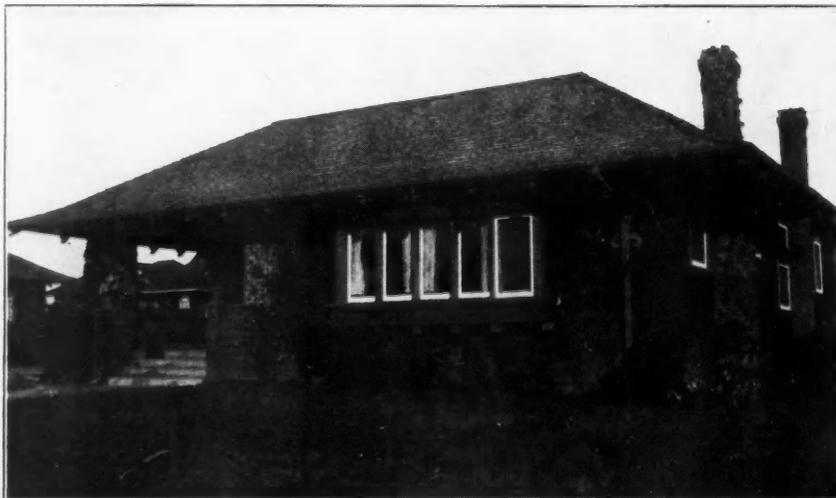
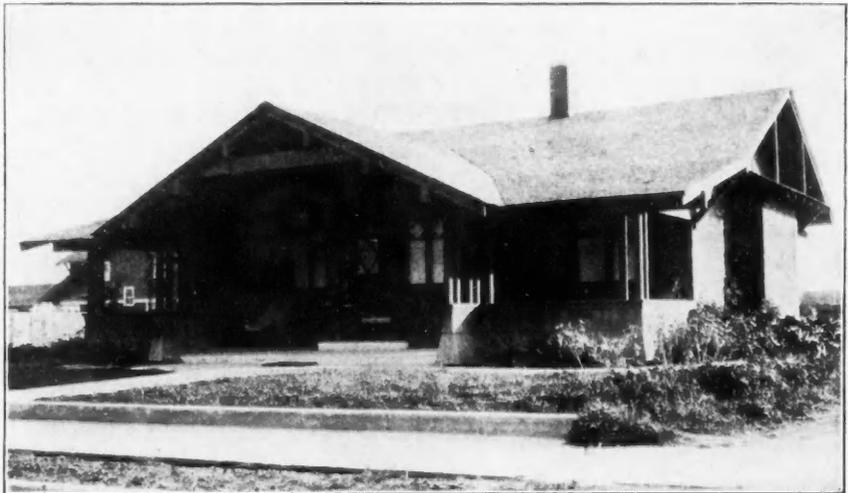
## Bungalows

We present on this and the page following six designs, typical of this delightful and increasingly popular form of home construction. In selecting these examples an effort has been made to show a variety of tasteful designs, with a view to giving the readers of the American Carpenter and Builder a good idea of the possibilities of the neat, well planned bungalow.



**A** VERY effective use of cobble stone has been made in this case. Generous window space has been provided, assuring an abundance of light and air. The construction throughout is strong and substantial, suitable for any climate. There are six rooms and bath, conveniently arranged.

**A** VERY pleasing result is here attained at small expense. The low sweeping gable roof with exposed framing extends far out, protecting the entrance, thus giving a unique porch treatment that is especially good. The interior is finished in most approved craftsman style.

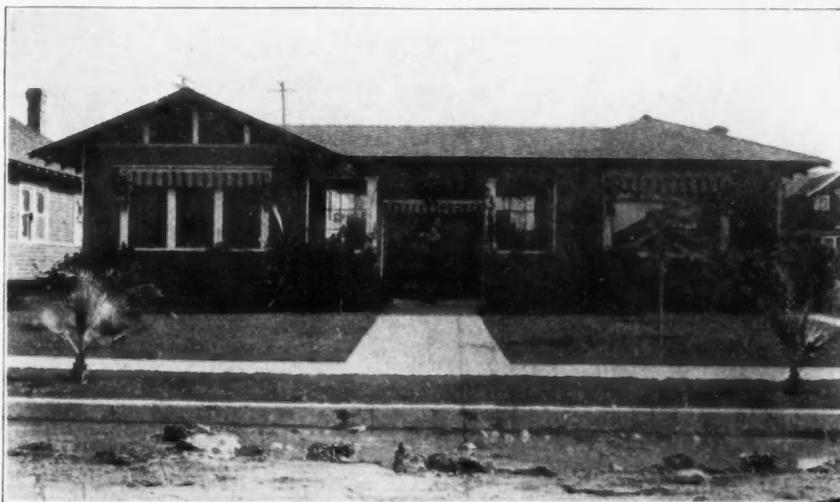
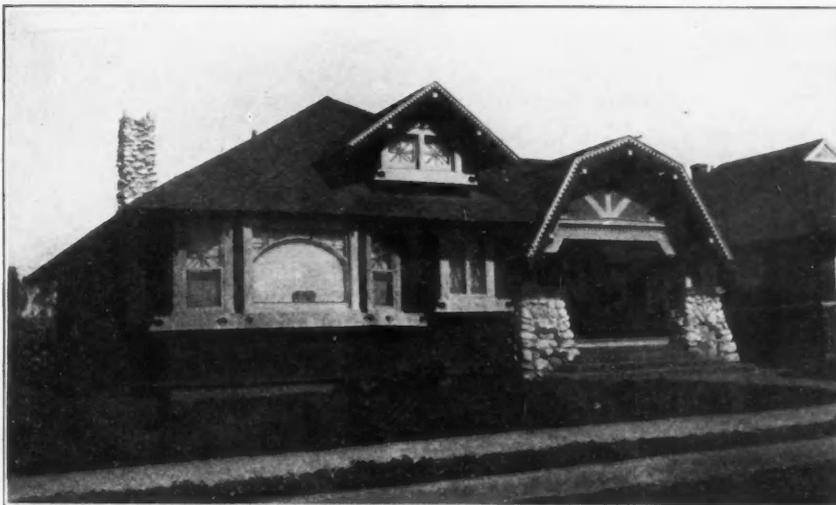


**T** HIS quaint little house suggests the "simple life," yet it has all the modern conveniences, with five rooms and bath. The broad open rafter cornice as here used is very popular, while the rough stone work chimneys and porch piers give a distinctive touch.

## Bungalows

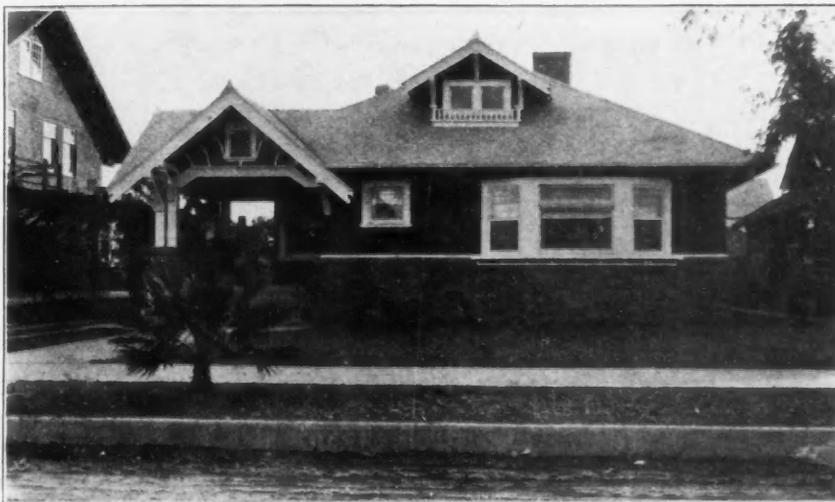
Two of these attractive little homes illustrated represent a very modest outlay of money; two are more expensive, being very carefully built and finished; the completed costs range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. The cozy charm of the bungalow style and its convenience—all the rooms being on one floor—is making a strong appeal to many northern as well as southern home builders.

**A** STURDY, independent little structure this is, suitable alike for summer and for winter use. There are five rooms and bath. The long living room, finished in rich weathered oak, with beam ceiling and wide cobble-stone fireplace, is delightful.



**T**HE graceful lines of this simple bungalow join with the flowers and shrubbery to make a most inviting home. There are four large rooms and bath, also garage at the right. A partially enclosed court at the rear is arranged for an out-of-door summer living room.

**T**HE Swiss gable is very popular in bungalow construction. It adds a pleasing touch to this well-built little cottage; and the dormer in the roof having similar lines, carries out the effect. The interior having five rooms and bath, would delight any house-wife.



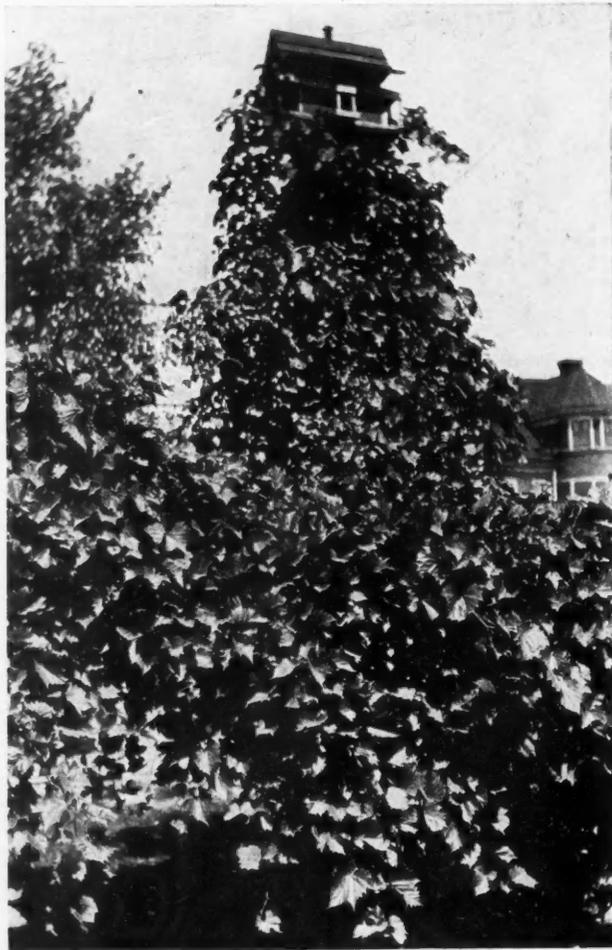
## Summer Houses

HOW SOME PLEASING RESULTS HAVE BEEN ATTAINED

By Herbert Franklin

AS THE country grows older the demand increases for arbors, summer houses, children's play houses, band stands, bird cotes, etc. A day's work with a camera in almost any section of the country will gather a whole lot of ideas along this line.

Fig. 1 shows a bird cote in a back yard, about 100 feet from the house. It is placed on the top of



1. Bird Cote and Virginia Creeper

a good stiff pole that is about sixteen feet high above the ground. Wires were originally hung from the corners of the little bird house reaching to the ground as a support for the Virginia creeper that covers it; presumably they are there yet, but the climber conceals them so effectually that it would be difficult to find them.

Fig. 2 is a small hexagon shaped band stand, sixteen feet in diameter. The posts are four by four pine, placed about eight feet apart, and boxed above the coping with seven-eighths finishing boards chamfered at the corners. A heavy joist extends across from one of these posts to the post opposite. The other joists, two by eight in size, are mitered into this main joist near the center. Below the floor are inch cross braces

eight inches wide, thoroughly well spiked into the four by fours and clinch nailed at the center crossings. A pair of such braces is placed between each two posts. In addition to this bracing the shape of the roof makes it very rigid and the roof is well tied to the posts and the plates. The rafters, plates and upper ends of the posts are all thoroughly well tied together to prevent the roof from lifting. The shape and the bracing make the structure very rigid in spite of its frail appearance.

Fig. 3 is a summer house built on the side lawn in connection with a residence in one of our prettiest towns. It is built entirely of rustic work with seats extending along the sides and a rustic table in the center. This little

summer house is often used for afternoon teas, and it has been the setting for many a bon mot of interesting feminine gossip. In size it is about ten by twelve feet. It is built of cedar limbs and the stems of small cedar trees. About the only tools necessary are an ax and a hammer, but it requires good mechanical ingenuity to get the parts together so they look right and to brace the building gracefully from different directions.



2. For the Public Square



3. Rustic Work for the Side Lawn

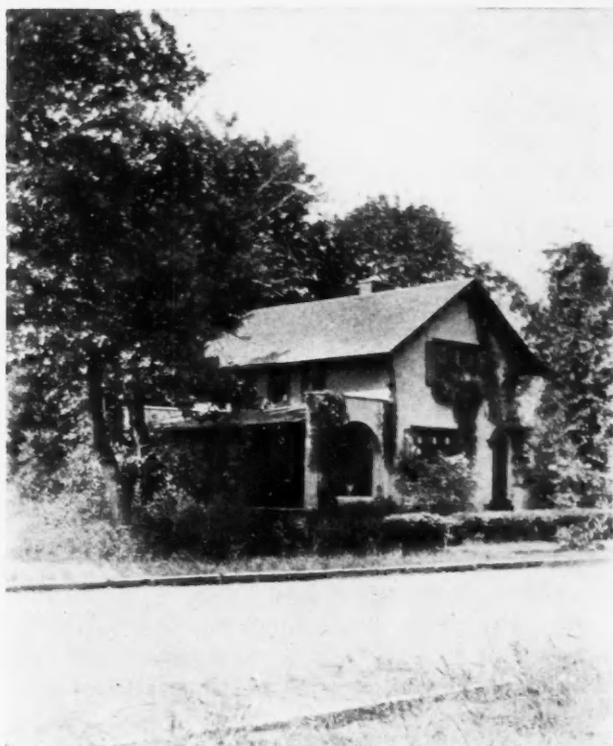


4. Dedicated to Fishing and Fish Suppers

Figs. 4 and 5 are fishing shacks belonging to two different clubs which are composed of city business men, who go out to their respective club houses for fish suppers at night. There are no sleeping accommodations except for the steward and his wife who do the cooking, look after the boats and take care of things generally, during the summer months. Both these fishing shacks are temporary structures

built on valuable ground, so their removal is likely to be ordered at any time.

Fig. 6 is a very pretty summer cottage built in the woods along the shore of a large lake within an hour's ride by train from the business section of one of our large cities. The structure is a light frame covered with stucco plaster on metal lath. The principal at-



6. An Ideal Summer Home



5. The Home of a Fishing Club

tractions of this pretty little cottage are in the simple proportions combined with the arched doorway at the side, the artistic arrangement of the windows and the arched ends to the veranda. This neat little summer cottage is a very interesting example of simple architectural lines so blended as to form almost a perfect picture. Although not expensive in any particular it attracts a great deal of attention and favorable comment.



**Sure of Her Ground**

Mistress—"Jane, I saw the milkman kiss you this morning. In the future I will take the milk in."

Jane—" 'Twouldn't be no use, mum. He's promised never to kiss anybody but me."

## Forethought in Building

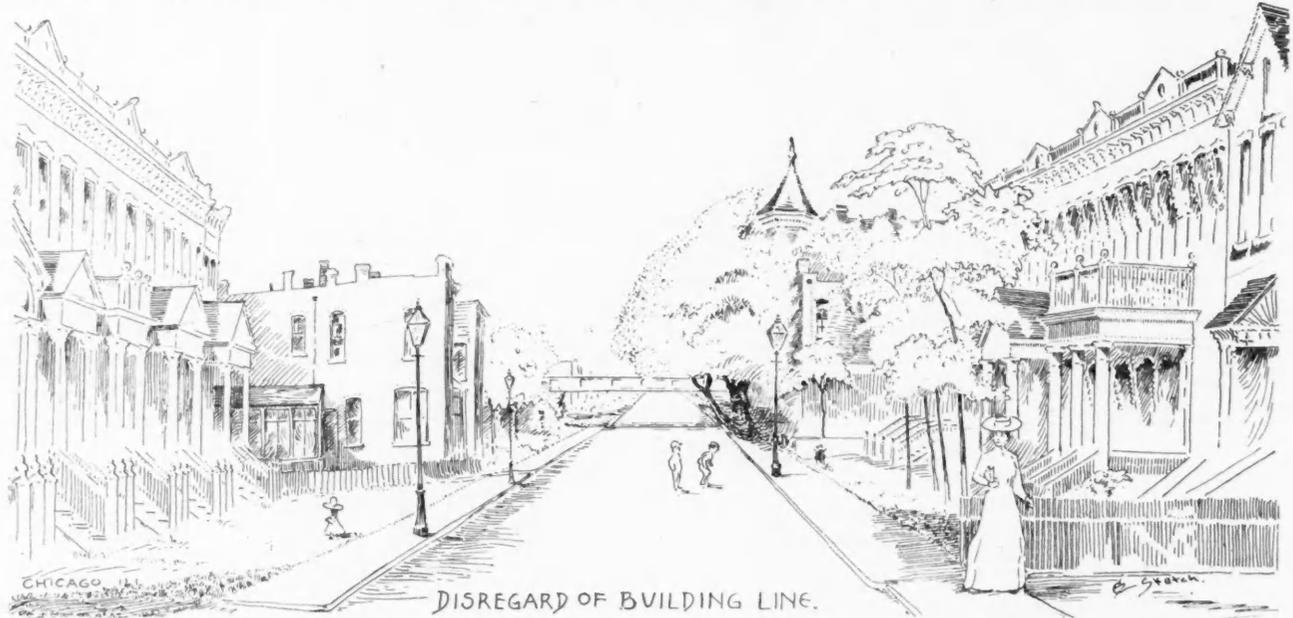
VALUE OF APPROPRIATE DESIGN IN FACTORIES—THE WATER-FRONT PROBLEM CONSIDERED—FEATURES OF CITY AND COUNTRY BUILDING

By C. Bryant Schaefer

**B**UILDINGS of a utilitarian character and their location seldom receive proper artistic consideration. It seems as though the popular idea of art is an extravagance of millinery. It is not. The work of artistic design is to bring order out of con-

fusion. Only the designer can take matters as they exist in a chaotic mess and organize them into system. The workman, the manufacturer and the contractor are more successful as they bring their operations into appropriate working order; so too, when such influence is extended to include the buildings and grounds

ing that is the most satisfying. Every laborer as well as every manager who strives in this direction becomes a party to producing artistic results. Of all places, the water fronts of the country occasion the most criticism. Water traffic has to be pro-



fusion. Only the designer can take matters as they exist in a chaotic mess and organize them into system. The workman, the manufacturer and the contractor are more successful as they bring their operations into appropriate working order; so too, when such influence is extended to include the buildings and grounds

vided for. The convenience of transportation attracts all kinds of manufacturing. Hasty and inconsiderate location defeats the economical as well as the attractive interests of the locality. This is especially true of the small builders.

The carpenters and contractors concerned in commercial improvements are on the spot. They are best acquainted with the changes going on. Before it is too late they can make suggestions for better arrangement and more substantial construction. It is a part of their business to do so. They occupy a position by



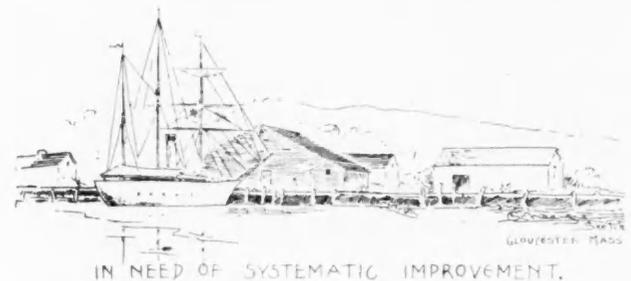
and their location; it not only assures greater business, but the result is clean, wholesome and attractive.

When a lot of industrial buildings are an eyesore to their whole neighborhood, and make undesirable



alleys of the streets, it can be safely concluded that affairs are in bad shape.

There is a rough cleanliness that is necessary to good work. There is a workmanlike manner of build-



which it is possible to bring a great variety of enterprises into a harmony of building.

Among the little sketches of water fronts herewith is one on the Hudson river. It is usually the case that any improvement of importance attracts a lot of minor enterprises with temporary, makeshift and unworkmanlike quarters.

Then there is the Gloucester water front. It is not



the fishermen who should be bringing the wharves up to date, but the people habitually employed on shore. It seems to be a case of leaving the busy providers to inconvenient ways as long as they will toil.

The other water front shows where a great deal of pleasant recreation might be gained. The shores are free highways that should be improved along park lines in the interest of clean and wholesome recreation.

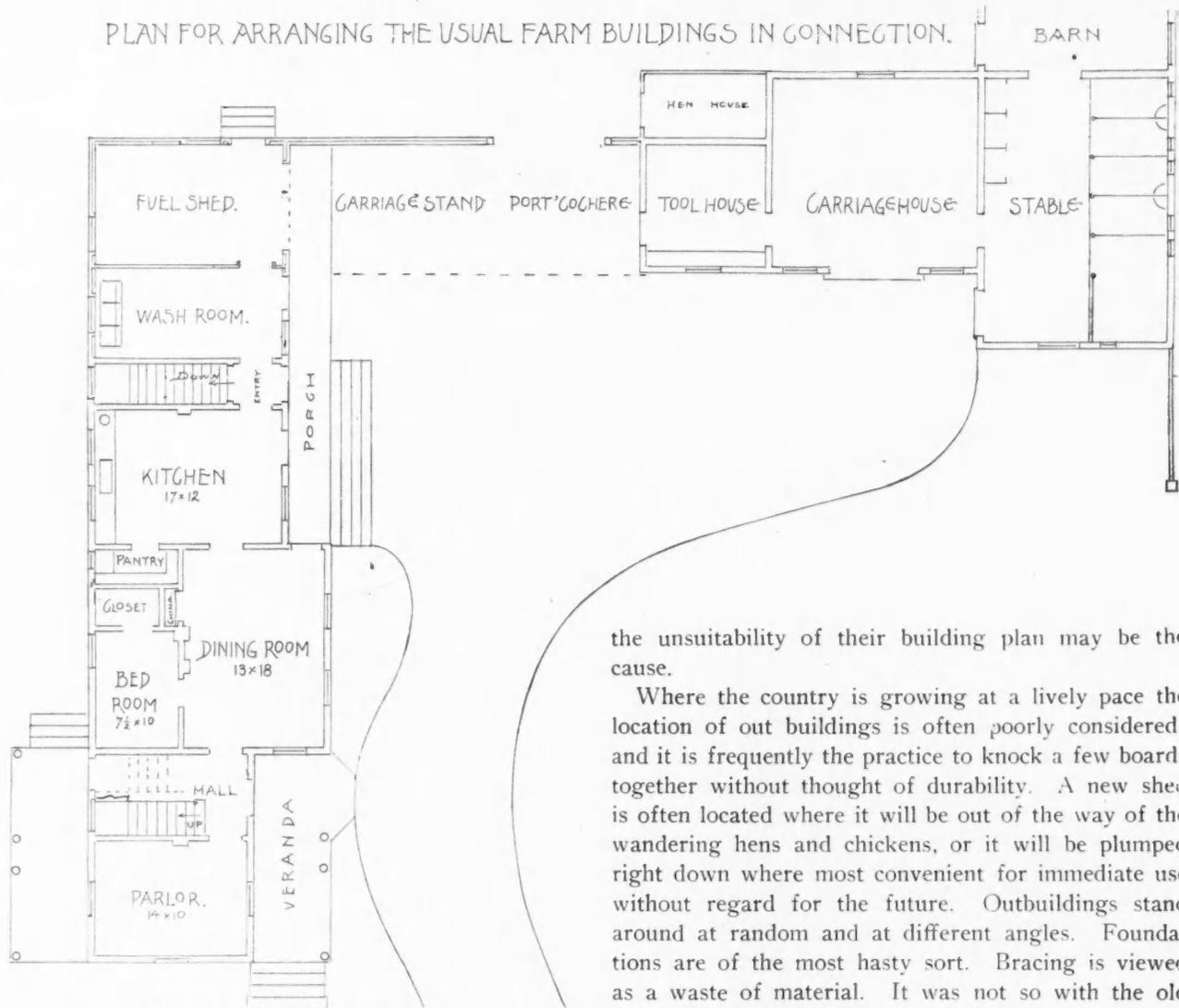
In the absence of foresight, street opening and

drainage grading are undertaken with extra expense at a later day.

The church illustrated was left below grade. It was raised and a brick basement built underneath; it was also altered to conform with modern building requirements.

In the street view the buildings were raised and attractive porches built. The building line should have been enforced; but the new building juts out,

## PLAN FOR ARRANGING THE USUAL FARM BUILDINGS IN CONNECTION.



occupying all its front ground. It takes an unfair advantage of the reasonable position occupied by the older buildings, and becomes a permanent injury to the appearance of the street.

In modern city lots it is very difficult to secure pleasing variety. Where the lots are of uniform size the designs are bound to gravitate into like results. Occupants are forced into similar routine regardless of the varying tastes they wish to cultivate. People are often disappointed in their endeavors without realizing that

the unsuitability of their building plan may be the cause.

Where the country is growing at a lively pace the location of out buildings is often poorly considered; and it is frequently the practice to knock a few boards together without thought of durability. A new shed is often located where it will be out of the way of the wandering hens and chickens, or it will be plumped right down where most convenient for immediate use without regard for the future. Outbuildings stand around at random and at different angles. Foundations are of the most hasty sort. Bracing is viewed as a waste of material. It was not so with the old pioneer type in New England, of which an example is illustrated.

Their mode was to have all the outhouses connected with the main structure. It enables a builder to be saving of material without abandoning strength. The systematic grouping is desirable in cold weather or in the absence of hired help; it secures the greatest amount of shelter.

The plan and perspective shown represent this style in detail. Unlike the town dwelling, there is here no



VIEW OF FARM BUILDING ARRANGEMENT



effort at compactness, for which there is no need in the liberal country grounds.

The main building extends from the parlor to the kitchen and cellar stairs. The extensions back of that do not call for any more outlay than usual for summer

kitchens and sheds. The improved appearance secured adds immensely to the prosperous appearance of the property. It is a style well adapted to any form of building material; and will prove convenient and satisfactory for the farm home.

## Shacks

HOW TO BUILD AND FURNISH A LOG CABIN FOR SOLID VACATION COMFORT IN AN OUTING CAMP

By Herbert Shearer

**C**ARPENTERS are often called upon to build summer outing camps or shacks as they are often dubbed. Some of these little shacks provide sleeping quarters only, although in most cases some provision is wanted for cooking inside, especially on rainy days.

The most attractive looking shacks, and often the most comfortable ones, are made from logs after the fashion established by our great grandparents when the country was new. The roof may extend out in front to form the veranda,

or it may be a cheaper affair made with poles extending across the front and simply roofed with boards, but some kind of a porch is needed.



Built as Our Grandfathers Built Them

One feature necessary to make a log shack complete is a good solid chimney and a good big fireplace. The chimney should pass up through the peak of the roof at the gable end, because it is easier to make the roof raintight at the peak, and because the chimney looks better placed in that way. A shack may be built without a door or without a floor, but it

must have a roof that will shed the rain, and you must have a place to build a fire when it is too wet outdoors. People soon get tired of camp life if the roof leaks or the fire won't burn without filling the room with smoke. In fine weather you can live outdoors, but the weather usually takes on a freaky spell just after you



**A Well Built Fire Place is Needed**

get your summer togs unpacked and before the sun really smiles at you again in dead earnest you are obliged to put in a three-day siege under cover. It is at such times that you really and fully appreciate a good tight roof and a fireplace that knows how to fire.

These little log shacks are not necessarily very



**A Vine Clad Cabin**

large. The ones shown by the photographs are about ten by twelve feet. There is a bed in one corner, a cupboard for dishes in another corner, and there are a few boards laid overhead, making a sort of old-fashioned excuse for a loft, a place to hold extra camp

paraphernalia that you have no room for anywhere else. The cooking is done Indian fashion over an open fire, and for this reason a crane is necessary, which may be made at the nearest blacksmith shop; but irons for hanging it must be put in the brick or stone work when the chimney is being built.

Home-made furniture looks best in one of these log shacks, and a carpenter possessing a little originality may pick up a good many dollars making chairs, tables, desks, wall cabinets, lockers with hinged cover



**The Roof Extends Out to Form a Veranda**

to fit between the chimney and door, and many other little accessories which add so much comfort to a month's stay in the woods. Besides, such primitive furniture is so thoroughly in keeping with a little camp outfit of this kind that it adds a great deal to the charm of a summer outing. Millionaires may build castles and call them cottages, but they can never incorporate the home-made comfort that a poor man with his wife and babies finds in a little twelve-foot cabin built like this.

### Effective

"Doctor, I want to thank you for your valuable medicine."

"It helped you, did it?" asked the doctor, very much pleased.

"It helped me wonderfully."

"How many bottles did you find it necessary to take?"

"Oh, I didn't take any of it. My uncle took one bottle, and I am his sole heir."

# STEEL SQUARE

ALFRED W. WOODS

## How to Use the Steel Square

SHOWING THE RELATION OF THE CUTS AND POSITIONS OF THE RAFTERS BY THE USE OF TRIANGLES AND HOW THE SAME APPLIES TO THE STEEL SQUARE

**I**N FORMER articles, we have shown many illustrations of how to use, and what may be accomplished by the aid of the steel square in framing all kinds of angles in building construction, many of which, we are aware, would never be considered prac-

The base represents the tangent or one-half of the length of the sides, as A-B in Figs. 183-4. The perpendicular represents the run of the common rafter, as B-C, and the hypotenuse represents the run of the hip, as A-C. These figures represent the plan for the square and octagon buildings. The hypotenuse and perpendicular in the former rest at an angle of 45 and in the latter at 22½ degrees. The hexagon would be at 30 degrees and so on to the end, each equal-sided or regular polygonal building having an angle in degrees that is readily arrived at as illustrated and described a number of times in former articles; therefore, we will not take space to repeat it here.

Knowing these angles and the figures to use on the steel square to obtain them, the operator can instantly apply the square for correct results. In the irregular, or where the roof contains different pitches, then the

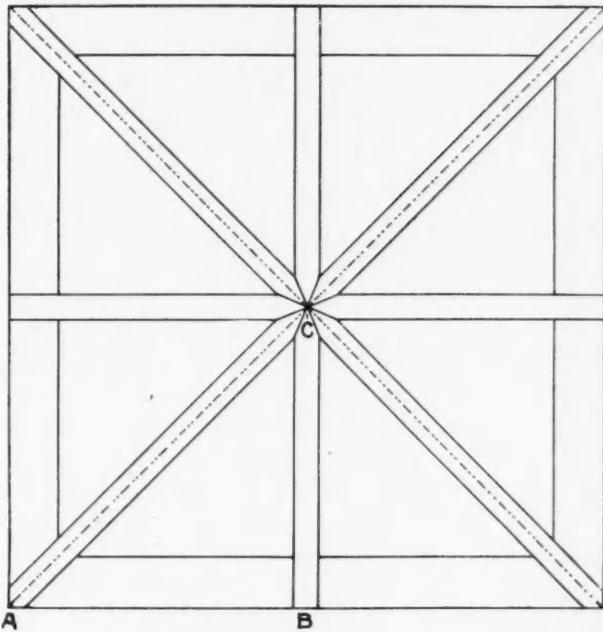


FIG. 183.

tical because of the little demand for their use, but the principle involved remains the same and applies to all angles alike.

The whole subject is solvable with the right angle triangle from which it has its beginning and ending. The cuts, the shape of the building and the rafters themselves, together with the run and rise, form the triangle. This is where the usefulness of the steel square comes in as an aid in helping to solve these problems. The blade and tongue being at right angles to each other, furnish two sides of the angle—i. e., base and perpendicular; the third, hypotenuse, is furnished by taking a diagonal line from one arm of the square to the other. This is furnished by applying the square to the straight edge of the timber at the required angle to obtain the cuts; the hypotenuse being changeable as to its position with the base and perpendicular according to the cut desired. Taking these parts for the plan layout, they are as follows:

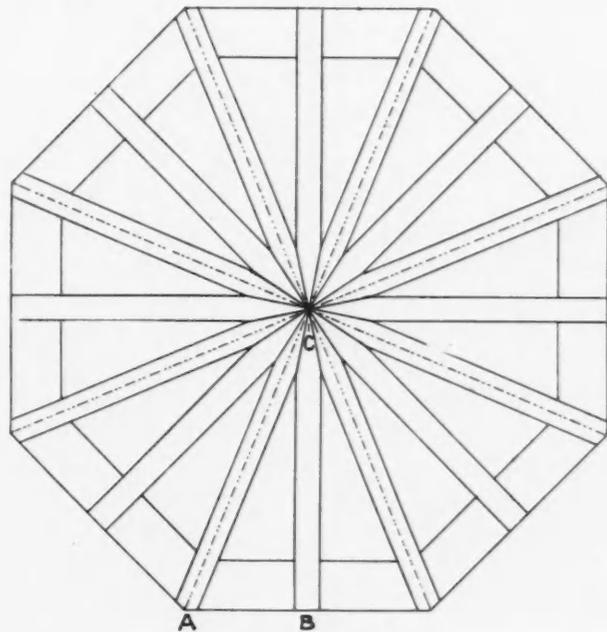


FIG. 184.

figures to use are not so easily understood and require a special calculation. In most cases, it is better to lay off a scale diagram of the plan to find the measurements.

The position of the rafter when in place in relation to its run and rise forms a triangle as follows:

The base represents the run; the perpendicular the

rise, and the hypotenuse the rafter itself. The corresponding cuts for the rafters, as mentioned before, are also obtained by a triangle whose proportions partake of the triangles that go to form the plan and

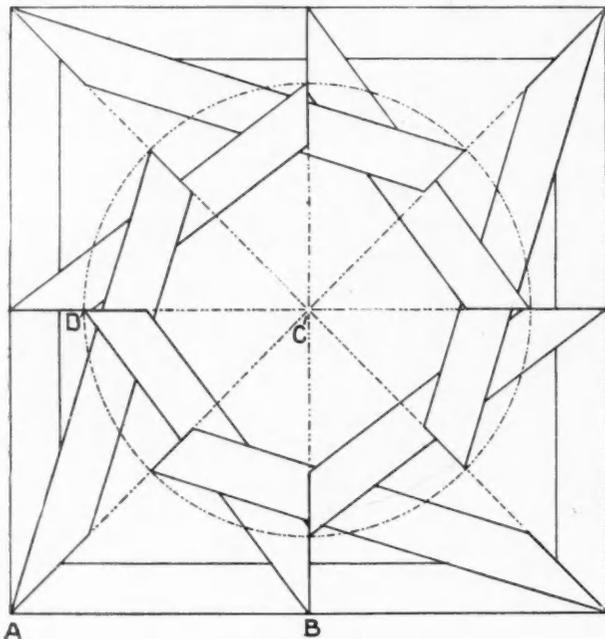


FIG. 185.

position of the rafter as above described. The cut itself and the edge of the timber from which the cut is reckoned, forms two parts of the triangle, as follows:

The seat cut of the rafter is formed by the hypothe-

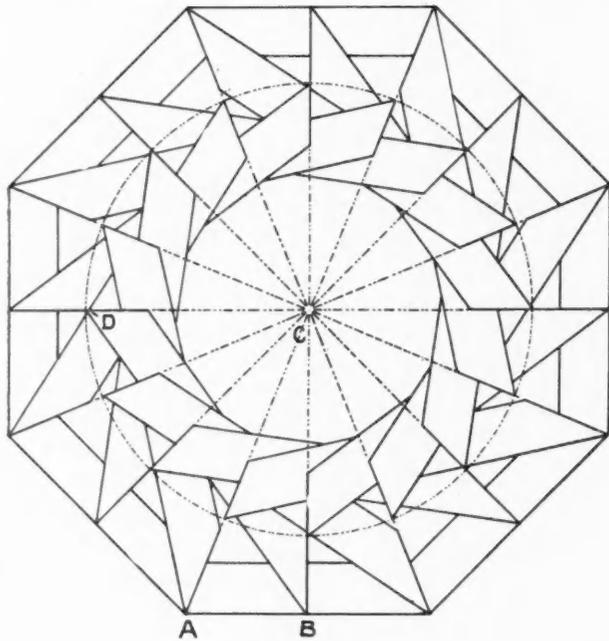


FIG. 186.

nuse and base, with cut on the latter. The plumb cut by the hypotenuse and perpendicular with cut on the latter.

The side cut of the jack is formed from the triangle whose measurements are based on the proportions of the triangle that forms the plan, as shown in Figs.

183-4, and the one as above mentioned in connection with the common rafter and are as follows:

A-B (the tangent) represents the base and B-C (the length of the common rafter) the perpendicular; cut on the latter. When these proportions are taken on the tongue and blade of the square, the cut will be found on the latter. The perpendicular and the edge of the rafter will be to it as the hypotenuse to the angle.

This also applies to the side cut of the hip; the proportions being taken from the triangles that represent its parts the same as described above for the side cut of the jack.

#### Geometrical Figures in Roof Framing

Now that we have explained the angles for the individual rafter, we will go a little further and show them in connection with the plan under different conditions.

In Fig. 183-4 they are shown in the plan as men-

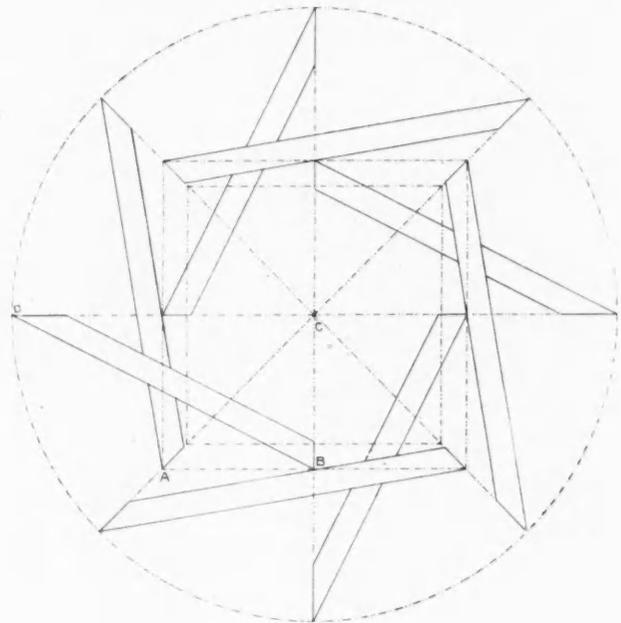


FIG. 187.

tioned before for the square and octagon building, but only those for the common rafter and hips are shown. The view point is from above looking straight down and in that case the rafters are shown in their place, but there is nothing in this to indicate the pitch, so we will refer to Fig. 185 and 186. Here are the same plans, but showing the second set of angles, i. e., the triangle, of which the hypotenuse represents the rafter. The pitch is one-third and the rafters are represented as if they were lying down with the foot of each resting in its proper place and the upper end at an equal distance from the center, which is governed by the rise given the rafters. Now just imagine that we could take hold of the upper end of the rafters and raise them up till they rest over the dotted lines, they would all be resting in their respective places and show the same as in Figs. 183-4. Thus it will be seen that the subject of roof framing furnishes an interesting study. The least change in the rise

changes the cuts and for that reason complicates the work in the minds of many good mechanics.

If the pitch be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , then the upper ends of the common rafters would intersect the outer line of the plate

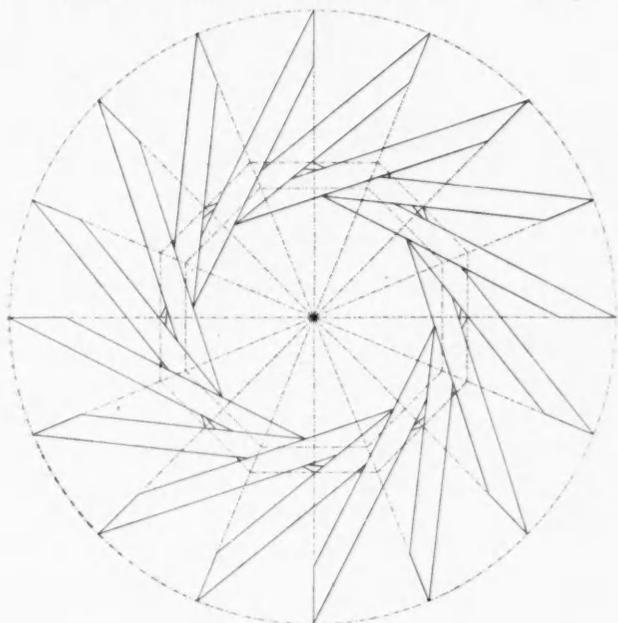


FIG. 188

when shown under like conditions, as in Fig. 185-6. Thus, when the pitch is less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ , the layout of the rafters will fall inside and when over  $\frac{1}{2}$ , they will fall outside of the plate lines, as shown in Figs. 187-8. Here the pitch is represented to be full, or 24 inches rise to the foot. The radius of the dotted circle represents the rise. If we could raise the rafters as mentioned in the previous figures, their points would all come to a common center and would show the same as the first figures given in connection with this article.



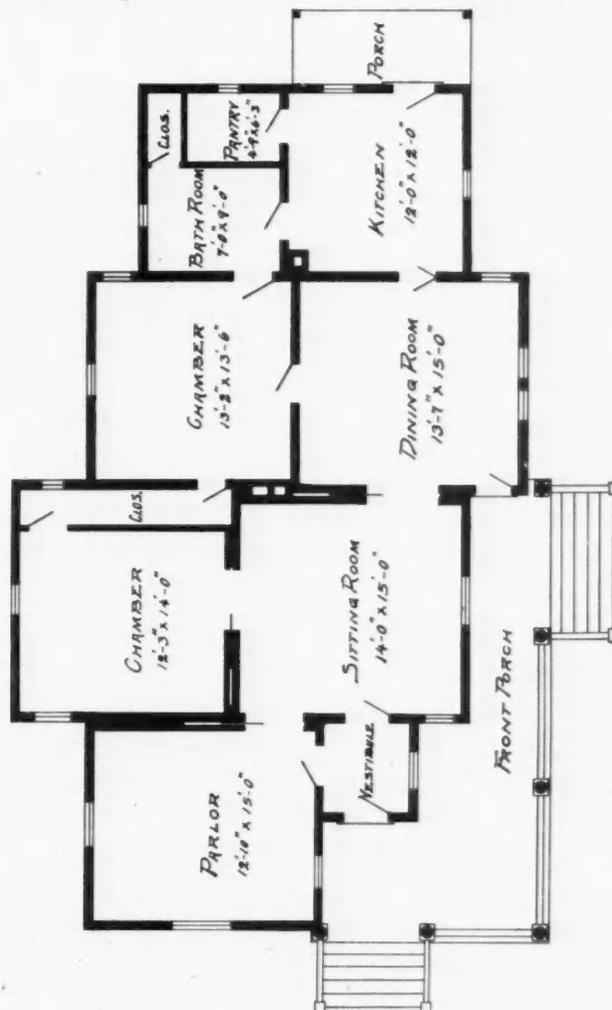
**A Neat Well Built Cottage**

The six-room cottage illustrated herewith was planned and built by C. E. Spaulding at Centralia, Ill. It will appeal to many because of its convenient arrangement and substantial construction. There is a good basement under the entire house, the foundation walls being of concrete block. Furnace flues were built



A Substantial Cottage Built by C. E. Spaulding, Centralia, Ill.

so that a heating plant may be easily installed at any time. The floor plan gives a good idea of the size and arrangement of the rooms. The interior finish is



yellow pine in the natural colors. The cost in 1907, complete with bath, hot and cold water systems and gas, was \$2,350.



**Emery**

All the emery used in the world comes from the little island of Naxos, near Greece. As it is one of the hardest substances known, the ordinary quarrying tools cannot be used to cut it out.



**A Mistake**

Client.—“Didn’t you make a mistake in going into law instead of the army?”

Lawyer.—“Why?”

“By the way you charge there would be little left of the enemy.”



**“We Will Put Your Name on File”**

The Needy One.—“I say, old man, could you lend me a dollar for a day or two?”

The Other One.—“My dear fellow, the dollar I lend is out at present, and I’ve several names down for it when it comes back.”—*Harper’s Weekly*.

# PRACTICAL CARPENTRY

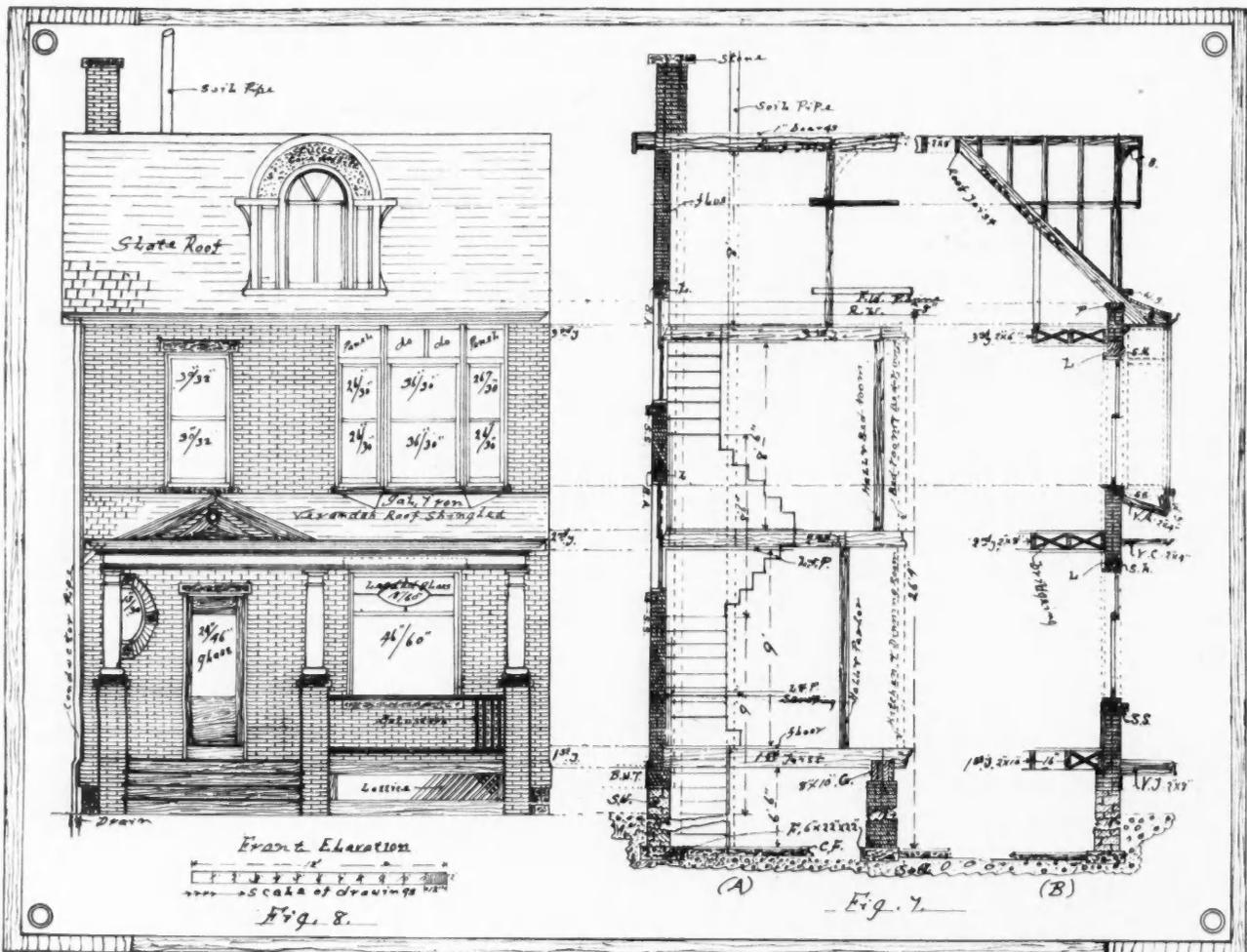
## How to Make and Read Drawings

BEING THE FOURTH OF A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON MAKING AND READING DRAWINGS FOR A BUILDING—SECTIONS AND FRONT ELEVATION SHOWN

By Wm. C. A. Stevenson

AT THE conclusion of the last article, we finished with the different plans; we will now take up the sections and elevations. At Fig. 7, (A) and (B) is shown two different sections. At (A) we have the section of the side wall, which shows the wall from the basement to top of chimney;

floor 8 feet 6 inches, the attic 8 feet. The main stairs and the stairs to the attic are outlined here in an upright position showing the room they take up. The chimney and soil pipe are shown by the dotted lines where they come down through the building. The windows over the stair landings are seen here in sec-



F shows concrete footing; C F cement floor; S W, stone wall. It will be seen here that we have not shown the full height of stone wall, it being broken into with the zigzag lines. We have also dimensioned the height of each floor as will be seen, the basement 6 feet 6 inches, the ground floor ceiling 9 feet, first

tion, showing the stone sills S S, the brick arch B A over the window, and the wood lintel behind the arch at L. The roof joist is seen extending over the wall to form the cornice. B W T shows the brick water-table, which forms a projection over the stone foundation wall. At G is shown the 8 by 10 girder on top

of brick pier in basement to support the first joist, showing how the joist is to be cut over it so as to provide for headroom in the basement; note the line showing the strapping on the wall; L P P shows the lath and plaster lines.

The partitions between the hall and parlor, on the ground floor, and the hall and bed rooms on the first floor, are shown as they support the joist. Since the partitions between the dining room and kitchen, and bed rooms on the first floor do not run all the way to the back of the house, they are shown by the dotted lines; these also support the joist. In the attic is shown the partition that supports the roof joist, and comes at one side of the circle top window, as will be seen by referring to the attic and roof plan at Fig. 6, in article number 3. It will be noticed here that the front wall of building is 8 inches higher than the rear wall as seen by the lines F W and R W—this is done in order to get the wide projection of the roof in the front and not drop too low over the bay window.

The dotted lines show the form of the circle top window. We will deal with this in detail later on.

At (B) is shown the section of the building cut into through the front wall. In this view, instead of looking at the side of joist, we look at the end view. We see the section of the large front window and the smaller one above on the first floor, also the outline of the bay window, showing how it stops under the projection of the main roof. V J shows a portion of the veranda joist, V C veranda ceiling, V R veranda roof, S S stone sills of windows, S H stone heads of windows—as in the front, we are putting in stone heads instead of the brick arches, over the windows. L shows the wood lintel over the large bay window opening to support the brick wall above. P is the wall plate, showing the main rafter cut over it and stopping at the roof joist; and the piece B, planted on top of the main rafter at the bottom to form the projection of roof and the bellcast in the roof. W S shows the wood sills under the bay win-

dow and the circle window in roof. C S shows the cove soffit of the circle top window.

A great deal more might have been shown on this section but I do not consider it wise to confuse the reader with too many lines at a time. At Fig. 8 is shown the front elevation. Now by drawing the section first you can project the main points, such as floor lines, etc., over to the elevation, as seen by the broken and dotted lines, and save considerable measuring. Although these lines are not shown on the elevation it is necessary to have them in order to establish the proper places for the openings, etc. The windows must be placed in the proper place between the floors and the cornice lines must be shown in the proper place. The first to be done in drawing the elevation is to outline the outside of it, then get all the objects outlined in their proper places, starting with those that are in front, in this case the brick piers of the veranda, the steps, lattice work, hand rails, columns, veranda roof, etc. After all of the first appearing objects have been drawn, fill in whatever can be seen of the wall proper.

Always take care that your windows, doors, etc., are shown in the elevations in the same position as in the plans; unless your plans will all work together they are useless. This is a point to be carefully watched. It is proper to mark all the sizes of glass on the windows. When drawing plans to a small scale it is not required to show working details on the plans, in fact it is not possible to do so; full size or half size details are made of the cornices, frames, stairs, veranda, cupboards, etc., in order that a proper conception of what is required can be gained from them. These details will be taken up later on.

I have shown on these drawings indication letters that would not be shown on drawings made for working purposes, being shown here in order to indicate each part so that the reader can get the idea more clearly. In the next issue we will show the side and rear elevations.

## Proper Furnace Installation

BLUNDERS IN BUILDING WHICH ARE COSTLY AND A SOURCE OF INCONVENIENCE—PROPER METHOD OF HEATING AND VENTILATING

By I. P. Hicks

**T**HE first question we wish to take up in this article is in regard to laying out the framing of a house for the convenience of cutting the openings for furnace pipes. Many houses are heated with the warm air furnace, which makes it necessary for openings to be cut through floors and partitions to accommodate the pipes. Now, when a contractor has a house to build that is to be heated with a furnace, the first thing he should do is to properly locate all the registers on the plans, if they have not been located by the architect. Some architects leave the location of the registers to the furnace contractor, but

a competent architect can locate the pipes and outlets for furnace heating to just as good advantage as the furnace contractor, and in making plans the architect should locate the place for registers and everything pertaining to the heating of the house.

When the contractor lays out the joists and partitions he should see that the joists on the floor above are directly over the lower ones, and that the studding are directly under the joists and in line with them, see Fig. 1. When this is done there is no trouble in cutting the openings for the pipes and registers. On the other hand, if this is not done, and the studding

and joists are put in without any regard to furnace pipes, then the contractor will find his troubles begin to multiply as soon as he begins to cut for the furnace pipes. He will find studding that must be moved; he will find joists that must be moved or cut into and headers put in; all this will consume three or four times as much time as will be required to cut the openings where

a little care is exercised in spacing and setting the joists and partitions. The time taken to set the partitions to accommodate the pipes is practically nothing. We

have heard a contractor state that he would take a contract for a house heated with hot water or steam for fifty dollars less than he would if heated

with a warm air furnace, because of the immense amount of cutting the furnace work requires. We consider the above statement not well founded; a contractor with such an opinion surely does not properly lay out the framing of the house, if such has been his experience. Let us lay out the house and we will agree to do all the cutting for the furnace pipes for five dollars. No man should be over one day cutting for furnace pipes in the average residence, and in some cases half this time would be plenty. The way to cut for furnace pipes is to have every pipe located and have one man, skilled in this kind of work, do the cutting; then when he starts to cut let him keep at it till the job is completed.

It is a great loss of time for a contractor to take men haphazard to do this work, calling a man away from his usual work at various times to cut for the furnace man as he happens to want it. All the cutting should be done at one time, in advance of the furnace man, by someone who understands it. Working here and there and cutting for furnace pipes by piece-meal does not pay.

If a contractor has the cutting to do for steam or hot water heating, he finds that there is no great amount of difference between cutting for steam or hot water heating and in cutting for the furnace, if some care is taken in setting joists and partitions.

Fig. 2 shows how studding and joists should be laid out on sills and girders where they lap by one another to keep them in line across the building. The

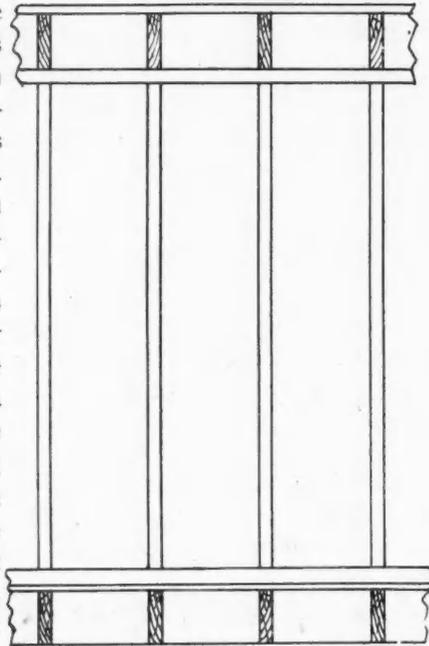


FIG. 1.

studding on one sill are set the thickness of the studding to one side of the studding on the opposite sill. Then when the joists are placed they can be lapped on the girder in the center, and each tier of joists will line up square across the building. How often we see joists put in lapped on a girder or partition, and scarcely a joist in the entire floor is square with the building. This frequently makes it bad in setting partitions that run parallel with the joists and sometimes makes extra cutting necessary.

It pays to be a little particular and exact in laying out work, the little extra time it takes is a mere nothing, while its advantages are very great and are apparent everywhere about a building laid out by a competent man who looks ahead a little in his work. The old saying, "Never cross a bridge till you come to it," may be handy for people to say at times, but be sure the bridge is there when you want it; it saves trouble.

We wish next to impress upon the minds of people the importance of good chimneys and some means of proper ventilation.

As the price of brick and bricklayers' wages are now unusually high, it makes the average house chimney run up to a high figure; consequently many people try to economize in chimney construction much to the detriment of the heating and ventilation system of the building. There are many six and seven room houses being built in Omaha with only one 8 by 12 single flue chimney, which is expected to take care of the heating plant, the kitchen range and a laundry stove in the cellar, making three separate pipes to enter a single 8 by 12 flue chimney. A chimney of this kind may work, and then again it may be very unsatisfactory. If it does fail there is no remedy except to build another chimney in some other corner of the house; and sometimes there is no available space. It is surely false economy to build this kind

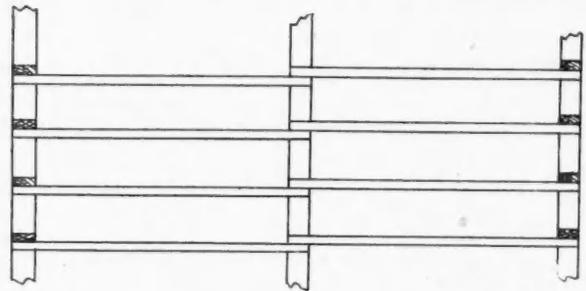


FIG. 2.

of a chimney—the chances are that there will not be sufficient draft to operate the laundry stove, the kitchen range and the heating plant; and the efficiency of one, or perhaps all, will be greatly impaired. Fig. 3 shows the comparative size of the ordinary 8 by 12 flue chimney; the average cost of construction is \$1.00 per lineal foot. With a chimney of this kind there is no system of ventilation, a thing that is being greatly overlooked even in the better class buildings.

Fig. 4 shows a 12 by 12 flue chimney, which is none too large for operating a laundry stove, kitchen range and the heating plant. This is a flue that will furnish

the necessary draft and can be depended upon to do the work required of it. Its cost is \$1.20 to \$1.25 per lineal foot. This chimney, like the one previously described, does not carry with it any means of ventilation.

Fig. 5 shows a chimney with a 12 by 12 flue to take care of the smoke from the heating plant, laundry stove and kitchen range, and an 8 by 12 flue for ventilation purposes. There is no doubt at all that every house should have at least one ventilating flue and it should be 12 by 12; still an 8 by 12 is better than none at all. When buildings are heated with a furnace, there should be a ventilating flue, to which a proper size ventilating pipe from each room should connect.

The air comes into a room heated from a furnace and must displace the same volume of cold air that is in the room. This cold air must have some way to get out to make room for the incoming warm air. For the sake of saving a few dollars, no provision is now being made to properly take care of the cold, foul air, or to provide a way for its escape from the room; it is left for the warm air to force it out through little cracks under and around doors and windows. This is wrong; a way should be provided for the cold air to escape, and it should go into the ventilating flue, part of it at least. This purifies the air and the air that comes from the furnace is freshly heated pure air. Some take the dead air from the rooms and return it to the furnace to be continually heated over and over again and sent back to the rooms, claiming that it takes less fuel to heat the air because it is not so cold as the air from the outside air duct would be. This looks plausible on the face of it, but we have had experience with outside air ducts and with inside air ducts, and we will take the outside air duct; for, as a rule, the inside air duct does not furnish sufficient air, and if the furnace does not get the air, it surely can not heat it, nor deliver it to the rooms when wanted. Ample air supply should always be provided; if too much, part of it can be shut off, but if the supply is insufficient it is difficult to remedy the defect. No matter how cold the air is, the furnace will heat better with plenty of air supply than it will with an insufficient amount of half heated air; and the cost in the heating will be no greater.

How about steam and hot water heat? As installed in the ordinary residence at the present time, there is no system whatever of ventilation—they simply heat continuously the same air that is in the room from morning till night and from day to day, except what

little fresh air gets in through windows and door cracks. This is a fact and it is only in school houses or some government buildings that any system of ventilation is provided for with steam or hot water heat. In these buildings ventilation is provided for because it has to be; but in the residence the radiators are placed near or under a window—and they call it a system of ventilation.

In a flue there is a continual, natural upward draft; and this flue, if properly connected with ventilation pipes from the different rooms, will remove the foul air from the rooms connected with it in proportion to the size of the flue and of the rooms with which it connects. No matter what system of heating is installed, some ventilation should be provided for; this matter should not be left to take care of itself.

In the time of our forefathers, when mammoth fireplaces were in every house, and when houses were not nearly as tightly built as now, people lived longer and with less sickness than at the present. There were not as many weak and frail and puny people as now. Why? Those old fireplaces afforded ventilation and it took bone and muscle to keep them supplied with fuel. This manual exercise developed strength and health. Air tight boxes to live in, with no ventilation, and idleness develops a race of puny, sickly people.

Fig. 6 shows another form of chimney which has two 8 by 12 flues and a 12 by 12 ventilation flue. In this, one 8 by 12 flue is designed for the laundry stove and the kitchen range, the other 8 by 12 flue exclusively for the heater, and the 12 by 12 flue for the ventilator.

Fig. 7 is another form with ventilating flue 8 by 20. Chimneys do not necessarily need to be after these particular patterns, but to be right should have an adequate flue for ventilation purposes, a flue exclusively for the heater and one for the stoves. Too much economy in building flues is detrimental to the heating and ventilating proposition.



FIG. 3.



FIG. 4.

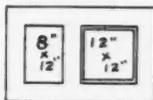


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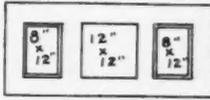


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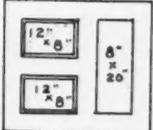


FIG. 7.

**Noiseless Room Under House**

In a house in Riverside Drive, New York City, there is one noise proof room. It is hewn out of solid rock under the house, and its roof and entrances are so arranged that no noise can reach the occupants. The room was built to gratify the owner's love of quiet while playing chess. Every week leading players of the city meet there. It is said that hardly the sound of the heaviest thunder reaches the ears of the occupants of this silent room.

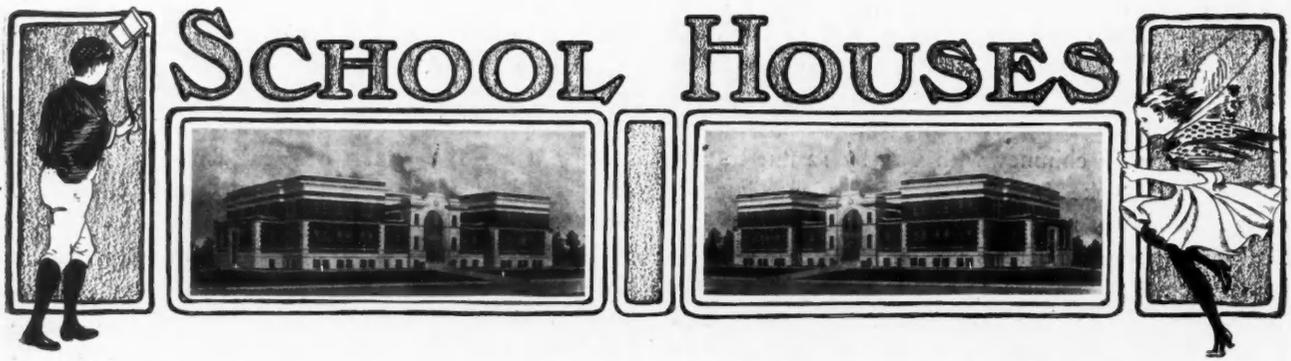
**Wasted Caution**

Church—"What's that piece of cord tied around your finger for?"

Gotham—"My wife put it there to remind me to mail her letter."

"And did you mail it?"

"No; she forgot to give it to me!"



## School House Built for Special Needs

PERSPECTIVE AND PLANS OF A WELL ARRANGED SCHOOL BUILDING—SOME DESIRABLE FEATURES POINTED OUT

**I**N DESIGNING a public school building the first thing to consider and to bear in mind all the way through is the special need or requirement of the particular locality where it is to be built. This has

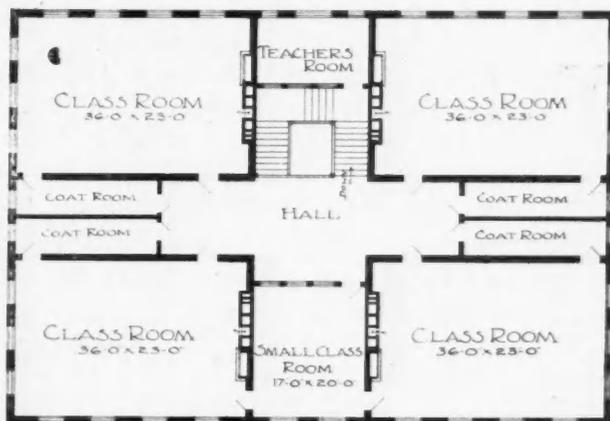
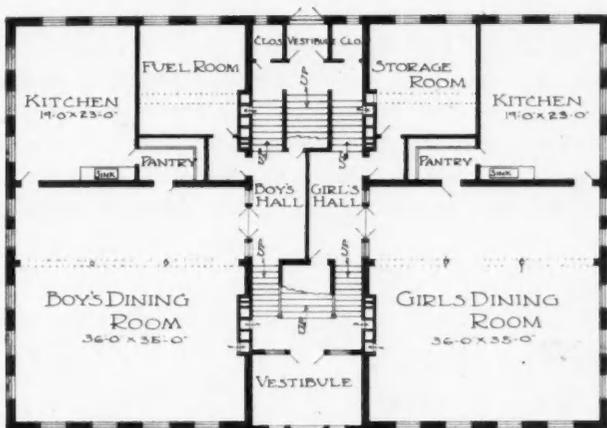
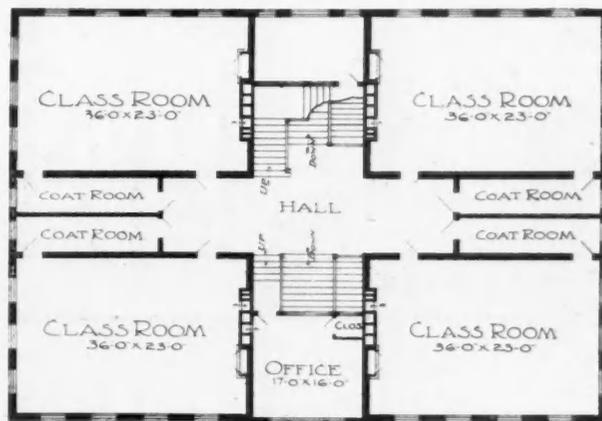
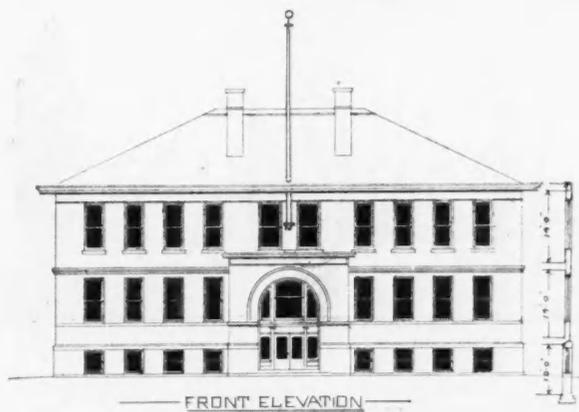
excellent part of this design, the large and airy dining rooms, with attached kitchens, in the basement. Whenever pupils are obliged to come from quite a distance, as in this case, this feature is to be recommended.



been done in a most admirable manner by G. W. Ashby in planning the eight-room school building shown herewith. Its location is in a southern state where the heating question is not a serious one. The expensive basement furnace system has accordingly been omitted. This has made possible a very

The exterior is plain and simple, yet pleasing; the interior is so arranged that all the rooms are large and easily accessible. It is a school house design giving maximum conveniences at minimum structural cost.

The front elevation and the basement, main and second floor plans are given on the following page.



**Buyers' Club Building for St. Louis**

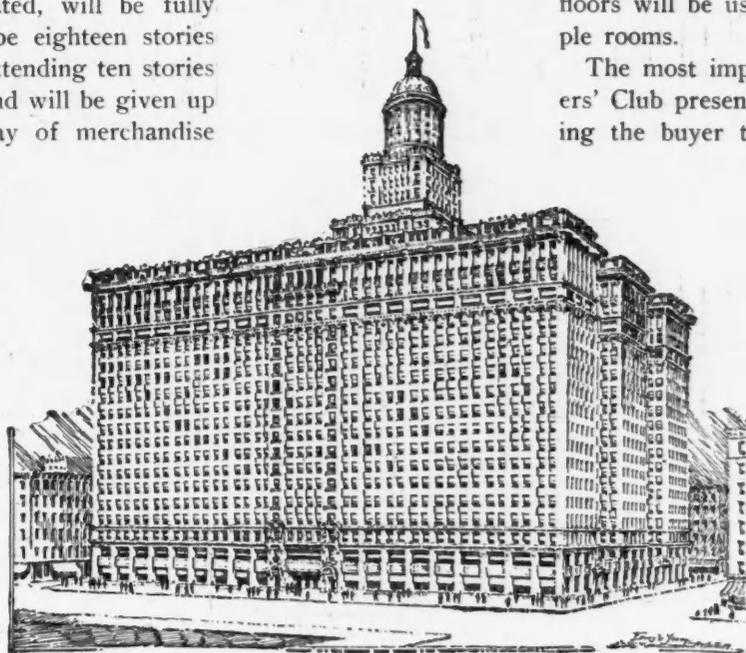
A new type of business building is under way in St. Louis which presents many practical features never before carried out on such a large scale, and others of perhaps equal value which have never been utilized anywhere before.

It is to be called the "Buyers' Club Building," and its cost, it is estimated, will be fully \$4,000,000. It will be eighteen stories high, with a tower extending ten stories above the building, and will be given up entirely to the display of merchandise with the exception of the top floor, which is to be sumptuously furnished for club purposes exclusively for visiting buyers, convention delegates, etc., and the tower, which will contain offices. The club floor will comprise a convention hall with committee rooms, etc., the use of which will be given free, to-

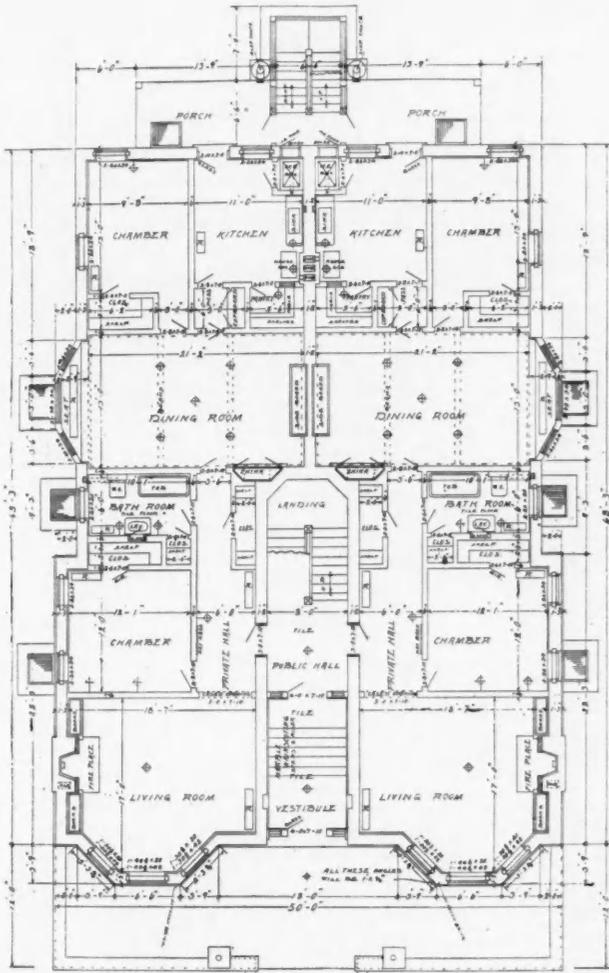
gether with all the club privileges, to all visiting buyers and to conventions where the delegates are in a position to buy goods or influence their purchase.

The first floor will be devoted to general display, demonstration and advertising purposes. The basement to demonstrating machinery, engines, tools, etc., with provisions for power of every nature. Sixteen floors will be used exclusively for sample rooms.

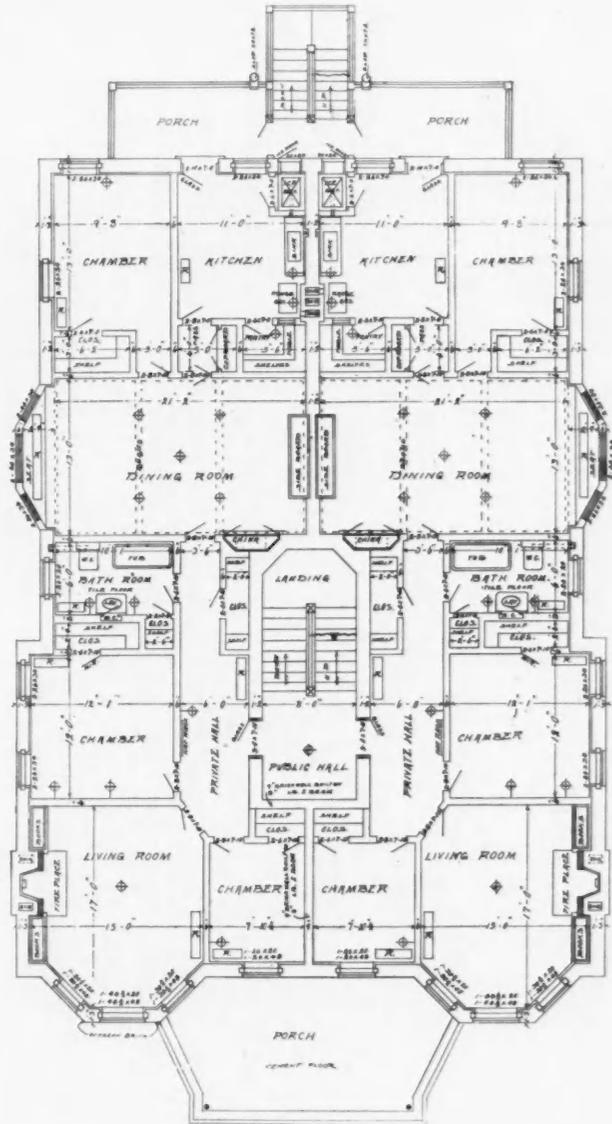
The most important feature the Buyers' Club presents is the plan for bringing the buyer to the seller. The fare of 10,000 buyers will be paid to St. Louis annually by the building company, and the exhibitors will choose the buyers who are to be brought. Special trains will be hired by the company and run from distant points where dealers from a considerable radius can be gathered and brought to St. Louis.



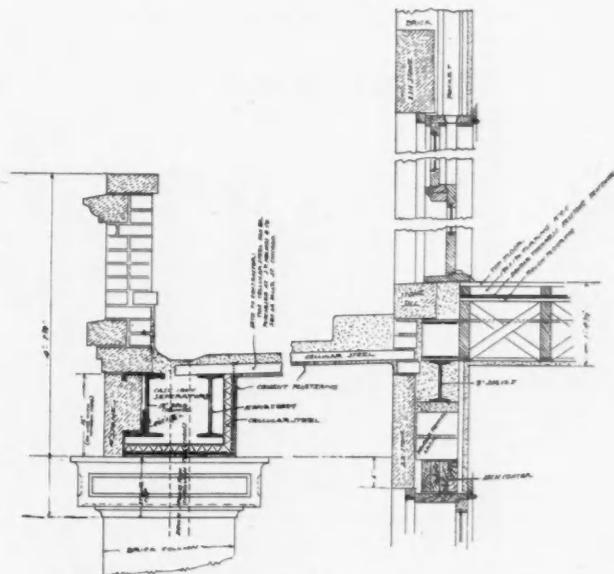
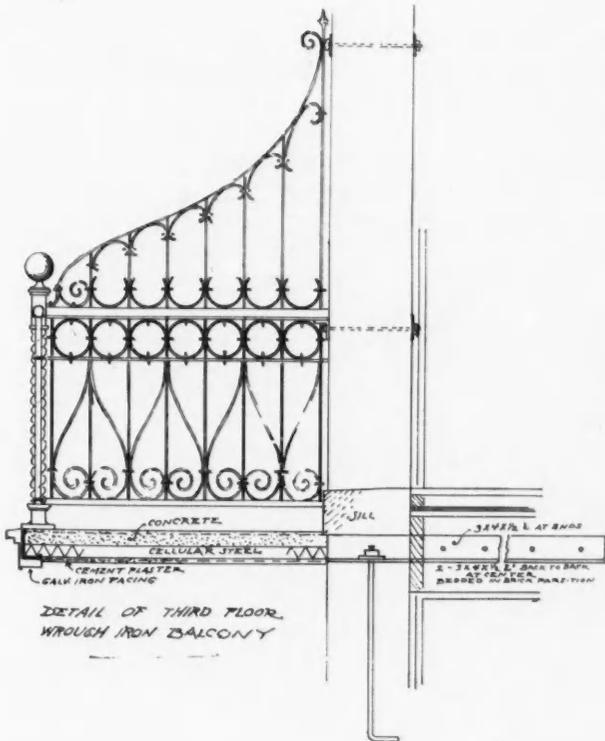




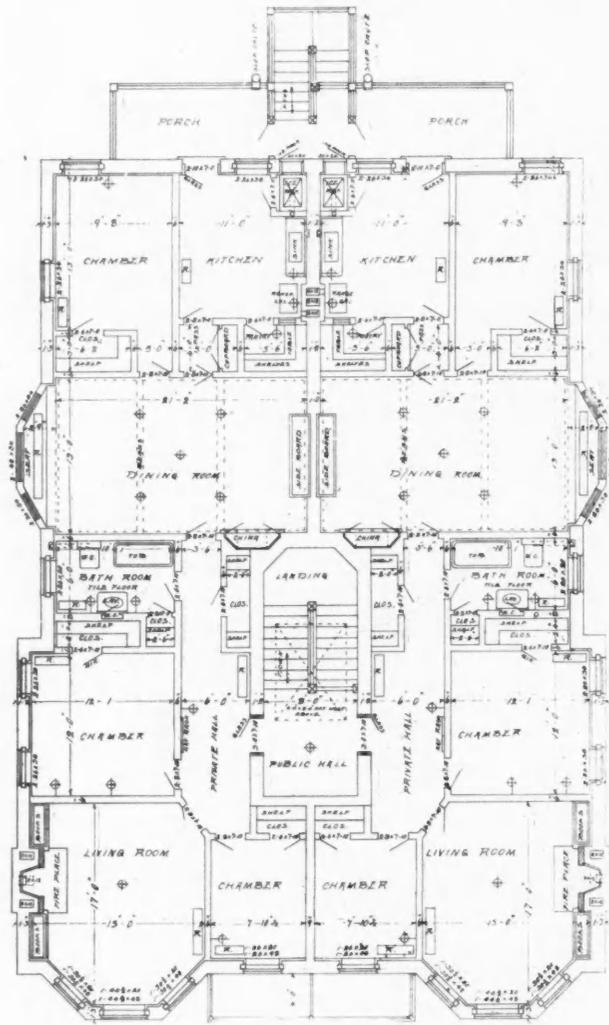
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Second Floor Plan



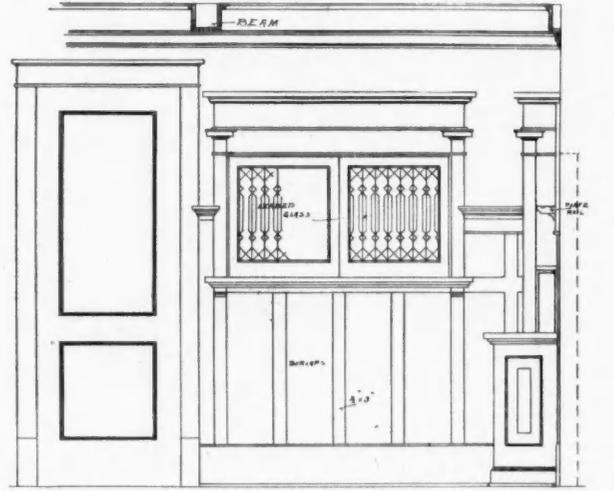
Detail of Second Floor Balcony Construction



Third Floor Plan

ing plans of a very attractive and thoroughly up-to-date flat building, recently designed by G. W. Ashby, architect, to be erected at Lafayette, Ind.

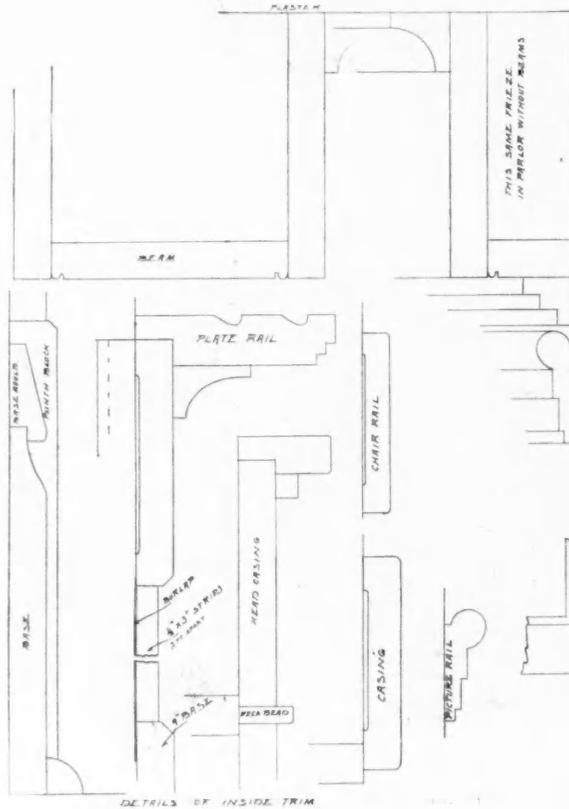
It is for a fifty foot lot and contains six apartments, each having six good sized rooms and a bath. It will



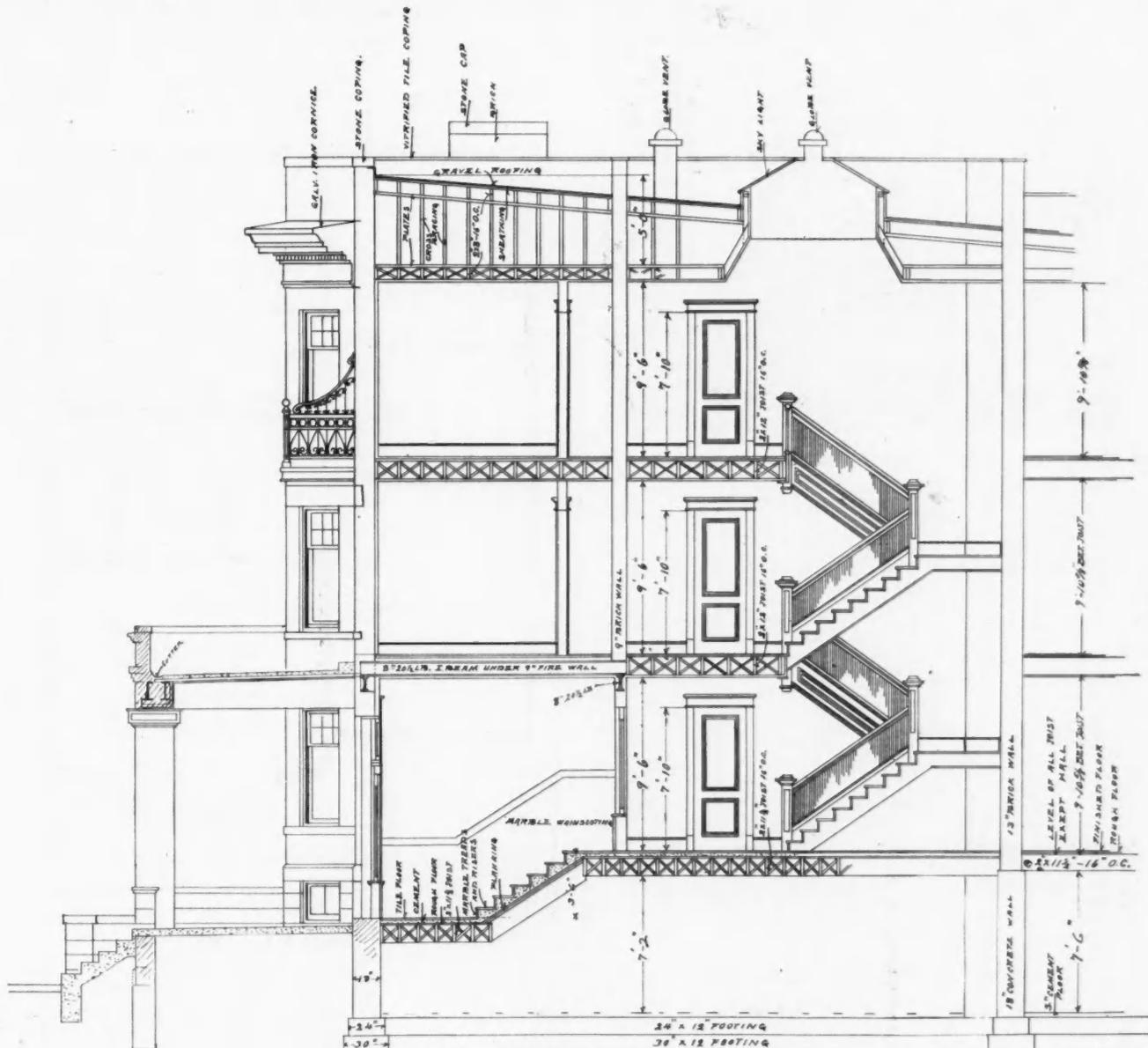
PLAN OF CHINA CASE

be noticed, however, that on the first floor plan two of these rooms are thrown into one, making a very large living room and providing for the outside vestibule on that floor. The arrangement of rooms is the one that has been often tested and found most satisfactory for buildings of this kind.

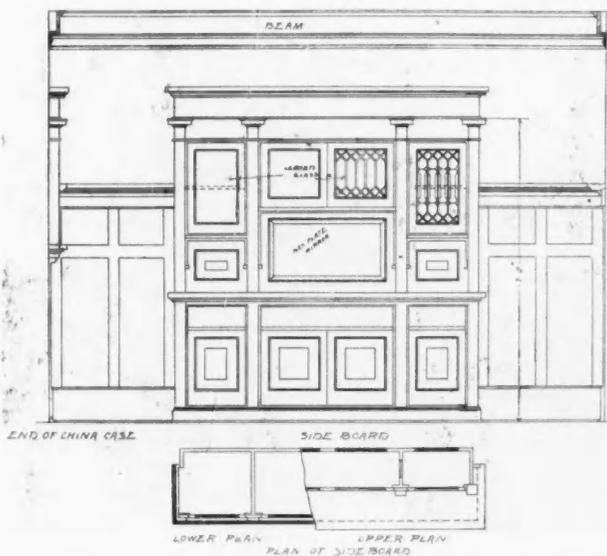
A very pleasing feature of the design is the large,



PLAN OF FIRE PLACE & BOOK CASES



A Modern Flat Building—Forward Section



finely lighted dining room with built-in sideboard and china case, details of which are shown. This room will often prove to be the real home room of the family, and the conveniences and comforts here provided, together with the ample space, are sure to be appreciated. The kitchen arrangement, with its ice-closet, combination sink and work table, and pantries, is also good.

The front living room is suitable for a library, having a serviceable fireplace, with book cases on either side. Very much is added to the attractiveness and comfort of the front part of the building by the porch and balconies as shown. The exterior treatment is in pressed brick and stone.

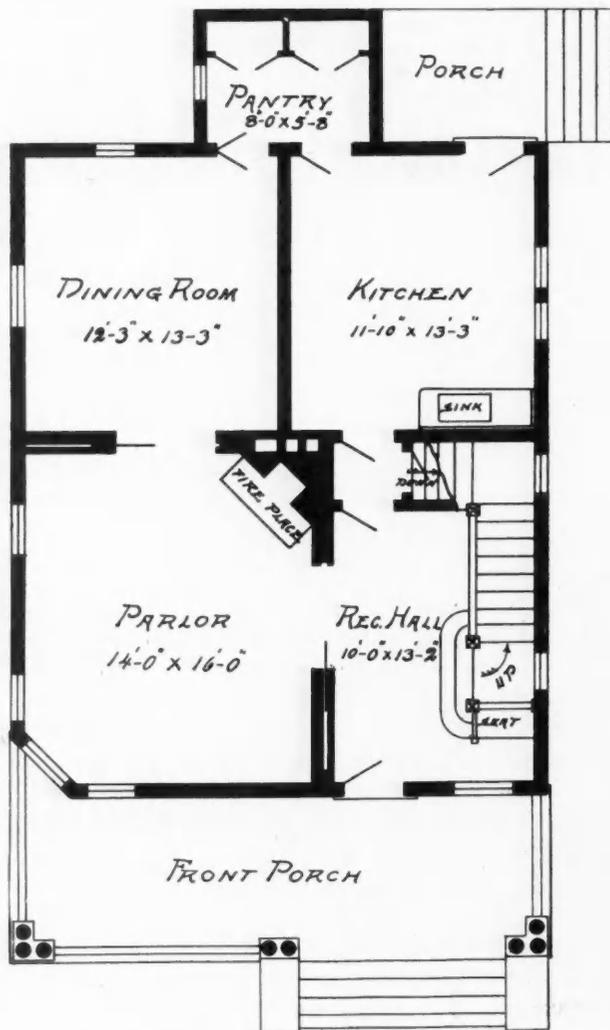
**A Small House at Moderate Cost**

This house, built by C. E. Spaulding at Centralia, Ill., makes a very satisfactory small house for a large family. Every inch of room is put to good use. The

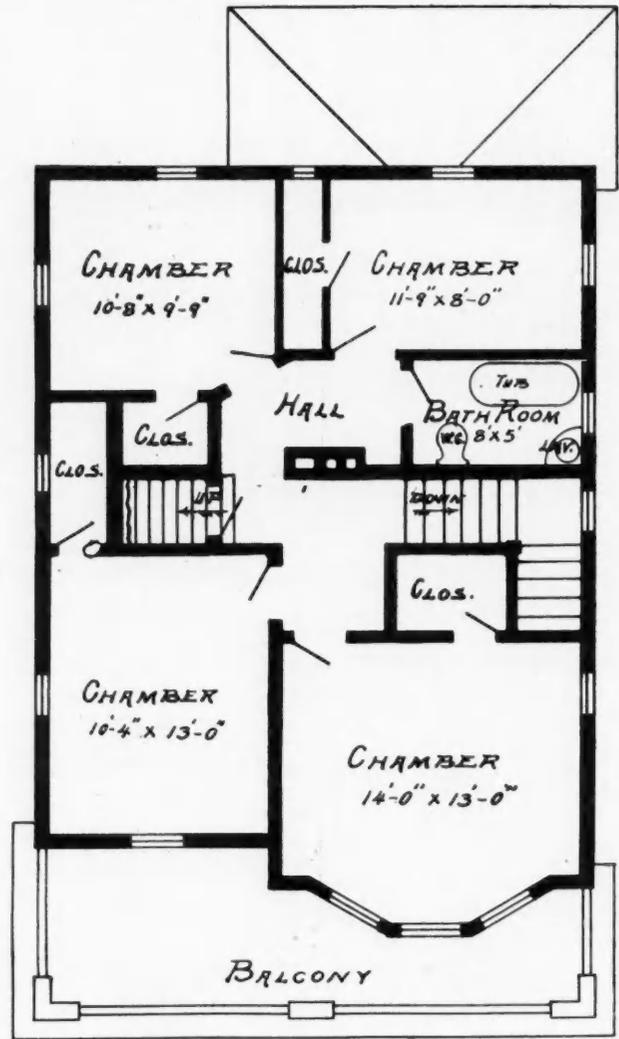


A House at Moderate Cost, Built by C. E. Spaulding, Centralia, Ill.

first floor has reception hall, living room and dining room, all connecting with wide sliding doors, also kitchen and pantry. On the second floor are four sleeping rooms, each with a clothes closet. The bath room is on this floor and is conveniently located. The broad porch, clear across the front, with roof constructed as a second floor balcony, is a much valued



First Floor Plan, a House at Moderate Cost



Second Floor Plan, a House at Moderate Cost

feature. There is a basement under the whole house, the foundation walls being of hard pressed brick. The interior finish is cypress in natural grain. This house was built in 1906, complete with plumbing, electric lights and furnace, for \$2,875.



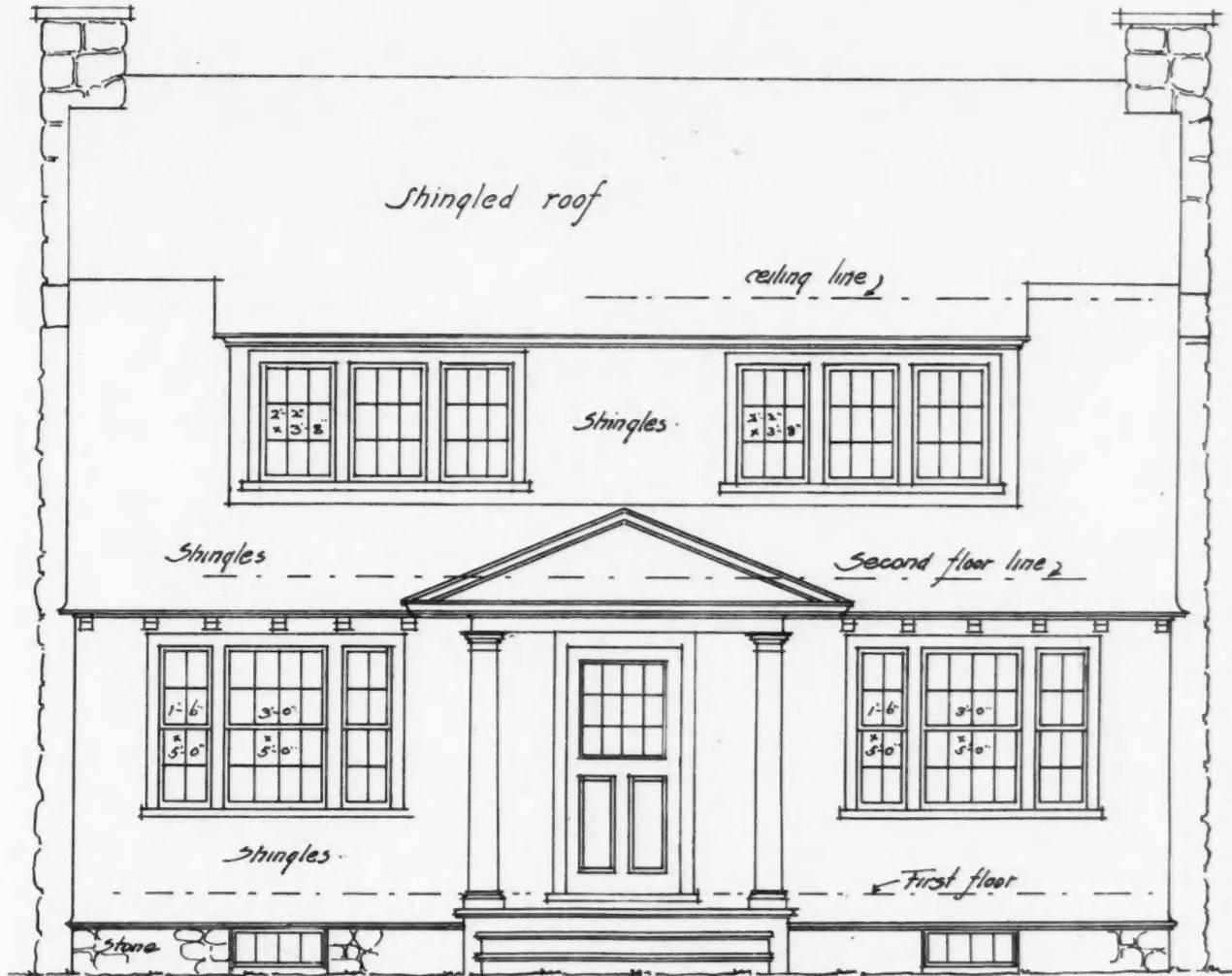
An Example of Successful Remodeling Done by C. E. Spaulding, Centralia, Illinois

**A Thoroughly Modern House**

There is a look of snug cozyness and comfort about the little residence designed by A. Raymond Ellis, architect, of Hartford, Conn., and erected in Battle Creek, Mich., full plans of which are here given, that appeals strongly to the home seeker of quiet, artistic tastes. The impression is of good cheer, airiness and sunshine.

The lines of the house rise gently from the building site, an effect produced by the gambrel roof with broad

A shore cottage requires a foundation of only stone piers or cedar posts. This is, of course, a saving over the entire stone foundation as required in this house. Small cottages do not require many details or the continuous supervision of an architect. Much in this case depends upon the builder; a reliable man will use good stock patterns and moldings to gain the effect the architect would desire. The construction is about the same as that of a more pretentious house. There is a plank sill, with a doubled 2 by 4 stud for corner posts, and



FRONT ELEVATION

extending cornice, and also by the use of stained shingles down to the foundation wall. The front elevation is simple and direct, the window treatment, both for the first floor and in the dormers above, being very good. The side elevations are made very effective by the rough masonry chimneys as here constructed; and they give an appearance of stability to the whole structure.

The gambrel roof is admirably suited for small cottages, as it combines a minimum amount of material for roof and walls. If this was built at the shore or country, where the cost of labor and material is not so high, it should cost \$1,800; if built to live in the year around, it would cost \$2,500.

2 by 4 studs for all walls and partitions. The floor joists in the first and second floor are of 2 by 9 spruce. The interior could be sheathed up with hard pine; this method would save lathing and plastering the entire house. Such woods as cypress or white-wood stained natural, are used for the finish and trim, and are inexpensive; but when stained, are very effective.

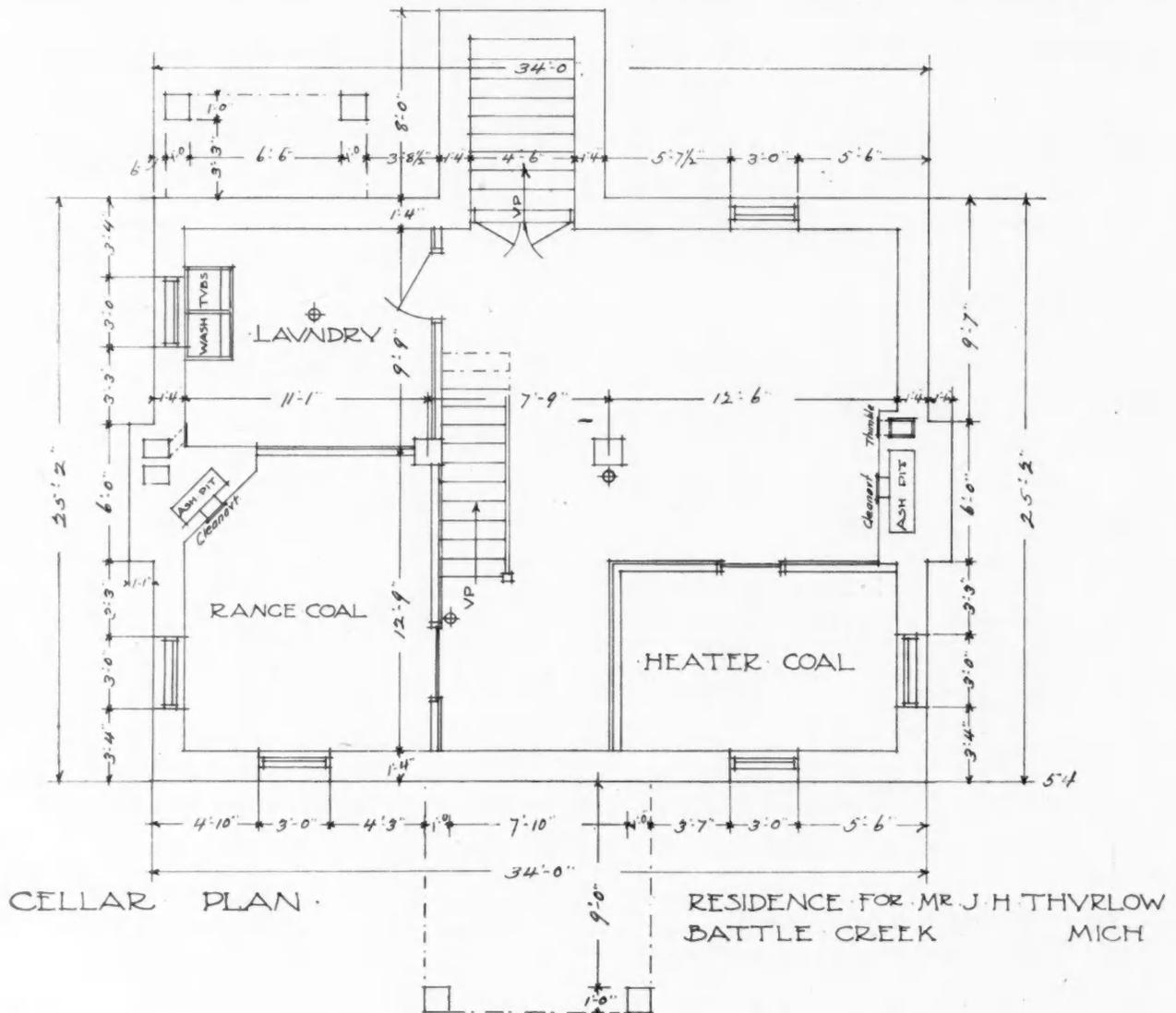
A small house can be well heated with a hot air furnace for from \$125 up. The plumbing varies with the quality of the fixtures used; in this case \$250 allows good second quality enameled iron and the other material of first-class quality.

There are several unusual features in this cottage:

First, the omission of the dining room, the dining table being placed at one end of the large living room. The large serving room or pantry accommodates all china, silver and table linen; therefore, the double purpose of the living room is not apparent. This is a gain in simple living and is a sensible fashion. The serving room is spacious, light and well fitted with shelves, cupboards and drawers, while direct access is given to the kitchen and hall. From here the cellar

On the second floor are three large, well lighted chambers, each with an ample clothes closet and box seat by the windows. The owner's chamber has a small dressing room attached. The bath room is of good size and is easily accessible. The halls, both upper and lower, together with the stairs, are broad and satisfactory.

The plans here given are very accurate and complete, being reductions from working drawings made



is also conveniently reached by a flight of stairs descending under the front stairs, which lead to the second floor. Access to the cellar is also gained from without by means of a flight of stairs covered with a bulkhead, located beside the back porch.

The cellar as constructed is of good height, well lighted and is finished for laundry and for general storage purposes. Reference to the first floor plan will show the convenient arrangement there, with the successful separation, even in a small house, of the library from the busier portion. The very large, well lighted living room, with its serviceable fireplace, window seat and beam ceiling, has proved very homelike and attractive.

one-quarter inch to the foot. The first and second floor plans, together with the side and rear elevations are given on the three pages following.

### The "Ultimate" Skyscraper

One of the great captains of construction, writing of the "ultimate" building in New York, says:

"The top stories of the tall buildings are great places to live in, and, of all things, to sleep in; so quiet, so well ventilated." Then follows the prediction that "some chap will come along with hotels and apartments in one end of his building and with a marketplace and a theater in the middle and an office building at the other end, with a railway terminus under it all.

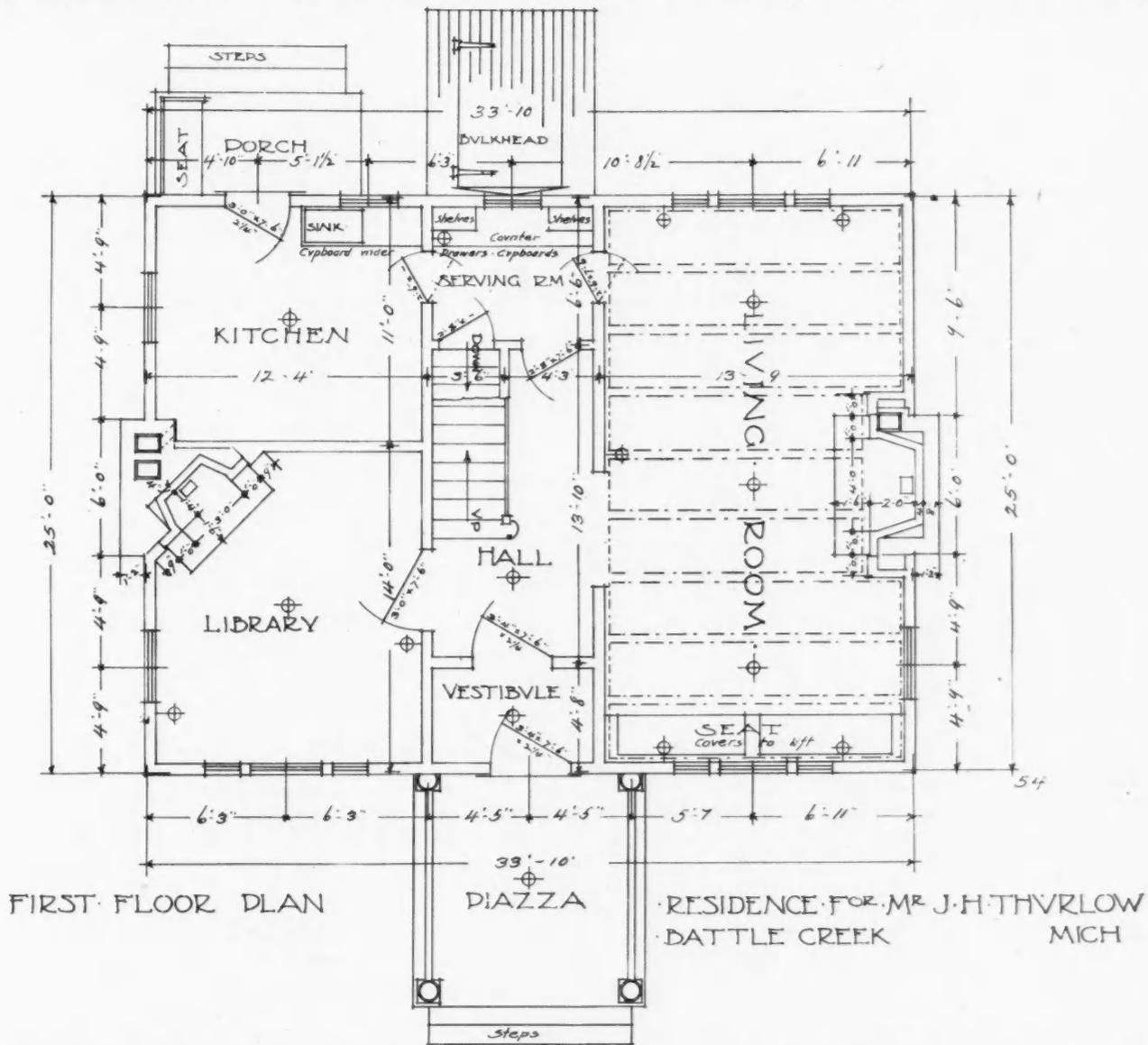
If there's a roof garden on the top you have the whole thing."

This is a vision of the simple life luxurious. Whoso enters into it will leave behind the nightmare of subway atmospheres, bridge crushes and ferry-boat uncertainties. There need be only the provision of roof-garden gymnasiums and swimming-tanks—and perhaps skating-rinks in winter—to remove the hygienic objections to a constant existence within the limit of one block.

One musical instrument is permitted in each flat, but no flowers may be placed on the window sills, and the tenants must sign an agreement to wear slippers indoors.

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**Fireproof Houses**

"Because our fathers did it that way" seems, to some of our builders, no excuse today for being content with fire-traps to sleep in, when we are taking



But perhaps the limits and the room for exercise would be extended eventually by the construction of bridges from one "ultimate" roof to another.

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**Rules for Life in Flats**

In Berlin a remarkable clause is contained in the will of a wealthy landlord named Boernitz, who died last week. The testator bequeaths a large number of flats to his heirs on the condition that they do not let them to persons keeping servants, or having children, dogs, cats or birds. Tenants may not be engaged in night work which will cause them to return home while the other occupants are sleeping.

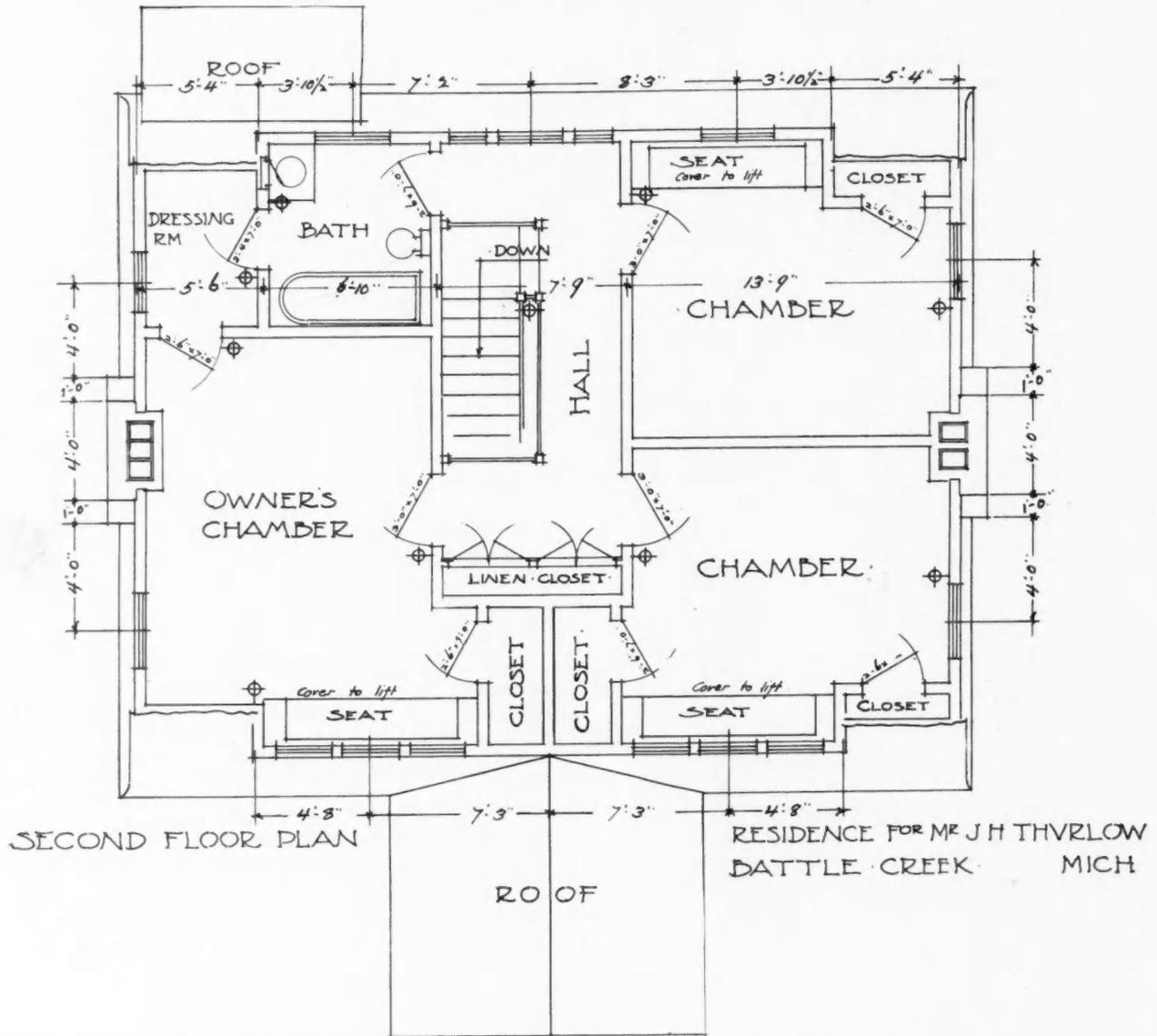
so much trouble to fireproof the places where we work. This point is worth considering, especially by those who are to build in the country, or in places where means for checking a fire are few. In some cases also the increasing cost of lumber and the decreasing cost of cement, metal lath, terra cotta, etc., make the difference in cost very slight between material that will burn and material that will not.

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**How to Use Glue**

For glue to be properly effective, it requires to penetrate the pores of the wood; and the more a body

of glue penetrates the wood, the more substantial the joint will remain. Glues that take the longest to dry are to be preferred to those that dry quickly, the slow-drying glues being always the strongest, other things being equal. For general use no method gives such good results as the following: Break the glue up small, put it into an iron kettle, cover the glue with water, and allow it to soak twelve hours; after soaking, boil until done. Then pour it into an airtight box,

Lumber Company and the Associated Press passed out the word that they were the largest sticks ever shipped from any port in the world. The sticks were 36 by 36 by 60 feet. These sticks went to the Panama canal. Bellingham, Wash., not wishing to be too modest, came to the front and reported a stick cut by the Bellingham Bay Lumber Company for a dredge spud stick which was 40 by 40 by 90 feet. The Tacoma Mill Company cut a keel for the Steamer Mexico



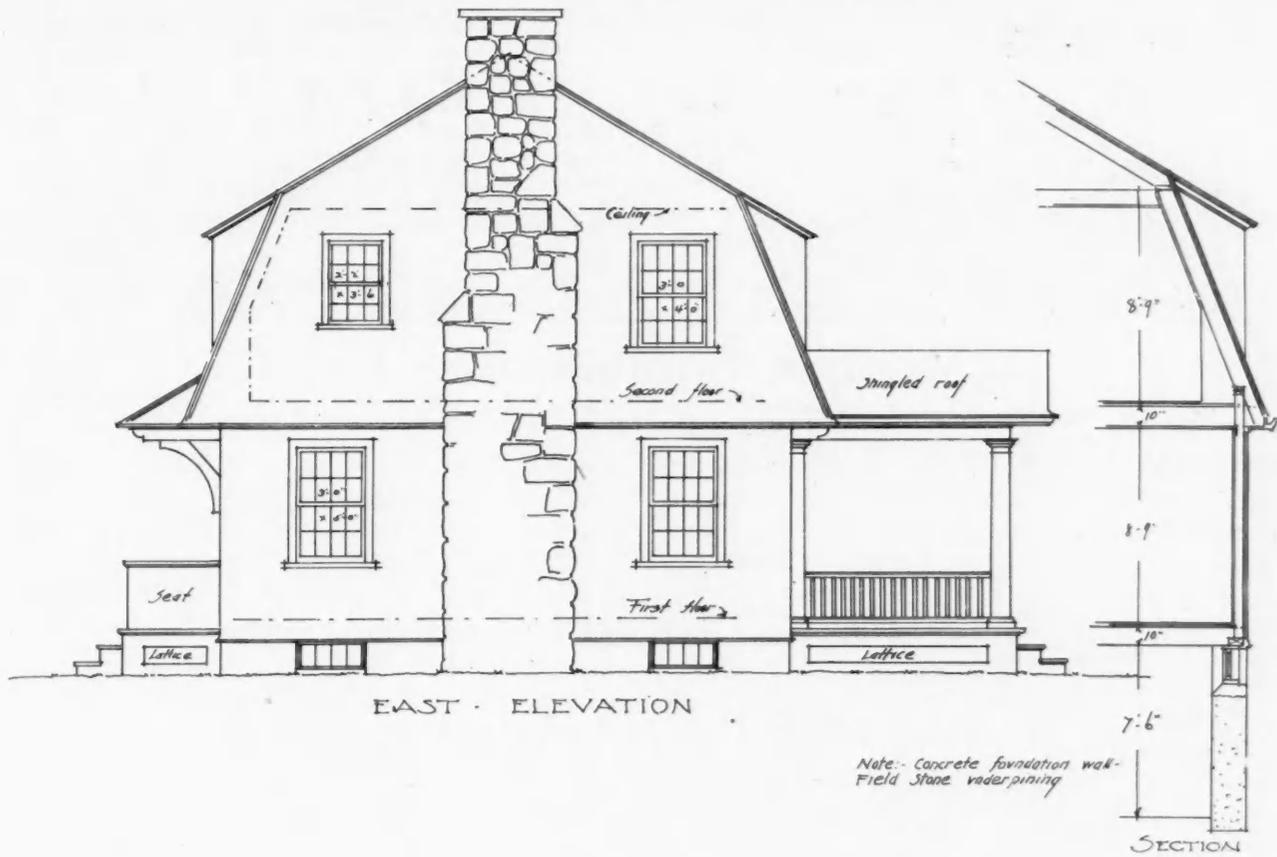
leave the cover off till cold, then cover up tight. As glue is required, cut a portion and melt in the usual way. Expose no more of the made glue to the atmosphere for any length of time than is necessary, as the atmosphere is very destructive to made glue. Never heat made glue in a pot that is subject to the direct heat of the fire or a lamp. All such methods of heating glue cannot be condemned in terms too severe.

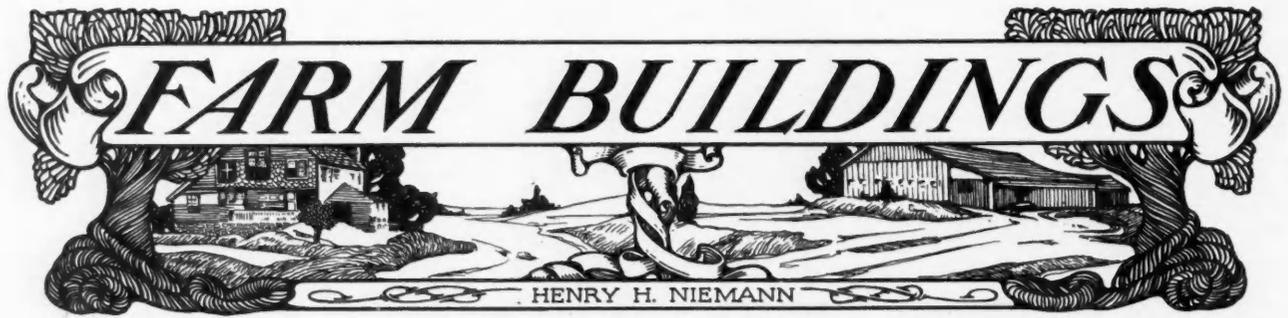
#### Big Stick Statements

The president of the United States must realize that he isn't the only man who has a big stick. Recently some big sticks were sawed by the Portland

which was 24 by 24 by 136. Then there was the big spruce stick at the St. Louis Exposition from the Grays Harbor Commercial Company, of Cosmopolis, Wash., which was 121 by 121 by 9. It took a Missouri farmer boy to find out how that was sawed with a nine foot band. Manager White one day heard him explaining to a crowd that it was set up on end and run through that way.

Don't be stewing over nothing all the while;  
Don't imagine there is danger in a smile.  
There's for growling and for grouching no excuse;  
Fretting never gets you "nowhere"—what's the use?

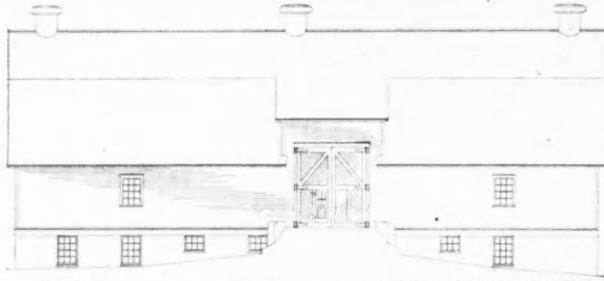




## A Modern Combination Barn

COMPLETE PLANS OF A WELL BUILT STOCK AND STORAGE BARN — LABOR SAVING FEATURES OF ARRANGEMENT POINTED OUT

**T**HERE is every year a more pronounced tendency in this country among progressive farmers to treat agriculture, dairying and stock raising as a productive manufacturing industry, and to pro-

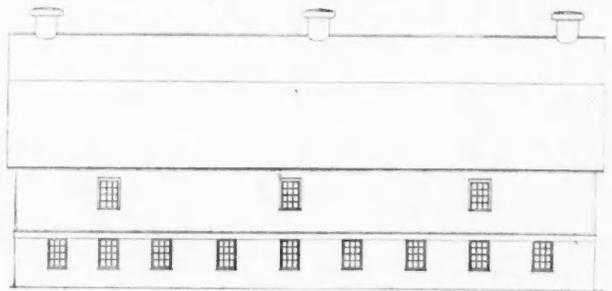


vide proper buildings and equipment on that basis. Some very practical, labor saving barns have been designed along this line. The plans we are showing this month are for a thoroughly up-to-date combination barn for Mr. J. H. Rice, at Houghton, Mich., and embody a number of excellent features.

It is an economical design of the rectangular type, 109 feet 4 inches long and 53 feet wide. The basement is high, light and dry; the 18 inch masonry wall and the well fitted windows assure good warmth in the coldest weather. On one side of the broad driveway, which extends through the middle from end to end,

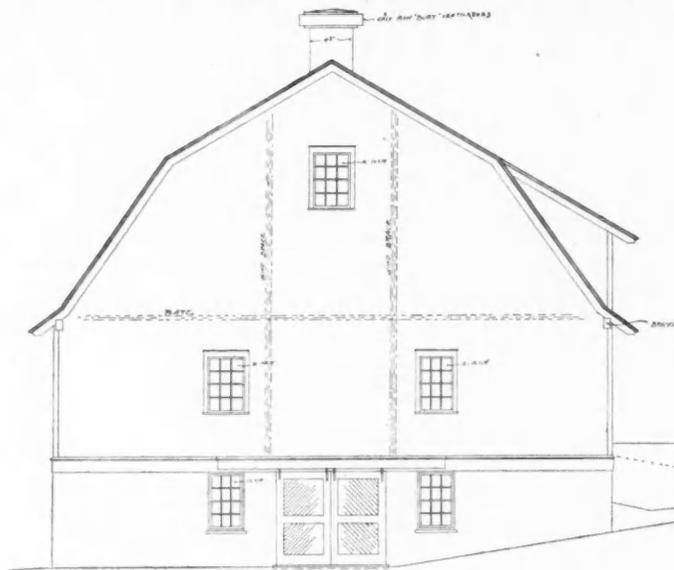
are the cow and horse stables. Provision is made for thirty-two milch cows in a double row of stalls with feed alley between. There are stalls for ten horses. Good ventilation is secured by means of the approved fresh air ducts through the wall and vents to the roof. The floor in both stables is plank laid on cement; and the mangers are of cement. The feed mixing room is located centrally, just below the feed bins on the floor above.

The space on the other side of the driveway is di-

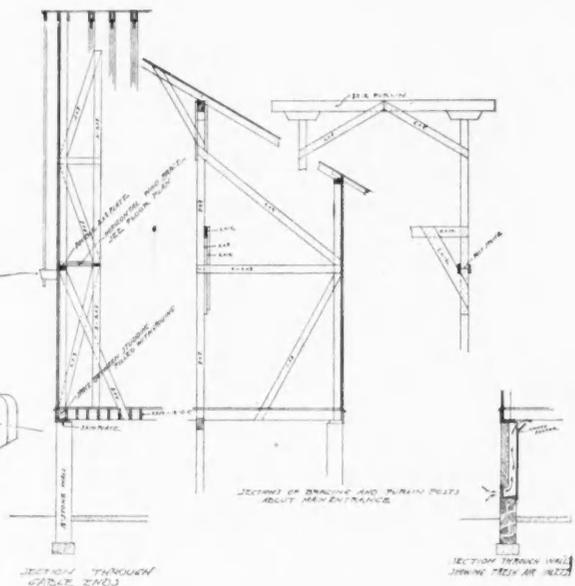


vided into root cellar, box stall, harness room and office. This last is made very snug and comfortable, being furred and ceiled.

The main floor is used for the storage of hay and grain; and the self-supporting roof construction gives



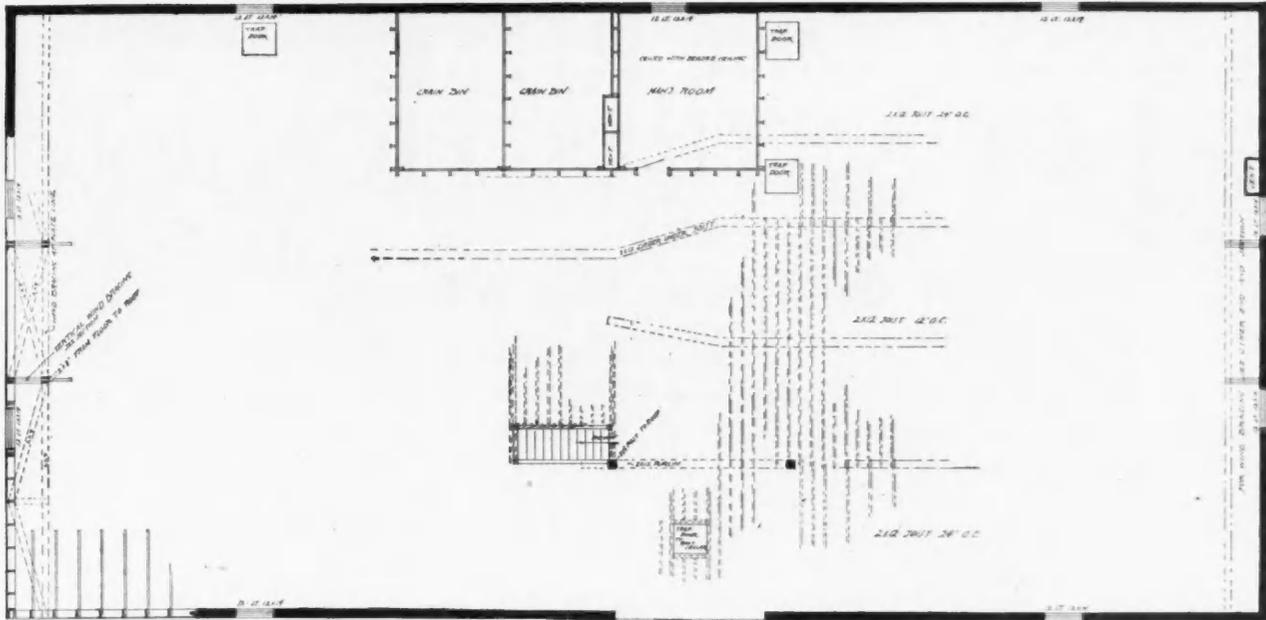
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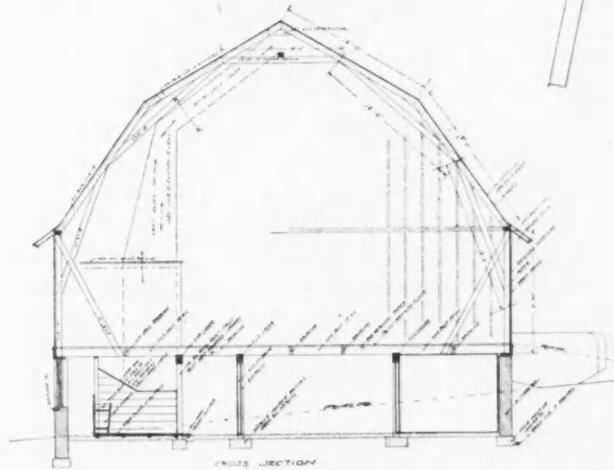
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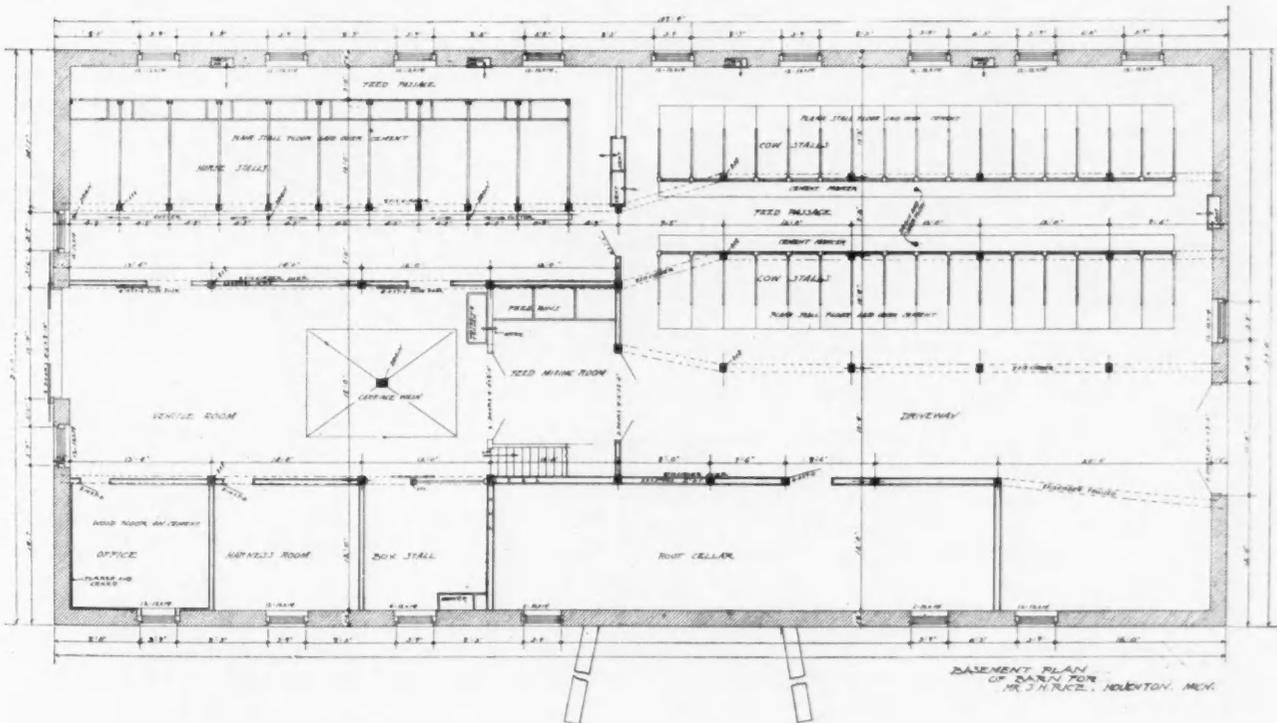


HAY AND STORAGE FLOOR  
OF BARN FOR  
MR. J. H. RICE, HOUSTON, MD.



CROSS SECTION

great capacity. There are trap doors in floor over the root cellar and the stables. These are a great convenience, and make possible the easy unloading and disposition of heavy feed supplies right from the wagon into the place where they are to be stored or used. The "man's room" provided on this floor is a novel feature and one that very often proves desirable. It is well lighted and is clean and dry. The exterior of the barn is sided with matched siding and the roof is of shingles.



BASEMENT PLAN  
OF BARN FOR  
MR. J. H. RICE, HOUSTON, MD.



# CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION



## A Concrete Mausoleum

CLASSIC RESULTS WITH A NEW MATERIAL—METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION AND COST—ADVANTAGES OF CONCRETE FOR THIS WORK

By Fred W. Hagloch

**I**N ERECTING a mausoleum of concrete we have many advantages over other materials, but one great objection to overcome, viz.: The idea that it must be built along the same lines as though granite

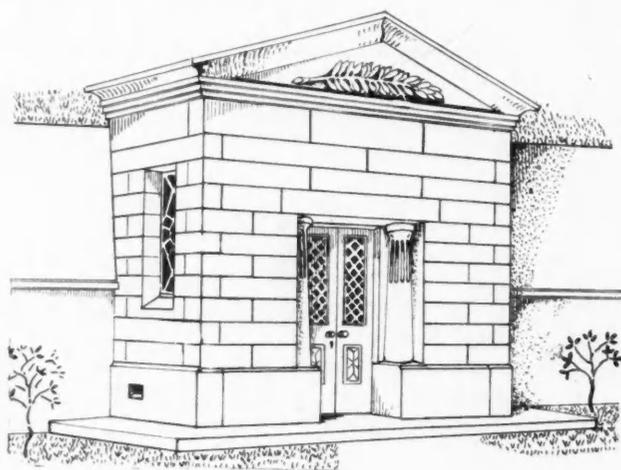
was made to resemble cut stone on the exposed exterior. While the vault is of modern concrete construction, the foundation is the plain type of concrete with drain tile for freeing it from dampness; the walls are double hollow concrete blocks with a quarter inch asphaltum between them; this waterproofing layer also extends over the main reinforced concrete roof slab, thus insuring an absolutely dry interior.

The exposed walls and roof are of artificial stone, made in molds and faced with one part Portland cement, one part crushed blue granite and one part crushed blue furnace slag. This gives them a light blue granite effect.

The interior finishes are all quarry products, white Vermont marble floor tiling and white Italian marble veneer on walls and ceiling. The doors are of bronze.

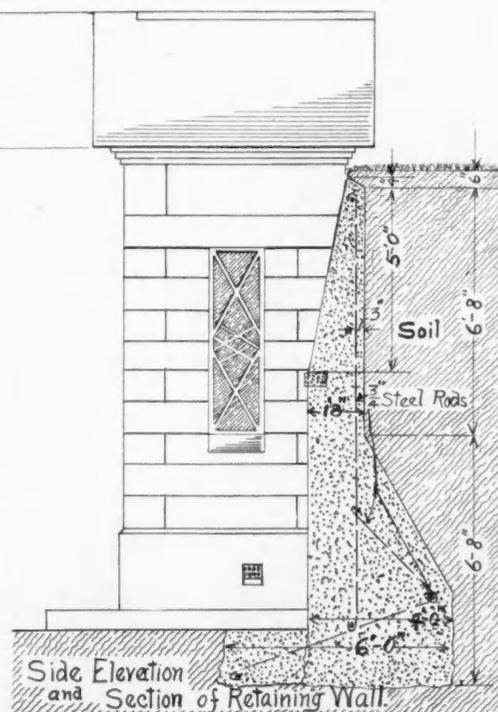
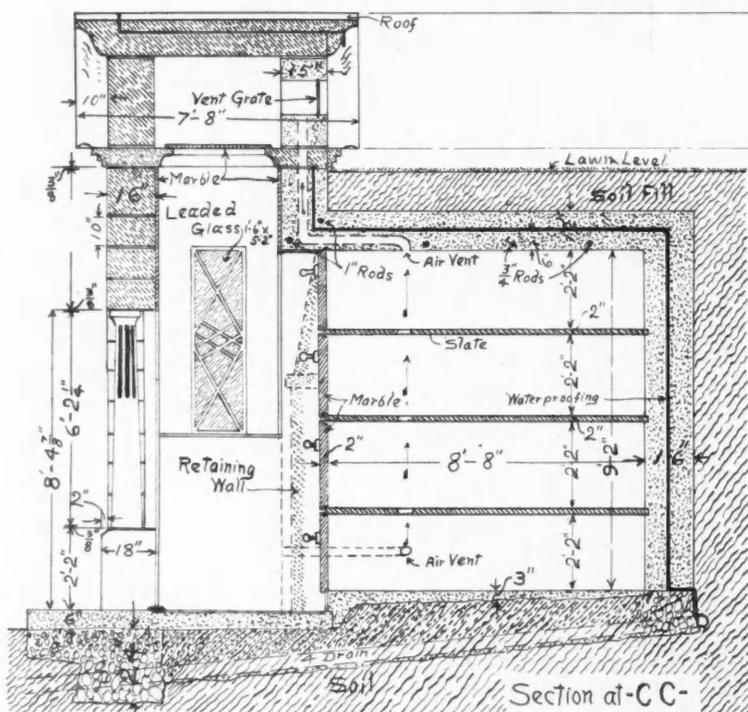
The catacomb covers are marble and the horizontal separations slate; all being materials universally used in granite and cut stone mausoleum construction.

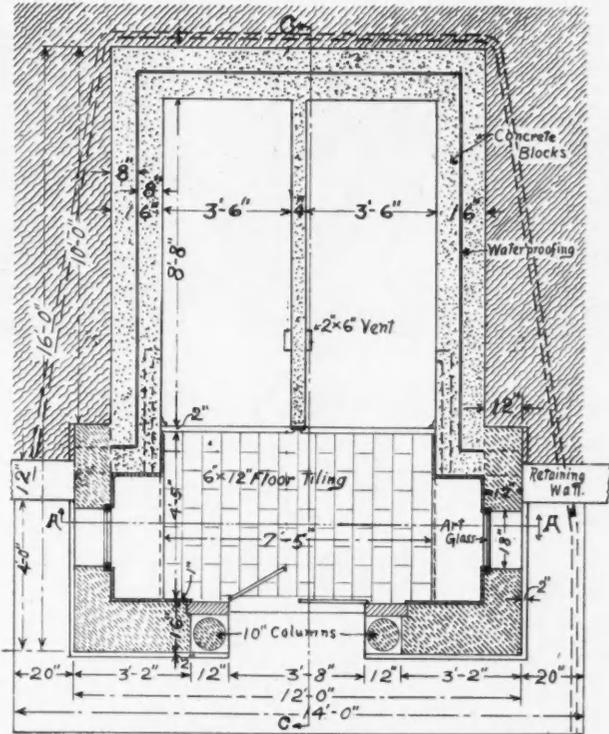
The system of ventilation for the catacombs is also of the much used type; the air enters at the sides and is conveyed in copper conductors to the lower catacombs, thence through openings in the slate to the



or cut stone were used.

The design shown is practically concrete throughout, except interior finish, and to satisfy the purchaser,





- Plan -

top, reaching the ventilating grate in the rear roof gable through a copper conductor embedded in the concrete, all as shown in the sectional drawing.

The mausoleum of this construction will cost \$4,000 and had the purchaser consented to a marbleized concrete interior it would have made a better structure at a saving of 10 per cent of the cost. An estimate, contemplating the use of Barre, Vt., granite throughout, and with exterior waterproofing applied only to the covered parts, was made, and the cost placed at \$5,400.

**Lead and Oil Paints on Concrete**

I have attempted many experiments to make lead and oil paints hold to concrete walls and floors and have found one that has proven durable through nearly two winters and one summer without discoloring, scaling or checking, and feel that it is lasting. For floors and walls that are badly discolored it is ideal, as it makes a permanent white finish possible, and is a good waterproofing as well.

If old concrete, it should first be cleaned by dry rubbing with a wire or steel foundry brush and followed by a wash consisting of three-fourths pound of blue vitriol dissolved in one gallon of water. This wash may be applied with a kalsomine brush; one day later apply the priming coat, for which raw linseed oil alone cannot be excelled. After same has become dry, which requires about five days, the lead and oil paint of any shade may be put on. Should the paint require thinning, turpentine should be used.

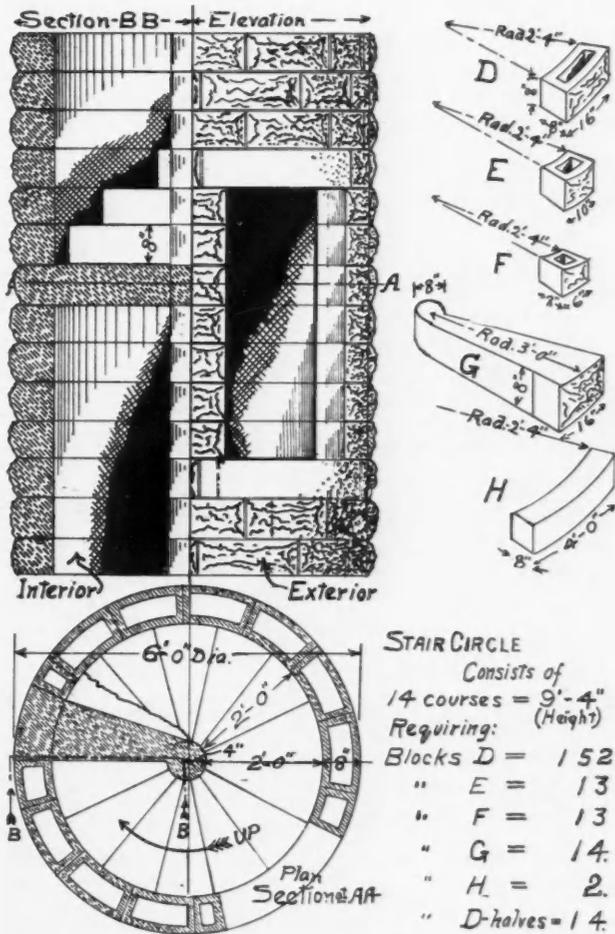
Recently, examination of work done October, 1906, on floors and walls has surprised me, as the white walls had but little tint of yellow, which is so prominent with lead paints on concrete; and the floor paint, which had been varnished over, was little the worse after sixteen months daily wear.

**Concrete Block Fire Escape**

For apartments, industrial plants and public buildings, the circular concrete block fire escape, a section of which is detailed in the accompanying illustration, offers many advantages over the present steel types. It stands independent of the building and may be utilized by the firemen in suppressing the flames.

When once erected on a firm foundation it never requires paint or repairs, and therefore never becomes a dangerous trap, as is often the case in steel escapes.

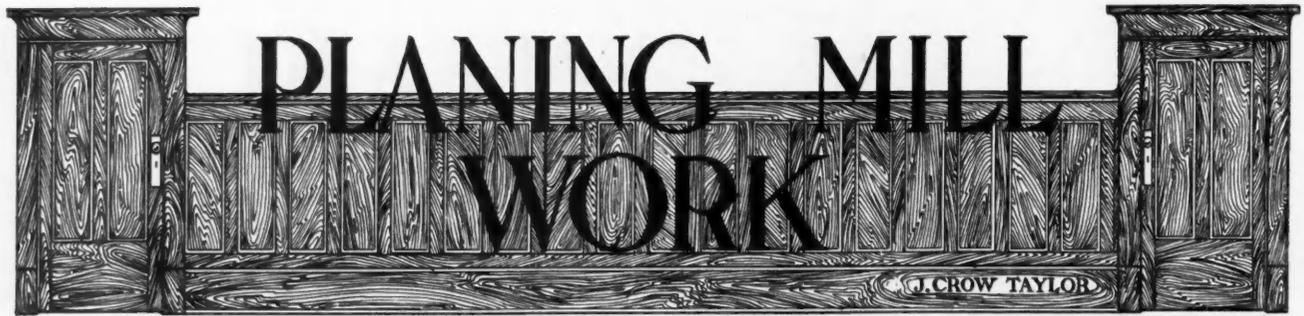
Its cost for four and five story buildings is about \$5.00 per foot, this being for six foot outside diameter, as shown, which gives a two foot stairway to the ground. There is an eight inch outside wall and eight inch center post, built by laying the steps as shown.



When erected inside of a building, the openings must be protected with either closed or automatic closing fire doors.

The limit of height for these towers is as follows: Six feet diameter, eight inch walls, 48 feet; eight feet diameter, ten inch walls, 64 feet; ten feet diameter, twelve inch walls, 92 feet.

Its first cost being about the same as for steel escapes and the fact that no repairs are required, leave but one objection—that of space occupied. When built into the rear corner of a building it saves material and adds to the stability of the walls to which it is attached, while steel escapes injure and load the wall.



## Suggestions for the Get-Ready Season

PRACTICAL MONEY-MAKING IDEAS ON MILLWORK—WORK THAT CAN BE GOTTEN OUT IN ADVANCE AND KEPT IN STOCK

By J. Crow Taylor

**A**FTER a while, when you get right busy on spring orders and find that you have to set up the sticker for every little job in pattern work which you might as well have had long ahead of time, and kept in stock, you will likely wonder why you didn't think of that sooner and get ready for the spring rush of work and prepare a lot of material that is commonly used in building operations so as to have it ready.

Among the things which can be worked out and kept in stock ready for spring trade is window frame stock of various kinds; it is a pity that one can't go a little further with this and have window frames themselves ready made up and kept in stock. This, however, seems impractical at the present time, because of the varying notions of people who build, about their requirements in windows. It is not only a difference in sizes of windows, but different ideas and different kinds of sash and various other things of that kind which seem to make it impractical to make and carry in stock window frames ready made up. There is, of course, a chance to do a certain amount of this where one has house plans before him of buildings that he has designed himself, knowing in advance what is to be used for windows. But, aside from this, it is not generally safe to make frames up in advance. What one can do is to run a lot of window frame stock, a lot of sills, a lot of small strips that have accumulated, a lot of molding of different kinds, and have prepared a fair amount of stock of this kind, so that when in the spring there come rush orders for frames of this kind or that kind all that is necessary to do is to put them together.

Molding is one thing you should be a little careful about running too heavily on, especially intricate patterns of molding, because there is a general tendency now to use molding sparingly, and to use the simpler patterns where it is used. So study carefully the tendencies of the trade in your community before working up much stock into molding, otherwise you may get a white elephant on your hands in the shape of a lot of molding you can't make use of.

In this connection there is one thing you can do a lot of without getting into danger of being burdened with a white elephant. You can put in a lot of spare time fitting up molding bits to cut various patterns of molding, and not only grind them and place them away carefully at hand where they can be gotten at, but also run some sample sticks and number them for identification and have them carefully racked so they can be gotten at conveniently. Then when you get busy and have to make frequent changes in your machines for every little job, you can do it promptly, and not have to go grinding and fitting up a set of bits; they will be there at hand and just a few minutes will serve to make the changes for certain numbers of stock. So you will find a little time spent getting your bits ready in advance will pay you in a full measure of satisfaction in the busy times of spring and summer.

Quite frequently it is possible in talking with prospective builders and helping them figure on their plans for spring building to determine definitely in advance quite a lot of the interior work, including stairways, grilles, columns, and mantels. For example, a mantel of special design is wanted—and by the way there are quite a number of them these days—this work can be done, milled out and frequently put together in advance of the beginning of the spring building work, not only furnishing employment during the get-ready season but also facilitating matters when you come to build. At times it will be desirable to get up special features of this kind in anticipation of the possible wants of customers, because many people, when they see something already put up that appeals to them, will be induced to buy it, whereas, if you were to try to talk to them about making the same thing, they wouldn't be able to understand or appreciate its good qualities, and might not be induced to give an order. This idea, of course, has a chance to work both ways, and you might get up something that couldn't readily be disposed of, but if a man knows his trade well it is worth taking the chance, because having stuff ready to sell of any

appealing character will do more to help sell it than any amount of talk with nothing but plans and general ideas to show.

If you expect to do anything with window and door screens in the early summer the time to get ready for this work is in advance, and about the only chance to make any money out of it is to run your stock for this work in large quantities and have it ready. If you take an order for a set of screens and

then have to get busy and set up the machine and run the stock, and then take another order and run a set, too much profit is eaten up by the time it takes to change the machines. If you are going into the screen business, go into it right and get ready in advance. Take your scrap pile and work it over into stock for screen frames and have a good supply ready so that when the time comes to do the work, all you will have to do is to frame the stock together.

## Heating a Modern Cottage

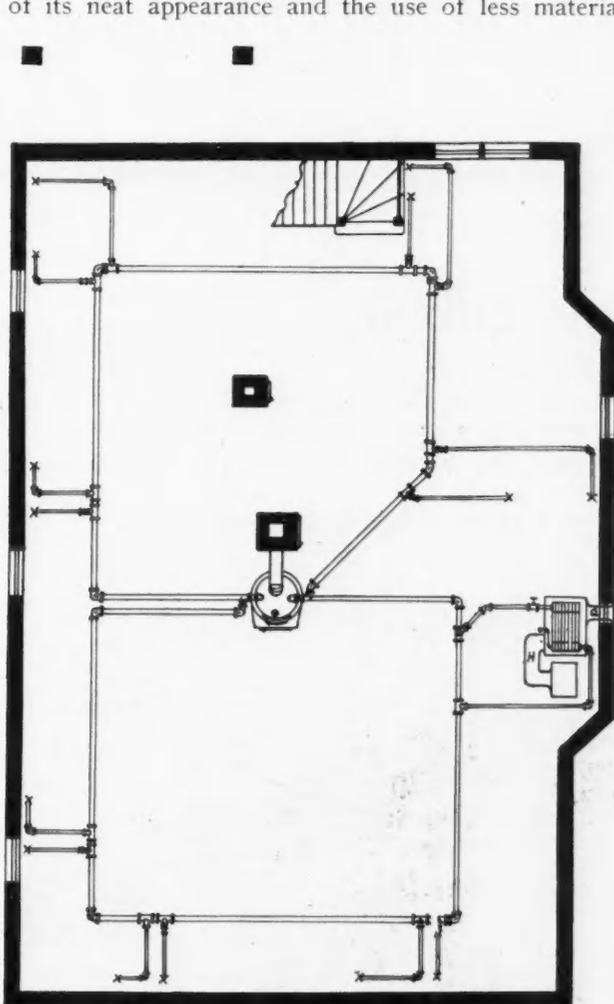
BEING THE THIRD OF A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON HEATING OF VARIOUS CLASSES OF BUILDINGS—ONE PIPE CIRCUIT HOT WATER HEATING SYSTEM FOR COTTAGE SHOWN

By Perry Weber Rathbun

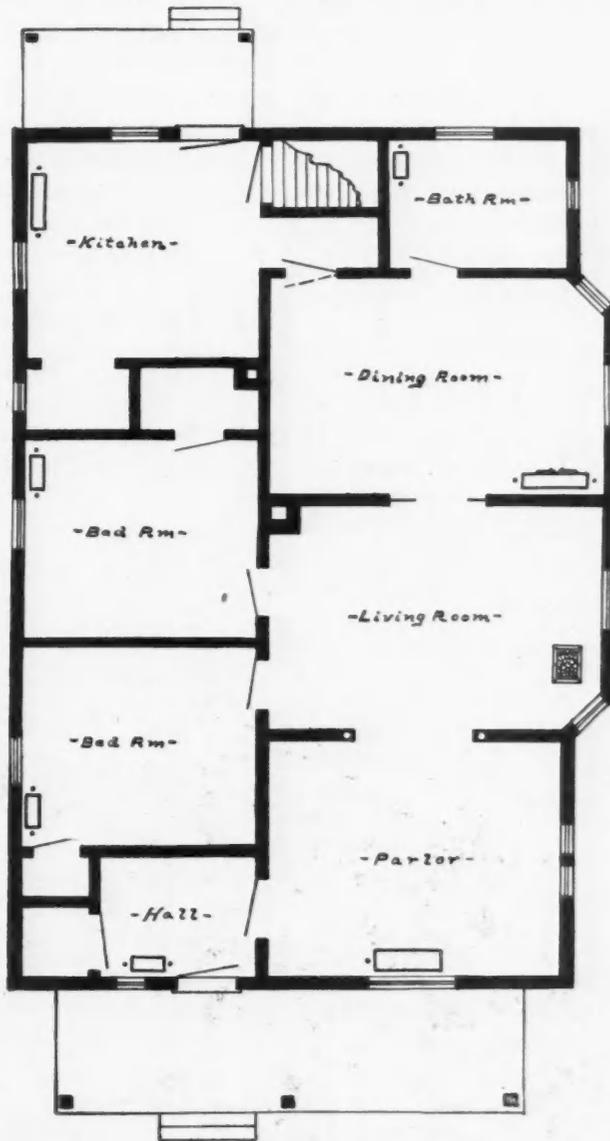
**T**HE heating system shown and described on these pages is one that appeals to many prospective builders and house owners, on account of its neat appearance and the use of less material.

systems about the same at time of installation.

From an engineering standpoint the one pipe circuit system requires a wider experience, also considerable



Basement Plan



First Floor Plan

which is supposed to lower the first cost; but it does not, as larger pipe and fittings must be used, while with a two-pipe system of water heating much smaller pipe and fittings are used, thereby making the cost of both

caution to perfect a proper installation. The flow main at boiler should rise up as near as possible to the ceiling of basement, circling around the entire or a part of basement to the return connection, at all

times having a pitch of at least 1 inch in every 10 feet down in direction of return connection. All branches should have a pitch of 1/2 to 3/4 inch down toward mains. Great care should be taken to see that the main equals the combined areas of all flow branches taken therefrom, and the main nowhere in the circuit is to be reduced in size, returning to boiler same size as it leaves.

The greatest trouble with one-pipe systems now being installed, the mains are, in many jobs, too small to give satisfaction and convey the proper amount of hot water to all radiators on the job. All flow connections should be taken off the main by the use of a reducing tee tilted to a 45 degree angle, or with opening facing up on which place a nipple with a 45 degree or 90 degree elbow; then run branch over horizontally to a point where a vertical riser connects to the valve at radiator. Return connections should be taken from the other end of radiator, drop vertically, and then with a slight pitch down, run over to the side opening of the other tee, which should be placed in the main as shown right after the flow tee.

As will be noticed by radiation schedule, the author has figured a 38 inch dining room radiator with warming closet, which is sure to pay for itself many times over by the convenience and comfort derived from

same. In the living room indirect radiation has been figured to insure good ventilation; indirect radiation is from a coil hung from the basement ceiling inclosed in galvanized iron boxing with connections to both cold and warm air ducts in such a manner that the cool, fresh air from exterior will enter and circulate around and through the radiator before passing into warm air duct and up into the room.

When figuring necessary boiler capacity, add 75 per cent to indirect radiation and 50 per cent to the actual direct radiation to derive the proper rating of the boiler required, which in this case makes a total capacity of 800 square feet of heating surface.

SCHEDULE OF RADIATION.

ROOMS	HEIGHT	KIND	AMOUNT	DEGREE
Reception hall.....	38"	Direct	35'	70°
Parlor .....	20"	Direct	84'	70°
Living room.....		Indirect	140'	70°
Dining room, with warming closet.....	38"	Direct	70'	70°
Front bed room.....	32"	Direct	40'	65°
Back bed room.....	32"	Direct	40'	65°
Kitchen .....	38"	Direct	70'	65°
Bath room.....	44"	Direct	32'	75°
Total .....			511	square feet

## An Inexpensive Library

PERSPECTIVE AND FLOOR PLANS OF A MODERN WELL PLANNED LIBRARY BUILT COMPLETE FOR \$7000—  
DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENT AND FINISH

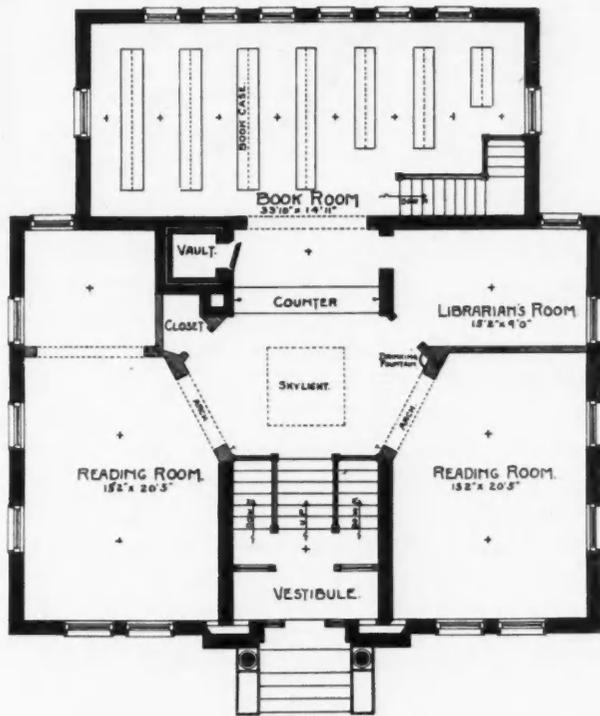
**W**E ARE this month showing the perspective and floor plans of an artistic and yet inexpensive library building, which was recently

erected at Glenwood, Ia., after plans were prepared by Woods & Corder, of Lincoln, Neb.

This is one of the Carnegie libraries, and the appro-



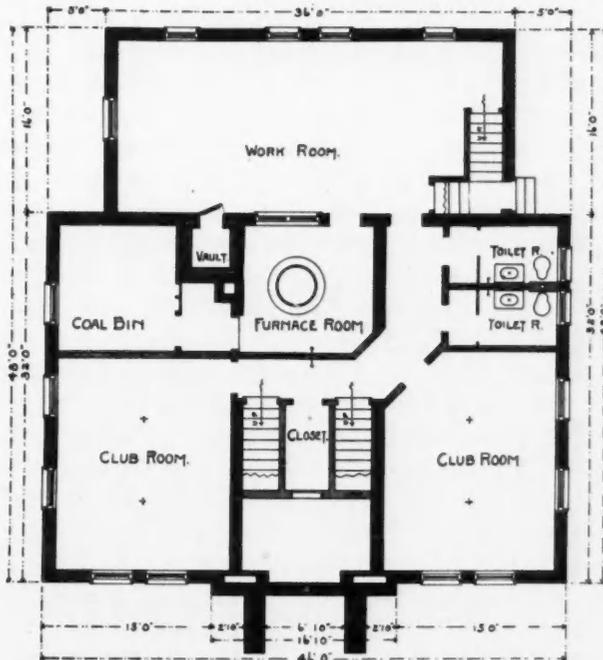
priation for same was \$7,000. The plans were completed and contract let, including the bookcases, at that figure, which speaks well for the calculation on



MAIN FLOOR PLAN.

the part of the architects in preparing the plans to meet the appropriation.

The main floor contains two large reading rooms, librarian's room and book room, besides the large distributing hall in the center of the building. There is



BASEMENT PLAN

a fireproof vault on this floor, for the safe keeping of the records, etc.

The basement rooms are reached by stairways from the main entrance and contains club rooms, a large

work room, furnace, fuel and toilet rooms, all well arranged, ventilated and lighted.

The walls are of brick, the basement being faced with common paving brick laid in black mortar, while that above the watertable is faced with buff pressed brick. The entire finish is of yellow pine, stained mahogany color, varnished and rubbed down to a dull finish. The steps, columns and trimming stone are of Bedford limestone. The cornice is of galvanized iron, painted and sanded to match the trimming stone in color.

The heating is by furnace and the ventilating system, in connection with same, is perfect in its workings. The building is very satisfactory throughout and one of which the patrons may justly feel proud.



### A Concrete House Dream

"Your concrete house proposition amuses me more than anything I have seen in America," said Mr. W. W. Dunwood, of Manchester, England.

"Now, you propose to build a mold of metal and duplicate all of the houses from this original mold. What a jolly looking country you will soon have. The railway trust, I can see, for example, will in time buy a depot mold and it will turn out one hundred thousand depots and plant them around the states. They will all be precisely alike.

"Then you will have contracting firms which own molds for special houses. All the seven room houses in all the states will be the same.

"This might not appeal to the Italian or the Frenchman as extremely artistic, but I can see one advantage. When a man lives in a seven room house in Indiana and suddenly switches out to California he will feel quite at home, and his furniture will fit, and possibly even the house cat will think it her old Indiana homestead and not even bother to return to her native state.

"All your barns, garages, municipal buildings, post-offices, jails, etc., I suppose will be alike. The idea is delightful, and so thoroughly American and original!

"It will also save visitors from Europe lots of trouble. They can visit only one city, and when they return home they can safely talk about any American city which comes up for discussion."



### Strongest Known Wood

Recent tests of the hardwoods of Western Australia have revealed the extraordinary properties of yate, believed to be the strongest of all known woods. Its average tensile strength is 24,000 pounds to the square inch, equaling that of cast iron. Many specimens are much stronger, and one was tested up to 17½ tons to the square inch, which is equal to the tensile strength of wrought iron. The tree grows to a height of 100 feet, and a diameter of two and a half.



# PAINTING

## Economy in Paint Purchasing

TENDENCY TO USE INFERIOR INGREDIENTS IN ORDER TO LOWER COST—  
STANDARD PRICES FOR MATERIAL USED IN PAINT

**I**N MOST parts of the country, the painting season is on in earnest, or soon will be, and painters will be considering the purchases of stock for their approaching contracts. It may be well, therefore, in this connection to reiterate a statement that has been made heretofore in these columns, that the painter will always find that the best materials are the most economical in the end. Take for example, white lead, which seems to be recognized as a standard of comparison. The numerous individual factories have within recent years been consolidated into larger corporations, and at the present time there are only about half a dozen different corporations engaged in the manufacture of this material. For this reason, there is little or no competition except in the matter of quality, and prices are fairly well maintained. Except when sold in large quantities, the prices quoted by the corrodors (or manufacturers) in their current lists, will not be broken, and even in carload lots of dry white lead—that is to say, of lead before it is ground in oil—a drop of one-eighth of a cent a pound to a favored customer, is sufficiently important to excite comment in the trade. For this reason a painter should always view with suspicion any salesman who offers to sell him "pure white lead" at any figure less than the established rate for the quantity and size packages that he desires to purchase. Of course, it is well understood that it costs more by the pound to purchase white lead in twelve and a half, twenty-five, fifty or one hundred pound kegs than in the larger size packages, on account of the greater relative cost of the container.

### Cheap Material—Extra Labor

As every painter knows, the cost of the labor is at least three-fifths the total cost of painting, and frequently more, so that the cost of the paint is relatively small. Now if the smooth-tongued salesman comes into your shop and offers the tempting bait of a cent a pound less on the price of the "white lead" which he is interested in selling, do you stop to ask yourself how, in view of existing conditions, he is

able to sell you "white lead" at this much less than the ruling market price? To the man who knows, there is but one explanation. The material he will furnish, if he secures your order, may be labeled "white-lead," but you may be certain that a sufficient proportion of the contents will consist of cheaper materials to enable him to sell it at the low price he has quoted. Now whether this cheaper material has any merit or not does not enter into the question at this point. It does explain, however, why the material in question can be offered at less than the price for pure white lead. Moreover, as the temptation to get as much profit as possible is strong with the average manufacturer, and as it is almost impossible for the ordinary purchaser to detect the amount of makeweight or extender that has been added, there is always a probability that it will be present in excess of the amount that would be needed to reduce the pound price by one cent. Whatever may be the effect on the durability of the paint caused by these so-called inert pigments, or the other materials that are used to produce the cheaper grades of white paints sold as white lead, it is very certain that they lack both spreading and covering capacity, so that even though you may save a cent a pound—or even more—on the purchase price, this saving will be neutralized by the added cost of the additional quantity of material needed to cover the surface and the extra labor in spreading. And after all, does the saving amount to anything? Two-hundred pounds of lead will coat a large house, and at one cent a pound, the saving on the house will be but two dollars. Whereas it may readily cost you an extra day's labor in spreading, and possibly may mean that the work will eventually give dissatisfaction to the owner and cause you the loss of a customer.

### Avoid Cheap Ochre Paints

Then there is the case of ochre. Perhaps there is no other pigment of which there are so many inferior grades as there are of ochre. Every day, almost, we hear of the discovery of a "paint mine" in some part

of the country, and the local newspapers are full of glowing stories of the prosperity that is to fall upon the community by exploiting this new source of wealth. It is true that the material is usually an ochre, but of such an inferior grade that it is practically useless. Nevertheless, great quantities of these inferior ochres are sold to painters who buy them because they are cheap, often buying them in the dry state, mixing them with oil by stirring it in with a paddle, and using this material for a priming coat. Nothing more unsuitable for the purpose could possibly be found. In the first place these American ochres almost always contain an excess of clay, which in its natural state contains a large amount of moisture. When mixed with oil and applied to a building, the moisture dries out and, especially if the priming be a heavy coat, such as is usually applied in two coat work, the wood is covered with an impervious skin that is non-porous and so far as oil is concerned, has almost the non-absorbent nature of a piece of glass, so that the subsequent coats of paint applied over this ochre priming, will not take hold of it, but will simply lie upon the surface, and when they are dry will peel off in flakes.

#### **White Lead Best Priming Coat**

Although there may be often an apparent saving in first cost in the use of an ochre priming, experience has demonstrated very conclusively that a white lead priming coat, tinted with not more than 2 per cent of lampblack, in order to hide discolorations in the wood, is the cheapest and the best material for the first coat on new wood.

Ochre is very often used as a finishing coat, on account of its pleasing color, or the agreeable tints that can be produced with it when mixed with a white base. For this purpose the painter will find it cheapest in the end to pay a higher price and secure a good quality French ochre. In the first place it produces a stronger tint with less of the tinting color, and in the second place it is more permanent. Many ochres of inferior color, and consequently of lower price, are toned up by mixing them with chrome yellow so that their color will be more pleasing. Now, while this may be perfectly legitimate, if the fact that it has been done is stated on the label, it is wrong if they are sold as pure ochre. Chrome yellow, through a very beautiful color, is not fast to light and will soon fade, and a house painted with a chrome toned ochre will fade to a dirty or dingy brownish yellow color, that will invariably cause the owner to become dissatisfied. For a saving of twenty-five or fifty cents, the painter risks losing a customer, when he uses one of these inferior ochres. Moreover, chrome yellow is apt to discolor and blacken in the presence of sulphur gases, so that in a factory district, or where much soft coal is burned, there is an added danger from its use.

#### **Makeweight Adulterants**

Almost all the tinting colors can be adulterated by

the addition of barytes or other makeweights or extenders. When ground in oil, these materials have absolutely no tinting capacity. Four coats of barytes ground in oil and thinned to the consistency of paint, may be applied to the surface of a board without hiding the grain. From fifty to seventy-five per cent of barytes can be added to any of the stronger tinting colors, without possibility of detection except by chemical analysis, when the color is looked at in the can. Nor will there be much difference in appearance when a little of the straight color is spread upon a board. But it will require two pounds of Indian red with fifty per cent barytes, for example, when added to 100 pounds of white lead to produce a tint of the same strength as will be produced by one pound of the pure Indian red, while the reduction in cost will not be over twenty-five per cent. A very little arithmetical knowledge will enable the painter to figure out how much he loses by buying the cheaper material.

#### **In Regard to Mixed Paints**

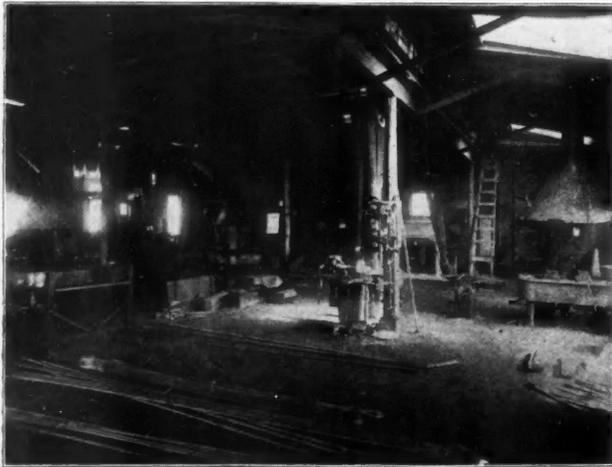
While it may not be so susceptible of demonstration, the same thing is equally true when it applies to mixed paints. When put up in a can with a fancy label, the mixed paint that is loaded with useless makeweights, that is, carelessly compounded or not thoroughly ground, that contains water or benzine in excess, does not appear very different from the much higher priced article that is made from honest materials, thoroughly ground together and mixed with care, and that is the result of years of observation and experience on the part of a manufacturer who values his reputation. The sample cards may show the same shade, and the customer who knows nothing of paint will naturally be beguiled into purchasing the cheaper article. No greater mistake can be made, for not only is an inferior mixed paint deficient in covering power, but it will invariably be found that it will require more labor to apply it, so that the actual cost of painting the house with the material that is cheaper by the gallon, will be in excess of the cost of painting with the higher priced mixed paint, whose manufacturer cares more for maintaining the quality of his product than he does for making a larger percentage of profit on a low priced, but inferior article. In selecting a brand of mixed paint—and there are many excellent materials of this kind on the market—the painter or the property owner will do well to look first to what that paint will do. Inquire carefully to find out how well it has stood on other houses, and look out especially for the manner of its perishing and ascertain if any expensive scraping or burning off is necessary when renewal is required. There are some mixed paints that answer every requirement that can be demanded of them, while others are totally unfit to use. Here, as everywhere else in painting, the best will be found the cheapest in the end and saving in first cost is very poor and very short sighted economy.

## The A. E. Shorthill Company

SOMETHING ABOUT THE GREAT ORGANIZATION WHICH PRODUCES THE PHILLIPS HOT WATER HEATER

**T**HE atmosphere of bustle and thrift that has made Marshalltown, Iowa, famous in the commercial and industrial world is nowhere more in evidence than in the great plant of the A. E. Shorthill Company, manufacturers of bridges, boilers and structural iron. Most of the readers of the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER know this establishment as the maker of the famous Phillips Hot Water Heater, the hot water heating system that is considered by architects, builders and plumbers as perfection in that line.

It was to make a personal study of this institution, and to make our readers personally acquainted with



View in Structural Department, Blacksmith Shop.

it, that the writer went to Marshalltown a few days ago. He was conducted through the various departments of the plant by Mr. C. R. Speers, the president and manager, and was permitted to follow the processes through which the heater goes in the hands of expert workmen, from the raw material to the finished plant, ready for installation in a residence, school, church or other structure where perfect heating arrangements are wanted.

Mr. Speers, by the way, impresses one unconsciously, with his marvelous business ability. There is no ostentation, but he believes in the heater. He believes in the structural iron work he turns out. He believes in every thing his plant produces, for it is the best that can be produced.

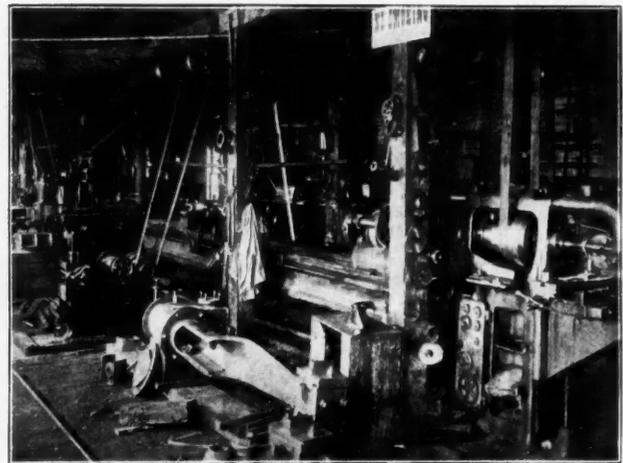
Like most every other big concern in the manufacturing world that amounts to anything, the Shorthill Company had a small beginning. It started in a little plow repair shop forty-five years ago. Now, through merit alone, it is a \$250,000 corporation, and its business covers the entire country. The causes for the remarkable growth of the company are not hard to discover. It has always had an ag-

gressive business policy, which, combined with a willingness to supply every demand in structural iron and steel work and boilers, and a central location, has made possible steady advancement. The company has the reputation of never being "stumped" on any structural proposition. Today, for instance, you will find men busy at work in the assembling department on the long steel smoke conveyor that is to connect a battery of boilers with the stack in the new United States custom house at Seattle. At another point you will see engineers laying out the trusses and beams of a bridge that will span a mountain torrent or a gorge. Here is one crew making a system of fire escapes. There is another putting the finishing touch on a heater.

The reader doubtless is more interested in the heater because it is one of the staples in modern construction where good hygiene is wanted.

The principle of the Phillips Hot Water Heater produces the largest volume of intense heat with the smallest consumption of fuel. The best authorities on heater construction, say that at least 70 per cent of the aggregate fire surface should be direct heating surface, but in the Phillips construction we have fully 90 per cent.

The center column running up through the center of the fire and the hottest possible place in the fire, carries fully one-half of the amount of water that passes through the Heater, producing rapid circulation, and consequently quicker action upon the temperature of the space to be heated. The fire pot is much deeper, contains a larger bed of fire than any other heater on the market. The combustion space above the fire is much higher and produces per-



In The Machine Shop

fect combustion with the use of all kinds of fuel. The volume of water just above the fire is kept at a tem-

perature so hot that the gases coming in contact with this surface do not condense and form the black, thick soot so common in heaters where such condensing surfaces are found. The baffle plate damper will be found very important in controlling the draft and utilizing all heating surface.

One of the desirable features of the construction is its simplicity from the ground up. The larger sizes being made in two sections can be rolled like a barrel through an ordinary door. The ease with which it can be set up, the time required to do this work are the important items for a contractor to consider.

The durability of the cast iron boiler for heating water has never been tested, that is to say, for the forty or fifty years that cast iron has been used for this purpose has not been sufficient to thoroughly test its durability. That it will last practically a life time is not disputed.

There are a great many points of merit that could be mentioned regarding the construction of this heater, all of which are good, reasonable, common sense features, and are in advance of the ordinary appliances that have been used for years by most manufacturers.

In fact the heating surface of the Phillips Hot Water Heater cannot be figured by the same rules or methods that have been in practice by engineers for reasons that the large portion of the heat is not applied to what might be termed "one-sided heating surface," but surface that is entirely surrounded by the fire. It is the only construction where the fire is entirely surrounded by water and water entirely surrounded by fire, thus giving almost double capacity from the same fire.

The illustrations show the reader the interiors of some of the buildings and give some idea of the varied character of the machinery necessary in a plant covering a field so wide. Imagine the amount of

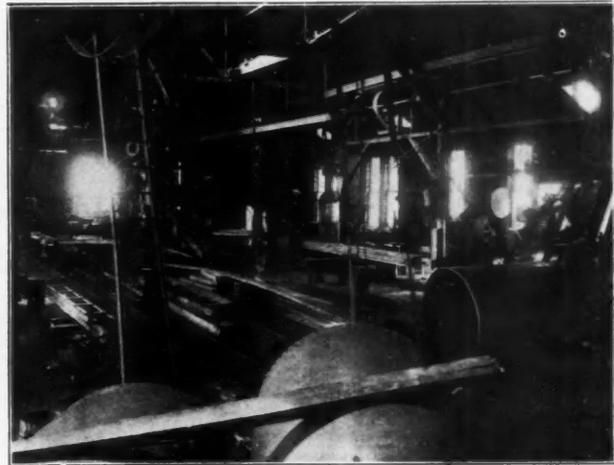


Showing Heaters Awaiting Finishing

technical knowledge necessary for the prompt production of a list of things like this:

Anchors, angles, area grates, bar steel, beams, belting, belt dressing, black sheets, boilers, boiler fittings,

boiler flues, boiler fronts, boiler grates, bridges, bridge cylinders, bridge steel joist, castings, cast grates, channels, cleanout doors and frames, coal chutes, coal hole rings and covers, columns, cast and steel, corrugated bars, culvert pipe, dipping tanks, door plates, duplex joist hangers, elevators, engines, steam, expanded metal, expansion bolts, fire escapes, fire proof doors, fire proof shutters, flues, flue cleaners, flue expanders, galvanized sheets, Gardner governors, Gardner pumps, girders, grates, I beams, iron stairs and steps, Johnson corrugated bars, joist anchors, joist hangers, joist ties, lintels, lubricators, manhole rings and covers, marine type boilers, metal lath, pig iron, pipe and fittings, plates, post caps, railings, reinforcing bars, return tubular boilers, rods, sand, foundry, safes, sash bars, shutter eyes, sidewalk lights, sky lights, stacks, steam gauges, steam pumps, steam engines, steel post caps, steel shutters, structural iron and steel, tanks, truss



Assembling Room, Heater Department.

rods, Van Dorn joist hangers, vault doors and wall ties.

The employes include civil engineers, draughtsmen, bookkeepers, stenographers, machinists, boiler makers, blacksmiths, molders, pattern makers, steam and pipe fitters and laborers.

In conversation with a number of leading business men of Marshalltown the fact was further gleaned that the Company has been able to make prompt delivery of all the products it manufactures, and this is really one of the most important factors in a manufacturing business. Patrons never have to wait. The peculiarly advantageous location of Marshalltown, the shipping facilities, stock on hand, complete equipment of the plant and close proximity to three lines of railroad that tap the country far and wide are conditions that have been of assistance to the A. E. Shorthill Company and make certain its future business.

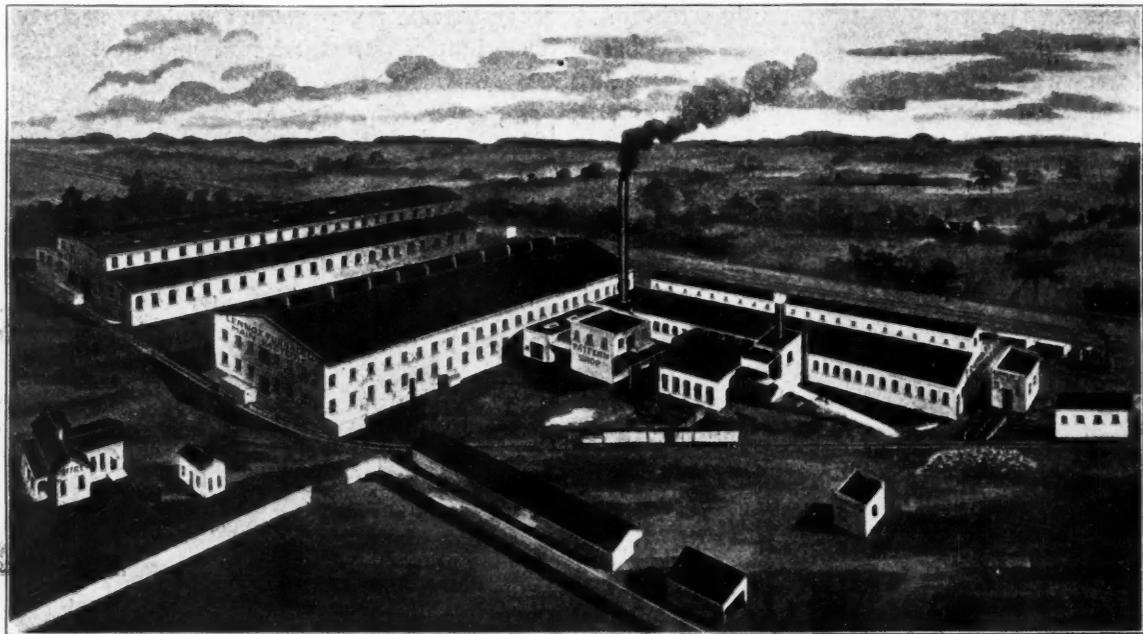
Contractors or others who will require a heater of the best quality may rest assured that they will secure prompt service from this company if they place an order with it.

## Lennox Torrid Zone Furnace

MARVELOUS REVOLUTION IN HOT AIR HEATING WROUGHT BY THIS FAMOUS HEATER

**W**HEREVER you go you will see the Torrid Zone hot air furnace. The wonderful success that the Lennox Furnace Company has won with this heater is shown by the steady growth of the great plant at Marshalltown, Iowa. The company is one of the great institutions of this thriving center and its success has added much to the prosperity of the city. Two hundred men are employed in the factory and foundry and offices, besides a dozen salesmen are constantly on the road and as many more are employed by jobbers who handle the company's output.

ing out the problems presented by the furnace and devised a steel furnace built of steel plates riveted together like a boiler under hydraulic pressure. It was made absolutely gas tight. The steel, possessing quick radiating qualities, has proved a more powerful heater than iron, and the addition of an extra crescent shaped radiator has practically doubled the radiating power, making it the most satisfactory heater that is on the market. It is simple to operate as a stove, and is the most economical furnace that ever has been produced. The firepot is made of cast iron sections that are enclosed entirely within the steel shell



General View, Lennox Furnace Co., Marshalltown, Iowa

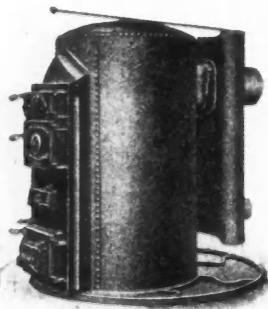
The fact that the plant has trebled in size during the last three years of its fourteen years of history, is of itself a proof of the merits of the furnace it makes, for if the product was inferior to some other, the business would not have grown; the building public demands the best, and if it does not get it the maker of the inferior article gives way to the one producing a better article.

The Torrid Zone furnace has revolutionized the heating of residences, schools, churches and other buildings. The cast iron formerly used in furnaces, and now used in many, showed many imperfections. The expansion and contraction under the influence of varying temperatures loosened the joints and allowed smoke and soot to get into the air chamber and vitiate the air. David Lennox spent many years in study-

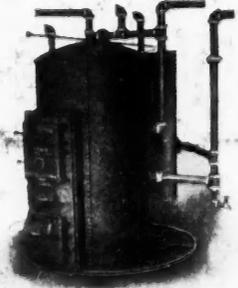
and put in place quickly within the fuel door. The parts can be easily replaced with new ones when worn out, without tearing down the furnace or pipes.

Mr. W. J. Heald, who has spent his lifetime in the furnace business, is general manager and vice president of the company. Mr. T. I. Wasson, for many years general auditor of the Iowa Central Railway, is secretary and treasurer of the company. These two men are in active management of the business, each owning one-fourth of its stock. Mr. D. W. Norris, Jr., editor of the *Times-Republican*, is president and the only other stockholder.

Every department is manned by experts. The output is close to five thousand furnaces per year, and the large sum of \$110,000 per year is now being expended in Marshalltown for the item of labor alone.



Torrid Zone Furnace



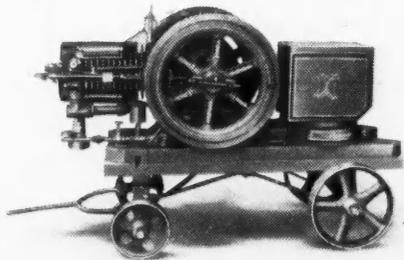
Combination Hot Air and Water

## Lennox Gasoline Engines

MARVELOUS GROWTH OF A MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA, INDUSTRY THROUGH PURE MERIT ALONE

**T**HE gasoline engine has come to be one of the necessities in the up-to-date contractor's equipment. It is needed in the operation of concrete mixers, conveyors, hoisting machinery and in numerous other ways. The carpenter, too, has use for it in the operation of saws and other machinery in his shop.

Another institution that interested the writer in Marshalltown, Iowa, while he was there visiting machinery men who are making things to help the carpenter and builder in his work, was the Lennox Machine Company, 40 Ninth avenue. Here were the "O. K." engine, in two styles, water and air cooled, and the Standard, both of



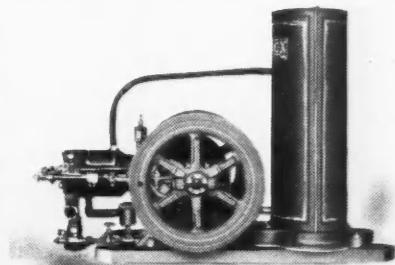
Air Cooled O. K.

which are well known the world over. The engines are used in every country for wood sawing and feed grinding.

David Lennox is president of the company, and Charles Glick is secretary-treasurer. These gentlemen have built their institution up till now it is one of the largest of its kind in the world. The company occupies a block of ground with \$30,000 worth of buildings, and fully equipped with machines and lathes, and housing over 100 busy workmen. Twenty-five years ago Mr. Lennox had a small repair business in Marshalltown, but his salesmanship and his inventive genius brought him to the front. Mr. Glick has been with him since 1893. Among the inventions of Mr. Lennox's creation are the steel splitting shears in use in all the great railroad shops and in all the principal iron works, and the pitless scale. But for the enlightenment of the carpenter and builder, attention is directed now to the gasoline engines. The "O. K." is a neat, compact little engine, mounted on trucks so that it is easily portable. It is made in three sizes, 2½, 5 and 7 horsepower. It is equipped with an electric ignitor, so constructed that the contact points can be cleaned while the engine is in operation. The special features of this engine are its durability and ease of operation. The Lennox Standard horizontal gasoline engine is equipped with electric spark and hot tube ignitor. This engine is perfectly balanced and can be mounted on trucks when so desired. It has a friction clutch pulley. This pulley can be placed on the 5 or 7 horsepower "O. K." engine at a small additional cost.

Mention has been made of the pitless scale and the steel splitting shears. For years manufacturers had struggled to contrive a wagon scale which could be built without the expense of digging a pit and putting in costly timbers, to decay and add more expense for repairs. But the result of nearly every effort was a machine which was so costly to manufacture that its selling price was necessarily prohibitive, and therefore these efforts failed.

Mr. Lennox went to work on the problem and mastered it. He produced a pitless scale that was perfect, yet simple enough in construction to be manufactured within a reasonable price limit.

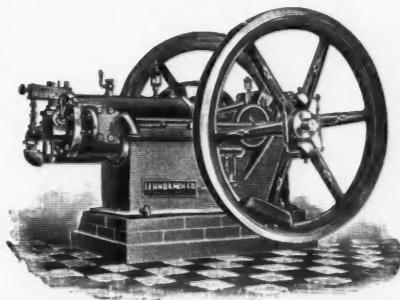


Water Cooled O. K.

The result was not achieved, however, on the first effort. Trial after trial has been made. Grief has been met and swallowed; defects discovered and remedied; thousands of dollars spent in experimenting; special machines devised and made to manufacture the scale parts economically, until today the Lennox Pitless Scale has been brought to the point at which it needs only to be explained and advertised to sell in tremendous volume. The sale on these scales has been enormous and future prospects give promise of doubling the employment of the factory within the next five years.

The writer was conducted through the vast plant of the company where scores of men were busy at the machines turning out the parts of engines. On every hand was the evidence of rush and push. It matters not whether it is an "O. K." engine, a Standard, a pitless scale or a steel shears that is ordered, the company's equipment enables it to fill the order at once. The company has every advantages of location and shipping facilities which, combined with a strong management, assures its continued success. A fair test of its capabilities in meeting all demands is being made now when the rush season is on, but the organization of the big plant moves along smoothly and without a jar, turning out its product to go to every part of the country.

Contractors who may require the quick delivery of a gasoline engine like any of those described may be assured that they will not have to suffer delays if they place an order.



Standard



# MANUAL TRAINING

IRA S. GRIFFITH

## Something the Boys Can Make

COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS WITH WORKING DRAWINGS FOR MAKING A CARPENTER'S WORK-BENCH—  
PROPER MATERIAL TO USE

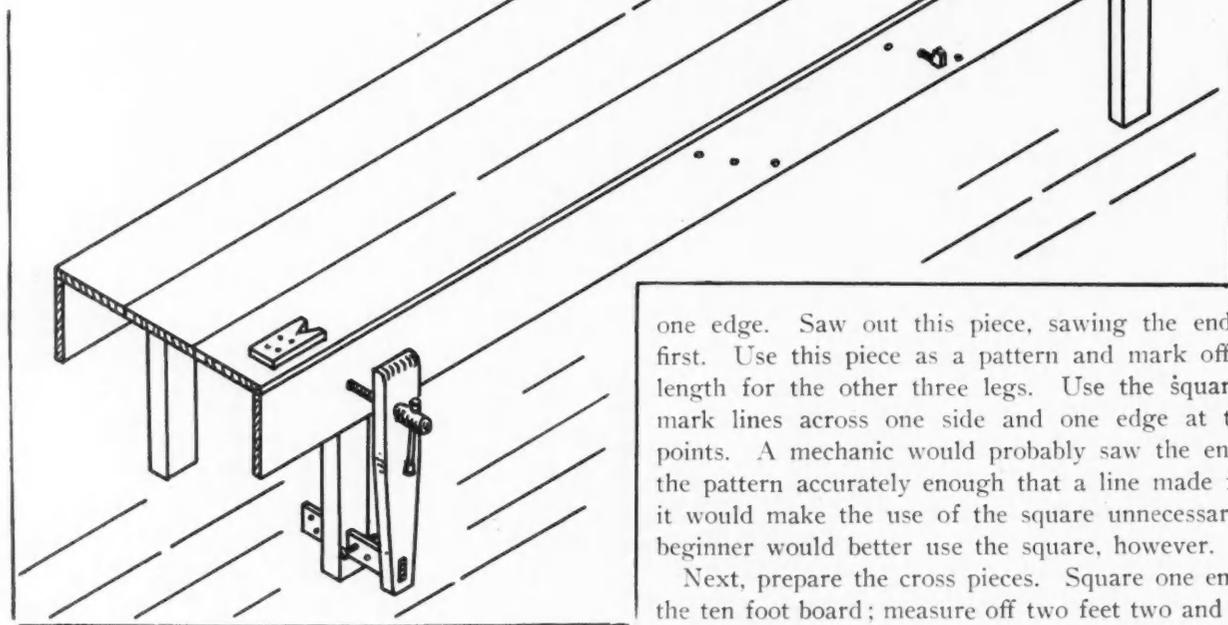
**I**N RESPONSE to requests for a plan and description of a workbench, the following is offered. This is the plan usually used by carpenters. It makes a good, strong bench, one that can be built by any boy of average skill. It does not possess the beauty nor the advantages of benches such as are used in manual training rooms, but it will answer every purpose for home work. In a future number we shall describe a modern bench with rapid acting vises, etc.

For the bench shown in Fig. 1, there will be needed five pieces of one inch stock ten inches wide by twelve

two feet ten inches. It should be clean and sound.

Begin work by squaring a line across one side and one edge of the "two by four" as near the end as its condition will allow. Measure from this line two feet seven inches and square a line across one side and

FIG. 1.



one edge. Saw out this piece, sawing the end off first. Use this piece as a pattern and mark off the length for the other three legs. Use the square to mark lines across one side and one edge at these points. A mechanic would probably saw the end of the pattern accurately enough that a line made from it would make the use of the square unnecessary; a beginner would better use the square, however.

Next, prepare the cross-pieces. Square one end of the ten foot board; measure off two feet two and one-half inches and again square a line. Cut out four pieces like this in the same manner as was done with the legs. One edge of each of these pieces must be straight and square. If necessary, joint, or plane them.

Two of these cross-pieces are to be fastened to the narrow edges of the legs as shown in Fig. 2. Place two legs on the floor with their narrow edges up and place a cross-piece on them. Fasten the cross-piece to the legs with one nail each. With the square, see that the side of the leg squares up with the edge of

feet long; one piece of the same thickness and width with a length of ten feet; one piece two inches by four inches by twelve feet. The one inch stock may be pine and should be mill-planed on two surfaces. The "two by four" should be mill-planed on four surfaces. It may be of pine also. The top, sides, cross-pieces and legs may be got from these. There will be sufficient waste for the lower part of the vise.

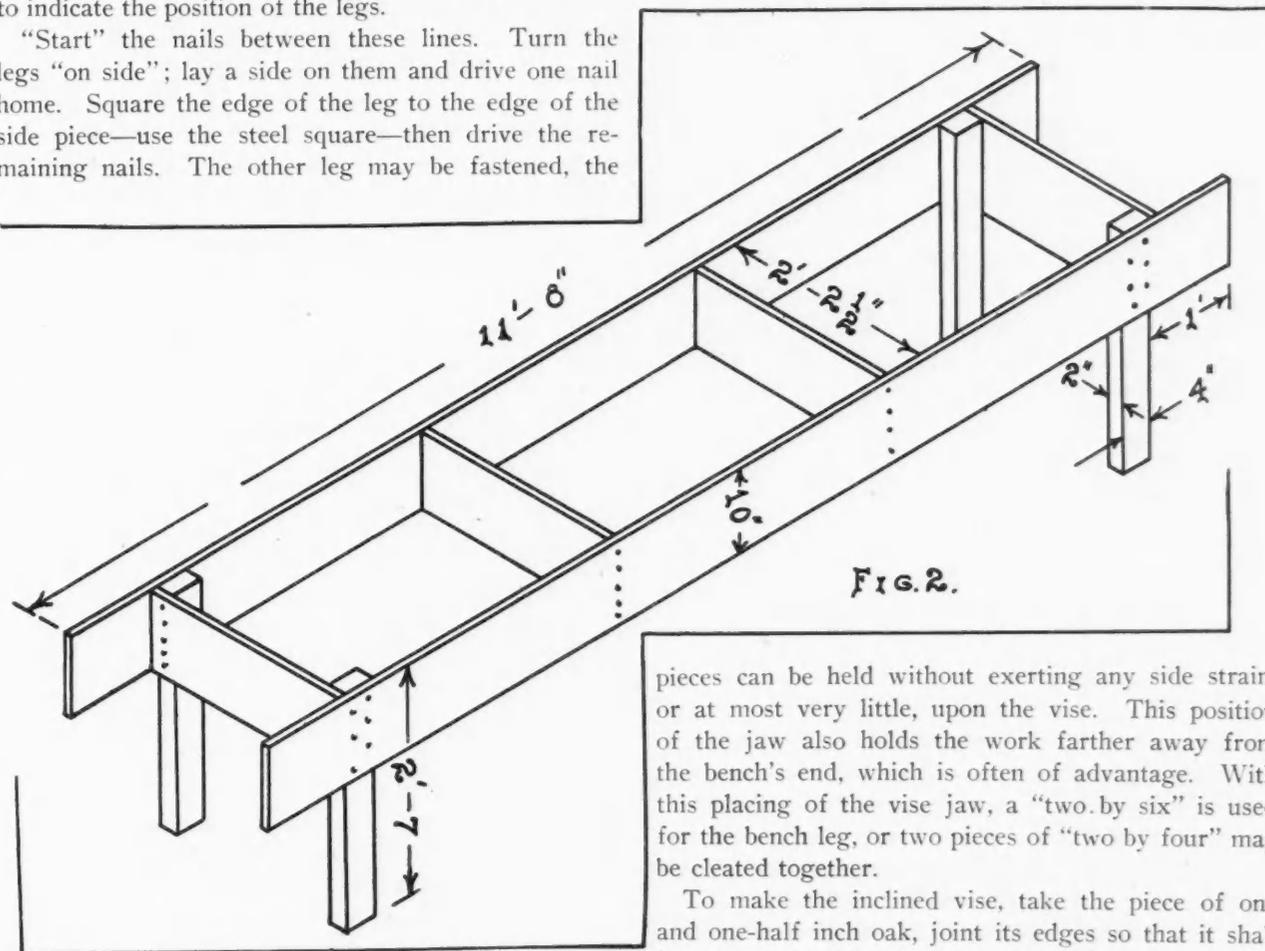
For the vise, secure a piece of oak mill-planed to one and one-half inches by five inches with a length of

the cross-piece, then put in the rest of the nails. It is a pretty good plan to start all of the nails into the board before attempting to nail any of them into the studding.

The side pieces may be prepared and placed now. Joint, plane straight and square an edge on each of two twelve foot boards. Square one end, measure eleven feet and eight inches and saw to length. The second piece should be similarly cut.

From each end of each board measure one foot then three and three-quarter inches and square lines across on outside of face and on joint edge. This is to indicate the position of the legs.

"Start" the nails between these lines. Turn the legs "on side"; lay a side on them and drive one nail home. Square the edge of the leg to the edge of the side piece—use the steel square—then drive the remaining nails. The other leg may be fastened, the



frame turned so as to rest this side on the floor and the other side placed and nailed.

Set the frame upon its legs, divide the space between the two end cross-pieces into three equal parts, square lines across the sides to show where the other cross-pieces are to be placed. Start the nails, place the cross-pieces and drive the nails home.

The three boards of the top must have each of their edges jointed. Two of them may be jointed irrespective of width, but the third must be so planed as to make the top of the same width as the frame. Square the frame by placing the steel square against side and cross-piece.

Nail the outer top boards to the side pieces as well as to the cross-pieces. Set all nails below the surface. Eight or ten-penny common wire nails will be about right for all the nailing.

After the top has been nailed, take a straight-edge and mark lines across each end to indicate where the ends of these top boards are to be sawed off. They should be of the same length as the sides, Fig. 1.

The vise may be made next. There are various ways of making this very important part of the bench. The kind which seems to be most commonly used by carpenters nowadays—aside from the rapid acting vise—is the one shown in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 3 is shown a vise in which the movable jaw is inclined toward the worker somewhat. There is an advantage in this kind of vise in that vertical

pieces can be held without exerting any side strain, or at most very little, upon the vise. This position of the jaw also holds the work farther away from the bench's end, which is often of advantage. With this placing of the vise jaw, a "two by six" is used for the bench leg, or two pieces of "two by four" may be cleated together.

To make the inclined vise, take the piece of one and one-half inch oak, joint its edges so that it shall have a width of five inches. Draw a center line, Fig. 3. Hold the piece against the bench in the position indicated in Fig. 3, and mark the location of the large hole for the vise screw. This hole should be bored in both bench and vise jaw. Its size will be governed by the size of the screw. The hole should be a little larger. In Fig. 3 the hole is bored in the middle of the ten inch board, and in the middle of the second "two by four" leg.

Insert the screw into the hole in the jaw and screw the face plate fast. Put the jaw in place against the bench and mark as indicated by the dotted lines, Fig. 3, saw and plane to this shape, rounding the top end as in Fig. 4.

The value of the grip of any vise depends upon its jaws being parallel. In Fig. 4 is shown the manner of adjusting this kind of vise to meet this requirement. The small piece with the holes in it slides in and out

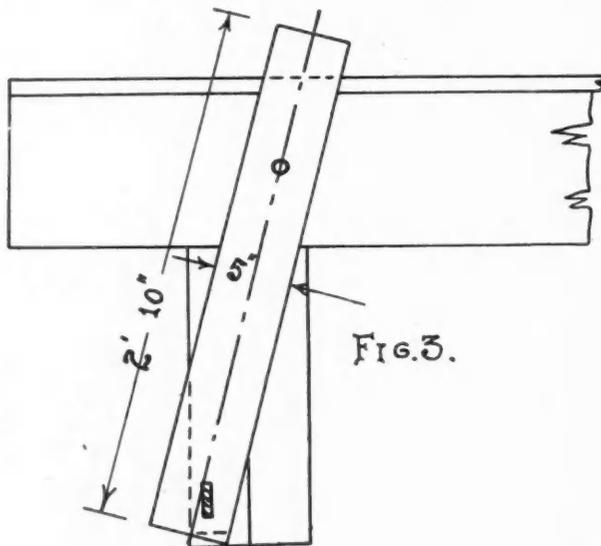
through a mortise in the leg. A dowel pin or a bolt, Fig. 1, is passed through one of these holes and holds the jaw as desired.

Plane up the seven-eighths by two and one-half by twelve inch piece and bore one-half inch holes as indicated in Fig. 4.

With try-square and gauge lay out a mortise in the jaw, Fig. 3, and cut it. Lay out and cut a corresponding mortise in the leg. The mortise in the leg should be cut slightly larger than the piece which enters it so that it may not bind the piece which enters it.

Fit the piece with the half inch holes into the mortise of the movable jaw. With the steel square hold its edge square to the face of the jaw and fasten the two together, using dowels, screws or nails through the edge of the jaw. Set and fasten to the inside of the bench leg the "nut" for the vise screw and the vise is ready for use.

The vise shown in Fig. 1 is somewhat easier to make. The hole for the screw is to be bored so that it will pass through the middle of the single "two by four" leg. The mortise for the seven-eighths by two and one-half inch piece with the holes in it is to be cut directly below this hole, that is, in the middle of the leg. It would better be laid out and cut, however,



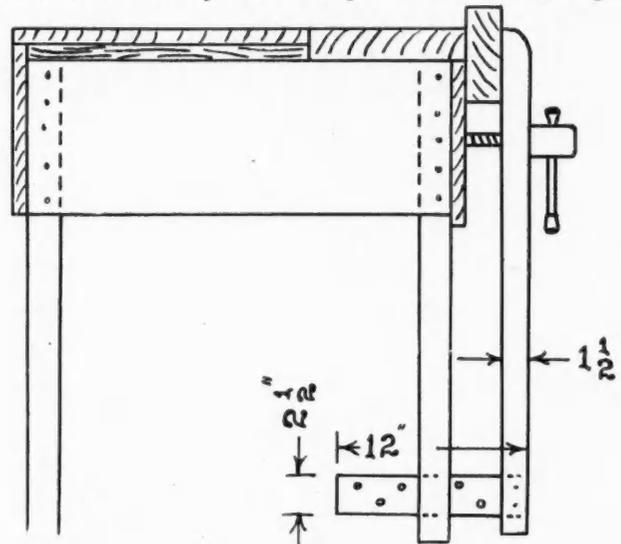
after the corresponding mortise has been cut in the movable jaw.

Square up the stock for the jaw to the width desired with a length less by an inch or two than the height of the bench. This is to keep the end of the jaw off the floor. The top should be rounded and the sides sloped from a point nine or ten inches below the top so that the width at the bottom shall be about three or four inches. Before putting the slope on the joint edge, lay off the mortise at the bottom and the screw hole at the top.

For holding long boards, bore a series of three-quarters or seven-eighths inch holes as indicated in Fig. 1. Make a wooden peg that can be forced into these holes. Whittle it so that it will wedge slightly

and cut it out so that it may have a "lip" to keep springy boards up against the bench. Fig. 1.

For a bench stop, there are various devices in common use. Iron bench stops can be purchased. A couple of nails or screws put into the bench top are often used for holding thin stock. Sometimes mortises are cut and one-inch square hardwood plugs are snugly fitted. If this is done on a bench with a thin board top, such as this one is, a heavy block should be fastened to the under side, else the mortise would soon lose its shape and the pin would fall through.



Such mortises are usually cut slightly inclined at the top towards the worker. A block with a cut in one end does quite well, but is likely to injure the ends of soft wood. Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 shows a bench in which the top has been made more substantial by the placing of a heavy plank on the working side. That there might be no offset, the two lighter boards were raised to a level by the placing of thin pieces upon the cross-pieces. Care should be taken in the selection of a plank for this purpose to get one that will keep its shape.

Of course, the dimensions given are merely suggestive. The bench might be made longer, more cross-pieces should then be added, or shorter. The height given is about the average. A tall man would probably want it a little higher; a boy or short man lower.



### Deposit Vaults for the Home

Among the novel features which add to the completeness of the plans for new houses, and particularly for apartment houses, is the specification for safe deposit vaults built in the walls. These wall safes are a great protection against burglary, as their location is known only to the builder and tenant. These safes are strongly made and form a part of the wall. The openings are but hand holes, large enough, but easier to guard, with less expense to adjust evenly in walls. Little more than the dial and its small knob is seen—no handles, no bolts, nor hinges.



**Wall for Basin**

To the Editor:

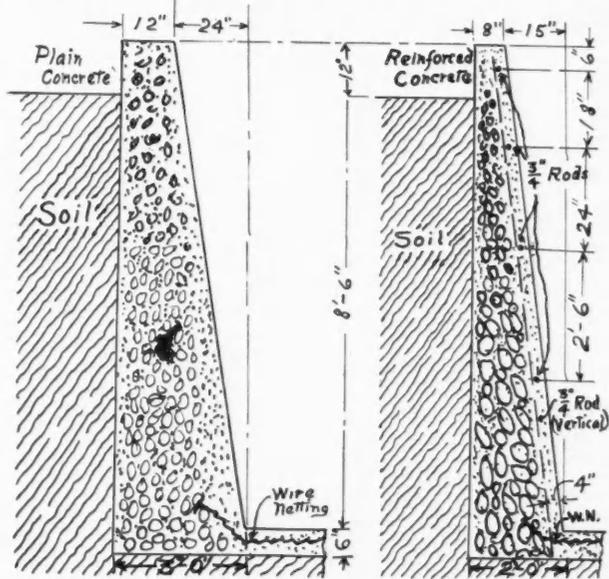
Laceyville, Pa.

We wish to build a reservoir 24 feet by 30 feet by 9 feet 6 inches inside measure. Will be banked up on outside within a foot of top with dirt. Sides built 3 feet wide at bottom, 1 foot at top; bottom 6 inches thick. Four iron rods ( $\frac{3}{4}$  inch) in each side wall laid lengthways to reinforce concrete.

Materials: Clean river sand, 3 parts; cement, Portland, 1 part; all the small gravel and stone this will hold. Bed is to be proofed by Sylvester process. Will this be all right? Any suggestions appreciated.

WHIPPLE BROS.

Answer: In constructing a concrete wall for a basin 24 feet by 36 feet by 9 feet 6 inches deep there is little pressure



strain on the wall when same is filled, as the soil on one side and the water on the other equalize each other. If the basin is always full of water a 4 inch concrete wall would do; but, as the basin may be drained at times, a retaining wall for the soil is essential. This is shown in the two sketches, both the plain and reinforced concrete being about equal strength; either will withstand four times the strain a basin of above dimensions can thrust upon it.

If the plain concrete is used the composition should consist of one part cement, three parts sand and five parts gravel of pea to walnut size, together with some larger stones. Before leaving a day's work, rods, pipes or other irons about one inch thick and one foot long, should be set half their length into the concrete, letting the other half project above, thus keying the various batches of concrete together. These keys are set in the center of the wall and spaced three to four feet centers. Do not save labor in tamping the concrete into the forms.

For the reinforced wall use one part cement, two parts sand and four parts pea to walnut gravel, and add moistened stone same as for plain concrete. Place steel rods as shown. Should the strongest work possible be desired, no stone over six inch diameter should be thrown into the concrete, which

will admit placing the vertical rods within four inches of the soil side of the wall. In this position they will act as a counterfort and be stronger. The vertical rods should be placed four feet centers and should be tied to the top horizontal rod with No. 8 wire.

Always make work continuous with as little delay as possible unless keyed together as mentioned above. Tamp hard and keep well moistened for six or eight days, when the forms may be removed. The water side of the wall should then be plastered with a fourth inch coat of one part cement and two parts sand mixed to the consistency of stiff mortar; wet the walls well just before plastering and keep moist for a week. When dry add two applications of Sylvester process of waterproofing.

The bottom should be six inches thick of same concrete as for walls and a wire fence netting of six inch mesh should be placed not less than two inches below top of concrete as shown. Finish with plaster and waterproofing, same as wall.

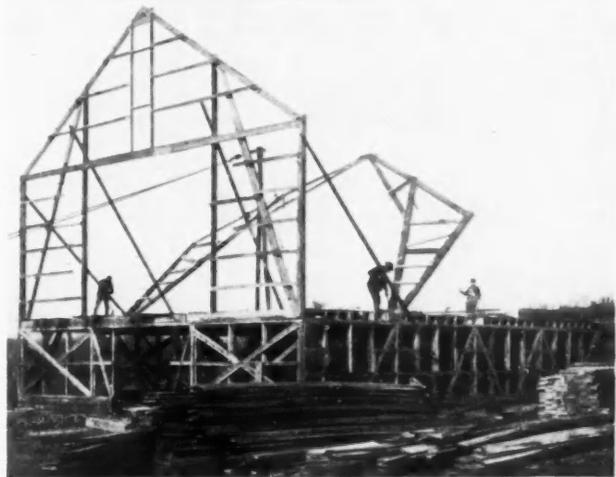
FRED W. HAGLOCH.

**A Plank-Frame Barn**

To the Editor:

Novelty, Ohio.

The accompanying pictures show some of the construc-



tion of a plank frame basement barn put up last fall in Newbury, Ohio, for dairy purposes.

The barn is 40 ft. by 120 ft. and 39 ft. from ground to peak. The first picture shows basement framework and how bents were raised. The other shows completed frame



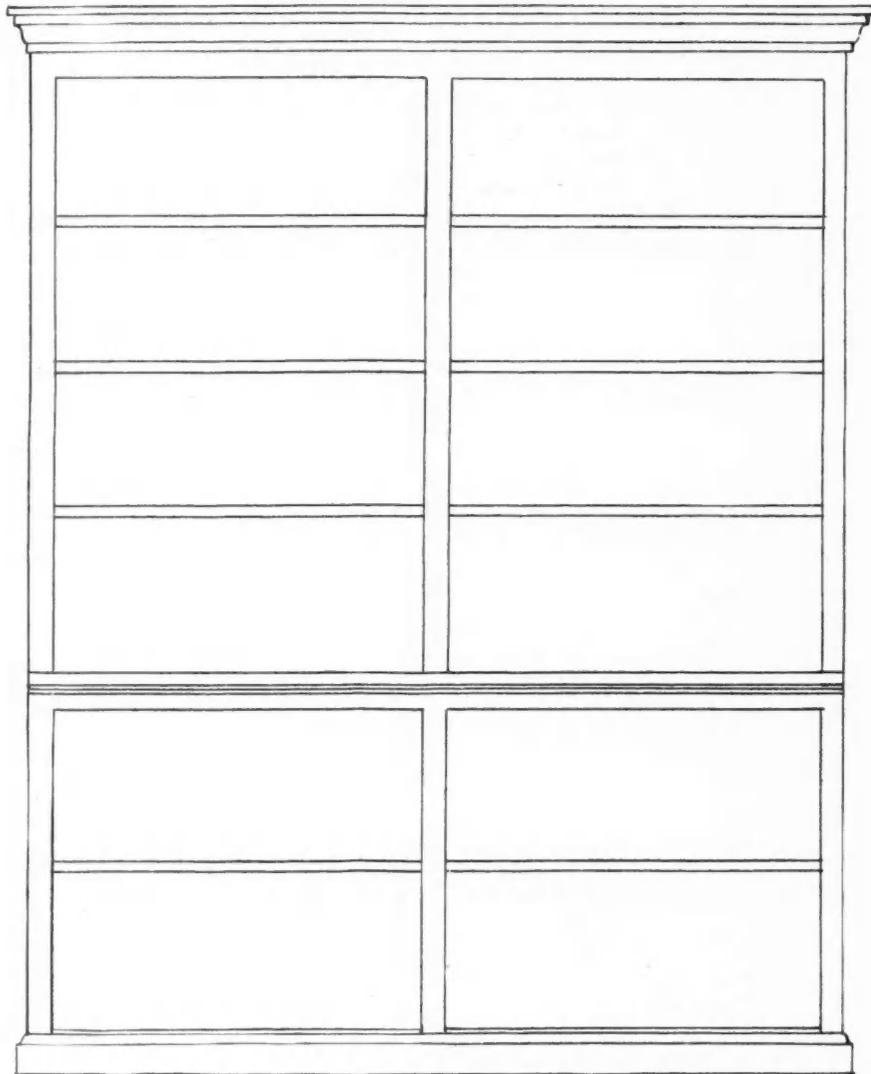
when last rafter was being put up and the basement siding on. There are sixteen double windows and six single windows in the barn. The work was started Oct. 29, 1907, and in nine and one-half working days of nine hours each, with eight men working, the barn was as shown in photo. W. S. Ford, of Burton Ohio, was the contractor.

O. H. ALBAUGH.

**Shelving for Stores**

To the Editor: Valley City, N. Dak.  
I have taken your magazine for two years now; but have seen nothing on shelving for stores. Can you help me in that line?  
WM. J. PETERMAN.

Answer: I give here a front elevation and section of a design for shelving suitable for the average store. The sections are intended to be about 3 feet between the standards.



Front Elevation

The bottom part is about twice as wide as the top and forms a countershelf. The first self is raised off the floor about 4 inches. The top part has saw tooth strips nailed to each edge of the standards so that the shelves may be adjusted.  
I. P. HICKS.

**Strength of a Three-Inch Post**

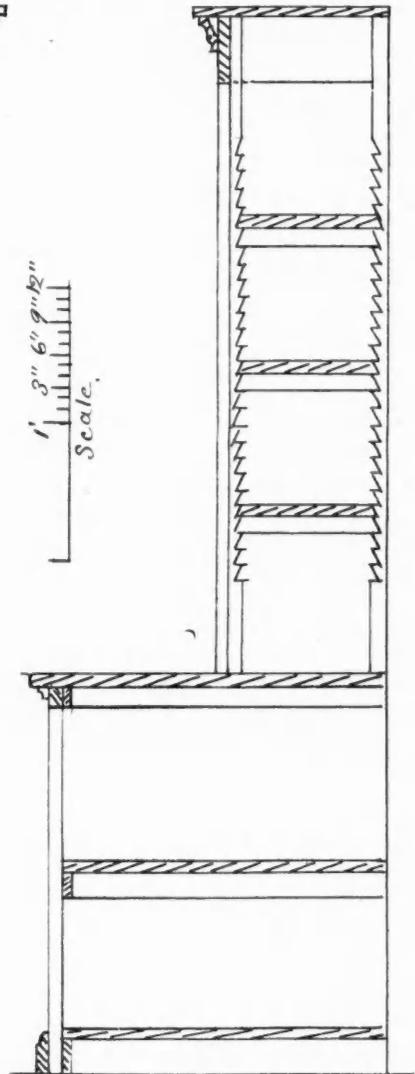
To the Editor: Roadhouse, Ill.  
Having been a contant reader of your valuable magazine since its beginning, I now request the following information:

How much live weight can be safely placed on a post 3 inches in diameter, 7 feet high? The posts in question are made of 4 pieces of first quality York pine, firmly joined together and turned to above size.

HARRY RAWLINS.

Answer: The breaking, or crushing weight for a round post of yellow pine 7 feet high and 3 inches in diameter is, approximately, 3 1-10 tons. This is for a solid post and as yours are built up, one-fourth must be deducted on account of the joints. This would give about 2 1/4 tons as their breaking weights.

Authorities are generally agreed in allowing a high factor of safety for wooden posts, and in the best practice, engineers are careful not to trust such posts with more than one-eighth to one-sixth of their breaking weight, and for live loads, not more than one-tenth. One-tenth of the breaking weight of your posts gives 91-400 of a ton, or 455 pounds, as the safe live load.  
T. B. KIDNER.



Section.

**Publicity Needed**

To the Editor: Swiftwater, Pa.  
For the last two years I have been looking for a blind staple sticker, the kind used for repairing window blinds. If you could help me out in this I will be very thankful.  
GEO. H. WARNER.

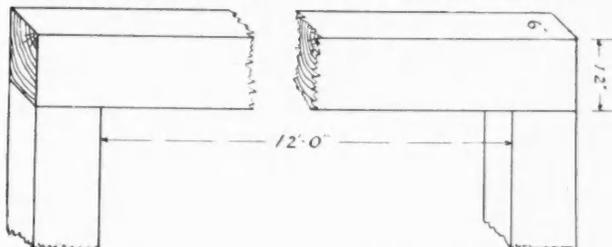
Answer: This is an instance which illustrates the fact that now and then it is difficult with a fairly good equipment of catalogs and with the advertising of the trade papers before one to lay hand on some special machine that is

wanted. In order to be able to answer questions of this kind, the writer frequently requests complete circulars and catalogs from machinery people and has quite a fair equipment of these things. Yet, it is a peculiar fact, after quite a lot of research, that this particular machine has not been found. There have been other instances of the same kind, enough of them to suggest that the makers of different machines, which are frequently wanted, should make it a point now and then, to illustrate or feature their machines in the advertising pages, or in some manner publish a list of the different machines they make, so that the seeker after machinery can find what he wants. Names of the people thought likely to have this machine were furnished this correspondent by mail.

J. CROW TAYLOR.

**Safe Load for a Beam**

To the Editor: Convent, La.  
I am interested in the strength of materials, and offer for solution a beam 6 inches by 12 inches, the span to be 12 feet, supported at the ends. Working strength is 800 pounds per square inch, load to be distributed. What will



be the safe load for the beam? Would like to know also what provisions are made for weight of beams and for bending moments in different spans.

B. P. TUREAUD.

Answer: The best way to work this question is to use the well-known formula

$$W = \frac{S b d^2}{9 L}$$

which is expressed in words thus: The safe uniformly distributed load in pounds for a rectangular beam is equal to the safe unit fiber stress multiplied by the breadth in inches, and by the square of the depth in inches, and the product divided by nine times the span in feet."

In the formula W stands for the weight or load; S for the working strength, or "fiber stress" as it is termed; b is the breadth; d the depth squared; and L the length. Your calculation is as follows:

$$\frac{800 \times 6 \times 12 \times 12}{9 \times 12} = 6400 \text{ lbs}$$

The foregoing formula takes into account the bending moment as well as the fiber stress, being a combination of two formulas; one dealing with the bending moments for rectangular beams; the other with the breaking weight or "modulus of rupture," as it is termed in the books.

It is usual to neglect the weight of the beam in short spans, but in long spans the weight of the beam is added to the load, and calculations made accordingly.

T. B. KIDNER.

**Obtaining Cuts of Molding**

To the Editor: Barrie, Vt.  
Will you inform me through the pages of your journal of a method by the square to obtain the cuts of molding in paneling of the stair strings, as shown in the enclosed sketch?

E. BLAINE.

Answer: In Fig. 1 is shown the face of the stair string with diamond shaped panels, as shown in Mr. Blaine's

sketch. To begin with, all cuts of moldings of this kind should be made in a miter box. Then the question is, how to find the angle on the square by which to make the proper cut on the miter box.

In Fig. 2 is shown an enlarged panel with the application of the square for finding the miter line, or the line of juncture of the molds. In this, it will be seen that there are two angles in the panel. The sharper one is known as an acute and the other as an obtuse angle. The former is less than 90 and the latter more than 90 degrees. However, by this method of finding the miter line for one, also answers for the other, because when the blade is giving the miter line for the acute, the tongue is giving it for the obtuse. In the illustration, we have shown the application for both, and it will

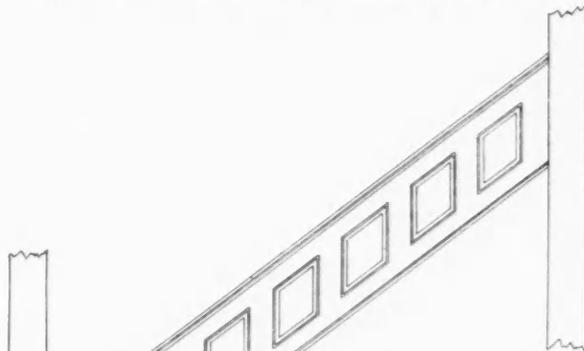


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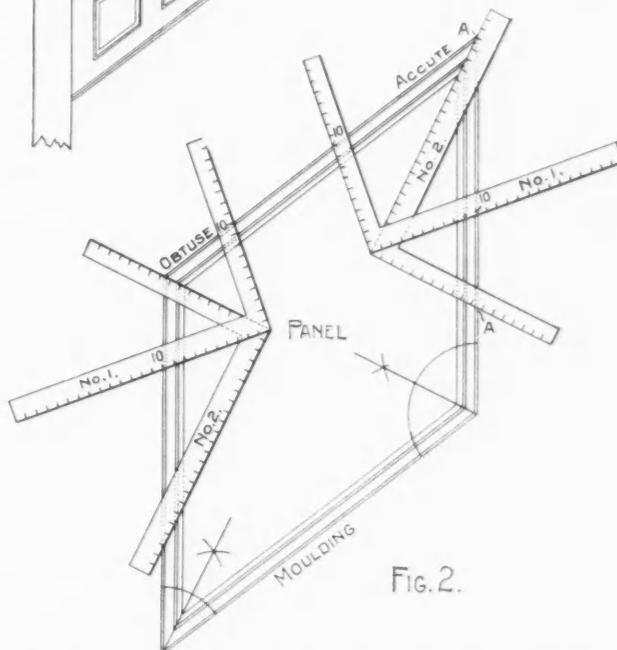


FIG. 2.

be seen that the blade and tongue of like squares are resting parallel with each other. Now, as to the placing of these squares to get the proper angle, simply take like figures on square No. 1, say 10 and 10, place so that these figures are at the edge of the panel, as shown, and with the heel of square No. 2 resting on the former, and with the blade intersecting the corner of the panel, the figures intersected by the edge of the panel, as at A A will be the figures to use to make the cut on the miter box for either angle. However, this is not the usual way of finding the miters for this kind of work, but the question was asked "How to find the cuts with the square?" and we give the foregoing in answer.

The same results may be had by bisecting the angle with the compass, as shown in the two lower corners of Fig. 2, and by setting a bevel square to the angles thus formed,

obtain the miter in this way. A more common way, however, among workmen, is to take a block of any convenient width and with parallel edges and with it set each way in the corner mark along the outer sides, the crossing of these lines will be the point for the bisecting or miter line.

A. W. WOODS.

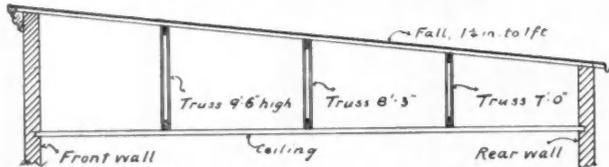
### Roof Framing for a Store

To the Editor:

Durango, Colo.

I am going to do carpenter work on a storage building 50 feet wide and 50 feet long. The roof to slope from front

*Sectional view through trusses*

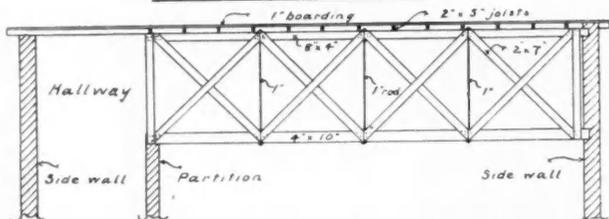


to rear and be covered with tin; there is a partition running through in second floor for hall 10 feet wide, leaving the other room 40 feet wide. This is to be used for a lodge room. How should I frame the roof and of what size material; would you recommend a lattice truss?

LEONARD ZIPPERIAN.

Answer: The simplest way to roof the building would be to make your partition strong enough to carry the ends

*Elevation of one truss*



of trusses, 40 foot span, and to frame three simple plank trusses as shown in the drawings. Bottom chords 4 inches by 10 inches, top chords 4 inches by 8 inches; bracing, double (that is, on each face of truss) of 2 inches by 7 inches, well spiked or trenailed to chords. Vertical rods of 1 inch iron with nuts and washers top and bottom. The last or narrowest truss is made of sufficient depth to safely carry the load; and the other trusses have an added depth to give the roof pitch.

T. B. KIDNER.

### Value of Sub Floors

To the Editor:

Logan, Nev.

Please tell me the necessity of sub floors in a house in a warm country. Building is two story, hollow concrete blocks.

G. E. MCGILVARY.

Answer: As far as warmth is concerned, there may not be any necessity for the double floor for houses in warm countries. There are other reasons for double floors besides the heat and cold question. The rough floor is a great convenience to work on during the construction of the building, and in case of a brick, stone or hollow block building, the rough floor is almost indispensable. Even if one did do without it there would be the labor of covering the most part of the floor space with a temporary floor to work on during the construction of the building.

Then again the finish floor can not be laid in advance, so it can be used to work on, for if so it would be spoiled, and unfit to be seen when the building was completed.

If hardwood floors are wanted, such as maple, birch or oak, the best job can be obtained with the  $\frac{3}{8}$  thickness laid over a  $\frac{7}{8}$  sub floor; the  $\frac{3}{8}$  flooring is not thick enough for a single floor. Rough floors ought to be laid diagonal and the finish floor laid across them. The finish floor should

never be laid in a building till the plastering is all done and thoroughly dry; in fact, if a nice floor is wanted, it should be the very last part of finishing the building. All the base boards, casings, and door hanging, in fact everything, should be done before the finish floor is put down. Carpets are not used as much now as formerly, and nice floors are much desired, and these are not possible without the first rough floor to take the wear and tear of the building construction.

If anything like a good building is desired, it is false economy to dispense with the rough floor, no matter what the climate may be; hot or cold, the rough floor has merits that make it worth while to put in. It also adds largely to the strength of a building, both in the floor and for wind pressure when it is a second story rough floor.

I. P. HICKS.

### Sheathing Inside and Out

To the Editor:

Louisville, Ky.

In looking around among new frame houses that are being built there is to be discovered every once in a while something new or something different. In looking after these things the other day I found a new house going up in which the storm sheathing, instead of being put on the outside, was put on the inside of the studding.

Inquiry as to the "whyfore" of this brought the explanation that the builder thought it was better that way, to use the inside sheathing as a base for his plastering and lath and plaster against it by first running some lath up and down the wall to hold the regular lath off far enough from the sheathing to give the plasterers room to work behind it. Then the sheathing would furnish a sound and positive backing for the walls. Another argument was that when the sheathing is put on the outside and then the weatherboard, there is some tendency for the moisture to get in between the two and cause decay, so it was thought better to have the sheathing inside and the weatherboarding simply as an outside protection on the outside of the studding. Talking over the matter with others, I found there was a difference of opinion in regard to this, and some contended that sheathing on the inside is a mistake instead of an advantage, and that plaster will break and fall from it quicker, if anything, than the regular lath, because it has no spring to it, and a bump will cause it to break; whereas, if it had the spring of the regulation lath, it would not do so. I would like to have an expression from readers of the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER on this subject of the relative advantages of outside and inside sheathing.

L. K.

### Concrete Block House

To the Editor:

Wallace, Neb.

I hereby send you a picture of a neat and substantial



house of cement blocks I have built this winter twelve miles south of Wallace, in Hays County, Nebraska.

H. J. RASMUSSEN.

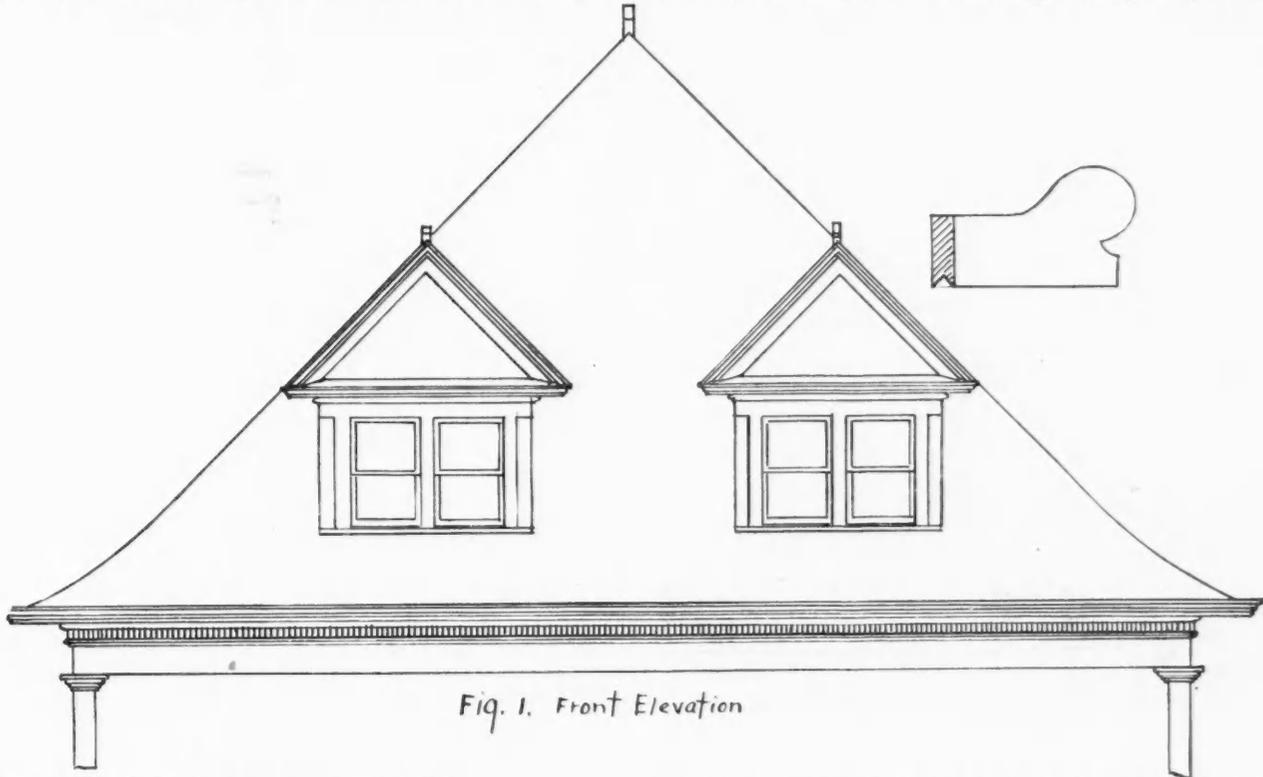
**Roof Design for Colonial House**

To the Editor:

Pottstown, Pa.

I am a reader of your magazine, and am at present thinking of building a home and have the plans pretty well laid, excepting the roof. I would be very thankful if you would suggest a few roof designs for a double front, colonial house.

pitch and the dormers made with mullion windows in order to get a greater width of dormer. The main cornice is wide, with a deep frieze and dental work. The gables of the dormers should be shingled, also the sides and space each side of the window on the front. The ridge cresting for main roof and ridge of dormers should be not less than 1 3/4 inches thick and about 10 inches high at highest point on



*Fig. 1. Front Elevation*

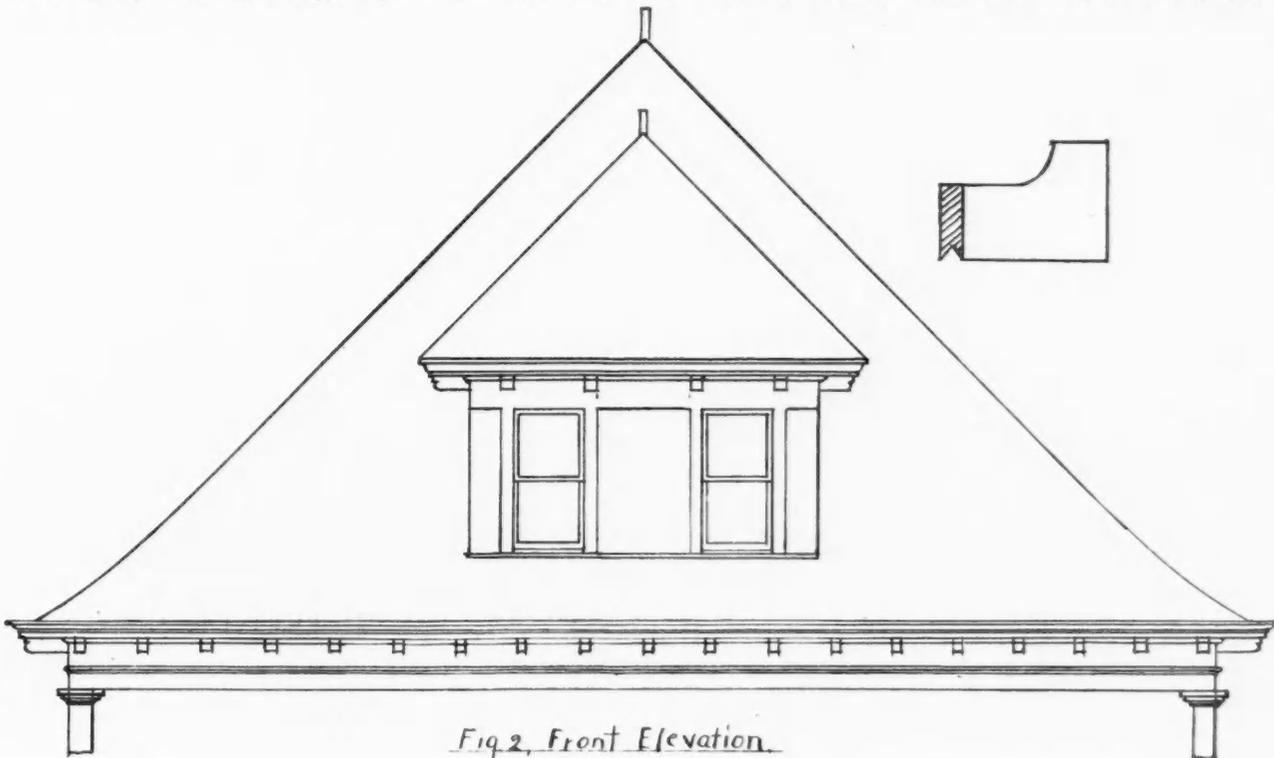
The width of the house to be about 38 feet.

PAUL L. BROOKE.

Answer: The house being a double house and somewhat wide, I think a hip roof with wide cornice and wide dormers would give it a good appearance. Would also put on wide corner casings with mold caps, Fig. 1. The roof is half

the end. This cresting can be made of wood, and if of wood, it is best made of white pine.

Fig. 2 shows another suitable design, differing from the first in that it has only one dormer. This is placed in the center of the house and has a space between the windows to widen the dormer. This has a hip roof and corbal



*Fig. 2. Front Elevation*

brackets under the cornice, with bed molding cut in between the brackets. The dormer should be shingled up to the frieze.

The main cornice is wide with corbal brackets underneath and bed mold cut in between. These corbal brackets look nice and add very much to the appearance of the cornice. We think either one of these designs suitable for the house, although the arrangement of the windows in the second story and the style of porch in front might be such that some other style of roof would be better; that we could only tell by seeing the entire layout of the porch and front rooms of the house.

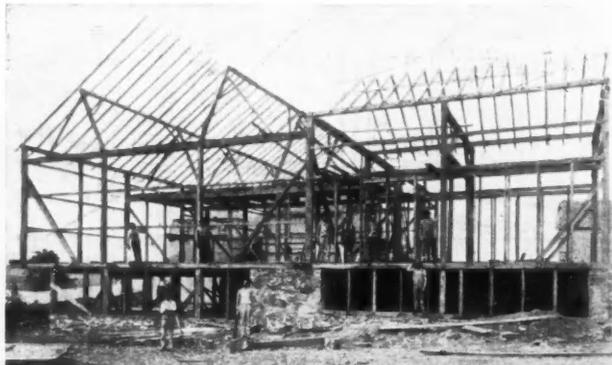
I. P. HICKS.

### A Well Built Barn

To the Editor:

Churchtown, Pa.

I am sending you herewith a photograph of a frame plank barn which I built the past summer. This barn is mortised and tenoned throughout, and is said to be one of the best framed barns built in this vicinity for a number of years.



It is 46 feet by 74 feet, and is 18 feet from the floor to the plate. This barn was built with two floors and two mows and nice stables underneath. There is also an addition built to the barn of the same height. This is 21 feet by 30 feet, having a corn crib on each side and a floor through the center, and a cellar underneath arranged for handling tobacco. The best of timber was used.

F. GLASS.

### Proper Paint for Tin Roof

To the Editor:

Philadelphia, Pa.

We have read with much interest, in your December issue, an article on painting, which includes suggestions for the care of tin roofs. These suggestions are, on the whole, excellent, and we are glad to see them given publicity in this manner. We must, however, take exception to the author's recommendation of graphite paint for this purpose.

If you are familiar with the work of the joint committee on tinplate, appointed by the National Association of Master Sheet Metal Workers to investigate matters of importance to the roofing trade, you will know that one of their first duties was to investigate the matter of painting tin roofs. We quote from their report on this subject, read before the annual meeting of the association at Indianapolis in 1906:

"The paint should be of the best metallic brand, pure linseed oil, well rubbed in; litharge only as a drier. No patent drier or turpentine should be allowed. Graphite and coal-tar paints are positively injurious to tin, and should never be used—neither should cheap paints.

"Six months after laying, the roof should have its third coat of paint."

These recommendations, we remind you, were made as the result of very careful investigations carried out by the committee. The caution against the use of graphite paint is, we believe, endorsed by every leading tinplate manufacturer, and by leading tin roofers generally. We mention

no particular brands of graphite paint in this connection, as our experience has been that the high-priced graphite paints give as much trouble as the cheaper kinds.

The committee in its investigations has run across many interesting cases in which graphite paint has been used alongside of other, non-injurious paints, with the result that trouble has been experienced with the graphite paint, and the balance of the roof has remained in perfect condition. Therefore, we regret, in the interests of the trade and of the reputation of its products, that this recommendation should have been made through your columns.

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Answer: The writer has taken up this subject of the effect of graphite paint on tin plate with a number of prominent painters from all sections of the country, at three recent Master Painters' conventions. Only one of all those spoken to had ever heard that graphite paint was injurious to tin, although all agreed that Prince's Mineral Brown was probably the best paint that could be used on a tin roof. The suggestion was made that as graphite can be thinned down almost indefinitely, there might be a tendency to apply it too thin, and in that case it would be little more than an oil coat. Oil alone, with no pigment, or with but little pigment, is more or less porous, and will permit water to pass through and affect the metal. Several recommended graphite as an excellent paint over a priming coat of mineral brown.

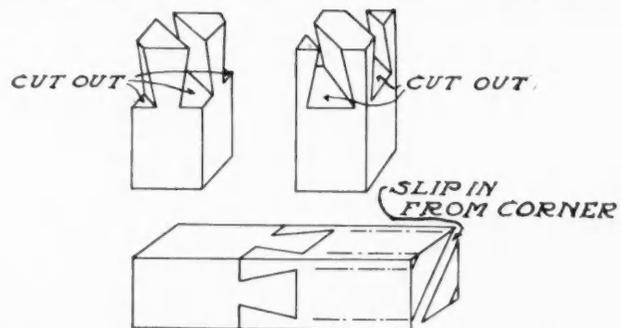
EDWARD HURST BROWN.

### Answer to Dove-Tail Block Puzzle

To the Editor:

Philadelphia, Pa.

The accompanying is a sketch illustrating my solution of Mr. J. B. Hoffman's dove-tail block puzzle in the March number. I can make one out of a block quicker than the time



it takes me to draw this sketch, as I am no draftsman.

Is there any reader of the AMERICAN CARPENTER AND BUILDER who knows how to make a Japanese dove-tail? If so, I would be glad to see a sketch by him in this column.

O. B. FETTERS.

### Another Block Puzzle Answer

To the Editor:

Excelsior Springs, Mo.

In Mr. Hoffman's dove-tail puzzle, the dove-tails do not run straight through as most people think, but run diagonally through. It is put together cornerwise; then, when glued together and smoothed up, if the points are perfect they look as though they run straight through, making a neat puzzle.

W. T. COURNEY.

### Paint for Basement Ceiling

To the Editor:

Akron, Ohio.

I have a basement where the flooring is surfaced, but the joists are rough. Would kalsomine adhere to it and not peel off; or what would be the best? JOHN PARTSCH.

Answer: A good kalsomine, or, better yet, a so-called washable cold-water paint would in all probability give very good satisfaction.

EDWARD HURST BROWN.

# PRACTICAL TRADE APPLIANCES

## Metal Ceiling and Side Walls

The old adage, "Necessity is the mother of invention," is possessed of greater and more far-reaching truth and force than is apparent at the first glance. Supply and demand are said to be complementary, yet, as a rule, demand precedes supply and stimulates invention or constructive genius to produce the thing demanded. In these times many new things are constantly being devised, advertised and, so far as possible, forced upon the attention of the public in the hope of exciting a demand. Sometimes such overtures succeed, it is true, but scarcely ever where they do not fill some "long-felt want" or public yearning, except, indeed, when they act the part of successful and advantageous substitutes for things already in use.

A remarkable instance of a demand, none the less real because it has not found expression in words, is seen in metal ceilings, which though less than twenty years in use, have won wide, almost universal favor and are through certain modifications, coming to occupy an ever broadening field, to the extent of which it would be unwise to set arbitrary limits.

Like most advancements of real and lasting value, metal ceilings were in the nature of an evolution. Their suggestion was found in the corrugated iron ceilings that preceded them and rendered highly valuable service to the builder, the elements of a beauty and finish being the only things lacking.

In addition to being highly ornamental and attractive, metal ceilings possess many characteristics of a decidedly utilitarian nature, which would seem quite sufficient to alone justify



their slight increase in cost over lath and plaster. Closely joined, or interlocked, so as to make them easy and economical to install, they present an almost air-tight surface and being incombustible, they tend to greatly protect floors and woodwork in cases of fire, and have many times, by preventing the spread of flames until the arrival of the fire department, saved buildings from destruction. Being of

light weight they reduce to a minimum the strain upon trusses and joists. They neither crack or fall as plaster is prone to do, nor shrink as wood often does.

The field for metal ceilings is almost universal and is constantly widening. They are largely employed in dwellings, vestibules, apartment houses, bath rooms, kitchens, banks, buffets, restaurants, theaters, public halls, churches, educational institutions, and in many other places.

We illustrate herewith a view in Lanham & Sons Company store, Rome, Ga., showing the application of "The Edwards" Gothic Ceiling Design No. 1966, one of the many handsome and artistic patterns manufactured by the Edwards Manufacturing Co., "The Sheet Metal Folks," main office and works, 401 to 417 Eggleston avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The company are at the present time arranging and expect to issue shortly a new catalog "A," which will contain 148 pages, illustrating their complete line of metal ceilings and side walls, together with other useful information for carpenters, contractors, etc., and will be pleased to forward copy of same to interested parties on request.

## The Wolverine Tubular Furnace

The Wolverine Furnace manufactured by the Marshall Furnace Company, of Marshall, Mich., is based mechanically on the tubular construction idea. This tubular construction means that large, heavy, cast iron tubes run diagonally through the firebox or combustion chamber of the furnace. These tubes connect with the cold air supply at a point near the base of the furnace and extending upward through the body of the combustion chamber and open through the dome

into the warm air chamber. Around these tubes all the heat and flame has to pass in escaping to the radiator above. The tubes being much larger at the top, or outlet, than at the bottom, or inlet, the circulation caused by the heating of the tubes draws immense quantities of additional cold air up through the furnace. As an extension of these tubes runs from the bottom of the combustion chamber downward and away from the firepot the cold air does not become heated until it rises to a point even with the bottom of the combustion chamber. After the air reaches this point, it is forced upward because of the conical shape of the tubes and action of the heat. The currents of air passing through these tubes are so strong that it is easy to throw heat to isolated portions of the house and those rooms badly exposed to wind and weather. Although the flow of air is rapid, the immense radiating power of the furnace thoroughly warms every particle of air to the right temperature. All radiating surface is in intimate contact with the fire, but not so close as to

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superheat the air. Another thing about these tubes is, they cannot be burned out. As fast as heat is generated on the outside of these tubes it is radiated through the iron and absorbed by the air on the inside, and as the air must move through the tubes as long as there is any fire in the furnace, therefore cold air must be constantly taking the place of warm air, absorbing the heat as fast as it is generated and radiated. The volume of heat passing through the tubes increases in proportion to the heat applied. Wolverine Furnaces burn hard or soft coal, wood, coke or natural gas. Due allowance is made for expansion and contraction in all parts and every furnace is set up and rigidly inspected before leaving the factory. Write them for their descriptive catalogue and circular, "Wolverine Furnaces."

### Runyan Concrete Machine Company

The Runyan Concrete Machine Company, of Canal Dover, Ohio, are manufacturing a line of concrete machinery designed especially to meet the requirements of carpenters and builders. Their block machine with the vertical core is the only successful mechanical combination on the market that will make either equally as well, either side face or down face blocks; furthermore, it is the only machine that will make a down face block and not tamp it on its face. It will make the standard widths (8 inch, 10 inch and 12 inch) on one width pallet, thus saving two-thirds of the money necessary to be spent for pallets with other machines to obtain similar results. They guarantee to make from 10 per cent to 25 per cent more blocks than can be made on any other machine; blocks are made in two sizes, 24 inch and 32 inch lengths.

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### New Ceiling Catalogue Free

We herewith present two illustrations taken from the catalogue of Wm. Foster & Sons Company, whose factory and main office is located at Springfield, Ill. They issue an eighty-seven page catalogue devoted exclusively to metal ceilings and side wall material.

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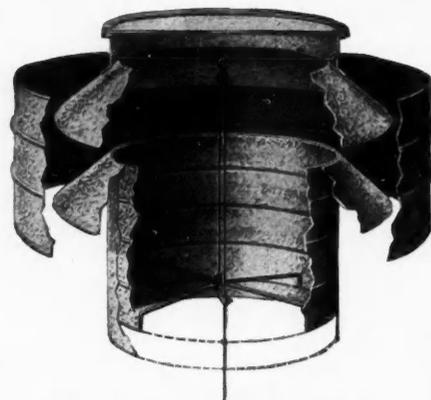
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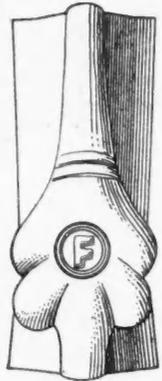
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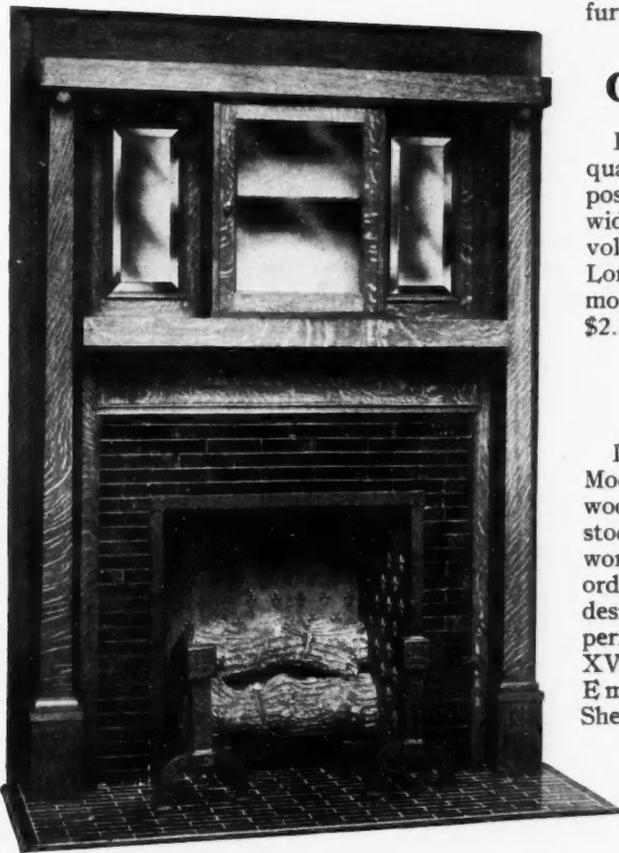
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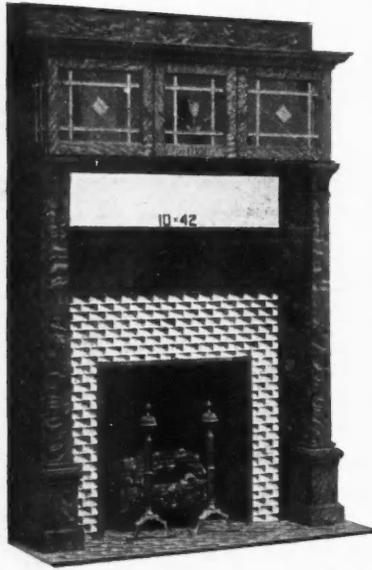
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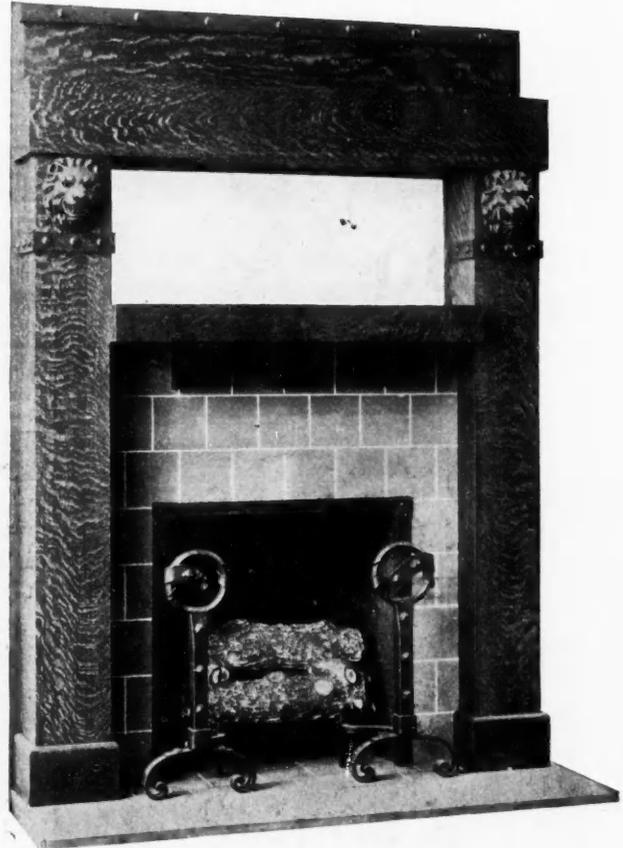
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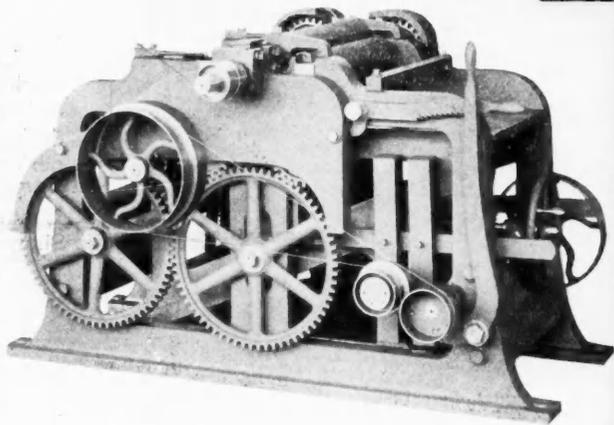
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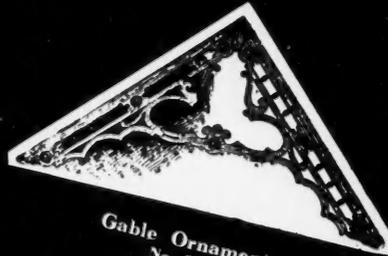
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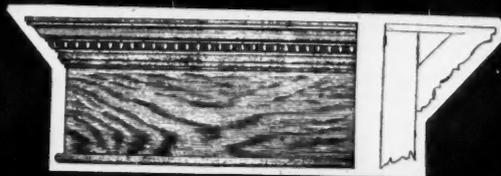


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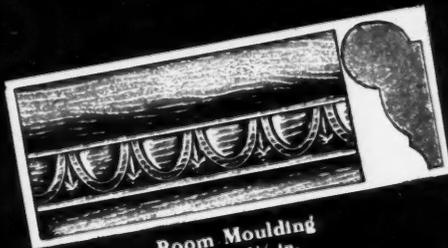
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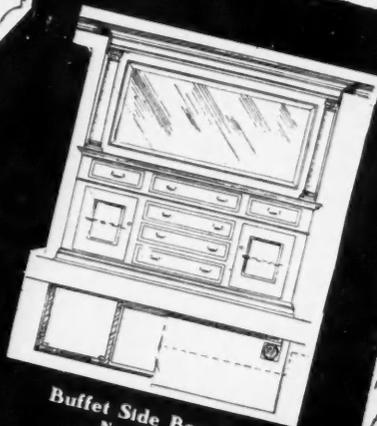
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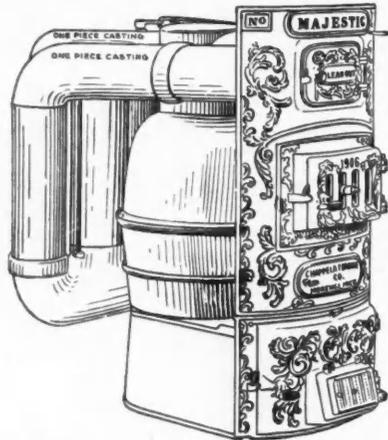
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While urging, so far as possible, the use of stock patterns and sizes, this concern is prepared to elaborate or modify any design shown in their catalogue and furnish same in larger or smaller size to meet special conditions at the job.

The fireplace goods handled by this company and shown in Catalogue "D" are of the same high standard of excellence as their mantels, and while handsome in appearance, are nevertheless built for real service. The variety of patterns in grates, portable baskets, fire sets, frames and summer pieces makes it an easy matter for anyone to select a suitable design to meet one's own fancy.

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To carpenters, builders and contractors who wish to buy building, roofing and insulating papers in any quantities, Messrs. C. B. Hewitt & Bros. are sending their latest price list and sample book. Stock of this company comprises fiber plaster board, deafening felt and all special papers used in construction work. Information concerning their line will be sent to any one writing for same and mentioning this paper.



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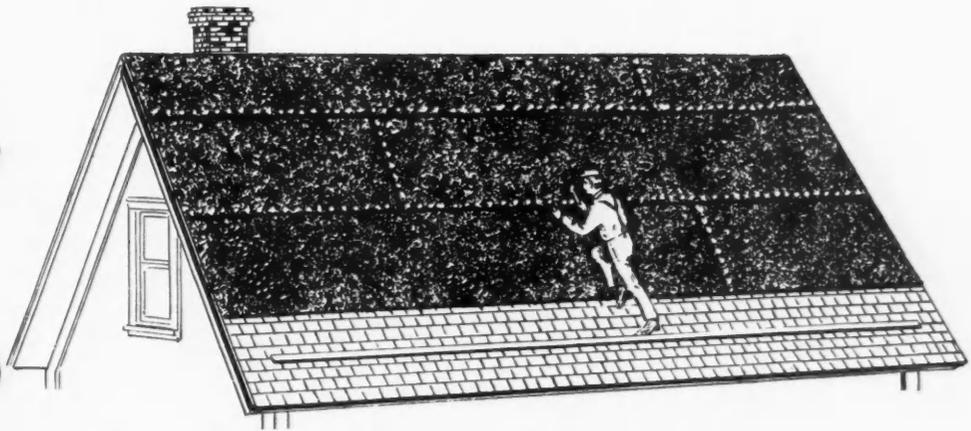
To all contractors and builders interested in specialties in slate, the Pittsburgh Slate Company is sending its latest price list for this season. Works of this concern are situated right in the heart of the famous Bangor slate district, and everything in slate products is comprised in its line. Copy of this new list will be sent to anybody writing for same and mentioning this paper.



#### Clamp and Vise Economy

There is probably no problem that has to be solved and re-solved more frequently than that of clamping work in a modern wood-working shop. This is particularly true in a factory where quantities of work of various kinds, requiring gluing and clamping, are being turned out from day to day. While the average shop's supply of clamps to start with seems ample, the gluing operations come to an untimely end very soon after it begins, owing to their scarcity. This will be more readily appreciated by those experienced in the

# What Is Your Test



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There are some atrocious materials masked under the general term "ready roofing," manufactured from Petroleum sludge, refuse from soap factories, etc.

It costs no more to lay good roofing than poor roofing, and yet it saves you a large after-expense in maintenance, repairs, and damage caused by leaks.

**Bad Roofing**—when finished with soap-stone, looks well—but when exposed to the weather and atmospheric conditions, time soon demonstrates its inferior qualities.

**Good Roofing**—proves its value by durability on the roof under the stress of weather and atmospheric conditions.

*We don't give mere verbal guarantees—But an individual written document to each purchaser*

I know what materials are under the soap-stone finish in my **Compo-Rubber Roofing**. I manufacture the **Foundation Felts**, as well as the **Saturating** and **Coating** compounds. Therefore, I absolutely control the quality through every stage of its manufacture, and can safely guarantee the **Durability** of the fabric. And there is only one way to insure you on this point. We are the only Company that have adopted a method which does not necessitate your investigating any further than to ascertain whether or not every roll sold bears on the wrapper Woodley's certificate of quality, which lifts all risk from your shoulders and places it where we are willing to have it located—on our own.

### An Individual Written Guarantee Furnished With Every Roll

A mere verbal guarantee can be easily forgotten or dodged by a dealer, but we **Cannot Dodge** our responsibilities under our guarantee plan. In a nutshell, we claim to be the only Company furnishing with every roll that is made, **roof insurance that can't be questioned.**

Be sure our certificate of quality is pasted on every roll of roofing you purchase.

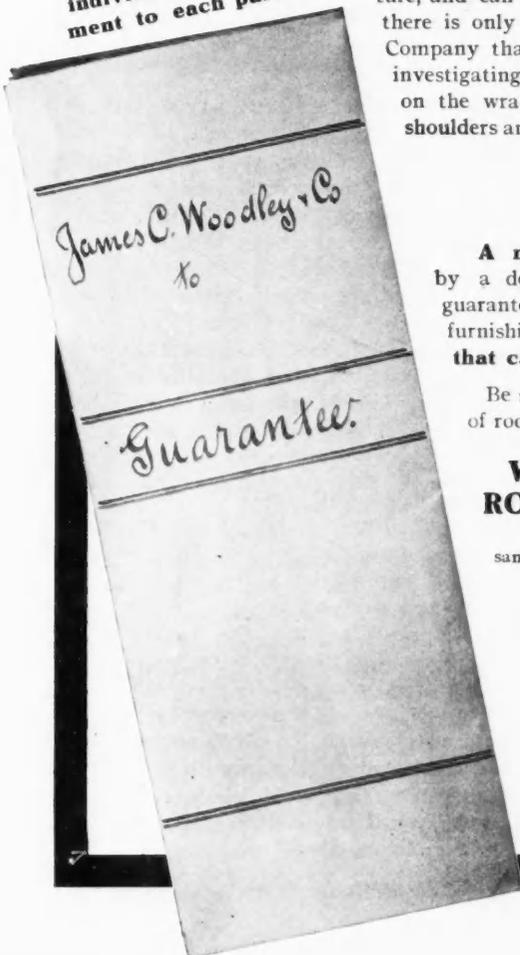
### WOODLEY'S IS THE ONLY READY ROOFING WITH THE REAL GUARANTEE

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## Jas. C. Woodley & Co.

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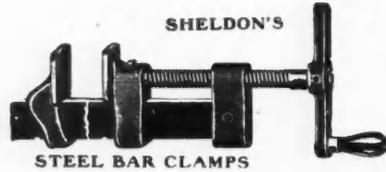
Branch House St. Louis



making of table tops, desk tops, dresser tops, etc., where five to eight clamps are necessary on each top and should be allowed to remain on the work at least twenty-four hours before removing the pressu

When we stop to think, the top of a desk is by no means a whole desk, but it has many other parts to be clamped during its construction. Further, that desks to be more economically manufactured, must not only be made in lots of hundreds, but thousands, and these operations to be done economically must so far as possible be continuous, we begin to realize one factor of the manufacturer's clamp problem.

The next and equally as discouraging is the constant breakage, unless the clamps are prohibitively heavy or expensive. The average gluer in his excitement and haste to get the pressure on his work be-



SHELDON'S  
STEEL BAR CLAMPS

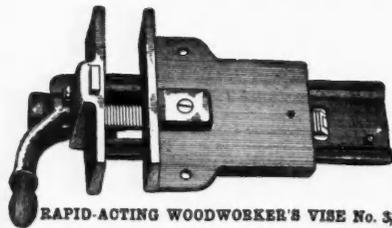
for his glue chills, is a clamp wrecker. The inventor of the Sheldon line of clamps and vises began his career in the machine shop, then into the wood shop, where he was confronted with the usual clamp problem. He was asked to get up a quantity of wood bar clamps with iron heads and screws for a piano manufacturer, that would not split and break loose from the bars under excessive pressure, that would not let the screw get out of line with the bars, that would provide against uneven or angular strains, bending the screw, that would provide against the head turning by the friction of the screw under excessive pressure thereby throwing the clamp out of position, or sliding off of the work at the critical moment. With the machinist's anxiety for strength, the woodworker's ambition for serviceableness, rapidity and economy, by much hard work, expense and experience, he solved the problem not only on the wood bar clamp, but steel bar clamps.

His Woodworkers' Rapid Acting Vises were developed in a similar manner, with the conviction that a woodworker's vise should not be built on the principles that would make a machinist's vise an utter failure so far as rigidity and positive action were concerned, that the slide and outer jaw must necessarily be of one solid piece of metal to accomplish this, that the pressure must be applied as near as possible to the resistance, that the wearing parts must be adjustable and either of steel forgings or malleable iron to stand the excessive strains that they are continuously subject to, that they must not cost from \$5.00 to \$10.00, when a woodworker can buy a vise screw for fifty cents and make himself a vise, which while inefficient and inconvenient, can be made to do.

The Sheldon Company ask no better proof of the correctness of these convictions than the records of their sales. The wood-working trade has appreciated their efforts, their guarantees, and their values, to the extent of 25,000 clamps, and 15,000 vises since their introduction. They are now installed in their new plant at 86 N. May street, Chicago, and have some literature on these subjects that will be interesting to any wood worker.



SHELDON  
WOOD BAR CLAMP FIXTURES



RAPID-ACTING WOODWORKER'S VISE No. 3

### Composition Models for all Purposes

The illustration on this page shows a section of stucco work manufactured by the Acorn Modeling Works, of Indianapolis, Ind., which was placed in the banquet hall, Scottish Rites, Fort Scott, Kans. This concern makes a specialty of original designs for ornamental stucco work, for halls, lodges, theaters, churches and other buildings of like character. They also produce machinery for metal ceiling manufacturers, and original designs in dies in plaster and iron. One of their special features is the making of models of buildings for architects direct from their plans. These are



made out of a special composition, correctly to scale. From such models a good photographic perspective view can be obtained without difficulty. The composition from which these models are made, which is patented, is very strong and can be shipped by express without danger of breaking. Mr. Nowak, the proprietor, has personal charge of the modeling and building department, and has associated with him, Mr. Koffend, a graduated civil and mechanical engineer, who acts as constructor.

Every architect who gives their models a trial becomes a steady customer. Their works, which are located at 2238 Shelby street, Indianapolis, Ind., started on a small scale, but have been growing constantly.

### The Floor of the Future

Wisdom directs and experience has taught that the floor of the future, be it in hall or in home, in factory or in palace, is to be of smooth and highly finished wood. There is a robust elegance about a hardwood floor which combines the delicacy of great natural beauty with the wearing qualities of iron. In points of economy and sanitation, the smooth-surfaced wood floor is virtually a necessity. It harbors no germs, and for sanitary reasons is recommended by the best physicians, scientists and architects. Until recent date the hardwood floor was considered an expensive luxury, principally because of the great amount of labor required to properly finish it, as well as of the additional labor required to keep its surface presentable where much in use. But



# The Story of the Street Car

Side by side they sit; the one filling an important position in the world, enjoying a good income, and with every mark of prosperity—the other bent down with hard toil, working in a by-the-day job at poor wages. **Why is it so?** The answer is **training.**

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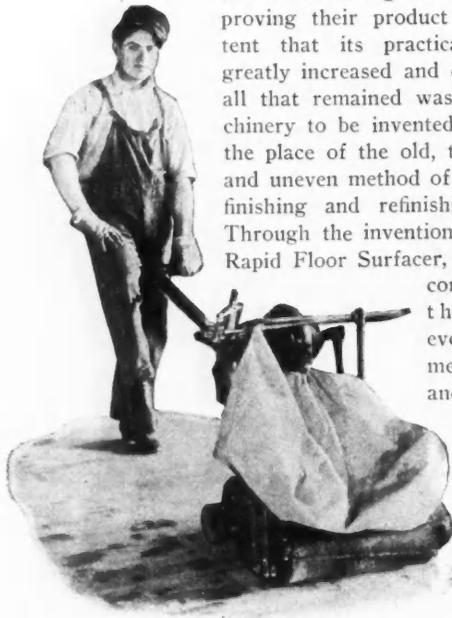
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**Woodley's Real Roofing Guarantee**

The manufacturer of any kind of product and the dealer selling the product can easily say, "We guarantee it," but in the matter of ready roofing a mere verbal guarantee is not worth much, because time is the true test of the qualities of a roofing, and unless the purchaser has documentary evidence of an actual guarantee, direct from the manufacturer, which means something, and can be presented years after the roofing is laid, he really has no guarantee at all.

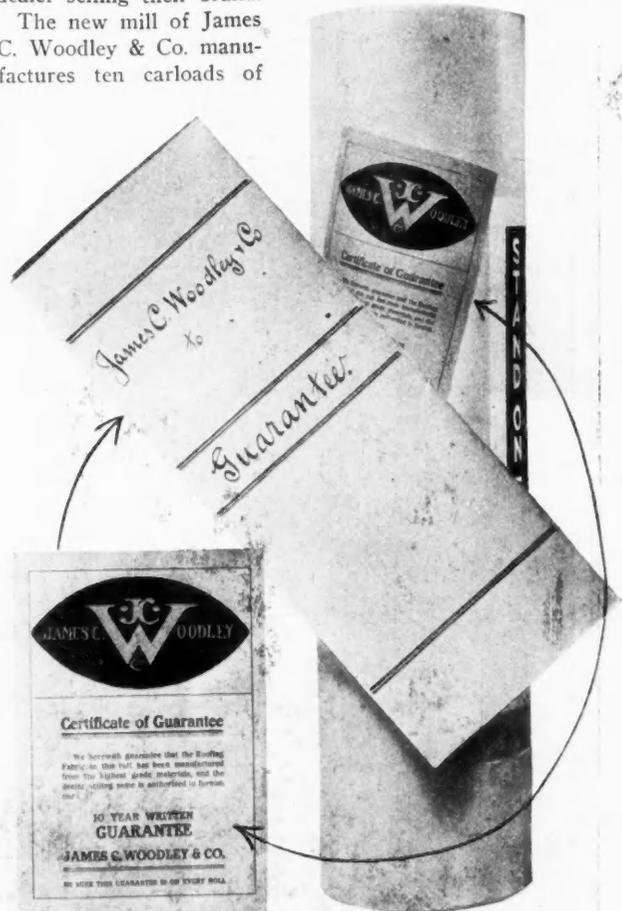


James C. Woodley & Co., the manufacturers of the celebrated product known as "Woodley's Compo-Rubber Roofing," are the first and only house to protect the contractor, dealer, consumer and themselves by issuing to the purchaser a written guarantee in an official and legal documentary form that absolutely protects all concerned, and

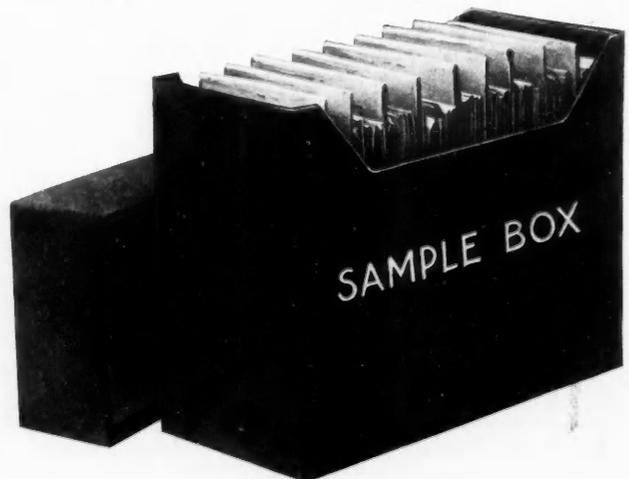
their selling method is such that no consumer or contractor need be imposed upon by having some other brand of roofing substituted for Woodley's Compo-Rubber.

On this page is shown an illustration in fac-simile of the form of Woodley's guarantee, that goes to each purchaser with every roll of their roofing and can be obtained from any dealer selling their brand.

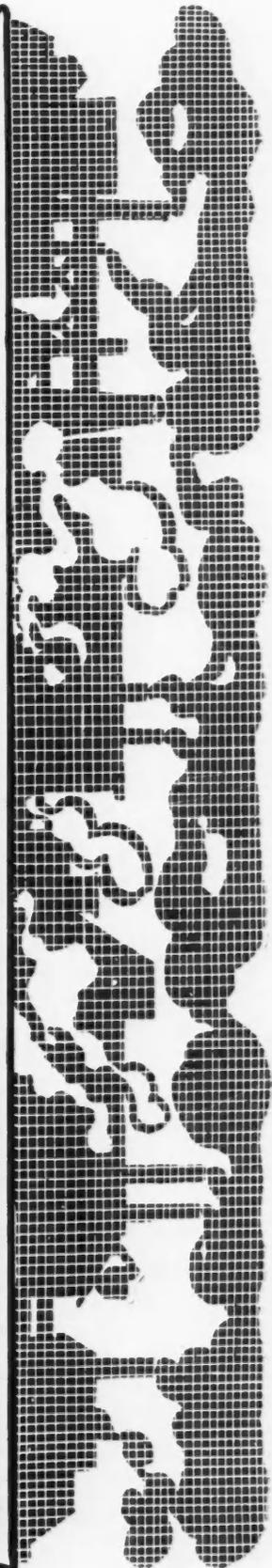
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Woodley's roofing and building papers, deadening and asphalted felts every twenty-four hours, and for the convenience of contractors in figuring and estimating, James C. Woodley & Co. are furnishing to contractors, builders and architects a neat sample box with indexed divisions, in which are placed card folders containing samples of each of the Woodley products, showing each weight and kind separately. In a mo-



ment's time the architect or contractor can find and examine what he is looking for. An illustration of the box and outfit



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Save \$60 to \$100 on each Carload

Are you thinking about building soon? What about your lumber? Hope you haven't ordered it yet—for if you have, you've surely missed a chance to save money.

You see, we get timber from our own forests—keep four mills running night and day cutting up lumber, and ship direct from the mill to you.

Every farmer, carpenter, contractor or owner can buy lumber from us at just the same price as the largest lumber dealer.

You know right well that the retail lumber dealer has to make a big profit at your expense.

Why should you help pay for his teams, wagons, big rent, clerks' and yardmen's wages? Don't you also pay the wholesalers a profit and help pay his traveling salesmen's big salaries and expenses?

Now, we have started out to build up the largest lumber business in the United States, and we believe that in cutting out the middle man's profits—giving you the benefit of them—we are moving in the right direction.

You've had to work hard for what you've got, and if you're thinking of building you just can't afford to let this opportunity to save money on your lumber bill slip through your fingers.

Please don't confuse us with any wrecking company.

We do not handle second-hand lumber—neither are we in any way connected with the trust.

Tell us what you are going to need in the lumber line and we'll ship it direct from the mill to you—we pay the freight. We don't ask one penny in advance—when the lumber arrives at your railroad station inspect it thoroughly—see that you are getting just what you ordered before you pay one cent.

Pretty square offer, isn't it?

You don't run any risk buying lumber this way—you're dead sure of a square deal and protection from inferior grades.

We ship all kinds of lumber from  $\frac{1}{4}$  round to heavy timbers, also laths, shingles, mill work, sash, doors, hardware, paints, plaster-boards, lime, cement and roofing paper. Quick delivery guaranteed.

Let us know your needs and we'll quote lowest prices on all builders' supplies laid down in your city.

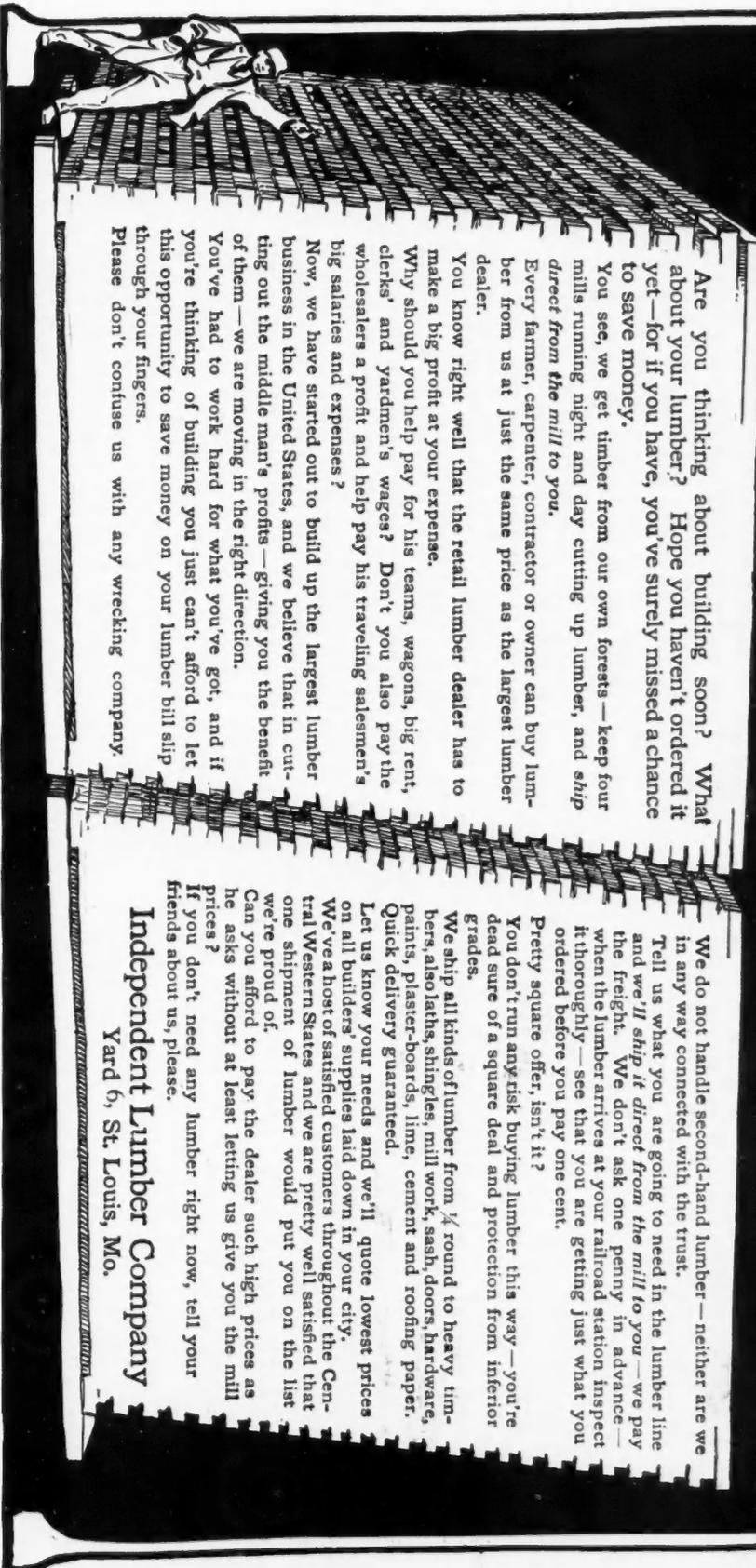
We've a host of satisfied customers throughout the Central Western States and we are pretty well satisfied that one shipment of lumber would put you on the list we're proud of.

Can you afford to pay the dealer such high prices as he asks without at least letting us give you the mill prices?

If you don't need any lumber right now, tell your friends about us, please.

**Independent Lumber Company**

Yard 6, St. Louis, Mo.



is shown on page 104. It is sent to anyone upon receipt of 25 cents to cover postage. This box contains neat samples of the following building materials:

Woodley's Compo-Rubber Roofing.  
 Woodley's Flint-Covered Roofing.  
 Woodley's Ready Gravel Roofing.  
 Woodley's Asphalted Felts.  
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 Woodley's Threaded Felts.  
 Woodley's Slaters' Felts, etc.  
 Building Papers.  
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 Linofelt Sound Deafener.  
 Lath Insulator.  
 Compo Board.  
 Blue Plaster Board, etc.  
 Carpet Linings.  
 Dry Roofing Felts.  
 Asphalt Roof Coating.  
 Structural and Metal Paints, etc.

This sample box should be in every contractor's and architect's office. The illustration shown at the beginning of this article is of a roll of Woodley's Linofelt Sound Deafener. This material is made from degummed Flax Fiber, sewed between two thicknesses of three-ply building paper and is a sound deafener of great efficiency. The flax fiber is degummed by a special patented process, rendering it clean and odorless. It will not decay as hair felt does, and is rat and vermin proof. Put up in rolls 36 in. wide, containing 120 square feet. For more information see the full page display ad. or write James C. Woodley & Co., 22nd and Lumber, Chicago, Ill.

### The New Ideal

The inventive mind of man has devised many and various methods for lightening labor. Nowadays things must be accomplished quickly, and machinery is, and always has been, quicker and better than hand work.

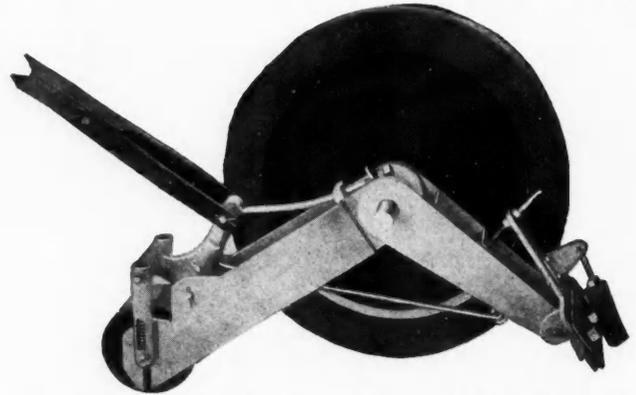
There are many floor scraping devices on the market at the present time, some good and others not so good, but as a rule they are great labor savers. Most of the machines now on the market resemble each other greatly, but the New Ideal Floor Scraper is totally different from the others in almost every respect. In the first place it is strictly automatic in its movements, and it is essentially not a "pivot" machine.

By referring to the below cuts the differences between this and other machines is plainly manifest. It is made with all the latest devices for fast and accurate work, and it will positively surface and finish the floor, leaving the floor absolutely level. It is, as was said before, automatic in its action, with automatic levers that operate the knife. The handle is not raised while scraping, as is customary in most other machines, and the angle of the knife can be adjusted so that it will cut either deep or shallow for different kinds of wood. It is claimed that this machine will work where others have signally failed, and that more work and better work can be done with it than on others. Strength and simplicity are its chief characteristics. The entire weight of the machine is practically in its wheels, which are at all times bearing directly on the floor, and by an adjusting rod on top of the frame, this weight may be either increased or diminished as desired.

The knife arrangement in the New Ideal stands alone of its kind, and its superiority can be seen at a glance. The



front section of the frame which is hinged at the axle and to which the knife is attached can be swung upwards instantly to sharpen or buff the knife, which saves the opera-



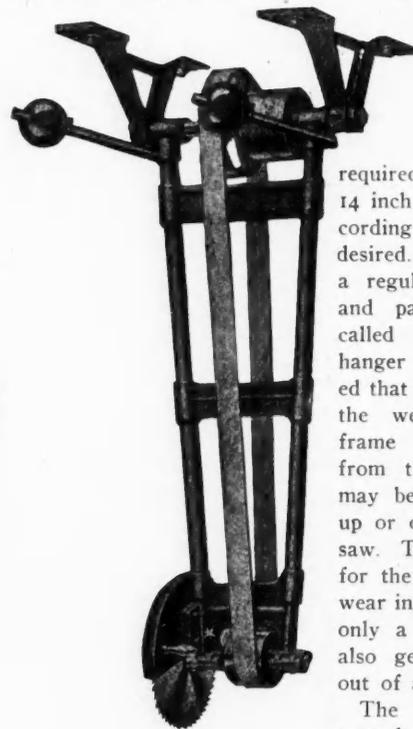
tion quite a little time and annoyance. Placed in front of the knife is a protector which is also automatic in its action, and it not only protects the woodwork from the machine, but also prevents the knife from leaving any mark whatsoever on the floor.

Spring cushions attached to the rockshaft and operating on the roller at the rear of the frame, keeps a uniform pressure of the knife on the floor at all times while cutting.

This machine was invented by Mr. Samuel Drew, 191 Genesee street, Rochester, New York, and from letters shown to a representative of this paper, all the claims made for it are fully substantiated. It is a good machine. Write him, mentioning this paper, for further information.

### Latest Improved Swing Cut-off Saw

One of the latest inventions upon the market is the new improved swing cut-off saw now being manufactured by the



Lovell Machine Works, of Gardner, Mass. It is adapted for use in shops of any description, it being made in any

required size to carry from 14 inch to 54 inch saws, according to the size of work desired. The cut here shows a regular 16 inch machine, and particular attention is called to the adjustable hanger which is so constructed that the box which carries the weight of the swing frame relieves all friction from the countershaft, and may be adjusted six inches up or down, in aligning the saw. This adjustment allows for the taking up of all the wear in the saw, which is not only a great saving, but it also gets all possible wear out of a saw.

The frame swings on a turned sleeve, outside of the box and the countershaft and inside of the sleeve, making a perfect swing, free from all friction caused by the weight of the frame.

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### Roofing Slate Now Superseding Shingles

In the March number (page 733) an interesting and comprehensive article appears relative to roofing slate. Among the other facts stated, it is set forth that roofing slate is among the very oldest forms of roofing known, having been in use for over 600 years in Europe.

Owing to the almost total exhaustion of timber and the fact that the shingles and timber imported from Finland and other remote points is excessively high through the heavy cost of importation, slate is practically the only roofing material available and in use in England, Germany and France.

Conditions in the United States are fast approaching those of Europe. The enormous and wasteful consumption of timber, devastating forest fires and the inroads of the wood pulp mills are rapidly depleting our timber supply. The best quality of shingles are now prohibitively high and will soon be entirely out of the market. The cheaper grades made from soft wood are of a very inferior and unsatisfactory nature. The result is that roofing slate, on account of its extreme durability and reasonableness of cost, is now coming into general use in all localities. Within a short time, every permanent building of value will have a roof of slate. It is therefore self evident there is practically unlimited amount of work available for carpenters, builders and others who are in a position to handle slate roofing.

As to a good slate roof being the cheapest and best in the long run for the property owner, there can be no question, and slate roofing should yield steady, substantial profits in any neighborhood. It is a business that can be carried on advantageously either as an exclusive business or in conjunction with other lines, and is one that does not require a large amount of technical knowledge or previous experience or a heavy outlay for tools. For some unknown reason, it is a

prevailing opinion of people not familiar with the use of slate that a building must be constructed very much stronger for slate than for other roofing material. This is a great mistake, as any building strong enough for shingles, tin or iron is strong enough for slate, for the following reasons: The weak points of any roof are the valleys, or other breaks in the roof where snow drifts in and lodges, and when the snow melts with rain the weight at points where the snow has drifted is much heavier than any two slate roofs. It is well known that snow will not stick on a slate roof as it will on shingles or on a metal roof, as the slate, being of a warmer nature, causes the snow to melt and slide off; while with shingles or metal it freezes on, causing greater weight than a slate roof is ever called on to bear. Two by six rafters, eighteen feet long, two feet from centers, gives a roof all the strength necessary for a slate roof. The writer has seen hundreds of houses roofed with slate where the rafters were two by four, two feet from centers, sixteen feet long, with collar beam nailed across one-third of the way down from the top.

Slate can be depended upon to make a roof perfectly water tight on any pitch down to one-fifth. Half pitch or steeper makes the best roof, both for looks and strength, as it throws the weight on the walls more than on the rafters, and causes the snow to slide off clean, thereby never overloading any one part of the roof. From the facts given above, it will be noted that practically any kind of a building, new or old, is suited for a slate roof. Considering the possibilities of the slate roofing business in the way of a large volume of work and good profits, it would certainly pay our readers to write at once to the American Sea Green Slate Company, Box 36, Granville, N. Y., for full particulars and their free book of instructions.

## TAKE UP SLATE ROOFING



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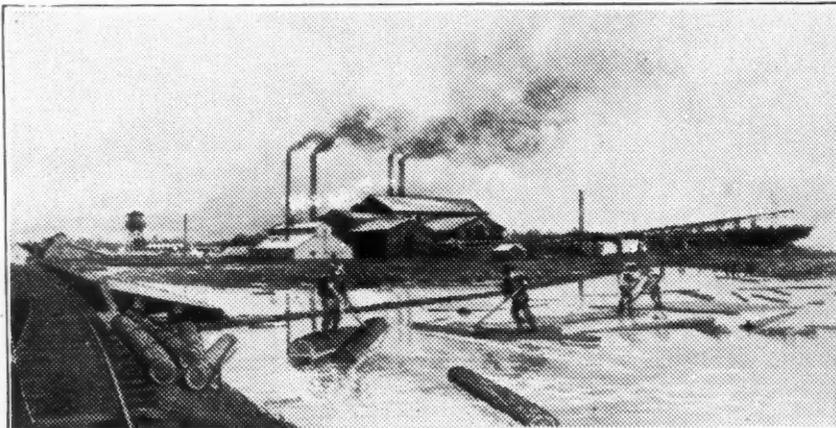
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**A New Way to Buy Lumber**

Nowadays all sorts of merchandise is being sold direct from the manufacturer to the consumer, but it remained for the Independent Lumber Company to inaugurate a decided novelty in merchandising by offering lumber in carload lots direct from the mill to the consumer. Of course this means a saving of \$60 to \$100 on each carload to the small builder, carpenter or owner who is keen to appreciate the difference in cost of material after being freed from the middleman's margin of profit.

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but one of the four belonging to the Independent Lumber Company that are kept busy day and night cutting up lumber for their mill-to-consumer business.

Any person interested in building will do well to write the

Independent Lumber Company, Yard 6, St. Louis, Mo., for their prices, which are the same they quote to the largest lumber dealer in the country.

**New Type of Mixer**

Since February 1, the Cement Machinery Co., of Jackson, Mich., has been in a position to furnish to the trade a new mixer to be called Advance concrete mixer. This new mixing device has recently been tried and tested and proved to be very successful. It mixes accurately for any proportion from one to one to one to eight, and will mix gravel or stone as large as 3 or 4 inches in diameter. Heretofore continuance mixers have been furnished with screens of about 1½ mesh. With the Advance mixer materials down to 98 fineness and up to crushed stone and very coarse gravel for heavy concrete work can be mixed. The feeding device is of the simplest, and operates on a well-known principle, which produces an accurate feed without any annoyance caused by materials clogging. The flights are a special pattern and are fitted loosely to the main shaft of the pug so that the material is not only thoroughly mixed by them but they can be taken off and cleaned in an instant when the mixer is not in use, in case the operator wishes to do so. The mixing barrel is of the best steel. The front wheels are 28 inches in diameter and the rear wheels 40 inches, thus enabling the operator to move this machine around from job to job just as easily as he could move a wagon. The lower side of the hopper is claimed to be one-third lower than on



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Carborundum Sharpening Stones are very hard and very sharp—They not only do their work better but they last longer—do not wear off in spots or become smooth and gummy. They are for sale by wide-awake Hardware dealers everywhere.



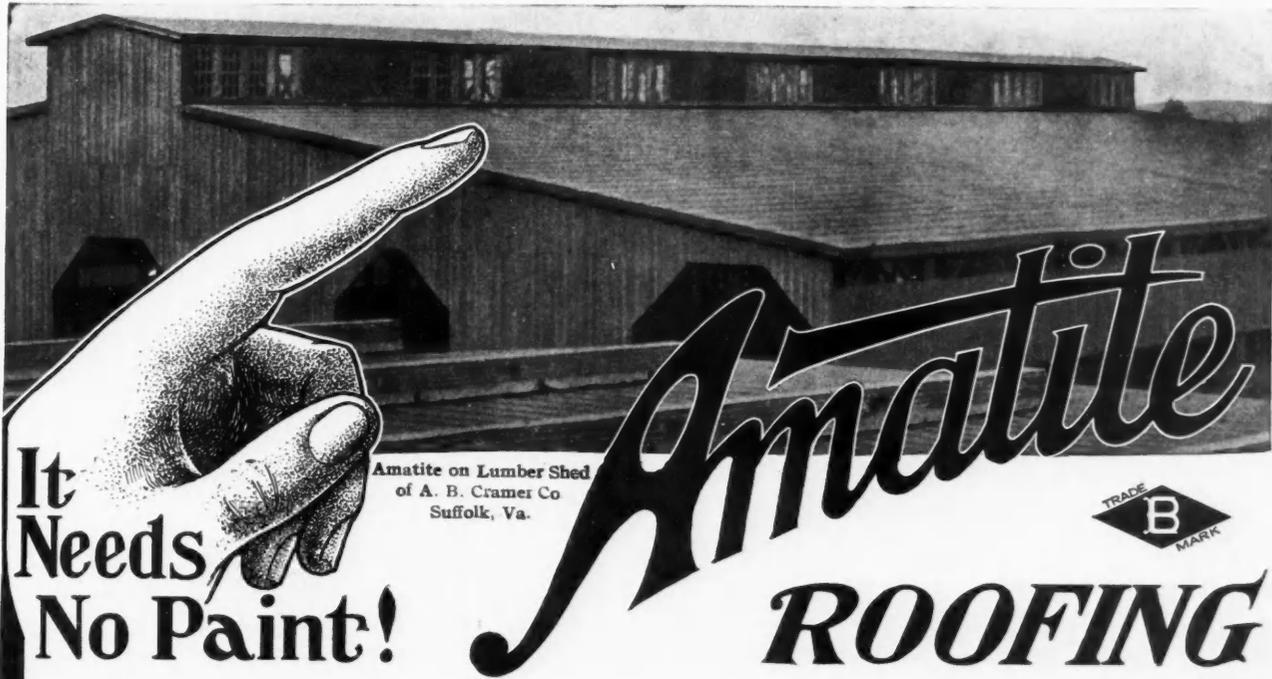
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tom House, and many other such buildings. It is the *greatest waterproofing material known* and you are sure of getting it only when you buy Amatite.

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Although it has so many points of superiority, its cost is no more than the usual run of roofings; in fact, in many cases it is lower.

Is it any wonder that last year we were unable to supply the demand for Amatite?



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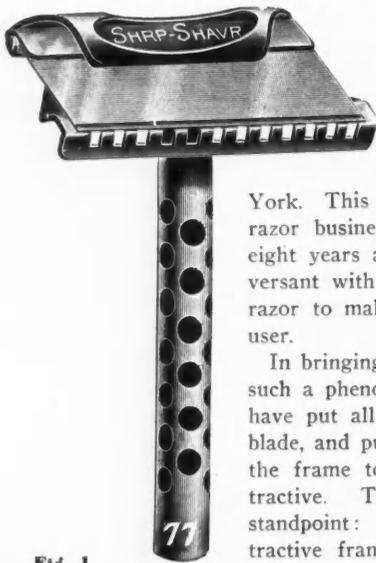


Fig. 1

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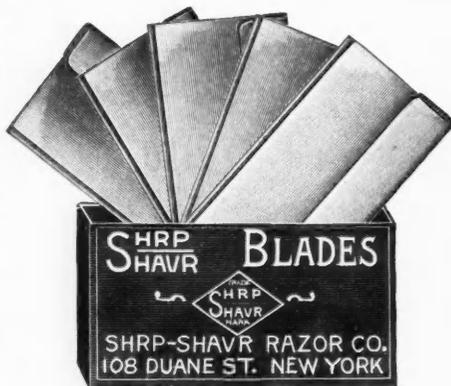


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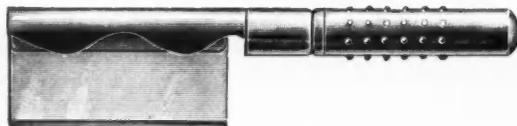


Fig. 3

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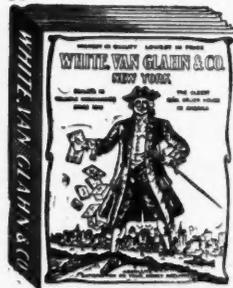
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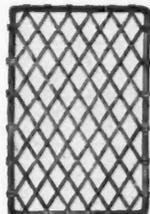
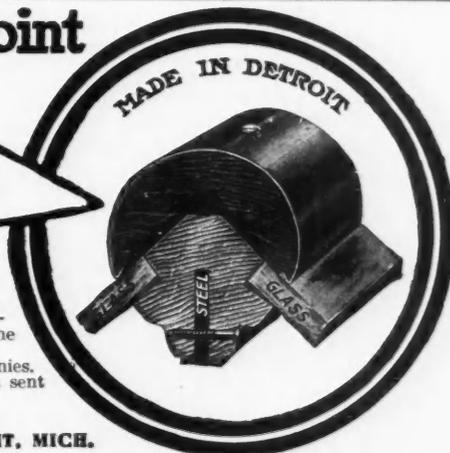
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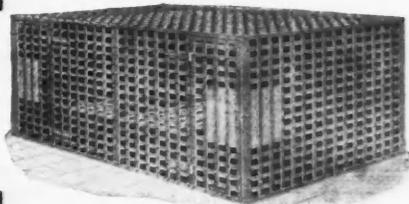
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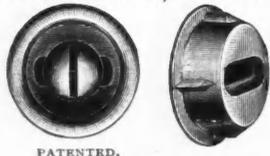
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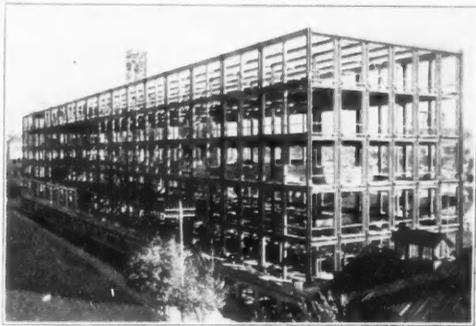
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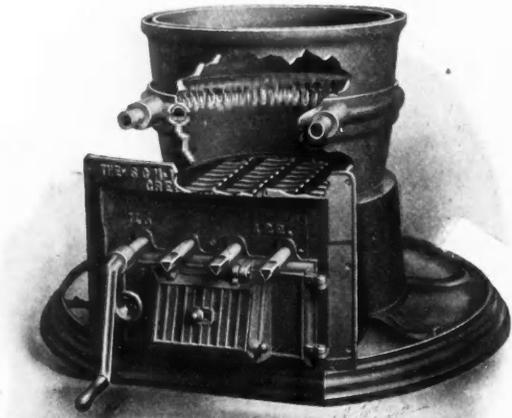
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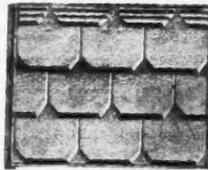
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Under this heading appears an article in the March issue of the Cortright Metal Shingle Advocate, issued by the Cortright Metal Roofing Company, of Philadelphia, that leaves no doubt as to the course this company intends to pursue in regard to the protection of its interests.

Evidently, from the tone of the article, they have positive proof that an attempt is being made to place on the market a shingle bearing a striking resemblance to the Cortright design, so in order to protect their customers from being deceived they announce that commencing with January 1, 1908, every shingle turned out by them will bear the embossed stamp "Cortright," Reg. U. S. Pat. Off. on the first corrugation at the top of the shingle.

There does not seem to be any excuse for infringement of designs, especially at this time when architects, contractors, builders, and general roofers are giving so much attention to metal shingle roofing. It would seem to us that every

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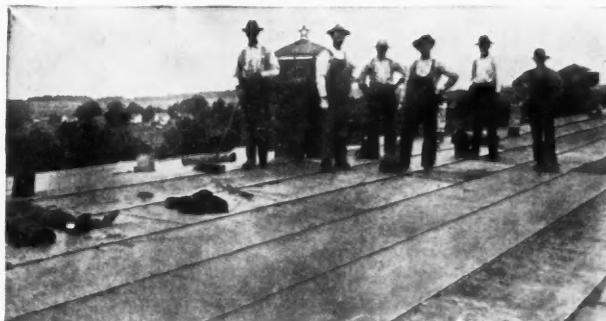
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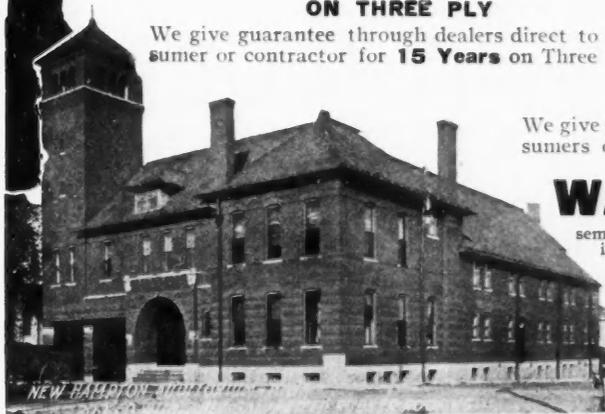
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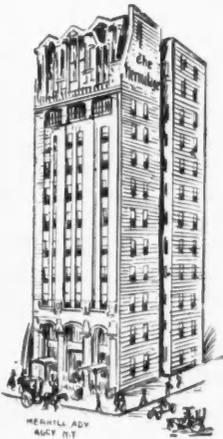
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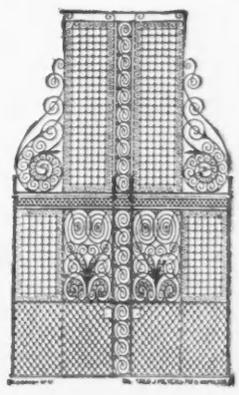
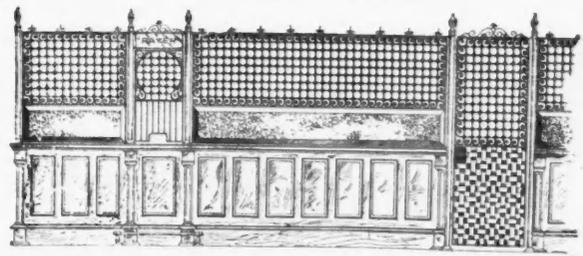
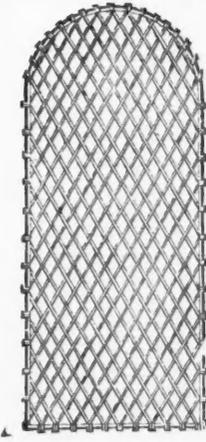
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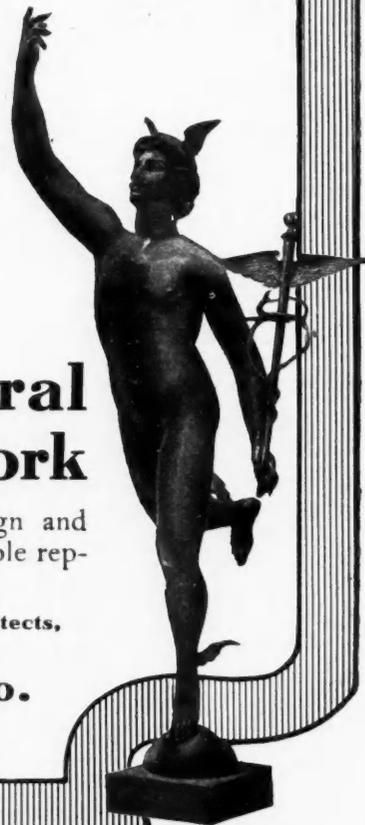
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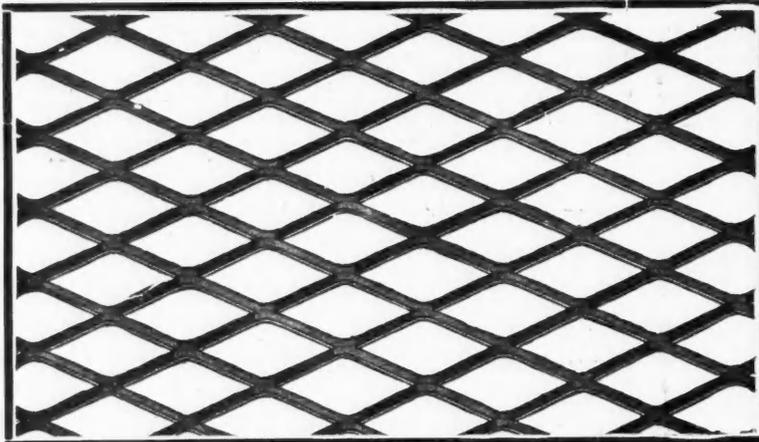
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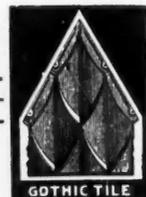
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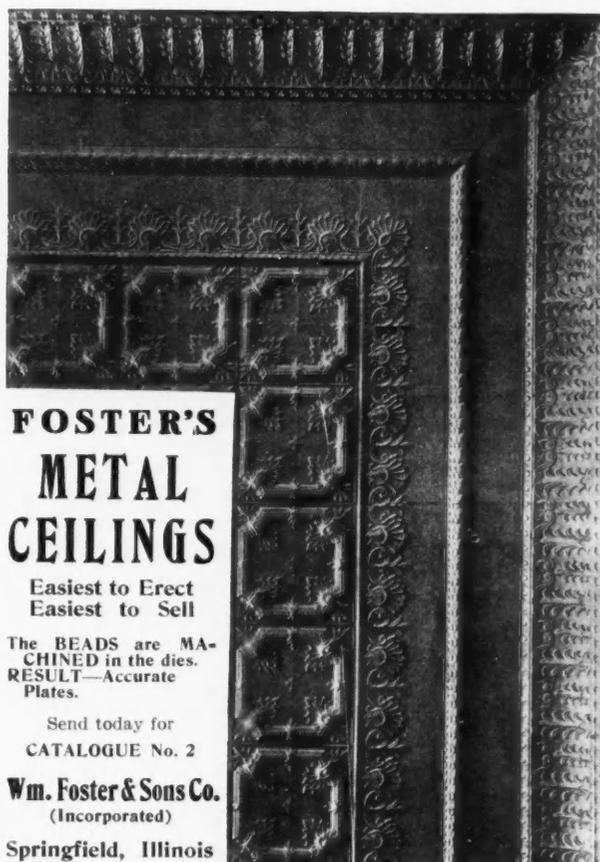


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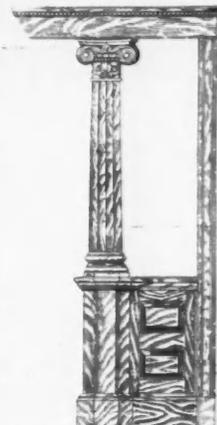
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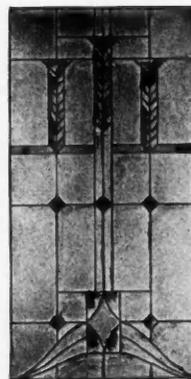


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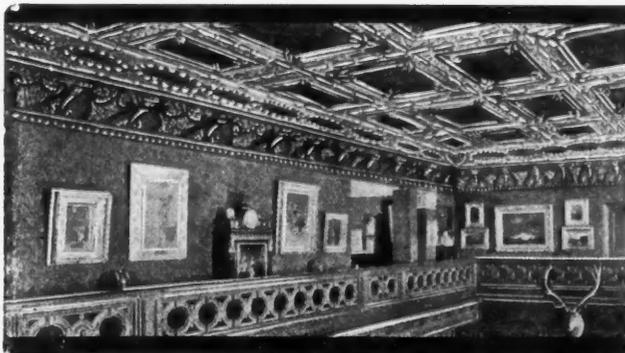
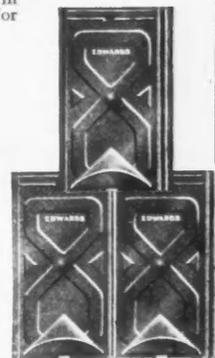
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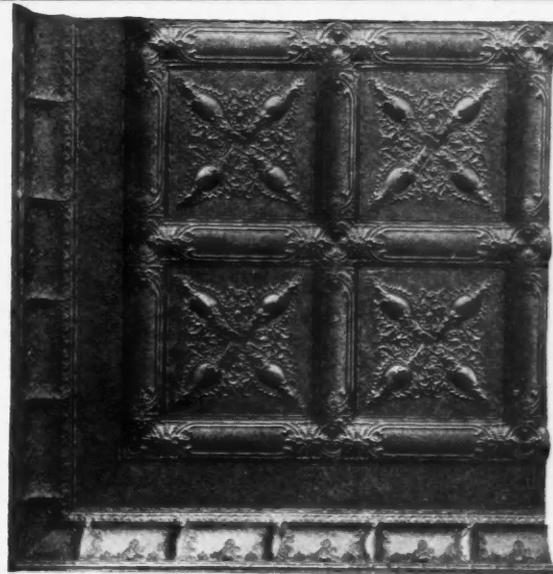
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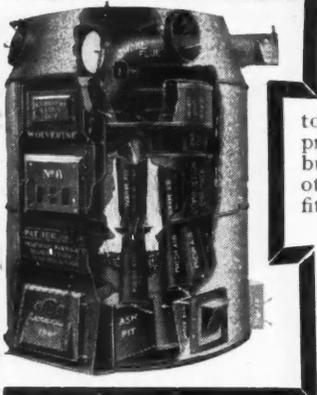
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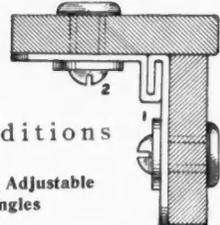
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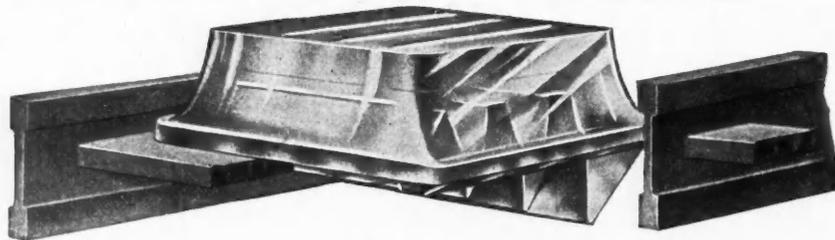
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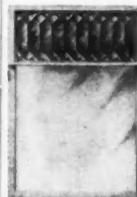
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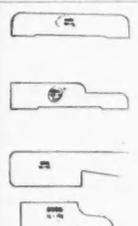
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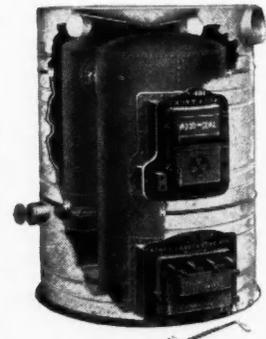
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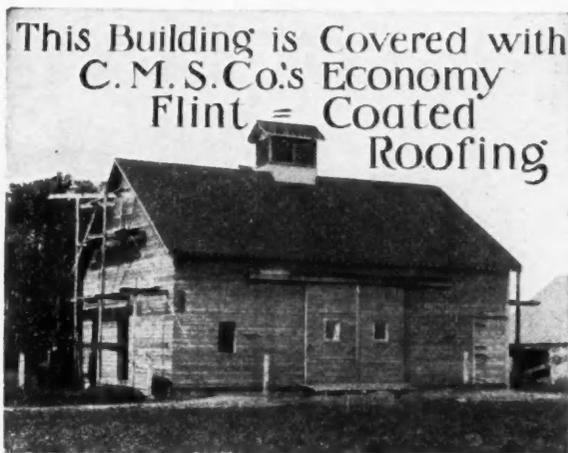
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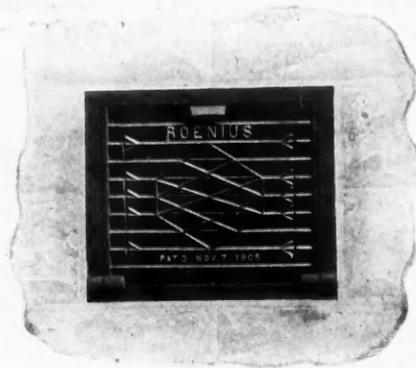


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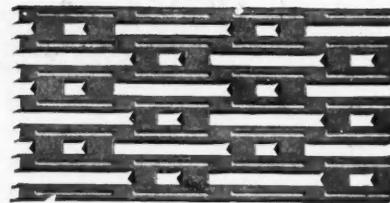
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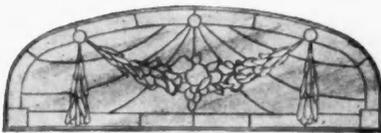
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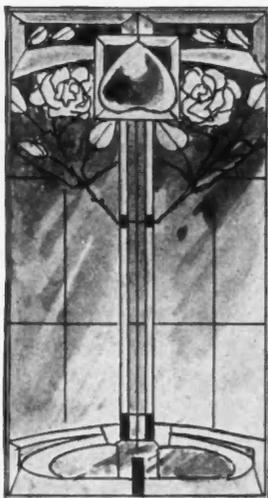
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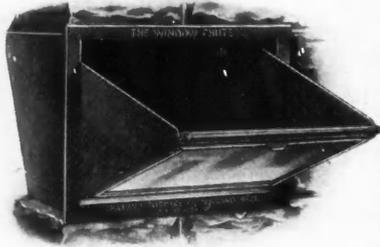
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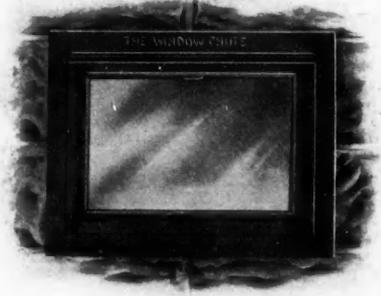


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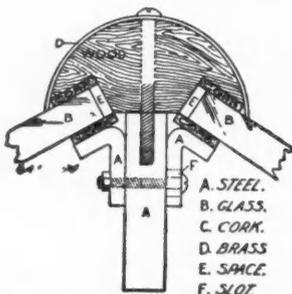
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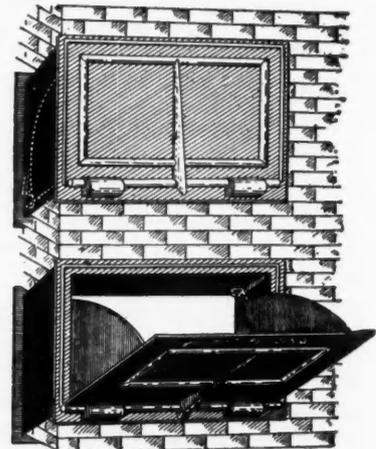
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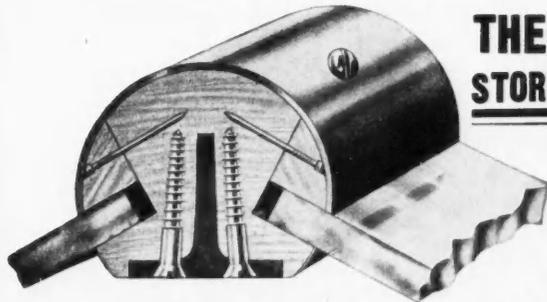
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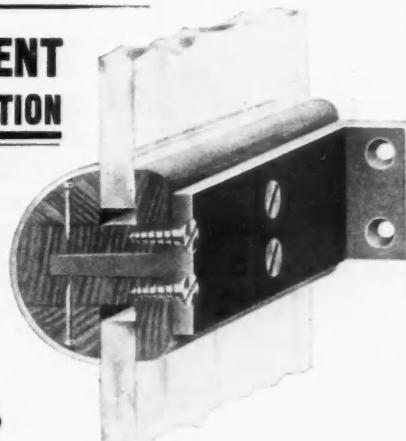
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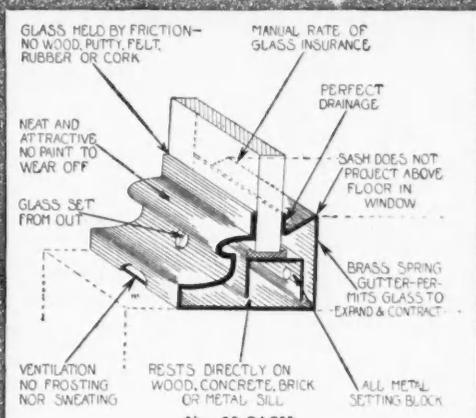
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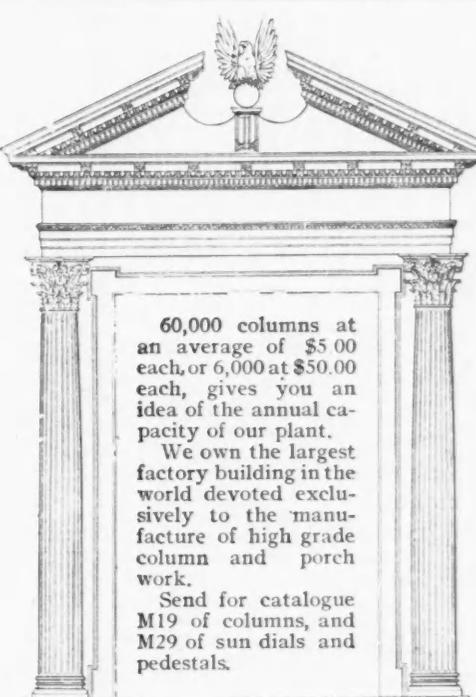
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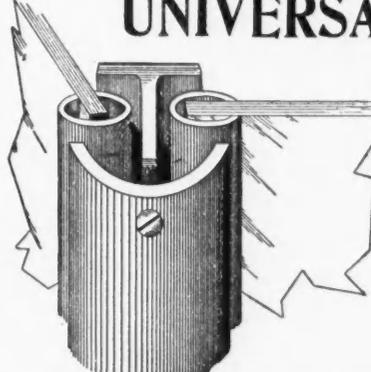
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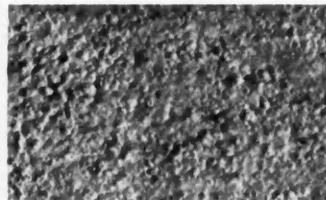
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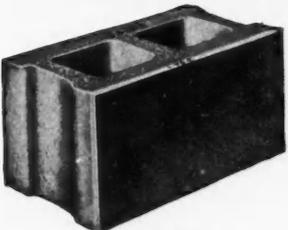
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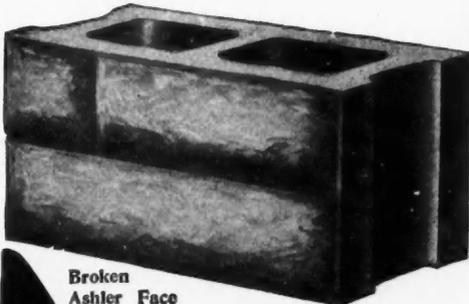
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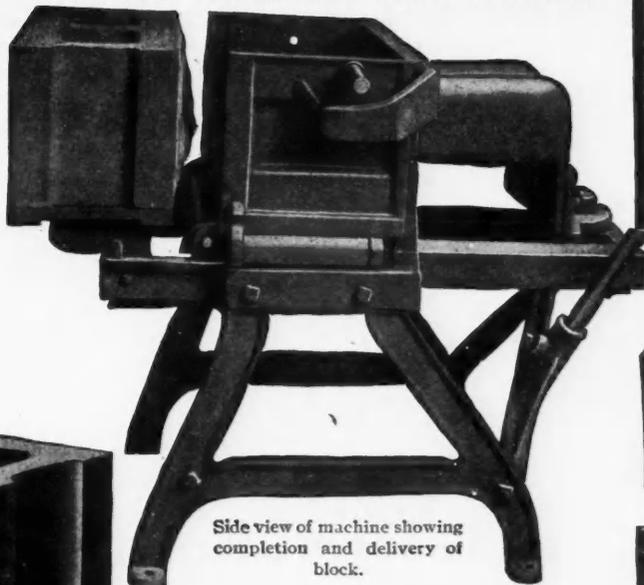
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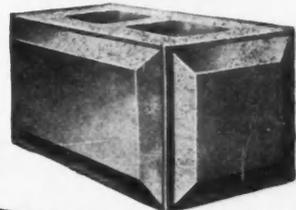
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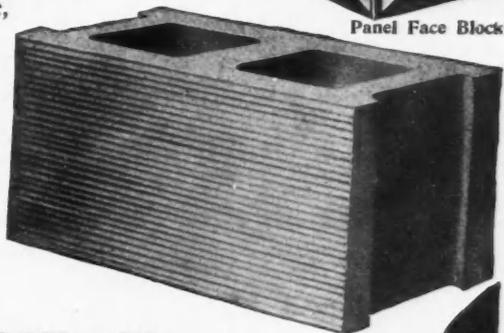


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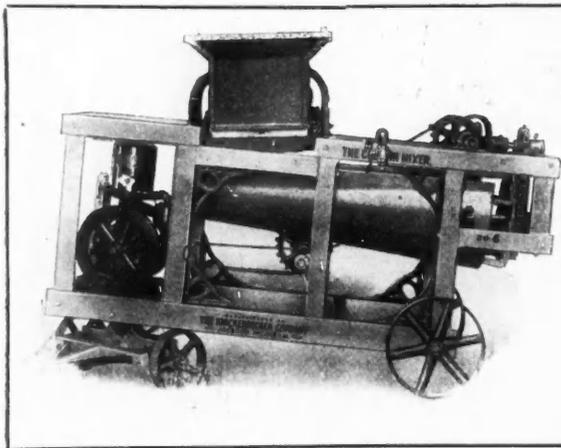
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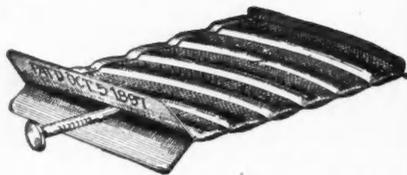
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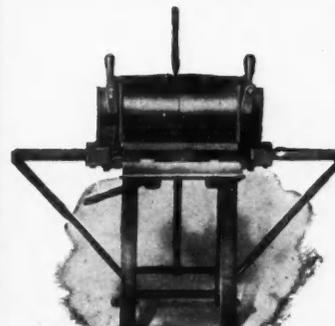
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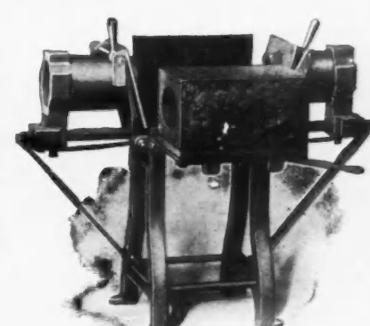
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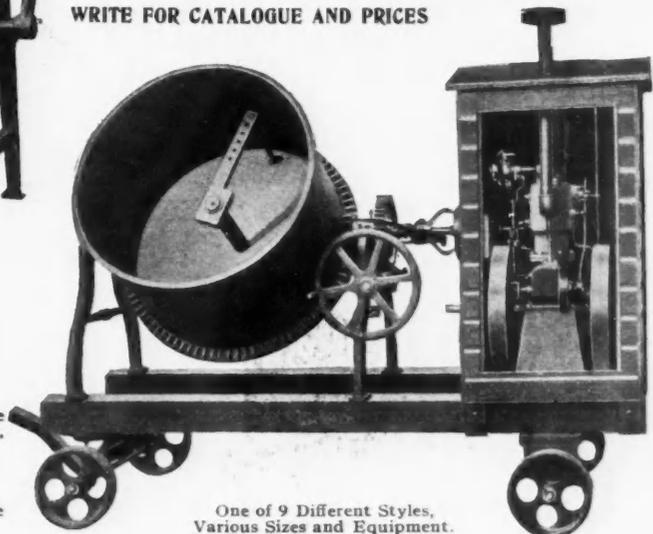
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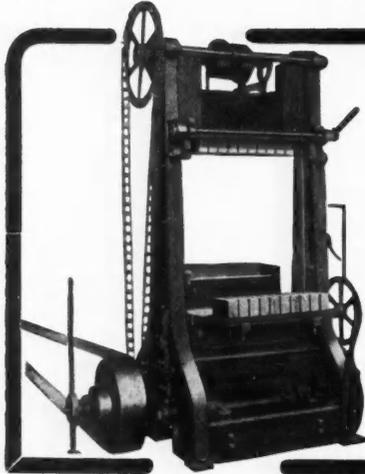
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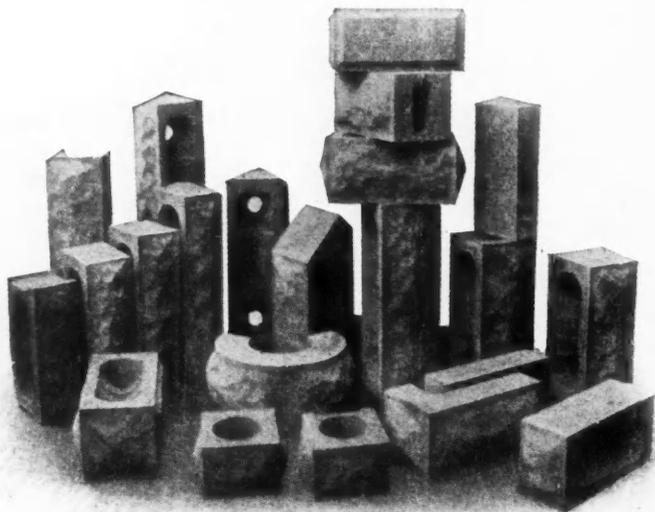
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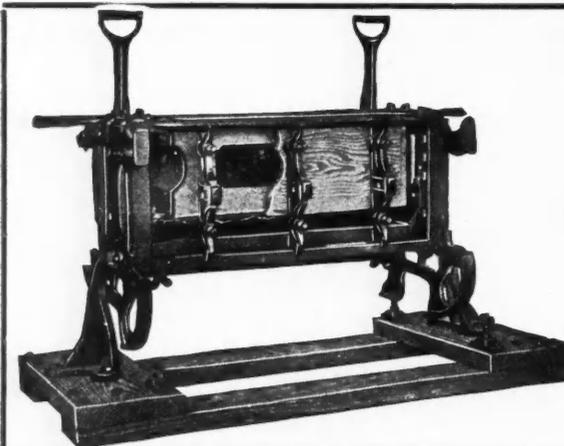
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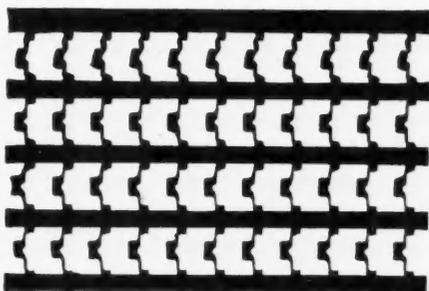
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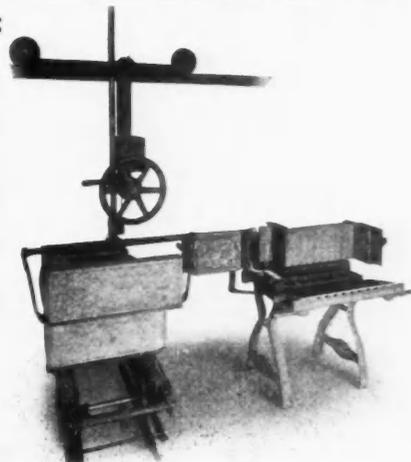
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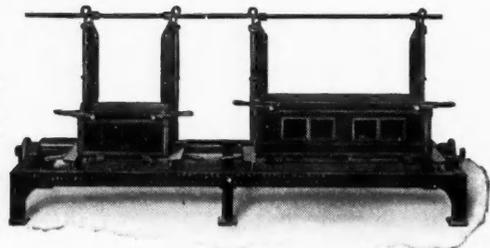
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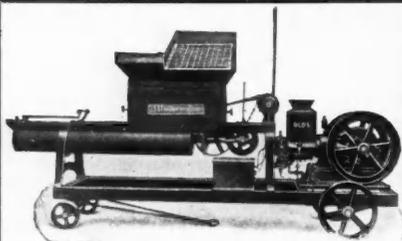
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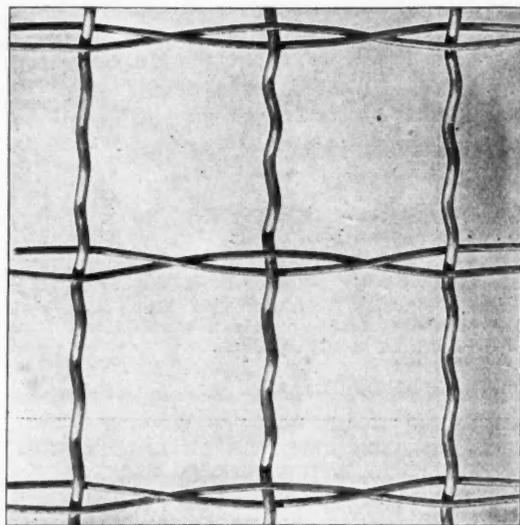
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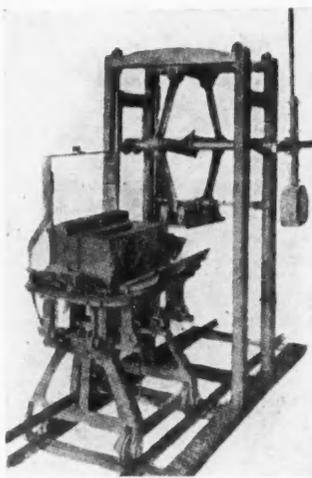
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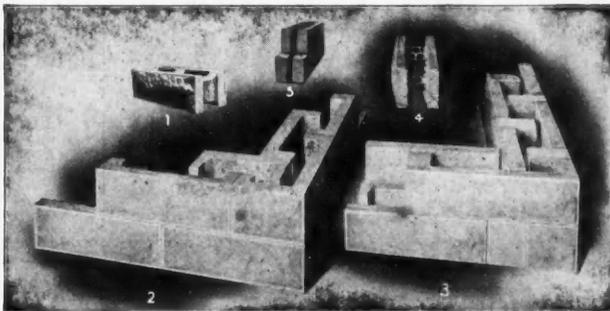


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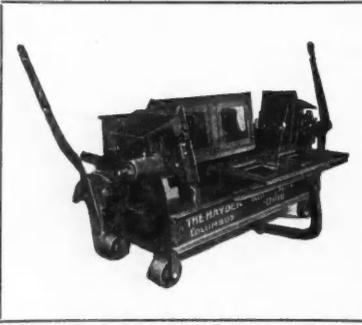
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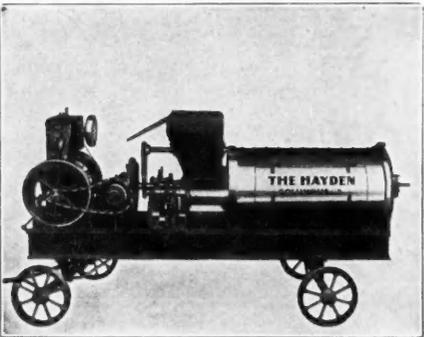
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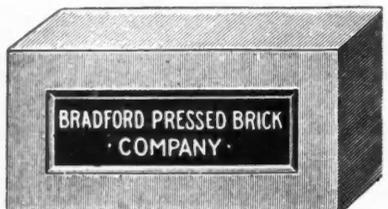
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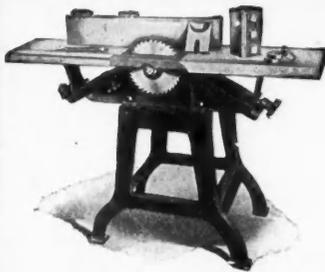
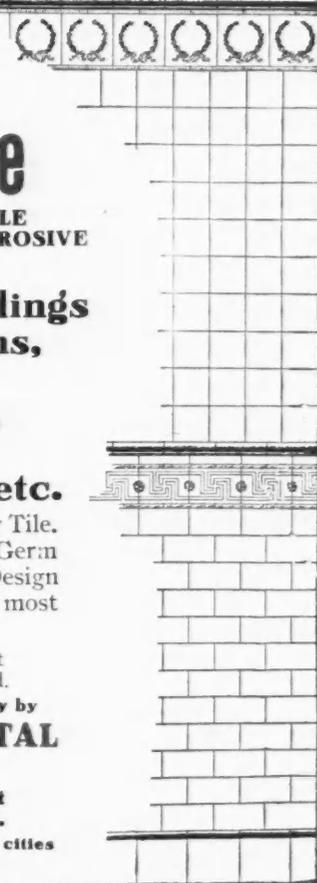
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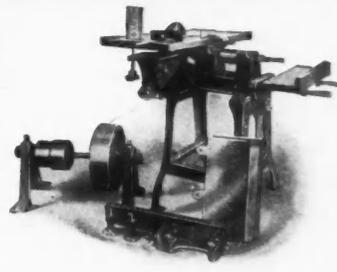
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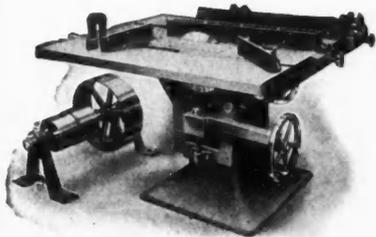
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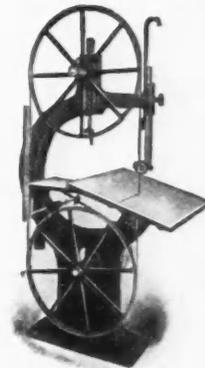
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