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## AIA Blast

"In the name of the profession of architecture in the State of New York, we, its undersigned representatives, wish to register a most emphatic protest against the employment of the State Architectural Burean in the Department of Public Works to design the New York State War Memorial Building."

Denied a conference with Governor Herbert H. Lehman, it is small wonder that the New York City Chapter of the A. I. A., along with affiliated chapters throughout the state, chose to begin its letter of protest so brusquely. Branding Governor Lehman's attitude as "Bu-
reaucratic domination of the arts," challenging the "moral right" of the Department to ignore the best professional talent of the State in designing and erecting a great public monument, the letter continues:
"While you have appointed an Authority to handle all phases of this Memorial, we believe we are justified in assuming that the present disposition of this project meets with your approval. It was with a keen sense of disappointment, bordering on incredulity, that we received in response to our request to you for a conference on this subject a curt reply from one of your office staff
referring us to Mr. Scheiberling, and an equally curt reply from Mr. Scheiberling stating that the Commission had by resolution on July 13 accepted the 'offer' of the Department of Public Works to design the structure.
"We had entire confidence that you, whom we know to be a gentleman of culture and broad understanding in addition to your abilities as leader and administrator, would not be unmindful of your responsibility to see that this great monument, paid for by public subscription and dedicated by the people of the State to such a high purpose, should represent the best efforts of the greatest creative artists of our community.
"We have a deep respect for the personnel and achievements of your Department of Public Works. Many of us have had the opportunity of working with it and are familiar with its value and also have some idea of its proper limitations.
"This situation called so obviously for the selection of the best possible talent among architects, painters and sculptors by competition or otherwise-the winners to design the memorial, in association perhaps with the Department-that this latest triumph of bureaucratic domination of the arts is viewed with deep concern by many elements of the community.
"It has been known for some time that it is the policy of the Department of Public Works to oppose the services of private architects and engineers on public work connected with the State. Our experience seems to justify our stating that the rulings of this Department have been actuated by a resentful, even an arbitrary and unenlightened attitude.
"We submit to you that this Department as the servant of the public has no moral right to ignore the entire profession of architecture in this State. This applies especially to this particular building, the funds for which are being obtained by public subscription.
"We therefore urge that you shall give this matter further serious consideration and that the architects of the State shall be heard."

The letter is signed by the following: Hobart B. Upjohn, president of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects; Stephen W. Dodge, president of the Brooklyn chapter ; Robert D. Kohn, president of the council of Registered Architects; R. H. Shreve, director of the New York Division of the Institute; Leon N. Gillette, president of the Society of Beaux
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【Furthermore 1 Was Accused Of Telling Them』

SEEMS like it's about time to tell some more brick truths, much as I may hate to do it. My idea of truth is, a something that is an is, and no amendments. So when I get to ranting about Old Virginia Brick, it tain't at all about just any old brick made in old Virginia. There's a whale of a difference.

Am not denying there's a considerable passel of such latter bricks made and sold down here,
shapeness and just enough softening of the edges to make them full brothers to those Mr. Jefferson made and used building Monticello, (and a right smart number of other notable Virginia structures), then reckon you might induce us to part with some of ours.

You can have 'em either mouldmade or hand-made at that. There's very little difference in the cost in any event.

that we don't have a hand in. Yes, and some of them are Jefferson size at that. But adding a halfinch or so to the top of a brick doesn't make it a true Jefferson, nohow.

Nor can making them out of a mud-clay having a dingy clouded color-as mud-clay has a way of having - give them the born-old look and depth of color that our True Jeffersons so unfailingly have. If you really want such "dingies" there's no use at-all of our talking.
But if you want deep rich clear colorings, a certain amount of off-
'Tother day a "smart Alecky" contractor made a crack at me about it being "a lot of hooey about our using three different kinds of coal in burning our brick to get the colors and age-old effect."

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for himself how they are neither a clay nor a shale brick, but just the right painstaking mixture of both. He could also see what a powerful lot the particular kind of sand we use in the mould, has to do with their making. So far as we have been able to learn, no place else in Virginia is this sand found.

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A while back we made 70 thousand of them for a Government job, and not a single reject. Which near as have been able to figure out, comes close to being around 100 percent satisfactory.
But even so, even if the most part of what have been saying tallies fairish with the truth, you might feel I'm doing a considerable tooting of our nice shiny tin horn. Maybe so. But long as we must sell a few brick now and again, there doesn't seem to be any cause for tucking them under a bushel and expecting much light to leak out.

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P.s.

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Arts Architects; Charles A. Dewey, president of the Westchester Society of Architects; James Whitford, president of the Staten Island Society of Architects; Clarence H. Gardinier, president of the Albany Chapter of the Institute; John J. Wade, president of the Buffalo Chapter: Conway L. Todd, president of the Central New York Chapter; Walter M. Nugent, president of the Rochester Society of Architects.

Letters supporting the protest were also sent to Governor Lehman by Electus D. Litchfield, president of the Municipal Arts Society, and Thomas S. Holden, president of the New York Building Congress.

## Housing and Public Health

According to Professor C. E. A. Winslow, the director of the school of Public Health at Yale University, there are $6,000,000$ families in this country that must be housed by the government because their incomes are so low that they are unable to purchase decent housing. Furthermore, Professor Winslow believes that the housing of these people is at a level lower than that which prevails in the leading countries of Europe. These two basic facts were pointed out last month in a radio address during which Professor Winslow called the idea that housing should be left to private enterprise "a romantic dream."

Said he, "Overcrowded conditions of
living promote immorality. An unattractive home drives children into the streets and increases juvenile delinquency. Neither physical nor mental health nor fullness of living is possible where a whole family is crowded into a single room of a city tenement or struggles for existence in an insanitary shack on an Appalachian mountainside. The reason why we have so far failed to meet this situation is that, obsessed by the romantic dreams of rugged individualism, we have held to the view that the housing problem could be solved by private commercial enterprise. The brute fact is that in the United States, as in all the countries of western Europe, there is a considerable section of the population which has an income too low to permit housing of a minimum standard of health and decency. This is the very umpleasant conclusion we must face and, once we face it, there are only three alternative solutions of the problem. Either the lower economic group of our fellow citizens must continue to be housed like cattle (far worse than the cattle on a model dairy farm), or the economic structure of society must be changed to provide a living wage for all, or the government must subsidize housing for the lower income groups. The magnitude of the problem is beyond the possibilities of private enterprise ; its importance is above any considerations of partisan politics."

As evidence of the soundness of his case, Professor Winslow points to the fact that English authorities estimate 10 per cent of their population has an income too low to permit the payment of an economic rent. Even in the boom days of 1929, the Brookings Institute's study on "American Capacity to Consume" estimated that more than 2,000 ,000 families, nearly 8 per cent of the total, had annual incomes of less than $\$ 500$; nearly $4,000,000$ families, almost 14 per cent of the total, had incomes between $\$ 500$ and $\$ 1,000$, and nearly $6,000,000$ families, 21 per cent of the total, had incomes between $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 1,500$. Today even the most conservative appraisers believe that 30 per cent of all families in the United States are unable to pay an economic rent.
"It is abundantly clear," said Professor Winslow, "that the families below the $\$ 1,000$ income level cannot pay even 6 per cent on the capital investment involved in home construction. If minimum standards of health and decency are to be secured, $4,000,000$ families must be housed by government aid with an interest return of 3 or 4 per cent, and $2,000,000$ families must be provided for with practically no return at all."

Professor Winslow is in absolute sympathy with the present administration's attempt to establish a national housing program. He feels, however, that these efforts have no more than "scratched the surface of the problem." To meet the need of $6,000,000$ low-cost dwelling units in twelve years would call for half a million government-subsidized homes a year, Professor Winslow points out. Figuring cost of homes at a meagre $\$ 4,000$, this would call for at least two billions of dollars a year.

## Capital Investment in Labor

When organized labor talks glibly of the possibilities of a redistribution of wealth, and offers such pat phrases as "wealth serves only the rich," there is bound to be an answering volley from the forces of capital. And such a rehuttal, complete in its statistical analysis, was published in a recent issue of Neres \& Opinion, official organ of the Building Trades Employers' Association.

Using the construction industry as an example, Nezus \& Opinion savs: "In no other field does the man with money play such an important part, nor in any other are such tremendously high capital investments constantly necessary to provide a day's work for mechanics. Examination of the cost of building
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With "correct thinking clinics" and Dr. Kanichi Tanaka's discovery that Japanese have as strong hand grips as Americans, Japan's interest in education is growing apace. Moppets engage in developing the honorable grip on the playground of their new international style primary school in Tokyo
projects and the man hours of labor involved, shows without question how dependent labor in this field is upon capital investment. Recently the Ford Motor Company gave $\$ 9007$ as its cost of setting up a job for a Ford employe. The Goodyear Tire \& Rubber Co. showed $\$ 4811$ as its capital investment. The sums needed for each building trades worker are much greater, because the capital investment must be raised time and time again."

As illustrative proof of these assertions, News \& Opinion analyzes the capital investment by trades on the Knickerbocker Village apartment development in New York City. The pay roll accounts totalled $1,759,640$ manhours of employment at the site. The daily wage per man, including all workmen, ranged from $\$ 5$ to $\$ 14$, averaging about $\$ 9.50$. News \& Opinion makes the following tabulation showing the capital investment required for a day's work for one man in specified trades:

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Taking into consideration the amount
spent for direct payments in wages, the costs of materials, and the investment necessary for the land costs, News \& Opinion feels justified in concluding that: "We believe sufficient examples have been given to indicate that building trades labor is entirely dependent upon capital investment for its livelihood and that whenever building trades workers adopt policies that tend to prevent the accumulation of capital or its active flow in building erection as office buildings, factories or houses, they are hurting their own chance of employment."

## Purdue's "Number Four"

It was just about a year ago that Purdue University set aside 120 acres in Lafayette, Indiana for the purpose of practical experiment in the hope of learning something about construction and cost in the small house field. All in all, five houses have been erected on the "laboratory campus," one of the most interesting being a steel dwelling that cost $\$ 4,992-\$ 8$ less than the originally established top price.

This new house, officially designated as "number four," took seventy-five days to construct, has three bedrooms, a living room, dining alcove, kitchen, bath and garage, was financed by the Purdue Research Foundation, and was built on land donated by the University trustees.

Says the bulletin issued by the University: "Steel used in home construction has been generally in the direction
of replacing the structural members, such as wooden wall studs and floor joists, with rolled or pressed structural steel shapes, but house No. 4 goes beyond this point. The construction methods used have produced what is practically an all-steel dwelling. The walls and roof were largely prefabricated in the shop ready for erection at the site."

Principal objective of the plan arrangement has been to avoid the boxlike appearance frequently criticized in flat-roofed houses that attempt extreme simplicity. Here, mainly by increasing the height of the living room area, the "shoe-box" effect has been eliminated. Three features of the plan, pointed out as noteworthy, are the compact hall which prevents waste space; the small space required for heating equipment, and the use of the garage for laundry.

Quoting the bulletin: "Hall space is limited to a small passage which provides access to the bathroom and bedrooms from the living room. Since the wall space of this passage is practically all doors, it is difficult to conceive of a hall to serve four rooms being smaller."

Further, "few small houses, in which space must be conserved, as an aid to cost reductions, make use of the garage for laundry purposes. In House No. 4 the arrangement of the kitchen entrance provides additional room in the garage to allow for laundry trays in this area without crowding."
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Strange indeed are the things that often happen to a western style of architecture when adapted to oriental needs. This sort of baroque garden gate is the facade of the Ministry of Navy Building in Nanking, the new capital of China


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While the kitchen arrangement has been criticized on the grounds that doors at both ends of the long axis make it a busy thoroughfare, and that cuphoards are inadequate to accommodate all utensils of cooking, the bulletin contends that this can be proved only after actual use.

The dining space is essentially a part of the living room, but is so placed that it affords privacy at meal times and also serves to increase the apparent size of the living room. This effect of spaciousness has been carried out by opening one end of the dining area to the living room, and by increasing the ceiling height of the living room 1 foot 9 inches above that of the other rooms where the height is eight feet. No cellar is included.

Closets are of average size and are arranged to present minimum space for greatest usefulness. Each closet is equipped with a shelf and clothes hanging rod. In addition to closet space for each bedroom there is a linen closet, and a coat closet near the door. No other storage spaces are provided. In all, the house contains 1,289 square feet and on this basis cost $\$ 3.90$. The University has found that the overhead and profit to builder on this project was $41 / 2$ per cent, a total of $\$ 223.80$.

## Building Permits

After less than seasonal decline in August, the volume of building permits issued in September made a substantial gain in that month over both the preceding month and the same month of last
year. According to figures compiled by Dun \& Bradstrect, Inc., totals for 215 cities were $\$ 88,791,762$ in September, 1936, compared with $\$ 83,109,944$ in August, and $\$ 47,479,944$ in September. 1935. The increase over last year amounted to 87 per cent.

For New York City alone permits issued had a total value of $\$ 17,331,441$ as against \$12,095,174 in August and $\$ 9,227,037$ in September, 1935. This represented increases, respectively, of 43.3 and 87.8 per cent.

For the 214 cities outside of New York, permit values for September aggregated $\$ 71.460,321$, a gain of 0.6 per cent over the $\$ 71,014,579$ figure recorded for August this year, and a rise of 86.8 per cent as compared with the 1935 total of $\$ 38,252,907$.

## nareb Convention

Just about this time of year, when the first cold breeze begins to snap at your pants legs and you take the mothballs out of your winter overcoat, most everyone realizes that it is a swell time to take a southern vacation. Taking this weakness of the flesh into consideration, smiling broadly at the upward swing in building, officials of the National Association of Real Estate Boards have little doubt that their 29 th annual convention, to be held in New Orleans from November $16-21$, will bring out a record breaking attendance.

One man sure to be on hand for the convention is Charles N. Chadbourn, member of the Minneapolis Real Estate Board. Just twenty years ago Mr. Chadbourn coined the term "Realtor" as a designation of NAREB membership. Mr. Chadbourn, known as the "Father Realtor," will be honored at the "old timers" dinner opening the convention.

After the executive sessions covering the first two days, meetings of the Association's specialized institutes, Divisions, and Councils will be staggered over a period of three days. Excerpts from the convention program follow:

American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, November 18, P.M.;
Institute of Real Estate Management, November 19, A. M.;
National Mortgage Board, Thursday November 19, A.M.;
Brokers Division, November 18, P.M.;

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# M U N ICIPAL RECREATION 

## BY ROBERTMOSES

Park Commissioner, City of New York


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#### Abstract

NUMBERING AMONG HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN ONLY TWO AND A HALF YEARS TENURE OF OFFICE, THE ADDITION OF 169 NEW PARKS TOTALING 3,357 ACRES, 150 NEW PLAYGROUNDS, 3 ZOOS, 8 GOLF COURSES, I STADIUM, 10 SWIMMING POOLS, THE TRI-BOROUGH BRIDGE, NUMEROUS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ALONG THE MANY NEW PARKWAYS, AND THE PREPARATION OF FLUSHING MEADOWS PARK FOR THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR OF 1939, ROBERT MOSES IS APTLY CALLED BY MANY "THE GREATEST ARCHITECT IN NEW YORK"


N 1934 there were 14,827 acres of land under the jurisdiction of the Park Department of New York City in 408 individual parks and playgrounds. There was one public bathing beach which was suitable for the accommodation of large crowds of bathers. There were two small outdoor swimming pools, one of which was simply a concrete tank with no provision for cleaning or sterilizing the water.

Of the 119 playgrounds scarcely a dozen had been developed with any thought of proper planning and all were in a dilapidated and unsightly condition. Central and Prospect Parks were the only two large areas which had been properly planned and constructed, and even they had received no attention for so many years that they were far from suitable to serve the present needs of large city parks.

Most of the park acreage had been either left to uncontrolled public use or developed without any sort of preconceived plan, and what little maintenance had been carried on was misdirected and had resulted in no substantial benefit to the public.

The new administration came into office with not much more than a handful of executives and a large amount of initiative. It found a run-down park system, under-staffed with old, inefficient personnel and an assignment of some 60,000 relief workers, without supervisors, tools or plans to work by.

Inside of a month a program had been formulated for
the improvement of those facilities which were adaptable to rehabilitation, and plans were under way for the construction of playgrounds, golf courses, and general park improvements.

By an agreement with the relief authorities a staff of technical designers and field superintendents was set up with personnel selected for their ability, regardless of relief or political qualifications.

## PLAYGROUNDS

By the middle of the year all park structures had been repainted at least once, usable fences had been repaired and miles of unnecessary fences had been removed, lawns had been re-seeded, trees had been pruned, walks had been repaired-the park system in general had taken on a new appearance. Construction had been started on dozens of playgrounds throughout the city, new zoos in Central Park, Prospect Park and in Barrett Park, Staten Island, and on the reconstruction or new construction of 8 golf courses. With a fund of one-quarter million dollars, which had been held in trust by the City Chamberlain for 13 years for the erection of a war memorial to police heroes, 8 new playground sites had been purchased and recreation buildings had been constructed, under contract, for each of them. The general construction work around the buildings was
done with relief labor. These playgrounds were opened to public use in July.

A study of the condition and use of large park areas, and particularly Central Park, indicated that much of the vandalism and umnecessary damage to shrubbery and lawns, could be prevented by the establishment of definite areas around the perimeter for playground use. There have been completed around the edge of Central Park 18 so-called marginal playgrounds. These playgrounds are equipped with small sized swings, see-saws, slides and playhouses, shower basin and benches. They are surfaced with a resilient asphalt preparation, which prevents digging and eliminates dust. They are fenced and the gates are locked at night. Located near the major entrances, they intercept children on the way into the park and provide a place in which excess energy can be worked off without damage to the park surroundings.

In $21 / 2$ years the playgrounds in the park system have been increased from 119 dilapidated and generally unused areas to 271 modern, fully equipped and intensively used playgrounds for all ages.

The one natural bathing beach is being reconstructed to increase its capacity three-fold. A complete new bathing beach just under a mile in length has been constructed and provided with a bathhouse, parking facilities and other incidentals necessary for a development of this kind.

The parks in the city have been increased in number to 577 and in area 3,357 acres, bringing the total to 18,184 acres. Among the major new areas acquired are Randall's Island, on which has already been constructed the stadium in which the Olympic try-outs were held for 1936; and Flushing Meadows Park, which is now being prepared for the 1939 World's Fair.

## SWIMMING POOLS

In July of 1934, with playground construction well under way according to a definite program, it became obvious that the next major problem of the Park Department was to provide additional outdoor public bathing facilities. Other city agencies had little more to offer. At Coney Island in Brooklyn, the familiar thronged strand extended 21 miles along the Atlantic, while on the Rockaway Peninsula, Queens, 7.4 miles of narrow beach lay between an encroaching boardwalk and the water's edge. Both of these public beaches are under the jurisdiction of the Presidents of the respective boroughs. Clean, healthful and adequate bathing facilities were practically out of the reach, both geographically and financially, of millions of the city's inhabitants.

Up to that time, the various relief administrations had been unstable and had given no promise of lasting long enough to permit the construction of substantial buildings or other types of large public park improvements. It was becoming increasingly obvious, however, that the work relief business would endure for considerable time and that large sums of money and unlimited man power would be available for use on worth while park improvements.

Work was started immediately on the preparation of plans for eight swimming pool and bathhouse units and construction was actually commenced on all eight jobs in the fall of 1934. During 1935, work was started on three additional pools, one of which was the reconstruction of the old an-
tiquated tank which was one of the two pools inherited from former administrations.

Only two of the new pools were constructed on land which had not previously been at least partially developed for park or playground use. With one exception, in the areas already developed, the entire surroundings were redesigned and have been or will be reconstructed so that there will be no reduction in the facilities for active recreation and playground use. The one exception is Hamilton Fish Park on the lower east side of Manhattan where the park area was so small and already so intensively developed that it was impossible to avoid some reduction in the space allotted to play. However, by careful planning the new playground and park arrangement, outside the bathing area, will accommodate as many people as did the former scheme.

With park land in the densely populated sections of the city at a premium, intensive study was made for off season usage of the newly constructed facilities, so that there would be no idle recreation areas. To make the new swimming pool and bathhouse units usable during the fall, winter and spring, the pools and surrounding promenades were constructed so that they could be converted into playgrounds when drained, and the bathhouses were designed so that the dressing areas could be used as gymnasiums.

There was never any idea that these new swimming pools could be made to pay for their construction but it was deemed reasonable and proper that they should pay for their maintenance and operation. Their use naturally must be rigidly controlled and the comparatively limited number who use them should not receive this service at the expense of the general public.

On the basis of estimated attendance, it appeared that the city could afford to allow the free use of the pools by children up to 14 years of age from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on week days and that during the balance of the day a charge of 10 cents for children and 20 cents for adults would pay for operation and maintenance. The operation of the completed units, since they were opened last summer, worked out according to the estimates.

## OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Space does not permit extended mention in this article of the numerous recreational facilities provided along the new parkways constructed or under construction in New York City, including the Grand Central, Interborough and Laurelton Parkways in Queens and Brooklyn, the new Shore Drive Extension in Brooklyn, the West Side Improvement from the south boundary of Riverside Park to the City-Westchester line, the Marine Parkway, and the Triborough Bridge parkway approaches in Manhattan and Queens. Not only are these genuine parkways with comparatively wide rights of way, flanked by landscaped areas and crossed by ornamental stone bridges, but numerous playgrounds have been provided along the borders to provide safe recreation for people of the neighborhood. Stopping places for automobilists with picnicking facilities have also been constructed. Comfort and filling stations and cafeterias have been or are being built, and walks and benches have been provided, so that the parkways will not merely be of benefit to motorists but also to pedestrians.

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Two of the eighteen "Marginal" playgrounds (above, right), placed near entrances on the perimeter of Central Park to attract the children immediately and confine their play to definite areas. Vandalism, harm to planting and risk of accidents are greatly reduced and the larger areas kept free from obstruction. The Austin J. McDonald Memorial playground (opposite page), one of eight erected from funds held by the City Chamberlain for a memorial to police heroes. This type of playground has facilities for indoor recreation besides equipment and play areas for larger children.

MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUNDS
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MAS JEFFERSON SWIMMING



The separate pool, for diving only, affords greater use, flexi bility and economy of the swimming pool proper. Varying in depth from only $31 / 2$ feet at the edges to $41 / 2$ feet at the center, the swimming pool allows an even distribution of several hundred bathers over the entire area. The practically level surface thus obtained is also more adaptable for games during the non-swimming seasons when the pool is drained. A general view of the pool (opposite page) from the entrance gates. Detail (above) of entrance to Women's Bath House. View (right) of diving pool with Women's Bath House in background. Capacity, 2,600.

THOMAS JEFFERSON POOL
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, NEW YORK
AYMAR EMBURY II, CONSULTING ARCHITECT
STANLEY BROGREN, ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER


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Astoria, one of the largest of the pools, with a total of 78,390 square feet of pool area and a capacity of 6,200 . The semi-circular wading pool at the north end is made an integral part of the design, but separated from the paying area by means of a fence.

ASTORIA PARK POOL
AYMAR EMBURY, II, CONSULTING ARCHITECT


General view (above) of approaches and
bath house with the Triborough Bridge in
the background. Glass blocks are used in the lower half of window areas to admit light but prevent sight. Ventilating louvers are used in the upper half. One of the cantilevered concrete shelters (right) on the sun deck above the filter house.



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Restricted size of the plot led to the compact layout of bath house and pools and capacity of 3,200 . The roof is used for sun decks, observation and concessions. The stack for the boilers was treated as an integral part of the design, and is flanked by curved panels of glass blocks lighting the boiler room behind.

TOMPKINSVILLE POOL
AYMAR EMBURY, II, CONSULTING ARCHITECT


View of the women's locker room (above) shows
the ample yet protected windows which do not allow sight. The flat dome in the background, lighted by glass block panels set in the drum is that of the entrance lobby. The underwater lighting fixtures are accessible from the pipe tunnels surrounding each pool. View (right) of stack and boiler room with men's dressing room beyond.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, NEW YORK
J. WEISBERG, S. BAUM, ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNERS

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General view (above) of Highbridge Park Pool equipped for autumn activities. In the pool basin, backstops for handball and basketball are erected and courts for paddle tennis, volley ball and shuffle board laid out. The dressing areas are converted to gymnasiums for use in inclement weather. General views (left, above) of McCarren Pool and (left, below) of Astoria Pool adapted to autumn activities.


## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, NEW YORK

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# SWIMMING POOL CONSTRUCTION 


#### Abstract

THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEN MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS, TOTAL POOL AREA OF WHICH IS 559,230 SQ. FT. AND BASKET CAPACITY 42,400, CALLED FOR RESEARCH OF A MOST THOROUGH SORT. BASIC PRINCIPLES THAT RESULTED FROM THIS STUDY and their application to practice should be of tremendous importance


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THE design and construction of municipal swimming pools to fit conditions in New York City present numerous problems for which the answers are not given in the back of any book yet printed. The ten new pools constructed by the Department of Parks required all types of construction ranging from simple concrete footings to piping, mechanical and electrical equipment which would do credit to a modern ocean liner. The work was only complicated by the fact that it had to be done with work relief funds, which placed all manner of restrictions and regulations in the kinds of materials which could be used and on the proportion of money which could be spent for the purchase of materials and equipment.

The sites for these pools were selected first in proportion to the density of population in the various sections of the city and, second, according to available park land. No new land was purchased and in some cases the locations were not as ideally suited for this type of development as they could have been. However, with the great demand for suitable bathing accommodations within the city limits, a pool of almost any size located at almost any spot in the city would be used to capacity.

A few basic principles, adopted before plans were prepared, were followed in practice.

1. To avoid the danger inherent in the mingling of divers and swimmers, diving areas are kept apart from swimming areas, as far as local conditions permit.
2. All swimming and diving pools are provided with underwater lights for night use.
3. At least one dimension of every swimming pool is a multiple of 55 yards, so that swimming competitions can be held at standard distances in either the English or metric systems. The largest pools constructed are $165^{\prime} \times 330^{\prime}$.
4. A wading pool for small children is a part of each development; it is located in the free playground area outside of the general swimming area.
5. Each swimming and diving pool is surrounded by a tunnel which gives access to all plumbing and wiring which directly serve the pool.
6. Because of the past history of neglect and indifferent operation in the city park system, all features of these developments were designed for a maximum of life, a minimum of maintenance expense, and the greatest simplicity of operation.
7. The designs, as far as possible, called for the use of basic materials which could be fabricated with common labor, because of the necessity under the various work relief administrations of making the labor costs higher than the pro-
portion which is customary in construction work of this type.
The capacities of the various pools were estimated at 20 square feet in swimming area, and 50 square feet in the diving area, per person. These capacities were determined from all available publications and from numerous public authorities who had had experience in the operation of swimming pools. The partial season of operation of the new pools in New York City has clearly demonstrated that a swimming pool in a densely populated metropolitan area will accommodate one person to every 10 square feet of water area. This does not mean that the water itself will actually be occupied by one person to every 10 square feet; actually, a swimming pool is operating to capacity with one person to every 40 square feet. The other $75 \%$ of the patrons will be sumning themselves on the promenade, walking around, or just sitting on the edge of the pool watching those who are swimming.

It was also found that the capacity of a diving pool should be estimated from the number of boards not from the area of water. It was determined that each board will accommodate 12 persons and that the minimum safe water area per board is 15 feet in width and 40 feet in length. Although under peak loads the diving facilities seem to be inadequate, it is not economical to provide enough boards to satisfy the full demand. A reasonable ratio is one board to every 500 patrons.

In general, the promenade decks around the pools are 20 feet in width and they average in area $65 \%$ of the water area of the pools.

The depths in the swimming pools vary from $3 \mathrm{I} / 2$ feet around the edges to $41 / 2$ feet at the drain grates in the center. Some of the larger pools were constructed with a so-called beach section along one half of the side nearest the bathhouse. At the beach section, the scum gutter is exactly the same as it is around the rest of the pool but the water depth is reduced by bringing the bottom up uniformly from the center to a line six inches below the lip of the scum gutter. The depth of water in the swimming pools was determined as being deep enough for ordinary swimming and yet shallow enough for all non-swimmers and for any children old enough to use the pools alone.

The diving pools were all constructed with a uniform depth of five feet around the edges. At the five-foot depth, there is a 12 -inch shelf which permits most people to hold onto the edge of the scum gutter and reach the shelf with their toes. The bottom drops off from the edge of the shelf to a depth of 11 feet under the 3-meter boards and 16 feet under the 10 -meter platform at the Astoria pool.

## CONSTRUCTION

The pool tanks were constructed of reinforced concrete with all expansion joints waterproofed. No admixtures were used to waterproof the concrete itself. Where sub-surface conditions required it, underdraining through a bed of crushed stone was used.

The bottom slabs of the pools were finished with a smooth, wood-float, monolithic finish, rough enough to prevent slipping by bathers but smooth enough to be used for game playing when the pools are drained during the non-swimming season.

Scum gutters were surfaced with a water-green glazed terra cotta with a baked-in sand, non-skid surface, laid in $12^{\prime \prime}$ sections. The tile was carried 12 inches below the lip of the scum gutter and back into the promenade deck 12 inches. Contrary to the usual practice, the scum gutter is 7 inches deep and 18 inches wide. This permits easy cleaning, keeps the scum gutter open to sunlight, and prevents people from catching their feet in it.

The promenade decks were surfaced with a special tile, terra cotta in color, and with a non-porous surface rough enough to prevent slipping when wet. The promenade tile was selected for its density and uniformity so that it could be easily cleaned by flushing with a hose, and to prevent the harboring of bacteria of any kind.

All railings, ladders, and exposed plumbing and drainage fixtures are either brass or bronze to reduce maintenance and deterioration.

Standard 16 -foot white ash diving boards were used at all pools. They are set at $1 / 2$ meter, one meter, and three meter heights, and at locations where competitions are expected, they are provided with adjustable fulcrums.

City water is used in all the pools. The water is recirculated three times every 24 hours, filtered, treated with soda ash and alum, and sterilized with chlorine and ammonia.

Reinforced concrete open gravity filters were used on seven of the developments and steel pressure filters on the other three. The open gravity type of filter was considered more desirable in these developments because of the great volumes of water to be handled and because of the simplicity of operation and control which are characteristic of this type of installation. Pressure filters were used on three of the jobs where foundation conditions were such that it was not practical to construct the concrete tanks.

The water is sterilized with chlorine gas and anhydrous ammonia, introduced by the usual type of vacuum feed apparatus. Soda ash and aluminum sulphate are fed into the water mechanically, to form the floc on the tops of the filter beds. Each pool is equipped with a portable vacuum cleaner to remove dirt from the bottom and sides without draining.

The sterilized water is injected into the pools at 20 -foot intervals around the perimeters, $103 / 4$ inches below the surface. The injectors are designed to give a flat horizontal jet which spreads the water so as to secure greater diffusion of the sterilizing agents. The larger pools are equipped with small islands in the middle which house additional injectors to feed sterilized water to the central portions of the pools.

Each individual injector is valved so that the rate of flow in any part of the pool can be adjusted to insure uniform distribution of filtered and sterilized water, or so that in-
creased flow can be supplied to those points which may be subject to abnormally heavy use. The nozzles of the injectors are also arranged so that a deflecting plate can be clamped on to direct the flow toward the lottom of the pool, if necessary, to insure uniform circulation of water.
In most large pools past experience has indicated a dead stagnant area in the corners formed by the side walls and the bottom. To overcome this condition, Park Department engineers designed a special by-pass arrangement by which this stagnant water is sucked up from the bottom and reinjected through the injector nozzles so that it is resterilized by the fresh water coming from the treatment tanks.
On six of the jobs, the water is circulated by centrifugal pumps connected directly to electric motors. On the other four, the pumps are operated through speed-increasing gears by Diesel engines. The use of Diesel engines was determined upon partially as an experiment because preliminary estimates indicated a substantial saving in operating costs, which would more than compensate for increased initial costs inside of four to five years.

The results of studying the comparative operating and maintenance costs of the two types of power plants will determine the type to be used on any future developments of this kind which may be constructed by the City.

## LIGHTING

Underwater flood lights are set in bronze housings cast in the pool walls. In the smaller pools, 500 watt units were used and in the larger pools, 1500 watt units. On all lighting units, the lenses are held with bronze rings and made water-tight with rubber gaskets. The backs of the lighting fixtures can be removed from the pipe tunnel so that complete fixtures can be changed or worked on without draining the pool, as long as the lenses are tight. The 500 watt units are cooled by air vents in the back plates. The housings of the 1500 watt units are double walled and pool water is circulated through the spaces between the two walls to cool the units.

Lights are spaced according to the size of fixture and depth of water. In general, they are 9 feet apart on the walls of the swimming pools, and on each face of the octagonal islands in the larger pools. In the diving pools, they are $3^{\prime}-10^{\prime \prime}$ below the scum gutter and 7 feet apart along the wall.

Each swimming pool and diving pool is completely surrounded by an access tunnel five feet wide with a minimum head room of five feet. The wall of the pool forms one wall of the tumnel and the roof of the tunnel is the underside of the slab supporting the promenade deck. Access to the tunnel can be had from the filter rooms and from manholes in the promenade deck.

The tunnels carry all recirculating water pipe around the pools, the drain lines from the scum gutters, and electrical feeders for the underwater flood lights. These tunnels give access to valves which control the flow to each main section of the recirculating feed lines and to each individual injector.

Although these pipe tunnels increase the construction cost of a pool, they give complete flexibility in the control of water recirculation, and they allow all ordinary maintenance work on recirculating and underwater lighting lines and fixtures to be done without disturbing the operation of the pool.


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The Alcazar from the left bank of the Tagus River with the Alcantara Bridge in the foreground of the Visigoths, made it his Capital in 567 at which time it was the scene of religious and political struggles between Catholic and Arian. In 587 the Catholics gained control. Under the name of Tolaitola, the chief stronghold of the Moors, it had four centuries of great prosperity through the manufacture of steel arms, silks and woolens. Recaptured by Alfonso VI, it was the Capital of Spain until 1560 , after which its decline was rapid.



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THE ALCANTARA BRIDGE, spanning the Tagus River, is of Moorish origin. The present structure dates mainly from the 13 th Century with some later minor additions. It was the means by which the Cid, first Alcaide of Toledo, entered the city with his followers in 1085. The East Gate (opposite page) looking toward the Alcazar. The derelict Castle of San Servando, (above) built by Alfonso VI, dominates the bridge from the left bank of the river.


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THE INFLUENCE OF THE MOORS is constantly evident in the narrow, winding streets with their many portals in Toledo. The double towered Puerta del Sol (above), in the Mudejar style, was probably built about 1100 . The bas-relief in the tympanum representing St. Ildefonso receiving the chasuble is of a later period. The Puerta del Cambrón (opposite page), formerly called Bab al-Makara, was built by Alfonso VI in 1102 and restored in 1576.




CERVANTES lived in the house called Posada de la Sangre (opposite page) which is seen at the right through the Arco de la Sangre de Cristo. Domenico Theotocópulí (El Greco) lived and worked in Toledo. The Courtyard (above) of his supposed home shows unmistakable Moorish influences. It is built on the foundations of a house which belonged to Samuel Levy, rich Jewish treasurer of Peter the Cruel.


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The Cathedral rises high above the curiously oriental-like streets of Toledo.

## BANKS AND BUILDING BOOMS

|S jerry building rampant? Will the home building racket be in full swing next spring? Can homes be made wise investments for both the banks and for "owners" as well?

- Home building leads and will continue to lead in the present upswing of building activity. The annual need for half a million new dwelling units was not met this year but next year this figure should be realized. Increased economic confidence (and income), banks with funds seeking safe investments, a standardized form of home financing (on the single amortized-mortgage principle), insured mortgage loans, fewer foreclosed properties, less distress-selling,-all these are factors pointing to more home building in 1937. More, yes, but will it be better?
- Much of this year's building is but little if any better than the shoddy, poorly planned jerry building of the boom of the twenties, in spite of FHA. The banks' best insurance of the safety of the investment in building loans is well-designed, thoughtfully planned, soundly constructed homes. And the best insurance that the homes will be just that is the employment of competent architects not only to design, to put in "selling features" and "talking points," but to supervise the construction. Specifications are mere scraps of paper,-even if the loan is obtained and insured because of their promising phrases,-unless the quality materials they call for actually are made part of the house. Setting minimum standards of specifications for houses on which loans will be made is a step which progressive (conservative) banks have already taken, and more are taking. But it is only one step. To make these specifications realities in the houses requires the supervisory services of responsible, professional architects. This is true whether the loan is made to an individual owner or to an operative builder. The time is coming rapidly when lending institutions will realize that their best insurance lies in professional integrity. Banks will protect themselves, their depositor and the home owner by making the employment of a supervising architect a condition of their loan contract.
- Soundness of construction and quality of equipment are not in themselves, however, a guarantee of the value of the house (on which the mortgage rests). Proper planning for use and convenience, orientation, site-planning and style all affect resale value, and in these the architect's knowledge, experience and creative ability are necessary if the best house for the money, for the site and for the comfort of the owner is desired. These services become part and parcel of the house ; essentially they make or break the house. For this reason the fee of the architect is included as an integral part of the cost of the house when loans are being made. This added increment in the resale value of the house (added by the architect) is just that much additional protection for the lending organization and its depositors.
- The banks can and will in these two ways protect investments ; the architect-designed, ar-chitect-superintended house will be their best collateral. Of course, there will be cheap imitations of these better houses; jerry builders will copy. However we believe that the increased sales competition which will come with the residential building boom will force better planning, better design, better construction, and that the architects' houses will sell faster and at a premium. Imitators thus will be forced to offer better houses and the standard of the whole will be raised. Houses built next year and after will be better,-because banks and lending institutions now know that permanent values of the homes on which they lend can be insured by competent architectural design and supervision of construction. The profession is ready to serve. Individual architects and all architectural organizations must see to it that the banks are aware of the facts, must collaborate with the lenders to eliminate the practices that have brought disaster to home building in the past.


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## THE NEW YORK WORLD'S

THE theme is the creation of a better and fuller life-the advancement of human welfare. All that has been learned, or discovered, or fabricated toward this end, in the one hundred fifty years since George Washington's first inauguration as President in the City of New York; all that is good and attainable by individuals and communities, all the goods and ideas thus far developed, will be displayed in a connected sequence, so that, seeing what is available to them, visitors to the Fair may be inspired to work with their fellow citizens for a more worthy future.
ln these words the men who have undertaken the creation of New York's Fair of 1939 set their goal.

In a central tower and its connected "Theme Building," the visitor will receive his impressions of the significant alliance between the potential contributing factors making for
a better world. Radiating from this center the plan provides ten sectors. In each of these a branch of the main theme will be developed-Shelter, Education, Health, Recreation, Clothing. Government and so on. Exhibitors will not pick locations; space will be allotted in a correlated whole.

Theoretically, the ideal plan would take somewhat the form of a pie that had been cut into ten sectors, with the lines of communication between them. Practically, such a plan would conflict with the necessity of handling great crowds in comfort. Moreover, you cannot merely pour these multitudes in at a center and have them find their way out. Other factors intervene: the existing and to-be-expanded means of transportation, the character of the soil-not all of it would bear, for example, the structures needed for transportation and the heavy industries.

# PLAN OF NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR 1939 FLUSHING•MEADOW•PARK CITY•OF•NEW•YORK 

## FAIR-ITS THEME AND PLAN

The problem of getting people to and from a Fair spreading over twelve hundred acres is in itself a staggering one. It is estimated that on gala days the attendance may reach a maximum of 800,000 persons. Transportation by railroad, bus, subway and automobile will make it possible to deliver 160,000 persons per hour to the Fair grounds. Obviously there could not be just one entrance-as a matter of fact, nine are provided in the plan. Once inside the gates, these people must find a comfortable and logical distribution of their numbers - plenty of open spaces, broad means of circulation, plenty of seats, plenty of shade. The traditional "tired feet" of the visitor have been recognized as a vital consideration in the plan.
One of the general plan's great merits is that it has formthere is a structure here on which are disposed the various
elements. Axes, circulation, disposition of masses-all are in evidence, yet it is no mere Beaux Arts dream. Perfect symmetry does not raise its head to dispute the practical controlling factors. The main vertical axis has at its lower end the dominant tower of the Theme Building; at the upper end, joined by the broad tree-lined avenue, is the Government Building flanked by the states and framing a great parade ground for pageantry. Radiating from the Theme Building are the avenues leading to the sectors, with Transportation below the tower on the higher ground. Off to the right is an amphitheatre at the end of the main lagoon, with an amusement section stretching along its upper side.
It is evident that in its basic theme and in its vast plan this exposition is going to be something more than "just another Fair."


The removable stage is a feature of the vast outdoor amphitheatre


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FACES OF THE FAIR-THE MEN IN CHARGE


The parade ground is flanked by Government and State buildings


WALTER DORWIN TEAGUE
Industrial designer; has gained attention in previous exhibitions by his designs for buildings and exhibits for various notable fairs in Chicago, San Diego and Dallas


GILMORE D. CLARKE
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Engineer: Chief Engineer of Westchester County Park system; built Playland Park in Rye, an amusement center: chief engineer for the Bronx River Parkway; Consulting Engineer of Rockefeller Plaza


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## OF THE DESIGN OF NEW YORK'SEXPOSITION



This massive structure, 250 feet high, will, as the Theme Tower, dominate New York's World's Fair. Designed to house a dramatic panorama depicting the milestones of the past in the arts and sciences, it will correlate the kaleidoscopic elements and forces of modern life into a pattern for America's future. From its portals broad avenues will radiate to the ten exhibit zones. A series of fountains and basins along the main axis will link it directly with the Plaza of Governments and the Federal Hall

dental office, melrose, massachusetts
ROYAL BARRY WILLS, ARCHITECT
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Built of $8^{\prime \prime}$ cinder concrete blocks finished with stucco, the organic yet reposeful character of the building makes it inviting from the exterior. View from the street (above), showing staggered operating rooms which maintain privacy yet allow some north light. Left, interior of laboratory

DENTAL OFFICE, MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS
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The distinct separation of working area and reception room, the projecting bays of the operating rooms, and the privacy of study and retiring rooms, are indicative of a thorough knowledge of the problem and its proper solution. The office is accessible from either the street or the parking area at the rear. Below, reception desk in office. Designed by the architects, it includes typewriter space and steel filing cabinets. The top is of ebony



A fireplace and built-in bookcases lend an informal and restful character to the reception room shown here. Soft indirect lighting is supplied from the cove at the right of the chimney breast

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Friday, October 2.-An eighth-inch scale model of the Oregon State Capitol starts today on its way west from Rochette \& Parzini's studio. Francis Keally, who, in association with Goodhue Livingston, won the competition, took me down to have a look at it as developed through restudy of the competitive design. It looks good. What appealed to me particularly was the vast wall surfaces of white marble, untouched by ornament but serving as a foil to some intricately detailed bronze of window or door. Keally says that his chief occupation during the period of restudy and making working drawings was "keeping the garbage off."

Saturday, October 3.-Several months ago this column was considerably set up over the fact that the winner of the A.I.S.C. Annual Student Bridge Competition this year was an architect, rather than an engineer. Ralph E. Winslow, professor of architecture at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, now tells me that not only was the winner an architect, but the second prize design and the first Honorable Mention were entered by architectural students from his department. Moreover, last year, the three students from Rensselaer Tech who placed in the preliminary stage, and, the year before, the five students in the preliminaries and winners of the first and second prizes and Honorable Mention, were all architectural students from the same department. It would seem that the engineering students had better look to their laurels.

Tuesday, October 6.-The New York World's Fair 1939 invited representatives of collaborating professional associations and the architectural editors to luncheon today to see the plans and hear the story of what the Fair may be. To my mind the results are among the most amazing achievements in design that have appeared for many a long day. Consider the fact that it was not until the latter part of May that the Architectural Advisory Board was commissioned to devise a basic theme for the Fair and a plan which should express it. Allowing some time for organization, securing quarters, getting personnel together, there were less than three months available to do the job. Only twelve men, I believe, are on the pay roll, though various other branches of the Fair organization have contributed time and men in collaboration.

Two things impressed me: first, the breadth of vision of the basic theme; and second, the fact that the plan has form. It is not a mere labyrinth of mis-

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cellaneous units; one grasps at once the structure of it-though it is by no means a Beaux-Arts scheme-and, set down upon any spot of the vast area, one would know where he stood in relation to the whole.

Friday, October 9.-Not many years ago, the architectural profession was somewhat concerned over the fact that we were apparently standardizing our post offices without very much consideration for geographical or traditional backgrounds. The post office in $\mathrm{Du}_{\mathrm{u}}$ buque, Iowa was likely to look very much like a post office in Reading, Pennsylvania. There was considerable outcry from some of the more sensitive members of the profession to the effect that we were in grave danger of losing the elements which, in their variety, had made the early architecture of America what it is.

That danger seems to have passed away. Another has taken its place. In motoring through three states today I was impressed with the fact that all of our schools look alike. At least one can divide them into two classifications. Any big example is, or tries to be, Georgian or else an adaptation of English Tudor in brick and limestone. The Pacific Coast is still apparently conscious of its background, and designs its schools accordingly. Where else in this land is there a noticeable effort to design schools belonging unmistakably to that locality?

Monday, October 12. - In driving through the back country of Fastern Pennsylvania today, I developed the single-minded ardor of a collector. I was collecting Pennsylvania barns. They vary mainly in size, and only occasionally in color-red is the type: white the minority branch. No matter what the size, the barn has the wide overhang to the south, sheltering with the hay loft the halved doors to the stalls. On the ether side, or perhaps at an end, a grassy slope ramps up to the second floor level, to be used only when the hay comes in to be stored for the winter.

The collector will also distinguish between two other characteristics: one
group has naive murals of a cow or a horse, occasionally a hog, or a sheep, painted in symmetrically disposed panels on the side or on the gable end. Probably some itinerant mural painter wandered through this country long ago and painted for his board and keep. After his departure, however, restoration and retouching followed at the hands of the hired help, with results that would surprise the original artist.

Still another characteristic, the variety of which will add to the collector's bag, is the circular design of geometrical forms painted on the barns in energetic and apparently hopeful effort to avoid the attacks of witchcraft. These marks, I believe, were elaborately devised by the powwow man or witch doctor on the basis of the owner's horoscope, and, if properly designed and kept well painted, would forever fend illness and trouble from the stock.

Tuesday, October 13.-Benjamin Betts, who is out at Purdue University helping with the experiments in five thousand dollar houses, sends us some of the first findings. One of the houses made use of steel for both exterior and interior wall surfaces, roof construction and structural members. The outside finish is a cement paint, the third coat of which was rough-textured with sand, resembling stucco. The actual cost of each operation, from foundation to painting, was recorded with meticulous care. So far as we know, there never before has been a thoroughly reliable and umbiased record of costs kept in this detailed way. One can estimate to the penny the cost of labor and materials of each item. These records, of course, will be of considerably greater value when the University has completed other houses of different types.

Thursday, October 15.-Those of us who frequent Fifth Avenue buses, have for a year or more noticed Admiral Farragut standing in the corner of Madison Square Park on the slightly sloping tar papered roof of a shanty. The setting which Stanford White and Augustus St. Gaudens devised for the naval hero was inside of the shanty. And now the Admiral has marched up to Central Park Yard. He is without his sword and its scabbard, but he still grasps the indispensable binoculars. It will be a year or more before the Admiral returns, as he must, to his Madison Square location-not the precise spot on which he stood, for Madison Square is being redesigned. Meanwhile, the North River bluestone pedestal, which also showed the effect of the
years and the weather, is being restored.
The craftsmen who move statues have, it seems, their own traditions. When they put a rope around the Admiral's waist and hoisted him from his pedestal, they turned him around after they set him down upon the ground. Since he had been looking west for so many years, the craftsmen, as usual, thought it only fair to give him a view in the opposite direction.

Saturday, October 17.-Dr. Margaret S. Miller, who is secretary of the Society of Women Housing Managers, London, is over here looking at our efforts. She gives us several good thrusts of the critic's rapier:
"You have no national program on housing as we have in England.
"You have lived so long under a regime of individualism that it is difficult for you to accept government action in comnection with housing.
"Your slum problem is complicated by what I can only call slovenly municipal housekecping. By this I mean extremely bad street paving, inadequate lighting, inadequate street cleaning and garbage collection, delay in clearing away debris after demolition, and so on."

Dr. Miller expressed surprise at the way in which our city population moves about, raveling our housing problem. In England, population is much more static. Dr. Miller adds a final word of caution which, from her vast experience, should carry a deal of weight with us: "In England we have been hammering away at the housing question for generations. We have accumulated experiences that may be of value to other countries like your own. which are just approaching reconstruction. For instance, take the question of housing management. Without management, the public money you spend on housing may be generally wasted."

Monday, October 19.-Lunched with Arthur J. Sweet, a consulting engineer on lighting. He remarked that our Portfolio of Church Lighting Fixtures, recently published, indicated with emphasis that the architect has been thinking of lighting far too strongly in terms of fixtures, and too slightly, if at all, as a vital element in composition. Mr. Sweet points out that with the open flame, then the only illuminant, the early masters of church architecture were sharply limited in the use of artificial light to produce influence harmonious with, and conducive to, the spirit of worship. Now these limitations have been removed through modern invention and modern
knowledge of light control. It irks Mr. Sweet, as an engineer, to find the architect clinging to his old fetters, unaware of, or uninterested in, the freedom and the creative power which science has put into his hands.

Of course, it is not quite so simple as that, for the architect realizes that in order to continue to produce ceclesiastical interiors that encourage a spirit of worship, he cannot depart too suddenly from forms which have always been depended upon to produce that spirit of worship. The use of the gifts which science bestows always has, and possibly always will, lag behind their giving.

Hednesday, October 21.-The other day I called up Clarence Stein to remind him that a year or more ago he had piled several million brick together up in the Bronx to create Hillside Housing. We had talked about this a lot, and written more. Now that it had been in use for a year, how was it working? As a pile of brick it was an impressive architectural spectacle. As a social experiment, what could be said for it? Stein seemed to think that we had better go up there and find out, so today with George Gove of the State Housing Authority, Sir Raymond Unwin, and a group of his pupils from Columbia, we investigated Hillside Housing.

As to the test of popularity, the management has perhaps two or three apartments vacant, with the problem of choosing among many applicants the ones to whom these apartments should be rented.
A spirit of community pride is much in evidence. The grass plots are kept grass plots, not only because the fourteen hundred children respect them, but also, I imagine, largely because Mrs. Cautley had the foresight to surround most of them with low hedges to form a psychological, even though not a formidable, barrier against romping children.

Stein had provided a considerable number of rooms in the basement for commmity groups with great psychological astuteness. The management allowed these to remain idle and undiscovered until a group of the tenants themselves asked for space in which to conduct meetings of a men's club, a camera club, an art class for the children, and what not. Thereupon heat and light were provided by the management with the responsibility for furnishing and maintenance placed upon the group itself.

Sir Raymond was particularly interested in costs, not only of construction. but of maintenance, and was not at all surprised to find that these costs in

America are practically double those in England.

Thursday, October 22.-The comings and goings of Kenneth Murchison are major events in the architectural world. Two years or so ago he left architectural practice to become a banker. Today a luncheon in the League club house marked his return to the fold. Aided and abetted by Tony Sarg - the two are practically Siamese twins since Tony gave him a blood transfusion some months ago-Ken told a large gathering some of the woes of being a banker. Both because of Ken Murchison's presence and the capacity crowd that filled the newly decorated dining room, the League surely took on today a pre-depression air.

Friday, October 23-B. Lubetkin arrived a day or so ago from London, and lunched with our editorial staff today. London appears to be nearing the crest of a building boom. Many of the handicaps and obstructions that irk us in American practice-such as out-moded building codes and the like-are apparently far more troublesome for the London practitioner. Lubetkin told us in detail of the efforts required over a period of six months in order to get permission to build a temporary four- by six-foot tool house along a back edge of Regents Park. The drag of stupidity and ignorance among minor public officials and other guardians of the public taste and safety is one of the great handicaps to progress in architecture.
Lubetkin pointed out the inevitable development of the so-called modern movement. A group of men rebelled against the dead hand that permitted only the copying of old forms. The group gathered to itself younger enthusiasts, and appeared to be attaining a controlling hand, when disintegration started in the group because its memhers suddenly found that almost no two of them were fighting for the same thing. Here was a group of men who believed that anything functional must necessarily be beautiful. Here again was a group who saw merely a new set of motives, mannerisms, forms, and materials to be used. Here was a group so intense in their revolt from the traditional that they would use only forms, materials and methods that approached as nearly as possible to the opposite of the traditional. And thus what seemed to be the beginnings of a movement dissolved again into the main stream, to be replaced perhaps by some freshly inspired nucleus, gathering unto itself other iconoclasts.


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Façade of the Pinecrest Apartment

TWO APARTMENTS, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
L. MURRAY DIXON, ARCHITECT


The building contains ten apartments, one of which is a duplex (left). Foundation is of precast concrete piles, first floor slab of concrete, second floor and all interior partitions of wood. Exterior walls are of concrete block finished with stucco. Stair halls are lighted by glass blocks

PINECREST APARTMENTS, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA L. MURRAY DIXON, ARCHITECT


OCEAN FRONT APARTMENT, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
L. MURRAY DIXON, ARCHITECT

Wide variety of layout is achieved by the isolated "maisonette" and the second floor duplex (right) in addition to the eight other apartments. Precast concrete piles and concrete slab are used for foundation and first floor. Second floor and all interior partitions are of wood


## BY RAYMOND BAXTEREATON

MUCH interest has been aroused recently in the so-called "modern" house. Many people have absorbed only the novel exteriors and do not realize that the modern house must present a modern plan that will fit modern needs.

The period of development has passed where the architect took a hackneyed plan, moved the windows to the corners and unveiled the result to a breathless public as the last word in design. Recent developments in mechanical equipment and new construction materials and methods have done much to change the approach to the plan problem. The important part the automobiile plays in the life of the present day family has been another great influence reflected in the plan of the modern house.

It must also be realized, however, that with all the changes in planning many of the old problems remain and should be properly solved. Good circulation is still of paramount importance and blank wall space is still desirable for furniture. Large windows and glass brick walls are attractive and lend themselves readily to the modern spirit but "temperance in all things" applies as well here as elsewhere. Many modern designers in attempting to provide unique elevations have so tortured the plan that the torments of the Inquisition pale beside them.

Certain general trends in modern planning may be noted by a study of houses falling in this category. The inclusion of the garage is an obvious development which has become universally recognized. The flexibility of plan resulting from new materials and new modes of living has given birth to the large second floor terrace. The circular and elliptical form is returning to favor after a long absence due chiefly to the adaptability of structural glass.

Following are a series of 49 house plans selected to illustrate the trends in planning. They are classified for architectural use into the following divisions:
A. The 3 -bedroom house, no servant's room.
B. The 3 -bedroom house and 1 servant's room.
C. The 4 -bedroom house, no servant's room.
D. The 4 -bedroom house and 1 servant's room.

These plans are intended merely as suggestions to the creative mind of the architect and are arranged in a manner designed to facilitate comparison and analysis. All living rooms are shown at the left and all plans are drawn at the same scale. Schemes of fenestration are shown because of their close association to modern planning. The possible variations are infinite in number and this group is not intended to cover the entire field.

These plans are presented for the mutual benefit of architect and client.


Privacy is insured by exposing blank service walls to public view and concentrating the main glass areas at the rear. There is no basement and little storage space


Lack of proper storage space, common to most houses without basements, is evident here and the bedrooms are somewhat out of proportion to the whole


This very tight little plan is well worked out but for the storage facilities. The entrance hall leads into the large living room and the circulation is good


A good compact plan with but one bad feature-
the necessity of using the living room as a traffic route from kitchen to front door and to second floor

## THREE BEDROOMS, NO SERVANT'S ROOM

## SCALE $I^{\prime \prime}=32^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$



A good arrangement has been evolved with the dining room part of the living room but having the effect of being separate. Small hall areas are adequate


The living room entrance from the hall might easily be confused with the door to the garage


The inclusion of a combination heater and utility room in the house that has no basement is sensible


The stair is a little too prominently placed and the living room seems somewhat tucked away behind it


The entrance to the living room is indirect. Arrangement of various rooms is good but the closet accommodations in the master's bedroom are insufficient


An excellent formalized arrangement of rooms that are well related to each other. The clever planning of the second floor gives all rooms three exposures


The cellar stair location is poor as its entrance is in full view of the living room and across the main hall from the kitchen. The second floor is clean cut


The large living-dining area open to the rear is attractive and the placing of the garage within the mass of the building makes it inconspicuous

## THREE BEDROOMS AND SERVANT'S ROOM



This plan of generous proportions is well arranged and incorporates the feature of an enclosed sleeping porch on the second floor terrace. The door to the garage is unobtrusive but conveniently placed.


The fireplace is located a little too near the entrance to make it a natural center of a furniture group. The rooms are well disposed, but there is a too much glass area in the bedrooms for a feeling of privacy.


This type of house is more popular in Europe than in America. There are more stairs than the usual American housewife cares for. The definite segregation of living and service functions on separate floors is good.


The tremendous glass area makes furnishing most difficult and necessitates odd bays and alcoves to provide focal points for furniture groups. One of the bathrooms is almost as big as one of the bedrooms.


The oddly shaped living room dictates separate areas dedicated to various purposes. The arrangement of servant's room is well handled. An excessive amount of space is given over to the narrow hall on the second floor.

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The dramatic stair somewhat dominates the general scheme, but is a very interesting element of this plan. The open area which must be crossed in answering the door bell is a rather undesirable feature.

The easy and natural arrangement of the first floor does not hint at the unorthodox handling of the second floor. The battery of inconveniently located closets gives the hall the appearance of a communal dressing room.


The living-dining room is somewhat narrow for its length. No lavatory is provided on the first floor, but otherwise the arrangement is good. The second floor terrace is large and well placed in relation to rooms.

In a plan with such a good location of rooms, it is unfortunate that there is no direct connection from kitchen to entrance hall. The accessibility of the second floor living terrace is very praiseworthy.


The connection between garage and house is excellent as is also the arrangement of lavatory and coat closet. Second floor rooms are large and pleasingly proportioned. One bathroom might have been omitted.


The dining area is awkwardly placed in the living room. The second floor plan is very compact with hall space at a minimum. The master's bedroom is very light and airy but lacking in proper closet facilities.


The entrance hall leads invitingly to the living room and the arrangement of the guest room on the first floor is especially well done. The covered terrace on the second floor affords an outdoor living room.


The stair is made a feature of the living room in this compact plan. The sequence of the rooms here is pleasing and well thought out. Interesting elevations should result from this simple and logical plan.


A very open type of house for warm climates. The separation of the kitchen and dining room from the living room and court is well done. The location of the bedroom on the first floor plan makes its use flexible.

The use of the garage as a service entrance is novel and economical. The placing of the fireplace on axis is questionable here as it is inconvenient to the living room proper. Closet space is excellent.


The entrance hall and stair are cramped but the general arrangement of rooms is good. The porch balancing the garage is a novel feature, but its relationship to the plan is questionable. Second floor hall is tight.


The straightforward entrance hall arrangement is pleasing and the secondary hall connecting the rear entrance is sensible. Second floor rooms are well proportioned and the terrace is properly accessible from the hall.

## FOUR BEDROOMS, NO SERVANT'S ROOM

SCALE $\left.\right|^{\prime \prime}=32^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$


This rambling plan places the service areas in a separate wing. The guest suite on the first floor is well worked in. The small bedroom on the second floor is unfortunate in its lack of direct access to a bathroom.

The first floor plan is unnaturally cut up by the location of the closets. The rooms themselves are well related and the second floor arrangement is good especially in the regard to closets and cross ventilation.



The living and dining room areas have interesting furnishing possibilities. The opening to the garage from the house is well handled in the stair hall. The second floor arrangement of conveniences is excellent.

All rooms have at least two exposures by virtue of the bay at the back. All rooms are well proportioned and easily accessible. The secondary hall on the first floor solves the traffic problem nicely.


An interesting stair arrangement imparts spaciousness to the hall and the kitchen is accessible to it, The second floor terrace is small and rather inaccessible and the baths are disproportionately allocated.

The entrance hall is long and narrow. The kitchen walls are too much cut up by openings. Second floor layout is good with closet space well proportioned. Storage closets are provided throughout the house.

## FOUR BEDROOMS AND SERVANT'S ROOM

SCALE $I^{\prime \prime}=32^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$


The location of the fireplace is odd in its relationship to the living room area. The kitchen is large and light. The stair is perhaps a little too prominent on axis with the front door. Second floor hall is well lighted.


An unusual but satisfactory arrangement of rooms on the first floor. The bedrooms are cleverly handled but closets are few and small especially in a house of this size. The large terrace on the second floor is good.


Both the first and second floor plans seem unnecessarily cut up and the various areas are oddly shaped. The bedrooms all have three exposures, however, and are adequate in size. The closet locations are unhandy.


The concentration of glass on one side of the house is unusual. The servant's room could well be nearer the kitchen. The second floor plan presents a maximum of its area usable for bedrooms with good closets.


The entrance hall is large and leads graciously into the living room. The location of the stair makes the second floor hall unnecessarily large, but it is in keeping with the feeling of openness that pervades this plan.


This very compact plan has interesting possibilities. The kitchen wall area is too broken up to provide much cabinet or counter space. The second floor bedrooms and closets are well arranged and proportioned.

## FOUR BEDROOMS AND SERVANT'S ROOM

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The entrance from the garage to the house is too direct and the front door is very tightly placed. The tremendous glass area in the living-dining room is a striking feature. Bedrooms are spacious and closets ample.


Rooms in this plan are well related and nicely proportioned. The living room should be most attractive when furnished. The bedrooms are nicely placed about the central hall. The service door is well located.


The rooms are spacious and well disposed. The fireplace is awkwardly placed between two large openings which makes proper furniture grouping a problem. The economy of the plumbing arrangement is obvious.


The servant's room is well isolated and cleverly placed. The rooms are all of comfortable size and little space is wasted. The terrace should be a most attractive outdoor living room and is accessible from hall.


This compact plan is very livable. The various rooms are excellent in their relationship and the symmetrical distribution of rooms on the second floor presents a simple but pleasing arrangement. Terraces are good.


## ARCHITECTS AND AVOCATIONS

The lyfe so short, the craft so long to lerne, Th' assay so hard, so sharpe the conquering. -Chaucer.


The gerdener's lot is to dig, plant, prune, weed, spray and water, with small material and vast spiritual results. Lois Lilley Howe, F.A.I.A., hastens to alleviate the thirst of a budding rose.


In a world of constant bustle and hurry, it is nice to know that William Dewey Foster's avocation is simple sitting. The setting is from the garden of his "boondoggling" house in Georgetown and the lady is Mrs. Altman whose husband, Charles Altman, University of Chicago Near East archeologist, lurked behind the candid camera to get this bit of rusticity.

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Ivory white; incised letters and bolts in dull red T. B Hapgood


Brick lettering on white marble Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
FROMTHIS SPOTIN AREGION
WHHCH HE LOVED THE ASHES OF
ALBERT MAYNTRD COLE
WERE GIVEN TO EARTHAND AIR
1870 SNC-1928
\&

Affixed to a tree
T. B. Hapgood


Wren Chapel, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. Perry, Shaw \& Hepburn


General Bronze Corporation


Wren Chapel, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. Perry, Shaw \& Hepburn


White marble; incised letters and border in red T. B. Hapgood


Wren Chapel, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. Perry, Shaw \& Hepburn


The Brick Presbyterian Church
New York, N. Y.

## OTTO MARC EIDLITZ - $1860 \cdot 1928$



Plaster model
T. B. Hapgood


Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O.

## T. B. Hapgood



Bronze countersunk in marble
Paul P. Cret


Chapel of All Saints, Trinity Church, New York, N. Y. Thomas Nash


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The Gorham Company

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New York, N. Y.




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Christ Church, Andover, Mass.
Frank Chouteau Brown


Church of the Ascension, New York, N. Y. McKim, Mead \& White


Black lettering on white marble

> PAYSON DORMITORY Erected 1929 Named in Honor of HERBERT PAYSON and hisfamily St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.


Church of the Ascension
New York, N. Y.


Church of the Ascension, New York, N. Y.
Percy Griffin


Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O.
T. B. Hapgood


Charles J. Walsh


The Gorham Company


Marble countersunk in brick
Smith \& Bassett


White marble against slate
St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.


General Bronze Corporation


Marble countersunk in ledge stone


Robert Aitken

Charles S. Keefe


Black, red and white marble Chrisł Church, Philadelphia, Pa.


Chapel, Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn. Delano \& Aldrich


The Gorham Company


Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal, Canada
York \& Sawyer; S. G. Davenport


Frank Chouteau Brown


McKim, Mead \& White


Julio Kilenyi


American Academy in Rome
McKim, Mead \& White


Bronze on ledge stone
Walter B. Chambers


Chapel of the Intercession, New York, N. Y.
Mayers, Murray \& Phillip


Kings Chapel, Boston, Mass.
T. B. Hapgood


Wren Chapel, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. Perry, Shaw \& Hepburn


Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pa. Cram \& Ferguson


Bronze on black and gold marble
Charles S. Keefe


# SALVAGED FROM TIME 

Extracts from the Autobiography of

CLAUDE BRAGDON

MY architectural apprenticeship began at the age of sixteen, in Oswego, New York. Here there was only one architect. His name was A. J. Hopkins, a sandy-haired, watery-eyed man, with a somewhat swollen sense of his own importance. Clients were scarce, and he eked out his meagre income by doing odd jobs of various sorts involving mechanical draftsmanship, the most remunerative being those maps of places, plans of houses, et cetera-"Exhibits A, B, and C"-used in court proceedings to inform the jury of the physical aspects of the matter in hand. He got well paid for this work, and it was important to have his diagrams look worth the money; therefore he adorned them with elaborate titles of fancy lettering, done in colored inks. This was tedious and difficult work of a sort at which he was not proficient, so when he happened to see an example of my
skill he hired me to work for him after school hours. My first job was lettering the plan of a farm kitchen in which a horrible murder had been committed, designating every bloodstain, and the stick of wood with matted hair on it, found underneath the stove.
Such was the rather ominous beginning of my career as draftsman and architect; but if it were a warning I did not heed it, and as an omen of evil fortune the prediction signally failed to come true.
In 1886 my parents moved to Rochester, New York, and there I entered the architectural office of L. P. Rogers as an apprentice at a salary of nothing a year. He was a great goat-like man with grandiose ideas. These found their architectural expression in façades of red pressed brick and gray cast iron in which the classic orders, handled without respect and without mercy, were ar-
rayed against one another. The Warner Building, on North St. Paul Street, which housed the business of the then famous Warner's Safe Cure, was the supreme example of his art. Since the windows of his office, in an old stone house a little farther up the street, commanded a fine view of this edifice, its image still remains extraordinarily clear.

There were two others in the office with me, one an apprentice like myself and the other a paid draftsman. Business was bad and Rogers made his appearance only occasionally, being immersed in other affairs of a mysterious nature. Thus, left largely to our own devices, we loafed, read, played cards, and looked out of the window, particularly on gusty days when the crosswinds played havoc with the women's skirts. Like most young men we were more or less lascivious-minded, but I


Harvey Ellis, one of the master draftsmen of the Nineties, and a characteristic representation of his work in pen-and-ink outline with superimposed color somewhat in the Japanese manner
was still an innocent, of Puritan upbringing, and could neither accustom my tongue to obscene talk nor reconcile my ears to the sound of it.

I cannot count the year spent in this office as anything but wasted: I learned nothing of value in my profession, and a great deal of no value regarding matters with which I had no concern. It ended in my feeling a dislike for architects, as represented by Rogers, and a distaste for architecture as represented by the Warner Building. I wanted to be in the stream of life instead of in this slack backwater ; I wanted to make money, and to "Leave my stamp upon the age."
I was ready for a change of some sort, and after an interval of waiting the opportunity came. I was offered a job as a cartoonist on a projected local comic paper at a salary of fifteen dollars a week. Confident of making good and dazzled at the prospect, I accepted, the understanding being that I was to contribute one major cartoon a week. I succeeded so well that I worked myself out of a job in short order. It happened in the following way:

At that time Rochester's most prominent citizen was D. W. Powers, owner of Powers Block, the mansard of which housed the celebrated Powers Art Gallery, where for an admittance fee of twenty-five cents one could view many bad and mediocre pictures along with a few good ones. But Mr. Powers' pride in his collection was immense. The third cartoon I made for Jury was directed at the quality of his connoisseurship. It so happened that the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company was giving away a colored lithograph with every purchase, and I represented Mr. Powers coming out of the
store door with a pound of tea in one hand and under his arm a picture. "Now I'm Grandmamma," of a little girl putting on a pair of spectacles. Underneath the cartoon was the legend: "Mr. P -rs' latest acquisition."

When this made its appearance Powers was furious and threatened reprisals. To placate him I was discharged. This taught me the truth of what the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table said, that one should never be as funny as one can. It disgusted me with my new profession even more than I had been disgusted with my old one, so I accepted a position with Putnam and Block, architects, at a salary of five dollars a week.
I had not been working for them long when I was offered double this amount and the position of head-draftsman in the office of Charles Ellis. Though 1 knew that I was deficient in experience the opportunity seemed too good to let pass, so I accepted, but with an inward fear that I would be betrayed by my own incompetence. I soon found, however, that my new employer was as incompetent as I. His talent lay in getting commissions, and as soon as he had landed one he would turn it over to his draftsman to execute while he went out to capture another. Having just landed a big factory for the SteinBloch Company, he now expected me to carry the building through. I realized that my whole future might depend upon my success in this, and resolved not to fail at any cost. I was a sufficiently good planner and designer, but was deficient in knowledge of construction. Fortunately, one of the contractors chosen to do the work, a skilled engineer, seeing the plight I was in, solved all my structural problems for me. As
a result I came triumphantly through this ordeal. My assiduity won me not only the confidence, but the friendship of Nathan Stein, the Company's head and founder, so that when I went into practice on my own account he was one of my first clients.

I have often noted that when one earnestly desires to do a thing which seems beyond his power to achieve unaided, help is forthcoming. As it was with my first important building, so it was also with my first theatrical production. I knew nothing of the technique of costuming, lighting, scene building and scene painting, but at every crisis where I needed help, I got it. Something in my atittude of mind seemed to attract just the right person to me. When faith is reenforced by faithfulness, prayers are answered.

At about this time I suffered a disappointment in love. I sought and found relief from my unhappiness in work. But the daily routine failed to satisfy me; I needed new and more imaginative outlets. In those days if one wanted to become an architect he studied at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris-provided he could afford it-or he went into some architect's office and learned his profession there. The man I worked for could teach me nothing, but there was a third educational alternative. The Architectural League of New York and the T-Square Club of Chicago held annual competition open to all draftsmen; the architectural magazines often held contests of a similar sort, and in the larger cities there were architectural associations the purpose of which was educational as well as social. Such was the Rochester Architectural Sketch Club, which I helped to organize. I entered into these activities with gusto, and spent most of my free time working on imaginary projects in friendly rivalry with clever draftsmen everywhere. Whatever skill I may have as a designer I attribute largely to this training. I won the President's Medal of the Architectural League on three separate occasions, and my success in one of these competitions brought me good fortune of another sort, as I shall tell. But first I must speak of Harvey Ellis, the personal influence most potent at this period of my life.

This began before I ever saw him, for he was the brother, and had been the partner, of Charles Ellis, for whom I worked. The office was full of Harvey's drawings, which moved me to admiration, emulation and despair, because he was one of the finest pen-and-ink artists this country has produced. Having heard that Lafe Heidell had a
"nude" in his barroom, done by Harvey in discharge of a debt, I paid the place a visit, and found that he was no less accomplished as a painter. The picture represented two white-bodied nymphs stretched out on the sea beach, one of them engaged in tracing with a pointed shell on the wet sand "A Letter to Neptune." It was charming! I heard so many tales about the man as artist, wit, raconteur, barroom idol and man-about-town that I longed to meet him.
This desire was at last gratified, and we became friends. After a brilliant career as architectural designer in Chicago, St. Louis, and Minneapolis offices, Harvey returned to Rochesternot triumphantly, but "like a spent swimmer, crept desperately ashore." As in the case of so many men of similar talents and temperament, drink had been his undoing. He had given it up but it had done its work and left its mark. Notwithstanding this, he could be funny about it on occasion: I complimented him on how well he was looking, and he answered: "Yes, but you forget that I was preserved in alcohol for twenty years!"

Harvey was slightly under medium height but of erect and soldierly car-riage-for he had been educated at West Point. His clear, thoughtful, gray-blue eyes looked out from underneath a delicate, high, white forehead; a drooping moustache concealed a sensuous mouth set in a somewhat heavy jaw. Thus his dual nature, the embodied intelligence and the amiable epicurean touched with animalism, found expression in his face. His hands were small and exquisitely shaped, the forefinger of the right hand stained yellow by cigarettes, and the thumb phalange too short for one who would leave his stamp upon his age. He was at all times very much the gentleman ; there was a certain quiet dignity about him, and I think it never was more present than in the crowded public ward of that Syracuse hospital where I took final leave of him.
Harvey seldom sold a picture, because if anyone expressed a liking for one of them he was so pleased that he made that person a present of it. Toward the end of his stay in Rochester he lived for the most part on the bounty of his friends, of whom he had many. When Gustav Stickney of Syracuse, the furniture maker, and publisher of The Craftsman, offered Harvey a job in that city, he made a final clean-up by representing to every one of his friends that he had not enough money to take him there. In an uncongenial environment, and bound to routine tasks far below his


Bruce Price, from painting by Harper Pennington, and Bragdon's pen drawing of the Southern mansion in which Price was born-a drawing made for Scribner's with the guidance of a faded photograph
talent, he took to drinking again, and became ill in consequence. Though his friends rallied to his aid at the very end, the attending circumstances of his death were sordid and distressing.

My formal education was of the scantiest, but I have had the inestimable privilege of being inspired and instructed in the arts I practised by two great masters of them: Harvey Ellis and Louis Sullivan. Both paid the penalty of being ahead of the time they lived in; both sought the false solace of drink, died poor, and were more or less neglected. Although Ellis left less to justify his title to greatness than did Sullivan, he exercised an influence in his own chosen field not less potent: The strong-nerved young draftsmen of the Middle West used to nick the edges of their T-squares in the effort to reproduce Harvey's crinkled pen line-the product, did they but know it, of nerves unstrung. Artists of greater eminence pored over his water-colors trying to discover by what means he imparted to them the depth and richness of a Persian rug. He was one of the pioneers in that so-called "charcoal school" of water-color painters who, following the method of the Japanese print-makers, develop their design in bold outline, then establish their notanvalues in dark and light-superimposing their color upon that.
Many are the things which Harvey Ellis taught me: that a picture, like a growing plant, should look finished at any stage of its progress; that hiding behind every color is its complementary, like a child behind its mother's skirts, and can be made to show itself; that symmetry is death, but balance-livingness; that "chairs were made for people to sit in," and that "one should go
sketching with his hands in his pockets."
After Charles Ellis had failed to pay me my salary for several weeks on end, I left his employ and began to cast about elsewhere. I was by then an excellent pen-and-ink renderer of architectural subjects, and it occurred to me that I might use this talent in the field of magazine illustration. I was encouraged in this belief by my friend Henry Milford Steele, at that time assistant art editor of Scribner's Magazine. Accordingly, with all the money I had in the world, which was thirty dollars, I went to New York to seek my fortune.
On my arrival in New York I took a little inside room at the Grand Union Hotel, opposite the New York Central Station, and lost no time in calling upon Steele, who introduced me to his chief. This gentleman, whose name I fail to remember, was affable but vague. He said that sometime he might have something for me, and asked to see an example of my work in pen and ink. Incredible as it may seem, I had nothing to show him, but I promised to bring him what he asked for on the following day. So I bought a sheet of bristolboard and a bottle of black ink, retired to my cubicle and set to work. My only source of light was a flickering gas jet, my drawing-board was the marble top of a cold steam radiator; I had to work in an overcoat to keep from freezing, and my fingers were so stiff that they could scarcely hold the pen. Nevertheless I achieved a fairly good pen-and-ink rendering of a photograph; at any rate it satisfied the editor, for he assured me that he would send for me as soon as he had need of the kind of thing I could do best.

This was not failure, but neither was it success. I saw that I must get some


Stanford White, idol of New York's end of the century draftsmen and his famous Tower of Madison Square Garden -from a drawing made later by Mr. Bragdon

kind of work if I were to remain in New York. Architectural draftsmanship was my only marketable talent, so I spent the following few days going from office to office in search of a job. Sometimes I was received politely, sometimes rudely, but always with the negative answer and hastily turned back. For the first time in my life I encountered the Great Indifference, and experienced its icy chill.

To make my money last longer I went hungry much of the time, and I allowed myself no pleasures other than that of hovering over one of the great coal fires in the hotel lobby and watching the people come and go. By Saturday morning I had only enough money left to keep me over the week-end and to buy a ticket back to Rochester: I definitely had to face the prospect of a retreat. I started out that morning, therefore, with the realization that this was my last day of grace.

I went first to the office of Bruce Price, an architect whose work I knew and liked. I was not permitted to see him, of course-I had grown used to thatbut his head draftsman appeared at the little aperture just long enough to tell me brusquely that he was not taking on any new men at that time. At that moment a tall, distinguished-looking gray-haired man whom I knew to be Price came from an inner office, and as he passed the window on his way out glanced at the card I had thrown down. At the sight of my name he stopped, eyed me sharply, and asked me if I were the man to whom The Architectural League had awarded its silver medal. Assured that such was the case, he said: "Your design was the best. I was one of the judges of that competition and would have given you the gold medal had not the others voted me down. You're just the man I'm looking for. Come in on Monday and work for me; I'll pay you twenty-five dollars a week."
I had been in Price's employ for about
a month when the art editor of Scribner's sent for me and set me the task of making a pen-and-ink rendering from a faded photograph of a fine old southern mansion. It was just the sort of thing which I could do best and I made a good job of it. One day Price came to me with a copy of the magazine in his hand open at the page containing the reproduction of my drawing. It was one of the illustrations of an article written by him. "That's a picture of the house where I was born," he said, "It's a beautiful drawing; I wonder who made it." There was a deepening of our mutual liking when I told him that the drawing was mine.

I had taken a large rear room in a "brownstone front" on West Thirtyeightil Street, presided over by a big, red-headed lrishwoman, the wife of a Hudson River steamboat engineer. I was often lulled to sleep by the faintlyheard music from the near-by Metropolitan Opera House. My rent was four dollars and a half a week; ten dollars went to my mother, and I lived on what was left. Being fastidious about food, service, and surroundings, I went without a mid-day lunch for the sake of enjoying a good dinner at an expensive restaurant in the evening. In order to forget my hunger I used to spend the noon hour watching the construction of the Madison Square Garden, distant only a short walk from Price's office, eastward along thronged Twentythird Street, past the white portal of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and diagonally across the great green, friendly Square.

On these excursions I used sometimes to encounter Stanford White, identifiable by his great stature, his walrus moustache, and his upright carroty hair. The Madison Square Garden was not only the supreme expression of his architectural talent, but it was a sort of compendium of his tastes as well, embracing as it did a great arena, a theatre, a restaurant, a roof-garden and an apartment house. His tower room was the scene of that alleged seduction which led to his murder by Harry K. Thaw. This occurred on the Garden roof, amid a crowd of pleasure-seekers. From a newspaper man's point of view it was perhaps the most sensational event which ever happened in New York. How fortunate that we do not know what the future holds for us! Had White known that he was building the stage-setting for his own life's tragedy, how could he have had the courage to carry to completion what was certainly one of the most admirable buildings of modern times?
(To be continued)

# I N S ULATION 

WHAT WE KNOW AND OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT IT

By TYLER STEWART ROGERS

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THERE is no longer any question in the minds of architects and engineers of the economic value of insulation in modern heated or air conditioned buildings. In a decade the building world has become "insulation conscious." Insulating materials, and such collateral heat-transfer-reducing devices as multiple glazing, weatherstripping and entrance infiltration barriers, have become staple products rather than specialties; they are prerequisites of sound modern construction.
No doubt this position is due largely to their economic worth. Almost any type of insulation now in commercial production and general use can pay its own way in buildings. That is, its cost will be offset largely by initial economies in the size and cost of heating and cooling equipment, and any difference that may remain will be paid off in a relatively short period of time by fuel and operating economies that result directly from the diminished heat flow. It can be truly said, in residential work at least, that no dollar invested in a building pays such handsome dividends as the dollar spent for insulation.

## PRESENT KNOWLEDGE

Condensed for easy reference in the accompanying three TIME-SAVER STANDARDS sheets are all facts essential to the architect or engineer for determining the influence of insulation, weatherstripping, multiple glazing and entrance door types on the heat loss or gain of any building structure, excepting only the influence of solar heat.

The first sheet "How to Find Heat Transmission of Building Sections" gives standard rules and data for calculating the overall coefficient of transmission of any combination of building materials.

The second, entitled "Heat Transmission through Building Sections with Per Cent of Heat Transfer Stopped by Insulation" presents a comparative study of the effect produced by different quantities and different types of insulation when employed as indicated in ten representative wall, floor, ceiling and roof sections. This sheet is primarily a guide to the selection of materials by type and quantity, for it gives both the coefficient of heat transmission and the per cent of heat transfer stopped by the selected insulation. Obviously ten sections are insufficient in number to meet all practical needs; but the relative value of lesser or greater quantities of any given insulation or the relative effectiveness of different types may be seen at a glance, so that attention can be turned to such other vital matters as cost, ease of installation, durability and performance of the kinds tentatively chosen.

The third sheet, "Heat Transmission and Infiltration
through Doors, Windows and Glass Masonry" covers the collateral subjects of multiple glazing, weatherstripping and entrance infltration. New information, never before presented to the architectural profession, appears here. A tentative value is given for the transmission of hollow glass masonry units; tentative because of wide variations in test data and lack of a sufficient number of tests to confirm the average value shown. Tables showing entrance infiltration under summer and winter conditions through entrances fitted with swinging doors, vestibules and revolving doors, offer much needed new data. See the following article by the author of these tables, Arthur M. Simpson, for a clear and instructive explanation of their significance.

Except where otherwise noted, all of the basic reference data in these TIME-SAVER STANDARDS are derived from the American Society of Heating \& Ventilating Engineers Guide, 1936. This is recognized as the primary source of engineering data used generally by heating, ventilating and air conditioning engineers and equipment manufacturers. Purposely conservative, and for this very reason often subject to controversy over the admission of new data, the Guide figures have generally proved satisfactory in field practice and may, therefore, be used with confidence.

## KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

It is, nevertheless, true that what is known today about insulation, and particularly about insulation technique in field practice, is inadequate and must rapidly be expanded. Some of the things now subject to research, or about to be given extended study, are worth reviewing in order to see, in advance perspective, what improvements may be anticipated.

There are only four basic types of insulation, rigid, semirigid or blanket and fill types of what may be termed mass insulations and reflective types. In each category, however, there are from a half dozen to a half hundred different kinds of manufactured products, each made by from one to several hundred different companies. It is said there are well over two hundred producers of rock wool or its equivalent. Inevitably there is a certain amount of confusion in the minds of buyers between the merits of these different types and brands in consequence of the keen competition between so many interests for each insulation dollar.

What architects need, obviously, is more knowledge than now exists as to the proper choice between types (if not brands) for any given condition encountered in building practice. It must be clear that not all materials are equally suited to all conditions, cost included. No one material can
properly clain miversality in use or even a predominance of advantages under average conditions. Each one has its merits and its limitations. The industry is too young, perhaps, to have learned that architects place greater faith in a material when they know its limitations than they do in any product for which only advantages are presented. So for the present at least, the profession must rely upon its own best judgment until the accumulation of experience tends to settle each type of insulation into its proper place in the building picture.

We need, too, more precise knowledge about installation technique. It has already become obvious that honest craftsmanship is as essential to satisfactory performance as innerent quality of material. Practically all reputable manufacturers have formulated standards of good practice in the use of their materials, but only a few of them have done enough to disseminate this information broadly among architects and contractors alike. Some extremely unsound practices have developed among low-grade speculative builders and contractors, particularly in the improper use of fill and rigid insulations or in substituting less thicknesses than the amounts claimed, and in the misplacement of reflective materials. These abuses, deliberate or made through ignorance, are cheating the public. Architects can do much to establish proper techniques, first by demanding of manufacturers adequate installation instructions under all conditions encountered in use, and second by insisting that these practices be followed faithfully through proper specifications and rigid supervision.

It is time for us to gain more knowledge about the final behavior of building insulation materials after installation. Up to the present, most of our knowledge of transmission values has been derived from laboratory tests that bear no relation to field conditions.

All insulation materials are rated on their transmission as determined by "hot box" or "hot plate" tests on bone dry samples about one foot square. The very nature of the test eliminates variables due to moisture content. Yet we know that materials used in construction are constantly exposed to air-borne moisture, and cannot remain bone dry in use. These tests also fail to recognize the effect of wood or metal or masonry framing members which may extend from the cold side to the warm side of the building section. Wood has low conduction, metals and masonry have high conduction. It is ridiculous to believe that the overall transmission of a wood framed wall is identical with that of one using steel to separate and support the inner and outer surfaces. There must also be some difference in performance between materials placed over the framing members and those placed in between.

While these considerations are utterly neglected in present methods of rating insulations, it is impossible to say how much significance would attach to more precise knowledge. For the present, it is comforting to realize that calculated heat losses or gains work out quite closely in actual practice. Hence our empirical knowledge is at least keeping us out of trouble. But with the steady advancement in building arts, and the need for facts that may lead to further economies in construction, it seems very important to have a careful check between laboratory values and those encountered in building service.

Architects ought to know how much insulation is enough. Ordinary wood stud construction with wood sheathing and
siding on the exterior and metal lath and plaster within transmits 26 Btul per hour per degree $F$ difference in temperature. For many years, until fuel costs mounted and operating costs became subject to scrutiny, this construction proved quite satisfactory. Then we learned that insulation would reduce heating costs sufficiently to pay for the added materials, and dividends would be earned in increased comfort as well as in cash. But how far should we reduce this overall transmission in different sections of the country? Would a value of 08 or .10 represent de luxe practice for severe climates? Should we say that .15 to .20 is minimum good practice? It is possible to find the answer for each specific project by a series of calculations, including transmission values, insulation costs and fuel and operating costs. But this is too tedious for most architects to undertake. Some guiding figures, developed without bias, would help materially. For the law of diminishing returns makes it possible to over insulate as well as to under insulate.

The advent of air conditioning is opening up still another field for constructive research. Technicians know that when indoor relative humidities are artificially controlled (as they should be for comfort and health) there is a theoretical dew point temperature somewhere within the exposed walls or roof at which point air-borne moisture is condensed into water. This occurs, of course, only under certain climatic conditions. It is also known that infiltration through some kinds of construction is very high (as much as 7.85 cubic feet per square foot per hour through an $81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ brick wall exposed to a wind velocity of 15 mph ) but that it is reduced to negligible quantities by plastering or by the use of a stout building paper. It is further known that vapor pressures tend to move this internal moisture toward the cold side of the wall.

These facts set up a number of speculations that cannot be answered without further research. It seems important to know how much air-borne moisture permeates building sections of different types. For if any type admits large quantities, sufficient dampness might collect to cause damage to the structure or temporarily to impair the value of the insulation. This question might arise with some of the newer experimental assemblies, such as are being tried in prefabricated and "dry" constructions. It would appear also that plaster, building paper or any other impervious curtain on the warm side might be a sufficient barrier to prevent any measurable accumulation of dampness.

Many of these questions are purely academic today. Nevertheless leading manufacturers and such organizations as the American Society of Heating \& Ventilating Engineers are awake to the importance of greater knowledge. Much research is being undertaken, more is planned for 1937. Problems relating to the heat capacity of materials (that contributes to, "lag" in cooling calculations) and to solar heat on buildings and glass are included. Progress is being made.

It may confidently be expected that this new phase of building science will soon become as well established and as familiar as carpentry, masonry and steel work. Standardized practices are the objective. American Architect and Architecture, having placed present knowledge of insulation practice before the profession in the accompanying article and TIME-SAVER STANDARDS, will report further advances as they reach the stage of practical application.

ENTRANCE doors in buildings-particularly those in stores and commercial structures where traffic is contenuous and often very heavy have long beys. They admit unof heating and air conditioning engine less desirable hot air wanted cold air in winter and eve the year around. Swingin summer, and dust and dirt all closing mechanisms, yesing doors equipped with strong all been used in efforts to tibules and revolving doors ration of air through entrances. control the troublesome infiltrated largely by guesswork, for But their use has been governed have been available. Inadeuntil very recently no real data in the American Society of quate rules-of-thumb appearing Engineers Guide for 1936 attest Heating and Ventilating in this important field. the scarcity of information considerations, but directed by a

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ENTRANCE INFILTRATION WITH
AMER AIR CONDITIONING
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This is not good air for purpose. It has been swept over worst possible air for this pureated and laden with dust and hot pavements. It is super-hererchandise and fixtures bedirt which are deposited on mitered. The other air in the fore the air can be washed or to counteract the humidity and room has to be super-cooled to into the room. Where the heat that this street air brings a busy entrance, this excess doors are frequently opened in a expensive load on the cooling outside air is a useless and exphould enter through the apequipment. Air for ventilation so clean it and to assure even, paratus in order to control it, to shout the entire conditioned undisturbed distribution theron area.

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## RECENTLY DEVELOPED INFILTRATION DATA

Door infiltration in the summer cooling season is caused largely by wind pressure and the Weather Bureau records show that on the hottest days the wind velocity is usually above normal. Field tests show the direction of the prevailing wind to have small bearing on the actual direction of entrance infiltration under conditions of exposure in cities. Obstruction of air currents at the street level by surrounding buildings of varying heights causes the forces of wind velocity to be transformed into eddy currents and areas of varying pressures. These create entrance velocities in surprising directions. Even supposedly protected entrances may prove to be serious problems.

Such conditions, of course, are most apparent in stores or buildings having entrances in more than one outside wall. However, equally unexpected problems are common in such areas having entrances in only one outside wall. The theory that a single entrance building is in effect an air-tight sheil with only the single doorway to act as a part through which all the air is exchanged is false. Most stores or shops have ventilating fans, rear windows, stairways or elevator shafts through which the air pressure can be relieved as fast as built up by winds blowing against the entrance doors. Of course, too, the flow can be reversed and a strong exfiltration take place. Examples of this condition can be found in almost any single entrance store where the wind is piling up a pressure in upper floors or on the blank side of the building.

## COST OF OPEN DOORWAYS

A summary of field data taken in a large number of cities shows that infiltration and exfiltration velocities in buildings having entrances in more than one outside wall will vary normally from a maximum of 350 feet per minute to a minimum of 150 feet per minute, with a mean of 250 feet per minute. For single entrance buildings draft velocities will vary from 80 feet up to as high as 250 feet per minute. Here the mean velocity for open door operation may be considered to be 160 feet per minute.

These figures show why it is impracticable to attempt to maintain comfortable conditions in buildings where cross drafts through opposed open doorways are possible, and why it is costly to permit the doors of single entrance air conditioned buildings to stand open.

With two opposed entrances remaining open and a mean infiltration velocity of 250 feet per minute, assuming a double doorway $5^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$ wide by $7^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$, the volume of infiltration or exfiltration would amount to 8750 cubic feet per minute. With ventilation requirements for 200 persons which would be supplied through the apparatus credited to the infiltration loss, we have left a waste of 6750 cubic feet per minute of unconditioned air which would have to be cooled and dehumidified by contact and mixture with super-cooled and dehumidified air from the apparatus. Cooling from outside conditions of $90^{\circ}$ Dry Bulb and $75^{\circ}$ Wet Bulb to $78^{\circ}$ Dry Bulb and $65^{\circ}$ Wet Bulb inside, this would demand an additional cooling capacity of 19 tons. Allowing only one of

Stop watch tests of traffic in and out of swing doors show the duration of the equivalent of full door opening lasts 2.00 seconds per person. Each person passing through permits the entrance of 166 cubic feet under normal conditions

these entrances to remain open would save a considerable amount of load but there would still be an excess infiltration loss of over 4 tons.

In view of loads of such magnitude it is obviously impracticable even to attempt efficient or effective cooling when two or more opposite or cross draft entrances are standing open. It is further apparent that leaving single entrance doors open is a costly practice.

## EFFECTIVENESS OF SWING DOORS

Unfortunately, simply keeping swing doors closed is not entirely a satisfactory solution to the infiltration problem. With a normal volume of traffic the doors remain open a very large percentage of the time and at peak capacity conditions, very closely approach the situation with open doors. Tests conducted by clocking the traffic in and out of a large number of entrances and timing the duration of equivalent full door opening with a stop watch show an average of 2.00 seconds per person passing through a single set of swing doors.

As pointed out above, tests show average draft velocities of 250 feet per minute through multiple entrance buildings having entrances on two or more streets. Assuming the area of the average swing door to be 20 sq. feet the average infiltration per person through a single set of swing doors into a store having entrances facing on another street will be $2 / 60$ minutes draft opening per person x 20 sq. ft. x 250 feet per minute $=166 \mathrm{cu} . \mathrm{ft}$. per person.

For single entrance buildings with a draft velocity of 160 feet per minute, the corresponding cubic feet of infiltration per person would be 100 .

Cooling outside air infiltrated at such a rate makes air conditioning almost prohibitively costly. Moreover, with distribution difficulties thus brought about satisfactory results are virtually impossible. For example, with a small dollar chain store averaging 600 entrance passages per hour, at 166 cubic feet per person going in and out the drafts through the multiple opposed entrances produce an infiltration of 100,000 cubic feet of outdoor air per hour. With $12^{\circ}$ cooling under heavy wet bulb conditions this represents a cooling load of nearly 4 tons additional refrigeration capacity. Since air conditioning costs about $\$ 300.00$ a ton installed, 4 additional tons capacity represents an added cost of $\$ 1200.00$.

This excessive heat gain from infiltration is the reason why reputable engineers qualify temperature and humidity guarantees where there are entrances on more than one street unless the owner undertakes to keep the doors on one side permanently closed.

## EFFECTIVENESS OF VESTIBULES

The time honored answer to entrance drafts, of course, has been vestibules. However, investigation of their efficacy explains the failure of vestibuled entrances to materially assist in maintaining guaranteed conditions.

Casual observation of people passing through a vestibule gives a hint of why this device fails. With modern traffic
both inner and outer doors are open at the same time so frequently as to provide a duration of through draft opening for each person entering that is apparently little better than a single door.

Actual tests show that vestibule action is even less satisfactory than is apparent to an observer. Figures on a large number of entrances of this type show the time, during which at least one inner and one outer door are open, to average 1.5 seconds per person passing in and out. It is evident therefore, that in busy entrances a vestibule gives only $25 \%$ better protection than just a pair of swing doors. This means that the show window space or the floor area taken up by the vestibule is practically wasted.

## RESULTS WITH REVOLVING DOORS

While the revolving door is an air lock and prevents drafts from sweeping through the entrance it is also a form of metering device and has been generally considered to force an exchange of air which would be greater in amount than the draft volume through a swing door entrance, except under most unfavorable conditions. While admitting the reduction of draft with heavy winds prevalent in the streets, especially where multiple entrances exist, would not this advantage be nullified by the fact that on calm days the very action of the door would enforce an infiltration not otherwise to be contended with?

Pursuing the investigation, however, laboratory tests showed surprising results. Measurements were taken to determine the actual amount of air displaced within the building by the rotation of a revolving door as each person entered the room. It was found that a revolving door, as a metering device, had less than $20 \%$ volumetric efficiency and that a revolving door rotated on an average of $4 / 10$ ths revolution for each person passing through. The faster the revolving door rotated or the more people passing through the revolving door per hour, the less infiltration there was for each person using the entrance. Table 4 in the accompanying Time-Saver Standards sheet "Heat Transmission and Infiltration through Doors, Windows and Glass Masonry" gives a comparison of entrance infiltration losses in various types of both occupancies and entrances.

## REDUCTION OF COOLING EQUIPMENT SIZE

Considering the amount of additional entrance infiltration due to wind pressure in buildings where there are doors in two or more outside walls and the corresponding cooling load and equipment capacity required, the only possibility of guaranteeing conditions without excessive cost is to prevent excessive entrance infiltration. It seems evident from the facts developed that this can be accomplished by the use of a revolving door at one of the opposed entrances. About the only effective alternative would be to close permanently the doors at one of the opposed entrances.

In single entrance buildings the possibility of making a sharp reduction in the original cost of equipment by using doors of the air seal principle should receive the greatest attention of the designer, particularly from the standpoint of improving air distribution and cutting operating costs, sealing out hot drafts from the street should be considered. Air conditioning is too expensive and the adjustment of distribu-
tion too delicate a matter not to employ every helpful auxiliary means available.

## PERFORMANCE OF ENTRANCE DOORS WITH WINTER HEATING

All of the fundamental objections to uncontrolled entrance infiltration which so seriously affect summer cooling and air conditioning apply as well to winter heating and air conditioning. But the causes of infiltration differ.

Entrance infiltration during the heating season is due to combinations of wind pressure, chimney action of tall buildings and exhaust fan ventilation. Velocities through entrance doors are roughly proportional to the height of buildings and vary with outside temperatures, thus indicating the dominant importance of chimney effect. The following table shows velocities found by tests for normal wind. They will be greatly increased by severe wind storms.

## ENTRANCE INFILTRATION VELOCITIES IN TALL BUILDINGS



Exhaust fan ventilation causes entrance infiltration in varying degree, depending, of course, on the fan capacity. Medium exhaust fan ventilation is at least equivalent to the chimney action of a 10 -story building; heavy exhaust fan ventilation is equivalent to the chimney effect of a 20-story structure.

## OPERATION OF DOORS IN WINTER

With a single hinged door controlled by a door check, the equivalent duration of a full door opening for each person passing through is 2 seconds. With a hinged door vestibule ( 4 feet to 15 feet deep) the equivalent duration of full door opening through the vestibule for each person passing through is 1.5 seconds.
A revolving door prevents through drafts but its rotafion causes some displacement which is an infiltration load. This volume depends on the rate of operation and is not seriously effected by wind pressure or chimney action or variations in outside temperature.

Results of tests similar to those made for summer cooling conditions are presented in Table 3 in the accompanying Time-Saver Standards sheet "Heat Transmission and Infiltration through Doors, Windows and Glass Masonry." It should be noted that infiltration is expressed as the cubic feet of air entering per person passing through the doors, whereas in Table 4 on summer conditions the values given are cubic feet per minute per person in the room. In other words, winter infiltration is measured in terms of traffic while summer infiltration is expressed in terms of occupancy.

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## HEAT TRANSMISSION

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No. 66-HEAT TRANSMISSION AND INFILTRATION THROUGH DOORS, WINDOWS AND GLASS MASONRY

# How to Find HEAT TRANSMISSION of Building Sections 

## PURPOSE

The determination of heating and cooling loads in buildings is governed in large measure by the heat transmission of the enclosing walls, roofs, floors and other exposed parts of buildings. The "coefficient of thermal transmission," (designated by the symbol ( $U$ ) which expresses the rate of heat transmission, is given for a number of typical building sections in the accompanying T-S.S. "Heat Transmission through Building Sections with Per Cent of Heat Transfer Stopped by Insulation." Values for other commonly employed building sections are published in the current A.S.H.V.E. Guide. When any building section differs in its assembly of component materials from those published in these or similar sources it is necessary to calculate the overall coefficient of heat transmission $U$. The method of making such computations and the basic data required are presented in this sheet.

## THEORY UNDERLYING CALCULATIONS

The overall coefficient of heat transmission $U$ is the amount of heat expressed in Btu transmitted in one hour per square foot of wall, floor, roof or ceiling for a difference in temperature of 1 degree $F$ between the air on the inside and that on the outside of the wall, floor, roof or ceiling.
It has been determined that heat transfer is retarded by the following elements comprising a wall, roof or other building section, taken in order from outside air to inside air: (1) the resistance of a film of air on the outside (which is generally considered to be exposed to wind velocities averaging 15 miles per hour); (2) the resistance of each layer of building materials forming the structural section; (3) the resistance of each measurable enclosed air space formed within the building section; and (4) the resistance of the surface film of air on the inner face (which is considered to be in still air).
The overall coefficient of heat transmission $U$ is the reciprocal of the sum of the foregoing resistances.

## THICKNESS OF MATERIALS

When a material is homogeneous, such as a piece of wood or insulating board, its ability to transfer heat is measured and expressed "per inch of thickness." Its thermal conductivity ( $k$ ) is the Btu transmitted per hour, per square foot, per degree $F$ difference in temperature between the two faces, per inch of thickness. Its internal resistivity is the reciprocal $(1 / k)$ of its thermal conductivity. When calculating overall coefficients of heat transmission $U$ of building sections it is necessary to take thickness into consideration. Example: Assume a material having a conductivity of .33 and therefore a resistivity of $1 / .33$ or 3.03 is to be used in a thickness of $3 / 4$ inch. In the calculation of its contribution to the resistance of the whole section it is necessary to divide its conductivity by $3_{4}^{\prime \prime}(.33 \div .75)=.44$ or to multiply its resistivity by $3 / 4 / 4(3.03 \times .75)=2.27$ which is also the reciprocal of .44 . It is easy to remember these relationships by the fact that a low conductivity ( $k$ ) indicates superior insulation value while a low resistivity $(1 / k)$ indicates poor insulation value.

When a material is not homogeneous, such as a hollow building block or a composite of plaster and lath, laboratory tests are made for each thickness of material commonly used rather than per inch of thickness. The values are then stated thus: thermal conductance ( $C$ ) is the Btu transmitted per hour, per square foot, per degree $\mathbf{F}$ difference in temperature between the two faces, for the thickness stated or used in construction. Internal resistance $(R)$ is the reciprocal of thermal conductance (that is, $R=1 / C$ ).

If the thermal conductivity or thermal conductance of a material is known, its resistivity or resistance (as the case may be) can be found by taking the reciprocal of the known value.

## REQUIRED DATA

The accompanying table gives the values for common building and insulating materials recommended for use in computing heat transmission coefficients by the A.S.H.V.E. Guide, 1936. It shows the conductivity ( $k$ ) or conductance $(C)$ and the resistivity $(1 / k)$ or the resistance $(R)$. Values for a variety of proprietary products and for variations from average types of staple building materials may be found in the A.S.H.V.E. Guide, 1936, beginning on page 107. For all normal computations the data presented here should be used.

## PROCEDURE

To compute the correct overall coefficient of transmission $U$ for any wall, floor, ceiling or roof section for which the coefficient cannot be found in existing tabular data, proceed as follows:
Rule I. Find in the accompanying table the resistance $(R)$ or the resistivity $(1 / k)$ of each material, exposed surface and air space in the given section. Where resistivities are given (per inch of thickness) adjust the value to the actual thickness used by multiplying the resistivity by the actual thickness in inches or decimals thereof. Take the sum of all resistances and divide into one (to obtain the reciprocal of the sum); the result is the coefficient of transmission $U$ in Btu per square foot per hour per degree $F$.

Example 1: To compute the overall conductivity $U$ of Section I in the Time-Saver Table.
Exterior surface resistance ( 15 mph . wind movement).. . 17 Fir sheathing, building paper, Y. P. lap siding........... 2.00 Air space between studs. Metal lath and plaster, 3/4
Interior surface resistance-still air. .91
.23 .61

Overall Resistance
Overall coefficient of transmission $U=1 / 3.92=.26$ Btu per square foot per hour per degree $F$.
Example 2: To find the effect of using one inch of rigid insulating board in place of wood sheathing and the introduction of one inch blanket form insulation midway in the air space in the same wall:
Exterior surface resistance ( 15 mph .)
.17
Wood siding (shingles or clapboards) .78
$1^{\prime \prime}$ rigid insulating board sheathing. 3.03

First air space
$1^{\prime \prime}$ blanket insulation .............................................. 3.70
Second air space .91
Metal lath and plaster . 23
Interior surface resistance - still air .61

Overall Resistance ........................................... 10.34
Overall coefficient of transmission $U=1 / 10.34=.10$ Btu per square foot per hour per degree $F$.
Reflective metals used as insulation must be associated with air spaces. The metal may be installed on one or both sides of an air space or as curtains dividing the air space into two or more separate air spaces. Thus in some cases an air space may have one side faced with aluminum foil and in other cases both sides may be bounded by foil. Values for each condition and for two widths of air spaces are given in the accompanying table.
Rule II. To find the overall coefficient of transmission of any construction involving reflective metals, follow Rule 1 , substituting for the normal air space resistance (.91) the resistance of each air space bounded on one or both faces by bright metal as given in the accompanying table. Note this table also includes values for standard assemblies of foils which save the addition of the separate air spaces.

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## NOTES

* Indicates conductances and resistances for the thickness stated or used in construction, not per I inch thickness. All values not so marked are conductivities or resistivities and must be proportionately modified if the material is used in any other net thickness than I inch.
(a) One air cell in direction of heat flow.
(b) Hollow tile values for $6^{\prime \prime}, 8^{\prime \prime}$ and $10^{\prime \prime}$ units are based on two
air cells in the direction of heat flow. The $12^{\prime \prime}$ tile is based on three cells in the direction of heat flow. The $16^{\prime \prime}$ hollow tile consists of one $10^{\prime \prime}$ and one $16^{\prime \prime}$ tile, each having two cells in direction of heat flow.
All values are taken from A.S.H.V.E. Guide 1936, Chapter 5, Table 2, "Conductivities and Conductances of Building Materials and Insulators" and are those recommended for computing heat transmission coefficients.

Example 3: To find the effect of adding to the wall section defined in Example 1 an aluminum faced plaster base and two equally spaced curtains of foil within the air space:

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## PER CENT OF HEAT TRANSFER STOPPED

It is sometimes convenient to express the values resulting from the use of an insulation material in non-technical terms, particularly when dealing with clients. This may be expressed as "per cent of heat transfer stopped by the use of building insulation materials." See T-S.S. Serial No. 65. This percentage may be found as follows:
Rule III. Determine the coefficient of transmission of the building section as it would be constructed without using an insulation material. Also compute the coefficient of transmission of the same section as if the selected insulation materials had been incorporated therein. Subtract coefficient of transmission of the insulated section from the coefficient of transmission of the uninsulated section and divide this difference by the coefficient of transmission of the uninsulated section. Multiply by 100 to obtain per cent of heat transfer stopped by the use of insulation.

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## HEAT TRANSMISSION through Building Sections with Per Cent of Heat Transfer Stopped by INSULATION

LIGHT FACE figures in table give the coefficient of heat transmission $U$ of the building section shown, with the indicated insulation material in place.

BOLD FACE figures in table show the per cent of the heat movement through the uninsulated building section which is stopped by the addition of the indicated insulation.


# HEAT TRANSMISSION through Building Sections with Per Cent of Heat Transfer Stopped by INSULATION 



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Heat Transmission and Infiltration through Doors, Windows and Glass Masonry

## PURPOSE

In the calculation of heating, cooling or air conditioning loads the movement of heat (loss or gain) through doors and windows and the increased heating or cooling load due to air infiltration through the cracks around these openings are determined separately from the heat movement through walls, roofs, ceilings and floors. See T-S.S. "How to Find Heat Transmission of Building Sections," and also T-S.S. "Heating and Air Conditioning Loads-I, II, III."
Presented here are data relating to heat transmission and infiltration through doors and windows, exclusive of solar heat gain through glass, which is considered in T-S.S. "Heating and Air Conditioning Loads-II."

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Since doors and windows may be considered as homogenous materials always exposed to moving air outside and to still air materials resistances can be neglected and the inside, conductances and resistances can be neggirectly. These coefficients are presented in Table 1. The importance of multiple glazing to reduce condensation and fogging on windows, especially with winter air conditioning, is shown on Chart 1.

## INFILTRATION DUE TO CRACKAGE

Air entering buildings from out-of-doors affects heating and cooling loads to an important degree. It may leak directly through walls, enter through cracks around windows and doors and their frames, and enter directly through entrance doors during the periods when they are opened by traffic. Air leakage through walls may be reduced so effectively by a layer of good building paper or by continuous plastered surfaces that this source of infiltration is commonly neglected. There is no measurable infiltration through walls built of structural glass masonry.

Air leakage through cracks can be effectively reduced by weatherstripping. Since the quality and performance of various types of weatherstrips vary over a wide range, it is better, wherever possible, to use authenticated test data supplied by the manufacturer of the material used, than the average values necessarily presented herein.
Note that variations in type and installation make it possible for wood windows to develop double the average leakage shown. Also that proper fitting, especially of steel windows, can materially reduce them.


# Heat Transmission and Infiltration through Doors, Windows and Glass Masonry 

Infiltration through cracks around windows and doors may be computed from data in Table 2:

1. Measure the lineal feet of crack around each opening as follows: For double hung windows take the perimeter plus the length of the meeting rail. For casements and pivoted windows take aggregate perimeter of all movable or ventilating sections.
2. Determine the total effective crackage (which is the total crackage adjusted to allow for exfiltration from the leeward side of buildings) as follows: In a room having one exposed wall take all of the crack. With two exposed walls use the wall having the most crack. With three or four exposed walls, take the wall having the most crack but in no case less than half the total crack.
3. Find the prevailing average wind velocity from local weather bureau data or from T-S.S. "Heating and Air ConditioningBasic Data." Refer to Table 2 for the cubic feet of air entering per hour, per lineal foot of crack, for the selected wind velocity and for the type of window or door under consideration. Multiply this value by the effective crackage in lineal feet. The result is the total cubic feet of air per hour due to infiltration.

For data on converting this leakage into heating and cooling
loads see T-S.S. "Heating and Air Condition Loads-I."

## INFILTRATION THROUGH ENTRANCE DOORS

Due largely to lack of authentic test data it has been customary to neglect the air entering a building while entrance doors are in use except by the rule-of-thumb: "A single door in frequent use, as in a store, should have an infiltration value applied which is three times that for a well fitted door."
Recent research based on field tests on nearly 600 entrances reveals that heating and cooling loads are materially affected by entrance door infiltration.*

Losses in summer are governed by wind velocity, type and size of doors, presence of cross draft through building due to doors in different walls and volume of traffic or nature of occupancy of the buildings. In winter, these losses are governed by the chimney effect due to the height of the building, and volume of traffic. In buildings of commercial character, therefore, the total infiltration load through entrance doors should be calculated from data in Table 3 for winter conditions and Table 4 for summer conditions.
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Conditioning, June,

TABLE 3 - INFILTRATION THROUGH ENTRANCE DOORS - WINTER CONDITIONS

| Height of Building-Floors | Entrance Infiltration - Cubic Feet per Person Passing Through |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 72" Revolving Door |  | 36" Hinged Door Vestibule |  | $36^{\prime \prime}$ Single Door |  |
|  | Traffic over 800 per Hr. | Traffic under 800 per Hr . | Temp. $35^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | Temp. $0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | Temp. $35^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | Temp. $0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ |
| 5 | 20 | 32 | 490 | 540 | 650 | 720 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 10^{*} \\ & 20^{*} \end{aligned}$ | 20 20 | $\begin{aligned} & 32 \\ & 32 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 610 \\ & 710 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 735 \\ & 930 \end{aligned}$ | 810 940 | $\begin{array}{r} 980 \\ 1240 \end{array}$ |
| 30 40 | 20 20 | $\begin{aligned} & 32 \\ & 32 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 805 \\ & 900 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1140 \\ & 1280 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1070 \\ & 1200 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1530 \\ & 1700 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 50 \\ & 60 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \\ & 20 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32 \\ & 32 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 980 \\ 1080 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1410 \\ & 1540 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1320 \\ & 1440 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1880 \\ & 2050 \end{aligned}$ |

* EXHAUST FAN VENTILATION; Medium exhaust fan ventilation causes entrance infiltration at least equivalent to the chimney action of a 10 story building and heavy exhaust fan ventilation causes entrance infiltration equivalent to the chimney action of a 20 story building

TABLE 4 - INFILTRATION THROUGH ENTRANCE DOORS - SUMMER CONDITIONS

| Type of Establishment | Entrance Infiltration - Cubic Feet per Minute per Person in Room |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $72^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{R}$ <br> Small <br> Occupancy <br> Max. Infiltration | ing Door Large Occupancy Min. Infiltration | 36" Hinged Door - Single Entrance (Doors in one outside wall only) |  | $36^{\prime \prime}$ Hinged Door -Cross Draft Entrance(More than one door in different walls) |  |
| Bank <br> Barber Shop Broker's Office Candy E Soda Cigor Store | 4.7 2.3 4.7 3.5 14.5 | 2.0 2.3 3.3 2.0 8.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 22.0 \\ & 11.0 \\ & 22.0 \\ & 16.5 \\ & 66.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7.0 \\ 3.5 \\ 7.0 \\ 5.2 \\ 20.8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30.5 \\ & 15.2 \\ & 30.5 \\ & 22.7 \\ & 91.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13.4 \\ 6.7 \\ 13.4 \\ 10.0 \\ 40.0 \end{array}$ |
| Dept. Store (Small 5 \& $10 \$$ ) <br> Dept. Store (Large) <br> Dress Shop <br> Drug Store | 6.4 4.7 1.7 4.7 | 3.0 2.0 1.6 3.3 | $\begin{array}{r} 33.0 \\ 22.0 \\ 8.2 \\ 22.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10.4 \\ 7.0 \\ 2.6 \\ 7.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45.5 \\ & 30.5 \\ & 11.4 \\ & 30.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 20.0 \\ 13.4 \\ 5.0 \\ 13.4 \end{array}$ |
| Furrier <br> Hospital Room <br> Lunch Room <br> Men's Shop <br> Office (Private) | 1.7 <br> 3.5 <br> 2.3 | 1.6 <br> 2.0 <br> 2.1 | 8.2 3.5 16.5 11.0 2.5 | $\begin{aligned} & 2.6 \\ & 3.5 \\ & 5.2 \\ & 3.5 \\ & 2.5 \end{aligned}$ | 11.4 <br> 22.7 <br> 15.2 | 5.0 10.0 6.7 |
| Office (Professional) <br> Office Building <br> Public Building <br> Restaurant <br> Shoe Store | 1.2 1.7 1.7 4.7 | - .5 .7 .7 2.1 | $\begin{array}{r} 3.5 \\ 5.5 \\ 8.2 \\ 8.2 \\ 11.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.5 \\ & 1.7 \\ & 2.6 \\ & 2.6 \\ & 3.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \overline{7.7} \\ 11.4 \\ 11.4 \\ 15.2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -3.4 \\ & 5.0 \\ & 5.0 \\ & 6.7 \end{aligned}$ |

[^4]than the value for single bank of hinged doors given above
With two doors only, each one in different outside walls figure as SINGLE ENTRANCE during portion of time opposite door is closed and as cross draft entrance during portion of time opposite door is open. With two or more doors in each of two or more outside walls figure throughout as cross draft entrance


THREE ARCHITECTS

## AS DECORATORS

DUE to a constantly increasing acceptance of modern design, architects are assuming a more important position as decorators and designers of decorative appurtenances. Usually their work in decoration is limited to that for the individual client. Recently, Grosfeld House, New York furniture manufacturers opened an exhibition consisting of two model houses, one decorated in various traditional styles and the other modern. Three of the rooms and their furniture in the modern house were designed by well-known architects.

1. Eugene Schoen's living room was distinguished by the manner in which he introduced a relationship between the interior and the exterior of a modern home. A large flower window, forming a wall of the house gives one a feeling that the room extends into the garden. The feeling of openness is further achieved through the lack of door openings between the rooms. Another noteworthy feature is the harmonious effect which can be achieved by combining Amboyna, Sapeli, Paldao and Japanese Ash Woods in one setting. The room is done in soft beige with hand carved beige carpet.
2. Irvin Scott, in his library, demonstrated the versatility of sectional furniture in a modern library in which the pieces of light, tropical Yuba wood are arranged into built-in wall units, while the upholstered pieces adapt themselves to use as a long sofa, love seat, or corner chairs. The sectional furniture may be used interchangeably as dividing partitions, bookcases, curio cabinets, desks, storage facilities, or other practical units. The walls, draperies and carpet are carried out in two-tone effect of sand color and black with touches of green introduced in the upholstered pieces.
3. Morris Sanders, winner of the Architectural League's 1936 Silver Medal, created a trim modern bedroom within a background of three white walls and one in Chinese red, and an imposing full height window of glass brick. Mr. Sanders avoided the use of color in the furniture, preferring to confine his color to the red wall. The furniture combines the softness of brown leather with African Walnut wood with metal trimmings to emphasize wood tone.


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The Avery Architectural Library of Columbia University has recently come into possession of an important and unique Sullivan item. It is a scrapbook, prepared by Sullivan's close friend, Lyndon P. Smith, and contains not only clippings of the complete first publication of the "Kindergarten Chats" in the "Interstate Architect and Builder" for 1901-1902, but also several letters from Sullivan to Smith, numerous manuscript comments on the history and derivation of this series of articles made by Smith, and, on the back cover, Sullivan's original pencil layout for the completed series, made when the series was about half finished. It is dated "Palisades, New York, August 12, 1901," and signed "Louis H. Sullivan."

Lyndon P. Smith was an architect whose chief claim to fame seems to have been his continuing friendship with Louis Sullivan. He wrote the article in the "Architectural Record" on the Schlesinger and Mayer butilding in July 1904, pages $53-60$. This article, by the way, is particularly rich in illustrations of the lavish decorative metal work on the Schlesinger-Mayer building in which Sullivan's ideas of dynamic growth-expressing lines were possibly carried further than in any of his other work.

At the period during which the "Kindergarten Chats" were written, Lyndon Smith was living in Palisades, New York, and several of the articles in the series were composed while Sullivan was visiting him there. The whole series of fifty-two articles was an attempt by Sullivan to place his extraordinary organic philosophy in relation to the architecture of America, and to present the whole in a way which was vivid and compelling. He evidently realized the importance which this series had in his own development, and also as perhaps the most alive presentation of his basic ideas. For instance, on February 22, 1901, Sullivan wrote from Chicago as follows:

The 'Kindergarten Chats' will strike deeper than you are inclined to imagine. As a psychological study they will be far and away beyond anything I have hitherto attempted. The key to them, you will find, as the development proceeds, slowly but elaborately,-in the development of the character and artistic nature of the young man, from within.

It will be the first serious attempt ever made to test architecture by human nature and democracy. Don't let a certain flippancy of treatment mislead you. Try to spread them as far as yout can among the laity, for they will be free from technicalities. I am writing for the people, not for architects.

Kelly is a rough diamond. He deserves great credit for his nerve and foresight, and a certain vague but strong desire to make his journal an educational power. He insisted that I should write absolutely with a free hand. It's a pretty heavy money investment for him and he ought to be backed up with subscriptions. I have written 27 of the articles, so I have my "curve" all right.

> Yours,
(Signed) Louis."
As he progressed in writing the series, and Kelly's insistence that he write "absolutely with a free hand" was leading to more vigorous and perhaps more bitter denunciations of what he felt was cheap and wrong in the American architecture of the time, he evidently came to realize that what he was writing was really more for the general

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public than for the architect, and that architects would be either blinded to its message by his denunciation of much that they were doing, or else so immersed in technicalities that its philosophy would be over their heads. In another letter to Smith, which bears no date but evidently was written a little earlier than the one just quoted, he writes: "My dear Lyndon:

I should like to have the 'Kindergarten Chats' circulated as extensively as possible among the laity. The architects will not understand much of what is in them, but the laity, more open minded, will.

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as copious a list as you can of those who might be interested in reading these articles, and he can send them notices and a subscription blank. It is among the people that we want to work. The composition of the articles is going along merrily. I have written 27 . In the 24th I get the 'young man' out of doors on a hot summer's day, and the azeakening begins.

Let me know, from time to time your impressions of the articles, as they appear. How is everything with you and yours?

Truly,
Sullivan."
It is one of the tragic happenings of American architectural history that this series of articles should have been published in an obscure weekly technical paper which never enjoyed a large circulation. Its numbers have unaccountably disappeared, because, as far as I know, this set, in Lyndon Smith's scrapbook, and now in the Avery Library, is one of only two or three extant today; Lyndon Smith thought it a unique set.

Nevertheless, despite the comparatively small circulation which these articles enjoyed, their fame spread rapidly, and the "Kindergarten Chats" were almost a legend-as important and elusive as many legends-until the reprint of the series, edited by Mr. Claude Fayette Bragdon, was brought out by the Scarab Fraternity in 1934. It is noteworthy that in this reprint Mr. Bragdon felt himself called upon occasionally to moderate Sullivan's vituperations and to eliminate some of his puns and some of his slang. Just how far this modification went, only a word for word examination of the original would reveal. The changes are undoubtedly very minor and admirably fitted to make the articles more understandable today. On the other hand, to read them actually as they came, hot from Sullivan's imagination, puns, vituperation, and all, is an experience worth having. Whatever one may think of the quality of Sullivan's poetry, and however one may deplore certain narrownesses of appreciation and certain blindnesses to other types of architecture than his own, one can only admire the extraordinary vitality of the entire series. The wide sweep of its design, and especially Sullivan's deep feeling that architecture and human life, economically and politically, as well as culturally, were inevitably bound together-that to change one was to change the other-that was insight rare at the time. It is that which makes Sullivan the unique figure he is. The blindnesses and some of the vituperation were the results of a life of tragic conflict which neither Sullivan nor his opponents understood


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a tragic conflict which embittered and eventually destroyed him. The marvel is that out of such bitterness, out of such unhappiness, there could flow these vividly presented architectural truths and these almost orgiastic hymns to the power of nature.

Lyndon Smith was one of the few men who realized the implications of this series of articles to the full. On the next to the last page of the scrapbook, he wrote the following statement:
"The Series herein contained represents the views, philosophy and preachments resulting from many years of observation and study resulting again in eminent results of a 'practical' nature of a true Master of Art.
To the unbiased and receptive mind of the young, they can be of great value, a store house of intellectual and psychological lore; not to be read superficially but with a gradual awakening of normal moral life. To the elderly and experienced they speak with prophetic force.

I know of no other copy extant except possibly the original manuscript and its successive transcripts.

In case of my demise, it is my desire that this book be placed within the reach of students of Art, possibly in the Avery Library, Columbia, or similar abiding place of thought. Lyndon P. Smith."
A more personal touch is given by his comments written on the last page, telling the story of Sullivan's visit to Palisades in a way sympathetic and deeply felt.
"The morning after S. arrived at Palisades, we went down the hill to Sneeden's Landing - the western side of Dobb's Ferry, N. Y. There, sitting on the frame of an old sailboat hulk, he thought out his final chapters. On returning home, he wrote out the synopsis (sic) opposite. The articles were written under vastly varying conditions and environment. In smoky Chicago-around the spots at Palisades-down in the Sunny South at his beautiful place in Ocean Springs, (see my Art, in Architectural Record 1905) and in varying moods.

While at my place, he was often at his best-many walks in the woods and drives down the Palisades and back into the country. It seemed as if it were the zenith of our friendship and lives.

He enjoyed his visit greatly-so did I.

> L. P. S."

It seems particularly fitting that as Lyndon Smith wished, this scrapbook has finally come to rest on the shelves of the Avery Library, to take its place with the other expressions of great architectural thinking there enshrined.

## KELVIN BUST FOR SMITHSONIAN

A bronze bust of Lord Kelvin of Largs, Nineteenth Century British physicist, commonly known as the "father of modern refrigeration and air conditioning," was recently presented to the Smithsonian Institution by officials of the English-Speaking Union.
The gift was made possible through the generosity of George W. Mason, president of the Kelvinator Corporation, who was among the prominent guests who gathered to do honor to the great scientist whose name is identified with the Kelvinator, first electric refrigerator for household use; the kelvin, a commercial unit of electricity; Kelvin's law for measuring the most economical diameter of an electric wire; and Kelvin, or Absolute, temperature scale.


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The winners in Class I (houses east of the Mississippi) were-

1st-Perry M. Duncan, New York City Graham Edgar House, Bronxville, N. Y.
2nd-Hunter McDonnell, New York City Norman Kadison house, White Plains, N. Y.
Honorable Mention-Edwin M. Loye, Bronxville, N. Y. Raymond A. MacDonald house, Scarsdale, N. Y. Honorable Mention-Royal Barry Wills, Boston, Mass. House in Revere, Mass.
The winners in Class II (houses west of the Mississippi) were-

1st-William Wilson Wurster, San Francisco, Cal. Edwin S. Berry house, Santa Cruz, Cal. 2nd-Frederick L. R. Confer, Berkeley, Cal. Mr. \& Mrs. W. H. Hall house, Sausalito, Cal. Honorable Mention-Wallace Neff, Hollywood, Cal. Robert F. Garner, Jr. house, San Marino, Cal. Honorable Mention-William Wilson Wurster. San Francisco, Cal. Mr. \& Mrs. Forest Naylor house, Oakland, Cal. Honorable Mention-Winchton L. Risley, Los Angeles, Cal.

Nelson Wheeler house, Pasadena, Cal.
The winners in Class III (week-end houses) were-
1st-Gardner A. Dailey, San Francisco, Cal.
William Lowe, Jr. house, Woodside, Cal.
Honorable Mention- (1) Harwell Hamilton Harris, Los Angeles, Cal.

House at Fellowship Park, Los Angeles, Cal.
(2) Donald Beach Kirby, Balboa Island, Cal. Mr. \& Mrs. Fred Pease house, Balboa Island. Cal.
(3) William Wilson Wurster, San Francisco, Cal. Miss Diantha Miller house, Carmel, Cal.
(4) William Wilson Wurster, San Francisco, Cal. Frank McIntosh house, nr. Los Altos, Cal.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Uhl, Architect, announces the removal of his office to 183 N. Martel Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal.

James B. Hawkins and William A. Netherland, Architects, announce that they have dissolved partnership. Mr. Netherland will continue his practice at the former location, and Mr . Hawkins has opened an office at 405 Elsby Building, New Albany, Ind.
E. Burton Corning, Architect, announces the removal of his office to 1640 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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#### Abstract

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## Weatherstrips

1. . . . Complete information on standard methods of equipping wood or metal windows and doors with Chamberlin Metal Weatherstrips is contained in a new 24 -page catalog (Fifth Edition) issued by Chamberlin Metal Weatherstrip Co., Inc., Detroit. Filing size; A. I. A. File 35-P-6.

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2. . . . National Air Conditioning Inc., Johnstown, Pa. offers a new 12 page booklet which discusses the functions of air conditioning equipment and describes the construction and operation of three basement-type "packaged weather" units for homes and small buildings. Photographs and diagrams of the units are followed by typical installation plans and recommendations for estimating the size and type of units, ducts, etc. Filing size; A. I. A. File 30-F-1.

## lee Skating Rinks

3. . . . Bulletin No. 198-C issued by Frick Company, Waynesboro, Pa., gives helpful data on the construction of indoor ice skating rinks. Floor piping, insulation, type of floor to use, temperature regulation, and refrigerating equipment are all discussed.

## Convectors

4. . . . The Smith Convector is illustrated and described in an 8-page filing-sized catalog (A. I. A. File 30-C-4) issued by The H. B. Smith Company, Westfield, Mass. Dimensions, steam and water ratings, and description of standard enclosures are included.

## Kitchen Cabinetry

5. ... Various types of kitchencabinets and package units manufactured by Kitchen Maid Corp., Andrews, Indiana, are illustrated and briefly described in a 12 -page catalog just published. The three standard types of kitchen arrangements are illustrated in plan. A supplement gives details and dimensions of the various units. Filing size; A. I. A. File 35-C-12.

## Insulation Wallboard

6. ... A new 12-page catalog describing the merits of Fir-Tex Insulation Board and its use as a plaster base or interior finish and for soundproofing has been issued by Dant \& Russell, Inc., Portland, Oregon.

## Anti-Vibration Products

7. . . . The opening section of a new 16-page booklet issued by the Korfund Co., Inc., Long Island City, N. Y. contains a discussion of the elementary considerations of vibration control. The following sections are devoted to illustrations and descriptions of Korfund products, including natural cork plates, Seis-mo-Damper Type-T, and standard and special Vibro-Dampers.

## Home Furnaces and Air Conditioners

8. . . A new bulletin (No. 591) issued by Carrier Corp., Newark, N. J., describes typical applications, combinations, operation cycle, ratings and capacities of Carrier Home Air Conditioners and Carrier Home Furnaces for oil or gas burning. Detailed specifications are also given. Brief data on Carrier Oil Burners are included. Filing size; A. I. A. File $30-\mathrm{F}-1$.

## Toilet Partifions

9. . . . The Sanymetal Products Co., Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, has published a 12 -page, filing-sized catalog illustrating and describing Porcena (porcelain enameled) Toilet Partitions and Wainscot Panels. Detail drawings and specifications are included.

## Red Cypress

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12. . . . Five new circulars on Ideal Arco Accessories have been released by American Radiator Co., New York. These pertain to air, vacuum and vent valves; direct and indirect heaters for domestic hot water; regulators and controls for steam, water and vapor; packed and packless radiator valves; and Thrush and McDonnell-Miller products.

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13. . . . Catalog No. 903 recently published by The Miller Company, Meriden, Conn. covers the complete line of Ivanhoe metal reflectors and fittings for industrial lighting. Ivanhoe fixtures and glassware for commercial lighting, and I. E. S. type better sight lamps manufactured by this company. Containing over 136 pages, this booklet gives descriptions, dimensional data, applications and prices. Filing size, A. I. A. File 31-F.

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SPECIFICATION FOR THE DESIGN, FABRICATION AND ERECTION OF STRUCTURAL STEEL FOR BUILDINGS. Revised 1936. 26 pages, $81 / 2$ by $|\mid$ inches. Illustrations from graphs. Pamphlet binding. New York: 1936: American Institute of Steel Construction. Single copy gratis, variable prices in quantities.
This booklet is the result of an authorization, by the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Steel Construction, of a committee to review the Institute's standard specification. After two years' work, the committee has completed its task, and the specification now printed was officially adopted by the Board June 24, 1936. It recognizes, of course, the increase of basic unit stress from 18,000 to 20,000 pounds per square inch.

FROM FOREST TO FURNITURE. The Romance of Wood. By Malcolm H. Sherwood. 284 pages, $5 \frac{1}{2}$ by $8 \frac{1}{2}$ inches. Illustrations from photographs. New York: 1936: W. W. Norton \& Co., Inc. \$3.
The word "romance" in the title is significant. Here will be found no records of stresses and strains, manufacturing processes and grading rules. The author is interested in telling the story of where the many varieties of wood originate, finding their way eventually into our furniture, our paneling, and wall veneers. To make up for his romanticism, he appends a table of condensed data, listing sixty woods, their commercial sources, botanical names, color, and one or two other significant facts.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AIR CONDITIONING. Held at the University of llinois May 4 and 5, 1936. 154 pages, 6 by 9 inches. Illustrations from photographs and diagrams. Pamphlet binding. Urbana, III.: 1936: Engineering Experiment Station. 50 cents.
Here is a wide range of detail and discussion regarding air conditioning in a comparatively non-technical manner. There is no attempt to discuss the many phases of industrial air conditioning bound up with the manufacture of many commercial products. Each of the papers was presented by a technician recognized as an authority on the subject of which he wrote.

PLANNING NEIGHBORHOODS FOR SMALL HOUSES. Technical Bulletin No. 5. 32 pages, 6 by $91 / 4$ inches. Illustrations from draw ings. Pamphlet binding. Washington, D. C.: 1936: Federal Housing Administration.
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Edwin Howland Blashfield, dean of American mural painters, died recently at the age of 87 years at his home in South Demnis, Mass. Mr. Blashfield was for 38 years President of the National Academy of Design. He was born in New York, son of William Henry and Eliza Dodd Blashfield. He attended the Boston Latin School. Mr. Blashfield began the study of art in Paris under Léon Bonnât in 1867. He remained in Paris for thirteen years exhibiting annually from 1874 to 1879 in the Paris Salon. Mr. Blashfield, upon his return to this country, became an easel painter until early in the 90's when he turned to murals. In 1892 he was commissioned by the City of Chicago to paint murals for the Columbian Exposition of 1893. Along with seven other artists including Kenyon Cox, Carrol Beckwith, Walter Shirlaw, Stanley Reinhard, Julian Alden Weir, Edward Simmons and Robert Reid engaged in designing murals of the same project, Mr. Blashfield turned out his paintings in six weeks. These men were the first important American muralists, since the only fine work of this nature done previously had been by John Lafarge and William Morris Hunt, but after the Exposition in which, incidentally, the paintings were destroyed by fire, there became an increased demand for mural work. From then on the road to fame was clear for Mr. Blashfield. Other of his important works include the central dome of the Library of Congress in Washington; decorative panels in the Bank of Pittsburgh, Lawyers Club, New York; the library of the town house of G. W. C. Drexel, and the supper room of the New York house of W. K. Vanderbilt; the Appellate Court of New York and a ceiling (and three lunettes) in the board room of the Prudential Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J. He also decorated a room in the house of Adolf Lewisohn, New York; two lunettes in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol of Minnesota ; a panel in the State Capitol of Iowa; the decorations in the chancel of the Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia; the four main pendentives of the dome of the new Court House in Newark, N. J.; a symbolic decoration in the Great Hall of the College of the City of New York; murals in the State Capitol in Madison, Wisconsin; the Court House and the Federal Building in Cleveland, and a decoration in the State Capitol of South Dakota. In 1911 he received a gold medal of honor from the Architectural League of New York for his four pendentives in the Court House in Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. Blashfield was a member of the Society of Mural Painters ; the Architectural League and the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He was President of the National Institute of Arts and Letters in 1915-16 and received its gold medal in 1923; he was vice president of the American Federation of Arts, president of National Academy of Design and member of the Federation of Fine Arts of New York. He was also an honorary member of the American Institute of Architects and also former president of the Society of American Artists. He lectured extensively on art, notably at Columbia, Yale and Harvard Universities. Among his many other awards were a bronze medal from the Paris Exposition in 1900 ; a gold medal from the St. Louis Exposition, 1904; a medal of honor of the New York Architectural League; the Carnegie Prize of the National Academy of Design, 1911, and the gold medal of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, 1923.
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Lee D. Miller, Deputy Commissioner of Hospitals in New York, and head of the department's architectural-engineering force died recently at his home in Croton, N. Y. He studied architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, engineering at Columbia, and building laws at New York University. Before entering the service of New York City, le was for five years superintendent of construction of public buildings in Minneapolis. Under his direction, the Department of Hospitals developed a capital outlay program which calls for an expenditure of more than $\$ 50,000,000$. He was also in charge of the work of WPA architects and engineers working on plans for 600 alteration projects estimated to cost $\$ 12,000,000$. Mr. Miller was a member of the American Institute of Architects.

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