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chronic invalids, whose accommodation has hitherto been inadequate. There is to be one smaller medical and one smaller surgical department for acute cases. The department for chronic invalids is to form the nucleus of the Municipal Hospital. In the form of design account has to be taken of the fact that chronic invalids must remain in hospital for months or years and that for them the hospital becomes a home and permanent environment on which they depend for their human relations, occupation and entertainment.

The new buildings are situated in an advantageous part of the hospital site where they receive the maximum sunshine. They consist in essence of ward units arranged side by side facing the south. The grouping of the single blocks gives rise to courts and areas sheltered from the wind. The ward units for chronic invalids are sited on the east side of the rise with its fine views and overlook the southern hospital garden. The ward units acute cases are sited on the west side in the rear depression with uninterrupted views of the south-west hospital garden. They are connected to the rest of the hospital by the main building, which stands at right angles to the slope. The western hospital garden lies one storey lower than the entrance courtyard on the east side of the main building.

Costs

Shop of Intérieur S.A., Zurich (pages 311–313)

In fitting out the shop, arrangements had to be made so that the furniture on show could be combined in a number of different ways. For this purpose light adjustable metal frames with Pavatex filling in cinnabar red, lemon yellow, violet, and light and dark green were made. These units are freely exchangeable and can also be placed transversely in three parts. The groups of furniture in compartment-like arrangements divide up the sales room in lively fashion by means of their accents of colour and form.

Alterations to the shop of Wohnbedarf AG., Basle (pages 314-317)

The problem was to convert a shop in an old-fashioned quarter 44 metres in length and 7 metres in width at the widest point with rooms of different heights and at various levels. The display should consist of well-organized groups, but should avoid giving the impression of a «finished room» and stimulate the customer to devise combinations of his own.

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Thonet Chair Exhibition, New York (page 318)

From August 12th to October 4th the Museum of Modern Art, New York, held an exhibition marking the 100th anniversary of Thonet Bros. Inc. and displaying the pioneer achievements of the firm.

Thirteen selected types of chair, dating from 1836 to 1952, demonstrated the exemplary manner in which Thonet Bros. have made an important and decisive contribution to the development of good style in chairs by means of their production and design.

Freely combinable wall cupboard units (page 319)

In view of the need for greater concentration, the sectional wall cupboard units illustrated here were developed. They can be adjusted to fit rooms of various heights, freely combined in a number of different ways and suit the many and varied demands of modern living. The adjustable units are fixed to supports which are spanned between ceiling and floor and permit a wide range of combinations.

New creations in the interior decoration range (pages 320-323)

Under the style «Equipement d'habitation» the interior decorators Charlotte Perriand and Martha Villiger together with Jean Prouvé have created new types of mass-produced furniture. This is an attempt to find a solution to the problem of furnishing flats in regard to both freestanding and built-in furniture on an industrial basis. In order to meet the demand in modern flats for space-saving built-in shelves, cupboards and whole walls of lockers and to make their production economically possible, new methods of construction have been developed which permit the prefabricated cupboard units to be prepared according to the desired dimensions in the factory and then installed in the building. Thanks to the very adaptable mode of manufacture, it has been possible to expand the original programme and the same units have been used not only in flats but also in hotels, boarding establishments, shops, schools etc.

The House in the Hall (pages 324-325)

The house is supported by steel piers and has a living-room occupying two storeys, a bedroom and a nursery, hall, kitchen and bath. It is so placed in the hall that its upper storey is on the same level as the gallery of the vestibule and the house is also accessible from the first storey of the school building, which is the gallery. The house may be entered from the hall by means of a staircase.

Combined living-room and study in a block (pages 326–327)

The dimensions of rooms in newly-built blocks of flats leave little free space. Thus in order to make a large room in a flat of this kind on the eleventh floor of a tall block of flats at Grindelberg in Hamburg the partition between two rooms was removed. In this way a room was created which runs the full depth of the building and is glazed from floor to ceiling on the eastern and western sides.

Alterations to a shop for light fixtures (pages 328–329)

The old sales room, which had only a single show window, was to be resited in a newly available corner shop with less floor space and wall area but four show windows in a very advantageous position. Communication with the sales and display rooms on the first floor, the dispatch department, the stock room, and the repair and assembly shops in the basement was to be provided by a new passenger lift. On the first floor a new department for washing-machines and refrigerators was to be arranged, the radio and television department reorganized and, if possible, a large display room created. Furthermore a department office and demonstration rooms or spaces for washing-machines, mixers, vacuum cleaners, television sets and single electroliers were desired.

Heluan carpets (page 334)

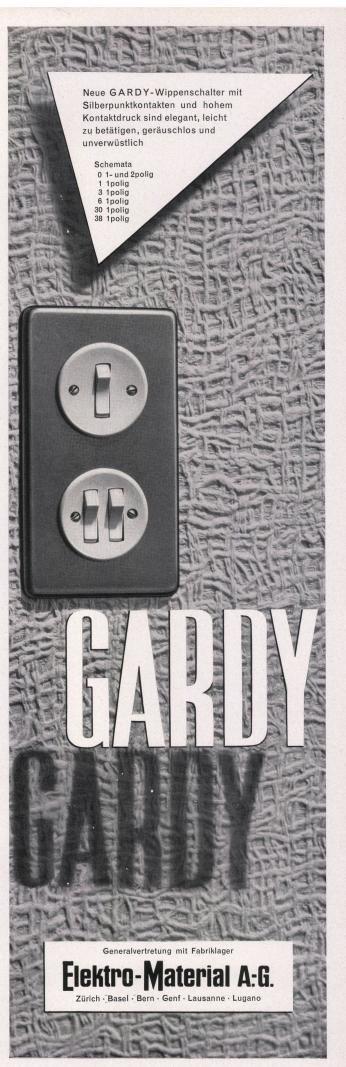
Whereas the earliest of Gauchat's designs were simply determined bythe weaving technique, and the natural colours of white, fawn, light brown, dark brown, grey, black and chestnut lent the Heluan its character, he is now attempting a richer patterning of geometric simplicity (still with undyed wool) in the technically complicated weaving style of the "Bedouin Kelims".

Tisca carpets (page 335)

Honegger expresses himself in forms ranging from the simple harmony of two colours in geometric stripes and shapes consisting of organic curves in a rich colour scale to the mural decoration itself executed in pictorial reproductions. Further variations are provided by the cutting out of reliefs in the pile, and these give the room a quiet colour note. Moreover the attempt has been made for the first time to print fine patterns on longpiled carpets. The collection also contains long-piled carpets with spaces left bare so that the woven base, which is partly coloured, can be seen.

New Waron carpets (page 336)

A new advance in textile technology has made it possible to produce the largest and smallest sizes up to a maximum width of 11 metres and a length of 13.5 metres in one piece. The technique of weaving employed in the manufacture of Waron carpets also enables designs with sharply delimited and contrasted surfaces to be produced.





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