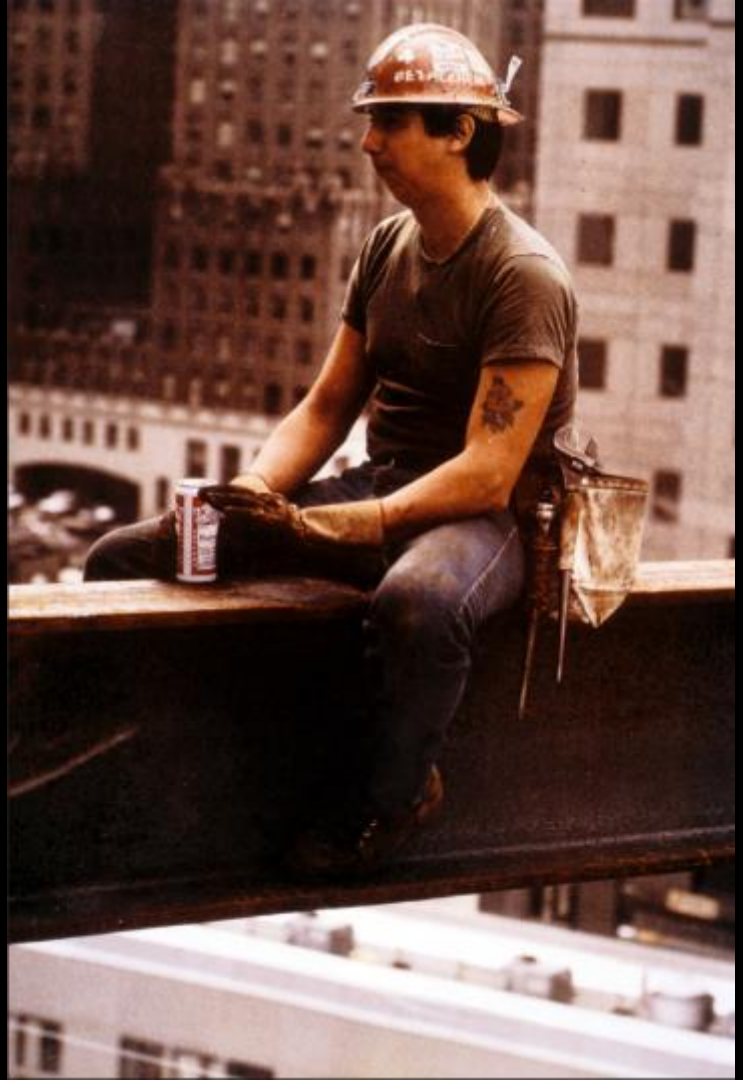
From Iron to Steel
~ technique to technology~

Part One: Material advances
and to the Invention and uses of Framing



Pig Iron

~noun

1. Iron tapped from a blast furnace and cast into pigs in preparation for conversion into steel, cast iron or wrought iron.
2. Iron in the chemical state in which it exists when tapped from the blast furnace without alloying or refinement

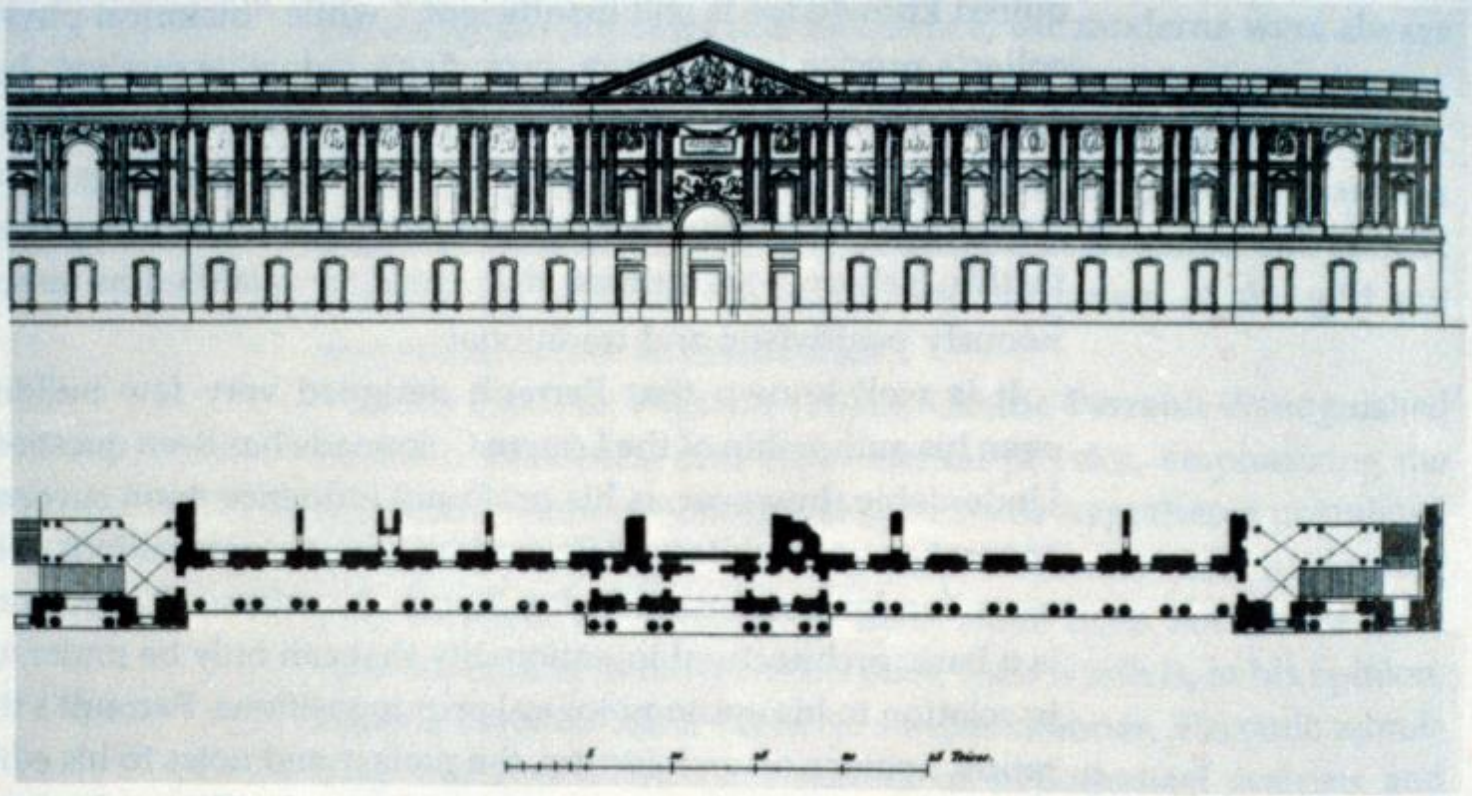
[Origin: 1655-65]

Wrought iron
~ noun
A form of iron, almost entirely free of carbon and having a fibrous structure including a uniformly distributed slag content that is readily forged and welded

Inherently better at resisting corrosion

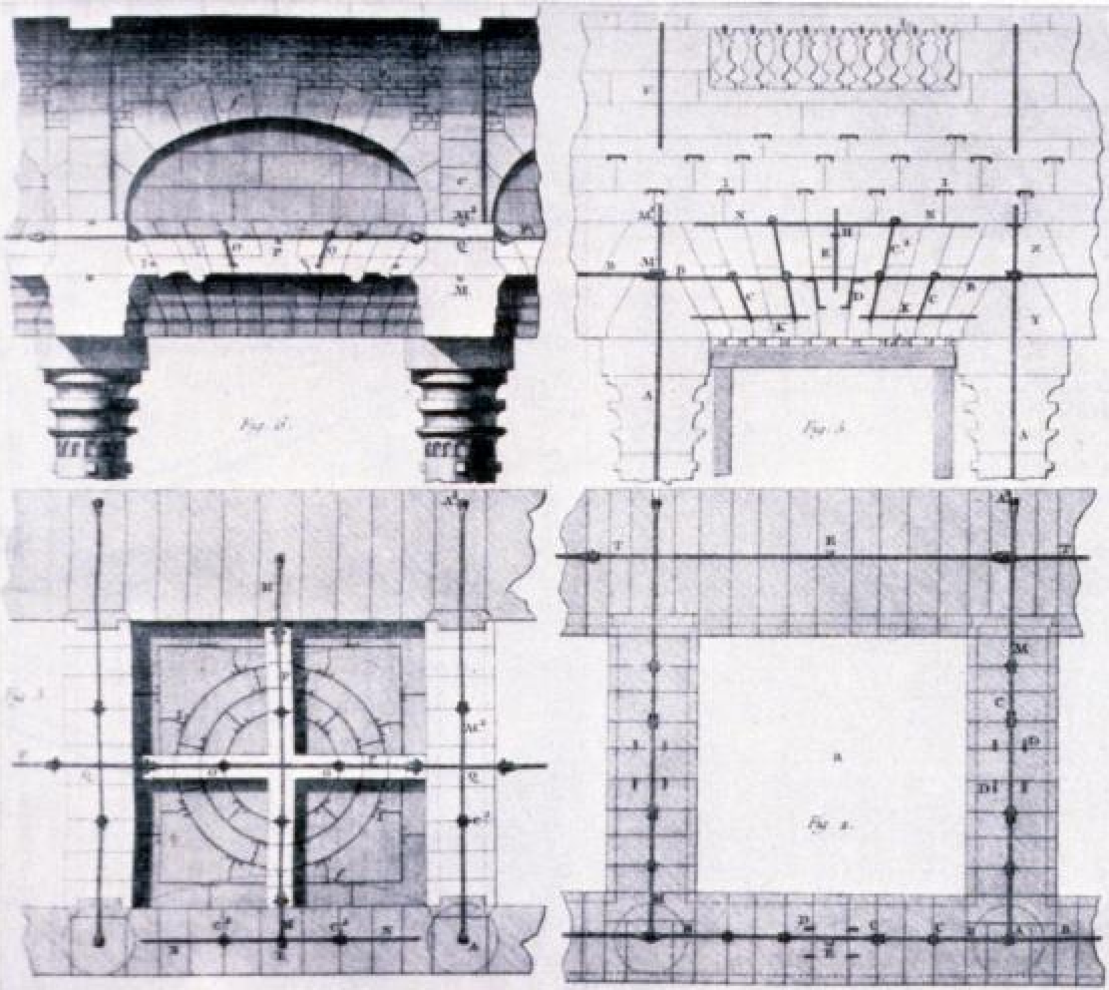
Cast iron
~noun
An alloy of iron containing so much carbon that it is brittle and so cannot be wrought but must be shaped by casting – meaning heating to a much higher temperature so it can liquefy

Claude Perrault
East Façade of the Louvre Museum
Paris, France
1680



Perrault's design for the eastern facade of the Louvre with its controversial paired columns, from Quatremère de Quincy's *Histoire de la Vie et des Ouvrages des Plus Célèbres Architectes* (1830).


Place de la Concorde
Anges-Jacques Gabriel
Paris, France
1755
The obelisk was stolen from the Temple at Luxor



Echelle de [illegible] 2 Toises

Construction des Platebandes de la Place de Louis XV. a Paris.

Church of Ste. Genevieve
(Pantheon)
Paris, France
Jacques-Germain Soufflot
Jean-Baptiste Rondelet
1789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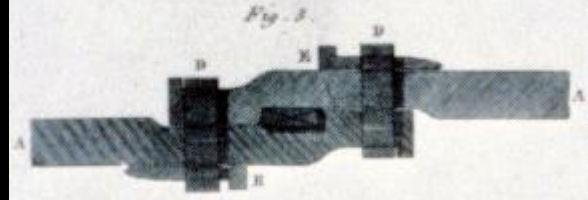
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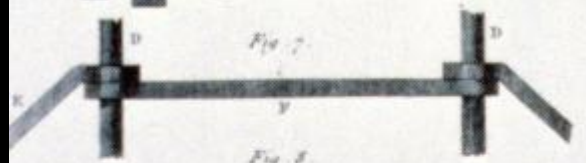
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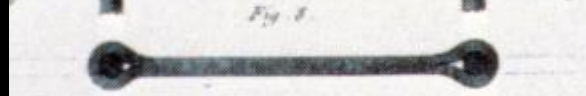
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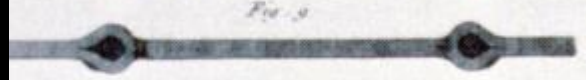
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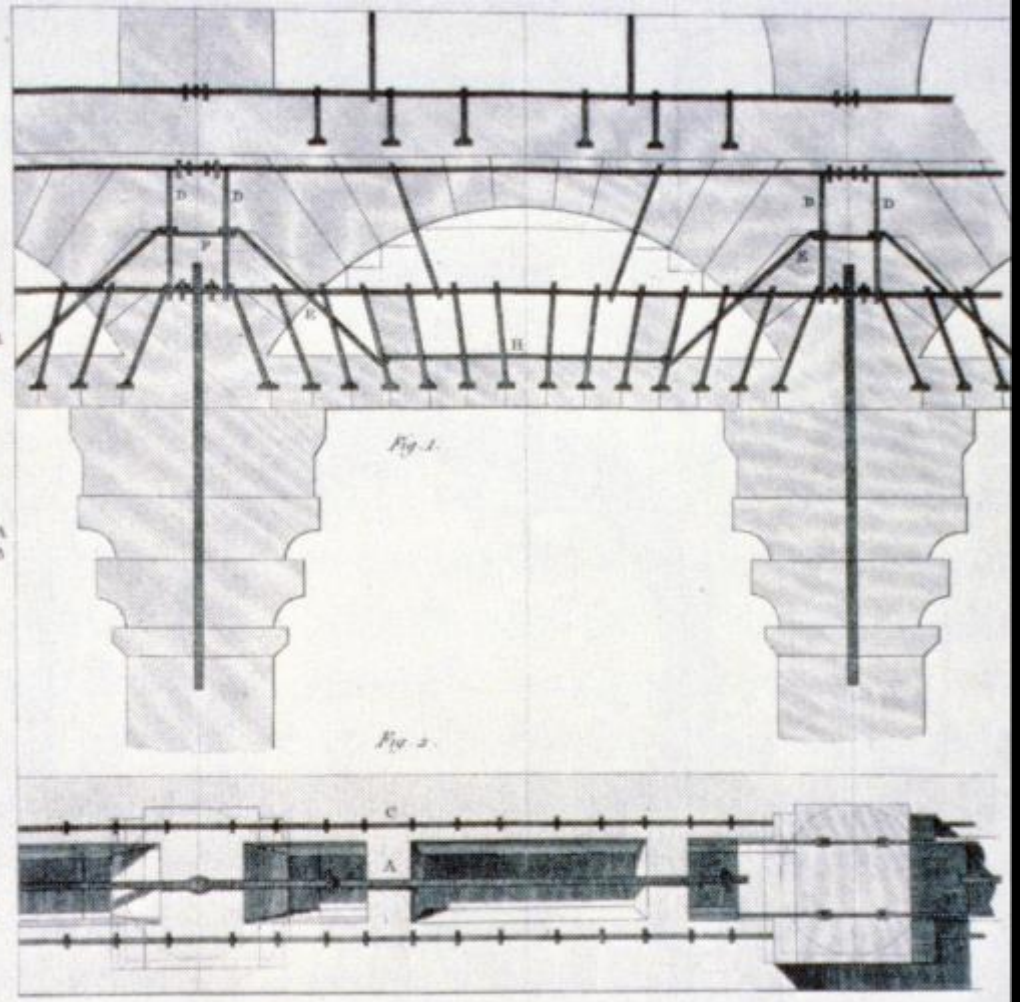
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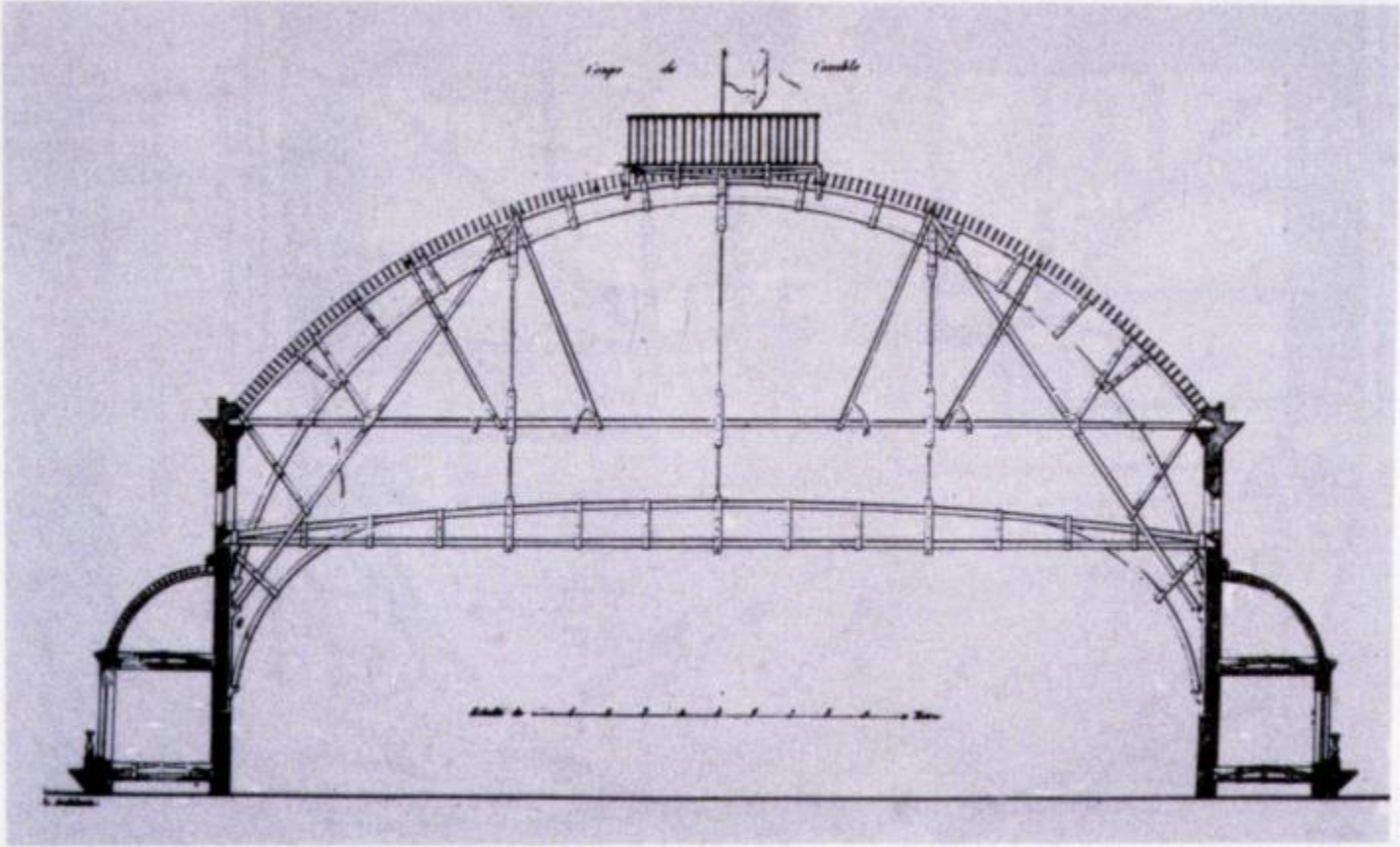
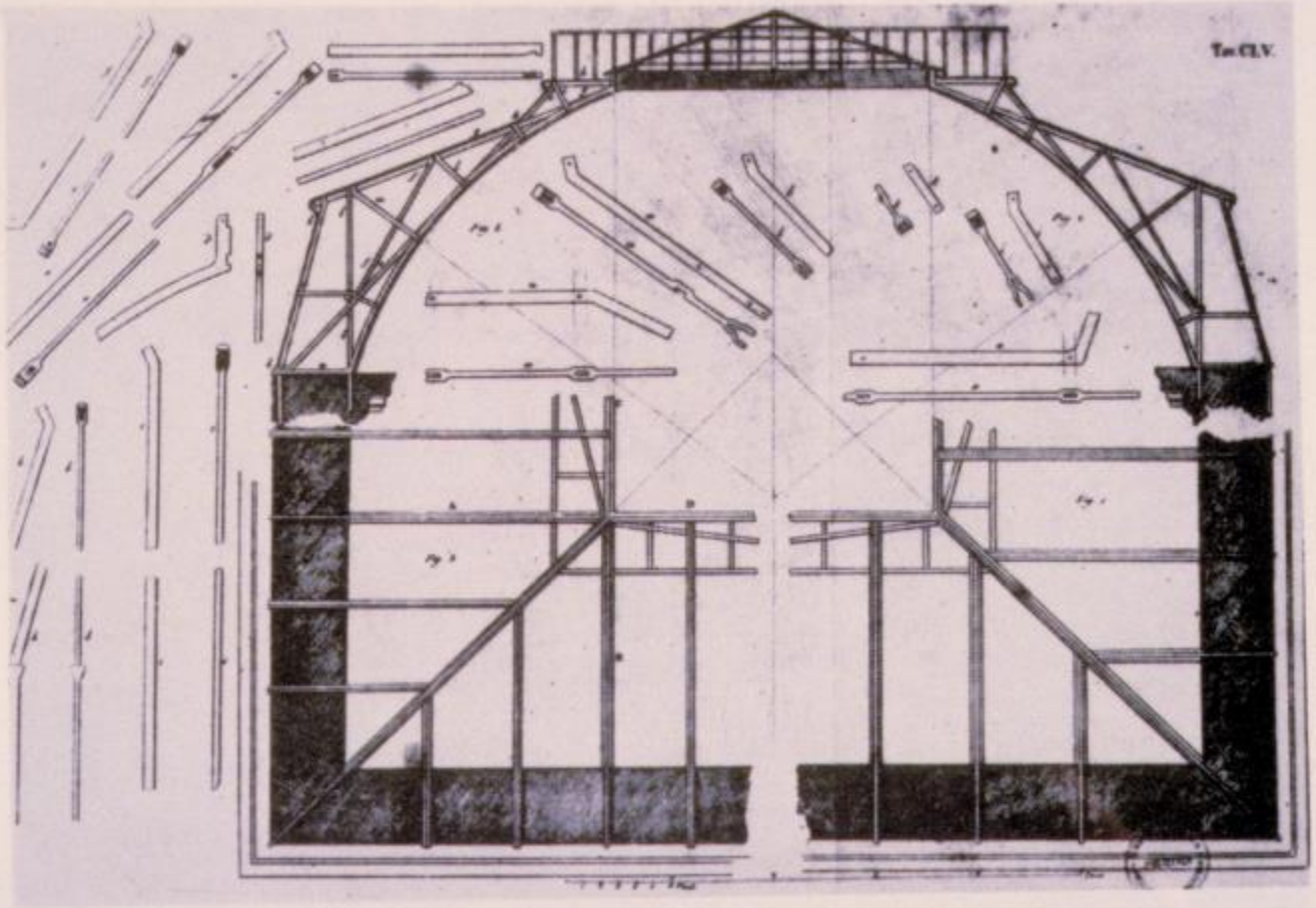


Plate 5. Victor Louis. Théâtre Français, Paris, 1786 (Rondelet, *L'Art de bâtir*, pl. 154)

Plate 6. Auguste Rénard Iron roof over the Salon adjoining the Grande Galerie, Louvre, Paris, 1789 (Rondelet, *L'Art de bâtir*, p. 155)



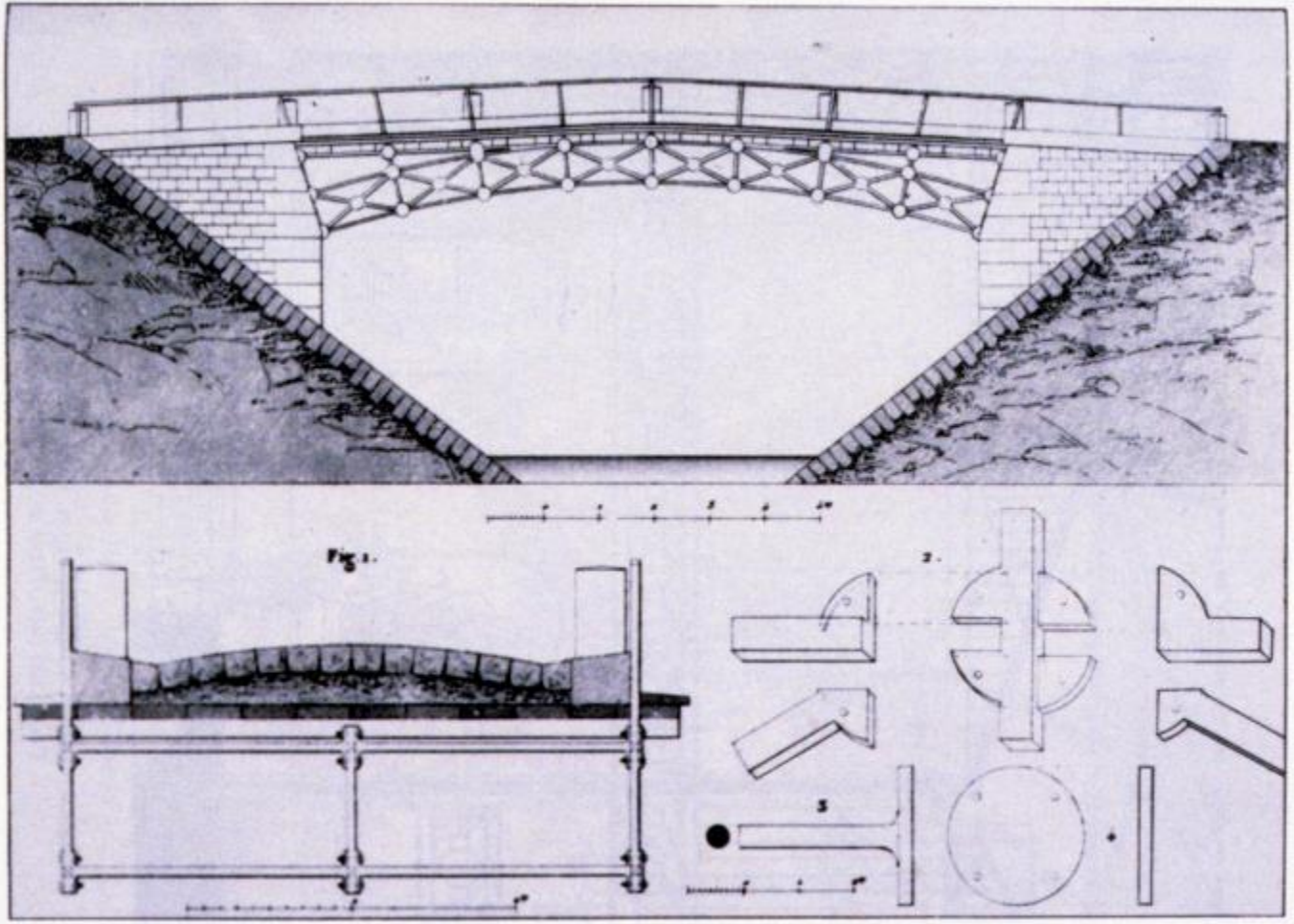


Plate 9. Louis Bruyère. Pont sur la Crou, near Saint-Denis, 1808 (Thiollet, 1832, p. 32)

Pont des Arts
Louis-Alexandre de Cessart and Jacques Dillon
Paris, France
1804
Original 9 arch bridge rebuilt
1984 with 7 arches

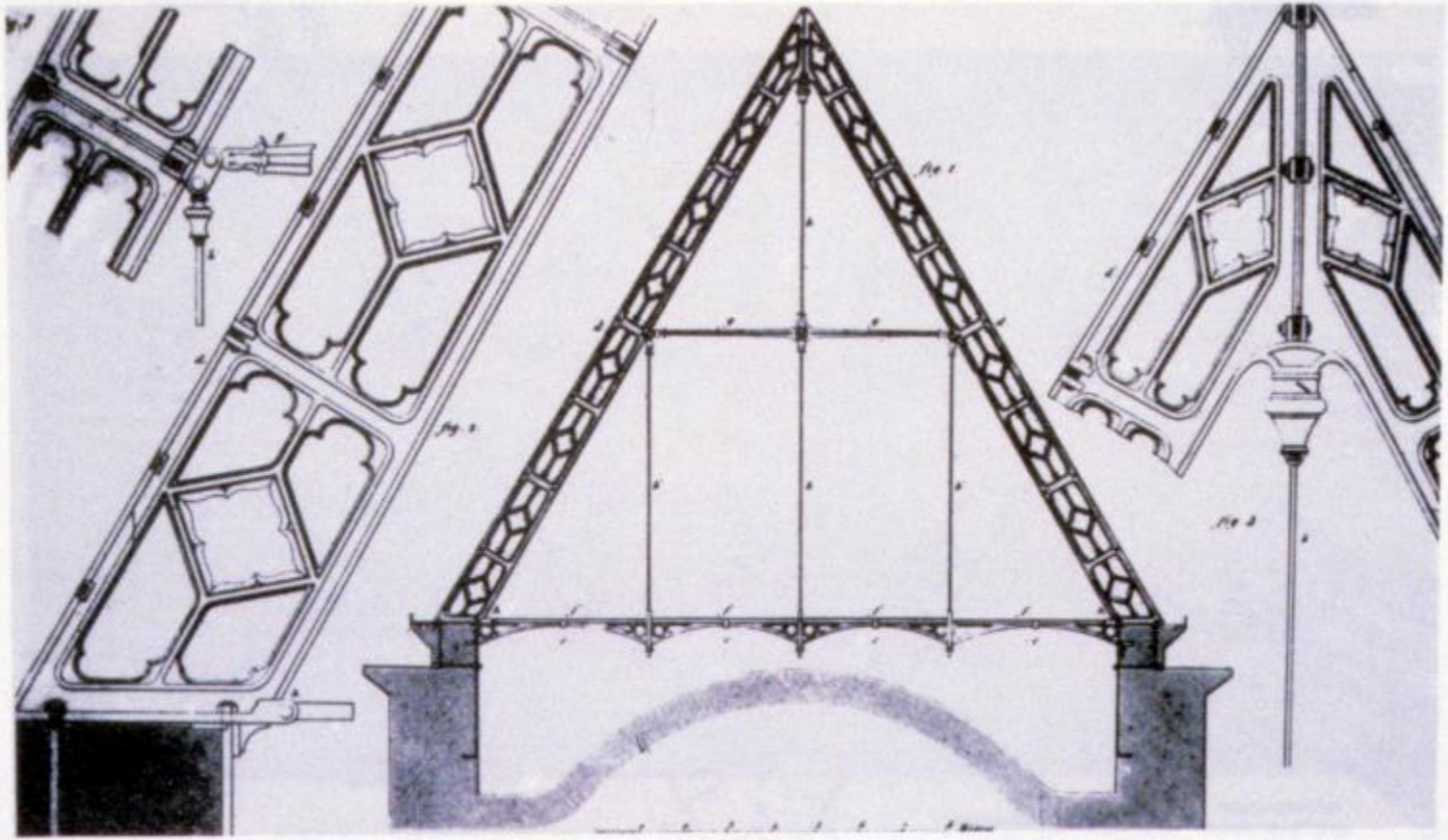
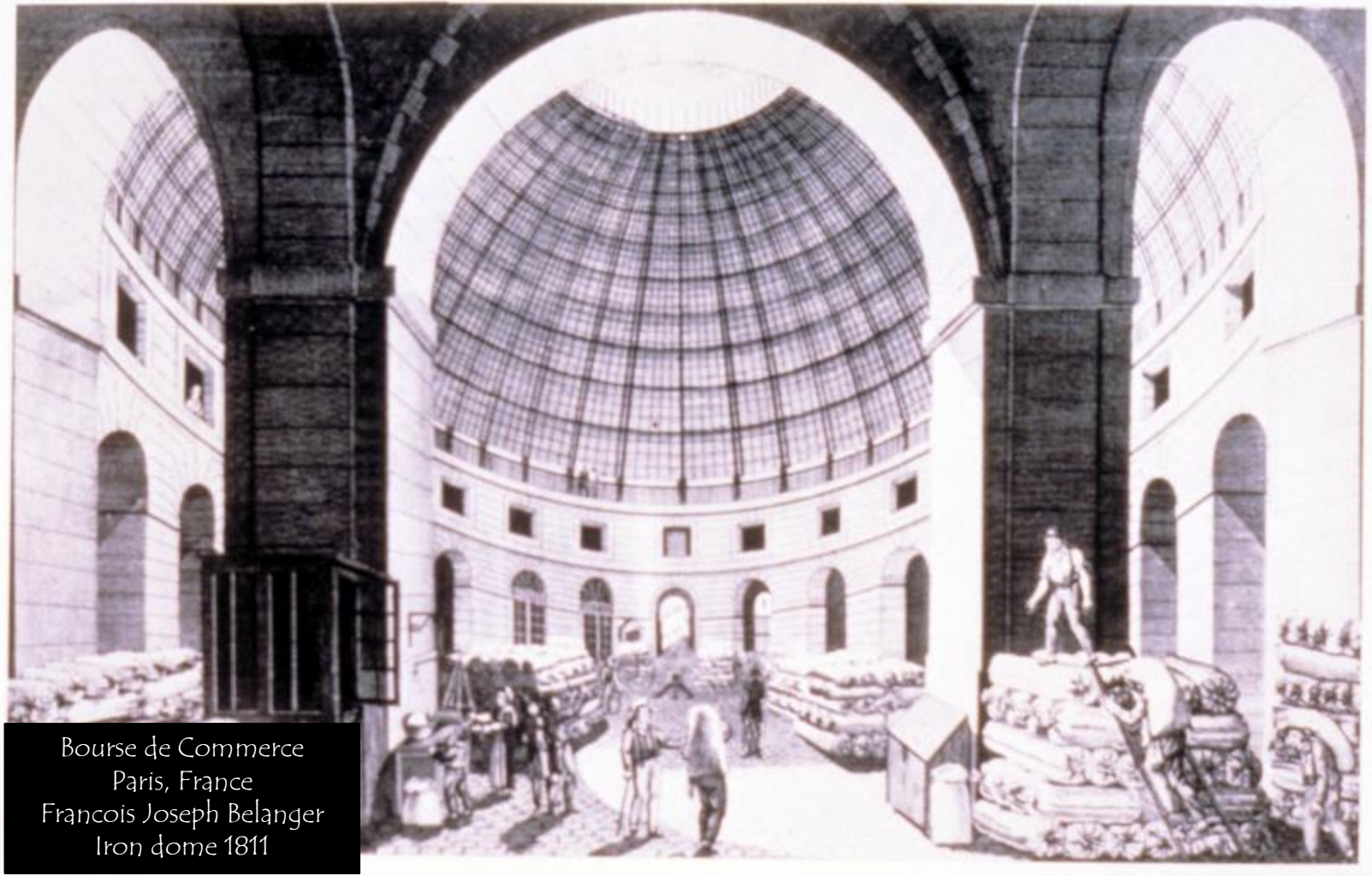


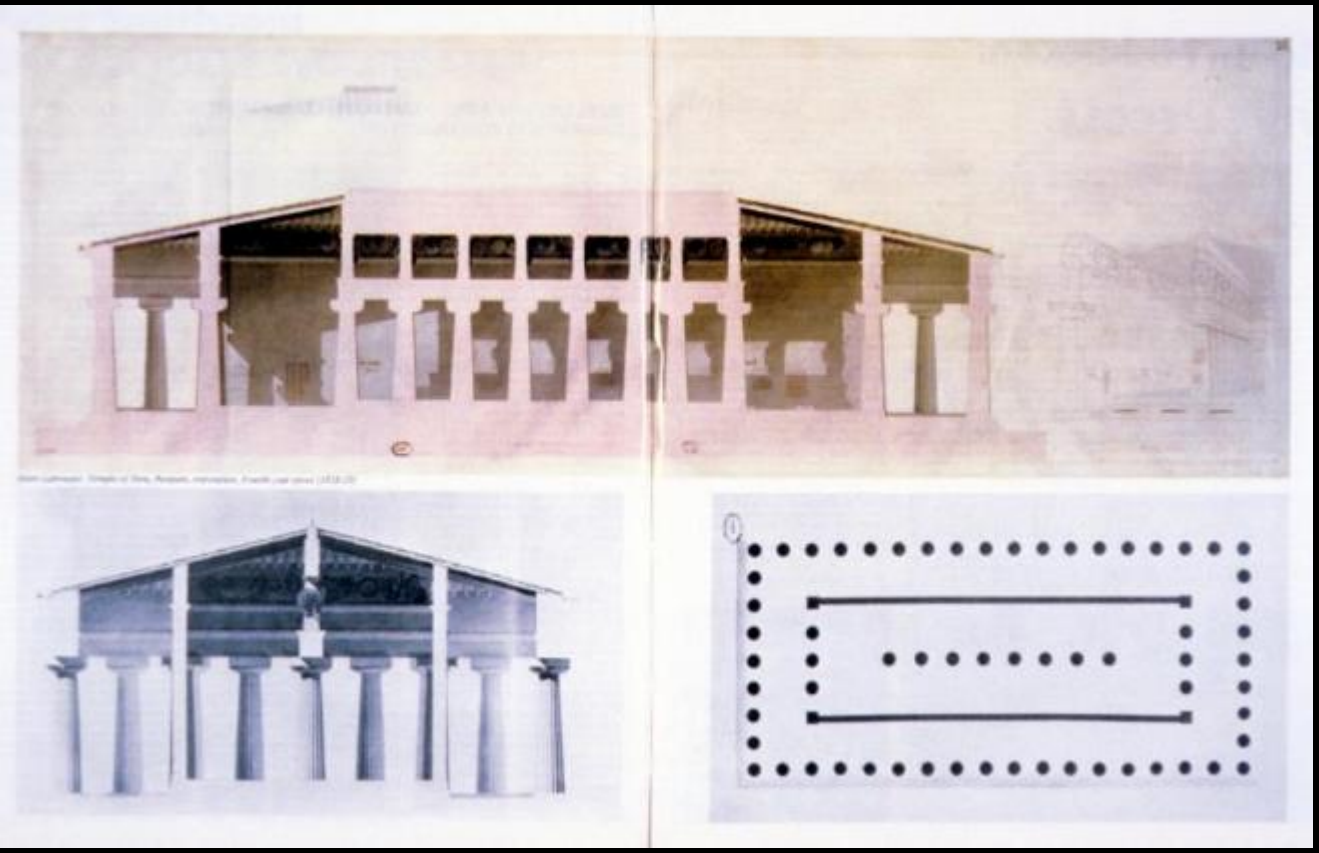
Plate 35. Leturc. Project for the roof of Chartres Cathedral, 1836 (Eck, *Traité de construction*, pl. 28)

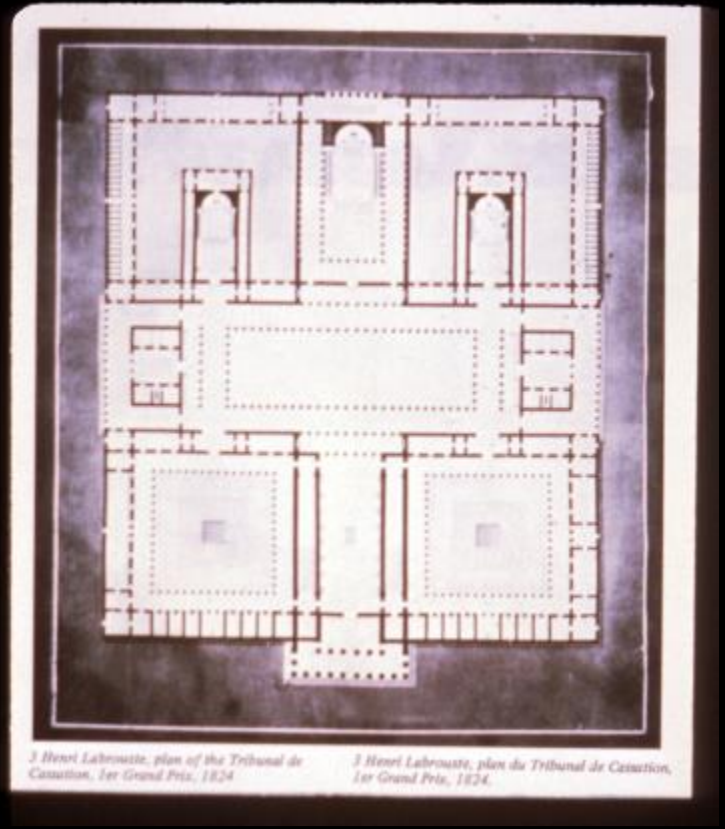


Bourse de Commerce
Paris, France
Francois Joseph Belanger
Iron dome 1811

Renovation/Restoration
Tadao Ando

Henri Labrouste
Ecole des Beaux Arts
1801 to 1895
Structural Rationalism





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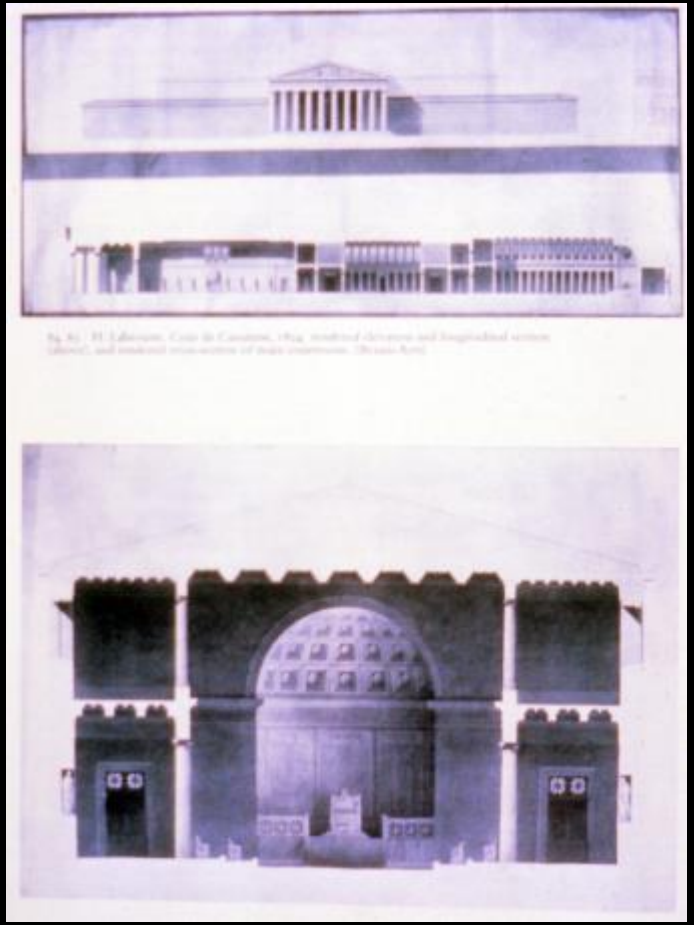
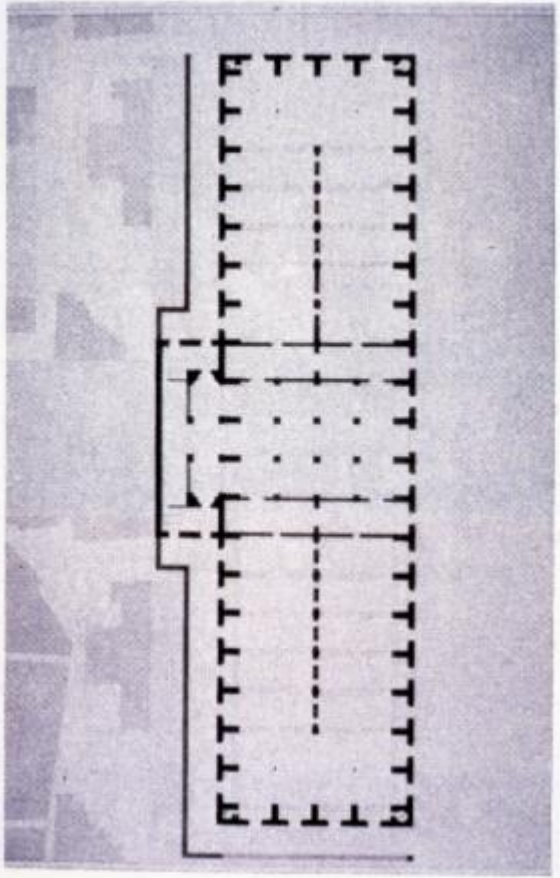
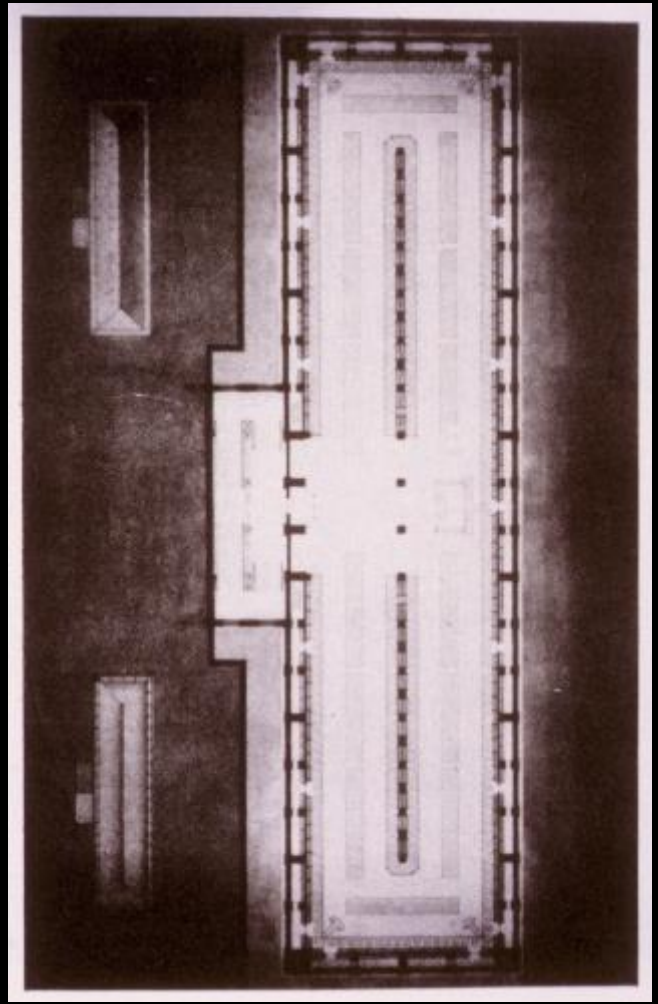
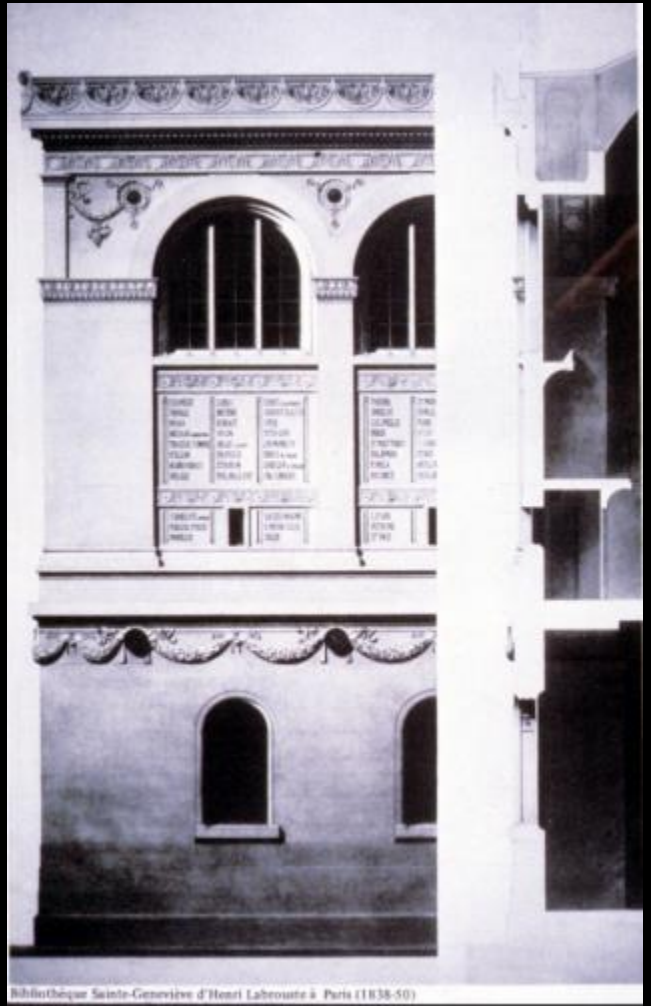


Biblioteque Sainte-Genevieve
Paris, France
Henri Labrouste
1838-1851

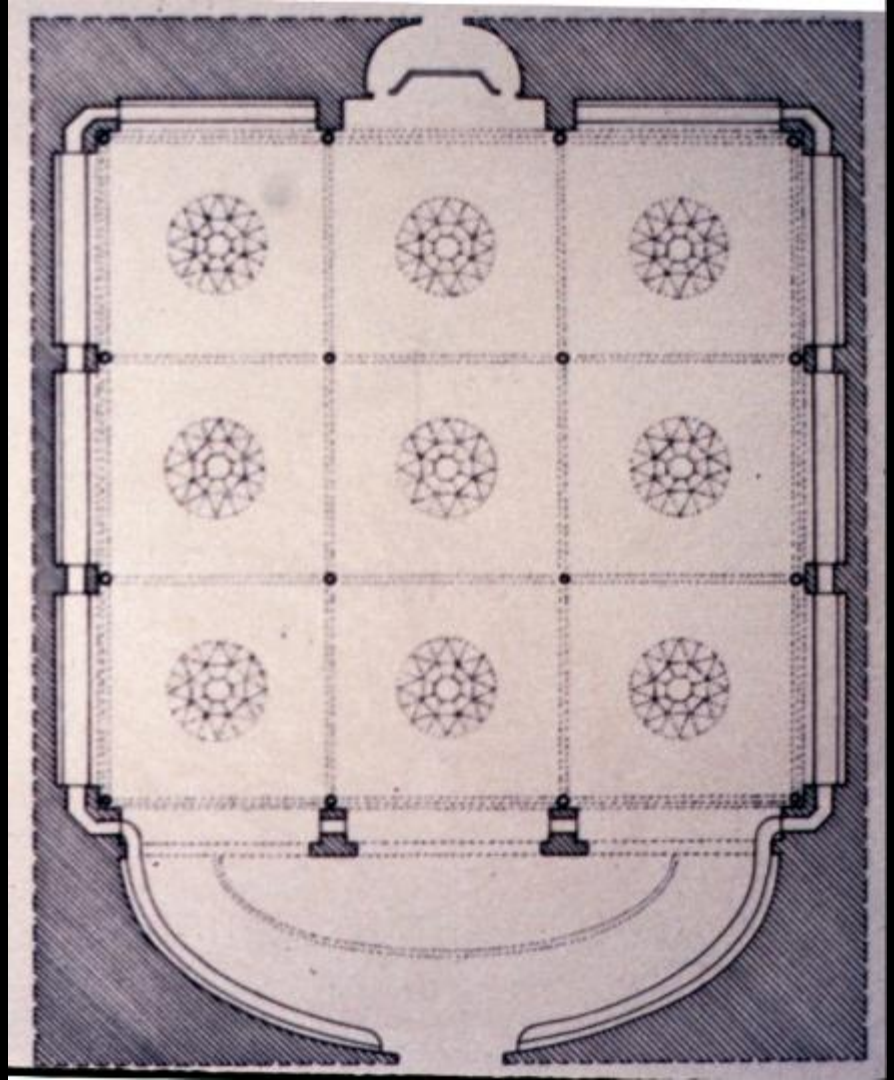
Henri Labrouste's Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève, Paris, 1838-50



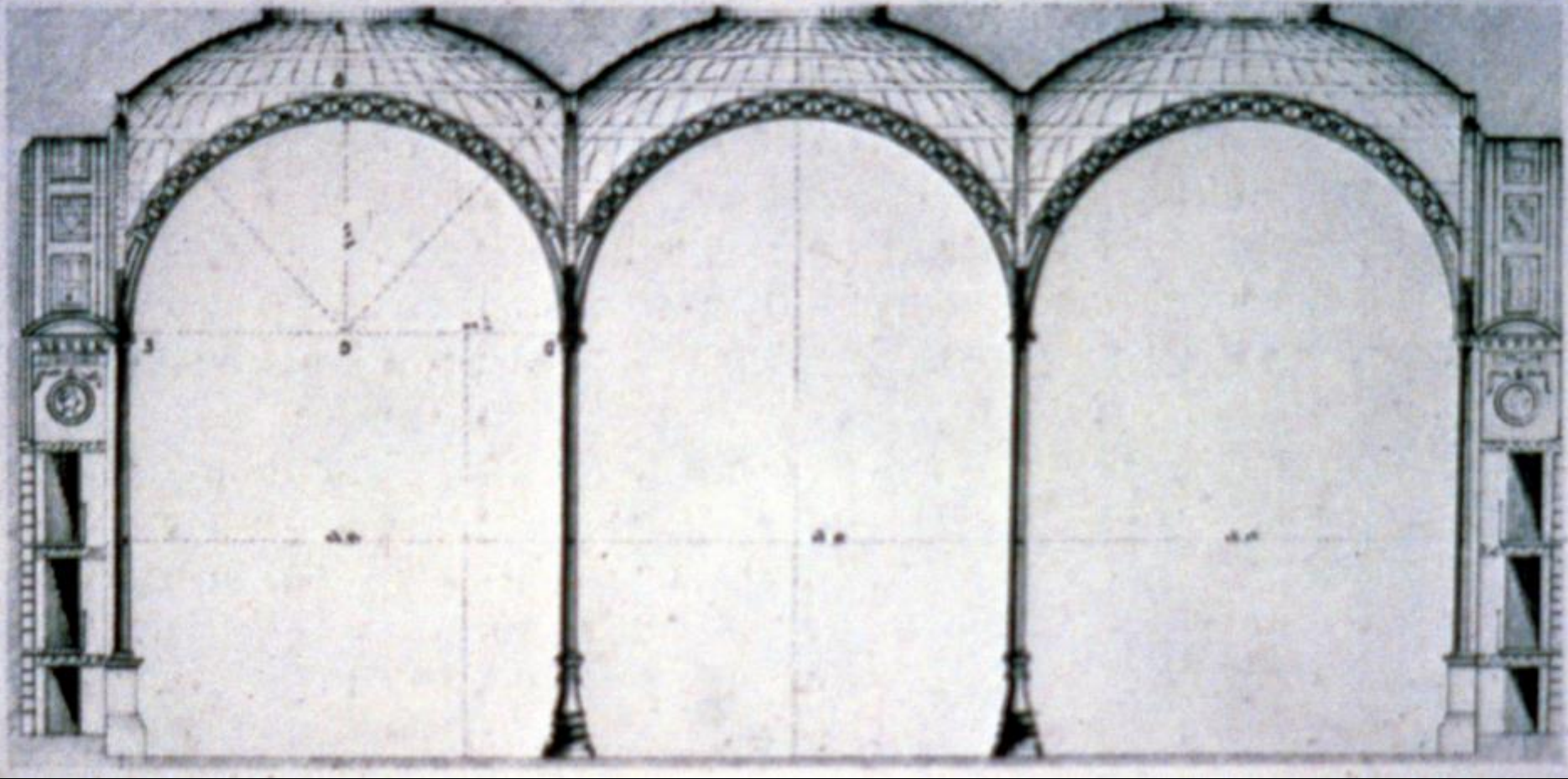




Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève d'Henri Labrouste à Paris (1838-50)



Biblioteque Nationale de France
Paris, France
Henri Labrouste
1962 to 1868



Invention usually requires
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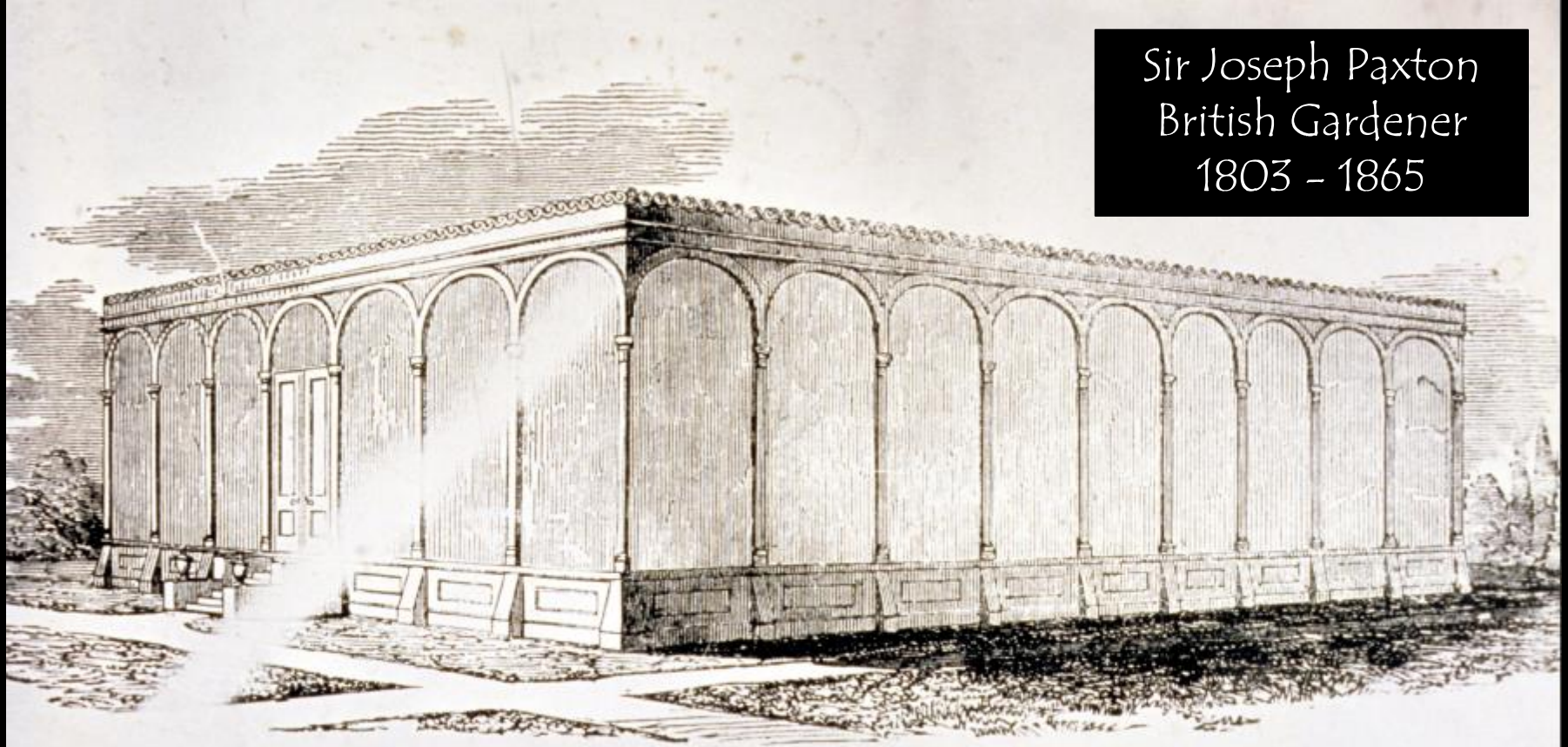
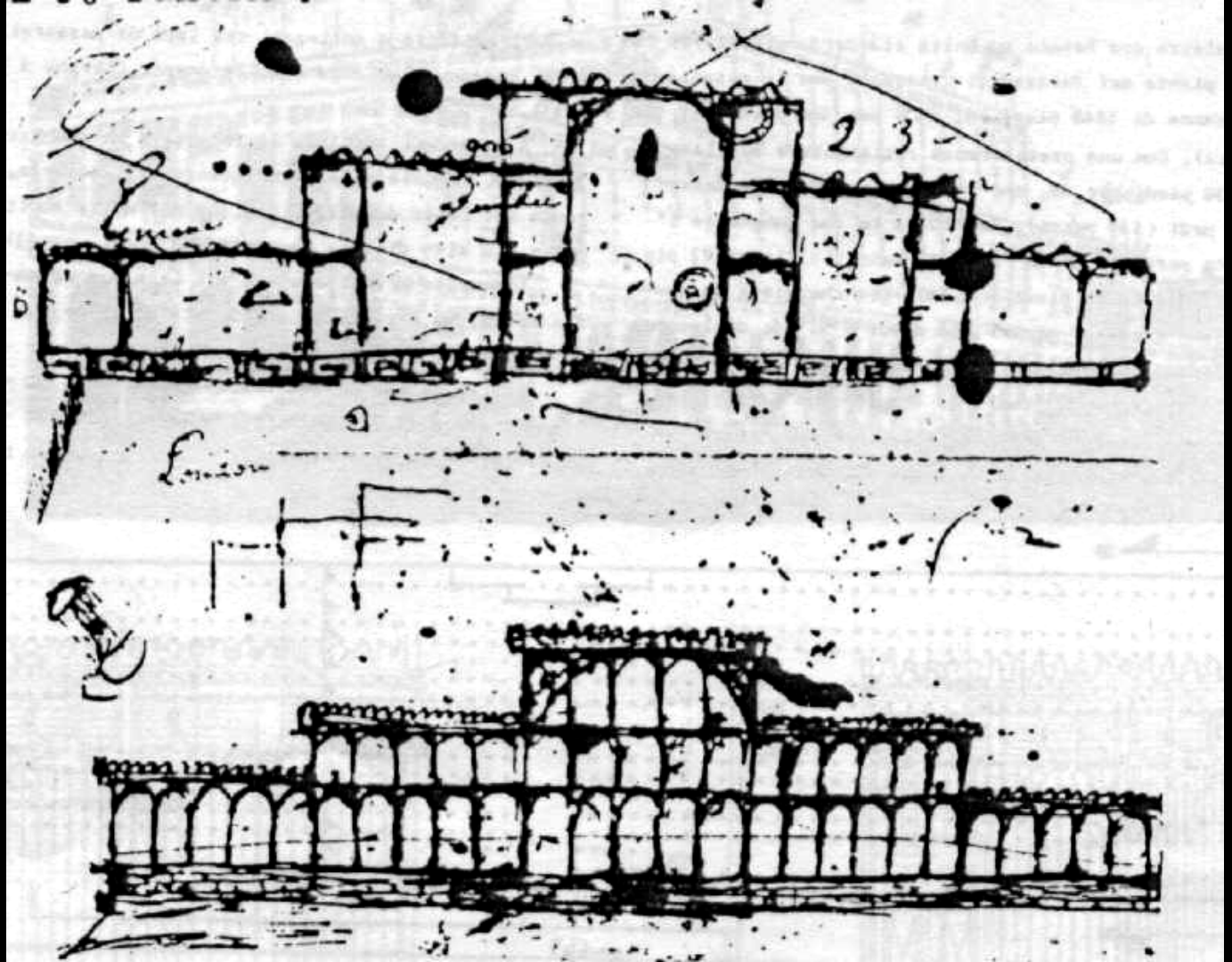
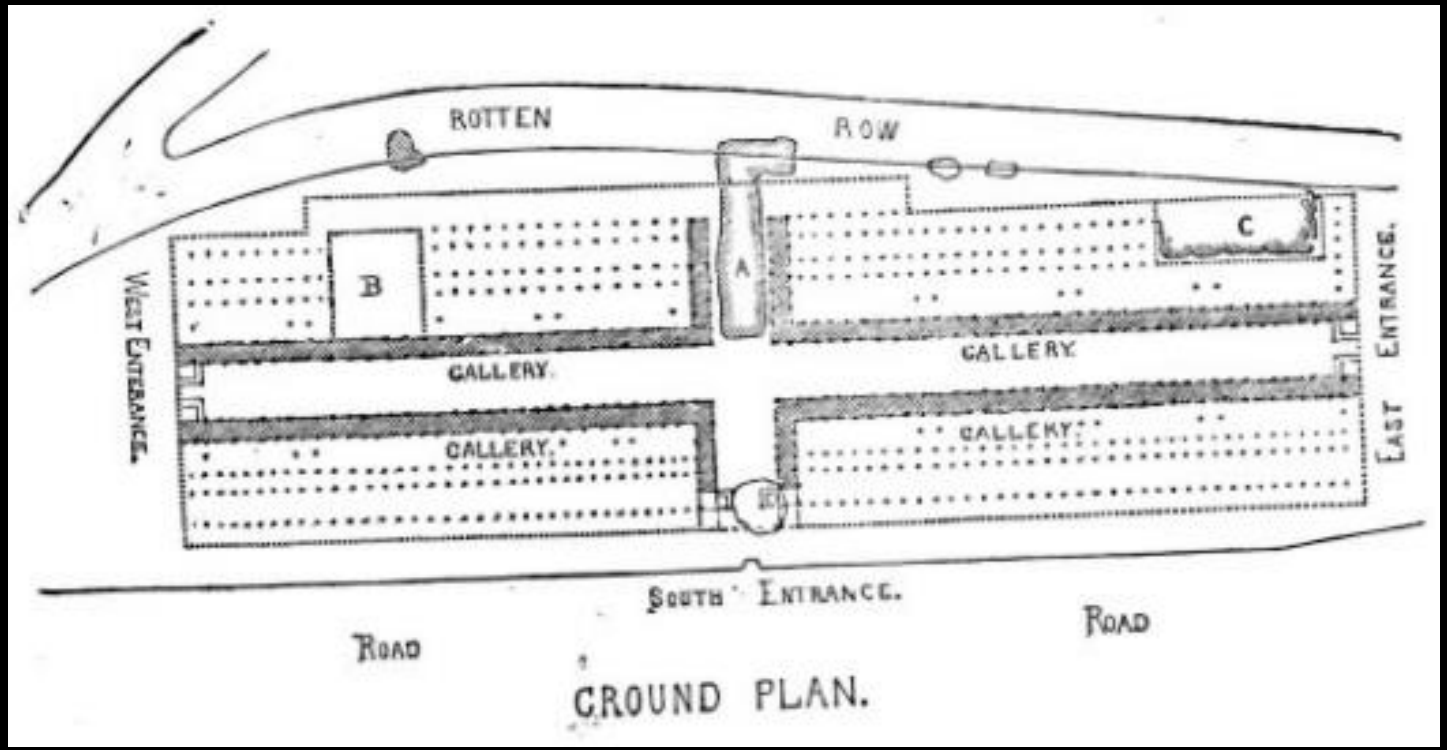
Sir Joseph Paxton
British Gardener
1803 - 1865



THE NEW VICTORIA REGIA HOUSE.—EXTERIOR.

The Great Exhibition 1851
Hyde Park, London, England
Sir Joseph Paxton

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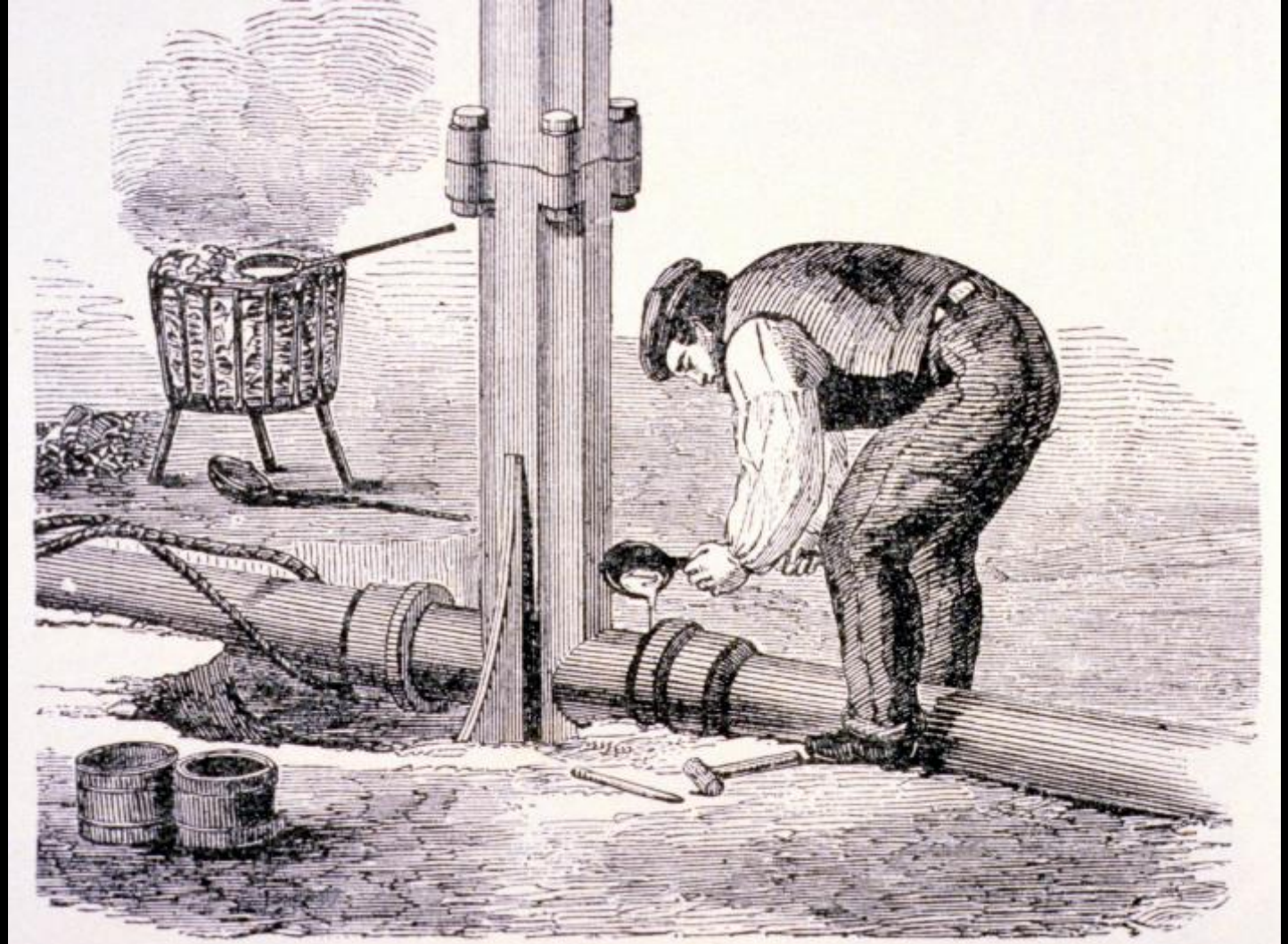
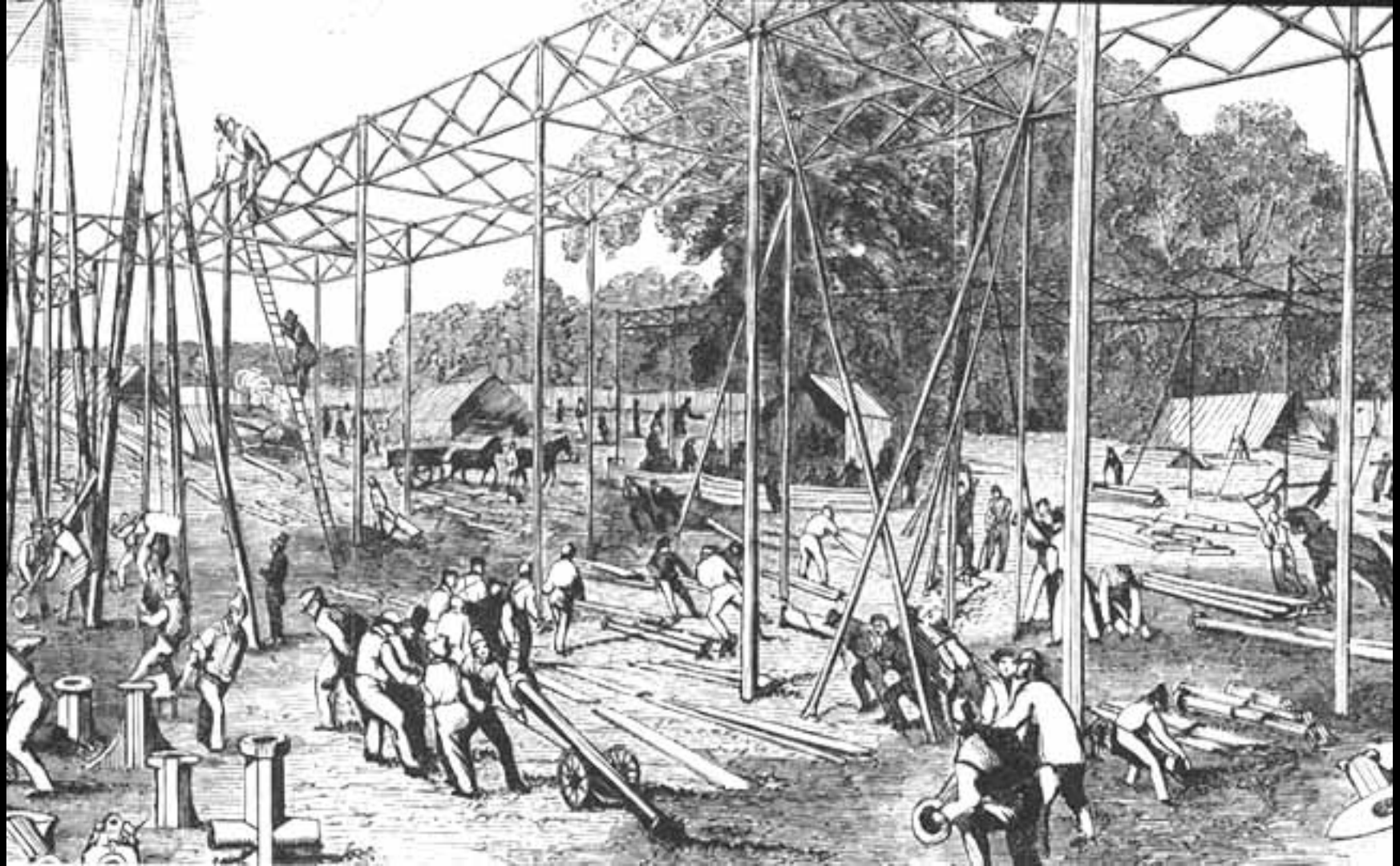
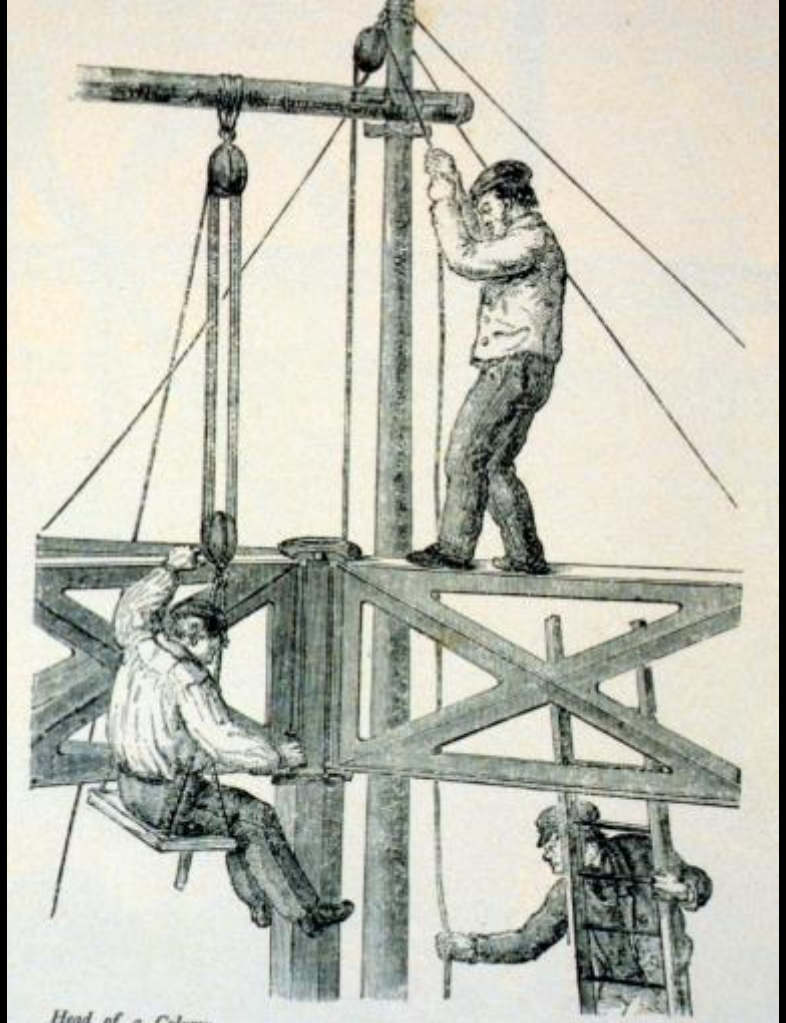
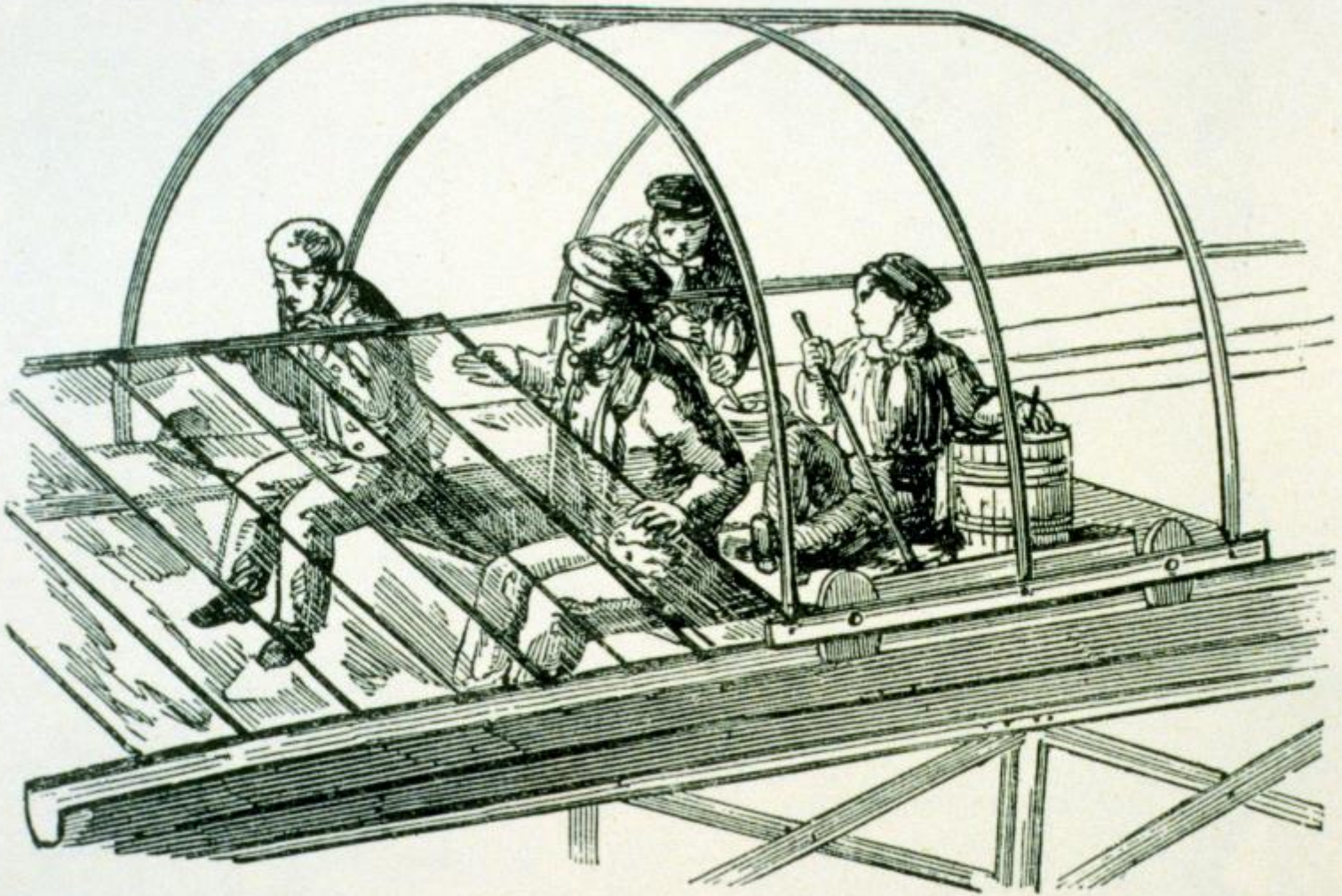






Head of a Column.



Glazing Waggon.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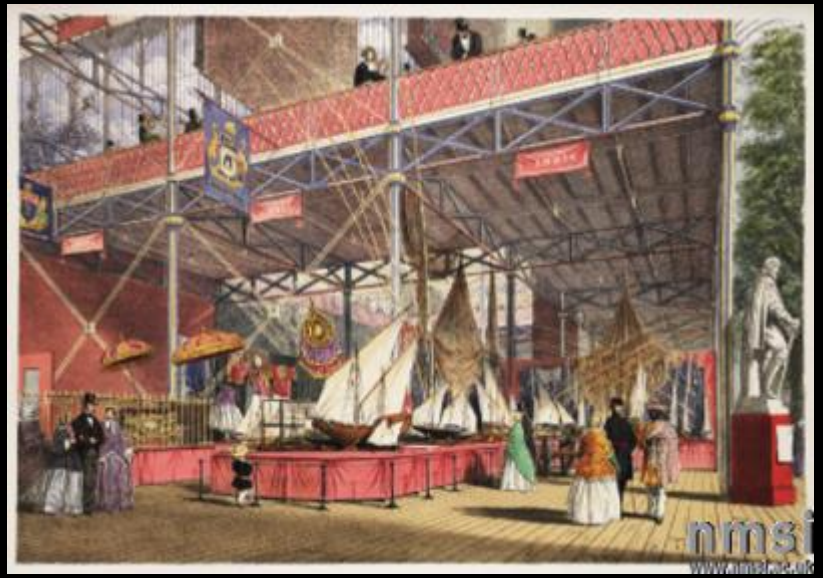
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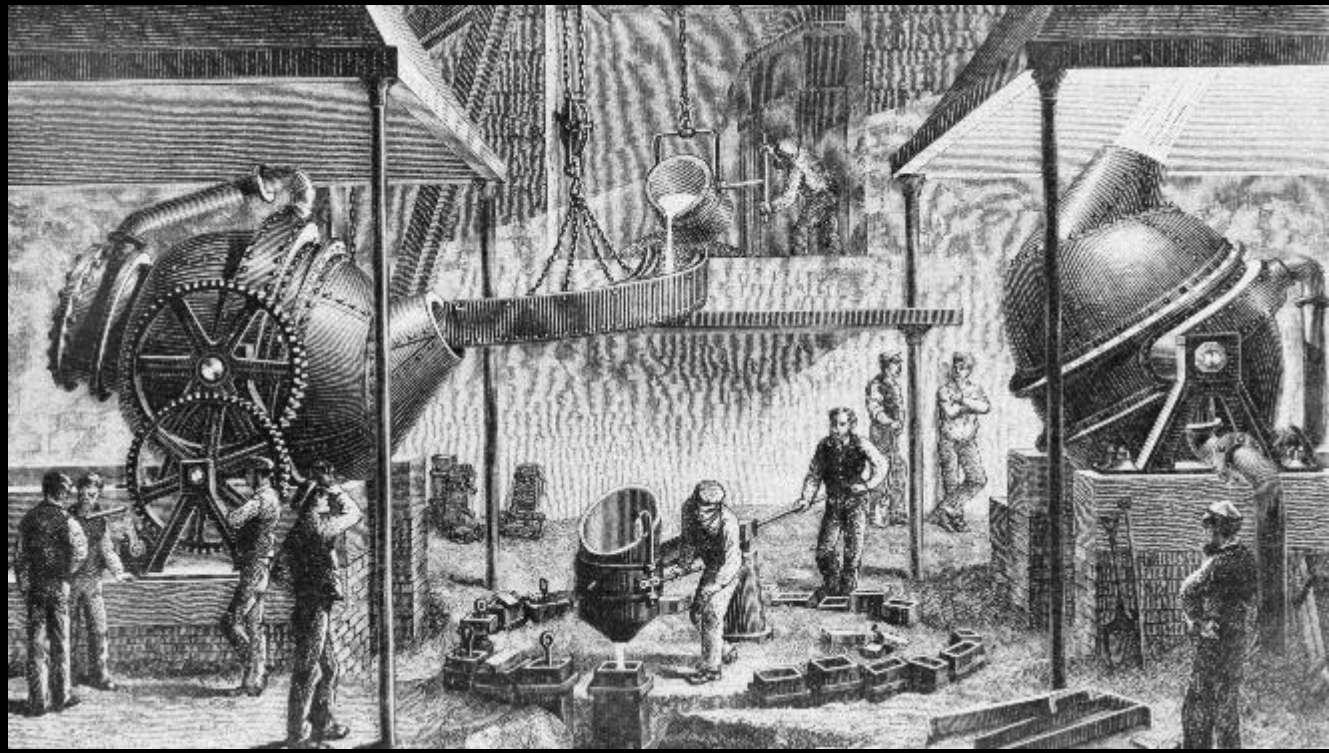
Bessemer Process
~noun *metallurgy*
A process of producing steel in which impurities are removed by forcing a blast of air/oxygen through molten iron

[Origin: 1855–60; after Sir Henry Bessemer]



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Paris Metro Entrances
Hector Guimard
1900 to 1913
Art Nouveau Style


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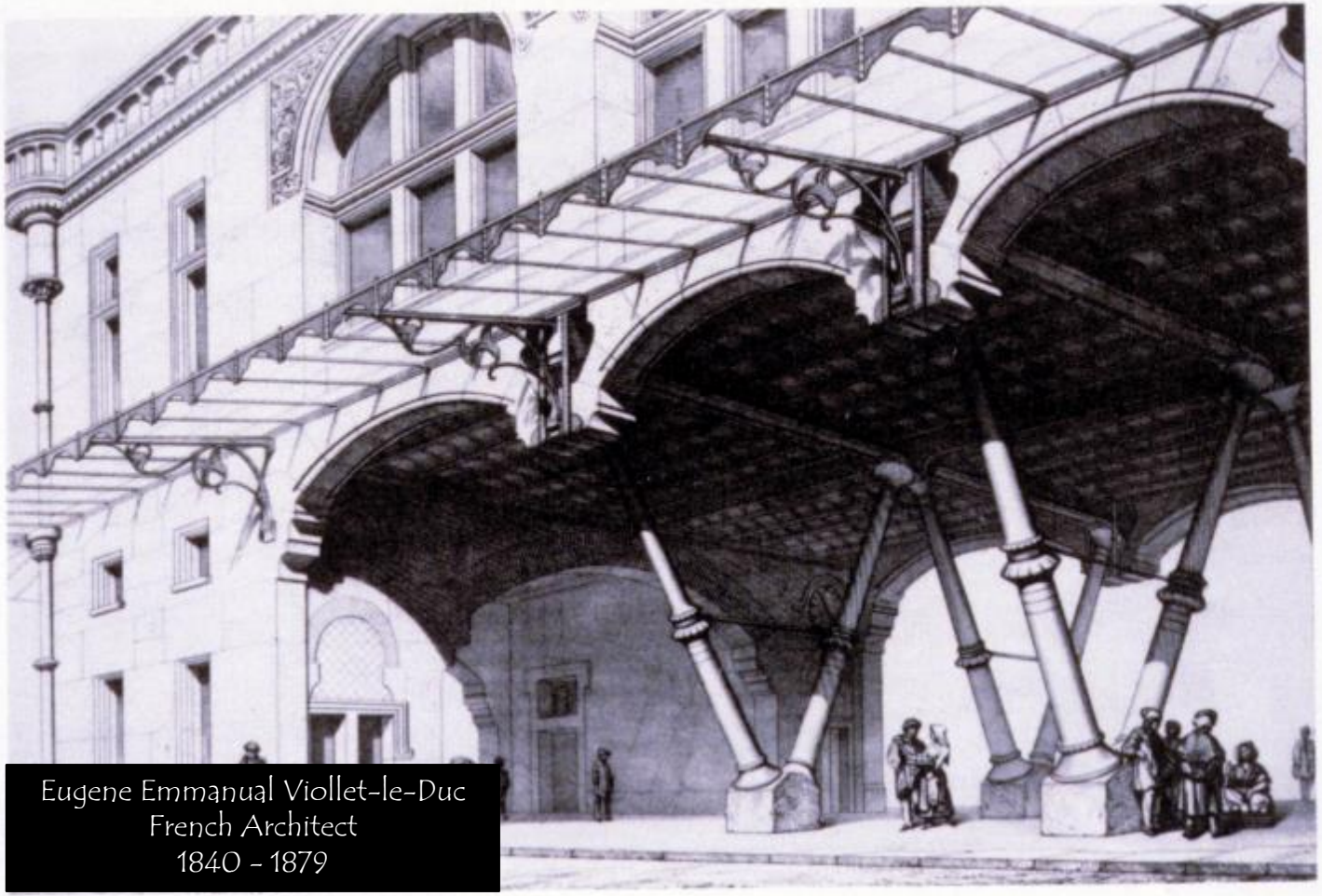
Plate 48. Eugène Viollet-le-Duc. Project for an Hotel de Ville (Viollet-le-Duc *Atlas*, pl. 23)



Eugene Emmanual Viollet-le-Duc
French Architect
1840 - 1879

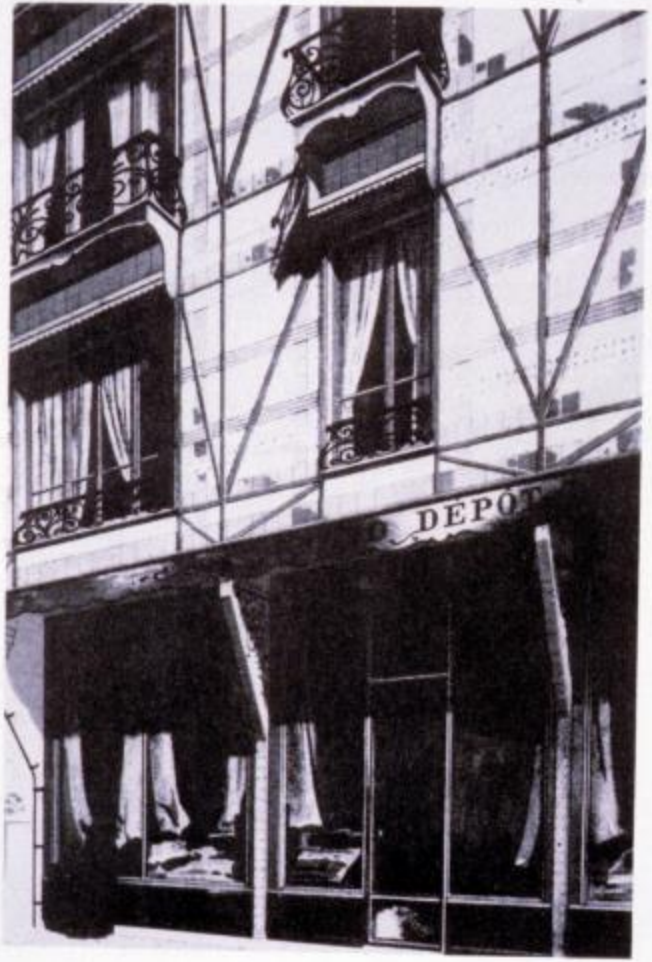


Plate 64. Eugène Viollet-le-Duc. Unpretentious shop and apartment building, 1863 (Viollet-le-Duc, *Atlas*, p. 36)

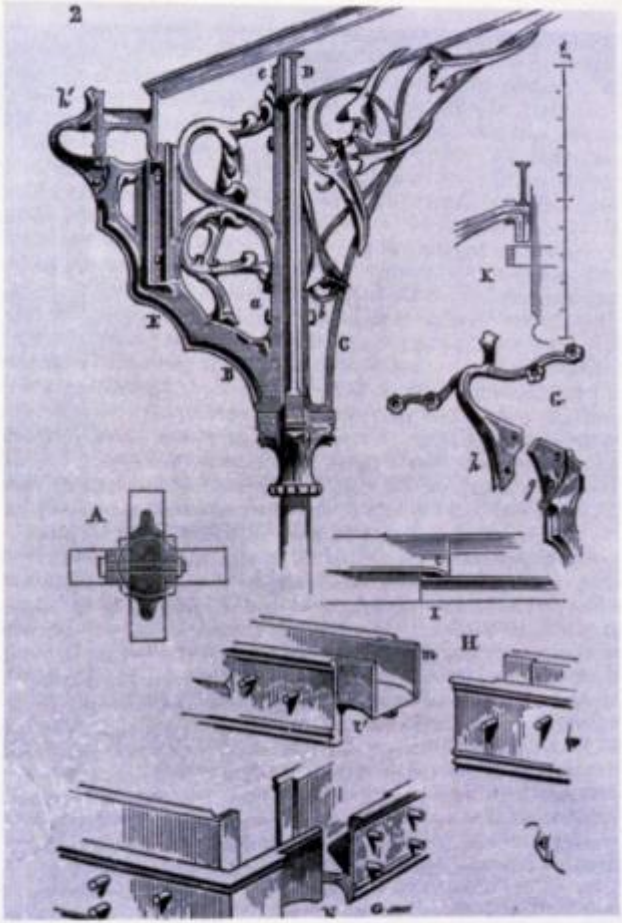
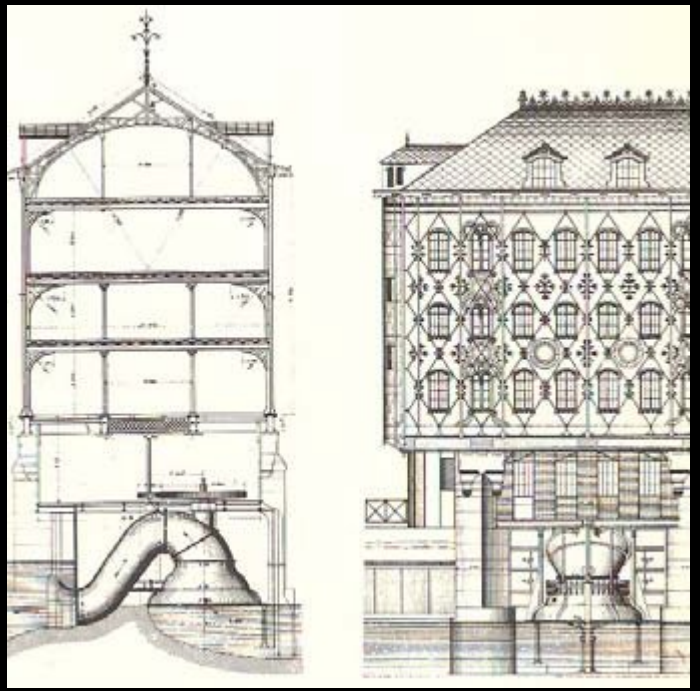


Plate 49. Eugène Viollet-le-Duc. Project for an Hotel de Ville (Viollet-le-Duc, Lecture XIII, p. 125)

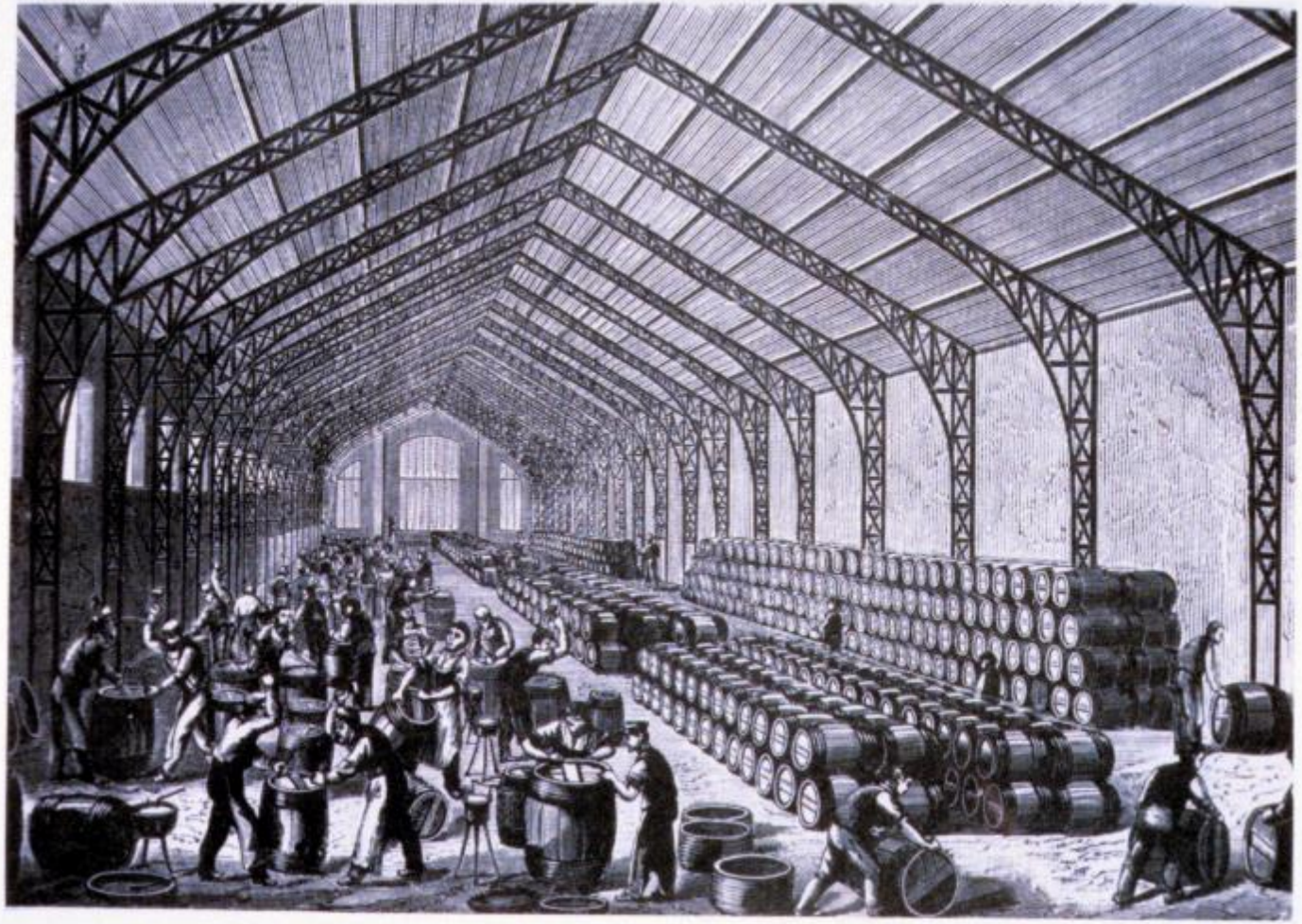
Menier Chocolate Factory
Noisiel sur Marne, France
Jules Saulnier
1872

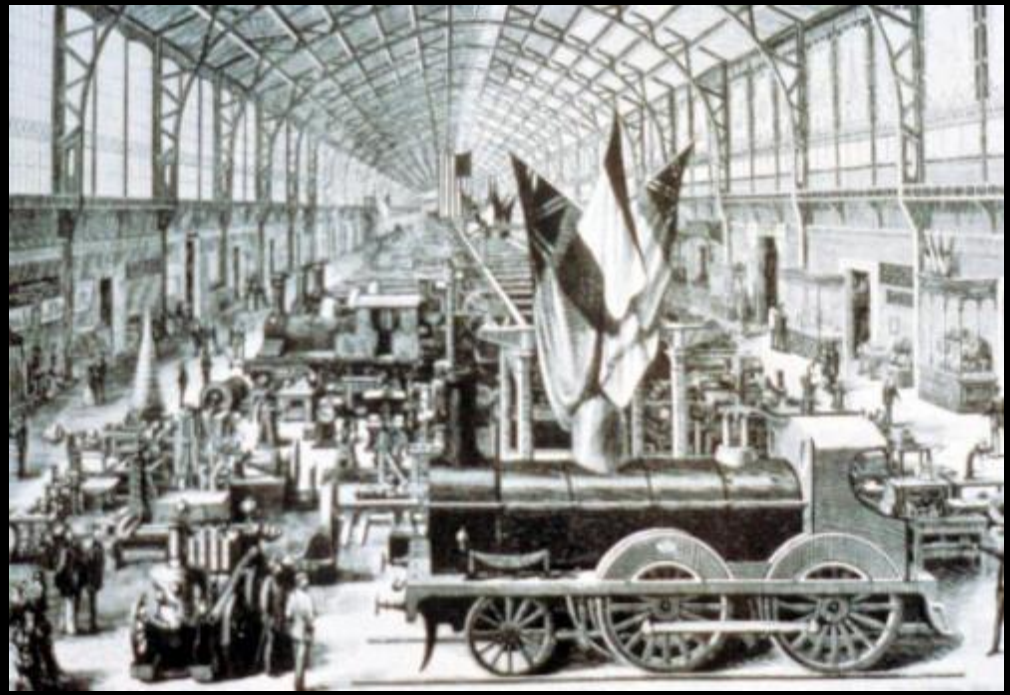
Looking for larger clear SPANS to accommodate industrial processes/machines



Exhibition Buildings

Plate 54. Alphonse Gosset. Moët and Chandon Wine Establishment, Epernay, c. 1879 (Turgan, XIII, 1880, p. 41)





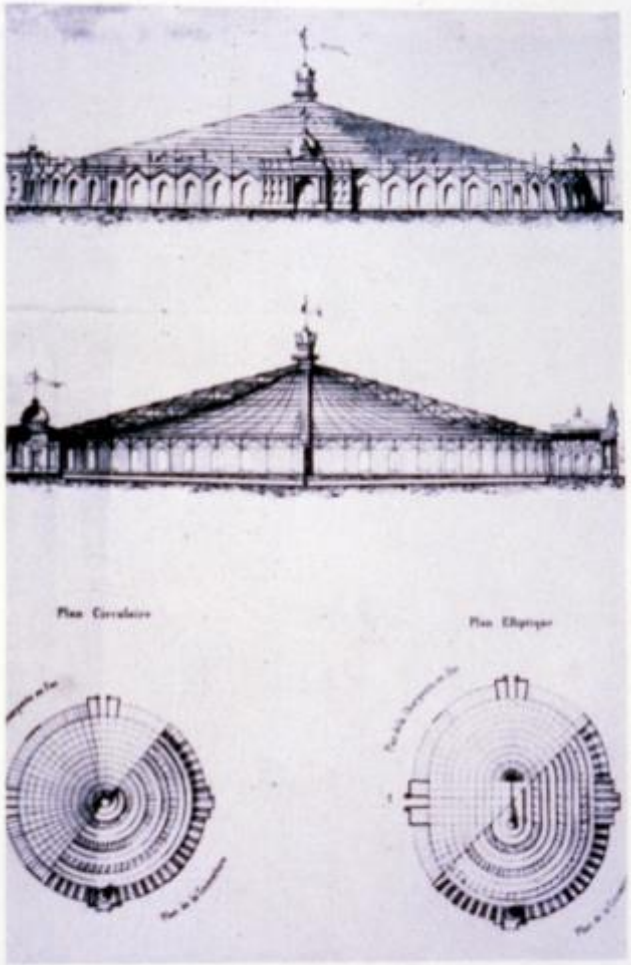
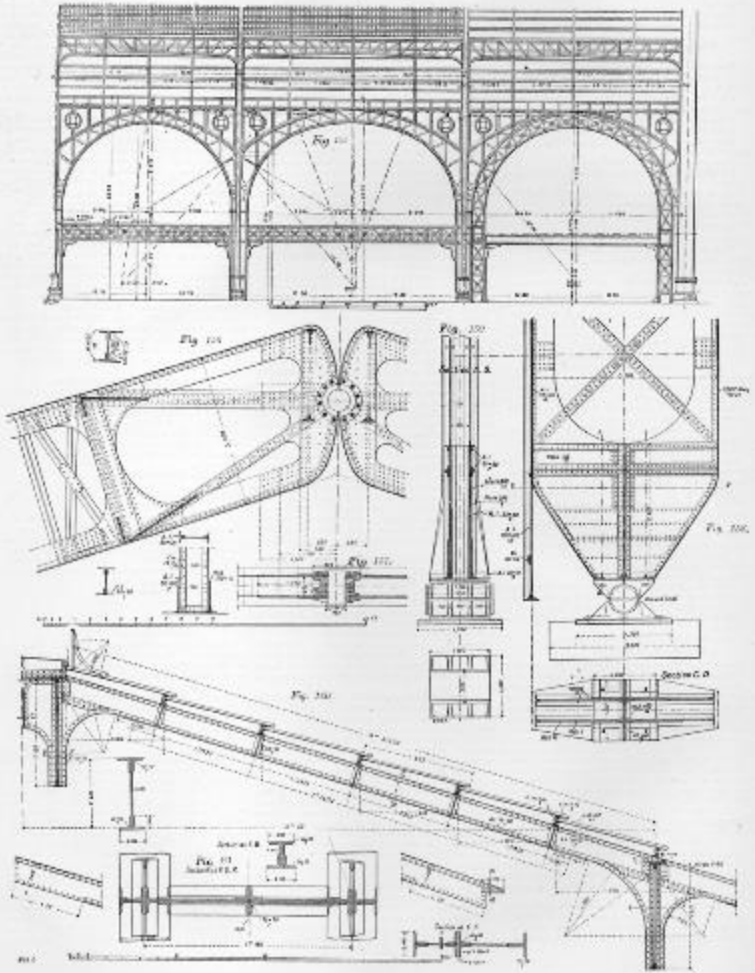


Plate 41. Paul Grieumard. Project for the International Exhibition Building of 1867, published in 1865 (Grieumard, pl. 1)

Galerie des Machines
Exposition Universale
Paris, France
Victor Contamin Engineer
1889

DETAILS OF ROOF OF MACHINERY HALL AND OF SIDE GALLERIES.

(For Description, see page 462.)



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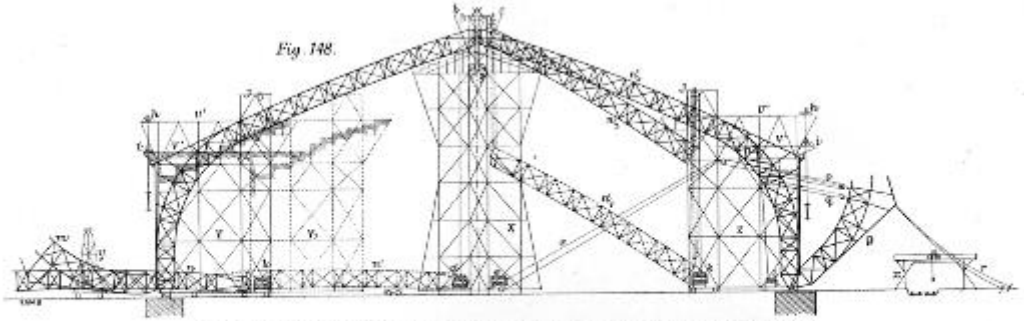
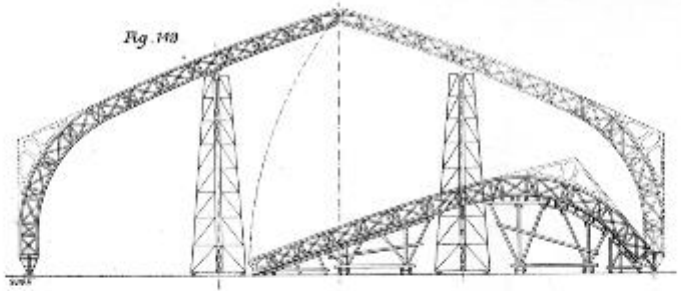


MODE OF ERECTING MACHINERY HALL ROOF; THE FIVES LILLE COMPANY. (See page 457.)

Fig. 149.



PROPOSED MODE OF ERECTING MACHINERY HALL ROOF. (See page 457.)

Fig. 150.

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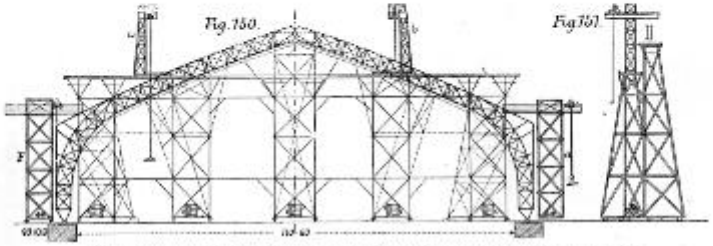
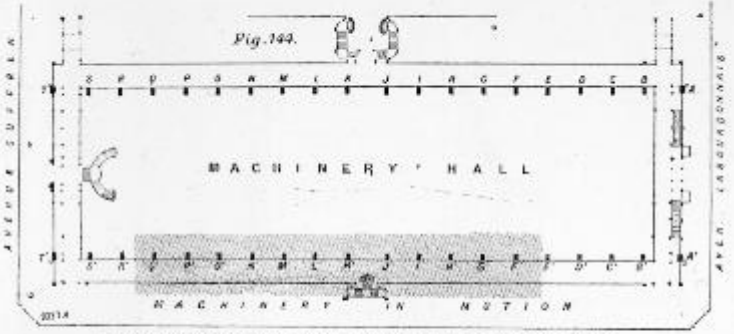


MODE OF ERECTING MACHINERY HALL ROOF; MM. CAIL ET CIE. (See page 458.)

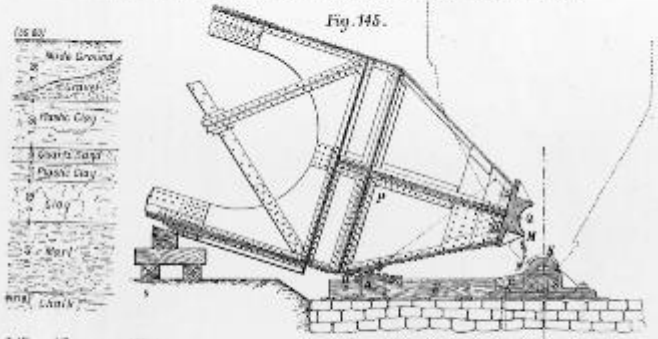
THE MACHINERY HALL.

Fig. 144.



PLAN SHOWING POSITION OF FIRES AND STAIRCASES. (See page 453.)

Fig. 145.



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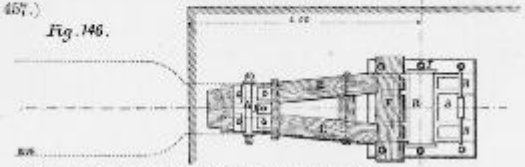
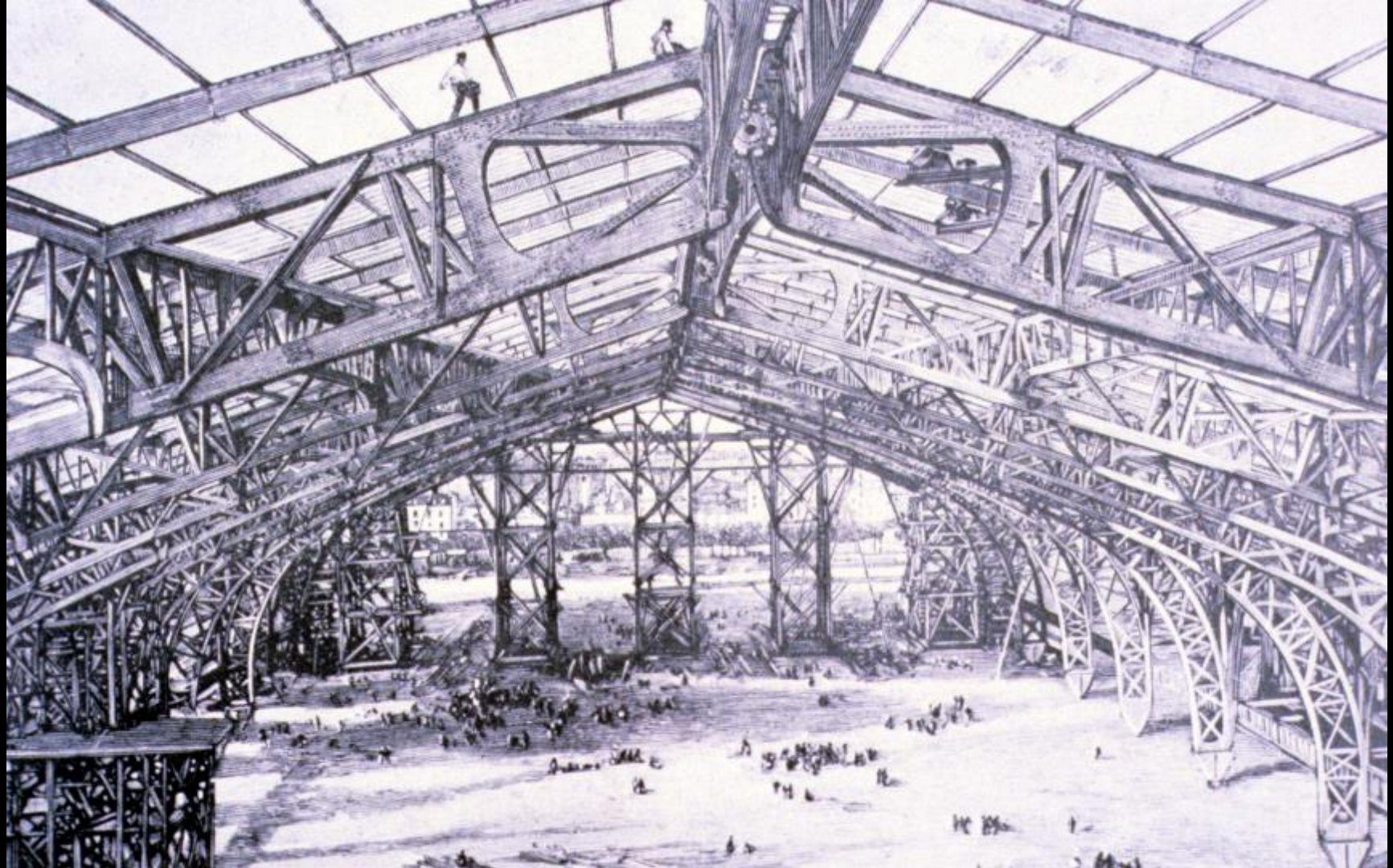
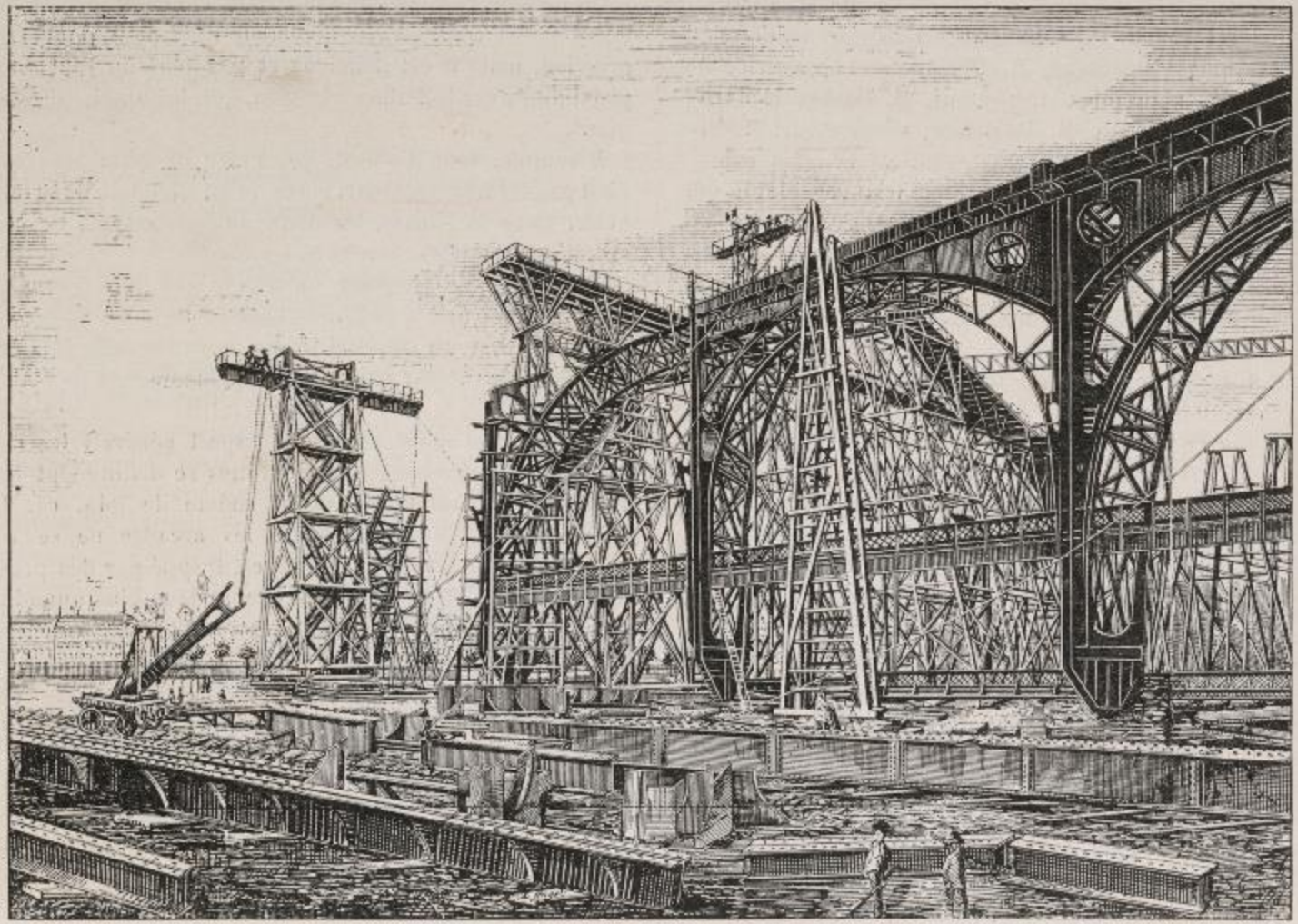
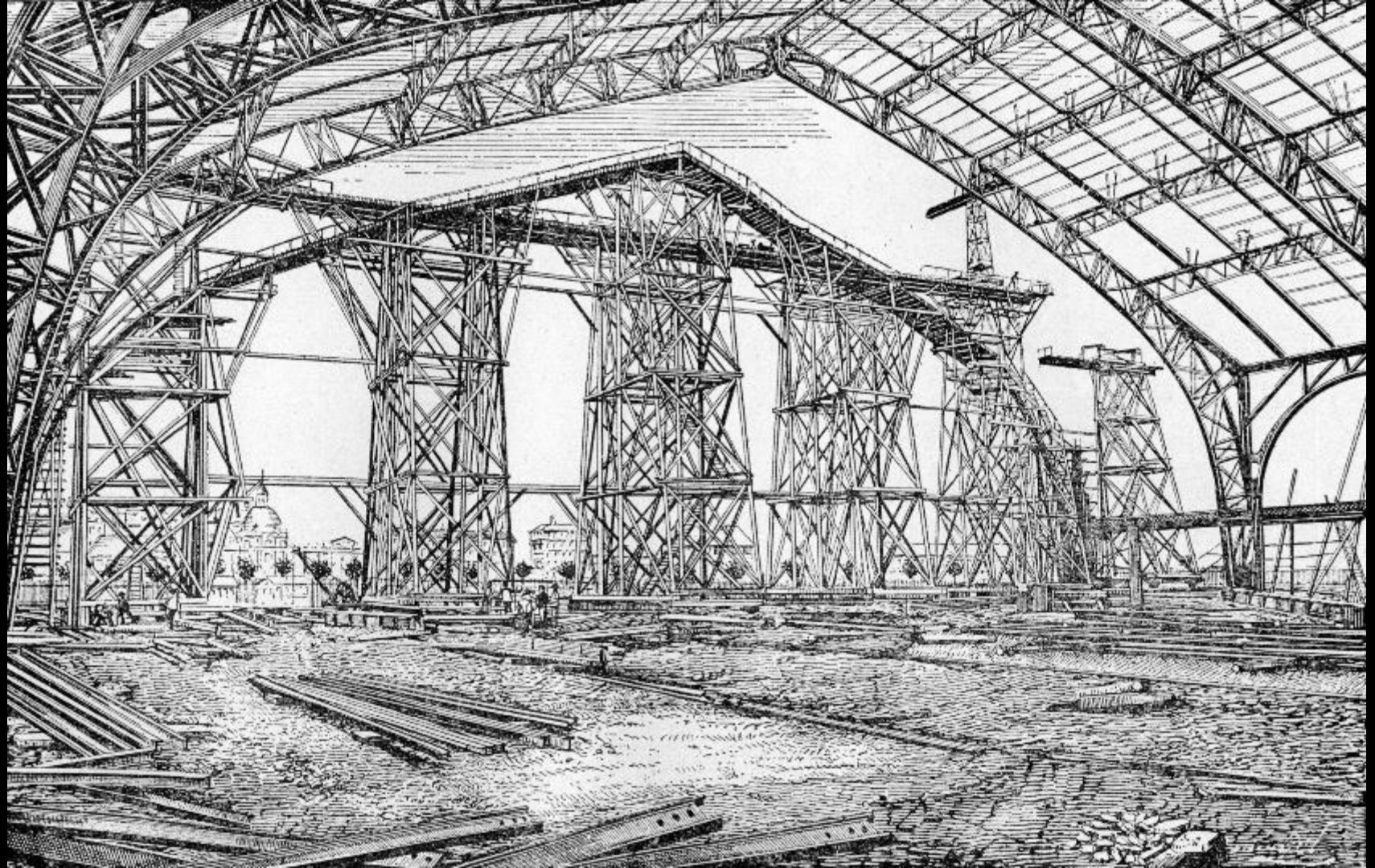


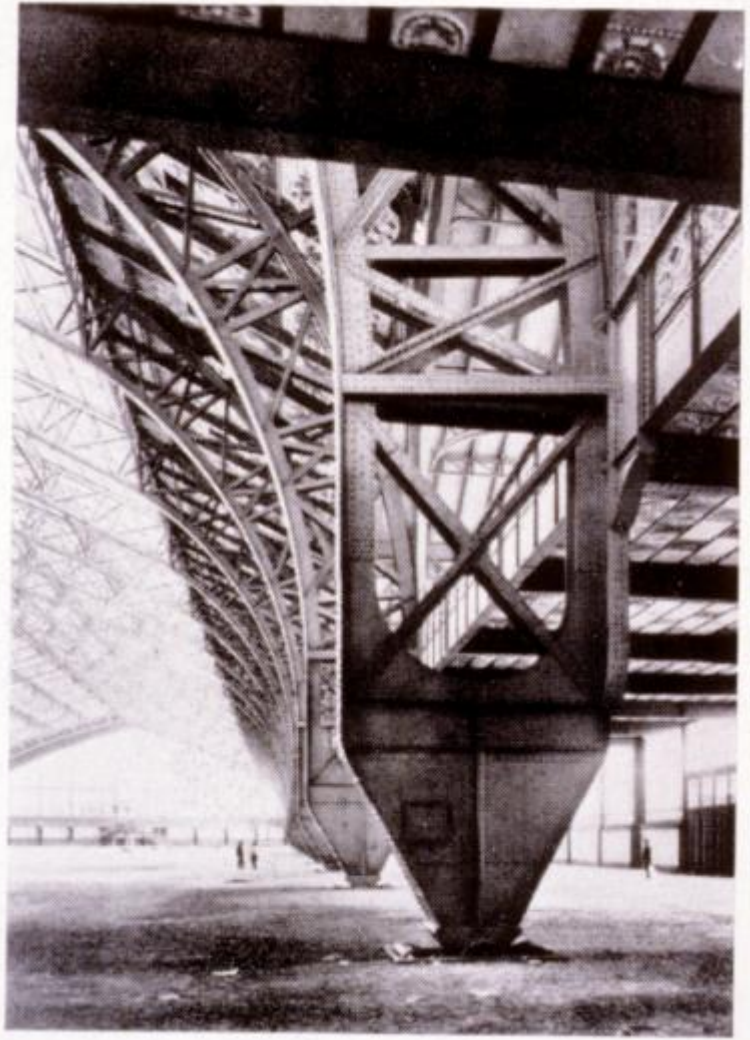
MODE OF ERECTING PRINCIPALS. (See page 458.)

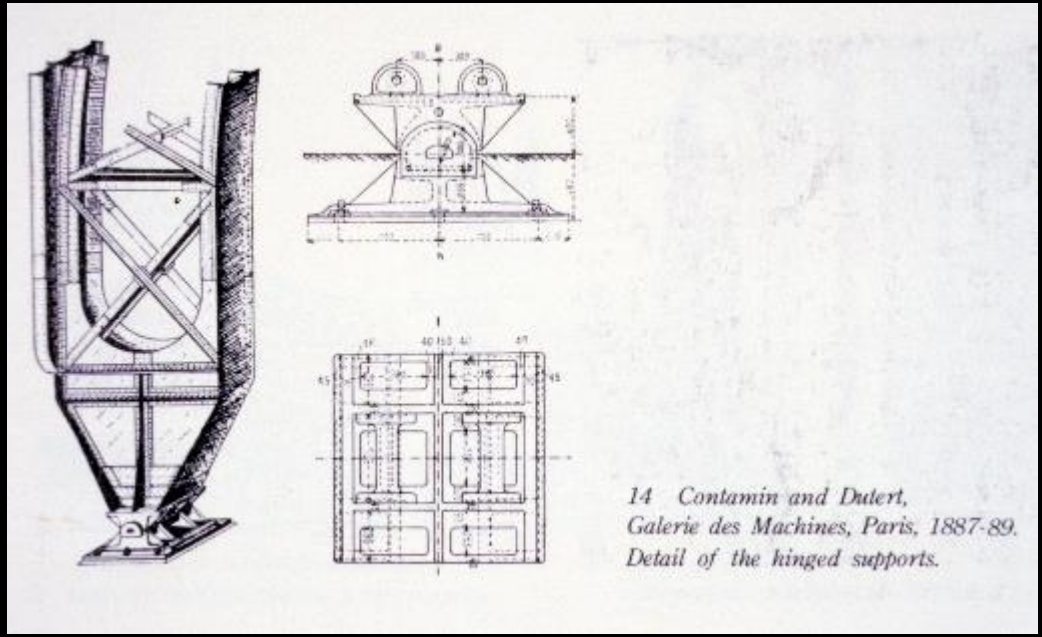




Le montage des grandes fermes de la Galerie des Machines.







14 Contamin and Dutert, Galerie des Machines, Paris, 1887-89. Detail of the hinged supports.

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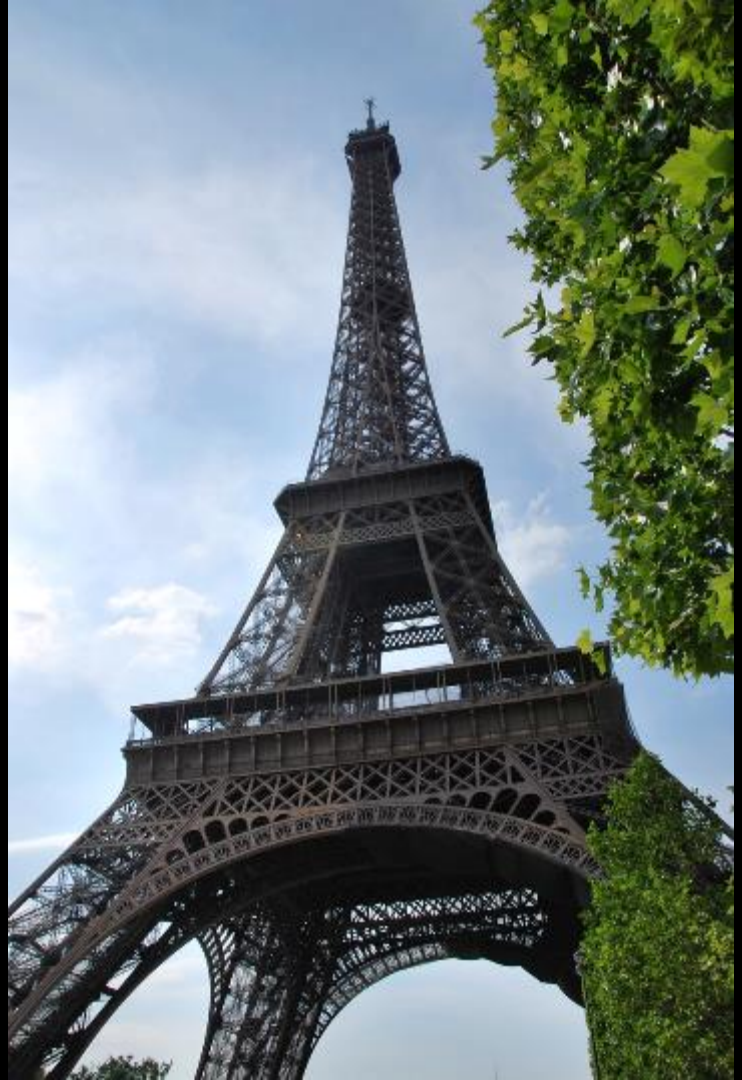

Eiffel Tower
Great Exposition 1889
Paris, France
Gustav Eiffel
324m

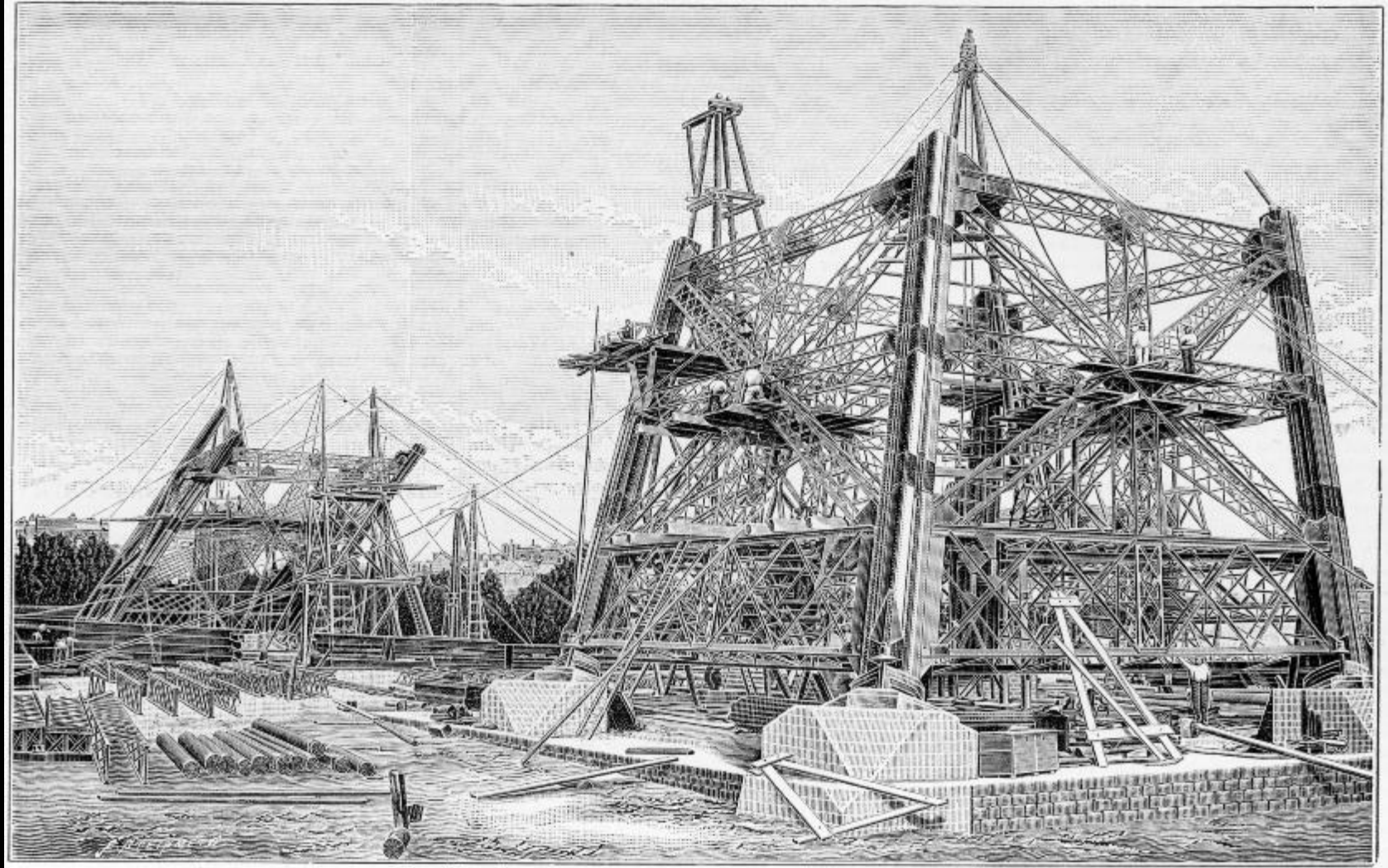

FIG. 37. THE EIFFEL TOWER, COLUMN NO. 4; SEPTEMBER, 1887.


ACIERIES

Grand Palais des Champs Elysees
Universal Exposition of 1900
Paris, France
1900

Train Stations and Railroads

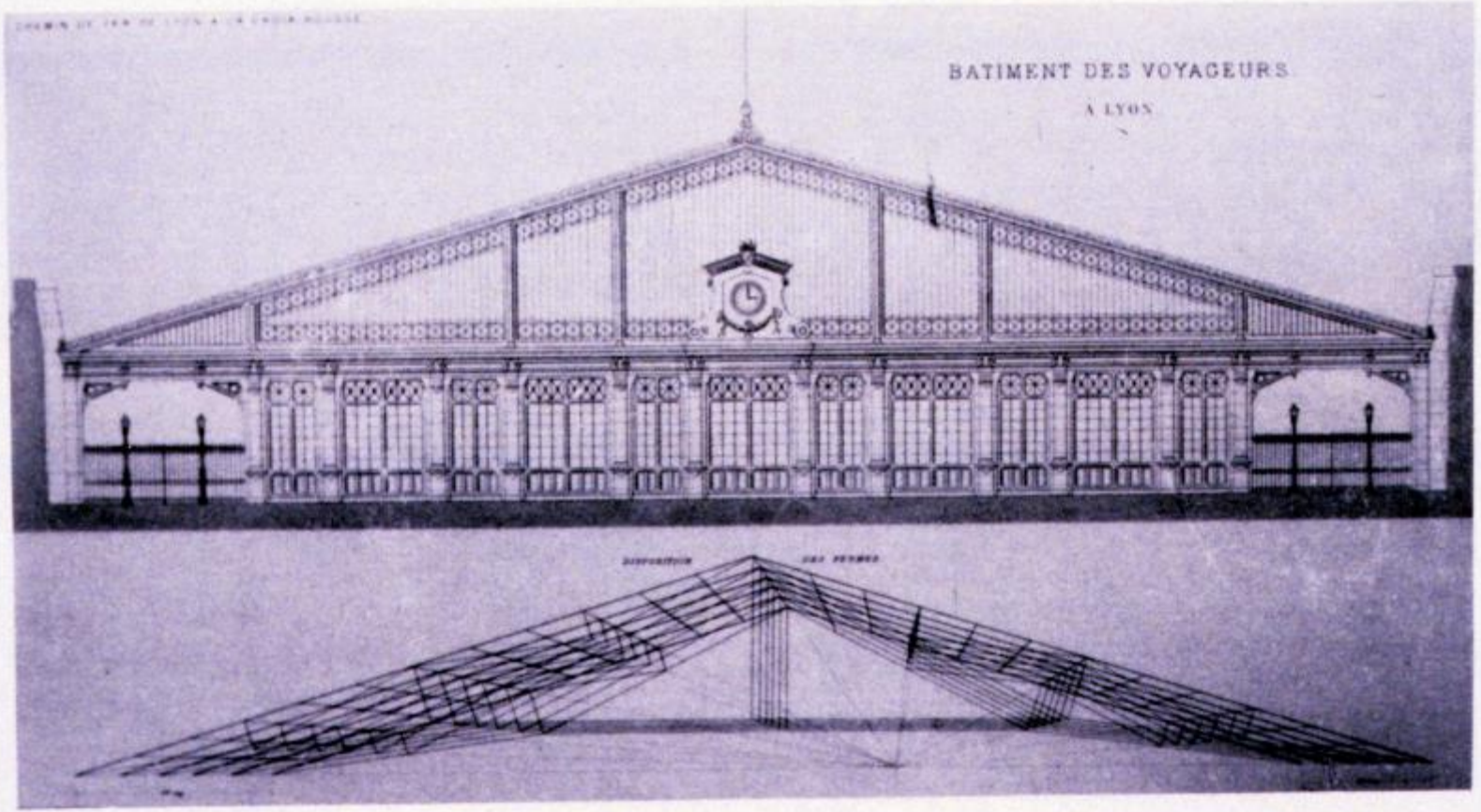

Plate 13. François Cendrier and A. Julien. Gare de Perrache, Lyon, 1855 (*Révue générale de l'architecture*, XVIII, pl. 17)

Paddington Station
London, England
Isambard Kingdom Brunel Engineer
1838

St. Pancras Station
London, England
William Henry Barlow Architect
1868

Kings Cross Station
London, England
George Turnbill and Lewis Cubitt
1852


Liverpool Street Station
London, England
1874


First Class
East Anglia
First Class


MARKS &
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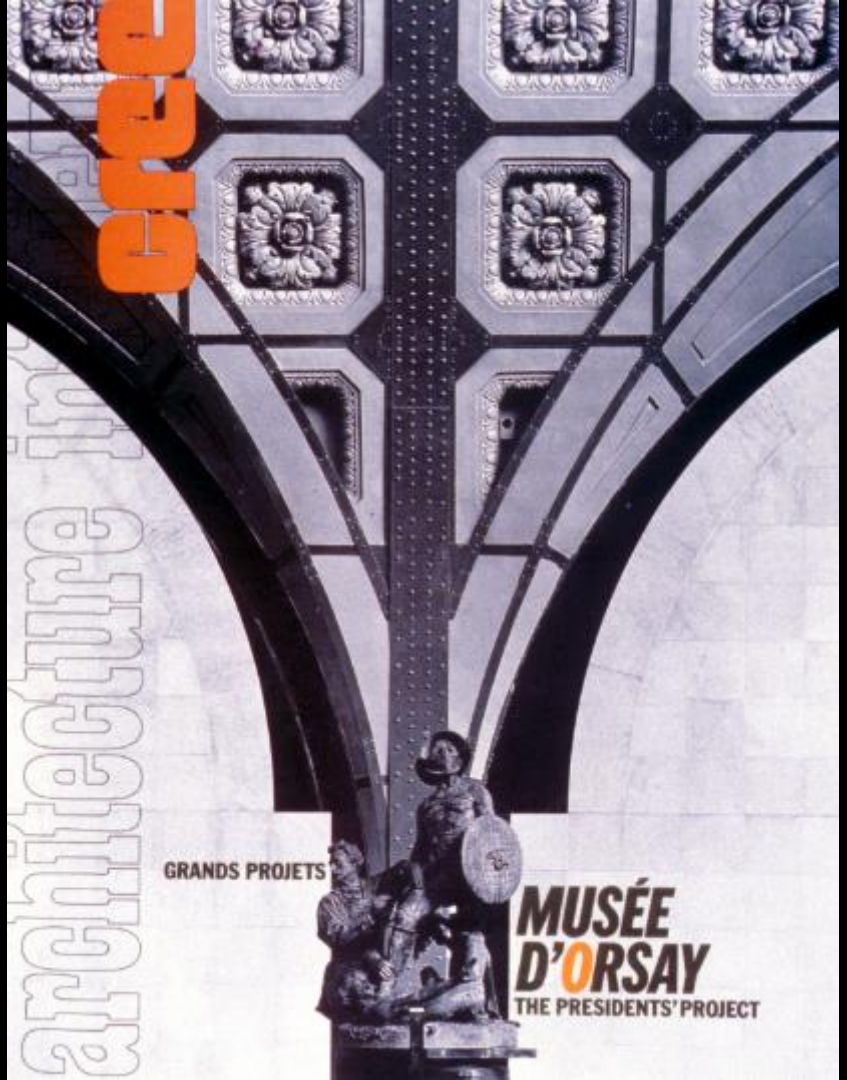
Gare d'Orsay
Victor Laloux, Lucien Magne and Emile Benard
Paris, France
1900
Renovated to Musee d'Orsay
Gae Aulenti Architect
1986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THE PRESIDENTS' PROJECT


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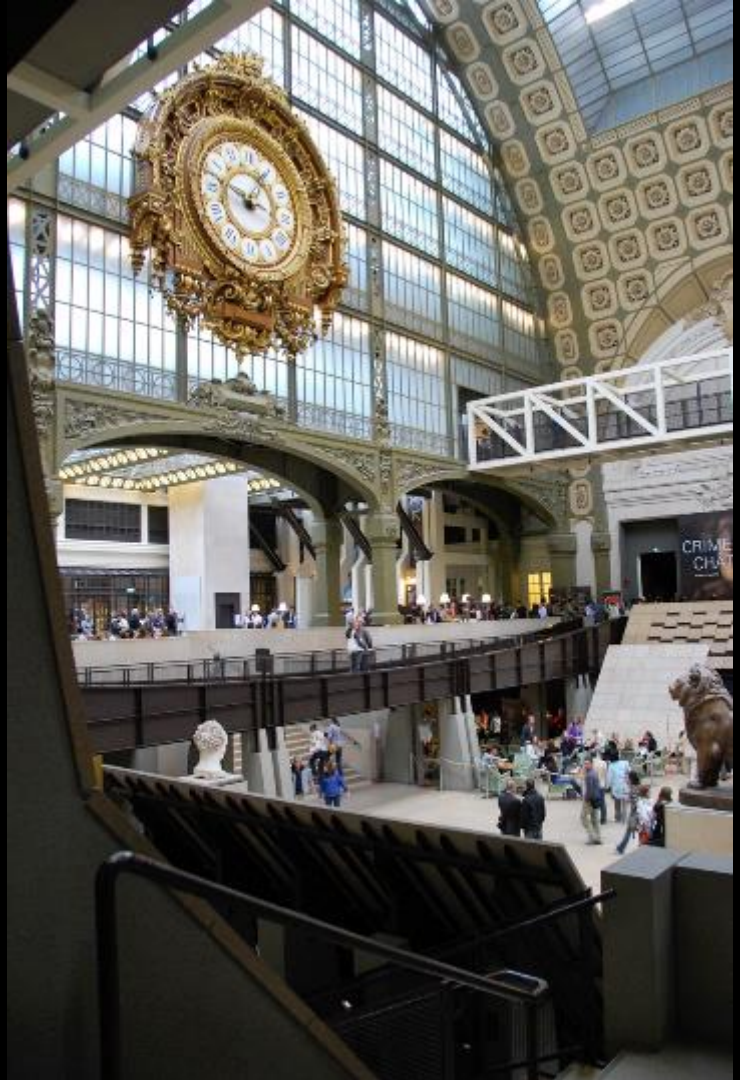


Steel/Iron and Glass

Atrium Roofs

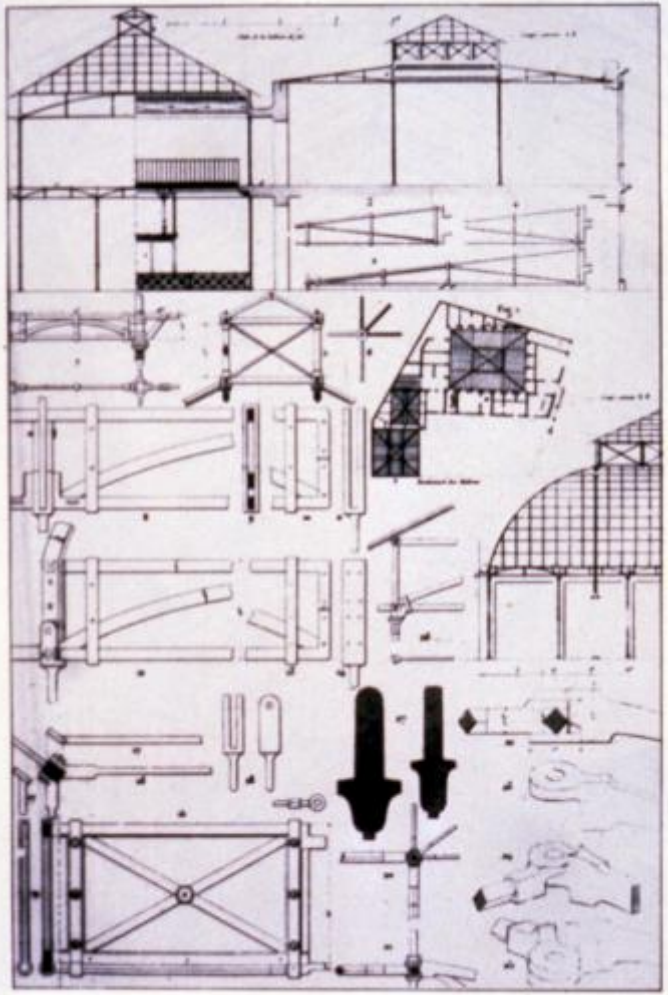
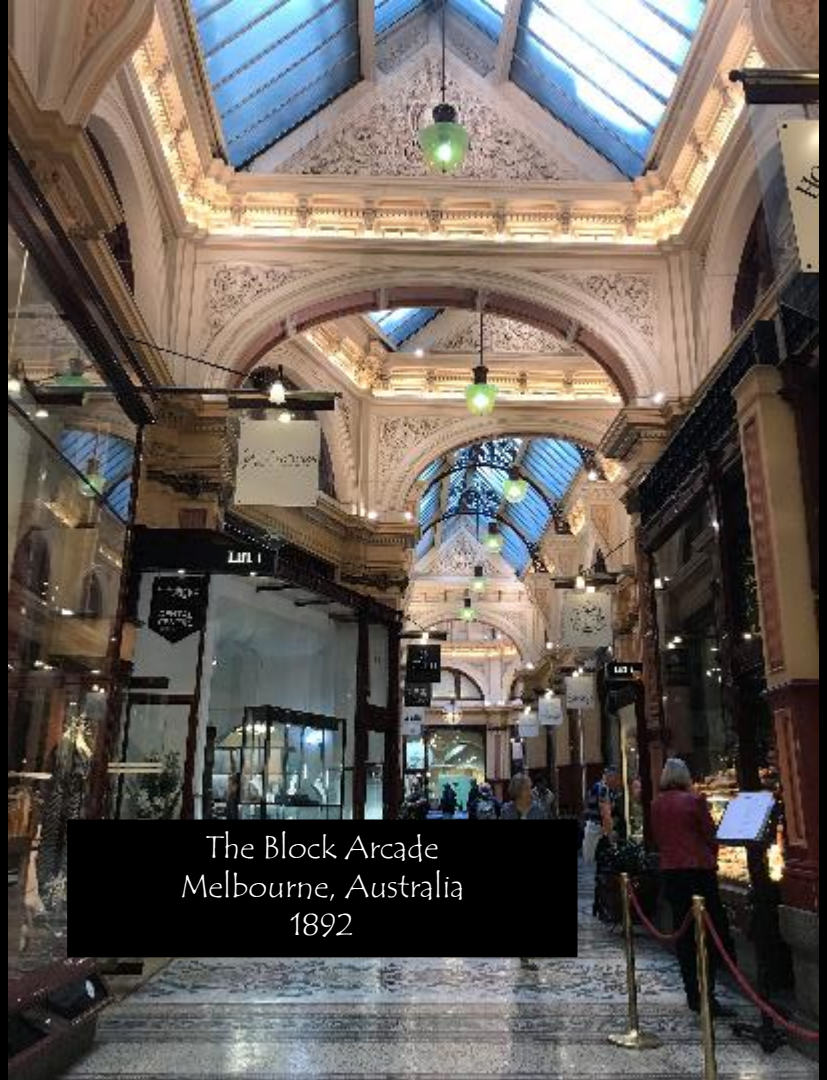


Plate 20. Tavernier. Galerie de Fer, Paris, 1829 (Thiollet, 1832, pl. 26)

Plate 19. Passage des Princes, Paris, 1860 (Frances H. Steiner)



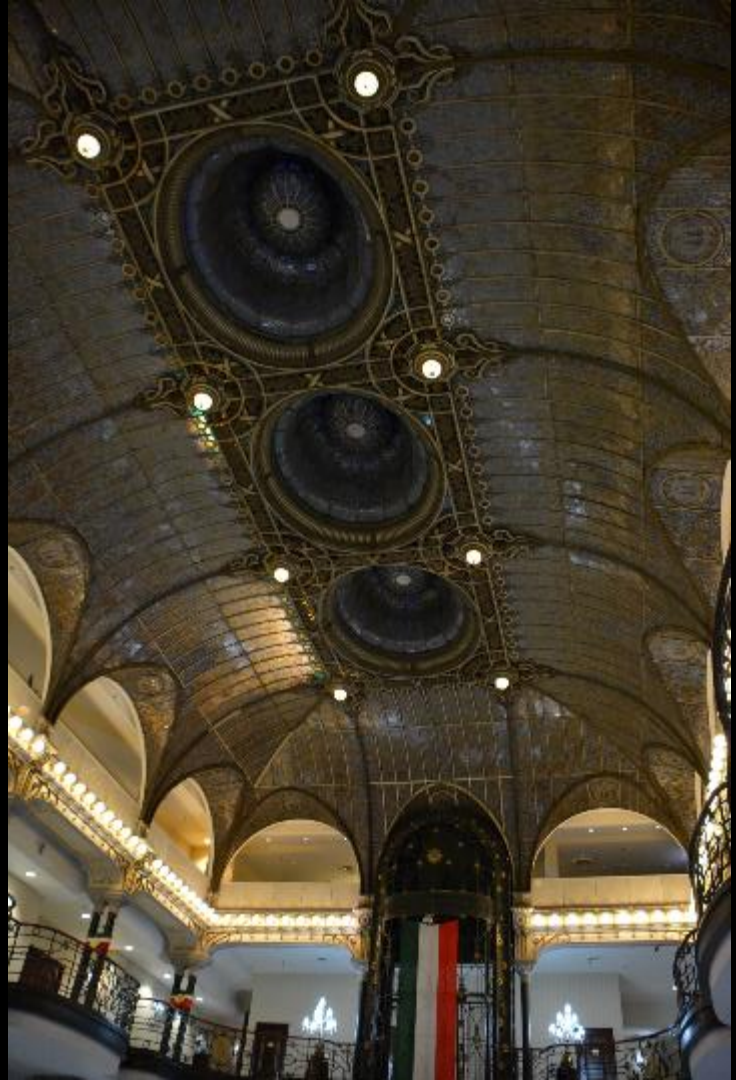
The Block Arcade
Melbourne, Australia
1892

Galeries Lafayette
Paris, France
Georges Chedann Architect
Art Nouveau Style
1912

Glass by Tiffany

Gran Hotel Cuidad de Mexico
Mexico City
Art Nouveau
1899

Glass by Tiffany



The Rookery
Chicago, Illinois, USA
Burnham and Root
1891
Glass Court
Frank Lloyd Wright
1905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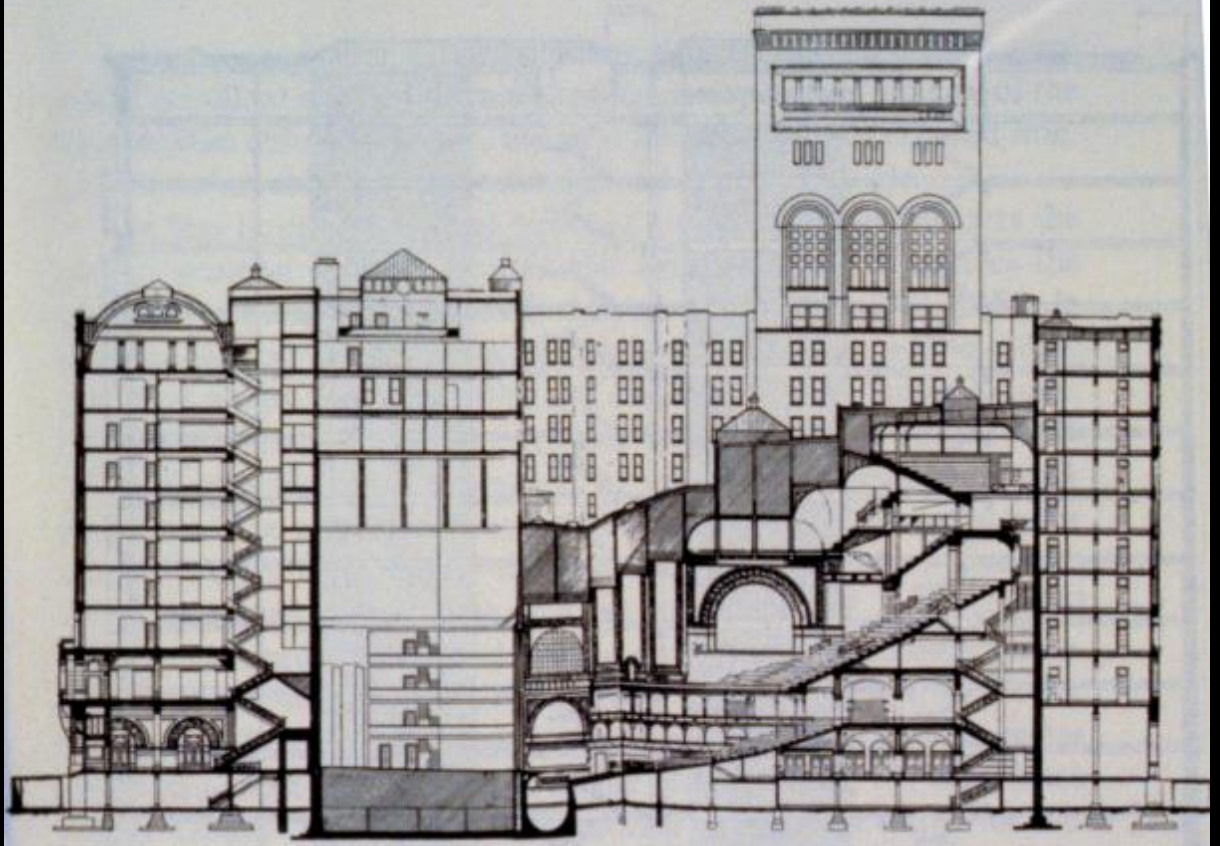
Steel Framing
-
Multi-storey buildings
to
Skyscrapers

Auditorium Building
Dankmar Adler & Louis Sullivan
Chicago, Illinois, USA
1889

40. Auditorium Building, Chicago, Ill., 1887–89. Adler and Sullivan, architects. Longitudinal section. The interior framework of the Auditorium embraced every structural technique in iron available at the time.



William Le Baron Jenney
Architect and Engineer
Father of the Skyscraper
1832 - 1907

The Fair Store
Chicago, Illinois
William Le Baron Jenney
1874


THE FAIR

ESTABLISHED 1875

THE LARGEST AND GRANDEST STORE IN THE WORLD,

NOW BEING RAPIDLY PUSHED TO COMPLETION,

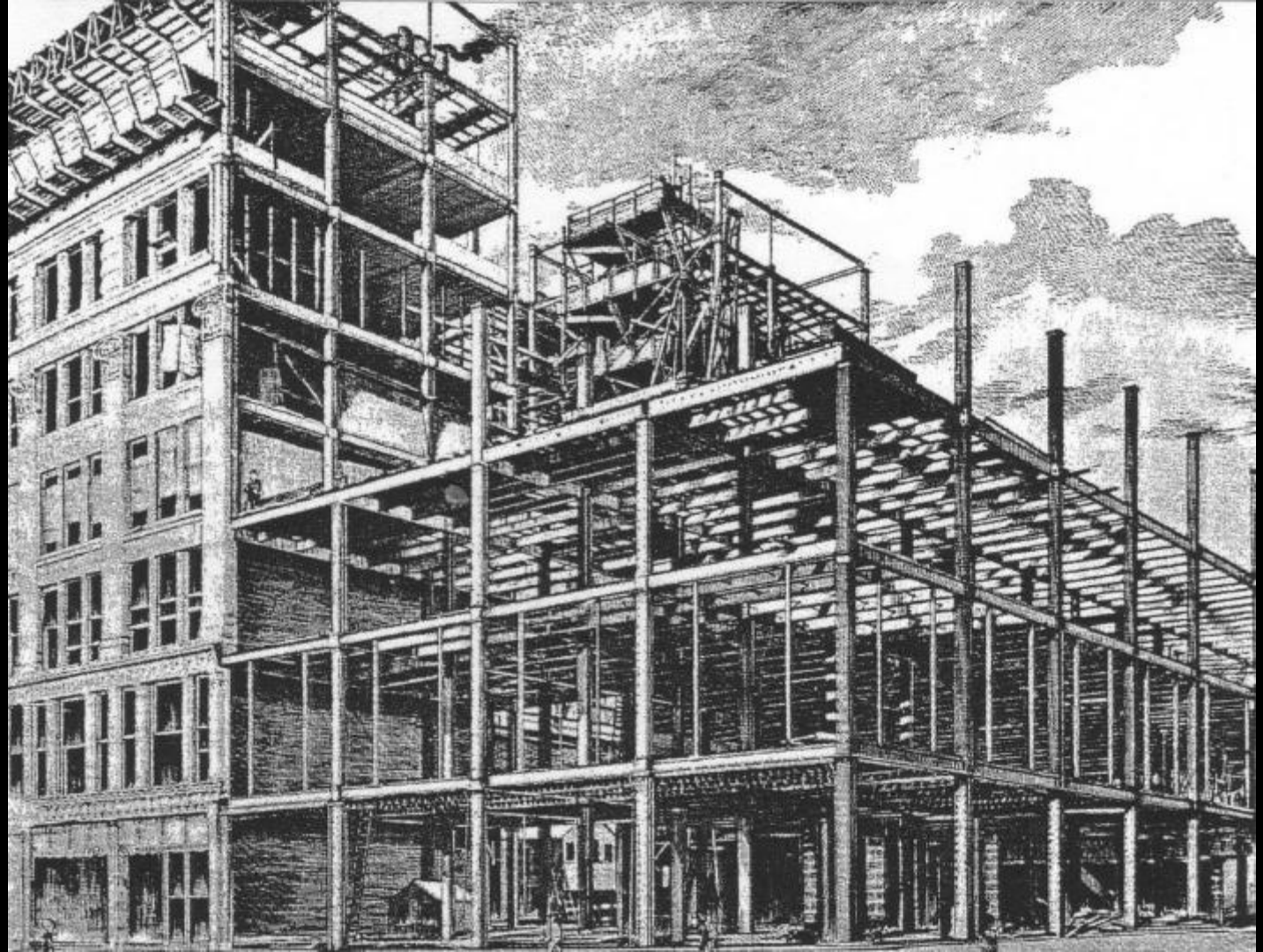
to occupy 10,366,750 CUBIC FEET—677,500 SQUARE FEET, OR OVER 15½ ACRES OF SPACE—730 FEET FRONTAGE—a marvel of Chicago push, pluck, and enterprise—grown from an acorn to the mightiest oak—a success merited and won by always keeping faith with the people—selling goods cheaper—liberal methods—square, upright dealing—and truthful advertising.
In 1875, with a capital of less than one thousand dollars, The Fair began business in the little 18x80 store, as shown in cut. It immediately grew in popular favor—because it sold goods cheaper than others—steadily, constantly we forged ahead—striving to win the people's confidence—working with might and main to sell more so we could sell cheaper. In five years an immense business had been established—which has now grown to such proportions as to compel the necessity of erecting the above magnificent structure—unequaled anywhere on earth—a store which shall not only be the largest, but in every way the greatest, cheapest, most satisfactory trading place in the world. A CHICAGO PRODUCT—MADE GREAT BY THE THRIFTY MONEY-SAVING PEOPLE OF CHICAGO AND VICINITY—WHO KNOW THE VALUE OF A DOLLAR AND WHERE TO GET THE MOST FOR IT . . . . .

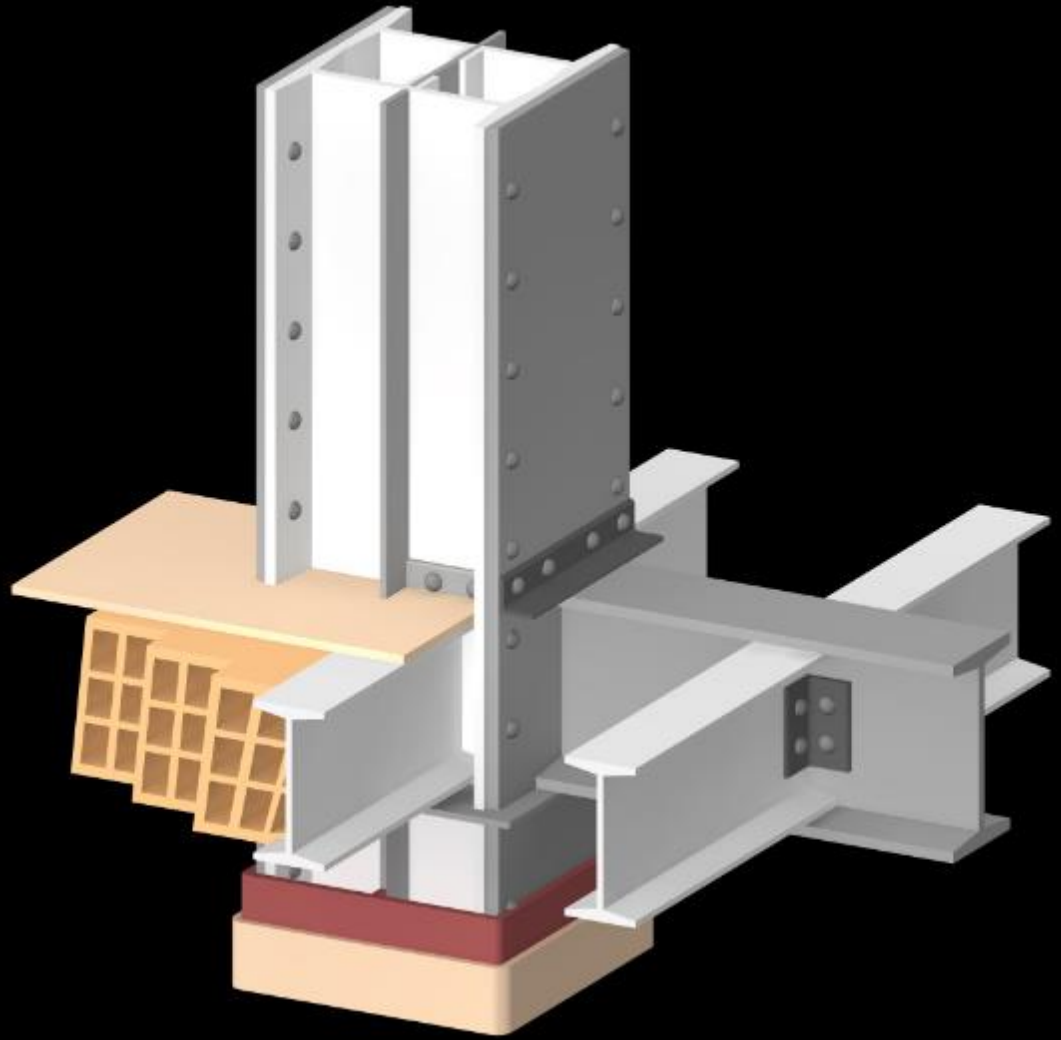
THE FAIR IN 1875

40 Bargains for Today that Explain Why The Fair Has Justly Become a Household Word for Economy.

Shirt Waists. Boys' Suits. Millinery. Handkerchiefs. Velvet Capes. Ribbons. Ladies' Suits. Bicycle Shoes. Dress Goods. Ladies' Silk Hose. Ladies' Skirts. Men's Suits. Ladies' Hose. Wash Goods.

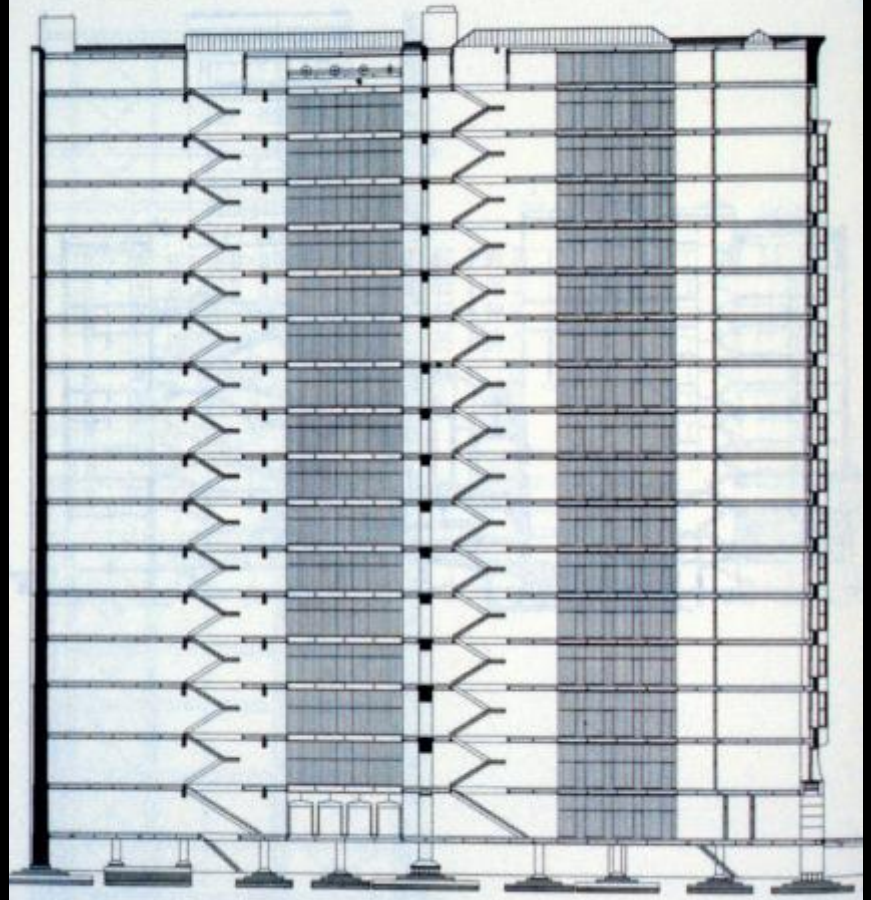
The department store was a new building type.

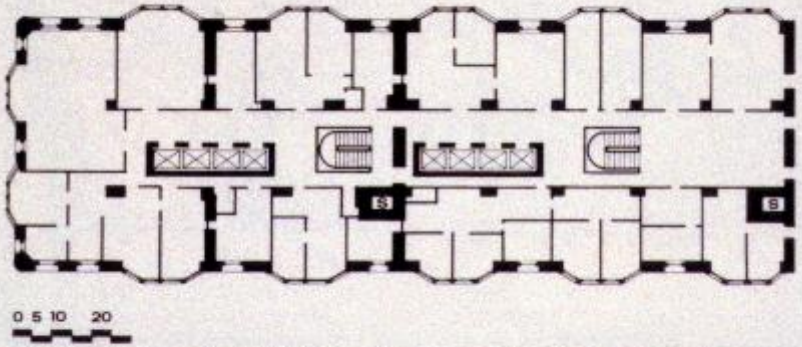




Monadnock Building (north half)
Chicago, Illinois
Burnham & Root
1891

41. Monadnock Building, Chicago, Ill., 1889-91. Burnham and Root, architects. Longitudinal section. The heavy masonry walls were already out of date in Chicago by the time John Wellborn Root designed this architectural landmark, but the interior iron frame of the Monadnock embodied the most advanced principles.



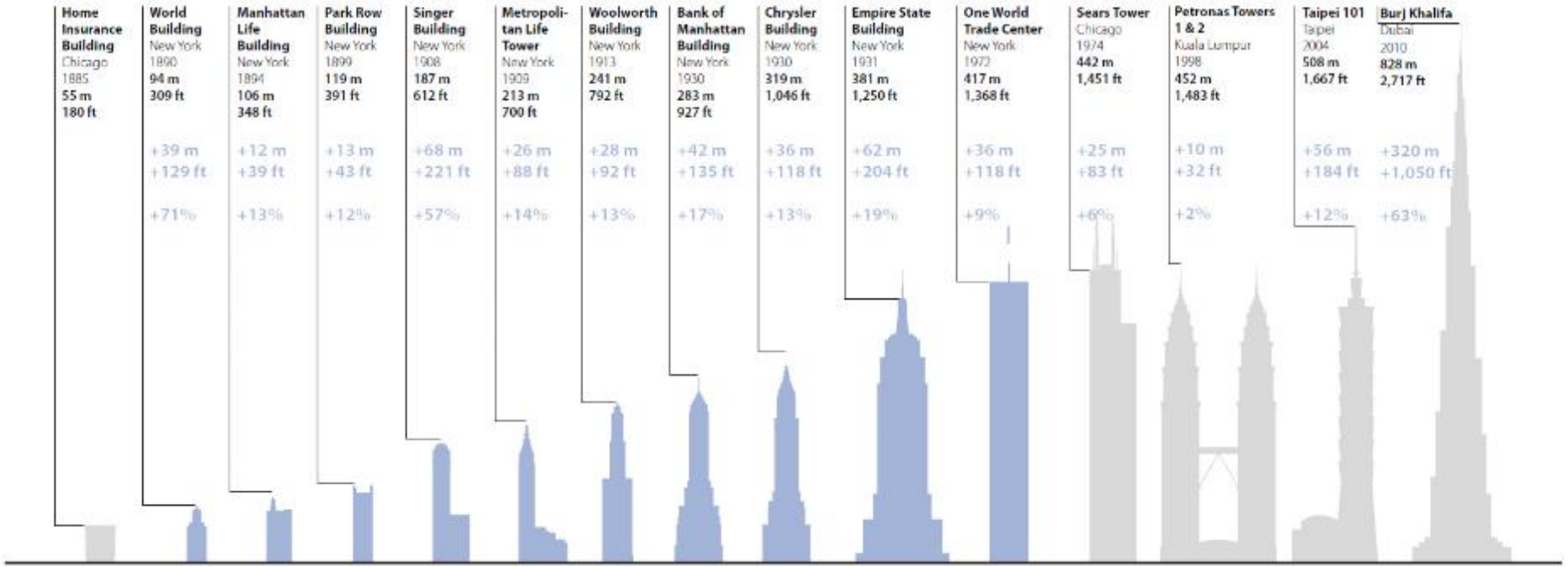


26 Root, Monadnock Block, Chicago, 1891. Typical floor plan.

History of the "World's Tallest Building"

According to CTBUH Height Criteria: Height to Architectural Top

NYC Buildings Non-NYC Buildings

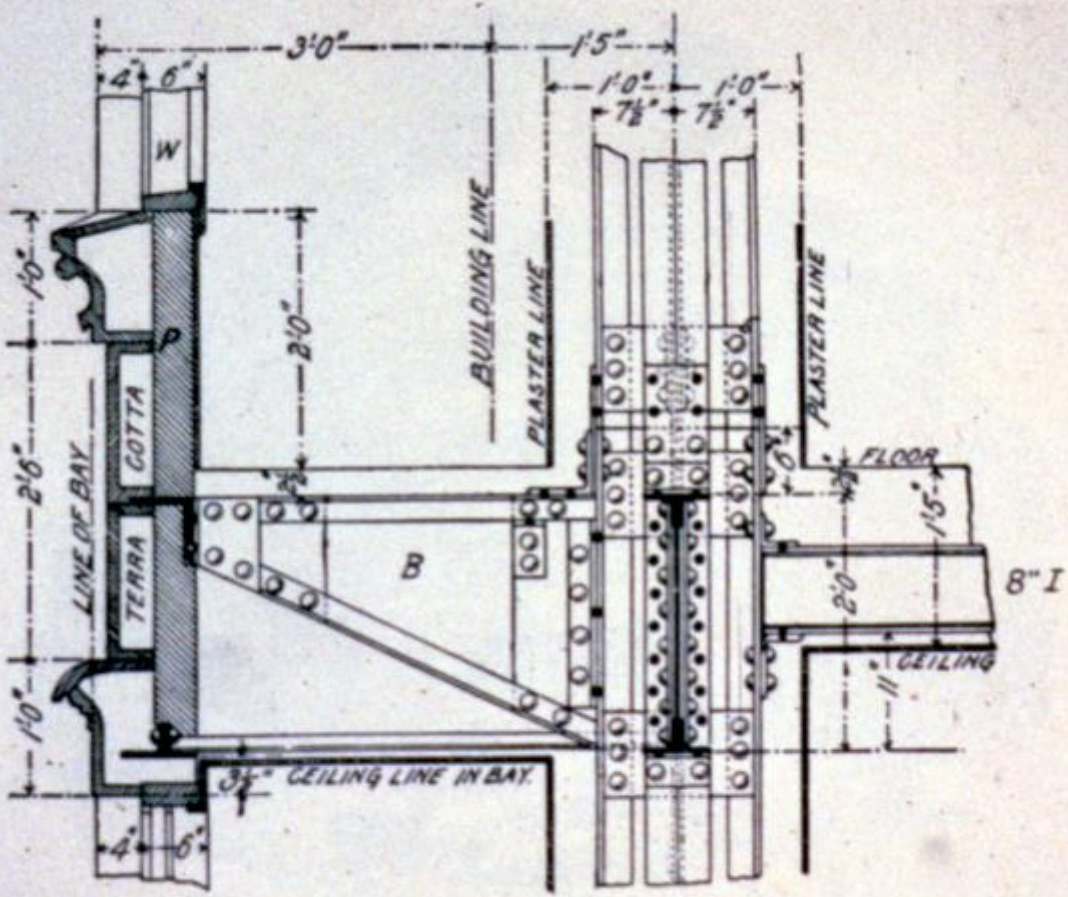


2 storey addition

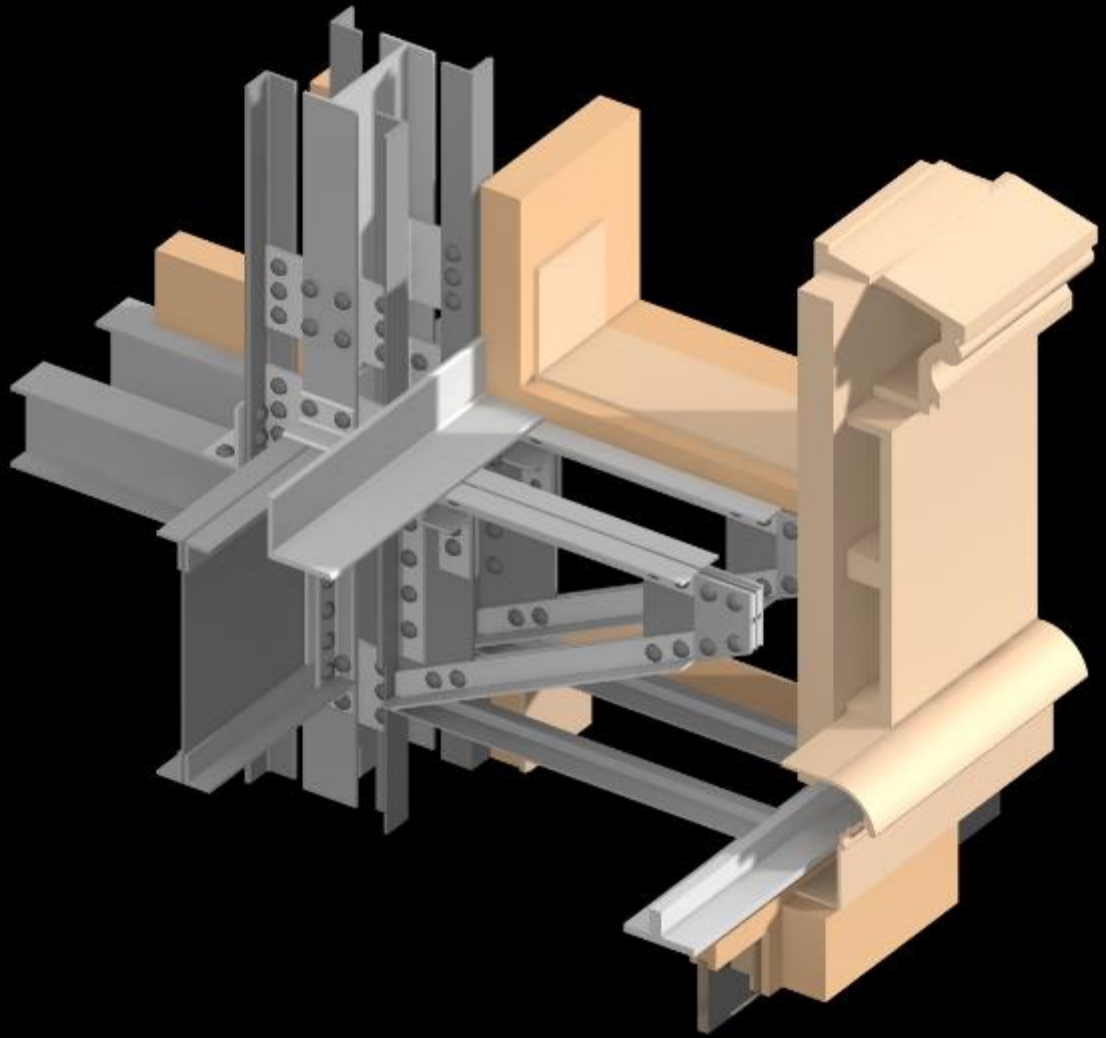
Original 10 storey height

Home Insurance Building
Chicago, Illinois
William Le Baron Jenney
1885

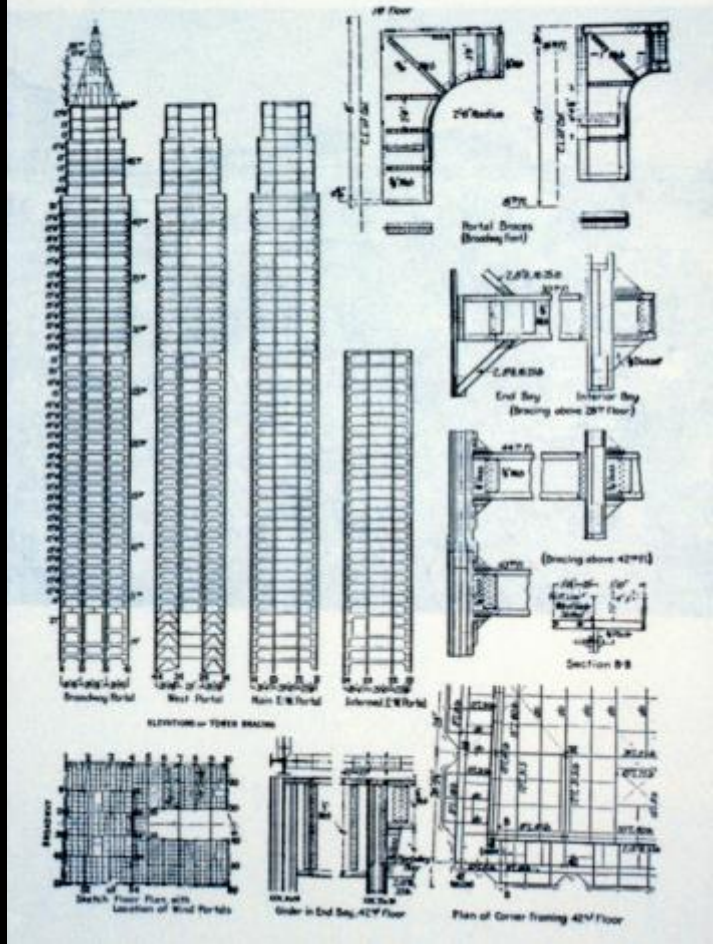
Reliance Building
Chicago, Illinois
Burnham, Root & Atwood
1895
First real curtainwall skyscraper



27 Atwood and Burnham, Reliance Building, Chicago, 1890/94-95. Cross section of window bay.



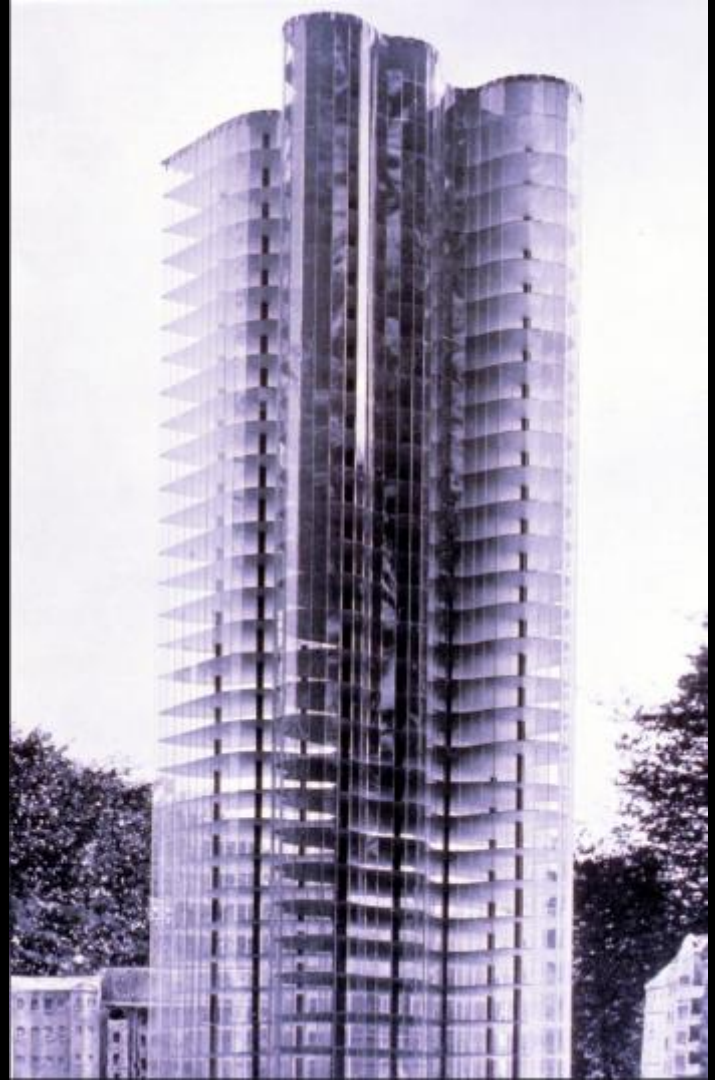
67. Woolworth Building, New York City, 1911–13. Cass Gilbert, architect; Gunvald Aus Co., engineers. Elevations and details of the steel frame. The Woolworth was the highest building in the world at the time of its construction and was supported on the most elaborately braced steel frame.



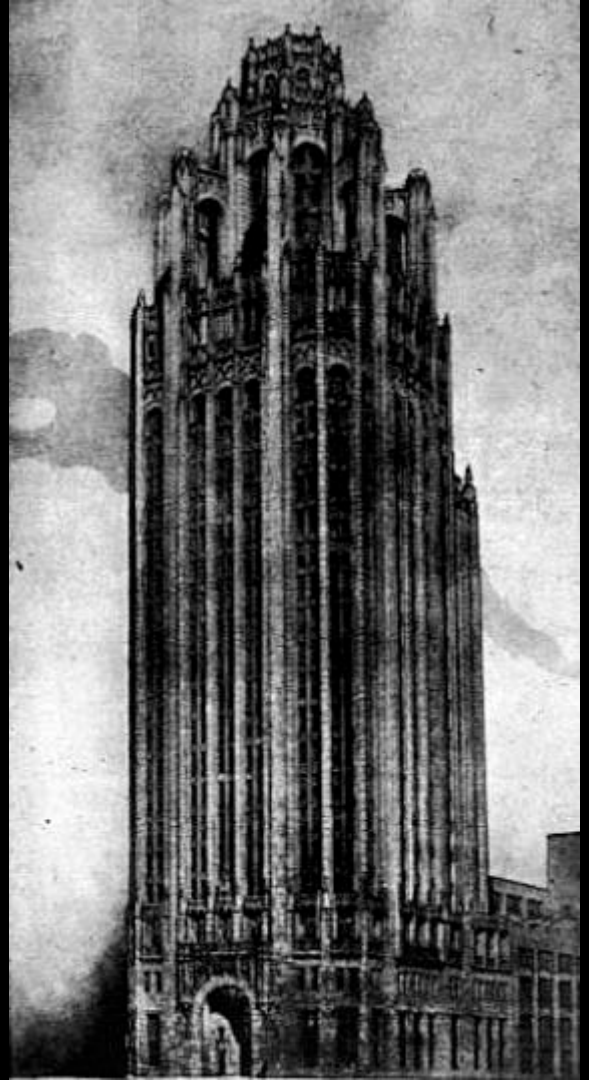
Woolworth Building
New York City, USA
1913

The role of the Competition in Inventing a New Typology

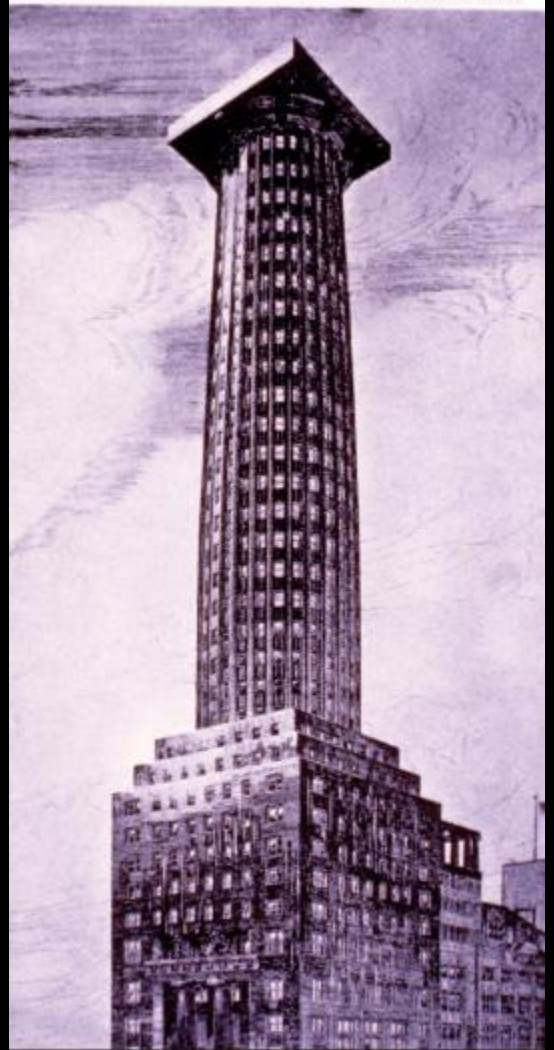
What is a Skyscraper??

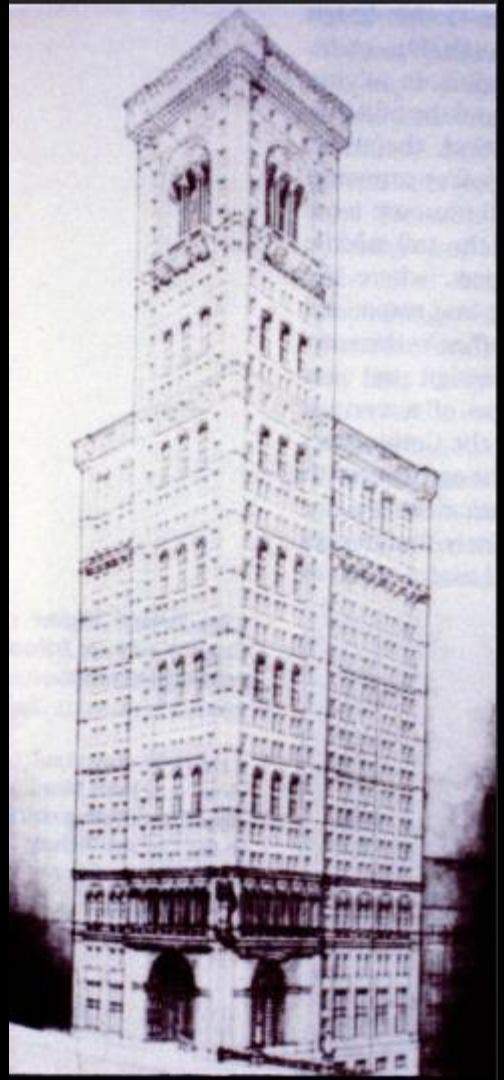


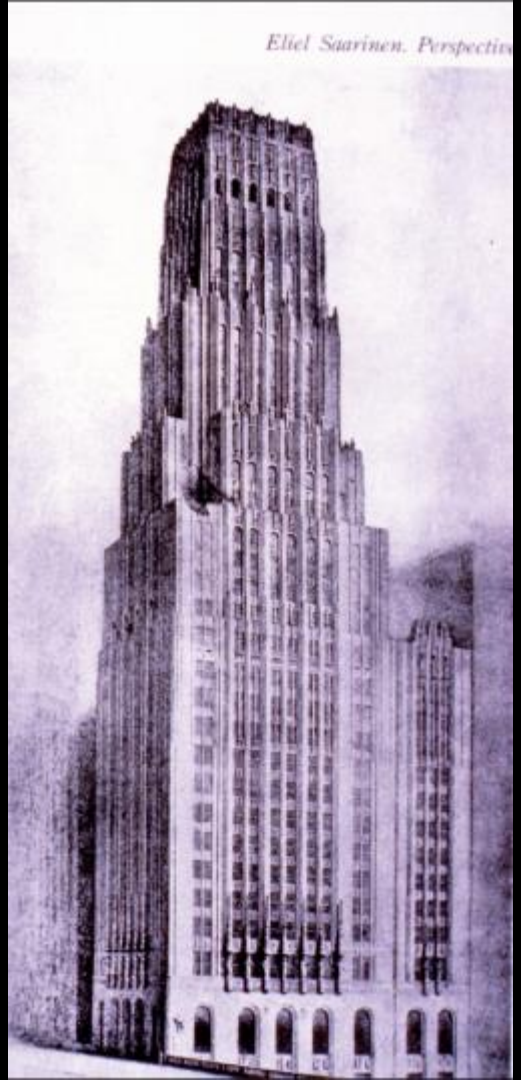
Mies van der Rohe
Idea for a glass skyscraper for Berlin
1921



Winning Entry for the Chicago Tribune
Tower Competition 1923
John Mead Howells and Raymond Hood



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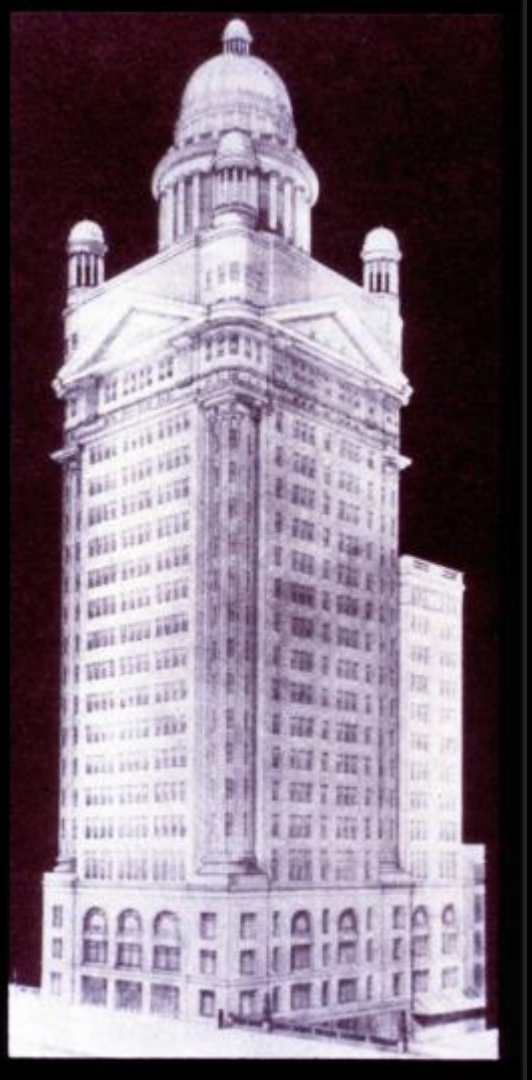

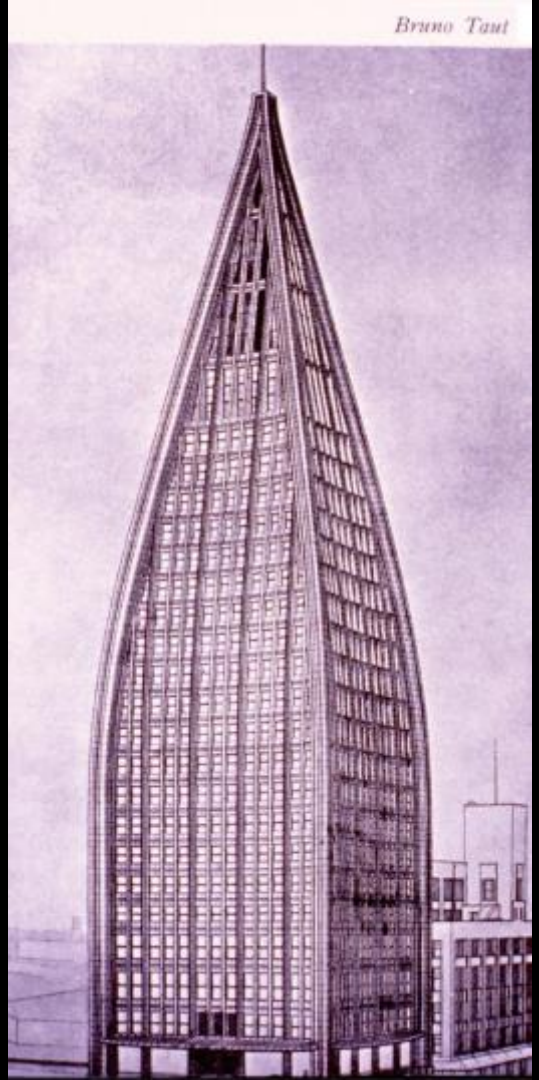
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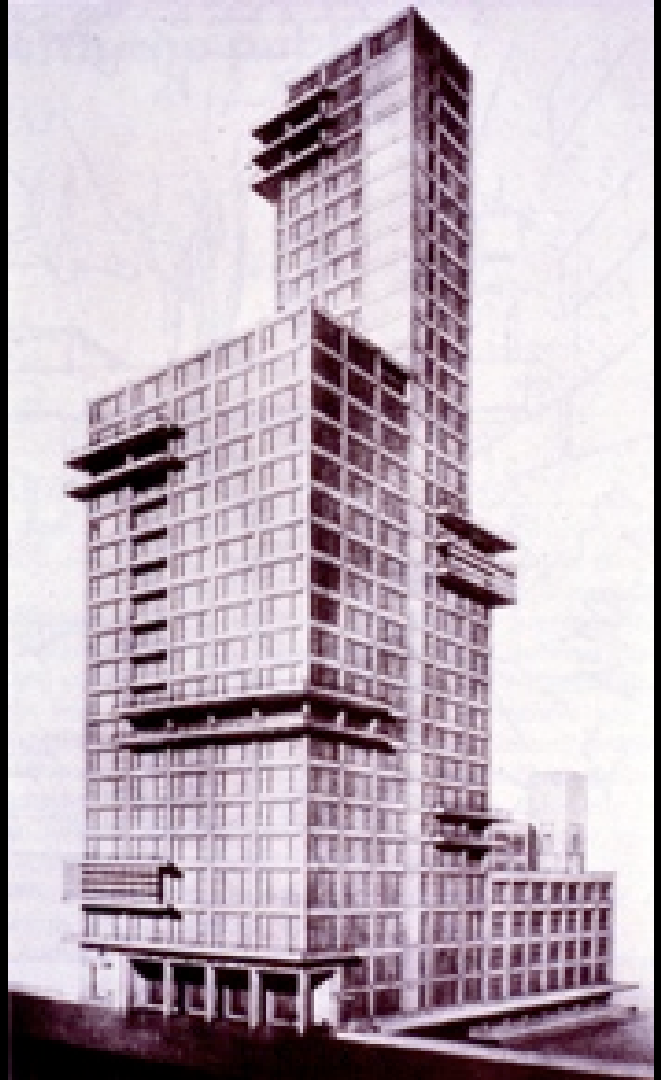
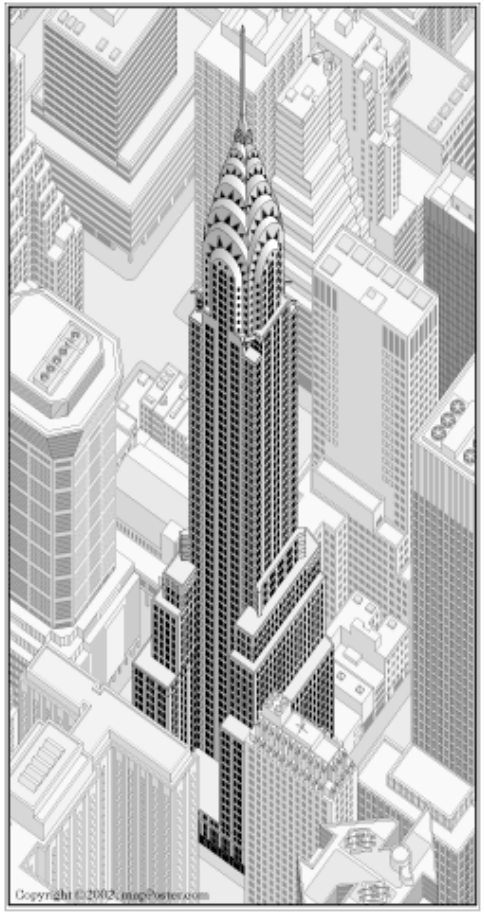


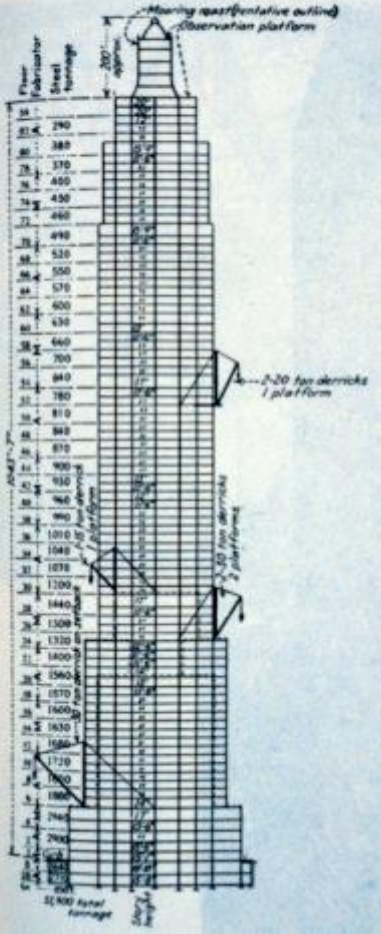


THE CHRYSLER BUILDING
William van Alen, Architect - Completed 1930

Chrysler Building
New York City
1930
319m

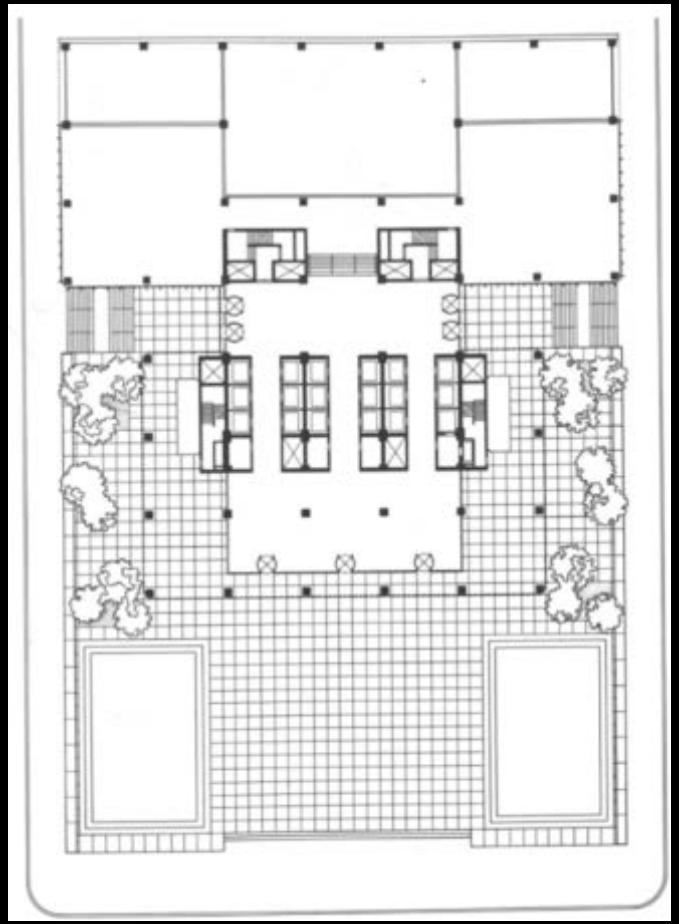
Art Deco Style

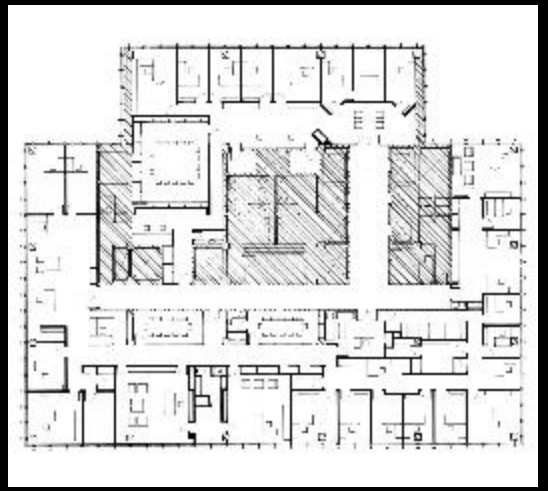
68. Empire State Building, New York City, 1929-31. Shreve, Lamb and Harmon, architects; H. G. Balcom, engineer. Elevation of the steel frame. The highest of all American skyscrapers until the World Trade Center is completed, the Empire State is carried on a traditional portal-braced steel frame.



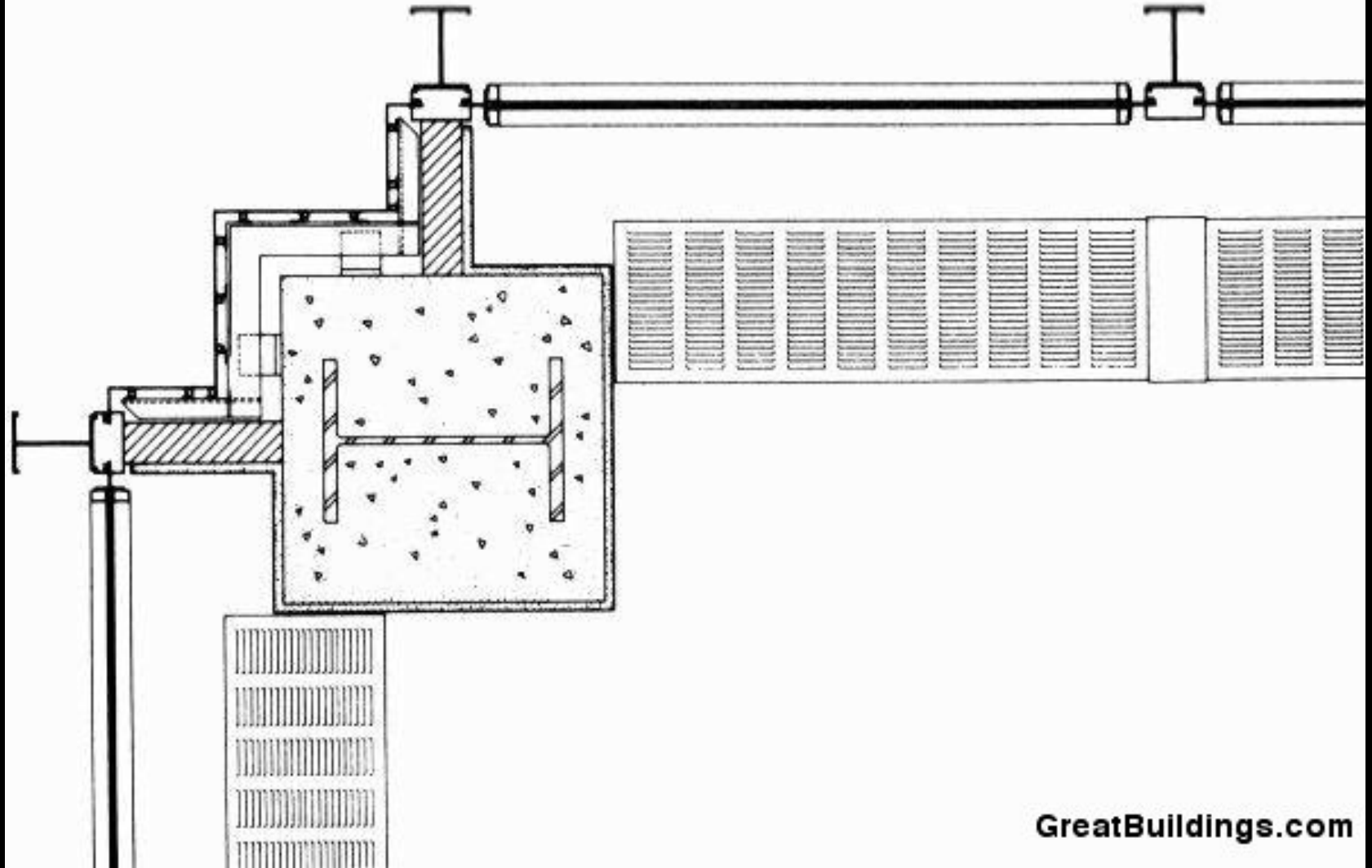
Empire State Building
New York City, USA
1931
381m

Seagram Building
New York City
Ludwig Mies van der Rohe
1958
157m



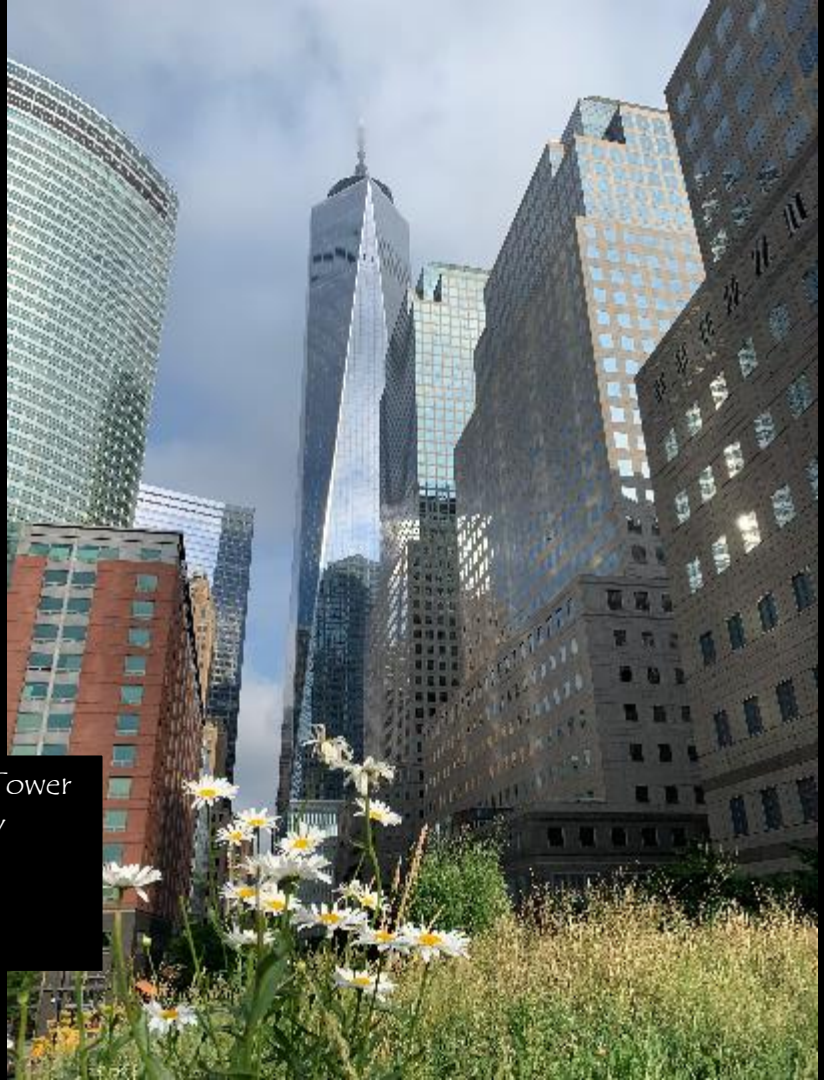



Park Ave



Lever House
New York City
Skidmore Owings and Merrill
1952
94m

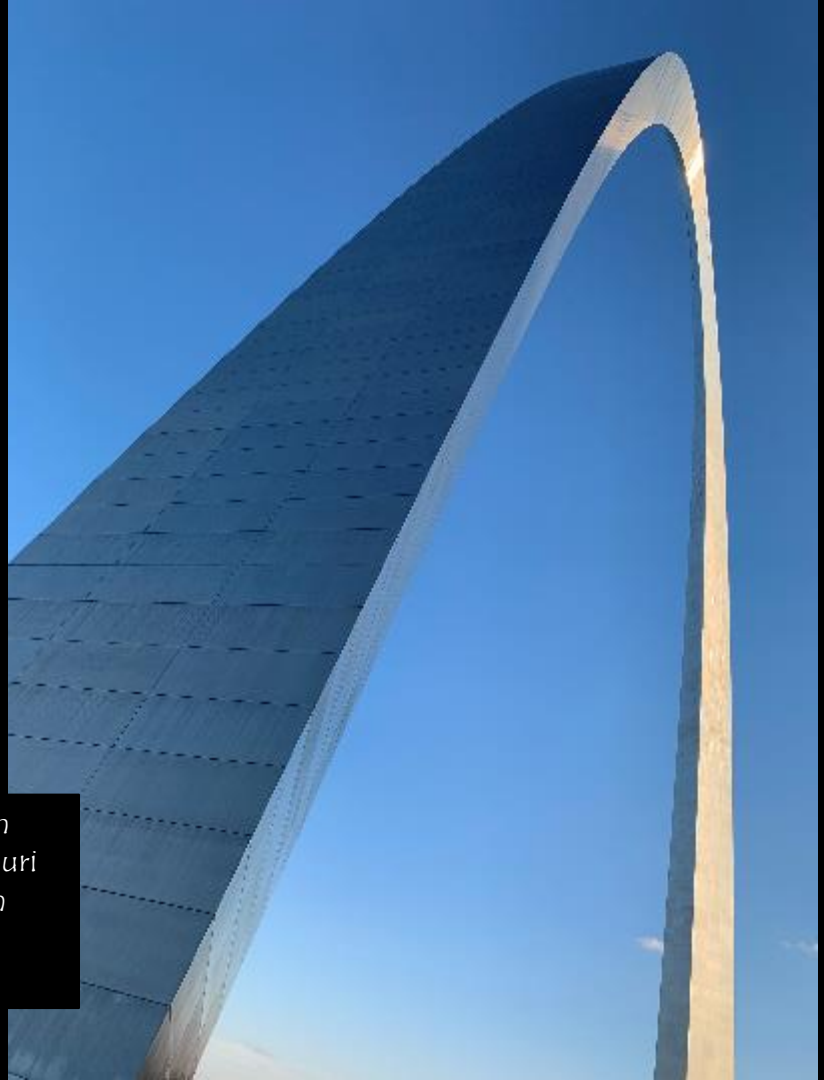
New World Trade Tower
New York City
SOM
2014
546.2m



John Hancock Center
Chicago, Illinois
SOM and Fazlur Khan
1970
344m

Sears Tower (Willis)
Chicago, Illinois
SOM and Fazlur Khan
1972
442m

The Shard
London, UK
Renzo Piano
2013
244m



Gateway Arch
St. Louis, Missouri
Eero Saarinen
1963
192m

From Iron to Steel
~ technique to technology~

Low-rise framing

AEG Turbine Factory
Berlin, Germany
Peter Behrens Architect
1909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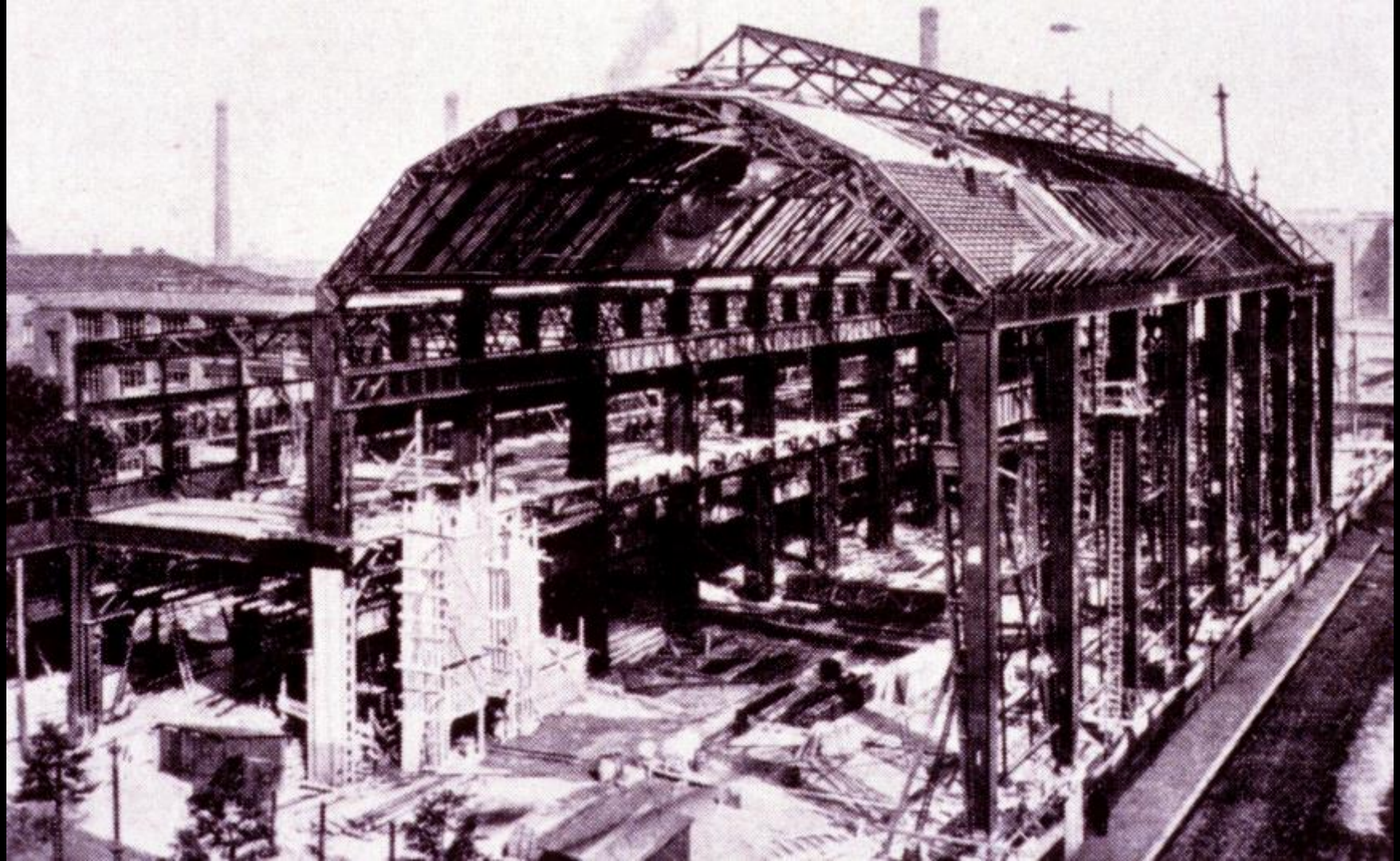
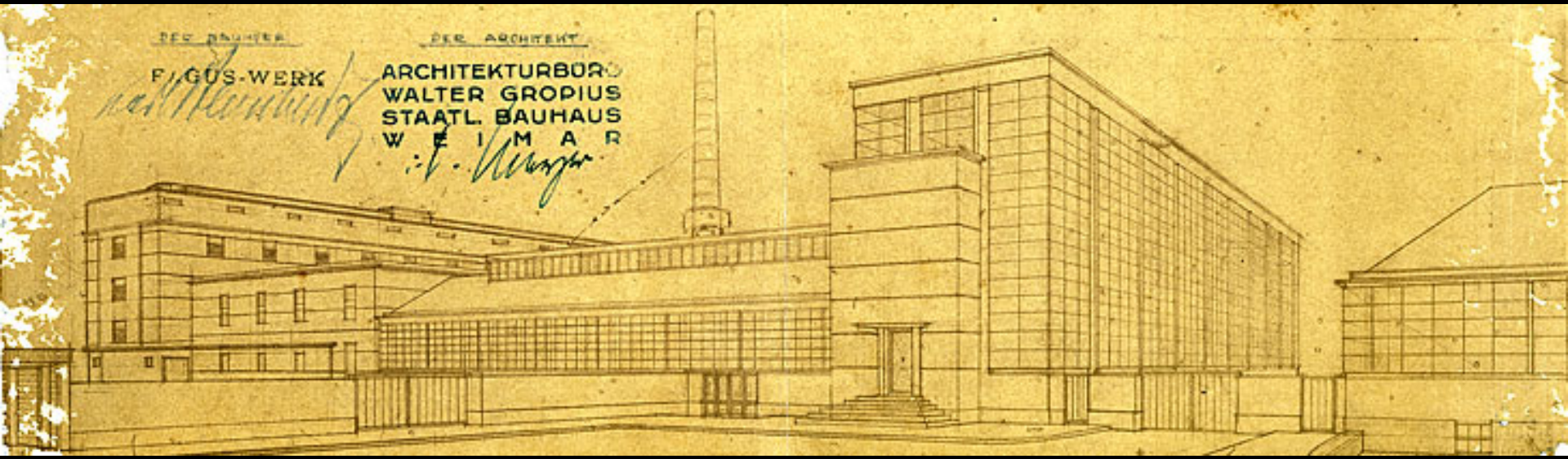
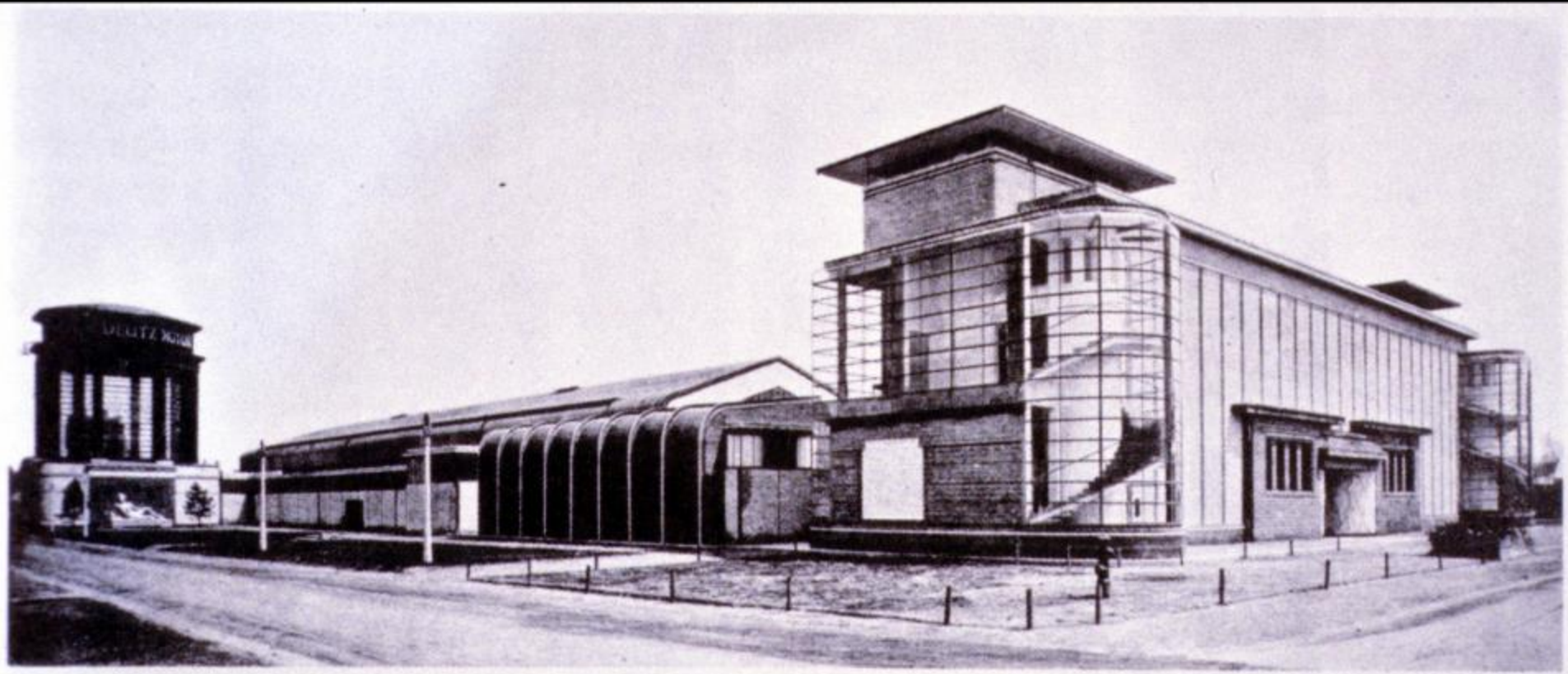




Fagus Factory
Alfeld, Germany
Adolph Meyer & Walter Gropius
1911



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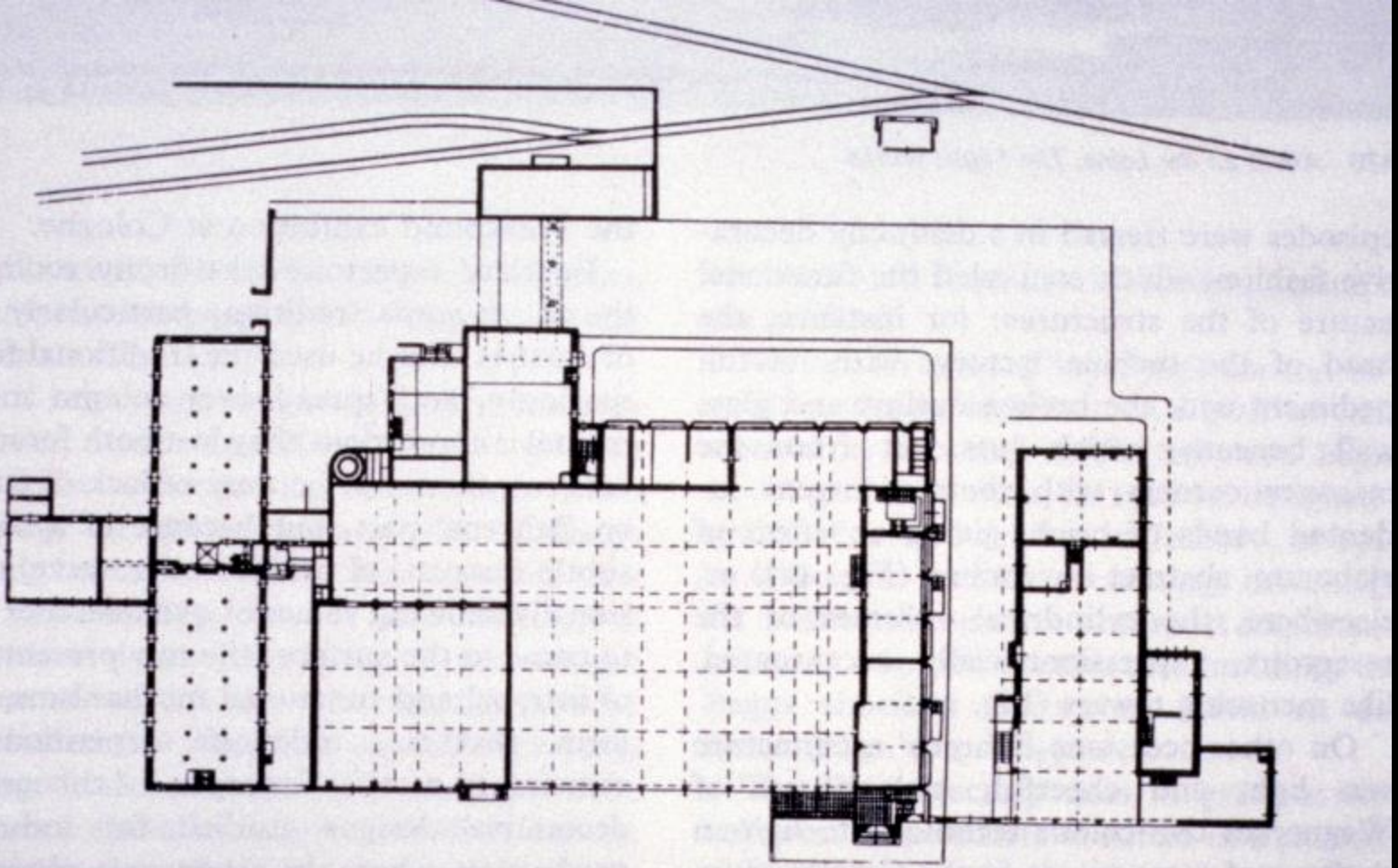

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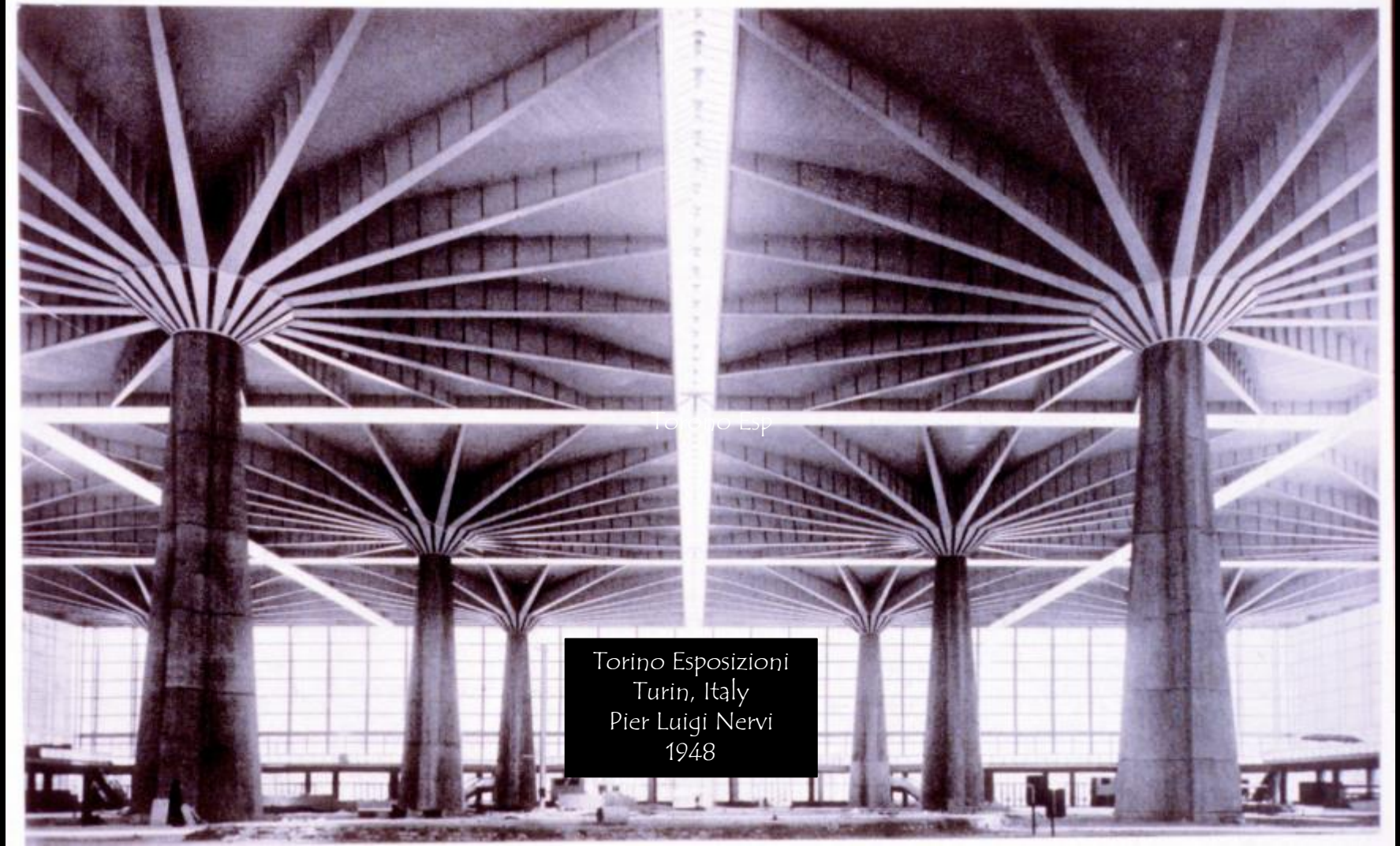
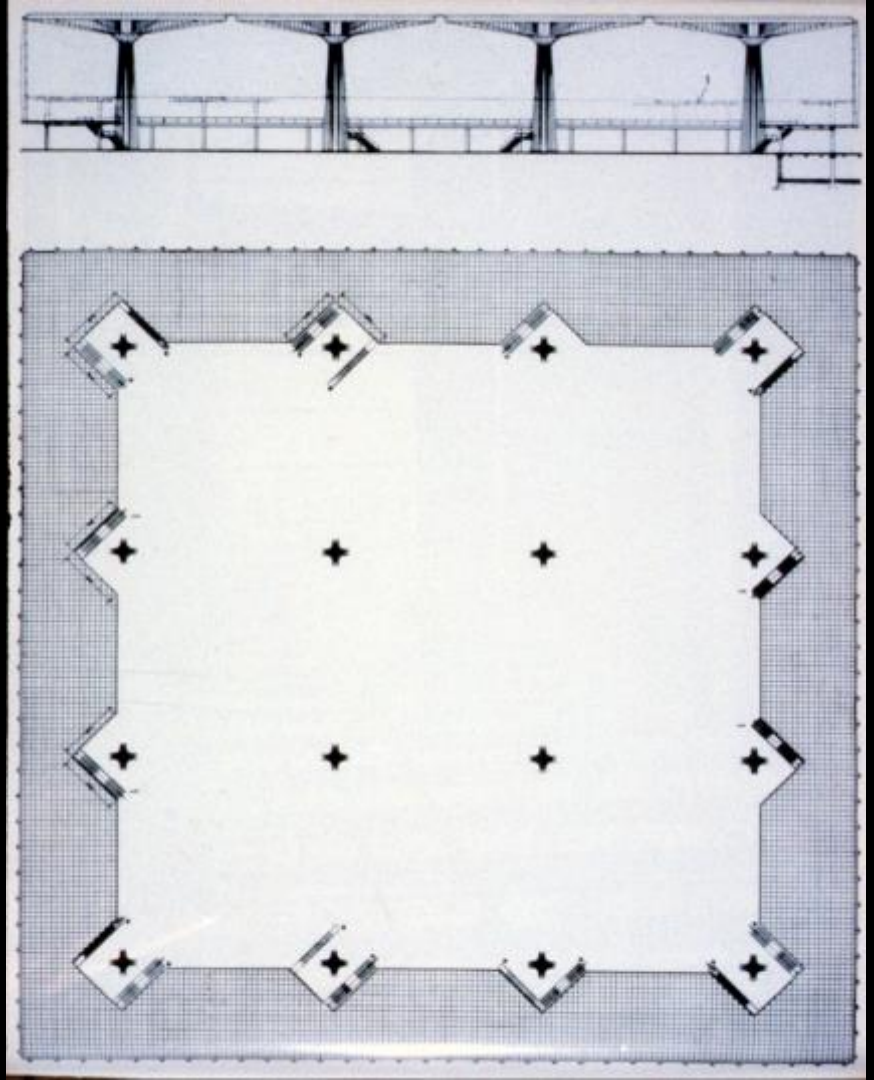
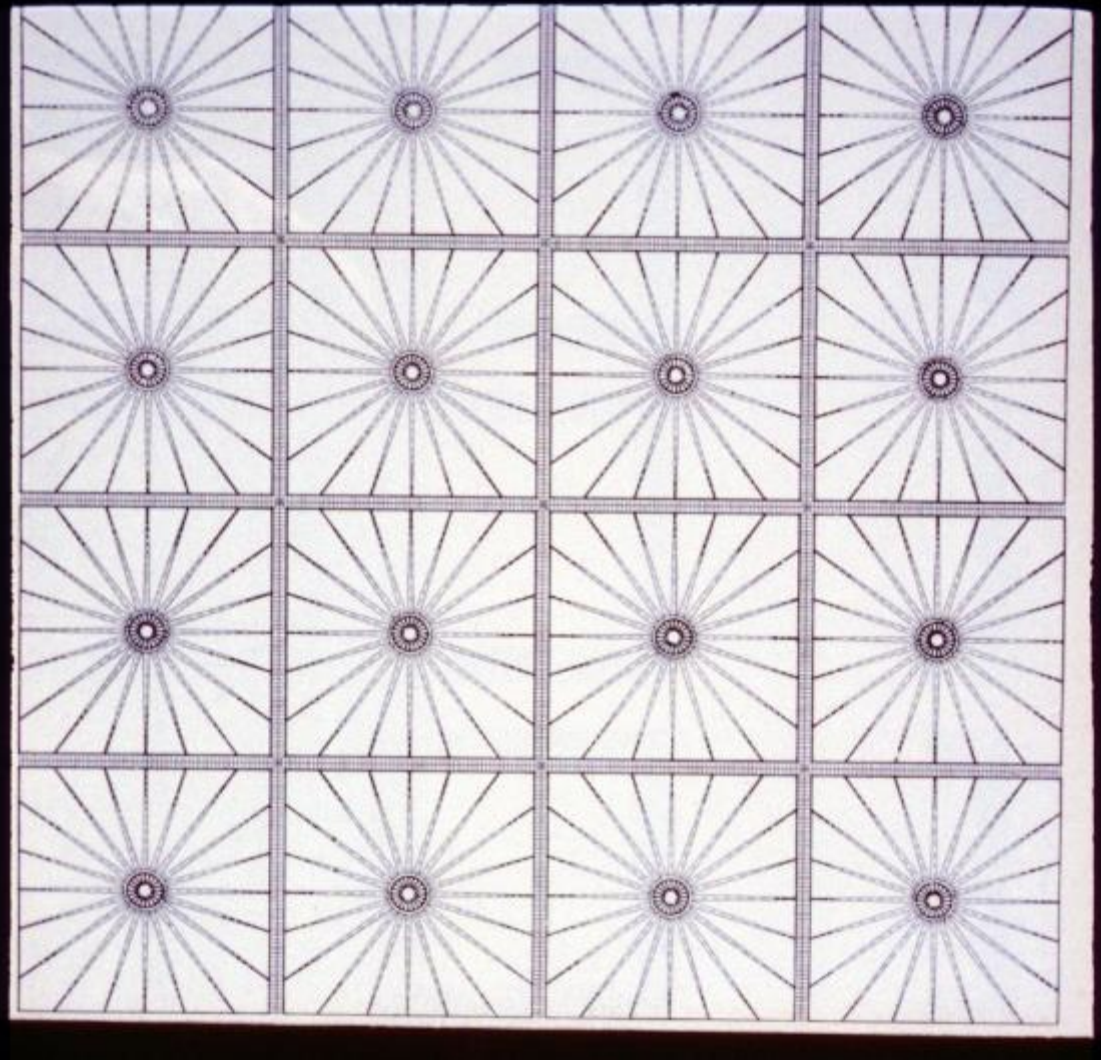
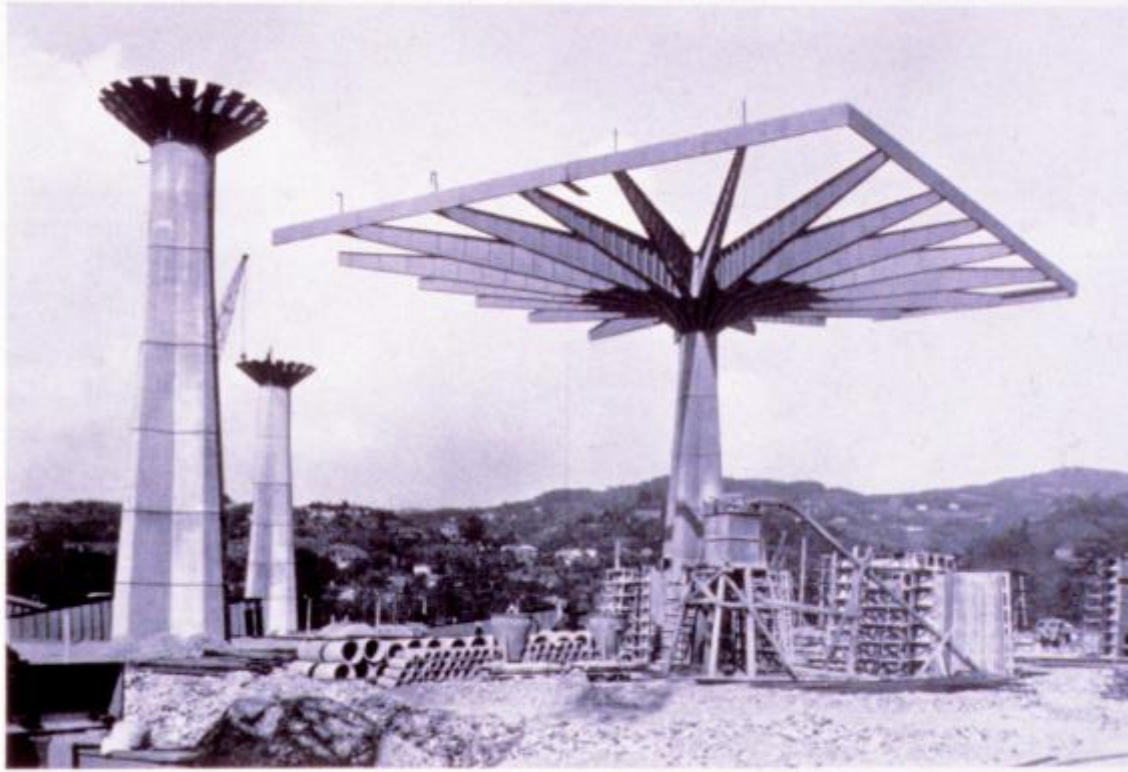
FAGUS


Torino Esposizioni
Turin, Italy
Pier Luigi Nervi
1948

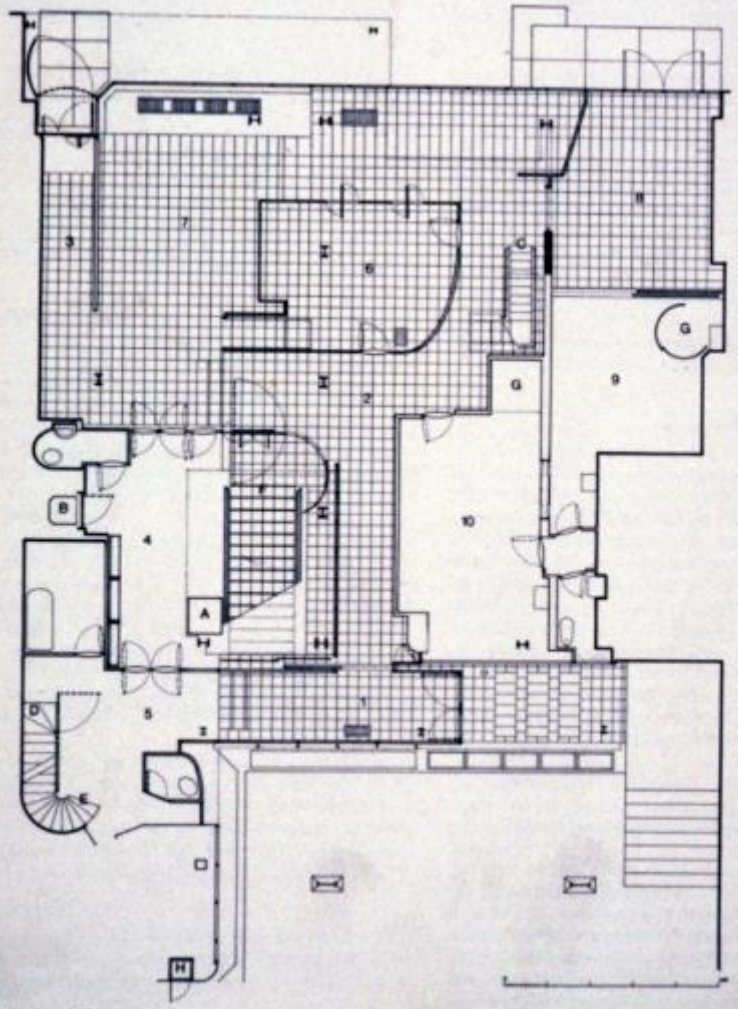






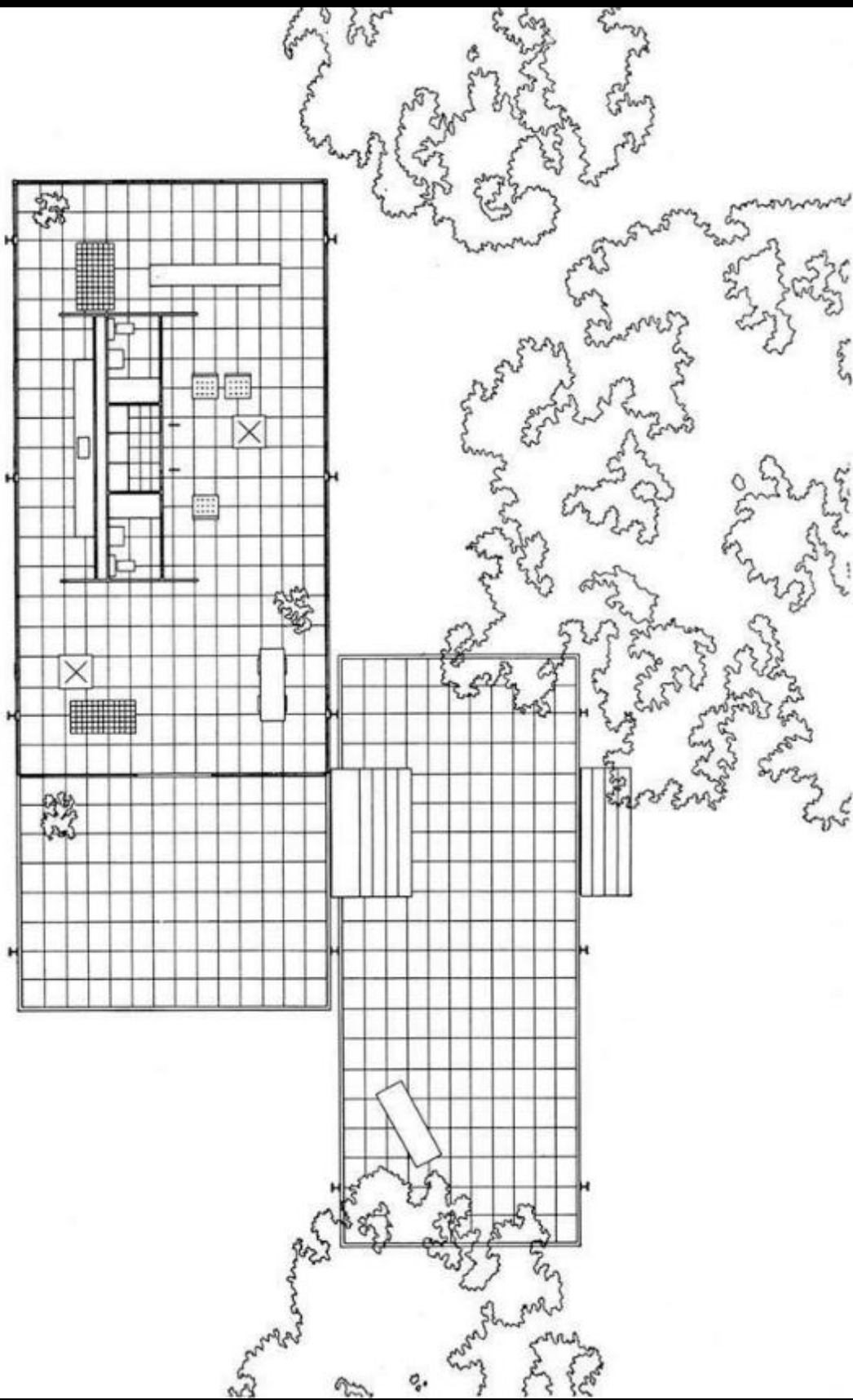
Residential Buildings

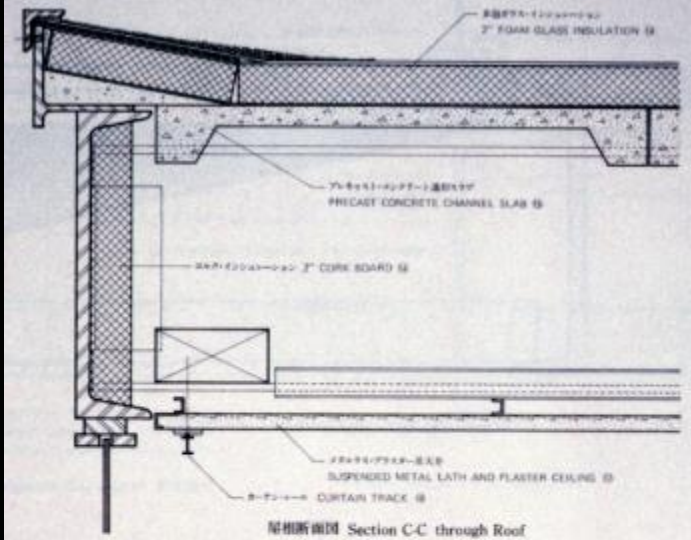
Maison de Verre
Paris, France
Pierre Chareau
1932



Ground floor plan

Farnsworth House
Ludwig Mies van der Rohe
Plano, Illinois
1951





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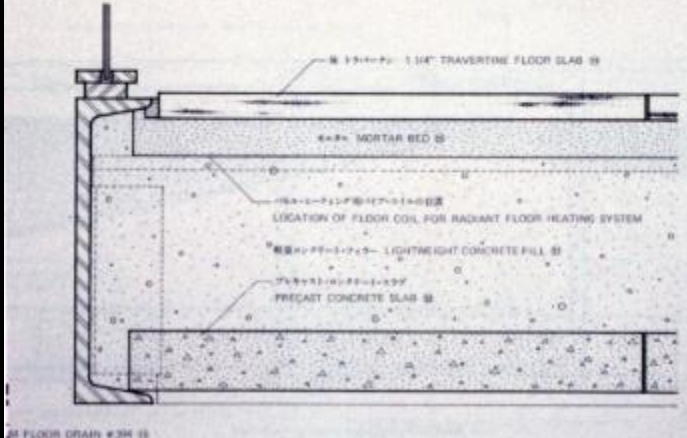

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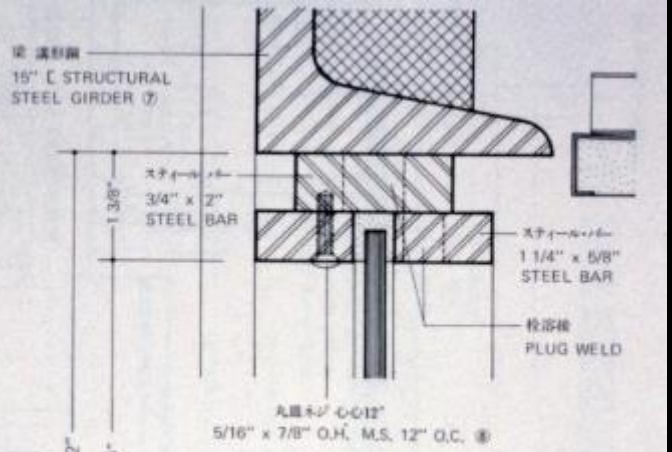

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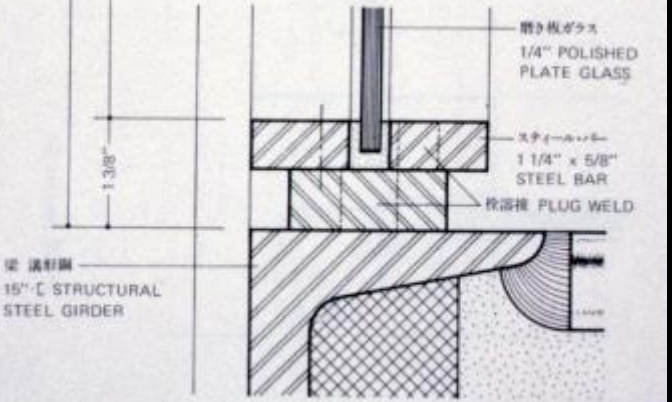

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Illinois Institue of Technology
Chicago, Illinois, USA
Ludwig Mies van der Rohe
1956