

THE 1905 CATALOGUE OF IRON STORE FRONTS
DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED BY
GEO. L. MESKER & CO., ARCHITECTURAL IRON WORKS
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

The 1905 catalogue of the George L. Mesker architectural iron company of Evansville, Indiana, reproduced in its entirety in this issue of the *APT Bulletin*, illustrates a significant development in production and marketing begun in the late 19th century.

Factory-produced architectural elements, sold by catalogue, offered small town merchants, either in older communities or the new ones being established as the railroad network spread out across the West, an opportunity to order complete "store fronts" for their buildings. Even without a local architect, the latest in eclectic and lavish ornament could be added to any kind of building, of any age, or any material.

The iron "store front" was the third wall of a locally built structure, made up of individual pieces of cast iron sills, columns and lintels, used in combination with galvanized iron cornice sections, moldings, window caps, pediments, and imitation brick or rusticated stone. Any local carpenter could assemble the parts.

By using factory methods of mass production, catalogue marketing, and free design service, costs to the buyer were kept lower than any comparable form of building, however plain. Plainness was not what was wanted in the Eighties and Nineties, however, and the cheap metal fronts became very popular.

George L. Mesker was one of three sons of John Bernard Mesker who continued the father's sheet metal business - established before the Civil War - first at Cincinnati and later at Evansville. When brothers Ben and Frank started their own Mesker Brothers shop in St. Louis in 1881, George carried on the family business in Evansville. Quite independently thereafter the two firms established themselves as the leading producers of galvanized iron house fronts in America.

The St. Louis firm annually printed and distributed half a million catalogues from the mid-Eighties on. Their records, still in the family, indicate that 5264 fronts were sold in twenty-three years. George L. Mesker also sold thousands in the same period. Hundreds survive, and alert observers can still spot the characteristic "morning glory" motif of the Evansville Mesker and the "fleur de lis" motif of the St. Louis Meskers on buildings across the country.

Both firms are the subject of continuing research by architectural historians. Gwendolyn Koch of Evansville is working on the work of George L. Mesker, and Arthur A. Hart of the Idaho Historical Society in Boise is working on Mesker Brothers of St. Louis.

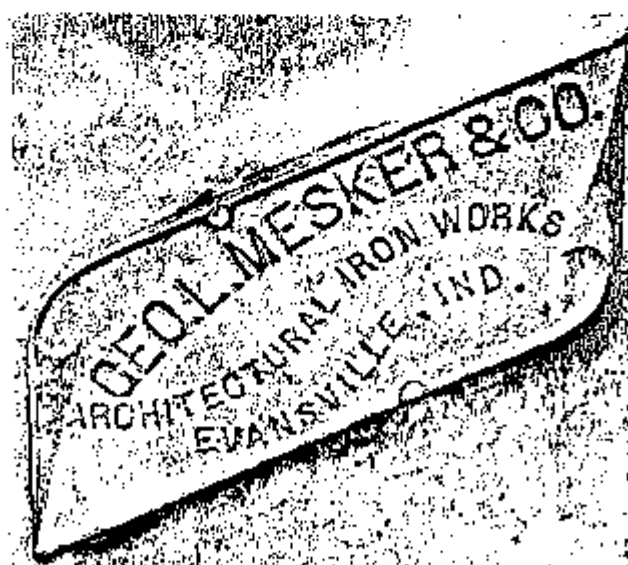
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It should be made clear that this was not the earliest such catalogue issued by the Mesker firm in Evansville. Several earlier (and later) catalogues have been brought to this editor's attention by Laurie Robin Hammel, Technical Preservation Services Division, National Park Service, Washington, D.C. Ms. Hammel is currently on a special assignment (under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act) as Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Evansville. She also photographed the Mesker "signature plate" which accompanies these editorial comments (below).

Of the several Mesker catalogues which have been seen and compared by this editor, the 1905 version may be the most interesting because it contains the relatively greater number of vignettes or "cuts" of identified store fronts erected in various cities and towns across the United States.

We have undertaken the reproduction of this catalogue believing that it will be of interest to a broad cross-section of the APT readership including local preservationists and historians of building technology.

Lee H. Nelson
American Editor



GEO. L. MESKER & CO.

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1905 EDITION. DESIGNERS & MANUFACTURERS OF

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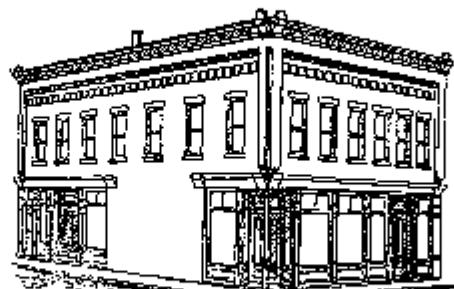
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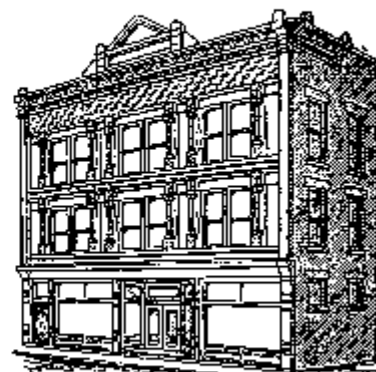
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CATALOGUE DESIGNS—Designs in catalogue are intended as suggestions only, and can be arranged for buildings of any width, height of stories, or arrangement of windows and doors. When alterations in catalogue designs are wanted, outline changes, giving measurements and we will submit blue prints free of charge, showing the fronts constructed as wanted.

The designs on pages 2 to 11, inclusive, are for brick fronts, not imitation brick, but clay brick. For these fronts we furnish the heavy iron columns, sills and girders in lower story for supporting the front brick wall, and galvanized iron cornices and window caps for trimming the brick work in the upper part of front, also furnishing the show window, sashes, doors and glass. Catalogue price does not include mill work and glass.

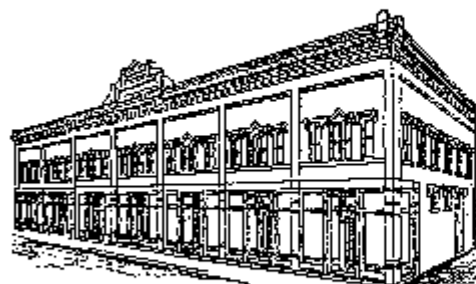
The designs on pages 12 to 21, inclusive, are galvanized sheet metal fronts. These fronts we furnish complete as shown. A galvanized iron front is intended to go over a wood frame work, usually made of 2x4 studding, no brick work being required in the construction of a front of this kind.

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WHEN WRITING FOR PRICES GIVE WIDTH OF FRONT, HEIGHT OF STORIES AND DESIGN PREFERRED.



No. 4000

A popular design for a brick hotel or office building with store rooms below. Price of cast iron sills, columns and lintels for supporting the brick work, galvanized iron main and lateral curbs, window caps and pediment for a 46 ft. front, \$187.00; 50 ft. front, \$214.55; 53 ft. front, \$241.20. Prices of wood work and glass quoted on application.

This design can be made for buildings of different sizes.



No. 4001

A handsome brick front, suitable for a wide single brick store room. Price of cast iron sills, columns and lintels for first story to support the brick work, galvanized iron corners and window caps to trim and finish the brick work, for a 33 ft. front, \$143.40; 40 ft. front, \$170.05; 46 ft. front, \$210.70. Prices of wood work and glass quoted on application.

This design can be made for buildings of different sizes.

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No. 4002

This design is for a brick front with galvanized iron bay windows. Can be arranged with stairway entrance from front. Prices of cast iron sills, columns and lintels, galvanized iron lined and wood cornices, pilasters and bay windows, for a front 40 ft. wide, \$203.75; 50 ft. wide, \$300.00; 55 ft. wide, \$361.75. Prices on wood work and glass quoted on application.

This design can be made for buildings of different sizes.



No. 4006

This is a splendid arrangement for a wide store front with either residence or office room in second story. The galvanized bay windows adding much to the attractiveness of the building. Our price for the cast iron sills, columns and lintels, galvanized iron lintel cornice, bay windows, window and main cornice and pavement for a 50 ft. front is \$272.25; 55 ft. front, \$307.40. Wood work and glass extra.

This design can be made for buildings of different widths.

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No. 4004

An excellent design for a double store on a corner lot. The corner entrance can be placed on either side. The cut shows a stairway entrance from front; can be furnished without if desired. Price of cast iron columns, sills and lintels, galvanized iron plates and iron cornices, window caps and pediment, for a 20 ft front with an 8 ft. return, \$308.45. Wood work and glass extra. This design can be made for buildings of different widths.



No. 4005

This is one of our popular designs for a double two-story front, and we recommend same, when entrance to upper story is not wanted from the outside. We furnish cast iron sills, lintels and plates to feet story, and galvanized iron cornices, window caps and pediments for the brick work above. Price of cast iron and galvanized iron work for a 20 ft. front, \$432.00; 22 ft. front, \$442.00; 24 ft. front, \$452.00. Wood work and glass not included. This design can be made for buildings of different sizes.

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No. 4006

A double brick store building, with stairway entrance, showing brick walls exposed in first story, with brick work above trimmed with grove of our clean design of cornice. A splendid arrangement for a modern store, at a minimum price. We furnish the cast iron sills, columns and brackets as shown for supporting the front brick wall, and galvanized iron cornices and window caps; also show window headers, doors and glass. Price of unit from and galvanized iron work for 60 ft. front, \$354.75; 45 ft. front, \$268.50; 30 ft. front, \$182.25. Wood work and glass extra. This design can be made for buildings of different sizes.



No. 4007

A double brick front, similar in design to No. 4006, arranged without stairway entrance. This arrangement is now very popular in small towns where it is necessary to keep the cost down to the minimum and still produce a modern and attractive front. We often furnish this design without galvanized iron cornices, and will be pleased to make propositions up with a construction if desired. Our price for the cast iron sills, sills and columns for supporting the front brick wall and the galvanized iron cornices and window caps for trimming sills, for a 45 ft. front would be \$209.00; 30 ft. front, \$134.50. Wood work and glass extra. This design can be made for buildings of different sizes.

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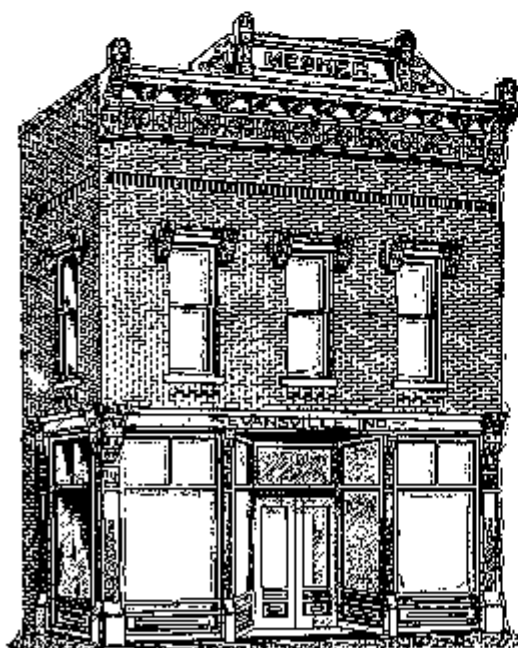
No. 4008

A two-story brick front with one of our handsome cornices, which makes an up-to-date front. Price of cast iron sills, columns and lintels, galvanized iron lintel and main cornice, window caps and pediment for a 24 ft. front, \$274.80; 20 ft. front, \$240.95.



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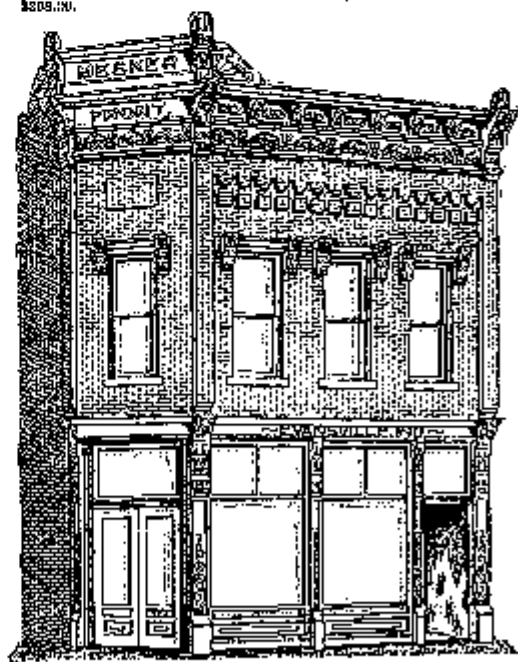
This is one of the best arrangements for a store or bank on a corner lot. The doors can be placed on either side. Price of cast iron columns, sills and lintels, galvanized iron main and lintel cornices, pediment and window caps for a 20 ft. front, with an 8 ft. alcove, \$209.00.



No. 4010

A regular arrangement for a corner store, with recessed window. Cost of cast iron columns, sills and lintels, galvanized iron main and lintel cornices, window caps and pediment for a 22 ft. front, with an 8 ft. alcove, will be \$327.60; 24 ft. front, \$397.85.

These designs are for sills for buildings of different sizes.

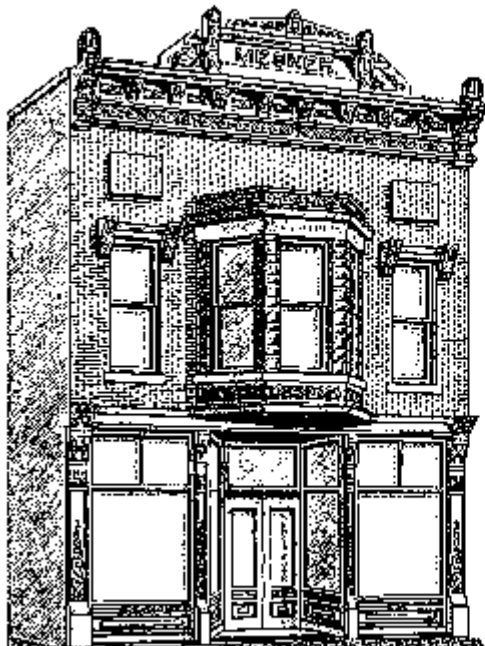


No. 4011

This form of corner entrance is preferred by many, the doors being placed in alcove or set-off corner. The cost of cast iron columns, sills and lintels, galvanized iron main and lintel cornices, window caps and pediment for a 22 ft. front will be \$240.00.

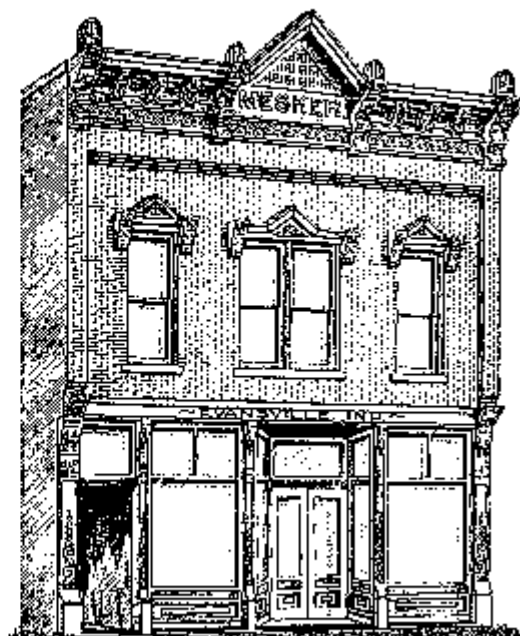
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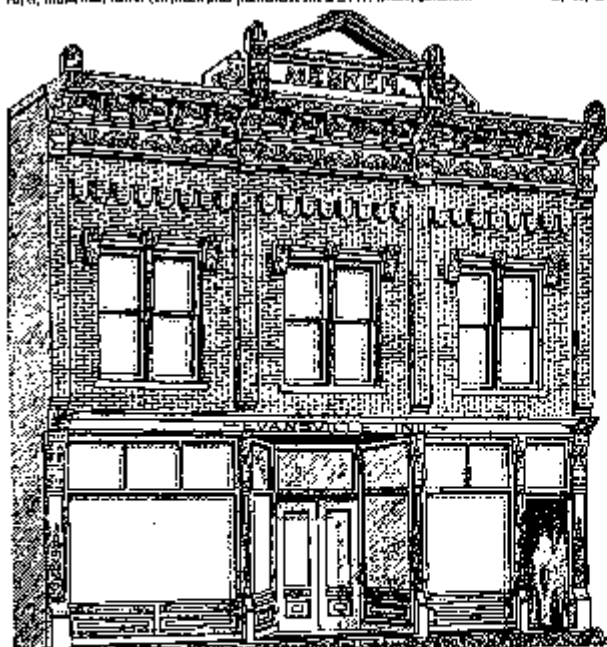
No. 4012

A brick front with galvanneal iron bay window in second story, including a convenient arrangement for a sign and roadside building. Price of cast iron columns, sills and lintels, bay window, window cap, and iron lintel cornice and pediment for a 21 ft. front, \$314.00.



No. 4013

A handsome brick store with stairway entrance. The price of cast iron columns, sills and lintels, galvanneal iron main and hotel cornice, window cap and pediment for a 25 ft. front will be \$203.00; 27 ft. front, \$201.00; 29 ft. front, \$114.00.



No. 4014

This is an excellent arrangement for a side story room. We furnish the cast iron columns, sills, lintels and window cap and glass for first story, galvanneal iron cornice, window cap and pediment, also window frames and sills. Price of cast iron and galvanneal iron work for a 30 ft. front, \$328.00; 33 ft. front, \$357.00.

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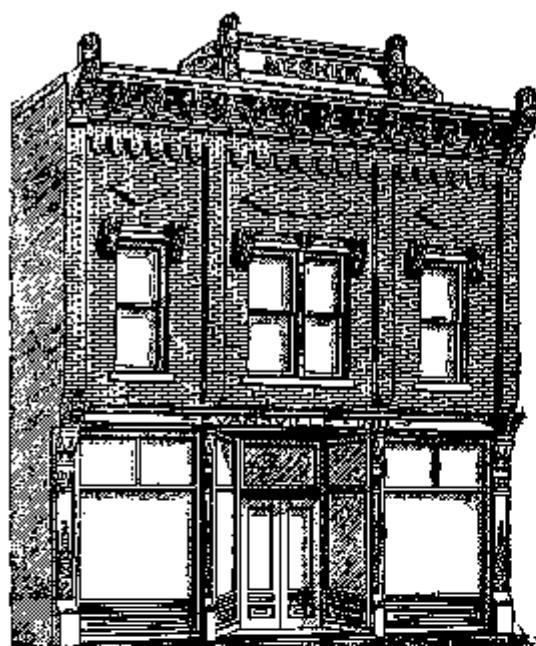


No. 4015

A convenient arrangement for a side story room, when a large window space is desired. Price of cast iron columns, sills, and lintels, galvanneal iron window cap, pediment and main cornice for a 20 ft. front, \$100.

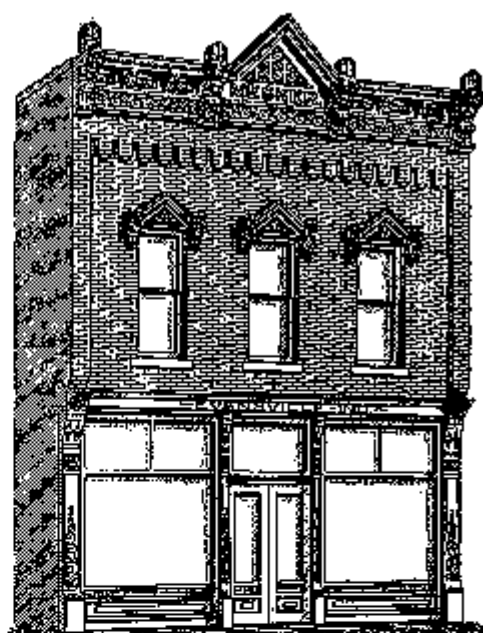
Prices for front work and glass quoted on application.

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No. 4016

This is one of our best designs for a two-story brick building. It is very popular and sets prices for the cast iron gills, columns and lintels, galvanized iron lintel and main cornice, window caps and pediment for a 25 ft. front will be \$265.40; 27 ft. front, \$285.45; 29 ft. front, \$275.60.



No. 4017

A handsome brick front of new design, for a store of narrow or medium width, with straight doors. Price of cast iron columns, gills and lintels, galvanized iron cornice, window caps and pediment for a 20 ft. front, \$226.75; 22 ft. front, \$235.80.



No. 4018

A popular design for a brick front with stairway entrance to second floor. We furnish the cast iron gills, columns, lintels, galvanized iron lintel and main cornice, window caps and pediment. Price for the iron work as shown for 25 ft. front \$304.30; 30 ft. front, \$316.00; 32 ft. front, \$235.60.

These designs can be made for buildings of different sizes.



No. 4019

This design is for a narrow store front with entrance to second floor from front. Price of cast iron columns, gills, lintels, galvanized iron cornice and window caps for a 15 ft. front, \$206.55; 20 ft. front, \$210.00.

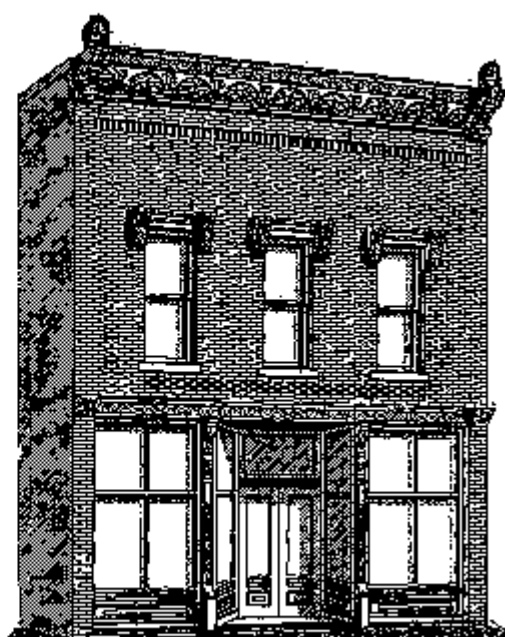
Prices for wood work and glass quoted on application.

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No. 4020

A design for a regular store, of a small size. The cast iron wall columns being omitted, and a small iron pipe main cornice being shown. The price of cast iron columns, sills and lintels, galvanized pipes and lintel corbels, window caps for a front 25 ft. wide, \$200.00; 27 ft. front, \$240.00.



No. 4021

A cheap brick front, similar to design No. 4018, with brick side walls unpaved, and a cheap style of main and lintel corbels. Price of cast iron columns, sills and lintels, galvanized pipes and lintel corbels window caps for a 25 ft. front, \$135.85; 27 ft. front, \$162.15.



No. 4022

A suitable design for a cheap narrow front, showing straight doors. Price for cast iron sills, columns, lintels, galvanized iron window caps and main corbels for on 18 ft. front, \$120.00; 20 ft. front, \$138.50; 22 ft. front, \$141.00.

These designs can be made for buildings of different sizes.



No. 4023

A brick front similar to design No. 4020, with recessed entrance. Our price for the cast iron sills, columns, lintels, galvanized iron lintel corbels, main corbels and window caps as shown for a 20 ft. front, \$190.35; 22 ft. front, \$208.05; 24 ft. front, \$210.75; 26 ft. front, \$228.45.

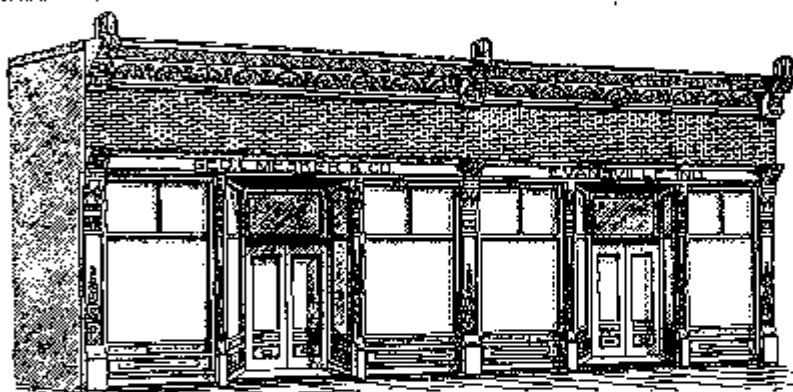
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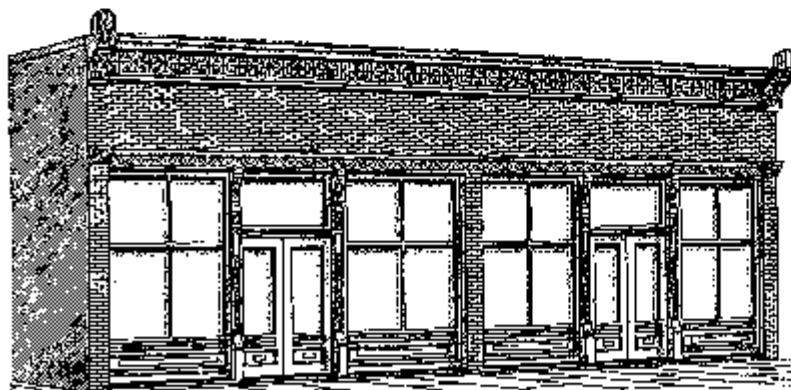
No. 4024

This design, like all our designs, can be arranged for any number of bays of any size. The metal work consists of cast iron columns, sills and lintels for supporting the brick work, and galvanized iron cornices for trimming same. Price of cast iron and galvanized iron work as shown, for a 46 ft. front, \$500.16; 70 ft. front, \$516.50; 76 ft. front, \$541.45. Alterations in plans can be made to suit, and special drawings will be made on large sheets when necessary.



No. 4025

This is a neat and attractive design at a moderate price for a one story brick building. Can be arranged for any number of bays. We furnish cast iron sills, columns and lintels and galvanized iron cornices. Price for the cast iron work and galvanized iron work for a front 40 ft. wide, \$318.75; 46 ft. wide, \$338.00; 64 ft. wide, \$356.25.



No. 4026

An inexpensive arrangement for a one story brick block, with doors on a line with show windows and not recessed. Price for cast iron sills, columns and lintels for supporting brick work, and galvanized iron cornices for trimming same, for a front 34 ft. wide will be \$211.00; 37 ft. wide, \$232.75; 40 ft. wide, \$254.00.

These designs can be made for buildings of different sizes.

Prices of wood work and glass quoted on application.

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BRICK FRONTS

All the designs shown from pages 2 to 11 inclusive, are for brick buildings, the front walls being of brick supported by cast iron columns and cast iron lintels or steel beam girders, the brick work being ornamented and finished with galvanized iron cornices and window caps. These fronts can be arranged to suit our customers, the two story fronts made two stories, the two story fronts one or three stories and also versa. They can be combined to form blocks of stores or wider buildings than shown here.

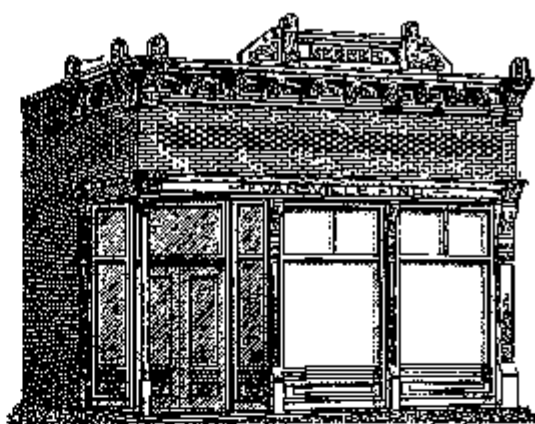
The show windows and doors can be changed to suit any particular case. We will furnish fronts with or without galvanized iron cornices. In short, we are prepared to furnish fronts of all styles, plans and kinds.

We furnish cast iron columns for brick buildings and do not advise the use of the so-called steel or sheet iron columns. A steel column must necessarily be very light and depends upon the wood now furnished with same to support the brick work. This form of column is condemned by all authorities upon building construction. Cast iron columns, such as we furnish, are cast in one piece, including capital, base and ornamentation and are heavy, strong and substantial, and the best form of supporting columns placed on the market.



No. 4027

Price of cast iron sills, columns, lintels, galvanized iron main and lintel cornices and pediment for a 20 ft. front, \$185.00; 25 ft. front, \$245.00.



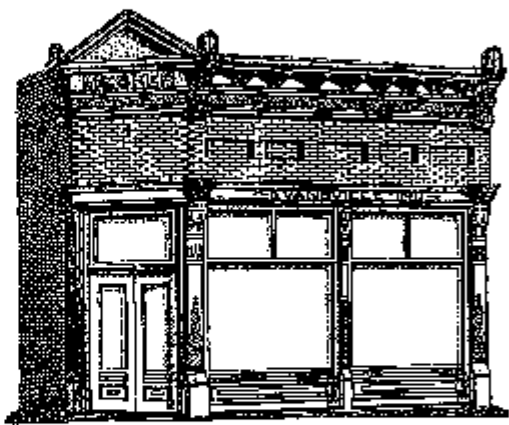
No. 4028

Price of cast iron sills, columns, lintels, galvanized iron main and lintel cornices and pediment for a 20 ft. front, with an 8 ft. return, \$210.25.



No. 4029

Price of cast iron sills, columns, lintels, galvanized iron main and lintel cornices and pediment for a 20 ft. front, with an 8 ft. return, \$272.50.



No. 4030

Price of cast iron sills, columns, lintels, galvanized iron main and lintel cornices and pediment for a 20 ft. front, with cut-off cornice, \$208.00.



No. 4031

Price of cast iron sills, columns and lintels, galvanized iron main and lintel cornices for a 20 ft. front, \$129.25; 30 ft. front, \$166.75; 37 ft. front, \$243.50.

These designs can be made for buildings of different sizes.

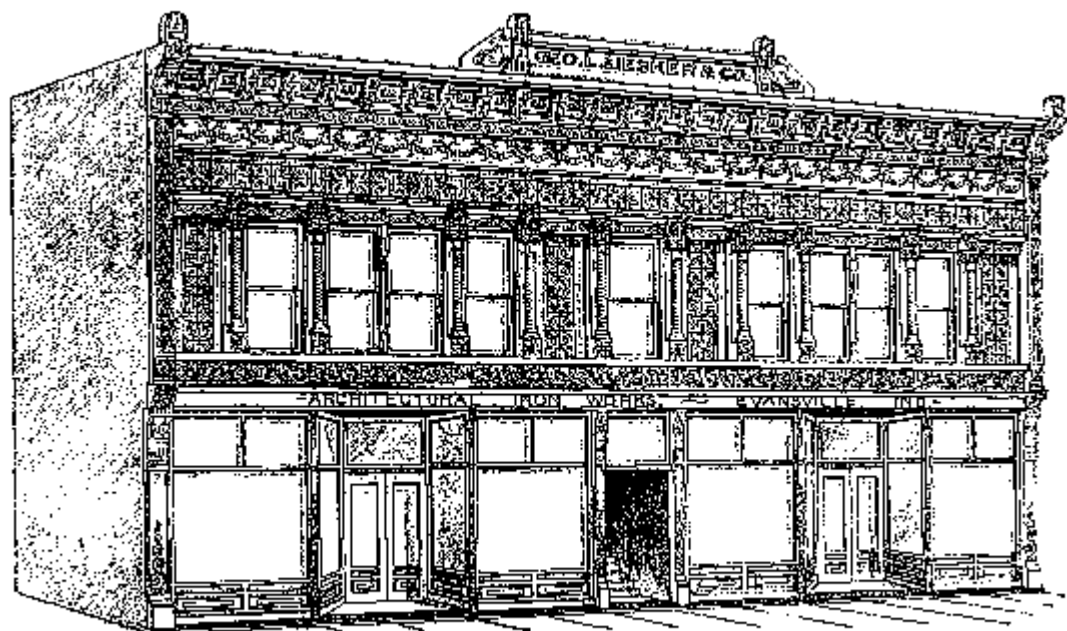


No. 4032

Price of cast iron sills, columns and lintels, galvanized iron main and lintel cornices for a 20 ft. front, \$101.40; 30 ft. front, \$128.90.

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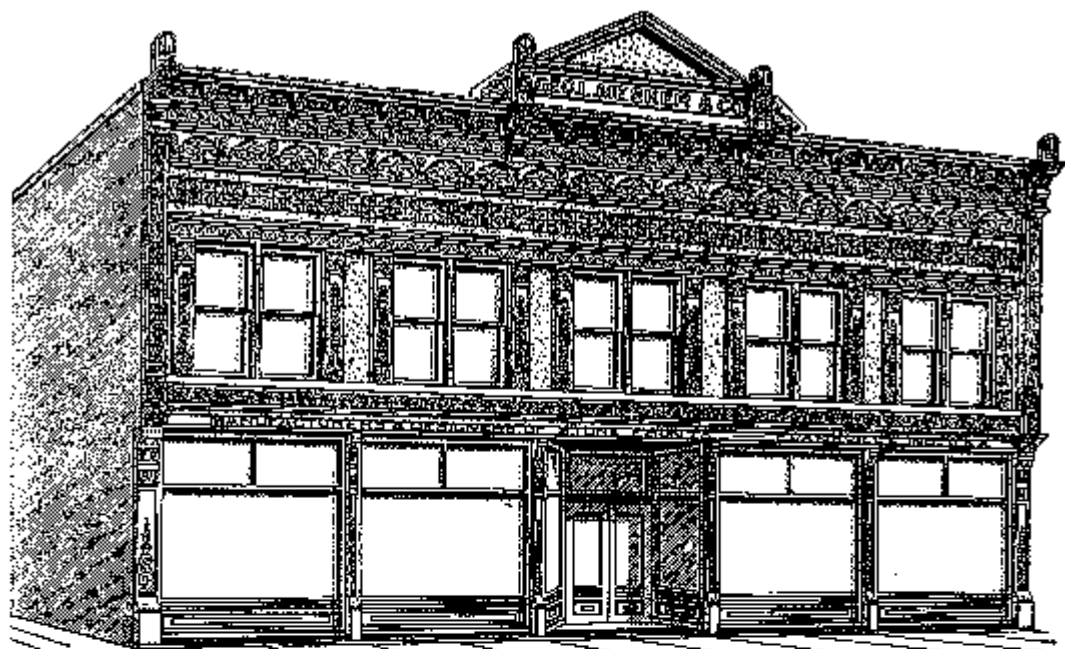
A design for a double story front, with stairway entrance. The entire upper front is made of galvanized iron. The combination of scrolls, scrolls and spiral pilasters shown, makes the handsome design of metal front placed upon the market. Our price for the complete galvanized iron upper front, together with cast iron sills and columns for lower story front, for a front 60 ft. wide would be \$255.75; 33 ft. wide, \$218.20; 55 ft. wide, \$262.65. Wood work and glass extra. This design can be made for buildings of different sizes.



No. 4034

A handsome galvanized iron front for a double story, without stairway entrance from the front. The spiral pilaster treatment around second story windows, with the rugged rock face work, scroll pilasters and cornices, gives the front an appearance that is not only pleasing, but very pleasing and attractive. Our price for the cast iron columns and sills for lower story front, and the complete galvanized iron upper front for a building 60 ft. wide, will be \$118.00; 33 ft. wide, \$111.10; 55 ft. wide, \$164.20. This design can be made for buildings of different sizes. Prices for wood work and glass quoted on application.

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No. 4035

This is a design for a wide department store, with center entrance. This arrangement makes well lighted rooms, and gives large display windows. The arrangement of scrolls, pilasters, cornices and ornamental work is one that has been designed to make a neat and attractive front. Our price for the cast iron work and glass for lower story front, and the complete galvanized iron upper front, as shown, for a building 32 ft. wide, will be \$113.30; 35 ft. wide, \$423.50; 47 ft. wide \$633.80. Wood work and glass quoted on application. This design can be made for buildings of different sizes.



No. 4036

Bay windows, in addition to adding to the appearance of store fronts, make rooms very desirable for offices or residences. This design is one that we recommend for a combination store and office, or residence block. The stamping is a perfect representation of rough stone work, and the scrolls and girders harmonized well, giving this front the appearance of rough Ashlar stone, with terra cotta finish. Our price for the cast iron work and galvanized iron work required for a 30 ft. front will be \$540.75; 35 ft. front, \$676.55; 40 ft. front, \$801.55. Price of wood work and glass printed on application. This design can be made for buildings of different sizes.

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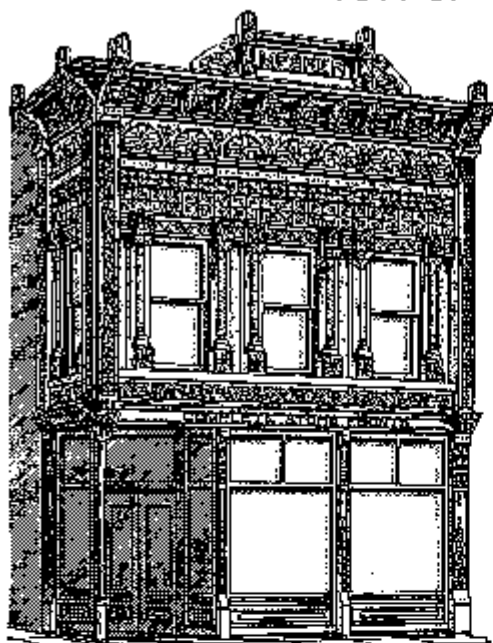
To meet the demand for an attractive front at a low price we have introduced this design with most satisfactory results. We furnish galvanized front with columns in first story, and the galvanized iron upper front as shown; also one iron sill. Price of cast iron sill and galvanized iron upper front for a 40 ft. front, \$290.00; 50 ft. front, \$391.00; 55 ft. front, \$440.00. This front, like all our designs, can be arranged to suit fronts of any width and height. If the arrangement shown is not satisfactory, send us a description of your requirements and we will quote and prices. Work and plans extra.



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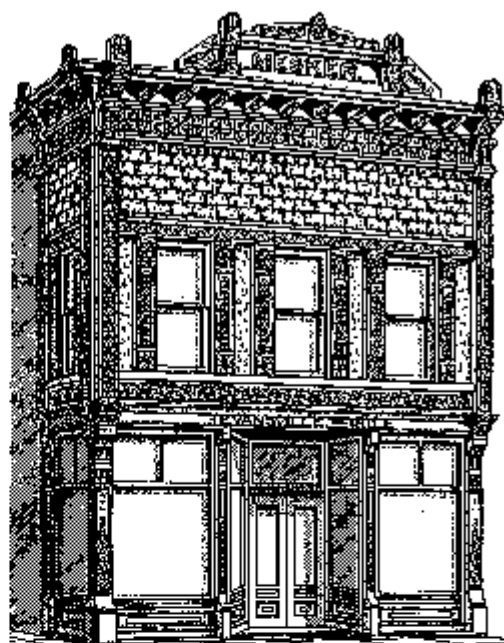
When the cost of a front is to be kept down to a minimum, we recommend this design. It is plain but neat, and while it is not as handsome or as attractive as our more expensive designs, it is much more attractive than the ordinary wood weather-boarded front, and the slight difference in cost between a wood front and this design, we are sure will be well invested. Our price for the galvanized iron upper front, as shown, arranged for a building 40 ft. wide, will be \$161.00; 42 ft. wide, \$170.00; 44 ft. wide, \$180.00. We can furnish, if desired, galvanized pillars in first story, and cast iron sill course. Bains will be extra. This design can be arranged for buildings of any width. Price of front work and plans extra.

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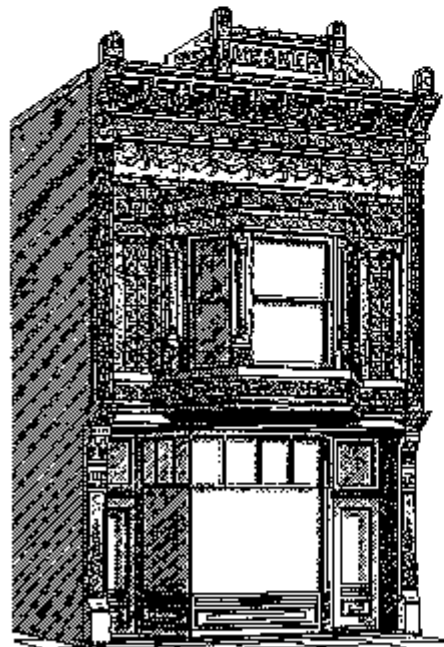
No. 4038

A design for corner entrance. The galvanized iron work is used in our habitations arrangements of cornices, scrolls, pilasters, etc. Our price for cast iron sills, columns and galvanized iron upper front for a 20 ft. front, with an 8 ft. return, is \$364.35.



No. 4040

A front for a corner lot, with return above window. The galvanized iron cornices, pilasters, etc., are heavy metal and all-iron, but not as expensive as No. 4038. The cost of cast iron sills, columns and galvanized iron upper front for a 25 ft. front, with an 8 ft. return, is \$445.75.



No. 4041

A bay window design, very popular for narrow rooms. This construction gives large window space. Our price for the rust construction for a shop, office or residence building. Cost of cast iron sills, columns and galvanized iron upper front for a building 18 ft. wide would be \$253.25; 20 ft. wide, \$287.50.

These designs can be made for buildings of different sizes.



No. 4042

A galvanized iron front with bay window in second story, making a convenient arrangement for a shop, office or residence building. Cost of cast iron sills, columns and galvanized iron upper front for a building 25 ft. wide, \$306.50; 30 ft. wide, \$319.75.

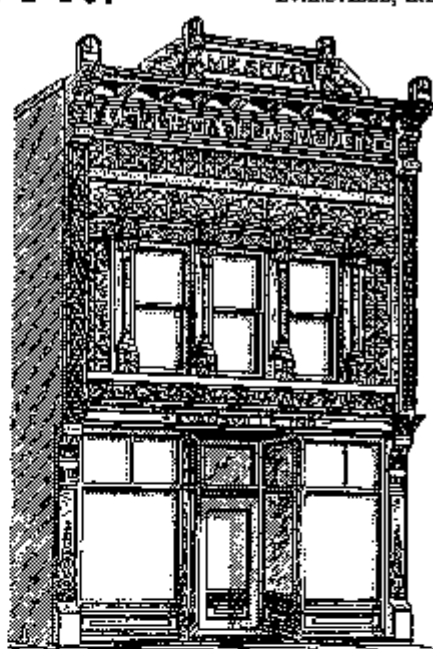
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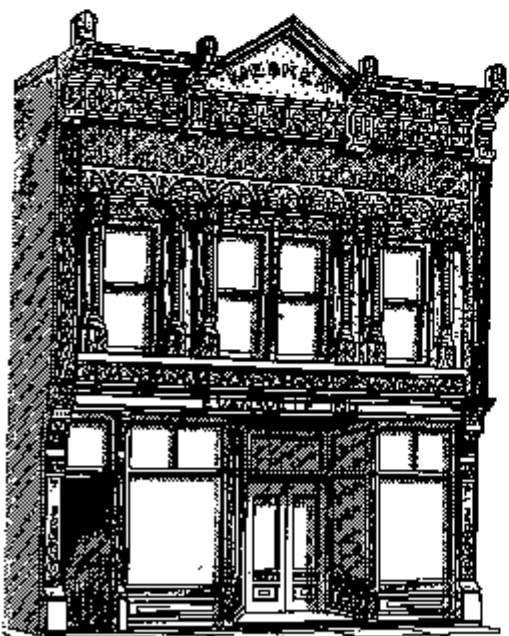
No. 4043

A popular arrangement for a wide store, making well lighted rooms, both above and below. The ornamental work is heavy, attractive and very handsome, and presents a pleasing appearance. Our price for the cast iron sills, columns and galvanized iron upper front, 26 ft. wide, is \$210.20; 30 ft. front, \$230.75; 34 ft. front, \$242.50.



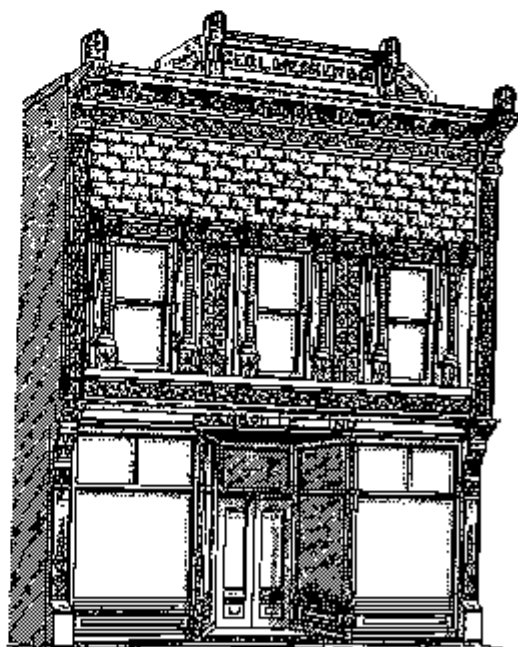
No. 4044

This is a new and striking design, very showy and attractive, and especially adaptable for houses of medium wealth. Our price for the cast iron sills, columns and galvanized iron upper front, 14 ft. wide, is \$227.50; 22 ft. wide, \$230.05.



No. 4045

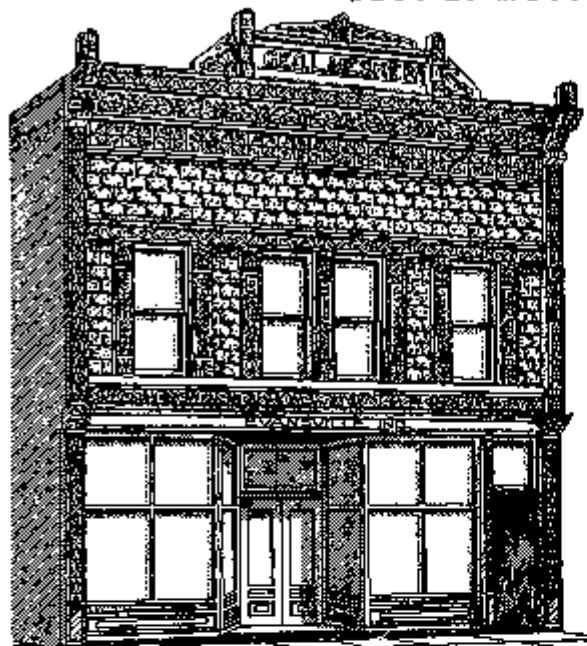
This is the most popular arrangement for a two story front. The combination of stylized work is very handsome, and makes a store front to be proud of. Our price for the cast iron sills, columns and galvanized iron upper front, 26 ft. wide, is \$202.00; 27 ft. wide, \$204.45. These designs can be made for buildings of different sizes.



No. 4046

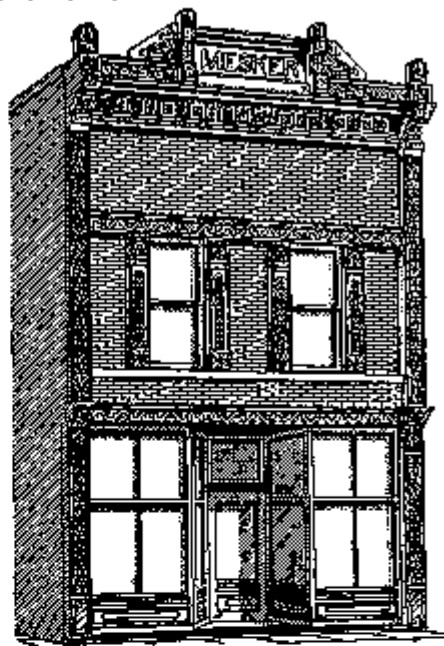
A handsome stamped steel and ornamental galvanized iron front. Can be arranged with or without window entrances. Our price for the cast iron sills and columns in front story, and the galvanized iron upper front for a 22 ft. front, \$201.00; 24 ft. front, \$275.00. Prices of steel work and glass applied on application.

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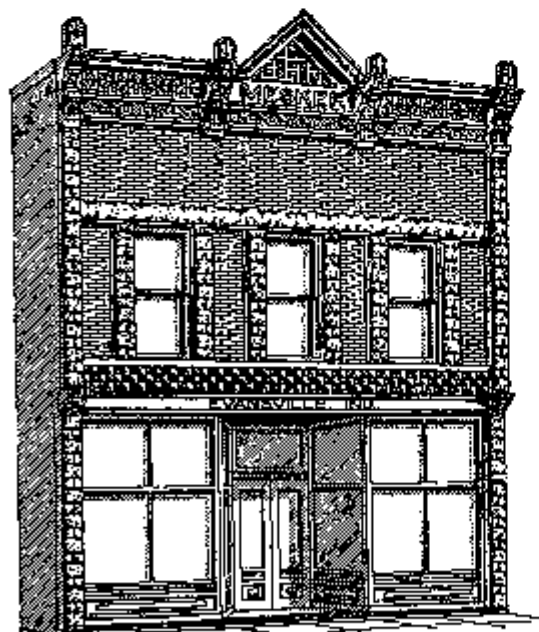
No. 4047

This is a popular design for a two-story front, having galvanized steel pilasters in first story, and a complete galvanized iron front above. We furnish the cast iron sill for lower story. Price of cast iron sill, galvanized steel pilasters and upper front for a building 30 ft. wide, \$1104.40; 24 ft. wide, \$804.45; 20 ft. wide, \$514.50.



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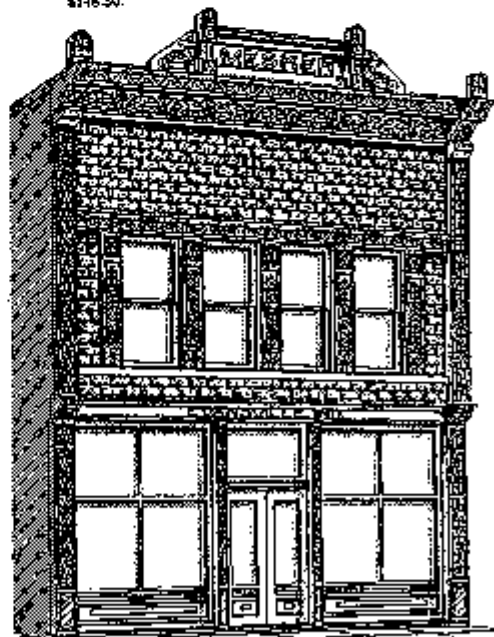
An attractive front with galvanized steel pilasters in first story. The second story front is all galvanized iron, including the sills. Price of cast iron sill, galvanized pilasters and galvanized upper front, 18 ft. wide, \$138.45; 24 ft. wide, \$148.50.



No. 4049

This is a handsome low priced galvanized front, having stamped steel pilasters in first story, with cast iron sill outside. Price of cast iron sill, galvanized iron pilasters and galvanized iron upper front 24 ft. wide, \$108.60; 30 ft. wide, \$128.60; 24 ft. wide, \$108.60.

These designs can be made for buildings of different sizes.

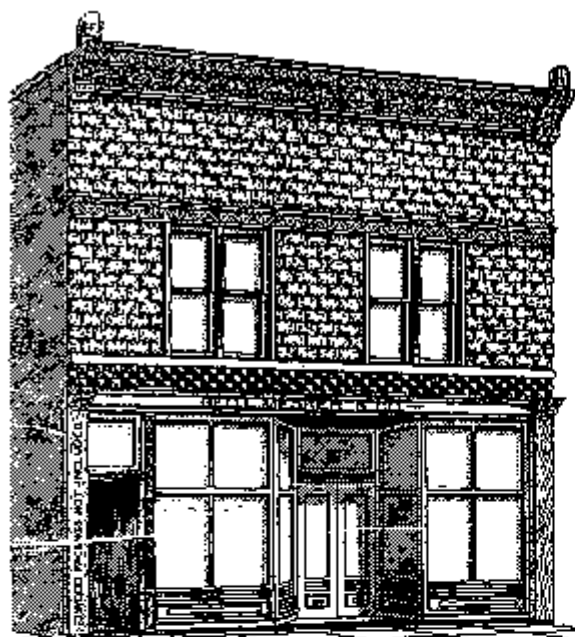


No. 4050

A stylish combination of ornamental work and galvanized steel roof for upper front, and stamped galvanized iron columns. Price of cast iron sill, galvanized pilasters and galvanized iron upper front, 18 ft. wide, \$138.45; 24 ft. wide, \$138.50; 24 ft. wide, \$128.50.

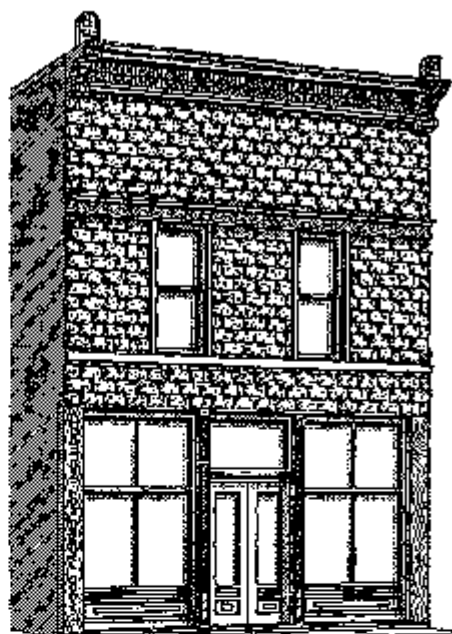
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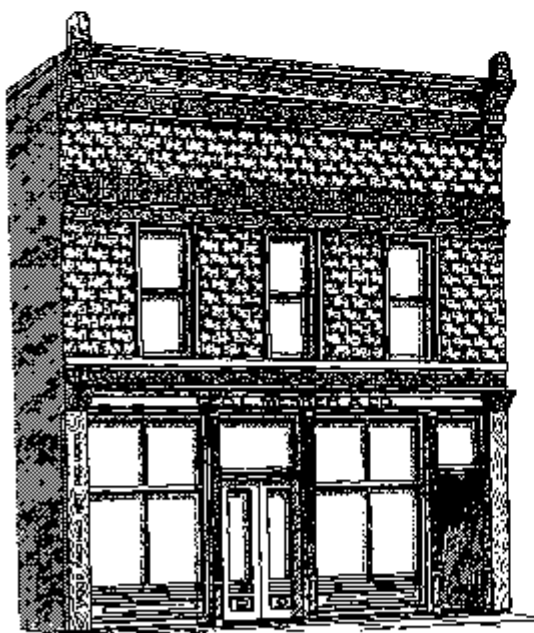
No. 4051

A model for a wide porch front with stairway entrance, at a moderate price. The arrangement of windows in second story can be changed if desired. Cost of galvanized iron upper front for a building 20 ft. wide \$110.25; 28 ft. wide, \$117.25. Cost iron sill, with pilasters or columns, extra.



No. 4052

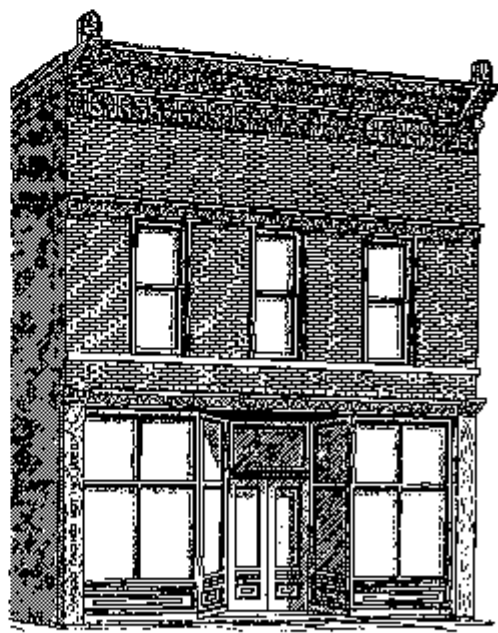
A cheap design for a narrow front with straight doors. Price of galvanized iron upper front for a building 18 ft. wide, \$72.00; 20 ft. wide, \$78.00; 22 ft. wide, \$84.00. Cost iron sill and wall pilasters or columns, extra.



No. 4053

A design similar to design No. 4051, with doors on a line with show windows. Price of galvanized iron upper front for a building 20 ft. wide, \$100.16; 22 ft. wide, \$113.65; 24 ft. wide, \$121.15. Cost iron sill and wall pilasters or columns, extra.

These designs can be made for build lines of different sizes.

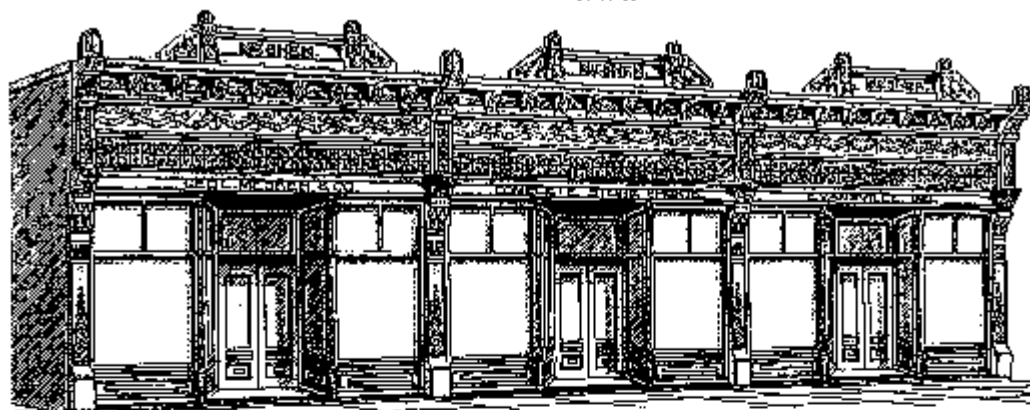


No. 4054

A popular front for an inexpensive building. Can be furnished with either straight or arched doors. Price of galvanized iron upper front for a building 20 ft. wide, \$66.00; 22 ft. wide, \$75.75. Cost iron sill and wall pilasters or columns, extra.

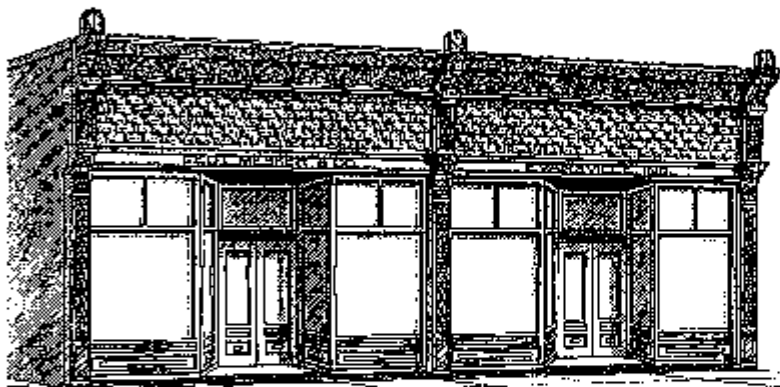
Prices of metal work and plastering on application.

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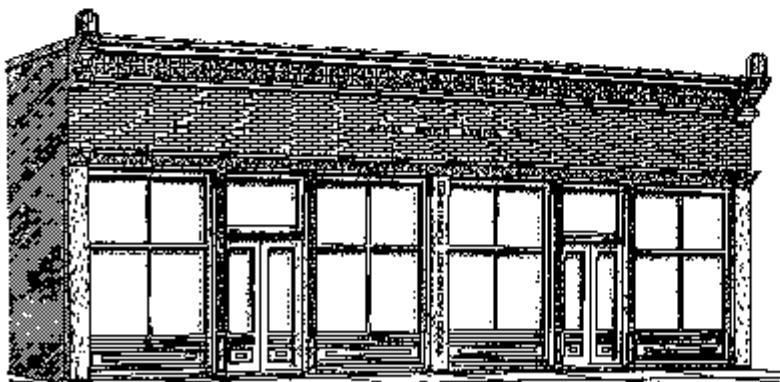
No. 4055

This design, like all our designs, can be arranged for any number of rooms of any size. The metal work consists of cast iron sill courses and columns below, steel and galvanized ironwork of casings, belt courses, sashels, etc. Attention is called to the fact that the work is made to suit, and special drawings will be sent, allowing changes, when necessary. Prices of cast iron and galvanized iron work, as shown above, for a 30 ft. front, \$411.00; 60 ft. front, \$810.50; 70 ft. front, \$940.00.



No. 4056

This is a neat and attractive design as a moderate price, for a two-story house. Can be arranged for any number of rooms. We furnish the cast iron sill, galvanized iron pilasters and galvanized iron upper front. Price for the iron work, consisting of cast iron sill, pilasters and galvanized iron upper front 30 ft. wide, \$165.00; 45 ft. wide, \$185.50; 50 ft. wide, \$200.00.



No. 4057

An inexpensive combination of casings and stamped brick, suitable for a cheap building. Price for galvanized iron, steel pilasters and upper front 30 ft. wide, \$108.00; 45 ft. wide, \$118.50. Galvanized iron pilasters and cast iron sill course.

These designs can be made for buildings of different sizes.

Prices for wood work and glass quoted on application.

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GALVANIZED FRONTS

Our galvanized iron fronts illustrated on pages 12 to 21 inclusive, are new original and handsome designs for our sheet metal fronts we claim superiority in construction to any front furnished by our competitors. With our system of marking each piece, our details and descriptions, any carpenter can set our fronts and make a first-class job, at a cost of one-half the cost of setting the front of any other manufacturer.

The construction of our galvanized iron fronts not only makes the work easy to put in place, but makes a durable front, and so we can only the best of material, a Geo. L. Mesker & Co. Store Front should, with slight care, last indefinitely.

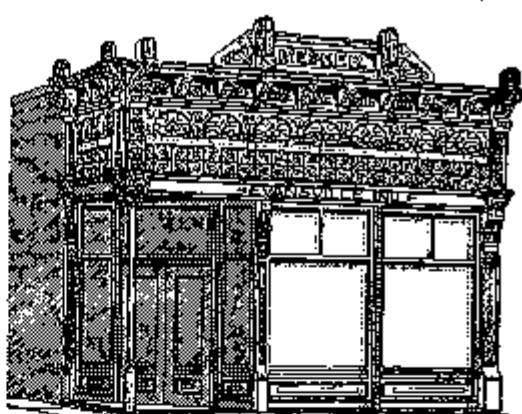
In combining the stamped pilasters, sashels and casings of the several designs shown in this catalogue, every case that experience can give has been used to present fronts that are handsome and have a harmonious appearance.

By examining prices given herein, you will find some fronts very cheap while others are more expensive. The difference in price is not in quality of material, but in the manner of labor making the front. These fronts can be arranged to suit our customers; the one-story fronts make two pieces, and the two-story one or three pieces or vice versa. They can be combined to make blocks of steel or other fronts than quoted here. The windows and doors can be made to fit each particular case; in short, you are prepared to furnish fronts of all styles, sizes and kinds.



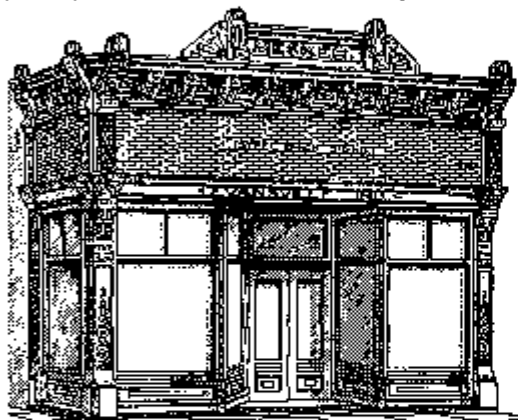
No. 4058

A galvanized iron front with cast iron columns and sills. Our price for the cast iron work and the galvanized iron upper front, including pediment, for a front 20 ft. wide is \$151.50; 25 ft. wide, \$171.00.



No. 4059

A design for a corner entrance. Price of cast iron sills, columns and galvanized iron upper front and pediment, for a building 20 ft. front, with an 8 ft. return, \$247.50.



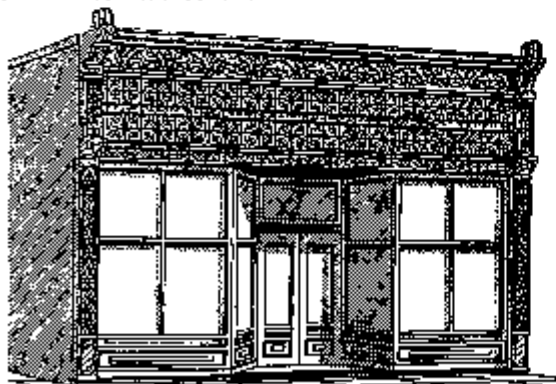
No. 4060

A front with a ribbon show window. Our price for the cast iron sills, columns, galvanized iron upper front and pediment, for a building 25 ft. front with an 8 ft. return, \$216.00.



No. 4061

A corner entrance design with cast iron columns, sills and galvanized iron upper front. Our price for cast iron work and galvanized iron front, for a 20 ft. front is \$186.50.



No. 4062

A handsome and inexpensive design for a one story building. Price for cast iron sills, galvanized iron pilasters and upper front 22 ft. wide \$90.25; 25 ft. wide, \$96.75.
This design can be made for buildings of different sizes.



No. 4063

A very cheap design for a one story building. Our price for the cast iron sills, galvanized iron pilasters and upper front, for a building 16 ft. wide, \$57.00; 18 ft. wide, \$63.45.
Prices for wood work and glass quoted on application.

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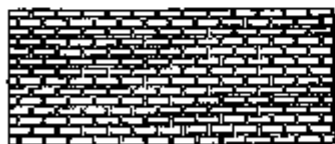
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A design for a two-story frame building, showing a cheap stone front with sides of building covered with slanted sheet metal brick or rock. An inexpensive way of remodeling old frame buildings, and a successful way of furnishing the exterior of new buildings, the cost compared favorably with weatherboarding, when appearance, durability and fire protection are taken into consideration. Do not use wood weatherboarding when you can get an attractive building so cheap. Select its dimensions of your building and see how cheap we can make a handsome and attractive steel covered building of its equal in appearance to a fine brick or stone building.



No. 4085

Frame buildings covered with steel siding, either brick or rock, are much more attractive in appearance than wood weatherboarded buildings, and where durability and fire protection are concerned, are cheaper. The cost of painting is not more than putting wood siding in place, the material being put in place with hammer and nails, and can be erected by any carpenter. This kind of material can be used on frame buildings of any size, shape and arrangement. Send us dimensions of your building, and let us show you how cheap we can make a beautiful and attractive story out of it.



No. 925. Steel Brick Siding
Furnished in sheets 30 in. wide by 60 in. long.



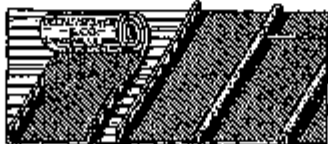
No. 926. Steel Rock Siding
Furnished in sheets 30 in. wide by 60 in. long.



No. 927. Corrugated Iron
Furnished in sheets 24 in. wide, 5 to 10 ft. long.



No. 928. V Crimped Roofing
Furnished in sheets 24 in. wide, 5 to 10 ft. long.



No. 929. Roll Steel Roofing
Furnished in rolls 24 in. wide, and 50 ft. long.



No. 930. Standing Seam Roofing
Furnished in sheets 24 in. wide, 5 to 10 ft. long.

NOTE.—We carry a large stock of both painted and galvanized steel roofing, and are thereby able to serve our customers promptly, for orders of any quantity. Price list will be furnished on application.

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Galvanized Iron Cornices



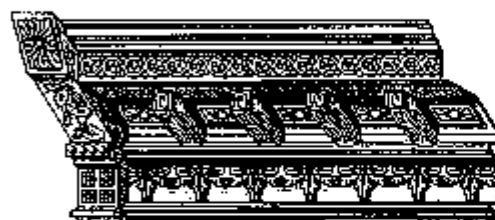
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Height 60 inches, projection 24 inches. Price \$2.25 per lineal foot.



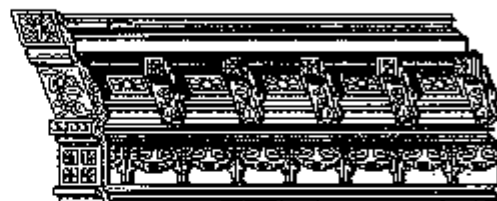
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Height 52 inches, projection 18 inches. Price \$2.18 per lineal foot.



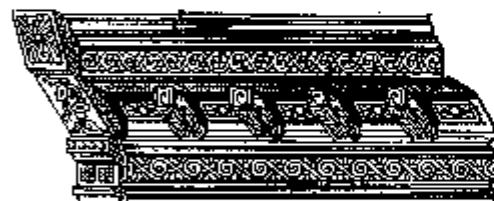
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Height 50 inches, projection 24 inches. Price \$2.25 per lineal foot.



No. 531

Height 50 inches, projection 10 inches. Price \$2.18 per lineal foot.



No. 527

Height 44 inches, projection 24 inches. Price \$2.18 per lineal foot.



No. 532

Height 44 inches, projection 10 inches. Price \$2.10 per lineal foot.



No. 528

Height 52 inches, projection 24 inches. Price \$1.58 per lineal foot.



No. 533

Height 52 inches, projection 16 inches. Price \$1.80 per lineal foot.



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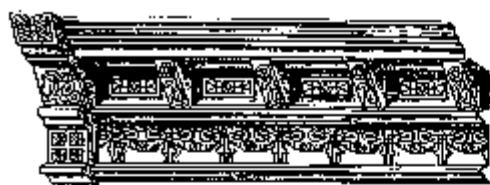
Height 40 inches, projection 12 inches. Price \$1.70 per lineal foot.



No. 534

Height 48 inches, projection 18 inches. Price \$1.80 per lineal foot.

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No. 535

Height 44 inches, projection 12 inches. Price \$1.73 per linear foot.



No. 541

Height 40 inches, projection 18 inches. Price \$1.80 per linear foot.



No. 536

Height 38 inches, projection 12 inches. Price \$1.15 per linear foot.



No. 542

Height 34 inches, projection 18 inches. Price \$1.73 per linear foot.



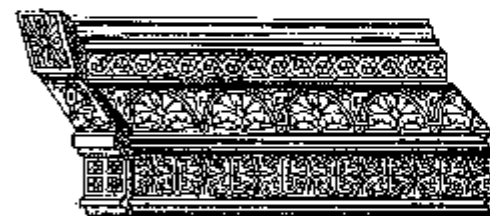
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Height 20 inches, projection 12 inches. Price \$1.35 per linear foot.



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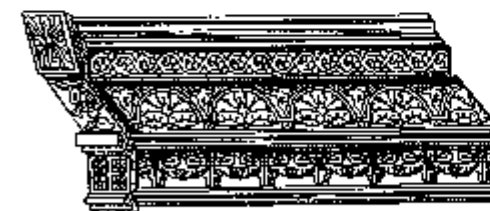
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Height 30 inches, projection 24 inches. Price \$1.73 per linear foot.



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Height 48 inches, projection 12 inches. Price \$1.50 per linear foot.



No. 539

Height 48 inches, projection 34 inches. Price \$1.73 per linear foot.



No. 545

Height 48 inches, projection 12 inches. Price \$1.50 per linear foot.



No. 540

Height 30 inches, projection 24 inches. Price \$1.35 per linear foot.



No. 546

Height 30 inches, projection 12 inches. Price \$1.13 per linear foot.

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**No. 547**

Height 28 inches, projection 19 inches. Price \$1.05 per linear foot.

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Height 40 inches, projection 3 inches. Price \$1.06 per linear foot.

**No. 549**

Height 22 inches, projection 3 inches. Price 88c per linear foot.

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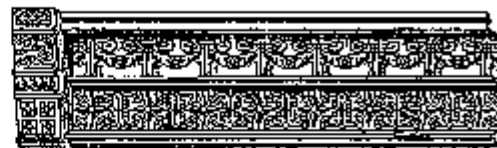
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**No. 553**

Height 42 inches, projection 3 inches. Price \$1.05 per linear foot.

**No. 554**

Height 22 inches, projection 3 inches. Price 88c per linear foot.

**No. 555**

Height 22 inches, projection 3 inches. Price 88c per linear foot.

**No. 556**

Height 18 inches, projection 2 inches. Price 45c per linear foot.

Galvanized Iron Pediments

**No. 557**

Price \$18.00 and upward.

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Price \$20.25 and upward.

**No. 558**

Price \$12.75 and upward.

**No. 560**

Price \$11.25 and upward.

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No. 561. Price \$3.00.



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No. 567. Price \$3.38.



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No. 565. Price \$6.75.



No. 568. Price \$4.73.



No. 563. Price \$1.88.



No. 566. Price \$3.75.

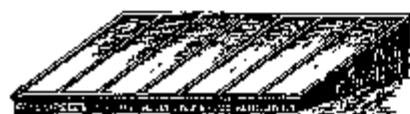


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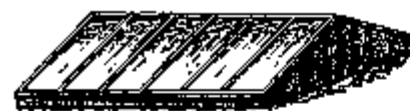
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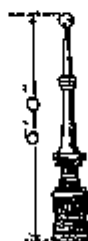
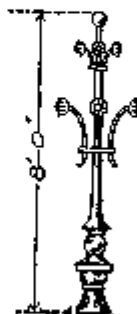
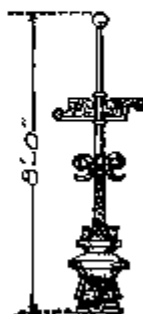
GALVANIZED IRON DEPARTMENT

The equipment in this department can not be surpassed. Our special machinery for forming mouldings, our presses and hammers for stamping and embossing ornamental work are of the best and most modern. In addition, we have a large force of skilled galvanized iron workers. We are therefore in position to execute all orders promptly and to furnish a thoroughly workmanlike job—complete in all details, at a minimum cost.

We manufacture all kinds of cornice work from stock designs, from special designs and according to architect's drawings. If none of the designs illustrated in this catalogue are suitable, send us a description of what is wanted and we will submit sketches of special designs (free of charge) that we would suggest; or if you have architect's plans, send us a copy and we will name prices upon the work according to same.

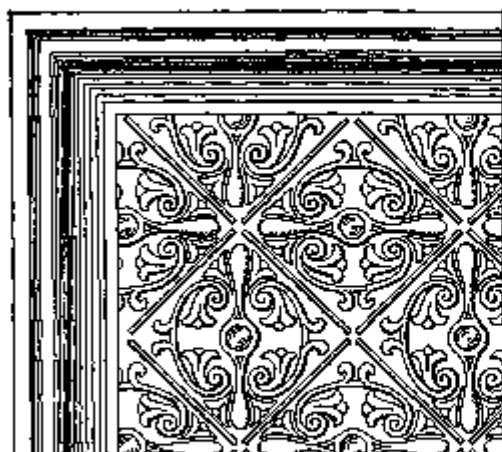
We, however, always advise catalogue designs in preference to special designs or architect's designs, for the reason that we can give our customers better value for their money, as our catalogue designs are the result of years of experience, and give the best appearance that can be procured at the price.

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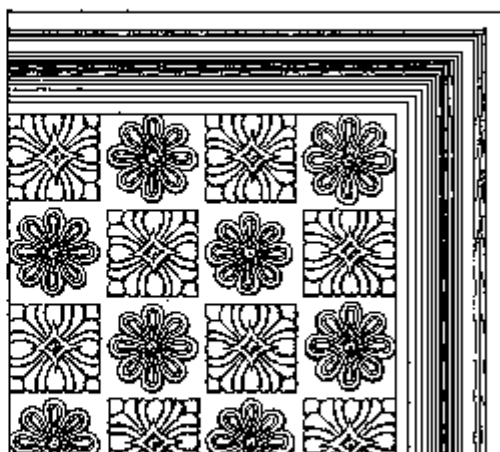
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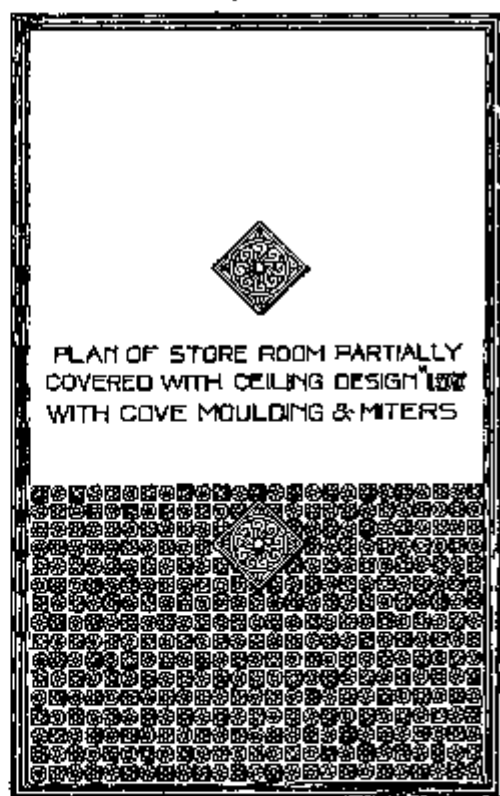
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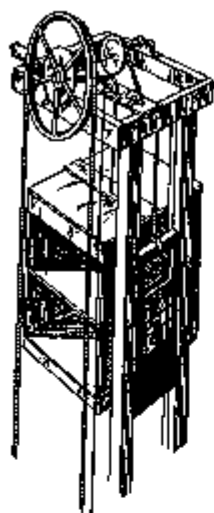
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WITH CENTER No. 203.



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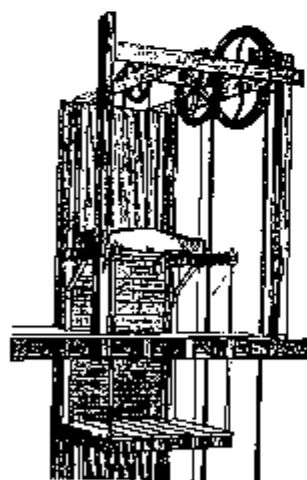
These two designs are the most popular that we have ever placed on the market, and our customers universally express themselves as being highly pleased with their attractive appearance and the ease in which they are placed in position. We furnish our ceilings so that an ordinary workman can put them up properly and at a small expense. Their cost compares favorably with either wood or plaster, and as they never wear out, are much cheaper. Bear in mind also that a steel ceiling never rots out like wood, or falls down like plaster, and is a fire protection. Our steel ceilings will make a modern and attractive store room, and we will guarantee that you will congratulate yourself if you put one in your building.

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No. 450. DUMB WAITER.

Picture, popular cage, weights and ropes for
20-ft. height..... \$41.25
16-in. or 20-in. rope wheel..... \$41.25
24-in. or 30-in. rope wheel..... \$52.50



No. 453.

BACK GUIDE HAND ELEVATOR.

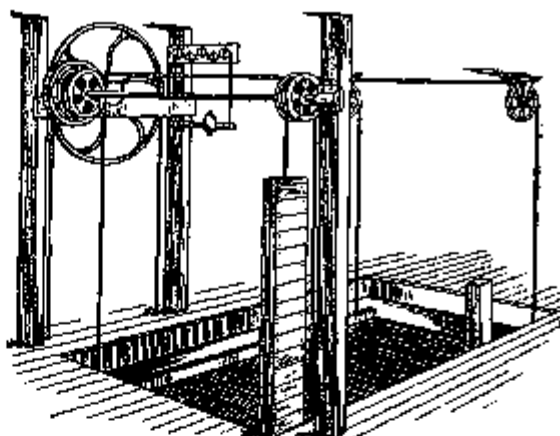
Machinery, platform, sectional counterweights wrought iron track and ropes for 25 ft. height; capacity, 500 lbs.; platform, 3 ft. 6 in. x 3 ft. 6 in.

Price..... \$104.05

500 lb. capacity, with platform 4 ft. x 4 ft. Price..... 127.50

1,200 lb. capacity, with platform 4 ft. 6 in. x 4 ft. 6 in. Price..... 158.75

2,000 lb. capacity, with platform 5 ft. x 5 ft. Price..... 203.05



No. 451. CARRIAGE OR WAREHOUSE ELEVATOR.

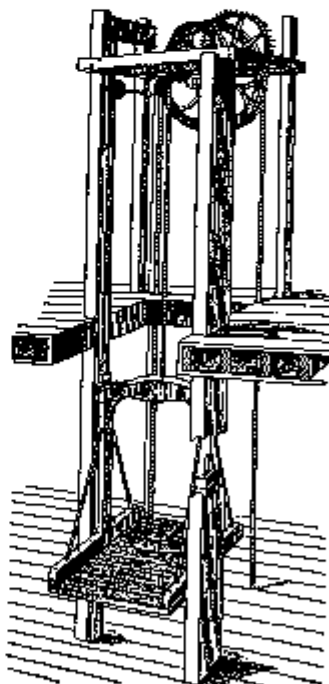
Machinery platform (not over 6 ft. x 12 ft.) counterweight, wrought iron track and ropes for 25 ft. 1000 lbs. capacity..... \$105.00
Machinery platform (not over 6 ft. x 10 ft.) counterweight, wrought iron track and ropes for 25 ft. 2000 lbs. capacity..... 125.00
\$2.50 additional per ft. over 25 ft. high.



Our special elevators are designed upon scientific principles. All care and attention are given to every detail that will add durability, ease in operation and neatness in finish.

The machinery is in no way complicated, but is thorough in construction. The parts are few and easily arranged so that an ordinary mechanic can place them in position.

The prices quoted do not include wood work, except that for platform. In addition to what we propose to furnish it will be necessary for you to obtain wood guides casings for weight box and frame work to support machinery.

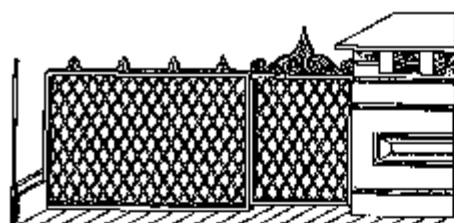


No. 452. SIDE POST HAND ELEVATOR.

Price of machinery, platform, counterweights and ropes for 25 ft. height.

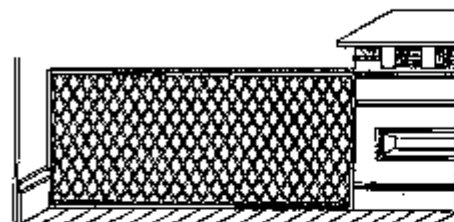
| Capacity. | Platform. | Price. |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 500 lbs..... | 3 ft. 6 in. x 3 ft. 6 in. | \$ 80.45 |
| 800 lbs..... | 4 ft. x 4 ft. | 110.00 |
| 1,200 lbs..... | 4 ft. 6 in. x 4 ft. 6 in. | 138.40 |
| 2,000 lbs..... | 5 ft. x 5 ft. | 183.25 |

WRITE FOR DISCOUNTS.



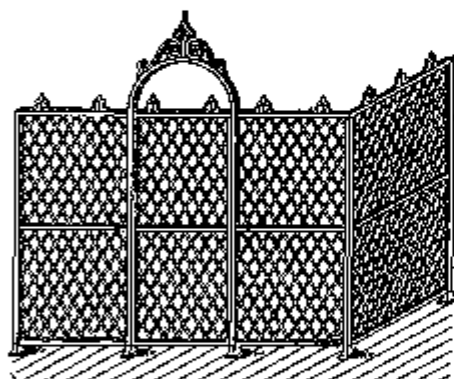
No. 850. FLOOR RAILING WITH GATE.

Our floor railings can be made of any height and length and can be furnished with gate or without.



No. 851. FLOOR RAILING WITHOUT GATE.

Send us description of how you wish to use a railing, and rough diagram, and we will quote prices.



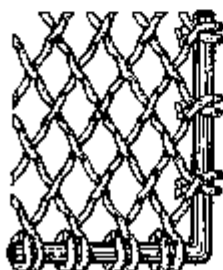
No. 852. PARTITION RAILING WITH GATE.

Write us for prices of any kind of wire work and send measurements and we will make estimates that will secure your order.



DETAIL A.

Detail showing arrangement of window guards with flat or channel frames.



DETAIL B.

Detail showing arrangement of window guard with round iron frames.

SEND MEASUREMENTS AND DESCRIPTION FOR NET PRICES.



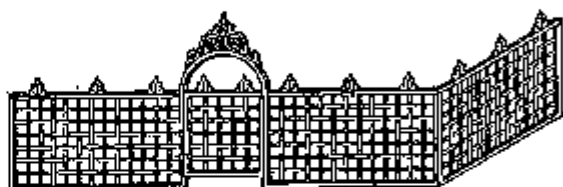
No. 853. ROUND WIRE COUNTER RAILING.

A well made counter railing adds much to the appearance of an office, and is much superior in strength and durability to any form of wood railing.



No. 854. ROUND WIRE DESK RAILING.

Our facilities enable us to execute any style of wire railing that you may desire, and to make same to fit any arrangement of corner.



No. 855. FLAT WIRE COUNTER RAILING.

Write us explaining how you can use a railing, give measurements and description of arrangement of mesh holes and other openings wanted.



No. 856. FLAT WIRE DESK RAILING.

Any inquiry you may favor us with for prices on a job, large or small, will have our prompt attention, and we will make a close estimate.



No. 857.

FLAT FRAME.

No. 858.

FLAT FRAME.

No. 859.

ROUND FRAME.

CRIMPED WIRE WINDOW GUARDS.

These guards can be arranged for windows of any size, with square, segment or Gothic tops. The price will depend upon the number and size of guards wanted. Send us your specifications and get our estimates before buying.



No. 900. WROUGHT IRON TIE RODS.



No. 901. WROUGHT IRON RODS.



No. 902.
SHUTTERS.



No. 903.
GUARDS.



No. 904.
FIRE ESCAPES.

We furnish window and door shutters and guards of any size. Send measure-
ments of windows or door opening between brick jambs and we will quote special
rates. We design and furnish fire escapes for all conditions. Describe the
arrangement of window openings in side of building and we will submit blue
prints and prices.



No. 917.
PIPE AREA RAILING.



No. 918.
ORNAMENTAL BALCONY RAILING.



No. 919.
ORNAMENTAL BALCONY RAILING.

WROUGHT IRON DEPARTMENT

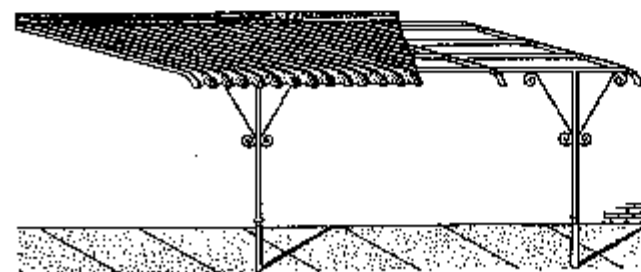
For the manufacture of builder's wrought iron work we have equipped this department so thoroughly that we are enabled
not only to execute orders promptly, but to furnish thoroughly workmanlike work at reasonable prices. Work of this character
differs so that list prices cannot be made, and estimates must be based on a knowledge of the requirements. If rods, bolts or
anchors are required, send a list of sizes for prices. The cost of shutters, guards and grates is determined by the size of openings
in wall or pavement. To quote on railings we must know the numbers of lineal feet required. For awning prices, specify the
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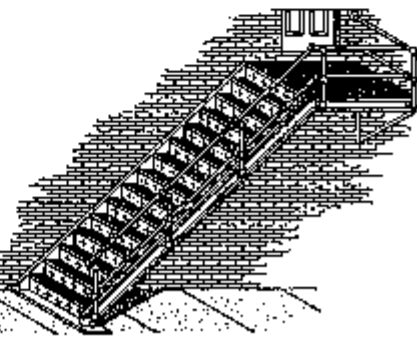
No. 920. SELF-SUPPORTING IRON AWNING.



No. 922. IRON CELLAR DOOR AND FRAME.



No. 921. IRON AWNING WITH PIPE SUPPORTS.

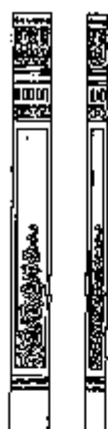


No. 923. IRON STAIRWAYS.

WE ARE PREPARED TO FURNISH ALL KINDS OF IRON WORK FOR BUILDINGS.



No. 307.



No. 300.



No. 301.



No. 302.



No. 303.



No. 304.



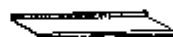
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No. 306.

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It is our effort to furnish the straightest, cleanest and best finished architectural castings made. We not only make castings from our stock patterns, but will make new patterns for architect's special work. Send measurements and particulars for lowest prices.

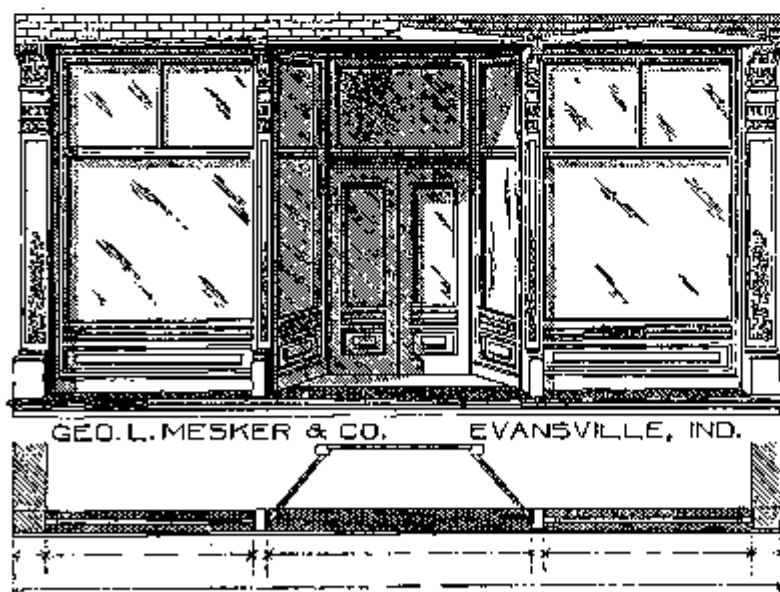
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No. 4066.

We furnish columns, sills and lintels for both new and old buildings, for any arrangement, width of front or height of stories. When ordering for price give width of front, lengths of columns and thickness of wall to be supported, and we will furnish blue prints showing suitable construction, and will quote price on iron work, wood work and glass.

SEND US YOUR SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL KINDS OF IRON WORK FOR BUILDINGS.

No. 196. STANDARD STEEL BEAMS AND CHANNELS IN STOCK.

No. 197. STEEL GIRDERS COMPOSED OF TWO STEEL BEAMS.

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DETAIL C.



DETAIL D.

STEEL BEAMS

We have a large stock of Standard Steel Beams, Channels and Angles in our yards in Evansville, and do not have to depend upon rolling mills for shipments. Our steel beam yards are equipped with traveling cranes and special machinery for handling, cutting, punching, riving and coping steel beams of 50 feet lengths and under. We are therefore in a position to quote low prices on any arrangement of beams, and to make prompt shipments and give our customers accurate and satisfactory work.

If you have architect's specifications, send full of material, or plans, and we will name prices upon the steel beams required, and any other iron work, such as cast iron columns, sills, wrought iron work or galvanized iron cornices that may be needed.

In cases where owners or contractors are unable to determine the correct size of beams or girders required, send a description of the load to be supported, give length of beams required, and advise us distance between intermediate pier, or columns, if any, and we will name prices upon the most economical girder that can be used, of strength that we will guarantee.

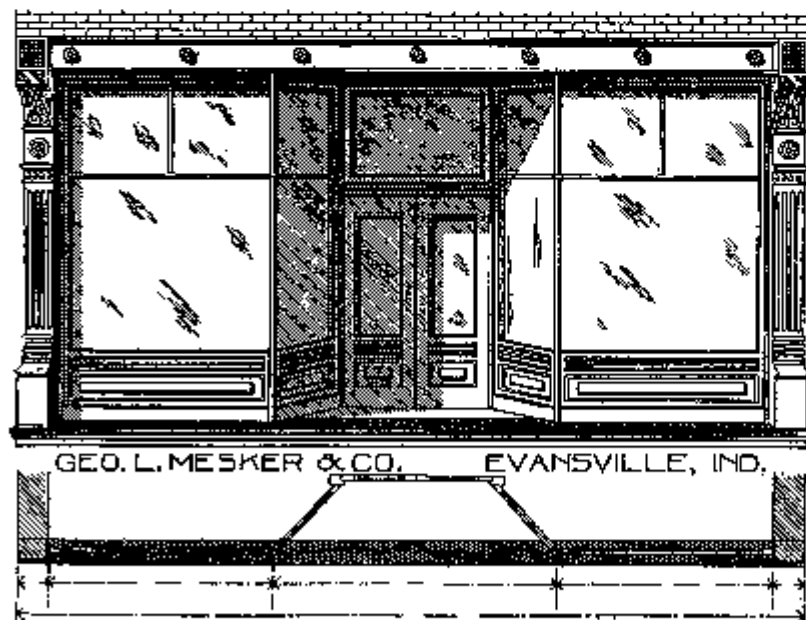
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WE CAN SERVE YOU PROMPTLY AT SATISFACTORY PRICES.

No. 321.

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No. 4087.

In cases where intermediate columns are not wanted, or the distance between supports is too great to permit of the use of cast iron sills, we furnish steel beam girders. In cases where owners and contractors are unable to determine the correct size of beams and girders required, send a description of the load to be supported, giving length of beams required, and advise us distance between intermediate piers or columns, if any, and we will name price upon the most economical girder that can be used, of strength that we will guarantee.

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NOTICE

We want to impress upon you, and all prospective builders, that we are always willing to assist builders in arranging and proportioning iron work, and when you are in need of advice, information or suggestions, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Iron work for buildings is our specialty, and we are willing to give you the benefit of our experience, and we believe that our experience enables us to suggest the best and most economical arrangements.

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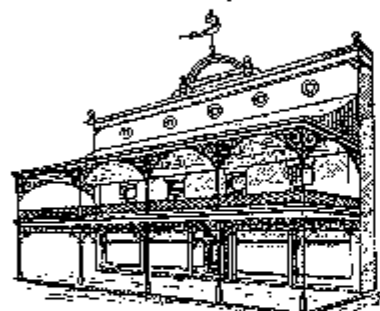
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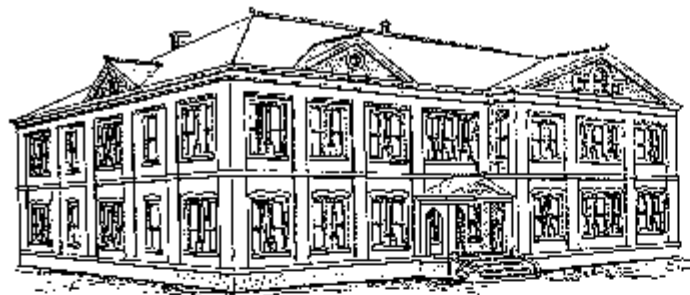
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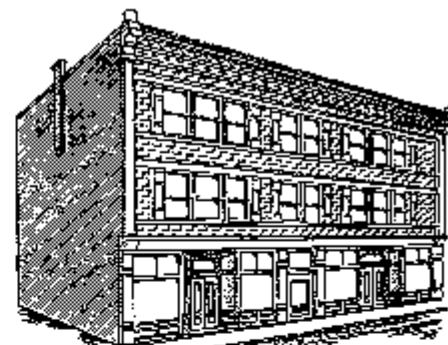
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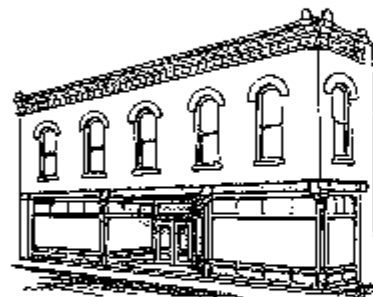
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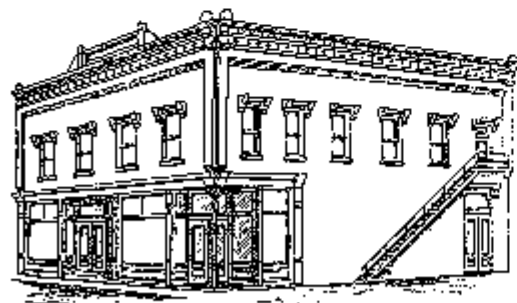
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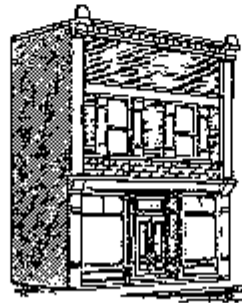
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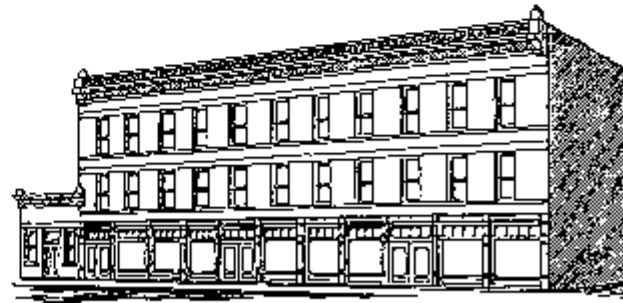
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