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V&A + RIBA Architecture Gallery
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RIBA Library, 9 Conduit Street (1934)



RIBA headquarters, Portland Place (1934)



RIBA Florence Hall at 66 Portland Place (1939)



Heinz Gallery, 21 Portman Square (1973)

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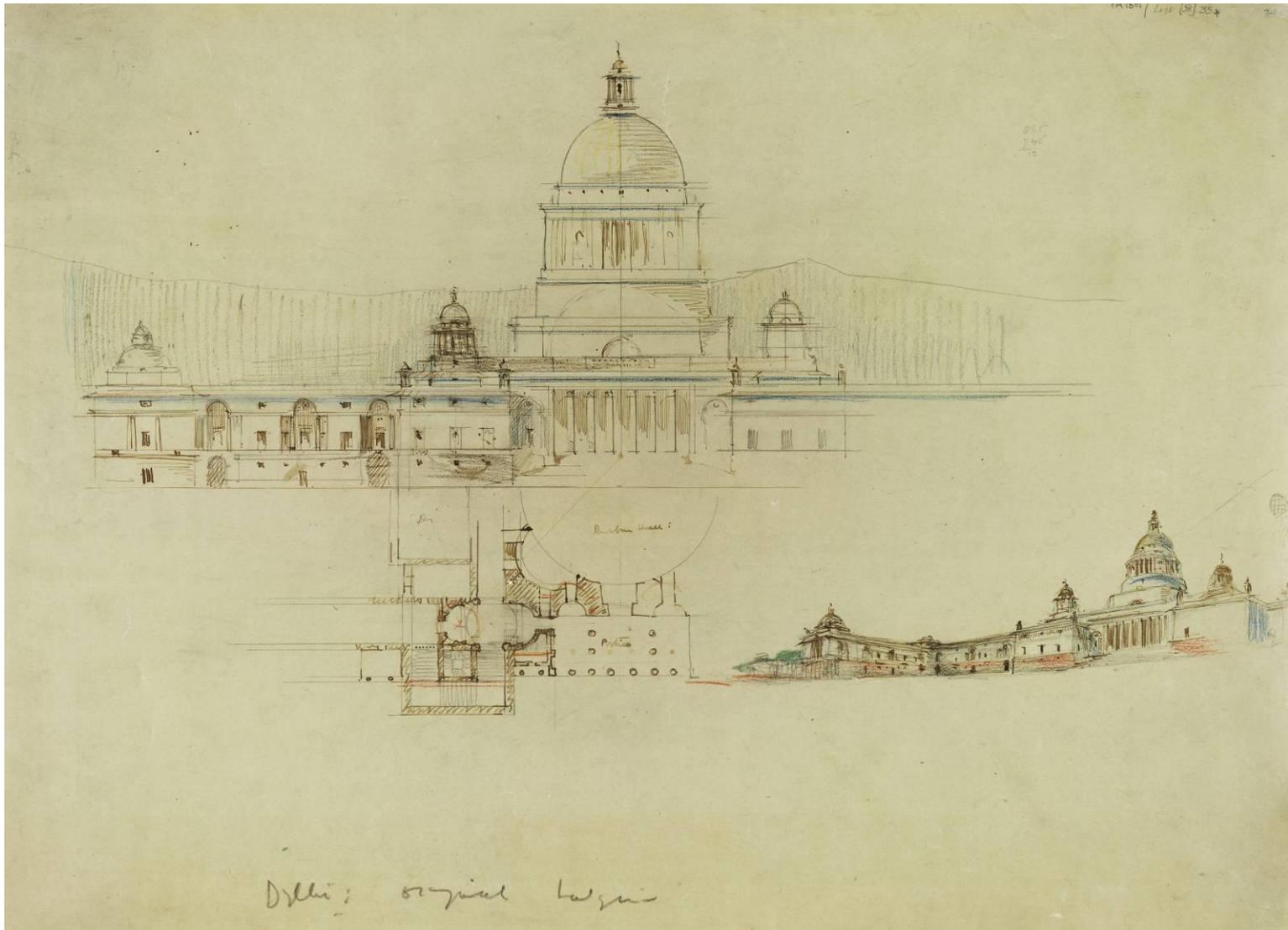
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Viceroy's House, New Delhi (1913)



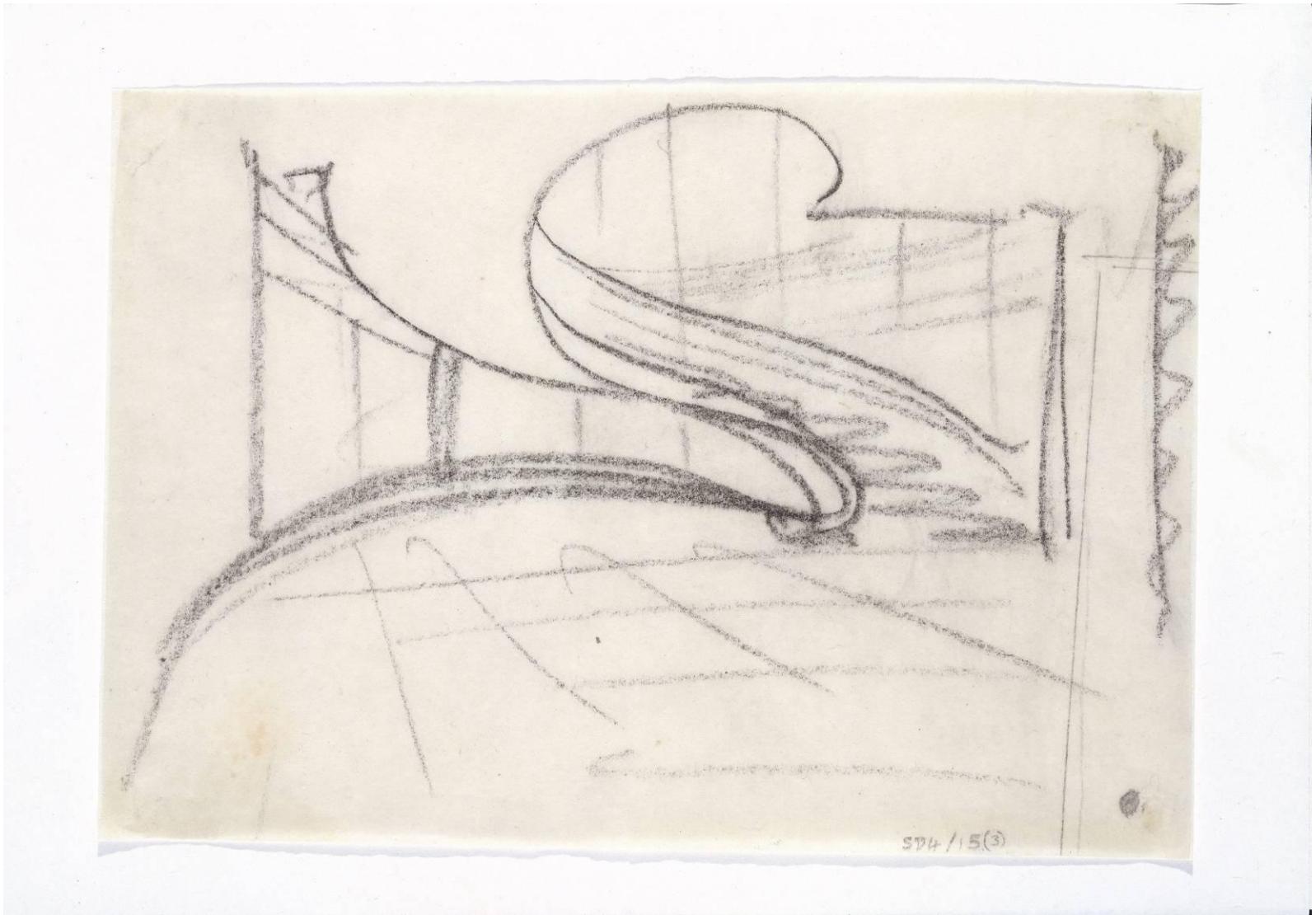
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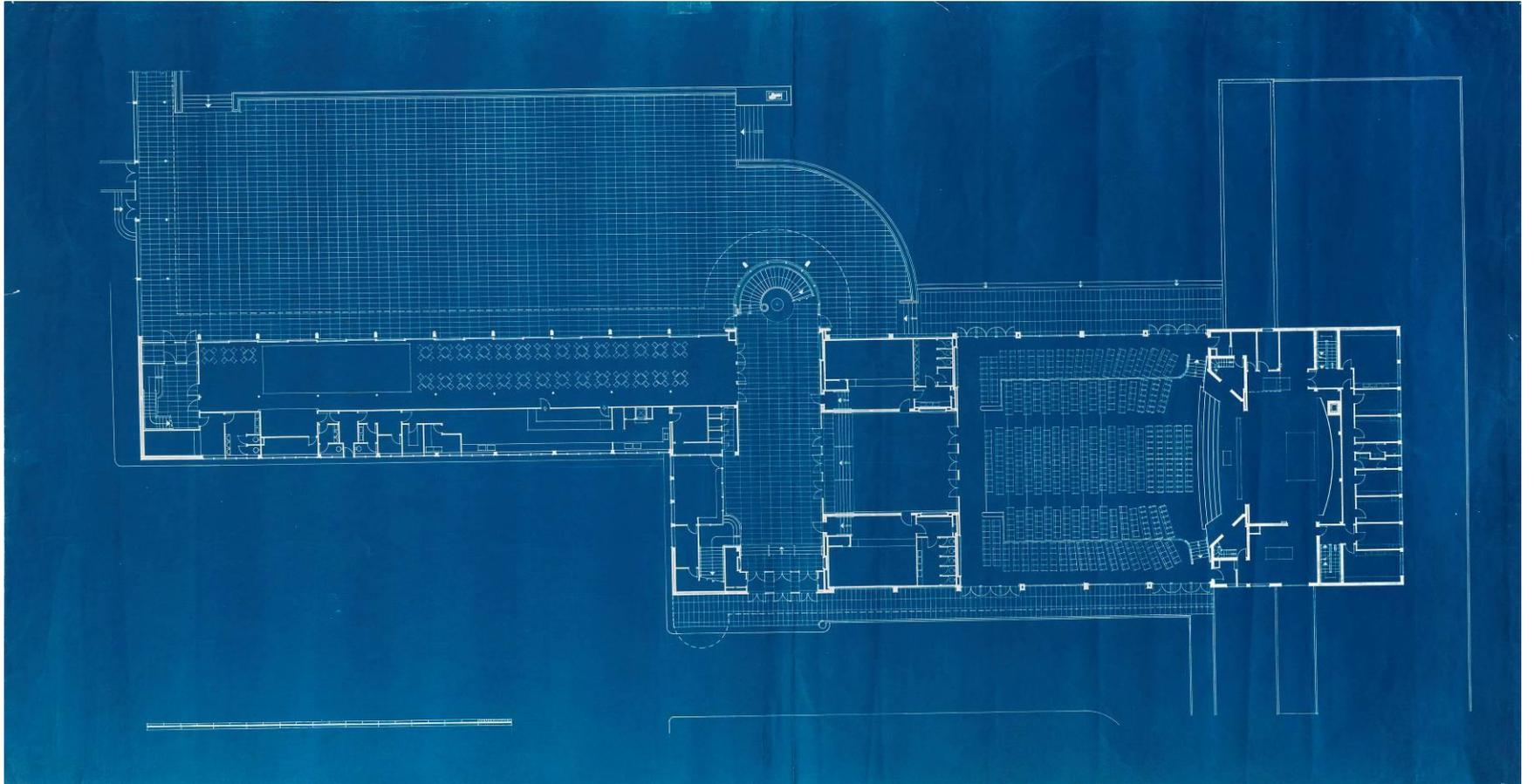
Viceroy's House, New Delhi (1931)



Caricature bust of Sir Edwin Lutyens (1917)



De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea (1934)



De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea (1930s)



De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea (1935)



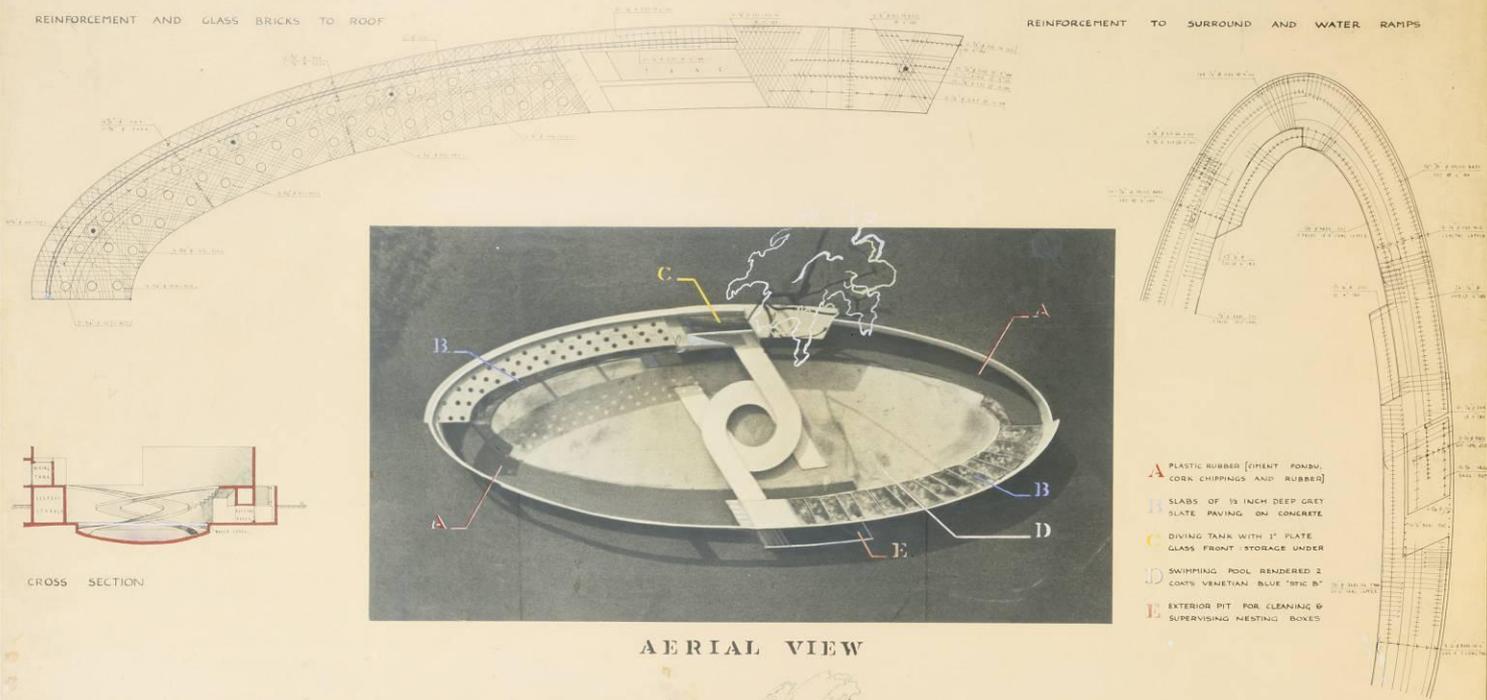
De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea (1936)



IG Metall building, Berlin, 1930

REINFORCEMENT AND GLASS BRICKS TO ROOF

REINFORCEMENT TO SURROUND AND WATER RAMPS



- A PLASTIC RUBBER (OPENT POND, CORK CHIPPINGS AND RUBBER)
- B SLABS OF 12 INCH DEEP GREY SLATE PAVING ON CONCRETE
- C DIVING TANK WITH 1" PLATE GLASS FRONT STORAGE UNDER
- D SWIMMING POOL RENDERED 2 COATS VENETIAN BLUE "OPIC B"
- E EXTERIOR PIT FOR CLEANING & SUPERVISING NESTING BOXES

AERIAL VIEW

LONGITUDINAL SECTION

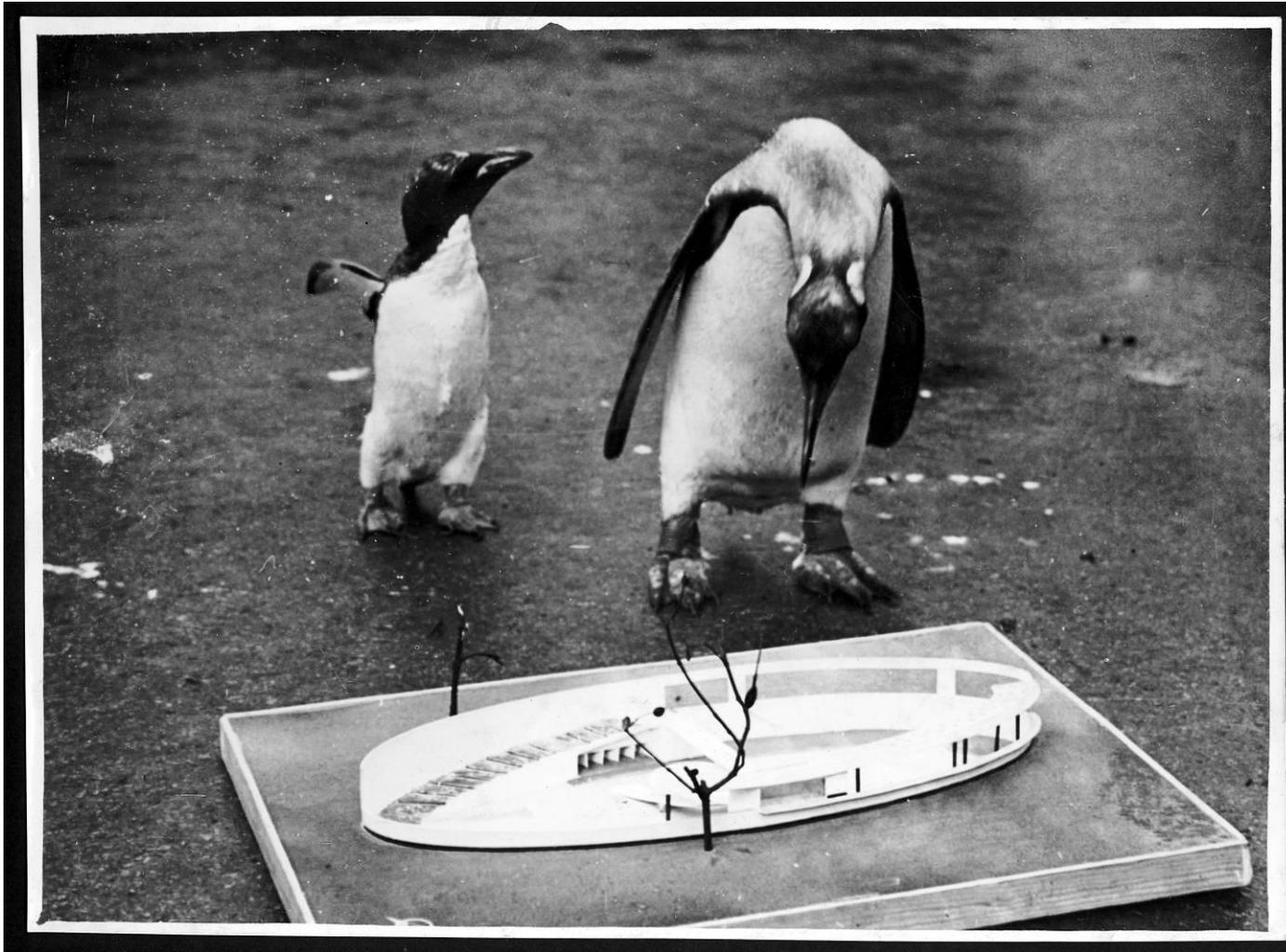
ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
CENTS PARK

PENGUIN POND

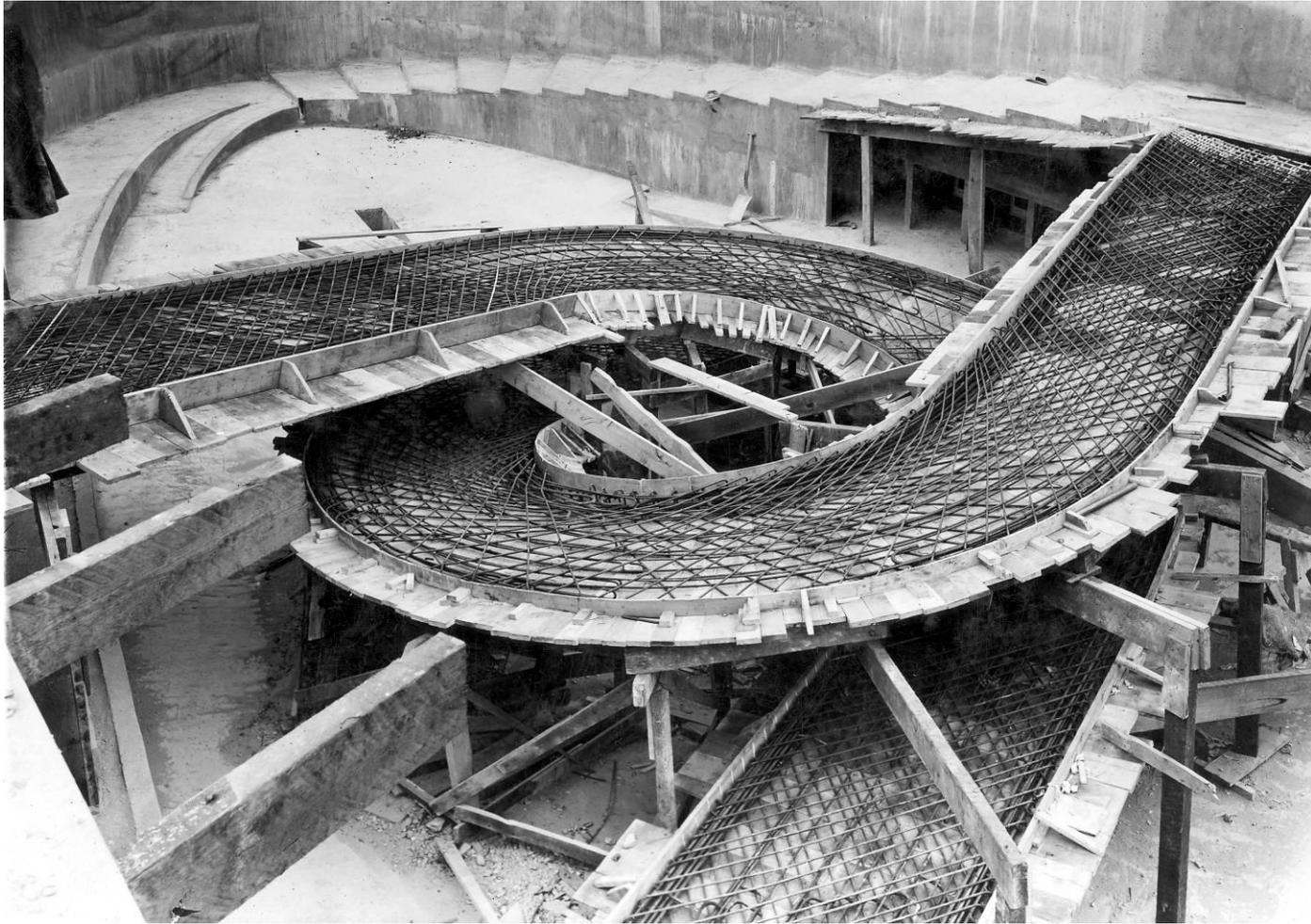
AERIAL VIEW : SECTIONS
REINFORCEMENT DETAILS

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LONDON S.W.1

Penguin Pool, London Zoo (1933)



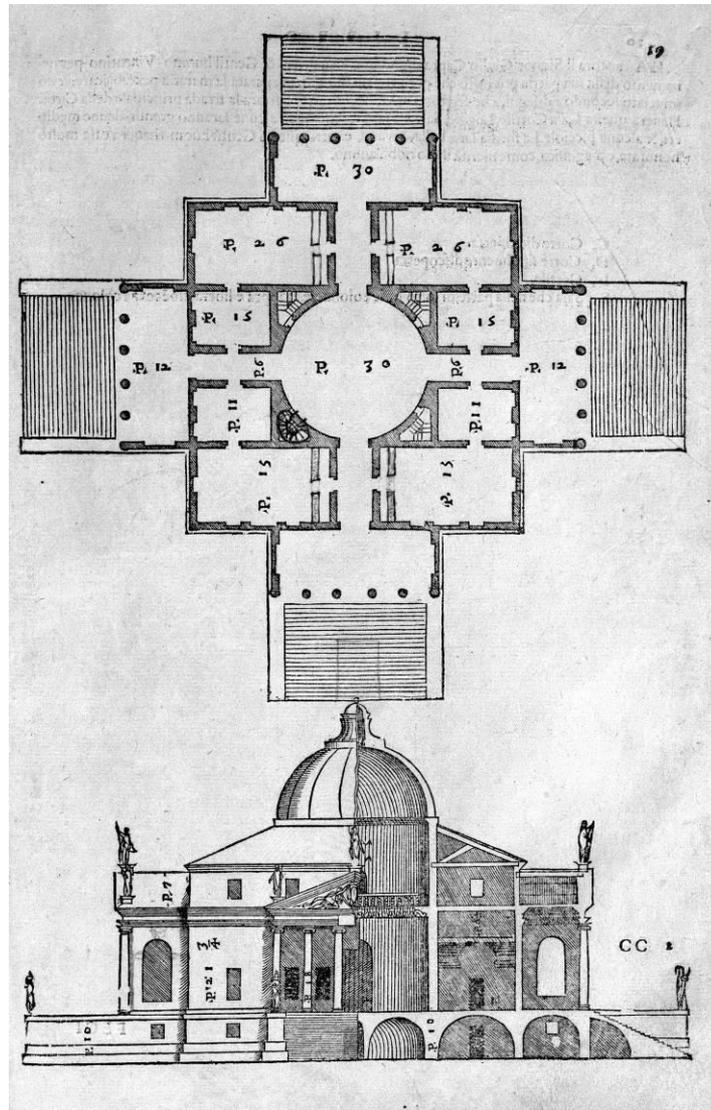
Penguin Pool, London Zoo (1933)



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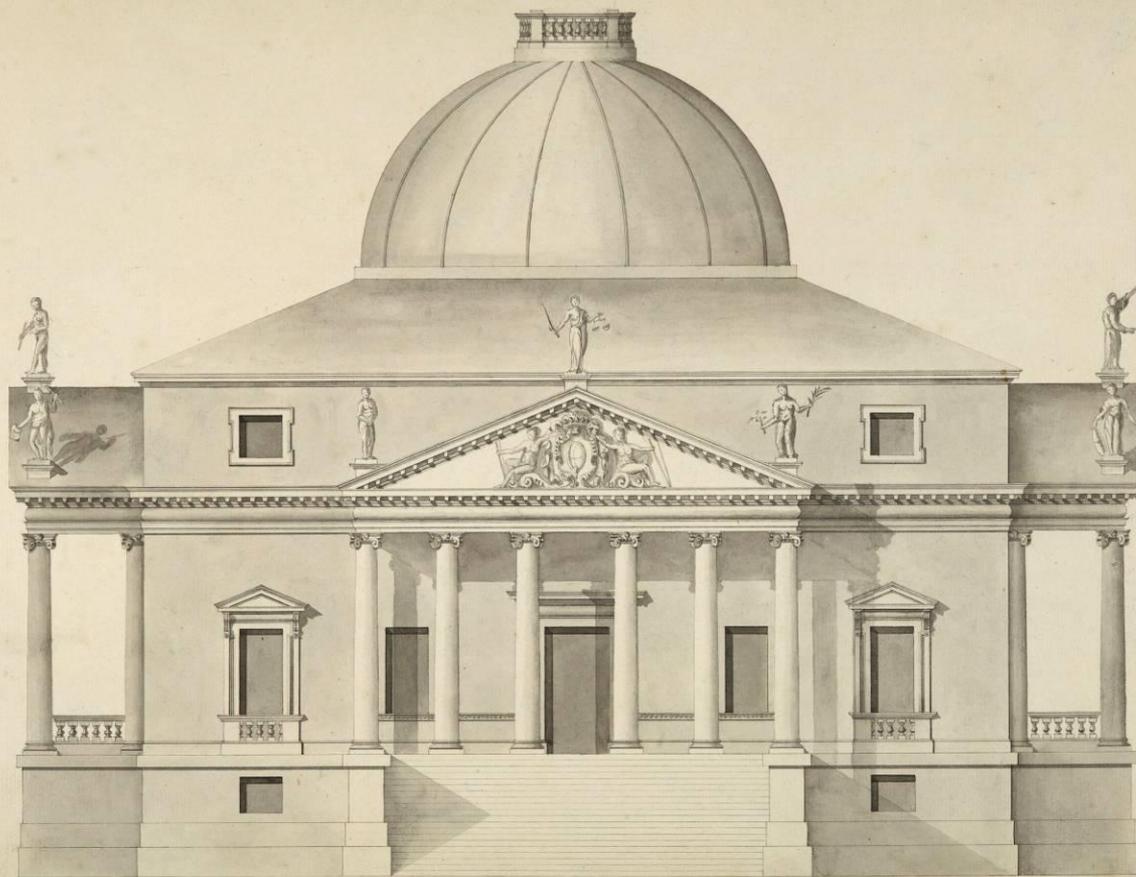


Villa Rotonda, Vicenza, 1569

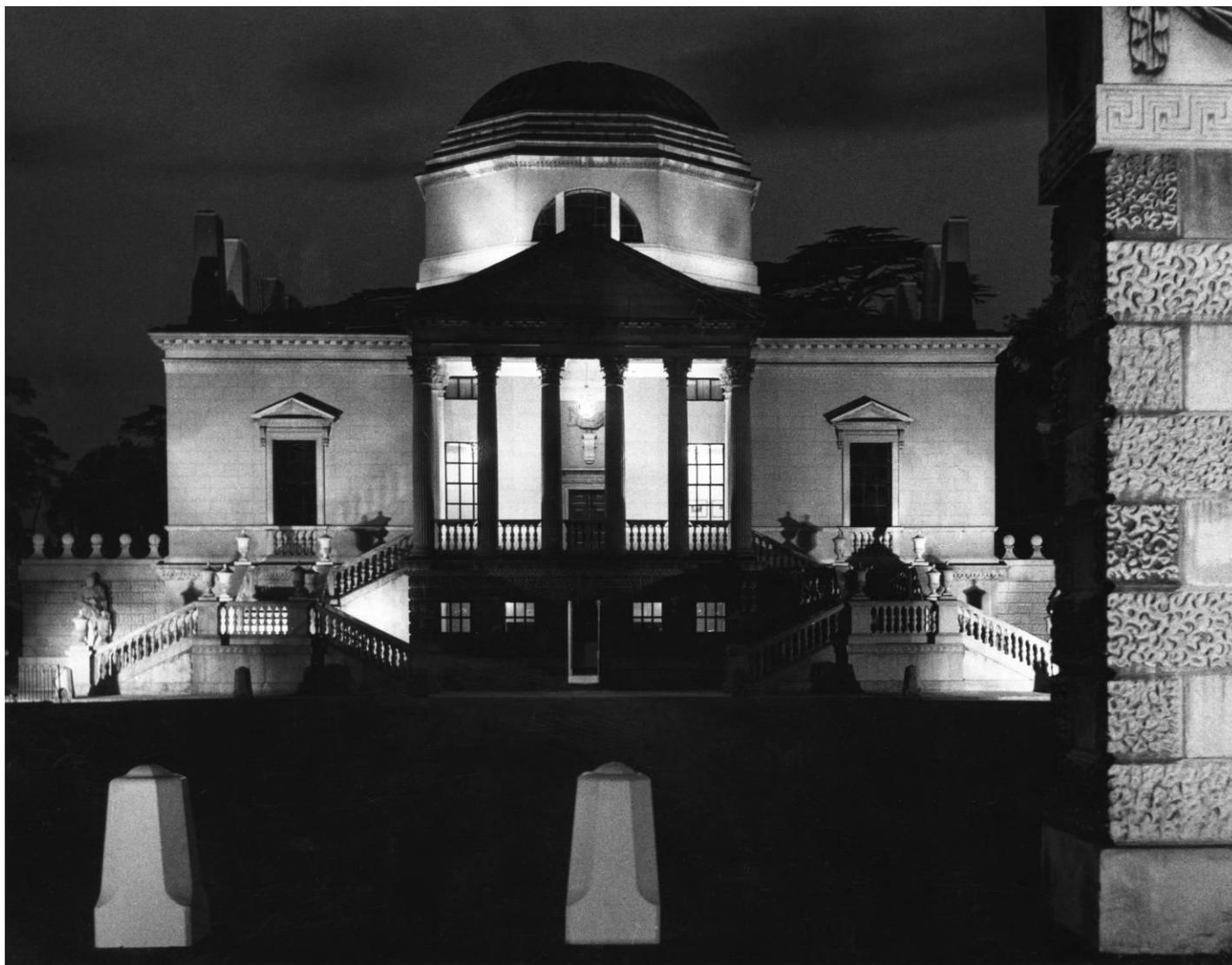


Villa Rotonda, Vicenza, 1569

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Design for Mereworth Castle, Kent, 1720



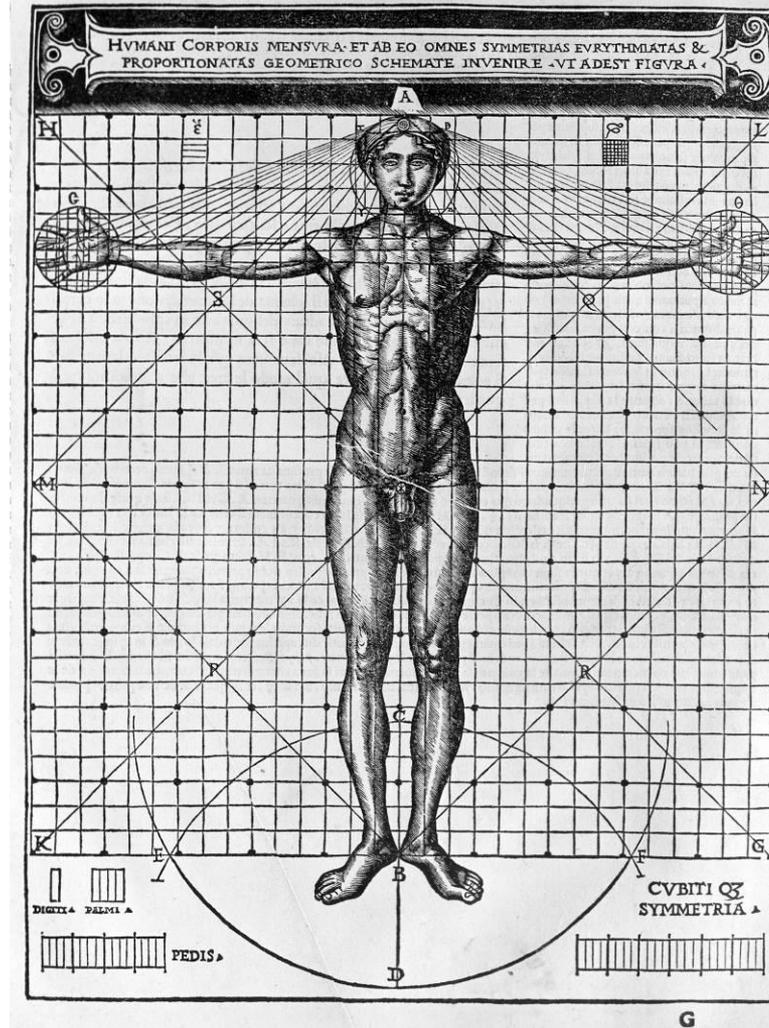
Chiswick House, London, 1729

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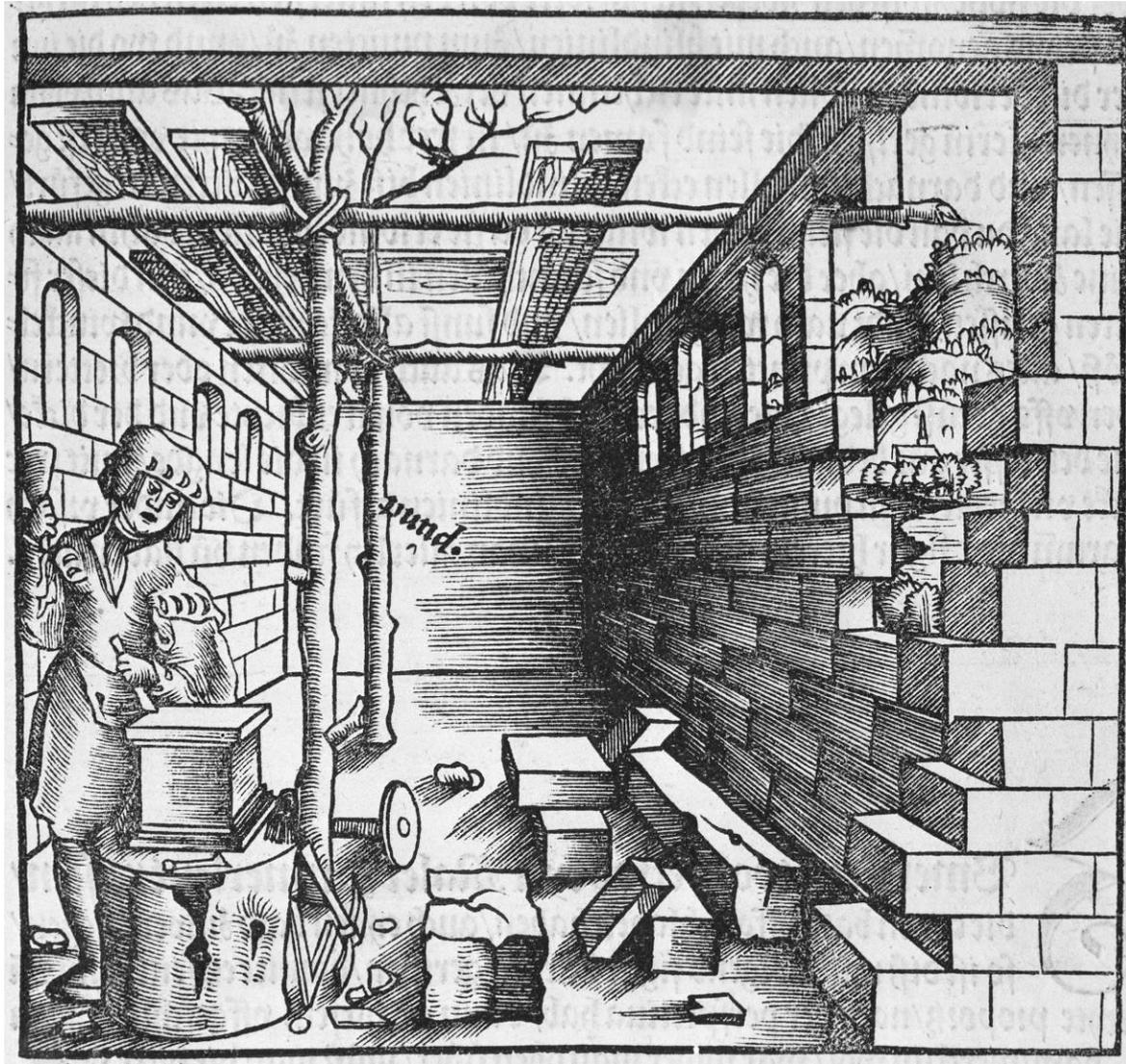
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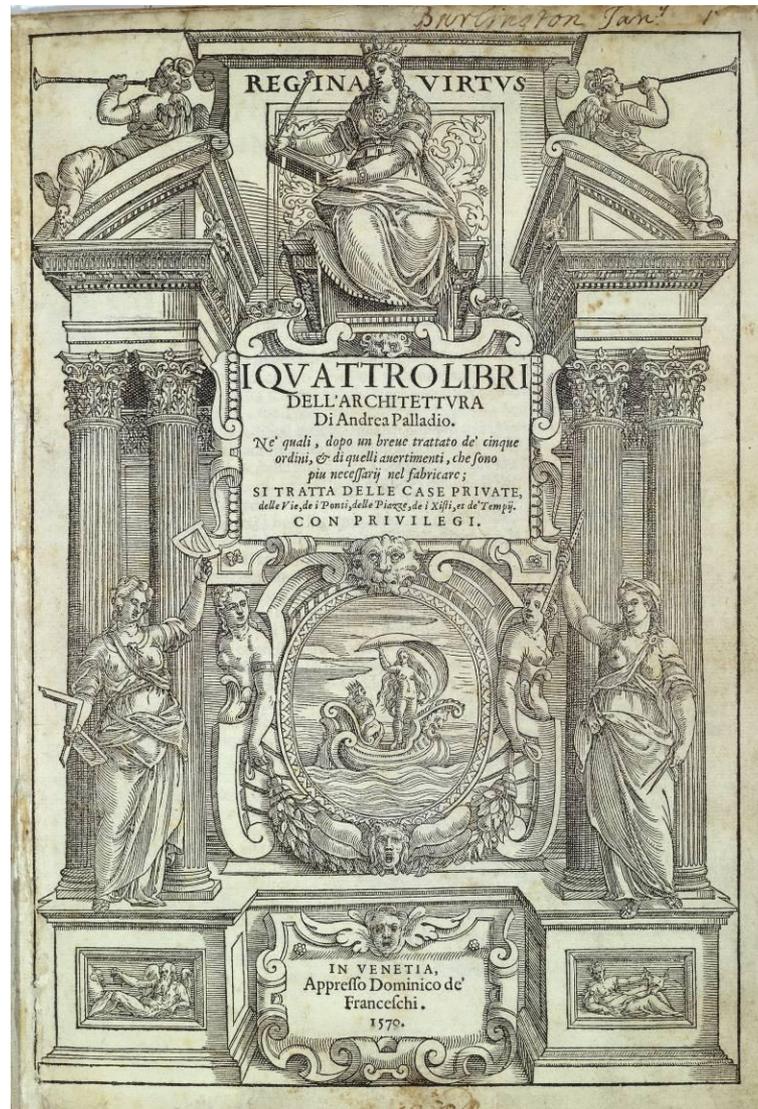
PORTMAN SQUARE.
North Side.



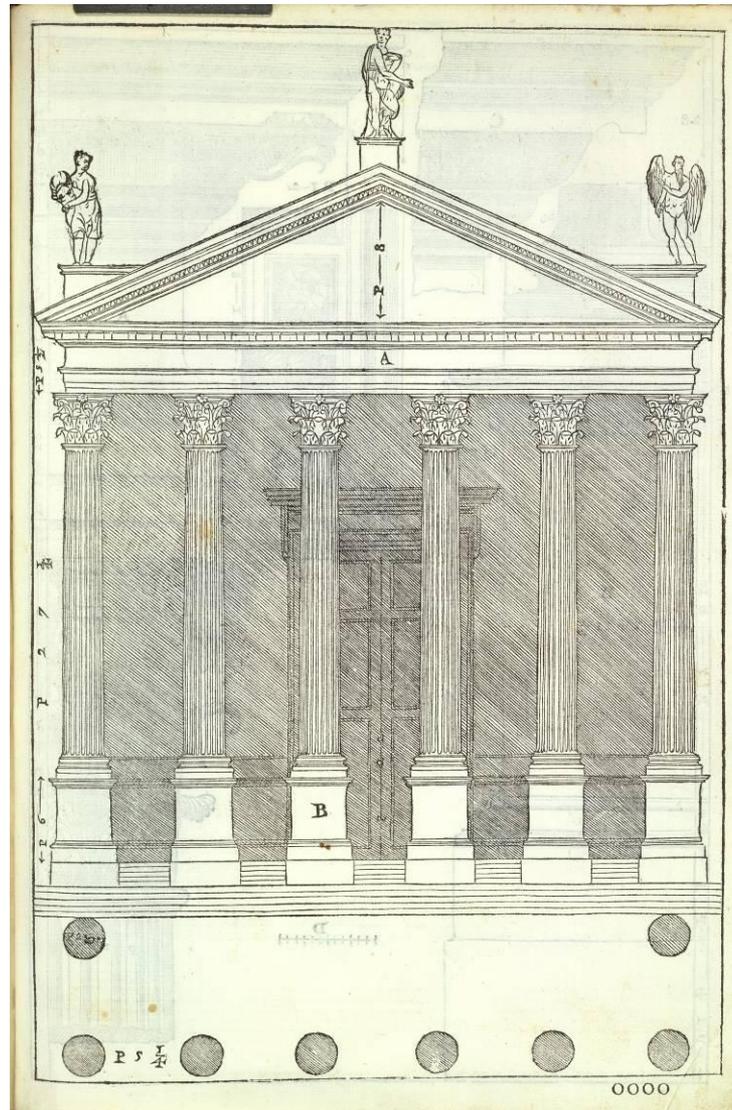
De architectura (1521)



Eyn schon nutzlich buchlin (1531)



I Quattro libri dell'architettura (1570)



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The first and chief groundes of architecture (1563)

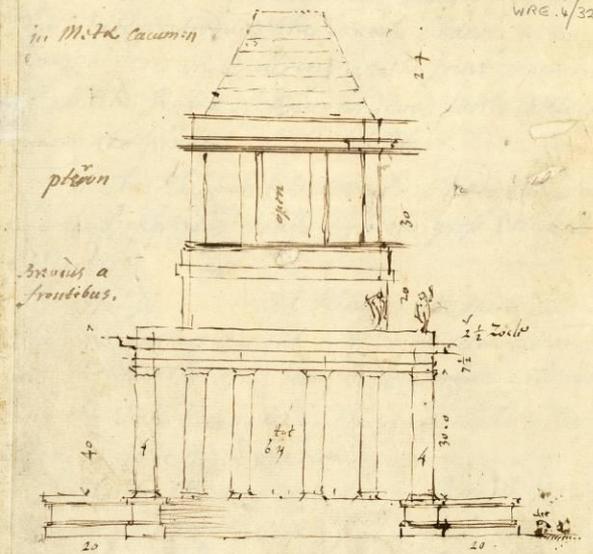
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 will appear half the Face, or like the Facade of
 a Tuscan Temple, to which the Breadth of the
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 of an Entablature:

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 the Fabrick was in the Age of Pythagoras and his
 School, when the World began to be fond of Geometry
 and Arithmetick.

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Tricenturium, as the sense requires.

Statue of Mausoleus

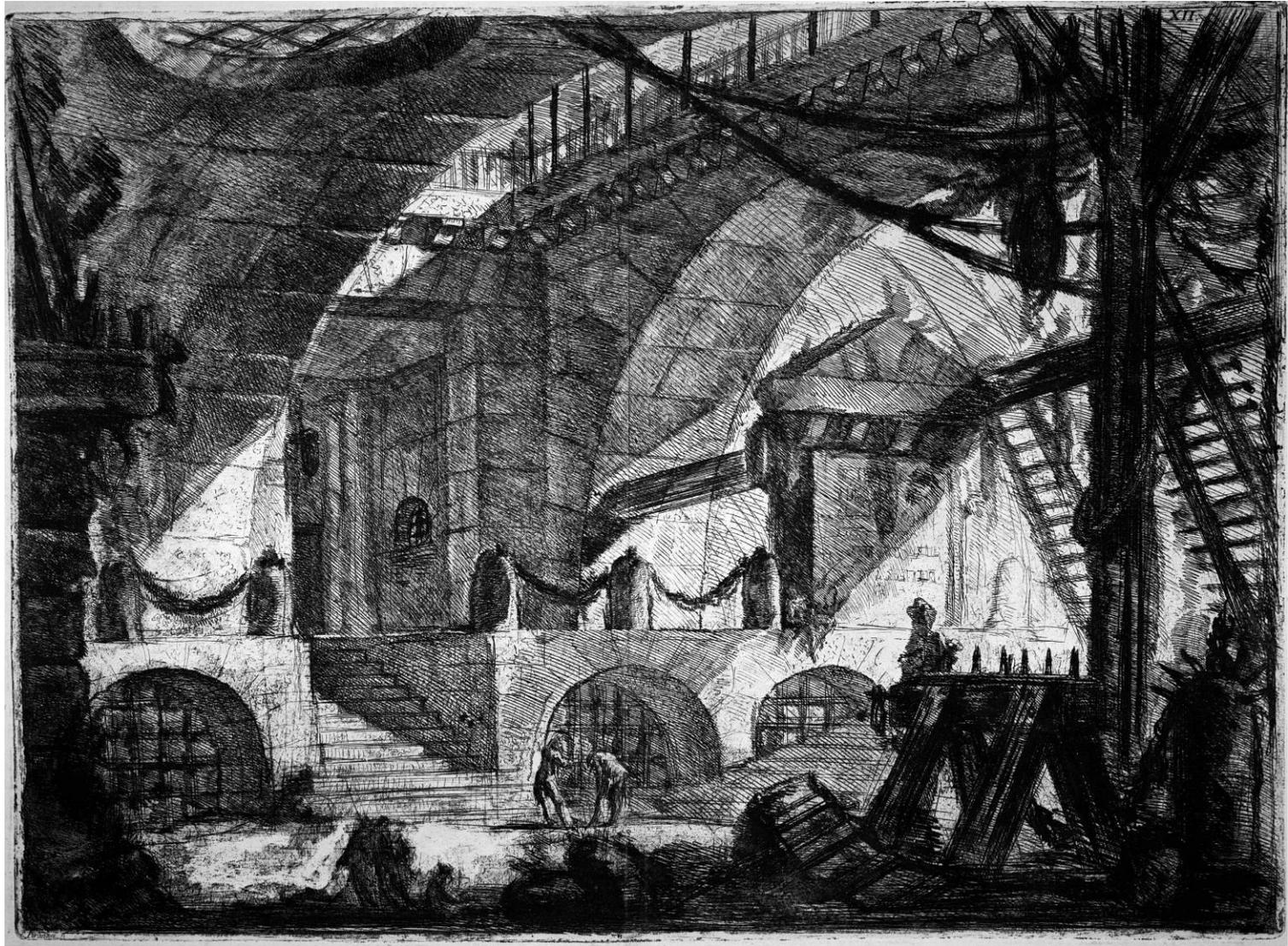
iii. M. de Caumont



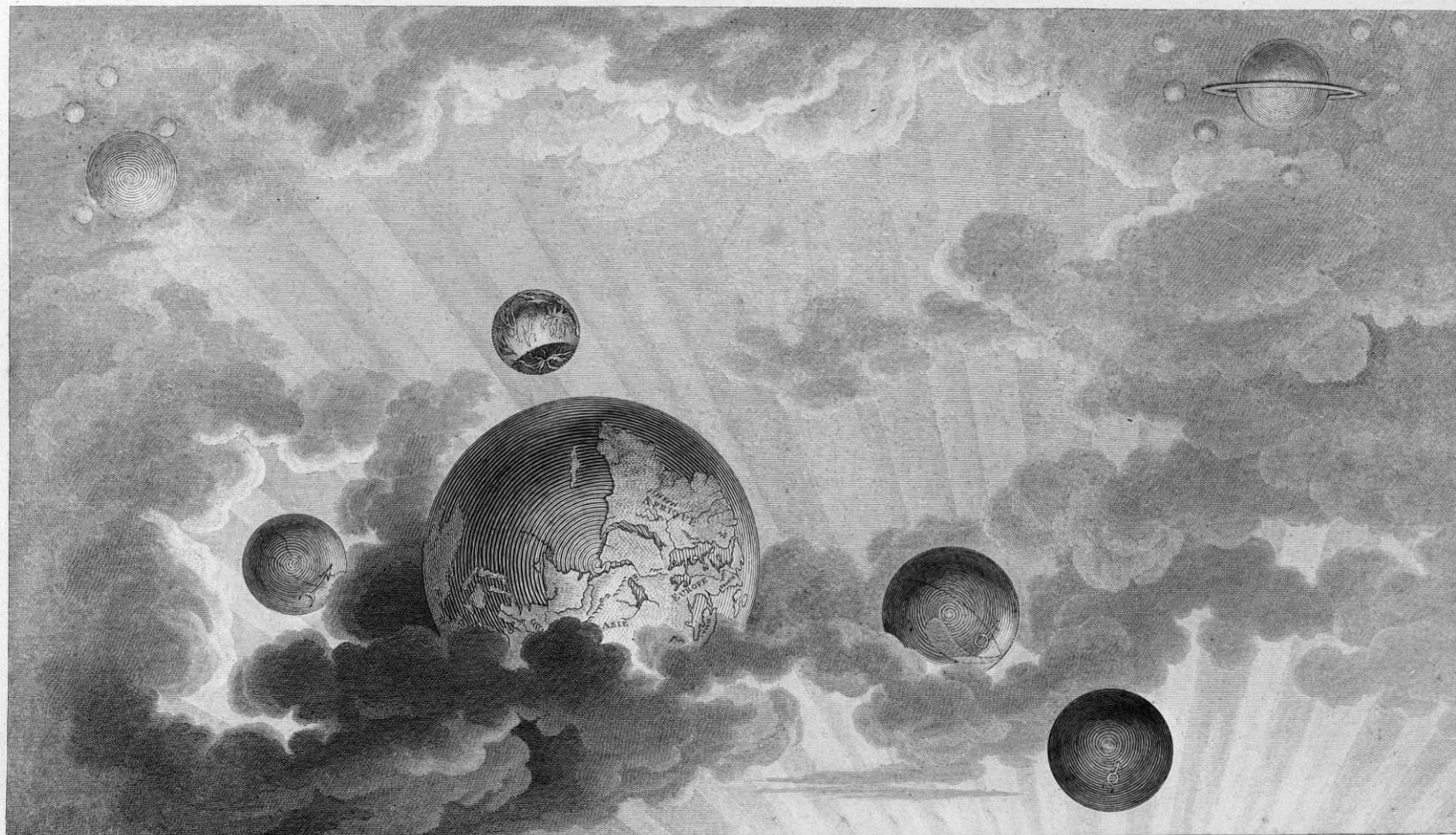
Parentalia (1750)



Vedute di Roma (1747?-1788)



Carceri d'invenzione (1760s)



Le Dome Architecton de Res.

Boissier Sculp.

ÉLEVATION DU CIMETIÈRE DE LA VILLE DE CHAUX.

Pl. 100.

L'architecture consideree... (1804)



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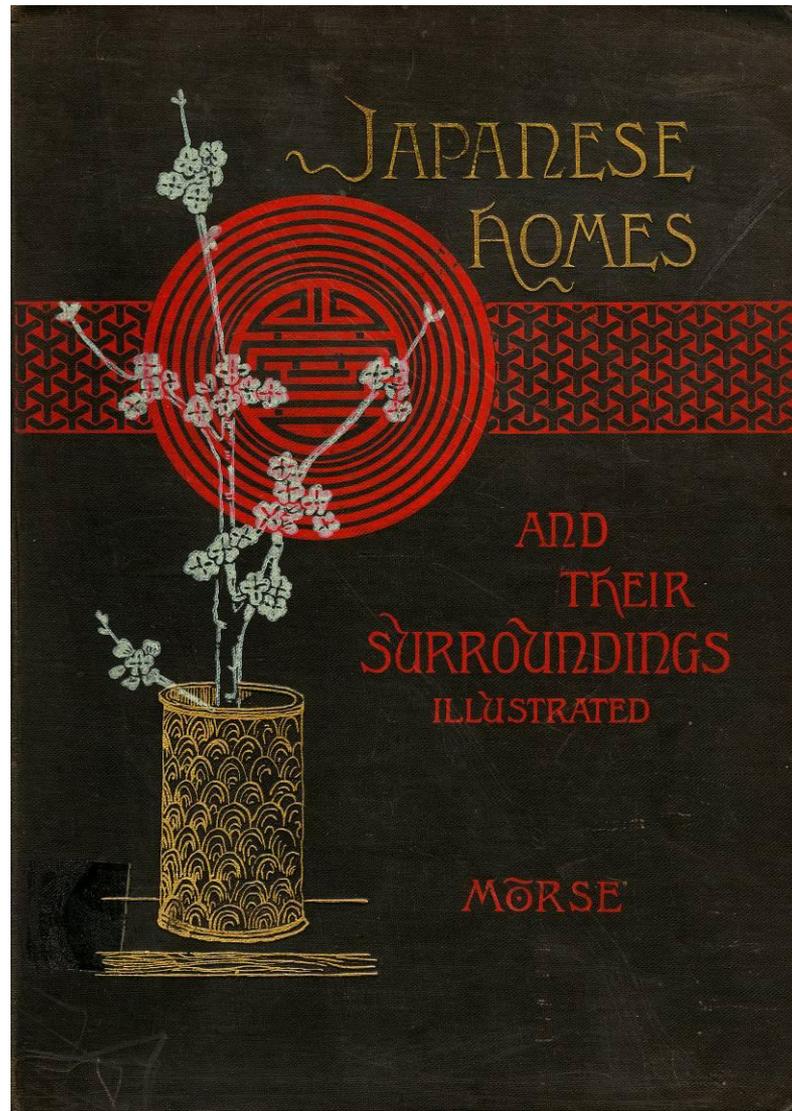
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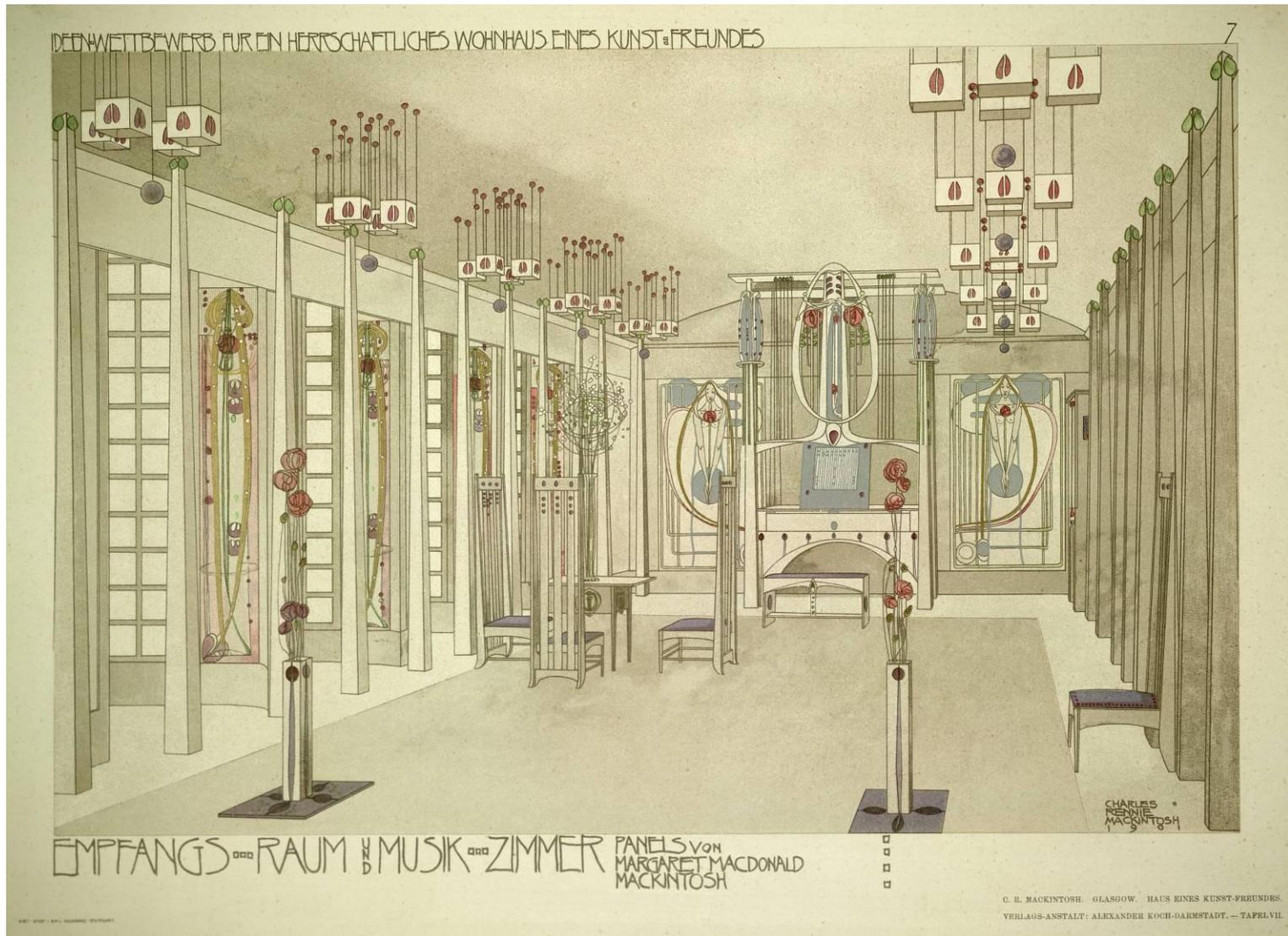
Sammlung von Theater-Decorationen (1849)



The grammar of ornament (1856)



Japanese homes and their surroundings (1886)



Haus eines Kunstfreundes (1902)



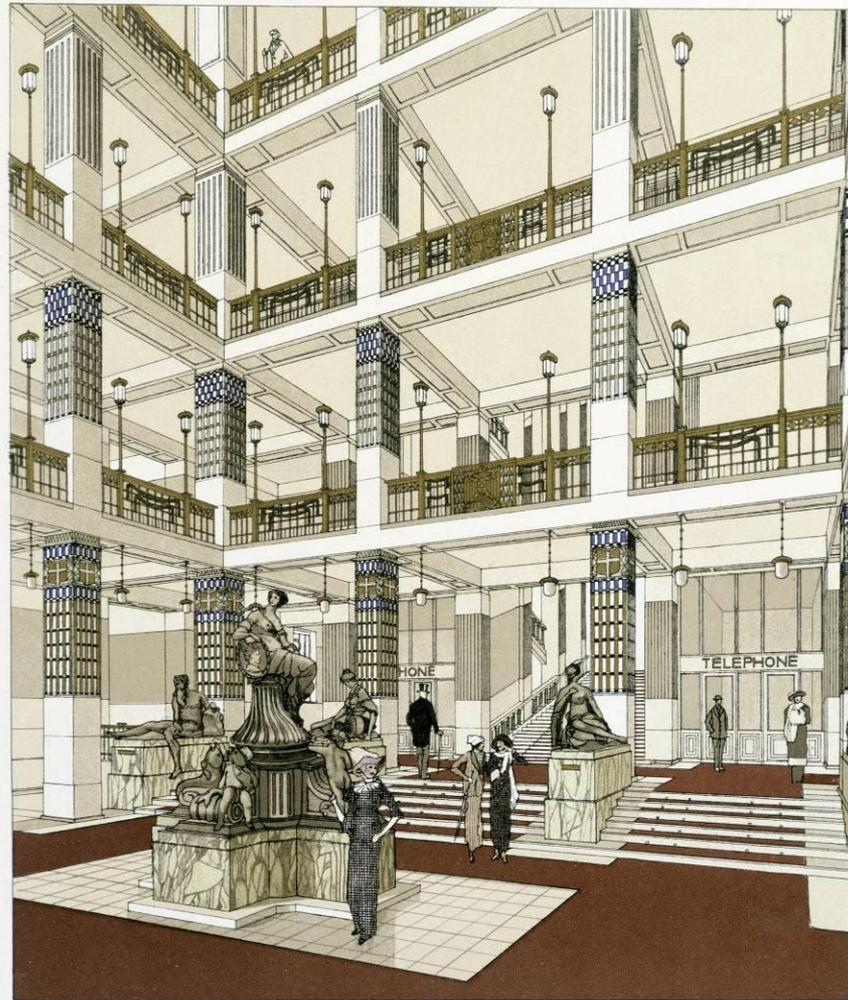
Alte hollandische Stadte... (1902)



Das Englische Haus (1904)

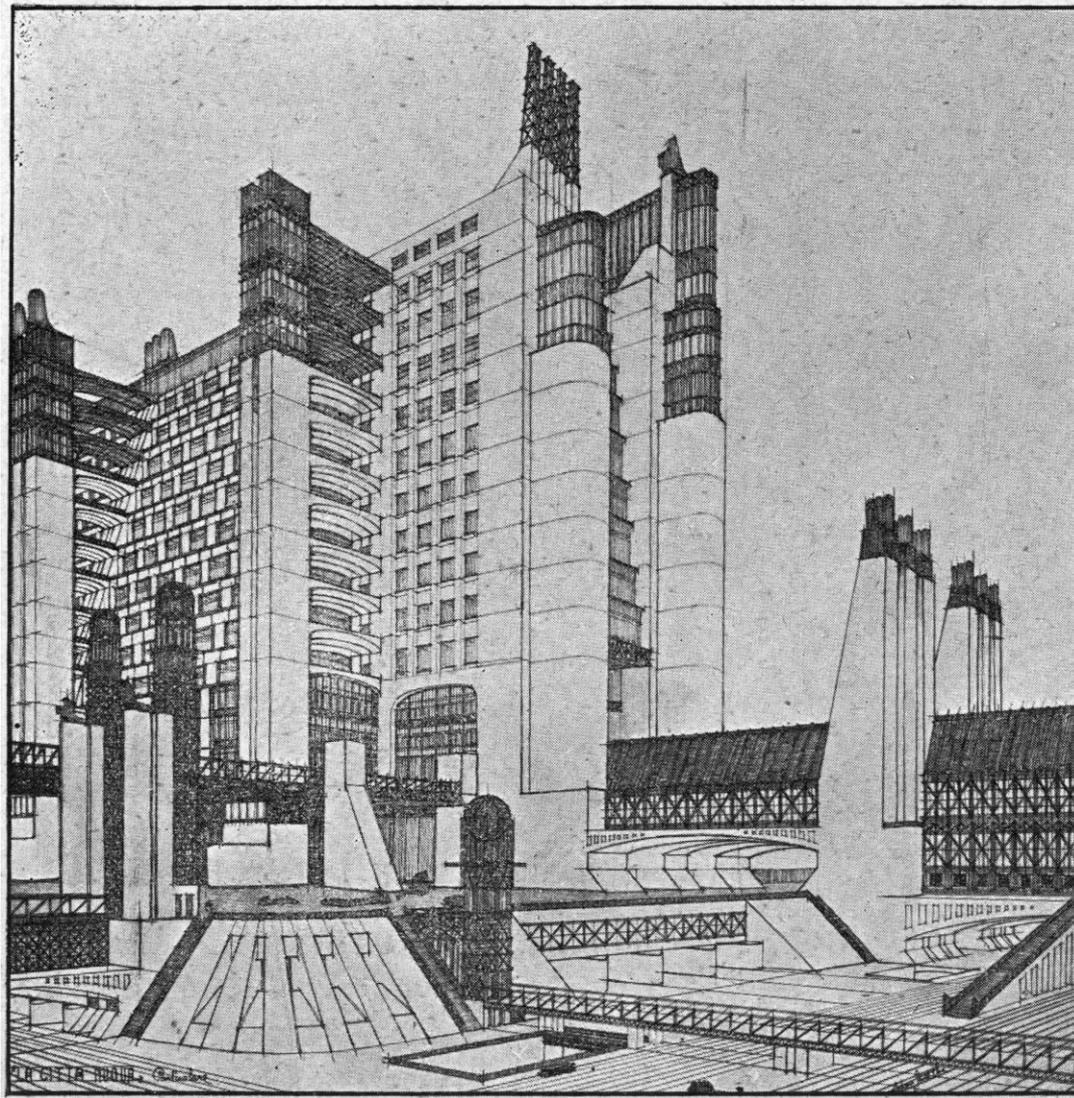


Einige Skizzen (1890-1922)



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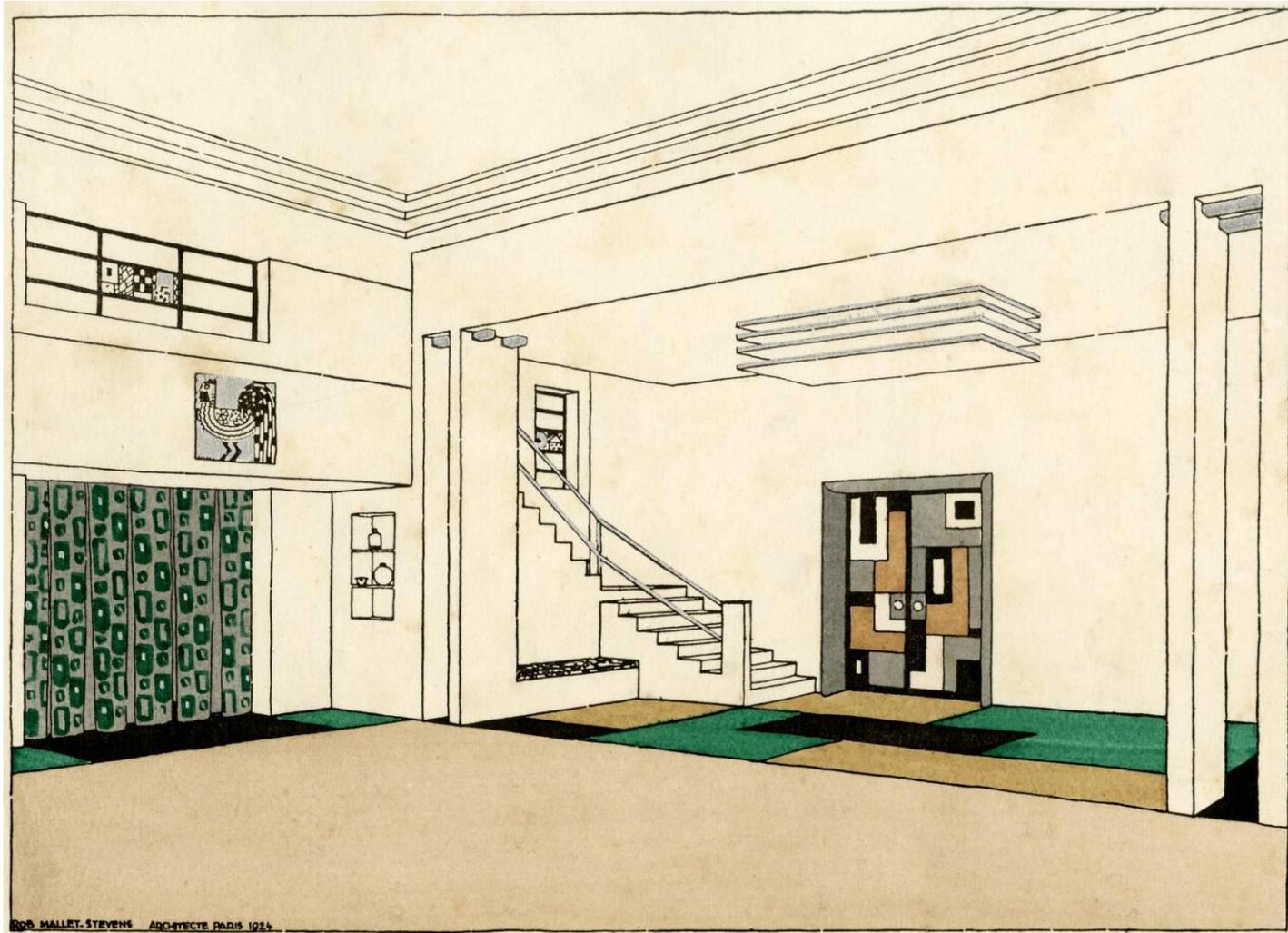
L'Architettura futurista: manifesto (1914)



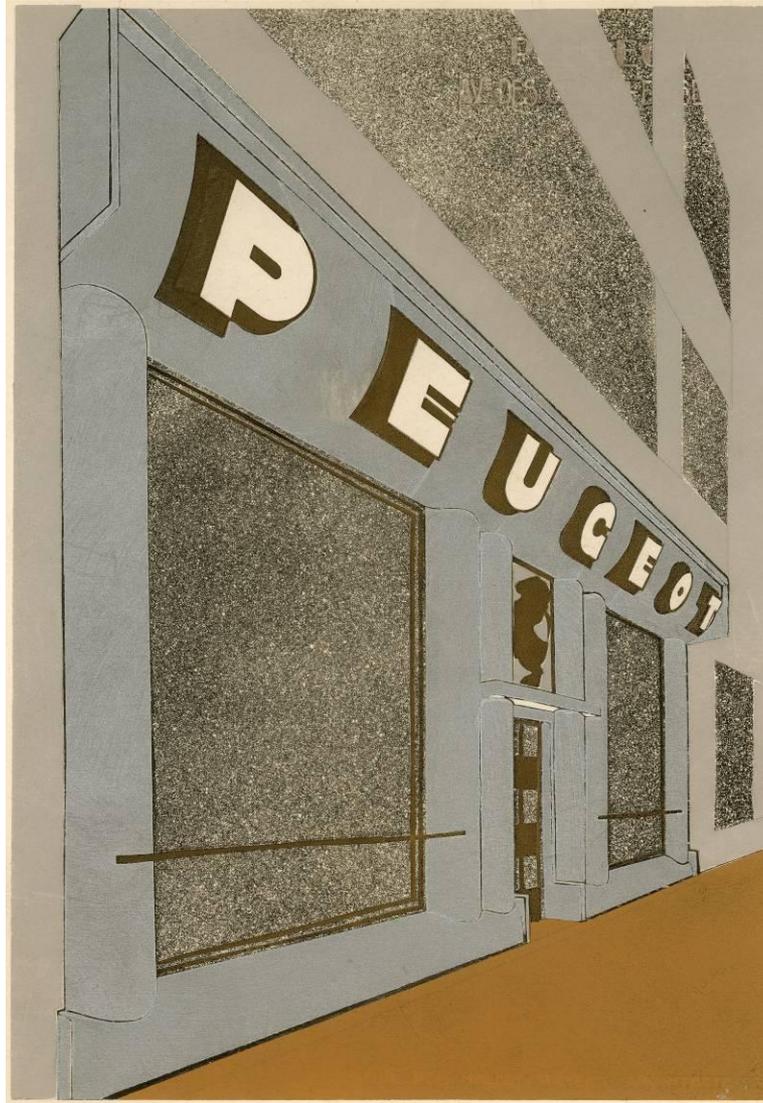
Machine-age exposition (1927)



Interieurs français (1925)



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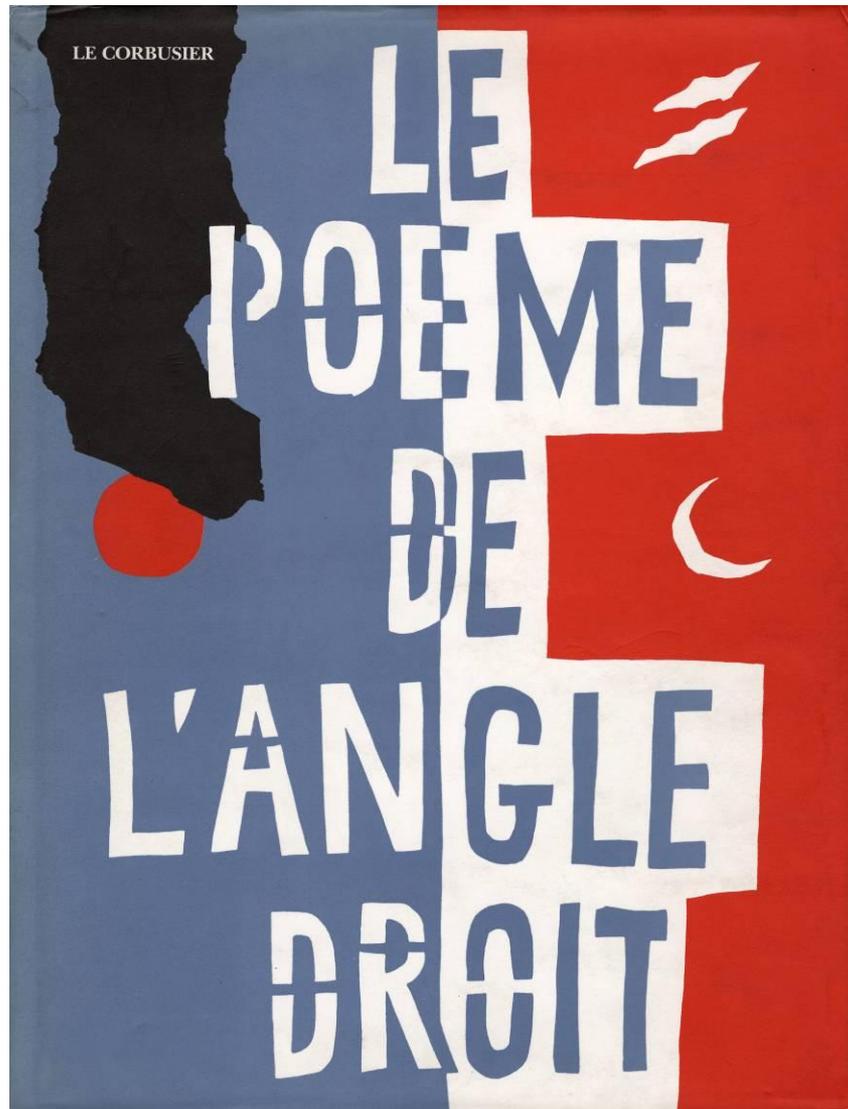
Boutiques et magasins (1928)



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Фантастическая композиция организации пространства сложных по форме и сочетанию элементов сооружения. Выразительная концентрация составляющих и показательная демонстрация своеобразных сочетаний масс сооружения. Сильно выраженная динамичность.

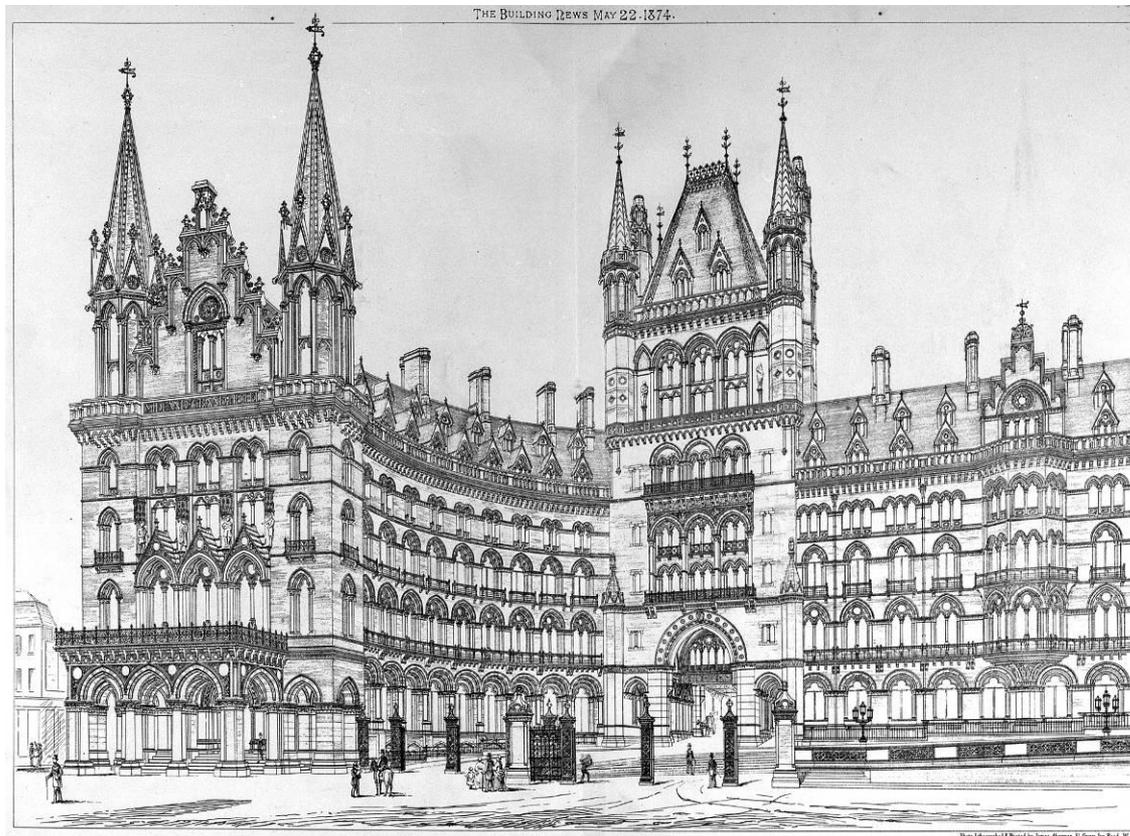
Arkhitekturnye fantazii (1933)



Le Poème de l'angle droit (1955)

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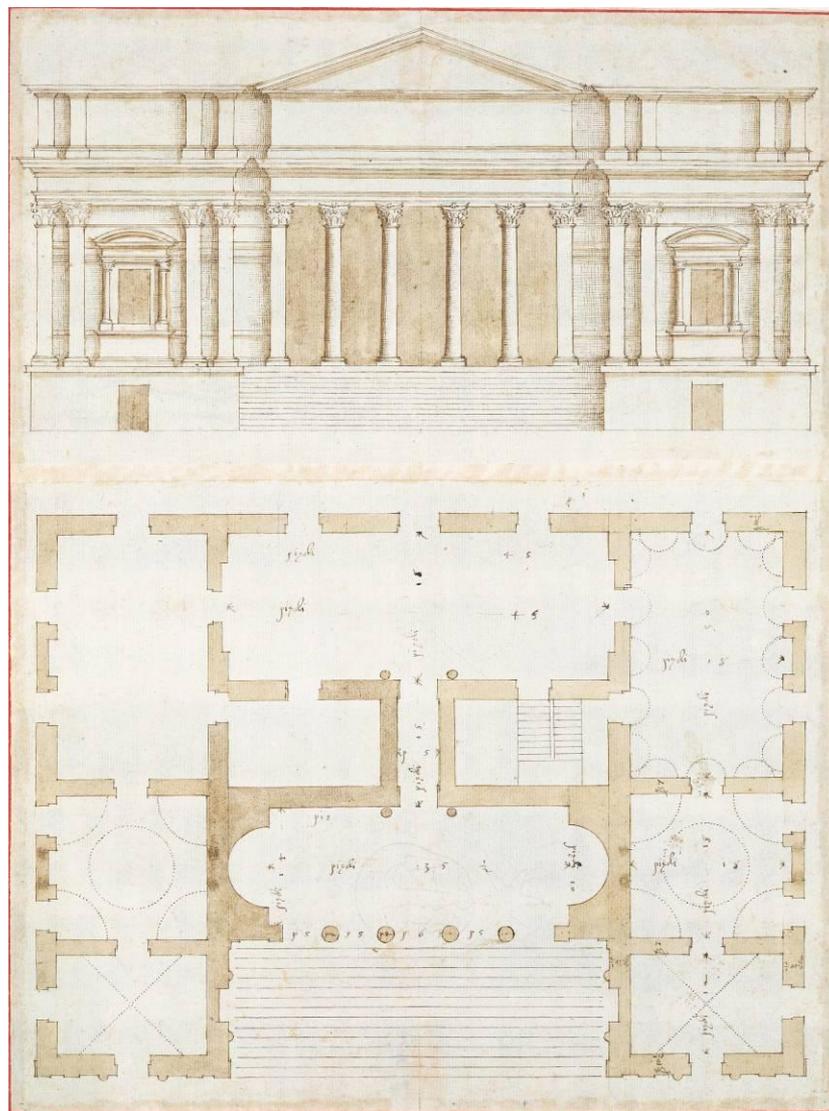
THE MODERN ENGLISH HOUSE

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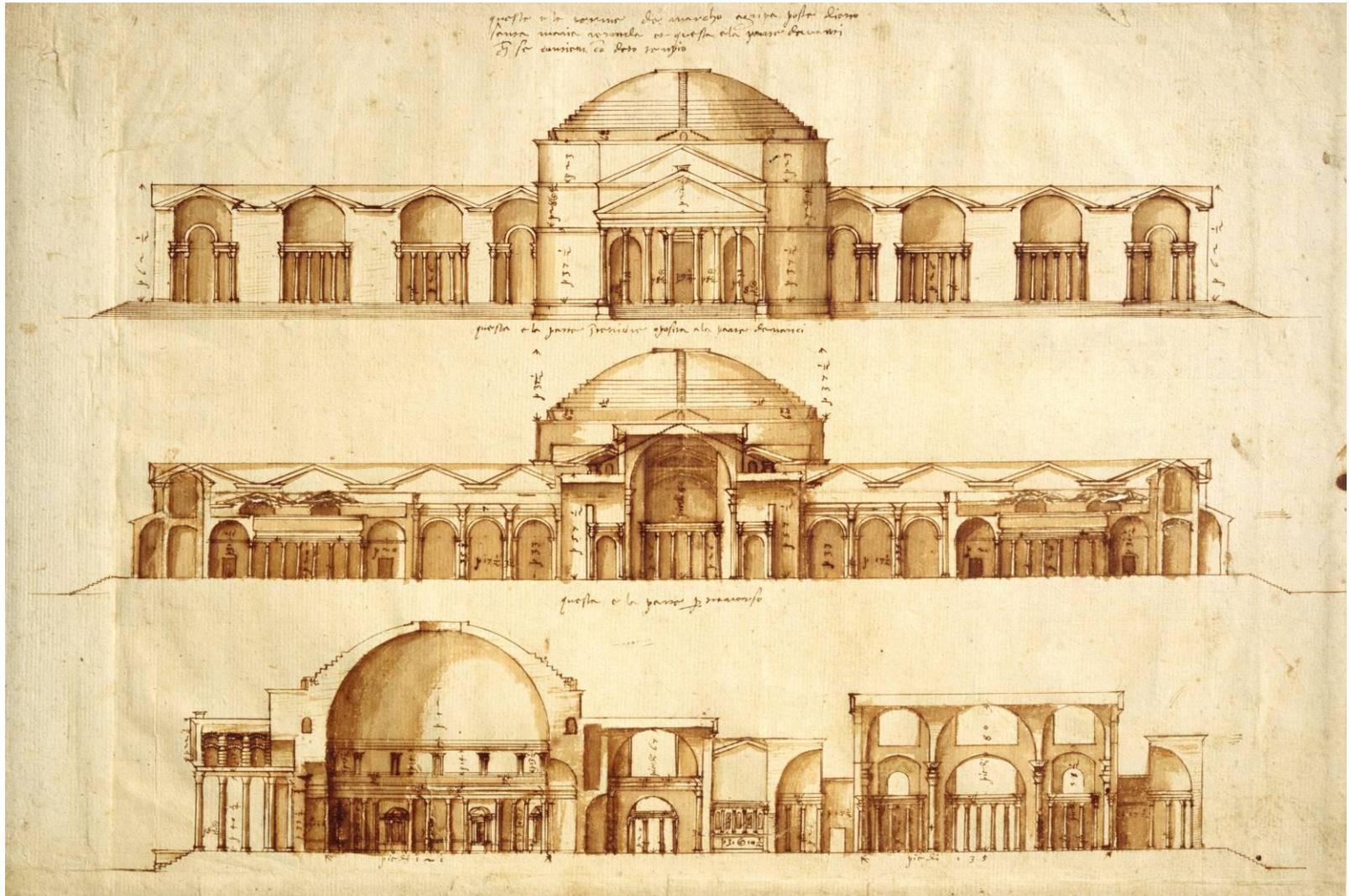
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Villa Pisani, Bagnolo (1540)



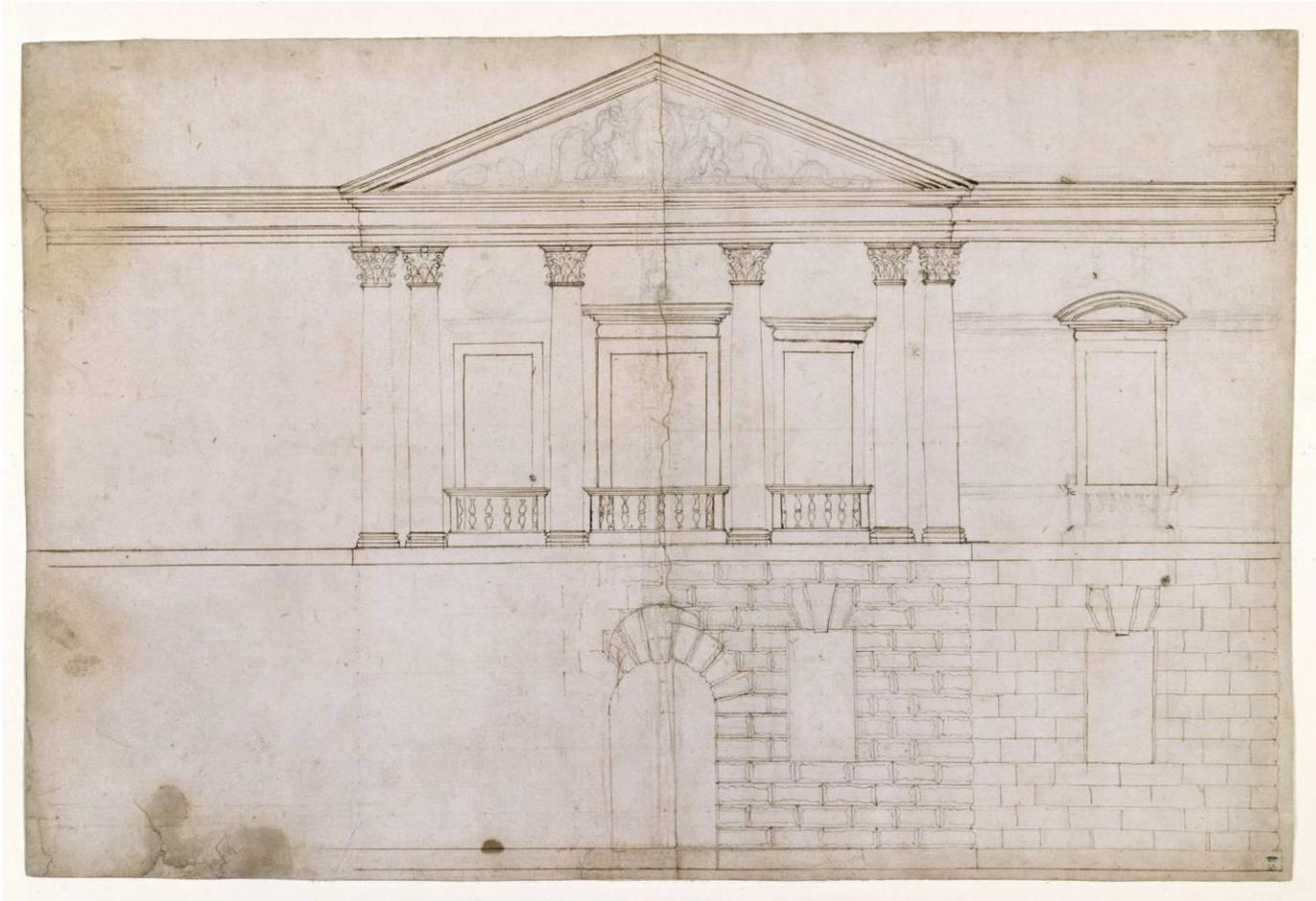
Baths of Agrippa, Rome (1550)



Self-portrait of Inigo Jones (1640s)



Old St Paul's Cathedral, City of London (1608)



Queen's House, Greenwich, London (1616)



Bank of England, City of London (1799)



'A Tribute to Sir Christopher Wren' (1838)



Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London (1867)



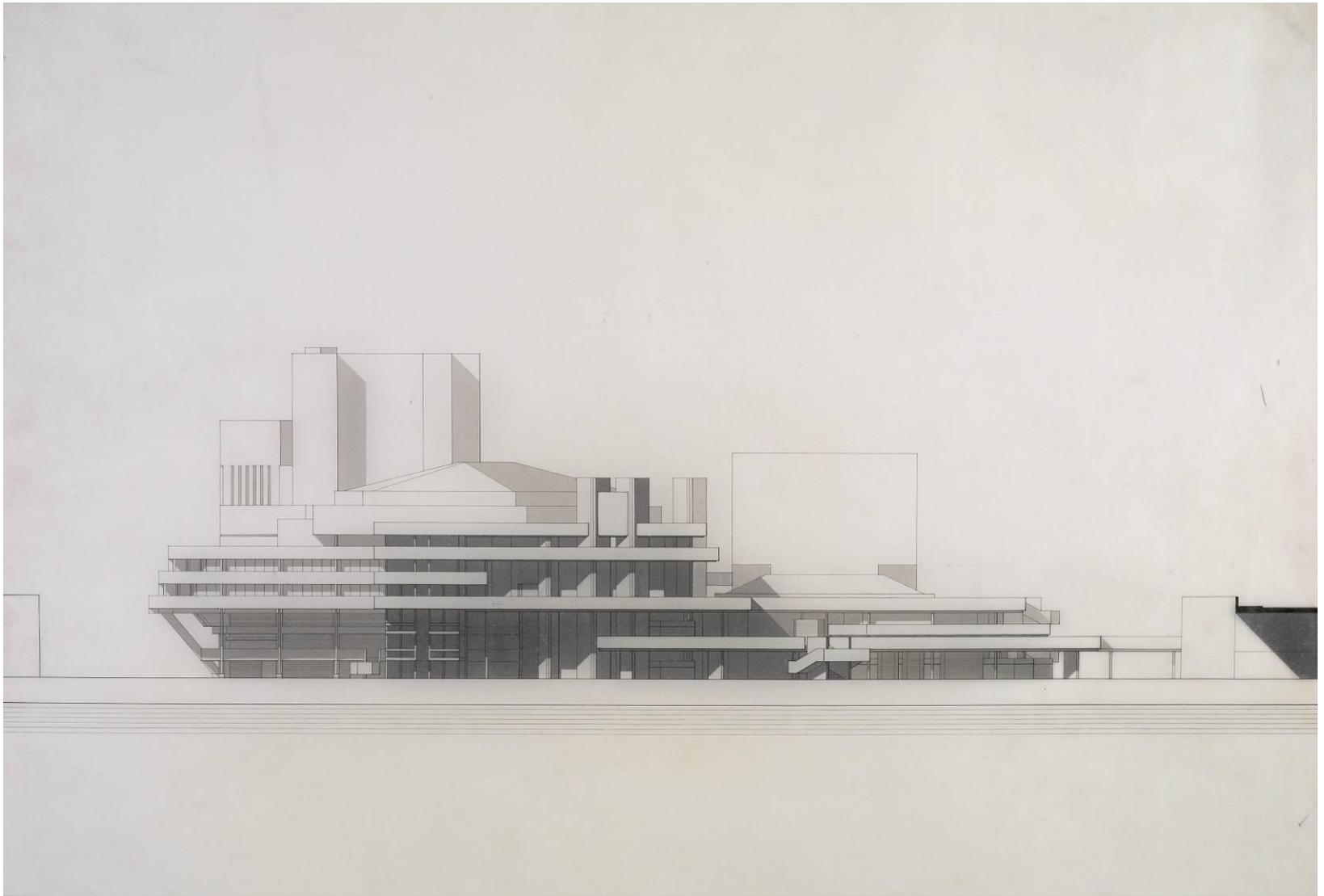
3 Willow Road, Hampstead, London (1938)



Shopping centre at the Elephant and Castle (1960)



Typical modern style of urban enclosure (1942)

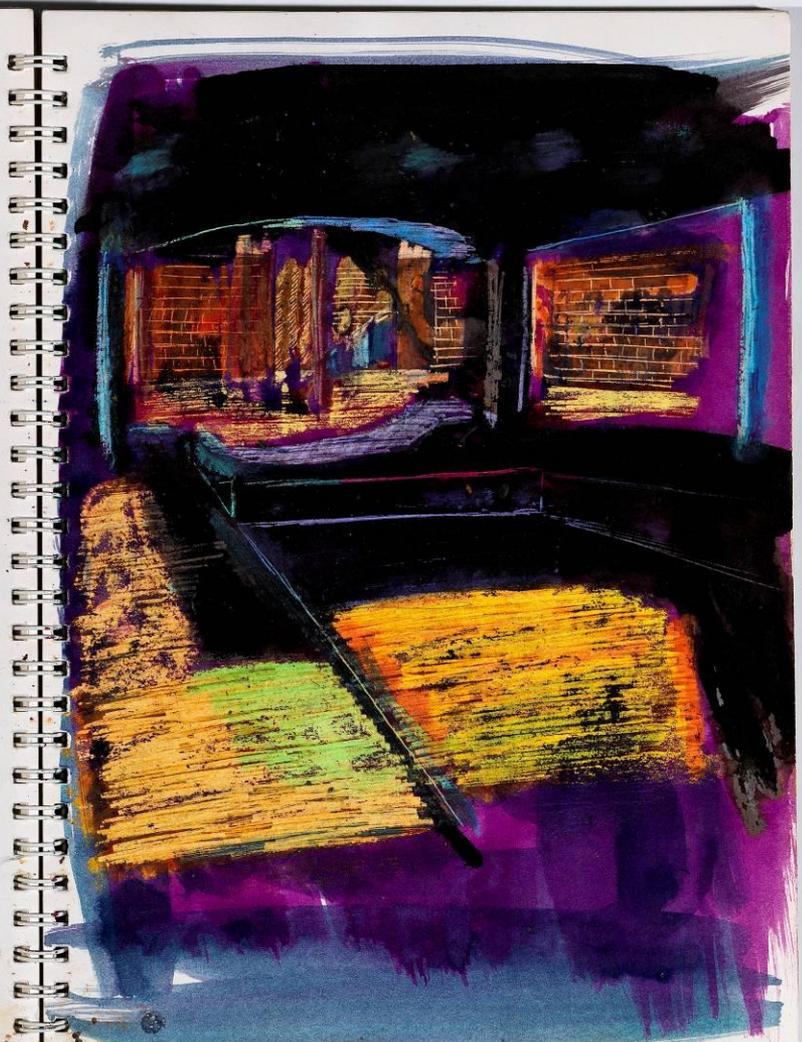


Royal National Theatre, South Bank, London (1968)

Basement Saturday 6 May 89
There is an unfamiliar darkness along
the east wall, a mass of scaffolding
& wood supporting the 2nd level of the
ground structure has blocked out all
the natural light; there is an even
more intricate pattern of shadows caused
by the abundance of halogen lamps.
Apart from this the bracing up of the ancient
piles continues & a number of new walls have
gone up - notably on the east side of the mezzanine
or mezzanine level & the west side of
basement level

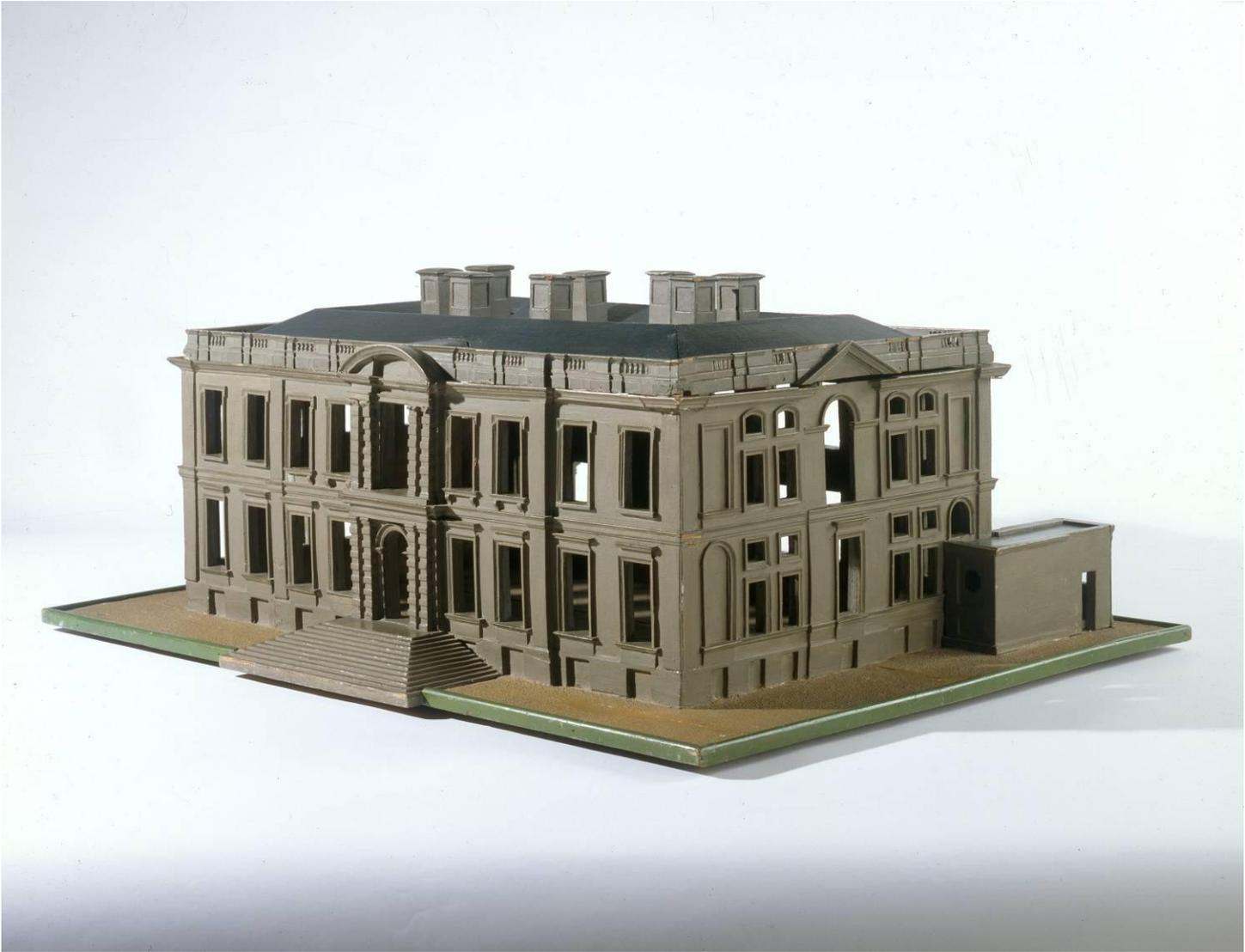


mezzanine
steps



Beneath lecture theatre. North end looking south

Sainsbury Wing, National Gallery (1989)



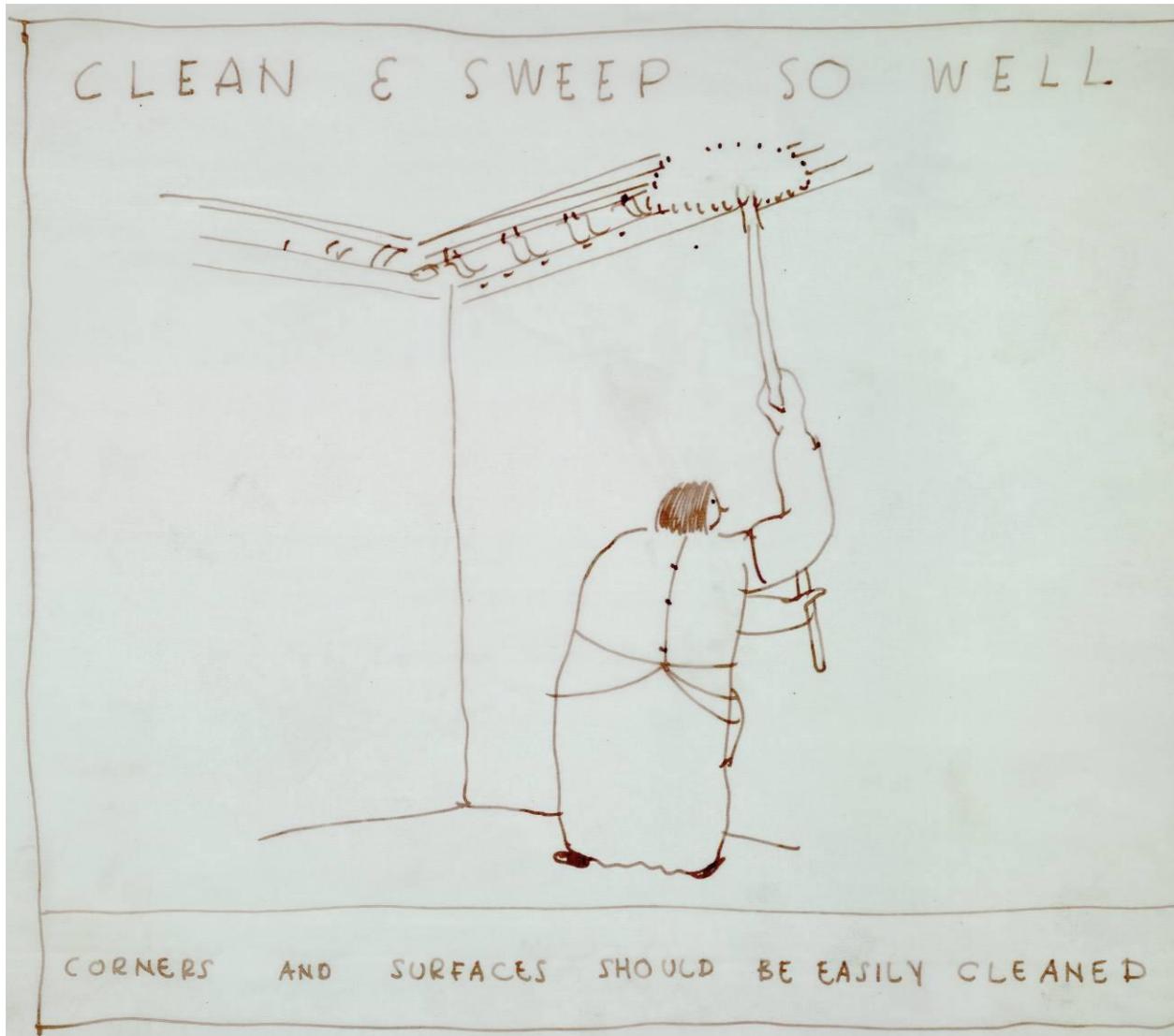
Easton Neston, Northamptonshire (1694)



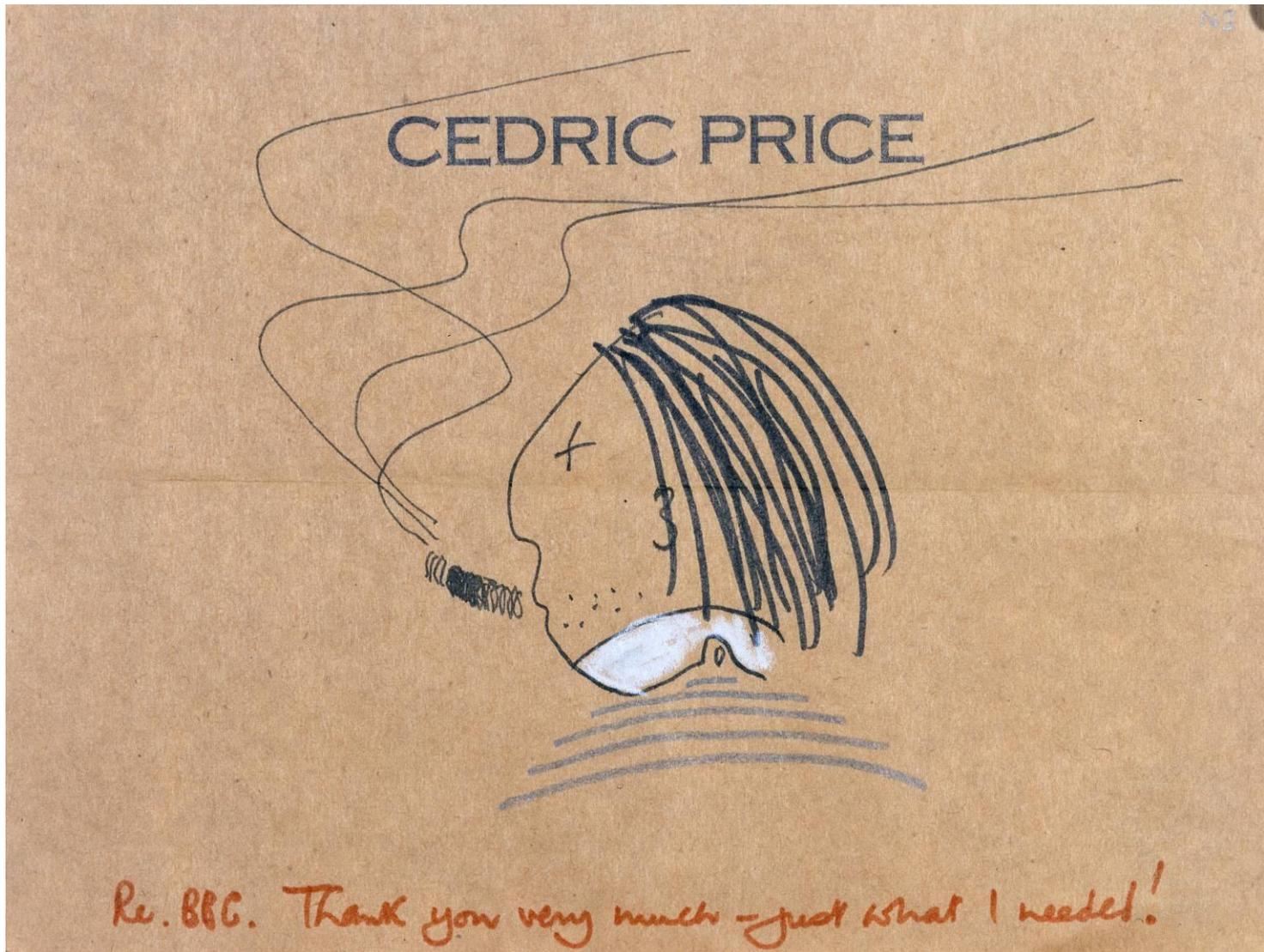
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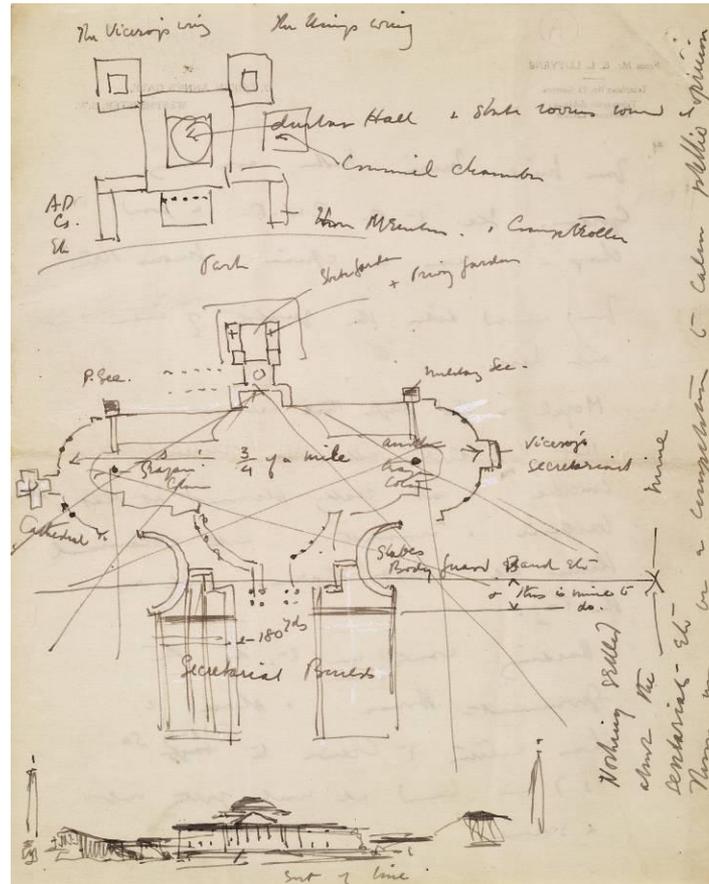
Exhibition panel (1936)



Self-portrait caricature of Cedric Price (1982)

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Abu Simbel, Egypt (1850)



New Louvre, Paris (1854)



Central Park, New York (1860)



Wall Street, New York (1860s)



Municipal Airport, Ramsgate (1937)



Six Pillars, Sydenham, London (1934)



2 Willow Road, London (1939)



Pioneer Health Centre, London (1935)



Highpoint Two, London (1938)



Electricity showrooms, Regent Street, London (1938)



Peter Jones, Sloane Square, London (1939)



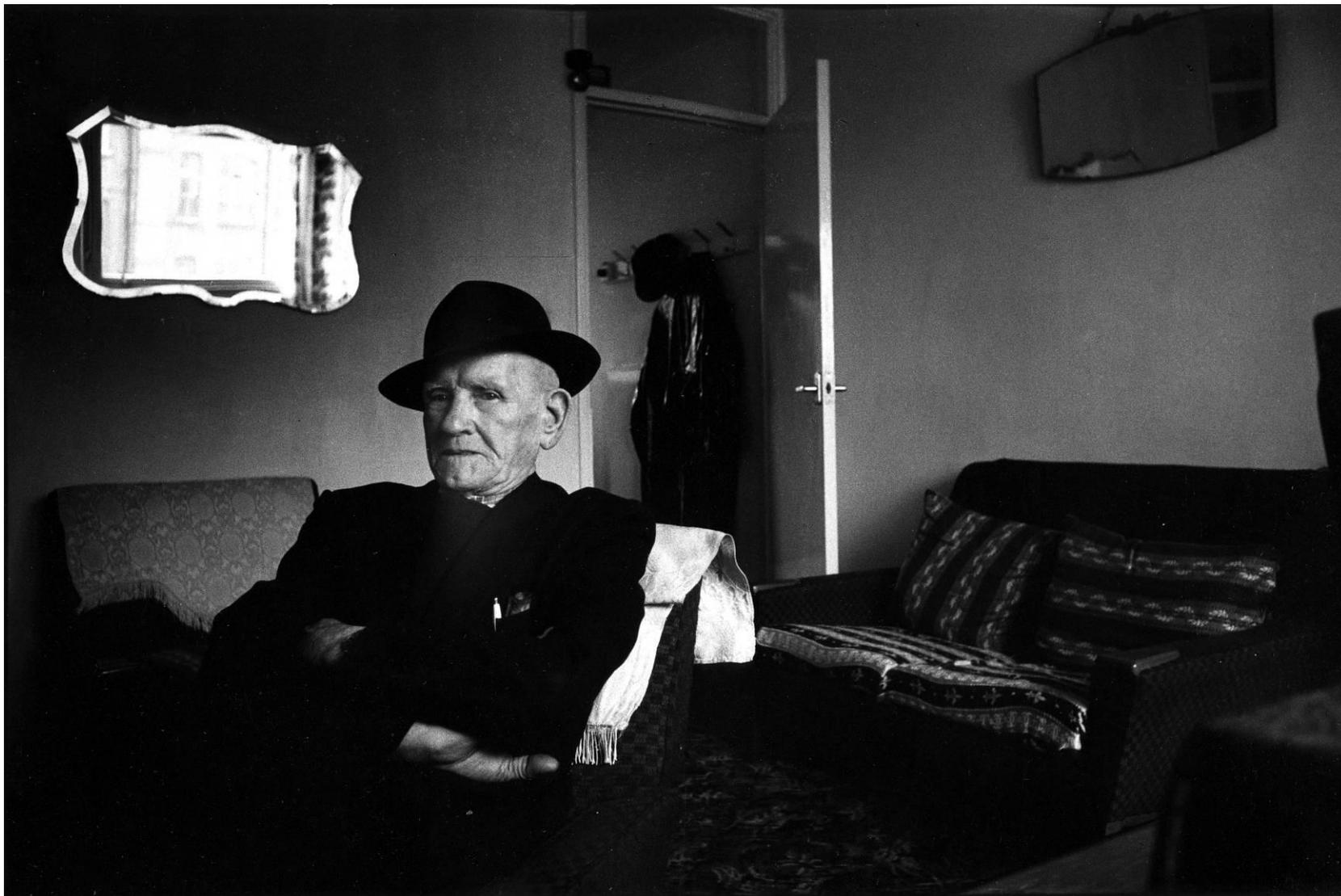
Thamesmead, London (1970)



Euston Station, London (1969)



Pepys Estate, London (1970)



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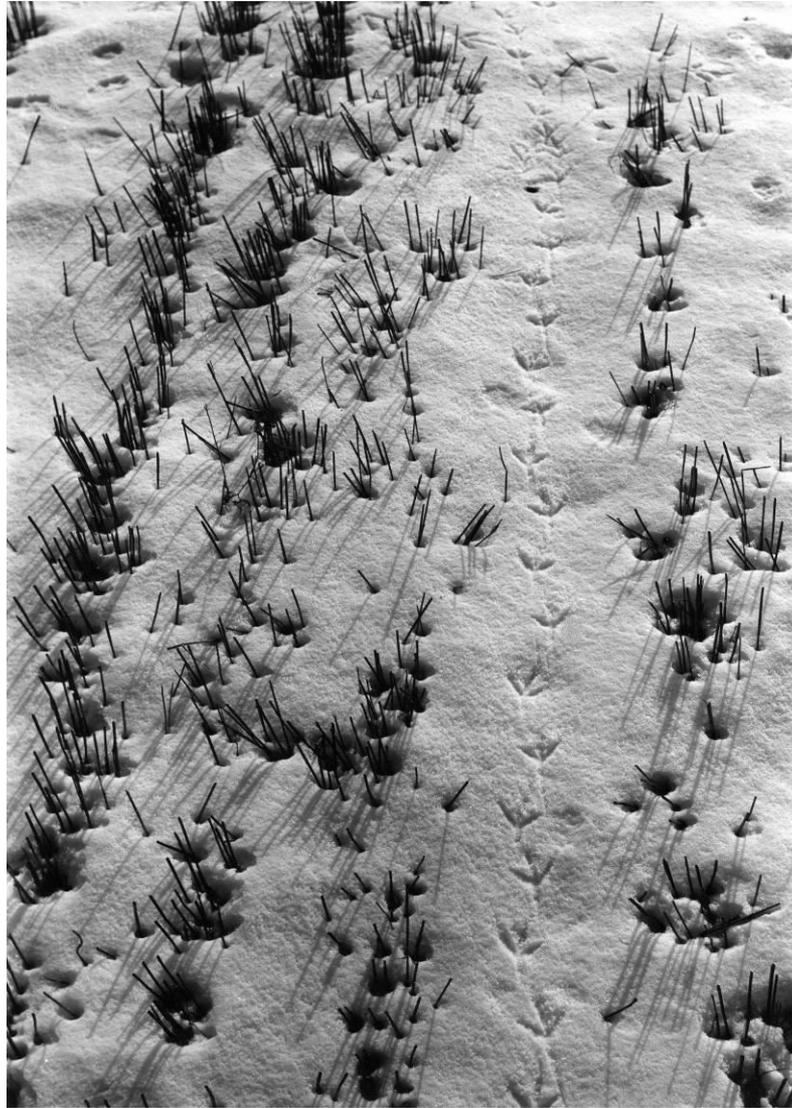
London Bridge Station, London (1969)



St John's College, Cambridge (1964)



Queen's House, Greenwich (1970)



Bird tracks in the snow (1963)



Hadrian's Wall (1956)



Hafod House, Dyfed (1950)



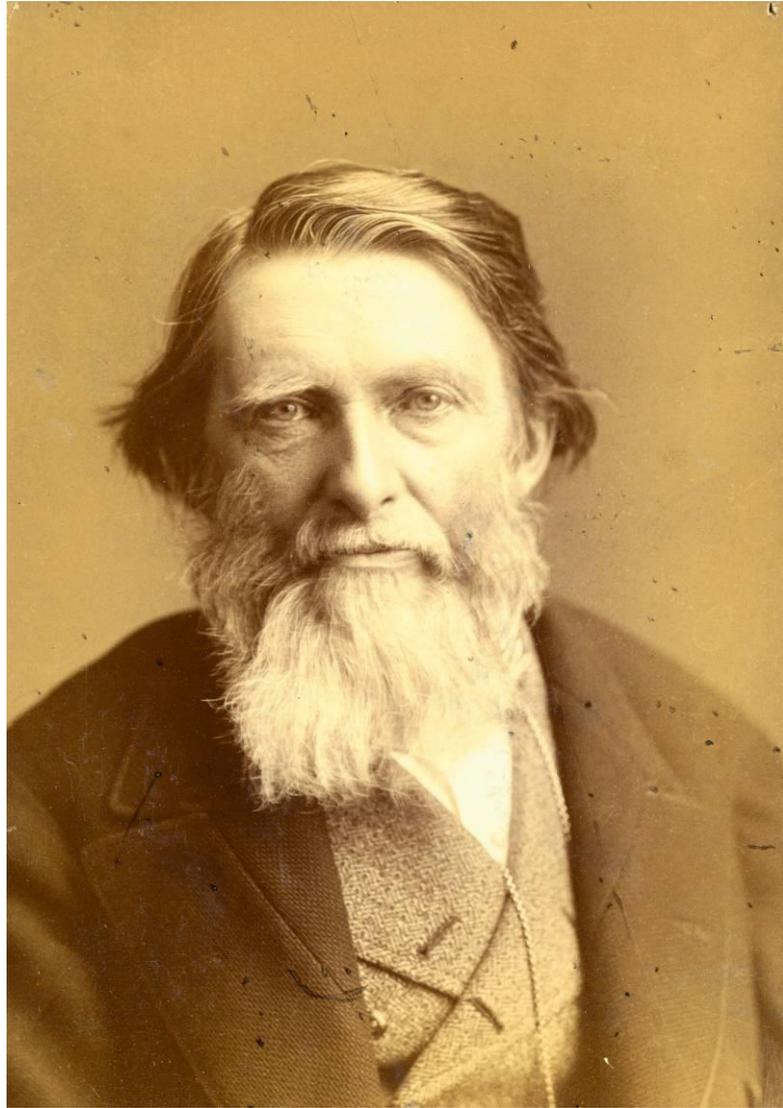
Egeskov Castle, Kvaerndrup (1960)



Shop in Florence (1963)



Kensington Gardens, London (1960)



John Ruskin (1890)



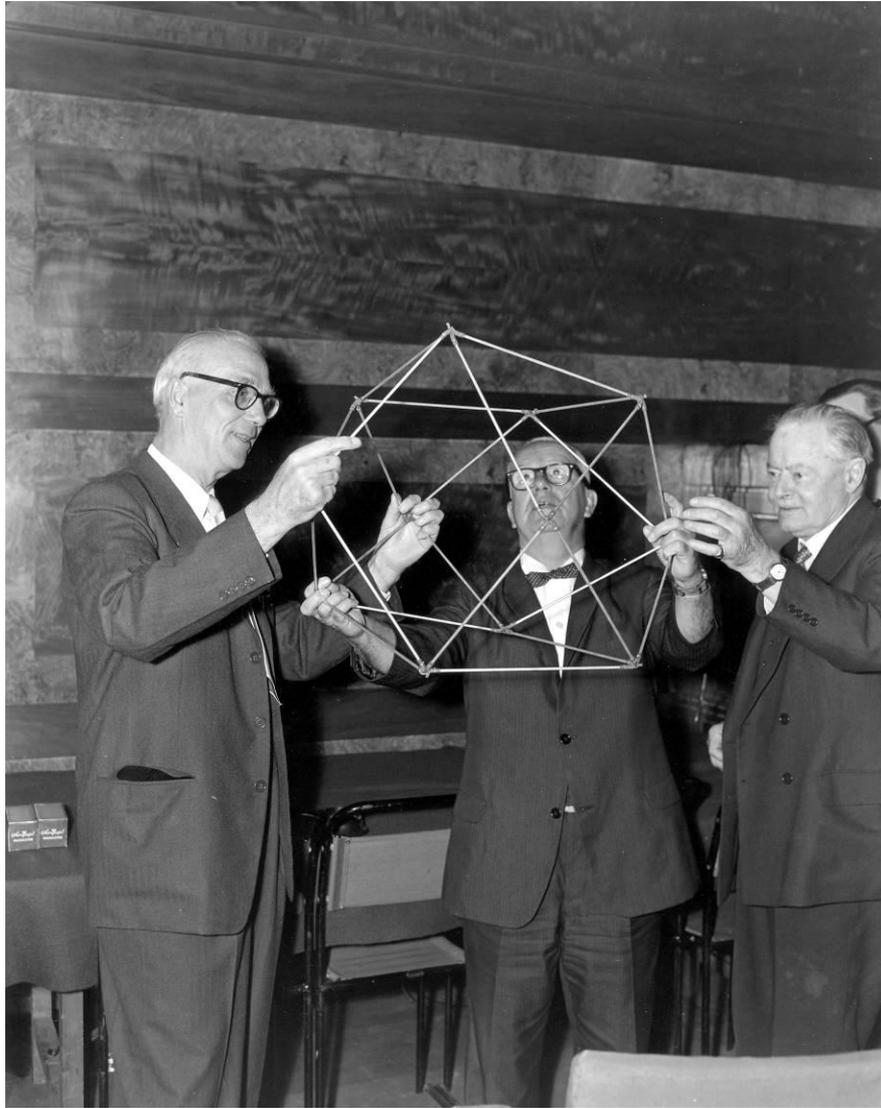
William Morris (1890s)



Frank Lloyd Wright (1956)



Walter Gropius and Le Corbusier (1952)



Ove Arup and Buckminster Fuller (1968)



Basil Spence and Ludwig Mies van der Rohe (1959)



Sir Laurence Olivier and Denys Lasdun (1976)



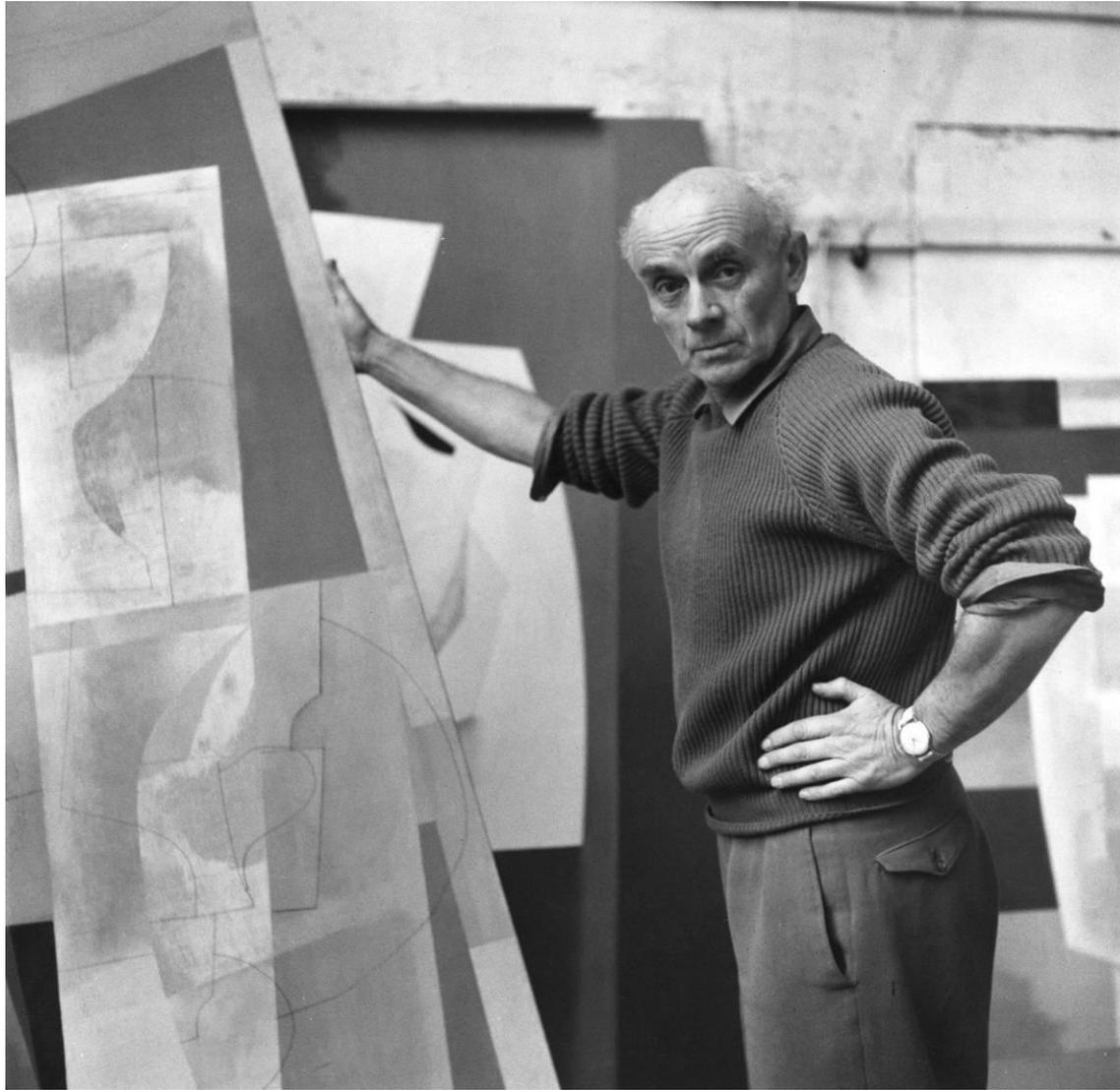
Cedric Price (1975)



The Prince of Wales (1925)



T. E. Lawrence (1928)



Ben Nicholson (1957)



Henry Moore (1950s)



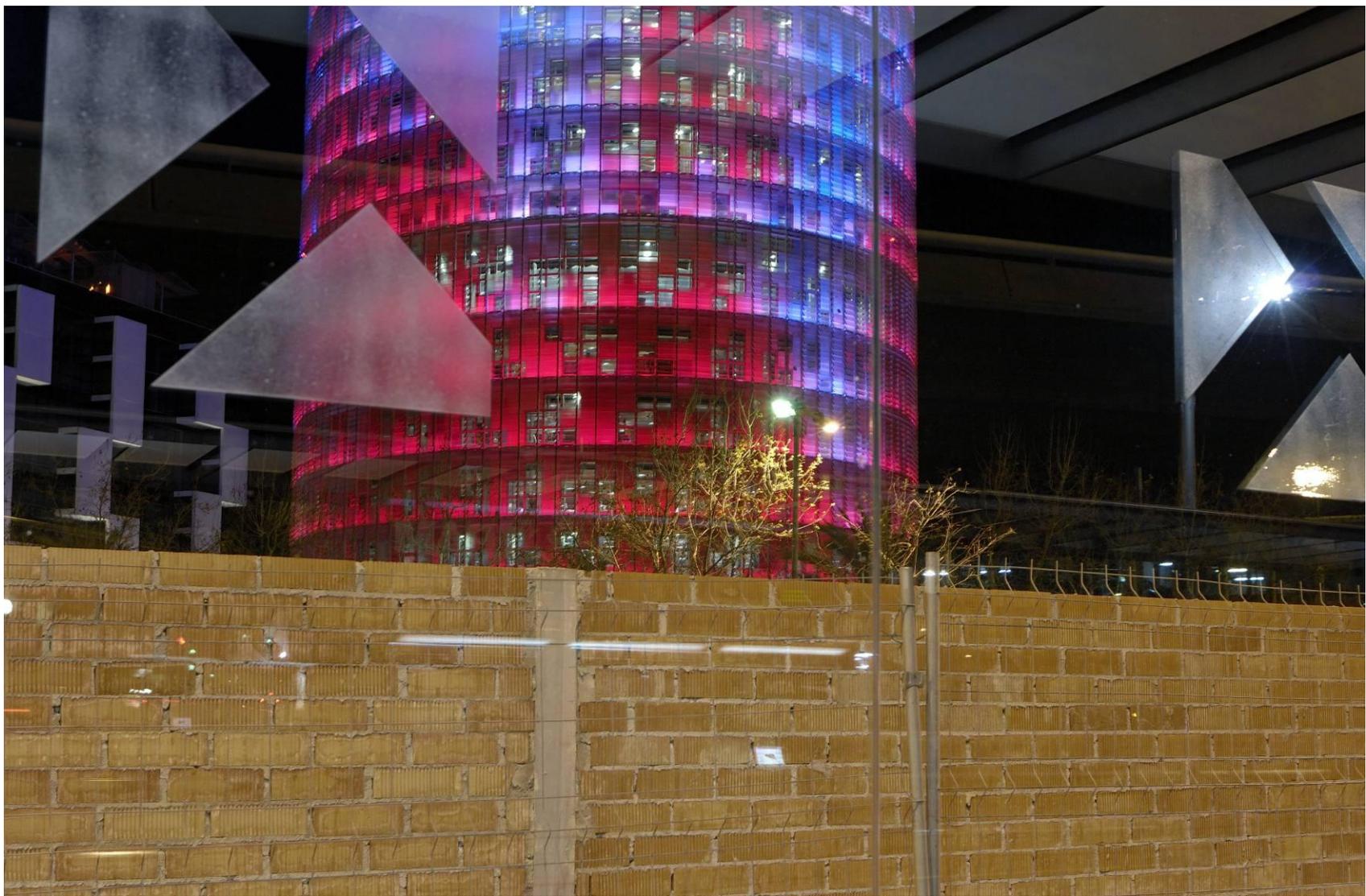
Jacques Tati (1960)



Railway employees in Carlisle (1940s)



Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles (2003)



Agbar Tower, Barcelona (2007)



Honestino Guimarães Museum of the Republic, Brasilia (2008)



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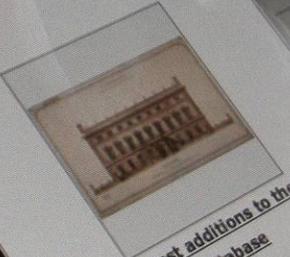
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