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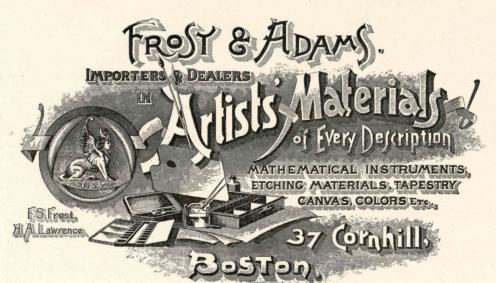
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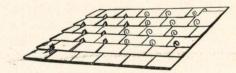
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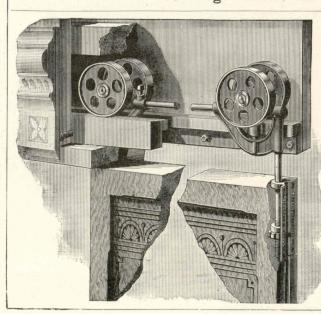
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About the middle of each month a sketch problem occupying three or four days is given to the students as a rest from their study on the monthly competition. On Plate IV. we reproduce the first-mention drawings of three sketch problems, the programmes of which are given below.

## DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE.

SKETCH PROBLEMS. PLATE IV.

FOURTH YEAR REGULARS AND SPECIALS.

OCTOBER 20, 1887.

Programme: A FLOWER-STAND.

This little structure is intended for the sale of flowers in a public square or park. It will be constructed of iron, and will be open on three sides at least, with projecting roof to give shade. It may be raised on a platform or terrace, with balustrade and proper steps to reach it. Its area will be about one hundred square feet exclusive of the terrace. Fountains, statuary, and lamp-posts may be added to complete the composition.

Required: plan and elevation, on a scale of one quarter of an inch to the foot. Drawings to be handed in October 24, at 10 A. M.

EUGENE LÉTANG.

JUDGMENT.

First Mention . . . . . Henry Forbes Bigelow. A graceful design, well suited to its purpose.

Second Mention . . . . . Henry D. Bates. Third mention . . . . . J. Edwin Fuller.

Eight designs in competition.

NOVEMBER 10, 1887.

Programme: A FISH-MARKET BUILDING.

The principal condition to deal with in such a structure is that coolness be maintained by means of a free circulation of the air, as well as by watering the place constantly. It is in accordance with this that the plan should be arranged, the openings being well managed, and convenient spaces inside and outside being found for placing fountains. These fountains may be considered useful as well as ornamental features of the edifice. The market must contain forty stalls for retail dealers, these stalls being conveniently distributed and easily accessible to buyers. There must also be a particular space, provided with a platform or stand, for auction sales of large quantities of fish, which would take place occasionally. The building is supposed to be isolated, and its largest dimension not to exceed ninety feet.

Required: principal elevation, on a scale of one eighth of an inch to the foot; plan and section, on a scale of one sixteenth of an inch to the foot. Drawings to be handed in November 14, at

EUGENE LÉTANG.

#### JUDGMENT.

First Mention . . . . . Frank A. Moore.

The building is conveniently arranged, the access easy, stalls and water well placed, and light and air good. Columns might well have been used where solid interior partitions are shown. Façade well proportioned and fitting for the object.

Second Mention . . . . . HENRY FORBES BIGELOW.

Eight designs in competition.

DECEMBER 31, 1887.

Programme: THE PROSCENIUM BOXES OF A GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

The disposition of this particular part of a theatre being generally a difficult point as to its arrangements with the adjacent parts, students will try their best to meet the conditions required by both the service and the architectural decoration. The principal box is supposed to be located on the first floor, — that is, about the level of the main balcony. To this box will be added a small drawing-room, or boudoir, and a private staircase. These different parts will be attached on one side to the curtain wall separating the auditorium from the stage, and on the other side to the galleries or boxes of the auditorium.

Required: One plan and one cross section, on a scale of one eighth of an inch to the foot; also one section showing the front elevation of the proscenium boxes, on a scale of one eighth of an inch to the foot. This may be drawn in perspective if preferred. Drawings to be handed in January 5, 1888, at 4 P.M.

EUGENE LÉTANG.

## JUDGMENT.

First Mention . . . . . HENRY FORBES BIGELOW.

The problem is well treated, the arrangements being good and the treatment dignified and refined.

Second Mention . . . . . W. PROCTOR, JR.

EDMUND M. WHEELWRIGHT, Critic.

# DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE.

NOVEMBER 1, 1887.

## MONTHLY COMPETITION.

#### FOURTH YEAR REGULARS AND SPECIALS.

Programme: A MONUMENTAL FOUNTAIN.

The authorities of a large city have voted a memorial to a noted citizen. This memorial is to be a monumental fountain, and its design must be subject to the following principal conditions: the place assigned for it is the corner of two broad streets which meet at an angle of sixty degrees, leaving a lot in the shape of an isosceles triangle whose base is fifty feet; upon this base stands the end wall of a block of buildings fifty feet high; and against this wall the fountain is to be built, enclosed by a curb, wall, or fence, which shall give room for a margin of turf inside, but not, however, contain the whole triangle.

Required: a preliminary sketch (plan and elevation), — on a scale of one eighth of an inch to the foot, — to be handed in November 5, at 12 M. Finished drawings, — a plan on a scale of three sixteenths of an inch to the foot; an elevation on a scale of three eighths of an inch to the foot, — to be handed in November 30, at 4.30 P. M.

EUGENE LÉTANG.

#### JUDGMENT.

First Mention . . . . . . Henry Forbes Bigelow. Second Mention . . . . W. Proctor, Jr. Third Mention . . . . . Geo. C. Shattuck

Eight designs in Competition.

#### NOTES TAKEN FROM CRITICISM.

FIRST MENTION

PLATE I

The general simplicity of the design, the richness of treatment being in the main confined to the fountain and its accessories, is well conceived. The main feature of the design is thus satisfactorily isolated from any incongruous structures which may exist in other buildings in the blocks adjoining. The design is in good proportions, and the parts are pleasantly distributed. The topping-off is somewhat frivolous. The bases of the groups of statuary flanking the fountains should have been attached to the main wall. The use of a colossal woman's head in the keystone injures the scale of the statues, which are themselves in good proportion. It would have been better to give the keystone some conventional ornament, or to omit it altogether. The water of the fountain is well subordinated to the surroundings, is used with pleasing variety and with good architectural sense. The drawing is well rendered, the figures are well drawn.

SECOND MENTION. PLATE II.

The general proportions are good. The motive of the capping of the design is better than in the foregoing. The central ornamental feature is not well isolated. If piers had been substituted for the outer single columns, the central feature would have been better accented, to say nothing of its being better isolated from possible incongruous surroundings, and the whole design would have gained strength. The caps of the pedestals should have been recognized in the pedestal of the statue. As designed, this course runs awkwardly behind the pedestal with no relation to it. The statue itself might well have been placed higher in the niche. The flanking statues are awkwardly placed, having no proper surface on which to cast an effective shadow, are not essential to the design, and should have been omitted. The water is not well used. A great stream pours from a niche behind the principal statue, and comes to a meagre ending in little, weak jets. This treatment is the reverse of what is seen in nature, or is admirable, therefore, in art. The large jet of water behind the principal statue is in itself a mistake, unless the statue be that of a river god. The rendering of the design is fair; the statues are, however, weakly drawn and poorly rendered.

#### THIRD YEAR REGULARS AND SPECIALS.

Programme: A SUMMER PAVILION UPON A BRIDGE.

A wealthy gentleman owns property in which are two confluent streams, one larger than the other. At their confluence he proposes to build a bridge running across both streams, and also an open pavilion, for the purposes of getting rest and shelter in the summer time and enjoying a full view of the beautiful surroundings. Outside steps will be necessary in order to go from the structure down to the level of the water, where a landing for small row-boats, and even a boat-house, may be arranged. This boathouse may be directly under the pavilion, or in the space left between the arches of the bridge. The floor of the bridge is to be about fifteen feet above the water, and the length no less than one hundred feet; the whole to be built of light-colored stone, except the roof of the pavilion, which may be slate, tile, or even metal.

Required: a preliminary sketch (plan and elevation), — on a scale of one eighth of an inch to the foot, — to be handed in November 5, at 12 m. Finished drawings, — one elevation on a scale of three sixteenths of an inch to the foot; plan and section on a scale of three thirty-seconds of an inch to the foot, — to be handed in November 30, at 4.30 P. M.

#### JUDGMENT.

EUGENE LÉTANG.

First Mention . . . . THEODORE W. PIETSCH.

1st Second Mention . . . J. LAWRENCE MAURAN.

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## NOTES TAKEN FROM CRITICISM.

FIRST MENTION.

PLATE III.

The structure is very pleasantly proportioned, and shows picturesque variety in the arrangement of the steps. The form of the bridge is pleasing, and the detail is good. The design is well tied together. The pavilion is suited to its purpose, being adequately gay in character. The awning, however, is not a fair substitute for an architectural feature, for if removed the design would lose much in balance. There is good provision for a boat-house. The difference in width of the two streams is not recognized.

ist Second Mention. Plate III.

The form of the bridge is not as good as in the above, but the difference in width is, however, recognized. The pavilion is a pleasantly proportioned feature, but less a shelter for the wayfarer than for the statue. The design is not so well bound together as in the above, nor is the arrangement for the boathouse so good.

2d SECOND MENTION. PLATE III.

The difference in the width of the streams is not recognized, and there is lack of relation between the bridge and the pavilion. In itself, the pavilion is better than in the other two; but the junction of the staircase and bridge at a re-entering angle is not pleasing. The corbelling of the rail of the bridge might well have been omitted. The boat-landing is not well arranged.

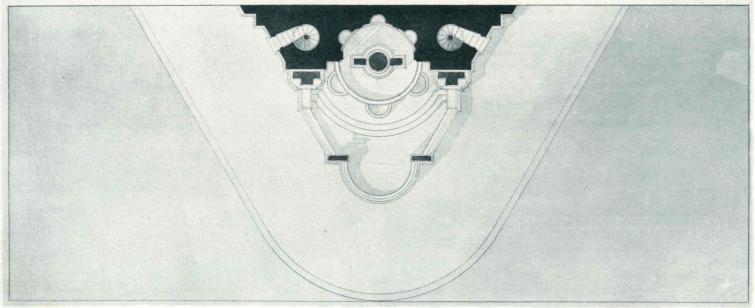
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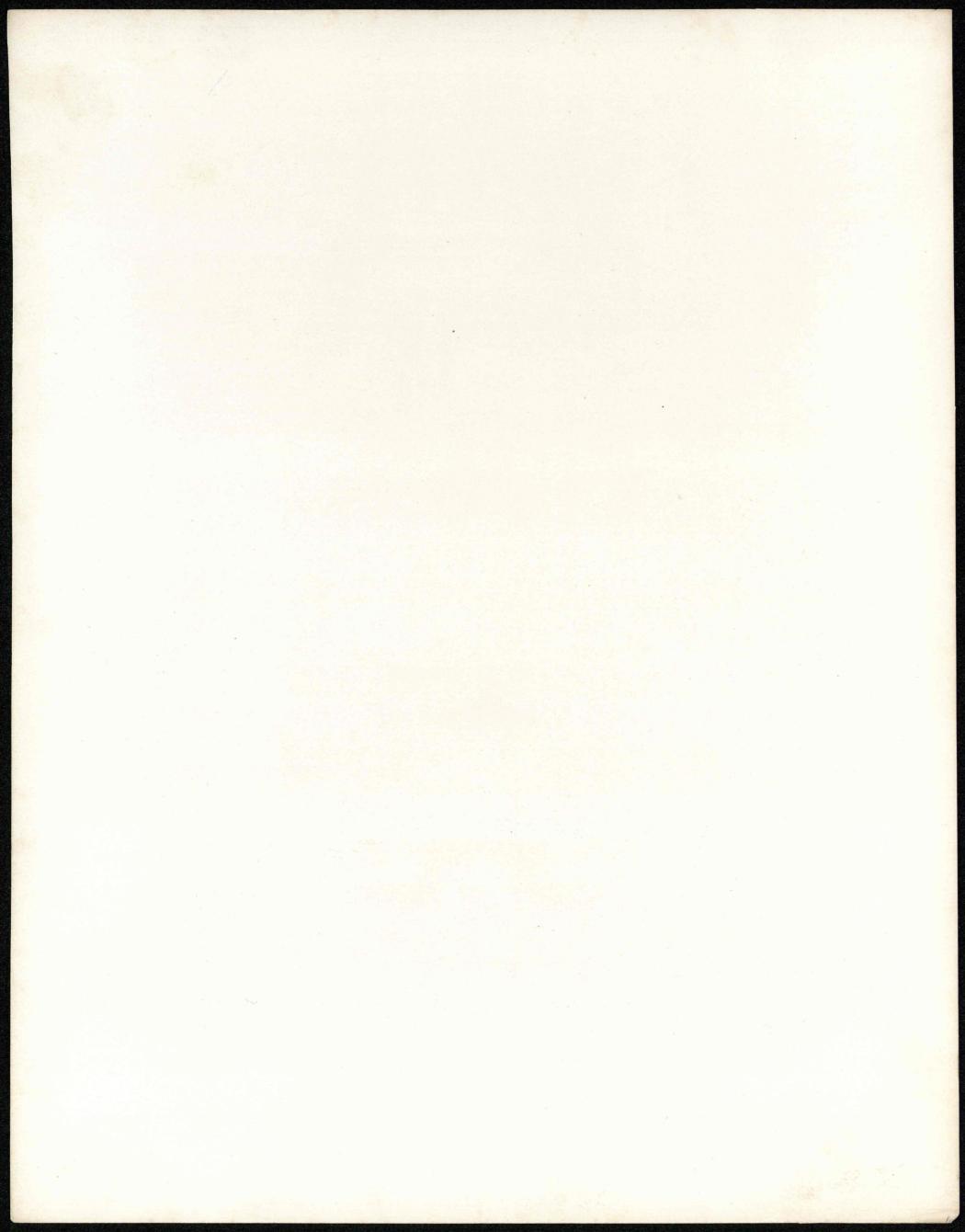
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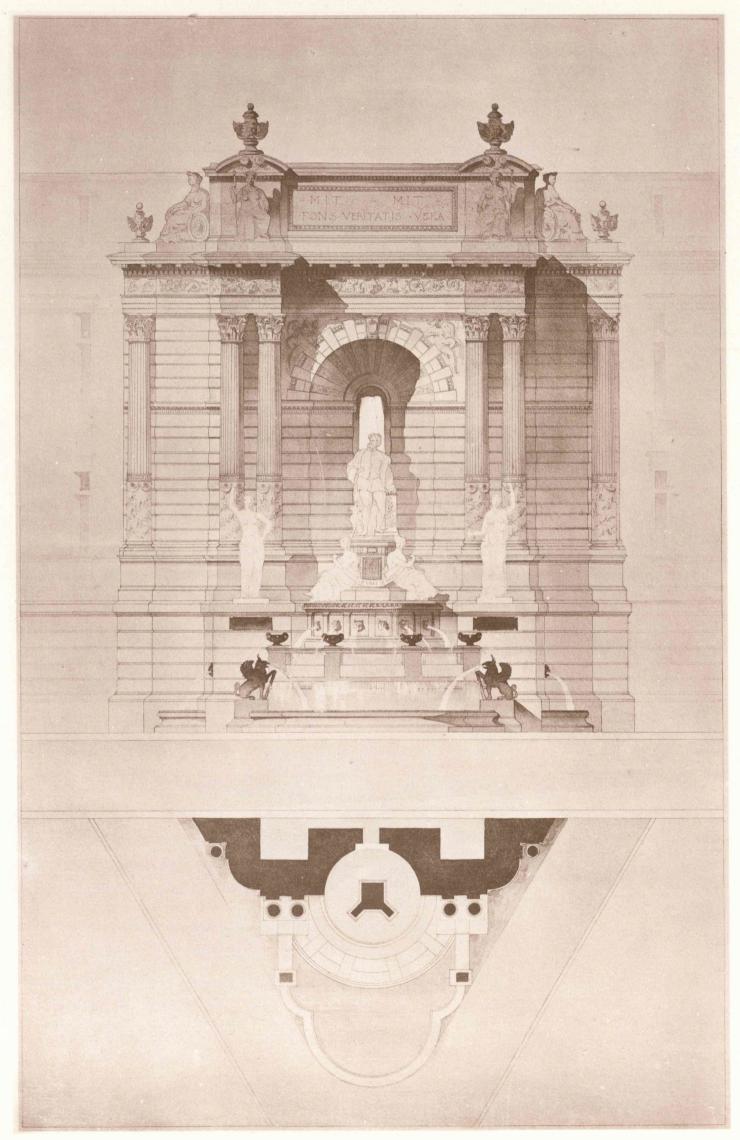


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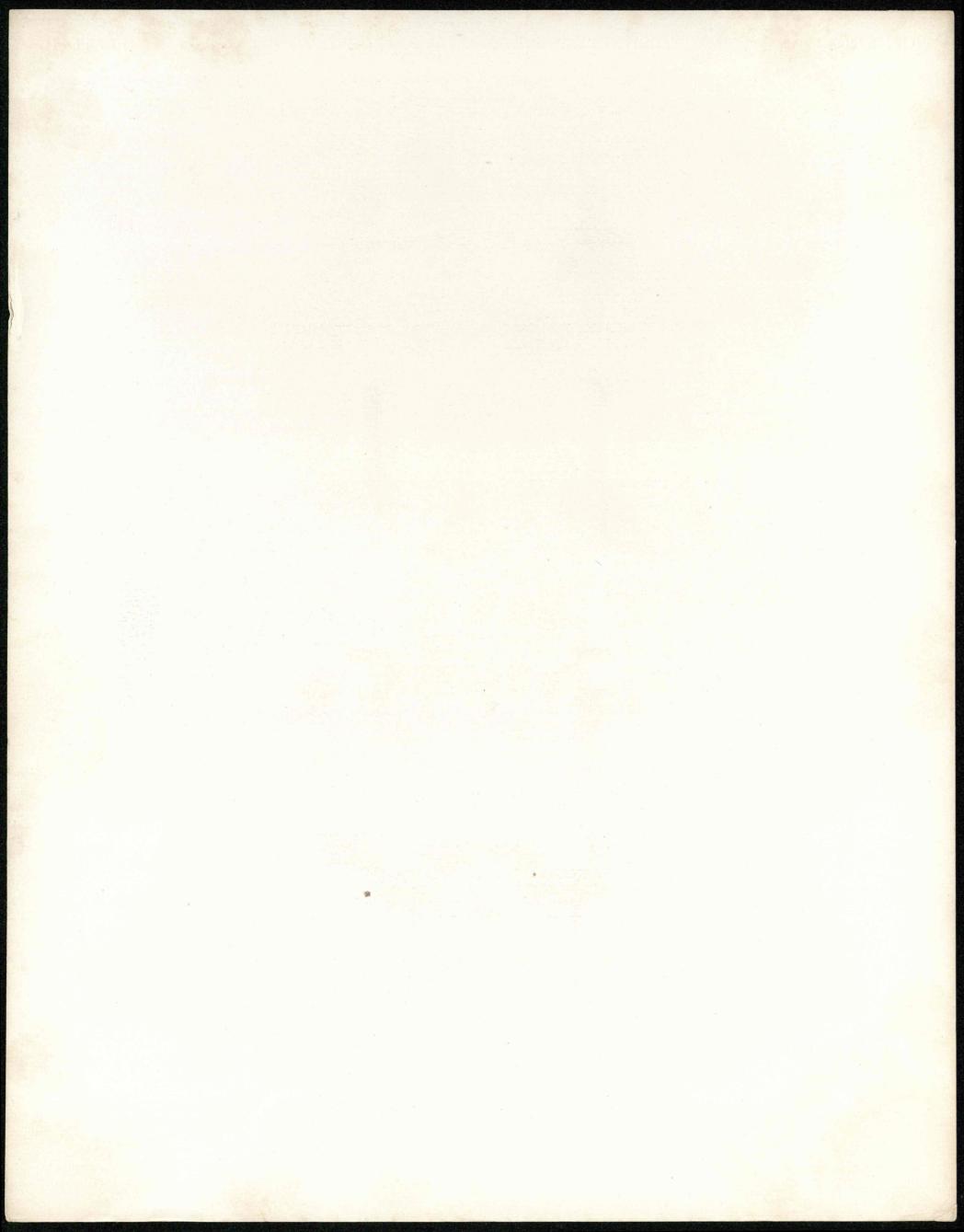


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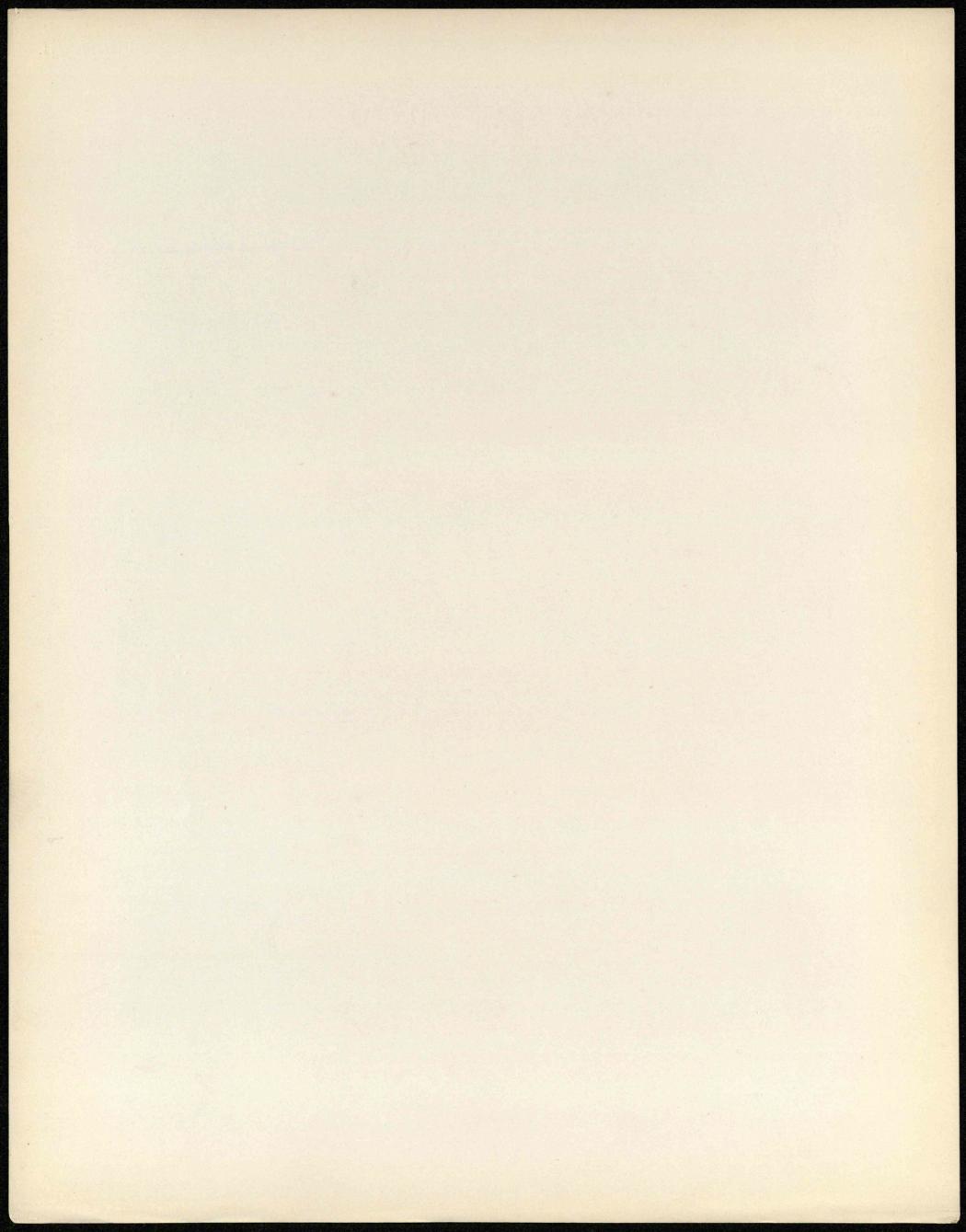
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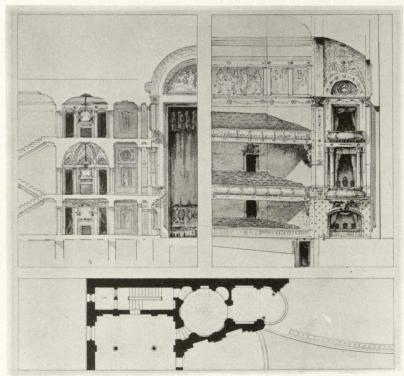
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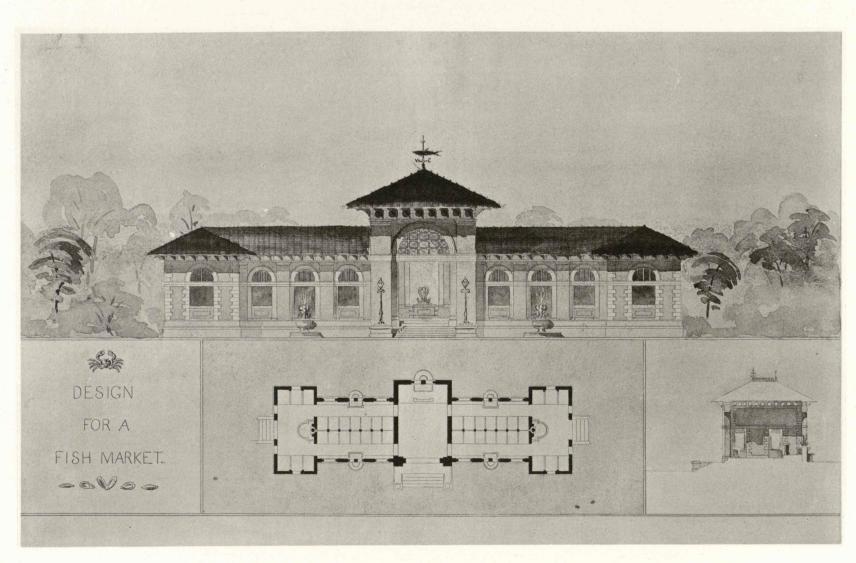
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