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First edition. This edition contains at the end a short summary of the essays in English. The CIAM (Congrès International d’Architecture Moderne) was founded in 1928 and the 1929 congress, held in Frankfurt, was devoted to the planning of minimum dwellings for the low income classes. Jaeger 0653.


“The real theme of CIAM 3 (Brussels “Rationelle Bebauungsweisen”) was a discussion of Gropius’ question, “Low-, Mid- or High-Rise Building?” an investigation which paralleled Le Corbusiers views. Following findings from Bohemia and Kaufman however, Gropius and Giedion shifted the debate over building heights away from the strictly economic justifications toward the collective social and spiritual advantages of each type. So Gropius’ lecture “Low-, Mid- or High-Rise Building?” which could be considered the keynote address of the congress, began with the argument that reasoning in city planning should not be strictly economic but also should take into account “Psychological and Social Demands.” Matthew Pilling. Some copies with printed slip pasted over gives the name of a subsequent publisher (Stuttgart, Hoffmann). Contributions by Böhm-Kaufmann, Sigfried Giedion, Walter Gropius, Le Corbusier, Richard Neutra und Karel Teige. Jaeger 0654.
**Aloi, Roberto.** L’arredameno moderno. Quinta serie. Milano, Editore Ulrico Hoepli 1952. IX, 410 Seiten mit 729 Abbildungen, davon 11 farbig. 27,5 x 22,5 cm. Orig.-Leinenband. € 180

* IX, 410pp. with 729 photo illustrations, 11 color. Original publisher’s cloth. A comprehensive photographic anthology of contemporary furniture and lightning designed mostly by Italian designers. Includes lists of illustrations in French, English and German, and index of designers.

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**Dieckmann, Erich.** Möbelbau in Holz, Rohr und Stahl. Stuttgart, J. Hoffmann 1931. (4) 90pp. with 232 illustrations, many with measurements of the furniture. 29 x 22,5 cm. Original grey printed wrappers with its rare illustrated dust jacket. € 480

Die Baubücher, vol. 11. „In 1921 Erich Dieckmann enrolled at the Bauhaus in Weimar. Between 1921 and 1925 Dieckmann served an apprenticeship there as a carpenter. When the Bauhaus school moved to Dessau in 1925, Erich Dieckmann transferred to the Staatliche Bauhochschule in Weimar and was head of the carpentry workshop there from 1925 until 1930. From 1931 until he was dismissed by the National Socialists in 1933, Erich Dieckmann was head of the carpentry workshop at the Kunstgewerbeschule Burg Giebichenstein in Halle. From Erich Dieckmann was one of the most important furniture designers at the Bauhaus, developing type ranges for seat furniture. Like Marcel Breuer, Erich Dieckmann experimented with steel tubing but is primarily known for his standardized wooden furniture. Dieckmann’s designs for seat furniture are stringently geometric, with frames based on right angles and constructed of almost pieces of wood that were either almost square in cross section or flat; another feature typical of Dieckmann’s work is linking armrests and chair legs in a runner construction. By using quality hardwoods such as beech, cherry, oak, and ash as well as cane matting, Dieckmann loosened up the stringent geometry of his designs; on the other hand, however, standardization and normed proportions were to keep the prices of these mass-produced pieces of furniture as low as possible.” www.Erich-Dieckmann.com. A very fine copy.
Eileen Gray


Special issue of ‘Wendingen’ on the work of English interior and furniture designer Eileen Gray with an introduction by Jan Wils (in Dutch) and an essay by Jean Badovici (in French). “This issue is devoted entirely to Gray’s work, with illustrations of the bedroom-boudoir she exhibited at the Salon des Artistes Décorateurs in 1923, and numerous examples of her designs for furniture, lamps and tapestries. In addition to being a critic, the Romanian architect Badovici was also Gray’s companion, and her collaborator at this time on their famous house in the south of France, called E.1027 (a coded combination of their initials.” Ars Libri, Catalogue 148, #58.

A copy of this issue made EUR 5625 (estimate EUR 1200-1800) at Christies Paris in March 2011 (Les Collections du Château de Gourdon, lot 98). These price reflect the art market rather than the book market. The real value of this item as a book is closer to EUR 700-900.


A separate printing of Walter Gropius contribution to the “Staatliches Bauhaus zu Weimar 1919-1923”, crystalling the program as it developed during its first four years. Fleischmann, Bauhaus, Drucksachen, Typografie, Reklame. Stuttgart 1996, p. 86. Very rare, particulary in perfect condition.
Handbuch der Architektur. Darmstadt (subsequently Stuttgart and Leipzig), 1880-1943. Almost complete series of 136 (instead of 142) volumes (including 14 supplement volumes “Fortschritte auf dem Gebiete der Architektur. Ergänzungshefte zum Handbuch der Architektur”). 26.5 x 19 cm. Original publisher’s quarter calf, cloth and wrappers; contemporary leather and cloth. A few spines worn and a bit discolored. Several volumes with library stamps on recto and/or verso of title, but not elsewhere. € 11000

“The Handbuch der Architektur was perhaps one of the most ambitious publishing projects ever. It attempted nothing less than a full account of all architectural knowledge available at the time, both past and present. It covers topics from Greek temples to contemporary hospitals and universities; from design of individual constructions elements such as window stills to large-scale town planning; from physics to design, from planning to construction. It also discusses architectural history and styles and a multitude of other topics, such as building conception, statics, and interior design.

Not surprisingly, this project took longer than planned. The first volume was partly published in 1880, and over the next 63 years more than 100 architects worked on what would become more than 140 individual publications with over 25,000 total pages. Somewhat tragically, the encyclopedia was quickly forgotten after its completion. The complete set is now available in only a few libraries. It is worthwhile to revisit this comprehensive encyclopedia, not only for historical reasons but also because much of the stored knowledge is still valid even by today’s standards. For architects working in restoration, it can provide first-hand knowledge of the construction of an old building.” Published by the IBEE Computer Society 2010. René Witte, Ralf Krestel, Thomas Kappler, Peter C. Lockemann.

The intention of the architects and scholars who launched in - Eduard Schmitt (1842–1913) and Heinrich Wagner (1834–1897) in Darmstadt, Josef Durm (1837–1919) from Karlsruhe, Hermann Ende (1829–1907) from Berlin – was to cover the subject in its entirety by a series of separate monographs arranged into four principal groupings with their own internal subdivisions. The numbering system for each volume that results is a complicated one, but the fact that a volume may be described as ‘Heft 1’ of ‘Halband 5’ of the ‘Vierther Theil’ of the ‘Handbuch’ should not detract from its usefulness as an individual monograph – this particular volume is the excellent one on hospitals by Oswald Kuhn. Most volumes also have a helpful bibliographical section or sections.

Handbuch der Architektur. Darmstadt (subsequently Stuttgart and Leipzig), 1880-1914. 56 (of 60) volumes (not including any new editions) published until 1914. 26,5 x 19 cm. Uniformly bound in original publisher’s quarter calf. Very good set. € 4500

Individual volumes:

Bezold, Gustav von. Die Baukunst der Renaissance in Deutschland, Holland, Belgien und Dänemark. Stuttgart, Bergsträser 1900. VI, 260pp. with 340 text illustrations and 7 plates. 27 x 19,5 cm. Original black quarter calf. € 38

Handbuch der Architektur 2, 7. Jaeger # 036.

Bormann, Richard. Die Keramik in der Baukunst. Stuttgart, Bergsträser 1897. VI, 152pp. with 83 text illustrations. 27 x 19,5 cm. Original black quarter calf. € 50

Handbuch der Architektur 1, 4. Jaeger # 011.

Durm, Josef. Die Baukunst der Renaissance in Italien. Stuttgart, Bergsträsse 1903. VI, 564pp. with 558 text illustrations and 5 color plates. 27 x 19,5 cm. Original black quarter calf. € 100

Handbuch der Architektur, 2, 5. Jaeger # 032.


Handbuch der Architektur, 2, 5. Jaeger # 033.
Conradi, Hans. Kleingaragen Hallengaragen. Leipzig, Gebhardt’s 1931. 87 pp. with 152 text illustrations. 27 x 19,5 cm. Original illustrated wrappers. € 175

Handbuch der Architektur, 4, 2, 6. a. Jaeger # 81.

Conradi, Hans. Grossgaragen. Leipzig, Gebhardt’s 1931. 104 pp. with 219 text illustrations. 27 x 19,5 cm. Original illustrated wrappers. € 175

Handbuch der Architektur, 4, 2, 6. b. Jaeger # 82.


Handbuch der Architektur, 4, 5, 1. Jaeger # 098.


Semper, Manfred. Theater. Stuttgart, Kröner 1904. VIII, 523 pp. with 268 text illustrations and 18 plates. 27 x 19,5 cm. Original black quarter calf. € 140


Weissbach, Karl. Wohnhäuser. Stuttgart, Bergsträsser 1902. VIII, 440 pp. with 496 text illustrations and 1 plate.. 27 x 19,5 cm. Original black quarter calf. € 85

Handbuch der Architektur, 4, 2, 1. Jaeger # 73.

Sörgel, Herman. Wohnhäuser. Second edition. Leipzig, Gebhard’ts 1927. 235 pp. with 293 text illustrations. 27 x 19,5 cm. Original cloth. € 120

Handbuch der Architektur, 4, 2, 1. Jaeger # 74.

Stübben, Josef. Der Städtebau. Darmstadt, Bergsträsser 1890. IX, 561 pp. with 857 text illustrations and 13 plates. 27 x 19,5 cm. Original black quarter calf. € 125


Second edition (first published 1925), augmented with over 200 illustrations. A well-illustrated, massive study of modern urban architecture and planning in the U.S.A. Includes 27 designs submitted to the Chicago Tribune completion, a chapter on garden suburbs with Hegemann and Peet’s designs for Wyomissing park etc. This volume is not to be confused with Hegemann’s other great volume on American architecture and city planning, The American Vitruvius (1922), prepared in collaboration with Elbert Peets. Published with the support of the International City Planning Exhibition in Gothenburg of 1923. Amerikanische Architektur & Stadtbaukunst is similar in format to The American Vitruvius. It includes illustrations and captions from both the Gothenburg exhibition catalogue and from the American volume, as well as additional new material. It is not, as is sometimes assumed, merely a German edition of the earlier American publication (Christiane C. Collins in her introductory essay for The American Vitruvius reprint by Princeton Architectural Press, New York, 1988, xix).

Endpapers paperspotted, binding slightly discolored.

“René Herbst (1891-1982) is best-known as furniture designer and interior decorator. After architecture studies in London and Frankfurt, he travelled extensively in Russia and Italy. He returned to Paris in 1919, where he started working as furniture designer and interior decorator. To make the products he designed, Herbst founded Établissements René Herbst. In 1925 René Herbst designed several exhibition stalls for the "Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes" in Paris. In 1927 René Herbst came up with a radically functional design for seat furniture: the "Chaise Sandows". René Herbst launched the "Chaise Sandows" at the 1929 Salon d’Automne. In 1930 René Herbst joined Robert Mallet-Stevens, Francis Jourdain, and others in founding the Union des Artistes Modernes (UAM); a large group of artists and designers committed to Modernism soon joined. In 1945 René Herbst was elected chairmen of the UAM.” www.deconet.com.
Josef Hoffmann.


€ 450

Weger, J.S. V. Nekvasil 1868-1928. Prague, Beaufort, 1928. 78pp + 172 plates. 26 x 20 cm. Original publisher’s cloth with red and white lettering. € 380

A Festschrift of over 60 years of work by this firm, who designed high quality buildings ranging from 19th-century Neoclassicism through Jugendstil-Secessionist to Functionalism. Václav Nekvasil, the owner of the company of the same name, was one of the most important builders of the last two centuries. In 1884 he was elected to the municipal parliament. At that time, much like nowadays, political position and connections facilitated winning government contracts. After 1884 the building company of Václav Nekvasil built quite a number of public buildings, especially in Prague. Václav Nekvasil died unexpectedly in 1906. His son Otakar took up the helm of the well-performing and well-established company. Under his direction the company successfully carried on with its work. Very scarce, excellent documentation for this era.
**Platz, Gustav Adolf.** Die Baukunst der neuesten Zeit. Second edition. Berlin, Propyläen Verlag 1930. 635 pp., pp 203-592 photo illustrations and a few plans, and 28 plates of which 8 tipped in color plates. 27 x 19 cm. Original cloth backed boards with original dust jacked. € 580

Second edition (first published 1927). This edition includes a section on modern architecture outside Germany which is not found in the first edition. Indispensable standard work on the development of modern architecture 1900-1930 in Europe and America. With architect’s biographies and list of their main works, bibliography, and extensive index.


A very nice copy.

**Platz, Gustav Adolf.** Wohnräume der Gegenwart. Berlin, Propyläen-Verlag, (1933). 517 pp., pp. 195 photo plates and 15 coloured plates hors-texte (of which 12 tipped-in) and with extensive index. 27 x 19 cm. Original cloth backed boards with dust original jacked. € 420

Lavishly illustrated work on modern interior design, profusely and beautifully illustrated, with hundreds of b/w photo reproductions, and with fine colour plates (of interiors by Gropius, Le Corbusier, André Lurçat, L.Kozma, Rietveld, etc). Sough after counterpart of Platz’s 'Die Baukunst der neuesten Zeit'


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**Platz, Gustav Adolf.** Wohnräume der Gegenwart. Berlin, Propyläen-Verlag, (1933). 517 pp., pp. 195 photo plates and 15 coloured plates hors-texte (of which 12 tipped-in) and with extensive index. 27 x 19 cm. Original calf backed boards.

€ 240

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Wasmuths Monatshefte für Baukunst. Volume 8, 1924. Editor: Werner Hegemann. Berlin, Wasmuth 1924. 406 pp. with numerous photo illustrations, drawings and plans. 32 x 24,5 cm. Publishers wrappers. € 280

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“The entire issue of the January 1938 ‘Architectural Forum’ is a masterpiece in terms of its totally unified design, which combines the skills of the photographer, the writer, and the graphic designer. The design is a statement of Wright’s ideas about architecture in the graphic medium. The bold, simple rectilinear designs characteristic of Wright’s furniture are reflected here in the straight lines and right angles that compose the cover. Wright’s idea of continuity is expressed in the continuation of the design from the cover to the inside pages and then its repetition at the end. The lettering used on the cover was developed in the 1920s and was also used in ‘An Autobiography’ six years earlier. Five variations of the typeface of the cover were used inside the magazine. Wright’s now familiar signature – the red square from the early Oak Park days – appears boldly as the center of the cover’s design. Appropriately, the issue was dedicated ‘to my beloved master Louis Henry Sullivan and grand old chief Dankmar Adler.” D. Hanks, The decorative designs of FLW, pp. 182-183 and color plate 21. A very nice copy.

Frank Lloyd Wright.- Wijdeveld, H. Th. The life work of the American Architect Frank Lloyd Wright. With contributions by Frank Lloyd Wright. An introduction by Architect H. Th. Wijdeveld and many articles by famous European and American writers. Santport, C.A. Mees 1925. (2), 164, (2)pp, profusely illustrated with photo reproductions, drawings and groundplans. 33,5 x 33,5 cm. Original cloth, red leather label on spine with gilt lettering, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. € 1800

This is the first major publication devoted to Frank Lloyd Wright’s architectural work since the great portfolios published by Wasmuth in 1910. With contributions by Lewis Mumford, H.P. Berlage, J.J. P. Oud, Robert Mallet-Stephens, Erich Mendelsohn (in German), Louis H. Sullivan (on Wright’s Imperial Hotel in Tokyo), and Frank Lloyd Wright. It is also notable for its good photo illustrations and measured drawings of buildings by Wright, and for its pleasing typographical design by Wendingen’s editor, H. T. Wijdeveld. The binding (Japanese book-block style binding), with red morroco label with gilt lettering on spine, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Very nice copy in perfect condition.
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