

PUBLICATIONS.

"The Technic of Mechanical Draughting," by C. W. Reinhardt, price one dollar. A copy of this work has been received from the publishers, The Engineering News Publishing Company, of 220 Broadway, New York. The author states that he has endeavored to give to the busy draftsman a thorough practical, common sense guide to good mechanical draughting, and an examination of the book proves that he has been successful in his efforts. The illustrations are numerous and neatly printed.

We have been interested in a book recently received from The Painters' Magazine, 100 William Street, New York. In it is given a system of measurements adopted by the National Association of Master House Painters and Decorators of the United States, which should be very useful to the architect as well as to the

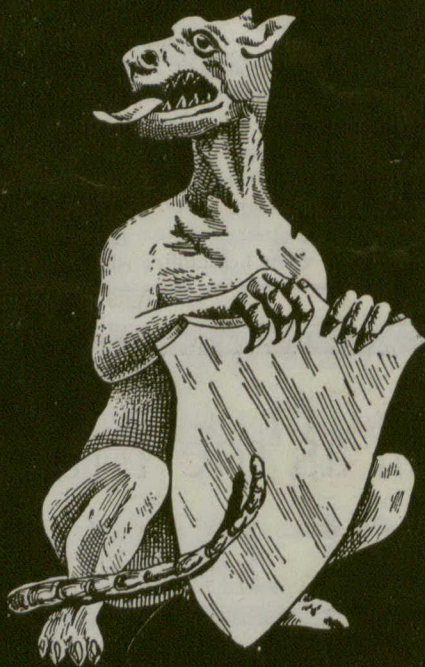
painter and decorator. It gives the report of the committee appointed by the National Association to formulate a system of measurements for painters' work which should be thoroughly accurate in every particular, thereby endeavoring to obviate so much of the unfair competition which arises from ignorance of the principle of correct estimating rather than from any desire to take work for less than it is really worth. Besides numerous drawings, examples are given of measurements, plans of procedure, tools necessary, etc., together with a glossary of terms used in building. The book contains 66 pages 9 x 12 inches, and sells for one dollar.

A settlement was recently effected between the master builders and union bricklayers of London, Ont., by which the bricklayers receive an increase of four cents an hour, making the scale of wages three dollars for a day of eight hours. The

agreement is for two years and went into effect on June 1st.

A novel business in London is that of dealer in second-hand plate glass. Large plates of glass are insured when placed in a window, and when any of them are broken the owner of the injured glass usually prefers that the insurance company should replace the broken plate, rather than pay its value. The insurance companies dispose of the injured plates to dealers in second-hand plate glass, who utilize what remains of the unbroken plate, cutting it into panes of smaller size and disposing of them to various firms.

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