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The principal, immediately after executing a general contract with the owner, should for his own protection, as well as the protection of the sub-bidder, execute some satisfactory form of contract or agreement with each lowest sub bidder.

ARTICLE 5. Payments to Sub-Contract-s. Unless the contracts made with subcontractors otherwise provide, payments during the progress of the work should be made by the principal contractor to the sub-contractors upon the same basis of payment, in relation to amount of work performed, as is prescribed in the contract made by the principal contractor with the

Final payment to a sub-contractor should be considered as due at the expiration of thirty days after the completion of his work and its approval by the architect or owner, unless otherwise provided by the sub-contract or agreement.

ARTICLE 6. Submission of Bids by Sub-Contractors.—Sub-contractors in submitting bids to principal contractors should enclose them in the envelopes prepared by this Association and kept on hand for the use of sub-bidders, or should endorse the envelope in which they are enclosed in such manner that principal contractors may know whom the bids are from, what portion of the work they comprehend, and the particular building they apply to.

Sub contractors who fail to so enclose and endorse their bids cannot claim protection or redress under the first article of this code.

ARTICLE 7. Obligation of Sub-Contractor to Principal Contractor. - Should a sub-contractor refuse to contract at the amount of the estimate he has given to a principal contracto, who has used the said estimate in good faith, he then should be liable to the said principal for damages in amount not less than the difference be-tween the amount of the estimate which was submitted by him and the amount at which the principal contractor may be obliged to contract the work.

Payment of such damages will not relieve the sub-contractor from liability to discip-line under provisions of Article X. of the by-laws of this Association.

ARTICLE 8. Obligations of Sub-Contractors to each Other.—Any sub-contractor suspected of unfair treatment of his fellow sub-contractors will be liable to complaint and discipline under Article X. of the by-laws of this Association.

ARTICLE 9. Trading Sub-Bids.—Trading upon sub-bids will be considered sufficient cause for complaint and discipline as provided by Article 10 of the by-laws of this Association.

Article 10. Bids to Architects or Owners .- When bids for separate departments of work on a building are solicited by the architec, or the owner, they should be submitted with the understanding that they are direct estimates, for which direct contracts are to be made by the owner with the lowest bidder, and no other dis-position of such bids should be permitted without consent of the bidder submitting the same.

Sub-bids should be given only to the principal contractors who are estimating the work in question, and should not be left with architects or owners for the inspection and information of principal con-Sub-contractors must undertractors. stand that bids thus left with architects or owners are in great danger of losing their confidential character, and that if they so leave them they cannot claim protection or redress under the first article of this code.

SUGGESTIONS.-Members of this Association having sub-contracts to let or material to buy should, as far as may be consistent with business principles, deal only with members of the Association, or at all events give their fellow members an opportunity to compete, and then give them the preference, other things being equal.

All bidders should take cognisance of the danger they may be subjected to through the practice, so prevalent in some architects' offices, of making changes in plans or specifications, or in both, during the progress of estimating. Correction of this pernicious practice can only be obtained through refusal by contractors to estimate under such conditions.

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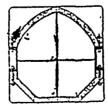
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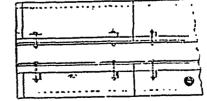
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