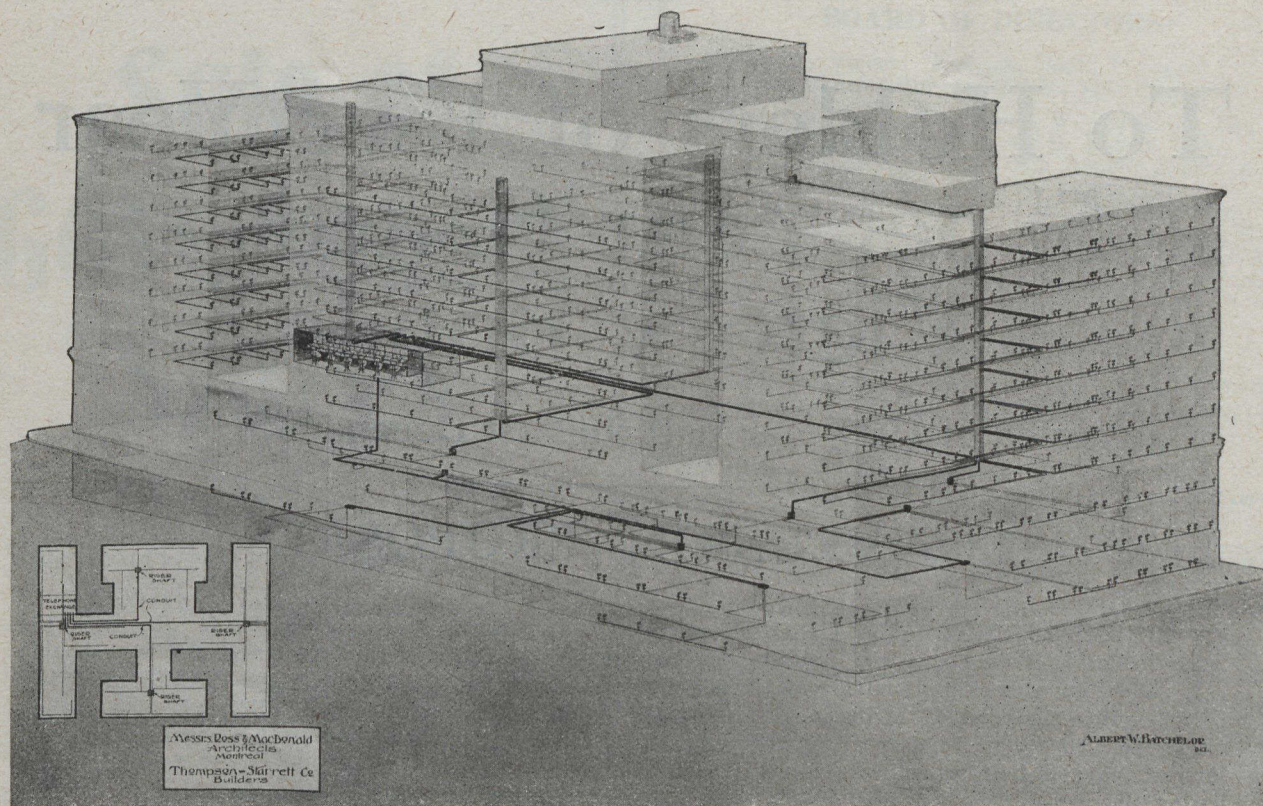


A Big Telephone Problem

The modern mammoth hotel would be impracticable without adequate telephone service. Quick communication between all departments of the hotel itself, and easy access from all its many rooms and bureaus to the outside world, both by local and long distance lines, are indispensable.

cealed; no mouldings were provided in halls or bedrooms, and the use of baseboards was prohibited; floor box connections in bedrooms were not permitted, nor were any wall telephones to be used; shafts for riser cables were not possible owing to lack of space.



Telephone Wiring in the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal

In installing the equipment required for the new Mount Royal Hotel in Montreal, the Bell Telephone Company was required to meet architectural specifications of peculiar difficulty. All wires, with the exception of the silk cord from the telephone box to the portable desk set, had to be completely con-

More than 1,400 telephones had to be provided for, and the above ingenious perspective of the telephone distribution gives only a faint idea of the intricacy of the task of providing telephone facilities. Over 230 miles of copper telephone wire will be absolutely concealed.

THE PARABLE OF COMPARATIVE SIZES

I sat with men in the place where men gather in a Pullman car, and they spake every man of the size of his city, and of the rapidity of its growth. And I reproved them not, for I like not to be always preaching, but I was thinking.

And one of them spake unto me, and said, "What is the size of the city wherein thou dwellest?"

And I said, "It is larger than Athens was in the day of its power; and I would it were doing as much for the world as Athens did; and it is several times as large as Bethlehem, and larger than Nazareth can ever hope to be."

And they were silent. And I said, "In this country of ours, cities have grown, and other material things have grown, and all so rapidly that we shall do well to consider, lest we think too much of huge-

ness and not enough of those qualities which make a city or a country really worth while. For the real question is not how many noses of fools the census-man may count, but how fine is the public spirit and how safe and prosperous and intelligent and righteous be the folks."

And I said, "A thing is not necessarily great because it is big, nor big because it is near."

And I considered Keturah, how the top of her head cometh only to the shoulder of her husband, and all her sons tower above her, and say, "Little Mother, haste thee and grow; for thou art the littlest one in the family." And how even her daughter is more tall than her mother.

But I could not love Keturah more if she weighed three hundred pounds.

—From "Parables of Safed, the Sage".