The Comfort Makers

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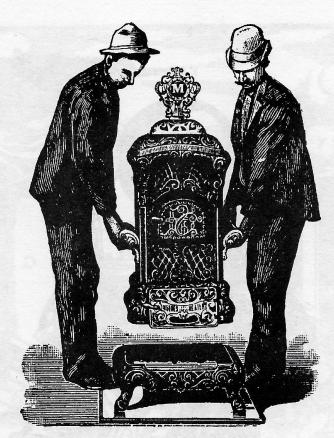


American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc.



Woodcut: Ventilating Machines (Wind Collectors) for Mines, Germany. De Re Metallica, Georgius Agricola [51], 1556. From 13. p. 201.

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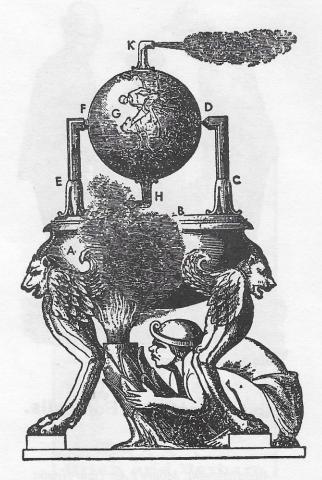


Easy to Carry, Just Invert the Footrails.

Advertisement: Moore's Air Tight Heater. Joliet Stove Works, Illinois, USA. The Metal Worker, 3 July 1897, p. 9.

About the Author

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Steam Engine (Aeolipile) by the Greek engineer Hero [1], c. 50 AD. From 9. p. 64.

The Comfort Makers contains information on 270 pioneers who have contributed to our knowledge of heating, ventilating, refrigeration, and air conditioning over two millennia. The story is told in a series of mini-biographies with over 100 portraits and some 40 contemporary illustrations and advertisements.

These pioneers were engineers, architects, and scientists. Some were manufacturers of heating, ventilating, and cooling equipment or were controls specialists. Others were designers or installers. The biographies include many people famous in the HVAC&R field; others are virtually unknown. A number are world-famous for notable achievements in science or other areas and are included because of a particular contribution, often largely unrecognized, to the development of comfort engineering. These include doctors, writers, civil engineers, mathematicians, soldiers, horticulturists, a U.S. president, a Bavarian count, statesmen, ironmongers, philosophers, an artist, a curate, a cardinal, an abbott, a railway engineer, a meteorologist, and others from many walks of life or fascinating backgrounds.

To these are added the founders, organizers, and early presidents of some of the institutions, societies, and associations that helped establish the comfort industry: the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers (1894), the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers (1904), and the Institution of Heating & Ventilating Engineers in London (1897).

Today, we take for granted comfort at home, at work, and at play. **The Comfort Makers** reminds us of just some of the people and organizations that made this possible.

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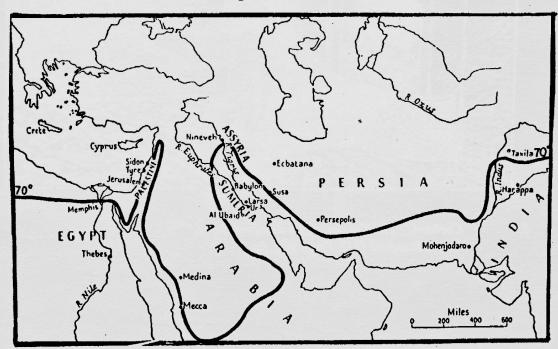
Introduction

As ancient civilizations moved away from the warmer climates, the heating industry was born. This book contains information on 270 comfort makers who have contributed to our knowledge of heating, ventilating, refrigeration, and air conditioning over two millennia.

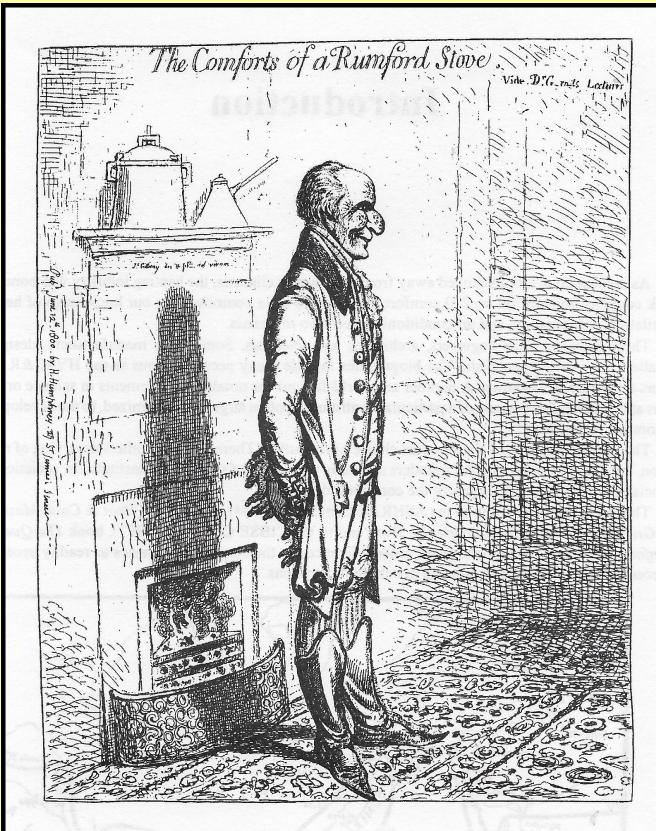
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The comfort makers are the personal choice of the author. There are many others deserving of recognition, but not overlooked are the founders and early presidents of some of the institutions, societies, and associations who helped to organize the comfort industry.

This book is a companion to the ASHRAE Centennial (1994) publications *Heat & Cold: Mastering the Great Indoors* and *Proclaiming the Truth* and to the CIBSE Centenary (1997), book *The Quest for Comfort.* These have been extensively cross-referenced in the biographical entries as readily accessible sources of additional information and matching illustrations.



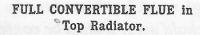
7. The 70°F Isotherm Related to Ancient Civilizations. Climate & Man, Neville Billington (President IHVE, 1970), Building Services (IHVE Journal), July 1984, p. 53.



8. Cartoon: "The Comforts of a Rumford Stove." Count Rumford [15]. From 105. fig.1.

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STEEL PLATE driven into Cup Joints.

No possible chance for gas to escape.

Extra Large Combustion Chamber.

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The S. M. Howes Company,

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Advertisement: Steel Radiator Furnace. The S.M. Howes Co., Boston. The Metal Worker, 3 July 1897, p. 17.

The Oldest & Largest Makers in the World.

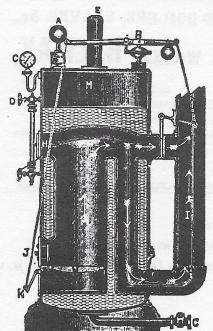
Medals awarded wherever exhibited.

Telegrams: "Lumby, Halifax."

LUMBY, SON & WOOD, LTD.,

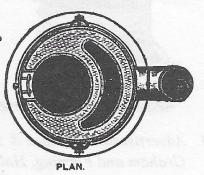
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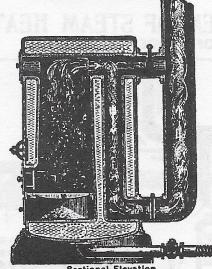
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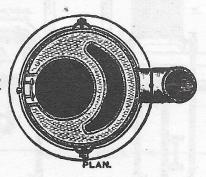
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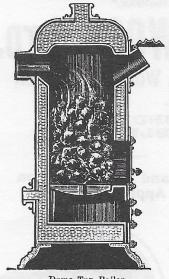
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10. Advertisement: Steam Heaters and Boilers. Lumby, Son & Wood, Halifax, founded 1858. Domestic Engineering, March 1897, p. 77. ESTABLISHED 1854.



Dome Top Boiler with water-way base.

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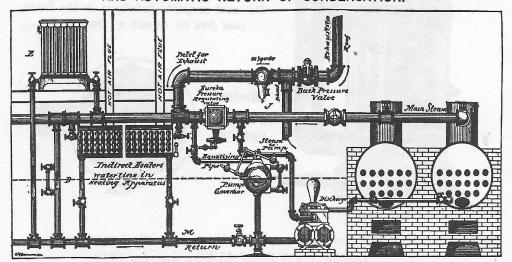
Telegrams:- GRAHAM, FLEMING," Halifax. Telephone No. 39.

11. Advertisement: Welded & Rivetted Boilers.

Graham and Fleming, Halifax. The company was founded in 1854.

Heating & Hot Water, Walter Jones (President IHVE, 1899), 1894, p. v.

KIELEY'S WATER-SEAL SYSTEM OF STEAM HEATING AND AUTOMATIC RETURN OF CONDENSATION.



By the use of this System a large saving of Fuel and a Noiseless Working Apparatus is guaranteed. The specialties mentioned on opposite page are required to obtain this system.

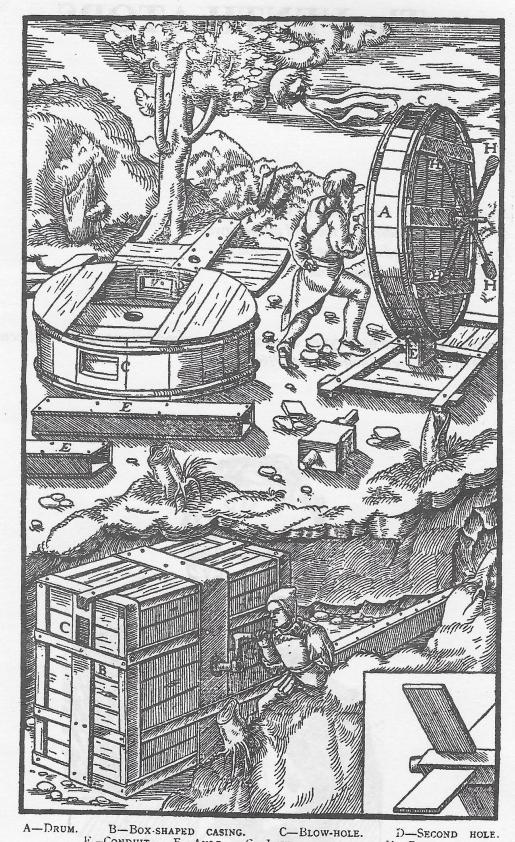
KIELEY & MUELLER, 7 to 11 West 13th Street, New York.

12. Advertisement: Kieley's System of Steam Heating.

Kieley & Mueller, New York. Baldwin on Heating, William J. Baldwin, 1900, p. iv.



13. Advertisement: H.B. Smith Co., Westfield, Mass. Domestic Engineering, April 1900, p. 46.

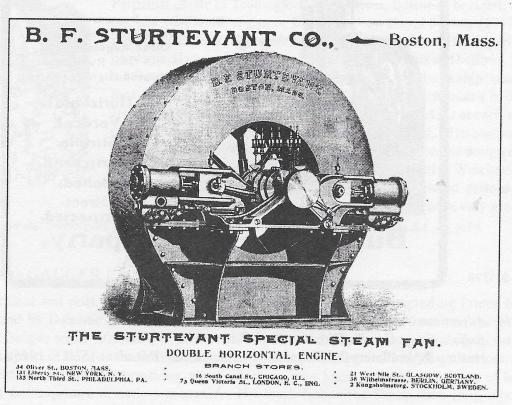


 $B{-}Box{-}shaped$ casing. C—Blow-hole. E –Conduit. F—Axle. G—Lever of axle. D—Second H—Rods.

14. Woodcut: Manufacture of Fans for Mine Ventilation, Germany, 1556. De Re Metallica. Georgius Agricola, 1556. From 13. p. 204.



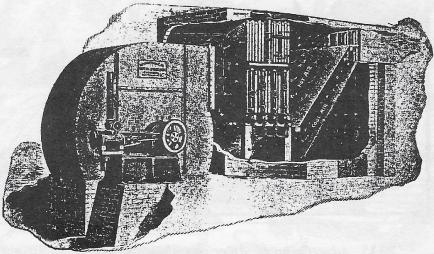
15. Advertisement: American Blower Co., Detroit, Mich. Engineering Review, Vol. 12, November 1902.

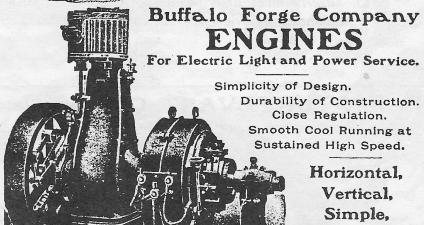


16. Advertisement: B.F. Sturtevant Co., Boston, Mass. Heating and Ventilation, June 1895, p. xvii.



For Schools, Churches, Theatres, and all Public and Industrial Buildings.



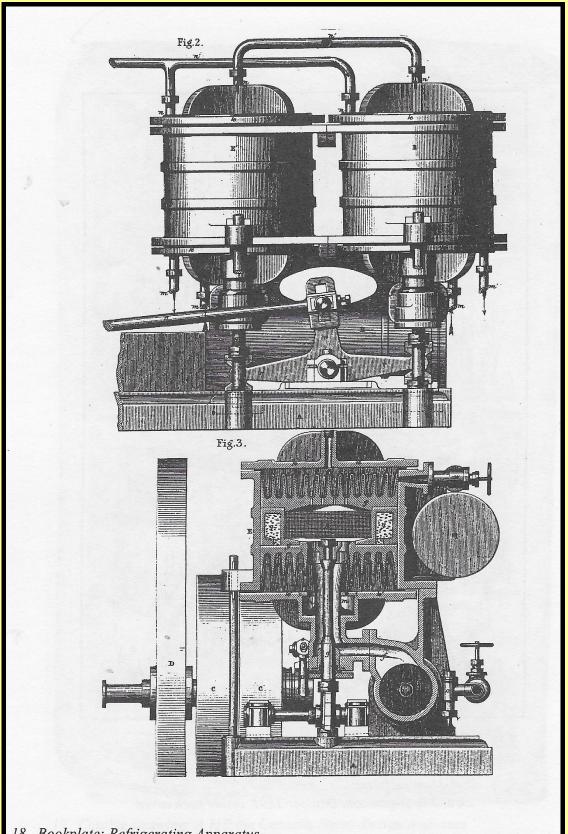


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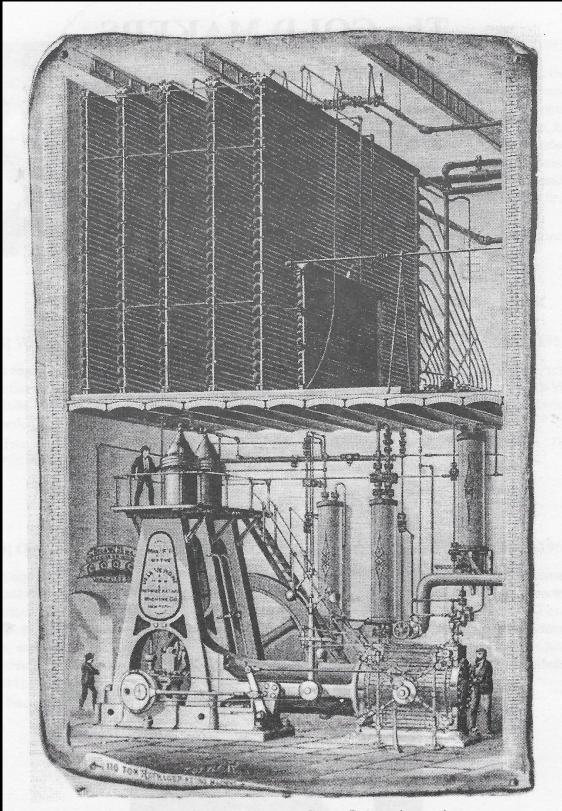
Buffalo Forge Company, BUFFALO, N.Y., U.S.A.

17. Advertisement: Buffalo Fan Systems and Engines.
Buffalo Forge Co., Buffalo, New York State.

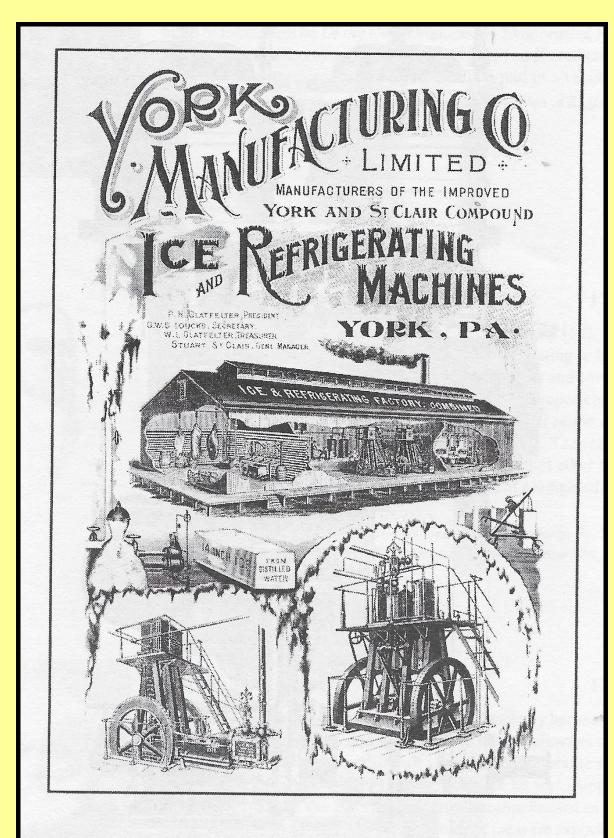
Heating & Ventilating Buildings, Rolla C. Carpenter (President ASHVE, 1896), 1910, p. 3.



18. Bookplate: Refrigerating Apparatus.
Figs. 2 and 3 from a drawing of unknown origin found in a second-hand bookshop.
The apparatus has similarities with the Lightfoot cold-air machine of 1886.
(B.M. Roberts Collection)



19. Catalog Drawing: A 110-ton Capacity Steam-Driven Ammonia Refrigerating Machine with an "Atmospheric" Water-Cooled Condenser. Mechanical Refrigeration, Processes and Apparatus of the De La Vergne Refrigerating Machine Co., New York, 2nd edition, 1887.

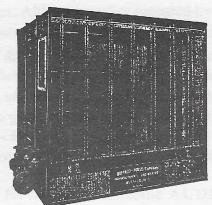


20. Advertisement: Ice Refrigerating Machines.
York Manufacturing Co., York, Penn.
Ice and Refrigeration, October 1891, inside back cover.

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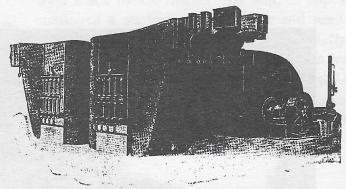
Automatic control.

Adapted to occupy any space.

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21. Advertisement: Buffalo Air Washer. Buffalo Forge Company, Buffalo, N.Y. The spray-type air washer was developed by Willis Carrier as part of his system for dew-point control of humidity. Engineering Reveiw, June 1906, p. xii.

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ADVENTURES OF

The Mechanical Weather Man

THE MACARONI CASE



The Messrs. Flour and Water are in an awful mood The macaroni that they make comes back marked "Checked, No good."



They take it to their Foreman,
"What makes the stuff so bad?"
He says "If you'll just come with me,
to show you I'll be glad."



They write the other people and ask them please to tell What makes their goods so wonderful and how they dry so well.



The answer came back quickly its wording you can see The partners read it hurriedly and nodded happily.



They quickly 'phoned to Carrier to come and tell them how To make their plant a modern one as fast as things allow.



"Our dryroom, sirs, is hopeless, the goods will check and sour. In spite of all that I can do we're losing every hour."



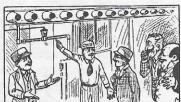
"We either sweat too slowly, which sours the stuff, just so, Or else we dry so rapidly we check it 'fore we know."



The partners then examine, some goods the dealers say Is just the kind they're looking for, the best in every way.



And with his usual promptness comes "Mech", his face asmile, "We'll have Ejector dryers here within a little while."

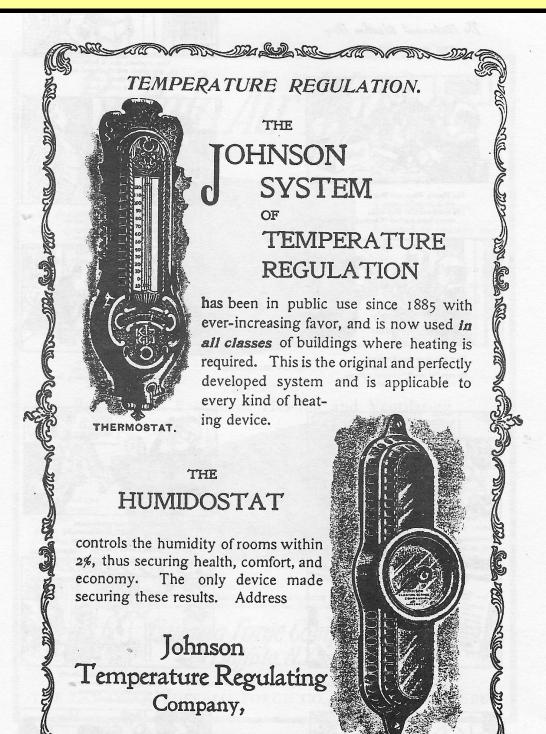


"Mech" kept his word and shortly their dryers were complete, With automatic instruments to regulate the heat.



And now when Flour and Water their finished goods inspect, They smile at competition for their goods have no defect.

22. Cartoon Strip: Adventures of the Mechanical Weather Man: The Macaroni Case. The Weather Vein, Vol. 1, No. 10, Carrier Engineering Corp., Newark, N.J., October 1921, pp. 26-29.



23. Advertisement: Temperature Regulation and the Humidostat.

Johnson Temperature Regulating Co., New York.

Heating & Ventilating Buildings, Rolla C. Carpenter (President ASHVE, 1896), 1910, p. 1.

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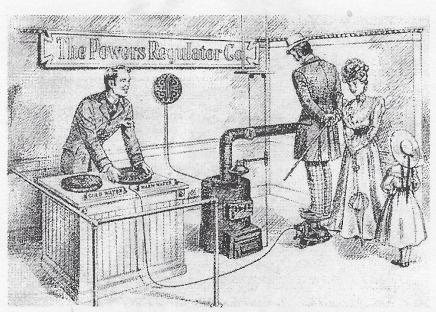
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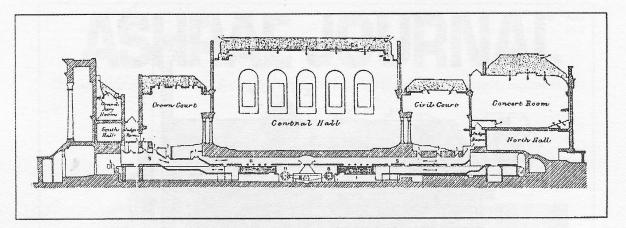
89-91 Centre St., NEW YORK CITY.

24. Advertisment: Electric Heat Regulator Co., New York. Domestic Engineering, Vol. 9, June 1985.

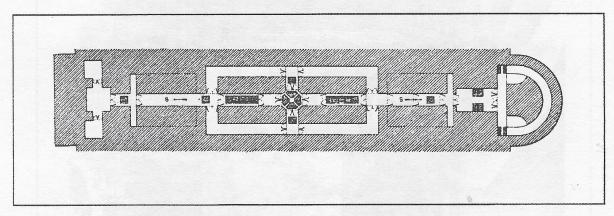


The Powers Regulator Company demonstrates temperature control technology in the 19th Century. (Courtesy of Landis & Gyr Powers.)

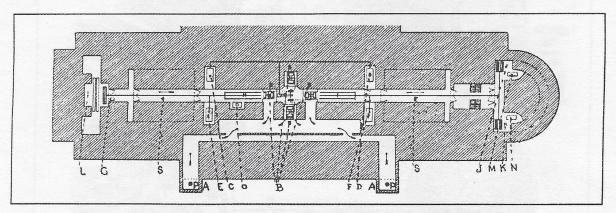
25. An Early Demonstration of Temperature Controls. The Powers Regulator Co., Chicago. The V in ASHRAE: A Historical Perspective, John E. Janssen, ASHRAE Journal, August 1994, p. 130.



a. Longitudinal section of St. George's Hall.

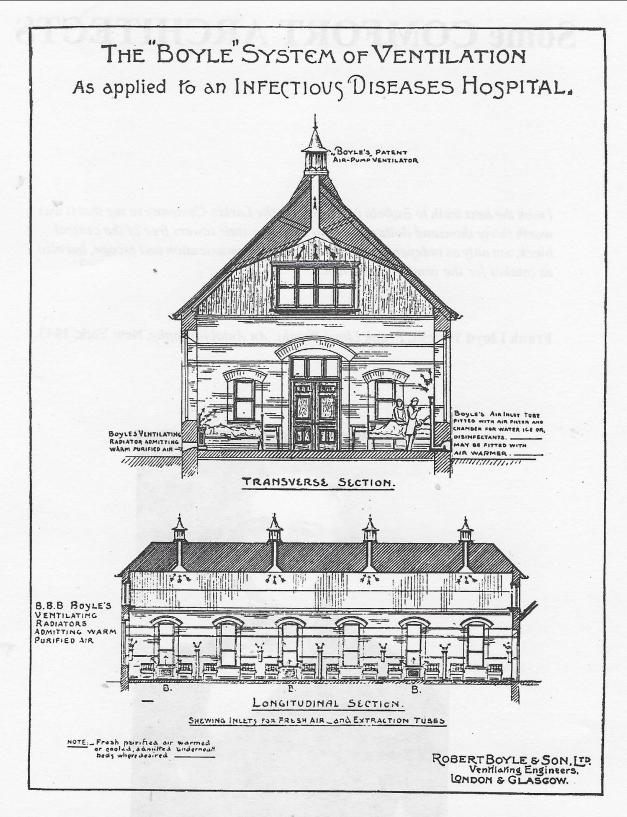


b. Basement plan, St. George's Hall, at level of upper air channels.



c. Basement plan, St. George's Hall, at level of lower ducts.

28. Section and Plans: St. George's Hall, Liverpool, 1854.
The Mechanical Ventilation and Warming of St. George's Hall, Liverpool,
The Heating and Ventilating Magazine, October 1907.



29. Catalogue Illustration: Natural Ventilation by the Boyle System of the South West Fever Hospital in London. An example of collaboration between architect and ventilation engineer.

The Boyle System of Ventilation, Robert Boyle & Son, Ltd., High Holborn, London, c. 1900.

Cost for Annual Maintenance of Apparatus Working all day and night in Winter Night only in Summer.

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Lost of Warming The number of beds in the Hospital being and Ventilation 508 will show taking into consideration the service per bed for annum) of the Baths and Ventilation and Warming of the other Rooms, that the cost would be about 11/8 per bed per annum.

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General Remarks This is in a few words the Ilan, I should propose for the Ventilation and Warning of the new Fi Thomas's

30. Handwritten Report: Costs for Annual Maintenance and Apparatus. Proposals for Ventilation and Warming of St. Thomas's Hospital, Lambeth, London. Submitted by the engineer W.W. Phipson, dated 20 November 1865. The scheme was not adopted. (CIBSE Heritage Group Collection)

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Telegrams -! JOHN GRUNDY," LONDON.

National Telephone-No. 552, KINQ'S CROSS.

31. Advertisement: Heating and Ventilating Engineer, Manufacturer and Patentee. John Grundy, City Road, London. (Grundy was the first President of IHVE, 1898.) Heating by Hot Water, Walter Jones, 1904, p. xv.



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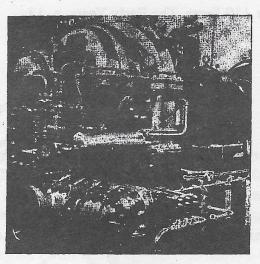
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32. Advertisement: Carrier Air Conditioning by Volkart Brothers, Bombay. The Kaiser I-Hind newspaper, 18 May 1941. (CIBSE Heritage Group Collection)

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Whereas:

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and be it further

Resolved:

That as an additional mark of our esteem these Greetings be personally conveyed and delivered to the President of the British Institution of Heating and Ventilating Engineers by the President of this Society. Mr. Thornton Lewis.

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June 26,1929



33. Greeting from ASHVE to the Institute (sic) of Heating and Ventilating Engineers.

From the 35th Semi-Annual Meeting held in Ontario, Canada, signed by ASHVE President Thornton Lewis, 26 June 1929. Proclaiming the Truth, ASHRAE, 1994, p. 82.



34. Council of the Institution of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, 1910.

(left to right, from top row) John S. PALMER [244] Robert E. ATKINSON*

Walter JONES [240]

Chas MASON

Walter YATES [74]

Thos POTTERTON [41] E.W. MAYNER [238]

Louis F. PEARSON [243]

W.R. MACGUIRE [241]

C. Ingham HADEN [269]

S. NAYLOR [49]

John GRUNDY [239]

C.T.O. TROTMAN

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W. Nelson HADEN [246] J. Nelson RUSSELL [242] J.N. GREENHALL

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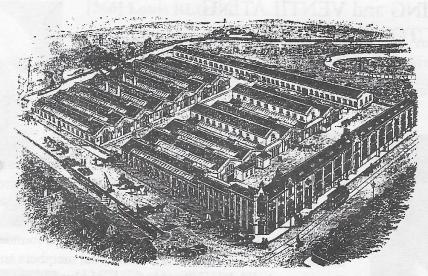
This composite picture includes nine of the first ten IHVE Presidents, plus two later Presidents. The exception is David Nesbit* [268] whose portrait is on the title page.

Communications as a Means to Survival, K.W. Dale, IHVE Presidential Address, IHVE Journal, May 1974, p.

(*Nesbit and Atkinson were the first and second U.K. engineers, respectively, to join the ASHVE.)



35. Portraits of the first ten Presidents of ASHVE. Proclaiming the Truth, ASHRAE, 1994, p. 4.



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