Many congratulations to Michael Barber of the Heritage Group on the award of the CIBSE Silver Medal. Mike was a Founder Member and the first Honorary Secretary of the original Group in 1973 and more than 40 years later still serves in that capacity.

Heritage Chairman Neil Sturrock, CIBSE President George Adams, Mike Barber

Recent additions to the Heritage Group Library: Books from Carrier and from Hoare Lea
LET’S GO TO THE MOVIES

Progress was the addition of sound to movies and the installation of air conditioning in movie theatres ("The Movies: between Vitaphone and Video")

In 1926, the Warner Theatre in New York saw the premiere of the film “Don Juan” with a pre-recorded musical soundtrack (The first talkie “The Jazz Singer” followed in 1927). The HVAC Engineer was Wittenmeir. He provided a system of mechanical ventilation “vitalyzed air” with an air washer and CO₂ refrigeration. Note under the canopy the icicles and the slogan “Refrigerated Washed Air.”

Centrifugal chiller: Palace Theatre, Dallas 1924

Chiller: Missouri Theatre, 1920s
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Poster: Rivoli Theatre, New York
Rivoli, New York 1925
Carrier advertisement 1926

Cooled by Refrigeration, Times Square, New York c.1948
General Electric 1950

Chiller: Empire, Leicester Square, London 1931
Chiller: Paramount Theatre, Paris 1930s
Plumbing work in the New York Cotton Exchange 1885

Lightning rods Hotel de Ville, Brussels 1877

Dear Old Radiator
By Chester Firkens

A Radiator seems to me
The kindest reptile that can be.
Its cobra coils of golden art
Enthroned the cockles of my heart.
I do not blame poor Ete at all;
For it was very cold—that Fall;
Of course, she took the serpent's kiss
For steam heat's everlasting bliss.

Some chronic quarrellers with Fate
Defend—at first—the open grate;
And others—at safe distance—love
Long evenings by the kitchen stove.
But my ophidian fancy finds
More poetry in modern kinds.
The radiator dear, I deem,
Alone deserves my warm esteem.

(Below): Ideal Heating Journal 1912

Willis Carrier “Father of Air Conditioning” (centre) 1902

Heating for delicate women

The width of a window-sill separates fierce Winter from gentle Summer—that is, if your heating outfit has been rightly chosen. The most delicate women and the frailest flowers thrive and bloom in the wholesome warmth and ventilation brought about by

AMERICAN & IDEAL RADIATORS

The cleanly, genial warmth these outfits produce enables your wife to dress in light-weight, becoming clothing, to appear at her graceful best, to work and exercise unrestrictedly; and relieves her of all back-breaking drudgery that is a part of old-fashioned heating methods.

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