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Boston's Million Dollar Art Museum Will Be The Outcome Of The Most Elaborate Scientific Research And Observation Ever Expended on Such a Place.

BOSTON, July 18. 1907 .- A very big dea goes with the plans of the new Museum of Fine Arts in this city. These have just been published. They have been expected with great interest in this country and abroad. They are believed by those who are familiar with idea is that each department of an art of pictures and sculptures away from the principles of museum construction to museum should be complete by itself. mark an epoch in the construction of buildings designed to shelter art collections. They are, it is no exaggeration to say, the outcome of scientific observation and research such as has never before been expended upon the preser- grounds should be beautified with statu- ing, like most museums, will be two stovation and display of art exhibits under ary and shrubberg, and that the inter- ries high-whence from a central roonditions favorable to the comfort of

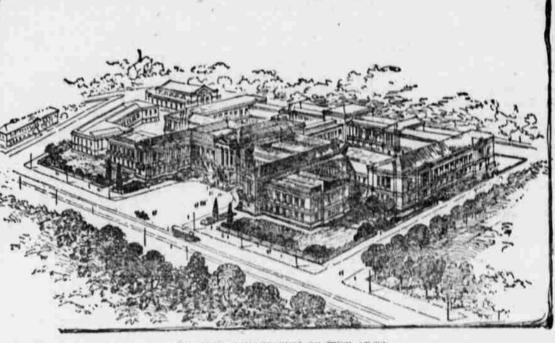
So that, although the new museum in Bo-ton in physical dimensions will not be the largest of its kind, it is already. before a stone of the superstructure has sion composed of officials of the museum (including prints). Western are (other been laid one of the most famous. It and architects went abroad some time (than pictures), library and photograph

eries, each of which is entered by a nary preparation for the new museum. wall door near the outerwall, exactly These, at last, have been concluded and pposite another small door. The cir- the plans have now been made public. unstance that it is more natural to They show in every detail a clear intenwalk directly from door to door instead tion to make the museum a place of of around the room causes the crowd to popular resort. The front, situated upsurge through these cabinets, hardly no- on Huntington Avenue, one of the lead ticing the treasures on exhibition. An- ing thoroughfares of traffic in the New other idea is that for the sake of the England capital is intended to be suf omfort and enjoyment of the public, ficiently monumental but first and forethe manner of lighting the museum exbibits should be determined by special lor. The architectural arrangement, ists. Most museums up to this time with projecting pavilions and an orhave been designed by architects who have made to careful study of the relative value of overhead and side lighting in rooms of various proportions, containing different classes of objects, or the best method of admitting each kind ping humanity to slip past. The modern of light. Still a fourth fundamental theory is not to keep precious collections o that, or example, one can visit the mate way to lead people to become icoms devoted to classical art without familiar with them. going through portions of other departments. Another thought carried out in

ior courts should contain opportunity to tunda any desired department is easily rest amidst delightful surroundings. To assist in including these and many other desirable things in the scheme for main divisions; Chinese and Japanese a new art museum in Boston a commis- are, classical are, Egyptian are, pictures

ons German museum, which has a of study many other investigations were ing series of "cabinets," or small gal- made during the long period of prelimimost to reveal the nature of the internamental forecourt, is such as naturally to draw the crowd in from the avenue, much as the great doorway of the modern-edpartment store is designed with a view to making it hard for shoppeople, but to endeavor in every legiti-

Once inside the building the crowd will. ordinarily ascend an easy staircase to some European museums is that the the main or exhibition floor-the buildreached, or a circuit is made of all the collections. The visitor will find seven



BOSTON'S NEW MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

The completed group of buildings, as here shown, will embedy the best idea a in muscum construction. The first installation, on which work has already begun, will consist of the central part and the two projecting pavilions of the main building.

ias been planned to be of impressive size. It will be unique in its provisions for attaining with the means at hand the maximum of public usefulness. It will set a standard, so museum authorities are agreed. Henceforth there is little liklihood that any large American museum art will be built without reference to the scientific studies which were made in preparation for the group of structures in the Fenway district of Boston, hard by Mrs. Gardner's Italian Palace and the new Harvard Medical School: It isn't easy to make art collections interesting to everybody. To plan a museum for scholars is comparatively simple. It may be arranged very much like a library. The principal thing I to have the exhibits well catalogued and accessible. But to build a treasure muse of the fine arts that shall seem both comfortable and inspiring to peo ple who will visit it, if at all, mainly to ing heautiful things, that apparently simple purpose involves many technical difficulties. The deadly "museum fatigue." the sense of bewilderment that is due to looking at the many objects must above all else be avoided. In endeavoring to create galleries suitable for the accomodation of its crowds of visitors from every part of the United States, the management of the Boton Museum of Fine Arts has recognized that there is a new science, one known as "musacology." The era in which trea sures of art, natural history and other subjects were creeted in a haphazard way has about passed in Europe and in this country. - A new conception of the mucum of art has arisen among experts. They are interested less in a monumental front than in a logical interior, with well proportioned and well lighted galleries through which large crowds of visitors can circulate comfortably. Nowhere has their general idea beer expressed until now it is about to be expressed in an American city. One of the ideas of the musacoligists is that the collections should be divided so that not all of the collections shall be shown to the general public at any one time. although all are available to any body who wishes to consult them. That involves dividing the galleries into an 'exhibition ceries" and a "study series." Another generally accepted idea is that the fact of the circulation of the crowds in public places should be taken into account. There is , for example, a fa-

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## TWO FAMOUS FOREIGN MUSEUMS

Among the many European treasure houses of art studied by a commission. from the Easton Museum of Fine Arts were the Kelvingrove Museum at Glass gow (the upper of these shown) and the Landes Museum at Zurich,

ago to study leading European nuseums. [collections and collections of casts. Practically every important treasure ouse of works of art on the Continent und in Great Britain was visited by the galleries some of the most important exommissioners, notebook in hand. They inquired into the size of galleries, whether top-lighetd or side-lighted, into the olor of backgrounds, the extent and disposition of doorways, the means for rest and recreation, the heating and ventilation, into all the constructive problems, in short. Upon their return a report get an impression of sameness. was prepared which gives detailed information regarding the arrangements of reath the exhibition rooms of each demany museums.

as regarded as so important and so little investigated either here or abroad. that an odd-looking experime al buildng was creeted on the site of the new museum. In this structure physicists of the Massachusetts Institute of Techalogy carried on experiments for many months.

Besides these two principal directions

The main floor will costain what is nown as the "exhibition series." In the hibits of the museum will be shown under conditions as favorable as scientific knowledge and artistic taste have been able to create. No room will be overcrowded. The collections furthermore, on the main floor, will frequently be changed, so that the community will not

On the secondary or lower floor, bepartment, with which it is connected by The question of lighting the exhibits appropriate staircases and elevators, are rooms set aside for study and for storage of large collections, all the objects of which cannot be kept on view at once. If the visitor to the museum has been in terested in, say, a display of selected Japanese prints in one of the exhibition galleries he may, by going down stairs, discover with the assistance of a trained

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