### HOW TO CONSTRUCT PUBLIC AUDITORIUM; LECTURER GIVES TIP

John Kendrick Bangs Says for Matter of Acoustics the Houston Building Is Best.

#### EXPERIENCES ARE TOLD

Author Says Out of 186 Cities He Has -ound Perfect Halls in Four Per

John Kendrick Bangs, the humorist, who was in Portland last week on a lecture tour, is well versed in the wiles and ways of auditoriums. knows their every kink and curve. He has talked, and since he attained the dignity of being a lecturer, he has lectured in auditoriums of every size and description, in hamlet and city, from one coast to the other. And to sum up his experience an auditorium is no auditorium at all unless the audience can hear. Any other sort of an auditorium is a travesty on the word. he says, and so he advises Portland to pay especial attention to acoustics in the proposed municipal audi-

"In my little pocket diary there are named 196 so-called principal cities of the United States and I have addressed audiences in 186 of them," remarked Mr. Bangs during his Portland visit. "In about four per cent of them I have found perfect balls for speaking, in about 50 per cent halls that were merely tolerable, and in the balance architectural monstrosities which made a day's work sawing wood an job than that of trying to lee ture for an hour and a half. Fine to Look Upon.

"Down at San Francisco the othe day I held forth in that enclosed Mu nicipal Golf Links they call the Municipal Auditorium. Outside the edi-fice is a building of fine dignity, beauty and expressive of its purpose. In-side to put it mildly it is an atrocity A speaker there has about as much chance of getting his points over to his audience as a sand-piper would have in arousing an echo in the Grand Canyon of Arizona with his last twi-light peep. One needs a bellow, as well as a bellows, to reach his audience, and after my lecture on Friday morning my voice was beaten to a frazzle. I am told that even for dancing purposes the place is a failure because no matter where your orchestra is stationed dancers 50 yards away can't tell whether it is playing Tipper ary, Chopin's Funeral March or th Death of Siegfried.

public speaking for which that kind of a hall is just suited. The average wind-jamming campaign speech for instance, would better be lost in the abysmal depths of just such munici-pal spaces. Half the debates in congress would be better off there than in Washington, but after all, when a community starts in to spend a vast sum of money on a public building it ought to be made as nearly right in the beginning as it can be. Houston Building Test.

"Wherefore, desiring only to serve the city of Portland, let me say that in my judgment the most perfect municipal hall in the United States is the Municipal Auditorium at Houston, Texas. It is externally a beautiful edifice. Within it seats comfortably 8000 people, and while its cubic space is vast, I personally found when I lectured there before an audience of 5000 people that my voice reached the remotest nook and cranny of the auditorium with no more effort on my part than I should exert in an ordinary conversation with a friend.'

Mr. Bangs doesn't remember the name of the architect who designed the Houston auditorium, but inasmuch as this man did such a good job in the Texas city he advises the Portland authorities to get in touch with him and reproduce the Houston building as nearly as possible here.

Many architects, according to the humorist, know how to plan beautiful structures with facades and pillars and whatnot, but with . bsolutely re regard for acoustics.

Would Make Good Confessional.

"If you were building a confession-ai on a titanic scale, the San Francis-co auditorium would be a perfect model," said Mr. Bangs in conclusion, but if you design your edifice for the ordinary purposes for which auditoriums generally are built, you would better travel further afield, and take a leaf out of the book of Houston. If any critical reader of this interview shall rise up and ask what business it is of mine whether you build a deaf and dumb asylum or a real auditori-um, let me say in conclusion that I like Portland so very much indeed that I hope to come back here to talk every year, and I naturally desire to find here a place where my ebullitions may be heard, and not tall idly upon the desert ear or desert air, as the case

#### Entertainment May Replace Canteens

Appropriations Are Asked to Establish Clubs at Army and Navy Posts by Anti-Saloon League.

Washington, April 17.—(I. N. S.)— Announcement of a campaign for greater appropriations for entertainment clubs, established at army and navy posts as a substitute for the canteen, was made here today by Dr. A. P. Baker, national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league.

Congress made an appropriation of \$3,587,630.85 for the purpose, but more is needed, according to Dr. Baker. The money, if secured, will be ex-pended for better general facilities in connection with moving picture exhibitions, dancing and other amusements.

Where Is Ed Rankin?

Efforts are being made by Mayor Albee to locate Ed Rankin of Portland, whose brother, W. C. Rankin, is said to be dying in the Southern California State hospital. A letter was sent to Edward Rankin, local real estate Gealer, by Dr. J. A. Reilly, head of the hospital, who thought W. C. Rankin his prother. Rankin turned the letter over to Mayor Albee yesterday.

## A New Millinery Order



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-Positively nothing heretofore reaches the magnitude of this millinery occasion-new and strictly correct models, original styles and reproductions of the finest millinery creations.

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-Small, medium and large picturesque hats-hats with shadow brims of French crepe and trimmings of flat flowers-hats with the new tailored wing or feather trimmings-trimmings of silk and velvet ribbons, flowers and wreaths.

#### These Remarkable New \$4.00 Voile Blouses Monday, Very Special at \$2.75

-The daintiest of new styles, in fine, soft-finished voile, in a variety of allover and embroidered designs. Some have vestees of lace insertion, others with panels of embroidered organdie, yokes, sleeves and cuffs finished with hemstitching and embroidery. The collars are in the new flaring shapes, of embroidered and lace-edged organdie, others of hemstitched voile or batiste.

#### All Ready for Summer With a Special Offering of Chinese Sea Grass Furniture

-Cool, comfortable furniture that goes to make a pleasant Summer in town or country. Furniture that was imported direct by us. The high quality of this furniture recommends itself to people who demand the best.

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-Imported net curtains, scrim and marquisette curtains, in new patterns with Battenberg lace edge and insertion, or attractive fancy borders-a large variety of different styles to choose from. All may be had in white, cream or Arabian colors, in 21/2yard lengths, 40 to 50 inches in width.

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-5000 yards in this sale, including the newest scrims, fancy curtain nets, cretonnes and chintz, in the latest Spring designs and color effects, in a wide range of patterns, suitable for all uses.

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dium and dark colors in stripe effects, 36

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that are in greatest favor this season

-Silk and cotton shadow lace flouncings. -Chantilly lace flouncings. -Maline laces in two-tone effects. -Metal edges and bands. -Oriental flouncings and allovers -36-inch nets in black and white. -Venise allovers. -In this special group of laces you will find the most artistic patterns -The edges in this sale are from in a great variety of designs-laces

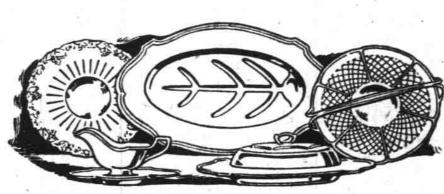
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-Two extremely new models in taffeta dresses, styles never shown before, Of fine soft-finished chiffon taffeta in black, Belgian blue and navy blue.

-One model made with the new Eton jacket effect and shirred voke, flare skirt, as illustrated. White organdie collar and cuffs.

-The other model has a circular yoke on the waist, cut in V shape at the neck, organdie collar and cuffs also finish this model. And shirred top, flare skirt.

You Have Heard of the New Tailored, Braid-Bound Suits?

Tomorrow We Place on Sale Our \$27.50 Tailored Braid-Bound Suits at \$21.45

-These suits are as smartly tailored and finished as any made-to-order suit. fashioned in the new mannish style and from men's wear serge, in black, navy blue, black and white shepherd checks.

-Braid-bound and trimmed suits are now the vogue, and in these models we have introduced the last word in silk-braid trimmings. The skirts feature a smartly flare style which is braid bound and button trimmed to match the jackets. The jackets are peau de cygne lined. The model illustrated was sketched from a black-and-white check suit in this offering.

### The Famous Pellard Tailored Suits The Finest \$50.00 Suits Ever Produced Priced Specially at \$42.50

-During the past week we have been receiving daily shipments of new models of the celebrated Pellard tailored suits. Owing to the limited number of models in this special group makes it possible to sell them at the above special price.

-Suits of serge, gabardine, shepherd checks and hairline stripes, in black, navy blue, black with white checks and stripes. -Some of the models show the short-jacket effect, bound and trimmed with silk braid;

others with flare skirts and fancy box plaitings and plaited skirts.

Women's New Dimity Underwear Monday at Very Special Prices

-These dainty garments look most effective under a sheer blouse, and promise to us the place of silk garments for Summer wear. Corset covers, envelope chemise, combine suits, drawers and gowns, all of fine crossbar dimity, adorned with dainty lace insertion and edges, fine embroideries, beading drawn with ribbons; one very attractive combination suit has a yoke of fine organdie.

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A SALE TOMORROW IN HAIR GOODS -Our hair goods shop has earned a place high in the regard of an exclusive clien-

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we first presented a foulard silk sale) this offering will come as a great satisfaction.

—See window display—every pattern will be shown. Regular Price \$1.00

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