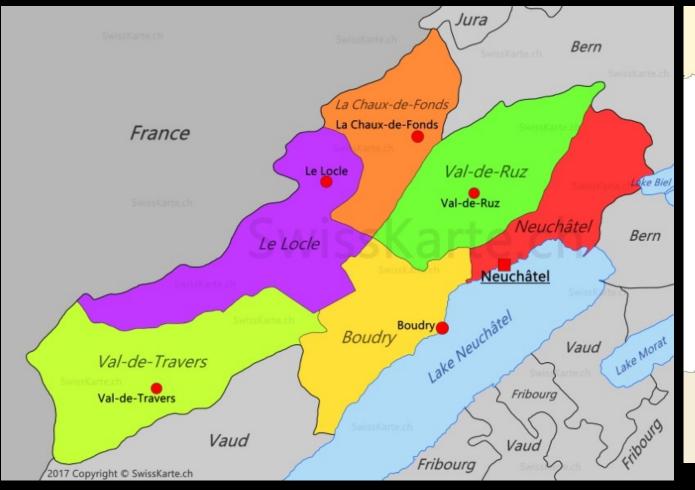
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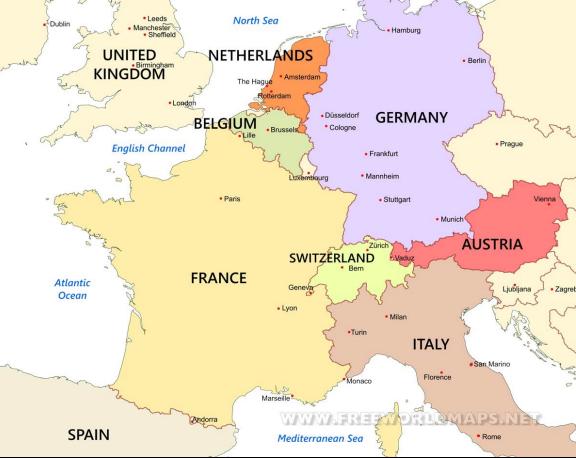
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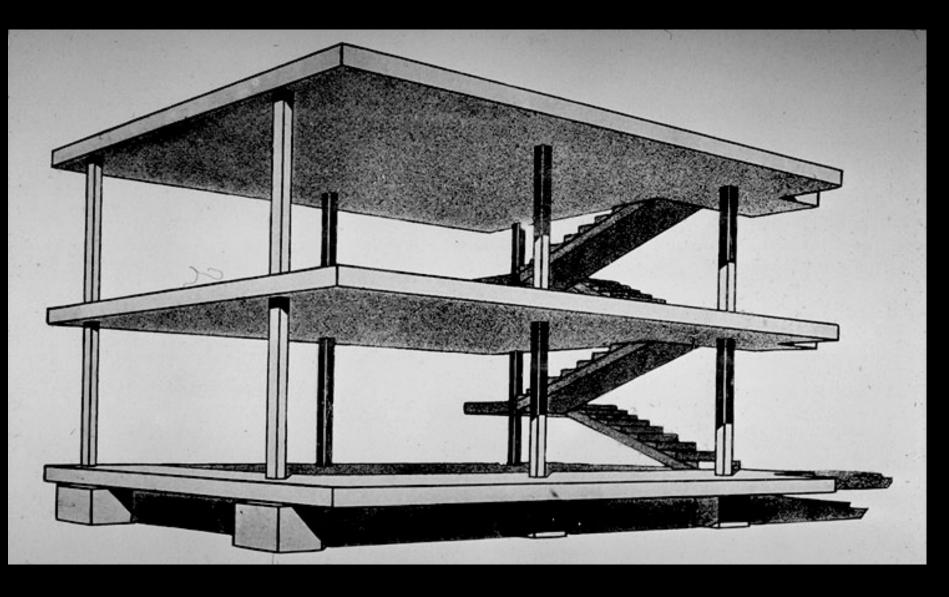
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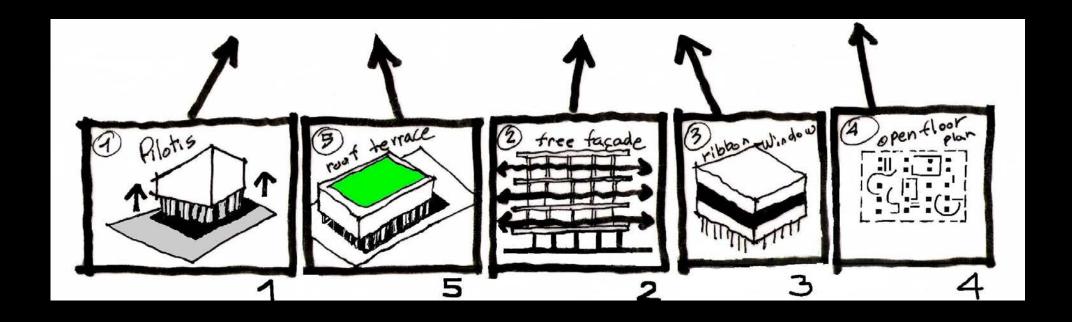






With the Dom-Ino house, Le Corbusier set forth an idea based on modern material and mass production. It was designed to be built by unskilled labor. The prototype structure – the house – was to be made of reinforced-concrete slabs and steel columns. The name plays on the idea of being a patent industrial form – as mass producible as a domino.

Le Corbusier, Dom-Ino House, 1914-15



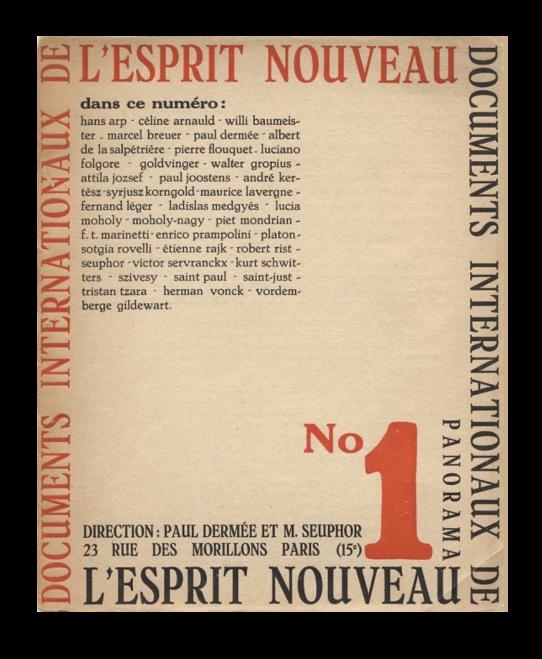
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- Pilotis
- Roof Terrace
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- Ribbon Windows
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- embrace of technology and the machine
- aimed to give mechanical and industrial subject matter a timeless, classical quality
- Après le Cubisme (1918)
- •L'Esprit Nouveau (1919)

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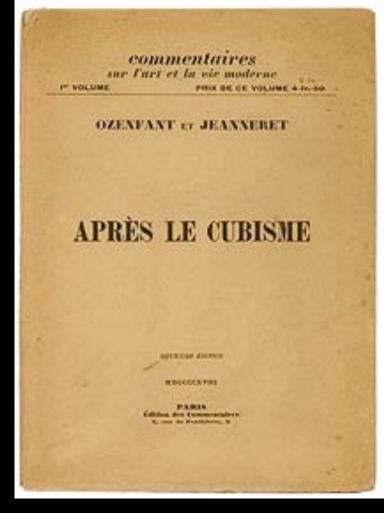
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-- Le Corbusier, Après le Cubisme (1918)

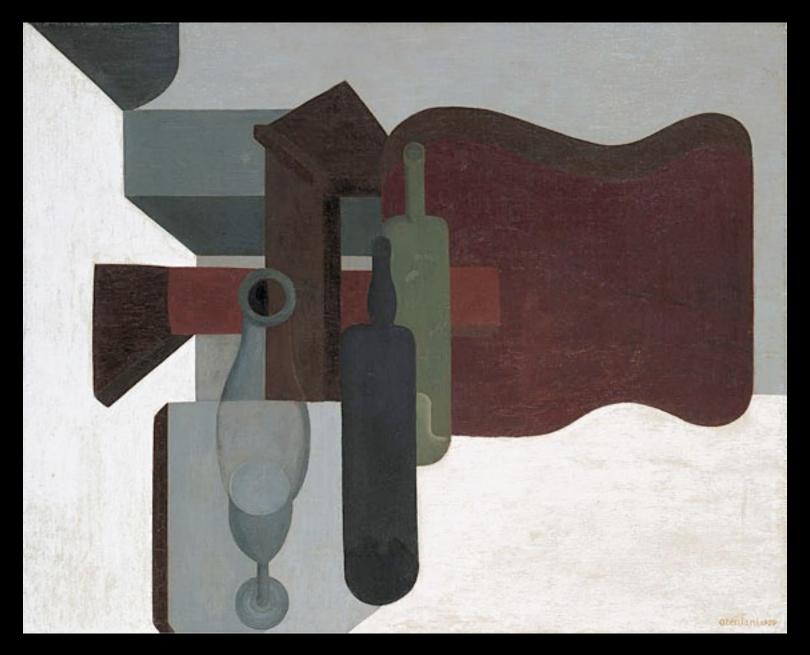
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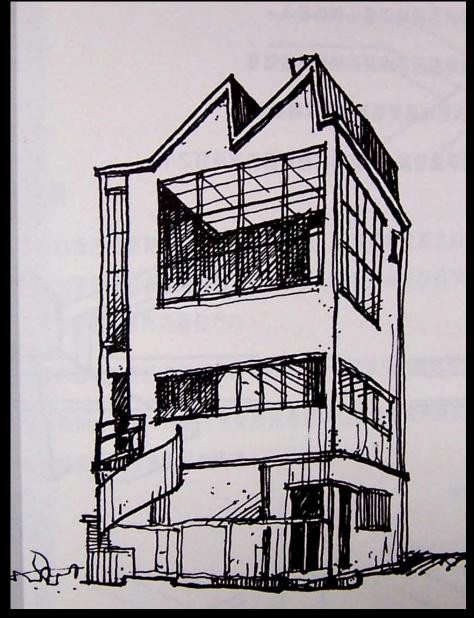


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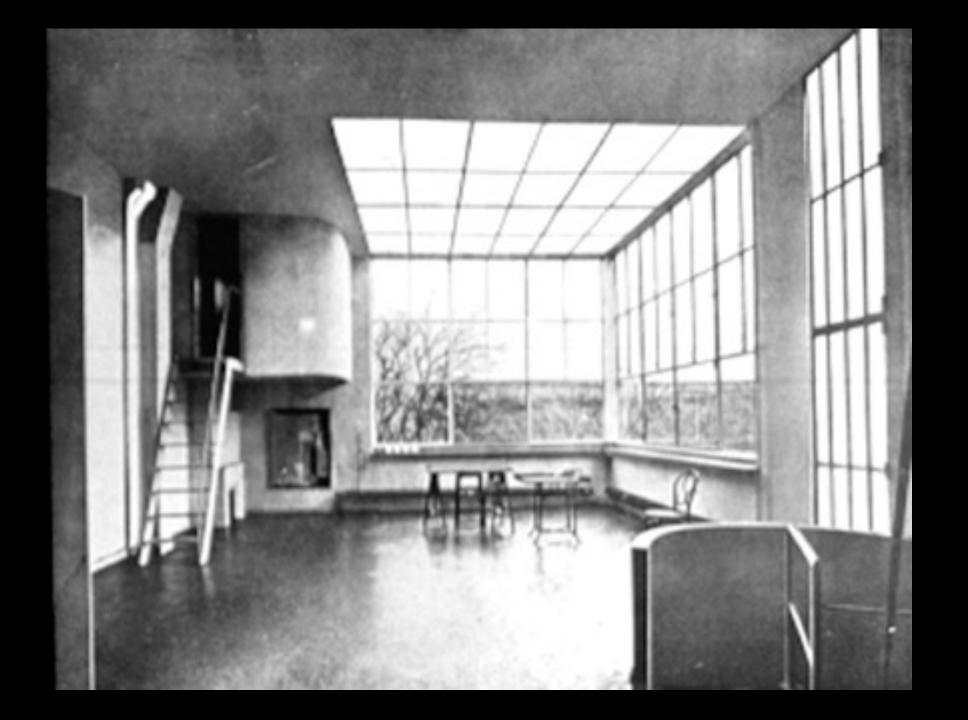


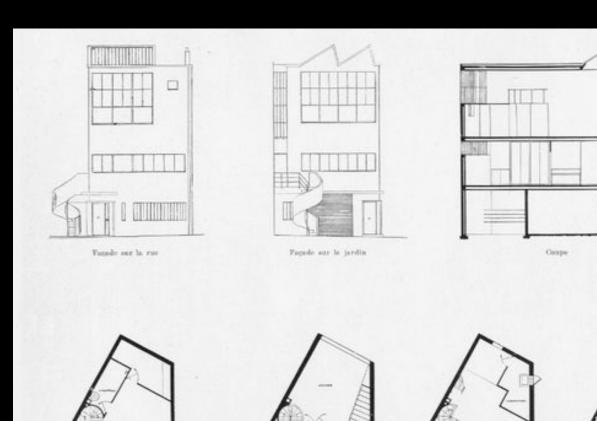
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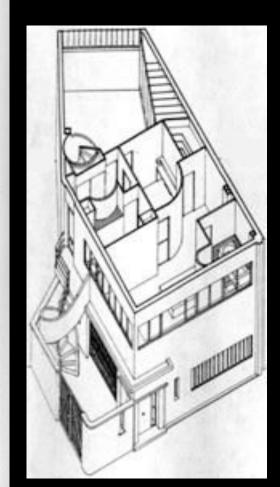


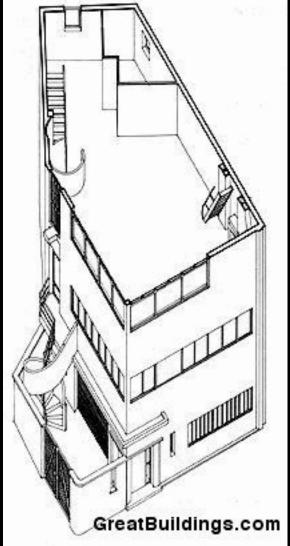


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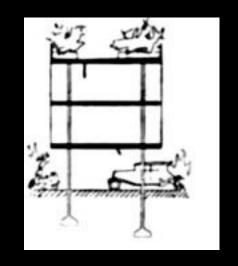
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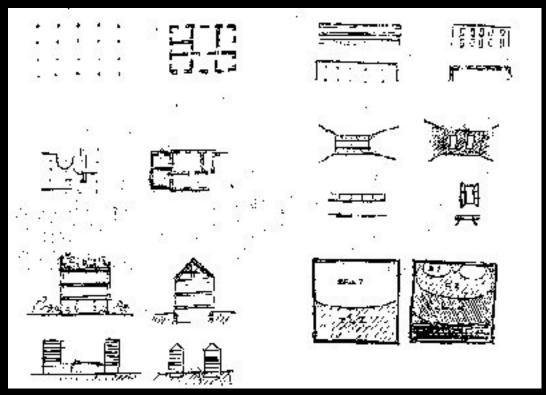




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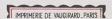
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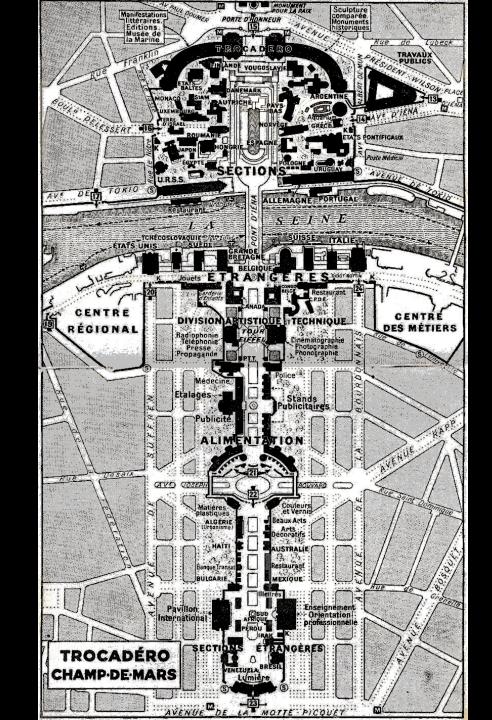
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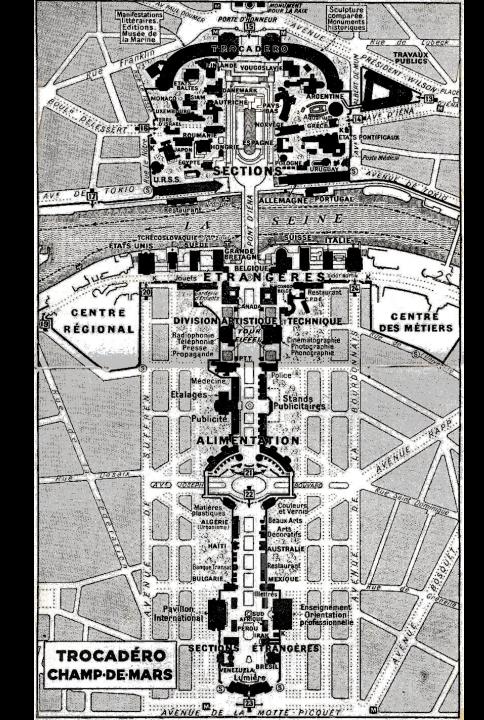




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The exhibition was shaped by France's ambitions in the years immediately after World War I (1914–18). Its aim was to establish the pre-eminence of French taste and luxury goods.

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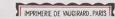


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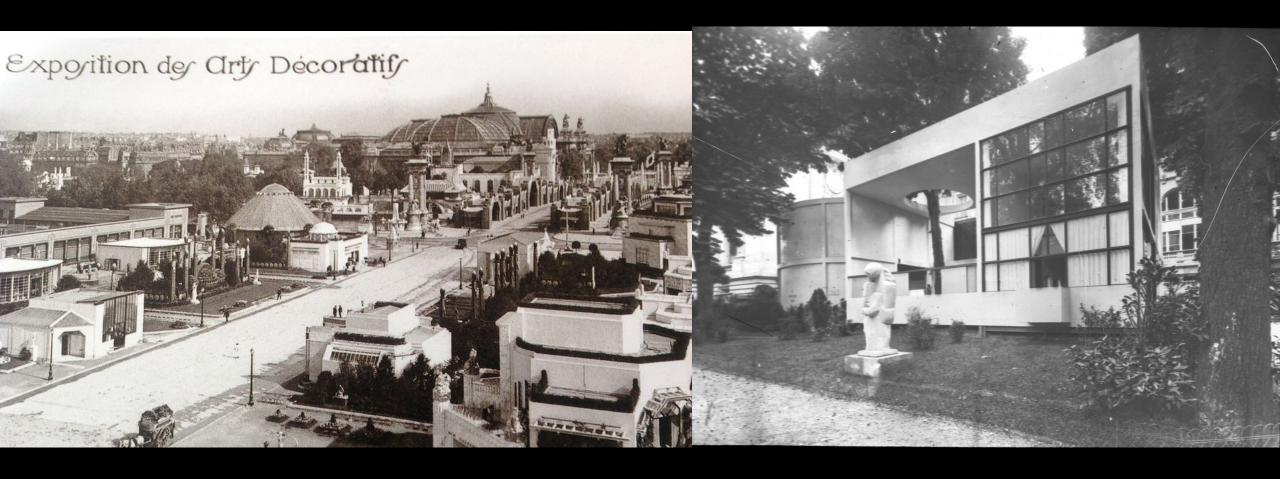


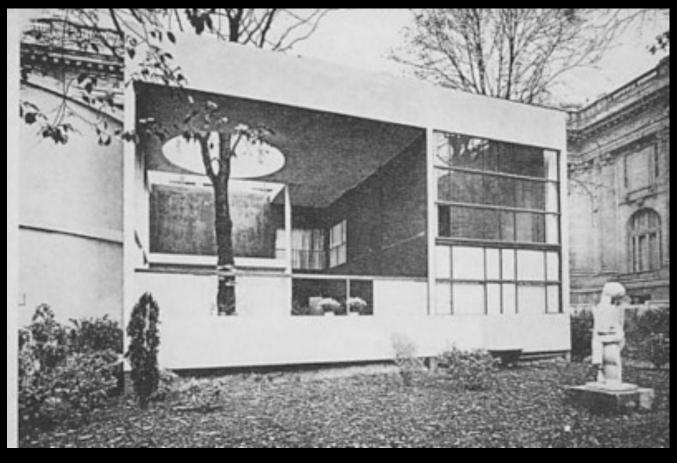


Le Corbusier, The Pavilion de L'Esprit Nouveau, International Exhibition of Decorative Arts in Paris, 1925

The exposition organisers' attitude stems from the participant's reject of decorative art. A four-meter high fence was built around the pavilion to hide it from the public eye, later removed thanks to the intervention of the Minister of Beaux-Arts during the exposition's inauguration.

Exposition Internationale des Arts decoratifs et industriels modernes, Paris, (1925)

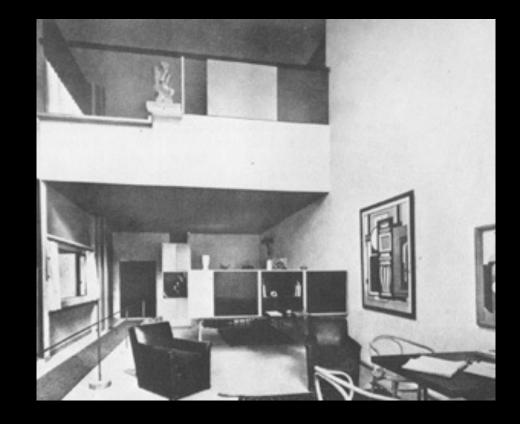


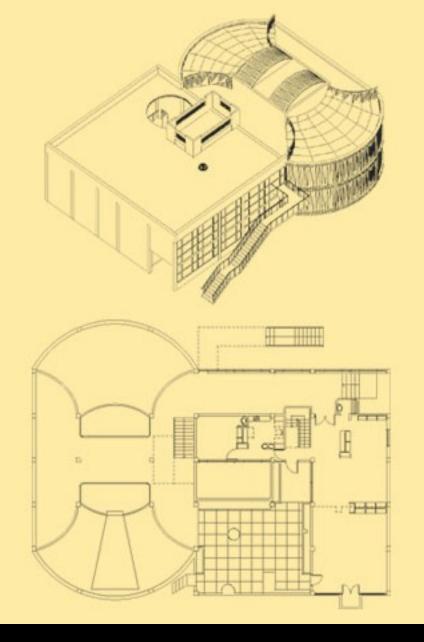


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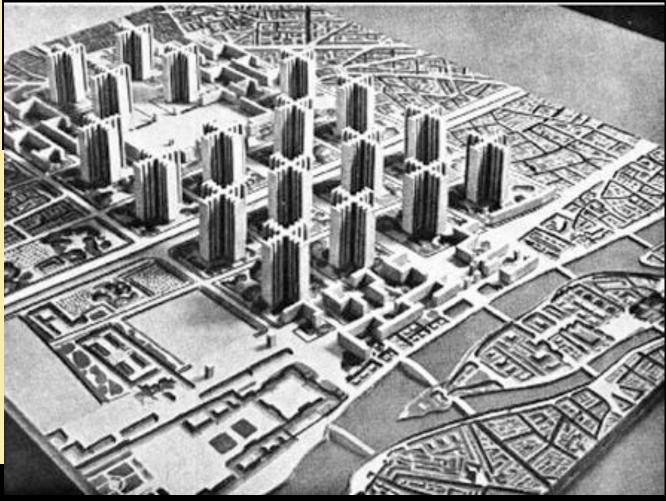
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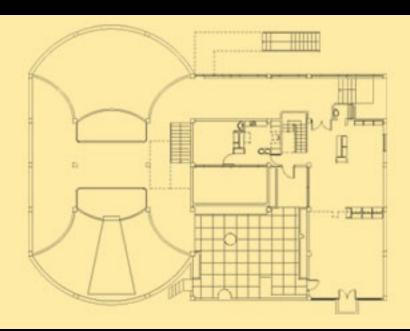
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"Decorative art," Le Corbusier wrote, "as opposed to the machine phenomenon, is the final twitch of the old manual mode, and is a dying thing. Our pavilion will contain only standard things created by industry in factories and mass-produced, truly the objects of today."



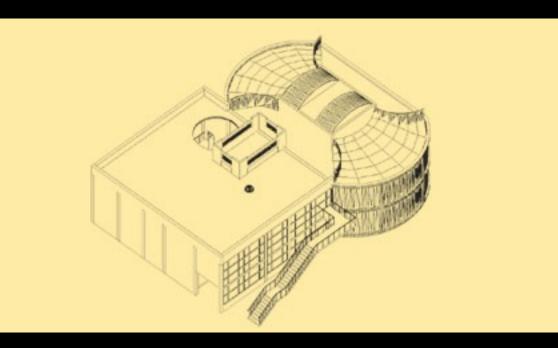
Le Corbusier, Plan Voisin, 1925 – exhibited inside The Pavilion de l'Esprit Nouveau

Two dioramas exhibited, in approximately 100 square meters, the Ville Contemporaine with 3 million inhabitants (1922) and the Plan Voisin (which owes its name to the sponsoring industrial o 1925), which suggested the building of a business city in the urban center of Paris.





Le Corbusier, Plan Voisin, 1925

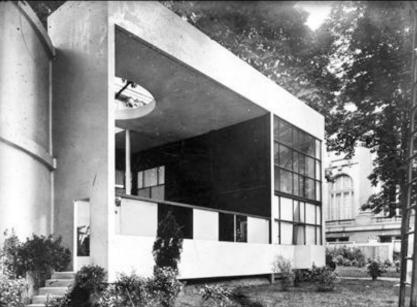




The "Pavillon de l'Esprit Nouveau" at the Paris Exposition des Arts Décoratifs of 1925 was a signal triumph over difficulties. No funds were available, no site was forthcoming, and the Organizing Committee of the Exhibition refused to allow the scheme I had drawn up to proceed. The program of that scheme was as follows, the rejection of decorative art as such, accompanied by an affirmation that the sphere of architecture embraces every detail of household furnishing, the street as well as the house, and a wider world still beyond both. My intention was to illustrate how, by virtue of the selective principle (standardization applied to mass-production), industry creates pure forms; and to stress the intrinsic value of this pure form of art that is the result of it. Secondly to show the radical transformations and structural liberties reinforced concrete and steel allow us to envisage in urban housing - in other words that a dwelling tan be standardized to meet the needs of men whose lives are standardized. And thirdly to demonstrate that these comfortable and elegant units of habitation, these practical machines for living in, could be agglomerated in long, lofty blocks of villa-flats. The "Pavillon de l'Esprit Nouveau" was accordingly designed as a typical cell-unit in just such a block of multiple villa-flats. It consisted of a minimum dwelling with its own roofterrace. Attached to this cell-unit was an annexe in the form of a rotunda containing detailed studies of town-planning schemes; two large dioramas, each a hundred square meters in area, one of which showed the 1922 "Plan for a Modern City of 3,000,000 Inhabitants"; and the other the "Voisin Plan" which proposed the creation of a new business centre in the heart of Paris. On the walls were methodically worked out plans for cruciform skyscrapers, housing colonies with staggered lay-outs, and a whole range of types new to architecture that were the fruit of a mind preoccupied with the problems of the future.

-- Le Corbusier





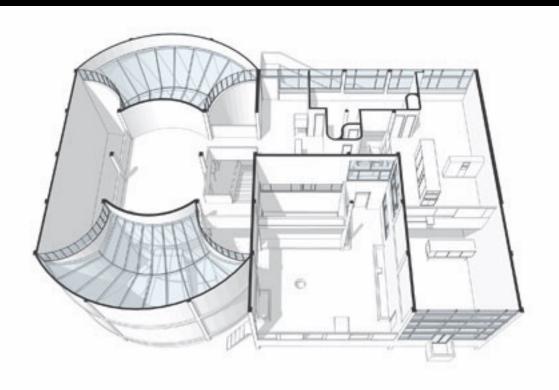




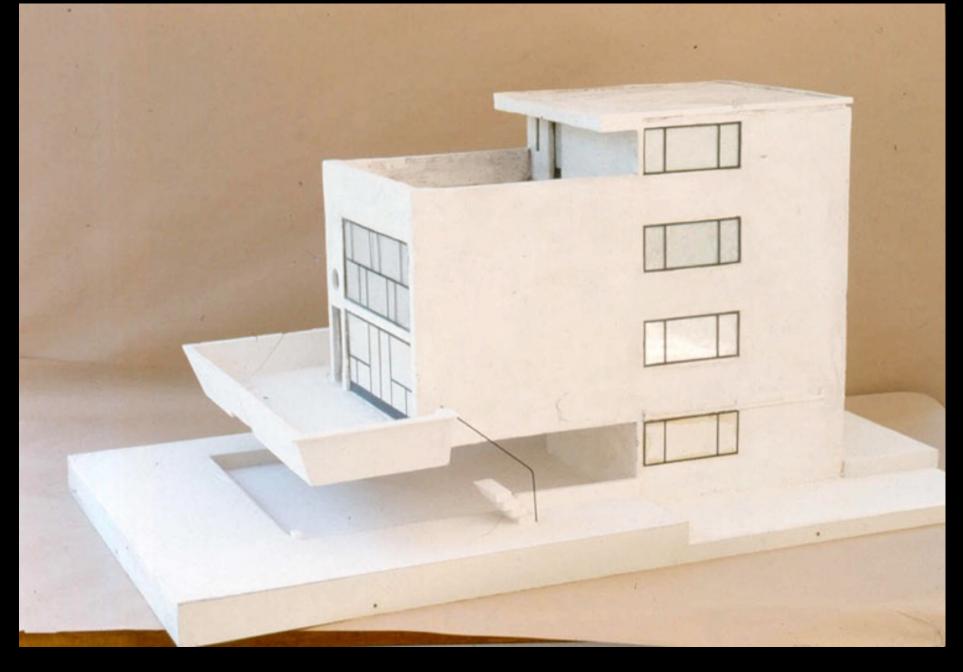












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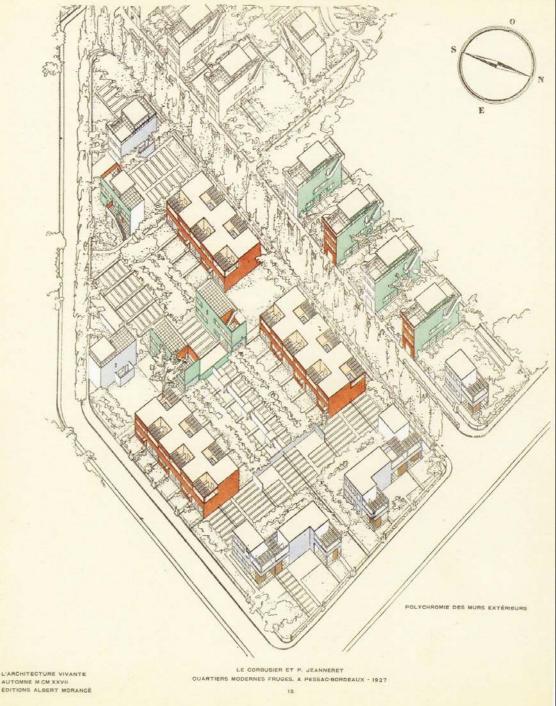
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### Le Corbusier, City of Fruges at Pessac, 1924

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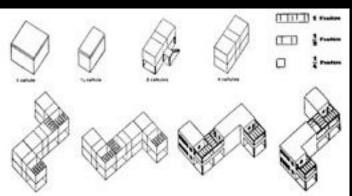






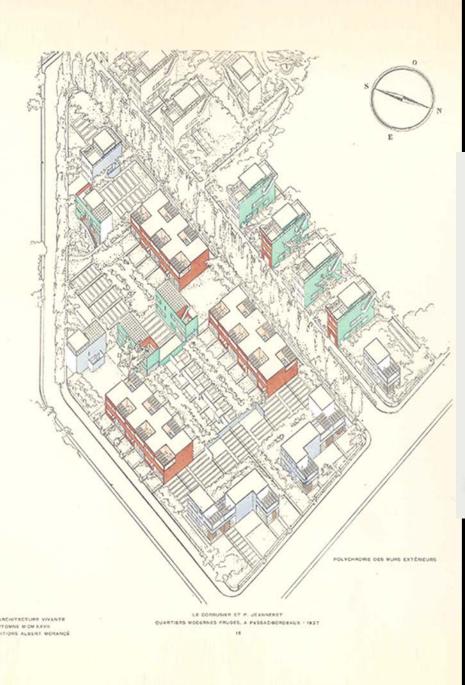




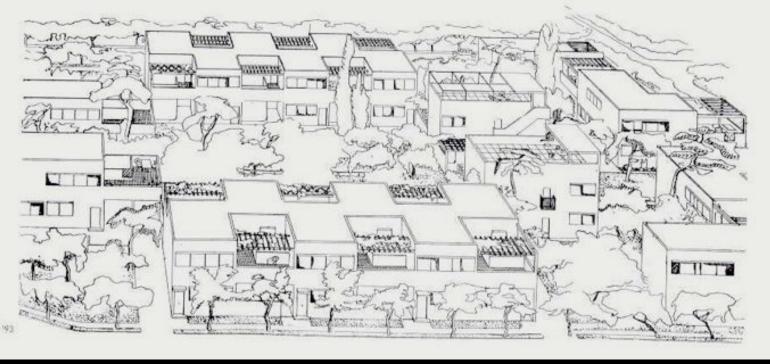


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- City at Fruges in Pessac, a suburb in Bourdeaux built Henry Fruges, an industrialist
- Built for workers, originally conceived 135 houses
- four types: zig-zag, staggered, skyscraper, and arcade polychrome facades
- reinforced concrete construction



Le Corbusier ventured into the use of color — into polychromy, conceived somewhat after the "dazzling" camouflage ships of the First World War. In 1929 he wrote, "We established a standard value: white elevations. Where the rows of houses tended to fuse into an opaque mass, we camouflaged each house; the street facades are thus alternately brown and white. Where a lateral façade is white, the next one is pale green. [Such polychromy] provides an elemental architectural symphony of exceptional physiological power."





Le Corbusier, Villa Roche, Paris, 1923-24



# Maison La Roche 2<sup>ème</sup> étage Maison Jeanneret Maison La Roche Vide sur le hall 1er étage Maison Jeanneret Maison La Roche Rez-de-chaussée



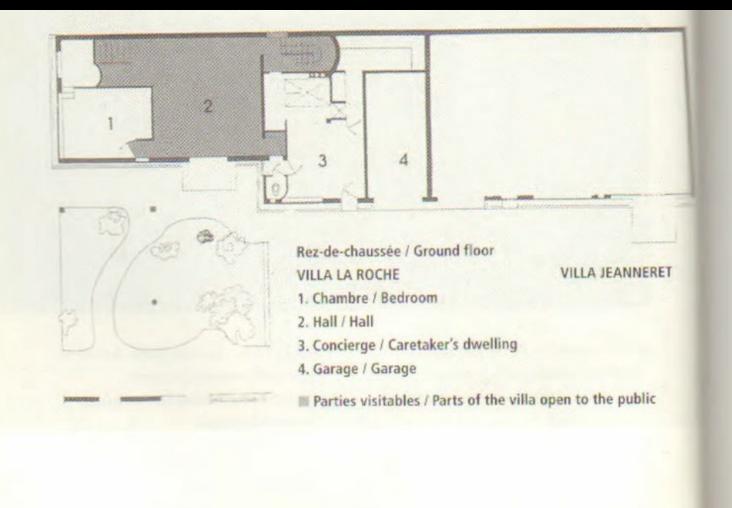


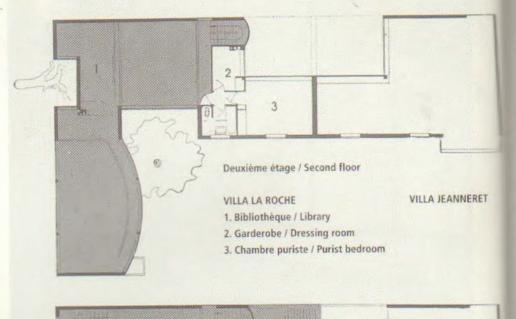
Raum Plan (Adolf Loos)

# 'architectural promenade'



'architectural promenade' was a theme inspired by Le Corbusier's visit to the Acropolis in Athens, Greece in 1911







#### VILLA LA ROCHE PARIS, 1925-1928

AlCHROIS: Le Cobuler & Pierre Jeonneret 10th sAlbits Aboutissement de la « promenade architecturale », la toiture tenasse est traitée en jordin. Un large auvent permet de s'obriter des intempéries, et des écrans coulteants de s'soler des regards des voluirs. PAN dit vittett Stude au-dessus de l'enfrée, le long de la possentie, le grande fenditre du haif laisse pénithrer un flut de lumière nord, danc constante ou cours de la journée, rendant glus vivants les apports de lumière plus chaude, plus vive, provenant notamment de la tenétre sud est du petit haif d'étage.

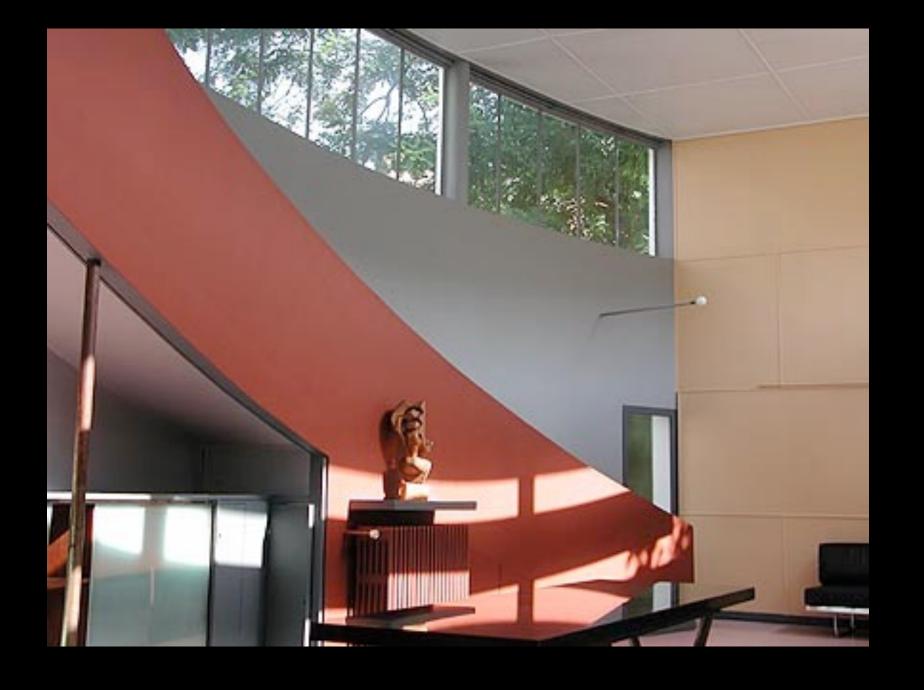
CHAMBIT PURSIT. Le dépoullement de la chambre de Rooul La Roche renvoie à l'admiration qu'éprouve Le Cotouler pour les celules de la Chartreuse d'Erna, près de Florence, qu'il découvrit en 1907.

SALLE A MANGER La ferrètre en longueur ossure une réportition équitable de la lumière dans la pièce. De plus, elle est souvent coupière avec une solution de rongement, comme le bandaou de béton, peint en blanc pour renvoyer la lumière vers le plotond, La porte d'accès à la tenasse est vitrée pour « alser chercher le solie! » ou sud. GALTRE DE TABUTATIX A lo fois espace d'exposition de peinfure outilité et putilité et soon. Le Corbusier y conjugue pour la première fois dives éléments de son vocabulaire plasfique : la courbe, la rampe et la fenêtre en bande. L'exploitation de la double houteur par l'adjanction d'une messanine enschit la volumétrie.

BBUORIDATE Le Corbusier foit de nouveou oppet à la polychromia pour délimiter le volume de la bibliofhèque. La disposition en redon laisse pénétier une lumière nord baignant le mur blanc alors qu'un éclairage sérithal inonde l'espace d'une lumière vive. Depuis le mur d'acrotère en magainneile, qui set ou progement des livres, on découvre le volume du hait dans une spectroutione vue plangeante.

distantib HALL. De port et d'autre du hoil, qui se développe sur une triple houteur, un double jeu de circulations verificates tescalent et horizonnotes (countres) permet la multiplication des points de vue. Une passerelle relie la zone « publique » (galerie de tableaux et bibliothèque) à la zone » privée » (salle à manger et chambre à coucher). Par le volume bas qu'ette impose à l'entrée, ette renforce l'aspect grandiose du hoil. Espace central où s'articule la » promenade aux l'étée que » Cette moison pourrait être un polots ».

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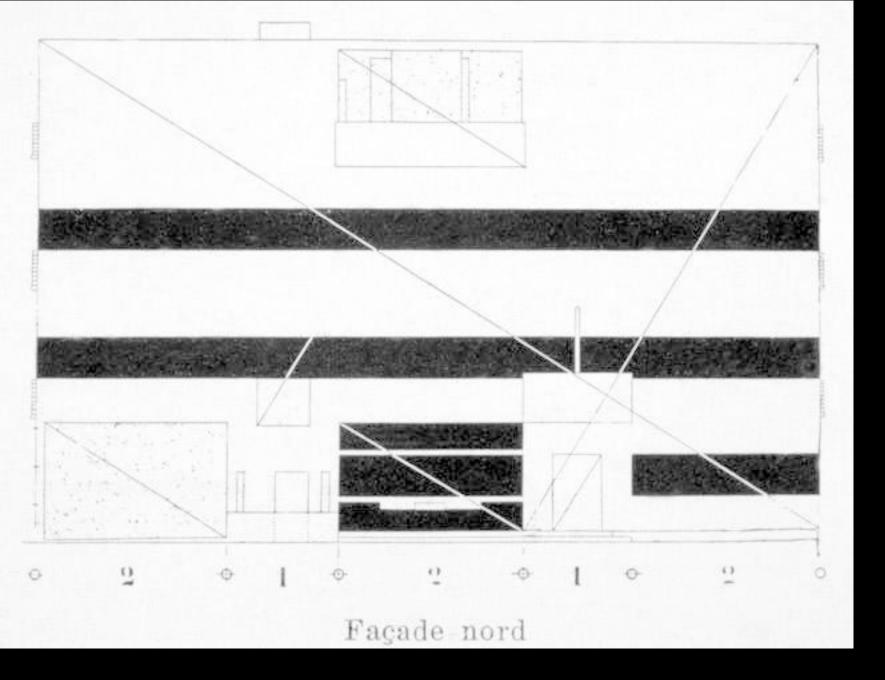


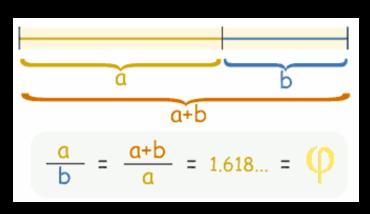




Le Corbusier, Villa Stein de Monzies, Garches, 1927



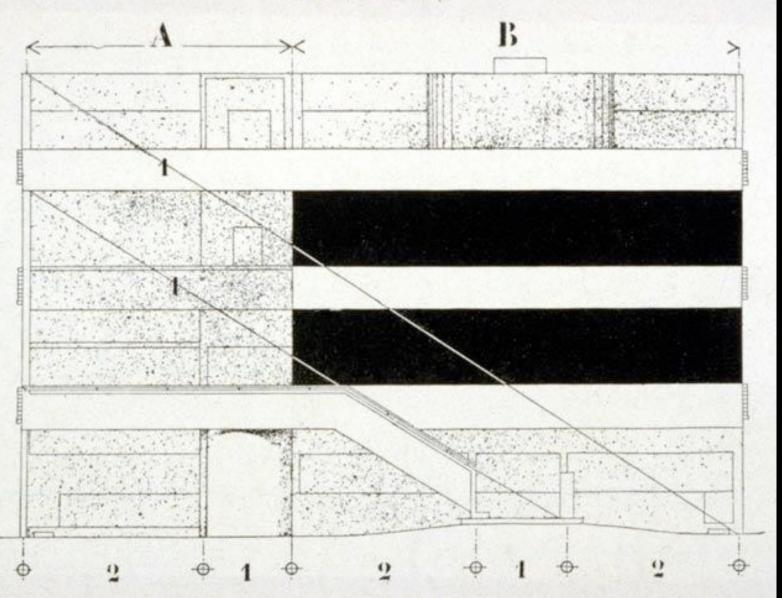




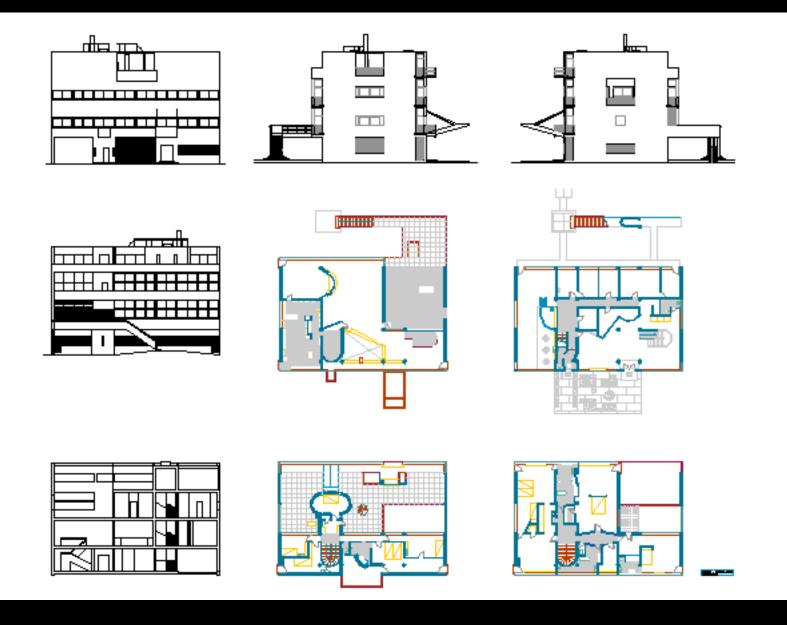
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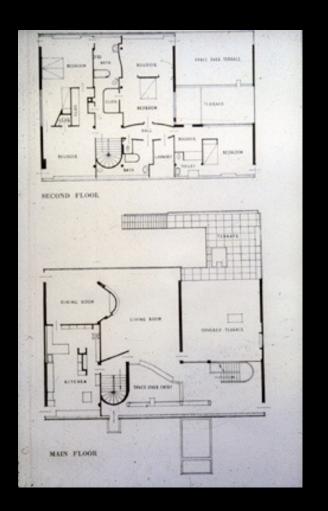


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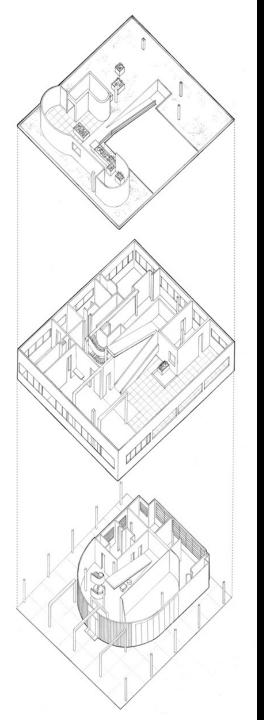
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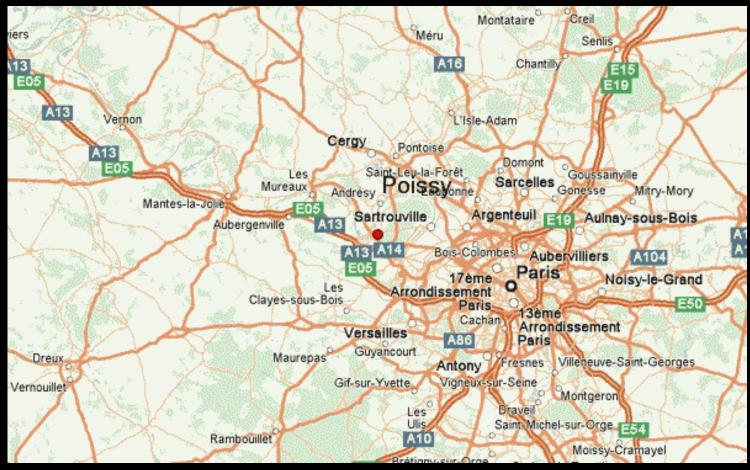


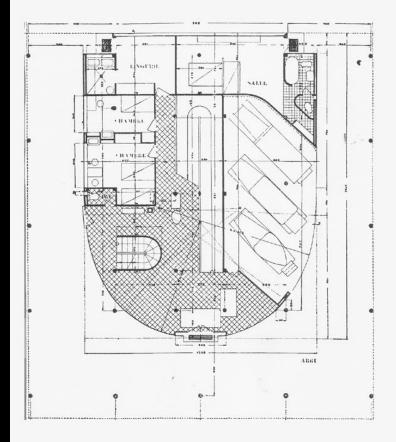


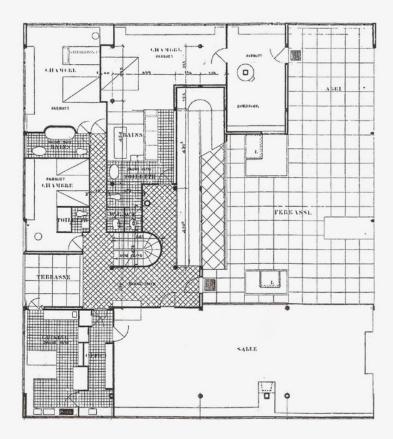
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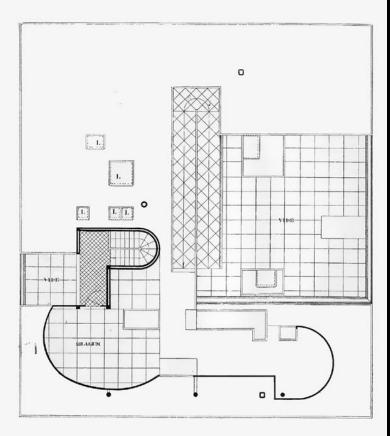


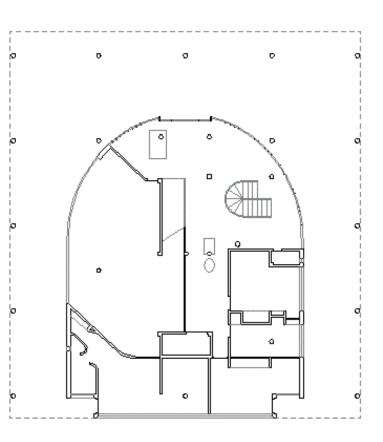


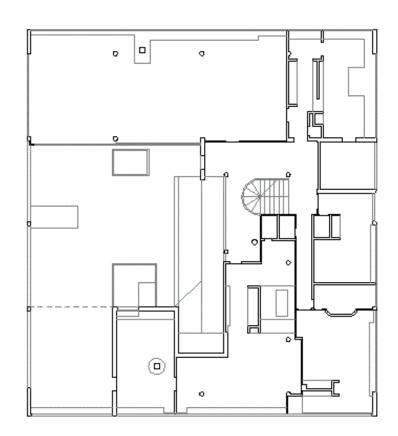


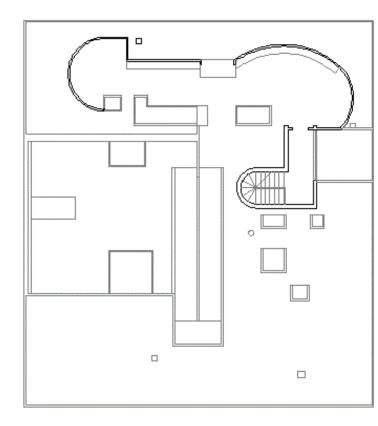




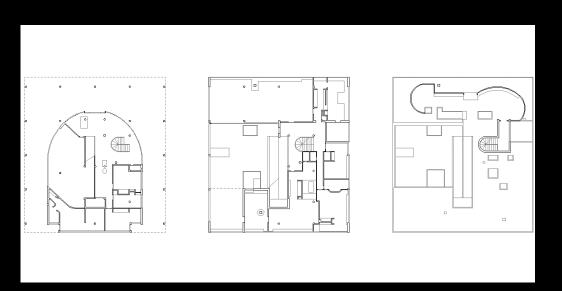




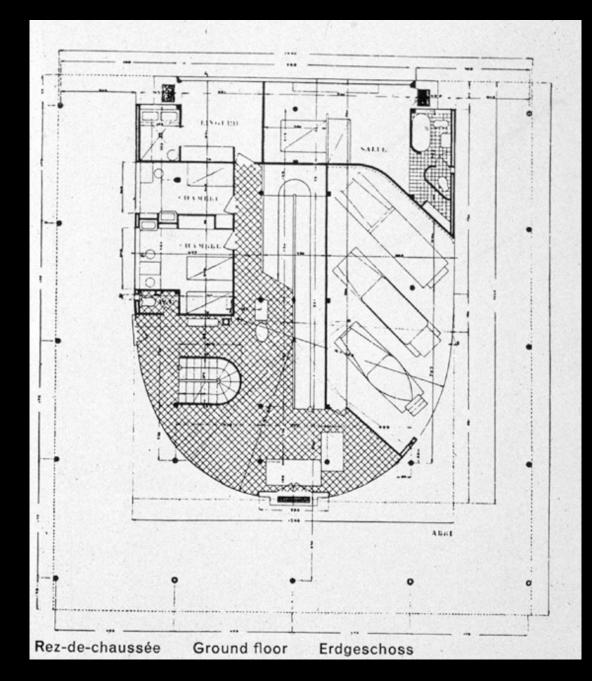


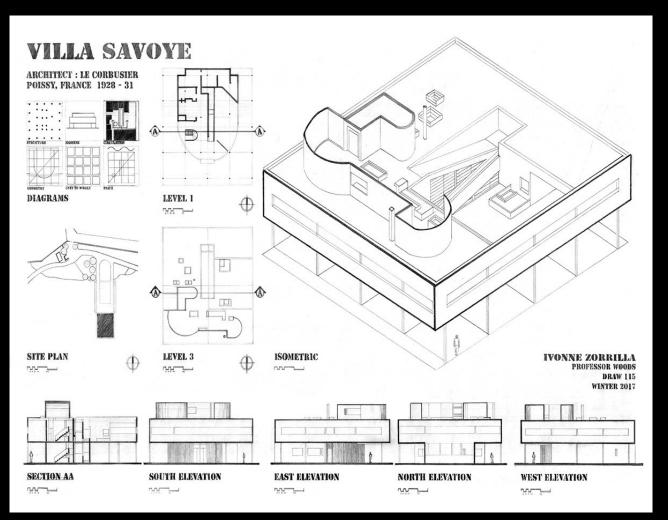


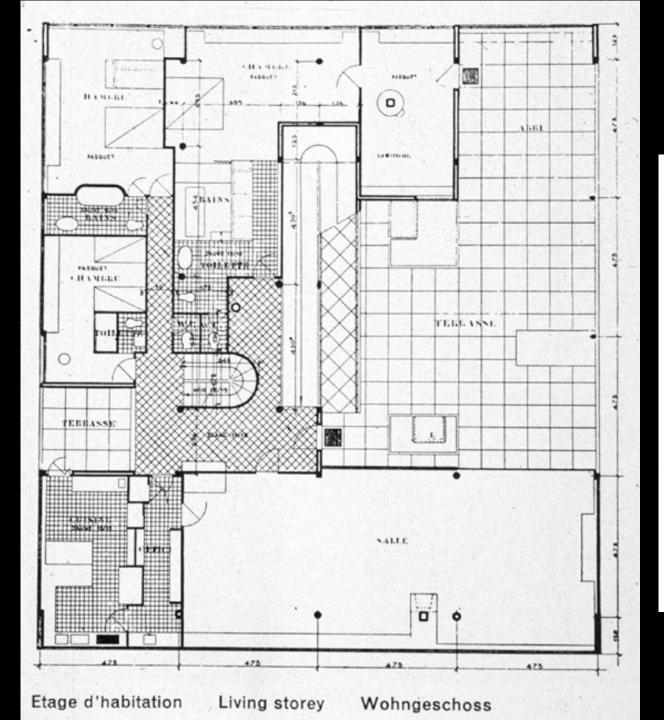
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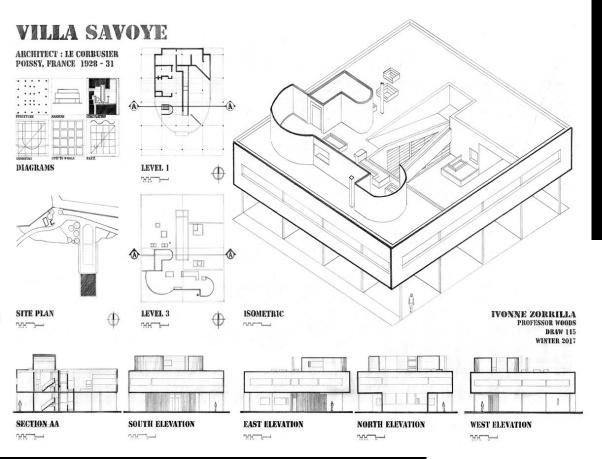


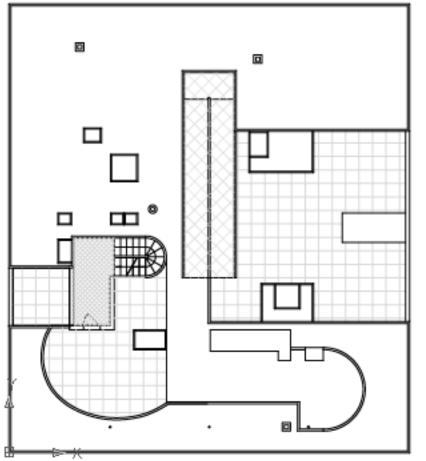


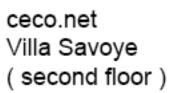


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