

The fine exhibition of "shape-bricks," in great variety, merits special notice. The drawings appended render description superfluous. They are from originals furnished by the company. Architects and those interested in construction will see at a glance what possibilities in decorative construction such bricks afford. They are of great importance, economically considered, in forming angles and corners, and should be extensively used in the United States, where attempts at such manufacture are few and far between. The use of such forms in our public buildings, railway stations, etc., with or without terra-cotta slabs and ornaments, could not fail to powerfully influence public taste, thus imperceptibly but surely promoting art-culture among the people.

The hollow-tongued and grooved wall or casing brick (Fig. 59) would make a light wall of great strength, and is probably well adapted to partitions.

All of these drawings have been reduced to one-twentieth, but the little scale reduced equally with them will indicate the sizes:—

