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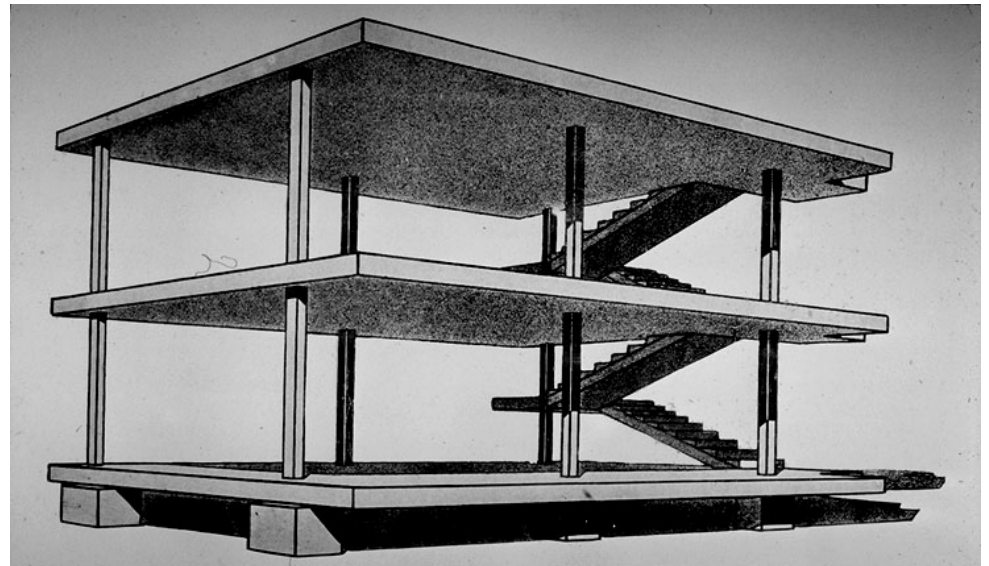
European Modernist Prefabricated Homes

Maison Citrohan, 1920
Le Corbusier



Stahlhaus, 1926
Dessau, Germany
Walter Gropius

Dom-ino House, 1914
Le Corbusier



American Prefabricated Homes



THE **LUSTRON** HOME
A Heap of Cheerful Living in this
New Idea of Home



The Lustron Corporation,
1948-50



Sears, Roebuck & Co. Modern Homes,
1908-1940

Thomas Edison single-pour concrete houses,
1911, Gary, Indiana



General Houses, Inc. Steel Prefabricated Housing

Rendering of sample steel house

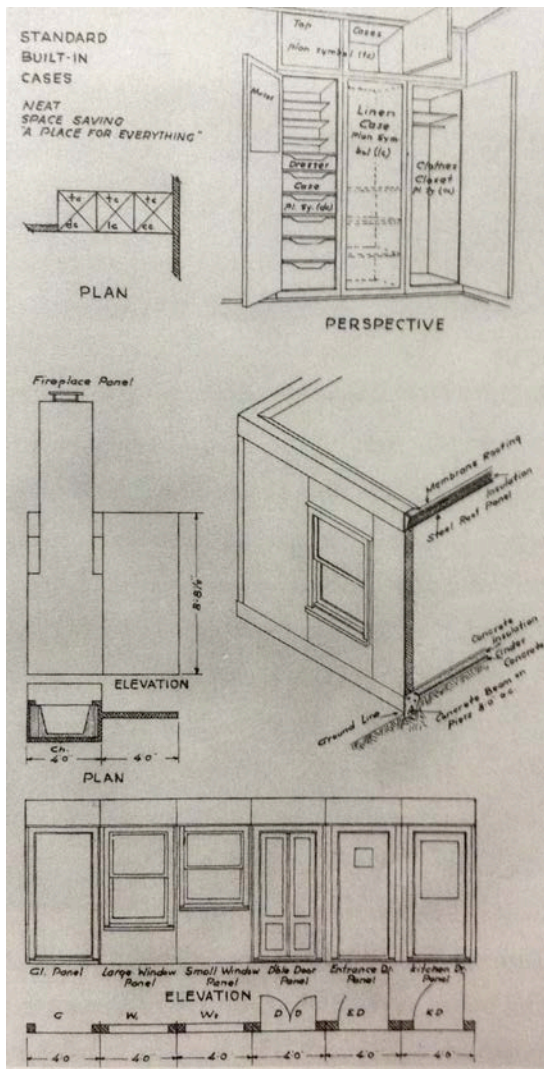
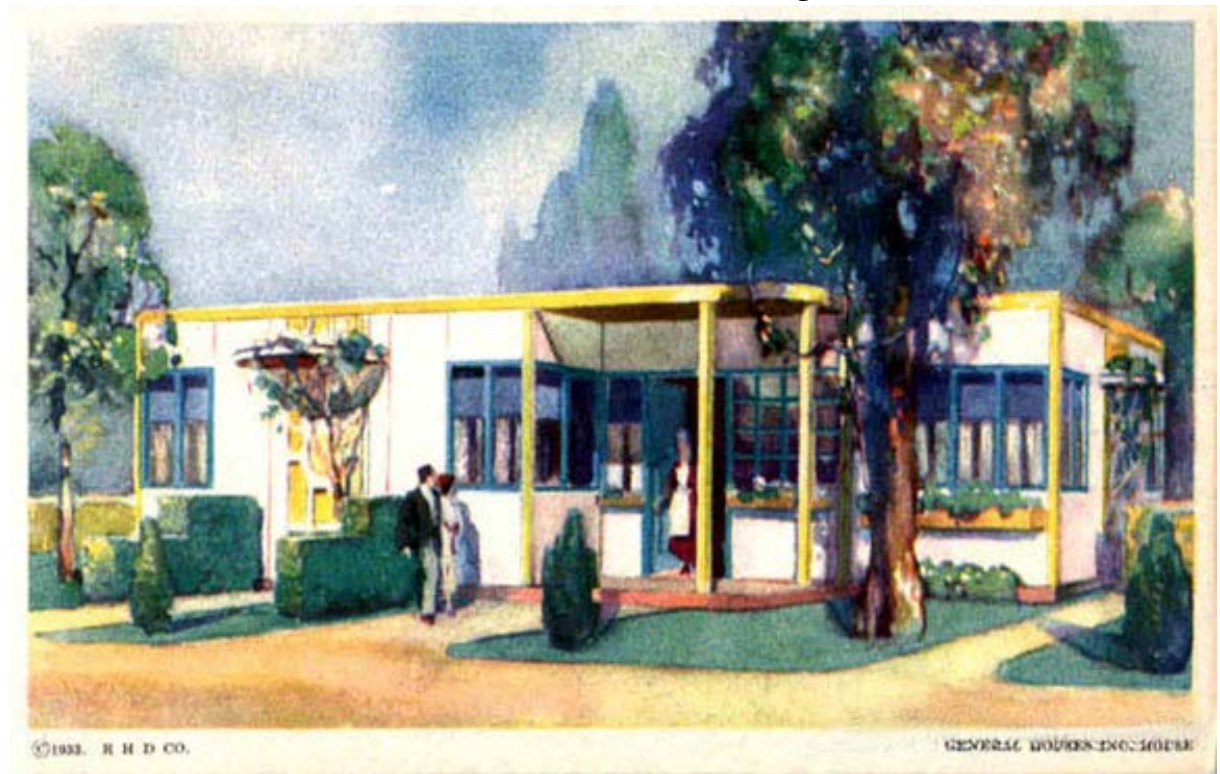


Diagram of standardized Interchangeable components



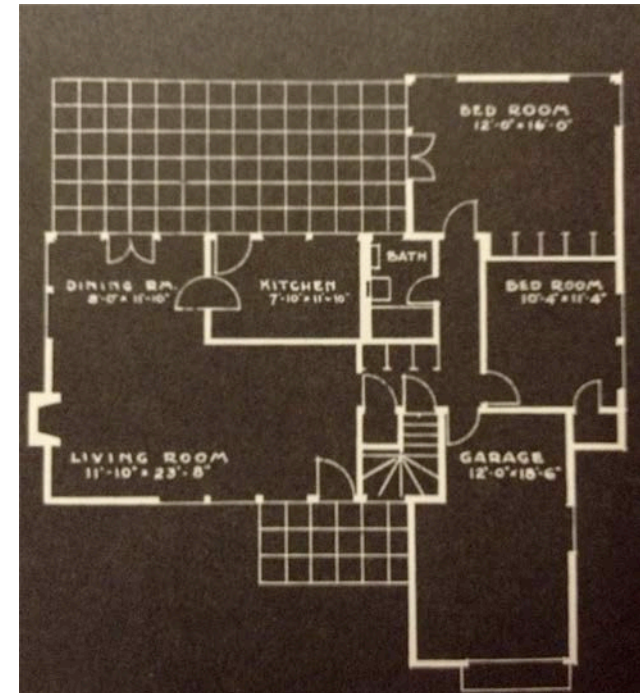
Homes by General Houses



Ruth Page House, 1929
Winnetka, Illinois



General Houses home in River Forest, Illinois



Floor plan for exhibition house at
The 1933 Chicago World's Fair
Century of Progress exhibit

The Connecticut College Steel House



The Steel House, Spring 2013

The Steel House, Fall 2011

Back of Steel House before restoration



Damage to the garage roof



Restoration Process



Prefabrication Today



ecoMOD THRU House, 2008-10
Charlottesville, Virginia

Digitally Fabricated
Housing for New Orleans

