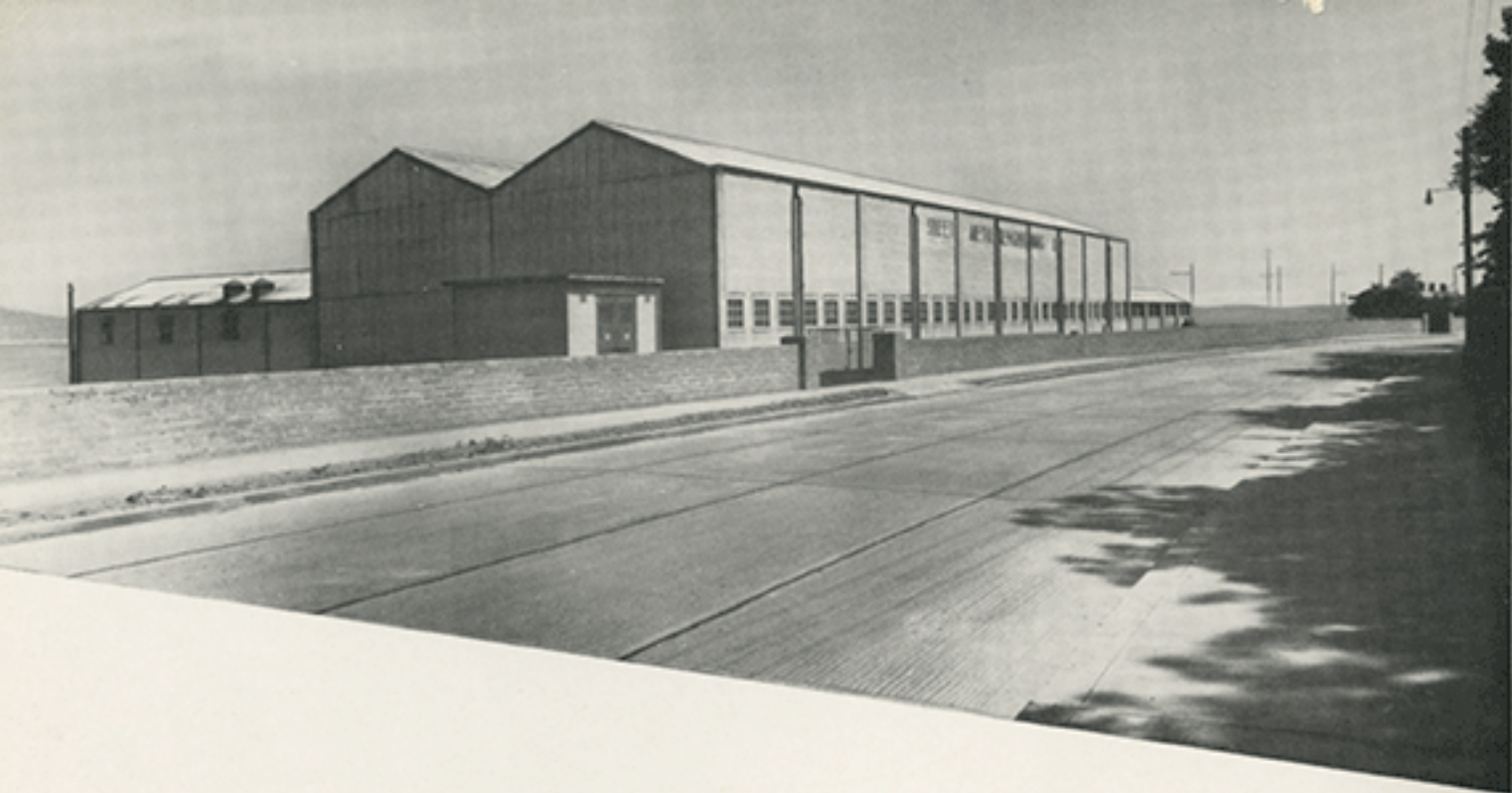




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Sheet Metal

Introduction

HERE, IN THESE PAGES, is steel furniture *planned for a purpose*—lighter and easier to handle than wood, yet strong, rustproof and enduring, easily cleaned with no upkeep problems, and introducing a new note of warmth and colour of finish. Furniture bearing the world-famous Dutch name of GISPEN—a name with which Sheet Metal Engineering Ltd. is proud to be associated in Ireland.

For nearly forty years, Gispén have pioneered the design of steel furniture for office, factory, and home *according to the job it must perform*. A business executive, for example, will write in a typist's chair; and woe betide the secretary who must try to type from a chair suitable for the manager—or, indeed, for the office boy! Again, shelf units used for mail sorting and despatch will not suit the stock rooms of an engineering store; and to seat a typist at an accountant's desk is a waste of both money and floor space.

Full thought is given to all these problems in every article of furniture that leaves the Gispén-SME designer's drawing board. It's worth a little extra thought and—in only a few instances—a little extra money to obtain attractive furnishings that more than repay their cost in greater staff efficiency, comfort, and unmatched endurance.

We invite you, then, to look through the wide range of furniture illustrated and described in this booklet—and to consult us, or our stockists, without obligation, on your own particular needs.

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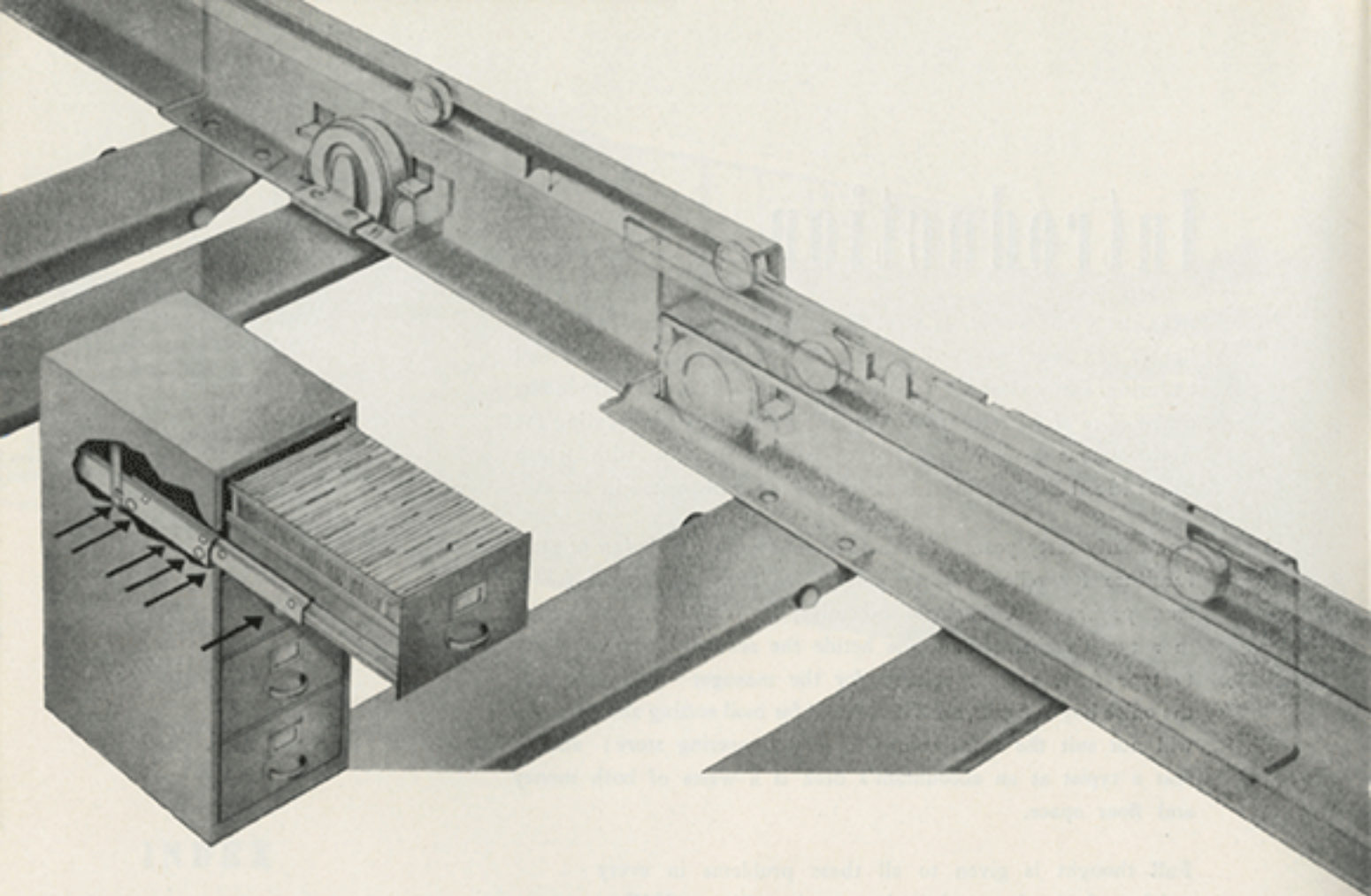
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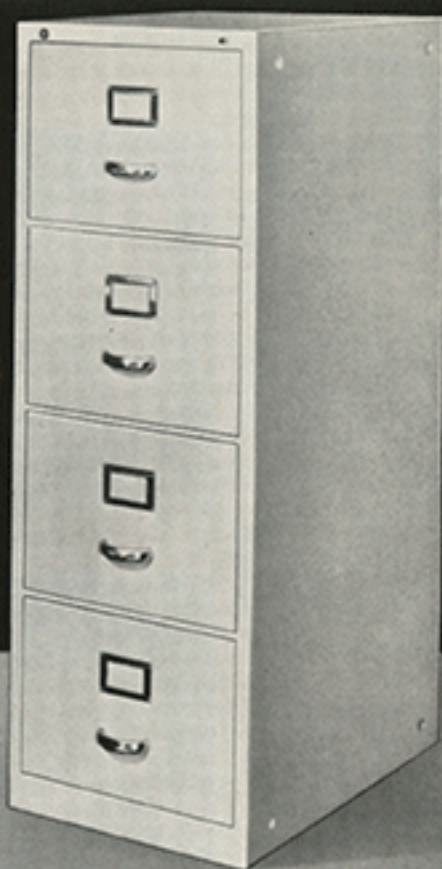
Engineering Ltd.



—Filing-cabinets—

HERE'S a Filing Cabinet that will not jam, and cannot be "slammed" shut by even the most energetic secretary! The new Gispin-SME "T-System" ensures absolutely smooth, quiet opening and closing of drawers that have high load-bearing capacity. Telescopic channel slides, cadmium-plated for long life, move on sets of fourteen *nylon* rollers, eliminating all need of messy lubrication. An ingenious "brake" slows down the drawer as it closes against tough plastic buffers.

All well-known types of filing systems—both suspension and upright—can be fitted to these Cabinets. Drawers are secured by one cylindrical lock. Two or more Cabinets can be set neatly together by virtue of special knobs and depressions in the sheet steel sides.



		HEIGHT	WIDTH	DEPTH
4 drawers	Foolscap	53"	19"	28"
	Quarto	53"	16 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	28"
2 drawers	Foolscap	28 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	19"	28"
	Quarto	28 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	16 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	28"

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desks

The economy and efficiency, indeed the very life of an office, revolves around its desks—whether for executive, clerk, or typist. In choosing each desk according to the job it must perform there are four essential points to bear in mind; and in each of these, Gispén-SME desks excel:

- *Desk-tops* are covered in attractive and durable green lino, paper-based for perfect cushioning effect, and trimmed at edges with strong white nylon. On a Gispén-SME desk top, the hand never touches metal.
- *Space* is foremost in the Gispén-SME design motto, "Planned for a Purpose." Each desk has ample top area for its function and, while providing more than adequate drawer and leg room, occupies a minimum of floor space.
- *Colour and finish* are a perfect blend of the practical and the attractive.
- *Drawers* run smoothly and are fitted with locks where required; various sizes, including deep filing drawer, can be obtained according to the desk model chosen, as also extension leaves.

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points in their advantage

DESK "HIGH EXECUTIVE"

DIMENSIONS :

Width : 67"
Depth : 33"
Height : 30"



DESK "MANAGEMENT"

DIMENSIONS :

Width : 63"
Depth : 33"
Height : 30"



DESK "SECRETARY"

DIMENSIONS :

Width : 47"
Depth : 33"-27"
Height : 30"



DESK "STANDARD"

DIMENSIONS :

Width : 47"
Depth : 33"
Height : 30"





President Desk

BIG DECISIONS—and the right decisions, if furnishings have anything to do with it—are made at a desk like The "President"! Here is the zenith of Gispén-SME design for office comfort and efficiency. Shaped in a gentle curve that enhances any office suite, the President is beautifully appointed: all six drawers (two deep ones for private and "top-level" files) run on smooth, quiet rollers, and can be locked; one is fitted with separations for pencils, stamps, paper-clips, etc., and another for different kinds of stationery.

The whole unit is executed in green lino and white trim, with baked-enamel body. Truly the ideal desk for the man who values the setting, and working conditions, in which he meets top-level responsibilities.

6 DIMENSIONS: Width: 6' 10". Depth: 3' 5". Height: 30".



Other desks and tables

And here's the whole range of Gispin-SME Office Desks from which the wise administrator can choose for himself and his staff. Each of the twenty-one units illustrated is designed to meet certain specific working needs. With such scope in size, function, and drawer-space, we can confidently claim to provide every type of executive, clerical and typing desk. We will gladly advise on suitable units to meet your needs—without any obligation.

Here, too, is the standard range of office tables—both for conference and general administration. All table tops are covered in lino and trimmed with nylon. The Conference Table has varnished column-type legs with cast aluminium feet, wood-tipped underneath. General-purpose Tables are built to take all the weight and wear normal office work entails, with sturdy legs and rigid assembly.



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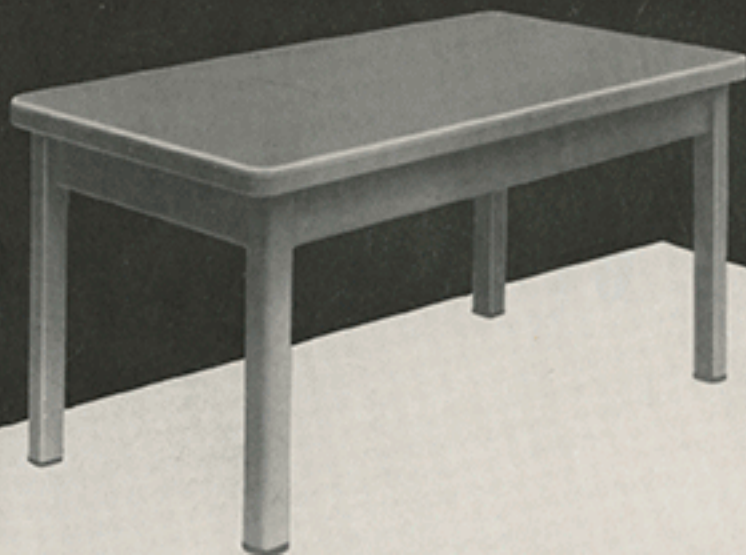
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CHAIR "HIGH EXECUTIVE"



CHAIR "SECRETARY"



CHAIR "STANDARD"

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH has definitely proved that *poor* seating is responsible for an astonishing proportion of inefficiency and low morale in offices. The typist needs perfect height adjustment to her machine, and adequate back support; the clerical worker needs a chair that enables him to work *on* his desk, not at the edge of it; the executive needs relaxing comfort of an altogether different kind.

Gispén-SME designers have therefore concentrated on work-improving "sitting qualities" in the chairs shown on these pages. There are chairs with adjustable height, or back—or both (and note: once adjusted by a very simple arrangement, all Gispén-SME chairs can revolve without increasing or decreasing seat height). There are corduroy-covered chairs with sponge rubber cushions and bakelite arm supports, or cleanly executed in smooth wood; and simple four-point chairs, or those designed for greater spring in the legs. Another point of great importance is the protection of floors by choosing the right chair legs. We will gladly advise.

Below, for the executive who really values his working comfort, is the unique Gispén-SME office armchair—a world-famous contribution to office furniture. Please ask us about this magnificent chair; it would take an entire page to describe its qualities.



CHAIR "PRESIDENT"



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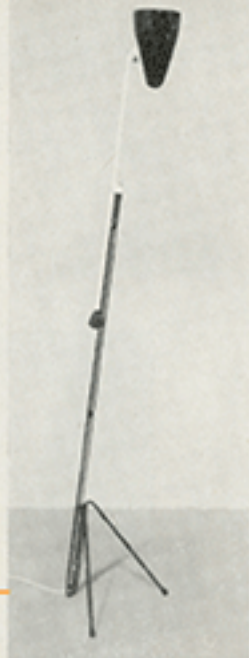


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Contemporary furnit





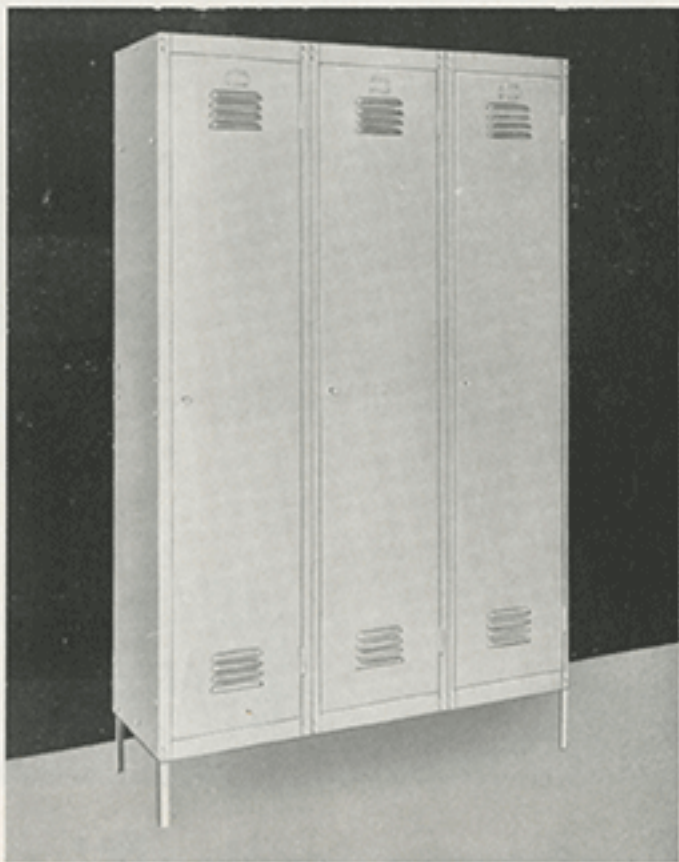
ure for home and office

Light in appearance, yet strong and practical . . . simply but harmoniously finished in modern colour styling . . . comfortable and functional without occupying exorbitant floor space—these were the ideas Gispén-SME had in mind when this suite of modern home furnishings was designed. Since then, owners in many countries have reported great satisfaction with each article.

You too will like the restraint of design—the fact that all the tested ideas of modern interior decoration are incorporated without any “outlandish” results. Let us show you these chairs and tables, lamps and combination shelf unit; you’ll be surprised how reasonably they’re priced !



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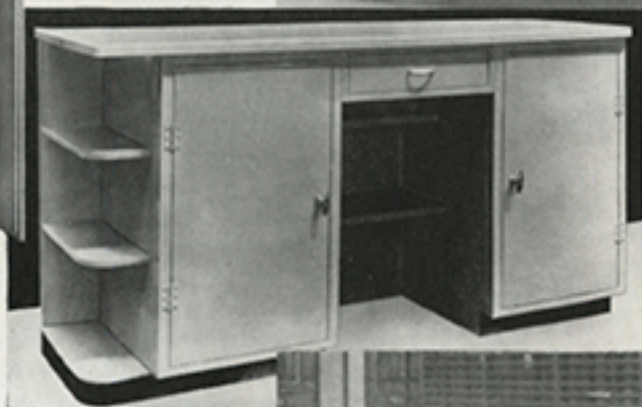
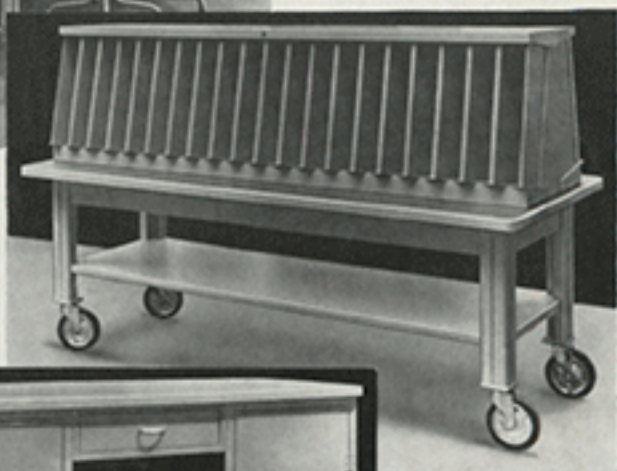
Lockers

3 Standard Sizes

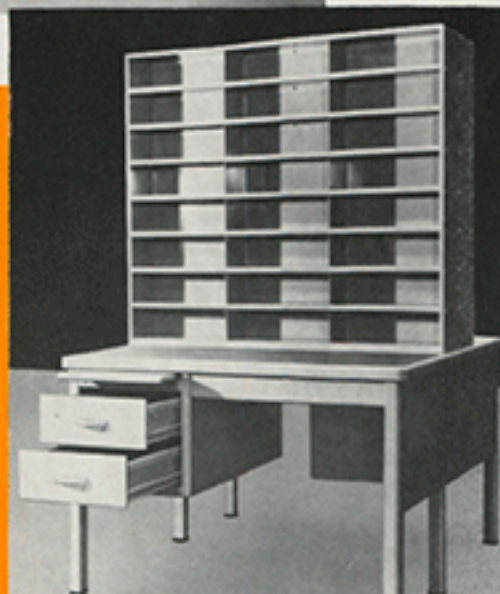
TYPE	HEIGHT	WIDTH	DEPTH
1	6'	12"	12"
2	6'	15"	15"
3	6'	18"	18"

Nothing "tinny" about these lockers, solidly constructed in sheet steel! For factory, office, sports pavilion or school, this three-compartment unit is the perfect answer to property-storage problems. Each compartment is ventilated, and each door has its own sturdy cylindrical lock. Strong shelves are at just the right height for storage of boots, shoes etc., underneath; and there are fittings for clothes-hanging bars if required.

YOUR IDEAS . . .



. . . OUR EXECUTION!



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Shelving

Haphazard storage of stock, spare parts, consignments awaiting despatch etc., can wreck all efforts at efficiency elsewhere in the business. SME has already solved the storage problems of many and varied Irish concerns with these rugged steel shelf units. They can be supplied to any dimension in height, depth, length and number of compartments; they are adjustable, and easy to assemble.

The photographs on these two pages show examples of shelving installed by us for well-known organisations. Below, for example, you will see no less than three different shelf sizes, planned for specific purposes. Note the clean, harmonious lines, and maximum use of storage space by front-to-back construction.

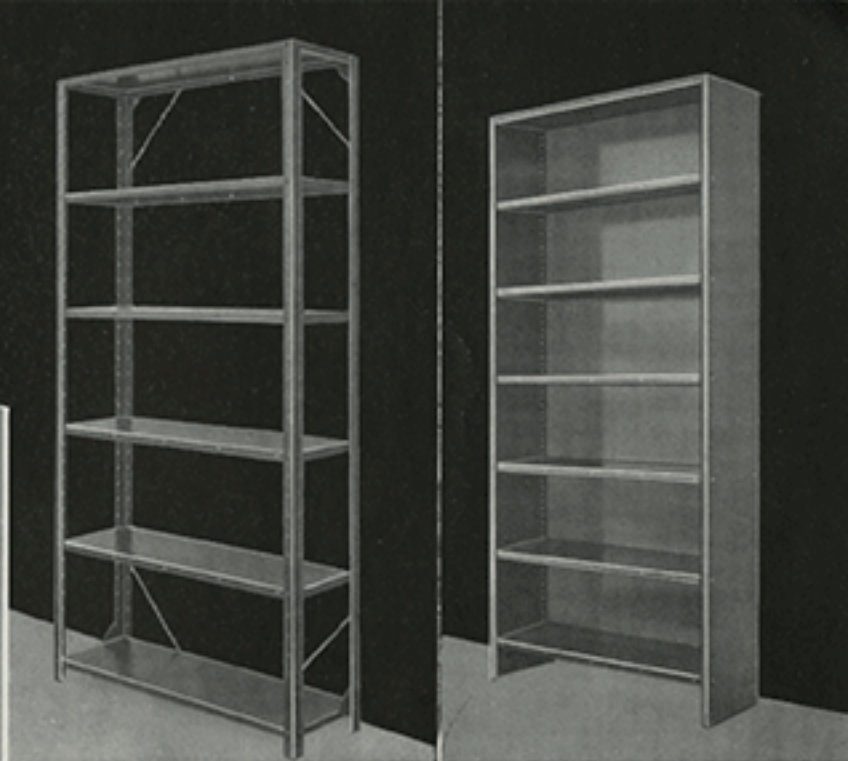
We will advise on your storage needs, and furnish plans and quotations, without obligation.





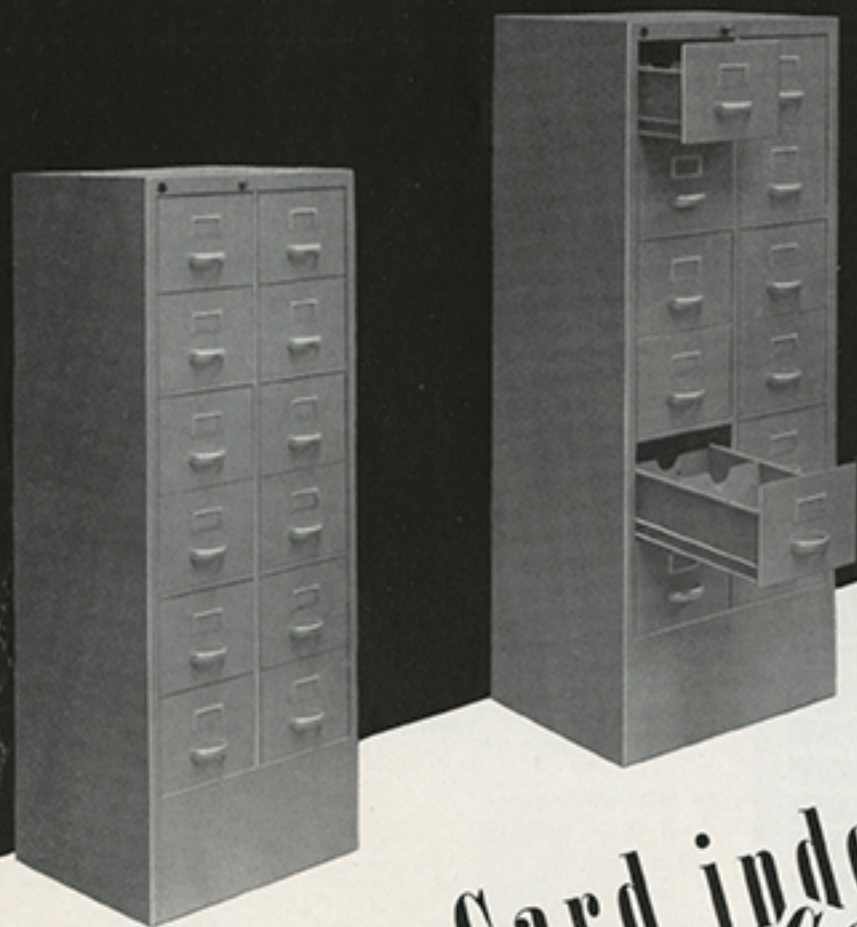
FOR THOSE
SMALL PARTS . . .

MOBILE SHELVING
SAVES VALUABLE
FLOOR SPACE



TYPICAL STANDARD UNITS





Card index *cabinets*

The business world now abounds with the stories of firms, here and abroad, that made astonishing improvements in efficiency and economy of paperwork through the use of **card index systems**. Quick reference to sales contacts . . . compact and easily handled personnel records . . . address and publications catalogues simplified—these and many other routine business problems are made easy when “it’s all on the cards!”

Depending on your requirements—on which we will be glad to offer advice—there are Gispin-SME Card Index Cabinets of every size, from one drawer to thirty. They are designed to hold all standard size index cards. The drawers slide on smooth channels, and have easily adjustable card supports to keep each entry vertical until the drawer is full. Each drawer has an attractive handle and neat label holder. Vertical-filing cabinets can be fitted with a central locking system for complete security.

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST—we present our “sundries” . . . handy pieces of equipment executed in the same high-quality steel, and the same pleasing finish. For desk trays, there are the sturdy sheet steel units in the modern (and, by the way, far cleaner) manner. And have a look at the SME waste-paper basket—solid, spacious, in sheet metal with rubber corners to protect both furniture *and* nylons! We enjoy producing these accessories; and our customers enjoy using them.



Last, but not least



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