Ingenious Building Feats Possible With Clay Bits

thousand other tions? Is a med-lum of art and a conveyor of hatory? Is found outside, or inside, the most most an most extravagant buildings; and affined daily is looked at, step-ped on, leaned against or ast upon by nearly everybody? Give pp? It's brick, the para-doxically humble lump of fired lay which British Architect Sir Basil Spence called "the best prefabricated building pro-duct ever devised by man," and which the Encyclopedia Bri-tannica liabeled the "most re-markable" structural material in use.

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tions has been learned by study-ing brick rulns.

RIGHT NOW, brick is en-joying a "renaissance" that is itself something of a para-dox: Home owners are employ-KITCHENS
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The resistant, it's disc broxpensive.

Never in its 9,000-year hisnover in its 9,000-year hisnover in its 9,000-year history has brick been put to wideor more varied use if the home.
For example, SCPI notes that
in addition to its use in outside
valis, it's not at all unusual
to find homes today which use
brick in exposed interior walls,
floors, pation, walks, garden
walls, retaining walls, tree
wells, lawn edgings, planters,
play structures, freplaces,
hearths, benches, and own table tops and swintning pools.
One of the reasons for this
popularity, of course, is that
modern production inclining
have put brick within the sconomic reach of nearly all home

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color, its interesting texture,
its durability, and its familiar
scale all combine to 'give it
exceptionally wide appeal, Still

AN IMPORTANT PART of AN IMPORTANT PART of the brick "reanissance" is duj to the product's resurgence as a structural material in fall buildings. Until half a century ago, nearly all tall buildings were supported by brick walls which, designed by "rule of the humb," were thick at the bottom and tapering toward the top.

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top,
When steel and concrete
skeleton frames were developed, brick was displaced as a
leadings, although it continued
to be used as a nentleaure material, Today, however, a newterial, Today, however, a newtering, "malerial,
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ODO over a skeleton-trame design.

THIS CONCEPT has proved attractive to building owner, and designers for several reasons. Perhaps the most important is that it can offer substantial construction commerce, But it inless can provide exceptional sound privacy in apartments separated by solid prick walls, it furnishes a high degree of three protection, permiss buildings to be constructed more rapidly, and can give to tenants of apartments to though a popular of an exposed brick wall.

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