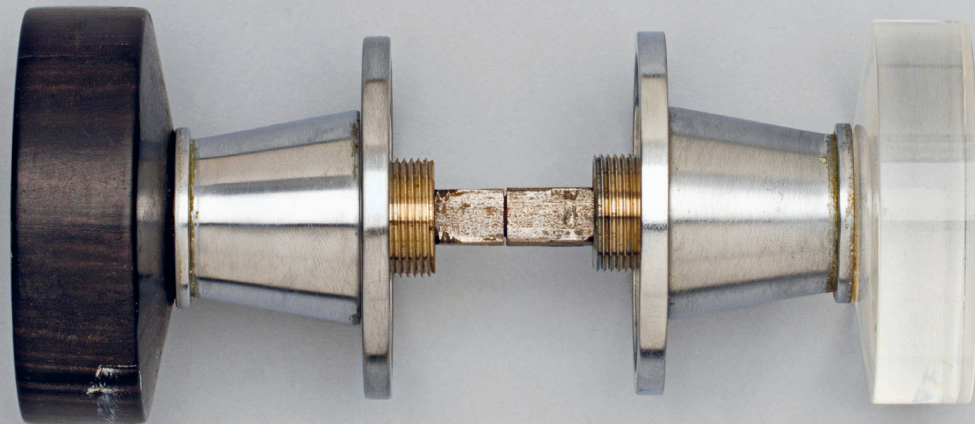


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HOUSE IN THE MUSEUM GARDEN

MARCEL BREUER, ARCHITECT

W.C. Vaughan Co., Original Hardware, 1949

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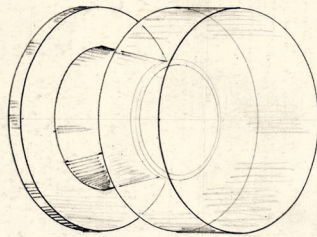
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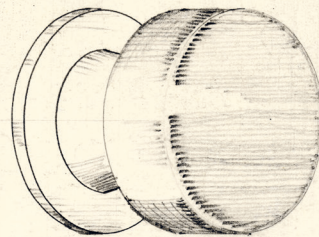
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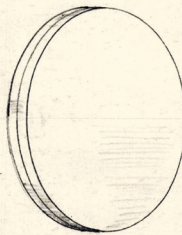
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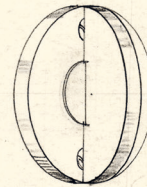
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