Eads, Eiffel and the Forth Bridge

The big 19th century
iron and steel bridges

1. How arches carry load: Eads Bridge
2. Two hinged arches: Garabit
3. Details of form in metal arches: Garabit and Mungstener
4. Influence of structural failure on subsequent design
5. Strength and safety in cantilever form: Forth Bridge

But first!

- An exercise to help with next week's homework and to help us identify the skills of your friends and neighbors in the class.
- Let's do a little statics exercise in the style of a *magazine quiz,* give yourself a point each time you know the answer to the questions that follow – we will sum points to find our statics gurus!

Q1

- In two dimensions what are the three equations of equilibrium?
  - (1)
  - (2)
  - (3)
- Give yourself a point if you know them.

Answer 1

- In two dimensions what are the three equations of equilibrium?
  - (1) $\Sigma F_x=0$
  - (2) $\Sigma F_y=0$
  - (3) $\Sigma M=0$
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Q2

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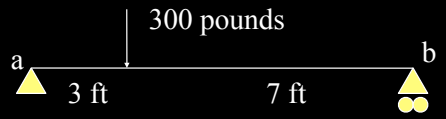

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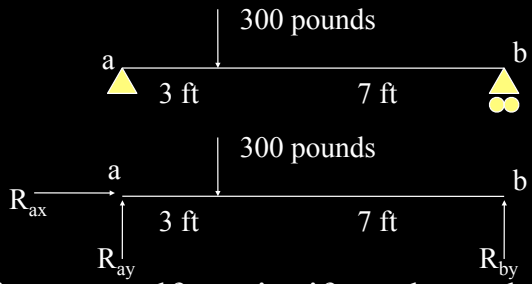

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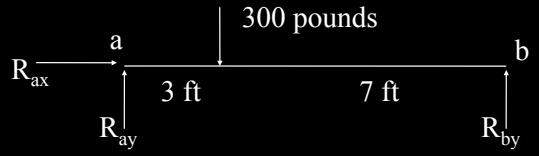

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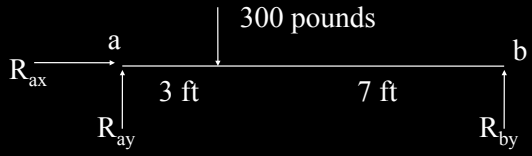

$\Sigma F_y=0 \quad R_{ay}-300+R_{by}=0 \quad R_{ay}+R_{by}=300$

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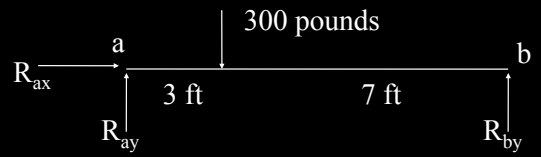
Q4

- Write the equation for sum of moments at a



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Answer 4

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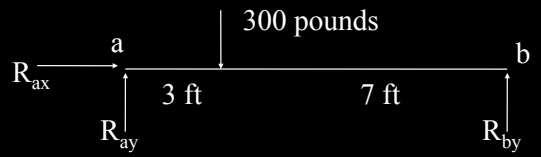

$\Sigma M_a=0 \quad 10ft*R_{by}-3ft*300lbs=0$

$R_{by}=90lbs$

& $R_{ay}=300-90=210lbs$

- Give yourself a point if you know how. ☺

Q5

- I enjoy helping others because it helps me to understand concepts better too.
- Give yourself a point if you agree with the above statement.

Totals

- 1 – No worries, but expect to ask some questions of your new friends and neighbors (and just wait until I ask them to draw or write.. ☺)
- 2 – Hey this stuff is new to me! That's OK, lean on your friend and neighbors a bit
- 3 – Statics is neither your friend nor your enemy - help and be helped!
- 4 – Great, you know a lot and can help others, please do so!
- 5 – Statics Guru with a positive attitude. Your help is needed and expected!

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- Please exchange contact information amongst your group (cell, email, whatever)
- Now we are ready!

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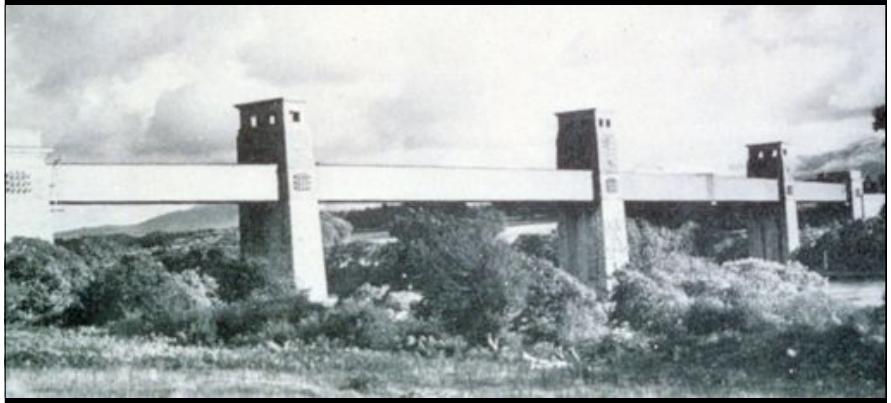
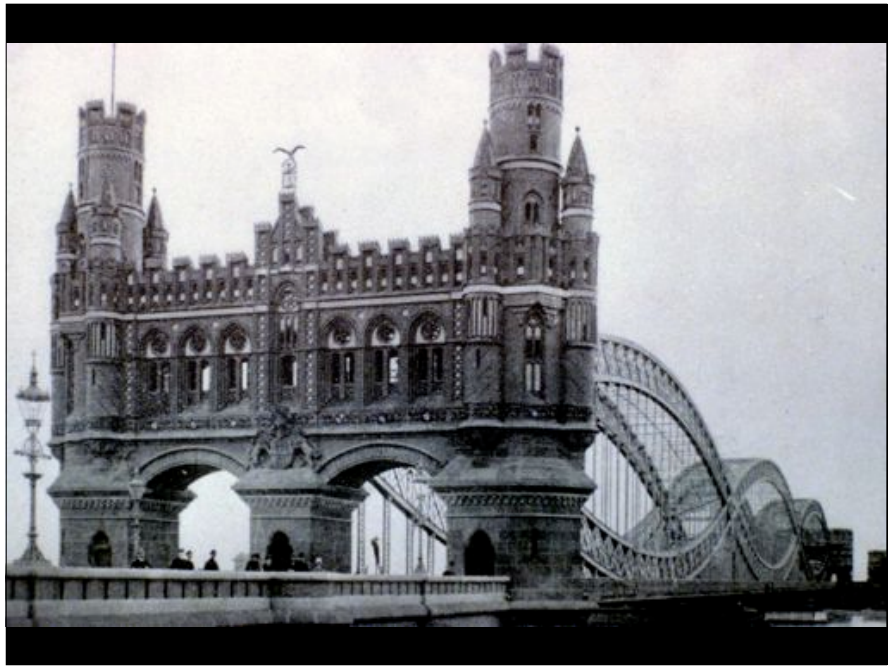
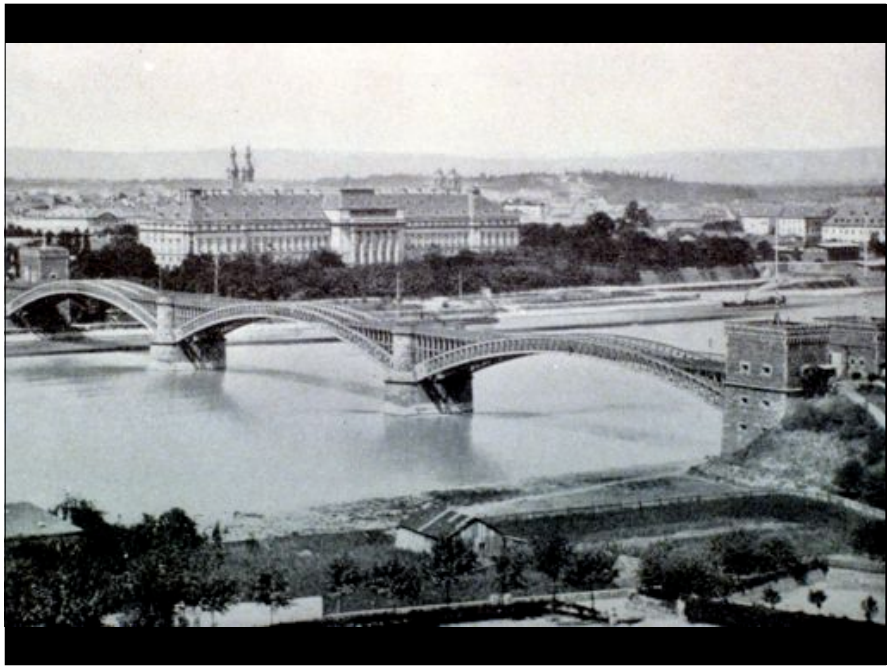
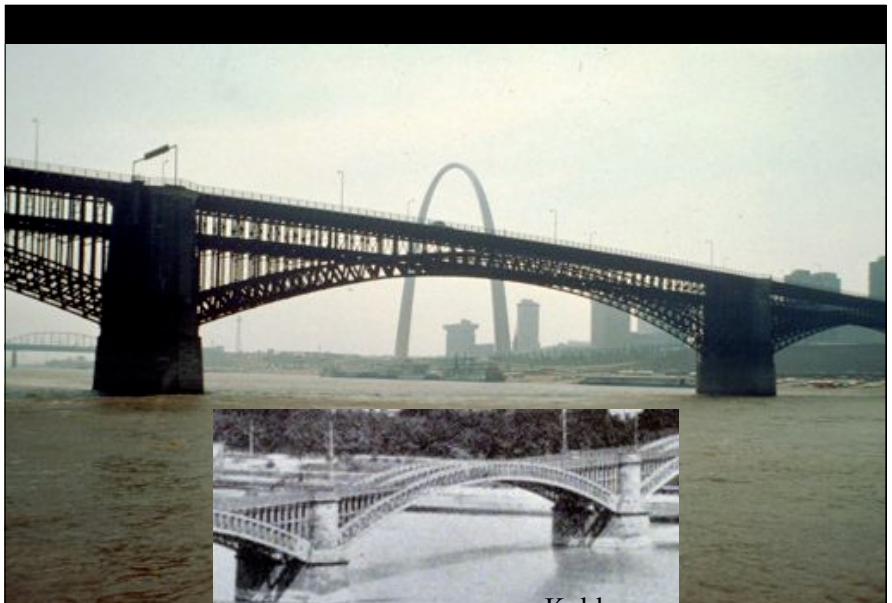


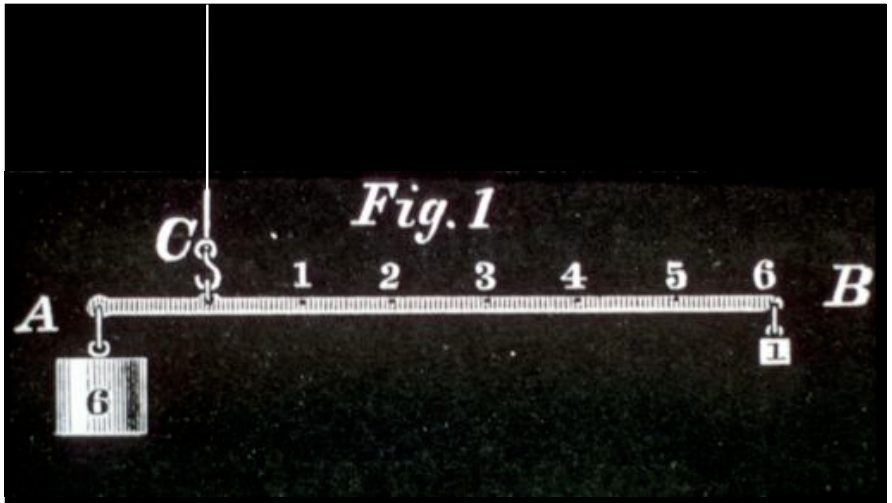




Eads Bridge - steel - 520 feet - 1874



James Buchanan Eads
1820-1887



From a book written by Eads

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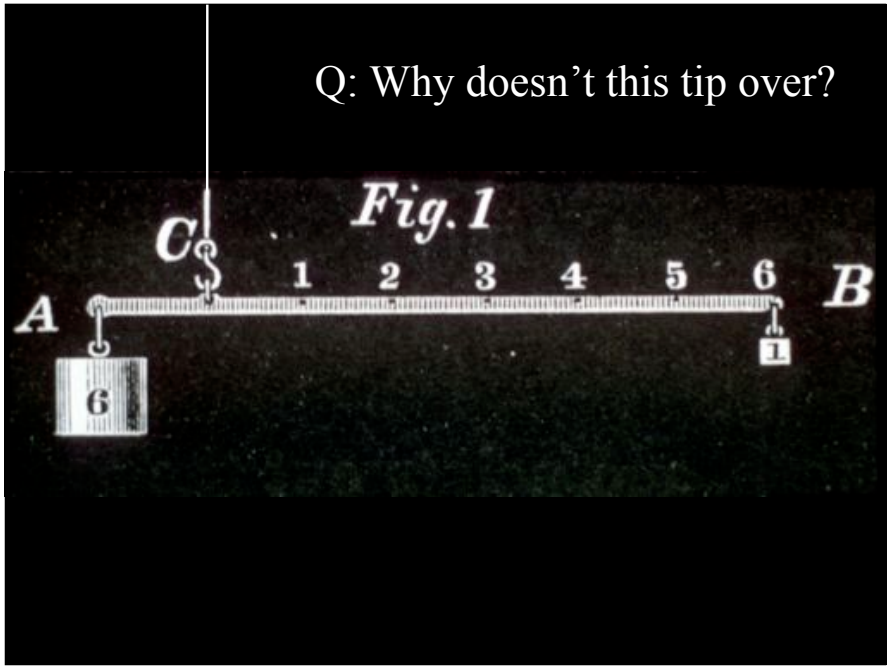
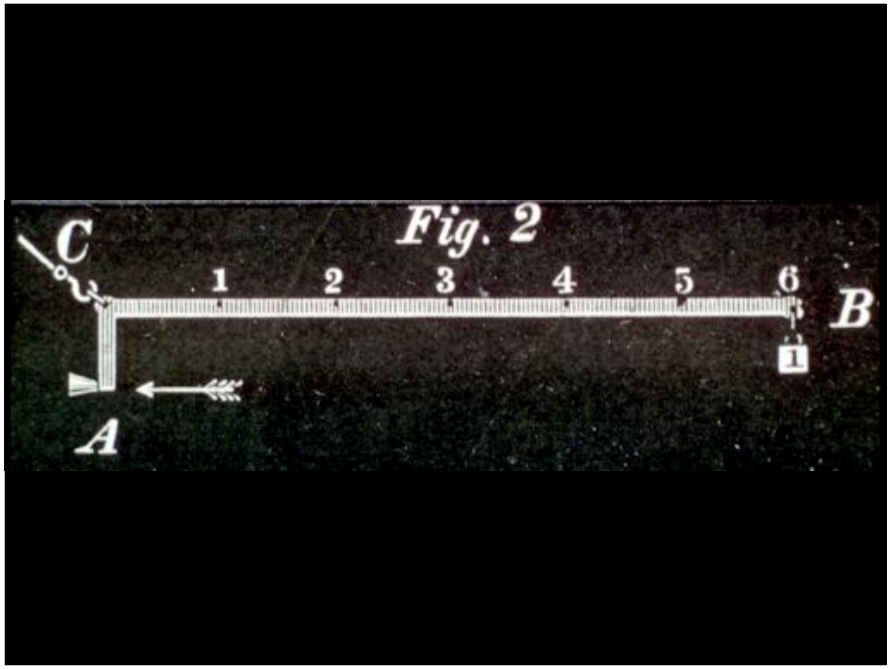
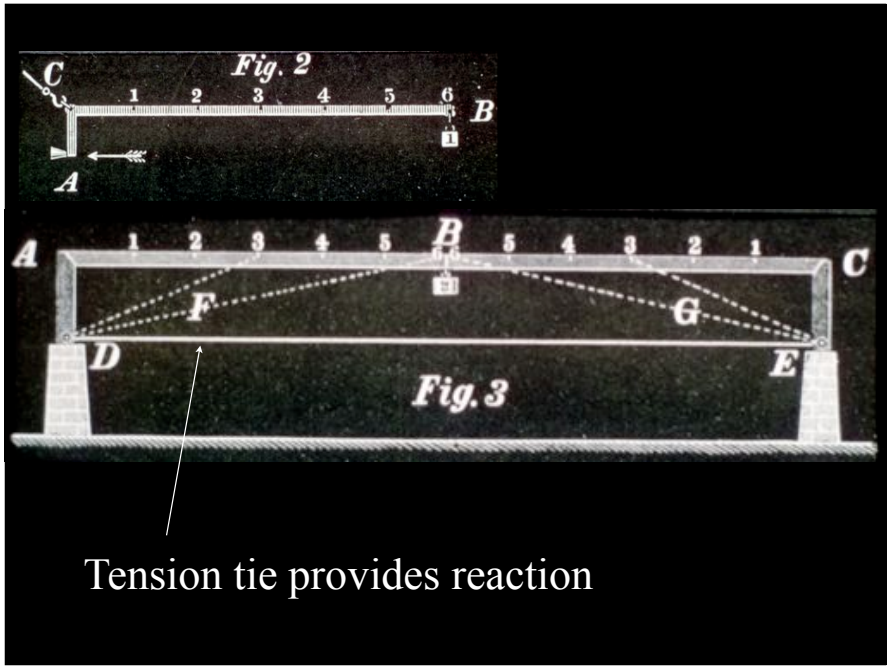
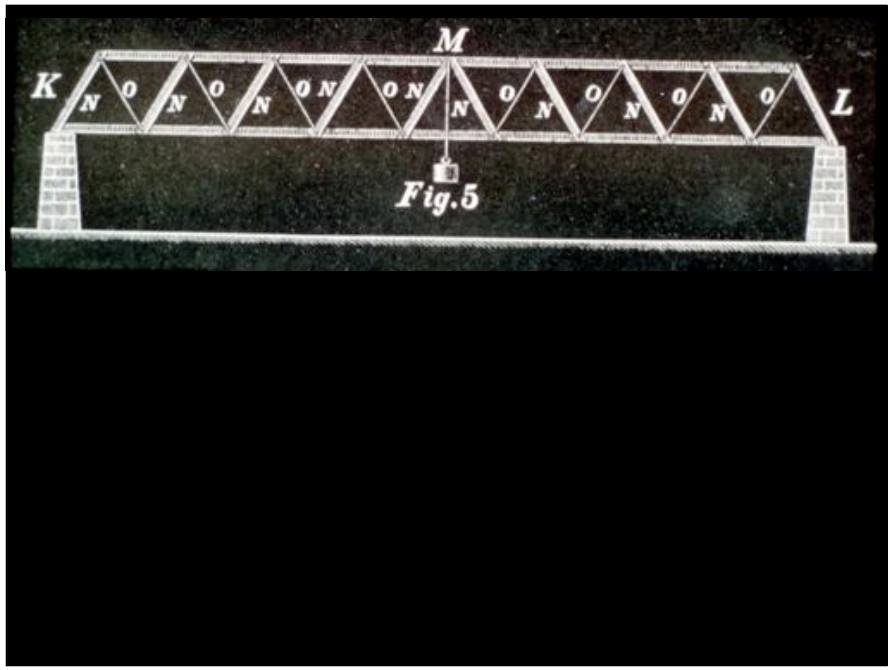






Tension tie provides reaction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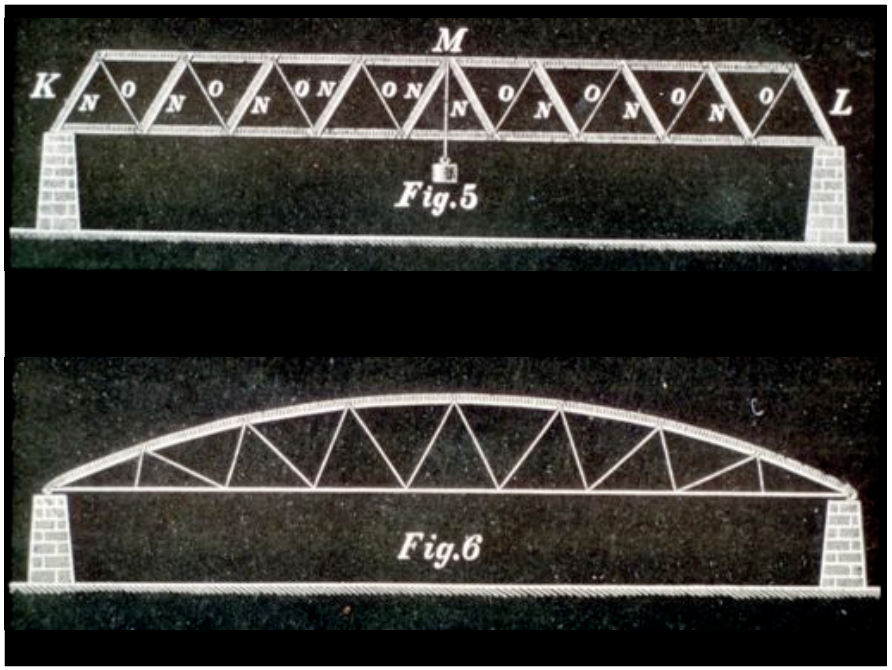
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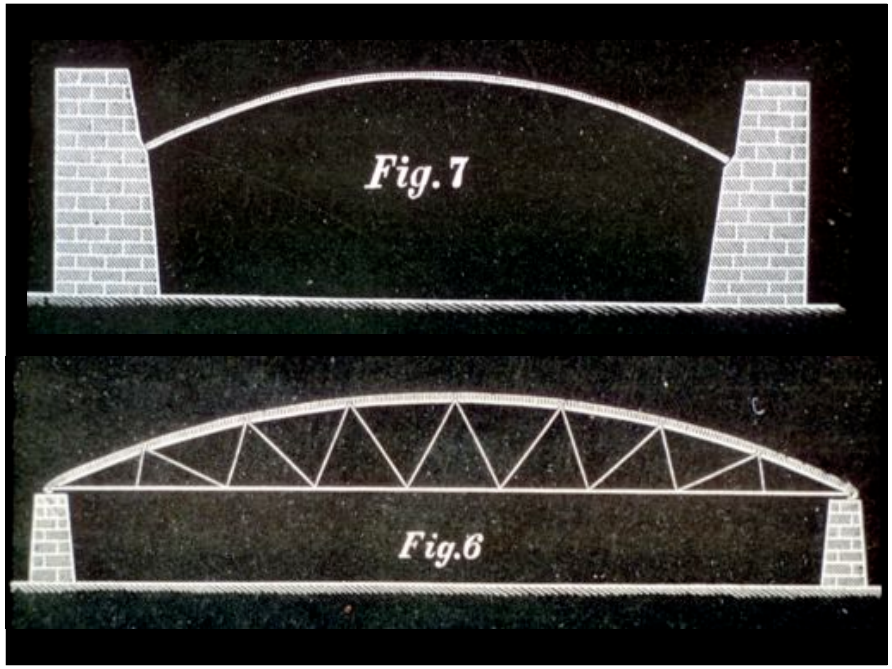
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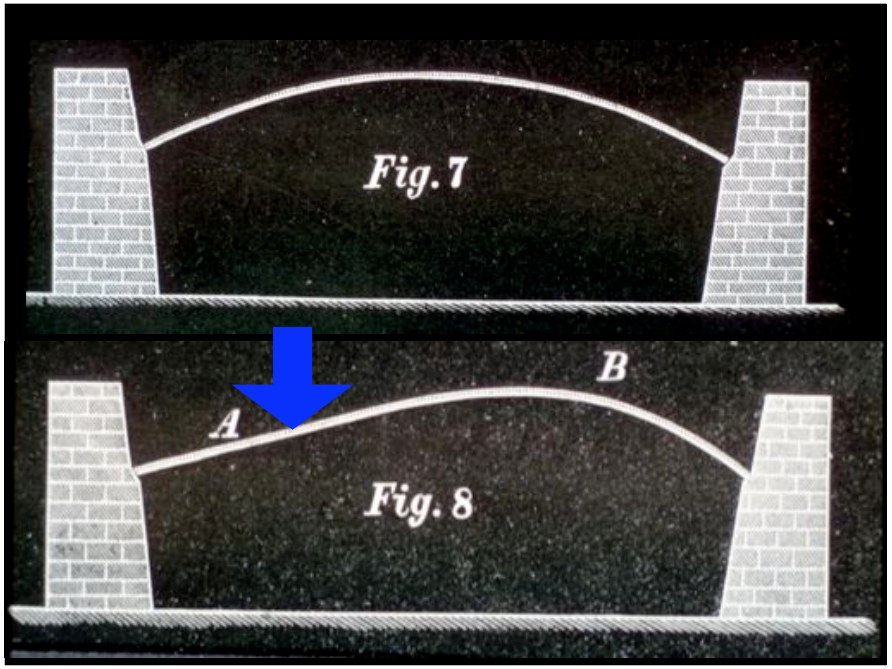
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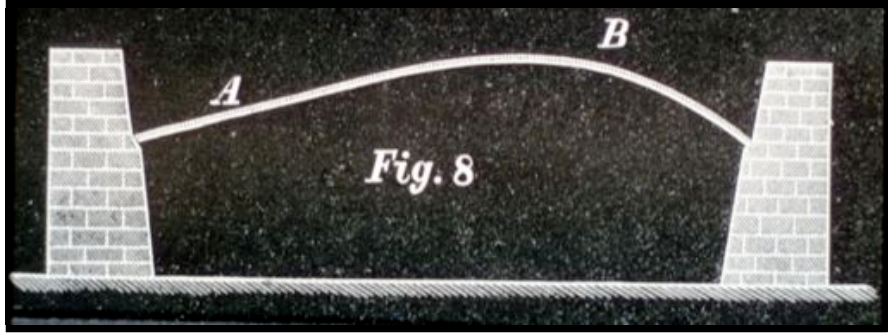

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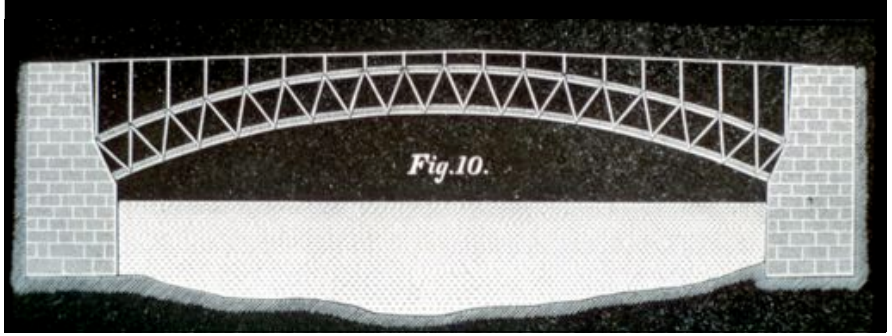
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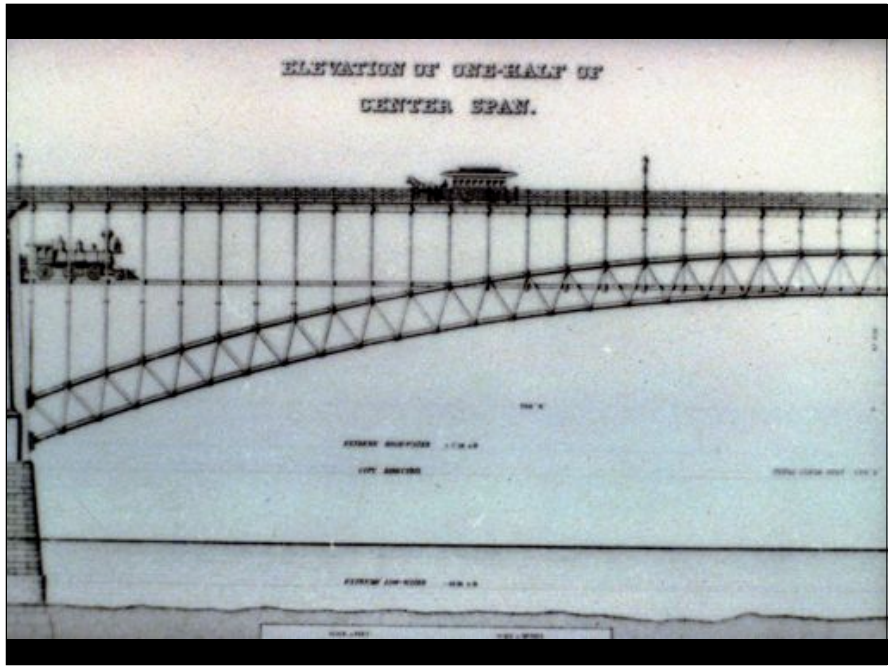

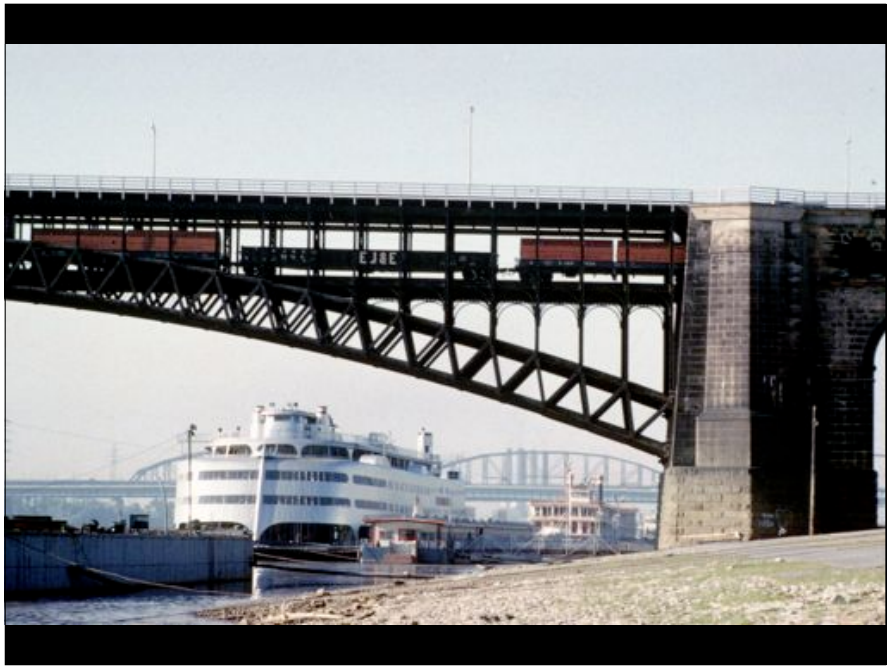

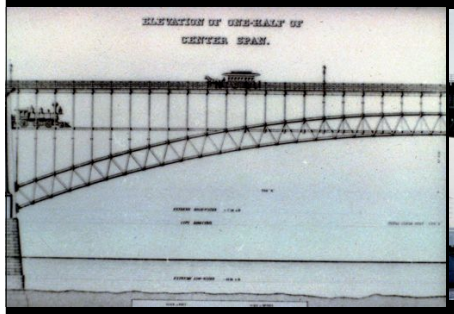

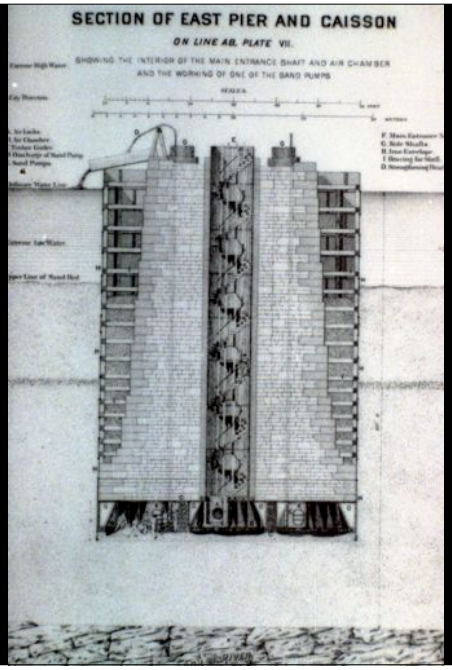

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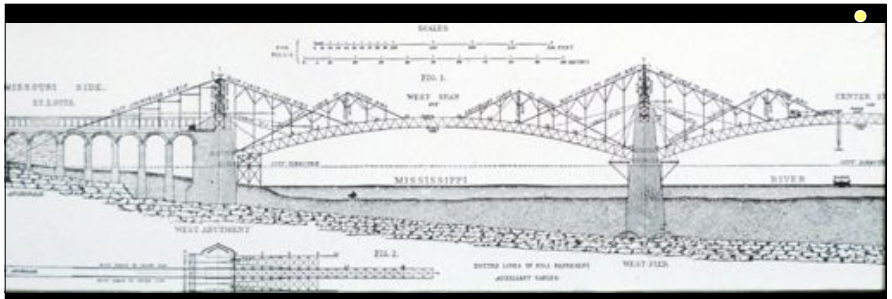

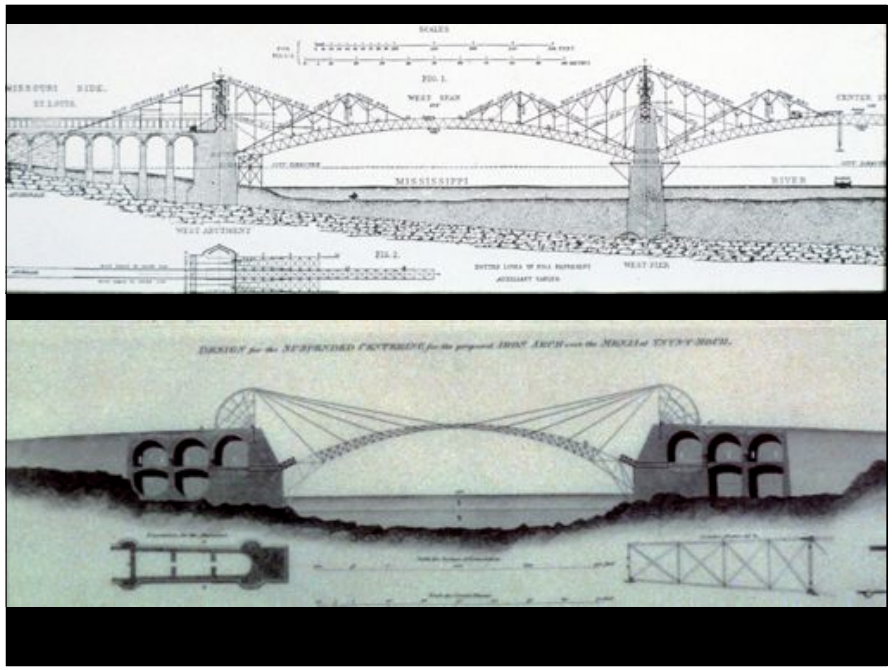
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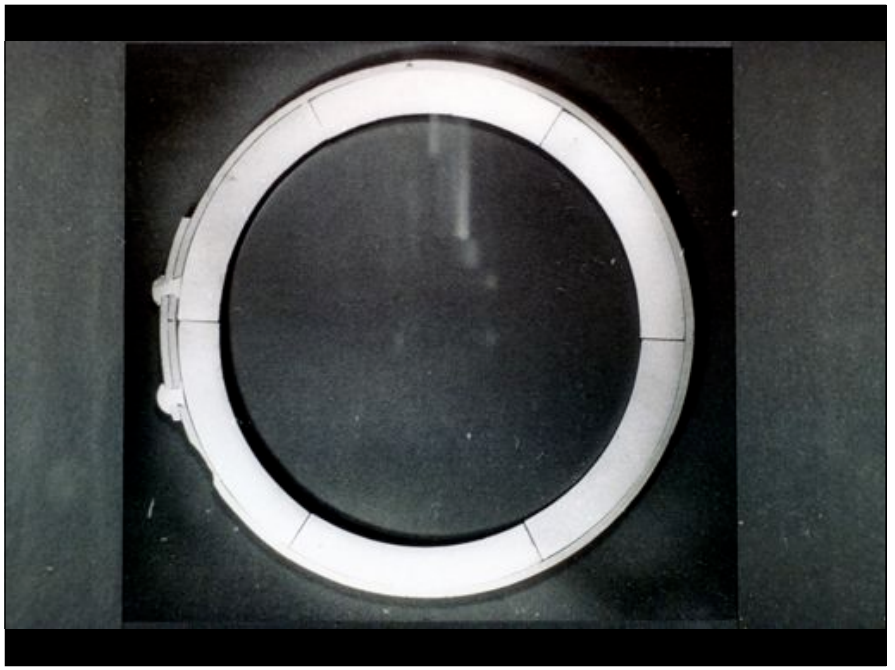

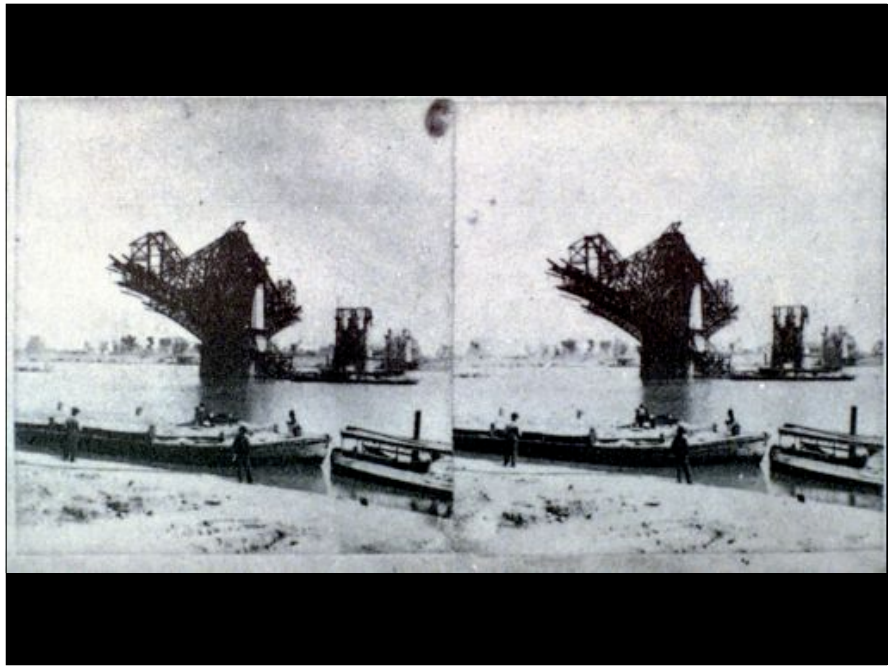

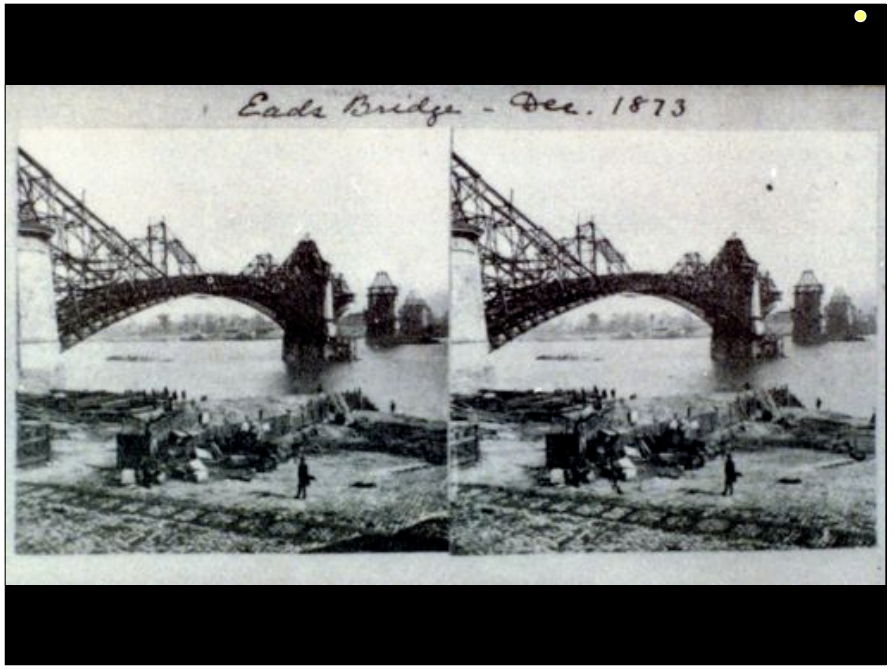
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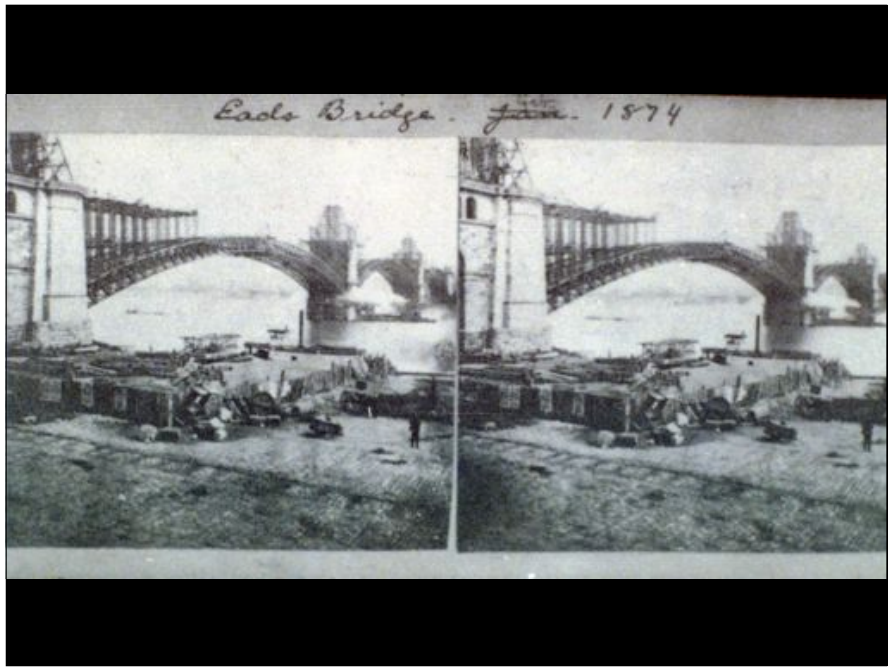
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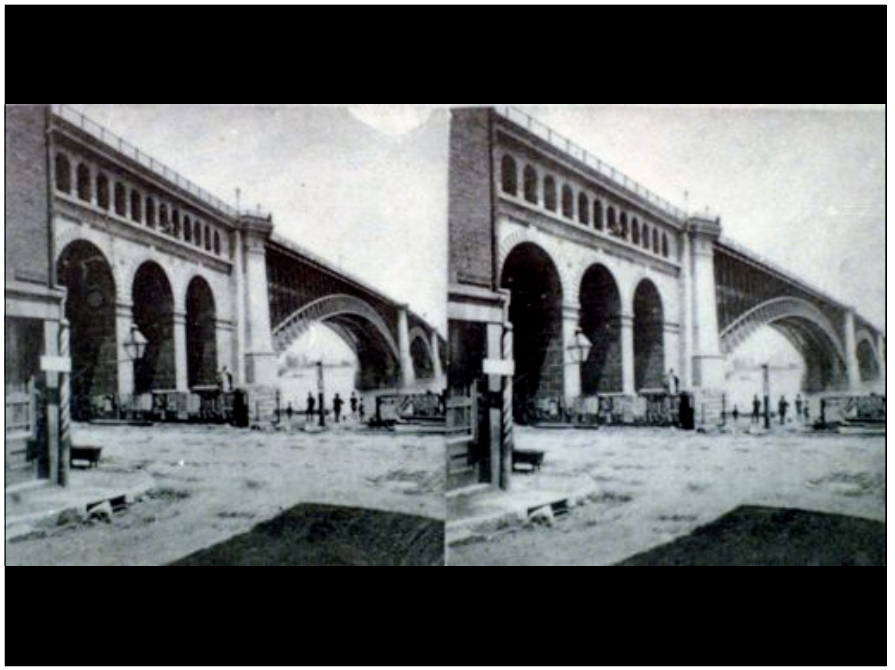

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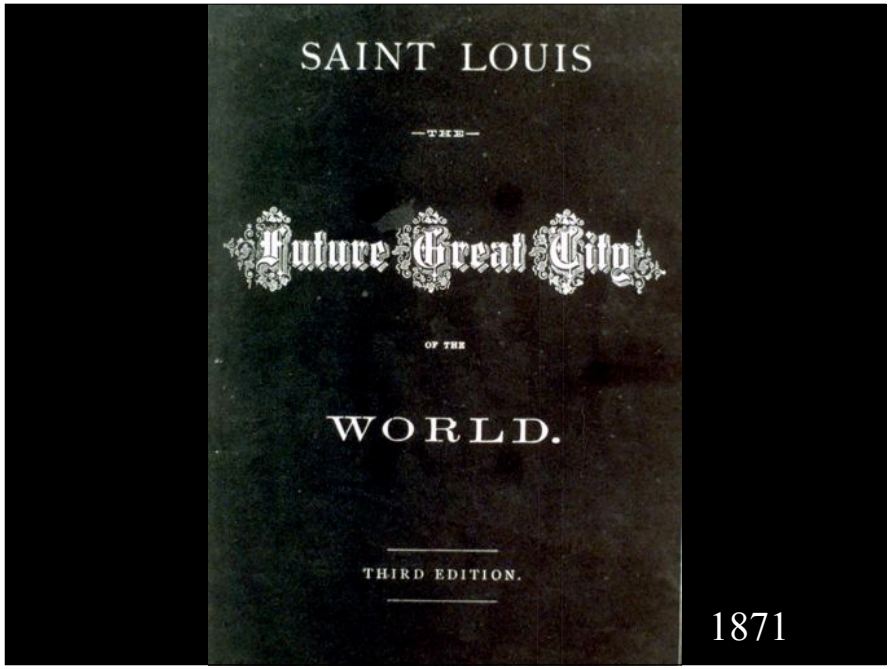
SAINT LOUIS
—THE—
Future Great City
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1871

Population of St. Louis in 1870, per United States census							312,963
Population increased at the rate of	10	per cent	per	annum	to	1880	311,742
"	"	"	9	"	"	1890	1,917,571
"	"	"	6	"	"	1900	3,464,079
"	"	"	4	"	"	1910	5,083,297
"	"	"	3	"	"	1920	6,831,502
"	"	"	3	"	"	1930	9,180,967
"	"	"	2	"	"	1940	11,192,633
"	"	"	2	"	"	1950	13,643,757
"	"	"	1	"	"	1960	15,071,194
"	"	"	1	"	"	1970	16,647,941

2002 population of the metropolitan area is 2,600,000

Dedication.

TO JAMES B. EADS,

THE MAN OF REAL GENIUS AND MARKED FIDELITY TO HIS FRIENDS,
THE CITIZEN OF GENUINE PATRIOTISM AND RARE PUBLIC
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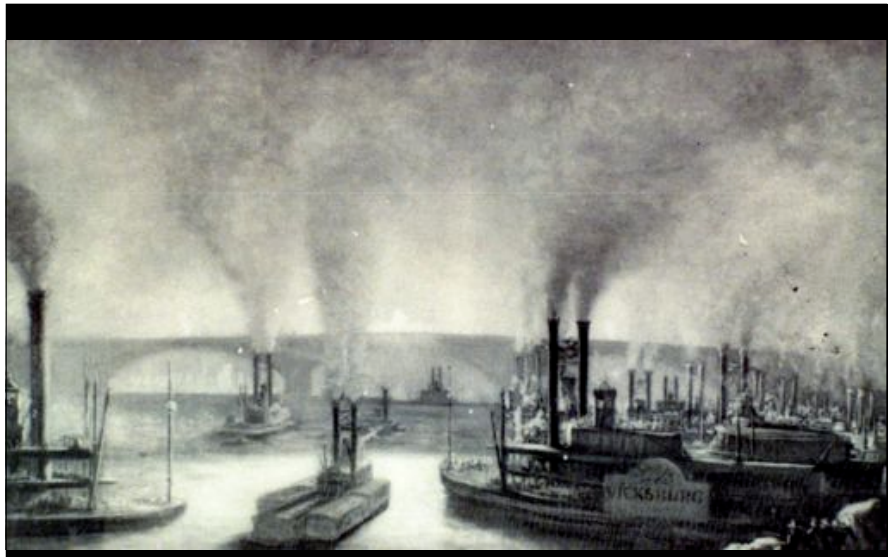

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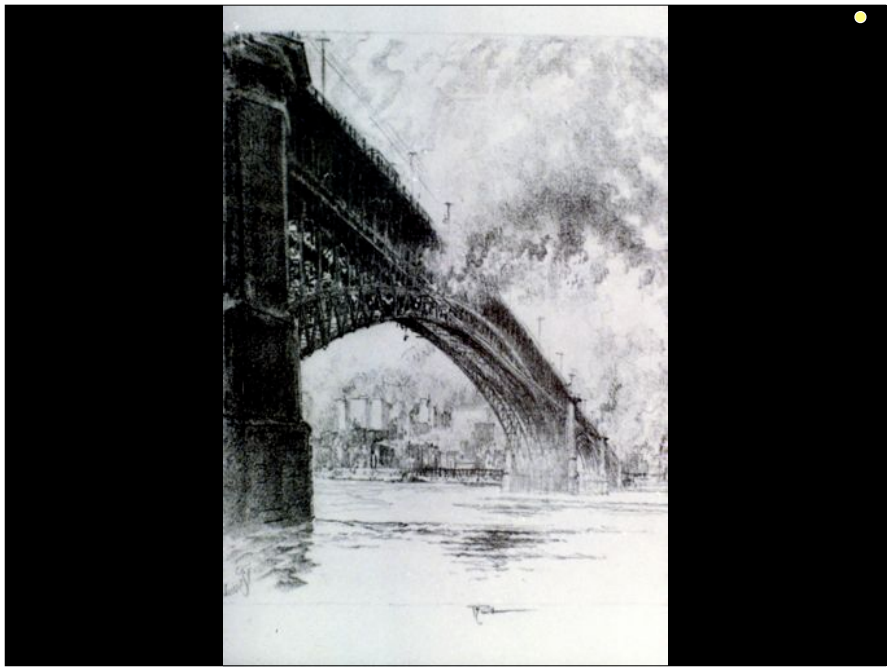

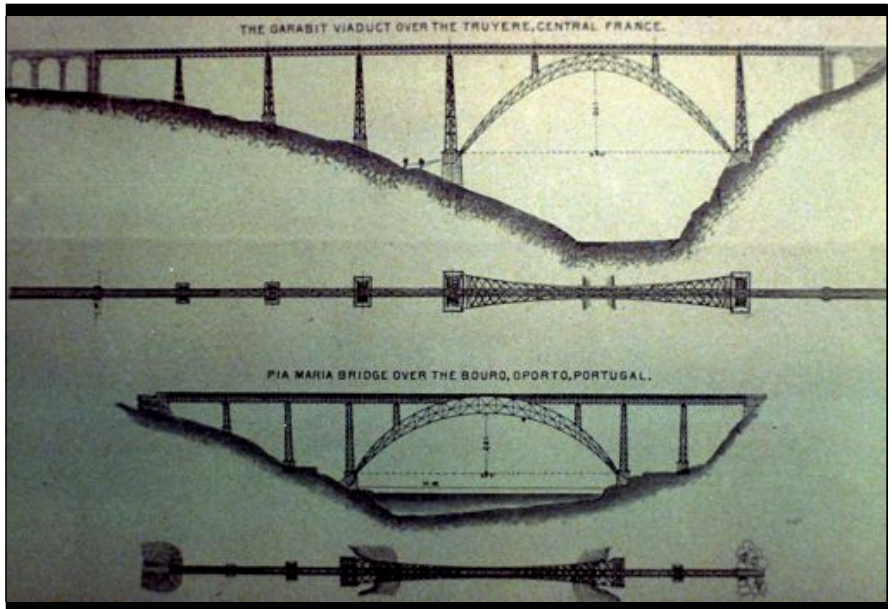

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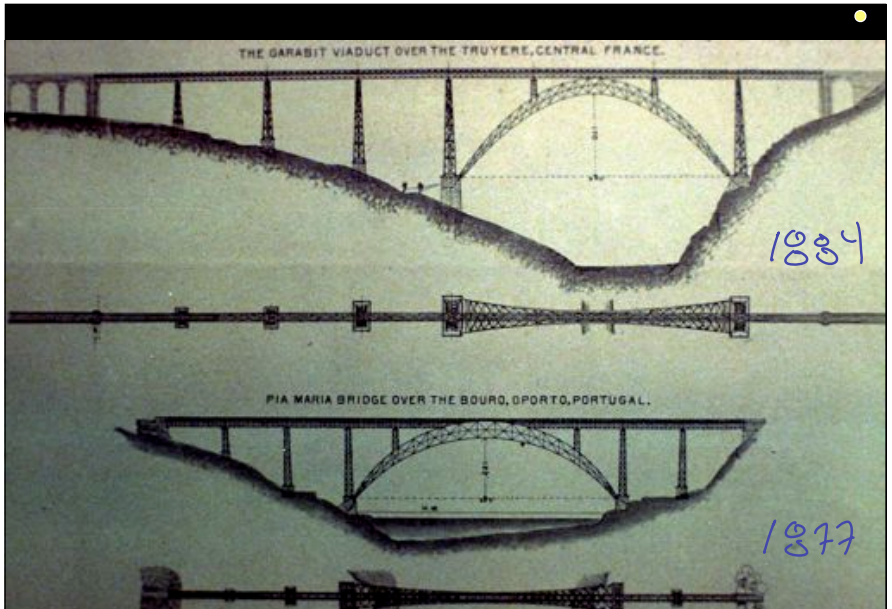

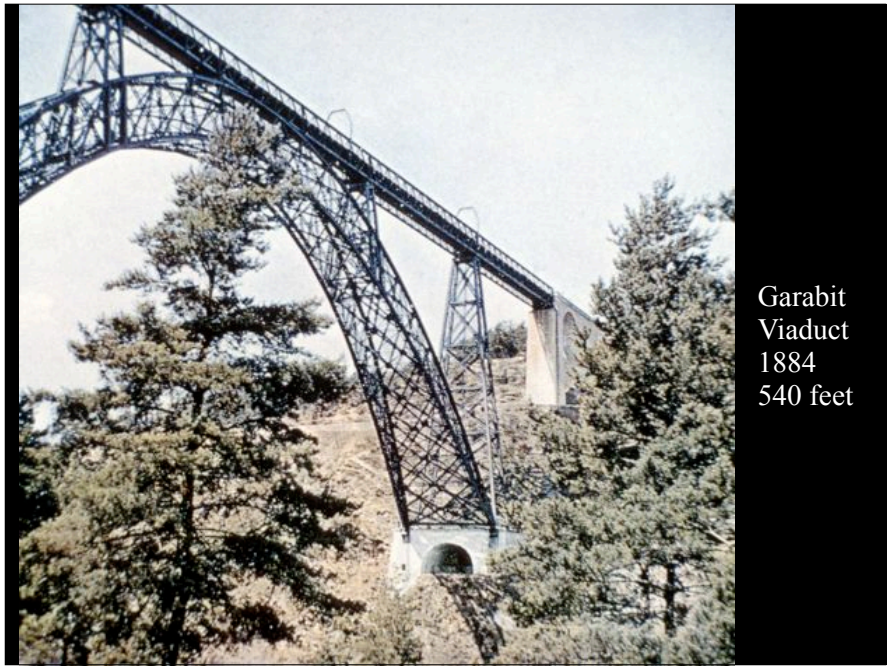

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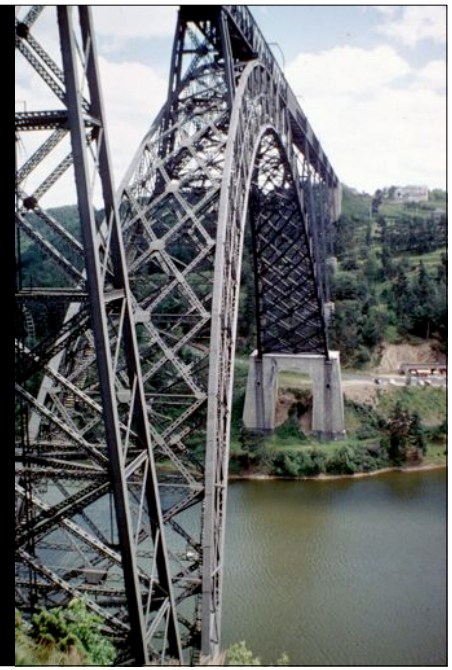

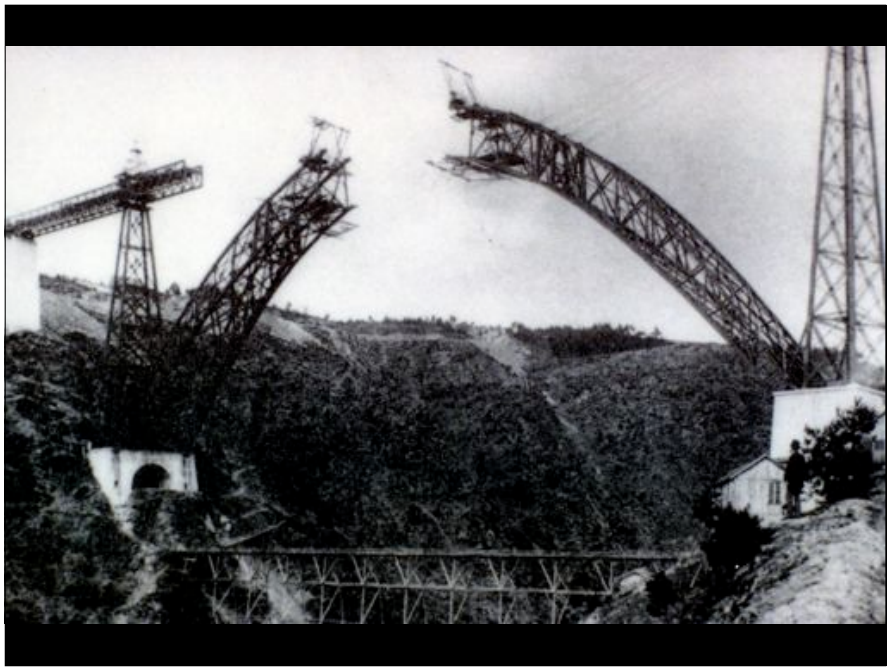

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Eads

Pia Maria

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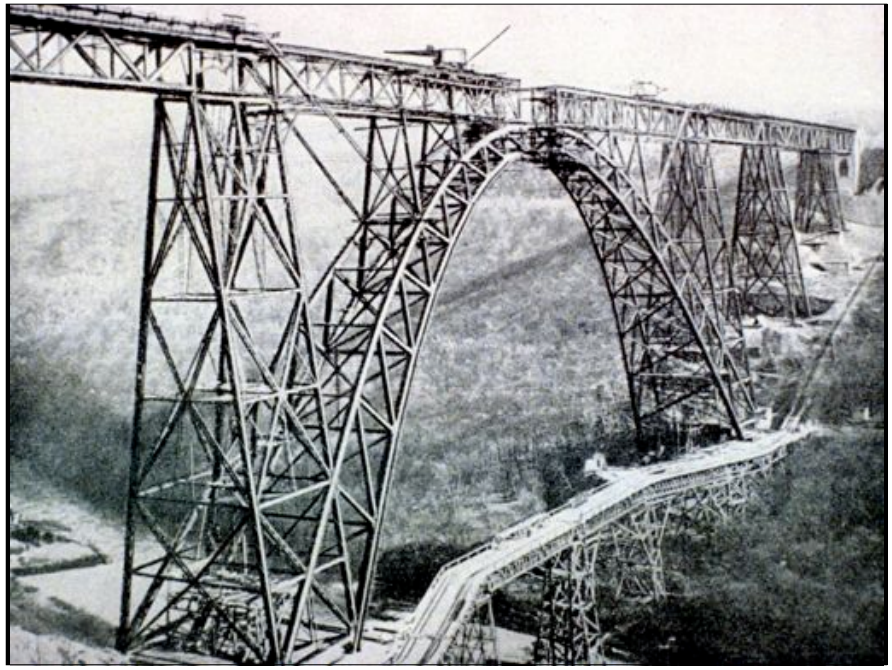

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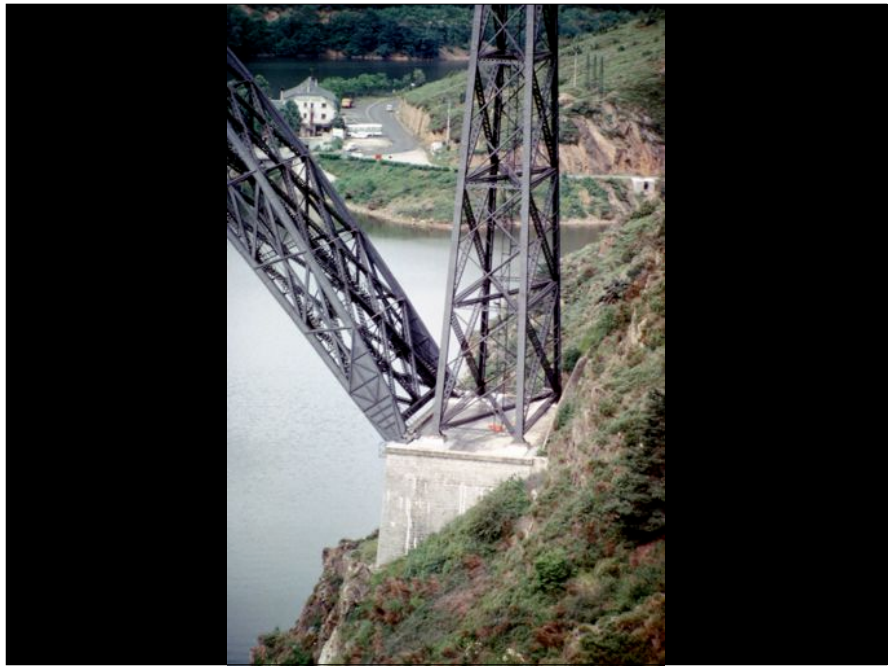

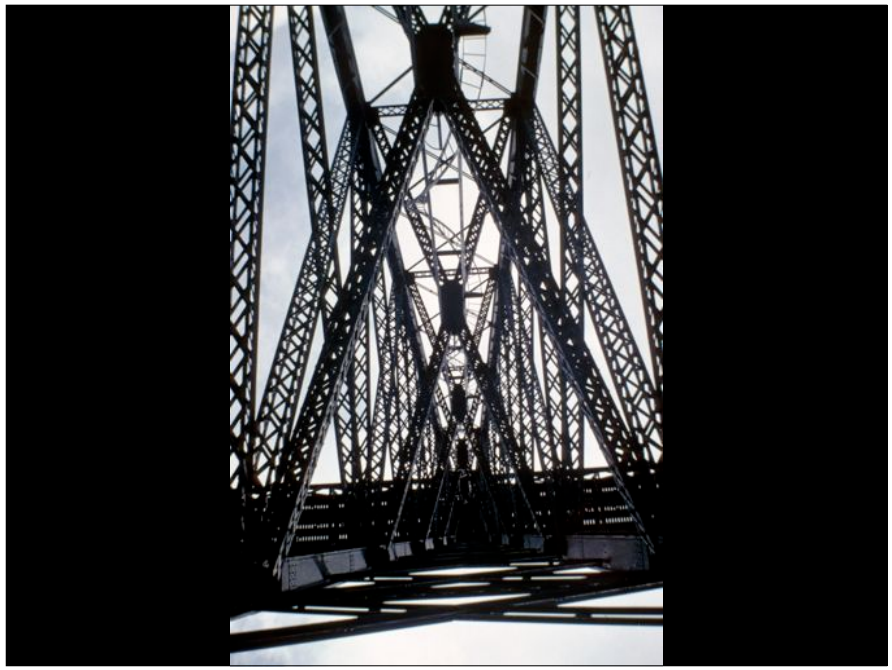

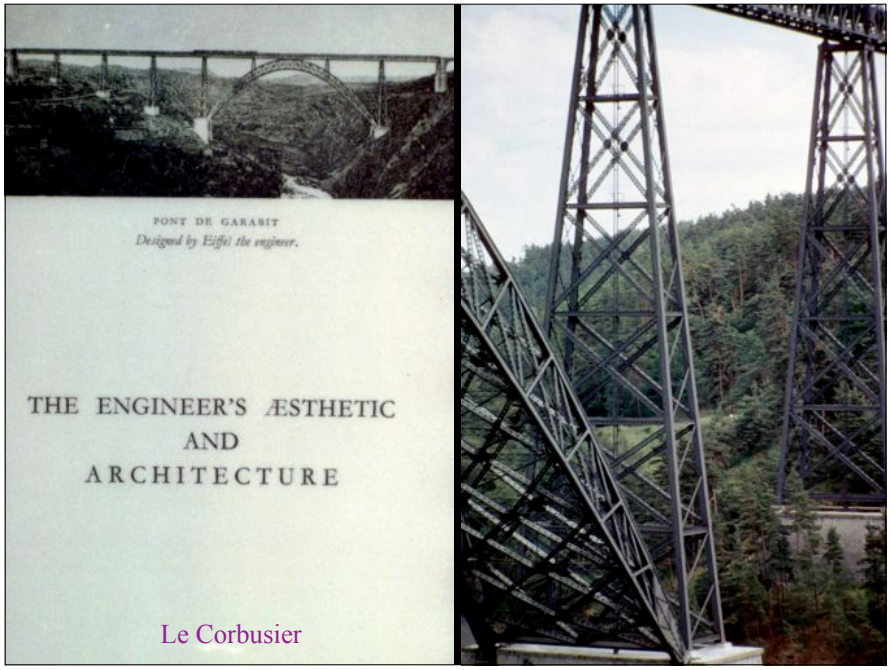
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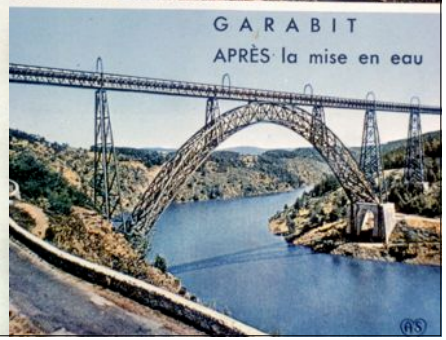
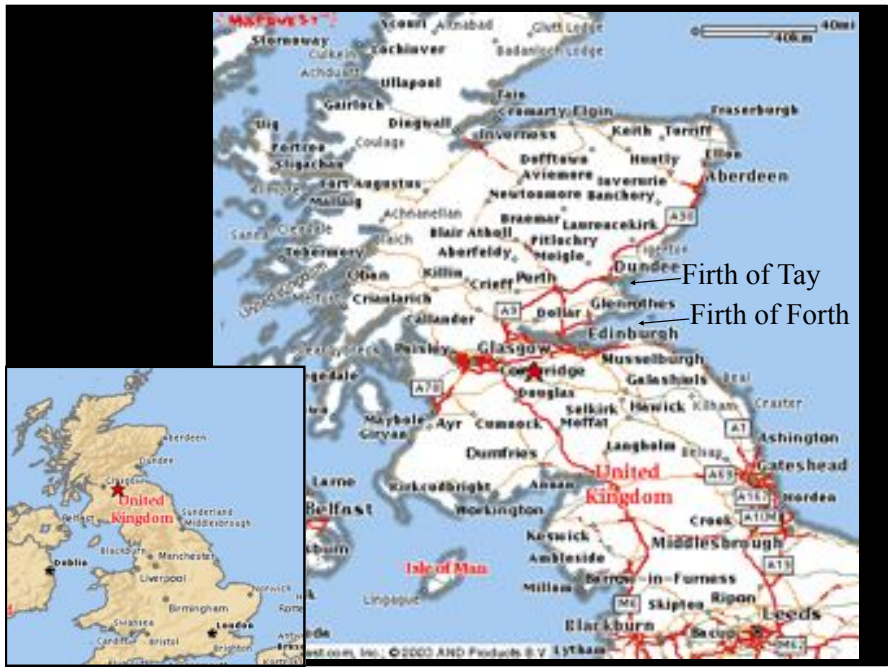
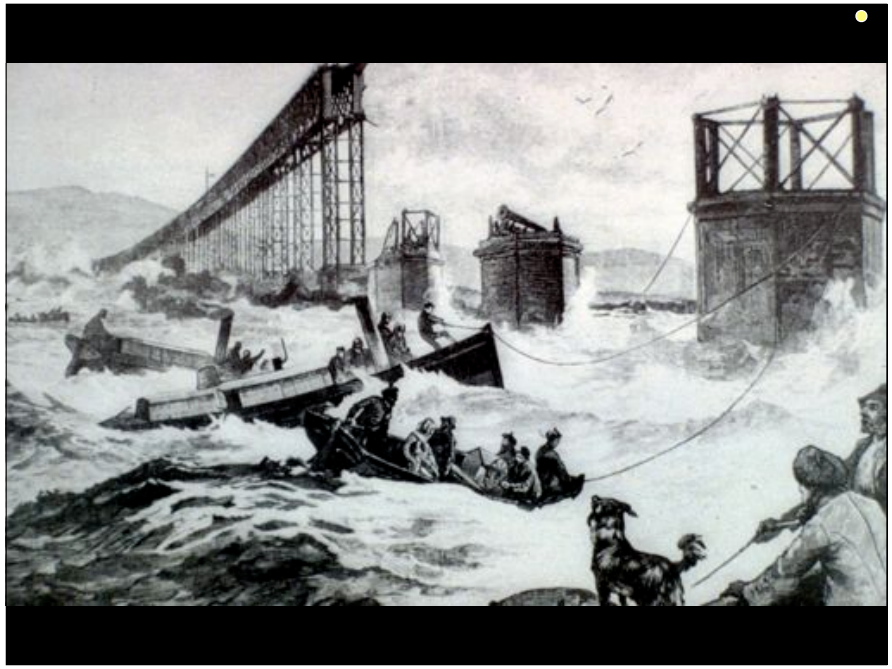






Court of inquiry proceedings, for Sir Thomas Bouch

re: collapse of the Firth of Tay Br.

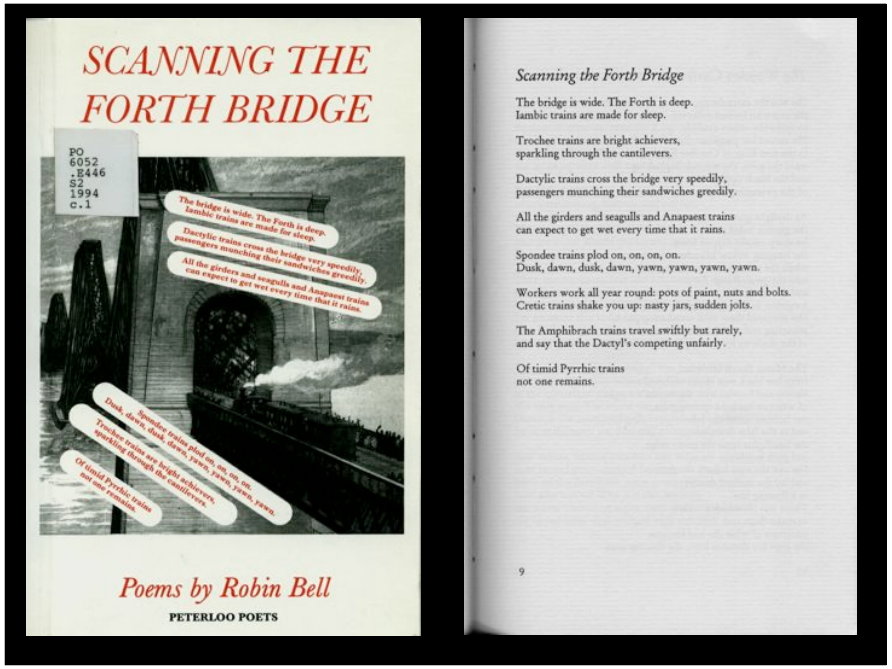
Q: Sir Thomas, did you in designing this bridge, make any allowance at all for wind pressure?

A: Not specially.

Q: You made no allowance?

A: Not specially.

Firth of Forth Bridge - Benjamin Baker - 1890 - 1710 feet



Scanning the Forth Bridge

The bridge is wide. The Forth is deep.
Iambic trains are made for sleep.

Trochee trains are bright achievers,
sparkling through the cantilevers.

Dactylic trains cross the bridge very speedily,
passengers munching their sandwiches greedily.

All the girders and seagulls and Anapaest trains
can expect to get wet every time that it rains.

Spondee trains plod on, on, on, on.
Dusk, dawn, dusk, dawn, yawn, yawn, yawn, yawn.

Workers work all year round: pots of paint, nuts and bolts.
Cretic trains shake you up: nasty jars, sudden jolts.

The Amphibrach trains travel swiftly but rarely,
and say that the Dactyl's competing unfairly.

Of timid Pyrrhic trains
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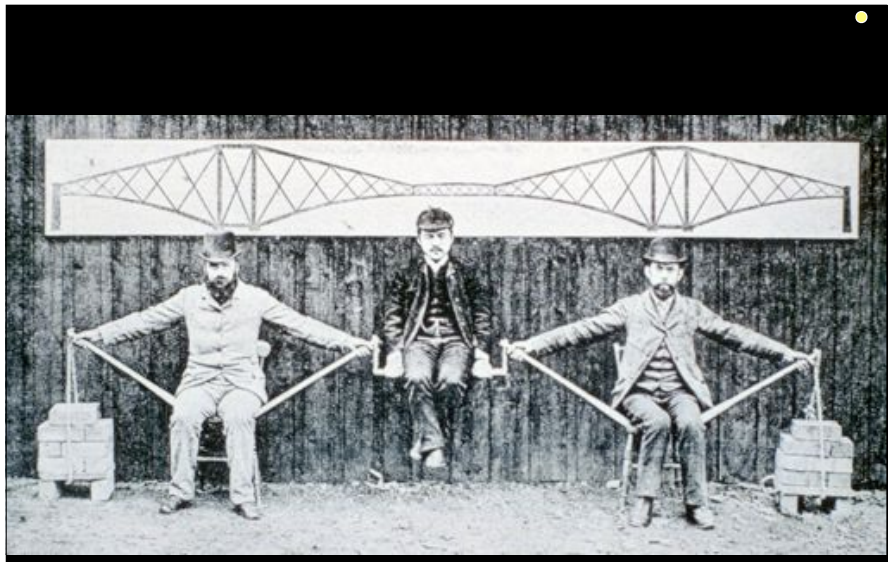

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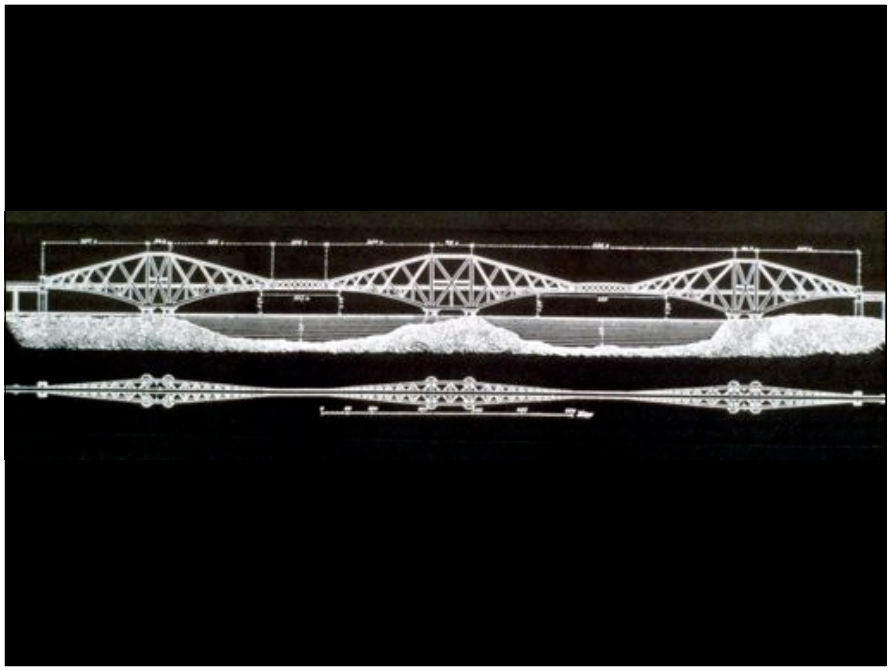

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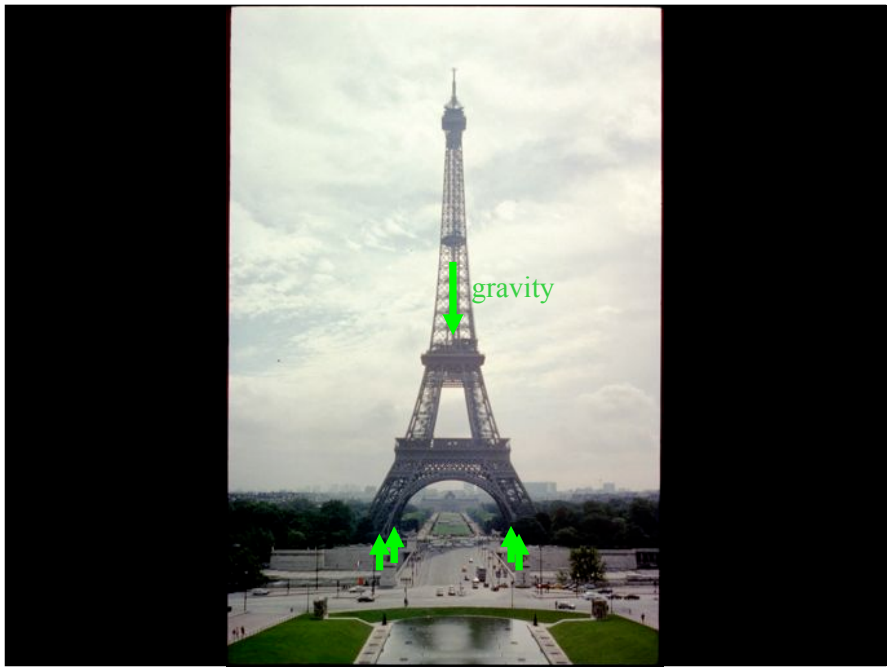
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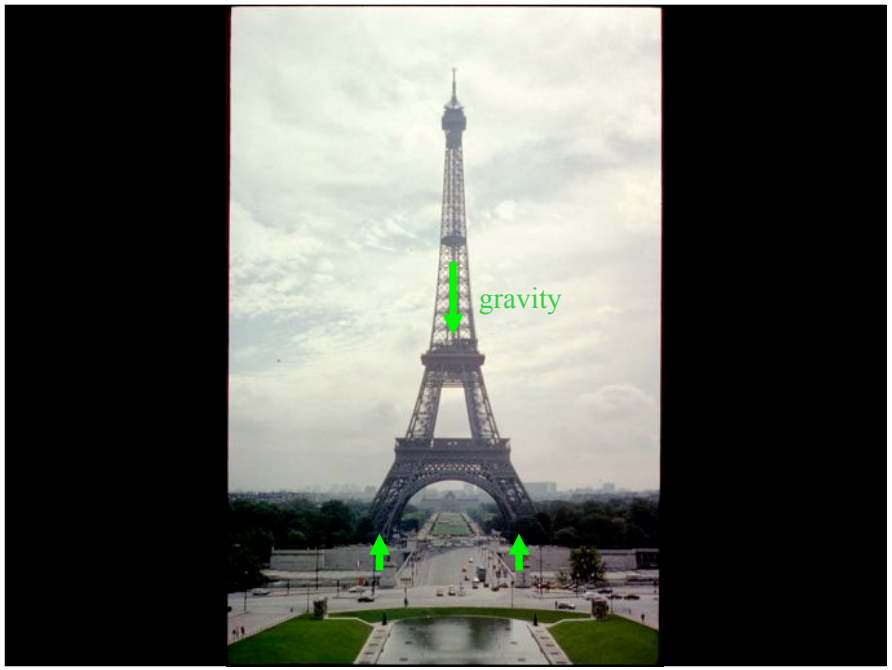
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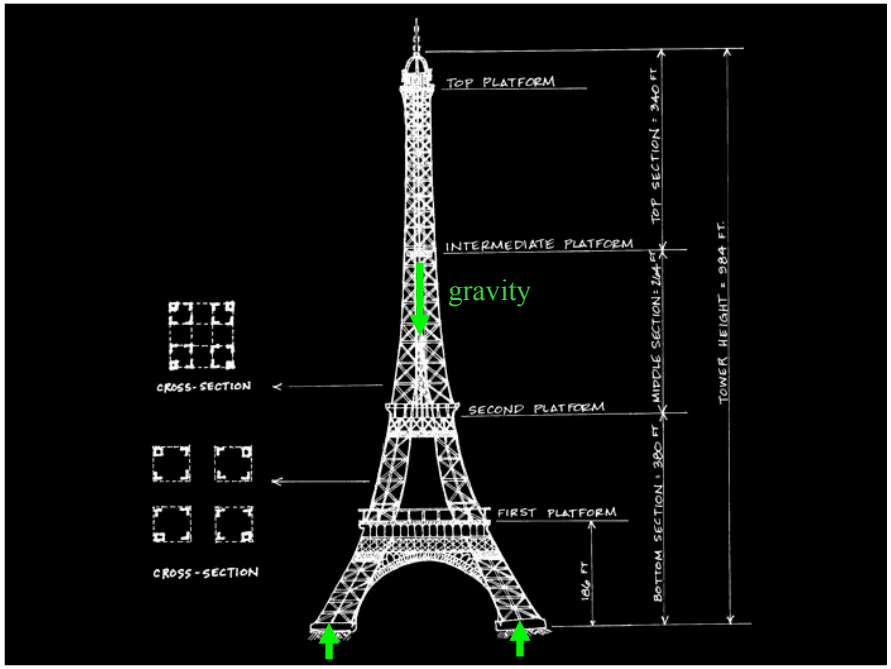
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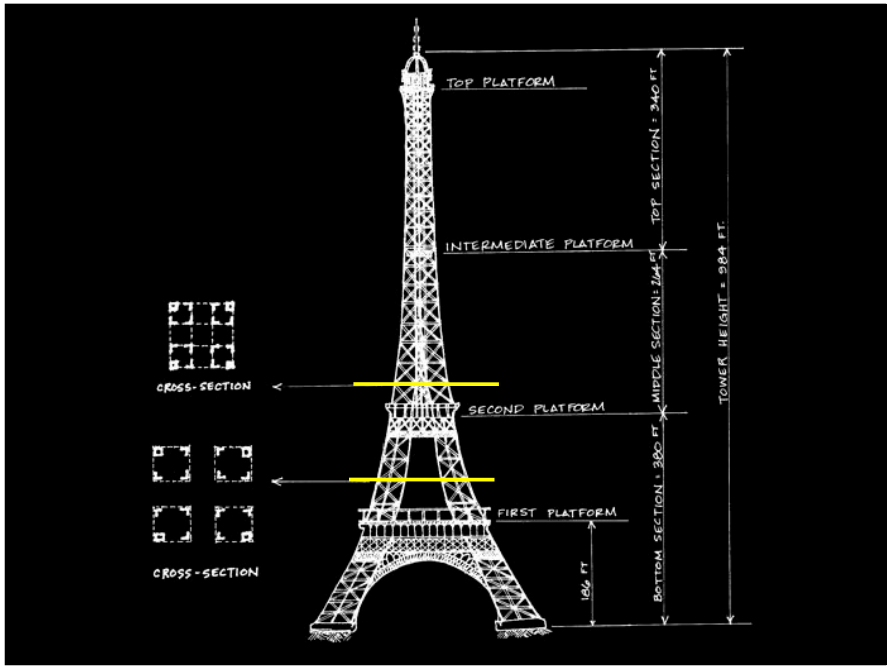
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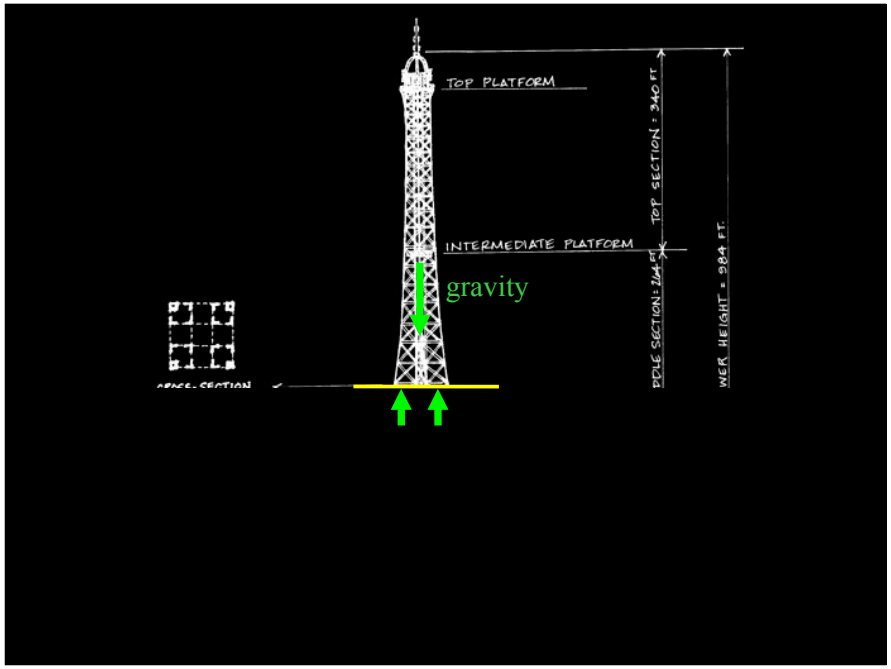
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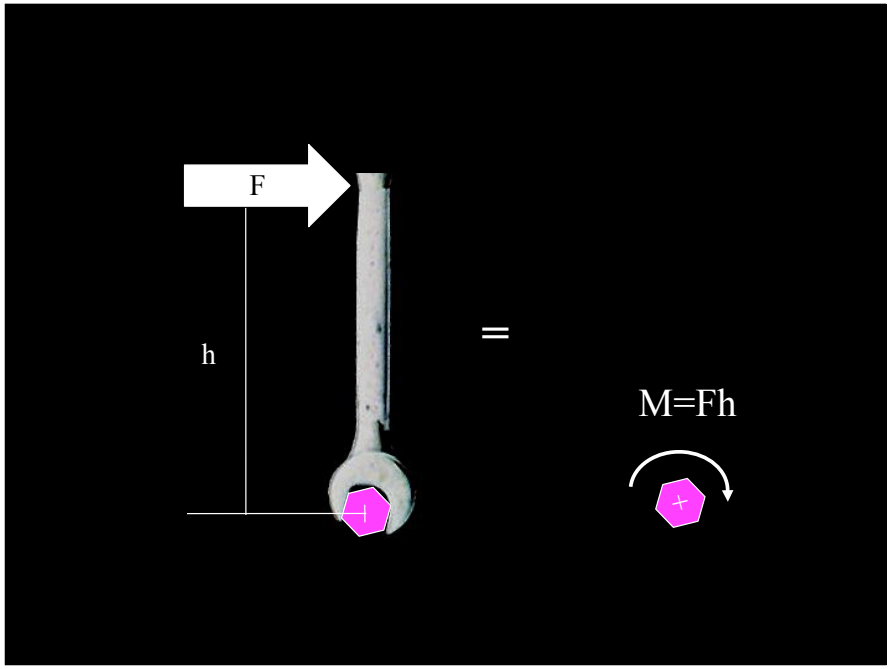
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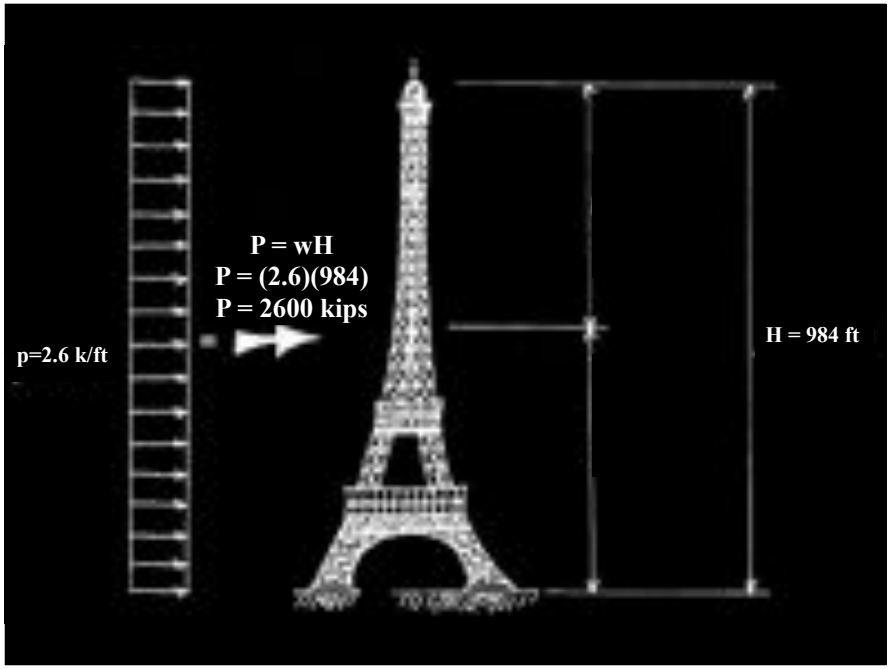
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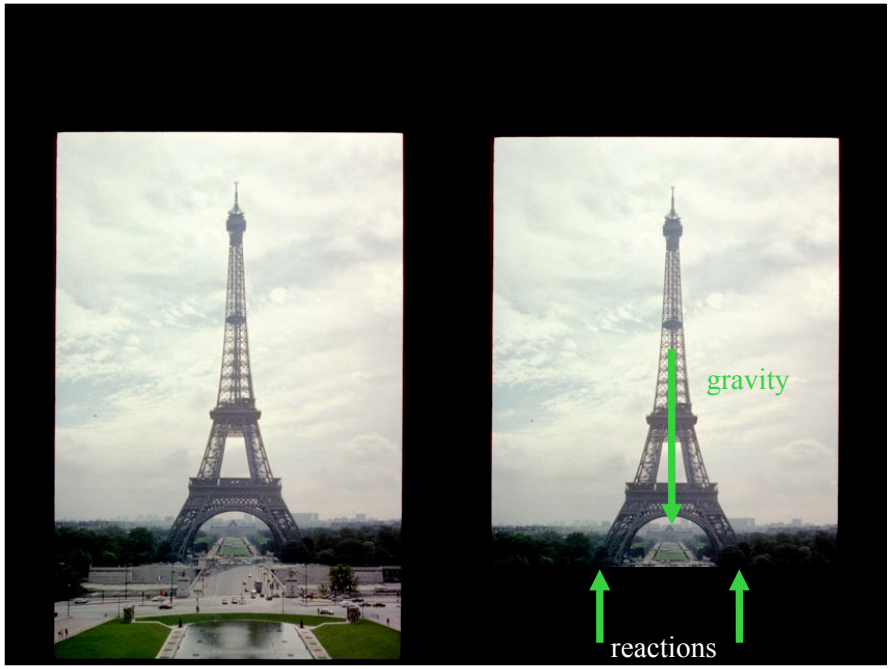
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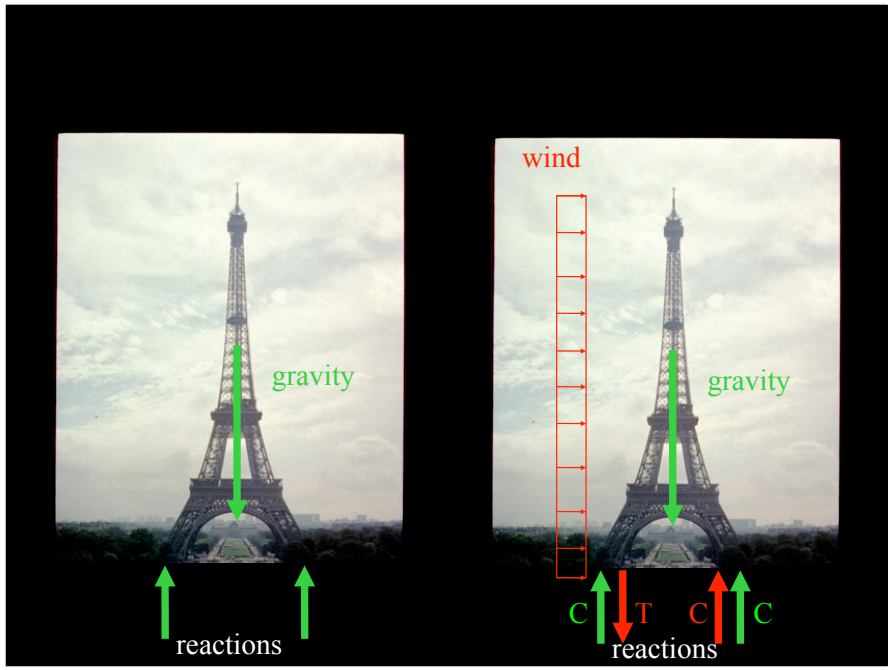
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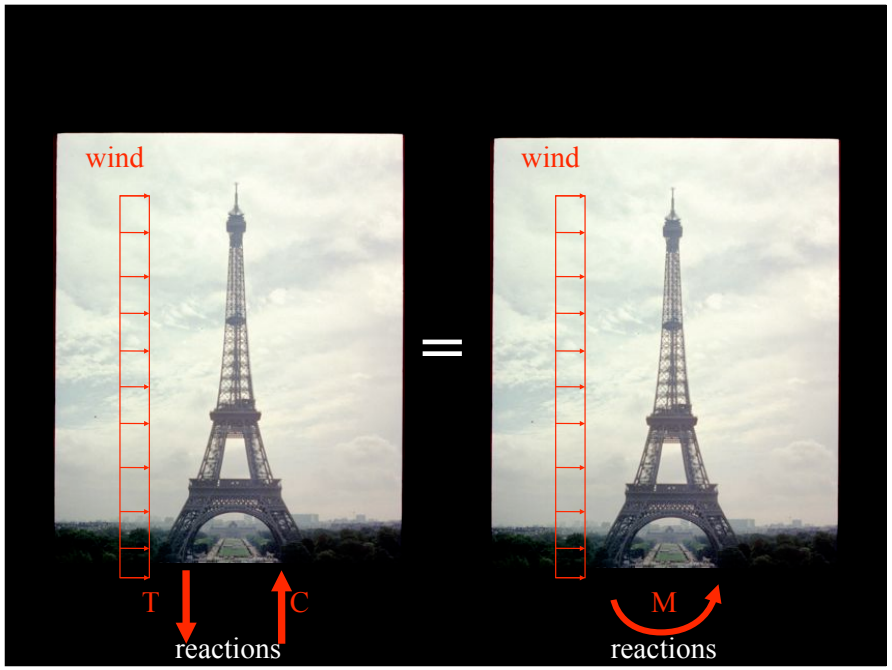
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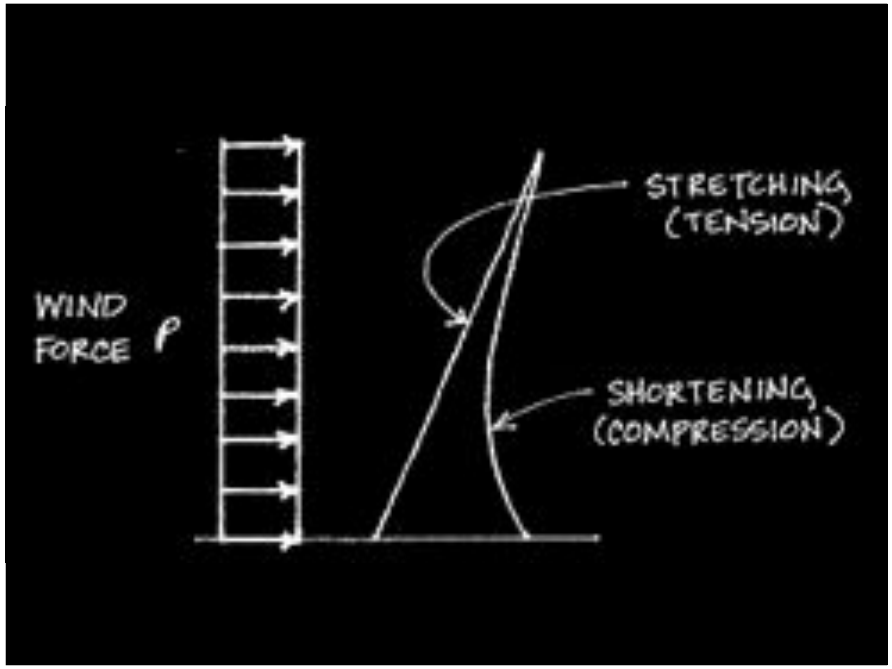
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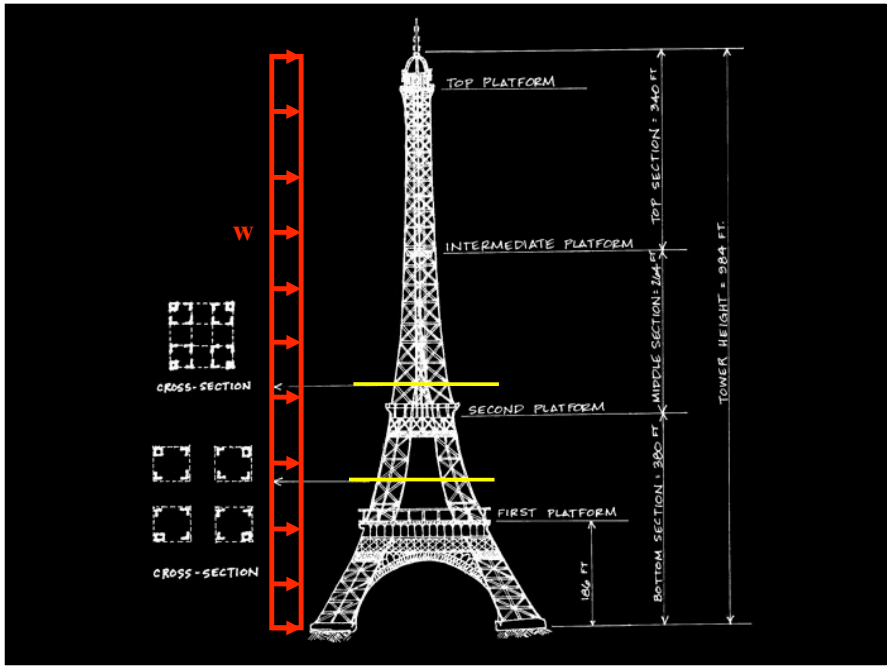
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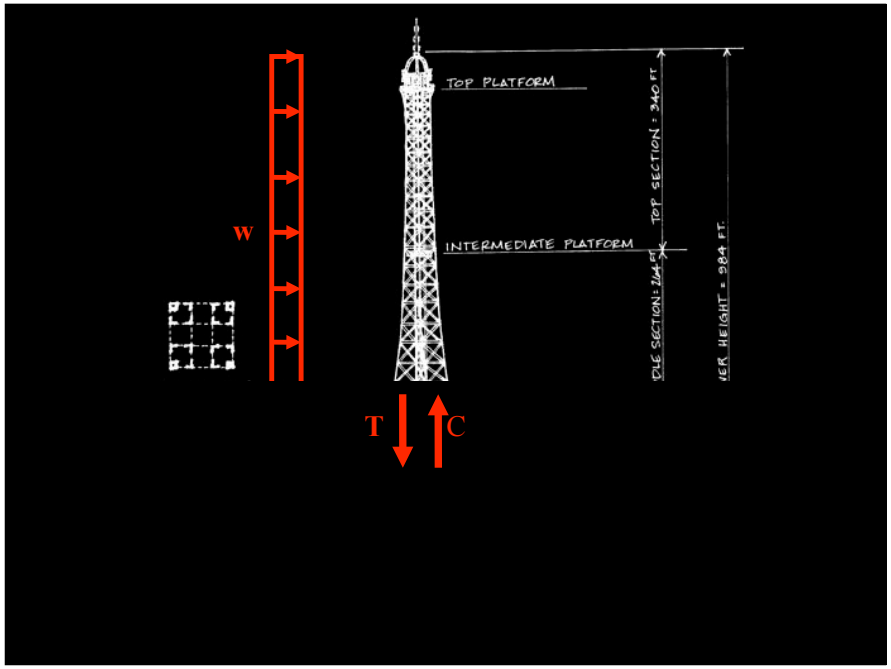
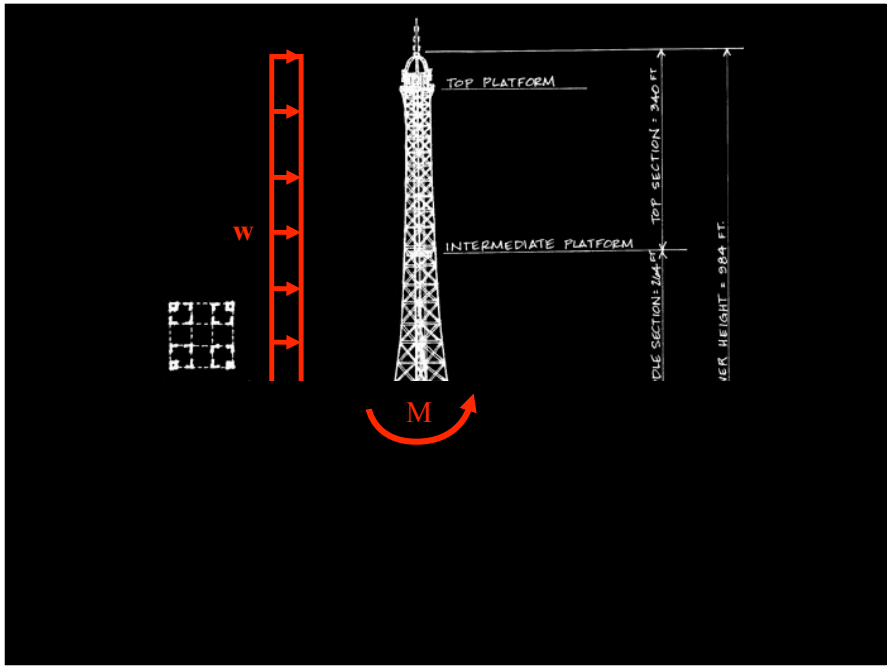
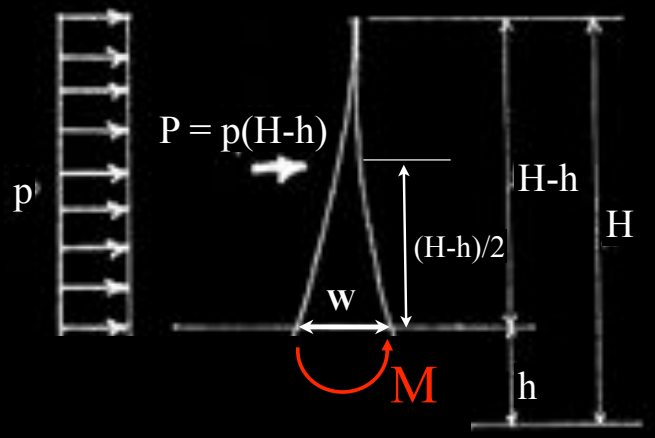




Civil Engineering Units

- Lots of imperial units..
- The kip? kip = kilopound = 1000 lb
- The psf? a pound per square foot
  - say you weigh 150 lb and are standing on a part of the floor which is 1ft x 1ft, you are = 150psf
  - other way – say a constant wind of 40 psf is blowing on a building which is 100ft x 100ft across – the force is 40psf X 100ft X 100ft = 40,000 lb
  - 40,000 lb = 40 kips
- Also… psi and ksi, pound/sq. in, and kip/sq. in
  - Materials may be described as having limit stresses in psi or ksi, e.g., typical yield stress of steel = 50 ksi

Equilibrium



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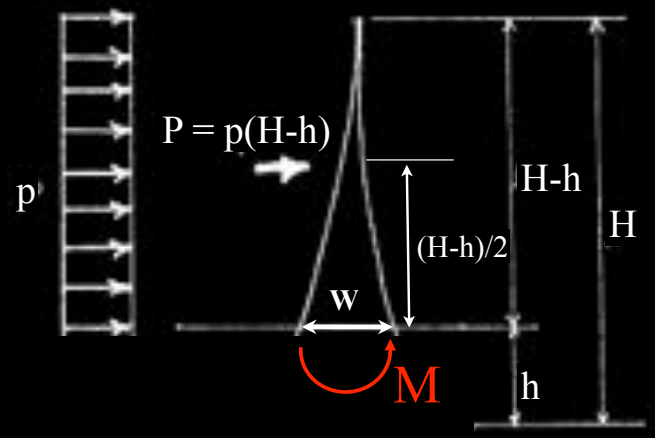

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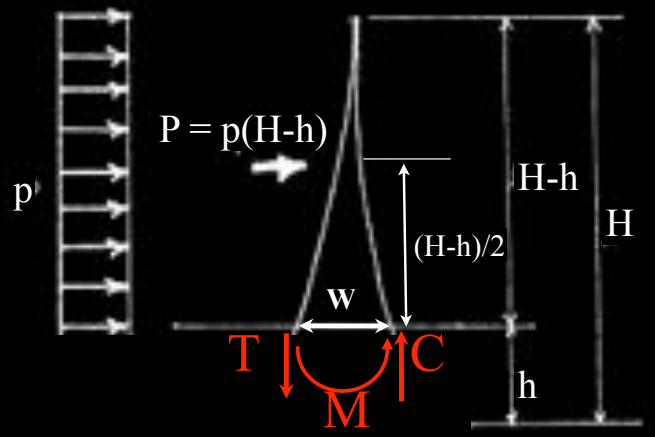

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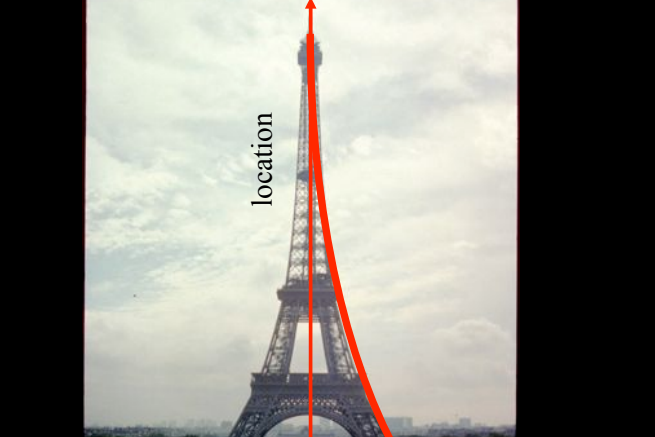

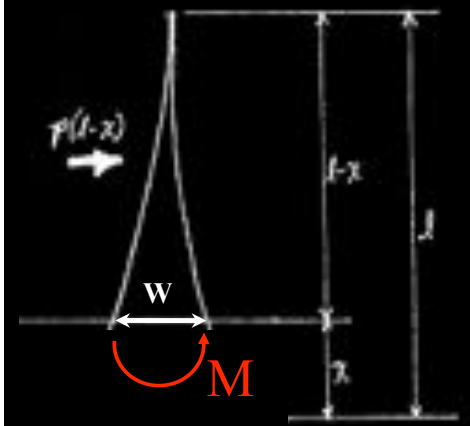

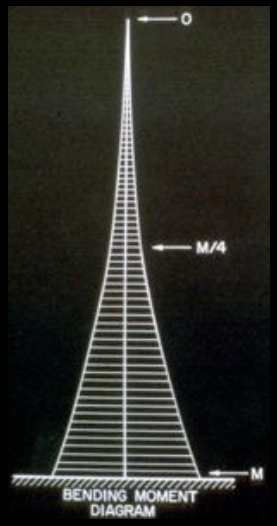

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Load path

or, how the load travels to the ground

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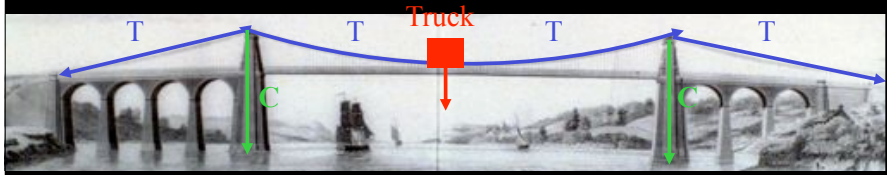

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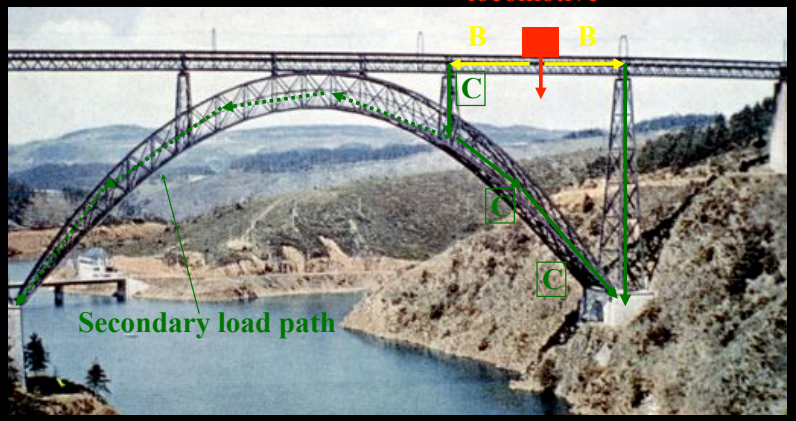

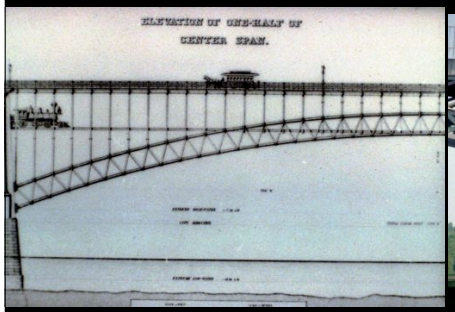

Pick the person on the railing, the carriage, or the locomotive - describe the load path for the force you have selected...