general long radius elbows and gradual changes in shape tend to maintain uniform velocities accompanied by decreased turbulence, lower resistance and a minimum of noise.

Heavy canvas connections (asbestos cloth if there is a fire hazard) are recommended on both the inlet and outlet to all fans. The fan discharge

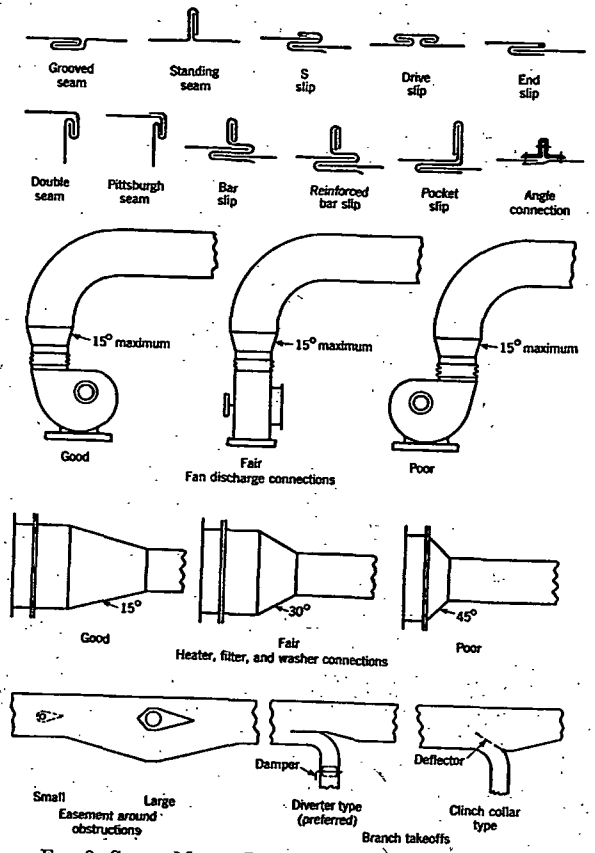

FIG. 9. SHEET METAL DUCT AND ARRANGEMENT DETAILS

connections shown in Fig. 9 are marked *good*, *fair*, and *poor* in the order of the amount of turbulence produced. An inspection of the heater connections shown in Fig. 9 will readily show that uniform velocity through the heater cannot be expected in the diagram noted *poor*. When obstructions cannot be avoided, the duct area should never be decreased more than 10 per cent and then a *streamlined* collar should be used. Larger obstructions require an increase in the duct size in order to maintain as nearly uniform velocity as possible. Branch take-offs should always be

TABLE 8. WEIGHTS OF SHEET METAL USED FOR DUCT CONSTRUCTION

U. S. STD. GAGE	BLACK SHEETS				GALVANIZED SHEETS[a]			
	Approximate Thickness, In.		Weight Per Square Foot		Approximate Thickness, In.		Weight Per Square Foot	
	Steel	Iron	Ounces	Pounds	Steel	Iron	Ounces	Pounds
30	0.0123	0.0125	8	0.500	0.0163	0.0165	10.5	0.656
28	0.0153	0.0156	10	0.625	0.0193	0.0196	12.5	0.781
26	0.0184	0.0188	12	0.750	0.0224	0.0228	14.5	0.906
24	0.0245	0.0250	16	1.000	0.0285	0.0290	18.5	1.156
22	0.0306	0.0313	20	1.250	0.0346	0.0353	22.5	1.406
20	0.0368	0.0375	24	1.500	0.0408	0.0415	26.5	1.656
18	0.0490	0.0500	32	2.000	0.0530	0.0540	34.5	2.156
16	0.0613	0.0625	40	2.500	0.0653	0.0665	42.5	2.656
14	0.0766	0.0781	50	3.125	0.0806	0.0821	52.5	3.281
12	0.1072	0.1094	70	4.375	0.1112	0.1134	72.5	4.531
11	0.1225	0.1250	80	5.000	0.1265	0.1290	82.5	5.156
10	0.1379	0.1406	90	5.625	0.1419	0.1446	92.5	5.781

[a]Galvanized sheets are gaged before galvanizing and are therefore approximately 0.004 in. thicker.

arranged to cut or slice into the air stream in order to reduce as far as possible the losses in velocity head.

The recommended gages for sheet metal duct construction are given in Table 7. Weights of sheet metal per square foot of surface for different gages are given in Table 8. The weights of various gages and the areas for any length of run of rectangular sheet metal ducts may also be determined from Fig. 10. The bottom scale represents the sum of the two sides of the duct and the oblique lines give the length of run in feet. Proceeding horizontally to the right from the intersection of vertical and oblique lines on the chart, the area of the duct may be determined in the first vertical scale.[21] The scales to the right give the weights of the duct run for different gages of metal. In calculating the weights of duct, it is considered good practice to allow 20 per cent additional for weights of joints and bracings. Various weights and thicknesses of standard copper sheets will be found in Table 9 and of 2 *S* aluminum in Table 10.

HEAT LOSSES FROM DUCTS

In designing duct systems, the heat gains or losses of ducts should not be neglected. Heat gains in large duct systems can be quite considerable,

TABLE 9. WEIGHTS AND THICKNESSES OF STANDARD COPPER SHEETS[a]
Rolled to Weight

WEIGHT PER SQUARE FOOT		THICKNESS, INCHES		NEAREST GAGE NO.		
Ounces	Pounds	Decimal Equivalent	Nearest Fraction	B. & S.	Stubs	U. S. STD.
10	0.625	0.0135	1/64	27	29	29
12	0.750	0.0162	1/64	26	27	28
14	0.875	0.0189	1/64	25	26	26
16	1.000	0.0216	1/32	23	24	25
18	1.125	0.0243	1/32	22	23	24
20	1.250	0.0270	1/32	21	22	23
24	1.500	0.0324	1/32	20	21	22
28	1.750	0.0378	1/32	19	20	20
32	2.000	0.0432	3/64	17	19	19
36	2.250	0.0486	3/64	16	18	18
40	2.500	0.0540	3/64	15	17	17
44	2.750	0.0594	1/16	15	17	17
48	3.000	0.0648	1/16	14	16	16
56	3.500	0.0756	5/64	13	15	14
64	4.000	0.0864	5/64	11	14	13

[a]Variations from these weights must be expected in practice.