connection to the unit. The units are constructed for either floor or ceiling mounting and are usually placed in a central location in the basement with short supply and return duct connections from the first floor. Room air is brought into the unit through the return duct connection, is passed over a tempering coil heated by steam or hot water, and is then humidified by passing through some type of spray humidifier. Surplus moisture is removed by an eliminator and the humidified air is delivered to the room through a duct connection. Since a large percentage of the tempering coil capacity is transformed into latent heat during the humidifying process, the unit does not generally eliminate any existing steam radiation but does tend to improve comfort conditions by supplying heat during the off-period of furnace operation[7].

In the *rotary type* of humidifier the spray is created by rotating vanes or discs which throw the water by centrifugal force and in so doing break it up into a fine mist. In all other respects, this type of humidifier is similar to the nozzle type. It has the advantage over the nozzle type of being less liable to become clogged.

In the *cascade type* the humidification takes place by water falling in sheets over a series of baffles or trays. This type is usually furnished with a fan, air heater, and air filter all enclosed in a housing.

In the *heater type* of humidifier the water is heated either to the boiling point or to a temperature at which the water vapor readily passes into the air stream. There are many variations of this type of humidifier. In the simplest form the heating element using steam, hot water, gas, oil, or electricity is placed in a pan or vessel of water and the vapor passes from the surface of the water to the stream of air.

A modification of this type of humidifier is the combination of spray nozzle and heater type in which the water is sprayed over a hot surface and evaporated. It has the disadvantage of accumulating scale on the surfaces of the vessel or heating surface.

For a discussion of various methods of humidification see Chapter 37.

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CHAPTER 27

PIPE, FITTINGS, WELDING

Pipe Materials, Types of Pipe, Commercial Pipe Dimensions, Expansion and Flexibility of Pipe, Pipe Threads and Hangers, Types of Fittings, Flange Facings and Gaskets, Welding in Erection of Piping, Valves

IMPORTANT considerations in the selection and installation of pipe and fittings for heating, ventilating, and air conditioning are dealt with in this chapter.

PIPE MATERIALS

Use of corrosion-resistant materials for pipe, including special alloy steels and irons, wrought-iron, copper, and brass, has increased considerably during the past few years. The recent development of copper, brass, and bronze fittings which can be assembled by soldering or sweating permits the use of thin-wall pipe and thereby has reduced the initial cost of such installations. The following brief discussion indicates the variety of pipe materials and the types of pipe available.

Wrought-Steel Pipe. Because of its low price, the great bulk of wrought pipe used for heating and ventilating work at the present time is of wrought steel. The material used for steel pipe is a mild steel made by the acid-bessemer, the open-hearth, or the electric-furnace process. Ordinary wrought-steel pipe is made either by shaping sheets of metal into cylindrical form and welding the edges together, or by forming or drawing from a solid billet. The former is known as *welded pipe*, the latter as *seamless pipe*.

Many types of welded pipe are available, although the smaller sizes most frequently used in heating and ventilating work are made by the lap-weld, resistance-weld, or butt-weld process. While the lap-weld and resistance-weld processes produce a better weld than the butt type, lap-weld and resistance-weld pipe are seldom manufactured in nominal pipe sizes less than 2 in. Seamless pipe can be obtained in the small sizes at a somewhat higher cost.

Seamless steel pipe is frequently used for high pressure work or where pipe is desired for close coiling, cold bending, or other forming operations. Its advantages are its somewhat greater strength which permits use of a thinner wall and, in the small sizes, its freedom from the occasional tendency of welded pipe to split at the weld when bent.

Wrought-Iron Pipe. Wrought-iron pipe is claimed to be more corrosion-resisting than ordinary steel pipe and therefore its somewhat higher first cost is said to be justified on the basis of longer life expectancy. Wrought-iron pipe may be identified by the spiral line marked into each length, either knurled into the metal or painted on it in red or other bright color. Otherwise, there is little difference in the appearance of wrought iron and steel pipe, although microscopic examination of polished and etched specimens will readily disclose the difference.

Cast-Ferrous Pipe. There are now available several types of cast-ferrous