

## BOOK REVIEW

*STRUCTURAL CLAY PRODUCTS*, by W. E. Brownell

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Structural clay products are one of the oldest goods prepared in human civilization, but up to now much empirical knowledge characterizes their even high mechanized production. This book gives first of all a very comprehensive survey but shows also to the reader, that basic science is the real fundamental way for further development. On the other hand, this book describes the technological steps giving references mainly to American literature. The last chapter is devoted to future trends implying the problems of energy-consumption and continuous decrease in production values. Students of ceramic engineering as engineers in industry of clay products but also their managers should have a real interest in this book. The referee points out, that it could be worthwhile to the subject to pay in future editions a little more regard to European technology and its situation. Above all, this book is a valuable contribution and will help on its part the favorable application by architects and others.

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