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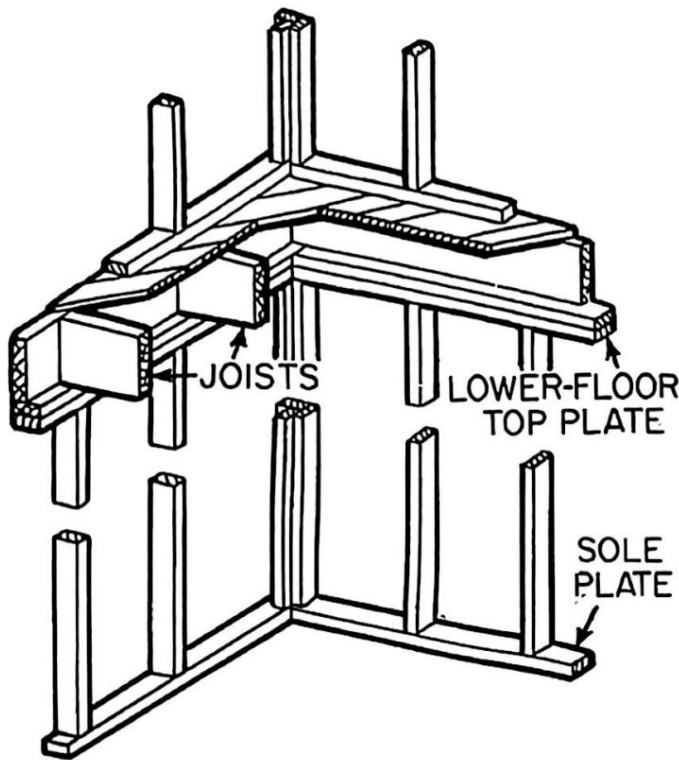
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platform frame

platform framing, western framing A method of timber building construction making use of a **platform frame**.

platform header A horizontal structural member which supports a stair platform construction but carries no stringers.

platform ladder A ladder which is self-supporting and has a platform at the working level.

platform roof A roof which terminates in a horizontal plane; any roof which is truncated.

platform stair Same as **dogleg stair**.

platted molding Same as **reticulated molding**.

planch debout en terre construction In French Vernacular architecture a system of construction, once widely used in Southern Louisiana, in which closely spaced planks were driven several feet into the ground; the space between the planks was filled with **bousillage**, then the wall was covered with horizontal clapboards.

play The separation between moving parts to reduce friction.

playfield An area designed for field games.

playhouse 1. A place of assembly for dramatic presentations. 2. A small building serving children as a make-believe home.

play lot A playing area for children.

plaza A public square that is usually centrally located, in Spain and in communities of Spanish heritage.

pleached Said of the branches of trees, shrubs, vines, etc., which are united by weaving, braiding, or plaiting.

pleasance A pleasure garden intended for enjoyment; often secluded.

pleasance chamber In a royal palace, a room of state.

plenishing nail A large nail for fastening the planks of floors to the joists.

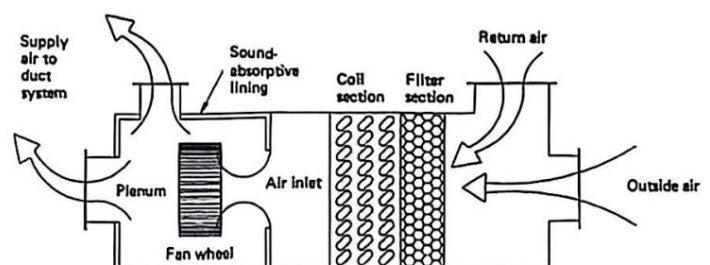
plenum 1. In suspended ceiling construction, the space between the suspended ceiling and the main structure above. 2. A **plenum chamber**.

plenum barrier In suspended ceiling construction, a material or structural barrier erected in a **plenum** over a partition; used to reduce sound transmission between adjoining rooms by way of this path over the partition.

plenum cable A jacket having low flame- and smoke-producing properties; specifically designed for use in the **plenum**, 1 formed by the space between a suspended ceiling and the structural floor above; such space often is used for return air in a heating and/or cooling system in a building.

plenum chamber In an air-conditioning system, an enclosed volume which (in a supply system) is at a slightly higher pressure than the atmosphere and is connected to a number of branch supply ducts, or which (in a return system) is at a slightly lower pressure than the atmosphere and is connected to a number of return grilles; a **plenum**, 1.

plenum fan A backward-curved airfoil impeller that is housed in a rectangular plenum; has



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