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At the old Brooklyn House of Detention for Men (Raymond Street Jail) the lack of suitable recreation areas for use during inclement weather necessitates prisoners taking their exercise period in narrow dismal corridors outside their cells.

In 1909, the female prison, then seventy years old, was torn down and the entire institution was rebuilt between then and 1911 at a cost of \$350,000.00. Further improvements and modifications were made, in 1914 and 1915, but still the Raymond Street Jail, modelled after a West Point fortress was evidence that attitudes towards prisoners had not changed in proportion to the technological advances made in almost 300 years of Brooklyn prison history.

This fact was symbolically illustrated when the building was first planned. *By a slight oversight on the part of the architects and the supervisors, when the building was completed—they found there was no front door!*



At times it has been necessary to use this small dayroom for housing of adolescents during housing emergencies caused by overcrowding at the old Brooklyn House of Detention for Men (Raymond Street Jail).

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