

Louis Kahn  
American, b. Russia 1901-1974  
Second Capital of Pakistan 1963  
Dacca, East Pakistan  
Perspective of hospital  
Dwarvas, and colored crayon on tracing paper  
Gift of the architect  
437.27

3  
GEBRÜDER THONET, Austrian  
company design  
ARMCHAIR c. 1900  
Steam-bent beechwood  
Mfr: Gebrüder Thonet, Austria  
Phyllis Johnson Fund  
66.780

During the 1850s Michael Thonet perfected his process of bending lengths of steamed beechwood rods in iron molds. The technological development eliminated laborious hand carving and led to the first mass-production of inexpensive standardized furniture. Its only ornament consists of decorative spirals accentuating the ends of the rods. Thonet's furniture was produced in great quantity and sold around the world through mail-order catalogs.

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GEBRÜDER THONET, Austrian  
company design  
RECLINING ROCKING CHAIR WITH  
ADJUSTABLE BACK c. 1880  
Steam-bent beechwood and cane  
Mfr: Gebrüder Thonet, Austria  
Phyllis B. Lambert Fund  
AAA 50

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GEBRÜDER THONET,  
company design  
ROCKING CHAIR  
Steam-bent beechwood  
Mfr: Gebrüder Thonet,  
Austria  
Gift of Cole Hahn  
439.9

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