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GAS in Industry
modernizes time-worn methods

It is surprising how the application of gas in industry sometimes brings about complete changes in time-worn methods.

An example (which may have its counterpart in your own plant) is found in varnish making. Varnish must be heated to a definite pre-determined temperature, and removed from the heat at the precise, critical moment. Failure to observe these requirements means that the entire kettle of varnish is spoiled.

Since the industry's origin, varnish kettles have always been mounted on wheels to facilitate quick removal from the fire. But gas today is changing all that. Gas can be turned off more quickly than it would be possible to wheel the kettle away!

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JANUARY, 1929
THE hitch must be right, the pack must be tight. On details such as that hung the attainment of the day's goal and the final success of the expedition.

Lewis and Clark, first Americans to cross the continent, knew the importance of "trifles" in the concerted plan. They saw to it their equipment was right, they supervised every step from man-power to pack-horse-power, they applied sure knowledge and constant vigilance to their task.

Today's leaders in business have the same point of view.

Men in the Bell System, exploring new country, take infinite pains in preparation. They work toward the smooth coordination of engineering, manufacturing, warehousing, accounting, finance, public service.

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Western Electric's world of telephone making

It may be a strand of cotton. It may be a fine-spun bit of wire. It may be a decision involving new methods of warehousing.

But tiny or great in size, in the eyes of Western Electric men no problem is ever tiny in importance. Somewhere in the Western Electric organization, somebody is studying his particular thread of the manufacture of telephones as if it were the most important thing in the world to be studied.

He may be an electrical engineer, equipped with the finest instruments of his art and the will to blaze new pathways of knowledge.

He may be a clear-thinking mechanical engineer whose domain is the factory floor and who seeks to wrest from that domain the last final measure of effective service.

Or he may be a keen student of commercial trends, fired with the zeal to understand; and, understanding, bend the workings of commerce the better to his especial needs.

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Thus the fibre or grain of the steel flows into carefully predetermined channels, bringing it *parallel* to the surface at the points of greatest load in the finished and revolving bearing.

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New Departure Ball Bearings

The New Departure Manufacturing Co.,

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Prehistoric man clothed himself in the skins of the animals he killed for food. Later he used the hair alone, woven into a covering for his body, varying this with fabrics made from plants, as cotton and linen, for warmer climates and seasons.

In the far east the natives took the filament from the cocoon of the silk worm and spun and wove it into a soft and beautiful textile, much desired in Europe and America since its introduction by early seafarers.

Chemists have now produced artificially a fibre similar to the silkworm's and fabrics woven from it are produced in great quantities under the name of Rayon.

The Foundation Company has constructed a number of factories both at home and abroad, for the manufacture of Rayon.
Modern Engineering Gives Electricity to the plains of West Texas

With the discovery of oil, West Texas needed electric power. And now, in the heart of the mesquite plains around Del Rio—the first hydro-electric dam has been completed. It is 900 feet long, and 45 feet wide, and will harness the waters of Devil's River.

In building the dam, modern engineering overcame one after another of nature's obstacles.

Sullivan Diamond Drills took 2-in. cores 50 feet deep in the bedrock to determine its safety for the dam; and to reveal seams, which later were filled with cement to prevent seepage, underneath.

No sand for concrete was available—so limestone blocks were chiselled from the river bank, to form the dam. Line drilling with Sullivan Rock Drills and quarry bars, removed the blocks from the quarry. Eight of these rigs drilled 28 miles of hole in one month.

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