

WHY WE MUST DO WITHOUT THESE THINGS

Out of our homes and into the battle . . . a picture story of weapons forged from everyday peacetime articles now rationed or discontinued



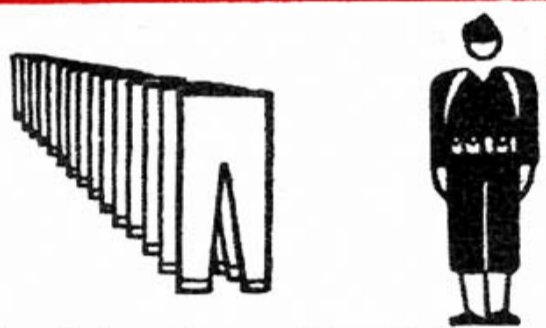
The steel used in one auto will make a 75 mm. howitzer.

MOTORCARS

NEW TIRES



Seven auto tires use enough rubber for one bomber tire.



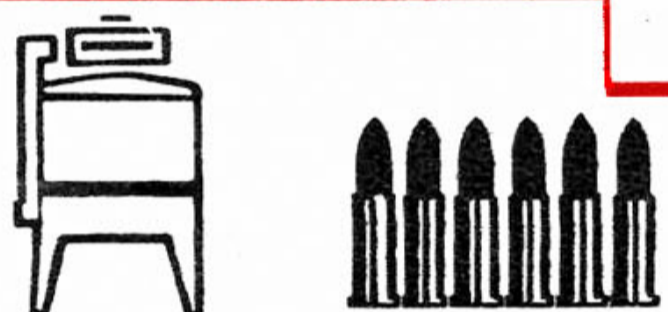
Wool in the cuffs of 21 men's suits will make one army uniform.

CUFFS

STOCKINGS



The nylon and silk from 136 pairs of stockings will make one army parachute.



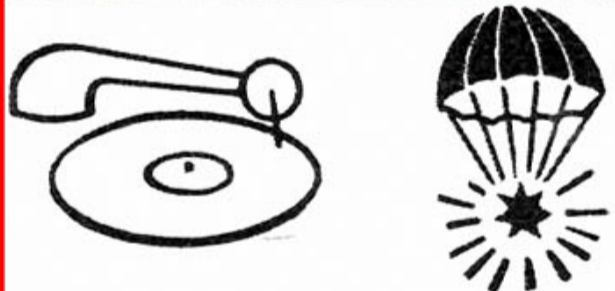
Steel in one washer will make six 3-inch 75 mm. howitzer shells.

WASHING MACHINES

TOYS



A 3½-pound toy locomotive uses enough copper and brass for six .30-caliber bullets.



The shellac in one phonograph record will make a signal flare.

NEW RECORDS

BICYCLES



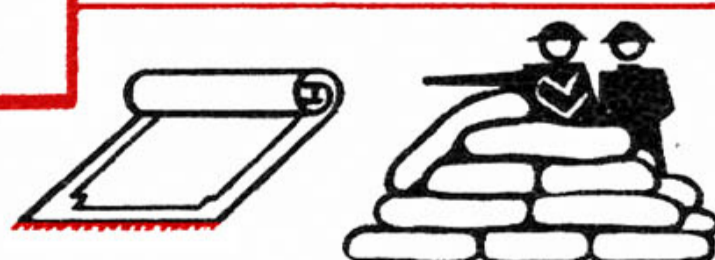
The steel contained in a junior-size bicycle is enough to make one .30-caliber machine gun.



The steel used in a set of golf clubs will make 30 hand grenades.

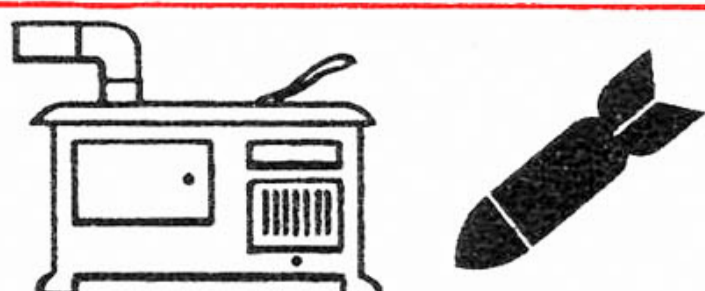
GOLF CLUBS

RUGS



An average 9'x12' rug contains jute enough for 32 sandbags and wool for two army uniforms.

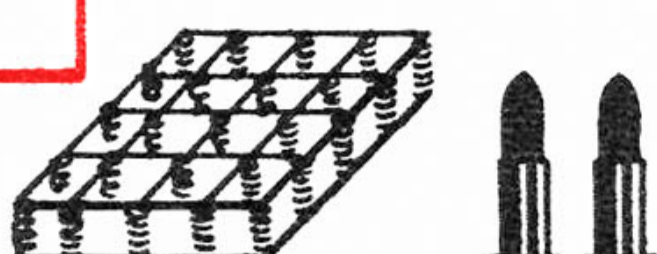
DOING WITHOUT



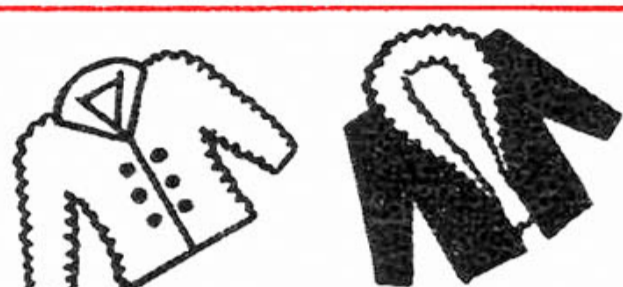
An average wood-burning stove contains enough iron for a 500-pound aerial bomb.

STOVES

BEDSPRINGS



Steel in a set of bedsprings will make two 4-inch 105 mm. shells.



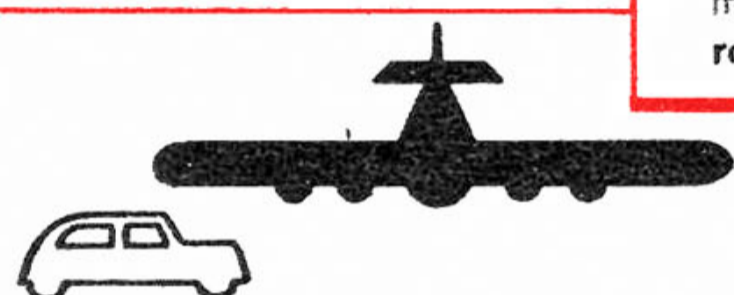
A lady's mouton coat will provide the lining for an aviator's jacket.

FURS

FURNITURE



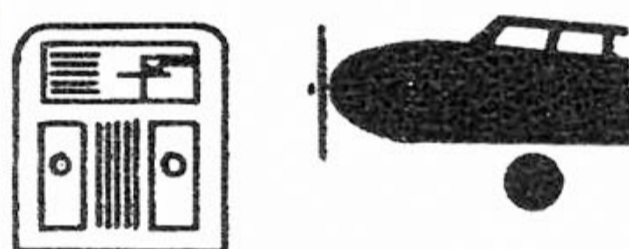
Wood in an average desk will make three boxes to hold 3,000 rounds of .50-caliber ammunition.



An average car consumes gas enough in six months to run a Flying Fortress for one hour.

GASOLINE

JUKE BOXES



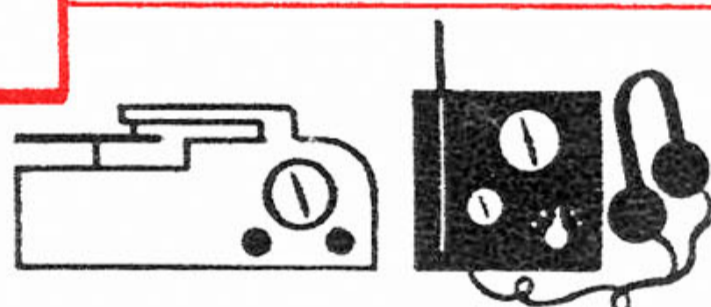
A juke box contains plastics for one pursuit plane's cowling.



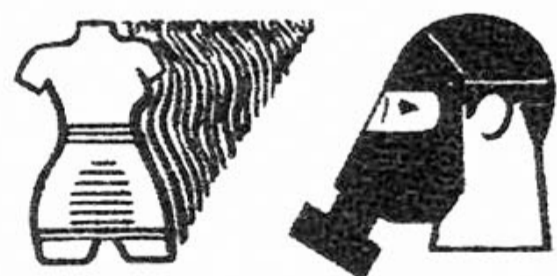
The aluminum in a coffeepot will make a large incendiary bomb.

ALUMINUM

RADIO



A radio phonograph contains copper enough for army field radio.



200 girdles require the rubber needed for an army gas mask.

GIRDLES

REFRIGERATORS



One refrigerator uses steel enough for two 3-inch trench mortars.

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