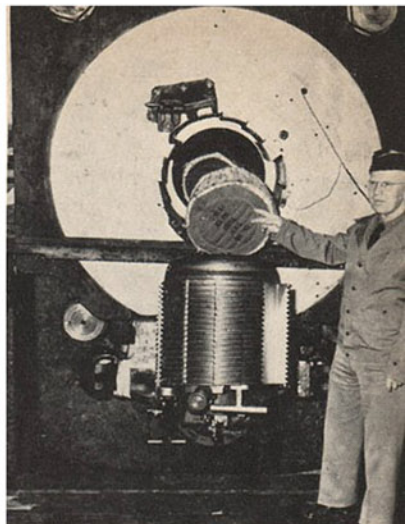




Stores are collecting old silk hose for conversion into powder bags for use in our big coast defense guns.



Stockings must be sorted and all cotton tops removed before the remaining silk can be processed.



How bags are used. Placed in breach of huge guns, they propel the projectile, leave no residue in the gun.

HOW YOUR DISCARDED STOCKINGS GO TO WAR

AMERICAN INGENUITY has scored another triumph. Millions of pairs of discarded silk hose are now serving an important war purpose. They are being reprocessed and made into bags for gun powder and other high explosives used in the firing of huge calibre guns. Silk is especially good for this purpose because it burns completely, leaving no residue in the gun. The guns may then be fired again and again during action without the necessity of cleaning the barrel and without the risk of "hang fires" to endanger the gun crew's safety.

Collection points have been established in stores all over the country and many women's organizations are pushing the collection of old silk hose in their neighborhoods in order to keep the ammunition bags passing along. Stockings made of all silk, nylon, or mixtures of silk and nylon, silk and rayon, or silk and cotton are being sought. They should be washed before they are turned in.

If every woman in the United States turns in all her old stockings that have runs and are now useless, the men in the Army and Navy will gladly use them to put our enemies on the run and render them equally useless. Get *your* old stockings in the fight today!



ABOVE—After various picking and shredding operations, old silk stocking material is bleached and fed into a breaker machine for conversion into thread which is then woven into cloth. BELOW—Sewing primer caps from the cloth. It takes fifteen pairs of stockings to provide sufficient cloth for an average sized powder bag.