

There are approximately 275 Komet knitting machines of various types in use at Plant #1. These machines are used mainly to produce men's slack socks and misses' over-the-calf knee-high socks.

The Seaming Department of Plant #1 operates only one shift. Sam Dale is the supervisor of the Seaming Department and Jimmy Michael is the head mechanic and assistant supervisor. Two lot handlers carry the hosiery from the knitters to the seamers and then take the seamed hosiery to the shipping area. The time keeper for the seaming department is Mary Maske, who also maintains the records for the goods that come into the department and that go out to the finishing plant.



Seaming Department supervisor Sam Dale discusses with timekeeper Mary Maske the quality of some socks that are ready to ship to Plant #3.

Adams-Millis is the hosiery manufacturer that perfected the seamed toe. Sixty-one operators at Plant #1 run the Union Special Seaming Machines which trim off the seam clip and close the toe of the sock at the same time. Most hosiery comes from the Knitting Department right-side-out. The seamer must turn the sock wrong-side-out by means of a suction tube, seam the toe, and turn the sock right-side-out again. This operation, called "Turn-Seam-Turn," constitutes the majority of the production of the Seaming Department. Seaming toes is quicker, more efficient, and less costly than the old method of looping them which was very tedious work, done on much slower machines. A seamer can turn out an average of about 150 dozen pairs daily, while a looper could do, at best, about 45 dozen pairs.



Jimmy Michael, assistant supervisor of the Seaming Department, inspects a toe seamed by Louise Newton.



Christine Stone seams the toe of a tube sock on an Union Special Seaming machine. The sock is around a clear tube which uses suction to turn the sock wrong-side-out so that she can seam the inside of the toe, and when the seaming is finished, the tube carries the sock to the collection bin.

Policeman (producing a notebook): "What's your name?"

Speeding motorist: "Aloysius Alsaliat Chysiancz-jiachas."

Policeman (putting away notebook): "Don't let me catch you speeding again!"