

The MILL WHISTLE

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW about the goods that you help to produce? That question, asked of a man or woman who had been working in the mills for many years, will doubtless bring the retort: "I know all about them. I make them myself, with my own hands and brains."

We wouldn't dare argue with men and women who know their business as well as they do. But we venture a guess that a lot of employees will be surprised when they visit our Exhibit, which opens to the public on May 11th.

This will be the first opportunity the public has ever had to view the products that Marshall Field & Company is making for the armed forces. It will also be the first opportunity that most of us in the company have had to see the finished products of our hands. Many of these goods leave our mills in an unfinished state, consequently, the men and women who helped to manufacture the raw product have never seen them after they have been transformed into units of warfare.

No attempt will be made here to list the numerous products which have not been so highly glamorized in newspapers and reports as have the spectacular jeeps, guns, shells, ships and airplanes. Yet men whose task it is to see that our armed forces have the best of everything they need are fully aware that our products in their respective categories, have been, and are, just as essential as other types of products.

Some of the fabrics produced by Marshall Field & Company have played, and are now playing, a prominent part in battle, while other products have contributed to the comfort and welfare of those in hospitals and camps.

If you work for the company, or if you live in the community, you cannot afford to miss this Exhibit. You'll see things you didn't know existed—insofar as their being produced here is concerned. You'll see the types of goods that your fighting men and women are daily using.

If an employee works in the Woolen Mill, for instance, we can assume he knows all about the woolen goods produced there. He probably has seen all of his goods in their finished state, and is mighty proud of them. But has he ever seen finished goods from the other mills? Have the employees of the Blanket Mill ever seen the fine hammocks, suiting, overcoats, etc, that are produced here? Have the employees of Bedspread seen the finished products of the Rayon Mill, Towel Mill, Sheeting Mill, and vice versa?

It will be a wonderful chance for us all to see and know what we are making and what part our goods are playing in this great struggle. The writer has seen only a small portion of the goods to be exhibited, yet his pride in his company has more than redoubled.

And that, we are sure, will apply to every employee who views the Exhibit.

This realization should be a source of pride to everyone in the community and should cause us to redouble our efforts to produce the finest quality of goods we are capable of until the final victory.

TOOTS

From the General Office
 By L. H. Sheffield

We simply can't let the Whistle go to press without telling Gretchen Becker that we have missed her very much since she has been away. She has already been gone three weeks—where she went and when she will return is still a mystery— But listen!!

Dear readers your humble correspondent is going to let you in on a secret—Gretchen has been hob-nobbing with the elite in that wicked city—New York!! Could it be possible that she is on missionary mission? I don't think so. If you could see a list of the shows that she is seeing you would agree with me that she is not.

Grethen has always belonged to the Right Wing Group—But not anymore—Due to a certain one armed individual's fluent speech, dynamic personality, double Martinis and good food, she has definitely become one of the Left Wing group. When will Grethen return to work? Davis Petty says, "That is the Sixty Four Dollar Question." I predict—Before she does, she will need at least a week for a rest cure.

No kidding Gretchen—we are happy to know that you are having such a wonderful vacation. And we will be waiting with open arms for your return—Left wing or Right wing, we don't care.

Hugh Bundy should know better than to try to do any heavy work. It wasn't really Hugh's idea at all—Elsie, (the head of the house) decided that golf wasn't enough exercise for Hugh. So she, Elsie, decided that, even if there is not going to be any Spring Seasn this year, she was going to do Spring decorating just the same. And Hugh was elected!! Seriously—Hugh, we are glad that you are able to be out again.

John Geer is back in his office again, trying to rest up from that trip that he has just returned from. When asked if he had any news for this column, John said—"You may tell the world that I will never make another trip with Dave Purcell"—John would add very little to this statement. But we gathered that Dave liked to work rather than to play—you can guess the rest.

A correction—last week I stated, in this column that Hilda Grogan, our new check girl, would tip the scales at 98 pounds. I have been informed this was wrong. She weighs 95 pounds. Sorry Hilda. I was not trying to make you a big girl.

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