

of machinery that the human mind can conceive. The machine may be manufactured in Walla Walla, Washington, or in Mugwump, but it is quite likely that it contains some part of a machine that was built by a machine (whoa, Jack) that came from Torrance.

In early days men created guilds of craftsmen. Each of these guilds developed its own community. And, as time passed, kindred guilds and trades came to make their homes nearby, each working in an interlocking combination to produce the ultimate product.

So it has been with Torrance. Founded to provide a home for the world's largest oil supply machinery plant, embracing the largest steel plant in Southwestern United States, developing the rubber industry from its early days, it is quite logical that tens of other specialty plants came here, to ply their trades in co-operation. And Torrance manufacturers do work together. Inspection of the various factories shows almost every one of them doing some work for another Torrance industry, in addition to its own regular output.

Torrance Parts

BUT LET us examine the various examples mentioned in our opening paragraphs. It was presumed that the traffic signal turned as you drove up to the intersection. What made it turn?

A little hard rubber disc with a key-shaped slot actually swung that signal. And, no matter where that traffic signal was constructed, its heart came from the Rubbercraft Corporation factory in Torrance.

On your right was a huge office building, housing professional tenants. Possibly the steel frame of that building came from Columbia Steel, Torrance. If it is in Southern California the brick may have been baked in one of three Torrance yards from Torrance clay. But no matter in what part of the country it is located it is quite probable that many of the appliances and much of the equipment used by the professional ten-

ants contains rubber devices fabricated here.

For the goods developed in the Rubbercraft plant alone reach into every sphere. In addition to 2700 various articles of regular production, scarcely a day passes that some new specialty is not fabricated here to the order of some manufacturer, to be used in a limitless scope of production.

Movies Rely on Them

THE SAME factory is responsible for the goods you will find in the department store and market. Even if no Torrance-made product is found on their shelves, their show-cases will utilize one. And the movies could not be made without rubber goods from this plant, nor would airplanes of seven major manufacturers fly without them.

Going to the eastern seaboard we find Torrance orchids and Torrance gardenias in the floral shops, while the abalone novelties labelled "Souvenir of Oshkosh, Wisconsin" or "Pleasant Memories of Peanut Hollow" were manufactured and marked in the Salm Manufacturing Company's factory in—you guessed it—Torrance. The same factory produces fishing lures from the same basic material—abalone pearl—which are found in the sports goods and hardware emporiums of the nation.

Radio, Too

AS FOR homes, where is the one which does not contain some Torrance-made article? Added to the things mentioned (and considering that in abalone pearl goods Torrance holds a virtual monopoly of the nation's trade) Torrance contributes to such fields as radio. For practically all Southern California stations use towers of rolled shapes built in Torrance of Torrance-made steel, fabricated and galvanized by International Derrick and Equipment Company—a Torrance organization. And without towers, radio would be impossible.

If the home is on a ranch or in the outskirts of a city it is quite likely that much of its equipment for small animals,

particularly chickens, came from the White Manufacturing Company's factory. Almost every kind of equipment, from feeders to brooders, from egg scales to incubators, from pens to trapnets, is fully fabricated here, while a line of remedies is compounded and distributed by the company.

Oil Depends on Torrance

IN THE oil industry it is almost impossible to operate without some products whose birth occurred in Torrance. Practically every oil well depends on Torrance to supply some of its parts, while in many instances the entire mechanical portion of the well is constructed here. A visit to the factory of the Hydril Company, or the D. and M. Machine Works, will be an education in itself. In addition, there are a number of Torrance factories doing special work for the local oilfields, such as the Pacific Perforating Company.

Returning to the manufacture of oil well machinery, inspection of its records showed one company alone recently shipped its products to England, France, Russia, Brazil, Hungary, Iraq, Dutch East Indies, Straits Settlements, Australia, Venezuela, Colombia and Mexico.

Zinc, Sulphuric Acid

AS ANOTHER field for Torrance products, consider zinc. Not only does the Pacific Smelting Company refine the metal into all manner of zinc compounds for industrial use, but a new Torrance factory, Hughes-Mitchell Processes, Inc., stresses the preparation of paint pigments from this source. Another product of the latter firm is sulphuric acid, of which one local company alone uses three carloads a week. And the painter, using Hughes-Mitchell pigments, may have cleaned his building with Richard R. Ball's blasting sand, which constitutes a quarter or

more of the Southern California supply.

Another local product is that of the Dicalite Company, where diatomaceous earths are converted into various patented preparations used extensively in oil and manufacturing fields.

Insulating Materials

INSULATING and acoustical materials are produced in volume at the plant of the Coast Insulating Company, while Pierson and Ryan are producing a new steam cleaner for automobiles. Printing for many businesses outside the city, as well as almost all of that for local users, is produced by the Automatic Printing Company. Indeed, forms from this plant will, through the thousands and millions of shipments from local factories, be found in the files of almost every large business concern in the world. Due to the fact that they handle the printing for so many world

traders, their printed forms, for requisitions, bills of lading, statements, etc., are probably given the widest distribution of any Torrance product, for they accompany other Torrance shipments in every field.

Torrance Transportation

NOT ONLY do Torrance products cover the world, but raw materials come to the city and finished products leave only by means of other Torrance products. Rail shipments must be either via Santa Fe, using Torrance oil, or by Pacific Electric, using Torrance-repaired cars. If the products move via highway, Torrance gasolines are sold by virtually every large company, while much of the transportation is handled by the Citizens Truck Company. So Torrance not only covers the world but it reaches its network of contacts to accompany the products many miles away from the city.

Miniature Hospital Is Found in Physicians' Offices

IN A CITY of outstanding accomplishments, with an outstanding hospital of its own and with each of the larger industrial organizations having at least a surgical dressing and first aid room, it is to be expected that offices of the physicians and surgeons also will be outstanding.

Such is the case in Torrance. Typical of the attention paid to their profession by Torrance physicians may be mentioned the offices of Drs. J. S. Lancaster and George P. Shidler, chosen for this sketch because they have recently installed some of the most modern equipment to be obtained.

Many a small city hospital is not as well prepared for medical attention and minor surgery as is this office. For each of the physicians uses a suite consisting of a reception room, a dressing and examina-

tion room, a minor operations room and two or three lying-in or rest rooms. In addition the services of a newly equipped X-ray room and laboratory as well as such equipment as is needed for basal metabolism and similar determinations is used jointly.

This X-ray room is of the very latest type. It is under the care of Robert Roberts, who recently came to Torrance from Long Beach to take charge of this and the laboratory work for these surgeons. Roberts is a veteran of 12 years experience in this type of work, including training in the U. S. Navy and in Seattle before coming to Long Beach.

Drs. Lancaster and Shidler have a very extensive practice, being surgeons for several of the larger industrial plants as well as possessing a large private clientele.

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