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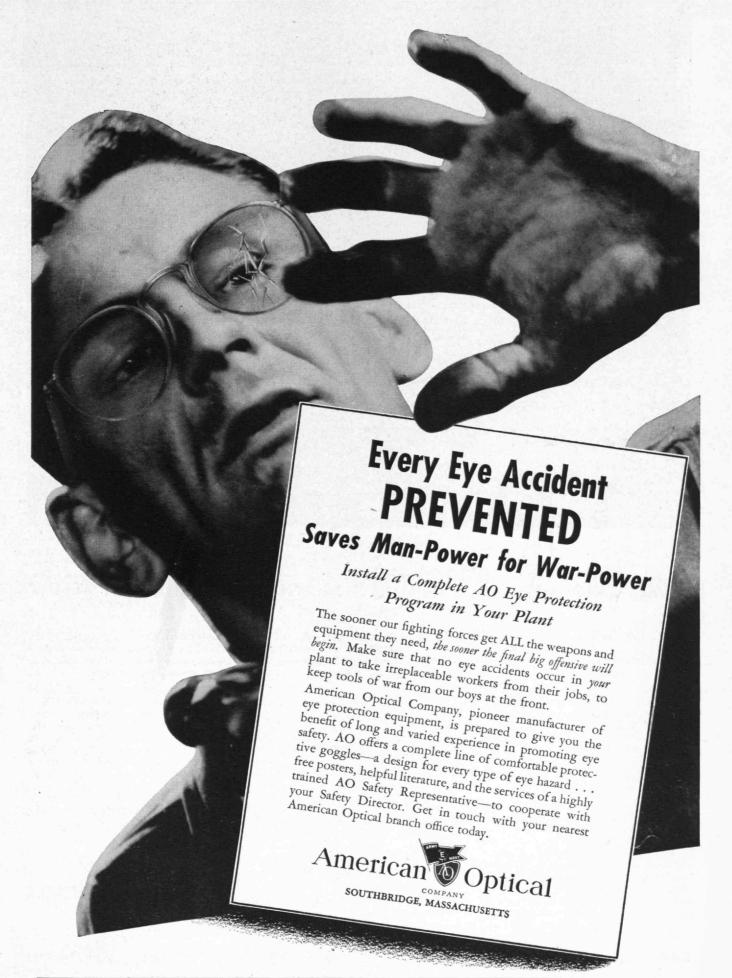
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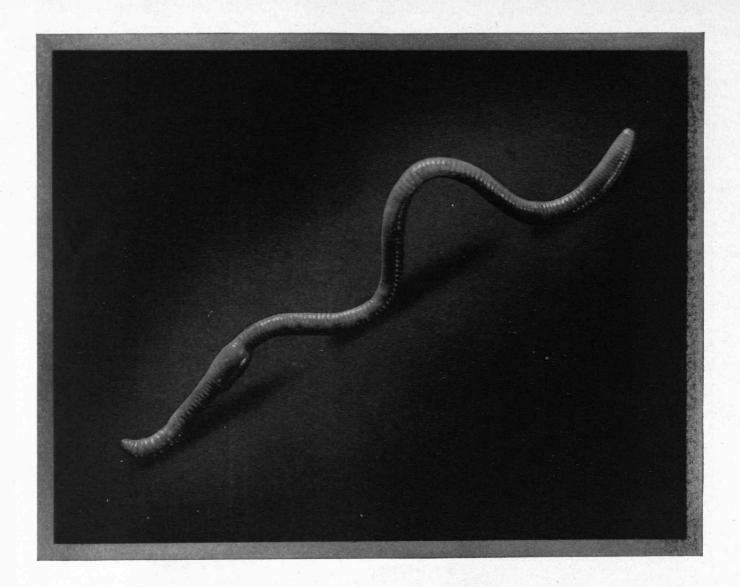
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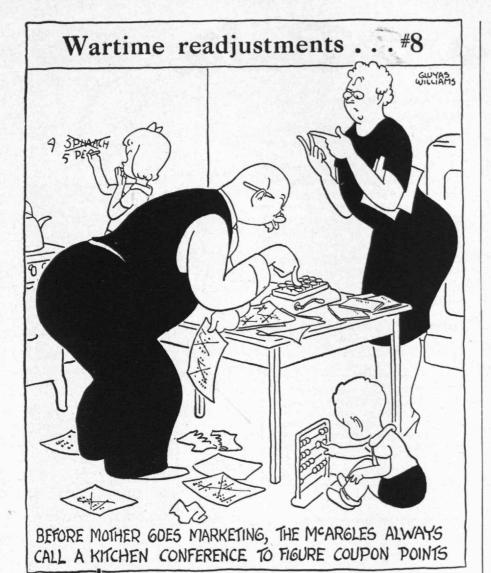
flexible sheets for use as protective linings or for gasketing; and in liquid form for use as a corrosion-resistant paint, or for impregnation of fabrics.

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It's love, and security, and freedom from fear and want and drudgery, and freedom

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Because the roads to Berlin all lead home again!

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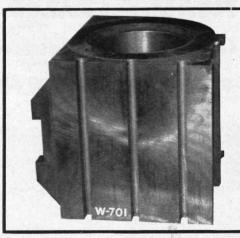
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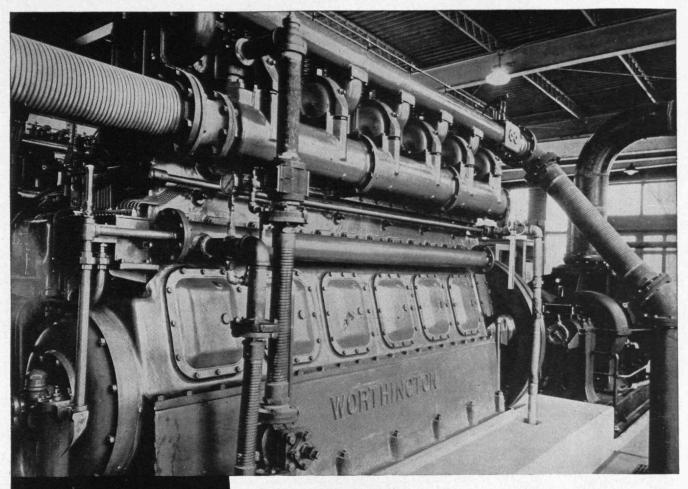
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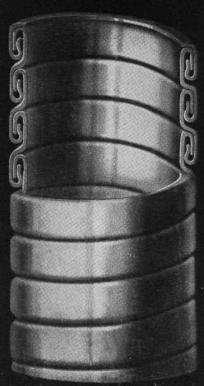
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THE TABULAR VIEW

Sweet Music. — Why is so little known about starch? Answers to this question, which is of much industrial importance, are suggested (page 363) by Richard S. Bear, Associate Professor of Biophysical Chemistry at Technology, in an illuminating essay reporting recent advances in research. Professor Bear, a graduate of Princeton and the University of California, joined the Institute Faculty in 1941.

Unity. — Co-operation between science and the humanities in bettering mankind's estate was the theme of a penetrating address to chapters of Sigma Xi and Phi Beta Kappa by JAMES B. CONANT, President of Harvard University, which is basis of his essay in this issue of The Review (page 366).

Targets. — Replanning of cities, if it is to be effective, requires agreement on standards. To this end, FREDERICK J. Adams, Associate Professor of City Planning at Technology, has been studying questions of the crowding of people on land, tentative answers to which he presents on page 368.

Protection. — The relations between patents and industrial research are analyzed in the concluding portion of a discussion by Robert E. Wilson, '16, of recent attacks on the American patent system (page 371). Dr. Wilson's article is drawn from his address as Perkin medalist for 1943.

Tides. — HERBERT S. SWAN, industrial consultant and city planner who has frequently discussed social trends for The Review, is concerned in this issue (page 360) with the ebb and flow of workers and employment.

Light. — Our cover this month depicts crystals of magnesium, of interest not only because the light metal is today of such urgent utility in the war effort but also because these crystals were produced by the direct thermal reduction of dolomite in vacuum, the technique representing the first large industrial application of high vacuum.

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