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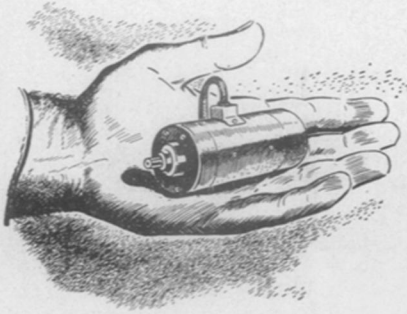
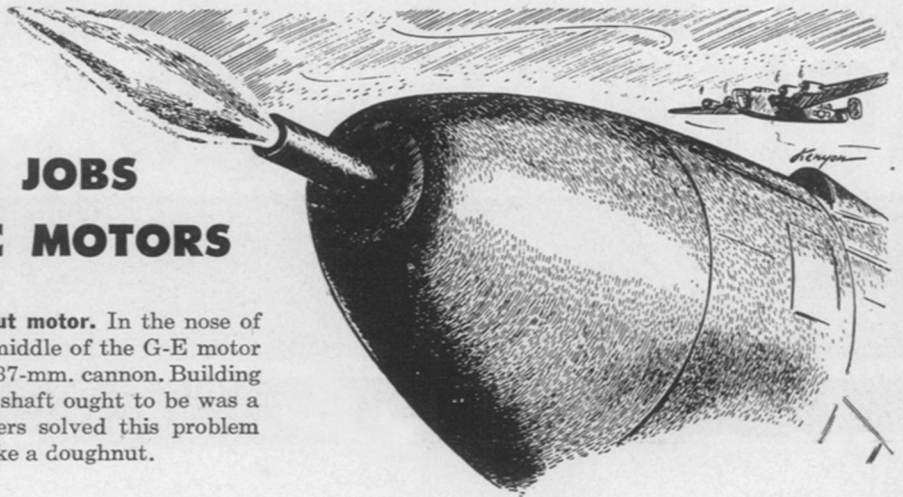
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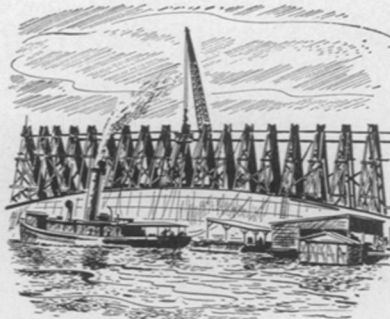
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## STRANGE JOBS FOR ELECTRIC MOTORS

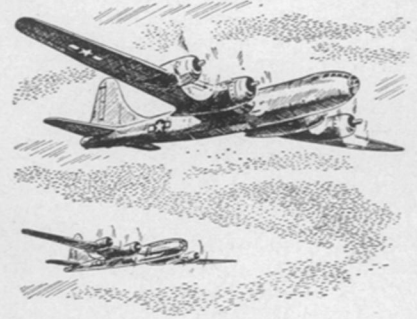
**Cannon shoots through doughnut motor.** In the nose of this fighter plane, right in the middle of the G-E motor that feathers the propeller, is a 37-mm. cannon. Building a motor with a hole where the shaft ought to be was a brain twister, but G-E engineers solved this problem with an electric motor shaped like a doughnut.



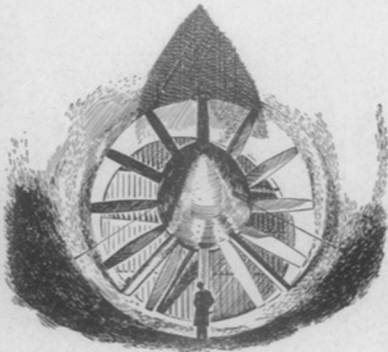
**This Tom Thumb motor** loads the guns on our bombers and fighters. Other electric motors raise and lower wheels, open bomb bay doors. War requires 40,000 different motor models, keeping G-E research and engineering men busy.



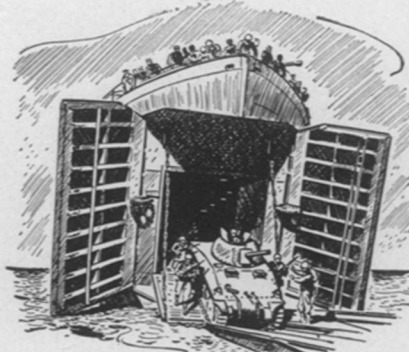
**Turning a battleship over.** 21 G-E motors teamed up for 21-thousand-ton pull to turn the capsized *Oklahoma* right side up at Pearl Harbor. Electric motors see action on every front, in weapons, and in tools to repair them in the field.



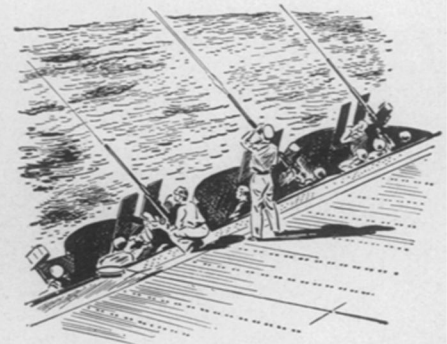
**B-29 Superfortress.** 150 electric motors act as muscles beneath the sleek exterior of the B-29. They power, among other things, the gun turrets in the G-E designed fire-control system that arms the Superfort against attack.



**Outblowing a hurricane.** This twelve-bladed fan has 18,000 horsepower behind it, from one giant electric motor. In wind tunnels like this, G-E motors, sometimes totalling 30,000 hp., produce winds five times as strong as a hurricane.



**Push-button doormen for LST's.** Push a button, and out pops a tank. It's not quite that simple, but the doors and ramp on an LST are opened, at the push of a button, by electric motors. On an LST, there are 140 electric motors.



**Cooling guns.** Anti-aircraft guns are cooled by electrically driven pumps which circulate cooling fluid around their barrels. There are more than 900 electric motors on a battleship. *General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y.*

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- Over 2 million G-E electric motors will join the armed services this year.

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