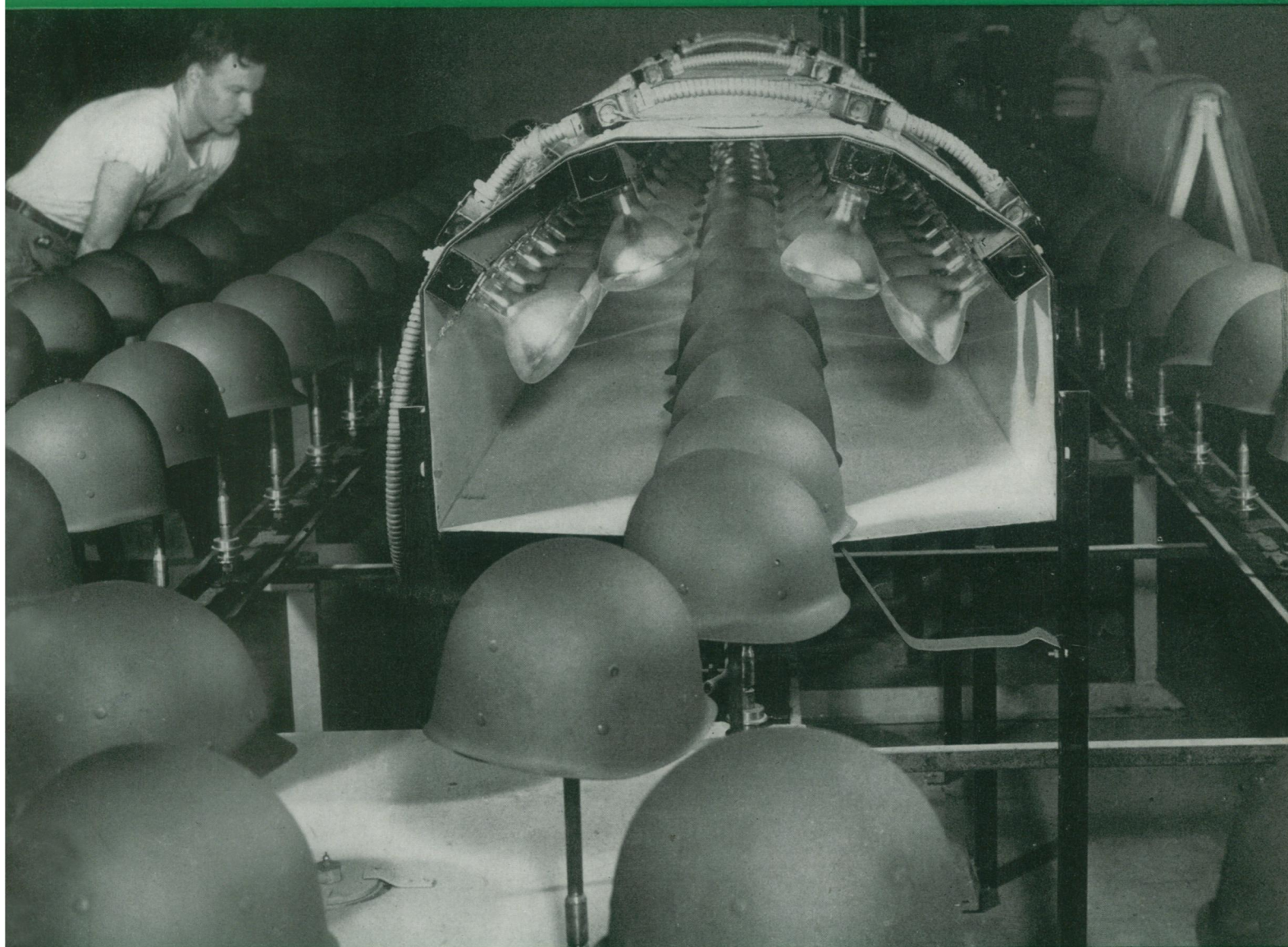


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Do You Know?

Honey production in the United States is less than two pounds a person.

Ecuador is the second largest *tree rubber* producing country in Central and South America.

Mining copper in Chile, vanadium in Peru, and nickel in Cuba, are all being assisted with funds from the U. S. government.

Ceramic products, bricks, cements, porcelains, etc., are now exceeded in value only by iron and petroleum in annual production.

One hundred pounds of salvaged *kitchen fats* will make six pounds of glycerin which in turn will make 15 pounds of nitroglycerin.

Rubber and resin contents of plants may be determined by use of a five-minute micro-chemical test developed recently at Cornell University.

The biggest user of *borax* is the ceramics industry, particularly for glazes and enamels and for glass, with emphasis on heat-resistant glass.

Java is the most densely inhabited major area in the world, with a total population of over 49 million and over 800 persons per square mile.

Farmers raising short staple *cotton* are advised by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to switch to long-staple; or to soybeans, peanuts or feed crops, for which the war need is greater.

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Yellowstone National Park is cutting its herd of *elk* by 6,500 as it now has more than the safe carrying capacity of its ranges.

By *reinforcing* the tops and feet of rayon hosiery with combed cotton yarns, the durability can be increased between 100% and 200%.

Domestic *sumac* is a possible source of tannin for American tanners, to replace tannin formerly obtained from Sicilian sumac.

So many people have forgotten how to burn *wood* for household fuel that the Connecticut Forest Association has issued a bulletin on that subject.

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