



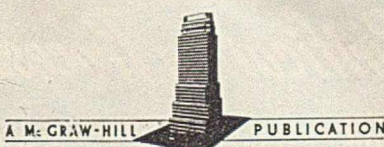
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With our country now at war, there are many understandable restrictions on material which may be published. But certain basic statistical guide-posts are just as vital to all-out production for war as for peace. With these limitations as well as needs carefully in mind, the editors bring you in February, *Chem. & Met.*'s Nineteenth Annual Review and Statistical Number. "Facts and Figures of American Chemical Industry, IV" is going to show our progress in converting chemical production into an efficient machine for serving wartime demands as well as essential civilian needs.

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In May, *Chem. & Met.*'s annual chemical engineering study will be on "Diffusional Processes." In this 48-page report it is planned to include discussions of theory, descriptions of equipment and outlines of current practice. The unit operations to be covered are: Drying, Distillation and Rectification, Gas Absorption and Extraction, Crystallization and Dissolving.

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The Second National Chemical Exposition to be held in Chicago next month is primarily an expression of the growing chemical consciousness of the Middlewest. It is an increasingly important factor in consolidating all of the forces that are strong and will become stronger in molding the Midwest empire of the future.

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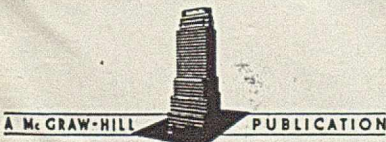
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As we move further into the second year of this great global struggle, the job of the chemical engineer becomes crystal clear. Ours is the responsibility to produce more and better materials and weapons of modern warfare. Everywhere that there is a chance to improve a process, to save time and critical materials and manpower, there is our battlefield. There is where we can contribute most toward winning this war. Meanwhile the editors of *Chem. & Met.* pledge their best efforts to bring you helpful information on processes, plants and personnel. May we work together to the end that another Christmas will find us merrier, with happier thoughts for a post-war new year!

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