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The visiting delegates to the National Laundry Convention, now being held in San Francisco, have one at a time when there has been developed in our city one of the model laundries of the world, which it will pay each and every one of them to inspect. In point of size, hygienic and sanitary arrangements, light and air provision, efficiency of staff organization, economy of plant operation and for the general consideration of the workers and welfare work the United States Laundry of San Francisco is without a peer in the land.

Shortly after the fire three men who were experienced in the laundry business united their forces and resolved to build up a new model laundry. The laundry section had been swept away by the flames.

Those three men were T. J. Howard, F. J. Hudsch and W. H. Collins. The first was one of the best inside men in the laundry business. The second was an expert executive and organizer of help, and the third was a master in laundry accounting. Acting as a board of managers, these three men have worked harmoniously together in perfecting the United States Laundry in every department. From small beginnings at Harrison and Eighth streets the establishment, under their management, has grown into one of the greatest laundries of the world, with a capacity output unrivaled by any other similar institution in California.

The outlay in solid the mechanical equipment for the operation is very costly, but it is an immense improvement on the old mangles. All the operator does is to let the press into large rolling machines which take up the sheets and press them quickly, making them look like new, and with no danger to wear or tear.

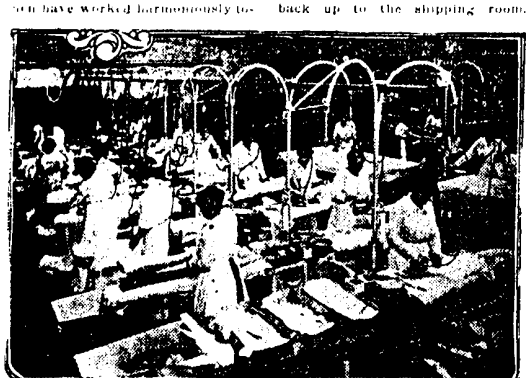
Although most of the ironing is done by machinery, yet in all delicate labor work where there would be the least likelihood of scorching, the United States Laundry has provided a special department where the ironing operations are all done by hand. In all cases of fine curtains, pillow cases, lingerie and handkerchiefs, ironing by hand is followed, the department being in charge of the most expert experts.

After being pressed the clothes are checked and packed and folded in registration boxes, being conveyed to the shipping-room in automatic chutes.

WELFARE DEPARTMENT CARES FOR WORKERS

There are no less than forty wagons employed by the United States Laundry, covering every section of the city. The wagons back up to the shipping room, where each driver has a particular section. Here he finds the clothes for his district, all ready to be delivered.

One of the most interesting sections of the laundry is the mending department, which takes charge of the various articles of clothing that have been torn or mutilated in any way, or which



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