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COAL ENOUGH IN THE U.S. TO LAST FOR 6,033 YEARS

This is Exclusive of Alaskan Deposits

Editor Decries Pessimism-Points to Vast Extension of Water Power and the Growing Use of Oil as Fuel.

If coal is consumed at the present rate, it will be 6,083 years before the evailable supply in the United States is used up, despite the many recent bomy predictions of approaching exhaustion, according to estimates compiled by R. Z. Virgin, editor of the Goal Trade Journal of Pittsburgh.

This is not taking into consideration the vast deposits that lie so deep beneath the surface that present known mining methods are not suited to mining it. Neither does it take into consideration the vast deposits recently discovered in Alaska. These Alaskan deposits are available for shipment to the Western States. This will eliminate the necessity for shipments from Eastern Coast mines across the continent. It has been figured the Alaskan deposits are enough to supply the States west of the Rockles for at least 1,000 years. Much of it is good for coke making and roughly estimated to exceed in volume the original Pennsylvania deposits.

Other fields not thoroughly explored and which contain coal deposits are

and which contain coal deposits are Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and the Rocky Mountain section. These deposits will considerably swell the or-iginal estimates.

Mr. Virgin also points out that there doubtless will be a vast quantity of finel saved by the development of water power and through recent disminster. It is a saved by the development of water power and through recent disminster. It is a saved that the proposed project in 1921 and formed a very explosive mixture, especially when held in suspension in moving air currents within the mine or within the mine or

Features of Distribution. "An interesting feature not generally known is the fact that the United States produces 50 per cent. of the world's output," says Mr. Virgin. "Great Britain produces about 25 per cent., Germany about 6 per cent., Austria-Hungary about 3 per cent., and France about 2 per cent. All other countries producing coal produce a combined tonnage of about 14 per cent. The distribution of this tonnage is coughly estimated as follows: Household consumers, about 10 per cent; industrial enterprises, about 2 per cent; reliroads, about 28 per cent.; public utilities and all other purposes combined, about 30 per cent.

"It is true the coal industry throughout the United States has been heralded far and wide as the most wasteful

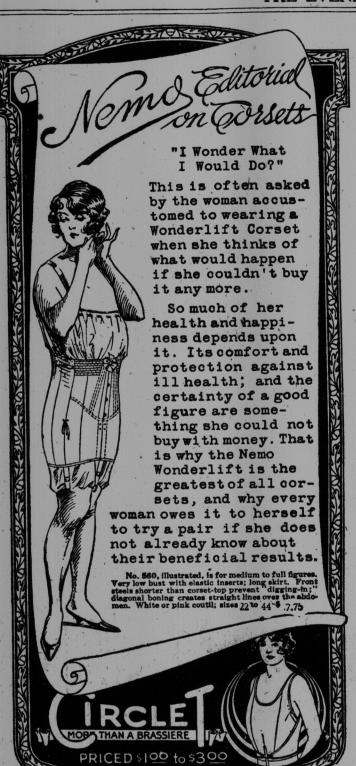
out the United States has been heralded far and wide as the most wasteful industry in the country. This accusation was not taken in the proper manner. The wastefulness was not because of wilful extravagance, but rather the result of the bringing out of more modern and efficient machinery. This evolution and revolution in some interpress made former mining methods tances made former mining methods d practices appear wasteful. It buld be the height of folly to think that American mine owners were will-fully wasting their investment prin-

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