

HERCULES POWDERS

## The Powder Maker

Considering how important this work is to the public, it is fitting that more should be known about the powder maker and his job.

The characteristics which fit him for his work are as largely mental as physical, and the work itself develops his acuteness of mind—his powers of observation, judgment, and decision.

The powder worker trained in the school of the Hercules plants learns to take in all his surroundings at a glance. If he enters one of the small buildings on a dynamite or black powder line nothing escapes him. He sees instantly many things which the casual observer might gaze at for minutes without noticing.

A large part of the explosives used in the United States, and much that is used in foreign countries, is made by the men in twelve Hercules plants—four for dynamite and eight for black blasting powder.

Behind all our manufacturing industries and our railroads, behind all the useful and beautiful objects fashioned out of metals—from hob nails to scarf pins, and from steam shovels to limousines—stands the powder worker. Without the explosives he supplies—hundreds of millions of pounds annually—the miner's efforts to move the vast inert bodies of ore and coal would be as futile as the scratching of hands.



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