

MODERN SUBJECTS FOR FRENCH PAINTERS

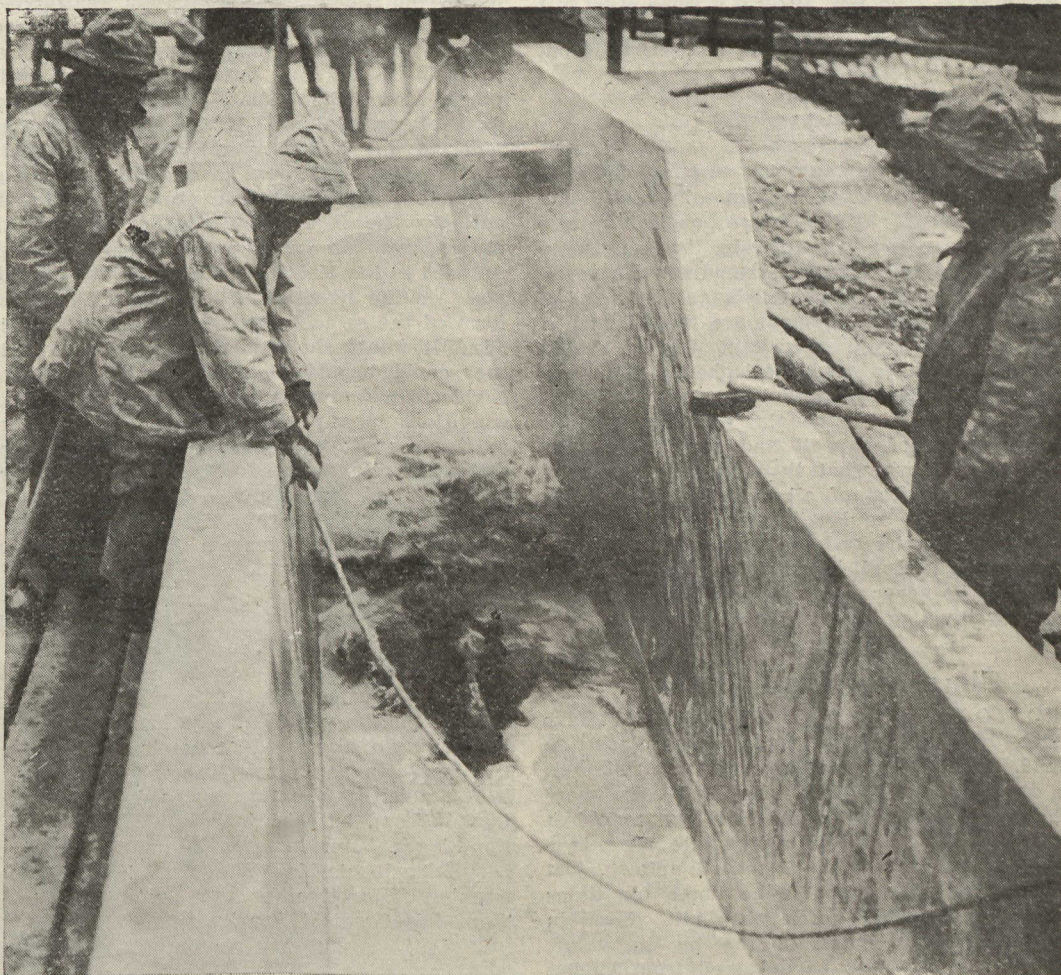


A THEME FOR A 20TH CENTURY MILLET.

Two of these French munition workers are old enough to be grandmothers. They are helping to put the last touches on some 75's for their young men folk to use at Verdun. Perhaps there is more passionate poetry in this epic than in the celebrated "Gleaners" painting by Millet.



But when the shell gets to the men at the front, it is quite another picture. A Cubist might paint this grim bit of distorted realism that looks like a picture of the Dark Ages.



Sick horses getting a medical bath. Horses are too valuable in war to be let go without medical treatment. This horse has some kind of skin disease which can only be treated in a bath. The horse probably prefers the bath to falling into shell holes, flirting with flare lights or dodging Fritz snipers and shrapnel.