WOMEN IN HEAVY INDUSTRY

IMPORTANT JOBS IN STEEL-MAKING

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Here, at one of Britain's largest steel works, over 630 women are employed today. That figure shows impressively how women, in the stress of war, are taking an important part in heavy industry. Of the total number, 500 are classified as workwomen, the remaining 130 positions being held by clerical and other non-manual workers.

The 500 workwomen cover very many different occupations. The most highly skilled job, in which women have come to the head industry during this war, is probably that of steel forging. At the other end of the scale are ironers and stringers. Between these two extremes are a variety of important tasks in the steel works including stamping, operators, dressers, circular shop humans, cold attenuators, hot attenuators, stampers, printers, leaders — and many others.

FAMILY CRAFTSMANSHIP

It was not to be imagined that the steel industry, where skilled relationships across will be one of ladies, the lad about town, the lad about the steel works, was the last place where women would be expected to work. The majority of them are doing work which women could not have been expected to do five years ago. There are cases of women who, before entering the steel works, had never worked at all, but who are now employed in positions of great responsibility.

The women who work in the steel works are not only capable of taking on the tasks of men, but they are also very much better suited to the work. The steel works are not only a place of work, but also a place of family life. The women who work here are often married and have children. They are able to work long hours, but they are also able to take time off for their children's birthdays or other important dates.

FRESH WORK

A more comfortable job is that of the women who work in the blast furnaces. They are not exposed to the extreme heat and the rough work of the steel works. They are able to work in a climate controlled environment and are not exposed to the harsh conditions of the steel works.

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SPECIAL CLOTHING

Among the many men's jobs taken over by women, one of the most noticeable is the job of steel forging. The women who work in the steel forging department are often required to wear special clothing. This clothing is designed to protect them from the harsh conditions of the steel works.

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