Can You Tell Which Part of These Ruins Is Camouflage?

THE French invented the word camouflage, but the Germans are fast becoming past masters of the art—as witness the accompanying photograph. Between two shell battered walls of the church at Moncy-aux-Bois they built a concrete observation tower with slits for machine gun operations. So cleverly colored and arranged to fit the general landscape was this little addition, that from a distance it looked like a part of the original ruin.

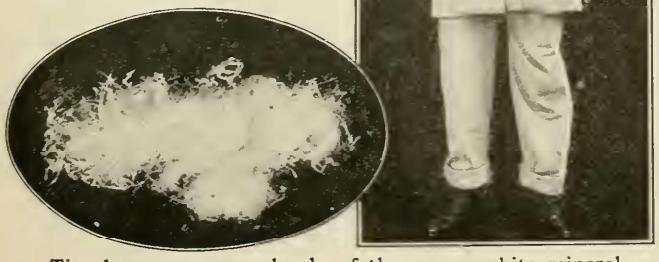
French Official Photo

A cleverly camouflaged observation tower which contains slits for maneuvering real machine guns

Let the Flames Roar. He Wears an Asbestos Suit

A FIRE-FIGHTING suit of asbestos cloth is one of the latest and most useful of the many practical applications of this remarkable mineral substance. The long, gossamer shreds of the snowy-white mineral, soft as thistle-down, are woven into a firm, heavy cloth which can be used for gloves, coats, trousers and leggings. Such clothes would be a protection to firemen and workmen about electric furnaces, blast furances, glass plants and wherever else high temperatures must be encountered.

The well known heat resisting properties of asbestos, together with the fact that, unlike any other mineral, it will cleave into fiber, delicate as flax, make it the one substance in all nature ideally adapted to such a purpose.



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Here's a New Cutting Steel

WORD has come that is of much interest to American mechanics. The English have recently invented a strong and superior high-speed steel. Such news to the layman may mean little. But to those who know, it is as welcome as the news of a great land victory. Why? Because that side which can turn out war machinery the fastest will win the war!

With this new tool steel —"colbaltcrom," it is called—engines and guns can be worked faster with out the added heat that develops and affects hardness and rigidity.

Tools of this steel can be cast into shape, and casting is the quickest known way of making any tool. There are few steels, however, which by casting them do not become brittle. "Colbaltcrom steel," nevertheless, can be made in this manner instead of having to be forged and rolled, two very much lengthier and more expensive processes.