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Editorial Notes

Shaping and Forming of Steel :

In this issue we have an interesting paper on "shaping and forming of steel," which was read before a meeting of the Association of Engineers. On this subject there is not very much literature. Shaping and forming of Steel has for long been an art developed mostly by experience of illiterate persons. However, gradually scientific development has been taking place. Research into properties of materials and heat treatment has been progressively increasing. Literature on the subject needs to be increased so that increased knowledge of processes may help designers and draftsmen to improve their designs and details of manufacture and effect great economy in industrial processes.

Training facilities in India are yet poor and experience cannot be easily gained. The time required to gain sufficient experience is extremely lengthy. It is therefore very helpful to have some literature to make up for what cannot otherwise be gained without expenditure of long time. Literature cannot of course replace experience. But there is no denying that it can save some time and make the mind capable of observing more and gaining more out of experience than it would otherwise do. We are grateful to the author for his excellent contribution.