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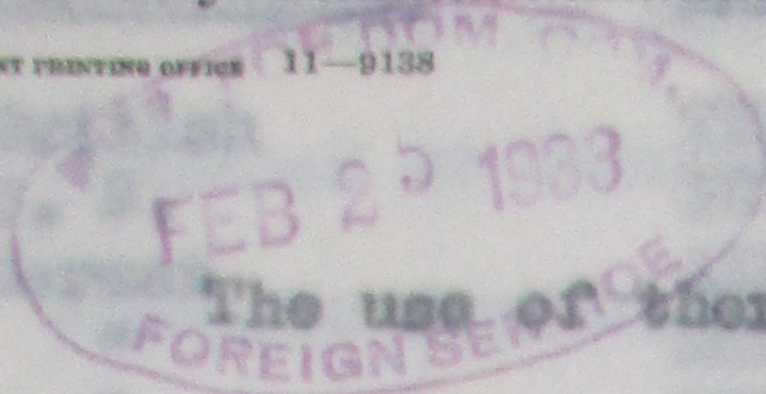
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The use of thermos bottles in China is increasing year by year but the increase is more than taken up by the increase in native manufacture with a resulting falling off in imports. Imports of thermos bottles into China during the year 1931 totalled a value of US\$209,816 of which US\$90,208 were sold on the Shanghai market. During the first eleven months of the year 1932 the total imports into China totalled US\$101,172. During the year 1932 there were fifteen Chinese owned thermos bottle plants in operation in Shanghai with a total production of approximately 26,300 dozen bottles per month which sold at an average of Shanghai Tls. 8.00 per dozen (1 Shanghai Tael = US\$0.30) - making a total production of Shanghai Tels 2,101,000 per annum. Of the fifteen plants in operation, nine were established during the years 1931 and 1932. Previous to the Shanghai trouble in January, 1932, there were also seven Japanese plants in operation. These are practically all closed down and some of them have sold out their interests to Chinese. Formerly these Japanese plants furnished to the Chinese plants a large percentage of the vacuum bottles, but quite recently the Chinese plants have put in equipment enabling them to take care of their own requirements.

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Of the imported thermos bottles during 1931, 60% were Japanese, 40% were British, German and American. Since the Japanese trouble,



Japanese imports have fallen off and the larger percentage have been imported from Germany. Imports of vacuum bottles on the Shanghai market are as follows:

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Trade Mark</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Wholesale Price</u>
British	THIMOS	2 lb.	Chinese \$115.00 per dozen
U. S.	ICY-HOT	"	110.00 " "
German	ANRO	"	50.00 " "
"	HEMELTOS	"	45.00 " "
"	YUKING	"	74.00 " "
"	HELIOS	"	50.00 " "
"	Kunst & Albers Agent	"	60.00 " "
"	"GOLD STAR"	"	60.00 " "
"	Chien Hsin Eng.Co. Agent	"	38.00 " "

Note: 1 Chinese Dollar equals US\$0.20.

Japanese thermos bottles on the market previous to the Shanghai strife ranged in prices from Chinese \$12.00 to Chinese \$30.00 per dozen.

British tinplate in sizes 14" x 20" and 36" x 72" are mainly used, selling on the Shanghai market at Shanghai Taels 14.00 for 90 pound packages. One sheet is used in making two vacuum bottle cases. The remaining small pieces are sold for the manufacture of toys at Chinese \$8.00 per 133 lbs. Trademarks and painting are put on the bottles by other manufacturers. Corks are supplied by importers at Chinese \$0.13 per dozen. Skilled workers for blowing the glass bottles earn from Chinese \$20.00 to Chinese \$60.00 per month and those for manufacturing the cases earn as much as Chinese \$40.00 per month, other workers each from Chinese \$10.00 to Chinese \$15.00 per month. The machinery used in these plants is of the most elementary type principally of native manufacture. Labor costs are so low that imported equipment ordinarily



cannot as yet be used in these plants. Furthermore, capital is difficult to obtain and interest charges are very high.

1/ A list of existing Chinese plants in operation in Shanghai is attached to this report. These firms are not capable of importing products required direct and therefore any business to be obtained from them must be arranged through local importing firms.

Yang Lee		1927	25		50
San Hsin	Alabaster	1928	20		50
Lee Hsin	E. Tubang Road	1930		John J. Ehrhardt Trade Commissioner	50
Tien Tai		1931	30		50
Fung Cheng	(1137)	1931	25		50
Ta Tai	44 Cuka Road	1932	25	bottle & case	100
Chang	Approved for Transmission:	1931	16		50
Chung Yang					
Hootang	A. Bland Calder Assistant Commercial Attache	1932			
Ta Kwong	Chapai Enclosure	1932			
Chao Kin	JJH:EH				
King lung		1932			
Fung Hsin					



CHINESE THERMOS BOTTLE MANUFACTURERS IN SHANGHAI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Year Established</u>	<u>Number of Workers</u>	<u>Manufacture</u>	<u>Daily Production by Dozens</u>
Kwong Min	Chapei	1925	80	Inside glass bottle & outside case	140
Han Chong	"	1927	80	Bottle & case	120
Yung Lee	"	1927	35	" "	80
San Hain	Alabasta	1929	30	" "	80
Lee Hein	E. Yuhang Road	1930	27	case	60
Tien Tai	" "	1931	30	" "	60
Tung Chong	(City)	1931	25	" "	60
Yu Tai	45 Ouka Road	1932	28	Bottle & case	100
Chung Kuo	Chapei	1931	16	" "	60
Chung Yang	"			" "	
Footung	H. Szechuen Road	1932		" "	
Ta Kwong	Chapei	1932		" "	
Chao King Kee	-			" "	
King Lung	-	1932		" "	
Tung Hein	-			" "	