

plastics and there were many inventions related to the synthesis of dyes, perfumes and textiles. The distillation of mineral oils and the improvement of lubricants also attracted much attention, as did the production of insecticides and plant-growth regulating compounds, and the improvement of therapeutic substances, especially penicillin. In the electricity field there were numerous applications for air-blast blow-out types of circuit breakers, electric welding methods and radio devices.

Invention for war purposes attracted little attention except for aeroplane structure and variable pitch propellers. There were numerous applications for jet propulsion engines and subsidiary mechanism.

Wooden and metallic prefabricated houses and materials, automatic and hydraulic control of machine tools and tractor-operated means of controlling farm implements were further exploited and there was a considerable increase in applications in the fields of photography, geometrical instruments, testing machine and gauge inventions. Many office and household appliances were also applied for.

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Copyrights registered.....No.	3,741	3,214	2,869	3,374	3,823	4,102
Industrial designs registered.....“	256	177	266	326	525	769
Timber marks registered.....“	7	9	8	10	5	15
Assignments registered.....“	485	349	315	422	374	494
Fees received, net.....\$	15,247	14,252	15,405	16,847	17,818	18,838