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1. The Tricoul Rosu factory was the largest knitware factory in Rumania. It was located at Arad, Strada Penes Curcanul 7, and employed 1,500 workers who worked in three shifts of eight hours each.

2. The stocking department had one "Ideal" machine, gauge 18, two "Corona" machines, gauge 13 and 18, one "Invincibil" machine, gauge 13, two "Ripp" machines, gauge 13 and 18, two "Cilindru" machines, gauge 13 and 18. All machines were automatic and electric. This department produced men's, women's and children's stockings made of a mixture of cotton and used wool.

3. The circular fabrics department had 86 circular machines of German and French make. The German machines had the trademarks "Waaga" and "Haaga". The machines worked with 3,000 and 6,000 needles and were of 20, 24 and 26 gauge. They were automatic and electric. Owing to a shortage of raw material, only 50 machines were in use. This department produced blouses with clasps (so-called "Brigadiers"), men's, women's and children's trousers and ski trousers.

4. The openwork fabrics department had 46 "Barfuss" machines able to weave fabrics up to a width of 2.80 meters in gauges 18, 24 and 30 which were automatic and electrically operated. Production consisted of curtains, "Berlin" fabrics, fancy articles, and fabrics for fancy articles.

5. The sports department had 40 machines of the following types:

   a. "Grosser" (manual), gauge 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10.

   b. "Dubiet" (manual), gauge 5, 8 and 10.

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c. "Stohl" (automatic), gauge 8 and 10.

d. "Seifert & Donnert" (automatic), gauge 8 and 10.

Production consisted of various fancy articles.

6. The silk stocking department had three German "H.U.S." machines, gauge 51, G.G., two German "Einsiedel" machines. All machines were automatic and electrically operated, and produced women's silk stockings.

7. In addition to the departments listed above, the factory had the following auxiliary sections:

a. "Ketel", with 40 to 50 machines for finishing the heels and toes of stockings.

b. Sewing: with 100 sewing machines of all types, to finish the products of the circular and sports departments.

c. Dyeing: products of all departments were dyed in this section.

d. Workshops which were for welding and locksmithing.

8. Cotton threads were supplied by Industria Textila, Arad. Used wool was supplied by the Ortex factory at Oradea Mare. Mixed wool, cotton and used wool threads (40% wool, 60% cotton and used wool) were also used. Viscose was supplied by the Lupeni factory at Lupeni. This factory was built in 1940-1941 for the war industry. The factory was situated not far from Lupeni, near the coal mines in the mountains. Recently it had taken up its war production again.

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10. The figures below show the production of each of the factory's departments and the raw materials used.

Department	Production per day		Annual Production		Raw materials
	Products	Materials	Products	Materials	
Stockings, wool and cotton	dozen 600	kg. 400	dozen 180,000	kg. 120,000	Cotton and used wool
Stockings, silk	dozen 30-40	kg. 15-20	dozen 9,000 to 12,000	kg. 4,500 to 6,000	Viscose

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Department	Production per day		Annual Production		Raw materials
	Products	Materials	Products	Materials	
Circular fabrics	kg. 1,000	kg. 1,100	kg. 300,000	kg. 330,000	Used wool and cotton
	kg. 650	kg. 720	kg. 195,000	kg. 216,000	Cotton, used wool and mixed threads
Sports goods	kg. 100	kg. 110	kg. 30,000	kg. 33,000	Cotton and mixed threads
Total of raw materials		kg. 2,350		kg. 705,000	

11. Most of the production was for the civilian population and a very small part was for the Army.

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