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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
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SIR: I have the honor to transmit a report on women workers in Brazil. It is a product of the project of cooperation with the other American Republics which is part of the program of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Scientific and Cultural Cooperation of the State Department.

The survey was made and the report written by Mary M. Cannon, Inter-American specialist of the Women's Bureau, who spent three months in Brazil in 1942-43.

Respectfully submitted,

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DESCRIPTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS IN COVER MONTAGE

1. *Girls examine eggs of silkworm moth to insure freedom from disease.* (See p. 19.)
2. *Silkworm moth eggs are weighed and prepared by girls for shipment to cooperative farmers.* (See p. 19.)
3. *Women in a reeling mill scour cocoons to remove gummy sericin and to find master filaments which are brought together and twisted on reels.* (See p. 19.)
4. *Woman worker in a textile mill.* (See p. 11.)
5. *First-aid and medical clinic.* (See p. 8.)
6. *A retail trade worker at the Lojas Brasileiras in Rio de Janeiro—“the Woolworth of Brazil.”* (See p. 20.)

The Inter-American specialist of the U. S. Women's Bureau spent 3 months in Brazil in 1942-43 to obtain an over-all picture of the employment of women, of their social and economic position, of labor legislation and its administration, and to establish contacts for the exchange of information and publications and for sharing assistance in mutual problems. Special attention was given to industrial employment and working conditions of women. It was also proposed to learn about the programs of women's organizations as they touch wage-earning women.

A report, *Women Workers in Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay* (Women's Bureau Bulletin 195), was issued after a visit to those countries in 1941.

Other publications about women in South America available in the Women's Bureau are (1) *Women's Organizations in Ecuador, Paraguay, and Peru*—Reprint from Bulletin of the Pan American Union, November 1943, and (2) *Women in Brazil Today, 1943* (multilithed), (3) *Social and Labor Problems of Peru and Uruguay* (mimeographed).

Bulletins on women workers in Paraguay, Peru, and Ecuador, based on the survey made in 1943, are in preparation.



GIRL EXAMINING QUARTZ BY SUBMERSING THE CRYSTAL IN A MINERAL OIL BATH.

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