

# POPULAR MECHANICS

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### LEATHER GAS MASKS USED BY GERMAN FIGHTERS

Two interesting respirators of German origin, one of unusual character, were picked up not long ago by Canadian soldiers operating in the vicinity of Lens. Presumably because of the scarcity of rubber, the flexible parts of the mask attached to one of the devices had been made of light-weight leather. The other appliance merely consisted of a cylindrical box provided with a mouthpiece and nose clamp. According to



Above: New Type of Respirator Supposedly Used by Trench Runners. Right: German Mask Made of Leather Instead of Rubber Fabric

incomplete information emanating from the official Canadian War Records office, this type of hoodless respirator is probably used by trench runners who apparently do not employ goggles. Except for this version, which because of its source must be fairly accurate, it would seem that the appliance had been torn from a mask like the first.