



Austrian trench mortars put out of commission on the Italian front and later gathered in by the "rag pickers."



The material in this junk pile cost millions of dollars when new. A great part of it can be reclaimed.

### The "Rag Pickers" of War

*Salvage Is an Important Work on the Battlefield*

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The "rag pickers" found much in this ruined French village.



Gunfire levelled many of the trees in this region, but as wood is needed at the front for trench building this battlefield cannot be overlooked.



This hastily evacuated supply base contains some valuable finds.



High explosive shells used by the Austrians in their trench mortars were abandoned on the battlefield.



A particularly good find being taken to the rear for testing.