24. Beech logs prepared for machine sawing into boards.

25. Boards are cut on a circular saw into stock for lathe-turning.

26. Pieces are turned on the lathe.

27. Turned pieces are steamed in retorts, removed, and tested for imperfections.

28. Steel straps are attached to each length of wood and bent in the iron forms.

29. Forms are placed inside drying rooms overnight to stabilize moisture content of wood.
30. Bent pieces are sanded on several types of belt sanders.

31. Chair parts, some partially assembled, are stained.

32. Chair parts are hand-caned.

33. Chairs are screwed together.

34. Furniture is wrapped with paper and string for shipment to local branches.
part of the new Thonet-Kohn-Mundus enterprise merged their United States facilities and catalogues to become Kohn-Mundus. In 1925 the main Thonet showrooms and offices were expanded and moved into larger quarters at Madison Avenue and 47th Street in New York, adjacent to the former offices; Kohn-Mundus moved into larger quarters at 1 Park Avenue two years later. In 1925 the first American catalogues of the post-World War I period were published. As was the case in Europe, both Thonet and Kohn-Mundus issued separate but identical catalogues using the same photographs, model numbers, and page layouts (figs. 156–7).

The American catalogues contained fewer of the classic bentwood models and more of the period-style chairs, all of which were manufactured in Europe and offered in European catalogues as well. The architect-designed bentwood chairs offered in Europe were not sold through the American catalogues, nor were the bentwood models which were most popular with progressive European architects, such as the B8, B9, A780 or Morris armchair. A small number of non-bentwood items, such as tables and costumers were manufactured in the United States. Tubular-steel furniture did not become available in the United States as a regular stock item until 1933.

Toward the end of the 1920s new upholstered chairs and couches were manufactured at the firm’s new Long Island City plant. This single American factory had several