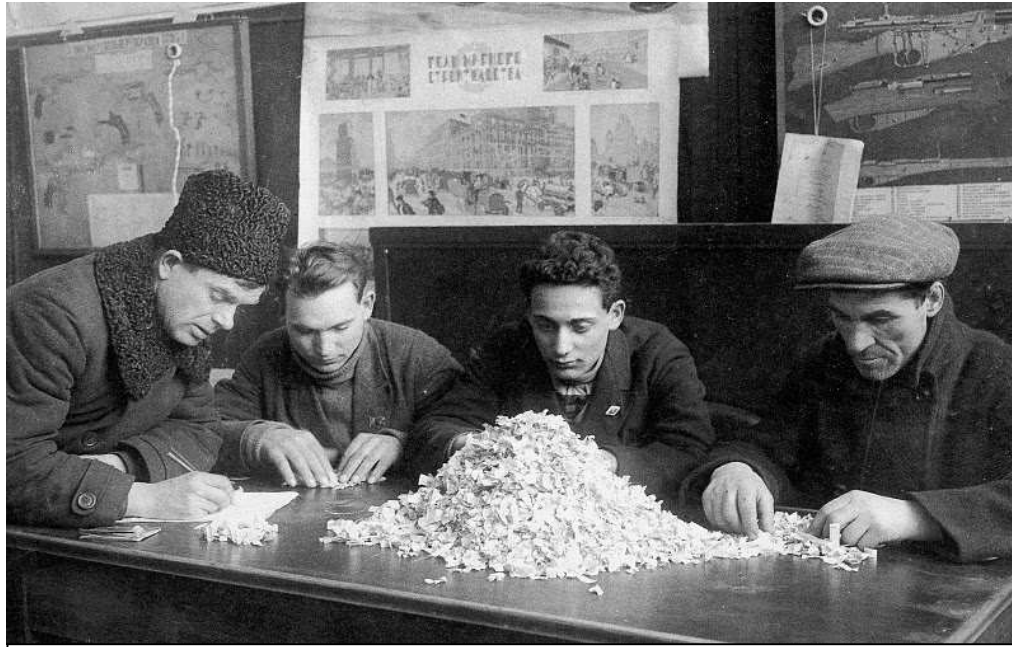


Konfetti Gesellschaft Wiesbaden



For years, Konfetti Gesellschaft Wiesbaden was the world's leading producer of confetti. The work was labor-intensive – each piece of paper was painstakingly hand-torn, after all – but KGW artisans came from the old school of “hands-on craftsmanship.” Then Rahway Automatic Paper Punchers opened for business. Its automated machinery could mass-produce festive paper products faster, easier, and much cheaper. KGW management fed its workers huge steins of black coffee to try to increase their production, but they simply couldn't match Rahway's output and the company soon folded (reforming as Gefaltetepapier Gesellschaft Wiesbaden, but that's another story). Sorry to end this tale on such a bleak note, but there you are.