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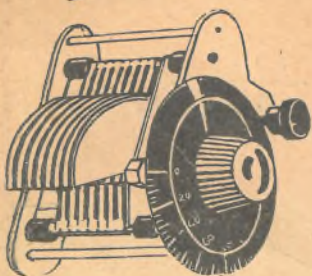
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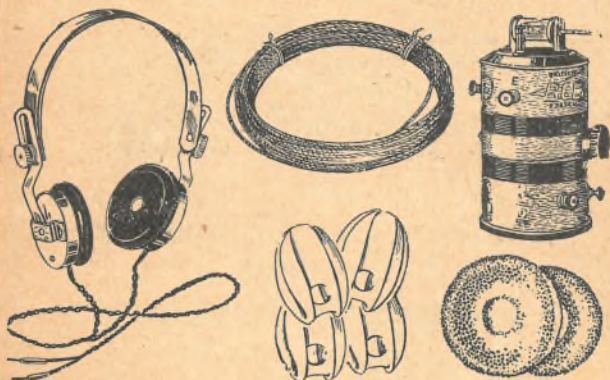
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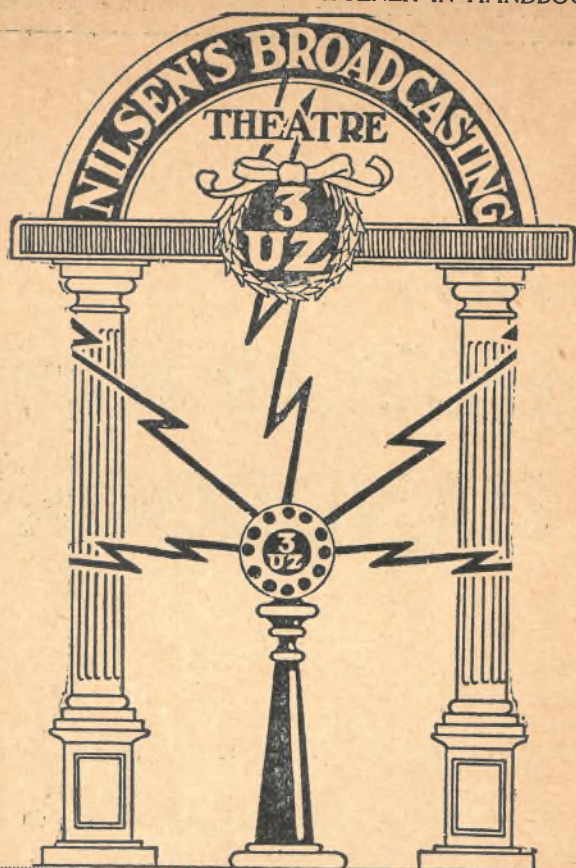
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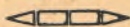
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2FC.—Farmer and Co., Sydney. 442 metres. 5000 watts.

2BL.—Broadcasters (Sydney) Ltd., Sydney. 353 metres. 5000 watts.

3AR.—Associated Radio Co. of Australia Ltd., Melbourne, Victoria. 484 metres. 1600 watts.

3LO.—Broadcasting Co. of Australia. Melbourne, Victoria. 371 metres. 5000 watts.

4QG.—Queensland Government, Brisbane, Queensland. 385 metres. 5000 watts.

5CL.—Central Broadcasters Ltd., Adelaide, South Australia. 395 metres. 5000 watts.

6WF.—Westralian Farmers Ltd., Perth, West Australia. 1520 metres. 5000 watts.

7ZL.—Associated Radio Co., Hobart, Tasmania. 516 metres. 3000 watts.



CLASS "B" BROADCASTING STATIONS

2BE.—Burgin Electric Co., Kent street, Sydney. 326 metres.

2GB.—Theosophical Broadcasting Station Ltd., Sydney, New South Wales.

2HD.—Douglas, H. A., Newcastle. 288 metres.

2KY.—Trades and Labor Council, Trades Hall, Sydney, New South Wales.

2MK.—Mockler Bros., Bathurst, New South Wales. 250 metres.

2UE.—Electrical Utilities Co., Randwick, New South Wales. 297 metres.

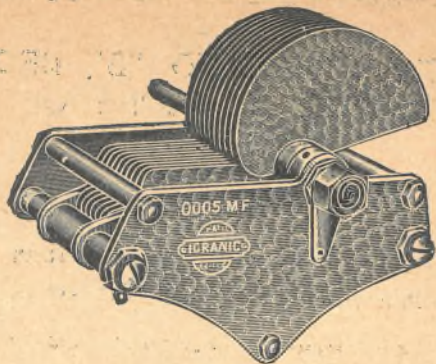
2UW.—Sandell, O., Bellevue Hill.

3UZ.—Nilsen, O. J., Melbourne. 319 metres.

4GR.—Gold Radio Electric Service, Toowoomba, Queensland. 294 metres.

5DN.—5DN Pty. Ltd., Parkside, South Australia. 313 metres.

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List of Australian Stations

TABLE OF ABBREVIATIONS

- A. A Class Broadcasting Station.
 B. B Class Broadcasting Station.
 D. Dealer's Station.
 E. Experimental Station.
 L. Land Station.
 P. Portable Station.
 S. Special.
 T. Trawler.

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New South Wales

Call Sign	Class	Name and Address
2AB	E	A. V. Badger, 20 Neutral street, North Sydney.
2AD	E	A. L. Dixon, 59 Second street, Canterbury, N.S.W.
2AG	D	Ashfield Service Station, Ashfield, N.S.W.
2AL	E	A. E. C. Cooper, "Edale," 3 Cecil street, Ashfield.
2AR	E	W. H. Hudson, 1 Terrace road, Dulwich Hill.
2AS	E	A. J. Smith, 27 Station street, Harris Park, Parramatta.
2AV	E	A. W. Thurstan, Argyle road, Penhurst, N.S.W.
2AY	E	J. P. Cureton, 203 Burwood road, Burwood.
2BA	T	Bar-eu-mal.
2BB	E	E. B. Crocker, 38 Roseby street, Marrickville.
2BC	E	N. J. Hurl, "Myalla," Warialda.
2BD	L	Burrinjuck Dam (Public Works Department).
2BE	B	Burgin Electric Co., Kent street, Sydney.
2BF	E	L. E. Forsythe, "Hoylake," Sailor Bay road, Northbridge.
2BH	E	Broken Hill Technical College, Broken Hill
2BJ	E	C. Binns, 27 English street, Kogarah.
2BK	E	F. N. Leverrier, "Lorette," Wentworth road, Vacluse.
2BL	A	Broadcasters (Sydney) Ltd., Sydney.
2BM	E	Bernard Martin, Mona street, Bankstown, N.S.W.
2BN	E	F. W. Kimpton, Moon street, Ballina.
2BR	T	Brolga.
2BS	E	H. B. Sunter, 3 Flat, Ambassadors' Court, Bondi road, Bondi Beach.
2BV	E	Waverley Amateur Radio Club, 89 Macpherson street, Waverley.
2BW	E	W. H. Barker, "Euripides," Wallace street, Concord.
2BY	E	E. C. Arnold, Binnia street, Coolah.
2CA	L	Cootamundra Public Works Department.
2CG	E	C. A. Gorman, 43 George street, Rockdale, N.S.W.
2CH	E	C. J. Henry, Uralla, Bridge street, N.S.W.
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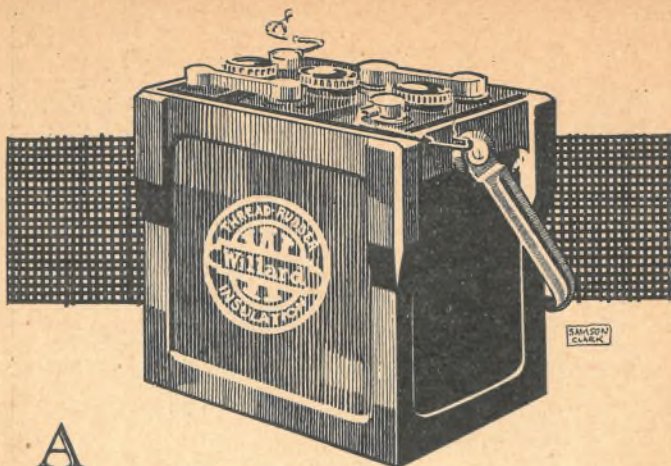
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2DE	E	W. P. Renshaw, "Waimea," Lord street, Roseville.
2DG	E	D. G. Campbell, Sunny Ridge, Kyogle.
2DI	T	Dibbliu.
2DJ	E	F. B. Cooke, Namoi road, Northbridge.
2DN	E	G. E. H. Blanchard, 60 Bligh street, Newtown.
2DS	E	R. R. Davis, "Yuruga," Fisher avenue, Vacluse.
2DU	T	Durendee.
2DY	E	D. G. Lindsay, "Navatu," Burgoyne street, Gordon.
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2EH	E	H. Miller, "Broadway," Ness avenue, Dulwich Hill.
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2FC	A	Farmers Ltd., Sydney.
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2FW	E	F. P. Woolacott, 55 St. George's crescent, Drummoyne.
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2GB	B	Theosophical Broadcasting Station Ltd., Adyar House, 29 Bligh street, Sydney.
2GC	E	G. C. Cawood, Brooklana, via Ulong, N.S.W.
2GD	E	Concord Radio Club, 12 Wallace street, Concord.
2GI	L	Gundagal, Public Works Department.
2GK	E	C. G. Koets, c/o L. T. Watson, Breadalbane.
2GM	E	G. M. Cutts, 25 Malvern road, Croydon.
3GO	T	Goorangal.
2GP	E	C. S. Mackay, Urunga, N.S.W.
2GQ	E	E. Barlow, Church street, Glen Innes.
2GU	T	Gunundaal.
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2KW	E	Archibald Grant, Taylors Arm Roadside, Macksville.
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2LB	D	L. P. R. Bean and Co., 229 Castlereagh street, Sydney.
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2XI	E	W. A. Craig, "Uabba," Irrara street, Croydon, N.S.W.
2YB	E	Croydon Radio Club, Lang street, Croydon.
2YH	?	W. H. Hannan, "Glen Osmond," 23 Prince Alfred street, Mosman.
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2ZJ	E	A. W. Simpson, "Manoah," Lea avenue, Five Dock, Sydney.
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3AU	E	S. H. Milligan, Hall street, Eaglehawk.
3AY	E	W. W. Jenvey, "Devonshire," 12 Lord street, Caulfield.
3BC	E	Brighton Radio Club, Higinbotham Hall, Brighton Library Buildings, Bay street.
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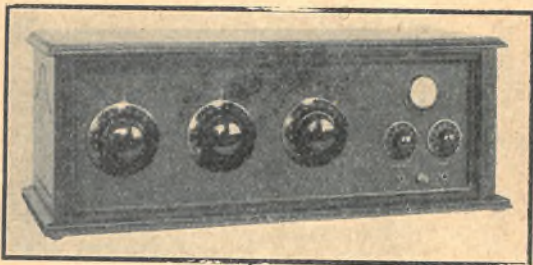
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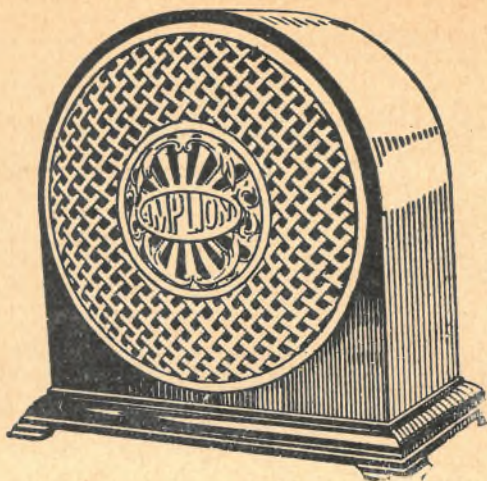
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RADIO INSTALLATION RULES

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(a) Antennae outside of buildings shall not cross over or under electric light or power wires, nor shall they be so located that a failure of either antennae or of the above-mentioned electric light or power wires can result in a contact between the antennae and such electric light or power wires.

Antennae shall be constructed and installed in a strong and durable manner, and shall be so located as to prevent accidental contact with light and power wires by sagging or swinging.

Splices and joints in the antenna span, unless made with approved clamps or splicing devices, shall be soldered.

Antennae installed inside of buildings are not covered by the foregoing rules.

NOTE—Outdoor antenna should be of rugged construction, held securely in place and kept well away from electric light and power wires. It is advisable for the amateur not to make any connection to poles carrying light or power wires. Those unfamiliar with electric wiring will do well to have antenna and other apparatus installed by competent electricians.

The size of the antenna will depend on the span, for the ordinary receiving antenna about 100 feet long, No. 3/20 gauge soft drawn copper wire may be used, or other wire of equivalent strength. Where the span is long it should be larger.

Lead-in Wires.

(b) Lead-in wires shall be of copper, approved copper-clad steel, or other approved metal, which will not corrode excessively, and in no case shall they be smaller than No. 3/20 S.W.G., except that approved copper-clad steel not less than No. 18 S.W.G. may be used.

Lead-in wires on the outside of buildings shall not come nearer than twelve (12) inches to electric light and power wires, unless separated therefrom by a continuous and firmly fixed non-conductor that will maintain permanent separation. The non-conductor shall be in addition to any insulation on the wire.

Lead-in wires shall enter buildings through a non-combustible, non-absorbative insulating bushing.

NOTE—Although desirable from a signalling viewpoint to prevent partial grounding in wet weather, these rules do not require the insulating of lead-in wires, except where they pass through the building wall where a bushing is specified. This is to protect against possible contact with wires, pipes, or other grounded metal, which may be concealed in walls.

Protective Device.

(c) Each lead-in wire shall be provided with an approved protective device, properly connected and located (inside or outside the building), as near as practicable to the point where the wire enters the building. The protector shall not be placed in the immediate vicinity of easily ignitable stuff, or where exposed to inflammable gases or dust, or flyings of combustible materials.

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The protective device shall be an approved lightning arrester, which will operate at a potential of five hundred (500) volts, or less.

The use of an antenna grounding switch is desirable, but does not obviate the necessity for the approved protective device required in this section. The antenna grounding switch if installed, shall, in its closed position, form a shunt around the protective device.

NOTE—The protective device should be an approved lightning arrester; the use of cheap, home-made devices should be discouraged. Fuses are not required, but if installed should be between the lead-in and the lightning arrester.

Protective Ground Wire.

(d) The ground wire may be bare or insulated, and shall be of copper, or approved copper-clad steel. If of copper, the ground wire shall not be smaller than No. 3/20 S.W.G., and if of approved copper-clad steel, it shall not be smaller than No. 18 S.W.G. The ground wire shall be run in as straight a line as possible to a good permanent ground. Preference shall be given to water piping. Gas piping shall not be used for grounding protective devices. Other permissible grounds are artificial grounds, such as driven pipes, plates, cones, etc.

The ground wire shall be protected against mechanical injury. An approved ground clamp shall be used wherever the ground wire is connected to pipes or piping.

NOTE—The proper connection of the antenna to the ground minimises the lightning hazard. A satisfactory ground and properly run ground wire are of primary importance.

Wires Inside Buildings.

(e) Wires inside buildings shall be securely fastened in a workmanlike manner, and shall not come nearer than two (2) inches to any electric light or power wire, unless separated therefrom by some continuous and firmly fixed non-conductor, making a permanent separation. This non-conductor shall be in addition to any regular insulation on the wire. Porcelain tubing, or approved flexible tubing may be used for encasing wires to comply with this rule.

Receiving Equipment Ground Wire.

(f) The ground conductor may be bare or insulated, and shall be of copper, approved copper-clad steel, or other approved metal which will not corrode excessively under existing conditions, and in no case shall the ground wire be less than No. 3/20 S.W.G., except that approved copper-clad steel, not less than No. 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ S.W.G. may be used.

The ground wire may be run inside or outside of building. When receiving equipment ground wire is run in full compliance with rules for protective ground wire, in section (d) it may be used as the ground conductor for the protective device.

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THE USE OF HIGH TENSION ACCUMULATORS

Their Advantage Over the Ordinary Dry Battery.

TH**ERE** has recently been a great increase in the use of high tension accumulators, and at the present rate it will not be very long before the dry battery will become more or less a thing of the past.

Every user of a valve-receiver knows from bitter experience what a bugbear the H.T. battery can be. It has a tendency to become "tired" always at the moment it is most required. When partly exhausted it gives rise to most objectional crackling noises very often attributed to atmospheric conditions of the worst kind.

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On the other hand, in return for the excellent service rendered by the H.T. accumulator this type of battery necessitates a few requirements and attentions which are not necessary with dry battery. The biggest difficulty, perhaps, lies in the re-charging, but this is quite a simple affair when properly understood. Unfortunately, the average charging station attendant takes a great aversion, for some reason or other, to undertaking the charging of an accumulator of this kind, necessitating, as it does, a very slow and prolonged charge. In other cases sheer ignorance on the part of the attendant is the undoubted cause of a premature ending of the life of what would otherwise have been a perfectly reliable accumulator.

A Low Charging Rate

The high tension accumulator, although of a high voltage, requires a very low charging rate, and is, therefore, very much more critical than the ordinary low tension accumulator, both in its initial and subsequent charging, and it is my candid advice to any listener who adopts this method of H.T. supply to carry out the charging personally if at all possible. If one is fortunate enough to possess D.C. mains, the matter is quite a simple one. All that is necessary is to place a lamp in series with the battery together with a milliammeter. The latter, reading from 0-70 milliamps, can be obtained for a few shillings, and will suit the purpose admirably.

To Prevent Creeping

In carrying out the first charge, acid should be added to a level of about $\frac{1}{4}$ in. above the plates. When fully charged, each cell should register 2.2 volts, or, approximately, 90 volts across the battery terminals. The acid used should be of 1170 specific gravity, which after charge should rise to 1250 specific gravity. A film of oil should be placed on top of the acid in each cell. Liquid paraffin, which can be obtained from any chemist, is ideal for the purpose, and prevents evaporation and the formation of sulphate. A

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THE AERIAL TUNING CONDENSER

Much doubt exists in the minds of wireless users as to the best position of the aerial tuning condenser, but a study of this article will clearly show that whether the condenser is to be in series or parallel is decided by the work to be done.

"SHALL I connect my aerial tuning condenser in series or in parallel with the inductance coil?" This is a question one is constantly hearing from amateurs who are connecting up their sets. It is also a question which the amateurs could probably answer themselves if they knew a little more about the operation of this important section of the receiving circuit. Its importance can be gauged by the fact that if the aerial circuit is not properly tuned to the wave length of the incoming signals, the rest of the circuit is useless. The following facts concerning the subject will, therefore, be of interest to those engaged in wiring up their own sets, or about to do so.

Connecting a condenser in series with the aerial is equivalent to connecting it in series with the capacity of the aerial. If two capacities be connected in series the total capacity is reduced, and since a reduction of either the capacity or the inductance in a circuit decreases the wave length, the wave length of the receiving set will accordingly be reduced.

On the other hand, connecting a capacity in parallel with another capacity gives a total capacity equal to the sum of the two separate capacities. Therefore, connecting a condenser in parallel with the capacity of the inductance coil increases the wave length.

Varying the Wave Length

It will be seen that the variable condenser is a very useful means of varying the wave length of a receiving set in which fixed inductance coils are employed. On many crystal sets the inductance is variable by means of a sliding contact, and sometimes two sliding contacts. With these sets the addition of a variable condenser is not an essential, as the wave length may be varied by varying the inductance, that is, by including or excluding turns of wire from the aerial circuit.

When using fixed inductance coils, such as honey-comb coils, a variable condenser becomes necessary in order to provide a means of tuning to the correct wave length. Fixed inductance coils, used in conjunction with a variable condenser, are usually employed on valve sets, as the sliding contact type of coil is unsuitable owing to dead-end loss.

Supposing, for example, that the smallest honey-comb coil in the possession of the listener in is one of 100 turns, and that it is required to tune in for a station transmitting on 400 metres. If a .001 mfd. variable condenser is connected in parallel with the 100 turn coil, the range of wave lengths obtainable will be from approximately 500 metres to 975 metres,

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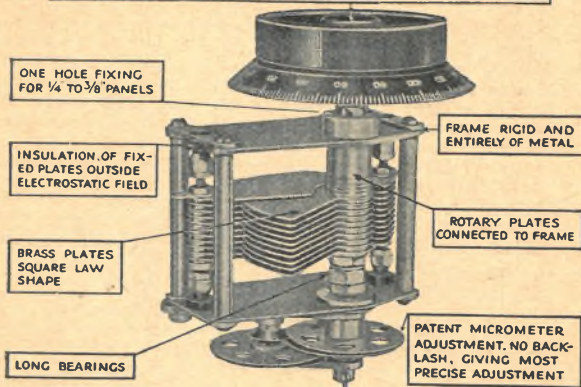
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BE KIND TO YOUR CRYSTAL

A crystal set is not an amplifier, and each component must work at the peak of efficiency if consistently good results are to be maintained. A number of helpful hints are interestingly grouped in this article.

PERHAPS in formulating hints for the improvement of crystal reception, it would be as well to commence with the aerial, for the crystal receiver, however good, cannot increase the strength of the impulses delivered from the aerial system. Naturally, the first consideration is one of insulation, and if losses are to be minimised, the aerial insulators should be kept free from dirt and tarnish, and should be immediately replaced if they become cracked or broken. In addition, the writer regards very favorably the practice of connecting up the insulators with marline, a form of cord saturated with tar, as this tends to reduce leakage in wet weather. The lead-in should be kept well clear of spoutings, ridgings, chimneys, or similar absorbent objects, and all joins in the wire should be soldered. This matter of good connection particularly applies to the earth lead, which needs to be soldered to the water pipe, or whatever conducting medium is chosen.

The length of the earth lead is also important, and, where this cannot be kept within reasonable bounds on account of the distance separating the receiver and the nearest water pipe, it is preferable to arrange an independent earth. A kerosene tin, buried several feet in the ground, or a length of piping driven down, both act very efficiently.

Regarding the Tuning Apparatus.

In the matter of crystal sets, the writer's preference has always been given to the coil and variable condenser combination, believing that this type of set lends itself to fine adjustment more readily than any other. This, of course, is a controversial point, and it must be admitted that, if constructional details are well executed, almost any circuit or fashion in receivers will give good results.

The tuning coil, for instance, should be constructed with the heaviest possible gauge wire, due deference being given to the size of the completed unit. Let me make a plea, too, for abstemiousness in the use of shellac, collodion, paraffin wax, or similar "dope." The practice of steeping coils in solutions composed, in the main, of these constituents, certainly provides a convenient means of adding rigidity to the windings, but no physical strength is sacrificed if the turns are held together by interlacing cotton or thread. Take no notice of those who defend the use of dope, explaining that it impregnates the windings against moisture—it certainly does, but the fresh losses introduced more than outweigh the slight losses of a hygroscopic nature.

The Crystal Detector.

The crystal detector is all important. It may be found that sometimes, due either to the size of the

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crystal cup, or the length and situation of the set screw, that the crystal refuses to stay firmly in position. When this occurs, the cup should be packed with either tin or copper foil, which can quickly be removed if the occasion demands it.

The same can hardly be said of Wood's metal, and on this account foil is to be preferred. The crystal itself should be kept as free from dust as possible, and should not be touched with the bare fingers if this can be avoided. Fresh "spots" can often be found by dividing the crystal into several smaller pieces, trying out each individual piece thoroughly in order to ascertain which is the most sensitive.

Where the crystal has become dulled, its former sensitivity can oftentimes be restored by the application of a little pure alcohol. The crystal can either be soaked in the alcohol, or brushed briskly with a toothbrush which has been allowed to absorb a little of the fluid.

The Best Crystal.

From the point of view of sensitivity, the writer considers that a good piece of galena and a silver cat-whisker is an ideal combination, despite the drawback that very little vibration is needed to upset the adjustment. Even a heavy burst of static will prove an annoyance in this latter respect.

The manufacturers seem to be fully cognizant of the virtues of galena, for an analysis of most of the well-known proprietary brands would show them to be galena, tested and selected samples, perhaps, but nevertheless galena. Where this crystal is employed, perhaps a silver whisker is best, and it will be found that regular application of a piece of fine sandpaper to the tip of the whisker will allow of the most sensitive spot being easily found.

For those who prefer a crystal more constant in its setting, the zincite-bornite combination is very good, and the carborundum detector is also coming back into favor. This latter detector requires a small applied potential, made variable by means of a potentiometer. Dry cells will provide ample bias, and the current drain is practically negligible if the battery is disconnected when the set is not in use.

The 'Phones are Important.

Invariably, those just taking their initial steps in radio do not fully realize how necessary a set of good 'phones is. This applies particularly to owners of crystal sets who, in many instances, do not feel inclined to meet the expense, considered by some to be out of proportion to the cost of the set itself. But it is well worth while. With quality 'phones, signals formerly unheard, will become intelligible, and volume will be handled as only a good unit can handle it.

Stress, too, should be laid on the matter of comfort, for a crystal set will not work a loud speaker satisfactorily.

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GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS

This list gives some of the commoner abbreviations
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QSA—Your sigs. are strong.
 QSS—Your sigs. are fading.
 QSL—Please acknowledge receipt of message.
 QRN—Static is bad.
 QRM—I am being interfered with.
 TNX—Thanks.
 HR—Hear or here.
 OM—Old man.
 YZS—Best wishes.
 HRD—Heard.
 FB—Good.
 CRD—Card.
 VY—Very.
 RDTN—Radiation.
 STD-BI—Stand by.
 RPTD—Reported.
 CUAGN—See you again.
 RCD—Received
 SIGS—Signals.
 R—Are.
 UR—Your.
 CUL—See you later.
 MI—My.
 MNY—Many.
 DX—Long distance.
 FRM—From.



PROTECTING THE PHONES

A Remedy for Rust

WEARING the phones for long periods causes drops of moisture to form upon the diaphragm, and these may cause rust. The remedy is to cover the diaphragm with a very thin coat of vaseline.

Watch the Polarity

All telephone receivers contain a permanent magnet, and all electric currents are accompanied by magnetism. If the two forces are in opposition, the "permanent" magnet is impaired, and does not live up to its name.

Sometimes the phones are marked with positive and negative signs, and if connected accordingly, the current flowing will assist the permanent magnet. If not marked, the polarity can be determined as follows:—Unscrew the earpiece and remove the diaphragm. Then hang up the phones and load the permanent magnet with as many small nails and pins as it will hold. When it is fully loaded send a small current through the phones, first in one direction, and then in the other. If the loading has been carefully arranged, the current flowing in the right direction will assist to hold the load; but if in the wrong direction, the nails and pins will fall.



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THE "A" AND "B" BATTERIES

In this Article are Described the Purposes of the Filament and Plate Batteries.

THE "A" Battery merely supplies energy to the filament for heating purposes. It has no radio purpose. Its only purpose is to keep the filament hot. The drain on it is considerable, depending on how much current each filament takes, and how many of them there are. If we have eight one-ampere valves, the A. battery must supply eight amperes, which few of them could continuously do and stand up for very long. If we have eight $\frac{1}{2}$ -ampere valves, the total supply from the A battery is two amperes. If we use eight of the .06-ampere valves, eight will take .48-ampere, or less than two of the one-quarter-ampere type. The drain on the A battery is always an appreciable part of the ampere, and more often than not it is more than one-ampere. The voltage, however, is not above five, and for some valves need be only three, and for others only one and one-half volts. It supplies large current at low voltage. It supplies this current continually so long as the valves burn. The result is that a battery must be provided of very considerable ampere-hour capacity which can run continuously without falling off in voltage. This means a storage battery is necessary for best operation when any considerable number of valves, other than the .06-ampere style, are employed.

The "B" Battery.

THE "B" Battery has comparatively low current, and is always in the thousandths of an ampere. Even in the most complicated sets there is never a current drain for all valves over fifty thousandths of an ampere unless there is an unnecessary voltage employed. On the other hand, although the current is low, compared with that from an "A" battery, the voltage is very high. The voltage of "B" batteries in common use runs as high as 150 volts, and there are cases where 300 volts are employed.

The "B" battery is, therefore, an entirely different problem from the "A" battery. Instead of heavy current at low voltage, it must supply light current at high voltage. The drain, like that of the "A" battery, is substantially continuous, but variable. The logical device here is the dry battery because small dry cells can be made which will give a continuous light current for a long time, and the voltage of a small cell is the same as the voltage of a big cell. Size in batteries means added current capacity, but not increase in voltage. A number of these small cells can be connected in series to give whatever voltage is desired, and the resulting battery is not bulky.



ACID FLUX NOT ADVISABLE

IT is inadvisable ever to use an acid flux for soldering the connections in a radio set. It does, however, depend on where and how the solution was used. Acid flux should never be used in soldering connections to a 'phone jack, etc.

WAVE TRAPS

The Average Wireless Receiver Without a Wave Trap Can be Compared to a Motor Car Using an Inferior Grade of Fuel. It Works—Inefficiently.

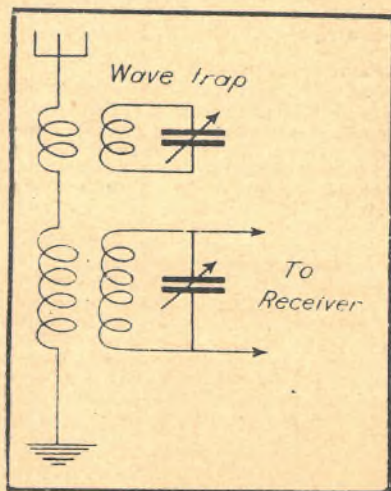
AS the majority of receivers in existence at present are not very selective, it is practically impossible to receive interstate stations without interference from one or more of the locals. With an inexpensive crystal receiver, often it is impossible to separate the local stations from one another.

Although there are various ways of making a receiver selective, the most popular method is that of adding a wave trap, as these are not only the acme of simplicity in construction, but are easy to operate, besides being very cheap.

As it is not intended in an article of this size to give the reasons for interference between stations, a complete technical description of the construction and operation of wave traps will be provided.

The Action of a Wave Trap.

Reference to the diagram will show the circuit of a simple wave trap. This is of the absorption type, consisting of two coils and a variable condenser.



The Circuit of the Wave Trap

Assuming that an electro-magnetic oscillation caused the aerial to vibrate in sympathy, a current of that frequency will flow in the aerial system.

Now, in flowing along the aerial to the set, this current must pass through the primary of the wave trap before it can reach the primary of the set. Now if the secondary circuit of the wave trap is tuned to

the frequency of the current flowing in the aerial, it will absorb the majority of it, that is, assuming that the radio frequency resistance of the secondary is low, and that the circuit has a big absorbing capacity.

It is for this reason that a small coil and a large condenser are preferable to a large coil and small condenser, it being a well known fact that a large condenser will store more electricity than will a small one.

If, instead of one current flowing in the aerial, there are two, and the wave trap is tuned to the frequency of one of them, very little of it will reach the set; therefore, it will not be heard in the receiver unless the latter is extremely non-selective.

Thus it will be seen that the duty of a wave trap is to reduce the currents from any station that it is not desired to receive, without lessening the strength of a second station. In other words, the duty of a wave trap is to eliminate undesired stations.

It must be borne in mind that, while the construction of a wave trap is extremely simple, it is essential that the best quality components be used, for, should the tuning of the trap be broad, it will not only eliminate the undesired station, but will also materially affect the strength of the station that it is desired to receive.

It is for these reasons that the trap must be constructed strictly in accordance with the instructions given, otherwise it will, in all probability, be a failure.

The Apparatus Required.

For the construction of the trap the following components will be required.

- 1 Variable condenser, not smaller than .0005 mfd.
- 1 Vernier Dial. Ratio not less than 5-1.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. No. 22 D.C.C. wire.
- 1 piece cardboard tube, 3 inches diameter \times 6 inches long.
- 2 terminals.

The Construction of the Trap.

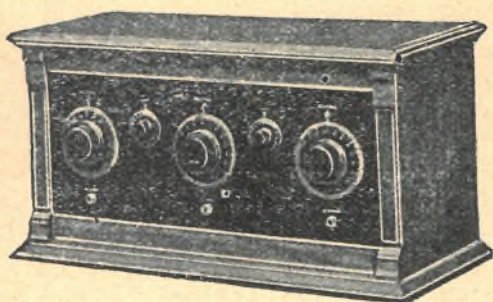
The first piece of constructional work is making the coils, which are built in the following manner:— Make two small holes near one edge of the cardboard tube, and thread a few inches of the wire through them. A hole for one of the terminals should be placed near these holes, but the terminal should not be inserted, as it would be in the way when winding the primary coil. Now proceed to wind ten turns of wire on the tube.

The wire should then be cut, leaving about six inches to spare for connecting purposes. Drill two more holes in the tube alongside the tenth turn, and thread the wire through them, drawing it tight, so that there will be little possibility of the wire coming loose. This end of the wire should be led back to a position near the hole for the terminal. The second terminal should be inserted at this position, and the wire attached. At this juncture the first terminal may be placed in position, and the end of the first turn of wire connected to it.

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The Secondary Coil.

Alongside the end of the first, or primary coil, make two more holes in the tube, and thread through the wire, leaving about six inches for connections. Proceed to wind on 45 turns of wire (if the variable condenser is one of 0.0005 mfd., or if it is of 0.001 mfd. the coil should consist of not more than 35 turns). When the last turn has been wound on, the wire should be cut, leaving another six inches, and then secured in place by passing it through two holes. This completes the secondary coil.

In order to make both coils secure, one or two layers of surgical tape may be placed lengthwise along the coil. Failing this, use ordinary friction tape (this can be purchased at any dealers, and from most garages. It is also known as insulation tape).

Connecting Up.

The aerial is to be connected to the first turn of the primary coil, through the terminal. The other terminal (that connected to the last turn of the primary coil) is to be connected to the aerial terminal of the set. Reference to the diagram will make this clear. Thus it will be seen that the primary of the wave trap has been connected into the aerial system before the set.

The first turn of the secondary is to be connected to the stator terminal of the variable condenser, the terminal connected to the stationary plates. The remaining lead is to be connected to the rotor terminal of the condenser. This completes the wiring.

The Operation.

The trap is operated by tuning in on the set the station that it is desired to eliminate, and then turning the variable condenser of the wave trap until the strength of the signals is reduced as much as possible. The set should then be tuned to the station that it is desired to receive.

Final adjustment of the wave trap condenser will reduce the strength of the interfering station.

The trap may be mounted in the set if desired, but for most efficient operation it should be located at least six inches from the set.

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THE wave length of an ultra-short wave receiver may be increased by inserting a loading coil in series with the wire that leads to the filament from the secondary of the tuner. Inasmuch as the receiver is of low loss construction, it is a good plan to build the coil in the same manner; that is, having as little of the wire as possible coming in contact with the supporting material. A reasonably large size wire should be used. It may also be found necessary to shunt the primary of the first step audio-frequency amplifying transformer or the 'phone terminals with a mica condenser of .001 mfd.

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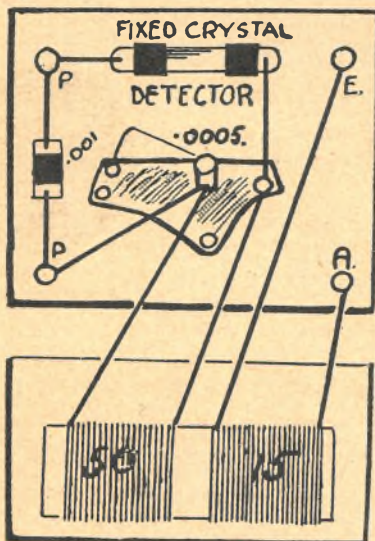
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A CRYSTAL set should be both simple and efficient. It should have good volume with selectivity. These are the main attributes of the set to be described, there being but one tuning control. The set is further simplified by the use of a fixed crystal detector in place of the usual detector of the cat-whisker type with its uncertain contact.

So simple is the construction of a set of this description that it can be built in less than an hour, the only tools required being a pair of pliers, a screw-driver, brace and two drills (3-16 and 3-8 inch), a ruler and scribe (a compass will do), and a fairly fine file.

An Examination of the Circuit.

Reference to the diagram will show the position of the apparatus as well as the actual wiring of the set. The large rectangle represents the panel and the smaller the baseboard. Thus it will be seen that the coils are the only components mounted on the baseboard.



This Diagram Illustrates the Relative Positions of the Apparatus as well as the Actual wiring.

How the Circuit Operates

The aerial is connected to the terminal, A, placed on the right-hand side of the panel, and the earth to the top right-hand terminal marked E. These terminals are connected to the primary coil, this coil

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being placed in what is termed inductive relationship with another coil (marked 50), known as the secondary coil.

Due to a property of electricity known as induction, the currents flowing in the primary coil will cause another current with similar characteristics in the secondary coil when the latter is connected into a circuit. In other words, energy flowing in the primary coil will be transferred to the secondary coil.

A maximum transference of energy will take place when both coils are tuned to the same frequency. However, as this is not desired in a receiver of this type, as it would result in a loss of selectivity (the ability of a set to tune out one station in favor of another), only one coil is tuned. Provided good quality apparatus is employed little difficulty will be experienced in receiving any station at will.

Naturally there will be exceptions when stations operating on high power use wave lengths very close to one another. (Technically the frequency spacing should be not less than 15 kilocycles.)

Assuming that a current is flowing in the aerial, it will only be induced into the secondary coil when the latter is tuned to the frequency of the current. When this is done, the current will flow through the crystal detector and be converted to audio frequency, that is, electricity at sound frequencies. It will then pass to the 'phones to be converted by them into sound.

The small fixed condenser placed across the 'phones usually improves the tone; the use of this is optional.

The Apparatus Required.

For the construction of this set the following components will be required by the builder.

- 1 ebonite panel 7 by 6 by 3-16 inches.
- 1 straight-line frequency condenser 0.0005 mfd. capacity.
- 1 vernier dial.
- 1 piece cardboard tube 3 inches in diameter and 5 inches long.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. No. 22 D.C.C. wire.
- 4 terminals.
- 1 fixed crystal detector.
- 1 0.001 mfd. fixed condenser.
- 1 pair phones.
- 100 feet aerial wire, insulators, lightning arrester, lead-in tube and earthing switch.

The Construction of the Set

Square up the panel by means of rule and file; then drill holes for the four terminals, the variable condenser, and the crystal detector. It will be seen from the diagram that the holes for the terminals are placed near the edges of the panel. They can be conveniently mounted about one half-inch from

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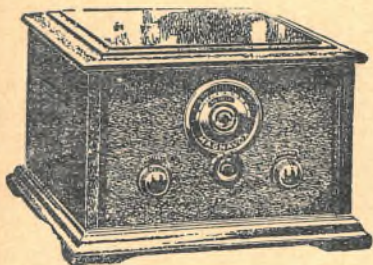
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the edges of the panel. All the holes, with the exception of that for the shaft of the variable condenser, are to be drilled with the 3-16 drill, the 3-8 being used for the shaft.

The position for the holes should be marked with the point of the scribe, those for the variable condenser being marked from the template that usually accompanies such components.

Reference to the diagram will show the approximate positions of the apparatus. When all the holes have been drilled the apparatus should be placed in position, the mounting screws being well tightened. Remember when drilling the panel to drill any holes that may be wanted for the vernier dial.

The baseboard should be about half-inch thick. Attach the panel to the baseboard by means of three small screws, the necessary holes being drilled at least one-quarter of an inch from the bottom of the panel.

The Construction of the Coils

At approximately a quarter of an inch from one edge of the cardboard tube, make two small holes with the point of a compass. Pass one end of the wire through these holes so that about six inches will project from one of them, this being for connection purposes. Wind on 15 turns of the wire, then cut the wire off, so that there will be at least six inches to spare, and thread it through two more holes. This constitutes the primary coil.

The secondary coil is wound in the same manner, but consists of 50 turns of wire. It should be separated from the primary cell by a quarter of an inch.

The Wiring As It Is To Be Done

Attach the end of the first turn of the primary coil to the aerial terminal and the end of the last turn of this coil to the earth terminal. Then connect the end of the first turn of the secondary coil to the terminal of the variable condenser attached to the stationary plates. Join the last lead of the secondary coil to the terminal of the variable condenser that is connected to the rotary plates. A wire must then be connected from this terminal to the bottom 'phone terminal.

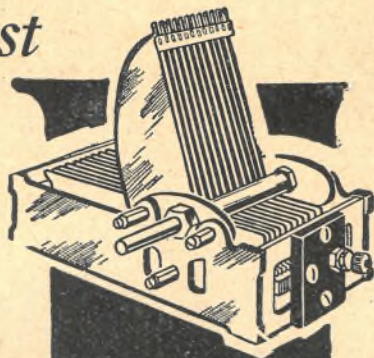
The top 'phone terminal must be connected to the end of the crystal detector nearest it, the other terminal of the detector being connected to the stator terminal of the condenser.

One terminal of the 'phone condenser goes to the top 'phone terminal, and the other to the bottom terminal. This completes the wiring of the set.

The Operation of the Set

Attach the aerial to the terminal marked A and the earth to E. The 'phones are to be connected to the remaining terminals. Turn the dial of the condenser slowly until signals are heard; then vary the dial until best results are secured.

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LOUD SPEAKERS

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A LOUD speaker is an electro-magnetic instrument used in wireless for magnifying the sounds received, and distributing them by means of a horn, or other device, modelled or arranged in accordance with acoustical principles, so that they are audible over a certain distance.

Essentially, a loud speaker consists of a permanent magnet, around the cores of which a large number of turns of very fine copper wire is wound. The function of the permanent magnet is to give a constant tension to the diaphragm which is arranged immediately above, but not touching, the cores round which the wire is wound.

As the current which comes from the wireless receiver is varying, by reason of the sound interruptions to which it has been subjected, the electro-magnet, through the coils of which the current passes, varies the pull on the diaphragm, causing it to vibrate in accordance with the sounds received. The movements of the diaphragm, in the air, reproduces the sounds, which are magnified in the horn.

The construction of the loud speaker, it will be seen, is identical with that of the ordinary telephone receiver, and a horn fitted to the earpiece of a high-resistance receiver may be used for a fairly efficient loud speaker.

As the gap in the magnetic field must be very small, provision is usually made for adjusting the size of this gap, according to the amount of volume required.

The sound-amplifying and distributing element in loud speakers usually takes the form of a horn, and speakers with horns of all shapes and sizes are now on sale. It is considered that a horn two feet long gives critically good reproduction, though there are many makes with horns only half this size which have a "tone" nearly as good as the larger type.

Some horns are made of metal, but in the very efficient types the horns are made of moulded composition in which some sort of papier mache is used.

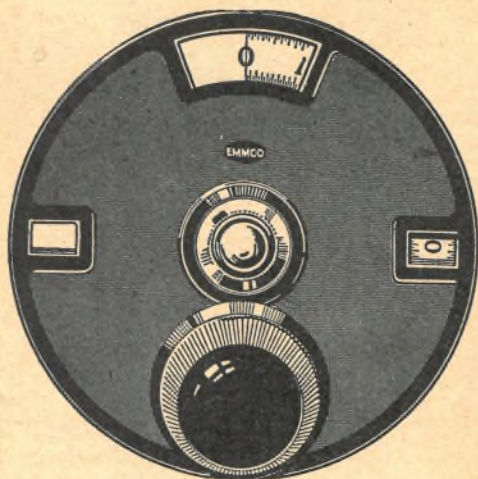
"The Big Noise"

Loudness is not the main qualification of a loud speaker. The "big noise" in wireless is becoming too commonly sought after nowadays. It may be all very well for the owner of the set who is never satisfied unless he is filling his home with clamant reproduction from his loud speaker—regardless of sweetness of tone and sonority; but if the same individual conducts public demonstrations in the same way, the offence becomes nothing less than a serious abuse of the science, and the people who listen to it would probably be far more pleased had they listened-in on a simple crystal set.

It is bad practice to strain the installation by unduly high plate-voltages, high filament temperatures,

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and tight couplings to get extra loud-speaker effects. In this lies trouble other than distortion, for the lives of the valves may be considerably shortened by such practices.

These points should be borne in mind, particularly when loud speakers are used for reception of broadcasting, and it must be remembered that a loud speaker is capable of giving clear reproduction only up to a certain point, beyond which, only distortion results.

There are numerous types of loud speakers, ranging from the usual type with a large horn, to a hornless compartment in the cabinet, from which the sounds come. The sizes of loud speakers range from the "baby" speaker of a few inches, to the mighty "Tremendous," which, as its name implies, is a very large instrument.

To Improve the Tone

Successful operation depends on a variety of circumstances, chiefly, perhaps, on a well-balanced receiving set and proper tuning thereof, the main requirement being signal strength sufficient to actuate the diaphragm of the loud speaker properly.

Distortion may be assigned to two main causes; those which may exist in the loud speaker itself, and those to be found in the receiving set, the latter being the main offender.

The resistance of the loud speaker when connected in the anode circuit should not be under 2000 ohms, and sometimes the addition of a small fixed condenser of a .001 or .005 microfarad capacity across the terminals of the loud speaker will have the effect of giving a more mellow reproduction.

In short, to get good loud speaker results, pay strict attention to the tuning of the circuit, and the only adjustment the loud speaker will need will, perhaps, be to alter the position of the diaphragm slightly.

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WIRELESS SAFETY

THE protection from lightning of wireless instruments and the building which houses them should enter potently into the mind of every owner of a wireless set. A wireless aerial over a house is not a menace, although some landlords have gone as far as to prohibit the erection of aerials because "they will attract lightning." This is not so. It has been proved again and again that a properly grounded aerial is a safeguard rather than a danger to the buildings round. A wireless aerial will prove a much more efficient lightning protector than the ordinary lightning rod, owing to its usually nearer proximity to the clouds and to its greater surface.

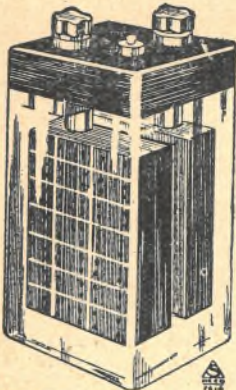
With every aerial provision should be made to connect it direct to ground outside the building. This is in addition to the usual indoor connections. The connection may consist of a spring clip and length of wire connected to the ground connection.

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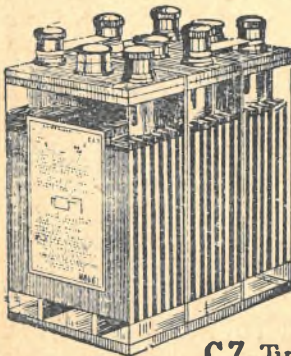
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In charging the battery the acid is forced out of the plates back into the solution, and when the battery is completely recharged the specific gravity should again be about 1280.

It is when the battery is in a discharged condition, and when the acid is in the plates, that the battery deteriorates. To prolong the life of a storage battery the acid should be kept out of the plates as much as possible, and keeping the battery in a charged condition is the only means of doing this.

Use of Hydrometer

A hydrometer permits the operator to know the conditions of charge that exist within the battery. It is a glass tube-like barrel container with a small glass float within. A rubber bulb is connected at one end and the electrolyte is sucked up into the barrel chamber. The glass float will float differently at the various specific gravity readings. The float is graduated and readings are at the point where the float submerges under the electrolyte.

A full charge will float the graduated tube high, and when the battery is discharged it will sink.

Dangerous When Discharged

It is when the battery is in a discharged or partially discharged condition that the acid attacks the plates and causes the noises that are often mistaken for static in a radio receiver. The foregoing remarks regarding maintenance also apply to the accumulator type of "B" battery. Always keep the electrolyte solution about one-eighth or one-fourth inch above the top of the plates.

To Keep in Condition

To keep the accumulator in condition the electrolyte should be kept about one-quarter of an inch above the top of the plates. Any shortage should be made up with distilled water, which should be added after the recharging period. This is imperative owing to the more or less violent bubbling during the re-

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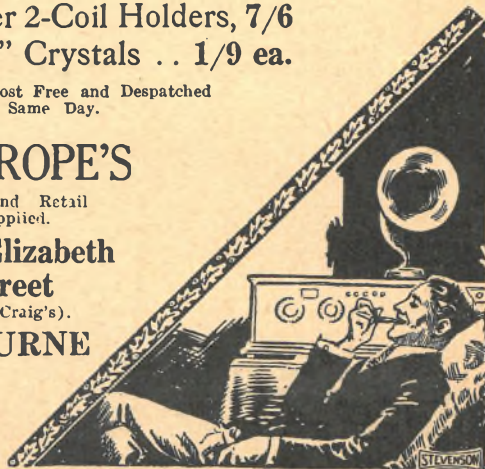
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charging period, when the electrolyte might sputter over and damage whatever it came in contact with.

Ordinary drinking water will not do, as it contains many mineral salts and other matter that is injurious to the battery. Boiled water is not distilled water, and is the worst kind to use, because the mineral salts are concentrated in it, and it is not long before enough have accumulated in the cells to start an electrolytic action which would result in the framework of the plates being eaten away and the battery ruined.

How to Store Your Accumulators

First, the battery should be fully recharged, then the electrolyte removed from each cell and distilled water put in its place.

When the battery is wanted again for service the battery should be given a slight charge while the water is in each cell. The battery should then be discharged and recharged to maximum capacity. The water should then be replaced with the regulation battery electrolyte and the battery discharged.

The accumulator should again be charged, this time being given a good overcharge, after which it should be ready for service.

TO KEEP THE ACCUMULATOR IN ORDER.

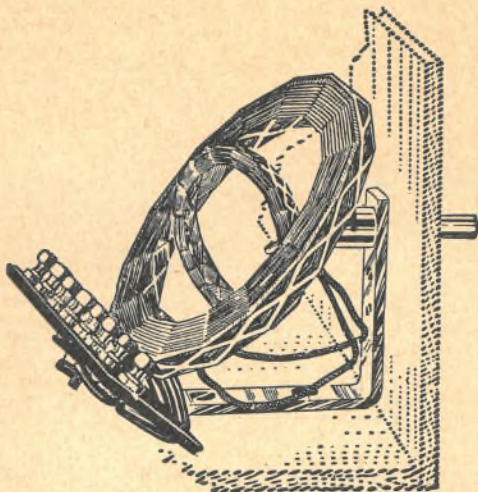
1. *Keep the battery charged.*
2. *Never lay tools on top of a battery, or they may cause a complete discharge by short-circuiting it.*
3. *Add nothing except distilled water.*
4. *Acid should never be added unless some has been spilled from the cells accidentally.*
5. *Boiled water is not distilled water.*
6. *A discharged battery will freeze easily, while a fully charged one will not freeze in this climate.*
7. *To find the positive and negative poles of a battery when no marks are visible, fill a glass vessel half full of salt and cover with water. Run a wire from each terminal of the battery, and hold them about one inch apart in the solution. Bubbles will rise from the negative wire. Also there is usually more greenish corrosion around the positive terminal than the negative.*
8. *Never light a match and look in the vent caps. The hydrogen gas in the battery is liable to explode and cause serious injury to the eyes.*
9. *Keep the battery charged and don't let it get "thirsty."*

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Don't omit to clean the insulators occasionally, especially if the installation is near the sea or in a smoky atmosphere.

Don't forget that the earth connection is an important adjunct to the aerial.

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SUCCESSFUL SOLDERING

The hints given in this article will enable the beginner to make efficient soldered joints in his wireless receiver.

THE other evening I took a receiver to a friend's place with everything connected up, and the filament switch pushed home. I am now using another rectifier. The reason is that I did not solder my connections; one worked loose during the journey and placed the "B" battery in parallel with the "A" battery. I now invariably solder all connections, and would advise the beginner to do likewise.

Procure a soldering iron which you can handle easily, neither a small one nor a big, heavy one. One end of the copper has the four faces brought to a point, the other end having a handle of some description attached. Also obtain an old knife, a stick of solder, and some flux, either resin or candle. Only an expert can use spirits of salt without damage to the receiver. If the iron has a coating of solder on its point you can proceed to begin operations. If not, then give it a coat as follows:—

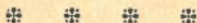
Heat the iron until it will melt the solder easily. Twist it, point down, into a block of sal-ammoniac. This will make a hole, but will also give off irritating fumes. Run a little solder into the hole, and continue twisting the iron until it has a coat of solder for about half an inch up the side of the iron, which should first be carefully cleaned with an old file.

The Joints Must Be Clean.

Scrape the articles (say two wires) clean with the knife and apply a small quantity of the flux on the scraped parts. Melt a small quantity of solder on the iron and move it backwards and forwards over the wires which are to be soldered. This is known as tinning, and must be done to all articles requiring to be soldered. When both wires are tinned, hold them together and apply the iron with a little solder.

A Few Hints.

- Always keep the iron clean.
- Use resin or candle for flux.
- Tin both surfaces to be joined.
- Have your soldering iron hot.
- Do not heat the iron until the tinning comes off, which it will do when the iron is nearly red hot.
- Do not use spirits of salts as flux.
- Do not try to work with a cold iron.
- If these few hints are followed, no trouble will be experienced in soldering all joints. C.A.C.

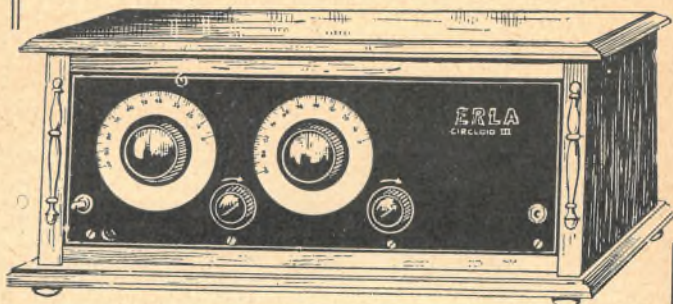


Don't omit to make some provision for the contraction of the aerial ropes that will take place in wet weather.

Don't forget that soot on an insulator makes an excellent conductor, and that the efficiency of the set will suffer as a consequence.

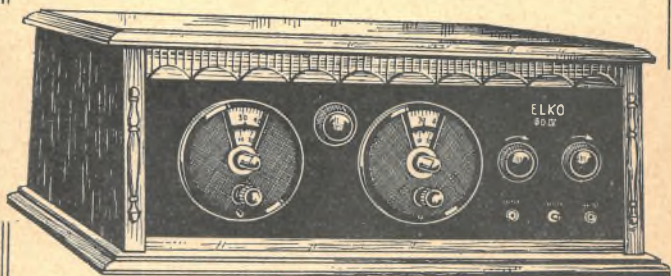
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THE radio-frequency amplifier described in this article is so designed that it may be used with any standard straight detector valve circuit, with or without reaction, and this without any alterations whatsoever to the set. It should, therefore, appeal to the many who possess no R.F. stage on their existing receivers and who would like to hear more distant stations without the need of making new sets.

Coupling Employed

The type of radio-frequency coupling employed is a form of series tuned anode, and is shown in Fig. 1, on the left-hand side of the dotted line. The right-hand part of this circuit, it will be seen, is a conventional single valve circuit, the left-hand part being added by means of the R.F. unit. Reaction is normally obtained by means of the potentiometer, which is worked as near the negative end as possible. The use of a reaction coil coupled to L₂ may be tried, and in some cases it will be found desirable to obtain reaction by a combination of the two methods.

The aerial coil of the set becomes the tuned anode coil L₂, and the plug-in coil, L₁, becomes the aerial tuning inductance.

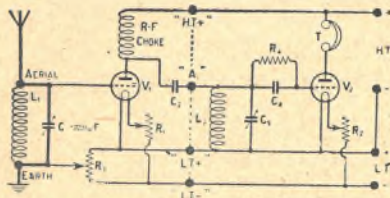


Fig. 1.—This circuit shows how the amplifier is added to an existing single valve receiver.

Components for the Amplifier

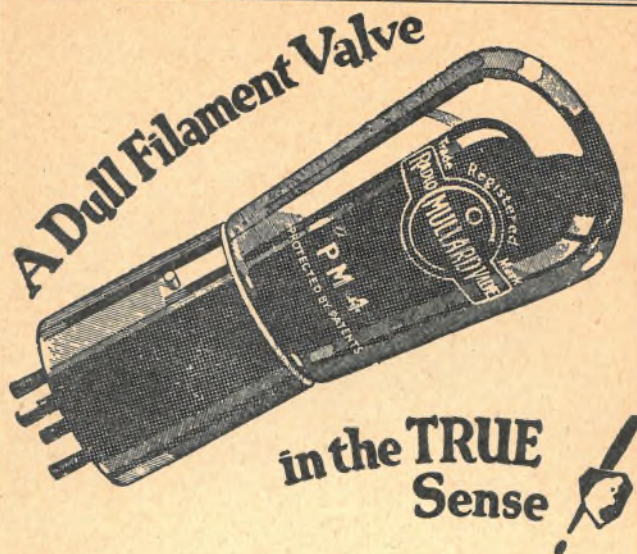
The components which are required to build this radio-frequency amplifier are both few and inexpensive. They are given in the following list:—

- Panel 6 by 4 by $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- Cabinet to take same.
- One .0005 mfd. variable condenser.
- Rheostat.
- Potentiometer.
- Valve holder.
- Six terminals.
- One board-mounting coil socket.
- .002 mfd. fixed condenser.
- One ounce No. 30 S.W.G. d.s.c. wire.
- One 2ft. length buz-bar wire.

Constructional Work

Having collected together all the necessary com-

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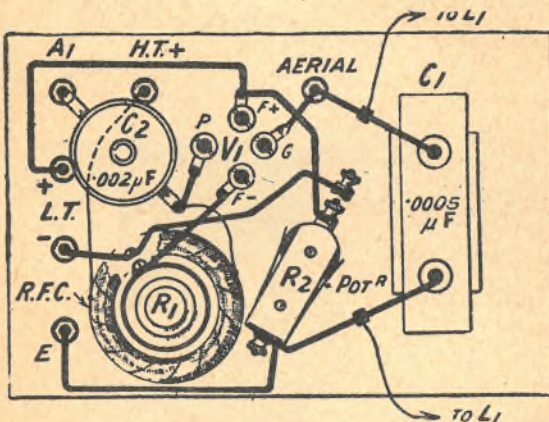
ponents, the unit may be constructed, and it will not be found to take very long. Commence by marking out the panel on the side which is to become the back.

Mounting Components

Having marked out the panel and then carefully drilled the holes, the components can be mounted. The fixed condenser, it will be noted, is not screwed to the panel at all, but is held in place by the wires, which make connection to it.

Making the R.F. Choke

It will be seen that a coil of wire is placed over the rheostat. This is the radio-frequency choke, and, since it has to be put into position before the set is wired, its construction will be dealt with next. A



This diagram shows how the actual wiring is done, as well as the positions of the components.

former, such as the wooden handle of a chisel, is obtained, and about 200 turns of the 30-G. wire is wound on hank fashion, after placing three lengths of wire along the handle, with which to hold the coil together while it is being removed from the former.

After removal it is bound all round with a long length of the same wire, the three small pieces being removed as necessary. This choke is intended for use when the set is to be used on the lower range of broadcast wave-lengths. Having completed the choke, it may be slipped over the filament resistance, and the wiring may be commenced.

It should present no difficulties whatever, if the wiring diagram of Fig. 2 is followed carefully. Two pieces of flexible wire, or, if preferred, two lengths of No. 26-G. D.C.C. wire, are used to connect up the coil-holder, and they are taken through two small holes drilled in the top of the cabinet.

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The Carborundum Stabilizing Detector Unit

No. 32

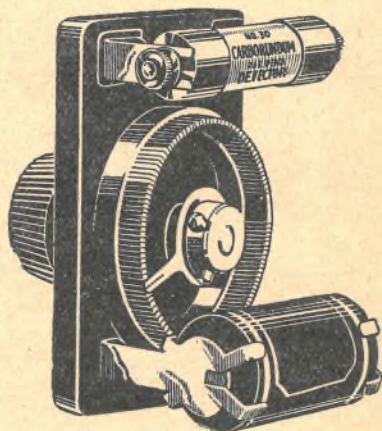
By regulating the detector resistance, the Carborundum Stabilising Detector Unit provides these advantages:—

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The addition of this amplifier to the crystal set described on page 55 will enable a loud speaker to be operated from stations within a 20-mile range. It will increase the volume of any receiver.

THERE are times when the listener-in using a crystal or single valve circuit wishes he could get more volume from his set. He may, for instance, wish to connect several pairs of head-phones for the purpose of entertaining friends, and when all the phones are connected the incoming signals may be perfectly satisfactory as regards clearness, but yet lack volume. The purpose of this article, therefore, is to show the amateur how he may construct a one-valve amplifying unit which may be readily attached to his set whenever he desires.

The amplifying unit is so designed that it may be added to the set without having to alter the latter in any way except to remove the head phones and connect them to the amplifying unit. It is designed also with a view to keeping the initial and upkeep costs as low as possible.

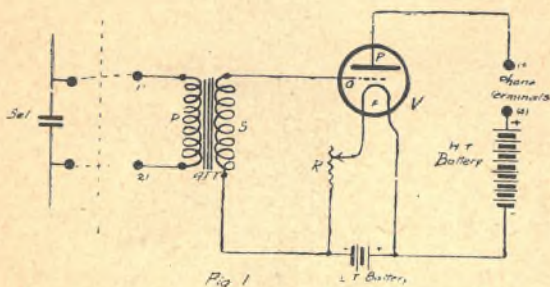


Fig. 1.—The Theoretical Circuit of the Amplifier.

With regard to the amplifying unit to be described, the arrangement is such that at the point where the audio-frequency impulses would ordinarily pass through the 'phones in the crystal set, they are passed into the amplifying unit instead, and, before eventually reaching the 'phones, are "stepped-up" or increased in volume.

What is Required.

- 1 audio-frequency transformer, ratio 5 to 1.
- 1 dull emitter valve.
- 1 valve socket.
- 1 30-ohm rheostat.
- 2 dry cells.
- 1 60-volt high-tension battery.
- 4 terminals.
- 1 baseboard, measuring 8 in. x 11 in. x $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- 1 piece of quarter-inch ebonite, measuring 5 in. x 4 in.

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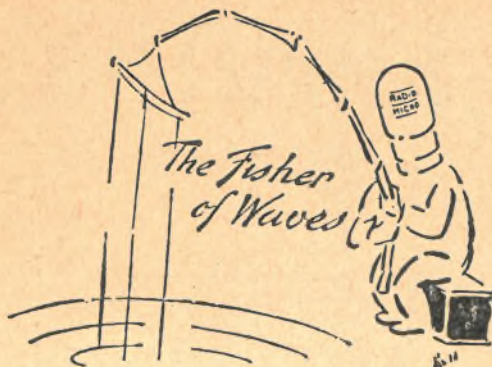


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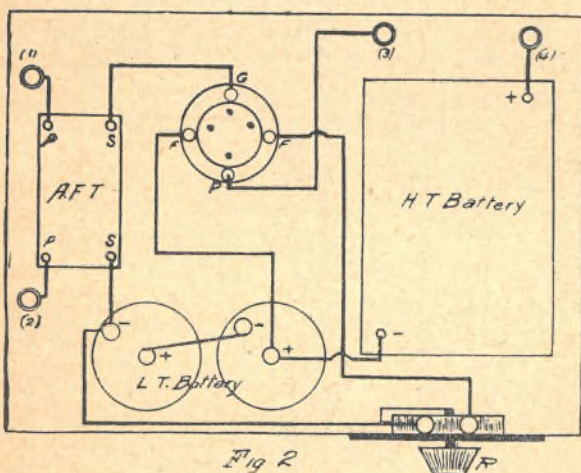
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A short length of No. 16-gauge tinned copper wire for wiring up the set.

A ratio of 5 to 1 is suggested for the audio-frequency transformer, but a ratio of 4 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 will also serve the purpose. A dull-emitter valve is recommended for reasons of economy as regards the low-tension or "A" battery. This type of valve operates with dry cells—usually two cells—which costs only a fraction of the cost of an accumulator. They are clean to handle, do not require recharging, and, with reasonable care, will give good service for several months. The valve socket and valve should be bought at the same time to ensure the correct type of socket being obtained. Dull-emitter valves require a 30 or 35 ohm rheostat.

How the Circuit is Wired

Fig. 1 shows the circuit arrangement of the amplifying unit. The audio-frequency transformer is indicated by the letters AFT; P represents the primary,



This diagram shows the actual wiring of the amplifier.

and S the secondary winding of the transformer; V is the valve, R the rheostat, LT the low-tension or "A" battery, and HT the high-tension or "B" battery. The four terminals are indicated by the figures (1), (2), (3), and (4). One end of the primary winding is connected to terminal (1), and the other end to terminal (2). The grid, G, of the valve is connected to one of the secondary terminals, and the negative terminal of the low-tension battery to the other end of the secondary winding. The plate, P, of the valve is connected with the 'phone terminal (3), while the other 'phone terminal (4) is joined to the

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positive wander plug of the high-tension battery, the negative terminal of this battery being connected to the positive of the low-tension battery. The filament, FF, of the valve is connected in series with the rheostat and the low-tension battery.

The Layout

The layout of the apparatus on the baseboard is indicated in Fig. 2. The baseboard, which measures 8 inches by 11 inches, has been made sufficiently large to accommodate the high and low tension batteries in order to make the amplifying unit complete on one base for facility in moving it about. The piece of ebonite measuring 5 inches by 4 inches is screwed (upright) to the front edge of the baseboard, well to the right, so that it may be clear of the low-tension battery. The ebonite should be drilled with a hole of suitable size for the rheostat at a distance of 2 inches from the top, and equidistant from either side. The rheostat is then attached behind this small "panel" with the knob in front.

The audio-frequency transformer is placed on the left-hand side of the baseboard, and the 60-volt high-frequency battery on the right-hand side. In between them is the valve socket (at the rear) and the low-tension battery (near the front). Terminals (1) and (2) are screwed to the left-hand side of the board near the audio-frequency transformer, and terminals (3) and (4) at the back of the board behind the high-tension battery.

When the various components have been placed in position, the wiring should be done. This is clearly set out in Fig. 2, and needs no further comment.

The method of connecting up the amplifying unit to the crystal set is very simple, as also is the method of operating it. It is assumed that the cord of the head 'phones is connected to two 'phone terminals on the set, crystal or valve. Therefore, place the amplifying unit alongside the set, and remove the head 'phones from the terminals of the latter. Connect the head 'phones to terminals (3) and (4) of the unit, and then join terminal (1) to one of the 'phone terminals of the set by means of a piece of wire. Similarly connect terminal (2) to the other 'phone terminal. In effect, the amplifying unit has now been connected to the set in place of the head 'phones, the latter having been connected to the 'phone terminals (3) and (4) of the amplifying unit.

All tuning is done on the set as hitherto, and is quite unaffected by the addition of the amplifier. The only controls on the latter are the rheostat to vary the current flowing through the valve filament, and the wander plugs on the high-tension battery to vary the potential applied to the plate of the valve. Turn the knob of the rheostat, R, a short distance to cause the valve filament to glow, and, after tuning the set, re-adjust the rheostat, either backward or forward, until the most suitable position is found. They try the positive wander plug, that is, the one from terminal

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(4), into various points on the high-tension battery until the most critical position is obtained.

If a telephone jack is used on the set for connecting the head 'phones in circuit instead of the screw terminals, the method of connecting the unit to the set is very much simplified. Instead of using four terminals on the unit a telephone plug and cord and a jack are required. The free ends of the cord are connected one to each terminal of the transformer primary winding, while the jack is connected to the plate of the valve on one side and the positive terminal of the high-tension battery on the other. The jack may be held in position convenient for use by drilling a hole of suitable size for it in the small ebonite panel to the right of the rheostat. When adding the amplifying unit, therefore, all that is necessary is to insert the transformer plug into the 'phone jack on the set, and plug the head-set into the jack on the rheostat panel.

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How to Connect Up the Amplifier

As soon as the wiring is completed, the set may be put on trial. The L.T. is connected in the usual manner to the two terminals marked for it. The H.T. + for the R.F. valve is placed on the H.T. + terminal on the unit, the aerial is put on the terminal marked aerial, the earth on the earth terminal, and the terminal marked A1 is connected to the aerial terminal of the set with which the unit is used.

Operation

The set and the R.F. amplifier are now operated in the following manner: Place a coil of the size usually employed in the aerial socket of the ordinary receiver in the R.F.-coil socket, and a coil one or two sizes larger in what used to be the aerial socket. The best size of reaction coil must be found by trial if reaction is used.

Place the potentiometer as near to the negative end as possible without making the set oscillate, and tune simultaneously with the two variable condensers. An off position for the potentiometer is obtained by turning it to the left as far as possible. This should always be done to avoid wasting the L.T. current when the set is not in use.

In Practice

The amplifier was found to be quite satisfactory in practice, the radio-frequency amplification effect serving to make stations which were difficult to hear and tune before quite satisfactory.

It must be noted that the choke described is intended for stations on the lower wave lengths, and while it might prove satisfactory on the higher wave-band, this will not necessarily be the case. A similar choke suitable for 6WF would need about 350 turns.

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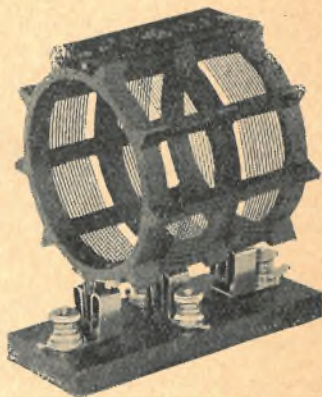
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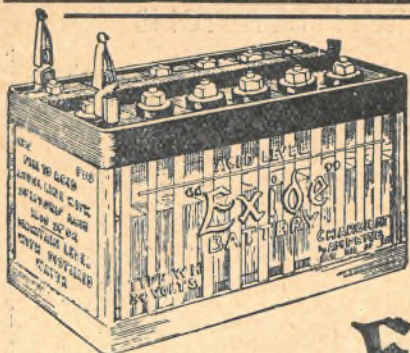
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—	Kiev . . .	211.9	KGO	Oakland . . .	316.2
LOAA	Luxemburg . . .	217.4	2LO	London . . .	361.4
—	Kovno . . .	219	—	Graz . . .	365.8
—	Strasburg . . .	222.2	—	Oslo . . .	370.4
—	Leningrad . . .	223.9	EAJ7	Madrid . . .	375
HFF	Belgrade . . .	225.6	WGY	Schenectady . . .	379.5
SASC	Malmo . . .	229	WHAZ	Troy . . .	—
PTT	Bordeaux . . .	238.1	—	Stuttgart . . .	379.7
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SASB	Gothenburg . . .	260.9	SMZK	Falun . . .	—
—	Brussels . . .	265.5	EAJ3	Cadiz . . .	—
SMVJ	Norrkoping . . .	272.7	WOR	Newark . . .	405.2
EAJ8	San Sebastian . . .	—	WJY	New York . . .	—
—	Zagreb . . .	275.2	5SC	Glasgow . . .	405.4
EAJ4	Madrid (F) . . .	—	—	Berne . . .	411
EAJ17	Seville . . .	277.8	WCCO	Minneapolis . . .	416.4
EAJ13	Barcelona . . .	—	SASA	Stockholm . . .	416.7
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—	Dortmund . . .	283	—	Hamburg . . .	428.6
—	Reval . . .	285.7	EAJ9	Bilbao . . .	434.8
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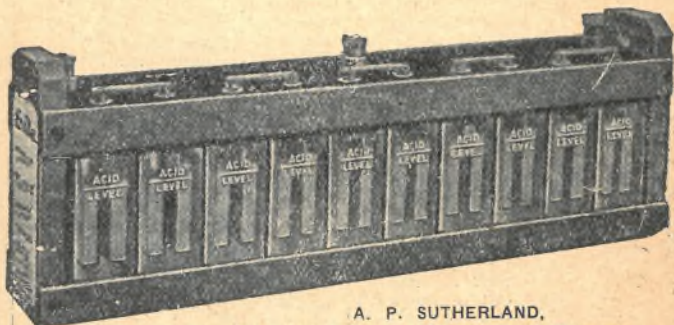
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The lighting battery, or accumulator, should be kept quite clean and free from corrosion. During charging, an accumulator gasses freely, and a fine stream of acid rises through the vent holes. This spray collects on the top of the cells, and in time will badly corrode the terminals.

The cell tops should be kept clean and dry, and the terminals bright. A little vaseline can be smeared over the brass to prevent corrosion.

The level of the liquid in an accumulator should be always above the plates—from about quarter to half an inch, as evaporation takes place continuously. Should the level fall below the plates pure distilled water only should be added in the requisite quantity. Acid should never be added by the unskilled. If the liquid in the cell is spilt or leaks out the accumulator should be taken to a battery depot for replenishment.

Perhaps the best method of testing a battery is with a hydrometer, and this instrument is now procurable with readings suitable for the non-expert.

Keeping Clean Important

All moving contacts in a radio set should be clean and bright. Brass, for example, has an irritating habit of getting some black, greasy matter on it. This dirt causes an imperfect contact, which in its turn causes noises and weak signals. Variable condensers should have their plates inspected regularly, as dust lodges and sets up short circuits. A pipe-cleaner is excellent for getting in between the plates. Connections between the moving spindle and the bearing are often doubtful, and sometimes a noise can be traced to this source.

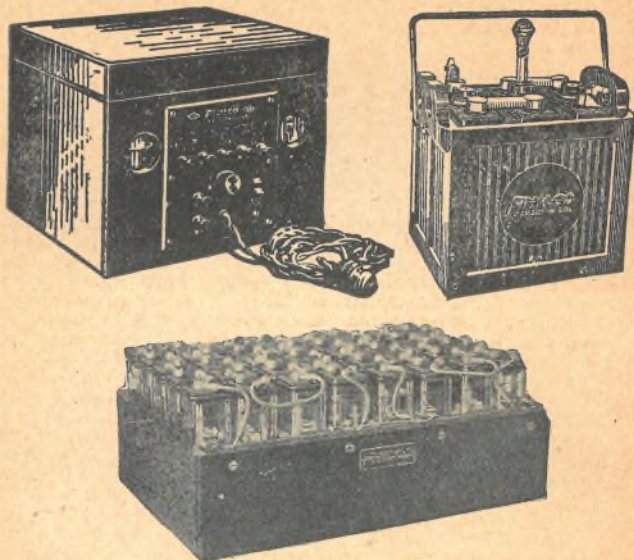
Switch studs should be regularly cleaned, also the spaces between them. Petrol may be used for this purpose. Occasionally valve sockets become dirty; the contacts should be cleaned with a piece of fine emery cloth on a pencil tip. It is, perhaps, superfluous to add that all terminals should be tightened up regularly.

Rheostats cause most irritating noises at times. Occasionally dust lodges between turns of wire, and the wire itself becomes dirty. The dust can be blown out

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THE CARE OF A RADIO RECEIVER

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with an ordinary pair of bellows while the wire can be cleaned with a very fine grade of emery cloth. It must be remembered that dust is usually a conductor, and its undesired presence naturally brings trouble.

Valves should not be switched straight on, as a freshly charged accumulator will give abnormal current for some little time, when first put into use. It is preferable to use the rheostats to extinguish the valve filaments; at least, the rheostats should be turned back from the normal operating position before switching off.

A battery switch, if used, should be connected in the lead common to both batteries, so that it completely isolates the receiver. It is well to disconnect the batteries when changing valves, as those with the standard English base can, in some cases, be wrongly inserted and burnt out.

Aerial and Earth

A lightning arrester and adequate earthing switch should always be included in a wireless installation. While this arrangement does not afford complete immunity from lightning, its presence adds much to the safety of the installation. Lightning arresters should preferably be mounted on an outside wall in an accessible position, and a cover should be provided. The arrester should be permanently connected, and the switch is used to earth the aerial when not in use. A double pole switch is best, as it serves to isolate the receiver from all outside connections. All connections should be soldered, and the earth wire should be of as heavy a gauge as convenient, as it is most essential that the tiny energy from the distant transmitter must be given as free a path as possible.

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TESTING THE POLARITY OF BATTERIES

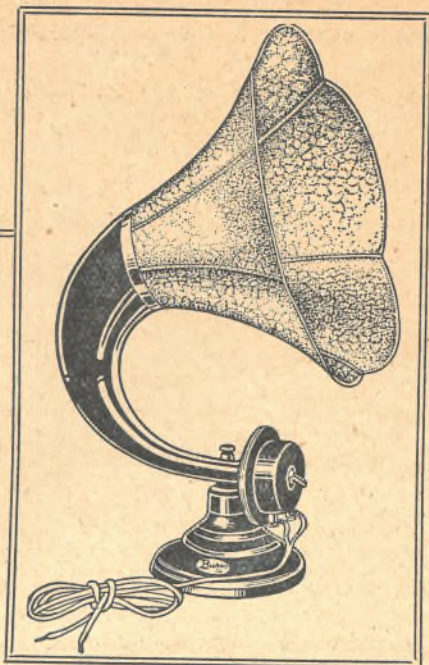
TO determine the polarity of the two conductors of a circuit, connect the conductors in circuit with enough resistance in series to limit the current to about one ampere or less, and then dip the two wires in a vessel of acidulated water or in water in which a small amount of ordinary household salt has been dissolved. The wires should be kept about an inch apart.

The wire from which bubbles are given off more freely is the negative, and the other the positive.

It is possible to determine the polarity of an accumulator by observing the color of the plates. The plates connected to the positive pole are of a dark-brown color, the negative plates being slate-grey.

In charging accumulators, the positive pole of the charging current should be connected to the positive terminal of the accumulator, and the negative pole to the negative terminal.

In primary batteries, the zinc pole is the negative and the carbon or copper pole the positive.



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Morning Session, 7.0—11.35. Midday Session, 12.0—2 p.m. Afternoon Session, 2.30—4.45 p.m. Early Evening Session, 5.45—7.40. Night Session, 8.0—12 midnight.

The evening session broadcast from this station is varied, and includes theatrical transmissions from Sydney's leading theatres; dance music is broadcast by the Wentworth Cafe Orchestra; Sydney's leading artists participate in the transmissions from the studio.

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2BL, Sydney.—353 Metres. 5Kw.

Early Morning Session, 7.15—8.0. Morning Session, 10.0—2.0. Afternoon Session, 3.0—5.15. Early Evening Session, 6.0—7.30. Evening Session, 7.45—12 midnight.

The evening session is varied, programmes from different places in Sydney being given, interspersed with vocal items from the studio; classical concerts are also transmitted from the studio, while dance music is transmitted from one or more of Sydney's leading dance resorts.

3AR, Melbourne.—484 Metres. 1½Kw.

This station has been authorised to use 5Kw. Morning Session, 11.30—1.0. Afternoon Session, 2.0—5.7. Early Evening Session, 6.45 (Children's Corner). Evening Session, 8.0—11.0.

The evening service is varied, and includes transmissions of dance music from various dance halls, concerts from different halls, as well as excellent studio concerts.

3LO, Melbourne.—371 Metres. 5Kw.

There is no early morning session. Midday Session, 12—2 p.m. Afternoon Session, 3—5 p.m. Evening Session, 5.45—7.15. Night Session, 7.20—11.40.

The night session includes transmissions from Melbourne theatres, concert halls, and occasionally concerts from country centres. Melbourne's best artists are engaged to broadcast from the studio, while jazz music is provided by the 3LO Dance Band. From 11 to 11.40 dance music is broadcast by one of Melbourne's best dance orchestras.

4QG, Brisbane.—385 Metres. 5Kw.

Midday Session, 12.55—2.0. Afternoon Session, 3.30—4.30. Early Evening Session, 6.25—7.40. Night Session, 7.45—10.00.

Excellent programmes are given during the evening session, in which Brisbane's best bands and orchestras participate. Transmission is also given from Brisbane theatres.

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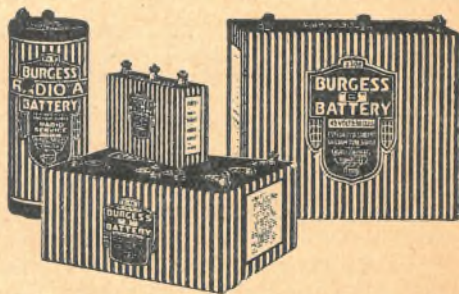
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5CL, Adelaide.—395 Metres. 5Kw.

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The evening session is, in the main, composed of concerts from the studio, Adelaide's leading artists being engaged.

6WF, Perth.—1250 Metres. 5Kw.

Midday Session, 12.30—2.0. Afternoon Session, 3.30—4.30. Early Evening Session, 7.0—8.0. Evening Session, 8.0—10.30.

The programme for the week is varied, usually being.—Monday, Band Night; Tuesday, Melody and Song; Wednesday, the Theatre; Thursday, Popular Orchestral Programme; Friday, Varied Evening; Saturday, Concert Night; Sunday, Church Service—close down 9.0.

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PROPER WAY TO CHARGE BATTERY

A STORAGE battery can be charged only by a direct current, and when charging, the positive wire of the charging current must be connected to the positive of the battery, and the negative to the negative. The voltage of the charging current should be somewhat greater than that of the battery, while the amperage should not be above one-tenth of the capacity. When a battery is charged or discharged very quickly it will overheat and the paste will fall out of the grids. Not only will this prevent the battery from taking a charge, but it will short circuit the plates at the bottom. For this reason the battery must be charged slowly.

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SOME AERIAL DON'T'S

DON'T run your aerial over a public highway; you will probably have to take it down.

Don't allow it to cross overhead wires; there is always a risk of its falling on to them, with perhaps disastrous results.

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THE AERIAL TUNING CONDENSER

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that is, even with the capacity all out the 400 metre station cannot be tuned in.

If the coil be now connected in series with the variable condenser, wave lengths below 500 may be tuned in, and this is, therefore, the best arrangement under the particular circumstances of this case.

It may be argued that the question of series or parallel arrangement may be settled by including a series-parallel switch in the aerial tuning circuit, so that the coil and condenser may be connected in series or in parallel, as desired. The great objection to the series-parallel switch, however, is that it complicates the circuit, and thus tends to decrease the efficiency of the circuit.

Connect in the Aerial Lead

If it be decided to connect the condenser in series, care should be taken to see that it is placed on the aerial side of the tuning coil, and not on the earth lead. The latter connection will have the undesirable effect of insulating much of the apparatus from the earth.

Regarding the values of the condensers to be used, it must be borne in mind that when two condensers are connected in series the resulting capacity is less than the smaller of the two. For this reason the condenser used in the series arrangement should have a fairly large maximum capacity, say, .001 mfd. or even greater. The condenser for the parallel arrangement need not be so large, and its maximum capacity should be somewhere about .0005 mfd. A smaller capacity for the parallel condenser (.001 mfd.) alters the capacity fairly considerably, whereas the same amount of movement of the .0005 mfd. condenser has only half the effect on the capacity compared with that of the bigger condenser.

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THE USE OF HIGH TENSION ACCUMULATORS

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quantity of oil can also with advantage be placed in the ebonite container, which will prevent any chance of "creeping."

On the first charge the charging rate should not exceed .03 amps. (30 milliamps), and the charging should be continued for five hours after the cells are gassing. The specific gravity of the acid should then be tested and should be found to be 1250 specific gravity. Charging should then be continued for a further three hours.

Except in the case of the first charge, as mentioned above, the charging rate should be .05 amps. (50 milliamps) until the cells gas freely. Do not exceed this charging rate or the cells may be permanently injured.

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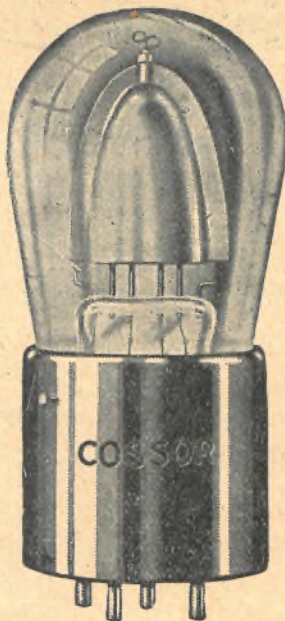
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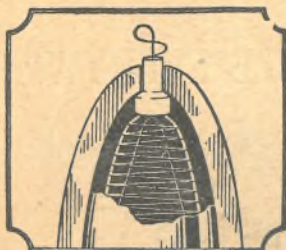
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