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The Classic Radio



BY J.W.F. PUETT

"A classic radio"—an interesting term, but what does it mean? If we consider the time period in which a radio was manufactured, one well known collector told me-"the classic period was from 1928 to 1939 and encompassed almost any ac set." But, are all ac sets classic radios? Turning to Websters New World Dic-tionary, we find under the word classic-"superior, of highest class, nost representative of the excellence of its kind." This dictionary definition, to my way of thinking, best describes those thinking, best describes those beautiful old radios produced by such manufacturers as McMurdo Silver and E. H. Scott. Therewere others too, such as the Lincoln, the Matthews, the Norten Hauck, and of course the Leutz-and perhaps we could go on and on with out list?

Not so many decades ago, when automobile collecting was in its infancy, the forefathers of this fascinating endeavor were faced with the task of formulating the terminology used in their area

of interest. Since radio collecting has seemingly progressed to this parallel today, it would seem proper that we set forth the terms which will be used by future generations who are destined to savor the wonderful nostalgia of radio. One such term would certainly be - "a classic radio".

Like a classic automobile, a classic radio should be an exexample of the very finest of its kind. The design of its circuitry should embrace the stateof-the-art at the time of its manufacture and the quality of all components, both electrical and mechanical, should be unsurpassed. The workmanship, inside and out, should be obviously that of master craftsmen. Herewith, gentlemen, is my definition of the term "classic radio," the idea being plagiarized from the generally accepted definition of a classic automobile.

Now, if we can all get together and pool our two cents worth, we will soon have a million dollars worth, so please send me your ideas on this subject along with the make and model numbers of radios you believe will qualify as classics. See you next month in the Classic Radio Column. J. W. F. Puett (June)

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# **AERIALS**

BY WILLIAM E. HEMRICK

How many of you can remember the different types of aerials used in the 1920's and early 1930's? As we know, the purpose of the aerial is to collect the electromaganetic waves that is sent out from the broadcasting station. The electro-magnetic waves which radiate in concentric circles from every broadcasting outfit pass through the receiving aerial and set up an alternating current in the aerial. This current is carried along the aerial down the lead-in wire into the set, and hence to the ground.

manufacturers claimed aerials. Lets look at a few. Perhaps, the most famous was the super-ball outdoor aerial.

ball for lead-in wire, four guy wires. "Perfect outdoor aerial, endorsed the country over by radio experts. Longer distance, clearer reception, less static, increased selectivity, non-directional. The ball has proven its superiority over any other aerial. The improved ball aerial represents one of the biggest sensations since radio become popular," were some of the aerial ball claims.

Another was the "American" all directional aerial, which consisted of a pure copper drum 14 inches in diameter with an undersuperior performance of their structure that had a collar for mounting on wooden pole or pipe. "Especially recommended 10 short wave reception, will last

inches diameter, mounted on top of forever and is guaranteed to ima 10 foot pipe, binding post on prove reception," were the promotional assertions.

Insulated Lead-In Wir<del>c</del>

Simple outside antenna.

Federal made an aerial that was buried in the ground, which was about 2-1/2 inches diameter and about 6 inches long. The effectiveness of the in-the-ground aerial is due to the scientific fact that the earth is practically free of static, and the aerial absorbs the radio waves from the ground and delivers them to your set pure and free from objectionable noise.

The three aerials I have described are just a few of the many that were made in that era. All were guaranteed by the manufacturers to improve reception.

Needless to say, these items are excellent to have in a collection or museum.

### SIMPLE SOUND RECORDER.

BY GEO. M. HOPKINS.

The complex nature of sonorous vibrations is beautifully exhibited by the records made by the phonautograph; but the instrument is so bulky, so expensive, and so inconvenient to use that few students are able to avail themselves of actual experiments in this direction.

The annexed engraving shows an exceedingly simple device, by means of which sounds may be autographically recorded fully as satisfactorily as with the phonautograph. The main difficulty with this sort of apparatus seems to have been the propelling of the smoked plate at a uniform rate of speed under the stylus. In the instrument illustrated this is ac-

This apparatus consists of a wooden mouthpiece like that of a telephone, with a parchment diaphragm glued to its back, and provided with a tracing point, which is slightly inclined downward toward the guide for the plate.

This tracing point is a common sewing needle, having its pointed end bent downward. It is cemented at the eve end to the center of a diaphragm by a drop of sealing wax. The mouthpiece is attached to a base supporting the crosspiece upon which the smoked plate is placed.

A thin strip of wood fastened by two common pins-one at each end-serves as a guide for the smoked plate.

To prevent the needle from being deflected laterally by the moving glass a long needle is driven down into the baseboard in contact with the tracing needle; and to give the needle point sufficient pressure to keep it in contact with the smoked plate a very small rubber band is slipped over it and drawn down through a small hole in the baseboard, as shown in Fig. 2, until the necessary tension is secured.

The best plates for the purpose of making the tracings are the microscope slide glasses with

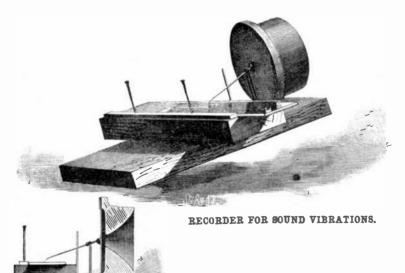
ground edges. They may be readily smoked over a gas jet turned down quite small, or over a candle or kerosene lamp. The flame in any case should be small and the film of smoke fine and very thin.

The smoked plate is placed on the support and against the guide and under the needle, and the instrument is inclined

until the plate rests against the guide. Now the mouth is placed near the mouthpiece, and a vowel is uttered, while the instrument is inclined sidewise at a sufficient angle to permit the glass to slide off quickly. Of course the glass should fall only a very short distance, and it is well to provide a soft surface for it to alight on.

If all this is done with the slightest regard for precision a beautiful tracing will be secured, which will show the composite nature of each sound wave. It is surprising how perfectly regular and uniform the entire tracing will be, considering the comparatively crude means employed in producing it.

The beginning of the sinuous line will be somewhat imcomplished by simply inclining the support of the plate and perfect owing to the slow initial movement of the plate in allowing the plate to slide off quickly by its own gravity. its descent, but the greater portion will be found perfect.



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short words may be recorded. If the plate is made long enough it will, of course, receive an entire senteuce.

After having made one

line, the pins holding the

guide are moved forward,

placing the guide in a new

position, when the opera-

tion of tracing may be re-

peated with another vow-

el. Monosyllables and

These tracings may be covered with a second microscopic glass plate toprotect them, or they may be mounted as a microscopic object for a low power by putting a thin cover over them in the usual way. Used as a lantern slide they give fine results.

# MART

# EASY GOST CHART

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31-35		3.40	4.80	17.80
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41-45	2.50	4.40	6.15	22.95
46-50	. 2.75	4.80	6.85	26.45
51-55	3.05	5.30	7.55	28.00
54-90	2.30	5.80	8.25	30.55
61-65	3.65	6.30	8.95	83.05
06-70	3.90	6.78	9.65	35.60
71.75		7.25	10.30	38.20
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# WANTED

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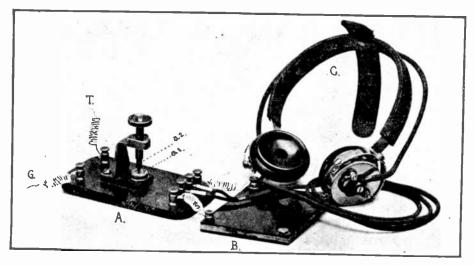
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# FOR YOUR COLLECTION OR MUSEUM

# A Silicon Detector

By A. C. Austin, Jr.



# 1908 VINTAGE

and very hard). Select the flattest side of the Silicon chip and grind on a fine emery wheel until it assumes somewhat the shape as shown in Fig. 7. There may be a few pits on the face of the Silicon after grinding, but if there are not too many it will be found to work

About a year ago the writer had the opportunity of examining a Pickhardt Silicon Detector, and after listening to it in operation, decided to build one himself. The operator, a friend, explained the action of the detector in detail, saying in part there were no batteries to run down, that the adjustment was very easy, and when once adjusted it could be depended upon not to get out of order, and that the connections were very simple.

From his explanation the instrument (hereinafter described) was built, at a cost of about \$3.00, and was afterward tested on one of the Fall River Line steamers, where it proved to be so sensitive that wireless telephone could be heard with it.

A silicon detector, when used with telephone receivers wound to 1,000 or 2,000 ohms resistance, is as sensitive, if not more so, than the electrolytic detector, and it does not get out of adjustment easily. However, telephones wound to a high resistance must be used, for without such telephones the advantages are not so appreciable.

The writer has experimented with a number of detectors, among them the Carborundum, of which a description will be given in a later issue, the carbonmercury, microphonic, etc., but finds them all faulty at times, while the silicon detector seems to be the most constant, sensitive and satisfactory.

The illustration herewith shows all the receiving apparatus, except the tuning coil,, "A" being the detector proper, "a I" is the silicon and "a 2" the brass point resting thereon, "B" is the condenser and "C" the telephone receivers. "T" are leads to the tuning coil, thence to the aerial switch and aerial, and "G" through the same switch to the ground.

The materials for this detector may be obtained from any good supply or importing house, and directions for construction are as follows:

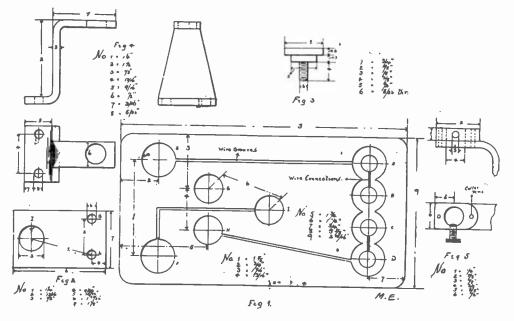
Procure a wooden base such as is used for pony relays, same to be of the dimensions as shown in Fig. 1; bore 9 holes, as per Fig. 1, large enough to accommodate 8/32" screws, countersinking them 3/16" so as to accommodate washers and screw heads, and then cut the grooves for the connections, making them of sufficient depth to allow the instrument to set flat when completed. There must also be six small binding posts to set in holes "a," "b," "c," "d," "e" and "f."

Procure a piece of hard rubber 1/8" thick and trim to size 11/8" x 1 27/32" and bore holes as per Fig. 2, "g" and "h" to be large enough to accommodate 8/32" screws. Also two round-head brass screws 8/32" thread, about 3/4" long.

Make a piece of brass of the dimensions shown in Fig. 3. Get three nuts 8/32" thread and three washers to fit the three last-mentioned parts.

Procure a piece of brass 3½" long (this allows for wastage), ½" thick, 1½" wide at one end and ½" wide at the other, and make up as per Fig. 4.

Also another piece of brass ½" x ½" x ½" x ½" and by pinning and soldering or brazing, fasten to the upper side of the 1¼" arm of the support Just mentioned, rounding the corners to make a nice ap-

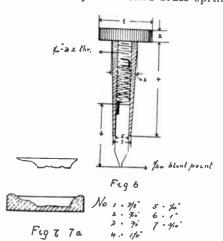


pearance, as shown by Fig. 5.

Bore a hole 3/8" in diameter, as shown in Fig. 5, through the boss, and then through the side of same, as shown, put a small hole, threaded with any convenient small thread, and put a set screw in same so as to clamp the adjustable

brass point which rests on the silicon.

The point should be built as shown in Fig. 6. A small hole should be bored in the top of the point itself and the bottom of the milled head to receive the ends of a fairly stiff coiled brass spring,



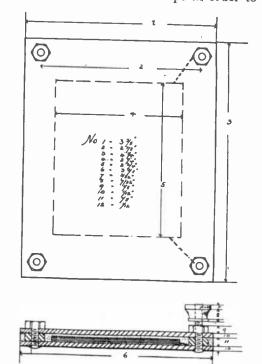
as shown. The point must slide freely in the tube so that when the set screw clamps the tube there will be a constant pressure from the spring, thus holding the point on the Silicon at the same pressure all the time.

Now we come to the most important part of the detector, namely the Silicon itself, and its holder. Great care must be taken in the making of this part, and twice out of every three times it will be necessary to make it over again, for the reason that Silicon differs, one piece not being as sensitive as another in the detection of the waves.

Get the mainspring case from a watch, take out the coiled spring, leaving the brass cup with cogs on the bottom; file off the projecting cogs and make the cup smooth all around. Now take a lump of FUSED Silicon, and chip off a piece not over 3/16" thick at any point, and about ½" across the face (care must be taken when chipping, as Silicon is very brittle

all right. Now take the brass cup and place the Silicon in it, flat face up, and heat with a blow torch, laying the cup on a surface which will prevent the solder from escaping through the hole in the bottom. When quite hot apply the solder using soldering paste as a flux.

When the cup is full of solder press the Silicon down in same, being careful to keep the face of the Silicon as level as possible, and allow to cool for about a minute, then immerse in water to entirely cool it, and finally file off the superfluous solder on the bottom of the cup, and sand-paper perfectly flat. The finished part should appear somewhat as shown in Fig. 7a. This cup sets on the part shown in Fig. 3, and is made separate for the reason that it is advisable to have two or more such cups in order to



replace in case of accident or damage to one, the substitution being easily affected by simply raising the brass point and slipping another cup under it. Now assemble the various parts placing them

Fig 8.

See page 6



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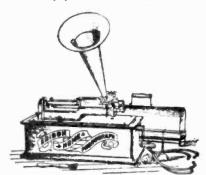
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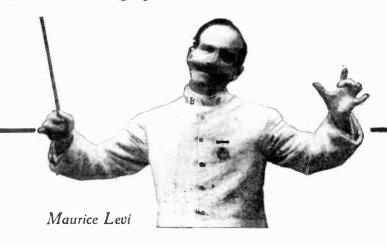


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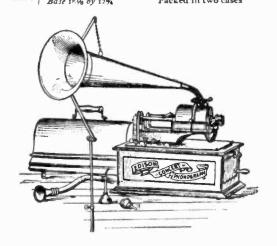
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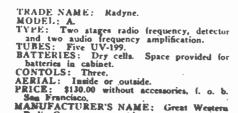
S: Six UV-199.

ERIES: Contained in cabinet.

AL: Small loop built into set.

E: \$220.00 without accessories, \$269.00 tubes and loud span" or.

UFACTURER'S NAME: Radio Corp.





ADE NAME: "Radiola Receiver."

DEL: Super VIII.

PE: Super-Heterodyne. Console.

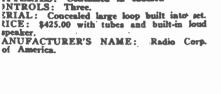
JBES: Six UV-199.

ATTERIES: Contained in cabinet.

NTROLS: Three.

ERIAL: Concealed large loop built into set.

RICE: \$425.00 with tubes and built-in loud speaker.



RADE NAME: Radyne.

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(ODEL: H.

YPE: One-stage radio frequency, detector and two stages of audio frequency amplitication, one-stage being reflexed.

UBES: Three.

(ATTERIES: Not furnished.

(ONTROLS: Two.

1ERIAL: Outside or inside.

PRICE: \$70.00 without accessories, f. o. b.

Sam Francisco.

4ANUFACTURER'S NAME: Great Western Radio Corp.

TRADE NAME: Radyne.
MODEL: F.
TYPE: Two radio frequency, detector and two
andio frequency.
TUBES: Five.
BATTERIES: Not furnished. Room for "B"
and "C" batteries in cabinet.
AERIAL: Inside or outside.
CONTROLS: Three.
PRICE: \$140.00 without accessories, f. o. b.
San Francisco.
MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Great Western
Radio Corp.

TRADE NAME: Radyne.
MODEL: Console table.
TYPE: Two stages of radio frequency, detector and two audio frequency.
TUBES: Five.
BATTERIES: Not furnished, but room provided for all batteries in cabinet.
CONTROLS: Three.
AERIAL: Inside or outside.
PRICE: \$275.00 without accessories, but including built-in loud speaker.
MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Great Western Radio Corp.





TRADE NAME: "Ray-odyne."

MODEL: C-15.

TYPE: Two stages of radio frequency amplification, detector and two stages of audio frequency amplification.

BATTERIES: None furnished.

CONTROLS: Three.

AERIAL: Indoor or outdoor.

PRICE: \$75.00.

MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Brown Radio Corp.

TRADE NAME: Rich.

MODEL: 3-T-22
TYPE: Reflex.
TUBES: Three.
BATTERIES: None furnished.
AERIAL: Outside.
CONTROLS: Three.
PRICE: \$50.00 without accessories.
MANUFACTURER'S NAME: George H.
Rich.





TRADE NAME: "RMP."
MODEL: 50.
TYPE: Tuned radio frequency.
TUBES: Six.
BATTERIES: "A," storage or dry; "B," 90
volts.
CONTROLS: Three.
PRICE: \$100.00.
NOTE: Model 51 contains two mounted jacks
and switch at same price. Model 52 handrebbed walnut cabinet, plate gines frost, two
mounted jacks and switch. Price \$135.00.
MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Radio Products.
Mig. Company.

TRADE NAME: Sears.
MODEL: Standard
TYPE: Reflex.
TUBES: Four.
BATTERIES: None furnished.
CONTROLS: One.
AERIAL: Outside.
PRICE: \$160.00
MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Sears Mfg. Co.





TRADE NAME: Rich.
MODEL: 3-T-12.
TYPE: Reflex.
TUBES: Two.
BATTERIES: Not furnished.
CONTROLS: Two.
AERIAL: Indoor or outdoor.
PRICE: \$29.50 without accessories.
MANUFACTURER'S NAME: George H.
Rich.

TRADE NAME: Sears.
MODEL: Standard.
TYPE: Acme reflex.
TUBES: Five.
BAFTERIES: None furnished.
CONTROLS: Two.
AERIAL: Outside or inside.
PRICE: \$200.00
MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Sears Mfg. Co.



Radio News for March, 1925

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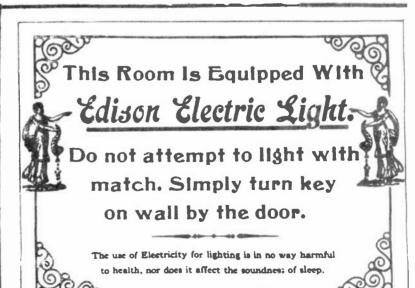


EDISON PHONOGRAPHS 1912-13 (Cylinder Models)," illustrated 5 x 8" catalog reprint. \$3.00 ppd. Satisfaction guaranteed.

telegraph Book. "History, Theory & Practice of the Electric Telegraph." The orig. copy of this book was first printed in 1850 by George Prescott, Supt. of Electric Telegraph lines. Over 500 pps. of information on the telegraph & many illus. of early telegraph equipment. Reprints of this book \$7.50 ea., ppd.

# The Horn Speaker Book Sales

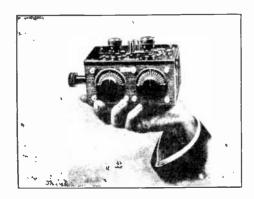
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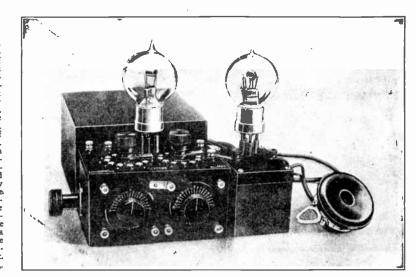
Now you can have an exact 1890 EDISON ELECTRIC LIGHT PLAQUE REPLICA as used when electric lights were first installed anywhere. . .You can MOUNT and DISPLAY this PLAQUE on any SURFACE because of its ADHESIVE BACK. . .just remove paper from back and mount as desired. . All design and lettering are ENGRAVED and seated in black. . A special process added to the GOLD-IN-COLOR Aluminum plate makes it impossible to CORRODE or OXIDIZE. . .Unlimited uses and ideas in the Antique field, makes an EYE-CATCHING DISPLAY, HUMOROUS, but serious. . A fine gift for any occasion. . ORDER NOW, ONLY \$4.95 Postpaid. . . MIDCO HS20 BOX 15370, LONG BEACH, CA 90815.

# Vintage Radio

1922



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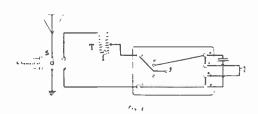
### A SILICON DETECTOR.

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together in the order given in Fig. 9, but before clamping the binding posts, connect with No. 22 wire, "e" to "a" and "a" to "b;" "c" to "d" and "d" to "h," and "f" to "j." File off all projecting metal on the bottom of instrument, and fill in the holes with paraffine if desired, covering the bottom with leather or felt. The brass work may be finished to suit the taste.

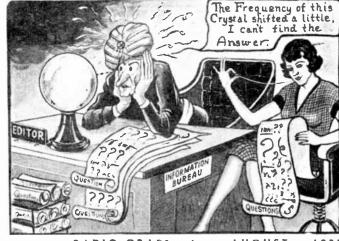
Have made by some electrical supply or importing house a mica condenser of .01 + microfarads capacity, the condenser to be about 21/4" x 23/4" by about 1/12" thick. Now procure two pieces of rubber 1/8" thick, which should be trimmed to 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 33%". Get four battery binding posts (such as are used on the carbons of dry batteries) 8 nuts to fit same 1/8" thick, and two clamping heads. Bore holes in each corner of each rubber plate as close as possible to the corners allowing for the screw heads and nuts so as not to project over the edges. Now put the screws through the holes in one plate and screw on two nuts, clamping under same the two wires from condenser, which should be placed in the center of the plate. Then screw on each of the other screws one nut and then put on the other rubber plate. On the screws which connect with the condenser screw a nut and the clamping heads, and file the screws off flush with the tops of heads. Then on the other two screws put the remaining two nuts, and file these screws flush with the top of the nuts. Now bind the edges of the condenser frame with passe partout tape, leaving on one edge a hole big enough to pour in melted wax and also another hole to allow the air to escape. Fill the frame full of hot wax, and allow to cool, when the tape may be taken off and the rubber cleaned up. Fig. 8 shows the construction of the condenser.

This completes the apparatus, and to operate a double pole double throw aerial switch S is used; connections should be made as shown in Fig. 9, there being only the one switch to take care of when receiving.



The adjustment is accomplished by slightly pressing the brass point down on the Silicon, and clamping with the set screw, and then moving the Silicon around under the point until the signals are heard loudest. More or less pressure should be given on the point, according to the sensitiveness of the particular piece of Silicon, but when the adjustment has been found it will not be necessary to bother with it again, unless the instrument should be jarred or the Silicon moved, in which case it may be necessary to readjust. The tuning coil T is described elsewhere in this issue.

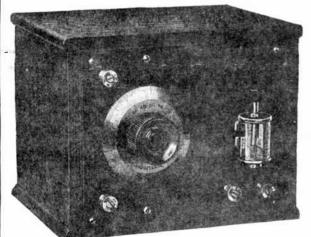
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RADIO-CRAFT for AUGUST, 1933

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# **LETTERS**

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Dear Jim,

I would like my subscription renewed and I would also like some information from you or your readers, I have a midget cathedral radio called a "Crown". It is a 4-tube TRF with a Nat'nl H. Baldwin speaker. If you know who made it or can supply a diagram it would be appreciated.

Thanks Very Much, Richard Hallett 10817 Jefferson Blvd. Culver City, Ca. 90230 213-836-8557

EDITOR'S NOTE: Help!!

Dear Sir.

I have a subscription to your magazine "The Hornspeaker" and I enjoy it very much, I look forward to it,

I wonder if you or one of your readers could answer the following questions?

1. When did the magazine "Popular Radio" start and end publication?

2. When did the magazine "Radio News" start publication?

Thank You.
Sincerely Yours,
Albert Warren
Box 279
Church Street
Waverly, Pa. 18471

EDITOR'S NOTE: The beginning of these periodicals deserve a full-size article. The first periodical to achieve widespread attention for the hobbyist of electronics and the grandfather of the later magazines of the 20's was the Modern Electrics of 1908 and later. We plan to print a good answer to this letter.

Popular Radio, Vol. 1 No. 1 was May 1922, a bow to radio amateurs. Finish, not sure. Radio News, Vol. 1 No. 1 should be July 1919.

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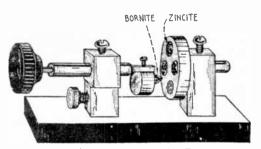
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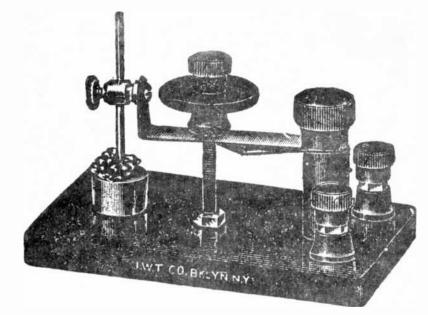
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# Early Detectors

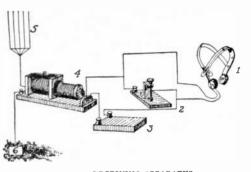
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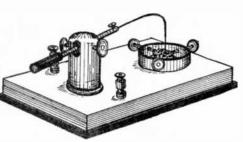
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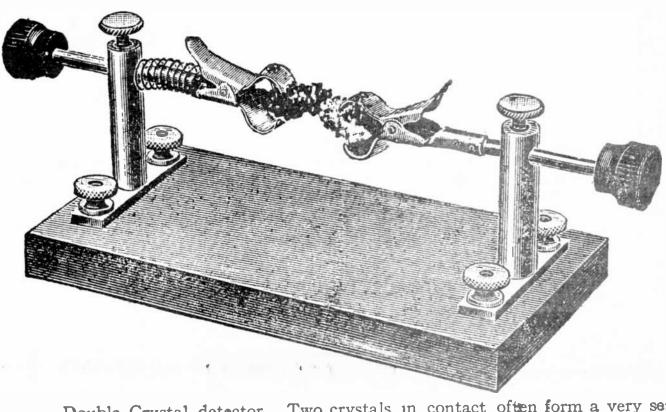
Crystal detector with double adjustment. This instrument is particularly designed to readily allow the delicate adjustment of any crystal or mineral. The very finest micrometer adjustment can be had by simply turning the hard rubber knob. It has two adjustments, one by means of the sharply pointed rod which can be lifted up or down and the other by the knob.



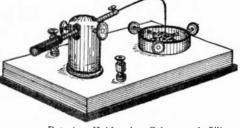
RECEIVING APPARATUS 1, receivers for ears; 2. detector; 3, fixed condenser; 4, loose coupler; 5, aerial; 6, copper plate in ground.



Detector Holder for Galena and Silicon Crystals.



Double Crystal detector. Two crystals in contact often form a very sensitive detector, especially if one be an inactive substance and the other sensitive. This is the feature of the "perikon" detector. Carbon and carborundum may be used in this detector stand.



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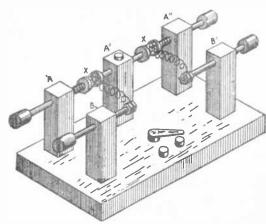
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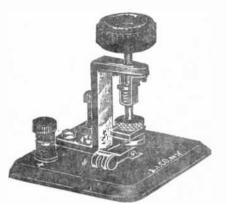
Crystal detector. When the hard rubber knob at the top of the detector stand is turned, the needle point, which presses into the crystal is moved up or down. This allows of a variable adjustment which may be tight or loose, as desired. The spring shown helps to push the crystal up against the needle point.



Combination galena detector. This detector is used in case a quick change is necessary. If one of the points of this detector happen to be knocked out of adjustment by static or other means, the other detector can be easily thrown in the circuit by making use of the two point switch. The arm of the switch is connected to one side of the circuit while the points are connected to B and B'. The base of this detector, or A, A', A'', are all connected together and led to the other side of the circuit. The detector can be adjusted to the highest degree of sensitiveness, and is easy to construct. Make uprights of one-half inch square brass rod, each one inch high. The distance between A and A' is 1% inches, and one inch between A and B. The springs between X and A will hold the mineral in tight adjustment, while the check nut in A' holds the other rod from slipping.



Electrolytic detector invented by Fessenden. It is probably the most sensitive of all detectors excepting the audion and the valve detectors. It consists of a carbon cup connected to a binding post and an adjustable standard which holds a very small hair-like platinum wire which dips into a 20% diluted solution of nitric acid. The high resistance of this acid detector is somewhat reduced by incoming wireless waves and when a telephone is shunted around it, the varying resistance is sufficient to vibrate the diaphragm but not atrong enough to work a telegraph relay. When a potentiometer and battery are connected with the electrolytic detector and telephone, the sensitiveness is increased. The electrolytic detector is capable of operation with about three hundred micro-ergs; the magnetic detector is capable of operation with about four hundred micro-ergs, the silicon and most crystal detectors with about one thousand micro-ergs, and the manufactured carborundum detector with about nine thousand micro-ergs, Notwithstanding this very considerable difference in the sensitiveness of the electrolytic and carborundum detectors as measured by the C. G. S. system of units, in the actual practice of wireless telegraph the receptive difference is hardly perceptible over similar distances. A great deal depends upon the adjustment of the detector which is a "cut and try" procedure until the most sensitive



E. I. CO., 1913

Peroxide of lead detector. A flat piece of peroxide of lead is clamped between a platinum surface and a flat piece of lead. Binding posts connect to these two electrodes and are marked + and -. The positive pole of a battery is connected to the platinum electrode at the binding post marked +.

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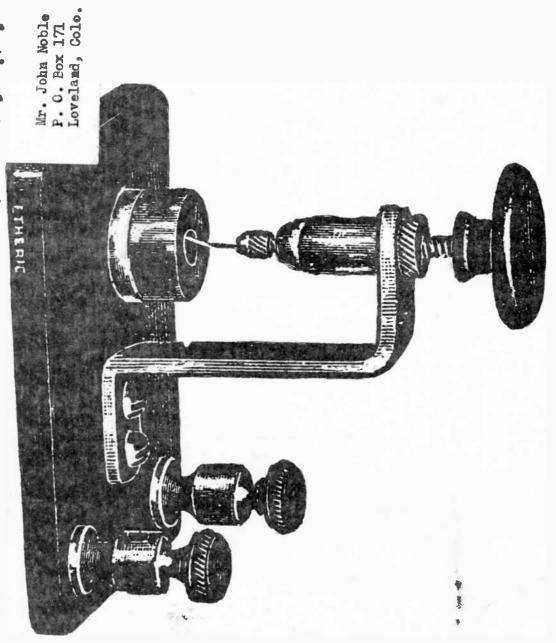
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