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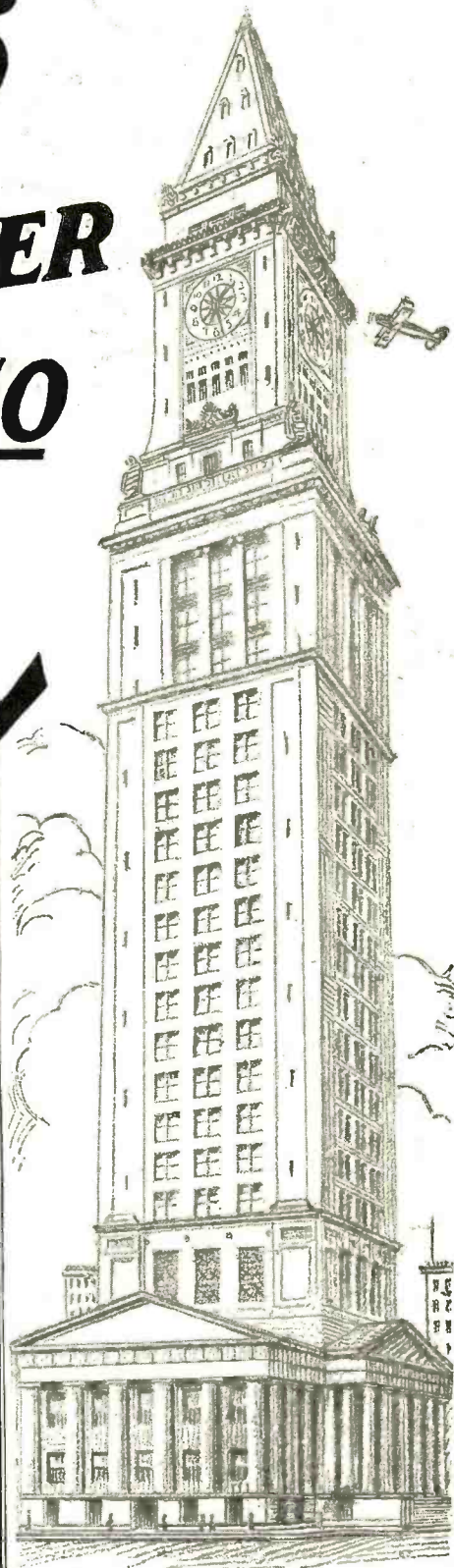
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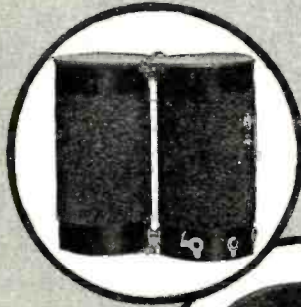
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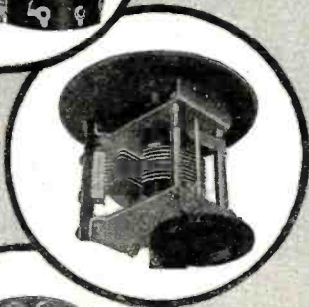
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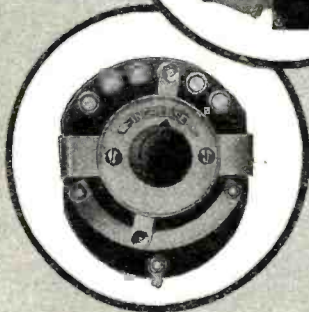
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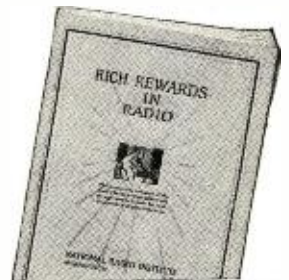
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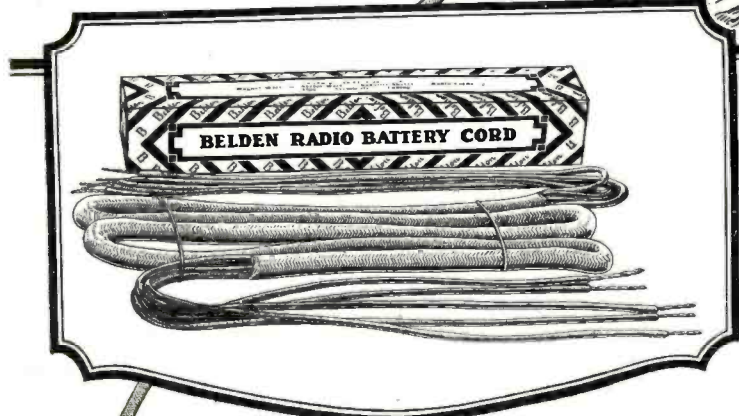
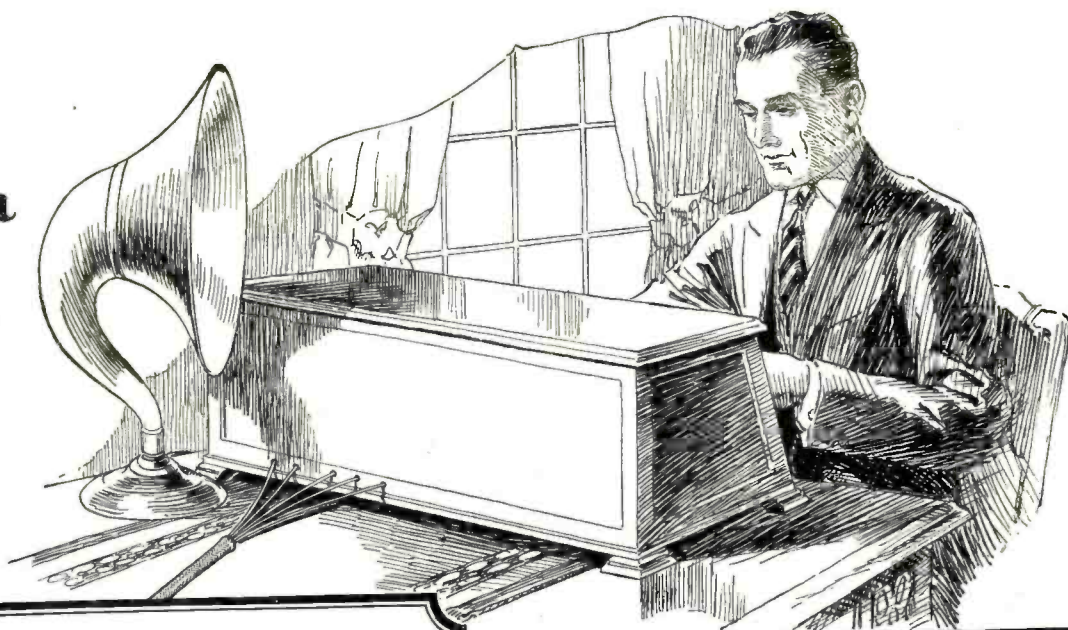
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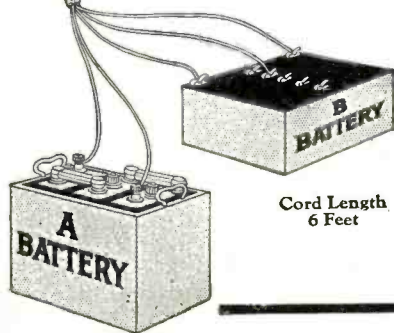
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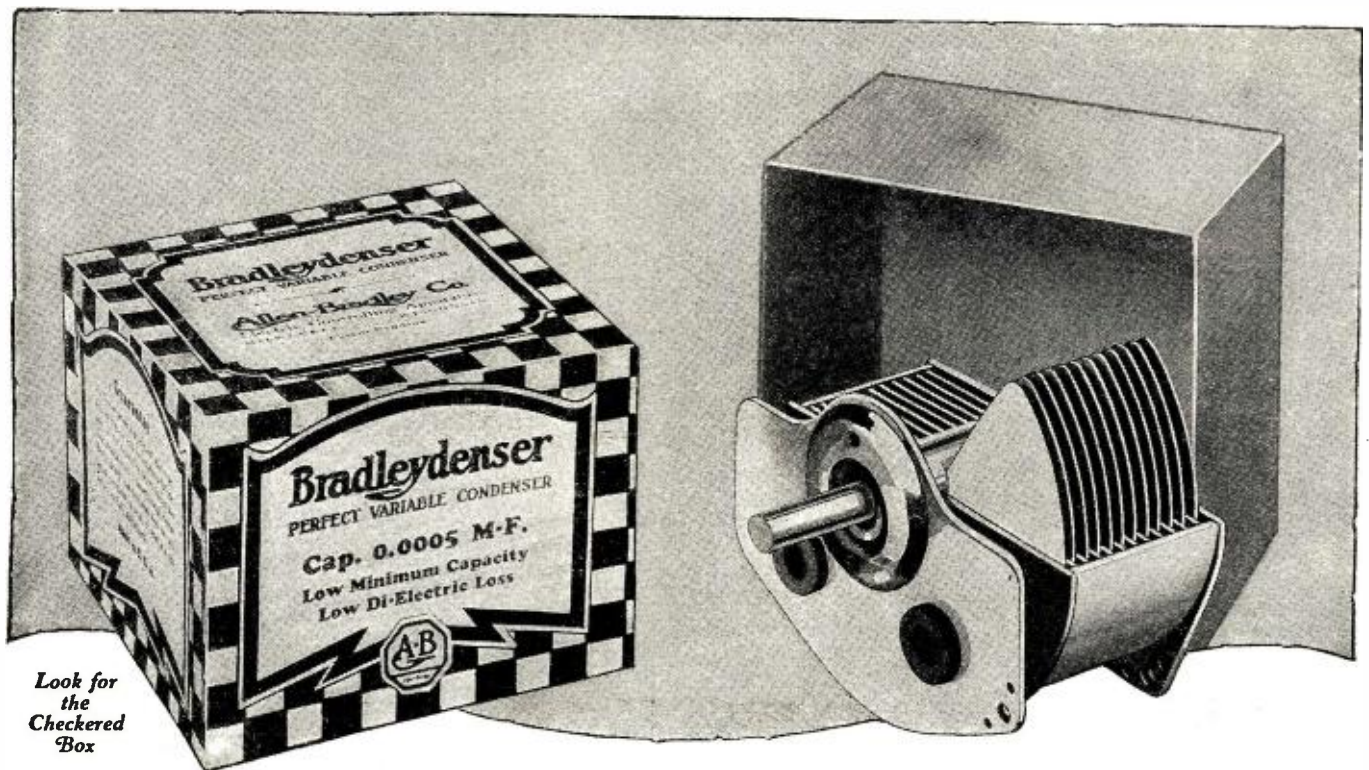
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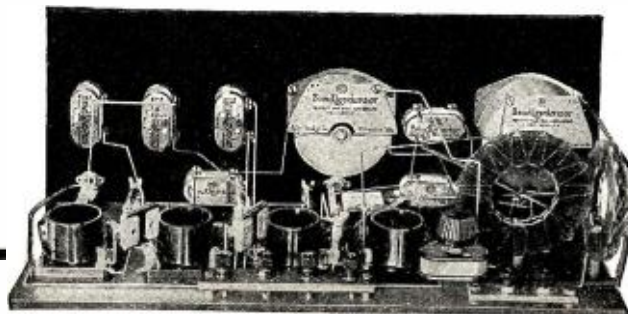
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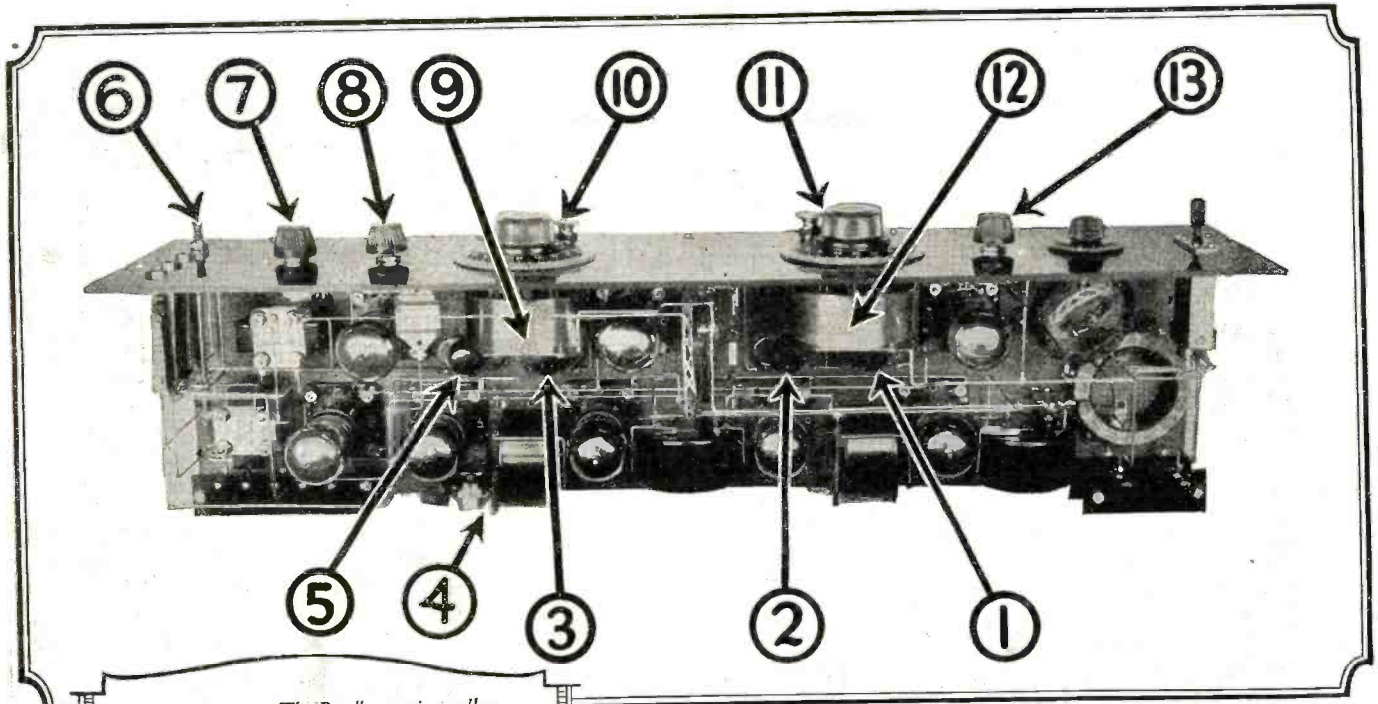
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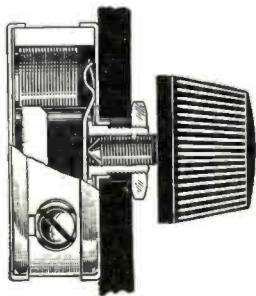
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FOR ALL SETS AND TUBES

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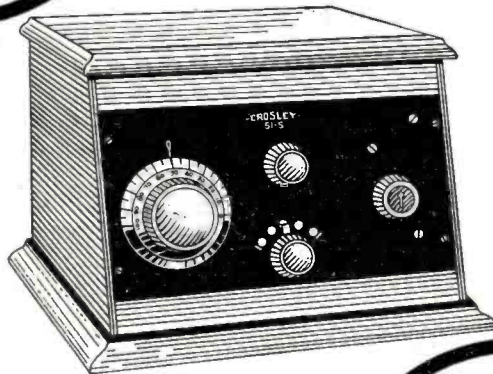
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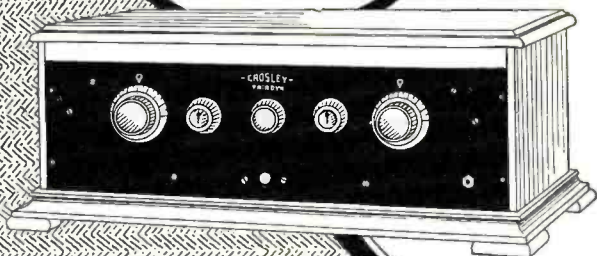
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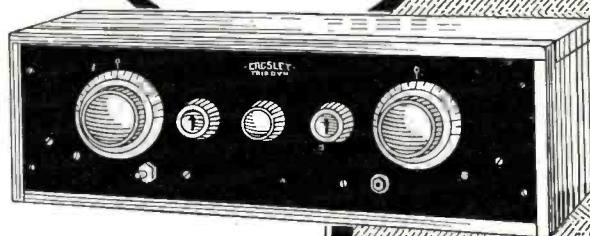


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6x10 1/2	R451 .83	R461 1.20	R471 1.60
7x10	R455 1.28	R465 1.68	
7x14	R458 1.32	R468 1.85	R478 2.35
7x18	R453 1.67	R463 2.40	R473 3.15
7x21	R457 1.95	R467 2.80	R477 4.10
7x24	R459 2.35	R469 3.15	
7x26		R462 3.25	
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R482	.75	R494	.92
R483	.87	R495	1.09
R484	1.15	R496	1.34
R485	1.32	R497	1.55
R486	1.50	R498	1.75

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No.	Price	No.	Price
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R922	16c	R927	19c
R923	22c	R928	25c
R924	22c	R929	27c
R925	29c	R930	34c

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5	.00025	R816	.68	R825	\$1.85
17	.00035	R817	1.20		
23	.0005	R813	1.30	R824	2.25
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- R787 Cardwell .00025. 4.35
- R789 Cardwell .0005. 4.60
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- R791 Marco .00025. 3.95
- R792 Marco .0005. 4.95
- R793 Marco .0005. 4.95
- R794 Marco .001. 5.85
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- R793 Flewelling .0005 Vernier. 4.95
- R715 American Brand .00025 Vernier 3.10
- R716 American Brand .00035 Vernier 3.30
- R717 American Brand .0005 Vernier 3.60
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- R507 .00025. 33c
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- R509 .001. 40c
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7x21	R445	8.25	7x38	R449	11.50
7x21	R446	8.95	7x36	R448	13.75

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Panel Size	Art. No.	Price Each	Panel Size	Art. No.	Price Each
6x7	R420	\$1.95	7x21	R425	\$3.23
6x10 1/2	R422	2.45	7x24	R429	3.40
7x10	R421	2.60	7x26	R431	3.50
7x12	R424	2.85	9x14	R428	3.55
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7x18	R428	3.25	12x21	R432	5.05

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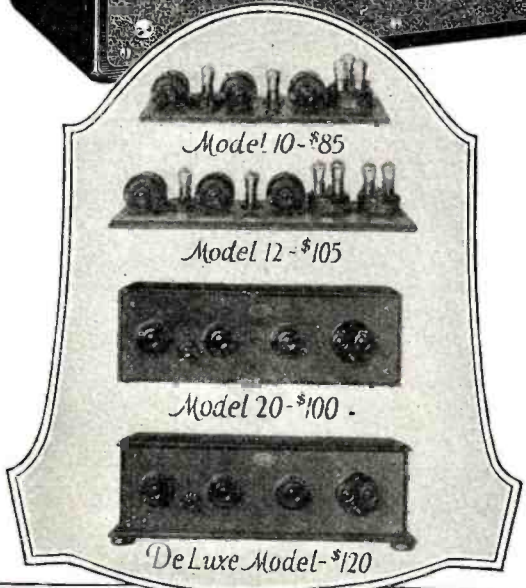
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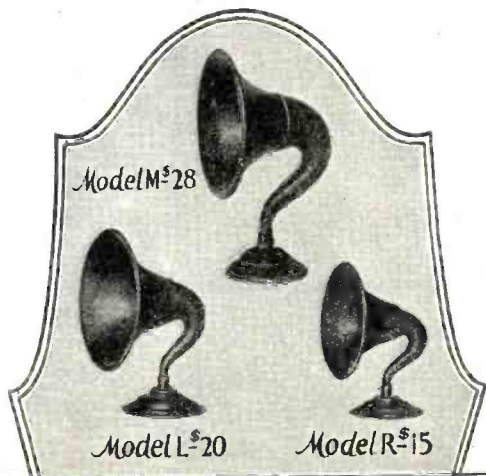
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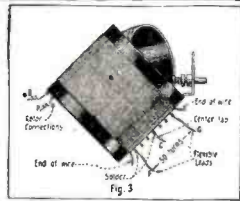
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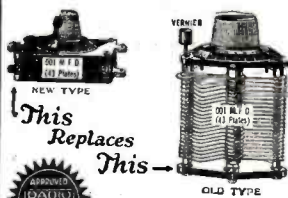
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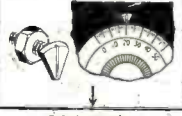
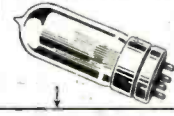
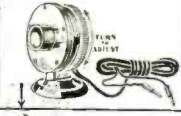
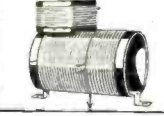
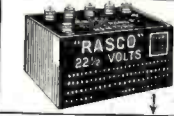

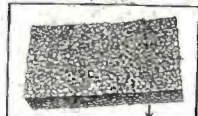





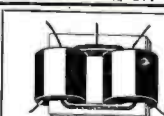

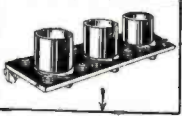

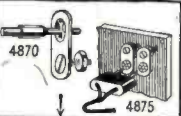
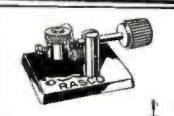



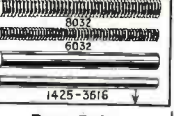

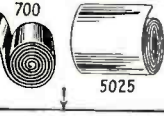
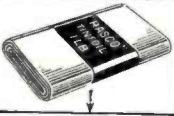
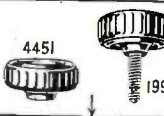
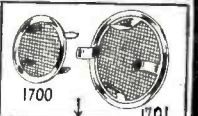
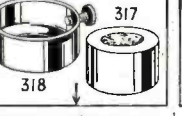
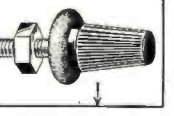
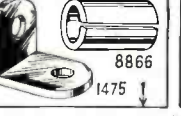
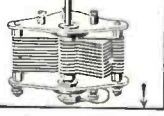
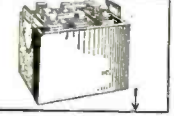
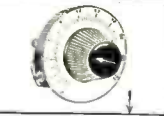
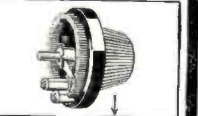
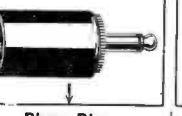

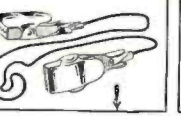



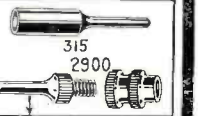
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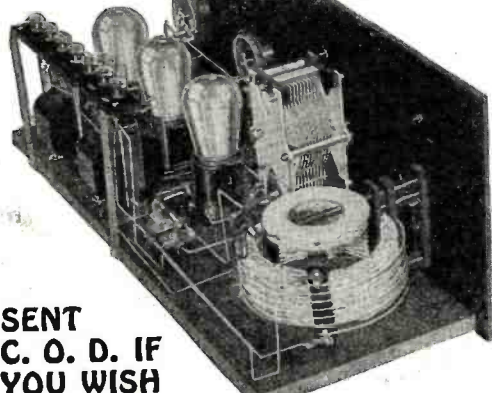
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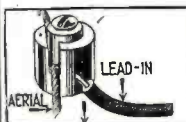
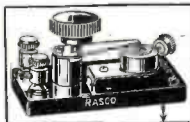



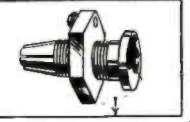
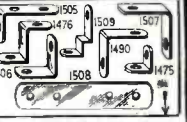


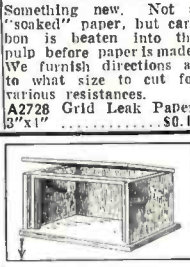



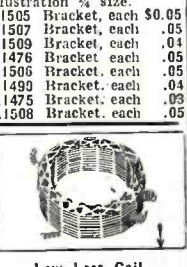

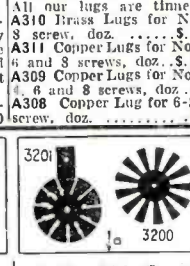
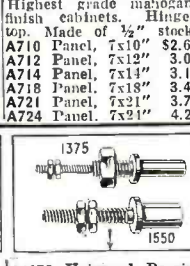




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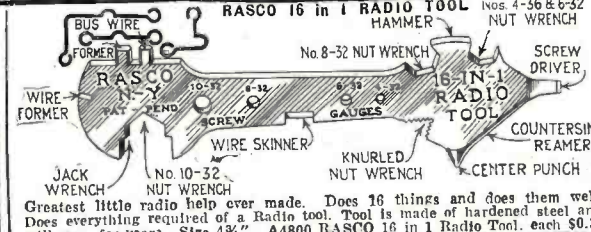
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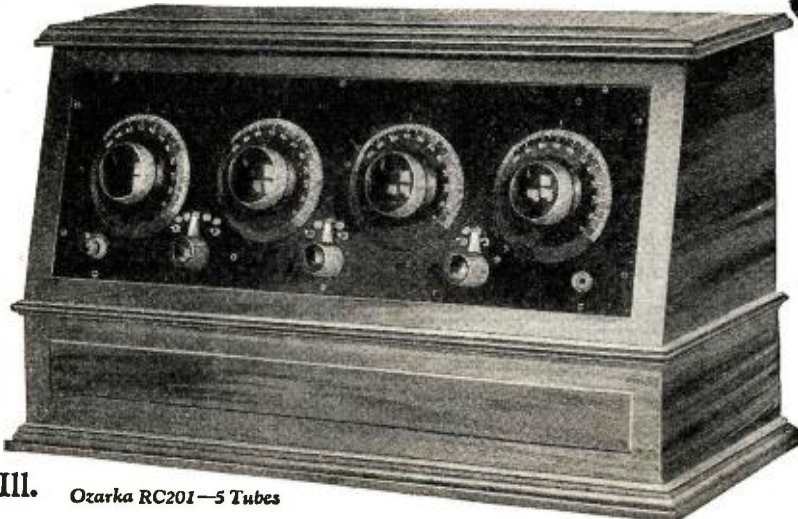
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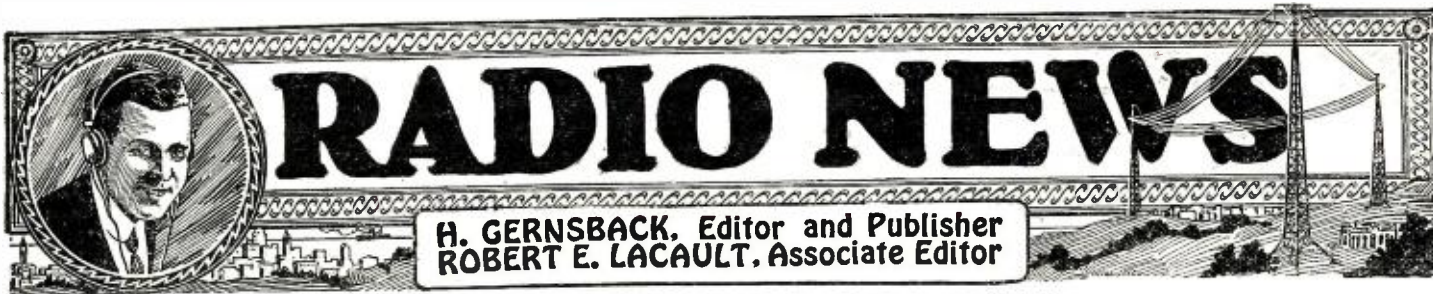
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## The Set Builders

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ONE of the most amazing things about the radio art is the astonishing speed of its evolution. Unlike other arts or utilities, its progress is so fast and its changes so swift that it sometimes becomes impossible to intelligently follow the drift.

Only a short year ago the one-tube set was in the majority. Today it is the five-tube set that reigns. A year ago no one had ever heard of a low loss condenser. Today you cannot buy a set which hasn't such condensers. A year ago even a broad tuning receiver found ready sale. Today, unless it tunes hair-sharp, no one will buy it.

The man who builds his own has, of course, moved with the times. Where last year he built every single-tube circuit that he could lay his hands on, this year he plays with five-tube tuned radio frequency sets, or builds six- or eight-tube Super-Heterodynes. While it is true that a tremendous number of ready-built sets have been sold during the past six months, it is also true that such sets will not last forever. To be sure, the average radio outfit of a good make has a life of from two to three years. Such sets can be counted upon to perform the work satisfactorily. Nevertheless, after you have once been bitten by the radio bug, you will wish to build sets for yourself, not because the ready-made set is not good, but because it is human nature to try to build one better than the "boughten" one. And there is nothing quite so dear to the heart of your average radio experimenter as his ability to point to his self-constructed set and proudly inform his visitor that, with THIS set, he "spins circles" around the \$150 "Novadyne," which, up to last week, was supposed to be the ultra-latest in radio. And, strange to say, your average experimenter accomplishes this, not once, but many times. The reason is fairly simple.

RADIO magazines abound with the latest circuits and with the latest information. If such is embodied in a set, and if it is built carefully, the chances are that such a receiver will perform remarkably well for the simple reason that it has embodied in it the latest available information. And, after all, why have only one radio outfit? There is no reason why one should not have four or five. A great number of people have sets in several rooms in their houses or apartments, in their offices, and so on.

After a set has served a year or two, usually the rising member of the family, anywhere from 8 to 15 years of age, is made a present of the old set. He immediately begins to take it apart and soon he has the "bug," after which he builds a number of sets himself. And, in the majority of cases, he can show his dad how a real set should be built, and in 90 per cent. of the cases, the youngsters have it all over their elders. The reason is simple: They read every available scrap of radio literature and know exactly what happens in a circuit. Also they are, as a rule, better mechanics than the fathers and, having more time at their disposal, can make a good job with fair intelligence.

One of the greatest detriments to set building in the past was the unwritten law that every connection must be soldered.

We are getting away from this very rapidly. In the writer's opinion, in another year, no one will wish to buy a set that has a single soldered connection. Soldered connections, so far

as radio frequency currents are concerned, are a false alarm. Such connections add high resistances to radio frequency currents and should be avoided. There is nothing better than a clean metal-to-metal connection, provided it is absolutely tight and mechanically perfect. Manufacturers have already seen the light, and a few of them are putting out sets with practically no soldered connections even now, all connections being riveted with copper eyelets and copper rivets.

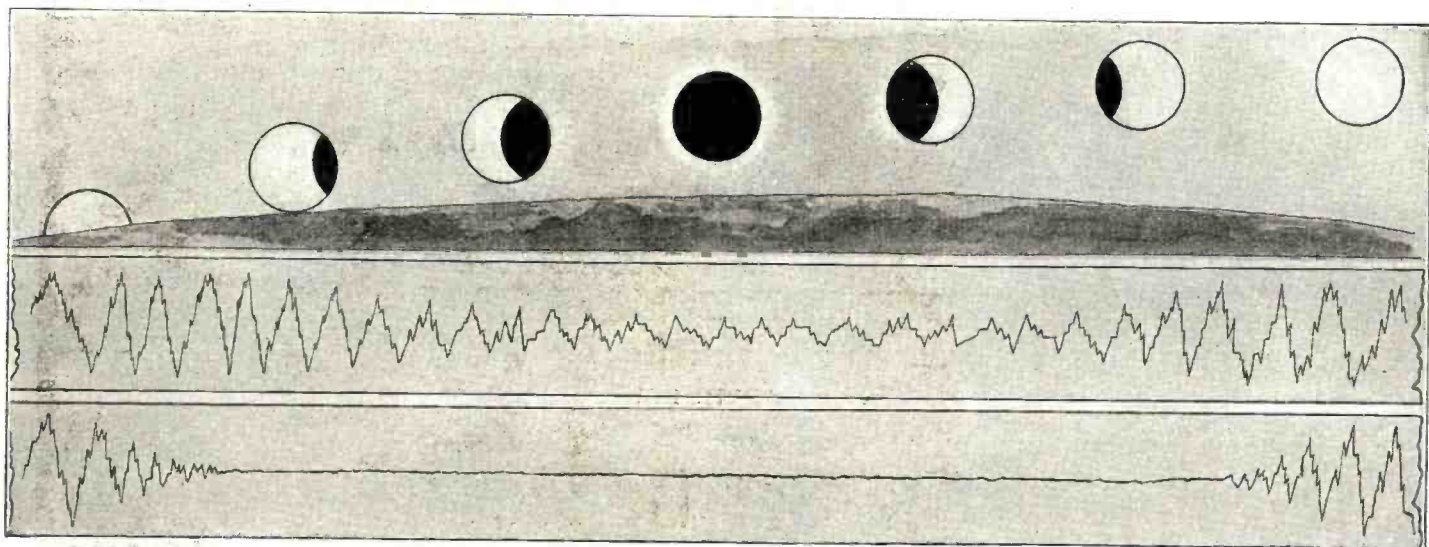
Of course, the experimenter who builds his set has no such equipment. So, up to recently, he stuck to his soldering iron, usually making a poor job of it. Very recently, however, a number of firms have put out kits that require no soldered connections whatsoever in order to build a complete set. One concern offers a large number of kits, none of which require a single soldered connection. This seems to be a step in the right direction, because it makes set building easy. Not only that, but the resulting sets will be much better, because they will be more efficient. Furthermore, a set constructed with such methods can readily be taken apart without spoiling a number of instruments, as usually happens when you try to dismantle a set with soldered connections. With the solderless method it is a comparatively simple matter to change from one hook-up to another, and the game, therefore, becomes as interesting as a crossword puzzle.

WHEN the radio experimenter has built a number of sets, one of the interesting features is that of checking up on which set reaches the furthest. This is usually accomplished by having a double-pole double-throw switch, which can switch one set from the aerial and ground and the other set on. If the two sets have been tuned to the same wave-length, accurate comparisons can be made, as to which set really performs better. However, it will often be found that just getting distance is one thing, and actual results, another. For instance, you may build a set which will bring in a station 2,000 miles off on the loud speaker, but the quality may be poor and perhaps this set will not be so extra selective, whereas a set of a shorter range will have better quality, although perhaps will not be as selective. Often a good three-tube set will seemingly perform as well as a five-tube set, while, on the other hand, the five-tube set may develop qualities not inherent in the three-tube one. Also, certain sets will bring in certain far-off stations in nearly all cases, at your wish, whereas others will not be able to do so, and that is one reason why the average experimenter now has a number of sets, each being used for a definite purpose.

Thus, for instance, an acquaintance of ours has a relative employed as announcer at a Dallas, Texas, station. Naturally, he is interested in listening to that station whenever he cares to do so. This man has at least six sets, and of these, he finds that the only one he can rely upon to get the station at nearly all times in the evening is a specially constructed five-tube tuned radio frequency set. So he invariably uses this set in preference to others which do not seem to be able to bring that particular station in at all, although one of his sets, a Super-Heterodyne, brings in Pacific Coast stations, which are very much further away than the Texas station.

These are things worth studying, and perhaps some day we shall evolve a set that will bring in every station all over the world at will, but we have as yet not progressed this far.





An idea of the variations of reception due to the eclipse, the greater the swing of the curve the more fading. The 380-meter wave (top) shows less fading at totality, while the 75-meter wave was lost during the entire eclipse.

## The Eclipse and Radio Reception

By G. C. B. ROWE



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**T**HE 24th of January, 1925, was a date anxiously awaited by scientists in the northern portion of the United States. Formerly the passage of the moon across the sun had been of interest only to astronomers, but this year it was determined to ascertain what effect the sudden darkness would have upon radio waves.

It was known that radio broadcast signals generally became much stronger at nightfall. It was possible to get some idea how radio waves traveled by noticing how much stronger they became by night and the extent to which the signals "fade" in and out. It was also possible from such observations to get information as to whether radio waves travel along the ground exclusively as "ground waves," or whether they also traveled in part far over head (as "sky waves"). Some scientists think there is good reason to believe that the waves received during darkness for the most part travel at a height of 50 to 75 miles overhead, being reflected back to the ground eventually by a conducting layer of air at that height known as the Heaviside layer.

To study this effect, both the transmitting stations and the receiving equipment should be in approximately the same straight line running perpendicularly to the direction of the shadow of the eclipse. This is so that the degree of the eclipse will be the same at both places at the same time. Also suitable instruments for recording the atmospheric conditions, the power used in transmitting and the condition of the waves as they are received should be provided, in order that any changes in reception may be accounted for.

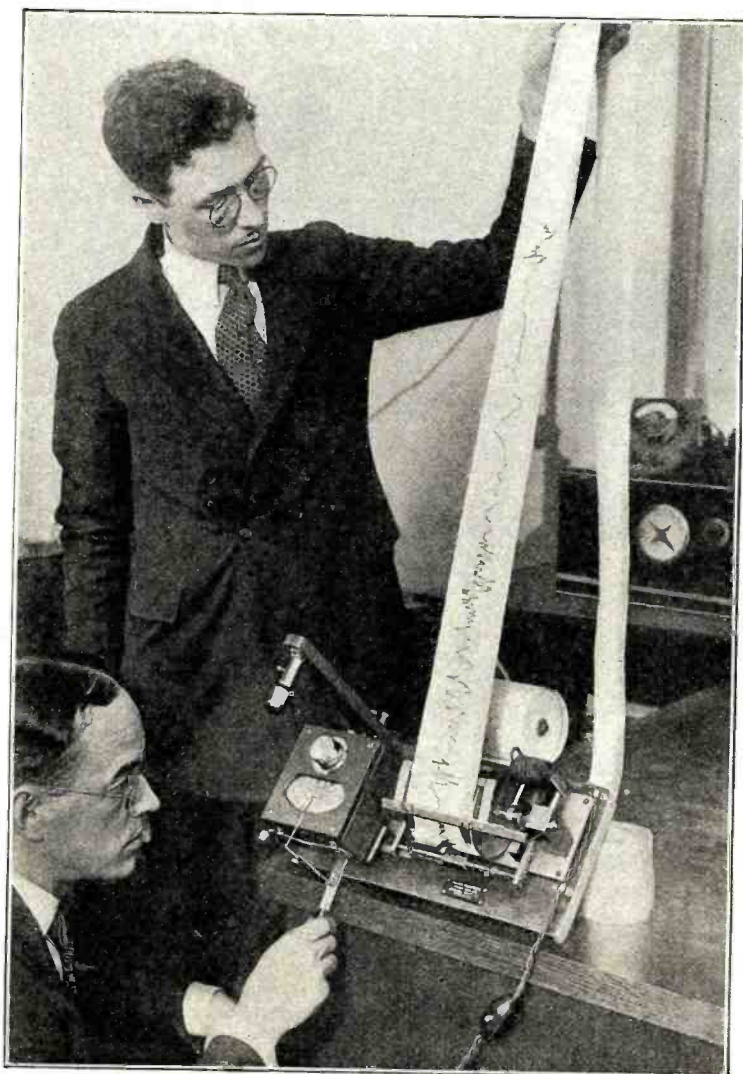
In New York City, where the eclipse was total, exhaustive tests were conducted in the laboratory of the Radio Corporation of America. Instruments for recording the amount of "fading" or "swinging" were installed and observations were taken at two wave-lengths from 6:30 a. m. until 11 a. m. for two days before and after the eclipse. Two Super-Heterodyne sets were tuned to signals being broadcast by station WGY and experimental station 2XI, at Schenectady, N. Y., a distance of approximately 160 miles from New York City. Station WGY broadcast on a wave-length of 380 meters and station 2XI sent out signals on a wave-length

of 75 meters. The reason for recording a short wave was because this was expected to be reflected more strongly by the shadow wall.

### EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED

It is well known that at night particularly, and over certain distances of 100 miles or more, the received signals are not steady.

The apparatus used in the eclipse reception experiments made by the Engineers of the Radio Corp. of America at their laboratory in New York City. The paper tape is fed through at the rate of one inch per minute. The operator keeps the wire, projecting over the meter scale, in line with the needle of the meter. The pen marking the curve on the tape is attached to the handle, so that the operator follows the needle variations; they are recorded as shown. © Underwood & Underwood.





They will be loud for one moment and then gradually diminish in strength, returning after a while to their original strength. This is called "swinging" or "fading" of the signal and, of course, produces unpleasant reception effects. The usual wave-lengths used in broadcasting—that is, from 220 to 550 meters—do not show much daylight fading effect, although in the early morning hours there is some fading even on these wave-lengths. The shorter waves, those below 100 meters, do show considerable fading effect over certain distances of transmission by daylight.

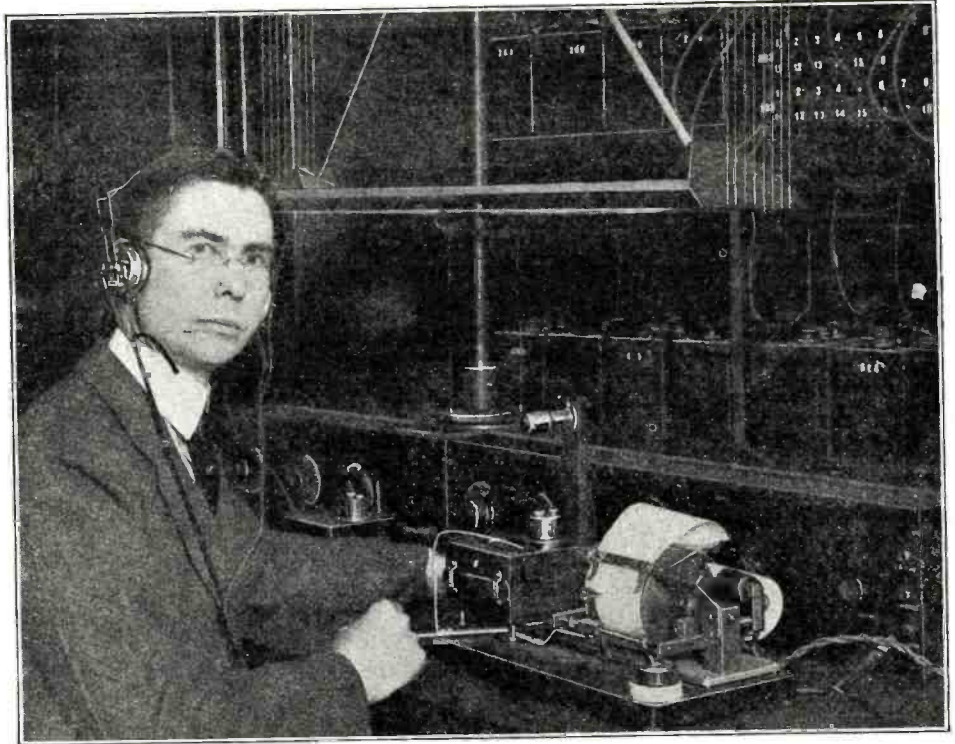
It is also well known to radio listeners that there is a marked difference between daytime and night-time strength of signals. The average signal strength at night on the normal broadcasting waves is much greater than the day signals over any considerable distance. On some of the shorter wave-lengths the reverse is the case.

**RESULTS OF THE ECLIPSE TESTS**

The following results are more or less preliminary and tentative. They are all subject to later modification, to careful checking of the transmitted and receiving equipment, to make sure that the operation of these devices was constant and correct throughout the tests.

It was found during the five days of the observations that the 380-meter wave was swinging rather badly at sunrise and that the swinging gradually diminished, the signal becoming steady, as the sun rose higher. As a general rule, the signal became practically steady between 1/2 hour and 2 1/2 hours after sunrise. The more severe the fading at sunrise, the longer the fading lasted into the daylight hours. Furthermore, the more severe the swinging at sunrise, the more rapid the fading of the signal from loud signals to weak signals and back again.

During the totality of the eclipse it appeared to cause a reduction of swinging of the signals. However, the reduction of swinging apparently caused by the eclipse was not nearly as great a reduction as occurs between night time conditions and full daytime conditions. That is, the eclipse did not change swinging nearly as much as does full sunlight. While the above effects were noted, the eclipse did not affect the average signal strength at all. This, during the period of



Another view of the special apparatus designed particularly for recording the effects of the eclipse, used by Mr. Parkinson at the Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C. © United.

the eclipse, was about the same as it would be in full daylight. During the period of totality it was noticed that the static, which was present before this period, was lessened to a great extent.

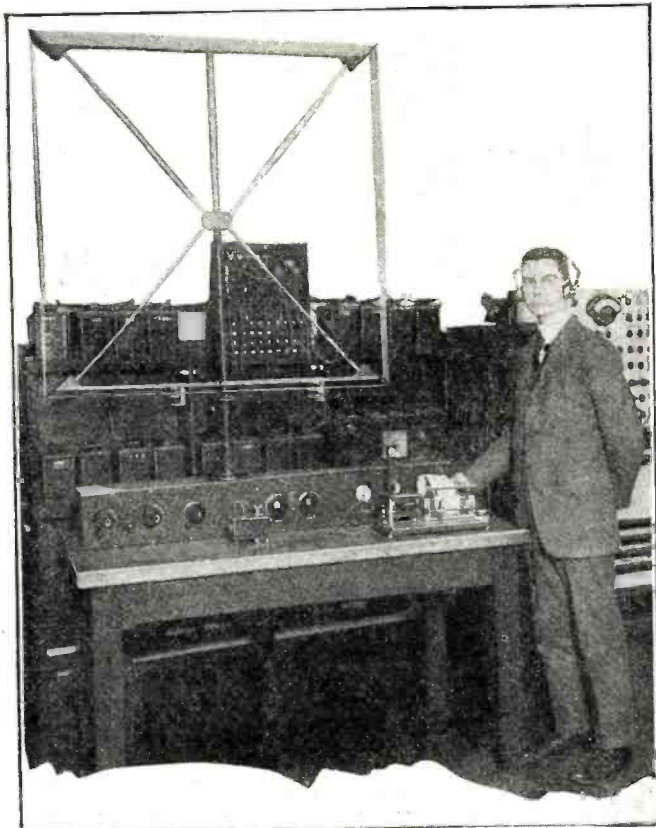
Observations on the 75-meter wave during the five days when readings were taken showed that over the distance of 160 miles between Schenectady and New York, this wave had very marked swinging every day, and became weaker toward the middle of the day, although it never disappeared for more than a second or two, except during the eclipse period. During the entire period of partial and total eclipse, this wave disappeared altogether. In other words, this short wave is very sensitive to the sunlight conditions on the path over which it travels and even the partial darkness of the eclipse was apparently sufficient to prevent it from traveling between the transmitting and receiving stations. It

was heard loudly before and after the eclipse period.

**CONCLUSIONS**

So far as any general conclusions can be given at this time, it may be said that for transmission over this distance, the normal broadcasting waves are not affected in their average strength by the eclipse, but the swinging was somewhat reduced during the period, thus steadying the wave. The short wave of 75 meters was greatly reduced in intensity during the eclipse; these waves are much more sensitive to changes in illumination of their path than are the longer, normal broadcasting waves. The choice of wave-lengths between 220 and 550 meters for broadcasting appears to be a fortunate one and these waves seem on the whole to be the most acceptable for broadcasting purposes. Broadcast listeners need not, therefore, be concerned about any more desirable range of wave-lengths being found for broadcasting than those which their receivers can now tune for, at least so far as the eclipse experiments indicate.

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Mr. T. Parkinson, of the Bureau of Standards, and the apparatus he used in recording reception conditions during the eclipse. The recorder is the same type as that described and illustrated on the previous page. © Henry Miller News Pictures Service, Inc.

Right: A double exposure, showing the partial and total eclipse of the sun. In the foreground is a U. S. Signal Corps truck from which the eclipse reports were broadcast. © Keystone View Co.





# A University Radio Laboratory

By JOSEPH H. WRIGHT



*In the forefront of the experimental field is a group of workers at the University of Illinois. They are well organized and are bringing forth some surprising results. The present article tells of them.*

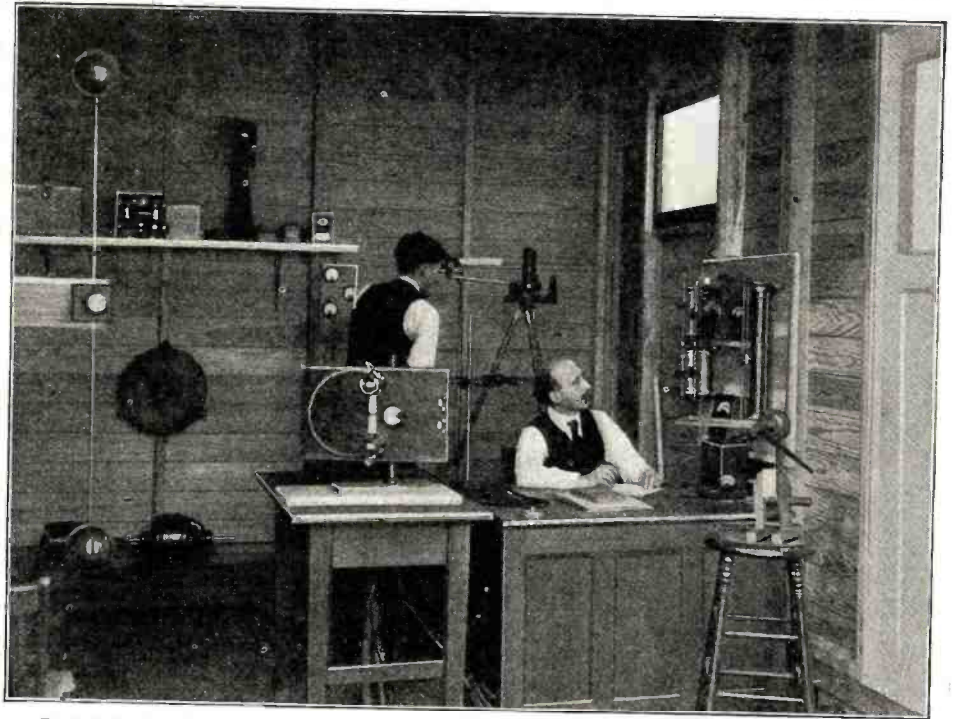
**W**HILE the large manufacturers of electrical, and especially radio, equipment are spending millions of dollars yearly in research work which has, is, and will cause radio to progress with almost unbelievable rapidity, some of the leading universities which have made great reputations in the research work they have carried on along other lines in years past and which are equipped to carry on investigations along radio lines, are working night and day to add their share to this progressive tendency in the radio field which seems to know no limit.

One of these institutions, which is already known from coast to coast for its other research and has been discussed a great deal within the past year because of its achievement in the radio field, is the University of Illinois. With expensive, necessary and oft-times original equipment to carry through problems which the faculty thought needed immediate solution, this great down-state university in Illinois is not only peculiarly fitted to carry on important work, but has already achieved success to a more or less large degree.

### INSTRUCTION AS WELL

Not only is this institution conducting research along several lines akin to radio, but it is instructing some of its seniors taking the electrical course, in the why's and wherefore's of radio.

One outstanding offering which this institution has brought to light, and another which seems to be just in the offing, might be mentioned.



Prof. Tykociner is one of the important figures in the radio work of the university. He is shown in his laboratory above. An assistant is with him.

Success of the non-carrier wave system of broadcasting which was developed by H. A. Brown and C. A. Keener, members of the

electrical engineering staff of the university, has just been announced as positive after another series of tests which bore out the results of previous tests.

The elimination of fading is an added feature of the new broadcasting system which seems possible. In the last series of tests, instruments which accurately measured the curve of audibility of both the carrier wave system and the new non-carrier system were set up a distance of 100 miles from Station WRM, the University's radiophone, with which the experimental work is carried on. These instruments showed the usual fading when the old system was used, but did not vary a particle when the non-carrier system was employed. However, this advantage is not yet being claimed because it has not been subjected to enough tests to make it a fact.

Previous advantages which were claimed for the system and which the final tests show as outstanding over the system now in general use include increased sending efficiency, more selective tuning at the receiver with greater possibility to tune out local stations, opportunity to cover greater distances, and the elimination of all sorts of sounds which are impressed on the carrier wave and which only perfect modulation at the transmitting end and perfect detection at the receiver can eliminate.

The suppressed carrier or non-carrier system differs from the present type of broadcasting in that the carrier waves go out only when a note is sounded or a syllable spoken. Between notes or spoken words, the carrier wave does not go through the air. That is, the sound and the wave on which it rides leave the broadcasting apparatus simultaneously. This interval of time between sounds when there is no carrier wave in the air makes possible the advantages noted.

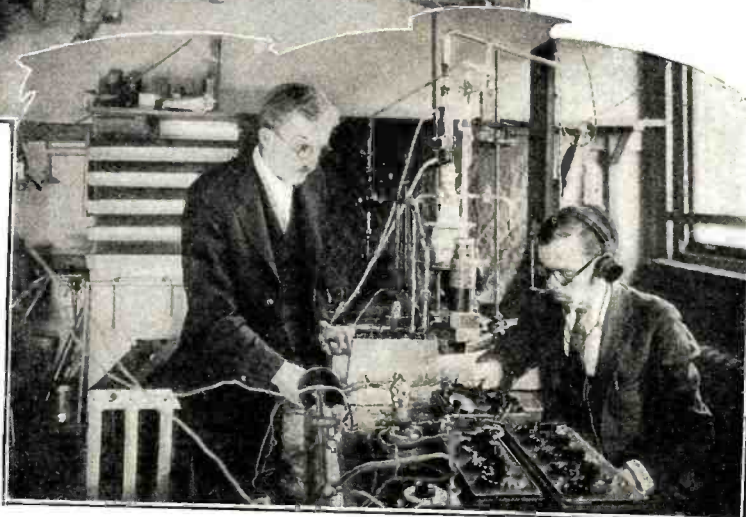
### A NEW TUBE

A new type of electron detector tube which at 10 volts is from three to five times as sensitive as the same tube of the gas content



The great interest in radio, manifested by the students of the university, is obvious from the view at the left, which shows a group of seniors in the radio telegraphy and engineering course.

Right: Prof. C. T. Knipp (left) and H. A. Brown working with their vacuum tube, which is told of in the accompanying article. The photograph was taken in one of the college laboratories.





detector type, was perfected in the laboratories of this university more than a year ago. It is the accomplishments of Dr. C. T. Knipp, of the department of physics, and H. A. Brown, of the department of electrical engineering. These men are now at work improving this tube, the present work being an attempt to produce better dry cell tubes and alternating current filament tubes.

It is found that these tubes are sensitive detectors at any plate voltage from zero to 30 or 40 volts. At 10 volts they are most sensitive, and at this voltage they are three to five times as sensitive as the same type of tube used as a gas content detector.

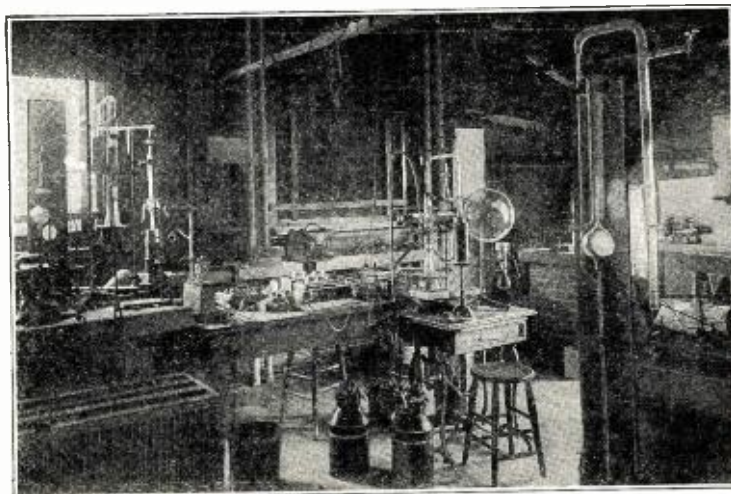
The new type of electron detector is more efficient than the conventional type, and as it does not require so high a plate voltage on filament temperature, will be more economical.

Certain alloys or rare elements are introduced into a three-element electron tube. The vapor thus formed inside the glass walls causes the tube to function as a photoelectric cell.

Two other worth while projects have just been started. South of the famous Illinois Memorial Stadium there have been erected four garage-like buildings. These are isolated field laboratories where Prof. J. T. Tykociner, another of the University's research experts, is conducting a series of investigations into the field of ultra short wave-lengths. Each of the little buildings is a laboratory and each has its own mission to fulfill in the tests being carried on.

Mr. Brown, one of the originators of the new detector tube, during the past summer carried on some experiments which show that the problem of static is one which can be partially solved by the use of the proper type of receiver. This type is the combined one-stage radio frequency amplification and

At the right is a view of one corner of the University of Illinois' vacuum tube laboratory. A glance at the apparatus will show how completely the university is equipped to carry on investigations in this field.



regenerative detector. Repeated comparison tests showed the signal-to-static ratio to be higher in this type of receiver than in any of the complicated multi-tube sets. This same conclusion was first arrived at theoretically and checked by experiments later.

The electrical engineering department gives a classroom and laboratory course in the theory and engineering of radio communication to seniors. Those who are taking the Signal Corps R. O. T. C. work are required to take the course in radio communication, and other seniors may elect the course as a technical elective. The equipment of the radio laboratory includes standards of the well-known constants of radio frequency circuits, and radio frequency measuring instruments such as thermo-galvanometers, precision wavemeters, precision variable condensers, calibrated variable condensers and

voltmeters, vacuum tube oscillators, power absorbing high frequency resistances, phantom antennae, etc.

#### COURSE OF STUDY

The laboratory work includes the more important radio measurements such as are necessary in radio engineering work. Among these are the measurements of high frequency resistances of coils and antennae, high frequency measurements of condenser capacity and phase differences, inductance and logarithmic decrement. Among the important vacuum tube measurement experiments are measurements of amplifier constants, mutual conductance, plate resistance, vacuum tube characteristics, detection coefficients, and power tube efficiencies. Also a few experiments on reception and radiation faults.

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## Commerce Department Shifting Wave-Lengths

WHAT Secretary Hoover and his radio force is trying to do with the wave-lengths in the broadcast field seems to be a mystery to many fans, despite considerable comment in the press each day. Briefly, he is trying to improve conditions in the broadcasting traffic, and has put every available channel in use.

When the Third National Radio Conference met in Washington last October, a plan for the re-allocation of wave-lengths in the whole field of radio transmission was proposed, chiefly in an effort to reduce interference and to create more channels for the growing broadcasting service. At that time there were 519 broadcast stations of three classes. They included 57 Class B, or higher powered stations; 78 Class A, and 382 Class C stations, the last stations on the original broadcast wave of 360 meters. Many more stations were contemplating transferring to Class B status, but wave-lengths were getting very scarce in that group, where each station desired and expected an individual and exclusive air route.

#### CONDITIONS

Developments in the past year had shown that many stations were reaching a position in type of programs, territory covered and reliability of equipment, which made it desirable to grant them exclusive wave-lengths and more power in the interest of high-class programs and public service. This was done gradually and 57 B stations were on the air when the conference met, besides which about 20 more had applied or were preparing to ask for Class B status. After considerable deliberation, the conference laid out a plan for allocation which would provide 47 separate channels for distribution among

the Class B stations, some few of which it was realized would have to use the same wave-length. Distance and time, it was believed, would make this practicable. But the Class B applications began to increase, and when the field representatives of the department tried to argue with the owners of high powered stations to split time and shift their channels, difficulties increased materially. The original conference plan had to be abandoned. It proved impracticable, although it was interesting on paper.

The radio experts of the Department of Commerce have tried out several other plans for increasing the number of channels in the band allotted to the B stations, but to date they have arrived at no practical scheme which insures a satisfactory arrangement between the broadcasters and the fans.

They have eliminated the old Class C stations which have carried on on the 360-meter wave, or practically so, only about a dozen remain. The others have either transferred to Classes A or B, or dropped out. No more Class C stations are being licensed. This leaves only two classes of broadcasters, except for two stations carrying on experiments under what is termed Class D, or development licenses.

To qualify as a Class B station special requirements are necessary. Studio arrangements to eliminate reverberations must be made; equipment must be such as to prevent harmonics; a special antenna must be erected so as to prevent swinging, and reliable equipment, with spare parts, must be used. These stations are granted power between 500 and 1,000 watts and, in a few cases, as high as 1,500 or 2,000 watts. They operate on wave-lengths between 280 meters and 545 meters. High-class programs are

required, which precludes the transmission of mechanical music, such as phonograph records.

#### CLASS A STATIONS

Class A stations are those operating with 500 watts power or less. They are assigned channels between 205 and 278 meters. There are 450 of these stations on the air. Supervisors of radio have pretty well settled the wave allocations of all these stations in their districts, but the wave-lengths are practically all repeated in each of the nine districts, except along the borderlands between them.

The real problem before the Department of Commerce concerns redistributing the Class B wave-lengths without making the interference worse than it is today. On January 17 there were 73 of these stations in operation and 20 more contemplated. In other words, there are approximately 47 wave channels, 10 kilocycles apart, for the use of 93 stations. Obviously, each station cannot have a separate wave-length.

Some changes have been made temporarily, but no definite list of permanent wave-lengths has been announced.

There are only three methods which the Chief Supervisor of radio can follow in his effort to untangle the national broadcasting situation: He can squeeze the stations closer together, that is, decrease the separation from 10 kilocycles on a graduated scale down to about seven kilocycles; he can make all stations divide time on the same wave-length, or he can duplicate wave-lengths in a sort of zoning system across the country. The question is, which is the best of these schemes? Increased power for seven of the broadcasters is causing further complications,

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# The Grid As Traffic Regulator

By SIR OLIVER LODGE, D.Sc., L.L.D., F.R.S.

The importance of the grid control electrode in the vacuum tube is explained by Sir Oliver in this article with his usual lucid method.



**S**UPPOSE you have acquired a new three-tube set, consisting of No. 1 tube, a radio frequency amplifier, No. 2 tube, a rectifier or detector, No. 3 tube, an audio frequency amplifier. And suppose, as sometimes happens, you find a difficulty in obtaining any but a very feeble result, or even, perhaps, no result at all, notwithstanding the fact that connections have all been properly made, all joints and contacts good and firm, the plus and minus properly attended to, the whole "B" battery fully connected up, and all the filaments glowing with adequate but not excessive brightness. You may then, perhaps, try whether you cannot get a signal by turning the rheostat or regulator of the No. 1 tube to zero, so that its filament is dark and it is no longer in action. You will then be working with only two tubes and without radio frequency amplification, and yet from neighboring stations you may now get a result. This will not always happen, but with some sets it will. Not that this is a correct way of working, but it shows where the trouble lies. For now, having obtained results with the other two tubes, if you switch on the No. 1 tube again, you will probably find that the loud speaker will become faint or silent. You ask yourself the

reason seems less attended to, and too little facility for it is generally provided. The result is distortion, if nothing worse. Too much regeneration is no remedy, but is an additional defect. Good and pure and clearly articulated reception cannot thus be obtained, though mere loud volume can.

The fact is that the plate potential may be too high or too low for the grid potential. There is a best relation between these potentials if the plate is too high, it overpowers the grid; if the plate is too low, it is overpowered by the grid.

Consider more closely what is happening. Electrons are given off by the filament as negatively charged particles, and are attracted by the positive plate. The grid stands in their way as a controller of current or regulator of traffic. The grid connected to the aerial is subject to fluctuations of potential; it may have a steady bias, but its potential is bound to fluctuate according to the received impulses. The whole reception depends on that. When a grid is negative, it drives the electrons down or prevents their rising; when a grid is positive, it helps them upward, and encourages them to shoot through to the plate beyond. It is the plate current which is ultimately utilized, and on which you are dependent for signals.

It is no use getting a strong plate current unless it is properly controlled and modified by the grid, and the grid potential must be strong enough to perform the regulation effectively. The electrons, which are the current conveyers, must be disciplined and controlled by the grid in accordance with the received fluctuations of potential, that is, in accordance with all the voice peculiarities impressed on the ether waves by the sending microphone and the transmitting apparatus. The plate may be so strong as to haul up all the electrons in spite of the efforts of the grid to keep them down. That is a common danger, especially with No. 1 tube. On the other hand, the grid may be so strong as not only to repel electrons when it is of negative sign, but to attract them so strongly when it is of positive sign that none or hardly any are able to escape its clutches. There are thus two opposite or alternative dangers, and the potentials must be adjusted so as to avoid them both.

It is manifest that the grids of the series of tubes are inevitably of different strengths, accordingly the plate should be of a different strength, too. No. 1 tube receives the aerial fluctuations not amplified, and from a distant station they may be very weak. Grid No. 2 receives amplified fluctuations, and in No. 3 they are amplified still more.

### CASE OF GRID TOO STRONG

The grid potential in the audio frequency amplifying tubes may be so strong as to monopolize all the electrons to itself, not allowing a sufficient number to go through to the plate; in that case, amplification will cease and the tube will actually diminish the



How the grid, when negative, actually impedes the electron stream generated by the hot filament is clearly shown in the above illustration.

current, which otherwise might have been obtained. Such a state of things is extremely unlikely in the No. 1 tube; the original oscillations in the aerial are bound to be rather feeble. They are probably insufficient to excite the grid too strongly anyhow, and a very moderate potential on the plate is sufficient to do the work. Indeed, a moderate potential is wisest, for it will then not overpower the grid. And this is the basis of the plan known as the Solodyne principle, which refrains from applying a high potential to the plate, even to the plate of the second tube. Nevertheless, the second tube can stand a greater amount of plate potential, since the grid is already receiving a magnified impulse. If we use the third tube, a high potential to the plate becomes necessary. Without high potential you cannot expect the third tube to amplify.

### PLATE POTENTIAL TOO STRONG

So far, we have mainly considered the case of bias on the grid too strong for the plate, it not so much regulates the traffic as stops it, absorbing too much of it into itself. But now take the converse case,—the more usual case when a "B" battery is employed,—that is, when the plate potential is too great for the grid. The electrons given off from the filament are now rushed up violently to the plate and the grid placed between them, in order to regulate the traffic, now stands helpless like a policeman standing in the middle of the New York Central Railway trying to regulate the Twentieth Century Limited. The speeds to be dealt with are beyond the grid's control. There is plenty of current, but it is steady, paying no adequate attention to the fluctuations of the grid, and therefore paying no adequate attention to the received impulses. Everything is in working order, but the tube is out of action and the grid is no longer a regulator or controller of traffic. The remedy obviously is to weaken

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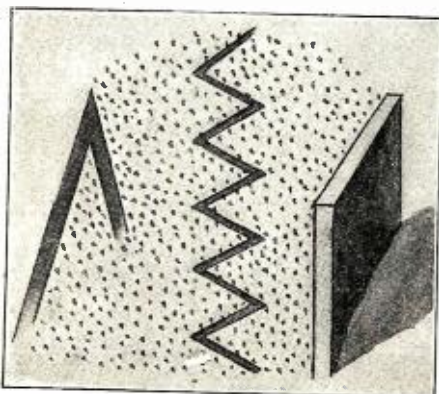


The grid as a great radio traffic cop is a more or less new conception. But it is exactly the function of that small member.

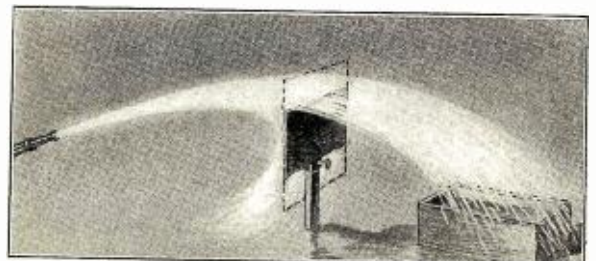
reason for this, and conclude that the "B" battery is too strong for that tube. Variable taps are probably provided, and by moving the connection which feeds the No. 1 tube down a long way, to lower posts on the "B" battery, so as to apply a much lower potential to its plate, you may be able to get it into helpful action and after that you can proceed as usual.

### CONCERNING TUBES

Some tubes seem able to work in spite of harsh treatment, but it cannot be well to depend on that or to overstrain their capabilities. Everybody knows that the filament current must be adjusted neither too strong nor too weak, but regulation of plate poten-



One point which many experimenters fail to hold in sufficient importance is the bias placed on the grid—the difference of potential between it and the negative end of the filament. A graphic analogy of it is given at the right. An illustration of the electron flow between the plate and the filament when it is not affected by the grid is given at the left.





# The Inventions of Reginald A. Fessenden

## PART IV.

IF these articles are to be of use to men who are considering taking up invention, it will make some of the later articles more easy to follow if I give here the actual process of making an invention, illustrating it by the development proposed at the close of the previous article, *i. e.*, the invention of apparatus by which writing may be directly talked and read.

### UNDISCOVERED INVENTORS

The most important problem before business of today is that of obtaining inventors for its industries; and some of the corporations are beginning to realize this. Forty years ago, in the farming country where I lived, a farmer would hire a hand because he was a good milker, a good dividend producer so to speak. Or one who could obtain customers; a man of good personality; a good advertiser. When the milk production fell off economies were introduced and the farmers combined to raise the price of milk. Then there were more economies. Finally,

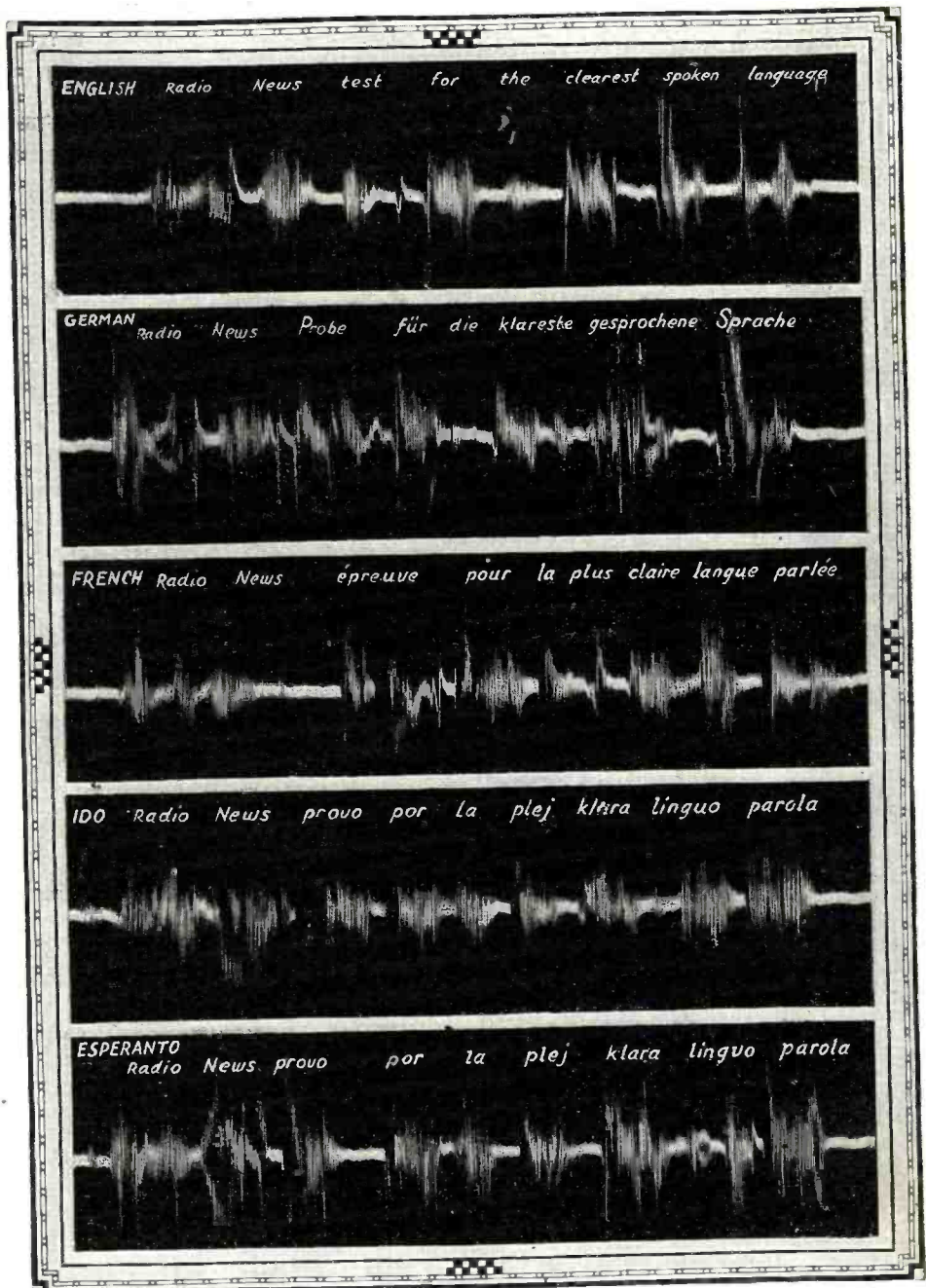
**T**HIS installment of Professor Fessenden should be of particular interest to those interested in the various phases of invention. It gives a most excellent illustration of how a great inventor's mind works when he sets about inventing a particular device. In the present case, Dr. Fessenden asks himself if it is possible to invent a machine or instrument whereby a message can be spoken directly onto a piece of paper, instead of first writing it down by hand or by typewriter. That such a machine would be a great boon to humanity cannot be doubted.

The inventor shows how he attacks the problem from various points, and what his mental processes are in trying to arrive at a solution. It all makes excellent reading.

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someone realized that it was a good deal more important to get cows which would give 400 quarts to the old breed's 100 than it was to cut the hay half an inch closer to the ground or to try and take away the other man's customers.

Business is about to learn this, too, that combination and personality are merely palliative. They shift, temporarily, but they do not produce. I was told recently of a great public utility company which, in answer to a question, said that it did not attach any importance to engineering qualifications in its employes, what they looked for was personality. If the man was a good engineer, so much the better, but personality was what they looked for, the engineering they considered a by-product. A few days previously I had passed by a place where the mains were being opened up and had noted that they were exactly the same as those laid down 40 years ago and that though, thanks to developments made by workers in another field, steam engineering, the utility company could now get more than 10 times the electric energy delivered at the bus bar per pound of coal than it could 40 years ago (30 per cent. in place of 3 per cent.), the price I was paying was just the same as then—12 cents a kilowatt hour. Less per-



Actual oscillograph records showing the peculiarities of word sounds in five languages. It is possible that by means of an apparatus tracing the envelopes of these curves, a record of speech can be produced which will be readily legible to the trained eye. The slight distinction between the various records of "Radio News" is due to their having been pronounced with the accents of the various languages.

sonality and more engineering would have developed an up-to-date distribution system, given consumers one-half cent electricity and electric heating, with greater profits to the utility company. Personality is only of use where the buyer is incompetent, and only for competitive purposes; it does not produce.

Nor does combination produce. It does not even eliminate competition, merely transferring it from the unit to the group industry. A great watch company builds the best watch and buys the best machinery it knows how. It does not understand that a business cannot be conserved; it must grow or die. Instead of developing watch springs which do not change their elasticity and pendulums which do not change their length

with temperature, and oven and furnace time regulators and new types of timepieces, it waits till some company builds a new product and then it economizes. Then it buys out its competitor and raises prices. Then it combines again. Finally, when there is no longer any competition in the watch trade it finds itself up against group competition, with other groups of industries. It has failed to keep up the interest in and importance of time keeping mechanism and people are buying jewelry or pencils. The benefit has been only temporary, and we have the painful spectacle of a number of gentlemen of fine personality peppily engaged in trying to lift themselves by their boot-straps but merely achieving the flattening down in value of the dollar.



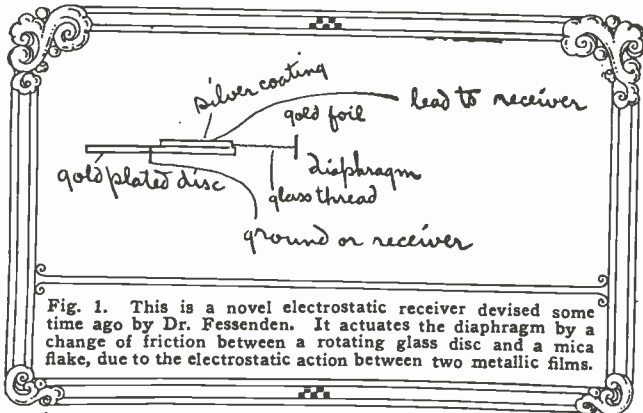


Fig. 1. This is a novel electrostatic receiver devised some time ago by Dr. Fessenden. It actuates the diaphragm by a change of friction between a rotating glass disc and a mica flake, due to the electrostatic action between two metallic films.

**CO-OPERATION BETWEEN INDUSTRIES AND INVENTORS**

Here is where the inventor can be of use to the industries, in providing better breeds of cows to milk, but the industries must go out and find them, on the outside. There is no use in discussing here the reasons why corporations do not develop or adopt inventions till forced by competition. All we are concerned with now is the fact that they do not, and that there is no known instance where they have. My first article contained a list of some dozens of instances, but these were merely samples. For instance, the most important of recent inventions which occur to me at the moment are Flettner's windmill and rotary sail; DeForest's talking pictures; Pickard's inductor compass; Jenkin's disc prism. The first was not invented by a shipping corporation; the second was not invented by a moving picture or a phonograph corporation; the third was not invented by an airplane corporation; the fourth was not invented by an optical company.

So the next point to take up is, "Where can the industries get the necessary supply of inventors?" We cannot neglect this if we are to continue to go forward, for though, to change our simile, the inventor is only one part of the machine, yet it is the inventor who puts civilizations on wheels.

**HOW MANY INVENTORS HAVE WE?**

If the results of our very rough and incomplete study of the influence of heredity are correct, and we are dealing with a recessive Mendelian character, we might expect to find about 10 per cent. of the original population of the New England states and about 4 per cent. of the present population of the United States possessing this characteristic. It is perhaps fortunate that there are probably not so many. Still, we may, I think, feel sure that there are a sufficient number of undiscovered inventors to supply our industries, if they can be located, and if they are given proper opportunity to exercise their ability.

**DISTINCTION BETWEEN RESEARCH, DREAMING AND INVENTION**

These three groups are very generally confused with each other, but they could hardly be more distinct than they actually are.

The dreamer and the inventor are confused because they both are apt to omit discussion of details. But their reasons for doing this are exactly opposite. The dreamer does so because he is ignorant of them or does not appreciate their importance. He has merely the idea that he would like to do something, but does not know how. The inventor does so because he is and has to be, or to become, a complete master of detail to such an extent that when he has the fundamentals of the problem solved he does not care whether he can or cannot do what he wants in one particular way; if he cannot do it in that way, his knowledge of detail is so complete that he can merely turn around and do it some other way.

The research man and the inventor are confused because they both examine the results of physical or chemical operations. But they are exact opposites, mirror images one of the other, positive and negative. The research man does something, and does not care what it is that happens, he measures it, whatever it is. The inventor wants something to happen, but he does not care how it happens or what it is that happens, if it is not what

he wants. The research man will sometimes make an invention, but it will be really a discovery. The inventor will sometimes conduct a research, but it will be only a step toward an invention.

The best way to tell whether one is interested really in invention, or in research, or in merely dreaming, is to follow through some simple example of the making of an invention, e.g., the one indicated above, the problem referred to in the previous article of inventing apparatus by means of which writing may be directly talked and read. As follows:

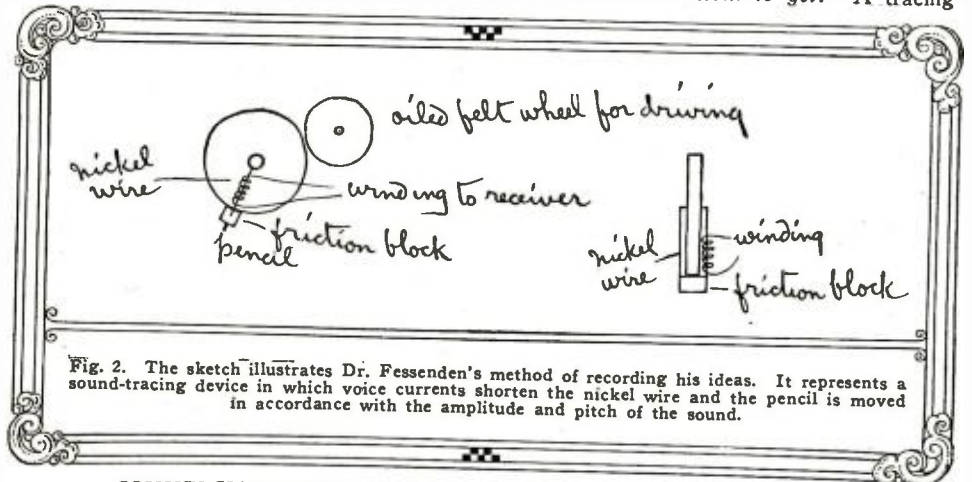


Fig. 2. The sketch illustrates Dr. Fessenden's method of recording his ideas. It represents a sound-tracing device in which voice currents shorten the nickel wire and the pencil is moved in accordance with the amplitude and pitch of the sound.

**COMMERCIAL VALUE**

The first thing to ask is, "Will the thing be any good if I get it?" This is not always easy to answer. Once, when I was working for Edison, he had me look through a lot of old records in connection with some patent matter. I came across the minutes of a meeting of eight of the ablest business men in New York City, about 1883 or thereabouts, who met to consider whether they would buy the rights to the Bell Telephone or the rights to the Printing Telegraph. Both had worked perfectly and both were offered at the same price, \$300,000, as I remember it. They finally decided unanimously to buy the Printing Telegraph, the recorded reason being that:

1. Either system would be mainly used in cities and for business transactions.

2. The Printing Telegraph made a record of the transaction and conversation; the Bell Telephone did not.

So the best judgment is sometimes at fault. But I have found one good rule is to ask this question, "If the thing were done now in the way I want to do it, and someone came along with the present means of doing it, what arguments would he have in his favor?" Answering this question, if I could talk this article onto a piece of paper after dinner and mail it to the editor, after correcting it with a pen, I should not like to go back to the present method. And there would be other advantages, recording radio speeches direct, music, etc.

Another pretty safe guide is the history

of the art and the tendency shown. After making some tests for the Signal Corps in 1901, it was admitted that the speed and distance reached were much beyond what had been previously obtained, but I was informed that it was absolutely essential that the messages should be recorded. I said, "General, every telegraph system has started out as a recording one and every one has ended up as a sound-read one, except the cable, where they cannot do it yet." So, though I had a recorder I declined to submit one. A year or so later there was no difficulty in selling sound reception apparatus. In the present case the tendency would seem to be along the line of the proposed development.

**IS IT PRACTICABLE?**

Next is the matter of practicability. We must ask these questions:

1. *Can such a trace be read*, especially when the tracings take up no more length than the present printed lines and the individual waves are not shown, but merely the different shaped humps. This required some experiment but the final result was that the tracings could be read and with as much or greater ease than many languages in use, and apparently with practice might be more easily read than the present system.

**LAYOUT OF PROBLEM**

1. *What do we want to get?* A tracing

of the waves, about the same length per word, if possible, as if it were printed. It must be direct on paper, without photographing, developing or the like. The paper must be of some cheap and common kind preferably.

2. *What is the record to be made in?* Ink might be used, with a fountain pen or syphon, as in the syphon recorder. But a fountain pen is heavy and a syphon too deli-

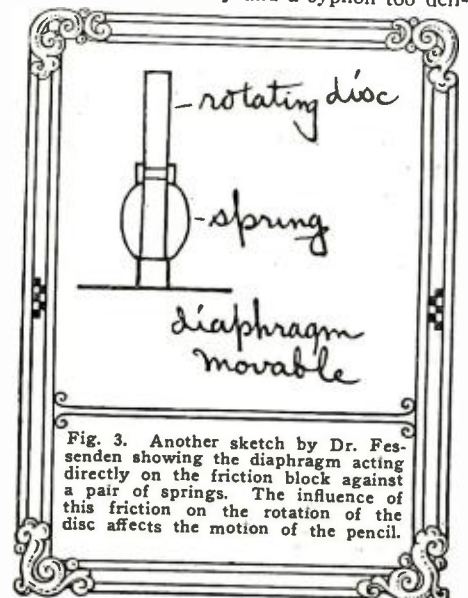
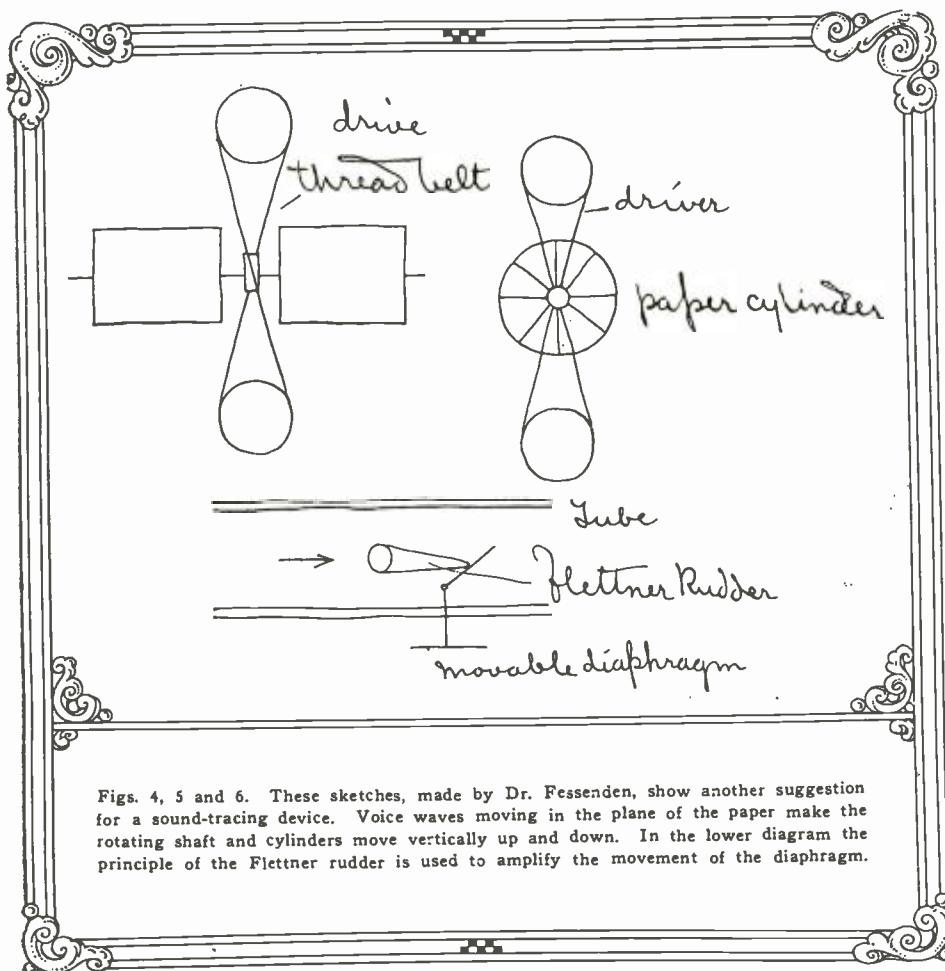


Fig. 3. Another sketch by Dr. Fessenden showing the diaphragm acting directly on the friction block against a pair of springs. The influence of this friction on the rotation of the disc affects the motion of the pencil.





Figs. 4, 5 and 6. These sketches, made by Dr. Fessenden, show another suggestion for a sound-tracing device. Voice waves moving in the plane of the paper make the rotating shaft and cylinders move vertically up and down. In the lower diagram the principle of the Flettner rudder is used to amplify the movement of the diaphragm.

cate for practical use. Besides, as Edison once said about a primary battery, "The blanked thing is wet." It would seem that some kind of lead pencil should be used, but small diameter, like the leads in the metallic pencils now on the market, so as to show the humps in the traces as clearly as possible.

Note.—When time comes, make tests to determine what kind of paper takes fine pencil marks most distinctly and smoothly. Also best material for lead of pencil.

3. *Is there energy enough for this direct, or do we need amplification?* (a) Make test by talking just about as loudly as one would want to talk when dictating, and have someone go away, at night when things are quiet, till they can just hear words. Then figure out, from Rayleigh's data for just audible sound energy, how much energy is available. (b) Dictate as before into standard microphone, and measure energy of currents modulated by voice, using transformer so as not to include anything but voice currents. Do this for different vowels and consonants. Measure ratio of different letters compared with each other, in same sentence.

Note.—"o," for example, has nearly 100 times the energy that "s" has.

4. *Measure energy necessary to make trace.* Make a little balance arm, fasten a piece of the lead pencil to one arm; fasten a piece of paper to a six-inch cylinder and rotate, lead pencil resting on paper; but balance arm should be balanced so there is no pressure. Add little weights to the lead pencil carrying arm till, with paper moving at about correct speed to give right length of words, the trace is sufficiently legible.

Then, figuring the width of the trace as about one-eighth inch to show the various shaped humps clearly, and the frequency of the sound waves as about the highest necessary, say 1,500, calculate the work necessary. Also the inertia forces of mass of pencil, etc.

#### PARTICULAR TYPE OF APPARATUS TO BE USED DIRECT

The energy available from the voice will have come out to be small compared with the energy required for moving the pencil lead. Still, something might be done by resonance. Resonance is peculiar in this way, which has never been called attention to before. If a wave strikes a resonant antenna and generates one volt and one ampere in it, this will be only one watt. But the next wave will make the current two amperes and the voltage two volts, *i. e.*, four watts in all. In other words, if you can once get a thing resonating, it *picks up* energy better each time. Of course if the energy available is too small, nothing can be done, but as in the present case the energy is not far off it might be possible to make the pencil lead respond to each one of a number of tuned reeds which were sufficiently close to each other's pitch to cover the voice frequencies desired.

Mark to be set aside for tests later.

#### MAGNETOSTRICTION

Pure nickel wire changes its length when magnetized; about one-millionth of its length for moderate magnetizing forces. If we take a piece of No. 18 pure nickel wire, about 18 inches long, and wind the middle 15 inches with enameled wire so that the total turns have a suitable resistance to use with the amplifier used, the nickel wire being rather loose inside the winding so that it can contract and expand, then on touching it to a sounding board, the board will talk. Or, holding one end between the back teeth in the same manner as Mr. H. Gernsback's well-known Osophone, the broadcast can be heard; and it can be made up to form a rather inconspicuous listening apparatus for deaf people.

Can we get sufficient motion? That depends on the length used. Obviously, the pulsation must travel out and back from the middle four times each wave. Sound travels in nickel approximately 20,000 feet

per second. For a note of 1,500 frequency the half length must not be more than three feet eight inches, or a total length of wire of about seven feet. One-millionth of this is only 1/10,000 inch, so the motion of the pencil point must be amplified more than 1,000 times to get the desired width of trace. This is not impossible, but such big amplifications of motion by leverage are not very mechanical as a rule.

#### CHANGE OF FRICTION BY MAGNETOSTRICTION

This reminds me that once before I made a very good receiver and telephone by letting a very thin flake of mica, silvered on one side, trail on a gold-plated disc, on its unsilvered side, so that when the flake was charged, the silver coating being one coating and the gold-plated rotating disc the other, the friction changed and, therefore, the drag on a diaphragm to which the mica flake was attached by two very fine glass threads, with a little strip of gold foil to make connection from receiver to silver coating, Fig. 1.

So why not change the friction by changing the length of the nickel wire? Fig. 2.

This time we have something that works for a ten-thousandth of an inch means a big change in friction, and since the energy is furnished by the rotating disc or cylinder, we may use 10 or more wires and so get 1,000-inch change in length, and if we run the wires parallel and close together we can use a single coil for all. We make the wires smaller than No. 18 now because the magnetism does not penetrate into iron very deeply when the frequency is high, not more than 22 or even less. In fact for perfect penetration the wire should be *very* fine, how fine can be calculated from formulae first given by Rayleigh.

Since the pencil has to move one-eighth inch in 1/1,000 second, the speed of rotation of the disc must be 1,000/8 inches or about seven miles an hour, which is a quite slow speed and we can run the apparatus by hand.

We put this aside as one of the forms to be taken up as workable.

#### DIRECT CHANGE OF FRICTION

This suggests, "Why not change the friction direct?" And as there is no reason why not, we get a device shown in Fig. 3. Which we also set aside as, so far, the thing to be tested out first; noting that some form of link motion or internally curved surface may be used to prevent variation of pressure when the pencil point moves.

#### MAGNUS EFFECT AND FLETTNER RUDDER EFFECT

Two small paper rotating cylinders should rise when spoken to if made as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The speed of the cylinders should be high, at least half a mile a minute, and the centrifugal force will make the thin

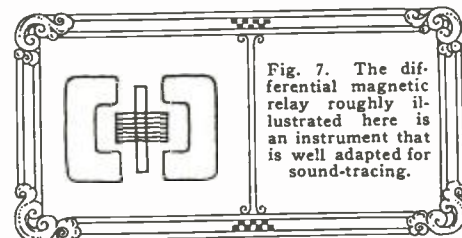


Fig. 7. The differential magnetic relay roughly illustrated here is an instrument that is well adapted for sound-tracing.

paper act as if very stiff. So also, by making the voice move the pilot edge of a Flettner rudder placed in a tube carrying a rapid current of air (Fig. 6) we should get very powerful effects. But this would come pretty near trespassing in another inventor's field, though I do not know that Flettner has ever considered such uses.

#### DIFFERENTIAL MAGNETIC RELAY

This is a commonly used device, but before fastening our pencil point to it we will try and see if it can be improved. The usual form is shown in Fig. 7.

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# The Effect of the Atmosphere on Radio Waves

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*In this article the author presents a new theory on the propagation of radio waves through space. He contests the existence of the Heaviside layer and explains the phenomenon of fading.*



Fig. 4. The black border represents the earth and the layer of air around it. These are in the same proportion as the thickness of the atmosphere and the diameter of the earth.

**T**HE propagation of electromagnetic waves through the atmosphere produces numerous and unexplained variations in intensity and direction, and up to this time neither engineers nor mathematicians have given a satisfactory explanation of these phenomena.

At first it was very difficult to explain the reception of radio signals beyond the horizon. On account of their great length, the electromagnetic waves act like sound waves and glide around obstacles. This is known as the diffraction of the waves. But calculations show that the diffraction around the earth, considered as the obstacle, would produce a decrease in intensity much greater than it is in practice.

Then was proposed the clever theory that the radiations going away toward the sky are not lost, but reflected by some conducting layer of the upper atmosphere and projected toward the surface of the earth, producing thereby a response at the distant receiving station. According to the theory, this conducting layer would envelope the earth entirely, acting as a tremendously large shield, screening our world from outside space. This reflecting layer is known as the Heaviside layer.

## INTENSITY

The intensity and the direction of electromagnetic waves are subjected in the atmosphere to strong variations. These variations are supposed to be of an electrical nature, but so far it has not been proved that they are such, or even what causes them. Some scientists admit, for instance, the existence in the upper atmosphere of a layer, the conductivity of which is supposed to be great and permanent. In attempting to prove the existence of this (Heaviside) layer, I mention an experiment of J. J. Thompson, showing that within a tube surrounded by a high frequency circuit, the air at reduced pressure may become as good a conductor as a 25 per cent. solution of sulphuric acid. One forgets, too, as the author points out, that

this conductivity is not a specific property of the gas, but an accidental property due to the ionization produced by the strong electromagnetic field. In a gas there is no conductivity without ionization, as is easy to prove by inclosing a condenser within a vacuum. The insulation does not vary as long as the tension across the plates does not exceed about 100 volts, and it is well known that the tension produced in the upper atmosphere by radio waves reaches only a fraction of a microvolt per centimeter.

Ecclès, Fleming and Arrhenius have developed another theory to justify the existence of the conducting layer. According to this theory, the upper atmosphere is bombarded by cosmic dust having the dimension of light wave-lengths. The shock of the particles against the molecules of air produce their ionization, which renders the gas very conductive.

These theories are not sufficient to explain the phenomenon observed in the propagation of these waves, *i.e.*, the great difference between day and night reception, the variation at dawn and sunset. This can only be explained by a great modification in the Heaviside layer. During the day reception is always weaker, while the ionization produced by the sun's rays should increase the conductivity in the higher atmosphere and accordingly its reflected action. To avoid this objection one imagines that the electrons of the ultra-violet light coming from the sun ionize more the atmospheric layers which are close to the Heaviside layer and under it. These layers, becoming poor conductors, absorb the electromagnetic waves and probably act as a layer of steam upon the surface of a mirror, thus reducing the reflecting action of the Heaviside layer.

These additional theories are based upon phenomena which may be contested. First, it is true that incandescent material can emit electrons. In electric lamps with an imperfect vacuum, the remaining gases are ionized by the electrons shot from the filament, but

this emission can only be continuous if the incandescent source loses the positive charges liberated by the departure of the negative electrons at the same time. It is for this reason that in an ordinary vacuum tube the filament must be connected to the grid and to the plate. The sun being insulated in space, possesses for a long time a sufficient positive charge to return all its electrons.

Second. The ionization by the ultra-violet light is not more evident. It is known that gases are slightly ionized by certain solids when subjected to ultra-violet rays. But even supposing that these bodies exist as a powder or dust in the upper atmosphere, the conductivity which they should give the air corresponds to a degree of ionization much higher than that which we know how to produce in the laboratory.

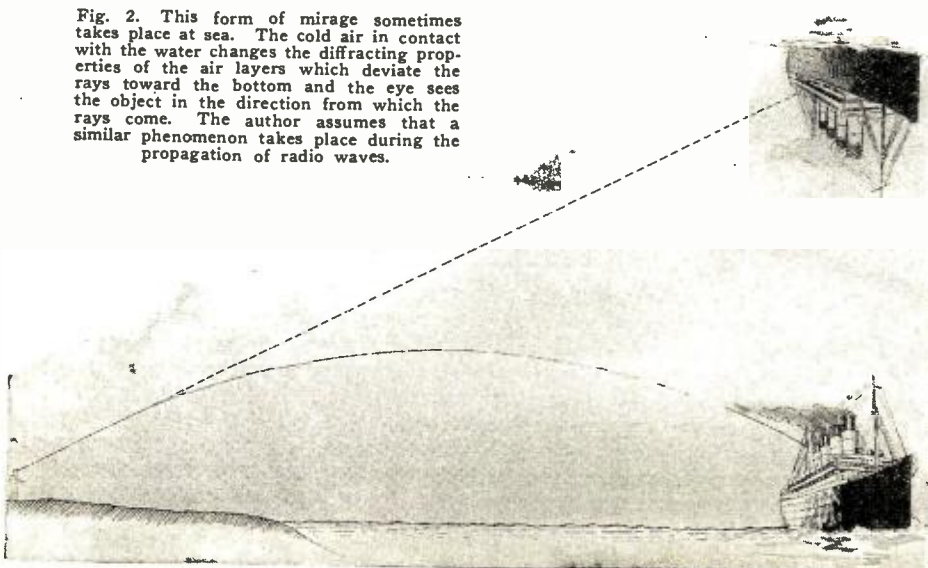
## A DIVERGENCE

In radio communication, the Heaviside layer is exclusively used to explain the intensity of the electromagnetic field calculated, but found to be very much weaker than the values which can actually be measured. Instead of asking scientists to accept such an advanced theory, would it not be better to ask them to establish theories more precise and to eliminate the hypothesis and the simplified facts upon which they base the actual calculated values which do not check with the actual measurements?

The law of propagation can easily be deduced from an undisputed experimental fact verified in all radio telegraphic communications. No matter how far from a transmitting station, even at the Antipodes, its waves are practically perpendicular to the surface of the earth, therefore seeming to postulate that propagation is in an arc concentric to the earth. While a light ray, OL' (see illustration) sent horizontally would travel in a straight line, an electromagnetic beam, on the contrary, would curve to remain parallel to the surface of the earth; it travels as a ray of light in the neighborhood of a plane which is parallel to it.

It is, therefore, easy to understand that this property necessitates, to explain it, some laws of propagation entirely different from those light rays and electromagnetic waves. It is not necessary to use the phenomenon of the *diffraction* to explain that the waves travel around the surface of the earth and it is possible to admit, on the contrary, that the propagation takes place in the neighborhood of the ground, exactly as if the earth were flat. This observation is not new, for in 1903, the well-known French physicist, Mr. Blondel, remarked that the curvature of the earth could not hamper the propagation, since, along a conductor, the waves bend so as to follow its surface. If the earth is supposedly flat, one calculates easily the electromagnetic field produced by a distant antenna, and obtains thus the simple formula

Fig. 2. This form of mirage sometimes takes place at sea. The cold air in contact with the water changes the refracting properties of the air layers which deviate the rays toward the bottom and the eye sees the object in the direction from which the rays come. The author assumes that a similar phenomenon takes place during the propagation of radio waves.





of Hertz and Blondel which furnishes practically exact values up to a distance of a few hundred miles. At great distances, the calculated values with these formulae are a little too great while the values furnished by the theories of diffraction are entirely too small. The slight difference noticed between the measurements and calculated values with the Hertz-Blondel formula can easily be accounted for, if one admits that the atmosphere is a medium of propagation not entirely ideal for electromagnetic waves.

The rôle which the air can play in the propagation of the wave has not been so far taken into consideration because the atmosphere has been considered as a homogenous medium of constant permeability equal to 1. In this algebraic form the theory seems so obvious that it is used in all the theories. This means that in the theory it is admitted that the atmosphere is for the electromagnetic waves identical to vacuum. This fact in questionable and may change the value of the theory.

As long as the air is given the electromagnetic properties of vacuum, it seems that only the electric or magnetic actions can disturb the propagation of the waves. But why eliminate as a disturbing cause this undoubted fact that the air exists?

For light waves which are physically different from electromagnetic waves only by their frequency, the atmosphere is far from acting as a medium identical to vacuum. Although the speed of propagation is almost the same through the air as through a vacuum, the light is subjected through the atmosphere to refraction, reflection and absorption producing some constant perturbations in the propagation. I shall now show that similar actions take place in the propagation of electromagnetic waves and are sufficient to explain the effect attributed to atmospheric ionization.

The atmosphere is essentially a heterogeneous medium, the temperature, the pressure and the hygrometric state may vary with the altitude, from place to place, and even from time to time. When traveling obliquely through some material layers whose physical states are different, the radiations must curve themselves and be partly reflected; this phenomena is well known in the case of light. Not only does the visibility of a light source vary much, depending upon the state of the atmosphere, but also the direction in which the distant object is seen may vary appreciably from its real direction. One of the most beautiful phenomena taking place in the atmosphere is the mirage which I shall explain hereafter.

Imagine that the atmospheric conditions produce through the air some layers, the diffracting properties of which vary regularly from one layer to the other. A light ray falling obliquely upon these surfaces is bent as if attracted toward the part where the density is greatest, more exactly, where the diffraction is greater. If the law of reduction and the thickness of the layers are of the proper value, deviation increasing progressively will bring the light ray parallel to

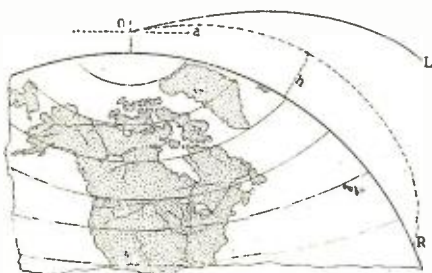


Fig. 5. Showing how a mirage may take place for radio waves. This would explain the fading and sudden re-enforcement effects observed by operators.

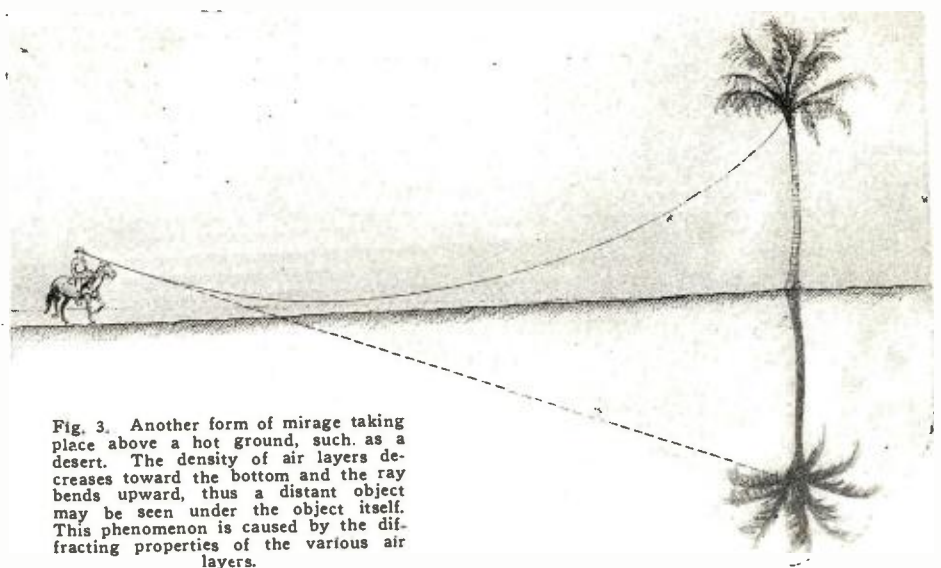


Fig. 3. Another form of mirage taking place above a hot ground, such as a desert. The density of air layers decreases toward the bottom and the ray bends upward, thus a distant object may be seen under the object itself. This phenomenon is caused by the diffracting properties of the various air layers.

the layers of air. From this point the light ray reflects and comes back toward the upper layers. That is why, during some hot days when the air is undisturbed, the picture of a distant ship appears some times above the horizon (Fig. 2). The cold air in contact with the water deviates the rays toward the bottom and the eye sees the object in the direction from which the rays come. On the contrary, above a hot ground, such as a sandy beach or desert, the density decreases toward the bottom and the ray bends upward. Thus distant objects can produce pictures which seem to be under the object itself, as shown in Fig. 3.

The blue of the sky is sometimes seen under the horizon, producing the illusion of a liquid surface. The local conditions may be such that the reflecting layers are not horizontal; in this case the mirage may be lateral and the pictures appear on the side instead of above or under.

The electromagnetic waves having practically the same exponent as that of light waves, probably curve themselves in the same way and produce the same phenomena. While the great deviations and the mirage are rare phenomena for light, they must be frequent and even normal for the electromagnetic waves used in radio; because their greater range tends to make them more subject to the numerous modifications of the atmosphere found along their route. Several other conditions are also more usually produced for a wave-length of about 1,000 meters than for wave-lengths of a thousandth of a millimeter. In particular, the reflection can only take place on a surface of which the irregularities do not exceed the order of magnitude of the wave-length. A surface must be highly polished to reflect light, but a cliff, a forest, reflects sounds, the wave-length of which are rather long. A very irregular surface, such as that of a cloud, may act as a fairly good reflector for a wave-length 1,000 meters long. Calculations show that such a cloud may, under the proper angle, reflect about one-quarter of a received intensity, in which case, the emitted intensity is reduced of the same amount.

These deviations and reflections to which radio waves are subjected during their long travel through the atmosphere, justify the introduction of a factor of reduction in the formula, which is necessary to make the calculations and the measured values of the electromagnetic field check. This modification is the formula of Dr. Austin, which has been verified almost exactly during the recent measurement made by the International Scientific Research Union.

These considerations usually explain the accidental variations which are noticeable

when receiving radio signals. When traveling over several thousand miles, the least variation in the state of the atmosphere may change the direction of the rays producing sometimes a reinforcing effect, but more often a reduction, or sometimes a complete disappearance, of the signal received. The periodic variations caused by the solar action is also easily explained by the motion of the air produced when it gets warm while in contact with the ground. During the day the earth is heated by the sun and the air getting warm produces some vertical currents, producing a great many layers of different densities diffusing the electromagnetic waves. Therefore, the atmosphere is more disturbed during the day than during night.

I shall not develop further these explanations of a theory which is not yet proved, but which is, however, more logical and can more easily be controlled than the others in which the phenomenon of ionization is supposed to take place. The study already begun on the possible relation between the variations of intensity and atmospheric variations will undoubtedly furnish much interesting data to confirm these theories.

I shall only mention the possibility of a mirage which might take place permanently due to the constant deflection produced by the decrease of the action of the ether at higher altitudes. The astronomical observations show that the pressure and temperature decrease and that the optical properties are equal to that of vacuum at an altitude of about 100 kilometers. This distance represents a small number of wave-lengths and a very small fraction of the earth's radius equal to 6,370 kilometers. Fig. 4 shows a circle, the thickness and radius of which are in the same proportion as the thickness of the atmosphere and the radius of the earth. This shows how thin this gaseous layer surrounding the earth is.

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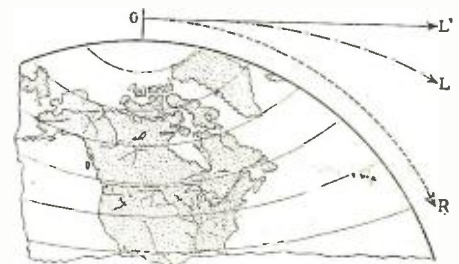
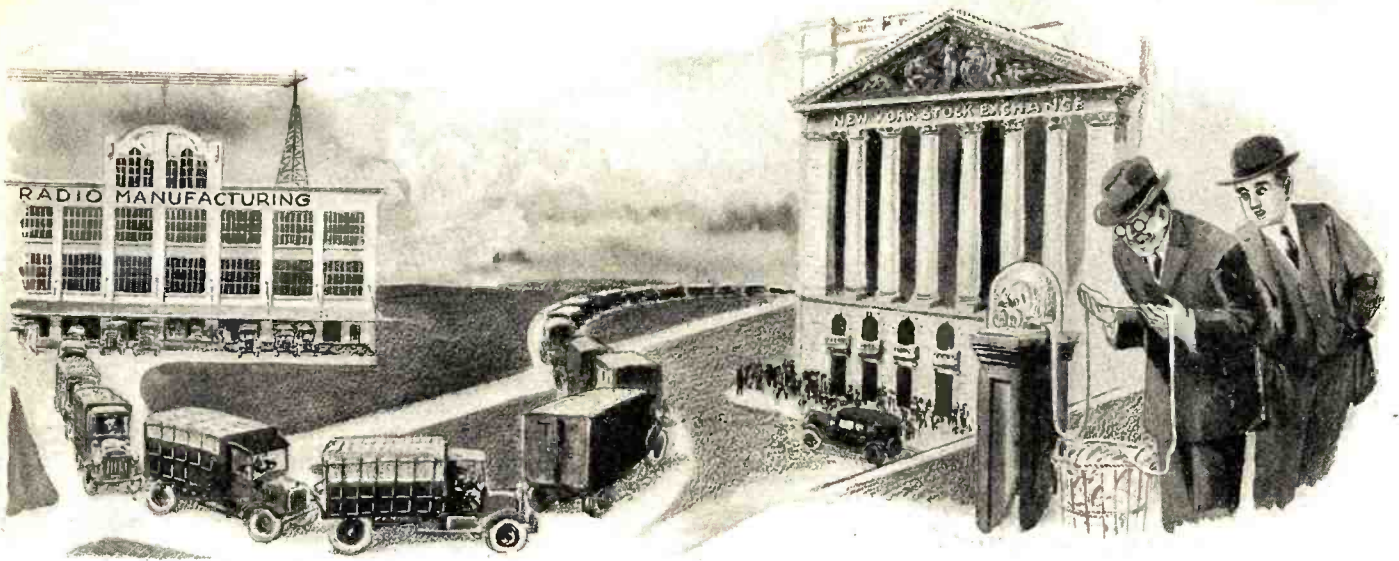


Fig. 1. This diagram shows the difference between the propagation of a light ray and radio waves. The light ray travels in a straight line while the radio waves travel around the earth, as shown by the line OR.





Radio is a good investment for the financier so long as it is good over the retail counter

# The Financial Side of Radio

By JAMES A. HALSTED

*Mr. Halsted, a New York broker, here discusses some points connected with the purely financial side of the radio industry which has, up to the present, been neglected.*

**T**HE first step of importance toward financing the radio industry in the United States came in 1919 when the General Electric Company caused the Radio Corporation of America to be organized, and turned over to it the entire stock interest which the British Marconi Company had previously held in the American Marconi Company. The Radio Corporation also received valuable patent rights of the largest electrical companies in the United States. In addition, cash was paid into the treasury of the Radio Corporation for its preferred stock, which was issued at par as follows: \$287,260 in January, 1920; \$2,500,000 in August, 1920; \$1,000,000 in February, 1921, and \$2,000,000 in September, 1922.

### PUBLIC BECOMES INTERESTED

Although this company reported very satisfactory progress, and radio passed from the experimental stage into that of a great industry, the public did not become interested in the financial side until 1924.

This is shown by the fact that at the end of 1923 there were only two radio stocks traded in on the New York Curb Market, while at the end of 1924 there were 14 stocks listed on the Curb and several more were waiting. Furthermore, Radio Corporation stock, which in 1923 had a high of 4¼, reached 13¾ in 1924. Dubilier, with a high of 135½ in 1923, reached 68 in 1924.

Within the last six months the financial end of the radio industry has greatly appealed to the speculating public. The avidity with which new stock issues have been taken up by the public has exceeded even the most sanguine expectations of the promoting houses. The doubling and tripling of the market value of the issues within a short time has been another feature of the "radio market." The latest approach to this was the famous "oil market" of 1919.

One reason for the "radio market" is found in the unprecedented growth in the sales of radio equipment, which has been reported as follows:

1920....	\$ 2,000,000
1921....	5,000,000
1922....	60,000,000

1923.... 120,000,000  
 1924.... 300,000,000 to \$350,000,000  
 In no other industry have sales increased at such a rate and reached so large an amount in so short a time.

The general improvement in the stock market and especially that since November 4, 1924, has also considerably helped the market for radio stocks, and is one reason why they received a belated recognition from the public in 1924.

ate future, it is most likely that the coming months will show an unusually large demand for radio equipment from the farming sections, because the purchasing power of the farmer is greater than it has been for a number of years. This is now being reflected in the large sales of the mail order houses and is bound to increase the sales of radio equipment in these sections. The general prosperity and revival of business confidence has helped and will continue.

It is estimated that there are 3,500,000 tube sets in the United States as compared with 10,000,000 phonographs. It needs no stretch of imagination to see a radio set in every home where there is now a phonograph. There are likewise 15,000,000 registered automobiles in the United States, and anyone who can afford an automobile, with an average cost of \$800, can easily afford a radio set.

These figures are not considered the maximum number of sets that can be sold in this country, but what the market can be expected to absorb in the next few years.

Furthermore, with the tremendous impetus that the industry has received in this country, our manufacturers will doubtless create a constantly growing market in foreign countries. It is reported that at present the value of radio exports is around \$300,000 monthly. It is understood that the British ban on radio equipment has been removed and a large increase in exports into that country is expected.

The first four months of 1925 are expected to be very good, and will likely be double those for the first four months of 1924.

### COMPETITION

There are now some 3,000 concerns manufacturing radio equipment and most of them are increasing their facilities. This increase in production should not be felt during the first four months of 1925, but when the unfilled orders have been taken care of during the summer and stocks of equipment have been built up, it is likely that competition

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## 40 Non-Technical Radio Articles

every month for the beginner, the layman and those who like radio from the non-technical side.

SCIENCE & INVENTION, which can be bought at any newsstand, contains the largest and most interesting section of radio articles of any non-radio magazine in existence.

Plenty of "How To Make It" radio articles and plenty of simplified hook-ups for the layman and experimenter. The radio section of SCIENCE & INVENTION is so good that many RADIO NEWS readers buy it solely for this feature.

### List of Radio Articles Appearing in the April Issue of "Science and Invention"

- Around the World Transmission  
By Donald H. Menzel, Ph.D.
- Multiple Wavemeter—How to Make It  
By Sidney E. Finkelstein, A.M.I.R.E.
- The Ritz Super-Het—Full Details  
By Charles Caesar Ritz
- Elementary Circuits for the Beginner
- Single Control Receivers With Circuits  
By Leon L. Adelman, A.M.I.R.E.
- European Broadcast Map
- How Far Does a Squeal Travel?
- Radio Oracle—Questions and Answers
- Radio Wrinkles—Numerous Hints and Kinks

### FUTURE OF THE RADIO INDUSTRY

The outlook for the radio industry appears very bright. Regarding the immedi-



# The First Annual Radio Set Directory

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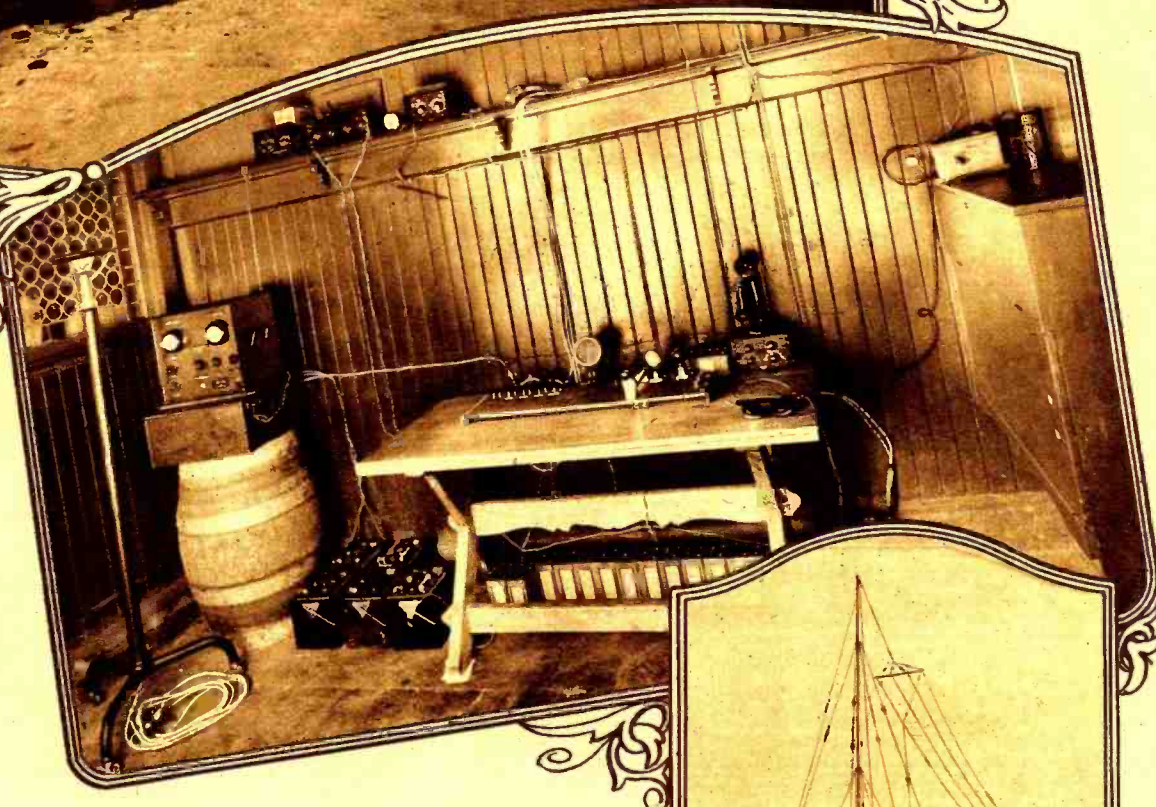
A further list of radio sets of American manufacture, with sufficient data on each for the prospective buyer to make an intelligent selection.

 <p>TRADE NAME: Inverse Duplex. MODEL: 3-X P. TUBES: Three. BATTERIES: 6 volts storage "A," 80 to 120 volts "B." CONTROLS: Three. AERIAL: Indoor or outdoor. PRICE: \$85.00 without accessories. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: David Grimes, Inc.</p>	<p>TRADE NAME: Wilcox Hexaircoil Set. MODEL: De Luxe. TYPE: Tuned radio frequency. TUBES: Five. BATTERIES: Storage "A," 60 to 90 volts "B" and a "C." CONTROLS: Three. AERIAL: Indoor or outdoor. PRICE: \$250.00 without accessories, but built-in loud speaker. \$300.00 completely equipped. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Wilcox Laboratories.</p> 
 <p>TRADE NAME: Harco Crystal Set. TYPE: Crystal set. No tubes or batteries required. CONTROLS: One. AERIAL: Outdoor. PRICE: \$3.00 without accessories. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Harcourt Radio Company.</p>	<p>TRADE NAME: Perflex. TYPE: One-stage tuned radio frequency, detector and two stages audio frequency. Reflexed inductive absorption coupling. TUBES: Two. Either 199 or 201-A type. BATTERIES: "A" and "B," voltage supplied from house lightning system, 110 volts A.C. CONTROLS: Two. AERIAL: Indoor or outdoor. PRICE: \$170.00 complete except tubes. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Wireless Shop. NOTE: Same set with filament supply only from 110 volts A. C., \$145.00.</p> 
 <p>TRADE NAME: Hearwell Variometer Lyric. TYPE: Crystal set. No tubes or batteries required. CONTROLS: One. AERIAL: Outdoor. PRICE: \$10.00 without accessories. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Hearwell Radio, Inc.</p>	<p>TRADE NAME: Acme Special. TYPE: Regenerative. TUBES: One 199 type. BATTERIES: Dry cell "A" and 22½ to 45 volts "B." CONTROLS: Two. AERIAL: Outdoor. PRICE: \$23.00 without accessories. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Wright Radio Manufacturing Company.</p> 
 <p>TRADE NAME: Hearwell Whole Wave Receiver. TYPE: Double crystal set. No tubes or batteries required. CONTROLS: One. AERIAL: Outdoor. PRICE: \$8.00 without accessories. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Hearwell Radio, Inc.</p>	<p>TRADE NAME: Wright. MODEL: B. TYPE: One-stage radio frequency and detector. TUBES: Two 199 type. BATTERIES: Dry cell "A" and 45 volts "B." CONTROLS: Two. AERIAL: Indoor or outdoor. PRICE: \$50.00 without accessories. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Wright Radio Manufacturing Company.</p> 
 <p>TRADE NAME: Hercules Receiver. TYPE: Tuned radio frequency. TUBES: Five. BATTERIES: Six volt storage "A," 60 to 90 volts "B." CONTROLS: Three. AERIAL: Indoor or outdoor. PRICE: \$85.00 without accessories. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: B. F. Miller, Inc.</p>	<p>TRADE NAME: Wright. MODEL: III-W. TYPE: Detector and two-stage audio. TUBES: Three, 201-A type. BATTERIES: Six-volt storage "A," 60 to 90 volts "B." CONTROLS: Two. AERIAL: Outdoor. PRICE: \$60.00 without accessories. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Wright Radio Manufacturing Company.</p> 
 <p>TRADE NAME: Operadio. TYPE: Three stages radio frequency, detector and two stages audio. TUBES: Six 199 type. BATTERIES: Dry cell "A," 60 to 90 volts "B." CONTROLS: Two. AERIAL: Loop. PRICE: \$195.00 including tubes, batteries, loud speaker and loop aerial. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: The Operadio Corporation.</p>	<p>TRADE NAME: Wright. MODEL: IV-D. TYPE: One radio, detector and two audio. TUBES: Four 199 type. BATTERIES: Dry cell "A," 45 to 90 volts "B." CONTROLS: Two. AERIAL: Indoor or outdoor. PRICE: \$85.00 without accessories. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Wright Radio Manufacturing Company.</p> 
 <p>TRADE NAME: Wilcox Hexaircoil Set. MODEL: Standard. TYPE: 10-H tuned radio frequency. TUBES: Five. BATTERIES: Storage "A," 60 to 90 volts "B," and a "C." CONTROLS: Three. AERIAL: Indoor or outdoor. PRICE: \$100.00 without accessories. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Wilcox Laboratories.</p>	<p>TRADE NAME: Wright. MODEL: VI. TYPE: One-stage radio, detector and four stages of resistance coupled audio frequency amplification. TUBES: Six 199 type. BATTERIES: Dry cell "A," 60 to 90 volts "B." CONTROLS: Two. AERIAL: Indoor or outdoor. PRICE: \$100.00 without accessories. MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Wright Radio Manufacturing Company.</p> 

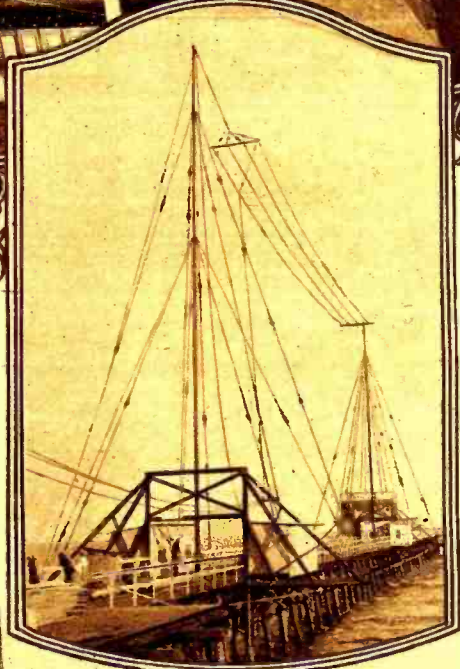




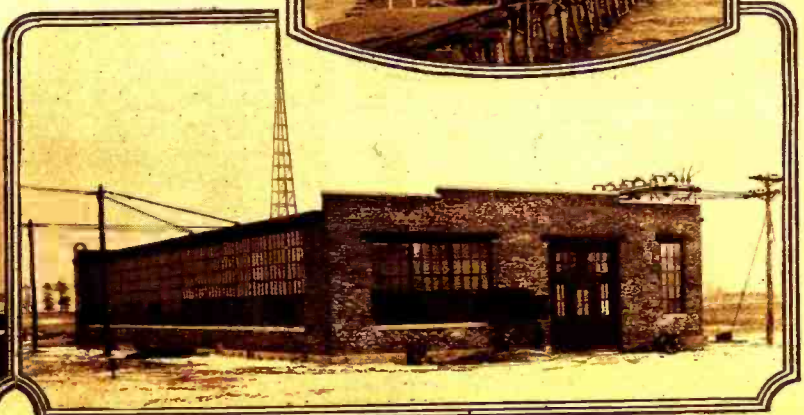
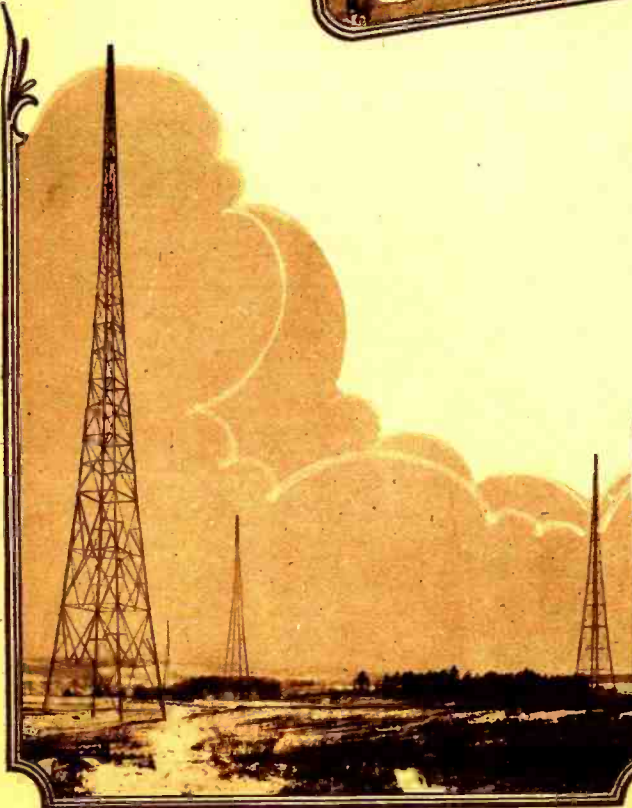
**UNIQUE CANADIAN STATION.**  
The studio at Montreal in the Frontenac Breweries is the most unique one in the world. On the left is shown the studio, set up in the brewery. Below is the remote control room from which signals are sent on to Station CKAC. Prizes offered by the Frontenac Breweries are also of the popular order; Managing Director Pierre Beaubien had to award gold pieces instead of the usual 10-gallon barrels to American winners.



**ON THE BANKS OF THE MOHAWK.**  
Lower right. Main power house for radio transmitters at the Schenectady plant of the General Electric Co. In the building transmitters rated from 50 to 100 kilowatts may be housed. Below: Three masts 300 feet high on the 53-acre laboratory of the General Electric Company near Schenectady, N. Y. From these structures aerials may be hung for experimentation on wave-lengths from 600 to 3,000 meters.



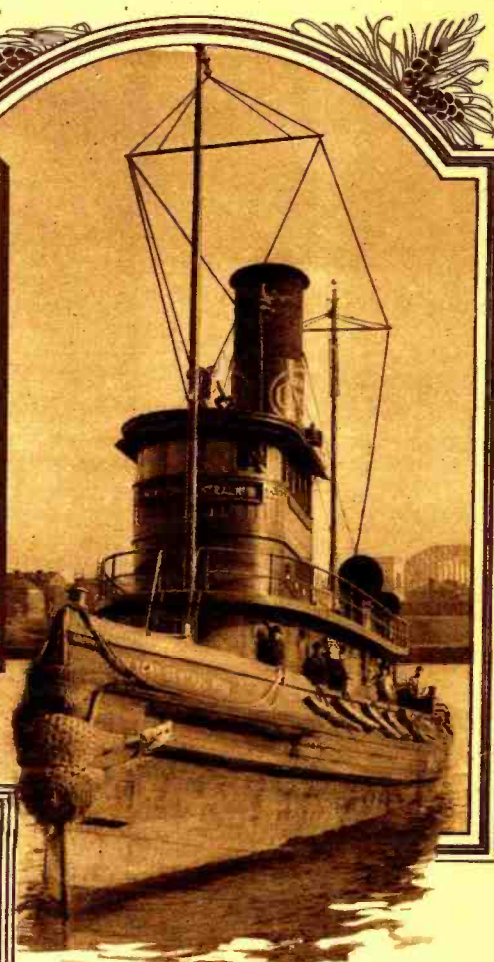
**SOUTHERN BROADCAST STATION ON PIER.** Station WOE, at Palm Beach, Fla., has an antenna 130 feet above the water and 240 feet long. The transmitter is located in the little house at the end of the pier. (© Fotograms.)





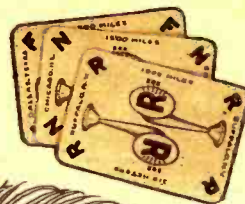
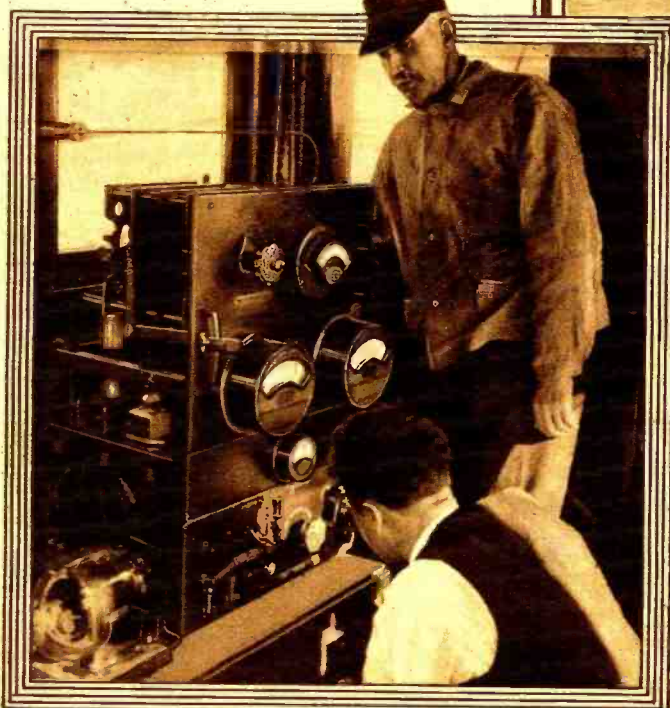


**CAPTAIN OF TUG RECEIVING RADIO ORDERS.**  
Radio receiving equipment in pilot house of New York Central Tug No. 18. (© Kadel & Herbert.)



**TUGBOAT DIRECTED BY RADIO ORDERS.** Tug No. 12, of the New York Central Railroad, is equipped with receiving and transmitting apparatus, in order that time may be saved in its movements. Orders are received from headquarters ashore. (© Kadel & Herbert.)

**TUNING UP TUG BOATS EQUIPMENT.** G. W. Hamilton, radio operator on Tug No. 18 of the New York Central Railroad working on the 500-watt C.W. transmitting equipment. This set has an average transmitting range of from 500 to 1,000 miles. (© Kadel & Herbert.)



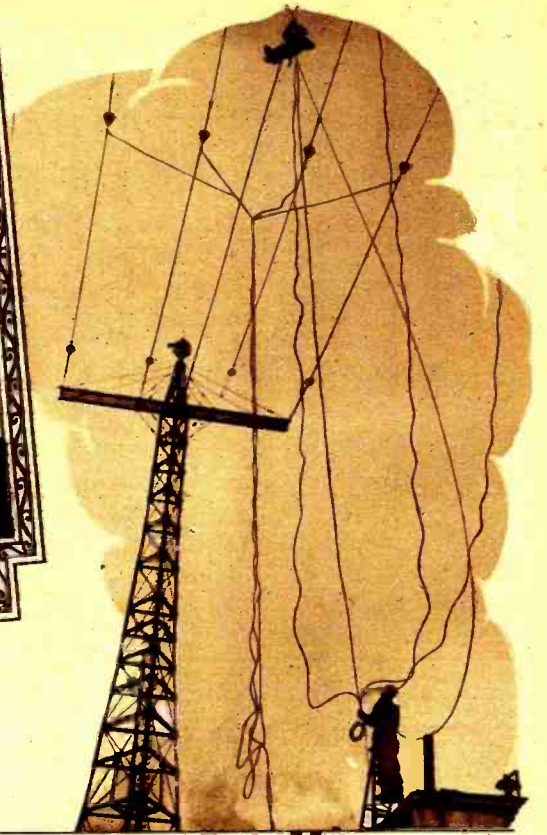
**NEW RADIO CARD GAME.** A most fascinating game for fans of all ages. It is similar to Rummy, only the cards are marked with the calls of broadcast stations.







**RADIO RECEIVER IN HOME ON WHEELS.** W. K. Kellogg, of Battle Creek, Mich., has a home-on-wheels. A radio set is placed in it with the loud speaker over the driver's seat. (© Kadel & Herbert.)



**NEW LEAD-IN WIRES INSTALLED AT WJZ.** Upper right. Workman suspended between the two towers twenty odd stories above Forty-second Street, New York City. (© Underwood & Underwood.)



**FIRST PORTUGUESE NEWSPAPER TO INSTALL RADIO.** Center. The largest daily newspaper of Lisbon, "O Seculo," has installed radio equipment to collect news items.



**SMALLEST RADIOPHONE TRANSMITTER KNOWN.** Lower left. Albert B. Caldwell, of New York City, is the constructor of a transmitter that uses a 201-A tube. (© Keystone View Co.)



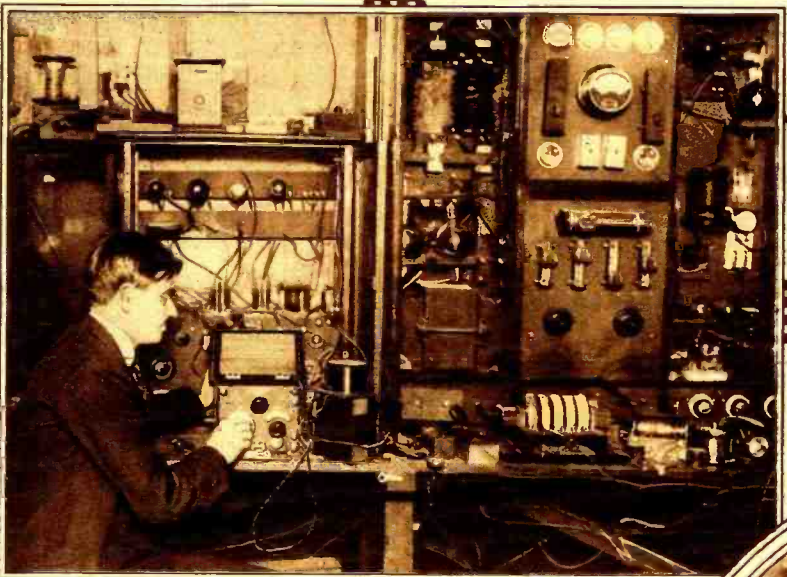
**RADIO GOLD DETECTOR.** Herman Jeastor, a German inventor, constructed the instrument shown above, which is used in locating gold under the ground. It is called the "Radio Emanator." (© P. & A. Photos.)



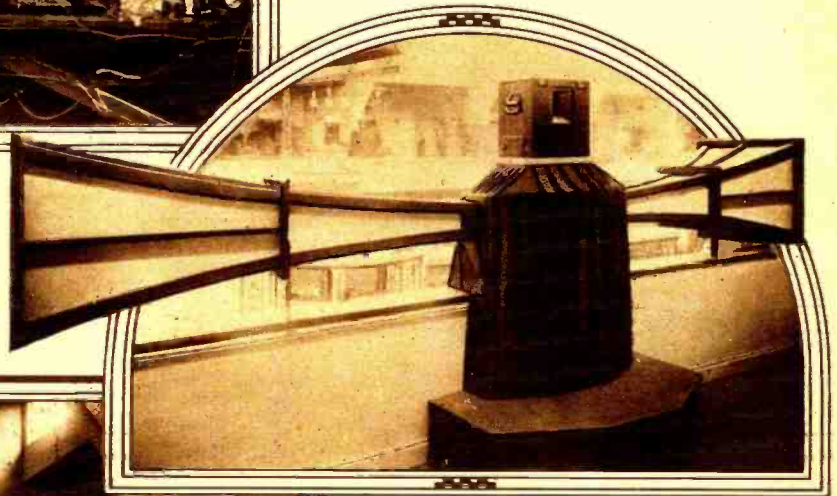
**TRANS-ATLANTIC RADIO CHESS MATCH.** Haverford College, at Ambler, Pa., and Oxford University in England, recently played chess by radio. The Haverford team's moves were sent to Oxford by the college station 3ZG shown on the right, and received in England by Station 2NM in London. (© P. & A. Photos.)



**NEW CRYSTAL USED IN RADIO.** Mr. H. De Goot, of the Bureau of Standards, has been working with quartz crystals, which vibrate at radio frequencies and with extraordinary constancy. They are to be used for adjusting, and keeping constant, the wave-lengths of broadcast stations. They should not be confused with the so-called "oscillating crystals." (© Henry Miller News Picture Service, Inc.)



**GERMAN GIANT LOUD SPEAKER.** In order that everyone in the huge building of the Berlin Radio Exposition might hear the radio programs, this loud speaker was installed on the balcony solely for this exhibit. (© Williams Service.)



**INTERIOR OF BERLIN RADIO-HALL.** Left. This building was constructed especially for the exhibition of radio apparatus, as it is built entirely of wood, as designed by the architect, Prof. Heinrich Straumer. There are sound-proof booths provided so that the different types of loud speakers may be heard and compared. Connected with the building is a hall with seating capacity of 500, a restaurant, offices and living quarters for attendants.







**OPERA STARS BROADCAST.** Lucrezia Bori, at left, is pouring into the microphone those golden notes which were broadcast to millions early in January. On the right John McCormack, concert tenor, who broadcast the same evening, with Miss Bori, is preparing to sing: "Mother Macree." (© Kadel & Herbert.)



**"SNOWED UNDER."** This was the result at Station WEAF when the fans thanked the station for the broadcasting of the voices of the opera stars. Broadcast listeners are seldom given such a treat. (By United.)

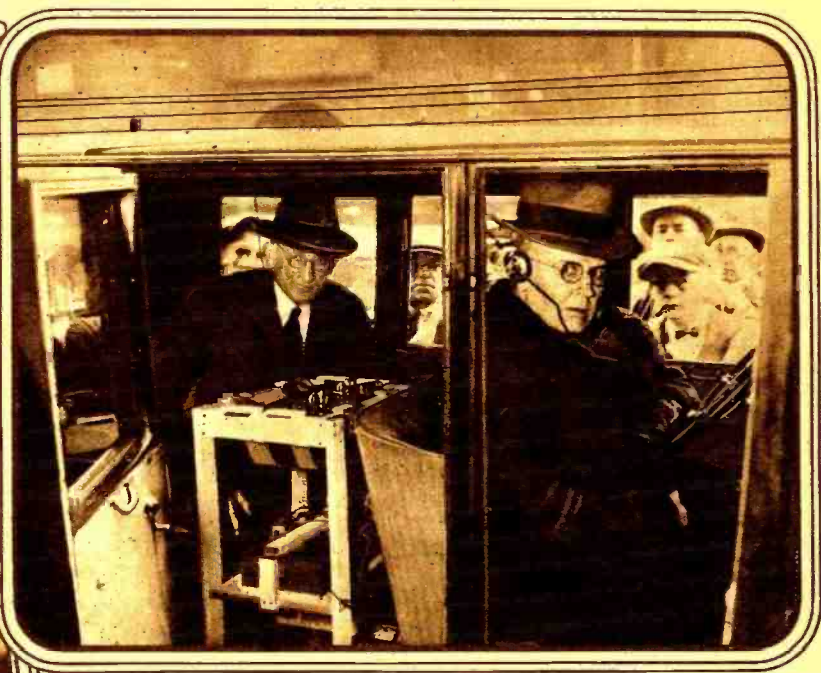


**SINGER GAUGES VOICE BY LISTENING-IN.** Miss May Macrae, coloratura soprano, regulates her voice while broadcasting by listening to how it is put on the air. (© Wide World Photo.)



**MADAME ALDA BROADCASTS.** The third great singer to broadcast was Mme. Frances Alda, prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera Co. Several beautiful selections were broadcast through station WEAF. (© Wide World Photos.)





**RADIO FOR CHICAGO POLICE.** Above. Here you see a Chicago fast squad car carrying complete radio transmitting and receiving apparatus, ready for a dash into the underworld. Messages are transmitted and received at the city's own station. Keeping in touch with headquarters offers the detectives the opportunity of immediate information on the movements of those wanted. © United.

**PHANTOM TRIP ABOARD S.S. "LEVIATHAN."** Above. Capt. Herbert Hartley, of the world's largest liner, recently described from Station WNYC how a steamer was started on her long journeys. Fans who "took the trip" heard the giant boat getting under way. © Underwood & Underwood.)



**YOUNGEST REGULAR ANNOUNCER.** Below. Nancy Clancy, 16 years old, who attends school during the day, and announces at broadcast station WAHG, Long Island, N. Y. each evening for three hours. © P. & A. Photos.)

**NEWEST IN RADIO MILLINERY.** Right. From London comes this creation for Milady. A complete crystal set is built in the crown of the hat. (International Newsreel Photo.)



**ACTRESS DESERTS STAGE FOR RADIO.** Left. Alexandra Carlisle, famous classic actress, retired from the stage to aid her husband, J. Elliott Jenkins, one of America's foremost radio experts, in his experiments on radio. © Underwood & Underwood.)







**INDIAN WEDDING BROADCAST.** An Iroquois tribal wedding broadcast from a Chicago station, when Jacqueline Norris, an adopted daughter of the Iroquois, married Chief White Feather. (© Underwood & Underwood.)

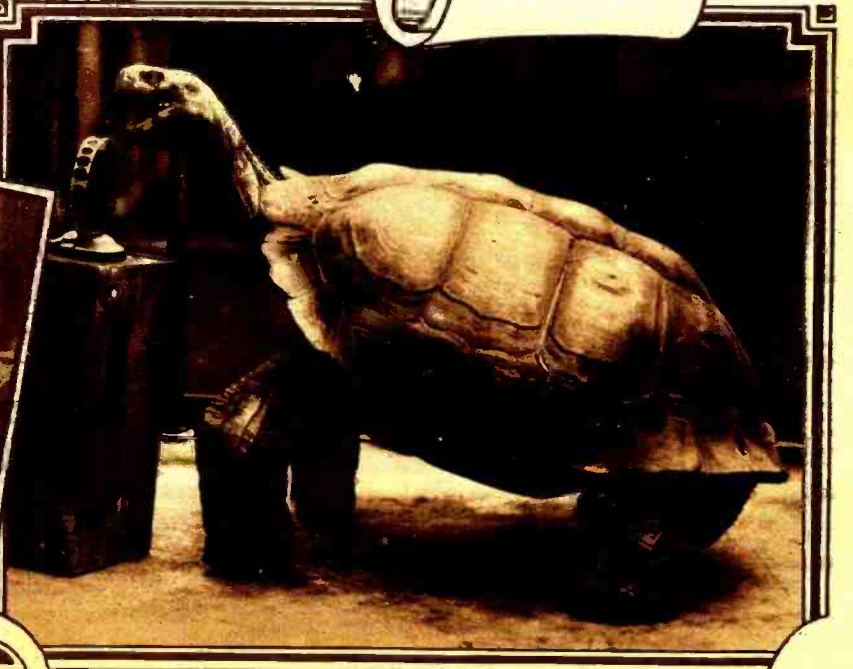
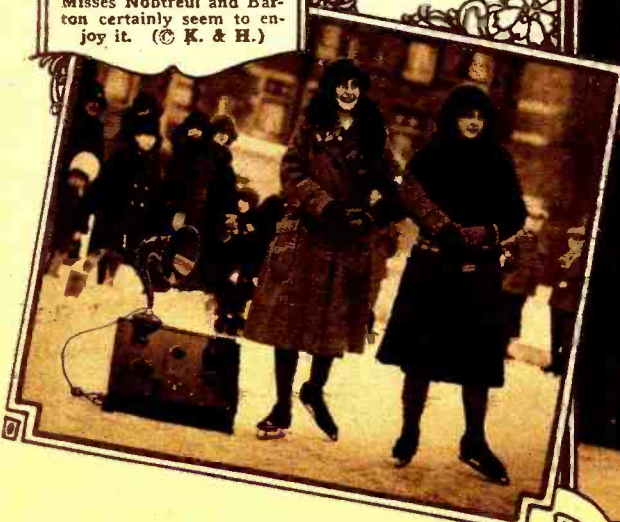


**HUSKY YIELDS TO RADIO.** Jacques Suzanne, famous dogmusher of the Adirondacks, giving his guests on a sledge trip a treat with his Super-Heterodyne. (© Underwood & Underwood.)

**BRINGING THE JUNGLE TO THE HOME.** One of the New York broadcast stations has experimented with putting the sounds of different animals on the air. Above, the microphone is picking up the voices of the seals asking for a bite, and below is shown Old Man Turtle making his ethereal debut and evidently enjoying it. (© International News-reel Photos.)



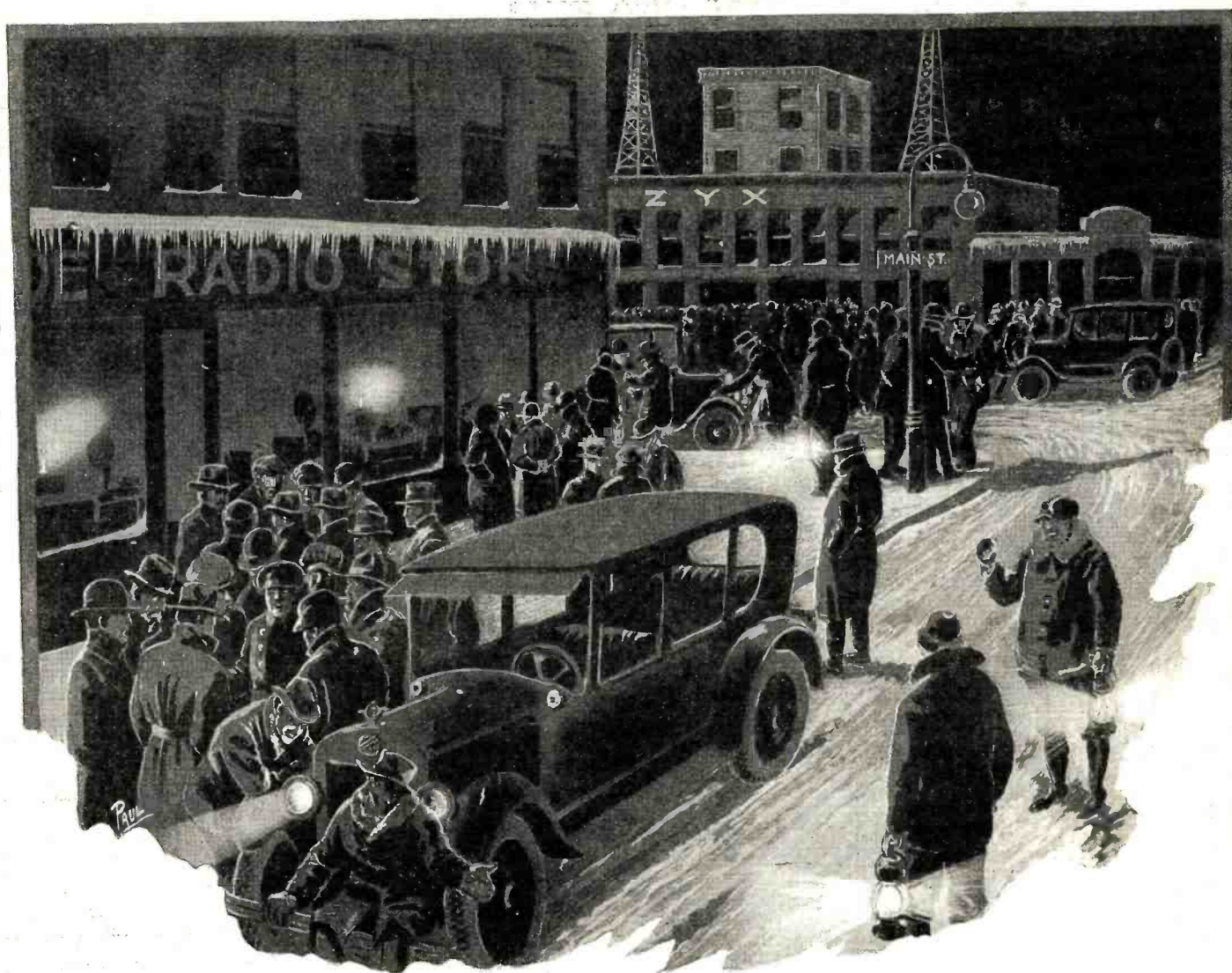
**SKATING TO RADIO MUSIC.** In Quebec, Canada, radio furnishes entertainment to skaters and onlookers. The Misses Nobtreul and Barton certainly seem to enjoy it. (© K. & H.)





# The Great Bedtime Story Conspiracy

By ROBERT FRANCIS SMITH



When we gets up to the station we find to our surprise that the said sounds ain't coming so much from the station as from groups of people gathered in the streets. The Master edges into one bunch and inquires why the excitement. "Something's wrong," said a voice. "All the lights are out for blocks, our radios are burnt out, I can't start my car because the starter isn't feeling well and nobody can get central on the phone."

"ONCE upon a time, oh, such a long time ago, almost a week, there lived a little girl named Gold-In-Hock. Now Gold-In-Hock was, oh, such a nice, nice little girl. She always helped her dear mamma, oh, just all she could, and practiced her music lessons a whole hour every day, and hardly ever went auto riding with strangers."

"Something tells me," I meditates, "that Gold-In-Hock is due for a bad fall."

"Shut up," suggests the other partner to our life booking. The program continues.

"And dear little Gold-In-Hock was out walking when, oh, just guess what she saw coming! Three bears from Wall Street! But do you think dear little Gold-In-Hock was afraid? Dear me, no! The sweet little girl just walked right up to the bears and stared straight into their mean old faces, so there!

"Well, whatcha want?" asked the dear girl.

"But the bears just didn't move!

"Who gyped me for a Jolts-Choice and then left me flat?" asked the biggest bear.

"And who vamped me into buying all those Paris gowns?" asked the middle-sized bear.

"And who took my bankroll?" asked the littlest bear.

"Now Gold-In-Hock was, oh, such a nice little girl and, oh, it made her feel so bad to hear the bears, so she stood right up and looked the biggest bear in his awful old face.

"Lissen, big boy," she said, 'your tin rattler's out under a switch engine in Yonkers.'

"Then the dear child turned to the middle-sized bear and said:

"Your Second Avenue rags are on Third Avenue now.'

"Then to the littlest bear she said:

"As for you, poor fish, get back to deep water before somebody else trims your fins.'

"Now, children, wasn't she the dearest, bravest little girl you ever heard of?"

There's a moment's silence while I tunes in Mobile, Alabama, to get the latest quotations on U. S. Steel. Then the wife offers her opinion, which has one salvation—it's only hers.

"These bedtime stories are the bunk," she declares.

"Really?" I remarks. "Since when did you find that out?"

Old Acid Disposition opens up with a broadside. "I don't see why I ever married you," she laments. "You can stir up more QRM than a convention of spark coils in the next block."

"Too bad your receiving set isn't big enough to tune 'em out," I comes back cheerful.

Whereat the wife decides I'm one too many for her in my present condition, so I'm left to the ether. To get the formalities over, we're Joe and Doris Hammerstein, members of that gang of swift ankles that dents up the stages of big-time vaudeville theatres. You've got it—were dancers. We're resting a few days in Chicago prior to resuming eastern bookings, after opening here next week. This giving us a fortnight in one town, I've hooked my suitcase set to an honest-to-galosh aerial and the outfit is stopping the show regular. So I'm feeling free and easy, made all the better by my having had the last word with Doris, which happens about as often as a New York ham gets Java on his coherer. Naturally, it's too good to last, and just as I'm thoroughly at ease, my missing rib sticks her sheared locks through the bedroom doorway and chortles her sweet, if a trifle weak, ultimatum.

"Just the same, Joe, dear, bedtime stories are the bunk, especially the ones you tell me."

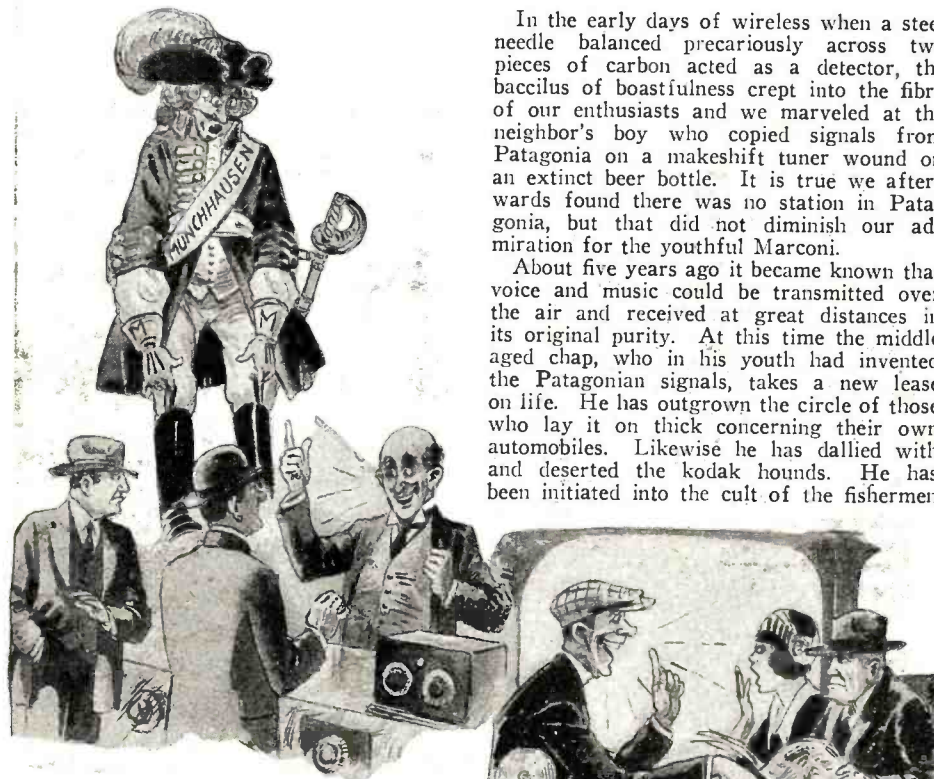
"They are!" agrees a familiar voice emphatically.

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# Radio Liars

By F. A. HILL\*



**S**HOULD Münchhausen's grave be viewed through a fluorescent screen, doubtless his dusty remains would be seen writhing in agony of despair and blighted hope. The Baron did not have the good fortune to stick it out until this age of radio. Even Annamias would be found grumbling at a fate that carried him off before this time.

And Wilde, who bewailed the decay of lying, would be today in a prevaricator's paradise where the artistry of truth distortion is as a mantle descended upon all who succumb to the rage of radio. And if Wilde were to award prizes for those who excelled in this art, none would merit them more than the Radio Liar, whose tribe increases daily and whose shadow never grows thinner.

## FISHERMAN PASSÉ

Heretofore, the fishing and hunting pretender was rather boastful without provocation and gloried in recounting imaginary bags or a fine catch. But this poor chap had only his arm's length with which to measure his alleged trophies. What a miserable span with which to do justice to fabled specimens when the Radio Liar has the breadth of a continent to gauge by, or if needs be, the distance from pole to pole as the crow flies.

Since the popularization of radio, the crop of Radio Liars harvested each year has reached such a stage that unless we are to be providentially visited with a plague of static locusts the whole nation will be engulfed in such a deluge of falsification as we have never before witnessed. This peril has reached such an alarming state it is no longer confined to the grown-ups, but is practiced by the youngsters, who are ever keen to seize upon a new toy and claim for it distinctions and advantages which no other boy's toys possess. Still, in an age when intelligence is conveyed by radio at the startling speed of 186,000 miles per second, it is perhaps natural for the art of lying to be geared up a trifle higher than in the horse and buggy epoch.

(Engineering Staff, Westinghouse, KYW.)

In the early days of wireless when a steel needle balanced precariously across two pieces of carbon acted as a detector, the bacillus of boastfulness crept into the fibre of our enthusiasts and we marveled at the neighbor's boy who copied signals from Patagonia on a makeshift tuner wound on an extinct beer bottle. It is true we afterwards found there was no station in Patagonia, but that did not diminish our admiration for the youthful Marconi.

About five years ago it became known that voice and music could be transmitted over the air and received at great distances in its original purity. At this time the middle aged chap, who in his youth had invented the Patagonian signals, takes a new lease on life. He has outgrown the circle of those who lay it on thick concerning their own automobiles. Likewise he has dallied with and deserted the kodak hounds. He has been initiated into the cult of the fishermen

not under shoot the mark, trebles the product to provide a generous safety factor for the imagination.

Thousands are being converted to radio. No walk of life is spared. The poor have the crystal sets; the rich possess the five- and ten-tube outfits. Each class of owner magnifies and elaborates on his set. The poor fellow has an especially designed cat whisker on his detector stand secured at great hazard from a mephitic feline. The man of wealth has a tube filled with a very helpful gas which acts as the good samaritan to anaemic signals and helps them across the threshold into the amplifier where they are rejuvenated and made quite vigorous.

On a wintry night the Radio Liar chances to catch a few bars from the old favorite, "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." With the mercury hugging the zero mark, the gentleman named above figures the signals could not have emanated from a northern clime. After a due process of reverse logic, he announces he tuned in Havana the night before, even furnishing you with a fictitious Spanish announcement which he had laboriously picked out of a Spanish dictionary.

## RETALIATION

Not to be outdone, Number Two of the species will tell how he heard a program the night before from KYW with no storage battery or "B" battery attached to his tubes, and that the volume was sufficient to fill a large-sized room.

Number Three jumps into the gap, telling of a mysterious vacuum tube which gives clearer signals when extinguished. He accounts for this by stating the cold resistance of the filament is so much lower when it is out, hence the signals have easier access to the tube. He can cite you eighteen other pseudo-technical reasons for this, but space will not permit their being cataloged at this time.

This clan may be found daily in any of the stores dealing in radio apparatus. You run into its members on the smoker as you go to work in the mornings. Instead of listening to an account of the doings on the c.l.r.b market, you are assaulted by your

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and hunters and is making a moderate success at stretching it, when the radio craze hits with a bang. He becomes like the ultra-successful liar in his creed, "I will lie, even if I have to tell the truth to do it."

## UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES

With such a wonderful field before him it is not long before the Patagonian signal creator is achieving boundless success. He starts by retailing conversations he has picked up out of the air, giving names, dates and other data for the sake of plausibility. Then he relates feats of talking across the block with his friend. This gives way to greater distances of alleged communication until his mileage has run up into the thousands. If his auditors should doubt him, he always has a map showing the distances. You are told you can verify the statement by writing to the man at the other end. As each scientist and researchist makes new discoveries, the Radio Liar simply multiplies these by  $\pi$ , and then to make certain he will





# Russia's Radio Laboratory

By PROF. W. K. LEBEDINSKY

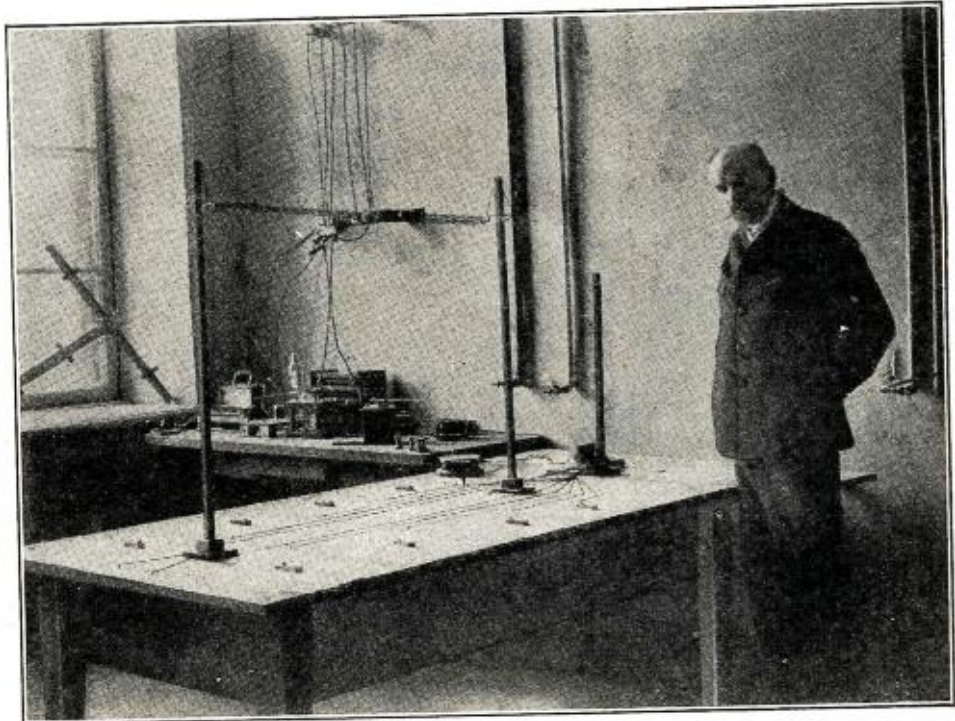
*In this, the second half of Prof. Lebedinsky's article on the accomplishments of the Russian Radio Laboratory, Nijni-Novgorod, some of the later work dealing with the nature and characteristics of transmitted oscillations are detailed.*



**R**ECENTLY, the Nijni-Novgorod radio laboratory, in designing some new apparatus for transmitters, had reason to make a close analysis of the radiated field surrounding an antenna. Mr. W. W. Tatarinov evolved a most interesting method for making exact check of this phenomena. It was necessitated by the nature of the experiments being conducted that the test should be one made by test alone, since it was not desired to learn its intensity by the usual mathematical methods.

The techniques of the plan are simple, indeed: Two large copper plates (Fig. 2) approximately 3 feet square and spaced  $2\frac{3}{4}$  feet apart were suspended directly beneath the antenna. These two plates formed a rather large condenser in which oscillations were established when the station was transmitting. The plates were supported on insulating frames and a crystal detector connected between them. A mirror galvanometer was connected across the crystal in such a manner that the strength and variations of the current in the condenser, caused by the field originating at the antenna, could be read directly. The observer taking down the results of the observation was placed at some distance from the galvanometer and provided with a telescope with which to note the deflections. By this system, all influence except that of the antenna field was removed.

The deflection of the galvanometer is directly proportional to the mean square of the



Above is shown Mr. B. A. Ostroumov at a table in the laboratory engaged in an experiment looking toward a plotting of the characteristics of oscillations from a radio transmitter. He made a new adaptation of the Braun tube which is very successful.

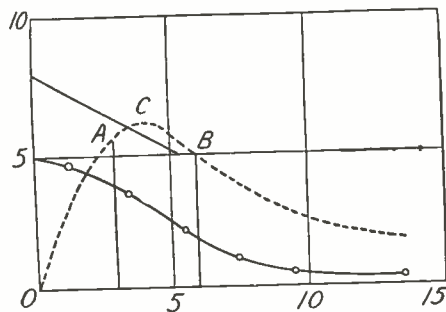


Fig. 3. A graph of the distribution of magnetic field beneath an antenna in a condition of oscillation is shown above.

field. The system of employing the condenser effect and making the apparatus as compact as possible allows portability of the testing set.

The distribution of the field strength and the displacement current through narrow rings at the earth's surface is shown in Fig. 3. The tests were made on an antenna of the umbrella type supported on a 25-foot antenna with 14 radiating wires each 20 feet long. The portability of the apparatus allows the making of a complete analysis of the field beneath the antenna.

Mr. Tatarinov is one of the foremost experimenters in the field of oscillating circuits. One of his greatest achievements was the perfection of a method by which it was possible to radiate two different waves from the same transmitting antenna without their mutual interference. This experiment is thoroughly covered in his article published in Nos. 17 and 20 of the magazine, "Radio-telegraphy and Telephony."

Along this same line of investigation one of the most interesting advancements made

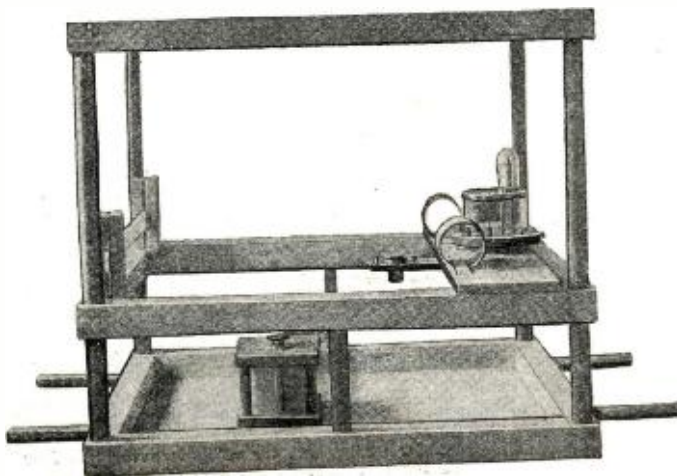
by the laboratory is a new design of Braun tube, used in studying the oscillations of radio transmitters. When the investigations were begun, the desired tube being unavailable on the Russian market, the laboratory engineers immediately set out to manufacture their own.

Mr. B. A. Ostroumov, one of the laboratory engineers, was directly in charge of this work and carried it to success.

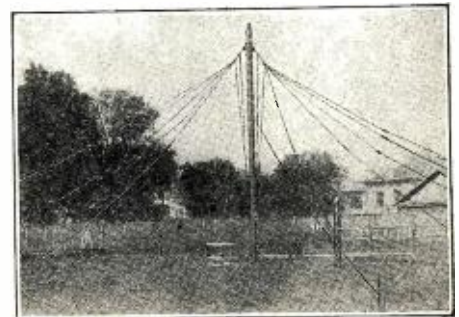
As to the design of the tube, it contains two anodes and a tantalum Wehnelt cathode (see Fig. 5). Oxides of the earth metals are enclosed in a small hollow fixed in the cathode. These metals are extremely rich in electron emission. Directly in front of the cathode is fixed a molybdenum disk with a small aperture in its center. A potential of 50 to 80 volts positive is placed upon it, and it performs the functions of a grid in the ordinary vacuum tube.

The tube being very rich in electron flow creates a veritable beam of electrons through the aperture in the plate. This stream is drawn by the main tubular anode which is supplied with a potential between 500 and 3,000 volts. This allows a perfect regula-

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At the right is shown the umbrella type antenna with the field-strength measuring device beneath it. A close-up view of the complete measuring device, Fig. 2, is shown at the left. Note the galvanometer at the end of the frame and the handles for transporting the unit.





# Underground Radio

By S. R. WINTERS



Recent tests carried on with the underground antenna system of transmission have brought to light some interesting facts bearing on the present theories relative to the propagation of radio waves. Great success has been achieved with Dr. Roger's system, the signals having been heard 1,000 miles away.



WITH a broadcasting antenna system buried four feet in the ground, and with an output of a little less than two amperes of current, Dr. J. Harris Rogers, of Hyattsville, Md., has accomplished the remarkable achievement of radiating electromagnetic waves of sufficient strength to be heard with good audibility at a distance of approximately 1,000 miles.



Unusual photograph of making connection of transmitter with underground antenna. The copper tubing is placed in the terra cotta pipe.

In other words, he reversed the common practice of elevating the transmitting antenna to a height of 400 to 600 feet, and with seeming mockery at things conventional submerged the electric-radiating system under four feet of soil.\*

## THE ANTENNA

This underground antenna was only 100 feet long, consisting of  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch copper tubing, encased in the center of a series of 18-inch joints of terra cotta pipe. After this, four-foot ditches were excavated and the terra cotta pipe, with the copper tubing, placed therein, the openings in the earth were completely filled up. One underground antenna extends in a northerly direction and the other points southward, thus affording opportunity for a study of the directional characteristics of radio signals propagated through the earth.

When the Rogers Radio Research Laboratory, with the call letters 3XR, issued the general call, CQ, the response was immediate and gratifying with respect to the range. Brass pounders—or radio amateurs, to speak with more dignity—by means of postal cards, acknowledged reception at 27 points, located in a dozen states. The geographical locations of the amateurs thus reporting are widely distributed—ranging from Maine to Florida, and with such intermediate states as Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Georgia and North Carolina. Offside the directional ranges of true north and south, D. Marshall, operator of Station 9BRG, located at Aurora, Ill., reported that he received 3XR with exceptional strength and absence of fading.

E. Davis, an amateur of Coconut Grove, a suburb of Miami, Fla., acknowledged reception, indicating that at 4 o'clock in the afternoon the signals were "loud." The distance between this point and Hyattsville, Md., is approximately 1,000 miles. This

feat of transmission and reception appears all the more phenomenal when we are told that only 1.8 amperes were put into the antenna and the transmission occurred during daylight. Of the 27 amateur stations acknowledging reception of the signals, 16 specified the audibility as "very loud." Absence of fading or swinging was conspicuously evident in the reception reports.

## THE TRANSMITTER

The transmitting equipment employed in these remarkably successful tests is contained in a rear room of the Rogers Radio Research Laboratory. The well-known Hartley circuit is used. In conducting these novel transmission experiments, two 50-watt vacuum tubes were used. The battery quarters is apart from the transmitting compartment proper, the former occupying a small second-story room. There are available 500 individual storage battery cells, capable of impressing 1,000 volts on the plates of the transmitting tubes. The wave-length used during these tests was 185 meters.

## PAST EXPERIMENTS

Connection of the transmitting equipment proper with the buried antenna was effected in a simple way, namely, by the extension of an insulated wire or copper tube from the laboratory through the floor of the building to the underground copper tubing. Preliminary underground transmission tests, conducted by Dr. Rogers a number of months ago, involved three different arrangements of the transmitting apparatus with respect to the conducting medium. In one instance, a single conduit 100 feet in length was used, the transmitter being grounded. In another case, 100 feet of conductor was employed at each end of an ungrounded transmitter. The third arrangement consisted in the placement of 100 feet of conduit at each end of the

transmitting station, with the transmitter connected to the ground in the usual way for operating transmitting and receiving equipment.

## DIRECTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

The peculiar directional properties common to a coil or loop of wire when used for receiving radio signals are accepted knowledge. Buried antennae for transmitting purposes likewise demonstrate pronounced directional characteristics. Not unlike the radio beam system the energy radiated is concentrated in one direction and its force is not dissipated as is true when electromagnetic waves are propagated in all directions. This, in part, probably accounts for the remarkable achievement of Dr. Rogers in radiating electric energy over great distances with the consumption of relatively low power. The Rogers Radio Research Laboratory is now engaged in laying terra cotta pipe for the placing of underground antennae pointing east and west, thus having facilities for radiating electric energy to all points of the compass. The installation of two 250-watt transmitting vacuum tubes will mean an appreciable increase in the output of power during subsequent transmission tests.

The results attending the recent tests justify, Dr. Rogers thinks, the following prediction: "I believe the greatest development of 1925 will be transmission and reception by buried antennae. By the use of such, fading will be eliminated, signal strength will be the same during the 24 hours, the difficulties of 'static' reduced, and, owing to the marked directivity of this form of antenna, less power will be required to cover great distances."

## THE EARTH AS A CONDUCTOR

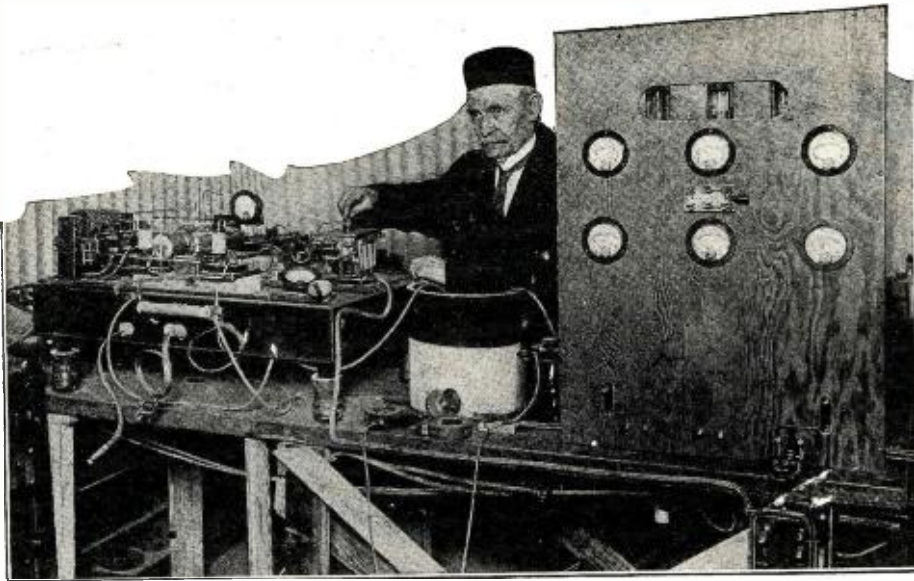
That the earth acts as a conductor of electromagnetic waves is a theory long ago ad-



Laying of terra cotta pipe, in which is placed copper tubing, and the whole is covered in four feet of soil. These underground antennae, each 100 feet long, extend north, south, east, and west respectively.

\*Prior articles on the Underground Antenna System, invented by Dr. J. H. Rogers, appeared in the March and June, 1919, issues of Science and Invention, then the Electrical Experimenter, and the June, 1924, issue of Radio News.





Dr. James Harris Rogers, inventor of the underground and underwater radio communication system, and the transmitting set used in recent tests of radiating signals underground for a distance of 1,000 miles. The panel on the right contains the two 50-watt tubes, and on the left is the new transmitter being built, consisting of two 250-watt tubes.

vanced by Dr. Rogers. He practically demonstrated this, then a revolutionary contention, during the World War. His successful efforts in intercepting and amplifying radio signals emanating from European stations by means of underground antennae are now a matter of history. Recent underground transmission tests further fortify the theory that the earth is a conducting medium for radio waves.

Dr. Rogers, in an interview with the writer, expressed the belief that many of the phenomena experienced in radio broadcasting and reception may be explained in the light of the earth as a conductor. For instance, there are so-called "dead spots" between Baltimore and Hyattsville, which means that it is practically impossible to intercept signals from Baltimore. The presence of vast

iron mines may be responsible for this. The fading or swinging of signals is another phenomenon that may be due to the hypothesis that radio waves travel through the earth. For instance, KDKA of East Pittsburgh, Pa., is widely known as radiating signals that frequently fade. The presence of mountains in that section containing an abundance of ore may explain this phenomenon, the minerals absorbing the radio waves.

"Electric waves propagated through the earth spread out perpendicularly to the surface of the earth," explains Dr. Rogers, "while waves propagated from elevated antennae travel diametrically opposite to this. One-half of the energy from elevated antennae actuates receivers over distances around the curvature of the earth. The other half of energy, which is dissipated by

elevated antennae, is never bent around or reflected around by the Heavside mirror. Buried antennae are very effective, even when using relatively lower power, because all of the energy is transmitted to the earth and thus effectively utilized."

Furthermore, as demonstrated by recent tests, Dr. Rogers believes that conditions in effect at the transmitting station influence fading. "The electrostatic lines of force do not, at all times," he explains, "embrace a uniform area, but this field of energy is constantly expanding and contracting. The result is that the strength of the electromagnetic waves radiated from elevated antennae varies in proportion to this contraction and expansion.

"This elastic condition in the electrostatic field may be attributed to changes in the space above the earth, such as passing clouds, and to the ionization of the atmosphere. However, when antennae are buried or submerged under the surface of the earth, the electromagnetic waves thus propagated are not subject to the fluctuating conditions prevalent in the hypothetical ether—or, at least, they do not exist to such a marked degree."

The results of these underground transmission tests indicate that radio waves thus propagated are not influenced by the seasonal changes of night and day. In the parlance of the street "it is fair weather all the time" for radio reception when shooting electromagnetic waves through the earth instead of radiating these invisible particles of energy through the ether. That is to say, in the 1,000-mile test between Hyattsville and a suburb of Miami, Fla., the signals transmitted during the day and after night-fall were the same with respect to audible strength and their absence of fading at the receiving point.

#### A NOTE OF THANKS

Dr. Rogers has made the following statement: "I desire to extend my thanks to the radio amateurs and others who have so generously assisted me in making these experiments. A special note of thanks is due D. S. Breitenhad, John Lunnemann and Captain E. F. French, the latter of the U. S. Army.

## Results of the Super Power Broadcasting Vote

THE hundreds of letters that have poured into the Editorial Department of RADIO NEWS have, in eight cases out of ten, been in favor of the increase of power for broadcast stations. Letters and votes have come in from every state of the Union and from all of Uncle Sam's possessions.

It has been interesting to note that in the majority of cases the people who are in favor of super-power broadcasting are those who live in more or less isolated districts, a great distance from any station. In a few letters from those who live in the vicinity of a station that at the present time is broadcasting with 500 watts or more, the desire for higher power was expressed, but in the majority of cases they were satisfied with conditions as they are.

Upon reflection, this point of view is most reasonable too. Those readers who live in New York City and who have endeavored to get some distant stations while WEAJ is working know what a difficult thing it is. And then what difficulties would be encountered if the power were increased! This is not true of New York alone, but also of any city where a station using 1,000 watts or more is located.

However, on the other hand, there is the rural populace, who are miles from any station whatsoever. Certainly they deserve every bit as much consideration as those who reside in cities. Perhaps they really deserve more, because they have not the advantage for amusement that the city dweller has. They have no theatres or con-

certs within thirty minutes of their front door. They depend entirely upon their radio receivers for amusement and also for prices of the commodities they grow or buy, weather reports, and all the other items that are broadcast daily. These people should indeed be given every consideration.

As has been mentioned above, eight persons out of every ten who sent in the voting blank or wrote a letter expressing their opinion were in favor of increasing the power of a few broadcast stations so that the entire country would be able to listen to the same programs. However, we cannot help thinking that many of the letters and votes for super-power were from users of crystal receivers and so did not give thought to the person with the tube set. We are not "knocking" the owner of the crystal set—far from it, because their number is legion for more causes than we care to mention. Yet the user of the crystal set should take into consideration many things. The man who has invested one or two hundred dollars in receiving equipment is certainly entitled to as good broadcasting as possible. And "good broadcasting" means that he should be able to listen to whatever station he may desire within the range of his receiver. With super-power this would be in a great many cases impossible, as the majority of receivers on the market today are not capable of such selective tuning as would be necessary. Consider just what would be necessary if power is increased. People in cities would only be able to get DX stations after the high-powered stations had signed off, even though

their sets were of the Super-Heterodyne type.

It may be that some of the voters who want more power have been noticing how much power stations in England and on the Continent are using. It is true that these stations use 5, 10 and even 25 k.w., but it is also true that these stations have not the range that those in this country have. We have heard of ships' operators who have listened to American stations two-thirds of the way across the Atlantic Ocean and even at that point it was most difficult to pick up English stations. The experimental station at Chelmsford, England, with an input of 25 k.w. was the first one to be heard at that point, and it is to be noted that the other stations were working at the same time. For some reason, therefore, the range of these stations must not be compared with those here in the United States. We cannot point out this reason, but it is either the operation of the equipment, the design of the apparatus, or conditions beyond the control of the engineers of the British Broadcasting Company.

As some very wise person has said, "There is much to be said on both sides of the question." This is indeed true of this question that is uppermost in the minds of many in this country today. We can only give both sides of the question. If stations do increase their power, many listeners-in will be overjoyed and many will be disgruntled. The only fair way to settle the question will be to arrange things so that the greatest number of people will be served and satisfied.





# The Life and Work of Lee DeForest



Dr. DeForest in 1905.

## PART VII

“ . . . and we indeed take great pleasure in presenting to you this medal for your unflagging effort and the great great instrumentality which it brought forth, the Audion.”

**T**HE hall was a blaze of lights, the seats were full of distinguished men of science and letters. The speaker was just finishing his remarks. Lee DeForest arose from his seat at the rear of the platform and went forward. All eyes were upon him. He was the man of the occasion. He was here expressly to receive recognition from these men, recognition at last, for his efforts. It was sweet after all those years. . . .

He left the Franklin Institute with the Elliot Cresson Gold Medal, and turned homeward. And he thought of all those struggles, those long months of privation, the literal fights with the treasurer of his own company for a necessary \$20 bill with which to pay the filing fee on a new patent—a patent on one of the phases of this same audion, too. But those times were gone forever. . . .

But they were not so far gone that he could not remember distinctly the whole development of the little vacuum tube which had brought this night's recognition. Decidedly not. Every step of it had been a clear-cut advance, and every bit of the work had been entirely original. The papers, some of them did not seem to think so; and as for Armstrong, well, he and several others would like to have shown that it was an adaptation of another man's ideas. But they would learn.

How clearly every step of the development came to mind.

First there was the idea. It came from the flickering of a Welsback burner that was affected by the transmission of signals from a testing transmitter consisting of a quarter inch spark coil with which he was working in Chicago twenty years before.

While working with his co-worker, Smythe, trying to better the old good detector, he had noticed the gas burner fluctuate with the spark coil signals so distinctly that the message could have been read with it. How they immediately became enthusiastic about it and made attempts to work a new

detector from it has already been told. And how they came to the inevitable end of the investigations when they found that it was not the electric waves at all, but the sound of the spark discharge which caused the fluctuations of light, and their disappointment, has also been told.

### THE FLAME DETECTOR

But the incident remained so clear in DeForest's mind that he could never quite give up the idea that the conductivity of gases would ultimately lead to the design of a really sensitive detector. So as soon as he had time away from the actual management of his company, he went back to the problem and began experiments. The first one he performed was with two electrodes in the flame of a Bunsen burner (see Fig. 1). With this arrangement, signals from a distant transmitter were distinctly audible, better than with the old good responder, in fact.

Of course, he had read of the conductivity of electric current in various papers, but no mention had been made of application to even alternating current, much less to currents of radio frequency. But all these experiments had to do with a sort of polarity indication using direct current. DeForest combined this idea with the adaptation and began with the arrangement shown in Fig. 1.

As soon as this arrangement was working, DeForest gave it a thorough commercial trial. The results were obvious. The reception of messages was dependent upon the stillness of the air. If the day was a quiet one and there were no draughts about, the detector worked perfectly. That, of course, could be easily remedied by placing the burner within some sort of casing which would protect it from the winds.

But, working ever toward a better detector, constantly seeking means for making it more sensitive, an examination of the circuit and device used showed him one point which was later to develop into the third electrode of the ultimate audion. He decided that so long as two common electrodes acted for both the antenna current and the local battery current there was a by-pass allowed for the signals which was bound to reduce the effectiveness of the device. Therefore, he set about designing another flame detector which would do away with this short-

coming. The resulting device is that shown in Fig. 2.

It was simply the addition of a separate local circuit thus attaining the maximum strength from the reproduced signal. The improvement in the results by the addition of the new elements was at once noticeable. From that time forward DeForest never forgot the advantages of the separate local circuit.

### A RELAY, NOT A RECTIFIER

It was in 1905 that he began concentrated work on the various forms of gas detectors. Ever since the experiment with the Welsback burner the idea had been slumbering in the back of his mind, but, due to the constant necessity of the company—his own company—and the technical problems connected with the operation and installation of the devices already in use in the commercial stations that they were constantly installing, he had little or no time to give to the outside investigations that he wished.

All during these years and while the actual work on the various forms of gas detectors was progressing, DeForest was obsessed with

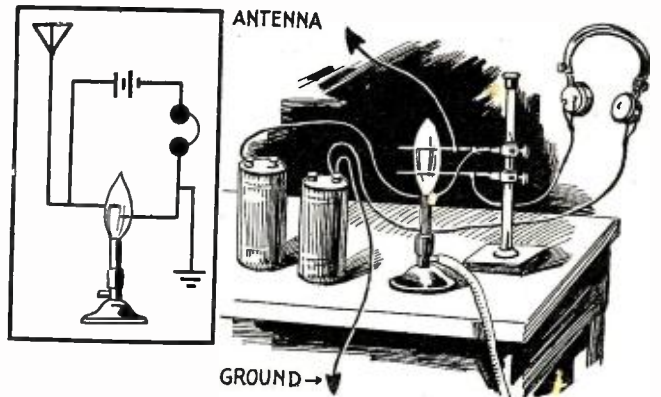
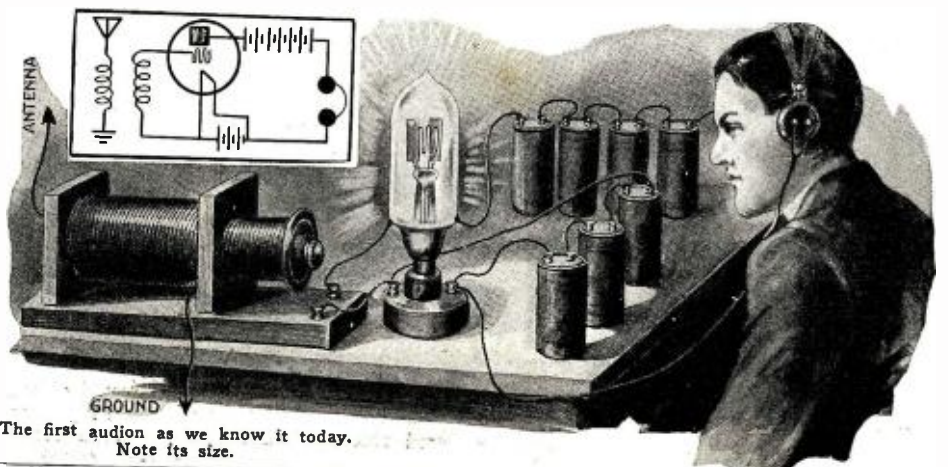


Fig. 1. The original idea of the audion in the conductivity of gases. Two electrodes in a flame was the first audion detector.

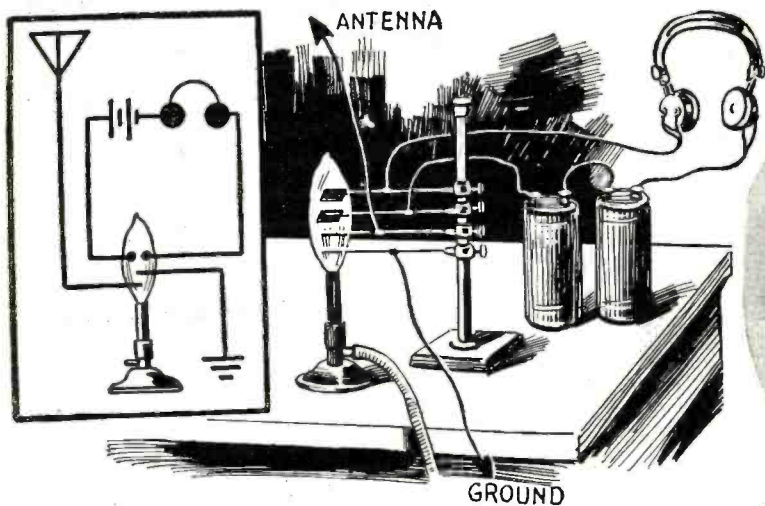


The first audion bulb consisted of two hot electrodes in a gaseous medium.

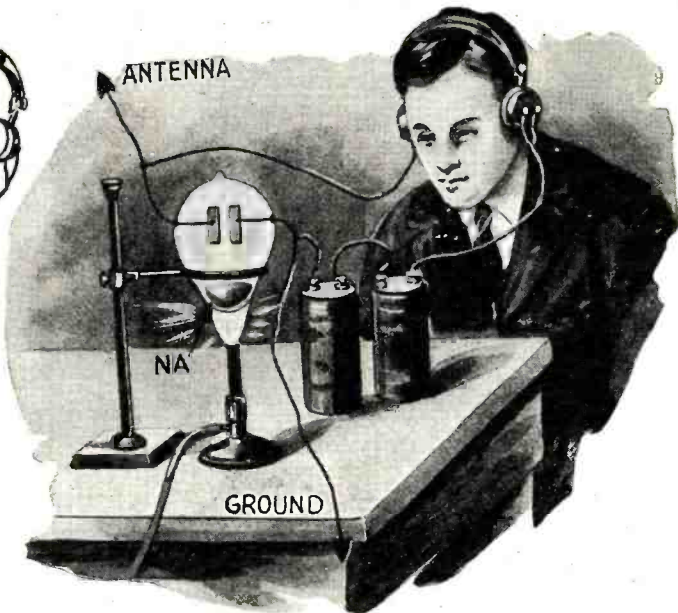


The first audion as we know it today. Note its size.





Above is the second "flame audion" with an independent local circuit. The connections are given at the left. At the right, Fig. 2a, is shown the second step in the bulb audion consisting of electrodes in sodium vapor.



the idea that it was ionization of gases that was responsible for the action of his detector. It was not primarily a *rectifying* device that he was seeking to design. It was a *relay* which would control a local source of energy by the incoming radio waves. This point must be clearly borne in mind in order that an erroneous idea concerning the evolution of the audion may be corrected.

From 1903 onward, DeForest knew of the work of Fleming and others, and the investigations which were being made with the Edison effect, the flow of current from a hot filament to a cold anode or plate. But the point which must be borne in mind is that in spite of this work, DeForest continued along his own lines of investigation, seeking to find a relay rather than a rectifying device.

**THE ADDITION OF A FILAMENT**

As soon as the experiments with the gas flame were well under way he decided that the best method of obtaining stability in the detector was, of course, to place the electrodes in a closed bulb. Consequently, the form shown in Fig. 3 was the result. The elements were heated by local batteries and

were in the form of carbon or tantalum filaments, the substances of which they were made were simply selected according to the ease and availability with which they could be purchased and worked.

And it must be noted here that the bulbs into which they were sealed were only partly exhausted of air. This point is clearly illustrated by Fig. 2a which shows the form developed about the same time for laboratory use. It consisted of two small metal electrodes sealed into a glass bulb which had an aperture in the bottom filled with some halogen salt, potassium or sodium preferably, which was formed into a gaseous state by the flame of a bunsen burner or a heating coil with battery. Both forms were tried, although only the flame type is shown. It was found that the gases produced within the bulb in this method increased the sensitivity of the detector.

The only reason that any of the air was exhausted was in order to allow the burning of the filament without its oxidization.

**THE "B" BATTERY**

In all these devices there is included a "B" battery, or local source of energy, which the tube "triggered." This is the main point of difference between the DeForest devices and those which were working on the rectifier principle. In none of the others was there a local source which was triggered by the incoming wave. The separate battery used in them was employed usually to gain a certain polarity. It was not until well along in the

experiments that DeForest found the polarity of the two electrodes to make any appreciable difference in the operating characteristics.

The efficiency of the device was due to an increase in the flow of the local current during the positive half cycles of the incoming wave and to a decrease of the local current during the negative half cycles, or vice versa, thus giving the true relay and not the rectifier.

Following the adaptation of the two filament tube, DeForest devised the tube with plate, as shown in Fig. 4, in order to save one of the batteries, and it was at this point for the first time that the polarity of the "B" battery was found to enter appreciably into the operation of the tube. And it was here for the first time that any hint was made of the employment of the Edison effect in the tube. Always up to this time with two heated electrodes the ionization of the gases within the tube was given as the sole source of its operation.

Two were used in the Brooklyn Navy Yard station.

At this point the operation of the tube became so superior to the other types of detectors that DeForest literally settled down to the work of investigation in dead earnest. He had finally decided that it should be made the chief means of detecting radio frequency currents.

Consequently, several of the available types were manufactured for the various DeForest Company stations and put into operation.

But he was still dissatisfied with its operation, all the time holding tenaciously in his own mind to the belief that it could be made the most efficient detecting device. Then he remembered the addition to the separate local circuit which he had employed in the original flame audion. The logical step was at once evident. He added the outside, separate, local circuit to the filament and plate bulb in the form of another plate on the outside of the bulb. This form is shown clearly in Fig. 5. The control, in this case, was said to be electrostatic, in the Letters Patent covering its operation. The same form of tube was made with a coil on the outside of the glass instead of the plate. In this case the Patent read that the control was by electromagnetic means.

Accordingly, the apparatus was set up and another tube was made with two separate and individual plates in it. One was on one side of the filament and the second was on the opposite side. This form functioned unexpectedly well and DeForest continually asked himself if, after all, he had found the best possible location for the third electrode.

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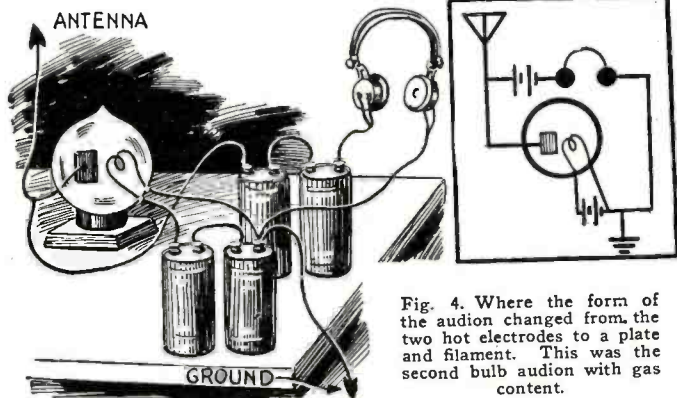
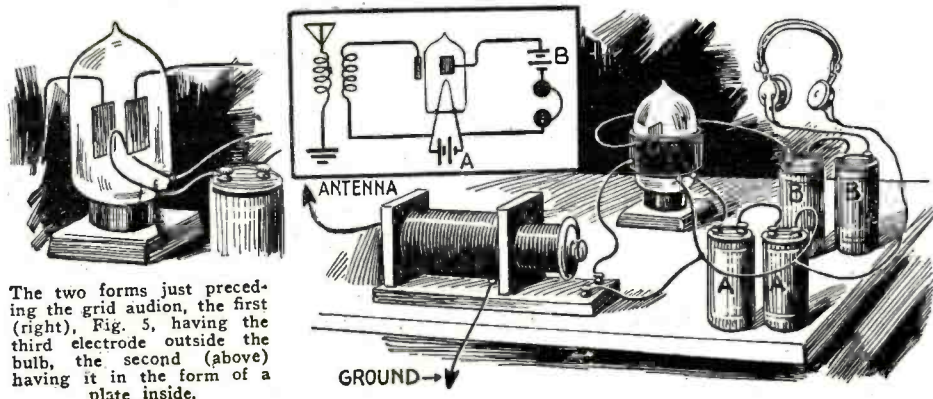


Fig. 4. Where the form of the audion changed from the two hot electrodes to a plate and filament. This was the second bulb audion with gas content.



The two forms just preceding the grid audion, the first (right), Fig. 5, having the third electrode outside the bulb, the second (above) having it in the form of a plate inside.



# A New Method of Television

By W. G. WALTON

*Below is given a description of the newest method of transmitting photographs by radio or wire at such a speed as to enable the distant envisioning of transpiring events.*

MR. W. G. WALTON, in the interest of scientific progress, has kindly given an interview for RADIO NEWS in which he explains the great difficulties in accomplishing the "Radio Movie," the ultimate object of his research. Both he and Mr. W. S. Stephenson, of the General Radio Company, London, have done a great deal of research work in the matter of the transmission of pictures by radio, and have made some highly interesting discoveries.

## WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

"For a matter of 30 to 40 years attempts to transmit pictures by electrical means have been made, and the advent of the motion picture led to dreams of transmitting pictures at such a speed that a motion picture effect could be produced," Mr. Walton said.

"The light sensitive device has been, and still is, the greatest source of our troubles. Selenium cells have the disadvantage of slow action and lag, while photo-electric cells, though faster, give only very minute currents which need amplifying by many stages of resistance coupled vacuum tube amplifiers. Neither of these devices is a desirable feature of commercial apparatus. The time required by the fastest apparatus is too long. To be an entire success, apparatus must be faster and such that it can be used at a moment's notice without many adjust-

ments, and the reception of a reasonable picture must be a certainty.

"Television or the radio movie," he continued, "is the transmission and reception of pictures by electricity in such rapid succession that a motion picture effect is obtained. Apparatus for this purpose is generally the same as that used in the transmission of photographs, but operating at a much greater speed."

## ONE METHOD

One of the methods is to traverse the picture in lines by optical arrangements and transmitting impulses, the strength of which depends on the intensity of the small sections of these lines as they are shown in succession on a light sensitive device.

At the receiving end a beam of light varied in intensity by a shutter actuated by the impulses received from the transmitting end is traversed over a screen by an optical arrangement similar to that used at the transmitting end. Everything depends upon the rate at which the light sensitive device can respond and also the light controlled shutter at the receiving end. This refers to schemes using one cell.

## MILLIONS OF DOTS

Before difficulties in the way of television can be appreciated, the number of dots necessary to produce a reasonable picture must be

known. Television to be a complete success must have almost as good a definition as the standard motion picture. With a picture of one square foot consisting of a million dots and held a foot away from the eye, an average person will be able to distinguish the dots. Such a picture will give good detail of a town or landscape view.

## SPEED

Motion pictures are shown at the rate of 16 per second. Taking this as the rate at which complete pictures must be repeated by television apparatus, our light sensitive device in single cell methods has to respond to 18,000,000 different impulses per second, and so must the light control shutters. This is, of course, putting the problem at its worst. Some investigators have stated that 300,000 (an enormous difference) will suffice. Allowing that the number of complete pictures is 10 per second, our picture consists of 30,000 dots, 150 lines of 200 dots each. Take any magazine or newspaper picture and mark off 30,000, the picture within this area can hardly be said to have good detail, certainly not in a landscape or incident picture.

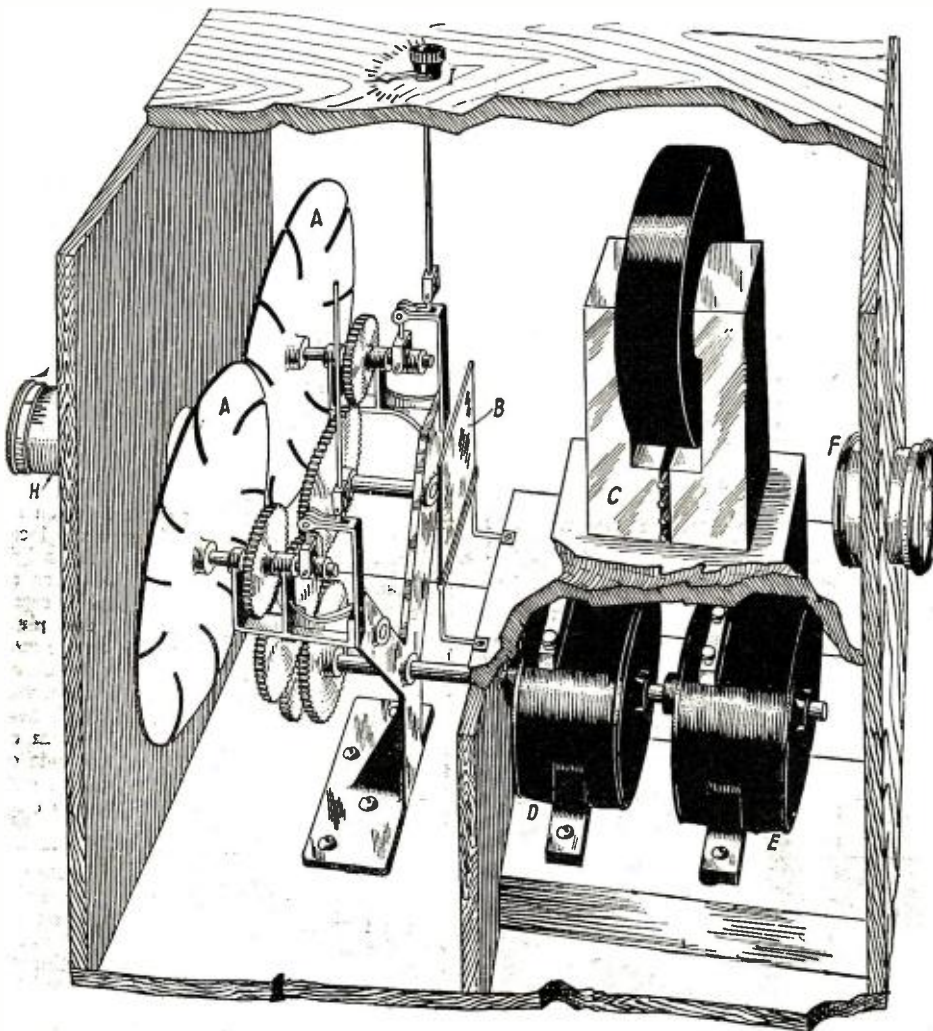
We are striving to produce something as good as the motion picture, and though 18,000,000 per second is high, it is a good ideal to aim at. Light sensitive devices as used up to the present time have not been able to respond to anything like such a speed.

"Mr. W. S. Stephenson and I," Mr. Walton continued, "have done a considerable amount of research work. In an endeavor to discover something much faster, we tried the possibilities of vacuum tubes to see if light would affect a stream of electrons by bending the stream or otherwise producing some action. Results were doubtful, masked by other things such as light from the filaments.

"Although we have not abandoned this idea, we are trying another line of investigation which shows great possibilities. We have hopes of producing a light sensitive arrangement with a reverse effect, so that an extremely rapid shutter will not be required at the receiving end."

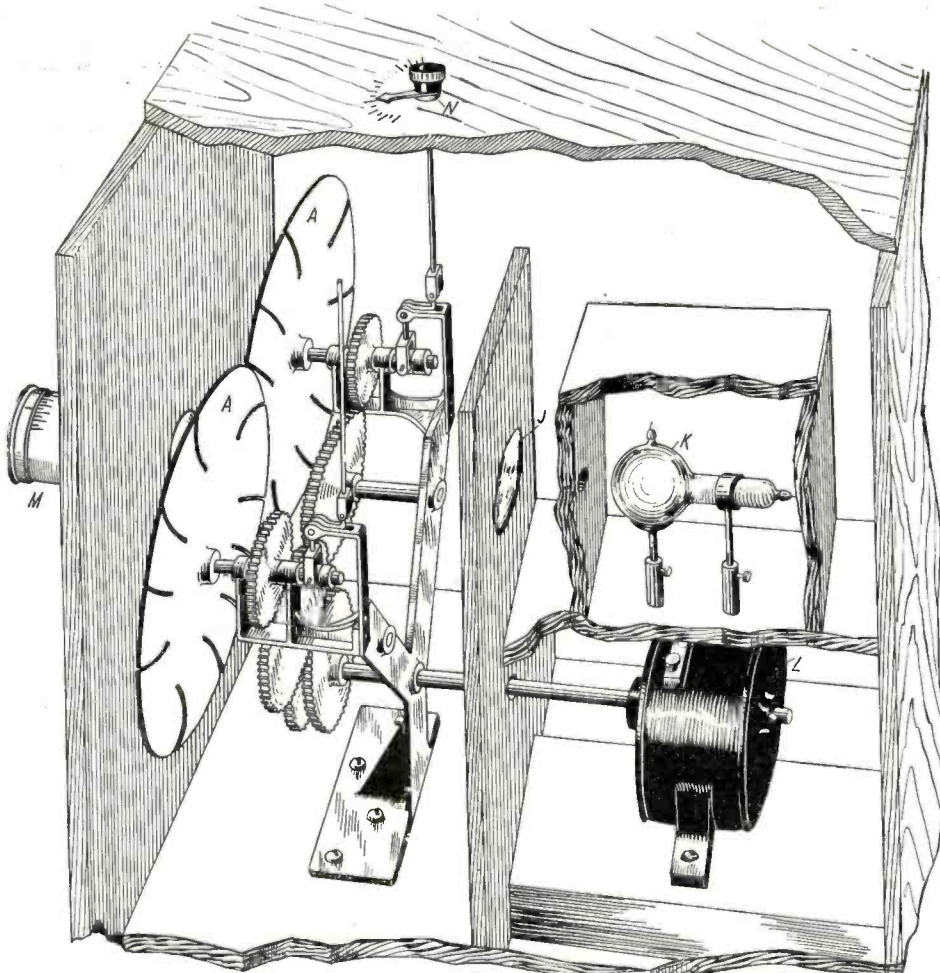
## HETERODYNING WAVE-LENGTHS

Light waves are electro-magnetic in nature, differing from radio waves only as regards wave-length, though the difference is great. Our endeavor is to convert light frequencies into radio frequencies by an action similar to heterodyning (super imposing one wave-length on another) in several steps. The radio frequency thus produced is, after amplification, transmitted direct without modulating a carrier wave. The possibility is now apparent. A picture consisting of light waves is converted into an invisible picture of radio waves which, after amplification and reconversion at the receiving end, produces a visible image on the screen. As just described, the trouble is in sorting out the waves and putting them in their respective positions at the receiving end. But if the picture at the sending end is split into sections, and each section has a frequency of its own, then the rearrangement at the receiving end is only a matter of reversing the operations which took place at the transmitter.



The reproducing apparatus which recreates the image transmitted to it by the sender.





Above is a plan in perspective of the new television transmitter. Note the position of the lens, M, and the light sensitive cell, K.

arranged for a series of rapid flashes, and lastly, speed of traverse is practically the same over the whole area.

**THE TRANSMITTER**

"The transmitting instrument is arranged somewhat similar to a camera," explained Mr. Walton. "A lens (M) (on the sketch) throws an inverted image about one inch square in a plane parallel to and just between the overlapping discs (A, A). The slots in the discs are about .002 of an inch wide, therefore the pinhole formed by intersecting slots is about the same diameter. As I explained, the pinhole traverses the whole of the inverted image, allowing a small area of light at a time to pass through. This light is then focussed by a lens marked (J) onto a light sensitive cell (K). The varying electric currents from the cell and a speed control current are then transmitted by radio or other means to the receiving station.

**THE RECEIVING STATION**

"It is obvious that similar sets of discs must be used both at the transmitting and receiving stations," Mr. Walton continued. "At the receiving station a source of intense white light such as an electric arc is placed behind the lens marked (F), which concentrates the beam on a light control shutter (C), shown diagrammatically as a four-string Einthoven galvanometer. The light having been controlled by the shutter is then thrown on a white diffusing screen (B). An area of this screen throws light through the aperture formed by the slots of the discs onto the lens (H), which focusses the light in a spot on an ordinary projection screen. The received electric current, *i.e.*, current corresponding to the current from the light sensitive cell at the transmitting end, and the speed control current, are applied, the first to the light control shutter (C), and the second to maintain synchronism between the transmitting and receiving machines.

"It is possible when the two machines have just been started and synchronized that the spot of light shown on the screen is not in its correct position, in which case by means of the 'advance' or 'retard' control (I) can be rectified even while the machine is operating at full speed.

"I have mentioned the spot of light shown  
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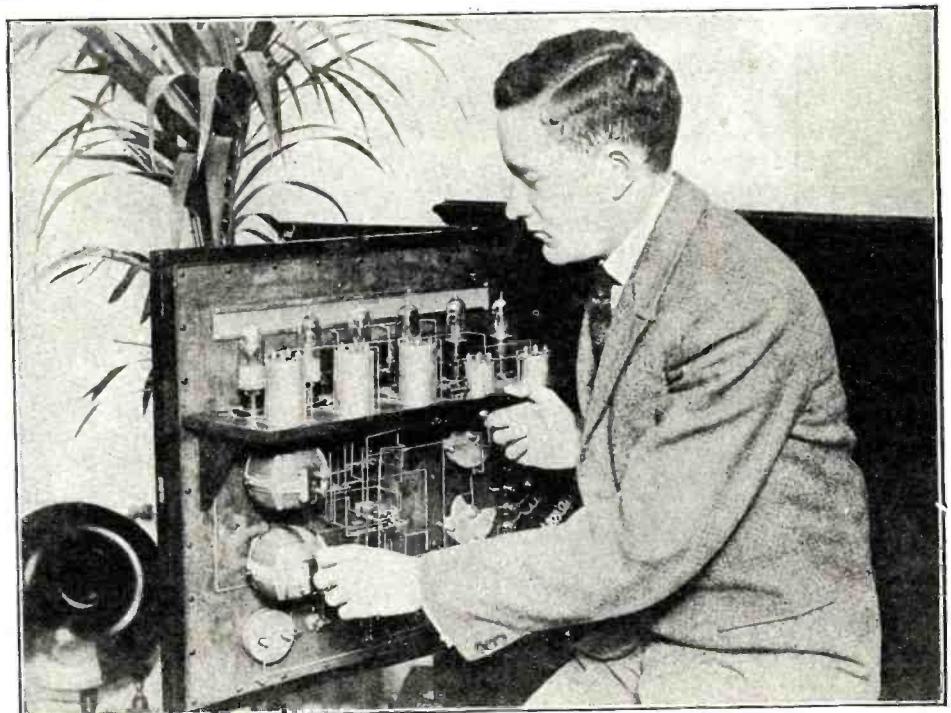
The transmission of the pictures would mean the use of a band of wave-lengths, but, after all, radio telephony has the same difficulty. The speed of operation need not be considered with such an arrangement and natural colors mean little further complication.

**THE PROCESS USED AT PRESENT**

"I have explained," Mr. W. G. Walton told RADIO NEWS, "the difficulty in breaking up the picture into dots at a sufficiently high speed to produce an illusion of motion. I will now tell you how Mr. Stephenson and myself tackle the problem with our apparatus. The method used is by causing apertures formed by the intersection of slots arranged around the periphery of two discs to traverse the picture. These discs may be rotated in the same or opposite directions, according to the number and disposition of slots used and the relative speeds of the two discs. In the sketches, the discs (A) are of the same diameter, have the same number of slots each, and rotate in the same direction. They are arranged to overlap about 1½ inches, consequently the slots of one disc are moving downward and the slots of the second disc upwards. As the slots of one disc are at an angle to those in the second, a minute aperture is formed at the point of intersection, which, when the discs are rotating, passes from one side to the other. Immediately one pair of slots has become disengaged, the next pair engage. Should the two discs be rotating at the same speed, all the apertures will follow the same path, a line, curved or straight, depending on the shape of the slots, from right to left. Now should one disc rotate a little faster than the other, each successive aperture will traverse a line a little above or below the line traversed by the last aperture.

"The effect of all this," continued Mr.

Walton, "is equivalent to causing a pinhole to traverse an area in successive lines from right to left, each line just above the last, until the whole area has been covered, when the same process is repeated, starting at the bottom. The great advantages of this method are that there is no waste time, some part of the area is always covered by the pinhole, the pinhole is always open and not



Mr. W. S. Stephenson, the co-inventor of the machine for the transmission of pictures by radio described in the accompanying article. © Keystone View Co.



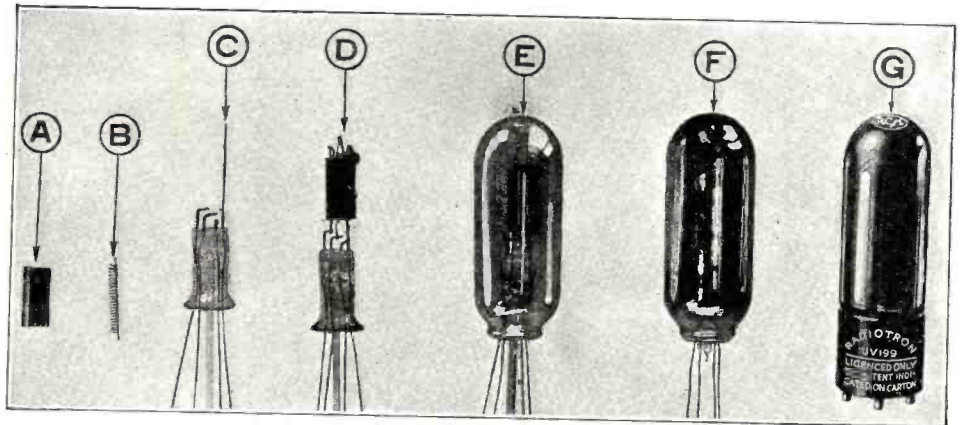
# The Vacuum Tube Situation

By D. C. WILKERSON

Now that the DeForest three element vacuum tube patent has expired, we may expect numerous movements in the vacuum tube industry. Mr. Wilkerson explains the situation and the probable outcome.



A baby and a giant. The large transmitting tube is made of Silica and is rated at 30 K.W. The filament draws 50 amperes at 30 volts. The plate voltage is 12,000. The little tube is employed as detector or amplifier. The filament draws 0.25 amperes at 1.1 volts.



The successive steps in the manufacture of a UV-199 tube of the thoriated filament type. A is the plate, B the grid, C the "press" through which the leads are taken. D shows all the elements mounted on the press. At E the press and bulb have been joined. F is the tube as it appears sealed and evacuated. G shows the completed tube. © Radio Corp. of America.

most ordinary use, but such a condition is to be expected when the actual manufacturing handicaps in the places where such tubes were made, is considered.

### A BAD REPUTATION

In spite of the bad name given to many independent tubes, there are many which stand out as being really first class. The business is young, there is plenty of room for improvement, and the many original mistakes are being gradually ironed out.

Throughout the independent tube industry a strong rumor has been persistently noised about to the effect that after February 18, 1925, the date of the expiration of the DeForest "interposed between" patent, all independent tube makers will be able to come out in the open and continue to manufacture vacuum tubes without fear of molestation or legal interference.

The patent in question was issued to Dr. Lee DeForest on February 18, 1908, and is U. S. Serial No. 879,532. It covers the matter of a grid interposed between a filament and a plate.

The rights to this patent, along with about 75 or 80 others, were transferred by Dr. Lee DeForest to the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, and by a cross-licensing system, the General Electric Company, the Westinghouse Company, the Western

Electric Company and the Radio Corporation of America shared in their benefits.

The impression that this remaining DeForest patent stood alone in the way of the independent tube manufacturer is an erroneous one, for there are important filament use-and-methods patents and patents on the use of and the method of forming a high vacuum which must be circumvented.

Radio tubes made after this expiring tube patent will not function properly, and could be of little use to the average radio fan. A high vacuum and a thoriated tungsten filament or its equivalent are necessary to a successful vacuum tube as we know it today. The early DeForest tubes submitted were gassy and, in fact, Mr. DeForest's patent specifications call for a gassy content or gaseous envelope within the tube surrounding the elements.

Dr. Irving Langmuir, the noted General Electric engineer, filed patent claims covering the high vacuum characteristics, and the Bell Telephone engineer, Arnold, filed parallel and interlapping claims. On account of the interferences of parts of these two claims, the United States Patent Office has been unable to issue a clear patent on this important matter, and the interference proceedings are now in the hands of the Court of Appeals for adjudication. This controversy involves millions of dollars' worth of machinery, physical property, research laboratories and experimental work.

### THE FILAMENT

Beyond this high vacuum question stands the matter of the filament. For general production purposes the thoriated tungsten filament has shown its superiority, and the fundamental patent rights for this type of filament have been dragged into and out of various courts, both in electric lamp and vacuum tube manufacture, until the same interests controlling the three-element patents dominate the filament situation likewise. There are several independent filament patents for making filament wire for lamps and vacuum tubes. The Yunk and the Pintsch wire patents are available for independent use, and those covering the use of yttrium and other metal base wire as well.

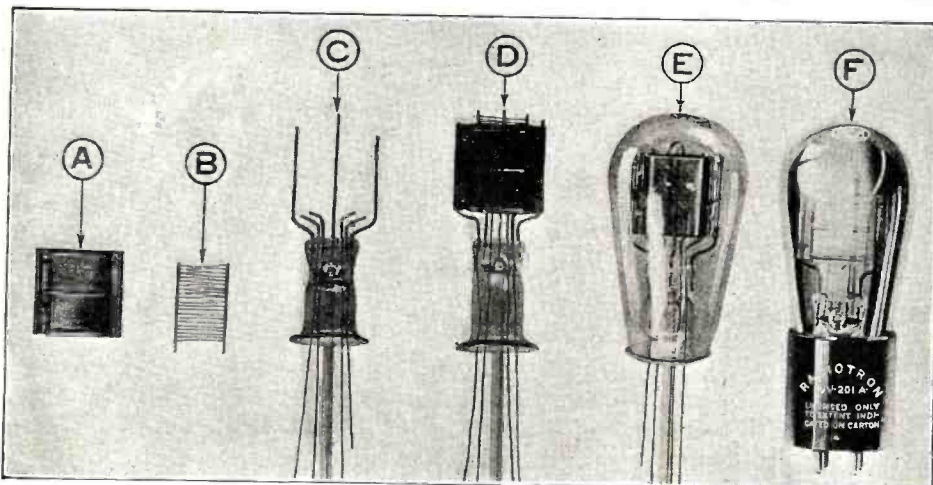
Independent tube manufacturing interests are unable to buy thoriated tungsten filament wire from the owners of the process. Thus far, independent filament has shown

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THE manufacture of independent radio tubes, despite legal influences, has grown to be a young industry within the last two years. In the beginning, practically all of the tubes made outside the directive control of the alleged trust were put together in back alley buildings, hidden away from the sight of man, and they were structurally poor and carelessly designed for the most part.

Today it is estimated that more than five million dollars' capital is represented in up-to-date factories, on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, as well as inland, and the production of independent tubes, it is believed, has jumped to high levels.

Much of the independent product in tubes is thoroughly rotten and unfit for even the



The successive stages in the manufacture of the UV-201A tube, practically the same as in the photo above. Note the wires embedded in the "press" at C. These serve as the supporting members for the elements. © Radio Corp. of America.



# The Radiotoneotype

By L. SPENCER

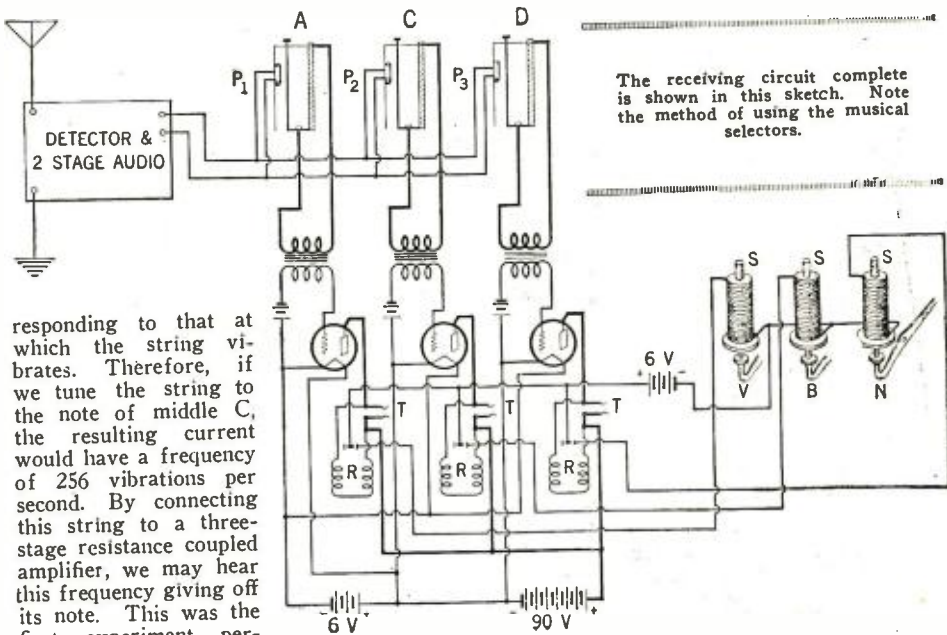
An elemental idea which might be used to advantage by the experimenter is given in this article. The system is novel.

THE radiotoneotype is the result of a series of experiments carried out by the writer in an attempt to determine the acoustic period of vibrating members, both electrical and mechanical, in amplifying circuits.

The radiotoneotype is not an instrument of entirely new form nor of particular value since its development has not been carried through to completion. The description is offered because it is believed that the unique arrangement and the notes on the experiments will be of interest to the readers of RADIO NEWS.

This instrument embodies a system of transmitting messages by employing musical notes at the transmitting end, which, in turn, actuate delicate instruments at the receiving end, and exert pressure on the keys of a typewriter, thus transferring the original musical notes into written copy.

Before relating the details of these novel experiments it might be well to go lightly into the underlying principles upon which



The receiving circuit complete is shown in this sketch. Note the method of using the musical selectors.

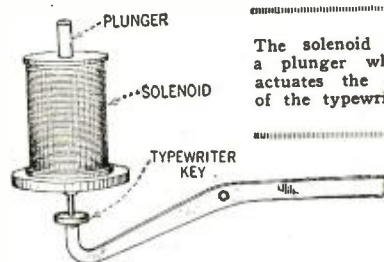
responding to that at which the string vibrates. Therefore, if we tune the string to the note of middle C, the resulting current would have a frequency of 256 vibrations per second. By connecting this string to a three-stage resistance coupled amplifier, we may hear this frequency giving off its note. This was the first experiment performed.

Now, if we place two strings in magnetic fields, we get two notes, providing the strings are tuned appreciably dissimilar; otherwise, the heterodyne effect is noticed, thus delivering three notes instead of the two former ones. But if the strings are vibrating at periods of sufficient differentiation, as many as 16 notes may be used together.

Only three notes were used in the experimental apparatus and they were well separated on the scale. The strings were mounted as shown in Fig. 3. The amplifier was connected to a radio telephone transmitter having an output of five watts. It is obvious that when one of the strings is vibrated it will produce an electrical current of the exact frequency of its period and will modulate an output of the transmitter. Thus we hear the note C transmitted, not as it would sound if vibrated by a piano or a violin, but very similar in tone to an AC hum of the same frequency.

A regenerative set with two stages of audio frequency amplification was used at the receiving end and served very efficiently. Again, steel strings were used and mounted directly in front of headphones. These strings were tuned to the same frequency as those used at the transmitter end.

Thus the investigator will see at once the underlying principles upon which the device works. The method of making the received



The solenoid has a plunger which actuates the key of the typewriter.

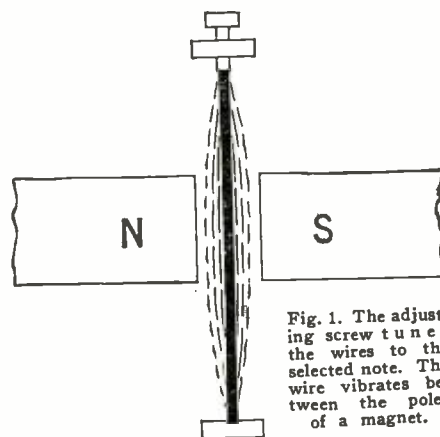


Fig. 1. The adjusting screw tunes the wires to the selected note. The wire vibrates between the poles of a magnet.

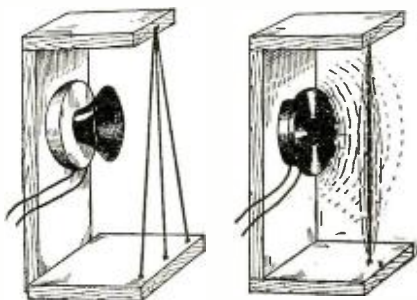


Fig. 3. The heart of Mr. Spencer's apparatus is shown above.

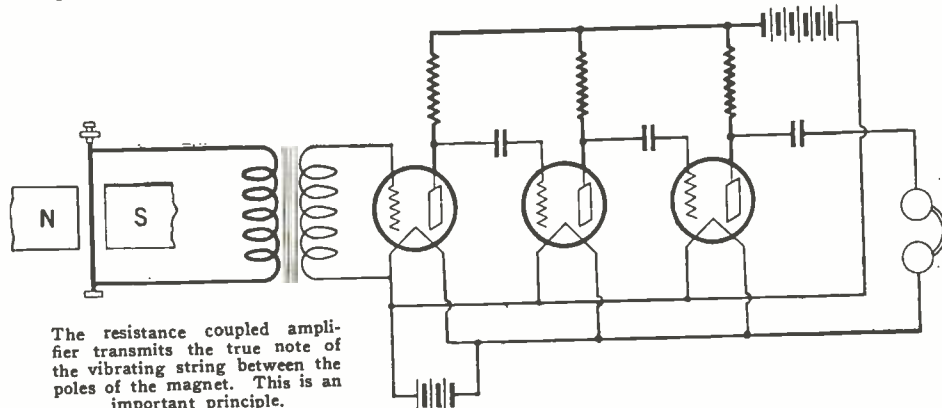
the machine operates. Take a steel string such as employed in banjos or pianos and mount it so that it can be tuned and vibrated by either electrical or mechanical means and arranged so that it can be set into vibration by a tuning fork or another string at resonance. When this steel string is vibrated it will emit a sound the pitch of which will vary as its length and tension. If this string is placed in a magnetic field depicted at Fig. 1 and vibrated, it will not only generate a sound but will generate electricity because it is playing a rôle similar to an armature in the ordinary motor generator. Since it is an armature consisting of a single wire, the voltage which it generates will be very small, but quite useful when amplified.

Obviously, the generated current is alternating in character and of a frequency cor-

vibrations operate the key of a typewriter is comparatively simple. For each string in the transmitter a second one is installed in the receiver. Before each one of them is placed a telephone receiver which is connected with the output of the audio stage. The bottom of the string is connected with a Brown relay, a very sensitive device, so that when the string is set in vibration the relay will close. Of course, a heavy current is keyed by the relay and a large electromagnet is operated by the current. This magnet is in the form of a solenoid with a sliding core which is attached to the key of a typewriter.

It can be seen that the vibration of the string at the transmitter will result in the

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The resistance coupled amplifier transmits the true note of the vibrating string between the poles of the magnet. This is an important principle.



# The Latest in Tuned Radio Frequency

By ARTHUR REED

*With the constant advances in efficiency made by designers of radio receiving equipment, new adaptations are constantly emerging. The set described here is one of the most efficient and stable.*



The completed set described in this article is shown in the photograph at the left. The large discs at the front of the set are the dials of the condensers which are placed vertical to the panel front. The binocular coils, radio frequency transformers, are plainly visible between the sockets. Photos © 1925 by A. H. Grebe & Co., Inc.

WHEN radio left its swaddling clothes and took on a man's estate as one of the world's foremost methods of communication, radio frequency amplification became of extreme importance. The original investigations into this subject seem indeed crude beside the modern developments.

From the first transformer stages to the original investigations of Mr. Rice with neutralized coupling is a far step. A brief view of the developments from this time forward is enlightening, particularly the description of the latest design described here. At Fig. 1 is shown the theoretical plan worked out for the greatest transfer of energy and the greatest possible amplification from a tube. Both the grid and the plate circuits

are tuned. It will at once be obvious that a given alteration in the grid potential will produce the greatest change in the plate circuit, and through the phenomenon of resonance will give the greatest transfer of energy to the grid circuit of the following tube. But it will also be obvious that the circuit will oscillate violently, due to the internal capacity of the tube.

Following this investigation, and with the knowledge of the oscillation characteristics of the tube, many experimenters and engineers set about finding means of preventing it. The first result was a compromise with the problem. A resistance of some sort was included in the circuit to damp out the excess energy, usually a potentiometer. This is the well-known "loser" principle. (See Fig. 2.)

Then came the methods of neutralizing the internal capacity of the tube—a step much closer to the heart of the problem. In this case the grid and the plate circuits were tuned, but the plate circuit was tuned to a much lower wave-length than the grid.

When this point was reached, the efficiency of radio frequency amplification had reached a surprisingly high figure. There were some engineers, however, who still had the theoretically possible efficiency in mind. Accordingly, they set about to find a method whereby they could attain it.

The diagram at Fig. 3 shows how the grid circuit is tuned to the frequency of the incoming wave while the plate circuit is tuned to a much lower band. With the neutralization factor, the tuning of the plate may be brought much closer to that of the grid; however, not close enough to give the greatest possible efficiency.

And then came another method. Not really a method, but an advanced design incorporating some laws which had been overlooked previously.

It's a long step from the first sets constructed with neutralization to the latest advance, the binocular coils. The chief difficulty encountered after a means was found for counter-balancing the internal capacity of the tube was the magnetic and electrostatic field surrounding the various components of each separate stage of tuned radio

frequency amplification. These fields, if they interlock with the previous or succeeding stage, produce the necessary feed-back causing the tubes to oscillate—a state of affairs which is distinctly not desired. The first method employed, of course, was the placement of the various inductances at such a predetermined angle as to admit of the least interconnection of the stages.

Not only this were the engineers concerned with, but immediately they had determined the proper angle of the coils and constructed the set they found that the various wires necessary in connecting the tubes and inductances, if run parallel for any distance, gave rise to a certain amount of the same effect. They immediately pulled out the old drawing board and set the parts up in an attempt to arrange them sufficiently distanced and in proper angular relation so that the connecting wires would have the least possible mutual field. But this necessitates spreading the set over too large an area and made it too bulky. It was found that a radical change would be necessary in the design of the inductances.

The latest design being described here has built upon these foundations and an extremely novel and highly efficient tuned, "balanced" radio frequency set resulted, the ideas incorporated in which all experimenters—and engineers—might do well to copy.

Inductances had to be used. Consequently the designers began to cast about for the form in which it could be cast that would produce the best results in the situation for which it was intended. They found that the inductance should be of such a form as to have the least possible outside field, an obvious conclusion. Of the various forms known, of course, the usual large diameter

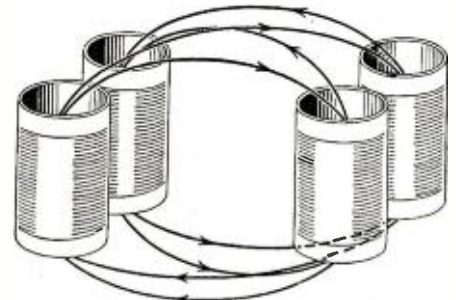


Fig. 7. The arrows designate the lines of force traveling from coil to coil between stages. Note how an equal amount of energy is transferred to each of the four coils. Below is another illustration of this principle.

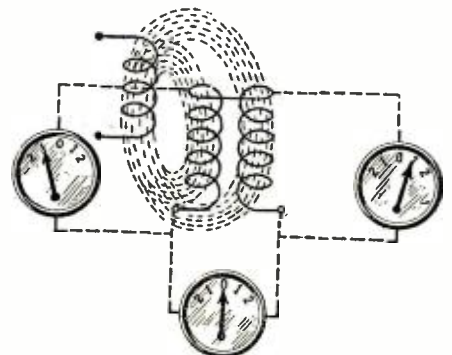


Fig. 6. The meters at the side measure the amount and direction of current on each of the two coils caused by the magnetic lines of force from the third one. Note how they counteract each other giving no net effect.

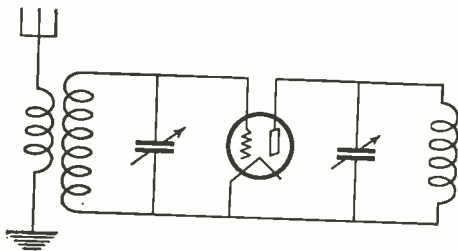


Fig. 1. For the greatest amplification through a tube, the grid and plate circuits should be tuned to the same frequency. Unluckily—or luckily—this gives rise to oscillation, a condition prohibiting clear reception.

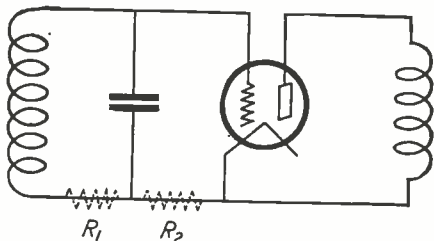


Fig. 2. This sketch shows the adaptation of the "loser" method of stopping oscillation in a circuit employing tuned radio frequency amplification. The plate circuit is tuned to a lower wave-length than the primary.



straight single layer coil now in such general use was at once dismissed on account of the strength of the exterior field. At the opposite extreme was the toroidal form which concentrates this field at the center of the winding. The common type was extremely easy to manufacture, but the latter type brought up problems which required special machinery and apparatus. A midway point was selected, *i.e.*, the binocular coil, which is nothing more or less than the straight coil wound on a small diameter tube cut in the middle and folded over upon itself, as shown in the photograph. This particular system of construction gained both the concentration of field, ease of manufacture and compactness.

Another problem faced was that of the proper size and type of wire to be used in the winding. Litz was at once selected.

This point being settled, designers passed on to the consideration of the proper condensers to be used with this new coil; comparatively easy sailing was found in this quarter. Everyone was agreed that the smallest value of condenser possible should be used; that is, one with an extremely low minimum value would be incorporated so that the inductance could be wound to cover the highest frequency to be received, and that the condenser would have only enough capacity to increase the natural period of the circuit to the longest wave-length to be handled.

Having a low loss coil, a companion low loss condenser was not at all a difficult matter. One said, air dielectric, the next designated no insulating end plates, a third piped up with long insulating strips supporting the stationary plates and another followed with pig tail connections. And then one manufacturer spoke, delivering himself as fol-

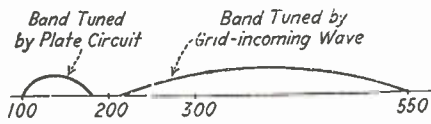


Fig. 3 shows the comparative wave bands covered by the primary and secondary coils. Transference is efficient and oscillation counteracted.

lows: "We'll stand them up on end instead of placing them sleepily on their sides as usual. This will give the set a distinctive appearance and cut down the advertising bill; since it will be so different from the rest, that once seen, it will always be remembered."

The result is shown in one of the accompanying photographs. The completed coil is shown in Figs. 5 and 8. The small meters on the dotted lines in Fig. 6 give an accurate idea of the concentration and reversion of the magnetic field, showing how they check the points of extreme distance on the potential within the immediate vicinity



The condensers used in the complete set are set vertically with dials and verniers which protrude through the cabinet at right angles to the panel.

of the coils and how the field of one neutralizes the other.

And here the really new feature was employed. Not actually new, in fact very old, simply an adaptation of old laws which the other engineers forgot to use. It is the arrangement of the coils so that their fields neutralize each other. In Fig. 6 the field of coil A is shown acting upon the binocular coil B. The dotted lines connect the meters across the two individual coils, one of them at the bottom of the illustration being connected across the two terminals of the complete coil. At the right the meter is showing a current of one unit in one direction induced in it by the magnetic effect of the field from the first coil. The meter across the other one shows an equal current in the opposite direction caused by the same field, since the coil is wound in the opposite direction. This reversal of inductive effect in each coil results in an absence of any net effect as shown by the meter across the bottom terminal of the coil.

Fig. 7 shows how the two binocular coils placed in proximity have no effect on each other since both their fields reverse. The arrows show how the direction of the fields from the various coils work to an exact neutralization of any net effect.

In the completed assembly another point manifested itself in the audio frequency amplification stages. A great many experimenters have found that the jump from one stage to two stages is a bit extreme, and that if the stages are balanced separately many times, they do not hold so well together, and that when adjusted together the individual stages are apt to be noisy, sometimes even metallic. The simple expedient of circumventing these troubles was found by shunting a variable choke across the primary of the first audio stage. Through this means the volume of reproduced sound may be adjusted to taste, at the same time allowing two stages balanced to each other to function undisturbed, thus giving the clearest possible production.

WINDING SPECIFICATIONS

The coils may be wound on tubes approximately 1 3/4 inches in diameter. The primary winding shown in the hook-up is wound on a tube, the outside diameter of which is slightly smaller than the inside diameter of the first. It is placed on the grid end of the large coil and may contain about 20 turns of wire. The two large tubes are wound with approximately 60 turns each in the same direction, *i.e.*, so that when they are placed side by side one is wound clock-wise and the other anti-clock-wise.

Neutralizing condensers may be made by connecting a small bit of copper to the stationary plate, bending it over to the outside of the hard rubber insulation strip which separates the stationary plates (supposing, of course, that one of the latter low loss designed condensers are being employed) and the other plate fastened to the other side of the supporting strip with small screws; a large screw through the center as is shown in the sketch serves for adjustment.

Not nearly the usual amount of difficulty will be encountered in assembling the vari-



Fig. 8. A photograph of the complete binocular coil is shown above. Note the size of the tubes and the Litz. winding.

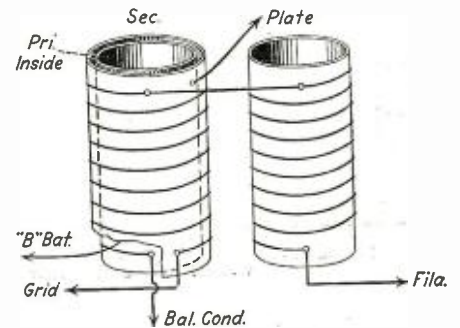


Fig. 5. The diagram gives schematically the method of winding and assembling the binocular unit shown in the photograph.

ous parts of a tuned radio frequency receiver as is found in some of the present very popular types, like the Neutrodyne. The only precaution necessary in the placement of the coils is that they be placed parallel with regard to the plane of their centers, which is to say they should be placed in the cabinet as illustrated in the photograph at the head of this article. This allows the equalization of the interlocking fields. This plan is not absolutely essential, but seems to lend itself most perfectly to the workman assembling the set.

The volume control is simply a shunt across the primary of the first audio frequency transformer. It consists of a small spool coil consisting of about 300 or less turns of a small sized wire, about No. 28. This shunt impedance is tapped at various places in order that a minute control may be obtained. The idea is an excellent one and gives admirable results.

Another point: In many parts of the country, particularly the outlying districts, current for charging storage batteries is not available. In this case the operator must perforce rely upon the use of the dull emitter tubes, the 199 type usually, which may have the filament current supplied by dry cells with some degree of economy.

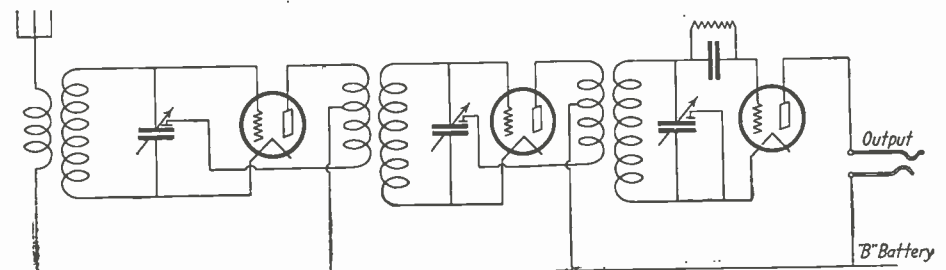


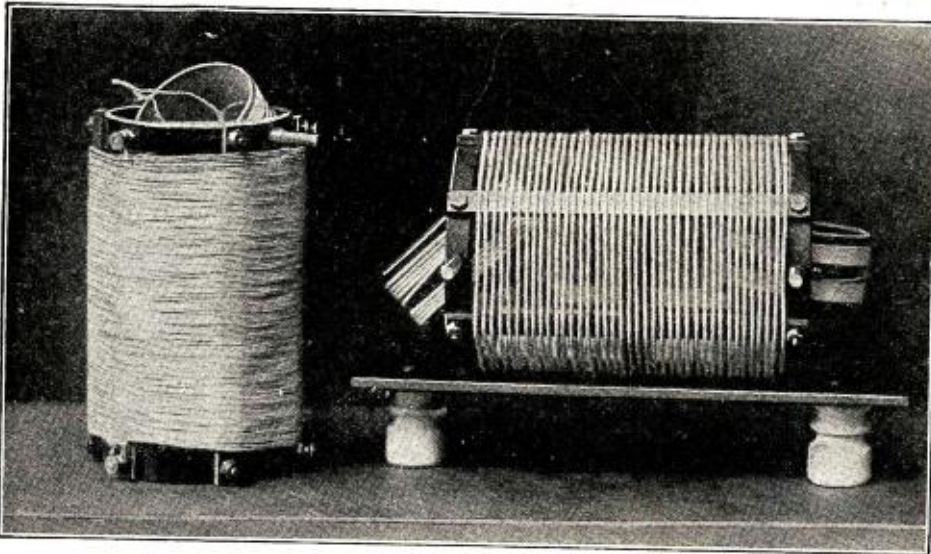
Fig. 4. Complete wiring diagram of the set described is given in the above sketch. Note the center tap on the primary for connecting the "B" battery and the bottom connection to the neutralizing condenser.



# About Radio Losses

By WILFRED TAYLOR

Mr. Taylor discusses the various losses in the present-day design of radio apparatus very interestingly in the article presented below.



The photographs above give two modern, efficient forms in which radio inductances may be wound. The constructional details are given in the article.

**J**UST by way of starting an argument, I'll bet a top hat that none of you lads knows the difference between a cosine and an asterisk.

Neither do I. I wasted four arid, unproductive years trying to think in Equations instead of the Old Mother Tongue, and I was a pathetic failure; I never could cure myself of the habit of asking the waiter for a second helping in an argot he could get right off the bat, instead of charming him into action by scribbling a formula on a bit of paper. I have spent 40 years trying to forget the few formulæ which seem to have clung to me; I found early in the game that I could hire a lad with a slip-stick for 75 per who would figure my stresses and what-not while I was doing something he couldn't get away with. It has always made me peevish to pick up a book on a subject I happened to be interested in and have to wade through a lot of drivel like this:

$$\frac{Th}{e} \frac{(ro)}{se} = \frac{i}{s} \sqrt{\frac{r}{d}}$$

Factoring for: e we have

$$Th (ro \times s) = \frac{r}{d}$$

In which:

$$\frac{T}{h} \times \frac{s}{r} = \frac{i}{s} (r+d)$$

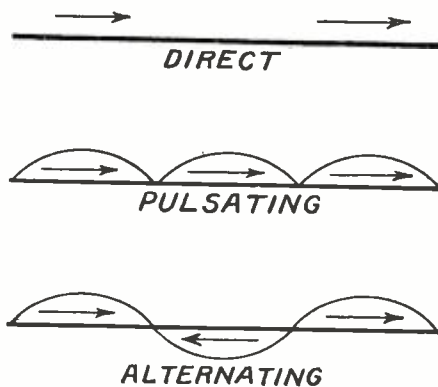
Substituting we have:

The rose is red  
From which it is clear that:  
The violet is blue

YES, YES!

Certainly; also, of course! Why didn't he say so in the first place? About one man in ten thousand buys the book. I am willing to admit, grudgingly, that mathematics is a necessary evil, and that there are times when it is distinctly useful, but I am fed up with the smoke screens a lot of

pseudo-highbrows fling up every time they approach a subject even remotely related to any branch of "engineering." I can build any old thing from a watch escapement to



A graphical representation of the three types of currents is given in this sketch.

a battleship, and I have never found it necessary to hide my thoughts behind a barrage of equations every time someone has asked me how old is Ann! Most of us, and most particularly our colleges, spend our time showing the other fellow how much we know, and making it as difficult as possible for the poor devil to acquire any useful and usable information.

When a fellow tackles a new hobby, such as photography or radio, he immediately grabs everything in sight which will put him wise to what makes the wheels go 'round. He buys every book and magazine he can lay his hands on; and about 98 per centum of these are either "popular" effusions having a slight bowing acquaintance with the subject, or they are vury, vury dignified and up-stage and smudged all over with a lot of Greek letters and strange cuneiform writings which mean nothing at all to the man in the street (and little to anybody else, if the truth were known). The ramifications and wanderings of the Urdu verb have nothing on these birds. There doesn't seem to be any

middle ground, and radio is especially cursed in this respect; the woods are full of "popular" articles on hook-ups and such-like, which do not give the slightest inkling of how it works, and when one looks about for something more substantial to sink his teeth in, he runs into Morecroft or the Bureau of Standards—neither of whom descends to earth long enough to know that the War is over.

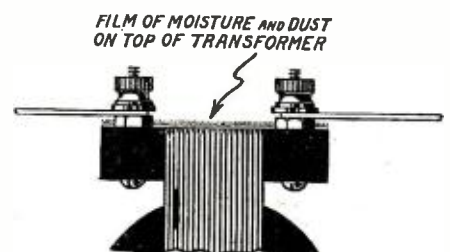
I have prefaced my remarks by admitting that I know no mathematics more complicated than my board bill, so all you chaps can sit in and be chummy. I have taken a jimmy and a little "soup" and extracted from the strong-box of "science" a little workable knowledge of radio; if any of you are sufficiently interested, I will endeavor to tell you in words of one syllable why it is good business to pay some attention to matters usually neglected by our more erudite friends. I have no intention of trying to cover the entire field, but I can fill in a few gaps which the "popular" scientist and the mathematical shark have seen fit to ignore.

Now that we have the stove good and hot and the cracker bar'l handy, I will say, for the benefit of those of you who run department store emporiums and such-like deadfalls that radio is merely the harnessing of various electrical manifestations of energy as correctly as our limited knowledge will permit. The reason some of us get away with murder is because we are polite and deferential to the lady and have found out that she can be coaxed but not coerced.

If we tap a source of electrical energy (battery or generator) and charge a conductor, we create a difference of potential—we have filled a tank on top of the hill; if we close the circuit (open a valve in the pipe) a current flows until the difference is equalized (ceases to exist); the wire or pipe offers frictional resistance to the passage of the current or water; we say, then, that we have a current under so many volts pressure flowing at a rate of so many amperes through a resistance of so many ohms. We find that there are substances which present little objection to the passage of an electric current; we call these substances conductors. Conversely, there are those materials which offer a high resistance to the passage of the current, and these we call non-conductors or insulators. When we speak of the insulating material surrounding or separating charged conductors, we call it the dielectric.

## KINDS OF CURRENT

There are several kinds of currents: one which flows in a steady stream in the same direction is called a direct current; one which flows in the same direction, but which flows in spasmodic gasps, we call a uni-directional or pulsating current; one which starts out in one direction but changes its mind and reverses itself is an alternating current. The alternating current is the one in which we are most interested and, of course, it is the one which cuts up about nine million different kinds of didoes. The direct current plods along like the tortoise and gets there if there isn't a fence in the way; the alternating current doesn't care a tu'penny rap about the fence—just jumps it and goes merrily on.



Such small matters as that illustrated above can make a world of difference in the operating efficiency of a radio set.



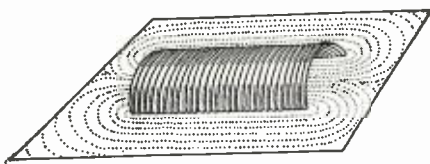
unless it changes its mind again and does some fool thing we are not looking for. Our batteries furnish us direct current and we know exactly what to expect from it and are governed accordingly; the current which comes to us from the receiving antenna or an oscillating tube is alternating, and nobody knows just what it is going to do next.

An alternating current changes its direction a certain number of times per second, and a complete alternation, that is, a start from a given point and a return to that point, is called a cycle; the number of cycles per second is known as its frequency. Ordinary commercial alternating current is usually 60 cycles—radio currents are not content with any such dignified movements, but hop about at an astonishing rate, sometimes 3,000,000 or more cycles per second.

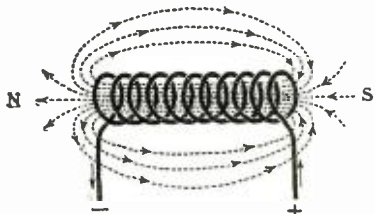
These high frequency currents, as they are called, refuse to be governed by the rules applied to other currents; among other peculiarities they create a resistance of their own, so that a conductor having a known direct current resistance may have a high frequency resistance many times greater. Instead of traveling peacefully along the road provided for it and minding its own business, a high frequency current gets into other folks' apple orchard and misbehaves in an atrocious manner if it isn't watched. A direct current will toddle along without much external fuss, but a high pressure, high frequency current will be going along, apparently like Old Dobbin, when all of a sudden, without warning and without any obvious reason, it will reach out to some device in its field and burn the supporting screws out of it! Very temperamental, I assure you.

IN THE SET

We see, therefore, that we cannot wire up a set, secure in the thought that our electrical energy is trundling along the paths we have provided for it; the direct part of it does, pretty much, but the alternating can-



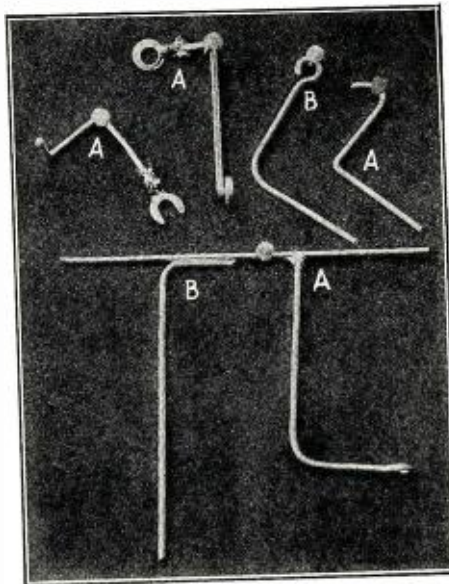
The sketch above illustrates the magnetic stress surrounding an inductance.



Another illustration of magnetic field with polarities is given here.

not be confined, and we must design our installation so that we eliminate all the possible sources of alternating current leakage and avoid producing high frequency resistance which will cut down our signal strength. When some of the energy represented by the alternating current in our set leaks off and is dissipated without doing any useful work, or when the slight currents available are compelled to overcome needless resistance, we speak of the faulty construction as producing losses; now let us look at some of the things which contribute to these losses.

Beginning with the antenna and going through the receiver to the ground, we find a number of places where ignorance or carelessness gets us into trouble. The way to get a competent, sensitive receiver is not by adding nine million stages of amplification



The right and wrong method of making connections. Those wires marked with an A are bent or soldered in the WRONG manner and those marked B are correct.

fore and aft, or by standing the poor thing on its head, or reflexing it, or dubbing around with strange devices, but by careful, accurate workmanlike construction, paying strict attention to the vagaries of high frequency currents!

If the pick-up device is a clothes line, clothes line results will be forthcoming; if it is a sure-enough antenna, built according to Hoyle and looking even to the uneducated eye like a million dollars, you will get signals the clothes line chap never hears. Our alternating current friend loses no time in showing how temperamental she is—the first thing she does is to lose some of her energy in heating up the antenna, but she does this before we can use any means of stopping her so that this slight indiscretion we cannot control. Then, if we have used some mud insulators, she hops merrily over them to the ground, especially if they are wet with a rain which has absorbed a lot of sulphurous acid in its descent through the coal smoke. If we have tied one end of our string to a large, leafy tree, the lady leaves us on another excursion, or if there is a tin roof or a cornice handy, she promptly takes advantage of them and slips to the ground; we should like very much to keep her on the wire until she gives up her energy in the set and then seeks the ground. The higher the wire above the ground, the more energy she will have, because the difference of potential will be greater due to the fact that the advancing wave from the transmitting station approaches our antenna in a plane perpendicular to the lead-in and the electric field will act in a direction parallel to it, therefore there will be a difference of potential equal to the length of the lead-in multiplied by the intensity of the field.

ANTENNA LOCATION

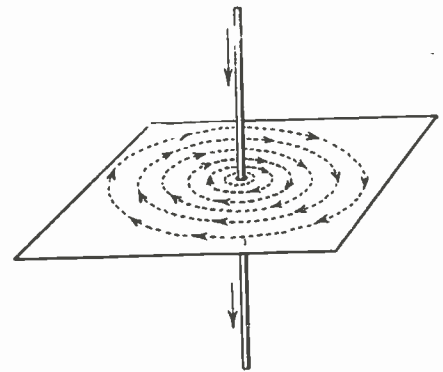
We are told that an antenna is one side of a huge condenser, the earth being the other. Right here let me digress long enough to call your attention to the fact that the earth is not a "ground" in the electrical sense, that it is the moisture in the earth which is the conducting medium. A wire grounded in ordinary dry soil or in rocky ground is worthless from an electrical point of view; it is the sap in a tree which makes it a conductor. Therefore, an antenna strung over moist earth or water is more efficient than one run over rocks, and one run over the top of a tree or a large clump of bushes will lose an appreciable amount of its energy through these leakage paths.

Dielectric losses, we call them. It is also

a good scheme to keep the antenna as far as possible from large trees, clumps of tall bushes and buildings with grounded spouting or metal lath sides, because an electric current, like everything else in nature, seeks the path of least resistance, and will get to the moisture in the earth through these large conductors rather than climb down our comparatively resistant antenna. This is one of the kinds of absorption losses which should be guarded against if we wish to get the maximum efficiency from the wire.

Another place to look for loss is the point where the antenna enters the house; be absolutely certain that this is dry, and that the lead-in runs from the antenna to a wall bracket and thence to the set without coming closer than a foot to the house before it enters.

After we get to the set, our sources of loss are legion and I shall only briefly mention the more common and easily remedied



There is a magnetic field surrounding every conductor carrying a current, as shown in the above diagram.

ones so that you will be warned. The first thing we strike in most sets is the inductance coil. This coil usually consists of a number of turns of silk or cotton covered wire wound in one of several fashions about a tube of cardboard, rubber or composition. Here is some more dielectric loss; we have supposed that hard rubber was about the last word in insulating material, but we find that our high frequency currents have but little respect for it. Therefore, wind your coils as nearly on air as possible; I insert an illustration of two homemade coils, which may be of interest. These are wound on hard rubber strips fastened to hard rubber rings, the left-hand one wound double, using No. 18 D.C.C. wire and a fixed primary of No. 12 placed inside the base, and the other a spaced winding using No. 14 D.C.C. with a variable primary of the same wire. The tickler in both cases is No. 24 D.C.C., made with 24 turns on a 2½-inch tube. The diameters of the large coils are 3 inches and 4 inches, respectively, and the primary is 3 inches. The Fig. 1 coil gives particularly good results in DX hunting late at night and the other is better early in the evening when there are a few million stations struggling for the mastery of the air. Never use a tapped coil if it is avoidable; the part you are not using is a large breeder of loss and the switch points are excellent leakage paths. Considerable experiment is beginning to show that a spaced, single layer coil made up of cotton covered wire of sizes between No. 18 and No. 14, wound as nearly on air as possible, is to be preferred over all other types. This is, necessarily, a large coil and will not lend itself to the making of lunch-box receivers. The sooner we get away from this mania for making a radio receiver into everything under heaven except a radio receiver, the sooner we will begin to get adequate results from our apparatus—and we won't get far until we do. Avoid freak receivers as you would the itch.

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# Building Compact Super-Heterodynes

By D. J. HALL



The Super-Heterodyne is undoubtedly becoming more and more popular. Its one great defect, at the present time, has been its great size. A remedy for this point is given here.



At the beginning of the Super-Heterodyne period, that set usually occupied more room, with its necessary accessories, than the piano or the kitchen stove. But as time went on and improvements were made in its design, its size was constantly decreased, until today there are forms of it which occupy no more room than the regulation detector and two-step, or the Neutrodyne.

This diminution has been made possible through two causes: First, the perfection of the dry cell or dull emitter vacuum tube; and, second, through advances in set design.

In the present instance, we give two examples of the compact Super-Heterodyne. One form is for stationary use, in the home, while the other may be fitted into a suitcase or other traveling bag for portable use. The first is shown in Fig. 1. In this case little change is made in the conventional wiring or the principle of the set, the hook-up following closely the standard eight-tube design with only the addition of a small condenser in the plate circuit of the first tube so the regenerative feature may be incorporated.

With the home model, it will be noted that the arrangement of the parts is substantially the same as they appear on the hook-up, i. e., oscillator, first detector, intermediate frequency amplifier, second detector and the

audio stages. It is the same sequence as followed in drawing the plan of the circuit.

Under this system, the wiring is much easier as well as the placement of the parts. In the second instance, every possible advantage has been taken of space with the result that the parts are all situated as closely as possible to each other. Fig. 2 shows the back-of-panel arrangement in the compact form. The usual baseboard is dispensed with and the instruments are mounted upon a sub-panel which is placed across the center of the panel proper. This supporting device is of copper or aluminum or other metal and serves as a shield as well as a support for the apparatus.

For the completion of a portable set from the arrangement shown in Fig. 2, it is only necessary to select the proper size and shape in traveling bags and then install the panel. Of course, one compartment must be left for the accommodation of the batteries and the loop. A built-in loud speaker will be a bit more trouble to negotiate, but it can be arranged easily, as shown in the accompanying photograph.

One important point which must not be overlooked in such a set is, that the entire interior of the case, that is, the set, should be lined with copper or other metallic foil for the purpose of shielding the completed set from outside induction.

## LIST OF PARTS FOR THE COMPACT SUPER-HETERO-DYNE

- 1 Oscillator coupler.
- 1 Filter transformer.
- 4 Intermediate radio frequency transformers. (Note—These four instruments should be all of the same manufacture and should be matched).
- 2 .0005 mfd. variable condensers—and be sure they go up to .0005.
- 1 .006 mfd. fixed condenser.
- 3 .0025 mfd. fixed condensers.
- 3 .00025 mfd. fixed condensers.
- 1 .0005 mfd. fixed condenser.
- 1 1 mfd. fixed condenser.
- 2 Six-ohm rheostats.
- 1 Small vernier variable condenser.
- 2 Audio frequency transformers, 3:1 ratio.
- 1 Open circuit jack.
- 1 Filament control jack.
- 8 199 type tube sockets.
- 8 199 type tubes.
- 8 Binding posts.
- 1 Panel, 6 by 26 to 30 by 3/16 inches.
- 1 Base, same size, 7/8 inch thick.
- 2 4½-volt "C" batteries.
- 1 1½-volt "C" battery.
- 2 45-volt "B" batteries.
- 1 4½-volt "A" battery, storage or dry cells.
- 30 feet of tinned copper wire, No. 14.
- 14. Miscellaneous screws, nuts, etc.

Too, in connection with this point it might be well to note the small shield which is placed between the oscillator and the tuning condenser. With all the instruments

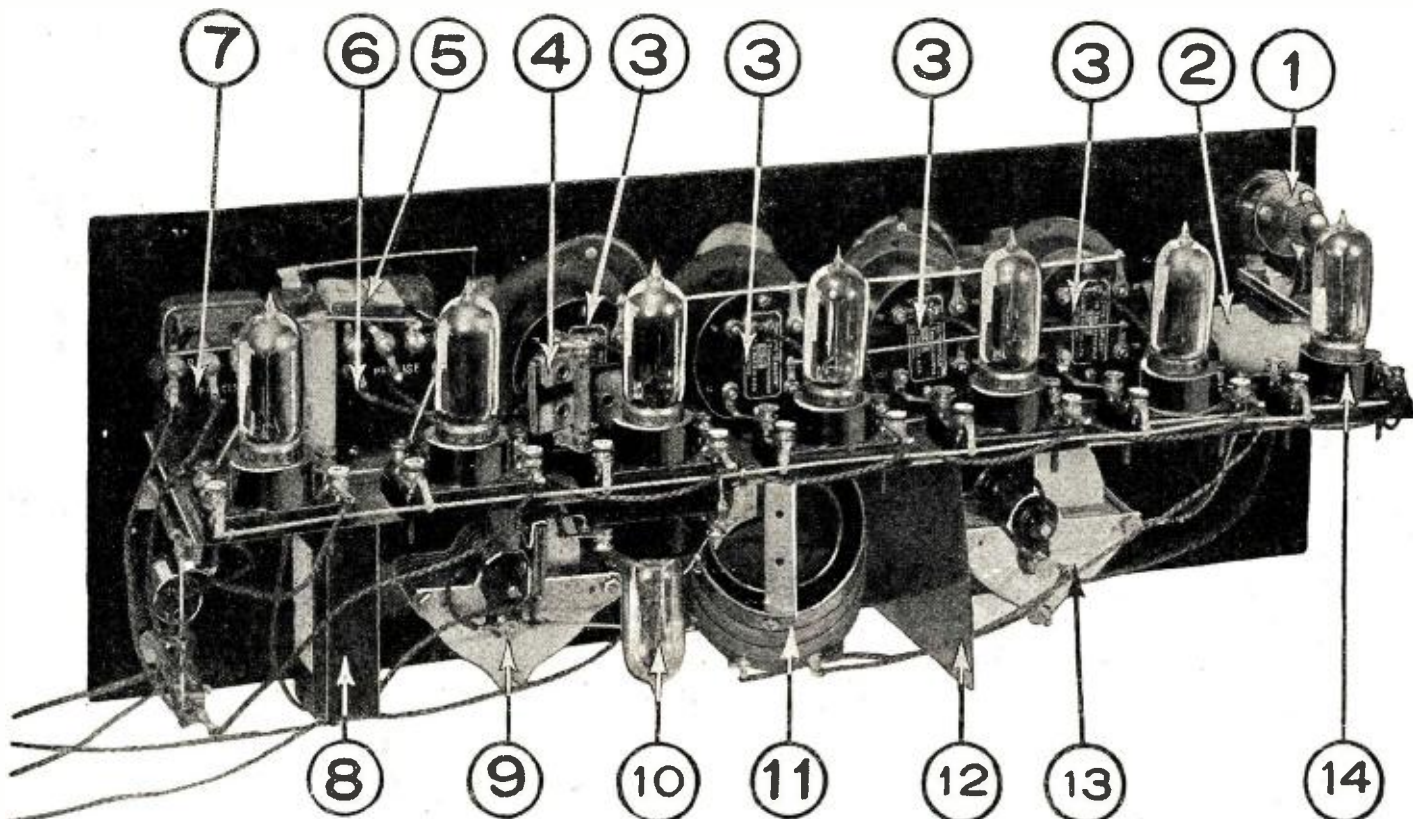
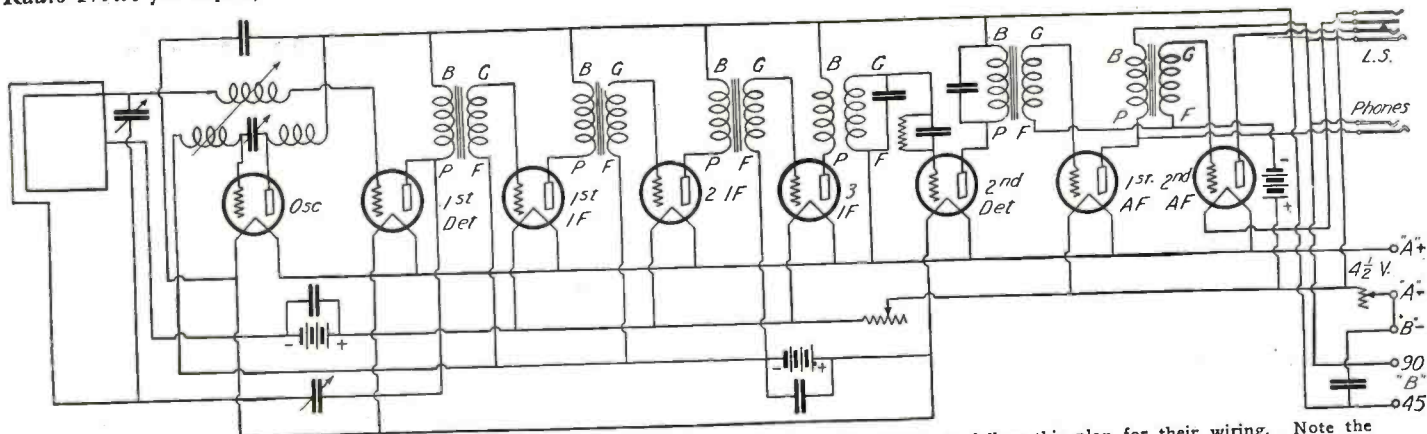


Fig. 2. The above photo shows an extremely compact Super-Heterodyne. As is shown, the whole trick lies in the placement of the apparatus. 1 is the regeneration feed-back condenser; 2, "C" battery; 3, the intermediate transformers; 4, the grid leak and condenser on the second detector; 5, by-pass condenser across the first audio frequency transformer; 6 and 7, the audio frequency transformers; 8, by-pass condenser; 9, oscillator condenser; 10, oscillator tube; 11, pick-up coupler; 12, shielding; 13, tuning condenser; 14, first detector. Photo © Baldwin Pacific Co.





The standard Super-Heterodyne hook-up is given above. The sets described in this article all follow this plan for their wiring. Note the variable condenser employed from the plate of the first detector to the loop. This gives regeneration, adding greatly to the signal strength and sensitivity of the set.

placed in such proximity, the shielding of the set is advisable.

One advantage is gained through the more compact arrangement which is not had in the first one, namely, a symmetrical arrangement of the panel front. In the second instance, the dials are placed one on each side of the vertical center line of the panel, and the other controls, including the jack, are grouped around them. In the first instance, the two dials are at the left end of the panel with the remainder of the instruments strung along the panel to the end.

In the construction of the second set for portable use, a collapsible loop is, of course, included in the equipment and a compartment left in the case for it.

To the experienced radio fan, it is obvious that the arrangement of the Super-Heterodyne is probably the most compact possible with the use of standard tubes. And one point which he will not miss is the use of three "C" batteries, which cut the consumption of "B" battery current to the neighborhood of 12 milliamperes with all tubes operating.

Many experimenters have long since  
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Of course, the greatest compactness possible is always desired in a set that is to be portable. Above, the photographs show a portable Super-Heterodyne employing 199 type tubes. It was completely home constructed. Note the use of the double baseboard or sub-panel for mounting the parts. In this case standard sockets were used with adapters.  
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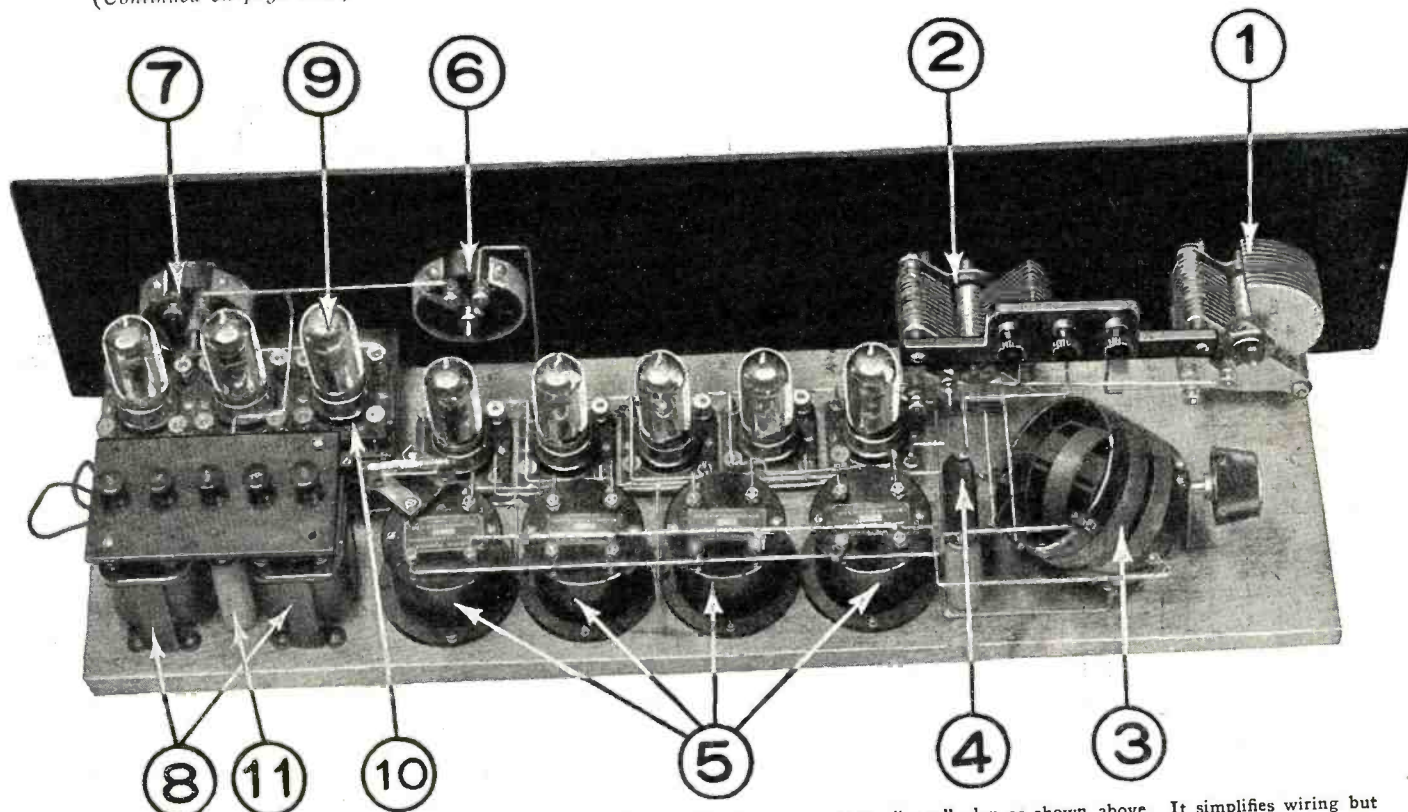


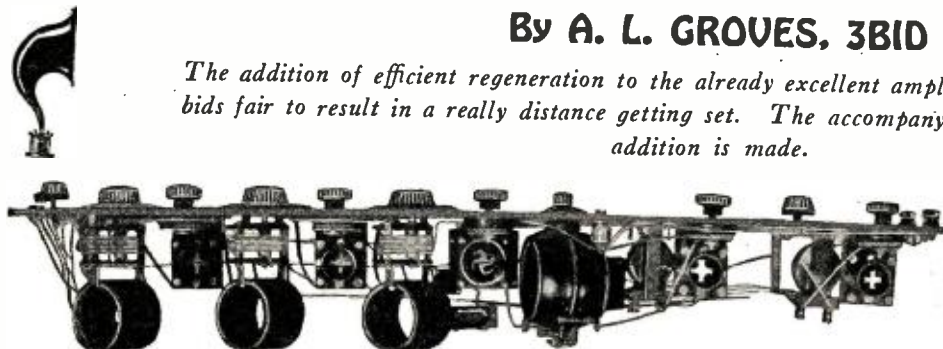
Fig. 1. By far the simplest method of mounting and assembling a Super-Heterodyne is the "open" plan as shown above. It simplifies wiring but entails the use of much more space than some of the other plans given with this article. 1 is the oscillator condenser and 2 is the tuning capacitor; 3, pick-up coil for the oscillator; 4, "C" battery; 5, intermediate frequency transformers 6 and 7, tube controls; 8, audio frequency condenser; 9, second detector; 10, gang sockets; 11, by-pass condenser. © Baldwin Pacific Co.



# The Regenerative Neutrodyne

By A. L. GROVES, 3B1D

The addition of efficient regeneration to the already excellent amplification of the Neutrodyne bids fair to result in a really distance getting set. The accompanying article shows how the addition is made.



Above is a rear view of a standard Neutrodyne to which regeneration has been added by the installation of a variometer in the detector circuit.

**N**O better way to test the actual efficiency of any receiver from a distance-getting standpoint can be made than to put the receiver into actual service and note the stations logged at approximately midday during the winter months.

The tone, clarity and general faithfulness of reproduction of any receiver depends almost entirely upon the audio frequency transformers, the arrangement of the audio circuits and the loud speaker and with a given detector output from any type set the loud speaker results will be the same ∴ the signals are put through the same amplifier. Therefore, no set, from a musical standpoint, is better than its audio amplifier and any increase in efficiency of one set over another, provided the same audio amplifier arrangement is used, must come through some form of radio frequency amplification so as to give a greater detector output.

While minor variations in the detector output can be had by using different type instruments in the same type set, generally speaking, a greater detector output can only be obtained by the use of radio frequency amplification which may be divided into three classes, as follows: First, radio frequency amplification by regeneration; second, radio frequency amplification by using one or more vacuum tubes ahead of the detector so that they amplify the signals before they reach the detector, and third, radio frequency amplification by increased aerial efficiency.

The aerial is a very great radio frequency amplifier or, we may say, a collector of radio frequency energy in direct proportion to its size and general goodness and the maximum results obtained are in a large manner dependent upon it, yet so effective is the regenerative Neutrodyne combination in its radio frequency powers that excellent results can be obtained from it using only a loop, as will be discussed later.

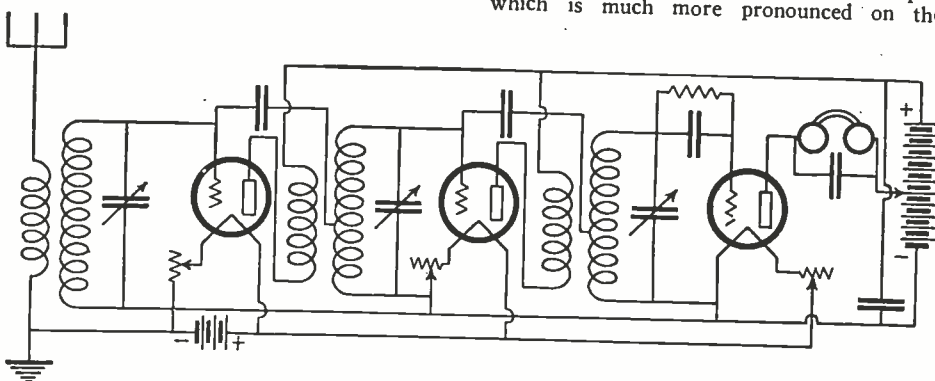
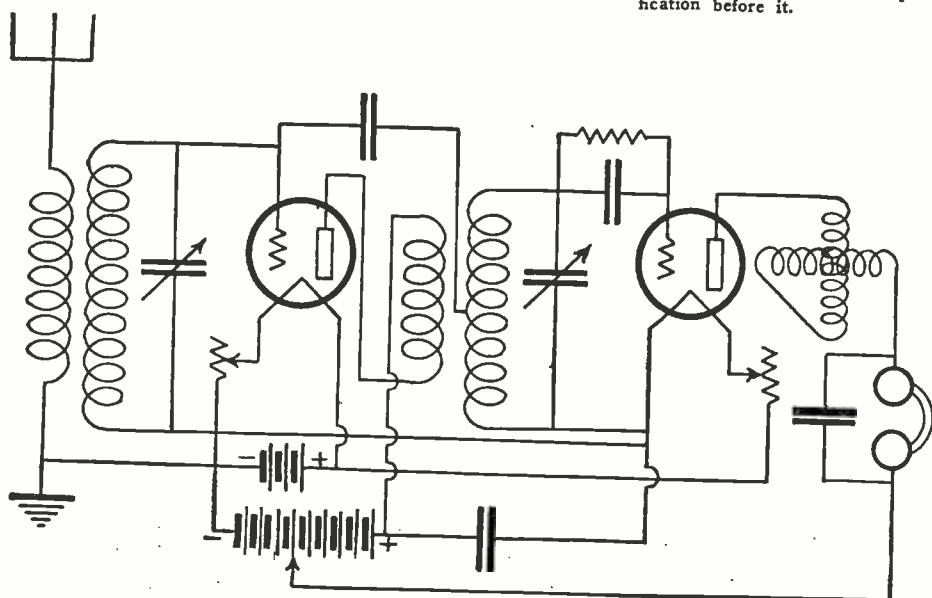


Fig. 4. Hook-up of the straight Neutrodyne using two stages of neutralized tuned radio frequency amplification.

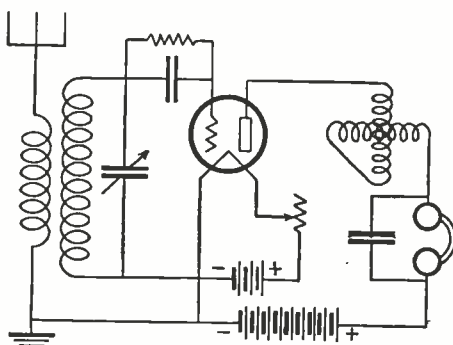


Fig. 1, above, shows the regenerative receiver, basis of regeneration in the Neutrodyne. Below, Fig. 2, shows the same regenerative receiver with a stage of tuned neutralized amplification before it.

## RADIO FREQUENCY

In the meantime, let us discuss the relative merits of radio frequency amplification by means of tuned neutralized amplifiers ahead of the detector and by means of regeneration as it applies in actual practice to the reception of radiophone signals over the broadcast range of wave-lengths.

It is found that radio frequency amplification by means of the Neutrodyne method increases the selectivity considerably and gives us a much greater detector output, which is much more pronounced on the

longer waves than on the shorter waves and will receive over very much greater distances than can be obtained from the detector alone.

Radio frequency amplification by means of regeneration also increases selectivity, gives us a much greater detector output, which is more pronounced upon the short waves than on the long waves, and will receive over much greater distances than can be obtained from the detector alone.

While the radio frequency method by means of amplifiers ahead of the detector has a peculiarity which causes weak signals to drop off rapidly and makes anything that is audible at all loud enough for loud speaker operation, radio frequency amplification by regeneration gives no such sudden dropping off of weak signals, but really gets in its best work from the very weakest signals.

The natural conclusion is to combine regeneration with radio frequency, thereby making a set which will respond to weak signals as well as giving stronger signals the undeniable increase in selectivity due to radio frequency amplification. However, until Prof. Hazeltine gave us the principle of Neutrodyne reception there was no satisfactory method of combining regeneration with radio frequency and we had all we could do to prevent regeneration in the radio frequency circuits instead of encouraging it afterward. Now, with regeneration automatically prevented in the radio frequency circuits, regeneration can be used to a great advantage in the detector circuit following neutralized radio frequency amplification without in the least affecting the regular working characteristics of either the tuned radio frequency circuits or of regeneration.

Let us compare the merits and demerits of the various combinations of the Neutrodyne receiver with and without regeneration. In Fig. 1 we have a simple one-tube, two-control receiver using one neutroformer and one variometer, giving in effect a single tube.





A top view of the Neutrodyne with regeneration showing the position of the variometer and neutrodon.

regenerative receiver. In Fig. 2 we have a two-tube, three-control receiver using two neutroformers and one variometer giving in effect one stage of radio frequency amplification and regeneration. In Fig. 3 we have a three-tube, four-control receiver using three neutroformers and one variometer, giving in effect two stages of radio frequency

those given by any of the other arrangements, and the just audible signal given by the circuit of Fig. 1 and inaudible signal of the circuits of Figs. 4 and 5 was of fair loud speaker intensity when the circuit of Fig. 3 was used with two stages of audio frequency amplification. Even the circuit of Fig. 2 gave a weak loud speaker reception on two

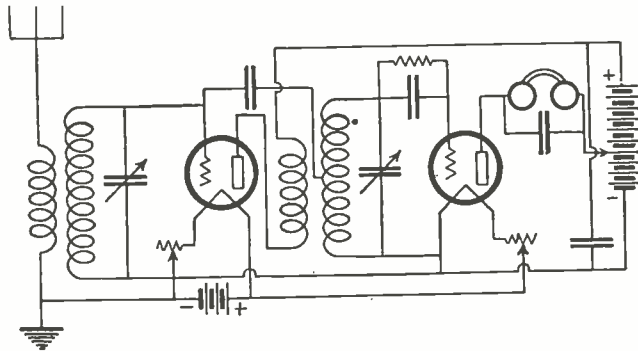


Fig. 5. At the left is shown a straight detector and one-stage tuned neutralized radio frequency amplification before it to boost the signals. Fig. 3, below, shows a second stage added making the regeneration neutrodyne.

amplification and regeneration. In Fig. 4 we have the regular non-regenerative three-tube, three-control, two-stage radio frequency amplifier using three neutroformers, and in Fig. 5 we have the regular non-regenerative two-tube, two-control, one-stage radio frequency amplifier using two neutroformers.

TESTS

To determine the relative efficiency of each of these arrangements in comparison to the others, three separate sets as represented in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 were constructed with a switch to cut regeneration in or out at will, giving the circuits of Figs. 4 and 5 when desired. Two stages of audio frequency amplification were available for each set.

First, a station working on a wave-length above 500 meters was tuned in, using the circuit of Fig. 1. The aerial was then cut down until the signal was just audible. The circuit of Fig. 2 was then tried and the signals showed a substantial increase in intensity due to the added one-stage or radio frequency amplification. The increase was not great, though very decided. The circuit represented by Fig. 5 was then tried with no signals at all being received from the test station, likewise the circuit represented by Fig. 4 was tried and still no signals could be heard from the test station. Then the circuit of Fig. 3 was tried and signals were immediately increased considerably over

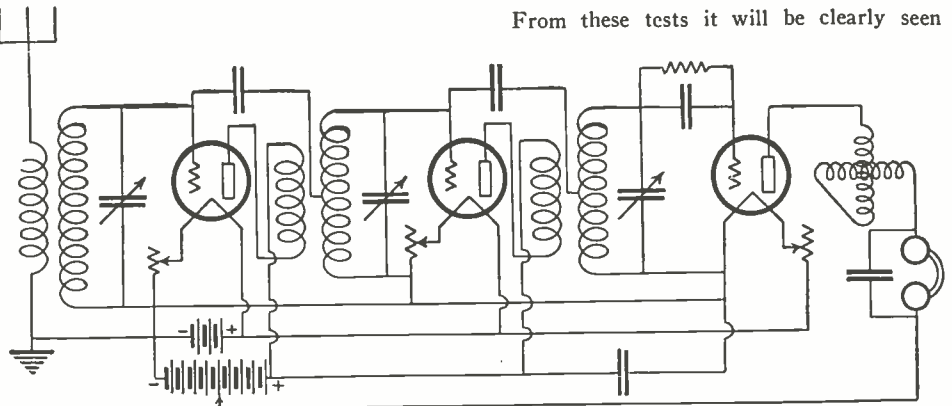


Fig. 6. A working diagram which the builder may follow. Audio stages are included.

stages of audio amplification—about the same as Fig. 3 showed on one stage.

Next the same experiments were carried out on a station working on a wave-length below 300 meters. After bringing in a just audible signal on the circuit of Fig. 1, only a very poor increase in intensity was noted when one-stage of radio frequency amplification was added by using the circuit of Fig. 2, while the best that could be done by adding two stages of radio frequency amplification as in Fig. 3 was perhaps just a little better than the increase made by one-stage on the longer wave-length. The signals on the circuit of Figs. 4 and 5 were, of course, hopelessly inaudible.

that the actual benefits of regeneration in the reception of very weak signals is more pronounced on the short waves than on the longer waves, and that two stages of tuned radio frequency amplification is about in the same proportion, more efficient on the longer waves than on the shorter waves. Therefore, by combining the two we not only obtain greater sensitivity over all of the wave-band, but obtain a more uniform action.

As will be noted, the above experiments were conducted on aerials that gave the same signal intensity on each wave in order to more clearly demonstrate the benefits of the two types of radio frequency amplification. This brings us to the third method of radio frequency amplification as a means of obtaining a greater detector output—radio frequency amplification by means of the aerial. (Continued on page 1994)

REGENERATION BEST ON SHORT WAVES

From these tests it will be clearly seen



# Reflex Radio Receivers in Theory and Practice

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## Part VI



Some excellent reflex circuits, employing crystal detectors as rectifiers, are described in this article. A more or less novel method of energy transference from the tube to the crystal detector circuit is employed.

**W**E have so far considered, for the sake of simplicity, the use of loose coupling between the aerial and the tube.

Direct coupling, however, in the case of reflex circuits, introduces several important problems which have not received adequate attention until comparatively recently.

A typical direct-coupled arrangement using the reflex principle is that illustrated in Fig. 31. It will be seen that the audio frequency currents are fed back by means of a transformer  $T_1, T_2$ , the secondary  $T_2$  of which is connected between the bottom of the circuit  $L_1, C_1$ , and the negative terminal of the battery  $B_1$ . This was, until about a year and a half ago, the common method of reflexing, although, of course, various kinds of circuits were proposed. Nevertheless, the regular method of feeding back the audio frequency currents was that illustrated in Fig. 31.

Let us examine closely the disadvantages of feeding back the audio frequency currents

more closely the disadvantages of the Fig. 31 method of feeding back the audio frequency currents. A condenser  $C_4$  is shown in dotted lines connected between the battery and ground. This phantom condenser is not an actual one, but represents the capacity effect between the battery and ground. The battery and the apparatus connected to it forms one plate of a condenser, the other side of which is the ground.

In Fig. 32 is shown an enlarged view, as it were, of a portion of the Fig. 31 circuit, showing the capacity effects in detail and a possible leakage effect.

The battery  $B_1$  and the high voltage battery  $B_2$  are usually bulky pieces of apparatus which, standing on a table, have an appreciable capacity to ground. The capacity to ground between the battery  $B_1$  and the ground is shown as  $C_4$ , while the capacity to ground of the "B" battery is shown as  $C_5$ . The telephones being on the head of the wearer, will also have a considerable capacity to ground. All these capacities are represented as one large capacity  $C_4$  in Fig. 31. In addition, unless the batteries and phones are perfectly insulated from the earth, there will be a leakage effect which is shown as  $R_2$ . The leakage effect, of course, will lessen the potentials established across  $T_2$ , and, therefore, lessen the audio frequency potentials applied to the grid of the tube, but the beginner may not understand why these capacities should have an injurious effect.

A convenient analogy which the writer has previously used is that of an angler and a fishing rod. Fig. 33 shows an angler holding the end of his rod, and, by a wrist movement, swinging the tip up and down. A free action is obtained in this case, but if a heavy weight is attached to the tip of the rod, as shown in Fig. 34, a wrist motion on the part of the angler will hardly move the tip of the rod at all. In the same way, the fact that one end of the transformer winding  $T_2$  is connected to ground and the other end to the battery, of substantial mass, results in an effect very similar to that shown in Fig. 34.

Fig. 35 shows the transformer having a primary  $T_1$  and a secondary  $T_2$ . One end of  $T_2$  is marked E and the other F. At a certain given instant when a varying current is being fed into  $T_1$ , and the end E will be negative and the end F positive. It is obvious that we want to get the largest possible potential difference across E and F and,

consequently, nothing must be done which will lessen them unnecessarily.

If, as in Fig. 36, we connect the end E to the ground, the end F will vary positively and negatively with respect to the end E and, therefore, with respect to the ground. The fact that one end of the secondary is connected to the ground does not in any way affect the magnitude of the potentials estab-

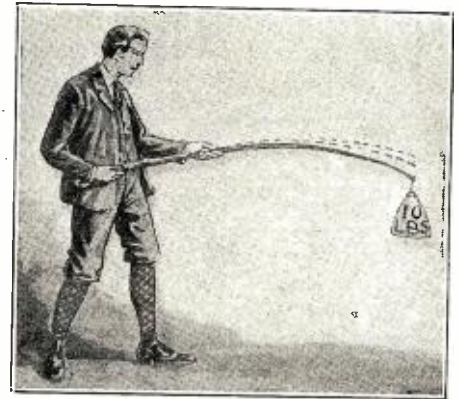


Fig. 34. Illustrating what happens when a weight is attached to the fishing-rod.

lished across it. It merely ties down one end of the transformer, making it vitally important that we should not in any way tie down the other end of the secondary.

In Fig. 37 we show the other end of the transformer  $T_2$ , formerly labeled F, connected to the grid G of a three-electrode tube. The grid, being a very light metal structure, has a negligible capacity and, consequently, the potentials on G will represent the full potentials established across  $T_2$ . If, on the other hand, we connect one side of the secondary to the ground, both ends of  $T_2$  would be tied, being practically short-circuited by the ground, since the current would flow from one to the other. The result would be that the potentials established across  $T_2$  would be very much smaller than those normally obtained.

In Fig. 38 we have part of the effect Fig. 31 illustrates. This effect is a leakage between the "A" and "B" batteries and phones to the ground and is frequently important. The resistance  $R_2$  in Fig. 38 will act as a partial short circuit for the secondary and, moreover, this leakage will vary from time to time and exactly the same results with

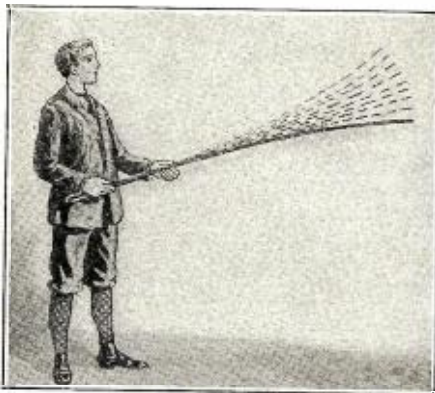


Fig. 33. Above is pictured the fish-pole analogy drawn in the article.

in this position. In reading the following remarks it must not be imagined that the arrangement of Fig. 31 will not work; the results are quite good, but various symptoms will be noticed. It will, for example, be impossible to touch the "A" or "B" battery, or one of the terminals of the telephone receivers without affecting the signal strength. Touching any of these parts may, moreover, set up an audio frequency buzzing.

### REASONS FOR THE DISADVANTAGES

In view of the importance of this section of our discussion it is proposed to examine

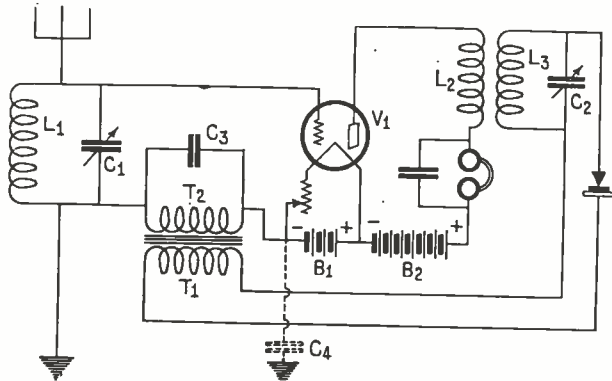


Fig. 31. An old standard method of feeding back the rectified audio frequency current to the grid circuit of the tube. Note the transformer and the phantom ground from the filament circuit.

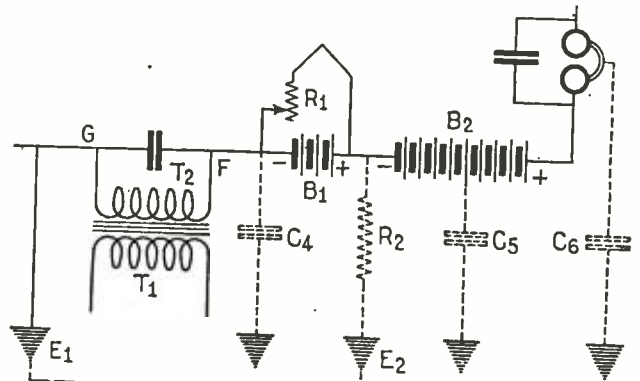


Fig. 32. All the possible capacities to ground from the circuit of Fig. 31 are illustrated above. The phones and batteries, of course, represent the largest values.



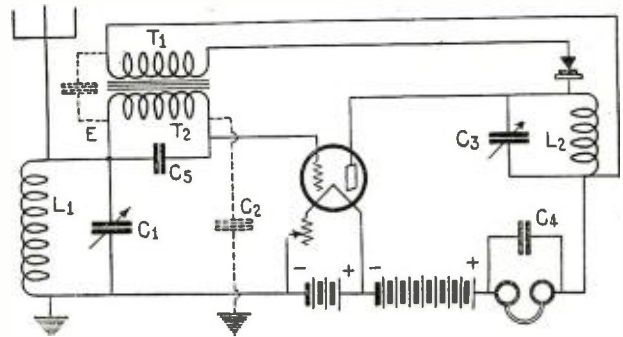
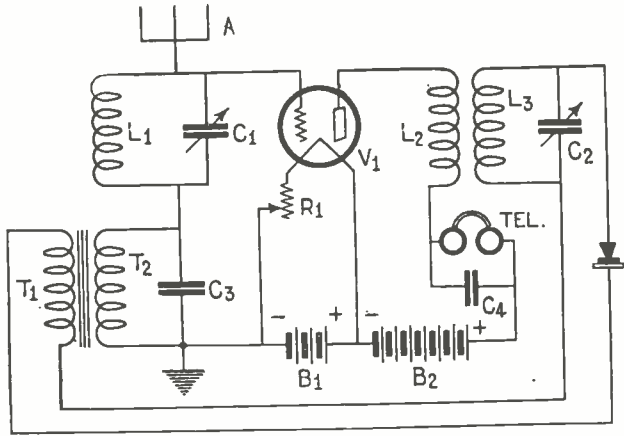


Fig. 42. At the left is shown another popular method of feedback. Fig. 41. Above is shown a hook-up of one of the early reflex circuits used by H. J. Round.

the apparatus may not be reproducible at will. The leakage effect, however, is not the most serious one because, provided the batteries, etc., are properly insulated, it will not occur. The most dangerous effect is the large capacity which they have. This is illustrated in Fig. 39.

If such a circuit be arranged, it will be seen that the condenser  $C_1$  shunts the secondary and if a large condenser is connected across the secondary  $T_2$  the potentials established across this winding will be reduced. If, for example, the condenser  $C_4$  had a value of five mfd., it would virtually short-circuit  $T_2$ , and the potentials across it would be too small to be of any value.

In Fig. 40 is illustrated the state of affairs existing in the Fig. 31 circuit, and it will readily be seen that the large capacity effects between  $B_1$  and the ground and  $B_2$  and the ground, not to mention the capacity of the telephones will act as a parallel capacity

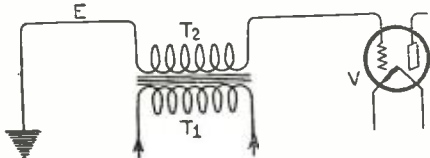


Fig. 37. The secondary is connected between grid and ground.

across  $T_2$  which will decrease the potentials. It will be noticed that in Fig. 40, as in Fig. 31, there is a small condenser  $C_3$  across  $T_2$  already. The value of  $T_2$  will depend very largely upon the particular transformer employed, and its sole purpose is to act as a by-pass for the radio frequency currents in the grid circuit. In most cases it will have a capacity of .0003 mfd. and if this is supplemented by the uncertain capacities of the batteries, the value will, in many cases, be too high and, the tendency toward buzzing will be increased. An additional and very important disadvantage is that the batteries, phone terminals, etc., cannot be touched with the hand without varying the signal strength and, in many cases, producing audio frequency buzzing.

The trouble due to the filament ground

connection of the transformer secondary is accentuated in receivers using regeneration, because any variation of the capacity across  $T_2$  will vary the amount of regeneration; an increase of the capacity, for example, will increase the tendency for the tube to oscillate, and once the tube oscillates the tendency to buzz is very greatly increased, and in many cases the radio frequency oscillation only takes place for a fraction of a second and is

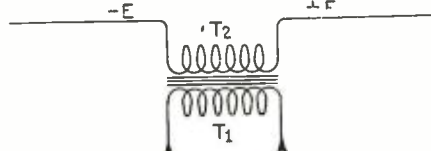


Fig. 35. The conditions existing in a transformer at a given moment.

immediately followed by an audio frequency buzzing.

**ROUND'S ORIGINAL METHOD**

The method which was used by H. J. Round in early experiments with reflex circuits is that illustrated in Fig. 41. The audio frequency circuits were fed into the grid circuit by means of a transformer, the secondary of which was connected between the grid and the aerial. The end E of the secondary was, so far as audio frequency currents were concerned, at ground potential, whereas the end G was connected to the grid. None of the trouble experienced with the Fig. 31 circuit were obtained. It is now a well known rule in radio design not to place

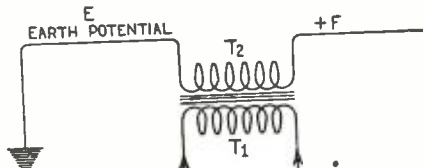


Fig. 36. Showing how potentials at the end of  $T_2$  vary.

apparatus at a point at radio frequency potential to ground. Across the circuit  $L_1 C_1$  radio frequency potentials are established and, consequently, the whole secondary of the transformer is at a varying radio frequency

potential to ground, and the transformer will consequently act in much the same way as the weight on the end of the fishing rod. This time it will be the radio frequency currents which will suffer, and these are much more susceptible to influence by parallel capacity. Every experimenter knows that if there is too great a capacity across his oscillatory circuit the potentials established across it will be small.

In Fig. 41 the substantial capacity between the two windings of the transformers is shown in dotted lines, and likewise the capacity of the secondary direct to ground. The capacity between the windings is very important because the primary winding is connected, virtually, direct to the ground as regards radio frequency currents. The net effect of this arrangement is that the potentials established across  $L_1$  and  $C_1$  are decreased.

The present writer of this series has de-

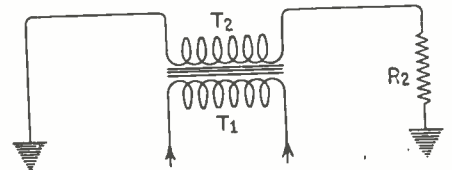


Fig. 38. Representing leakage path to earth.

veloped two fundamental methods of feeding back audio frequency currents so as to avoid both the troubles experienced with Fig. 31 and those found when the Fig. 41 arrangement is employed. H. J. Round has also employed another method which has been largely used commercially. This will be described later.

The first of the present author's methods, and the one which he has embodied in numerous reflex circuits, is that illustrated in Fig. 42.

It will be seen that the secondary of the transformer is now connected in the aerial circuit, as well as the grid circuit of the tube. A condenser is connected across  $T_2$ , and the capacity of this condenser may be fixed or variable. Experiment has shown that the best value is in the neighborhood

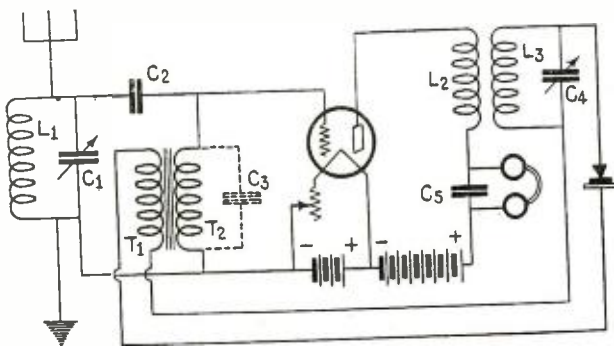


Fig. 48. Above is shown an adaptation of the Fig. 41 circuit which sometimes gives superior results. Note the placement of the phones and the condenser across the audio frequency transformer.

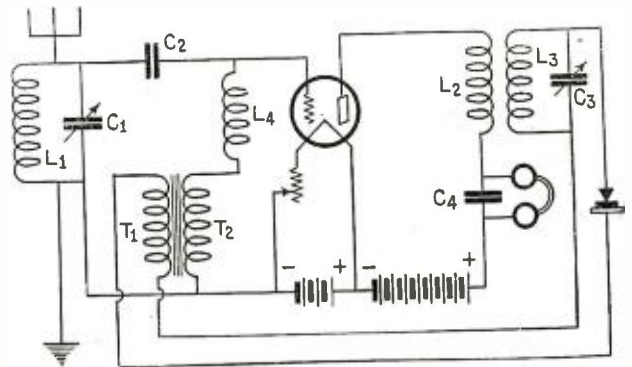


Fig. 49. This hook-up shows the place for installation of a choke coil for the elimination of alternating current hum which may get into the set by inductance.



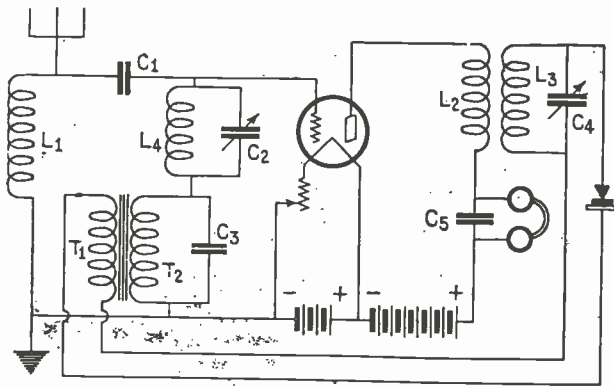


Fig. 50. A new method of eliminating A.C. hum devised by the author is shown above.

of .001 mfd. If the condenser is of too small a capacity it will interfere too radically with the aerial tuning arrangement, since it is an integral part of it. If, on the other hand, the condenser is too large, the audio frequency potentials will be reduced and there will consequently be a loss in efficiency.

The arrangement of Fig. 42 eliminates all trouble due to the transformer being at radio frequency potential to ground, and also all trouble due to the secondary of the transformer being tied down at both ends.

**EFFECT OF TRANSFORMER SECONDARY IN AERIAL CIRCUIT**

The only disadvantage of the Fig. 42 method is that there is a tendency to pick up interference from electric light mains, etc. This may be specially the case when alternating current is installed for domestic purposes, but it is impossible to state the effect of this interference without knowing the special circumstances. In some cases the interference is negligible, but in a few cases it may be desirable to use a feed-back method which cuts down this tendency.

**PARALLEL INPUT ARRANGEMENT**

In Fig. 43 we have the method which is an alternative of the Fig 42 arrangement and which is very largely used in commercial sets. The arrangement is not exactly what is commonly used, but the principle is the same. It will be seen that the audio fre-

quency currents produced by the rectification of the radio frequency currents by the crystal detector are fed into the grid circuit in parallel with the aerial input, a condenser  $C_2$  of .0003 mfd. being connected in the position shown to prevent the inductance  $L_1$  from short-circuiting the audio frequency currents. The secondary  $T_2$  will, in most cases, have an appreciable self-capacity which is shown as  $C_3$ . To counteract this self-capacity a separate inductance outside the secondary is connected in series with  $T_2$ . Alternatively, a high resistance may be used.

In the high resistance arrangement, the resistance  $R_2$  of one megohm is connected in series with  $T_2$ . This arrangement is not recommended, although it certainly helps to prevent the transformer secondary acting as a partial short circuit for the radio frequency current supplied by the aerial circuit.

Fig. 44 shows the common arrangement employed, and it will be seen that a high inductance  $L_3$  is connected in series with the secondary  $T_2$  in the position shown. This choke  $L_3$ , which is of the aircore pattern, will choke back any radio frequency currents which try to pass via  $T_2$ .

This arrangement possesses all the merits of previous arrangements and is also devoid of any serious tendency for the circuit to pick up A.C. hum.

A disadvantage of the Fig 44 arrangement is that an additional coil  $L_4$  is required, this coil requiring, for the best results, to have a minimum of self-capacity. Moreover, a different coil will be required for different wave bands, because obviously a small coil would not act as a choke at all for longer wave signals. The arrangement of Fig. 44, therefore, in this respect is not as good as the Fig. 42 simple circuit. Another trouble in connection with Fig. 44 is that the inductance  $L_4$  tends to resonate on account of its own self-capacity and stray capacities, and if it is tuned to certain specified wavelengths there will be a tendency for absorp-

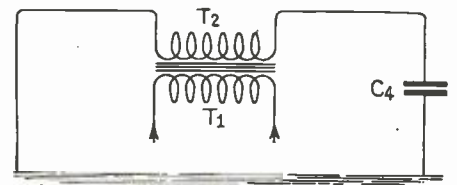


Fig. 39. Showing the effect of earth capacity of set parts.

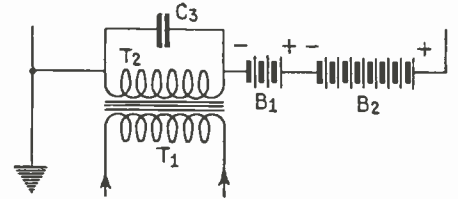


Fig. 40. Here are the chief offenders in the matter of ground capacity.

tion of energy from the main circuit. There are, consequently, complications which may arise on this account, but careful design may eliminate these troubles for a given wave band.

**A NEW METHOD OF FEEDING BACK THE AUDIO FREQUENCY CURRENTS**

The present author has introduced a new method of feeding back the audio frequency currents so as to obtain all the advantages of Fig. 42 and at the same time to cut out any trouble likely to arise through A. C. mains, etc. This is depicted in Fig. 45. It will be seen that there is an inductance  $L_1$  in the aerial circuit, a condenser  $C_1$  (which may have a capacity of .0003 mfds.) and the usual circuit  $L_4, C_2$ ; a condenser  $C_3$  of .001 mfds. capacity is connected across the secondary  $T_2$  of the feed-back low frequency transformer.

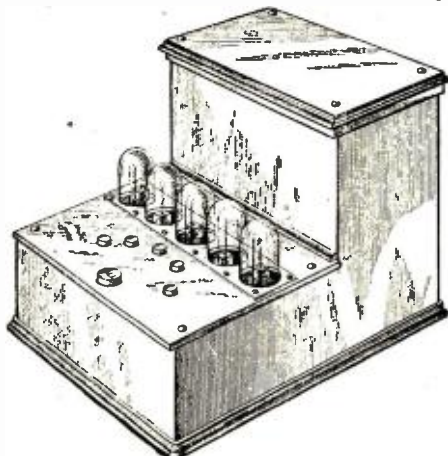
The inductance  $L_1$  may be a very high inductance choke coil and may take no active part in the tuning of the aerial circuit, which consequently consists of the aerial, the series condenser  $C_1$ , the circuit  $L_4, C_2$ , the condenser  $C_3$  and the ground. In this case, the condenser  $C_1$  will act as a stopping condenser to prevent  $T_2$  being short circuited by  $L_1$ .

(THE END.)

# Five-Tube Cabinet Radio Set of 1892

By JOHN B. BRADY\*

**DISCOVERED**—a five-tube radio cabinet set fully illustrated and published in a United States patent which was issued September 20, 1892! Below is shown the appearance of the cabinet and the five tubes mounted thereon. The application was filed by Sidney N. Johnson of Chicago, Ill., on October 5, 1891. It looks as though all of our previous knowledge on the develop-



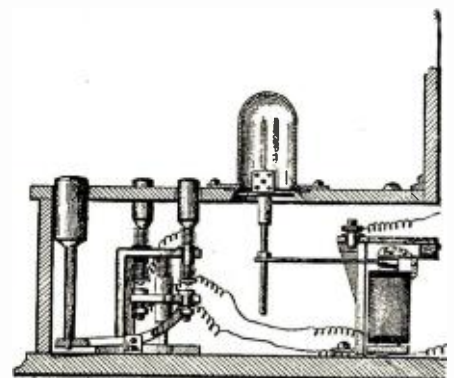
The "Five-tube cabinet set" patented in 1892, unearthed by Mr. Brady.

ment of radio has been all wrong. The 1892 cabinet looks like a modern Radiola.

The natural question is, what circuit did the 1892 radio set contain? Then, upon close investigation, we find that the cabinet, while very closely resembling a modern five-tube radio set, is, in fact, not a radio set at all, but gambling apparatus! The glass tubes projecting vertically from the cabinet are not vacuum tubes, but transparent coverings located over small disc-like tables, each of which supports a dice. There is a series of buttons at the front of the cabinet by which a player may close an electric circuit which agitates one of the little tables and shakes up the dice, and when the dice falls, the players can look through the glass cover and see what luck he has thrown. Five players can join in the game and each can punch a separate button and toss the dice to reach a score. There is also a separate button in front which can be punched to throw all of the dice simultaneously. The interior arrangement of the machine which outwardly looks like a radio set is shown in the illustration at the right.

The cabinet contains a battery and a series of electromagnets and a corresponding series of circuit closers, one for each electromagnet. One portion of the cabinet that is horizontal constitutes a table, in which is provided a

series of openings corresponding in number with the electromagnets, and in each of which works or vibrates a disc, adjustably secured to the free end of a spring-actuated armature lever to which is secured an armature of the corresponding electromagnet to which lever is also secured a spring tongue normally in contact with a contact post or point, which devices act as automatic circuit makers and breakers in substantially the same manner as like parts operate in an electric buzzer or bell.



The electrical connections of the "Five-Tube Set." Note the plungers to shake the dice.

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# Testing the Instruments of Your Receiver

By JOHN R. MEAGHER

A SIMPLE method of testing the instruments of a receiver which will save the experimenter a deal of trouble is delineated below. The apparatus and method are simple.

THE strangest thing that a radio writer observes is how some people will have good results with a receiver built from his specifications, while other fans will report poor reception with similar outfits built from the same description. Thus a single mail will contain letters of praise and letters of disparagement, letters of frank thankfulness and letters of pointed, biting sarcasm.

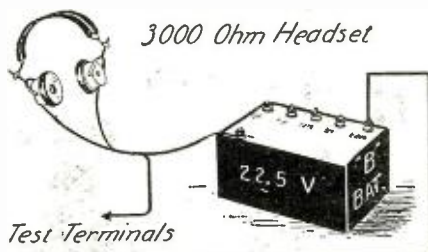
The letters of friendly appreciation, God bless 'em, are stowed away as peaceful mementos of a troubled period. The other letters, those regarding faults, poor results or no results at all, are sorted and arranged in two groups. One group contains the epistles from those fans who, when the set does not work, say to themselves: "Oh, that dumbbell writer, what he doesn't know about radio." The waste paper basket is always cluttered with these. The other group is from those chaps who, when the set will not work, say to themselves: "I'm an awful dumbbell not to be able to make this set work." They write nice, kind letters, apologizing for causing the writer trouble, hoping he will find time to give them a little help, enclosing a stamped envelope and thanking him in advance, etc. Their letters are always answered.

## INFORMATION FROM BUILDERS

But, by and large, the radio writer, from the written "kicks" as well as the written hand-claps, can gain a very good idea of the particular sort of trouble that most beginners experience when they start building multiple vacuum tube receivers.

The fault most commonly found in defective home-made sets is incorrect wiring. Sometimes a single connection will be on a wrong terminal and remain unnoticed even though checked and rechecked.

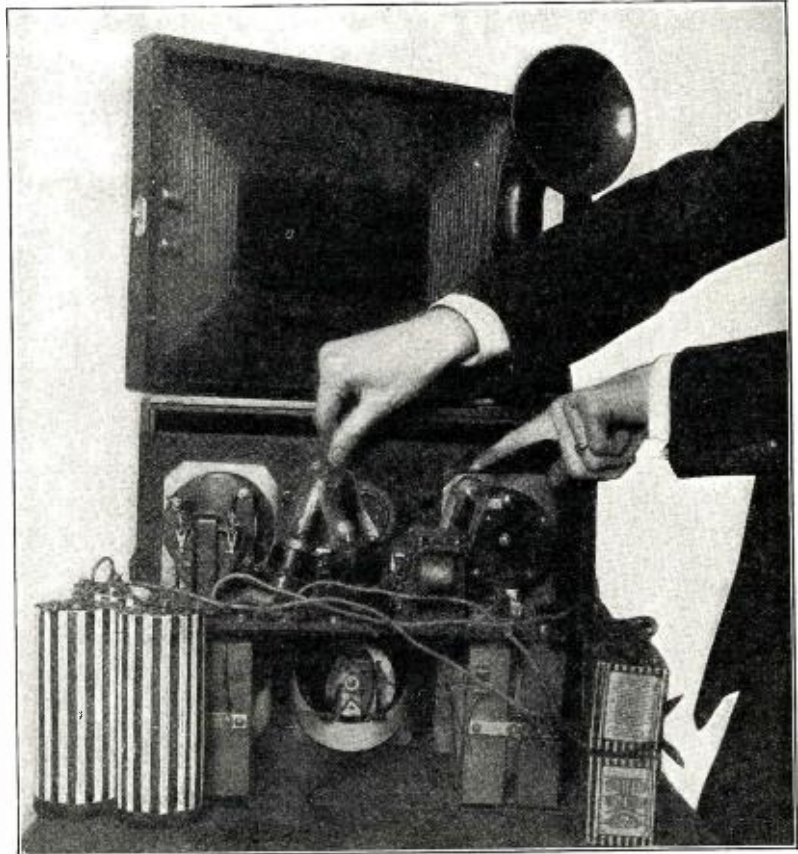
The source of greatest trouble is defective apparatus. A transformer with a broken lead; a fixed condenser with the supposedly insulated plates making contact; a variable condenser with the plates scraping through the entire movement or only in spots; a spider-web coil with single cotton or silk insulation and with one or more adjacent turns shorting; a tuning coil with a break in the wire or leads, unnoticed beneath the insulation; a socket with contacts of poor quality, so they fail to make contact with the tube studs; a grid leak with a value far different from the label indication; a jack with dead springs, so they fail to close the proper circuits when the plug is removed:



A high resistance head set and a "B" battery are the only instruments necessary for the valuable tests described.

The only course possible in the construction of a set in order to assure its operation upon completion is to be sure that the instruments are all perfect before they are connected.

Herewith is a photo of a well designed set employing sponge rubber bases for the tube sockets to eliminate tube noises.



a potentiometer with an unnoticeable break in the wire; a vacuum tube that lights, but does not function; a "B" battery with a defective cell; a lightning arrester with a

set work as it should. It is so easy to do this before the parts are used and so difficult to accomplish after they are imbedded in the set that we say, "Test it, please, before using."

## SIMPLE TESTING OUTFIT

No elaborate or expensive equipment is needed to test the majority of parts for electrical defects. The headset and battery arranged as shown in the diagram will be entirely satisfactory.

If the headset has a resistance of about 3,000 ohms, the battery may be a regular 22½-volt type, as the maximum current through such an arrangement would be only slightly more than seven milliamperes. When the test terminals are touched together a loud click will be heard in the phones. Another click will be heard when the terminals are separated from each other. If the terminals are touched to the ends of a resistance, the click will not be so loud. The higher the resistance the fainter the clicking. When the resistance is infinitely high, that is, when the terminals do not make electrical contact, no clicks will be heard. Therefore, we can use this device to tell the nature of the electrical path between the points to which the terminals are touched. For instance, if the terminals are touched to the ends of a potentiometer winding we should hear a click because the resistance value is comparatively low. But if the terminals are touched to the connections of a condenser, no click should be heard, because there should not be any direct electrical contact between the plates of a condenser.

The following parts may be tested and rated as O.K. or defective in the following manner:

## COILS

Connect the test terminals to the ends of the coil; a click should be heard. If the click is not heard, it is an indication that the

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# The Radio Beginner

## Tuning Your Radio Set

By A. P. PECK

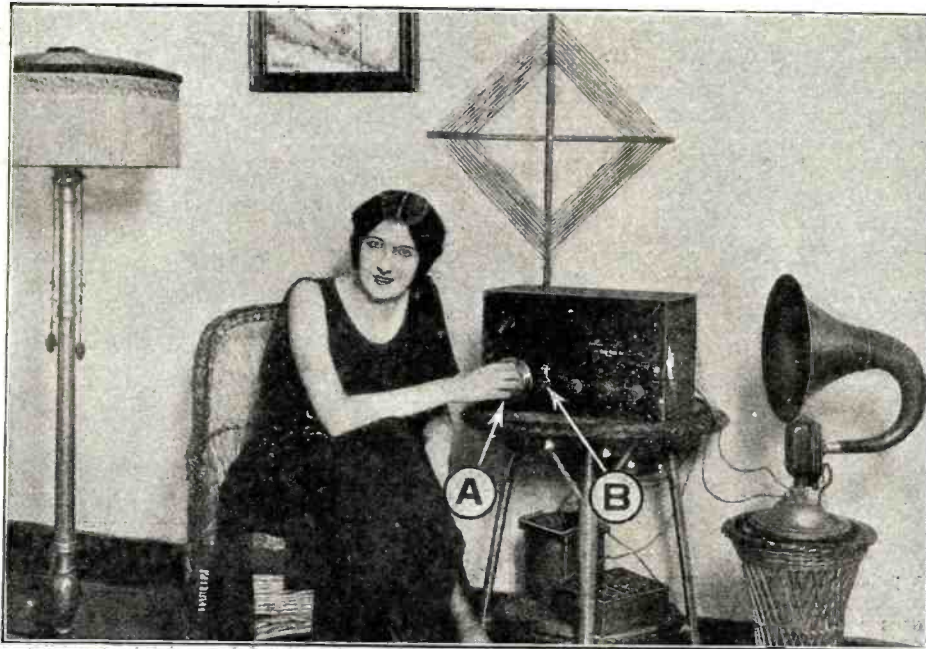


Fig. 9. Tuning a single control loop set. A is the tuning dial and B the knob for volume and clarity control.

**B**EFORE we enter into a detailed discussion of the methods of tuning various types of radio receivers, let us find out just what that subject covers.

In order thoroughly to understand the subject, let us first turn to the study of a simple analogy. Let us consider two violin strings stretched on a board as shown at A and B in Fig. 1. It is a well-known fact that, if two strings are tuned to the same pitch, one will commence to vibrate and give forth sounds when the other one is plucked or set into vibration, even though the first one is not touched by any mechanical means. Also, it is known that if the length or diameter of a violin string varies, it will give forth a different tone when plucked or vibrated. Stretching these strings to the proper tension is what is known as tuning in the musical sense of the term. Now let us consider, in order to illustrate this point, that string A in Fig. 1 is stretched to a certain tension. Let us start it vibrating by plucking it with the finger and keep it in vibration by the same method. At the same time let us consider that the key regulating string B is turned, tightening the string. We will find that as the string gets tighter, it will more nearly approach the same characteristics as A, and when it reaches that point, the two strings will be in tune, or resonance, as it is sometimes called, and string B will start to vibrate. Continue this experiment a little further and tighten string B still more. It will soon be found that the string will cease to vibrate even though string A is violently plucked. Thus we can see how a violin string may be brought from a certain point up to resonance

with another string and then, by further stretching, taken away from that resonant point so that it is no longer in tune with the first string.

This point is where the similarity between a radio receiving set and a tuned string shows up. We must remember that there are hundreds of broadcast stations in the country today and that if there were not such a thing as tuning, these many stations would find it impossible to operate. This is because of the fact that if they were all tuned alike, they would all "put our set in vibration," to harken back to the violin string analogy, and reception would not be possible. But, on the other hand, the various instruments in our radio set, which we will not deal with in particular in this article, allow us to so change the characteristics of our receiving set that we can tune in or tune out a station at will, just as

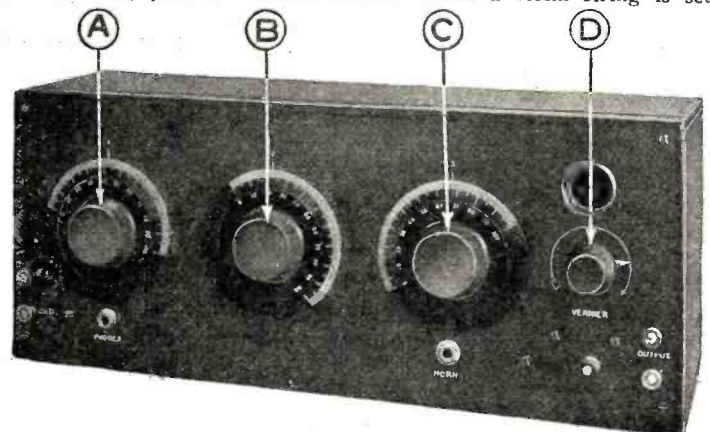
string B in the above described analogy was tuned to and away from string A.

Possibly we can see this point a little better by expanding the analogy illustrated by Fig. 1 and considering three strings mounted as at A, B and C in Fig. 2. Let us call string B the receiving station and A and C two different transmitting stations. Transmitting stations are the points from which the musical and other programs are sent out. Now let us say that strings A and B are in tune. Plucking A will cause B to vibrate, but if C is not in tune and it is set in vibration, it will not affect the action of B. If, however, the transmitting station or string C is tuned until it has the same period of vibration or is in resonance with string B, then we would have a different problem. Suppose we try to send signals by long and short plucks on string A and do the same thing with string C. The signals as reproduced by string B would be unintelligible and different from the originals because of the fact that B would respond to the vibrations of both the other strings. Thus we see that, by having transmitting stations of different characteristics, it is possible to change the characteristics of the receiving set until one or another of any desired broadcast station can be received at will without interference from others. By interference between stations, it is meant that it becomes possible to hear more than one station at a time. Under such conditions, reception is sometimes impossible because of the fact that the programs from the two stations clash with each other and cause interference. You could compare this effect with that of trying to listen to two persons talking at the same time. It is often impossible to understand either one or the other until one of them stops.

### WAVE-LENGTH

In the above few paragraphs we have mentioned in several places characteristics of stations. By this we mean the wave-length on which a transmitting station sends out programs or upon which a receiving station receives the same programs. Again let us refer to our comparison of strings described above. When a violin string is set

Fig. 10. Showing the various controls on a standard type of Neutrodyne set. A is the main tuning control. B and C adjust the radio frequency amplifiers to resonance with A. D is the vernier filament control rheostat.





in vibration, we hear a sound. This sound is transferred to our ear through the medium of the air by means of sound waves. When a string is started in vibration these sound waves are set up in the air and radiate or go out from the string in every direction, unless interfered with by some solid object. Even in this case the air waves can often cause objects to vibrate and transmit the sound still further. In much the same way, the apparatus in a radio transmitting station sets up waves, not in the air, but rather in the ether. Ether is conceded to be an all-prevailing material which is not capable of being recognized by any of the human senses. It is present everywhere and it is this ether through which radio waves are transmitted. When these waves are picked up by a receiving station, the effect may be likened to the tuned string described above. Certain electrical changes, too complicated to describe here, take place and the loud speaker or phones give forth sounds in accordance with those made at the transmitting station. This is, of course, considering that the receiving set is tuned to the wave-length of the transmitter. We accomplish the tuning of the average radio set by turning one or more knobs or dials located on the front of a panel. The turning of these dials actuate certain instruments inside the cabinet that in turn so change the electrical characteristics of the set that radio waves of different length can be received and reproduced.

**STANDARD SETS ONLY**

In the remainder of this article we will only consider standard radio receiving sets.



FIG. 1



FIG. 2

Figs. 1 and 2 illustrate simple analogies for tuning.

There are many home-made sets that will come under the general discussion, and we will also deal with several types of manufactured sets that are on the market today.

We find that at the present time the radio fraternity is composed of not only all those who build their own sets and so gain some knowledge of radio, but also of hundreds and thousands who buy ready-made sets, knowing little or nothing about the subject of radio. Then the trouble starts. The

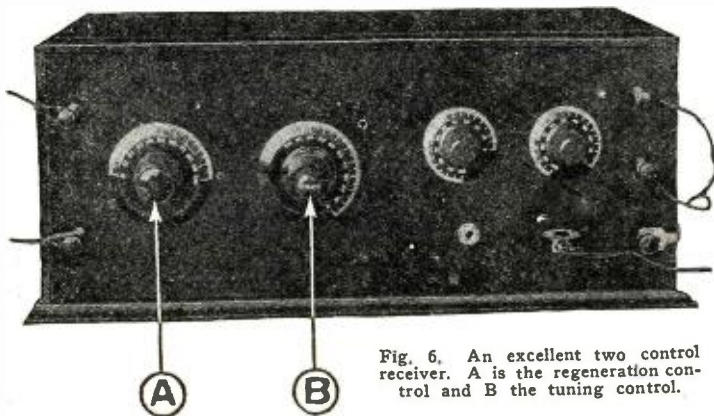
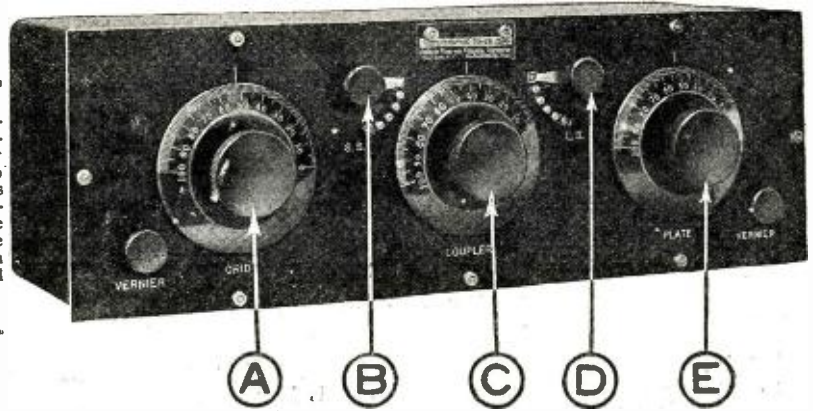


Fig. 6. An excellent two control receiver. A is the regeneration control and B the tuning control.

Fig. 7. A three-circuit regenerative tuner employing two variometers and a vario-coupler. Five controls are used which are explained in the text.



buyers of factory-made sets find that either they cannot get any stations at all or those they do get are not loud enough or not good enough. Very often these faults are present because the operator of the set does not know just how to tune it. Of course, we cannot lay down any hard and fast rules for the tuning of a radio set, but we can consider several different kinds of sets and discuss in general the tuning of each one. From these general rules anyone should be able, with practice, to properly operate almost any modern type of radio set. Combining some of the general rules laid down below with a little common sense, and with quite a little practice, no trouble should be encountered. Do not, however, expect to sit down at your new radio set and tune in all the stations within your range on the first night. You will find that certain fine points of tuning can only be learned by practice and that it may be a week or more before you thoroughly understand how to set the various knobs and dials of your set for the very best results.

First, however, if you have purchased a new set, it is suggested that you read the article appearing in this department in the January issue, which deals with the installation of a new radio set. It may be that the article will be of value to you and, after you get through with the installation, you will then be able to go ahead and get the best reception results out of your set that it is possible to obtain.

**CRYSTAL SETS**

Although the crystal receiving set is today considered passé by a majority of those interested in radio, still it holds its own to a very great extent. Its inherent simplicity, combined with its low cost and up-keep, make it a set that is very desirable for use when situated close to a broadcast station. The tones reproduced by a crystal receiving set are practically perfect. The one drawback, of course, is the lack of volume; but some music lovers use crystal sets with headphones because of the life-like reproduction that is obtained.

A typical crystal receiving set of the simplified type is illustrated in Fig. 3. With a receiver of this nature only one tuning control is used, namely, the dial indicated by A in the photograph. In order to receive signals with a set of this type it is only necessary to connect an aerial and ground to the clips provided for that purpose and so marked, connect the phones to the binding posts, adjust the detector and then turn the dial. With so many broadcast stations in the air today the latter two

may be accomplished at one and the same time. A piece of crystal, usually galena, is placed in the clip or cup and the fine wire or cat whisker touched to the surface of it. The dial is then slowly rotated, and if no signals are heard, the position of the cat whisker is changed. Rotate the dial once more, and continue this process until a station is heard. First, of course, make sure by referring to programs that some nearby

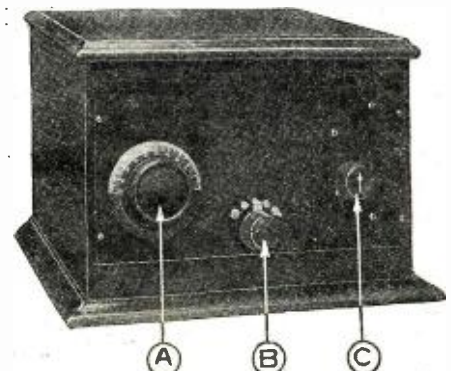


Fig. 4. A simple form of non-regenerative vacuum tube receiver. A and B are the tuning controls and C the filament rheostat.

broadcast station is in operation. If so, you will hear them as soon as your dial comes to the right position and you have found a sensitive spot on the crystal. After a station is once heard, carefully adjust the single dial until it comes in loudest. Then adjust the cat whisker over the surface of the crystal until the loudest possible signals are obtained. This spot is what is known as the most sensitive one on the surface of the crystal and should be maintained as long as possible. It may be necessary to readjust the wire occasionally, however, because jars or vibrations will remove the cat whisker from the sensitive spot. Also the crystal should occasionally be removed from the cup, using a pair of pliers and not the fingers, and washed in alcohol. This will remove any dust which may have collected on the surface and will restore the sensitivity of the crystal to a certain extent. Also, you should occasionally clean the point of the cat whisker.

Thus you can see that the tuning of this set is probably as simple as it is possible to make a radio receiving set.

There are, of course, other types of crystal sets using more complicated tuning apparatus than the one illustrated herewith. However, the adjustment of the crystal is the same in all cases and the other tuning controls may be manipulated in much the same way as described in connection with some of the single tube sets mentioned below.

**ONE TUBE RECEIVERS**

The tuning of most single tube receiving sets is somewhat more complicated than that of the crystal detector type described above. Let us first consider a single tube set similar to the one illustrated in Fig. 4. Here we find a dial indicated by A and a switch



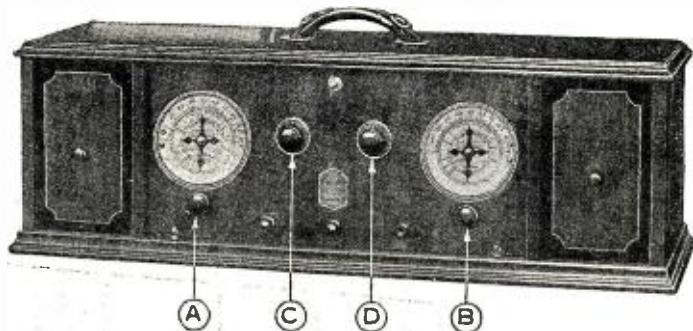


Fig. 11. The two control Super-Heterodyne receiver illustrated at the left is entirely self contained. Even the loop aerial is in the cabinet. A and B are the tuning controls, C the volume control and D the filament rheostat.

indicated by B. First, the set is connected up as per the directions given by the manufacturer, or in accordance with the directions of the article describing the construction of the set that you made. This same point, of course, applies to all receiving sets and will not be mentioned again in connection with the others described below. The tube is inserted in the socket and the phones placed on the head. The knob C in Fig. 4 is turned slowly to the right. This is the rheostat or instrument that controls the filament heat of the vacuum tube. A slight hissing noise soon will be heard and the rheostat should be left in this point for the time being. The switch B may then be placed on the first point and the dial A rotated slowly throughout its entire range of graduations. If no signals are heard, try the second point on switch B and again rotate the dial. Continue in this manner, using the third, fourth and fifth points of the switch until signals are heard. After a station is thus located, adjust the dial A carefully for louder signal strength and then try turning the rheostat slightly either one way or the other. You will soon locate the best operating position for the rheostat. This point will advance slightly to the right as the set is used more and more and the "A" battery is reduced in strength. However, when the storage battery is charged, or new

A single tube set of the regenerative type is illustrated in Fig. 5. Here the dial indicated by A is what is known as the tuning dial, B is a switch used in the same manner as the switch in Fig. 4 and C is the regeneration control. The tuning of this set is, in fact, quite simple, although some people try to make hard work of it. In essence, the process is as follows: The tube is lighted by closing the switch of the filament circuit and turning the rheostat part way. The regeneration dial is then set at about 10 degrees on the scale and the dial A and switch B manipulated as heretofore mentioned, until a signal is heard. If nothing happens, increase the setting of the regeneration dial and try again. Signals will soon be heard if any stations within the range of the set are operating. After a station is once located, carefully and slowly adjust dial A until they are at the loudest. Then increase the reading of dial C until the station comes in at its best. Further adjustment of this dial will cause the set to squeal and the music distort. Never advance the regeneration control so far as to cause this to happen, and always work your set with the rheostat turned to the left as far as is possible and still get results.

**RADIATION**

Making a set squeal as mentioned above causes it to act as a miniature transmitter and waves will be sent out from your aerial which will be received by your neighbors' and which will cause squealing and unpleasant noises in their sets. Therefore, always operate your set so that it does not squeal. This squeal-noise can always be controlled if care is taken not to advance the regeneration control too far. If you do advance it to the point where the set squeals, you gain nothing and you only cause trouble and hard feelings with your neighbors. Adjust your regeneration control carefully and you will obtain the best results from your set. These rules apply to the operation of any radio receiving set that employs regeneration.

**TWO-CONTROL RECEIVER**

What is probably the most satisfactory receiving set for all around use by the average beginner or even the advanced student of radio is illustrated in Fig. 6. It is what is known as a two-control receiver with only one tuning control. The particular set illustrated incorporates three tubes. The use of three tubes allows the operator to reproduce received signals with a loud speaker and does away with the necessity of constantly wearing headphones.

In the set illustrated herewith, one rheostat controls the detector and the other controls the two amplifier tubes. These rheostats are manipulated as described above and a plug connected to a loud speaker is inserted in the jack, which allows the use of all three tubes. Inserting the plug in the other jack would place only one detector and one ampli-

fyng tube in the circuit and would not allow the use of a loud speaker, except on nearby stations. You can, however, use headphones when the plug is placed in this jack and get excellent results, particularly on DX reception.

After the rheostats are turned on, the dial A is set at about 10 degrees. The dial B is then rotated very slowly until a signal is heard. Then adjust that dial closely and, if necessary, turn the vernier knob. This knob permits very close adjustment that could not be obtained by turning the dial itself. When the signal is brought to its loudest point by this method, advance dial A, which controls the regeneration, to just below the squealing point. Once this point is found, you will have located the setting where the signal will come in at its best.

**THREE-CIRCUIT TUNER**

Some time ago in this department, the writer described in detail the construction of a radio receiving set which is generally known as a three-circuit tuner. It incorporates a vario-coupler, a variometer and a variable condenser, connected with a single

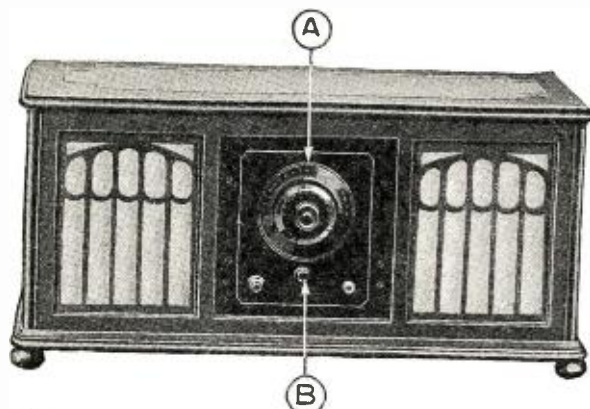


Fig. 8. A new type of self contained single control four-tube receiver. A is the tuning dial and B the vernier knob for fine adjustment.



Fig. 3. An elementary type of receiver using a crystal detector is illustrated above. A is the tuning control.

vacuum tube. For the benefit of those who have sets of this type, the following tuning directions are given. Referring to Fig. 7, we find dials marked A, C and E and switches marked B and D. In this particular case, the dial A controls the wave-length, as do also the switches B and D. Dial C controls the coupling between the stationary coil and the rotating coil of the vario-coupler and enables the operator to obtain finer tuning than would be possible if the coupler were fixed. Dial E controls the variometer which provides regeneration in this particular circuit and should be manipulated accordingly.

After the rheostat is set, the switch arm B, which controls the coarse tuning of the primary circuit, should be varied and the condenser A changed at the same time. This should be done with the coupling C set at maximum and regeneration control E at about 10 to 20 degrees on the scale. Signals will soon be heard, whereupon the regenera-

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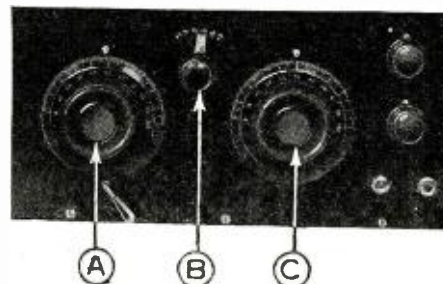


Fig. 4. A regenerative vacuum tube receiver of the single circuit type. A and B are the tuning controls and C the regeneration control.

dry cells placed in the circuit, as the case may be, the rheostat setting will again be toward the left. Be sure that you turn off the filament or "A" battery circuit every time you are through using your set. This may be accomplished either by turning the rheostat all the way to the left or opening a switch, if the set is equipped with such a device. If you do not take this precaution your "A" battery will quickly run down.

The set, the operation of which is described above, is what is known as a non-regenerative type and is not very sensitive. The use of regeneration increases the sensitiveness of a single vacuum tube receiving set to such a point that great "DX" (distance) reception often becomes possible and the signals are reproduced much louder than the type described above. However, the use of regeneration sometimes distorts the received signals somewhat, but if the set is handled properly, such need not be the case.



# International Radio



## ENGLAND

### Experiments in Westminster Abbey

Microphones and loudspeakers were recently installed in Westminster Abbey. Experiments are being performed along the lines of voice amplification.

### Curious Antennae in Scotland

Among the many curious antennae that have been experimented with in Scotland were the frame work of a piano, a brass parrot cage and a metal candle stick. In each case excellent results were reported as the Glasgow broadcast station was received over a distance of 100 miles.



The terminal shown above is an excellent one because the contact is tight and the lead may be connected or disconnected almost instantaneously. These terminals may be used in any place where an external lead is needed to be connected into a set. Other advantages are that the terminals take two leads; offer a larger surface of contact than ordinary terminals, and they may be attached easily to terminals already incorporated in the set.

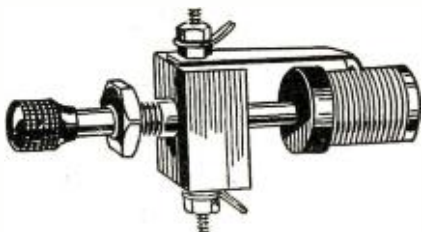
### New Method for Broadcasting Plays

In Station 2LO in London a new system has been adopted for the broadcasting of plays. The actors gather about the microphone and instead of having the script of the play in their hands, page by page it is projected upon the wall of the studio from which they read their lines. This method eliminates any rustling of papers and also permits the artists to keep their heads raised, talking directly into the microphone.

### New High-Powered Station

Plans have been accepted and construction started on the new high-powered station for broadcasting at Daventry. The two antenna towers are to be 500 feet high and 800 feet apart, and there is to be a T-shaped antenna, the lead-in dropping from the center of the antenna directly to the station beneath. The power rating of the station is 25 k.w., although the actual consumption will be nearly 100 k.w.

One of the most interesting things about the new station is the equipment for the ground. This will consist of a continuous metal plate laid underground with a radius of 100 feet. The station will be in the center



The filament rheostat shown above is rather a departure from conventional design, in that instead of having a movable arm the element on which the resistance is wound is controlled by the knob on the front of the panel.

of this ring and there will be leads from this ground going directly to the station's roof.



## FRANCE

### Prize Offered for Circuit

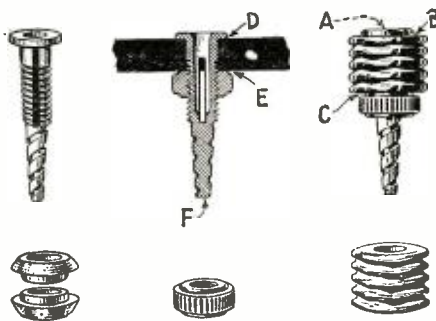
A manufacturer of radio apparatus in Paris has offered a prize of 1,000 francs to the amateur who demonstrates the best receiving set, using the power lines of the city as an antenna.

### Two Million Words Per Day

The powerful radio station at Ste. Assise is capable of transmitting approximately 2,000,000 words per day.

### French Stations

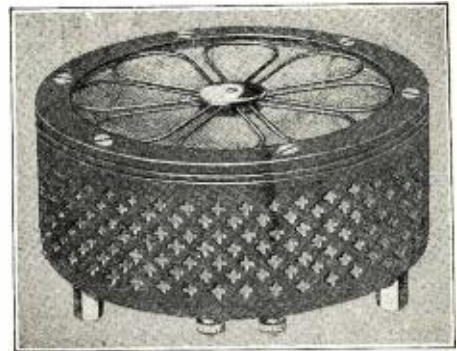
The situation in France of the broadcast stations is far from being as near perfect as the situation in England, mainly because of the unhappy conditions that have been imposed by the Post Office Department. Also the wave-lengths that are used are much more widespread than in the other countries, waves from 300 to 2,650 meters being employed. The system has been more or less criticized as nearly all the stations are in or near Paris and the maximum range of reception is about 500 miles, so that unless multi-tube sets are used, no concerts can be received.



For the experimenters' convenience connections may be made to the terminals shown in the accompanying illustration in five different places, A, B, C, D and E. These points of connection furnish excellent contact and have the advantage of being easily disconnected by merely loosening the locknut. A permanent connection point is provided at F where wires may be soldered.

On the high wave-lengths France has two stations. One is the Eiffel Tower, which works on a wave-length of 2,650 meters and daily broadcasts concerts, news, weather reports, etc. This station is heard over the whole of Europe. On 1,780 meters there is Radio Paris, owned by the Compagnie Francaise de Radiophonie, which broadcasts concerts daily. There is another official station, PTT, an abbreviation of *Ecole Supérieure des Postes Telegraphes Telephones*, working every other day on 459 meters. However, its low input (500 watts) and the bad situation of its antenna make the range of this station only about 200 miles. Next in the wave band is the station of the Petit Parisien, working on 345 meters, which is one of the best stations in the country.

There are four other stations that transmit intermittently, Lyons, on 470 meters, which broadcasts phonograph records; Agen, on 325 meters; Les Concerts Radio-Nor-



A hornless loud speaker, manufactured in Germany. This instrument has a diaphragm of aluminum and the reproduction of sound is remarkably free from distortion.

mands, on 380 meters, and Le Pic du Midi that transmits for the most part meteorological advices.



## GERMANY

### Short Waves Used For News Service

German experiments with short wave-lengths have met with great success in the case of news service between Nauen and Buenos Ayres. It was feared that the sun and the long days of the Argentine summer would interfere with any kind of regular service on a wave-length of 70 meters using only 2 k.w. to cover the 7,500 miles between the two countries.

By working during night time in Argentina, irrespective of the time in Germany, it has been found possible to keep up a regular 10-hour service, using no higher energy than before, but on a wave-length of 30 meters.

### Selling Information By Radio

From Berlin comes the report that an effective method has been devised for selling information sent out by radio. Prices and other agricultural information are sent out in code. Those who subscribe for the service are provided with an explanation of the code by which they are enabled to interpret the messages. When the time comes for renewal of subscriptions the code is changed.

### Breslau's Brain Wave

The station in Breslau has lately been trying out an ingenious idea, by testing the effect of broadcast music upon factory workers. Not only are special lunch-hour programs given, but by means of loudspeakers experiments are being conducted with a view to seeing if the output of workers doing mechanical duties can be accelerated by suitable tunes.

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A headset, made especially for listeners of the gentler sex, is mounted on a hollow, wooden handle. With this pair of phones Milady need not fear that her coiffure will be disarranged, due to the old style head set, while she is listening-in.





## Hamitorial Put It On Paper First!

**T**HERE'S theory and then there's practice. Both incorporate knowledge, one supplementing the other. One cannot be effectual without the other.

Here's the lay.

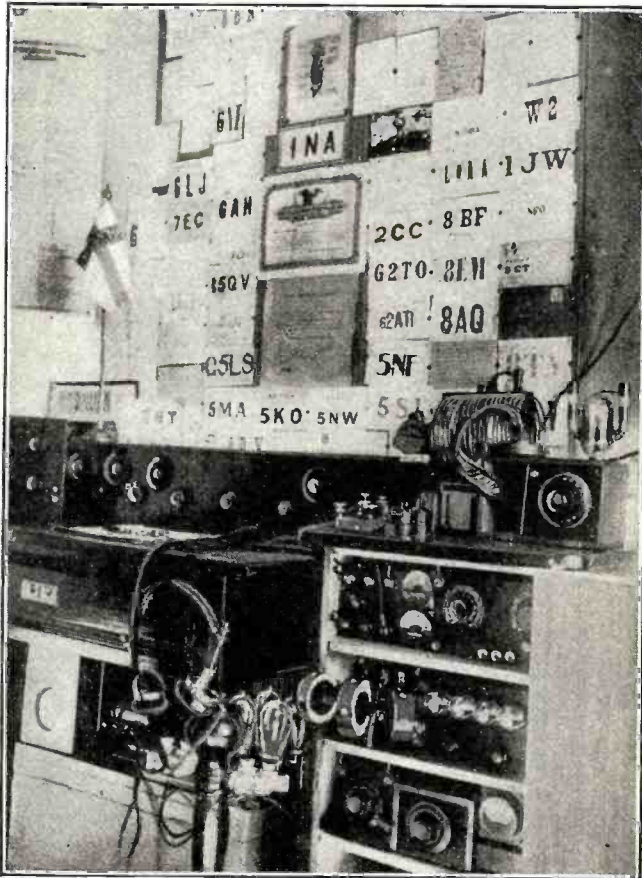
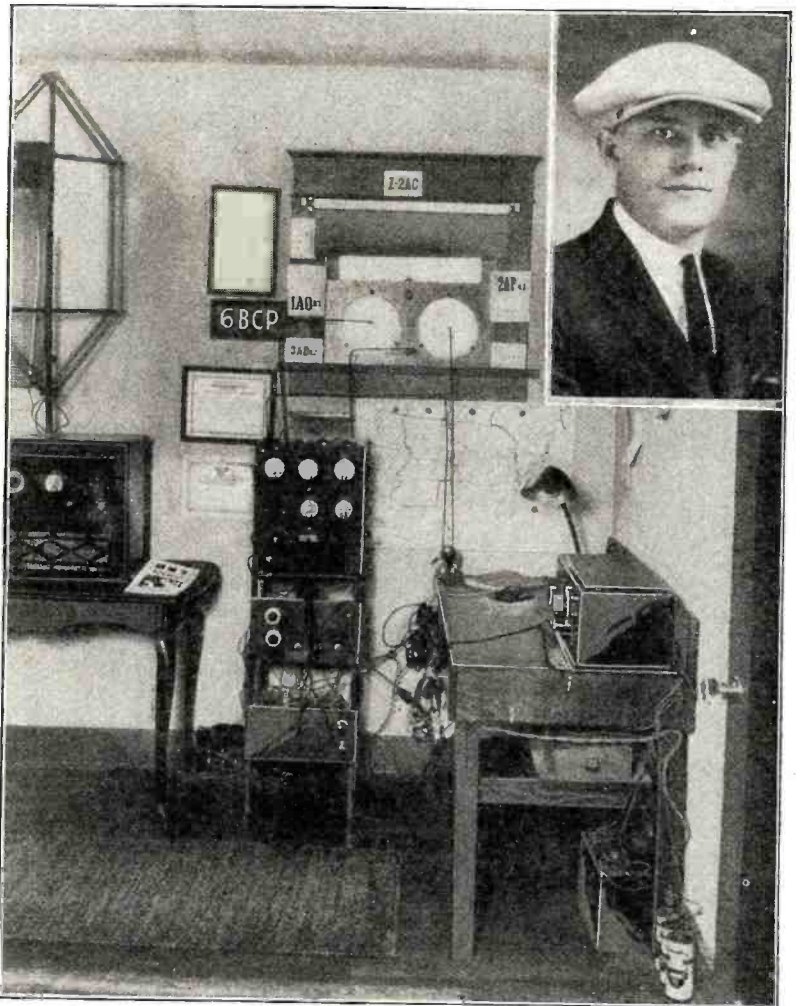
The man who pounds the key and adjusts the natural, grows gradually to hold himself superior to the gents who thumb the log tables and keep a copy of the Bureau of Standards on the desk. One makes notes and reports and the other makes stations. But if it were not for the notes, the station would still be wondering why it had trouble raising a neighbor in the daytime and were it not for the station, the notes would still be on the back shelves of the Public Library.

The moral is obvious.

The bird must be early to catch the worm or else take it, cold storage, from the nearest delicatessen.

All of which is to say that one of the surest methods of advancement in any field is to use both the mathematics and the meters. They seem a long way apart, the hammer and the slide rule, but they are brothers under the skin, although one is the

6BCP, the station of W. B. Magner, San Pedro, Calif., who held a two-way communication with A4AA in Australia. Not a bad bit of DX for a 20-watt master and four 5-watt amplifiers in a Hartley circuit.



Above is 1NA, Suomi, Finland, owned and operated by Leo Lindell. Mr. Lindell has been president of the Finland Amateur radio league and one of the leaders of amateur work in his homeland. Twenty watts is the highest power allowed amateurs in his country.

younger and has a reputation for midnight oil.

As a matter of legal fact, they are both joint heirs under their father's will, and their ancestor is none other than old man Advancement himself. Of course, they have small independent means themselves, but they cannot make any major investment without a joint signature. So the logical conduct is the greatest co-operation. In other words, both of them must be wooed and won if they are to invest in the salesman's pet scheme.

And the salesman is the Ham who is trying to get 50 more miles without melting down the plate of the 50-watter.

Now, me hearties, here's me plea. When

you have an idea whereby you wish to perform the eighth or ninth wonder of the world, save time, your patience and your self-respect by first examining the idea thoroughly from the theoretical side. There may be many points which can be cleared up by a simple reference to Kent or Stanley. And then, many times, the gorgeous idea's pristine beauty may not be so hot as it appeared at first sight, it may be the glim of renovation. It may, perchance, have been invented before. You know regeneration was invented at least 15 times after the original patent was granted.

But the main dirge has to do with a number of failures of ideas in the hands of their originators, only to result in extreme success in the laboratory of a neighbor.

One of the most potent facts confronting the United States Patent Office is the habitual lack of data concerning the constants of circuits submitted to them for acceptance.

And any man who has tuned a C.W. squirter to a 195 fundamental knows that the ammeter refuses absolutely and positively to function until such times as proper attention and mathematics are brought to





Station 5AHD owned and operated by Mr. B. H. Huff, of Altus, Okla. Note the good old three-circuit honeycomb coil receiver to the left of the photo. The transmitter is a 10-watt C.W. and phone set.

was continued. Ergo, the tube.

How many Hams do you know who have an idea, decide to try it, draw an incomplete diagram, use any apparatus at hand which can be forced into service, and then start testing without so much, many times, as examining a complete hook-up of the complete arrangement.

And how many times does the test fail absolutely to give even the slightest result? How many times would it have given a result of some sort—a necessary beginning for any continued investigation—had some one constant been corrected according to known formulae?

Come on, the old physics and the reports of the Royal Society are pretty interesting. Read 'em while waiting for the broadcasters to finish.

Jay Hollander.

selectivity and a slight increase in signal strength as compared with No. 18 on waves of 100 and 200 meters. For C.W. reception a tickler of No. 18 wire gives better and clearer signals.

It is not suggested that the reader should attempt to compress this set into a small cabinet—if he tries he will in all probability meet with failure; the set will do nothing but oscillate when the two circuits are brought into tune.

The actual set used by the writer is laid out on a baseboard. All leads at R.F. potential are kept very short and well away from other wires. Ordinary honeycomb mountings are used for the coils, though for short wave work some other form of mounting would be more efficient. Honeycomb mountings are used for ease in covering a wide band of wave-lengths without using too much condenser. The grid leak is connected to the positive of the "A" battery.

$C_1$  in the antenna lead is variable. For waves below 100 meters it is set at 10-20 degrees (180 degree scale), for 100-200 meters it is set at about 40 degrees. For higher waves, as much as may be necessary. Increasing the capacity of this condenser increases the signal strength, but decreases the selectivity.

For  $C_3$  two values are given. The smaller one is normally used, but when atmospheric are bad the larger one is switched in. It seems to have the effect of reducing the ratio of static to signal strength and signals are more easily read.

OPERATION

When the set is assembled and wired and first switched on, the filament current, the "B" battery voltage on each tube and the grid leak must be so adjusted that the set goes into oscillation without a "plop"—overlap must be entirely absent for DX work. Separate "B" battery tappings for each tube are most desirable as they admit of fine adjustment. A hard or soft tube may be used for detector; the soft tube gives stronger signals, but the hard tube is more stable—the latter is, therefore, used in the writer's set. The circuit  $L_2C_3$  is set to the wave-length to be received and  $C_3$  varied until the set oscillates; of course, the tickler must be brought close to the aerial inductance, the coupling between tickler and antenna inductance must now be reduced until the set is only just oscillating. It is then in its most sensitive condition. It must be distinctly understood that if the set is allowed to oscillate furiously DX reception cannot be hoped for. It is a common fault to use too large a tickler coil, use one as small as possible—just large enough to make the set oscillate over the range required.

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An R.F. Short Wave Receiver

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THERE is no doubt that a stage of R.F. amplification, properly applied and handled, greatly increases the range of a receiver even on the very short waves at present used by amateurs.

The writer used the set to be described for the reception of signals from American and other amateur stations on all short wave-lengths. About 400 American and Canadian amateur stations have been heard, although the time devoted to this class of reception is of necessity limited. Some of the stations have been heard on different wave bands from time to time. For instance, 1CMP has been heard on 200, 100 and 75 meters. As a rule the signals are of very good strength.

The receiver is wired to the circuit in Fig. 1. The table gives the winding details for the coils. All coils are wound on spider-web forms cut from thin cardboard and having an inside diameter of 1 3/8 inches and 11 slots. The wire used is No. 22 D.C.C., No. 18 D.C.C. and Litz. Contrary to general opinion Litz. is found to give greater

bear on the number of henries and microfarads of the circuit. A simple, almost foolish illustration, but it shows the point. All points of great importance are simple—to steal Doc Crane's stuff—but it's the truth which is of interest.

How much trouble will you save yourself if, before you try some new idea, you dope out everything possible first? And how much greater are your chances of ultimate success with it if you do? Try it once and see.

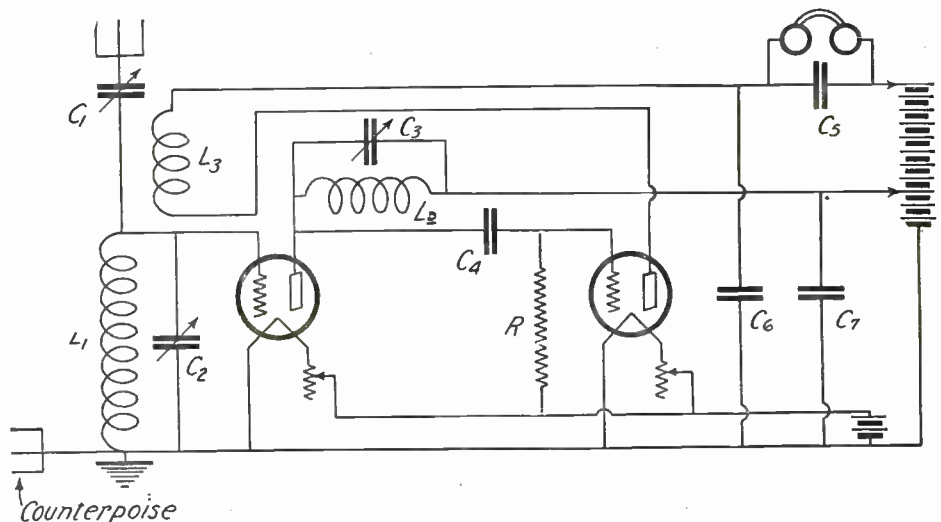
But the climax is not yet. You not only save time and trouble, but you know at the time of investigation just exactly what you are looking for.

By first plotting the new circuit or idea on paper, and then going through it carefully, figuring out all the values for apparatus which functions in its usual capacity, you automatically make known to yourself just what it is in the circuit that is unknown, i. e., what you are looking for.

With this point clearly in mind, there is a base from which the experiment may be carried forward. The resulting notes, written after the power is cut off at the conclusion of work, will not be a simple jumble of disconnected facts, but a very definite and concise essay on the operation of certain apparatus being used in an effort to make certain improvements of the known methods. The clarity of purpose will make the end just seventeen and three-quarters as easy to gain. Instead of meandering about through country lanes, you go down an asphalted, well lighted, straight street. Much quicker.

And the climax: When the experiment is brought to a successful conclusion, instead of having a new method of producing a certain result without any definite knowledge as to how or why, you will know pretty nearly just the how and the why, and if sufficient attention has been paid to the Bureau of Standards you will know whether you have a new principle or just an adaptation of one of the established facts.

The vacuum tube was the direct result of such a research. Something was wanted. In an experiment to improve existent apparatus, certain facts were noted, elements in certain relation behaved in a strange manner. Never forgetting for a moment what was being sought, the investigation



The circuit diagram of the R.F. short wave receiver. The capacity values are:  $C_1$ —.0004 mfd.,  $C_2$ —.0005 mfd.,  $C_3$ —.00025 mfd.,  $C_4$ —.0003 mfd.,  $C_5$ —.0002 or .006 mfd.,  $C_6$  and  $C_7$ —1 mfd. each, and  $R$ —2 megohms.



# A Year's Work Below Forty Meters

By JOHN L. REINARTZ, 1QP--1XAM



JOHN L. REINARTZ



Here is some real dope on short wave work. Mr. Reinartz has been collaborating with the Naval Research Laboratory, at Bellevue in these experiments and presents the outcome of the work in this interesting article.



**T**HE amateur is never satisfied long; his receiver, his transmitter or the wave-length is always being changed. This is just as it should be if the radio art is to advance. Who can say that the amateur is not responsible for some of its progress? And now it seems that the amateur may again be useful while exploring the short waves below 40 meters. A year has passed during which 1XAM has, with the co-operation of the Naval Research Laboratory at Bellevue and a host of amateurs, explored the region below 40 meters. Great credit is due Dr. Hoyt A. Taylor, Leo C. Young, H. T. Dalrymple, 8XC, Can. 9AV, Can. 3BP, 4XE, 9AXX, 9EK, 9DFH, 6TS and others whom I may not have mentioned, but who in many ways have helped me to obtain that information which I was seeking, the results of which are very interesting.

Soon after communicating with France on 100 meters, the next thing to do was to see just how far down it was possible to go and still maintain two-way contact. The farthest drop was to 50 meters, with PCII in Holland, who reported the signals during the test as being better than 60, 70 or 100 meters, PCII also being able to drop to 78 meters and still stay in perfect contact with 1XAM. Soon after that PCII got into trouble with the Dutch Government and the tests stopped. That not being a satisfactory situation,

1XAM got busy and broadcast the information that short wave tests would be conducted with any station which would be willing to test. The first station to comply was 8CU, now 8XC, who spent many hours recording test signals on 40 meters. Then word was received that the Naval Research Laboratory at Bellevue, D. C., under the direction of Dr. H. A. Taylor, wished to do some work on waves in the region above 100 meters. Trial tests during the noon hour quickly proved that waves below 100 meters would come through much better than waves above 100 meters. By March 26, 1924, the Naval Laboratory (NKF) had permanently dropped to 51 meters, while 1XAM had not lifted its head above 44 meters for some weeks, and was even creeping down a few meters daily, reaching 23 meters in one test on March 16, 1924. Then began a series of tests lasting through the year, which seemed like a game of tag. One day 1XAM could go to 23 meters and be heard and another day only to 30 or 27 meters. At first cloud formations were blamed for the inability of the shorter wave to get to NKF, but now we know better; the sun is to blame.

### EFFECTS OF SUN NOTICED

The first inkling that the sun was going to make us sit up and take notice was when L. C. Young, the operator at NKF, reported that he could not find 1XAM at night when he attempted to listen while at his home. We decided at once to make a test from noon until night on March 29, 1924. The result was that NKF could be heard for a longer period after the sun had gone down than could 1XAM on 40 meters. This seemed odd and did not look just right, so other daylight to dark tests followed, but with the same result for all. On top of that, Mr. H. T. Dalrymple, of Akron, Ohio, began to report that he could find 1XAM on the shorter waves around 22 meters during the noon hour tests when NKF said nil, even remarking that perhaps NKF needed a good receiver, and to mix things up still more, 4XE reported that he could hear 1XAM perfectly after dark when NKF could not find a trace of the signals. When 9BRI reported the same results that 4XE did, we began to wonder and to think. By that time it was summer and the Department of Commerce decided to allow the amateur the use of 4 to 5, 20 to 22, 40 to 43 and 75 to 80 meters. Within a few months thereafter,

quite a number of amateurs got busy on the 40-meter band and more information was gathered, among which was that 1XAM could be heard by stations outside of a 500-mile radius at noon on 21 meters when NKF, 8XC and Dalrymple reported "no sigs." Also that the signals were being copied on the west coast and in Europe nightly from 7 to 8 p.m., EST., on 40 meters during which period 1XAM was sending test signals. To this were added 21 meters from 6 to 7 p.m., EST., from which nothing was heard. Tak-

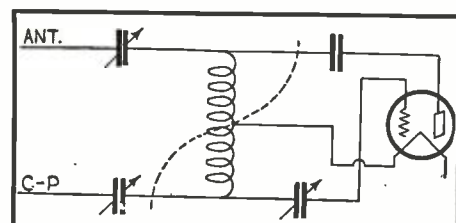


FIG. 1

The circuit first used in 1923. It gave trouble due to external high voltage at the tube elements.

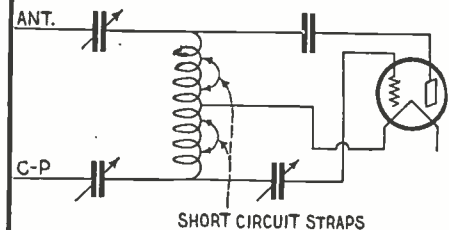


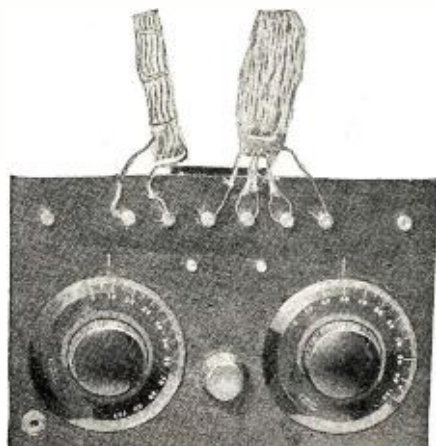
FIG. 2

Circuit used in early part of 1924 which turned out to be a splendid tank circuit.

ing all the past test information and piecing it together finally pointed to a solution.

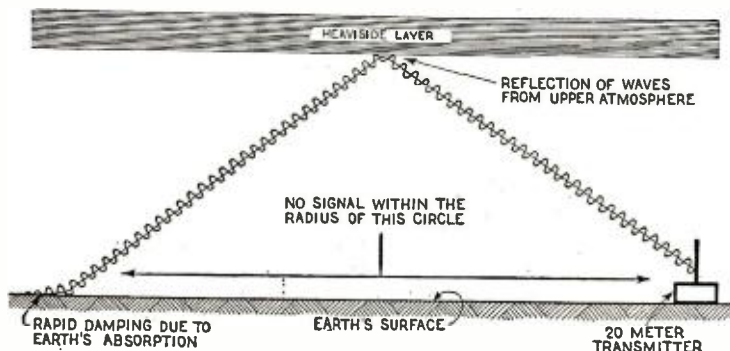
### WAVE REFLECTION

Marconi in his work had pointed out that very short waves, less than one meter, could be reflected at will with the proper type of reflector, and at present is doing it on longer waves. This reflection is man-made. In our short wave tests we were being troubled with reflection also, but it was due to the sun's influence and could be put to a useful service. I told you how the signals at 21 meters could



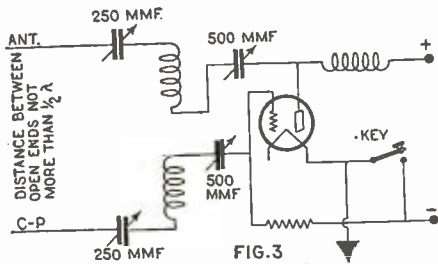
Front view of Mr. Reinartz's short wave receiver.

This is what happens to the short waves. The angle of reflection changes with the time of day. With a 20-meter transmitter, the radius of the circle at noon EST was 500 miles, at 5 p.m., 1,000 miles and at 9 p.m., 3,000 miles.



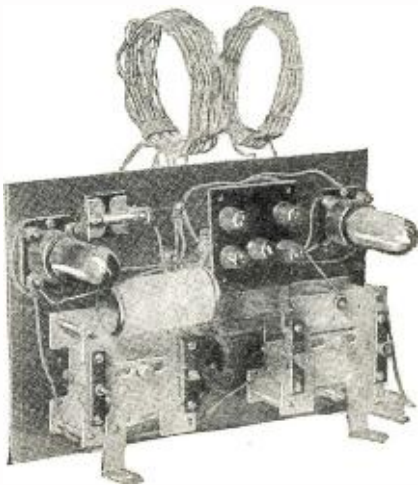


be found at one distance, but not at a shorter distance. It must be that the short waves are at once propagated into our higher atmosphere, and upon reaching a given height are reflected from a layer of our atmosphere back to earth. The radius to which they are initially reflected is that place inside of the circle of which the signal is a minus quantity, and outside of which it can be found. The reason for this is the capability of the sun to ionize our atmosphere. The depth to which this ionization is possible depends on the position of the sun with respect to any other position on earth, changing with every position of the sun during 24 hours



Final circuit which met requirements for low voltage at tube elements and which will easily oscillate at less than 5 meters.

with respect to a transmitting station located at one place. Also, the shorter the wave the higher its initial reflecting height for the same time of day and, therefore, the greater its initial radius to which it is reflected on earth. As the sun goes west with respect to a transmitting station, the station has to use a longer and longer wave to maintain contact with a given station, say, 300 miles away. This was proven in tests with NKF, in which 1XAM had to move up the wave-length scale as the sun went down. The abruptness at which the shorter wave went out of range tended to show that it was at the same speed at which the sun was going west, only a second or two being the time between strong signals and no signals. Knowing that the very short waves are subject to absorption in a greater degree than are the long waves was then the reason why the short waves did not carry far when traveling over the earth's surface after being reflected from the higher atmosphere. Also it was evident that but little initial power was lost during this sojourn to and from the ionized layer so that by using the proper wave-length it would be possible to transmit to the west coast at noon EST. Acting upon this reasoning, 1XAM began to transmit on 20 meters each Sunday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., which bore fruit on December 21, 1924, when reports came from the west coast that three amateurs had copied 1XAM solid



A rear view of the short wave low loss receiver. Two 199 tubes are employed, detector and audio frequency amplification.

on 21 meters, in the meantime working 9EG and 9AXX and finally 6TS and 4XE at noon EST on 21 meters.

ABSORPTION AT SHORT WAVES

Proof that absorption is great at the shorter waves is had through tests with 6TS, who cannot hear 1XAM until 7 p.m. EST. on 40 meters and who loses 1XAM on 20 meters at 6:30 p.m. EST. The 40 meter wave just comes near enough to gain sufficient strength to be received while the 20-meter wave is reaching that reflecting height which brings it back to earth at a radius which makes a greater circle than the bounds of the United States, and therefore beyond the west coast, probably reaching Australia soon after. And who can say that we will not be able to use such a proper wave-length and at the proper time of day which will allow contact with Australian amateurs while it is still early afternoon on the east coast of the United States? At present 6TS can copy 1XAM on 40 meters until 9:30 p.m., EST. This time will grow later as summer comes on and the sun

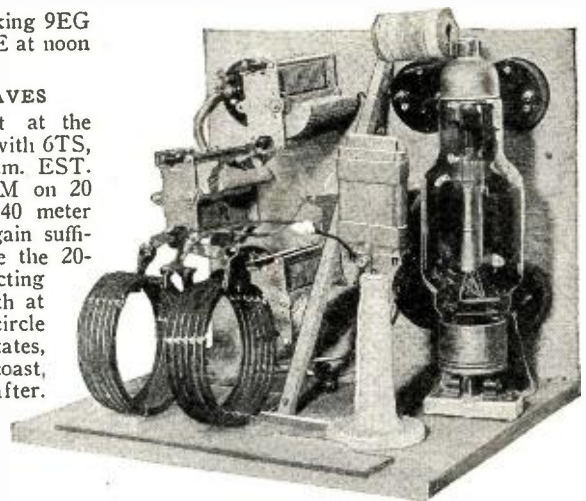


The 20-meter transmitter including grid and plate inductance, plate choke coil and grid leak.

reaches a higher point, gradually shortening as next winter will approach.

THE TRANSMITTER CIRCUITS

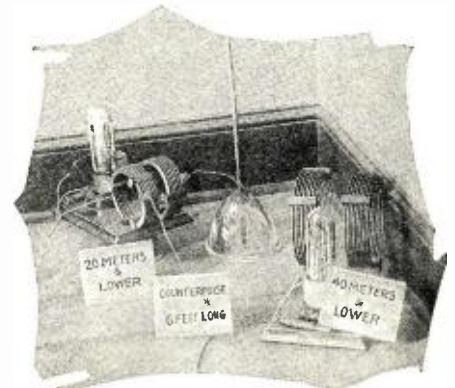
Needless to say, the discoveries of the past year have been worth while and should give the amateur a future right to short waves, even if only to try out transmitting circuits. This brings us to the troubles that had to be overcome in the transmitter while attempting to make it oscillate lower and still lower until now the set will work on four meters with a 204-A tube, it being possible to obtain rated output at even that wave-length. For a time the circuit which made successful contact with Europe was used and is described in Fig. 1. This circuit worked very well to the 50-meter point with several tubes in parallel, and down to 30 meters with single tubes. Below that there was considerable trouble with excessive grid voltages and parasitic tube frequencies, which would break the tube insulation down very readily. Even the 204-A tube with its high insulation value was not capable of standing the strain for long periods of transmission; hysteresis losses in the glass supporting the grid mounting would finally make the glass a conductor and a bad tube was the result. Evidently high voltage, high frequency was responsible for that trouble, and in the endeavor to find a remedy it was reasoned that if a method could be found which would reduce the high frequency voltage at the grid and plate element of the tube and yet allow



A rear view of the 250-watt short wave transmitter. Note the large porcelain insulating post.

proper operating conditions to exist, all the trouble would end. Various methods were tried among which was one which, while not getting rid of the trouble, provided a circuit arrangement which tended to stabilize the frequency at which it was oscillating to the extent that any size or type or other variation in the radiating system had no effect on its operation whatsoever; in fact, transmission through a two-wire cable 50 feet long to an antenna 50 feet from the transmitter was possible, and was actually done for long periods when in contact with NKF.

The frequency never shifts, whether the antenna is connected to one or the other wire in the cable; not even raising and lowering the antenna would cause the frequency to shift. This circuit is shown in Fig. 2. It will be noticed that the inductance to which the tube is connected is shunted in to places with a connection, this connection being equally spaced from the filament connection and shunting the same number of turns each side of the filament. This established full



Two of the transmitters employed by Mr. Reinartz in his tests. Note the copper rod antenna between the two sets.

wave-length circuits, independent of the antenna or radiating circuit, and were in effect large tank circuits which, when connected to a radiating circuit which could not withdraw from this tank circuit as much energy as was being supplied to the tank circuit, would never have any effect on the frequency the tank circuit was operating at, nor did the radiation circuit have to be tuned to it.

IMPROVED CIRCUIT

But this circuit did not get rid of the tube troubles, though it would oscillate at 10 meters. It was evident that any circuit which used an inductance to which was connected the filament and the grid and plate elements must always have a more or less high voltage at the grid and plate of the tube. What

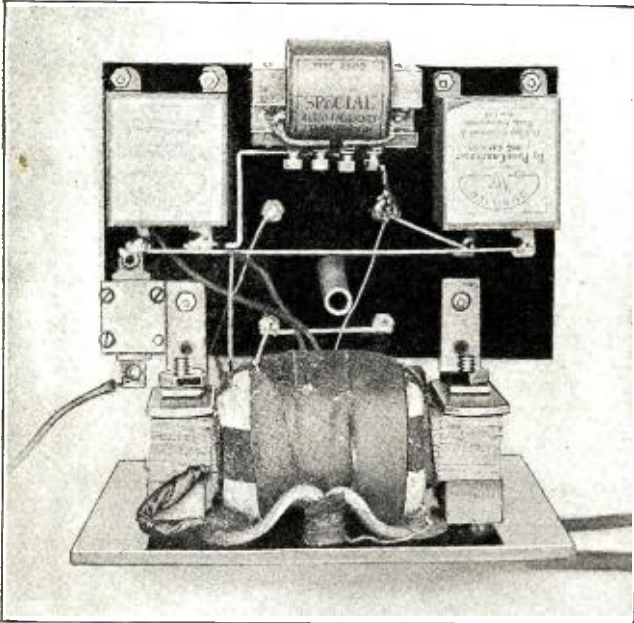
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# Lighting Main Plate Supply

By WILLIAM C. POOLE

Those who have alternating current available in their homes may use it to eliminate "B" batteries with the aid of the device described in this article.



The appearance of the unit from above is shown in this photograph. Note the position of the transformer.

**T**HE problem of supplying "B" battery potential for the modern multi-tube set is one that has perplexed many of us. The drain on the "B" batteries of a set having more than three tubes is so great that their life is very short.

The rectifier described here is designed to operate from a 110-volt, 60-cycle lamp socket, and will rectify sufficient current to operate 12 UV-201A or eight WE-216A tubes, or any smaller number. The total cost should not exceed \$15, while the cost of operation is very low, being less than the cost of two ordinary incandescent lamps.

### RECTIFIER TUBE

In the rectifier described in this article the UV-201A tube was used to rectify the current. It proved to be very efficient and supplied practically 100 milliamperes. If more current is desired, the UV-203 (five-watt) may be used. If this tube is used,

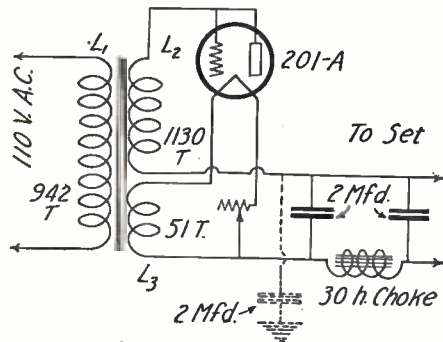


FIG. 1

the number of turns on the secondary winding will have to be increased from 51 turns to 72 in order to furnish 7.3 volts to light its filament.

### THE TRANSFORMER

We will first take into consideration the construction of the core of the transformer,

160 pieces, or laminations as they are called, are cut from .014-inch silicon steel. They are cut in the shape of a letter "L,"  $4\frac{1}{8} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$  inches, the width of the longer side being 1 inch and the width of the shorter side being  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch. They are cut with shears; thus, when the laminations are piled up, without the corners overlapping, we will have a core 5 inches long and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide.

The windings on the transformer consist of the following:

1. Primary ( $L_1$ )—942 turns of No. 28 wire. It is placed on one leg of the transformer.
2. Secondary ( $L_2$ )—1130 turns of No. 34 wire placed on the opposite leg of the transformer from the primary winding.
3. Secondary ( $L_3$ )—51 turns of No. 18 wire wound directly under the other secondary winding.

(Ratio of  $L_1 L_2 = 1.09:1$  and  $L_1 L_3 = 55:1$ )

In winding the coils, first make two soft pine blocks  $\frac{7}{8} \times \frac{1}{2}$  inch. These placed together will give you the exact cross-section size of the legs of the core of the transformer. They should be 3 inches long. Over these two blocks two layers of stiff paper should be wound and tightly bound with insulating tape. Two pieces of cardboard,  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 3$  inches, should be tacked to the winding form, one at each end. Cut four pieces of tape 10 inches long and place one on each side of it will extend beyond the ends of the form. After the coil is wound they will be used to tie the wires in place. The cardboard end pieces are used only during the winding and removed when the strips of tape are tied in place. It would be well

LIST OF PARTS NECESSARY	
1 V. T. Socket.....	\$ .35
10 ft. lamp cord (double).....	.25
4 lbs. .014" silicon steel for transformer core .....	1.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. No. 23 enameled wire.....	.70
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. No. 34 enameled wire.....	.80
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. No. 18 D.C.C. wire.....	.25
1 amplifying transformer.....	2.50
2 2-mfd. Dubilier condensers..	3.00
1 7 x 9 hard rubber panel.....	.60
1 $4\frac{1}{2} \times 7$ hard rubber panel.....	.35
1 rheostat (20 ohm).....	.50
Tape, screws and other incidentals .....	.50
	<b>\$10.80</b>

to study the photo. The tapes are clearly shown there. The wire may be wound by hand or the spool may be clamped in the chuck of a hand drill by means of a long bolt passing through the entire form. If you use a hand drill, be sure and multiply the number of turns made by the crank, by the ratio of the gears of the drill. This will give you the number of revolutions the form has made. Solder a 10-inch piece of

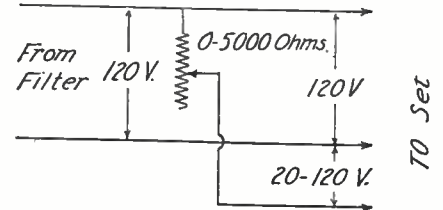
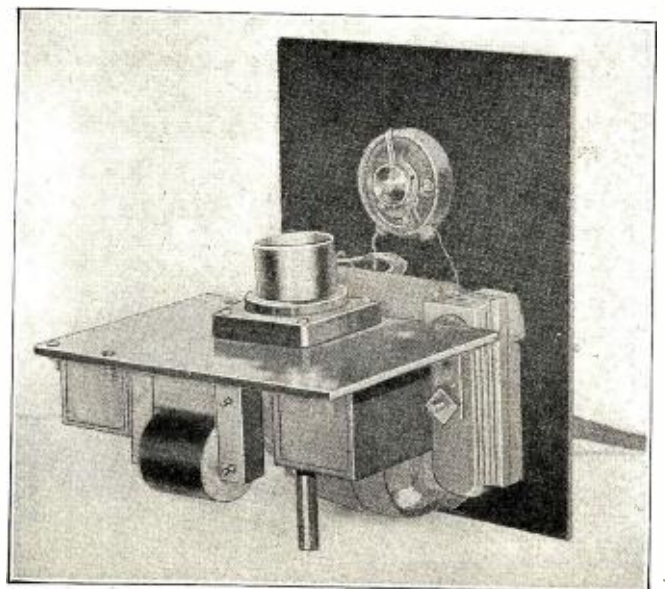


FIG. 2

The connection which enables a variable voltage to be obtained from the eliminator is shown above.

flexible wire to the end of the wire used in winding. Securely tie this in place before starting to wind the wire on. After the correct number of turns have been placed on the form, cut the end of the wire and solder another piece of flexible wire to the end. This piece is used as one of  
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At the left is shown the wiring diagram of the completed "B" battery eliminating unit. It is very simple of construction. Some idea as to the method of assembling the parts onto a panel is given by the photograph at the right. The instrument when completed is neat in appearance and efficient in operation.





# Low Loss Short Wave Set

By JOHN SCOTT-TAGGART

There are many experimenters who will welcome this description of the best tuner for work at the new short wave, high frequency bands. The description gives full details of construction.

EVER since the beginning of the repeating of broadcast programs on the short waves in the United States, and the entrance of the British Broadcasting Company on experiments of the same nature, there have appeared from time to time designs of receivers to be used in connection with these programs. The writer, in the present article, presents another design which he found exceedingly effective.

Following the first rule of this work, *i.e.*, low losses in all parts of the apparatus, the receiver differs in some respects from the standard hook-up which it follows. Care should be taken in the selection of the apparatus and in following the points of construction especially noted.

### CONDITIONS FOR RECEPTION

The conditions for successful reception appear to be: First, the use of a *short* single wire aerial, preferably vertical, and very carefully insulated, with a short direct lead-in. Second, the use of as few tubes as is practicable, two for phone use, detector followed by an *efficient and silent* stage of audio frequency amplification. Third, keep all tuning and distributed capacities as low as possible. This point is not due to any vague mysterious "leakage" of signal energy due to stray capacities on the short waves, as is often and inaccurately stated, but because the *total* available tuning capacity is necessarily low, and these stray capacities often act as poor high-loss condensers and so must be kept down to a reasonable proportion of the limited maximum.

### TURNING TO SHORT WAVES

On one-sixth of the ordinary broadcast wave-length we need one-sixth of the inductance and one-sixth of the tuning capacity (for the wave-length is proportional to the square root of the product of these according to the familiar formula), so that we may retain the ratio of inductance to

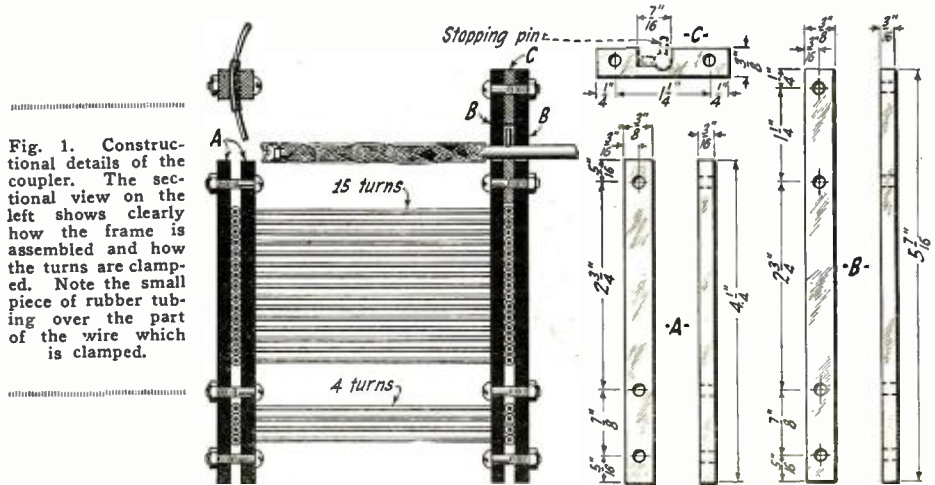


Fig. 1. Constructional details of the coupler. The sectional view on the left shows clearly how the frame is assembled and how the turns are clamped. Note the small piece of rubber tubing over the part of the wire which is clamped.

capacity in the tuning circuit. So with an inductance of the order of 20 microhenries we must combine a *total* tuning capacity of not much more than .0001 mfd. (100 micro-microfarads). This needs quite careful work in the design of the tuning inductance. The distributed capacity of the 15-turn honeycomb coil of a well-known type is near 20 mmf. and its natural wave-length is given as being close to 50 meters. Apart from its very appreciable radio frequency resistance, it is evident that such a type of closely wound fine wire coil is quite unsuitable for extremely short wave work, even if cut down to a small number of turns. The distributed capacity can actually be brought lower, by special types of winding, but at the cost of heavy dielectric losses and high radio frequency resistance through the use of fine wire.

### REDUCE RESISTANCE

It is essential for success on the very low waves to have the radio frequency resistance as low as possible in order that only a mini-

mum amount of regeneration will have to be used to bring the receiver into a sensitive condition.

While very little useful data on the subject is available, that which has been published shows that the high frequency resistance of wire increases with great rapidity with increase of frequency below 200 meters, and at 5,000,000 cycles (60 meters wave-length) is probably 5 to 7 (or more) times the direct current resistance even for the larger wire. Accordingly, it is necessary to break away from the practice of using wire that is easy to wind and cheap to buy and gives only fair results on the broadcast wave band, and to make the tuning inductance of a type purposely designed for short wave work. A lesson can be learned here from the transmitting fraternity, who are forced by the relentless logic of their aerial ammeter to give some heed to the quantitative efficiency of their tuning inductances. Their large air core coils of bare copper ribbon or rod represent the ideal, to which one must make some approximation in this instance. Hence the design indicated for the tuning inductance is that of an air core coil, well spaced, wound with No. 14 wire. As we are not dealing with high potentials and may allow some loss with the help of moderate regeneration we can use bare wire and a simple hard rubber bakelite or wooden frame.

### TUNING INDUCTANCE DESIGN

The design for the tuning inductance is indicated in the figures. Fifteen turns of No. 14 wire (which is stiff enough for such a purpose and has a fairly low resistance even on 60 meters) are first wound on a tube 3 1/2 inches in diameter. The diameter should be about 4 inches when sprung off.

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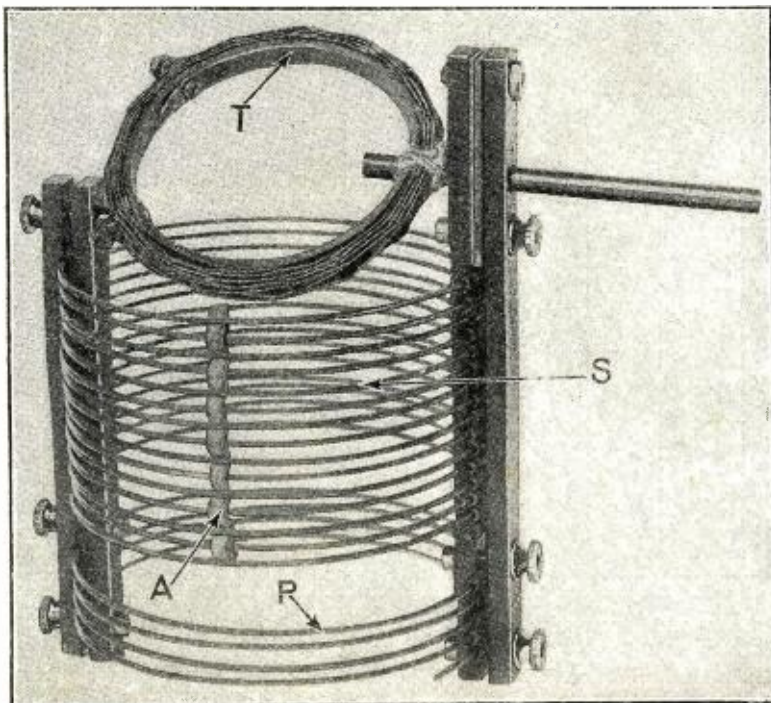
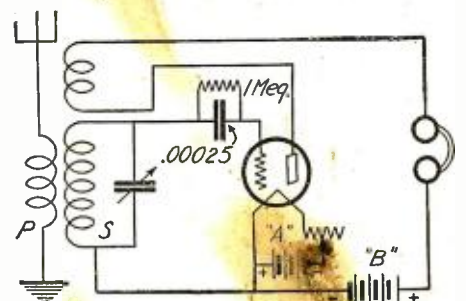


Fig. 2. The photo on the left shows the completed short wave coupler. P is the primary, S the secondary and T the tickler or feed-back coil. The rubber band shown as A may be used during the construction to hold the turns in place. On the right, Fig. 3 shows the complete circuit in which the coupler may be used. If desired, the Ultraudion or other standard oscillating circuits may be employed.





# A Test of Vacuum Tubes

By S. W. MARSHALL, Jr.



A concise table, in language understandable to all experimenters, is given by Mr. Marshall in this article, covering the characteristics of the various types of vacuum tubes in actual operation. This table will be found very helpful.



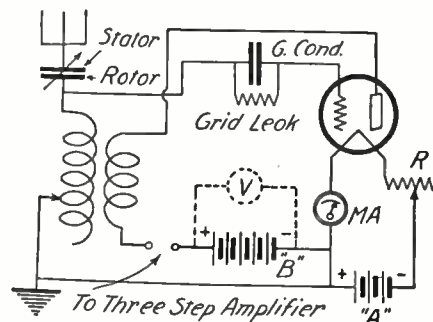
WHICH tube will give me the greatest satisfaction when used as a detector in my set?

This question comes up every time one purchases a tube, and the matter is usually settled by taking the clerk's advice about it, which may be right and again it may not.

At our laboratory we were confronted with that problem continually and we decided that the best way to settle this question once and for all was to run a test of the tubes commonly available on the market. This test was run over a period of about six months, and readings were taken in all kinds of weather and under all conditions to insure accurate results.

The set used was a single-circuit tuner (which type is used by the majority of listeners) with three stages of audio frequency amplification. The amplifier had been tested before and was found to be distortionless to a remarkable degree. The amplifier operated a Western Electric loud speaker. The efficiency of the set was probably slightly higher than that of the average receiver.

The current to the amplifying tubes was kept constant throughout the test, and the amplifying tubes were not switched or changed. Headphones were not used; the quality and volume results given below were those agreed upon by three listeners, all of



Above is a hook-up of the set employed in making the tests described and the results of which are given in the accompanying table. The aerial used was a single wire 60 ft. long and 16 ft. high.

## Table of Results

TUBE	FIL. CONTROL	FIL. CUR. LOW IN AMPERES	FIL. CUR. HIGH IN AMPERES	PLATE VOL. LOW	PLATE VOL. HIGH	REG.	AUD.	QUALITY
<b>WITH GRID LEAK</b>								
U.V.200	VERY CRIT.	0.95	1.16	<u>18</u>	37 PAR.	E & G	VL	FINE
C.300	" "	0.95	1.15	<u>18</u>	37	E & G	VL	FINE
U.V.201	NOT CRIT.	0.95	1.20	22.5	<u>45</u>	W	FAIR	GOOD
U.V.201-A	" "	0.20	0.29	<u>16</u>	37.5	G	LOUD	GOOD
C.301	" "	0.90	1.20	22.5	<u>45</u>	W	FAIR	GOOD
C.301-A	" "	0.21	0.31	<u>16</u>	37.5	G	LOUD	GOOD
VT-1	" "	0.85	1.21	<u>16</u>	<u>22.5</u>	G	LOUD	VG
VT-2*	" "	1.20	1.53	16 x	<u>45</u>	P	F	F
U.V.199	SLIGHTLY CRIT.	0.053	0.069	21	<u>45</u>	G	VG	VG
C.299	" "	0.054	0.070	21	<u>45</u>	G	VG	VG
WD-11	" "	0.23	0.29	<u>16</u>	45	VG	VG	EX
MOORHEAD	" "	0.97	1.14	<u>16</u>	45 x	P	P	F
DV-3	" "	0.049	0.074	22.5	<u>45</u>	E & EX	VL	EX
<b>WITHOUT GRID LEAK</b>								
U.V.200	VERY CRIT.	0.95	1.19	<u>18</u>	37 PAR.	E & EX	REMARKABLE	V FINE
C.300	" "	0.95	1.17	<u>18</u>	37	E & EX	" "	" "
U.V.201	NOT CRIT.	0.95	1.25	22.5	<u>45</u>	W	F	G
U.V.201-A	" "	0.20	0.30	16	<u>37.5</u>	VG	L	G
VT-1	" "	0.90	1.16	<u>16</u>	22.5	G	VG	FINE
VT-2	" "	1.20	1.41	16 x	<u>45</u>	F	F	G
U.V.199	SLIGHTLY CRIT.	0.053	0.070	<u>22.5</u>	<u>45</u>	G & E	VG	FINE
C.299	" "	0.054	0.070	<u>21</u>	<u>45</u>	E & G	VG	FINE
WD-11	" "	0.23	0.29	<u>16</u>	45	G	G	FINE
MOORHEAD	" "	0.97	1.15	<u>16</u>	45 x	F	P	G
DV-3	" "	0.049	0.073	22.5 x	<u>45</u>	E & EX	VL	EX
C.301	NOT CRIT.	0.90	1.23	<u>22.5</u>	<u>45</u>	VG	F	G
C.301-A	" "	0.30	0.30	16	<u>37.5</u>	VG	L	G

At the left is the table of results gained from Mr. Marshall's tube tests. The key at the bottom gives the meaning of the various letters used.

whom have been active in radio work for three years or more.

The tubes used in the test were "average" types, purchased from retailers in every case except the VT tubes. Needless to say, the entire test was conducted on an absolutely impartial basis. The tabulated results are given herewith.

Over 100 stations were listened to, to determine fully the quality of reception, and remarkable volume was obtained on favorable nights with some of the tubes.

### Hints on Aerial and Ground Installation

THE time of year is fast approaching when there is a noticeable increase in outdoor aerials, primarily because the warm weather enables one to do a good job without freezing. When you are putting up your aerial there are a few points you should keep well in mind. Keep the aerial away from electric light or power lines or any electric circuit which carries more than 600 volts. It should not be near railway or feeder wires. If placed near wires of this kind, it should be constructed and installed in a strong and durable manner and it should have considerable clearance from the wires as a precaution, in case the wire should sag or swing.

If there are any joints in the aerial, they should be soldered, and if it is impossible to solder the joints, they should be secured with some sort of splicing device. It is advisable to have the lead-in of No. 14 copper wire. Wire should be selected that will not corrode excessively.

The lead-in wires on the outside of the building should not come nearer than five inches to electric light or power lines, unless the lead-in is covered with an insulating tube that will maintain a permanent separation. The covering should be in addition to the insulation on the lead-in wire. When bringing the lead-in down the side of a wall, it should have at least four inches of clearance from the side of the building. The lead-in should be brought into the house through an insulating bushing and the bushing should

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\* TRANSMITTING TUBE  
 MOST SATISFACTORY PLATE VOLTAGE  
**SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS**  
 X INOPERATIVE  
 PAR TUBE PARALYZED AT APPLIED VOLTAGE  
 G GOOD F FAIR W WEAK V VERY E EVEN  
 L LOUD EX EXCELLENT P POOR



# Matching Tubes for Super-Heterodynes

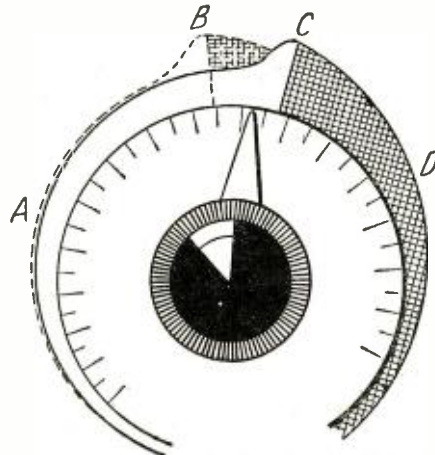
By S. YOUNG WHITE

THE question among Super-Heterodyne builders at the present time seems to be, "Why does my set give so much better (or poorer) results than my friend's, when we both have the best of parts?" The mystery is further complicated by the fact that the good and indifferent models may be exact duplicates, built of similar apparatus furnished by the same manufacturer. Since these are factory products, we may assume that the great variation in results is not all due to their lack of uniformity. The experience of the writer would indicate that the most serious obstacle encountered by the average builder of this circuit lies in his inability to match the tubes in the set so they work together in perfect harmony.

It is a deplorable fact that commercially available tubes vary considerably in their characteristics, and proper facilities for ascertaining these necessary curves are not available to the average builder, so we shall attempt to show how the tubes may be intelligently inserted in their proper order in the circuit. The apparatus required is always available, being only the set itself. It will be assumed it is the standard model with three stages of intermediate frequency amplification controlled by one potentiometer.

The first test will be for oscillation. Since we have a part of the circuit especially designed for this test, we shall use the oscillator socket. Connect the "A" battery and

see if a tube inserted in it will light. If so, connect the negative of the "B" battery to the proper terminal on the set, but connect the positive terminal to the set through the headphones; that is, connect one phone cord tip to the positive post of the "B" battery and the other to the positive "B" battery



All the intermediate R. F. tubes should break into oscillation at the same point on the potentiometer scale, in this case at C. Should one of the tubes commence oscillating at point B, the sensitivity of the set is diminished. A represents the regeneration area and D the oscillation area.

binding post on the set. This is usually the one for the intermediate frequency amplifier, and is often marked "plus 90" or "RFB" or "Amp," and never "Det." Now take a fixed condenser of any value from .0005 mfd. to .005 mfd and connect it across the phones. The set should only have one tube in it, and that one in the oscillator socket. When the tube is lighted, a ringing sound should be heard in the phones when the tube is lightly tapped with the finger.

### OSCILLATION TEST

Now test for oscillation. Two tests are available. One is to touch the grid connection of the tube. If a loud click is heard, the tube is oscillating. The other is to attach the antenna direct on the grid of the tube, leaving the ground disconnected. On rotating the oscillator condenser, beat notes or whistles should be heard, as the connection is an oscillating receiver. If no oscillation occurs, other tubes should be tried, and if still no response is secured, the trouble is in the circuit and must be fixed before the set will operate. A very important point to be noted is that the tube must oscillate over the complete revolution of the oscillator condenser.

Every tube available should now be inserted in this socket, one at a time, and all should oscillate at all points of the condenser. If some do not, they should be rejected, or used as shown later. It is suggested

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## Lessons in Esperanto

(Prepared especially for RADIO NEWS by James Denson Sayers, Esperanto writer and editor, President of New York Esperanto Harmonio Club.)

### LESSON 5 CORRELATIVE WORDS

PRONOUNS, adjectives and adverbs, which are related to each other as corresponding demonstratives, interrogatives, relatives, etc., are called correlatives. In Esperanto the correlative system is more complete than in any other language. Many of the greatest linguists, after studying it, have declared Dr. Zamenhof's invention of the Esperanto table of correlatives is one of the definite marks of genius in his work. This table is given herewith.

To cover Esperanto efficiently in a short course of lessons, much condensation and careful selection is needed. I am much indebted in this work to the system used in the popular little booklet, "Esperanto For All," published by the British Esperanto Association. When you finish these few lessons, you will be perfectly equipped for reading any Esperanto text, for correspondence, and for beginning conversation, but the first and most important is reading for the acquirement of an easy vocabulary. To thoroughly demonstrate the manner of using each of the above 45 correlatives would require far more space than can be devoted in RADIO NEWS since it is not at all necessary. In every bit of Esperanto reading, letters you receive, etc., you will find these words used, and in a short time the extraordinary skill and logic of their arrangement will become apparent, so that you will never have to refer to

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TABLE OF CORRELATIVE WORDS

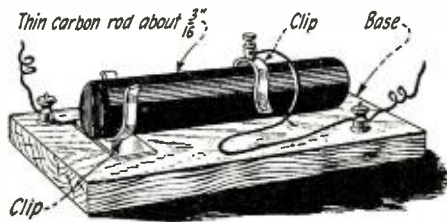
	I INDEFINITE <i>Some, any</i>	K INTERROGATIVE RELATIVE <i>What, which</i>	T DEFINITE <i>That</i>	Ĉ COLLECTIVE <i>Each, every, all</i>	Ne- NEGATIVE <i>No, none</i>
QUALITY Kind of (Adjectival)	Ia Some or Any kind	Kia What kind As	Tia That kind Such, as	Ĉia Each kind Every kind	Nenia No kind
MOTIVE Reason (Adverbial)	Ial For some reason Any	Kial Why	Tial For that reason Therefore	Ĉial For every reason	Nenial For no reason
TIME (Adverbial)	Iam At some time Any time Ever Once	Kiam At what time When	Tiam Then	Ĉiam Each time Every time Always	Neniam Never
PLACE (Adverbial)	Ie Somewhere Anywhere	Kie Where	Tie There	Ĉie Everywhere	Nenie Nowhere
MANNER (Adverbial)	Iel Some way Somehow	Kiel How In what way As, like	Tiel In that way So	Ĉiel In every way	Neniel Nohow No way
POSSESSION (Pronominal)	Ies Someone's Anyone's	Kies Whose	Ties That one's	Ĉies Each one's Everyone's	Nenies No one's
A THING NOT SPECIFIED (Noun)	Io Something Anything	Kio What thing	Tio That thing	Ĉio Everything	Nenio Nothing
QUANTITY (Adverbial)	Iom Some A little	Kiom How much	Tiom So much	Ĉiom All the quantity	Neniom None
INDIVIDUALITY (Pronoun)	Iu Someone Anyone	Kiu Who Which	Tiu That (person or specified thing)	Ĉiu Each Every Ĉiuj all, all the	Neniu No one Nobody



# Radio Wrinkles

## NOVEL RHEOSTAT

The dry cells used in flashlights have carbon centers which may be utilized to excellent advantage in a set. The resistance of



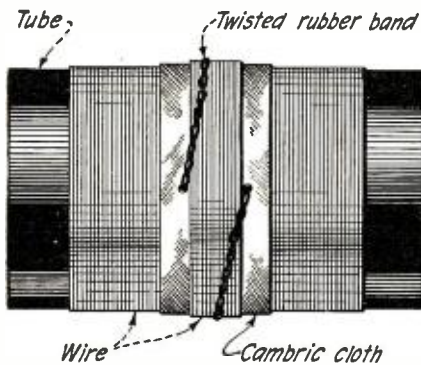
A handy laboratory rheostat made from a dry cell carbon.

such a carbon is between 67 and 70 ohms. This can be mounted in a clip and used as a resistance element in the filament circuit of tubes. The resistance can be varied by making a sliding contact on the rod. This may be done in several ways, but the easiest would be to use a clip as shown.

Contributed by Jess Fillmore.

## FASTENING FOR COIL WINDINGS

An excellent idea for the experimenter who winds coils and does not wish to go to the trouble of making permanent fastenings, is illustrated in the accompanying sketch. A



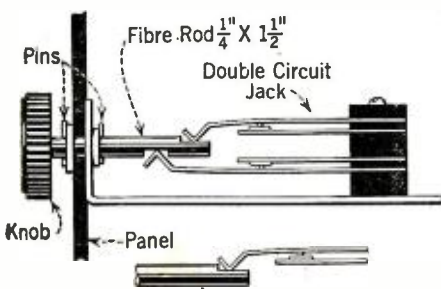
Coil ends can be successfully fastened with a rubber band, as shown.

twisted rubber band is attached to one end of the winding and around the windings to the opposite end of the coil. Here it is attached and the pull of the elastic keeps the windings in place.

Contributed by G. P. Longstreet.

## DOUBLE CIRCUIT JACK USED AS SWITCH

A quick-acting switch that will control two circuits may easily be made from a double circuit phone jack, having four leaves or contacts. A rod, 1/4 inch in diameter of an insulating material, is filed to the shape shown 1/4 inch from the end. On the opposite side, 1/2 inch from the same end, a similar notch is made. This will open both cir-



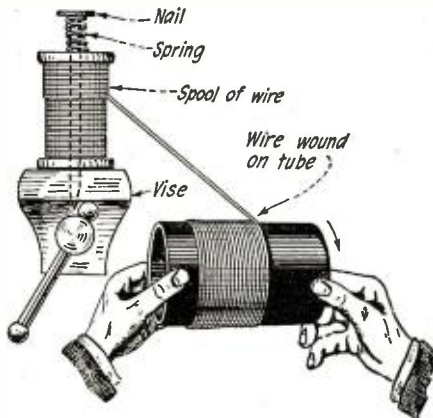
An easily constructed double pole quick acting switch.

uits at the same time. If it is desired to open one at a time, then the notches should be filed on the same side of the rod. To keep the rod in place, a pin is placed on the inside of the panel and one on the outside. A rubber knob is attached to the end of the rod so that the switch may be easily operated.

Contributed by Morton Shaw.

## COIL WINDING DEVICE

One of the most unhandy of radio processes is the winding of a coil when there is no one around to help. The scheme shown is a simple one and will aid wonderfully. A spring is placed over a nail, as shown, and



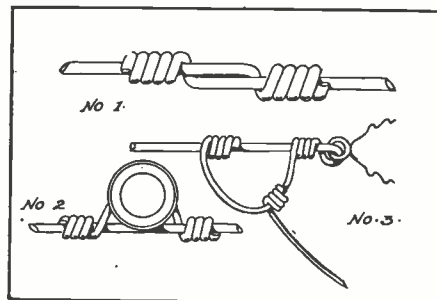
The spring and nail serve to keep the wire taut while winding a coil.

the spool of wire placed under it. The nail is then mounted in a vise so that the friction of the spool keeps the wire taut, helping greatly in the winding process.

Contributed by A. J. Hayward.

## SPLICING AND SECURING RADIO WIRES

Twisting a couple of wires together is not alone sufficient to make a good electrical joint. The joint should be made with some pretense to strength as well and there is the right way to do it. The three diagrams



Showing three good ways of splicing wires.

in the accompanying sketch illustrate the main connections used in amateur radio work and are the proper ones for strength as well as conductivity of the feeble currents.

In No. 1 is shown the professional way of splicing two wires into a continuous length. It is known as the telephone splice. Lap the two ends several inches and then twist one wire bodily about the other. Soldering the twists at each end gives permanence to the union and makes a well jointed conductor.

Instead of wrapping a wire several times about an insulator, place it against one side and tie it with a yoke of wire wrapped half way around the insulator and then twisted at each end to the main wire. If wrapped

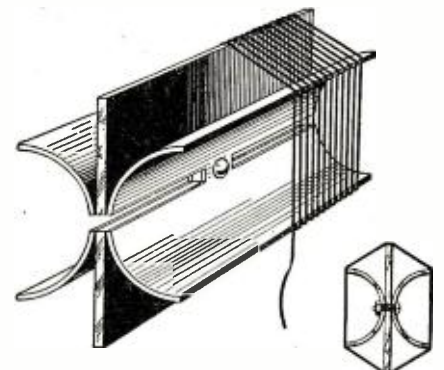
about in several turns, these are apt to chafe through and break under stress of wind or storm. See No. 2.

The lead-in from the antenna is usually twisted about the antenna next to the insulator, which is a poor way to accomplish good results. Constant swaying of the antenna tends to bend the lead-in back and forth, which may result in its breaking off at a time when you desire to listen in. The best way (see diagram No. 3) is to bring the antenna through the insulator eye, wrap it around several times, as shown, drop it in a small loop and then wrap it around again about a foot from the eye. Then wrap the lead-in about the loop. Solder all three joints. This loop has just enough slack to take up the strain of swinging and snapping in a storm and makes a much more lasting and workmanlike job.

Contributed by L. B. Robbins.

## LOW LOSS COIL FORM

A good form for low loss coils may be made by cutting a bakelite tube in half. There is a slot sawed down the center of each half, allowing space for the two halves to be bolted together. A strip of panel about 1 1/2 inches longer than the diameter of the tube is drilled at the center and slotted so as to coincide with the central slots in the tubes. These three pieces are fastened together with slots coinciding. The wire may be wound on in either of two methods:



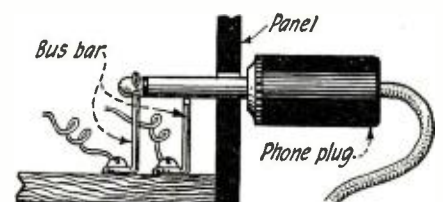
A low loss coil form made from hard rubber tubing and a panel.

Straight around the outside of the tubing, or wound as a "D" coil using the slot in the center.

Contributed by Reginald C. Requa.

## USE FOR BUS BAR

An emergency phone jack may be made, as shown in Fig. 1. A hole is drilled in the panel large enough so that the plug may be moved up and down slightly. Two pieces of bus bar are bent as shown, the one nearer the panel being bent so that the horizontal portion is just at the level of the bottom of the hole. The other one is bent so that the tip of the plug will fit in it snugly. The weight of the plug is sufficient to insure good contact.



A simple single circuit jack made from bus bar wire.

Contributed by Arthur A. Blumenfeld.

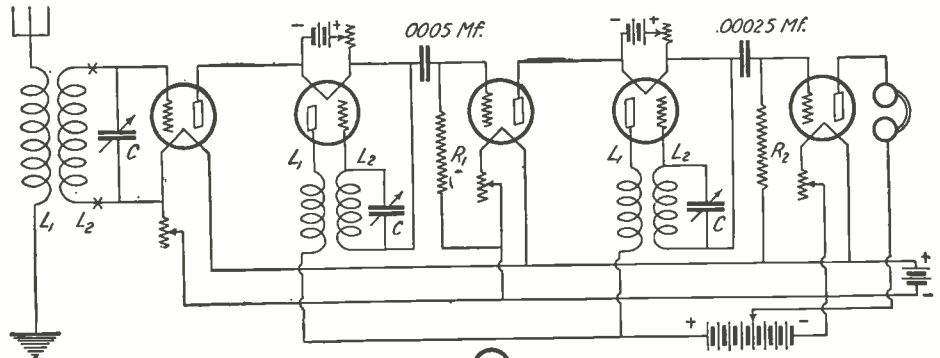


# STANDARD HOOK-UPS

EVERY month we present here standard hook-ups which the Editors have tried out and which are known to give excellent results. This leaf has perforation marks on the left-hand margin and can be cut from the magazine and kept for further reference. These sheets can also be procured from us at the cost of 5c to pay for mailing charges.  
 RADIO NEWS has also prepared a handsome heavy cardboard binder into which these sheets may be fastened. This binder will be sent to any address, prepaid on receipt of 20c. In time there will be enough sheets to make a good-sized volume containing all important hook-ups. Every year an alphabetical index will be published enumerating and classifying the various hook-ups.

## Handy Reference Data for the Experimenter

**Circuit No. 88.** A new and ingenious system of resistance coupled radio frequency amplification is shown in the accompanying sketch. Not only are the vacuum tubes used as amplifiers, but they are also employed as resistances. The chief feature of the circuit is the minimization if not the complete elimination of foreign noises and distortion. The inductances L1 and L2 are wound on a three-inch tube. The secondary of 60 turns is wound on the tube first, over which is placed a strip of varnished cambric for insulation. On this cambric is wound the primary of 15 turns. The condensers C have a value of .0003 mfd. The resistance R1 is 1 megohm and R2 is 2 megohms. The second and fourth tubes are of the WD-11 type because a separate filament battery must be used for each. The other three tubes should be of the UV-201A type for best results. If it is desired to use a loop-antenna, the first coupler may be eliminated and the loop may be connected at the points marked X. As in all resistance coupled amplifiers, the voltage of the "B" battery must be higher than in the ordinary tuned plate or other style circuits. The exact plate potential required will vary with the type of tube used. The high degree of amplification and clarity of signal obtained with this circuit is truly remarkable. The construction is well within the scope of the average experimenter.

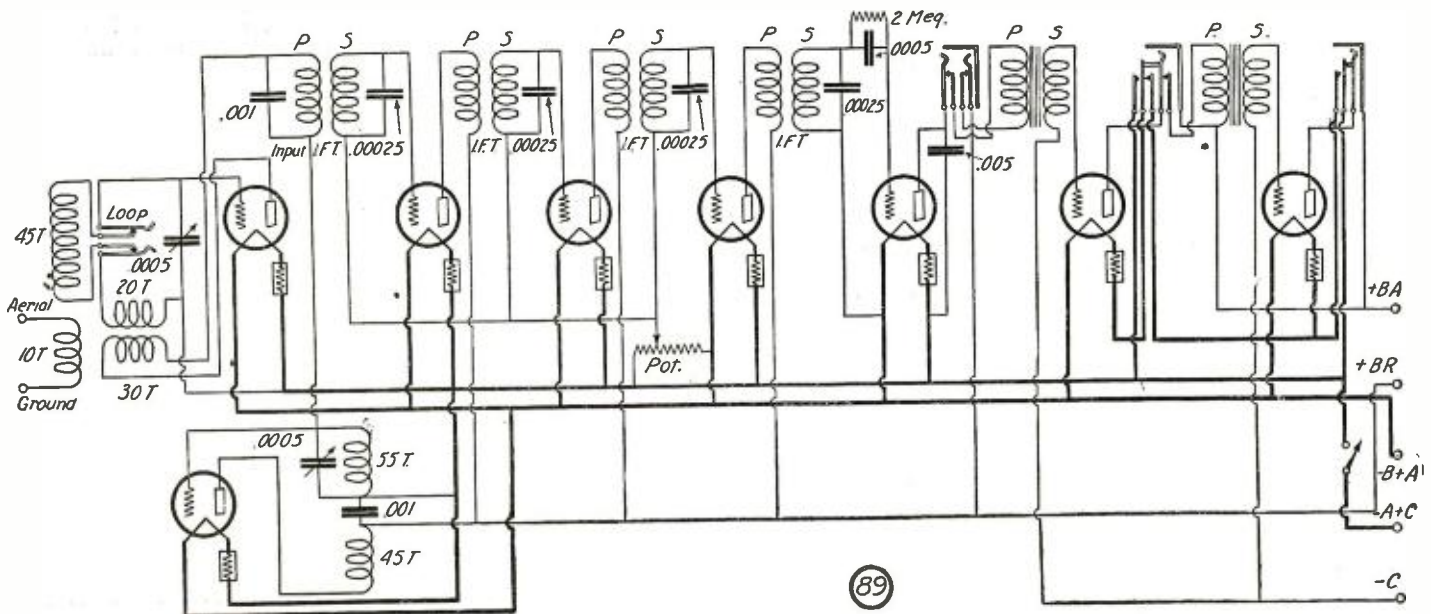


Circuit employing a unique method of radio frequency amplification. The use of two WD-11 tubes with separate "A" batteries is a new point. Extreme selectivity as well as high amplification is given by this circuit.

These oscillations are controlled by the .0005 mfd. variable condenser that is shunted across the 55-turn coil in the grid circuit of the oscillator tube. By examination of the circuit it may be seen that regeneration is introduced by using the 30-turn coil in the plate circuit of the first tube. The filament-plate space of the modulator tube acts as a resistance in the circuit. In this arrangement the plate of the modulator tube is supplied by high frequency current produced by the oscillator, the former being active only during half of each cycle when the plate is positive. This produces a change of filament-plate resistance which varies from practically infinity to about 20,000 ohms, during each half cycle of the oscillator current when no signal is being received. When the grid potential of the modulator tube is varied by incoming signals, the lower

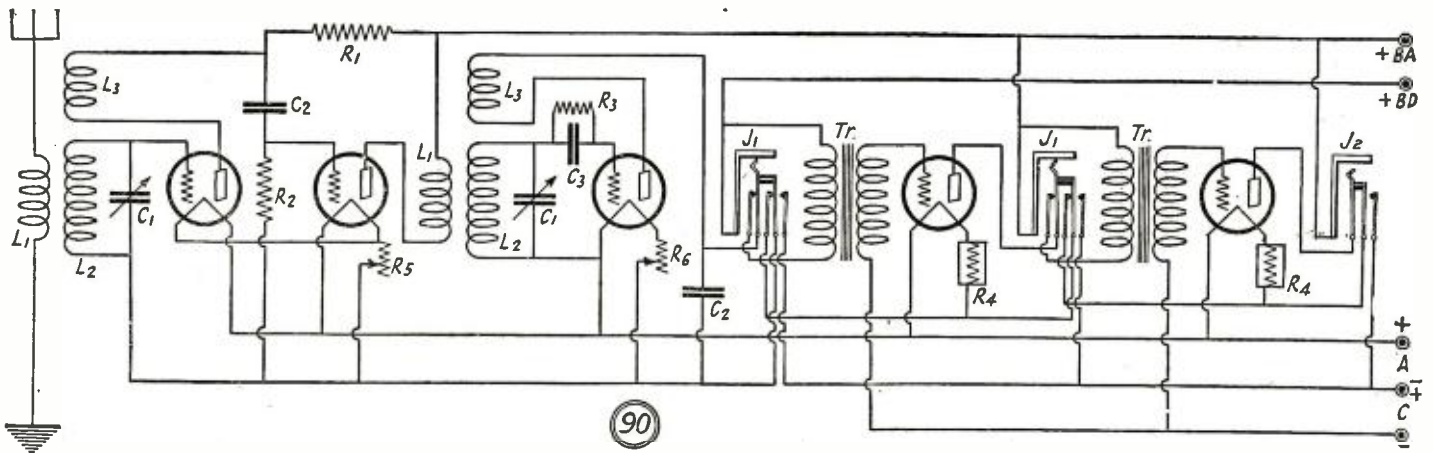
resistance value is varied above and below the amount mentioned with various degrees of amplitude, according to the phase relation between the incoming signal and the local oscillation. This produces a beat note which is amplified and detected. The four intermediate frequency transformers should be so constructed that they function at a wave-length between 1,500 and 3,000 meters, which is most efficient frequency to work on. The oscillator and modulator coils should be of the same number of turns, as shown in the diagram, and wound on three-inch bakelite or hard rubber tubing. Amperites instead of rheostats are used throughout. The 200-400-ohm potentiometer shown is used to give the proper grid bias to the intermediate frequency tubes. It is hardly necessary to say that the apparatus should be so placed that leads may be as short as possible.

**Circuit No. 89.** In the circuit shown in Fig. 89 there is incorporated a different system of producing beat notes than is employed in any other Super-Heterodyne receiver. The incoming signal impressed on the first tube modulates the high frequency oscillations which are led to the plate of the tube instead of the regular "B" battery.



The Ultradyne Super-Heterodyne circuit, using the modulation system. Note the difference in the connection at the first tube and the form used in the absorption circuit. This hook-up gives the complete wiring diagram for the Ultradyne including two stages of audio frequency amplification.





Five-tube cascade regenerative circuit including two stages of audio frequency amplification with filament control jacks.

Circuit No. 90. The secret of this set's success lies in the blocking tube used between the first and second regenerative circuits. Oscillations are controlled entirely by the two ticklers, there being no potentiometer, which adds greatly to the simplicity of control. The couplers are alike as to size and windings. They may be made with any 180-degree variocoupler form. First wind on the stationary form 40 turns of No. 24 D.S.C. wire. Directly over this winding, a strip of cambric should be placed, over which are wound seven turns of the same wire. The tickler coil should have 40 turns of the same size wire. These three windings should be wound in the same direction. The variable condensers C1 are .0005 mfd. and C2 have a value of .0005 mfd, C3, the grid condenser, is .00025 mfd. R2 and R3 are resistances having a value of 2 megohms and the resistances R4 are amperites. Results may be obtained using either a loop or an outside antenna, although the latter will doubtless give more satisfactory results. If a loop antenna is used, the primary of the first variocoupler is eliminated from the circuit, the loop being connected in series with the secondary. In this way both loop antenna and secondary of the coupler are tuned by the variable condenser, which is shunted across them.

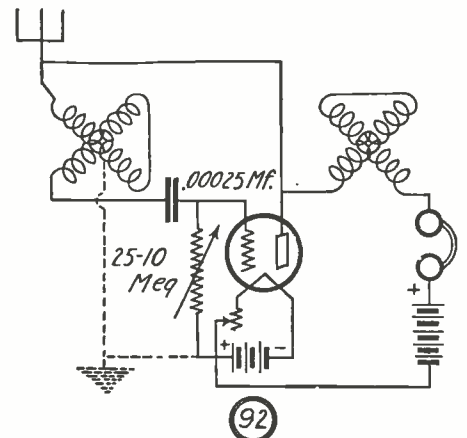
The two tubes used as radio frequency amplifiers and the regenerative detector give approximately the same results as four stages of radio frequency amplification. The set is no more difficult to tune than an ordinary receiver, and at the same time is exceptionally stable. The plate current of the first tube is fed back through the tickler, giving regeneration in the antenna circuit. The output of this first tube is passed to a second tube which is used as a resistance coupled

radio frequency amplifier of the ordinary type and acts also as a blocking tube, keeping the first and second regenerative circuits entirely separated. The output of this second radio frequency amplifier is passed, in the regular manner, to the detector, which is also regenerative. Filament control jacks are used in the stages of A.F. amplification, and as the wiring of the filaments of these tubes is more or less complicated, it would be wise to test the circuits carefully.

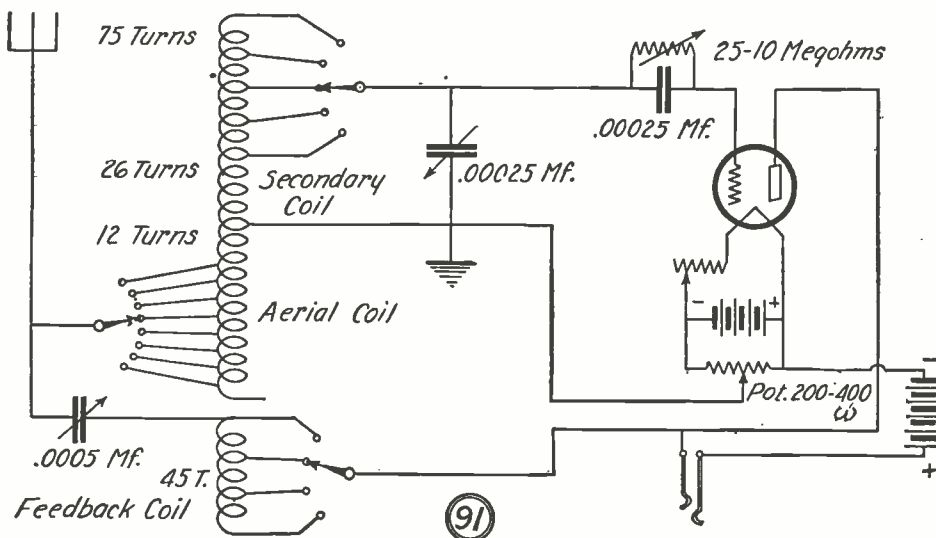
Circuit No. 91. The hook-up shown in the accompanying sketch is the well-known Reinartz circuit. This circuit was published in the August, 1924, issue of RADIO NEWS, but this one has in it incorporated a potentiometer to give the proper bias to the grid of the tube. The efficiency of this circuit is due largely to the fact that all the inductances are brought together and concentrated in one small space. The coils forming the aerial-secondary and feed-back inductances may be wound on a 2 1/4-inch tube with No. 22 D.C.C. wire. The feed-back coil may be spaced about 1/4 inch from the other. If a spider-web coil is used the all around efficiency will be increased. The coils then are wound on a form that is 1 3/4 inches in diameter. The aerial-secondary coil is tapped at every turn for the first 10, the 12th turn is tapped and connected to ground and the movable contact of the potentiometer, and from the 26th to the 75th turn the coil is tapped every seven turns. The feed-back coil of 45 turns is tapped at every 15th turn. The movable plates of the .0005 mfd. condenser should be connected to the antenna and those of the 11-plate condenser, which should be of the vernier type, should be connected to ground. The inductance should be mounted at least three inches back of the

panel so that the leads from the inductance will extend directly to the switch points without crossing. The dry cell type of tube may be used, but the UV-201A type is recommended. With a potentiometer in the circuit, as illustrated, this set, if properly constructed, should be an excellent DX getter.

It is interesting to note that this circuit was designed primarily for C.W. reception, but it is one of the most selective broadcast receivers known today. The circuit shown in Fig. 91 has only one tube, but audio frequency amplification may be added very easily.



A two-variometer circuit that is excellent for a portable outfit, as it may be used with or without a ground connection.



The selective and efficient Reinartz hook-up having in the circuit a potentiometer for controlling the grid bias.

Circuit No. 92. The accompanying diagram shows a circuit that is extremely sensitive; so much so that it will operate very satisfactorily on a ground alone without any antenna whatsoever. It is also selective and easy to control, as there are but two adjustments. The selectivity of this set is due to the fact that it oscillates continually, and unless the incoming signal has exactly the same period of oscillation as that generated by the set itself, it is very effectively blocked out, since the grid circuit cannot oscillate at any period except the one determined by the plate variometer setting. This causes most of the tuning to be done by the plate variometer. This means that tuning out the nearby stations and picking up a weak distant station operating at nearly the same wave-length is always possible. The ground tap is taken from the center of one coil of the variometer. One end of this same coil must go to the aerial binding post. When using a ground with no antenna, the ground is connected directly to the antenna binding post. Because of this, this set is especially adapted to being made into a portable outfit. A dry cell tube is recommended if this is to be a portable set, although better results will be found if a large tube is used.



# Radiotics

## HYSTERIA—NOT HYSTERESIS



Has the cause of howling in audio frequency transformers been discovered? *Wates Bros.* of London, England, advertising their A. F. transformer in *Popular Wireless and Wireless Review*, December 27, 1924, state that "the core is composed of 38 LAMENTATIONS." What a morbid affair it must be!

Contributed by *Thomas H. Crawley.*

## SAVE A LEG OR SO

In the December, 1924, issue of *RADIO NEWS*, the *Radio Specialty Co.* advertises a push pull transformer and with carefree recklessness complete their sales talk as per: "Save 50 per cent. by ASSEMBLING YOURSELF. Simple instructions furnished." So, if you are in pieces take advantage of the liberal offer and come out an ear or so ahead of the game.



Contributed by *Edward Lutz, Jr.*

## THEY WORK LIKE A SLIDE RULE



One of the greatest problems of the time has been solved by "Nattans" of Baltimore. *The Baltimore News* of January 3 carries their advertisement of "ADJUSTABLE Insuline Panels." Why didn't

someone think of this before? Stretch your two-tube set into a seven-tube set when visitors are expected.

Contributed by *Henry F. Reisz.*

## RATHER INCONVENIENT

The following choice bit appeared in the *Telegram and Evening Mail* Radio Section (New York) Sept. 27, 1924, under the heading of "Rectified Current for Plates of Tubes": "For the purpose of rectifying, the writer has used the old method of aluminum and HEAD." The method is so old we never heard of it. Who wants to dip his head into a solution of borax and water? One would contract corrosion of the scalp!



Contributed by *O. F. Ribeiro, Jr.*

## THE BOOTLEGGERS' DELIGHT



Sounds as though sets are being manufactured for bootleggers. The *Hudson Bay Co.* (Winnipeg) advertises in the Dec. 22, 1924, edition of the *Manitoba Free Press* "Atwater-Kent 4-tube sets, open model WET hook-up." If any of these sets get into the United States, the bootleggers will be able to receive their stuff without suspicion.

Contributed by *Edward Rutherford.*

## A NEW DEVICE FOR REDUCING



The *Buffalo Courier* of December 21, 1924, carried an article on Resistance Coupled Amplifiers in which it was stated "In all cases a BY-PASSER condenser must be included across the coupling resistor."

This sounds like an attachment for subway train doors for reducing the size of the passengers so that more can be packed into one car.

Contributed by *Wm. D. Wischeratti.*

## SOME IDEA

We learn from the June 7, 1924, issue of *The Radio Digest* that—"Steamboats on Lake Geneva, Switzerland, are being used with receivers!" Evidently they run better when listening to broadcast programs.



Contributed by *Arthur R. Hudson.*

## HE COULD, BUT WOULD HE?



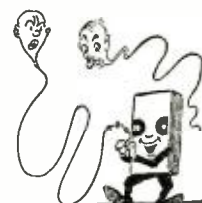
In the January, 1925, issue of *RADIO NEWS*, the *Bremer-Tully Mfg. Co.* ran an advertisement containing a testimonial letter concerning reception in which it was stated: "Had the family not retired I could have

put them on the loud speaker." Just exactly what might the advantage be, and what kind of a family has he?

Contributed by *Howard V. Pugh.*

## THEY NEED A GOOD SPANKING

The *Sidbencel Radio Co.* of New York has a "list of parts used" in its advertising circular of a five-tube receiver, and there is included as a necessity, "1—.00025 FRESH grid condenser."



Wonder if it gets fresh with the incoming waves? Probably tries to trip them up.

Contributed by *Richard McKillip.*

## UP FOR THE SUMMER



The following classified advertisement appeared in the *Hazleton Standard-Sentinel*, (Penn.) for January, 20, 1925: "For Sale—One Freed Eiseman five-tube Neutrodyne . . . two "B" batteries, six COLD STORAGE

batteries and one loud speaker." If they are cold storage batteries they ain't fresh and if they ain't fresh who wants 'em?

Contributed by *Edward A. Lynch.*

If you happen to see any humorous misprints in the press, we will be glad to have you clip them out and send to us. No **RADIOTIC** will be accepted unless the printed original giving the name of the newspaper or magazine is submitted. We will pay \$2.00 for each **RADIOTIC** accepted and printed here. A few humorous lines from each correspondent should accompany each **RADIOTIC**. The most humorous ones will be printed. Address all **RADIOTICS** to

Editor **RADIOTIC DEPARTMENT**,  
c/o *Radio News*

## WDAP DELVES INTO ETHEREAL REALMS

The *Ozarka Co.* has a testimonial letter in its advertising bulletin which is a revelation. The writer states:—"This *Ozarka* of mine has amplified the ethereal waves to such an extent that I, and several friends, could see the spirits as they were broadcast from *WDAP*, Chicago, Ill. . . . with the naked eye." Enough said!



Contributed by *L. D. Seaman.*

## MUST HAVE BEEN SOME SET

The *Democratic Chronicle* (Rochester, N. Y.) of December 20, 1924, stated in a bold heading that "Pickpockets in Syracuse Take \$150 Radio Set." It must have been one of those vest pocket affairs; and considering the price it must have been set with jewels.



Contributed by *John C. Heberger.*

## SURE A POWERFUL SET



The *Boston Post* for January 2, 1925, ran a classified advertisement for the sale of a marvelous radio set, for its states of its power—"Has pulled in coast." Some haul from Boston we should say.

Contributed by *Horace Sargent.*

## CUTTING OUT INTERFERENCE

Mick: "Why do your condensers tune so sharp?"

Wick: "Simple, old horse. Using Gillette blades for plates."

Contributed by *Jack Bront.*

## UNNECESSARY CRUELTY



In an article entitled "Gelula's 3-Tube Superflex," appearing in the December 27, 1924, issue of the *Radio World*, we find this sentence: "Two rheostats control the filament **B E A T - I N G** of the three tubes." Who wants a set wherein it is necessary to whip the filaments of the tubes into submission. Is it that they refuse to work? Possibly they are Union Tubes.

Contributed by *John M. Clark.*



# Correspondence from Readers

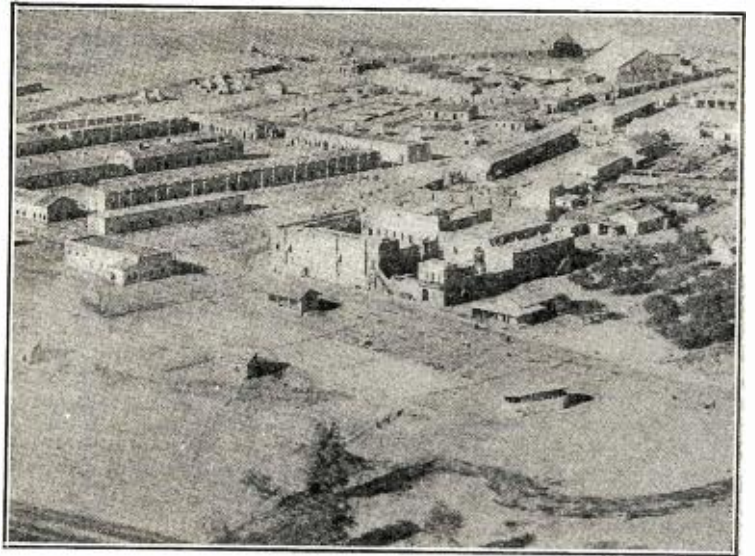
## GREETINGS FROM MESOPOTAMIA

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

It is now five years since I have taken the first copies of RADIO NEWS to Europe in the R-34. What strides you have made! Good luck to you and the staff. I still get my copy regularly and value it. Radio out in Mesopotamia is our one link with home and the U. S. A. Hear a good many hams on 100 meters out here. Would be glad to test with them if they like.

REGINALD T. DURRANT,  
Radio Service,  
No. 6 Squadron, Royal Air Service,  
Mosul, Iraq.

A view of the air base of the Royal Air Service at Mosul, Iraq, Mesopotamia, where R. T. Durrant is located. His letter herewith tells how radio links them with the home country.



## BE A BOOSTER

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I would like to take a few exceptions to the letter written by Mr. Wilfred Taylor in your February issue regarding half of the country being silent while he goes distance hunting.

He should not forget that he is just one of the many BCL's and that thousands of them are not fortunate enough to own tube sets, but must depend on crystal sets for their programs. Therefore, they must listen to local stations. He must also remember the many invalids who are bedridden and have been given sets by charity. I suppose he would be selfish enough to deprive them of their pleasure while he goes distance hunting.

I also think he judges his programs by the distance they come, instead of the kind of reception he receives. Personally, I have listened to WTAS quite often and think, as a rule, they have good programs.

As for distant reception, I listen to the West Coast regularly, but cannot see where their programs differ from the local stations.

A word for the distance hound: I think he causes as many unnecessary howls and squeals as beat notes from other stations.

If Mr. Taylor has ever listened to station KFNF, he probably has heard Mr. Fields state that "If you do not like our programs, tune our station out." This applies to all stations.

As for the artists appearing at the different stations, it must be remembered that the majority of these artists appear without pay and, no doubt, do their best when they appear before the microphone. As this service is free to any person who desires to listen, I think that every BCL should be a booster and if you can not boost, don't say anything.

Last, but not least, if I were obliged to suffer the interminable hours of rubbish that you claim to suffer, I certainly would stay off the air. You have this privilege if programs do not suit you.

LOTHAR H. KLINGEISEN,  
415 Sixth St.,  
Monaca, Pa.

## A LETTER FROM CHINA

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I am a reader of RADIO NEWS more than two years since. I very much appreciate your devotion to the improvement of radio and especially to the holy idea of establishing international amateur radio communication.

Since you suggested the use of Esperanto as a medium of international communication,

a lengthy controversy arose among your readers, some favor the use of Esperanto while others advocate the adoption of Ido (Ilo). Seeing that no Chinese has ever participated in the discussion, I venture to add myself to the bunch and by writing these few lines I wish to express my humble opinion.

An international language is only valuable as such when its grammar is simple and when it can lend itself easily to the comprehension of the average man (by the term "man" I mean the international person, not only an American or a European), in such a way that one can put it into use after a minimum of time spent in learning it. Possessing these advantages, Esperanto is the ideal international language. It has been widely used on account of its simplicity in comparison with a host of other artificial tongues. Indeed, its fame has been established internationally. As regards Ido (Ilo), though one may see something in it better than Esperanto, yet with its more complicated grammar and redundant roots, it makes itself a very difficult language to master, only second place to French. In addition to these defects, it has only half the adherents of Esperanto, which shows that it is not popular enough to be an international radio

tongue in contrast with the widely accepted Esperanto. I express my view in much the same way as you did in your article published in your December issue, page 937.

I regret that I have not the chance of endeavoring to communicate with my American ham friends as Australian and Japanese amateurs have done, on account of the inability of obtaining amateur transmitting licenses owing to the political unrest now existing in our fatherland, China. Yet, I will not forget the idea that the peoples of this world should be unified instead of educated to intrude upon racial difference and to wage dreadful scientific wars to their fellow human beings. Confucius says, "All within the four seas are brethren." I hope the radio amateurs of America will remember these words.

TONGFONG LAUN,  
Hip Woo Charity Society,  
4th Fl., 19 D'aguilar St.,  
Hongkong, China.

## REGARDING BROADCAST STATION INTERFERENCE

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I read RADIO NEWS regularly and have noticed a number of letters written to the editor in which the writers tell of interference from stations that put on continually poor programs by untalented artists. There is one in the February issue from Wilfred Taylor, of Thompson, Conn. In this letter he condemns about 456 stations; among the number, WTAS at Elgin, Ill., was used as an example. Now, WTAS is one of my favorite stations for numerous reasons. One is that I hear some of the best orchestra music from there and as a general rule their artists are very good. This station also helped greatly in getting Lieut. Griffiths out of the German prison; such work should not be forgotten. I can still remember the speech their announcer made that night.

Station KFKB at Milford, Kan., and WTAS operate on the same wave-length, but I never have the least difficulty in separating them, nor do I have trouble with interference from any other stations. I regularly hear KGO, KPO, KHJ, KFI and KNX on the loud speaker, also WBZ, WSB, WOR, WEEL, and have several times heard PWX at Havana. I use a set built by myself; it has one stage of R.F., regenerative detector and a three-stage audio frequency amplifier using 201-A Radiotrons throughout. I find that this type of set tunes very sharp and the owner of such a set will not be bothered much by interference if the set is properly constructed. I have built a number of sets for my friends, most of them like the one described. None of the owners

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A photograph of Tongfong Laun, the correspondent whose letter is printed herewith and a page of his original letter.





# New Radio Patents

By JOHN B. BRADY\*

## METHOD OF AND MEANS FOR RECEIVING RADIO SIGNALS

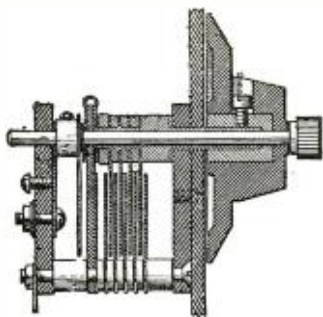
(Patent No. 1,514,752, P. I. Wold. Filed September 14, 1920. Issued November 11, 1924. Assigned to Western Electric Company, Inc., New York.)

Method of and means for receiving radio signals which comprises combining the incoming waves with locally generated oscillations of a frequency different from that of the incoming waves. The resultant composite waves are transferred selectively with the substantial elimination of the locally generated oscillations and then the resultant selectivity transferred composite waves again combined with the locally generated oscillations reducing the frequency in such manner that it may be observed. The patent describes a single oscillator at the receiver which reacts a number of times upon the incoming signaling energy at different points in the amplification system and when the received energy has been modified in different conditions.

## ELECTRIC CONDENSER

(Patent No. 1,514,369, H. A. Bremer. Filed September 21, 1923. Issued November 4, 1924.)

Electric condenser having a vernier adjustment consisting of a supplemental plate element engaged by a spring connected with the movable



plates and arranged to be rotated with respect to both the movable and the stationary plates. A spring element is included between the supplemental plates and the shaft which carries the movable plates which spring element is in the form of a U-shaped clip.

## OSCILLATION DETECTOR

(Patent No. 1,515,994, A. W. Bowman. Filed April 4, 1923. Issued November 18, 1924.)

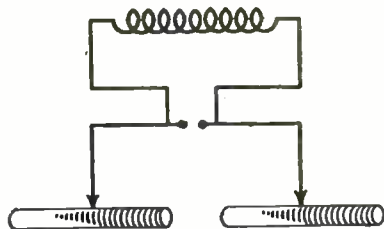
Oscillating detector of the crystal type in which a crystal is disposed adjacent one end of a cart-



ridge container while the surface is touched by a fine wire spiral spring projecting from the other end of the cartridge and controlled from a knob exterior of the barrel.

## SYSTEM OF RADIO TRANSMISSION

(Patent No. 1,517,568, J. O. Mauborgne and Guy Hill. Filed June 16, 1920. Issued December 2, 1924.)



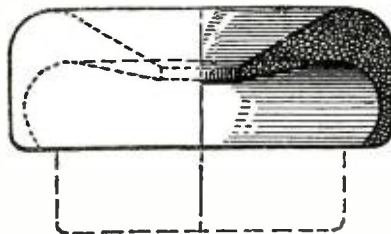
System of radio transmission which includes a power supply and two or more wave coils. Corresponding points are selected on the coils and a

suitable high frequency potential from the power supply impressed between the points for causing wave developments on the wave coils. The power supply is modulated for the purpose of signaling.

## EAR CUSHION

(Patent No. 1,514,152, Hugo Gernsback, of New York, N. Y. Filed December 28, 1923. Issued November 4, 1924.)

Ear cushion for telephone receivers and the like,



which can be readily applied to the receiver and will fit closely thereto, without adding materially to the bulk of same; which will be highly resilient and, therefore, afford the desired cushioning effect and fit closely to the ear so as to exclude external sounds, and which in addition to the foregoing will be of small size, light weight and neat appearance.

## RADIOTELEGRAPHY

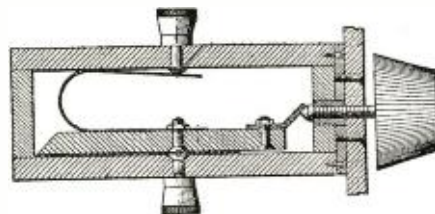
(Patent No. 1,515,990, R. D. Bangay. Filed July 9, 1921. Issued November 18, 1924. Assigned to Radio Corporation of America, Delaware.)

Radiotelegraphy in which the wave-length of the transmitting system may be varied by movement of a variometer in the primary circuit. The primary inductance is in the form of a variometer while the antenna inductance is coupled with the variometer. By varying the angular position of the variometer coils in the primary circuit, the coupling is changed while maintaining the inductance constant.

## VARIABLE CONDENSER

(Patent No. 1,520,329, C. S. Cherpeck. Filed August 26, 1922. Issued December 23, 1924.)

Variable condenser of the book type in which plates which are normally paralleled may have



their capacity varied by angularly varying the pistons between the plates by means of a screw which may be advanced to introduce a cam movement arranged to vary the angularity of the plates.

## RADIOTELEGRAPHY

(Patent No. 1,515,670, L. P. Fuller. Filed September 25, 1919. Issued November 18, 1924. Assigned to Federal Telegraph Company, San Francisco, Calif.)

Radiotelegraphy system in which the ohmic resistance of the ground circuits is reduced with a view of raising the overall efficiency of a transmitting station. The specification points out that by reason of the large antenna current the  $I^2R$  losses in the usual ground system at a high power radio station has been so large as to considerably reduce the efficiency. By the present invention an ungrounded radiating circuit comprising a plurality of vertical loops in substantially the same plane is provided. The vertical sides of adjacent loops are near each other and current is supplied to each loop of such phase that the currents in the adjacent vertical sides are opposed and substantially nullify each other. The resistance losses in the entire structure may be thus maintained at a desired low value.

## RECEIVING SYSTEM

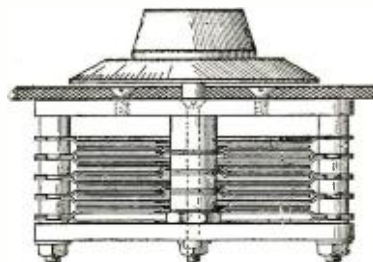
(Patent No. 1,521,380, D. G. McCaa. Filed November 17, 1922. Issued December 30, 1924. Assigned to The Electric Apparatus Co., Parkersburg, a corporation of Pennsylvania.)

Receiving system for radio signals in which a circuit arrangement is provided for discriminating against static, atmospheric, strays and other disturbances. The received energy representing both the desired signal and the disturbing effect is divided into two paths, including reactive devices, one of which is employed for effecting the translation of the desired signals and with another of which is associated a local source of oscillations in such manner as to cause the effect of said reactance to fluctuate within wide limits resulting in the fluctuation in amplitude of the signal representing energy in the first reactance and at certain instants to be reinforced by energy from the local source to the substantial exclusion or great reduction of the effects of the simultaneously existing disturbing energy.

## ELECTRIC CONDENSER

(Patent No. 1,520,461, H. A. Bremer. Filed September 21, 1923. Issued December 23, 1924.)

Electric condenser in which the plates are ar-



ranged in pairs and are dished in such manner that movable plates may be interleaved between the stationary plates, the offset portions of the movable plates moving between the offset portions of the stationary plates. In this way a smaller number of spacing members is required in the support of both the movable plates and the stationary plates.

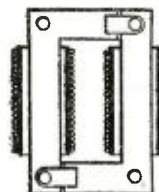
## RADIO RECEIVING SYSTEM

(Patent No. 1,516,061, H. O. Rugh. Filed November 16, 1922. Issued November 18, 1924. Assigned to Rugh & Noble, Chicago, Ill.)

Radio receiving system which may be connected in the house lighting circuit similar to an incandescent lamp. A two-electrode tube is secured into the lighting socket and has its filament lighted from the source of current. A tuned circuit is provided across the input terminals, while a responsive device is connected in circuit with the second electrode.

## RADIO RECEIVING APPARATUS

(Patent No. 1,505,085, C. E. Brigham. Filed July 15, 1922. Issued August 19, 1924. Assigned to Dubilier Condenser and Radio Corporation, New York.)



Radio receiving apparatus including a radio frequency amplification circuit wherein the tubes are interlinked by coupling transformers designed to amplify incoming signaling frequencies over a broad band of frequencies. The transformer is designed to have extremely small distributed capacity at the frequencies for which the transformer is designed to operate. A magnetic leak-

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**RADIO EXTENSION CORD**  
Sometimes it is not desirable to place the loud speaker near the radio set on account of poor acoustical conditions, or for other reasons, and the loud speaker must be placed in some other part of the room; this requires an extension cord like the one illustrated. This



30-foot flexible cord has a plug connection at both ends into which may be connected the loud speaker cord tips. Manufactured by the Deluxe Sales Company, 112 Trinity Place, New York City.

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**RE-NU "B" BATTERY**

The type 151 Re-Nu radio "B" battery manufactured by the Steiner Battery Co., Lancaster, Ohio, consists of a wooden box with a removable bottom into which may be clamped 15 large size flashlight cells. There are six terminals on



the top of the box with connections to the cells giving 16½ to 22½ volts in steps of 1½ volts. Thus when the cells wear out, the experimenter can easily replace them.

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**CUTLER HAMMER SOCKET**

The No. 8009 standard vacuum tube socket manufactured by the Cutler Hammer Manufacturing Co., Milwaukee, Wis., employs a bakelite shell with molded base and one piece



contacts with soldering terminals. The spring contacts are silver plated and make contact with both sides of the vacuum tube prongs. The use of these sockets entirely eliminates noises from poor connections that often occur in other types of sockets.

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**FIL-KO-LEAK**

This variable grid leak is calibrated and has a gradual control of resistance from ¼ to five megohms. The calibrations are marked on the dial so that the experimenter can set the leak to any desired resistance within the above range. The instrument runs very smoothly and is silent in operation. Manufactured by the DX Instrument Co., Harrisburg, Pa.

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**FIL-KO RESISTOR**

The Fil-Ko resistor is also made by the DX Instrument Co., Harrisburg, Pa., and is of similar construction to the Fil-Ko leak. It has a resistance range of 5,000 to 250,000 ohms and is very accurately rated. It may be used in many circuits such as resistance coupled amplifiers.

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**MULTI-PLUG AND CABLE**

Practically every radio set requires seven wires for connections to



the "A" and "B" batteries and antenna and ground. Usually, binding posts are used on the set for these connections. By using the Jones multi-plug and cable the binding posts may be eliminated and a much neater job will result. When disconnecting all the wires, simply pull out the plug. The wires are colored so that the connections are easily followed. Manufactured by Howard B. Jones, 614 South Canal Street, Chicago, Ill.

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**HEATH VACUUM TUBE SOCKET**

The Heath vacuum tube socket has a metal shell and molded base designed for both panel or base mounting. Small rubber shock ab-

sorbers are furnished with each socket which may be used when it is desired to eliminate noises caused by vibration of the vacuum tube elements. The spring contacts make excellent connections to both bottom and side of the vacuum tube



prongs. Manufactured by the Heath Radio & Electric Mfg. Co., Newark, N. J.

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**MAGNAVOX TUBE**

The type A Magnavox tube is designed for all purposes and circuits now used in radio receiving. It draws a filament current from .2 to .25 amperes at five volts and requires a plate voltage of 60 to 120. The construction is different



from that of tubes heretofore put on the market. The grid, or controlling electrode, is placed alongside of the filament instead of between filament and plate. The amplification factor is practically the same as that of standard tubes of this type. The internal capacity is low. Manufactured by the Magnavox Co., 2725 East 14th Street, Oakland, Calif.

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**FEDCO ANTENNA INSULATORS**

Efficiency in receiving circuits require well insulated antennae. The Fedco Blue Insulators are made of glazed porcelain which has been



found electrically and mechanically best suited for this purpose. Manufactured by the Federal Porcelain Company, Carey, Ohio.

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**VARIABLE RESISTANCE UNITS**

The Wireless Products Corporation, New York City, recently placed on the market variable resistances for grid leaks and other purposes of the same general appearance and construction as the ordinary rheostat. The type B resistance ranges from 1,500 to 150,000 ohms. The type A unit ranges from one-tenth to seven megohms. Contact is made to the resistance strip by means of a wire, similar to the wire used in rheostats, that encircles the strip and is slotted so as not to short-circuit it.



**AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NOS. 689 AND 690.**

**RADION LOUD SPEAKER HORN**

For portable receivers or receivers in which it is desired to conceal the loud speaker horn inside of the cabinet, the horn should be of small size and durable construction. This horn, made by the American Hard Rubber Co., 11 Mercer St., New York City, is made entirely of Radion hard rubber. It is furnished with a receiver cap that fits the average loud speaker unit.



**AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 694.**

**WIZARD FIXED CONDENSERS**

The fixed condensers submitted by the Wizard Co., Boston, Mass., were all found very accurate as to capacity ratings and of excellent construction. They are small in size and easily attached or wired to the



set. The losses were also about equal to those in the average condenser of this type.



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**HOWE RADIO RECEIVER**

This complete radio receiving set is of very small size and is entirely enclosed in a metal case. Tuning is effected with a knob attached to a slider that makes contact with the tuning coil inside. An adjustable crystal detector is mounted on the



top. It works very well with the average size aerial for local broadcast reception. Manufactured by the Howe Auto Products Co., Chicago, Ill.

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**TELETRON TUBE**

The teletron type 201-A vacuum tube works very well as detector, amplifier and oscillator. The filament requires ¼ ampere of five volts for normal operation. Plate voltages up to 120 are recommended.



This tube was tested for a considerable length of time and stood up very well under the test. Made by the Champion Electric Co., Detroit, Mich.

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**SILVERTON TUBE**

The type 1-A Silverton vacuum tube is of the standard construction with a ¼-ampere five-volt filament. This tube is manufactured by the New York Radio Co., 71 West Broadway, New York City, N. Y. Of several tubes tested in standard broadcast receivers very good re-



sults were obtained as regards amplification and tone quality. The sample tubes submitted were found to have uniform characteristics, which is highly desirable.

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**ZINCITE AND TELLURIUM DETECTOR**

This combination detector works very well in crystal and reflex sets. It is of simple construction and very sensitive. The crystals are enclosed so as to be free from dust,



and adjustment is easily made. Manufactured by the Tool and Device Corporation, 520 Congress Street, Troy, N. Y.

**AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 687.**

**VAN FIXED CRYSTAL RECEIVER**

Although of very simple construction, this radio receiving set gives very good results on local reception. The frame is of metal inside of which is a tuning coil with a slider



for adjusting the wave-length. On top is mounted the fixed crystal detector. Manufactured by L. D. Van Valkenburg Co., Holyoke, Mass.

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**RADIO PORCELAIN PEDESTAL**

The catalog No. 611 Barkeley porcelain pedestal may be used for supporting antenna wires and leads, or for other purposes where good insulation is required. This



pedestal is shown in the illustration. It is manufactured by the Barkeley Electric Manufacturing Co., Middletown, Ohio.

**AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 682.**

**ELECTRAD GRID LEAK MOUNTING**

The Electrad certified grid leak mounting is of the standard size and conventional design as shown in the illustration. It is a well constructed grid leak base and the Electrad grid leak furnished with it was found very accurate as to rating. Manufactured by Electrad, Inc., 428 Broadway, New York City.



**AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 672.**

**ELECTRAD AUDIOHM**

This instrument has a variable resistance range of 30,000 to 100,000 ohms. It may be used in resistance coupled amplifiers and for many other purposes, such as a shunt resistance across the secondary of the transformers in an audio amplifier. It is a well constructed instrument and has a very gradual resistance control. Manufactured by Electrad, Inc., 428 Broadway, New York City.

**AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 674.**



**ELECTRAD VARIOHM**

The Electrad variohm is similar in construction to the other Electrad variable resistances and is used mainly for a grid leak. It has a range of ¼ to 10 megohms with a very uniform resistance control. Manufactured by Electrad, Inc., 428 Broadway, New York City.

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**ELECTRAD VARIABLE RESISTANCE UNIT**

The complete line of Electrad variable resistances will meet all the requirements of the radio experi-

menter. The type 25 unit is of the same general construction as the others and has a resistance range of 5,000 to 100,000 ohms. Manufactured by Electrad, Inc., 428 Broadway, New York City.

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**ELECTRAD GRID LEAK AND CONDENSER**

The combined Electrad variable grid leak and condenser is a very well constructed instrument of small size and neat design. The variable grid leak has a range of ¼ to 10 megohms. The construction of the instrument is similar to that of the variable grid leak shown in these columns. Manufactured by Electrad, Inc., 428 Broadway, New York City.



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**LAMP SOCKET ANTENNA**

The Electrad lamp socket antenna is a very simply constructed instrument. It consists of a standard 110-volt plug that fits the standard socket and a small attachment with one terminal connected through a fixed condenser to one of the plug terminals. The fixed condenser has a capacity of approximately .00012 mfd. The device works very well as



an antenna in some localities. Manufactured by Electrad, Inc., 428 Broadway, New York City.

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**OUTDOOR LIGHTNING ARRESTER**

Safe protection of the radio set and also the surroundings require a lightning arrester that will break down at a potential under 500 volts. The Electrad arrester consists of two copper electrodes forming a very small gap hermetically sealed and water tight. This arrester is bell-



shaped and mounted on a supporting bracket. Manufactured by Electrad, Inc., 428 Broadway, New York City.

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**SUPER BOOSTER**

This instrument consists of a coil and condenser mounted on a small panel and placed in a wooden cabinet. There are three terminals for the antenna and ground connections, the terminals used depending upon the length of the antenna. By placing the device in the vicinity



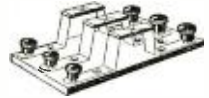
of the radio set, either on top of it or near to one of the tuning coils, the signals pass through by induction between the two circuits and

selectivity is considerably increased. It also functions as a wave trap. Made by the Liberty Radio Corp.

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**SENTINEL FUSE BLOCK**

For the protection of radio tubes against the destructive action of "B" battery current under short-circuit conditions, a fuse in the



filament circuit is recommended. This triple fuse block is so arranged that when the fuses blow, new ones can be easily inserted. The fuses are connected in the "A" and "B" battery leads. Manufactured by the Davis Electric Co., Springfield, Ohio.

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**TRUE BLUE TUBES**

The True Blue radio tubes are elaborately packed singly or in sets of three or five in a case. The tubes



are of excellent construction and have many exclusive features. They are provided with sterling silver contact points. The filament consumes ¼ ampere at five volts. As detector, plate voltages of 20 to 40 are recommended, and as oscillators and amplifiers, plate voltages of 40 to 150 may be used. The base is of genuine bakelite, of mahogany color. The glass is steel blue. Manufactured by Brighton Laboratories, Inc., 16 West 34th Street, New York City.

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**ALLEN DIAL VERNIER**

Where an exceptionally fine micrometer adjustment of the tuning



dial is required, this vernier may be used. The small knob turns a spiral worm which operates a pinion. Attached to this is a rubber tired wheel that presses against the tuner dial and turns it. Exceptionally fine control is obtained. The instrument is easily mounted on the panel adjacent to the dial. Manufactured by General Engineering and Model Works, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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**KELMAN STORAGE "B" BATTERY**

The 12-cell, 24-volt Kelman storage "B" battery is of excellent construction and has an exceptionally



high ampere hour output. The voltages of the cells are comparatively uniform during charge and discharge. The battery is highly recommended where constant current supply and noiseless operation are essential. Manufactured by Kelman Electric Company, Rochester, N. Y.

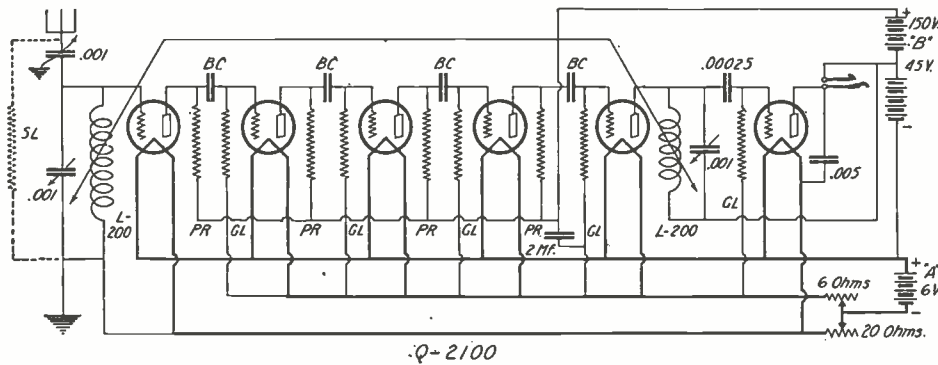
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This efficient receiver is not difficult to tune. It is easy to construct. This is an "all-wave" receiver. One need only change coils, to cover practically all wave-lengths in use today.

**LONG WAVE RECEIVER**

(2100) Mrs. Lowell Price, Pelham Bay, N. Y., asks:

Q. 1. Please furnish me with a diagram which will enable me to construct a set capable of receiving the programs broadcast by certain French, Swedish, German, Italian, Spanish, Swiss, Dutch, Danish, Belgian and, I understand, some South American stations, on long wave-lengths.

A. 1. The long wave broadcast programs of stations in these and other countries may be tuned to with a set constructed in accordance with the diagram shown in these columns.

The wave-length range is dependent upon

the values of inductance and capacity used. Variable condensers of .001 mfd. capacity are more to be desired when tuning to the longer wave-lengths than those of lesser capacity. Otherwise, it would cause the unnecessary inconvenience of frequent inductance coil change.

The coil values shown will cover a wave-length range of approximately 1,000 to 3,000 meters. Simplification of control results by the use of only two honeycomb coils. The correct honeycomb coil value for various wave-length ranges may be determined from the table given in the "I Want to Know" department of the January, 1925, issue of RADIO NEWS, page 1229. When changing to

a different wave-length range, it will be necessary to replace both coils.

Plate resistors "PR" have a value approximating 70,000 ohms. The exact resistance, which is not critical, is readily determined by test. The value is governed mainly by the "B" battery voltage (which should be high, 135 to 150 volts) and tubes used (practically any make of amplifier tubes will be satisfactory, with the proper resistor values).

Good tubes, preferably balanced, are essential.

The grid resistors, or "grid leaks" as we know them (marked "GL"), may all be of the same size (about 2 megohms).

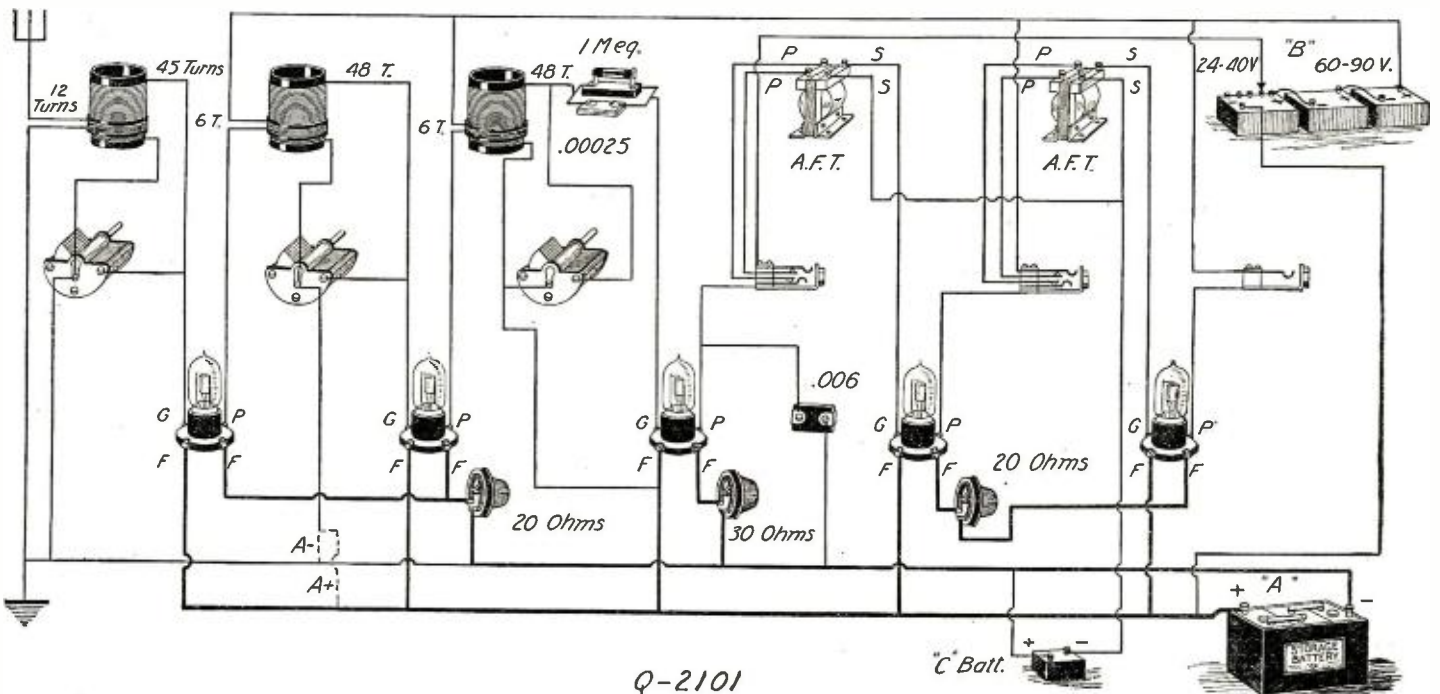
Blocking condensers "BC" are all of .0005 mfd. capacity. The detector grid condenser value is .00025 mfd. capacity, as usual.

The two L-200 honeycomb coils shown are placed in variable inductive relation; this is indicated by the arrow-head lines placed to show coupling.

Two variable condensers are shown in the aerial-grid circuits. If only one is used, either the aerial circuit or the grid circuit will be out of tune on all but one wave-length—the natural period of the aerial system or of the grid circuit.

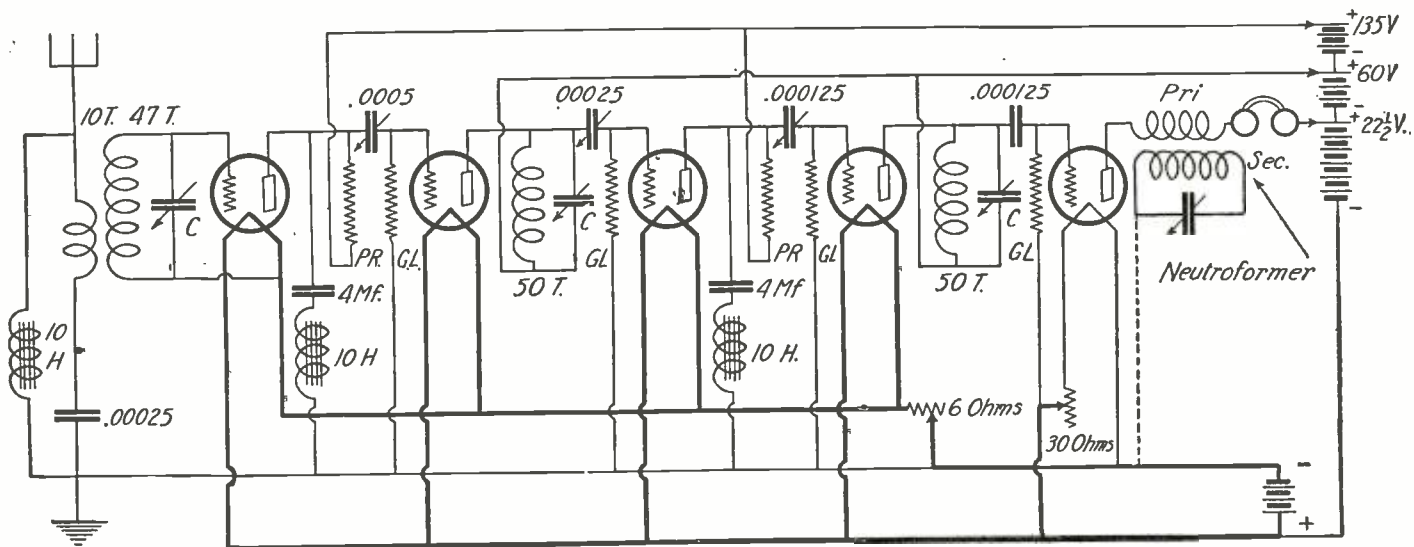
Hand capacity will be evident from the aerial series condenser, unless the usual precautions are taken.

Investigators have termed a particular form of static prevalent at the lower frequencies (high wave-lengths) as "long



The Freshman circuit, two stages of tuned radio frequency amplification (non-oscillating), detector and two stages of audio frequency amplification. Twenty-three variable condensers may be used. Once logged, a station will always be received at the same three points on the dials.



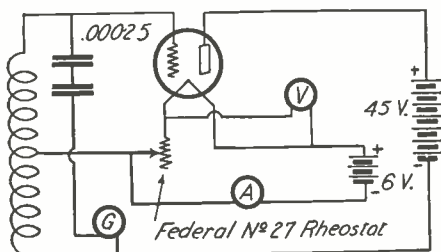


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This circuit is designed for the reduction of static effects to a minimum. During exceptionally strong static it may be advisable to disconnect the aerial and change the ground connection over to the antenna post. Note the neutroformer for regeneration.

wave" static. A "static leak" (SL) of about 50,000 ohms is shown as a method for reducing, somewhat, static effects. This leak is of particular value as a means of causing a slow discharge to ground of static electricity (particularly the kind known as "snow" static, often observable during snowfall) which would otherwise accumulate on the aerial, due to the direct current insulation afforded by the antenna series condenser; fitfully discharging to ground, this stored-up electricity would cause loud, annoying clicks in the headphones.

Variable condenser rotors are indicated by the arrow-head.



Q-2108

A simple tube testing circuit. Meter "G" only registers oscillating currents.

**FRESHMAN CIRCUIT**

(2101) Mr. Antonio Costello, Rome, Italy, asks:

Q. 1. What is the wiring diagram, and what are the constants, for a standard set of the radio frequency type, such as the Freshman, incorporating two stages of tuned radio frequency amplification, tube detector, and two stages of audio frequency amplification? I understand no neutralizing methods or potentiometers are required.

A. 1. We are showing this circuit in these columns.

All three variable condensers must be of the same make and capacity rating. Capacities of about .0005 mfd. will be about right.

The tuned radio frequency transformers may have to be changed slightly in order to make all the variable condensers balance.

If one desires to make their own radio frequency transformers, the number of turns indicated may be wound on a form about three inches in diameter. The primary may be wound directly over the secondary, at the filament end, with only slight spacing between the two windings. No. 24 D.C.C. wire will be quite satisfactory.

The grid return lead of the second radio frequency amplifying tube is shown in dotted

lines. It may be very difficult to prevent strong oscillation of this tube, unless this connection is made to "A" plus. If connection is made to "A" minus and the set oscillates strongly, it would be best to reduce the number of turns in the primary coil in the plate circuit of the first or second tube, still retaining the negative grid return connection. This is generally better practice than that of making an amplifier grid positive by connecting to the positive post of the "A" battery.

Any tubes may be used in this set, depending upon the sockets and rheostats used. If low-capacity tubes are used, it will be possible to almost triple the number of turns in the plate circuit winding of each tube, without the set going into oscillation. This increase in the number of turns will result in greater sensitivity.

If the "C" battery is not desired, at first, the binding posts for same are connected together with a piece of wire.

Q. 2. Is it true that many of the better broadcast stations use a control system that makes it possible for the station operator to increase the volume of either the high or low notes being broadcast, at will?

A. 2. It is true that programs are balanced in just this manner.

Q. 3. What is the softening point of hard rubber?

A. 3. About 150 degrees, Fahrenheit.

**HARD RUBBER DATA**

(2102) Mr. John Knox, Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, N. Y., asks:

Q. 1. What are the considerations to be observed in the drilling and sawing of hard rubber?

A. 1. When drilling hard rubber, use drills of the best, high carbon steel variety. Grind the drills frequently. Drill ends should be at an angle of 45 degrees. Use a drill speed of 1,500 r.p.m. for holes under 3/8-inch size. Use a speed of 800 r.p.m. for sizes up to 3/4-inch and a speed of about 300 r.p.m., depending upon the size, for holes larger than this. A very satisfactory lubricant, to prevent over-heating, is soda and water. When sawing this material for small work, use a hack saw having 24 teeth per inch. For large work a circular saw is not as satisfactory as most people would suppose. A cutting wheel is much more satisfactory. If quantity work is to be done, we would advise you to communicate with the manufacturer whose material you intend to use.

Q. 2. While operating the radio set owned

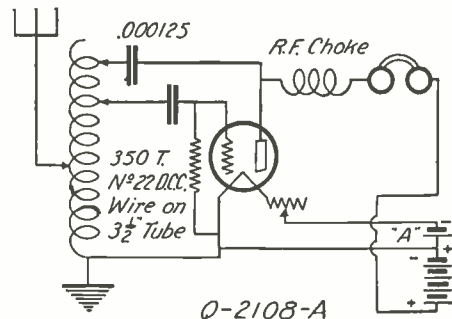
by a friend, a very peculiar effect was observed. When receiving the signals from a given station, the signals are clear and loud. Now, it is not possible to rapidly change the dial settings and hear other stations; the dials must be adjusted slowly. If the dials are turned quickly to a setting upon which a station is heard broadcasting it will be several seconds before the station is heard and gradually reaches maximum volume.

A. 2. One of your tubes is blocking. If you have any grid leaks in the set, such as a detector leak, try others in place of the one now in use. Look your connections over very carefully to make sure that every tube is connecting to the socket springs and that the grid and grid return leads are connecting to their respective points in the set. Some one of the tubes in your set has an open grid circuit. The grid inside the tube is continually receiving a charge of negative electricity from the negative electrons leaving the heated filament. This charge would ordinarily leak off, through the circuit, to the filament from which it started, if the circuit was complete, but it is prevented from so doing if the circuit is open. A normal, slow leakage would take place, but this would delay the amplifying action of the tube, resulting in the effect you name. This "blocking" action often takes place at a more rapid rate, producing a slow or fast clicking.

Q. 3. How many kilocycles are allowed to a broadcast station, to include every audible frequency transmitted?

A. 3. A frequency band 10 kilocycles wide is required to include all the audible frequencies.

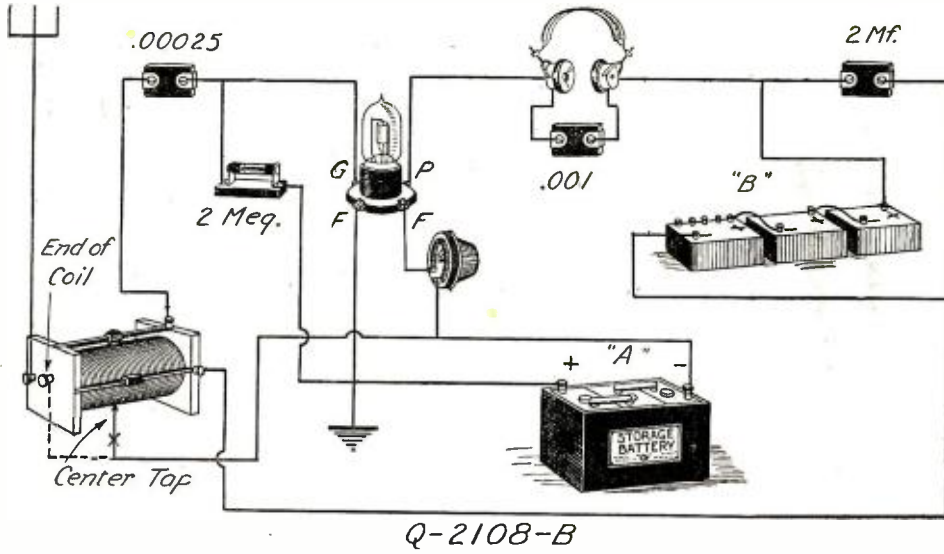
If the carrier wave of one broadcast station is less than 10 kilocycles from the carrier wave of another station, the high audio



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Weagant circuit applied to a 3-slide tuner. When oscillating, a loud click is heard as the sliders are moved.





The old 3-slide tuner in a reliable circuit. Time signals direct from Arlington (Radio), Va., may be received on 2,500 meters. Broadcast stations re-transmit these accurate time ticks.

notes, first, of the one station will overlap the high audio notes of the other station.

**BEVERAGE ANTENNA**

(2103) Mr. John Hoskins, Boston, Mass., asks:

Q. 1. Where can the official list of Canadian stations be procured?

A. 1. Write to the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, Canada.

Q. 2. Has the construction of a "D" coil been described in any past issue of RADIO NEWS?

A. 2. This type of inductance construction was covered in a two-page article starting on page 2106 of the June, 1923, issue of RADIO NEWS.

Q. 3. Has the Beverage antenna been described in a past issue of RADIO NEWS?

A. 3. A circuit showing the method employed will be found on page 897 of the January, 1924, issue of this magazine.

**BUS BAR WIRE**

(2104) Miss Ann Sempere, New York City, asks:

Q. 1. Is square or round bus wire best for wiring up a set?

A. 1. It makes no practical difference whether one or the other is used.

Q. 2. Can an indoor aerial be used with a Neutrodyne receiver?

A. 2. Excellent reports have been received from radio fans who have used indoor aerials, not only with Neutrodyne sets, but with other types of sets as well.

**A.C. ON FILAMENTS**

(2105) Mr. George Faulkner, Atlanta, Ga., asks:

Q. 1. Is it possible to make a radio frequency set using the electric light lines as a current supply for the filaments? The current rating is 110 volts, alternating current.

A. 1. We are showing a design that makes this possible. The biasing batteries C1, C2, C3, C4 and C5 have a value of approximately three to four and one-half volts. It is good practice to use a separate potentiometer across the filament of each tube in order to more surely arrive at the correct balance. P<sub>1</sub>, P<sub>2</sub>, P<sub>3</sub>, P<sub>4</sub> and P<sub>5</sub> should each be of about 400 ohms resistance.

The current supply transformer must have a secondary capable of supplying one and one-quarter to one and one-half amperes, at six volts.

Regular neutroformers, or else transformers designed for use in tuned radio frequency amplifier circuits of the un-neutralized type, may be satisfactorily used. The correct variable condensers for the particular coils employed should be used.

Since radio frequency amplification is being used, it would be best to use audio fre-

quency transformers of only medium ratio, such as 3:1, 4:1 or 5:1.

Q. 2. What size copper wire should I procure to have a resistance that need only be fairly close to the value of one ohm per foot?

A. 2. No. 40 B. & S. gauge copper wire will closely approximate this figure.

**ANTI-X CIRCUIT**

(2106) Mr. Raphael Lacosta, Mexico City, Mexico, asks:

Q. 1. Static is very strong in my locality. What would be a good system to employ in a receiving set capable of good reception under this adverse condition?

A. 1. We are showing a circuit using weeding out arrangements of large and small condensers, resistance coupling and choke coils.

Each resistance coupling serves to act as a blocking arrangement which prevents undesired oscillation of the tubes. If the inductances are placed in inductive relation to one another, it would be an easy matter to cause strong regeneration or oscillation, but sufficient regeneration or oscillation is obtained by the use of a neutroformer connected as shown. The regeneration then taking place is due to the capacity coupling between the elements of the tube, since the neutroformer is to be placed in non-inductive relation to the other inductances in the set.

The secondary of a high-ratio audio frequency transformer may be used for the iron core choke coils shown; the primary is left unconnected.

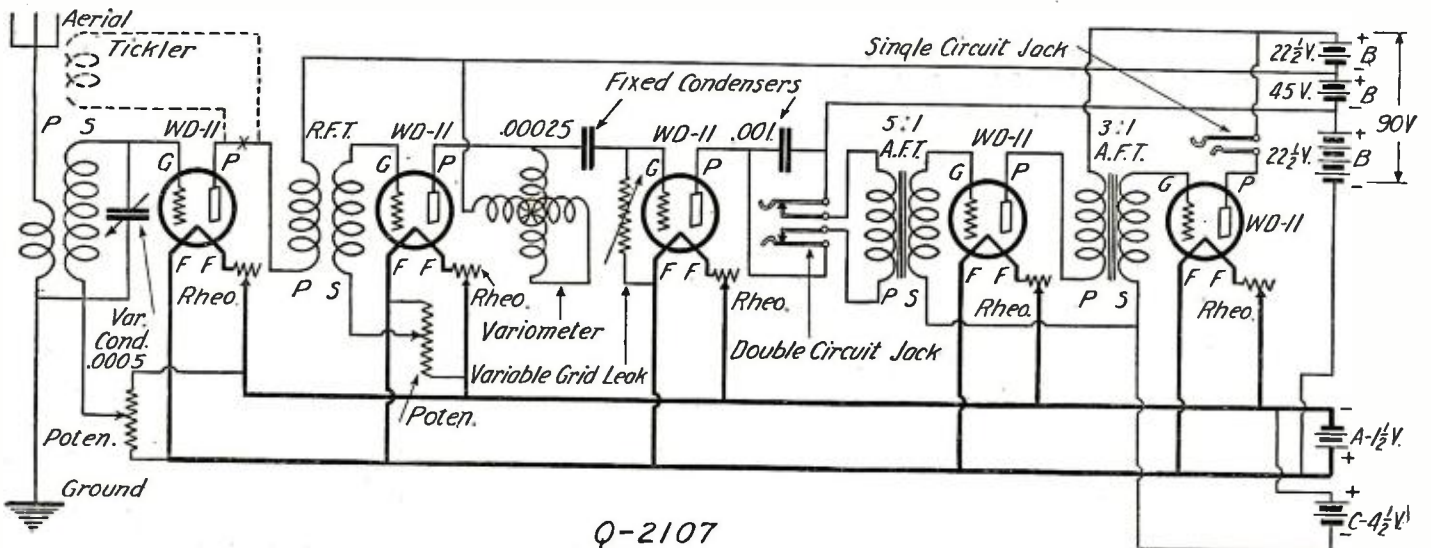
The maximum capacity for the variable blocking condensers is indicated. The value has not been stated in "number of plates," since plate sizes vary. The four microfarad capacity is readily obtained by connecting two condensers, each of two microfarads capacity, in parallel.

No. 24 D.C.C. wire, wound on a three-inch tube, will be satisfactory for the inductances. If neutroformers are used throughout, the primaries are left unconnected, where only the secondary is required as the tuned impedance, of which there are two.

The plate resistors (PR) are all of one-tenth megohm size. The grid leaks (GL) are all of one megohm size, with the exception of the detector grid leak, which is of two megohms size.

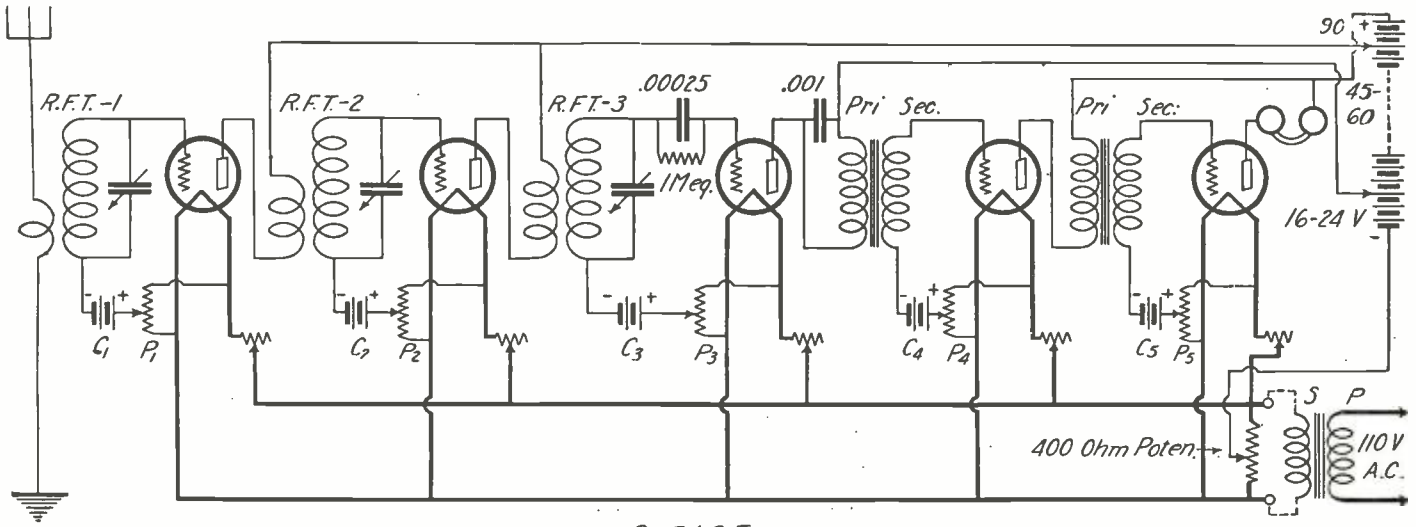
Keep all filaments and "B" battery voltages as low as is consistent with medium volume.

The "B" potentials shown are maximum and in all probability can be advantageously reduced.



One of the many variations possible wherein a variocoupler, fixed-tune radio frequency transformer, and continuously variable inductance (variometer) are used. Only two dials are required for this set. The R.F. transformer should not have a sharp peak at one wave-length.





Q-2105

This circuit uses the house lighting current for filament heating. A transformer steps the current down to six volts A.C. To prevent a tube burn-out by overloading, all tubes should be left lighted when set is in use.

Use a fairly short aerial (about 30 to 50 feet) and a low one.

Q. 2. Some tuned radio frequency transformers are wound on what seems to be a white tube. What is this called?

A. 2. You probably refer to the tubes of Isolantite, a material much resembling an exceptionally fine porcelain.

Q. 3. If no tubes are lighted and I get a spark upon touching a "B" plus lead to the proper "B" plus post on the binding post strip, does that indicate a fault in the circuit?

A. 3. Yes. It indicates that your "B" battery is being short circuited. A short circuit of the battery lasting only a few seconds will discharge and practically ruin a dry cell type of battery and may cause damage to a lead type battery. A nickel-iron alkali battery would not be damaged under this condition.

Trace out your wiring in an effort to determine where the "B" plus is making contact with "B" minus.

**DRY CELL TUBE SET**

(2107) Mr. James Hardwick, South Dartmouth, Mass., asks:

Q. 1. Will you kindly furnish me with a schematic diagram of a set incorporating the following items I now have? A variocoupler, a fixed radio frequency transformer, a variometer, two audio frequency transformers, five WD-11 tubes and a variable grid leak.

A. 1. We are herein showing a circuit incorporating the parts you name and a few other necessary items.

You do not state whether your coil is of the two-coil or of the three-coil type. If

of the latter form of construction, it may be a good plan to connect the tickler coil as indicated by the dotted lines, resulting in a Superdyne effect that will enable you to move the potentiometer arm more toward the negative end, resulting in greater amplification. Since turning the tickler through a full circle will be the equivalent to reversing the connections on the tickler, it is not necessary to take especial pains as to which way the rotor is connected in the circuit.

Q. 2. Will the UV-712 audio frequency transformer work with the UV-199 tube?

A. 2. This transformer is quite suitable for amplification of code signals due to the high ratio of 9:1. It may also be used in the reflexed stage of a reflex set intended for broadcast reception. A lower ratio transformer is more suitable for an amplifier of broadcast programs.

Q. 3. Is there any difference between the grid lead and the grid return lead?

A. 3. Peculiarities of certain circuits modify the usual understanding of these two terms, which is that the grid return lead is the wire connecting the grid to the tuning inductance; a grid condenser is sometimes connected in series with this lead. The grid return lead is considered as that wire connecting the tuning inductance to the filament circuit.

**FIVE-STAGE NEUTRODYNE**

(2108) Mr. Jerome Fennimore, Basking Ridge, N. J., asks:

Q. 1. What is the tube tester diagram using an oscillating circuit?

A. 1. This is standard. It will be found in these columns.

The inductance may be made by winding 50 turns of No. 22 D.C.C. wire on a tube

about 1 1/4 inches in diameter. There is a tap at the middle of this collodion coated coil.

A Weston thermo-galvanometer ("G") model 425, is used, having a range of 0 to 115 milliamperes.

The D.C. ammeter ("A") is a Weston model 301, 0 to 1 amp. range, instrument. The D.C. voltmeter ("V") is also a model 301 Weston with a range of 0 to 7 volts.

The voltages shown must be used.

Tubes having 0.06, 0.25 and 1.0 amp. filaments at the respective voltages of four and one-half, six and six volts, may be tested. Different tubes known to operate satisfactorily should be put in the tester and the readings noted. An average reading may thus be determined, by which unknown tubes may be checked.

Q. 2. I would like very much to have you publish a picture diagram showing how to use a three-slide tuner in a regenerative circuit.

A. 2. We are showing you two ways of using your tuner in a regenerative circuit.

Circuit A shows the Weagant system of producing regeneration oscillation.

The radio frequency choke may be made by winding about 250 turns of No. 36 B. & S. gauge S.C.C. wire on a tube about two inches in diameter.

Circuit B shows the negative filament as connecting to a middle tap on the coil. Instead of tapping here, however, connection may be made to one end of the coil, as shown by the dotted line. Mark X denotes a break if the filament is connected as per the dotted line.

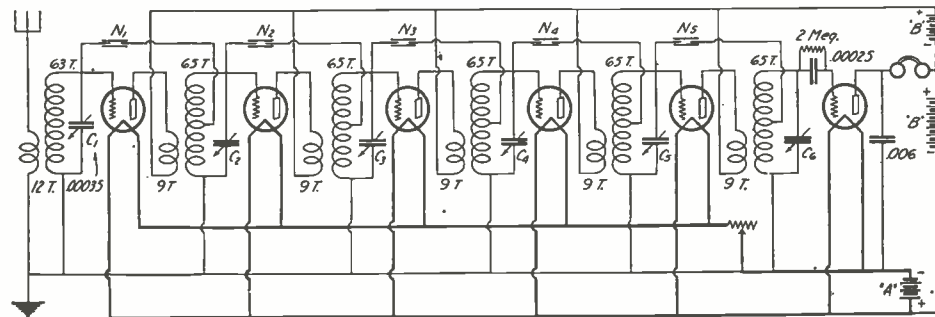
Q. 3. Since it is possible to make a satisfactory Neutrodyne having three dials, why would it not be possible to make one having five or six dials?

A. 3. It is possible, but not easily done. If care is taken in the construction of the set, it would be interesting to construct one along the lines of the Neutrodyne circuit illustrated in this issue.

Probably the best way to go at this unit is to first make up the set with only the usual two stages of neutralized radio frequency. Then, one-by-one, build additional stages, carefully neutralizing and balancing each successive one. As soon as a stage is balanced, the aerial and ground are removed and that coil to which the aerial and ground were connected now becomes the plate circuit primary winding for the next stage.

All neutroformers and condensers should be of the one make and type selected. N-1, etc., are the usual neutralizing capacities.

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This is an experimental Neutrodyne diagram. A detector rheostat, not shown, is required in the positive lead of this tube. Reception reports should be addressed to the "I-Want-To-Know" department.



# Complete List of World's Broadcast Stations

## UNITED STATES STATIONS

Call Letters	Name	Location	Power & Wave Length	Call Letters	Name	Location	Power & Wave Length	
KDKA	Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., East Pittsburgh, Pa.	1000—309.1	KFHA	Western State College of Colorado, Gunnison, Colo.	50—252	KFLW	Missoula Electric Supply Co., Missoula, Mont.	5—234
KDPM	Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Ohio	500—250	KFHJ	Fallon & Co., Santa Barbara, Calif.	100—360	KFLX	George R. Clough, 1214 40th St., Galveston, Texas	10—240
KDPT	Southern Electrical Co., San Diego, Calif.	50—244	KFHL	Penn College, Oskaloosa, Ia.	10—240	KFLZ	Atlantic Automobile Co., Atlantic, Iowa	100—273
KDYL	Newhouse Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah	50—305.9	KFHR	Star Electric & Radio Co., Seattle, Wash.	100—263	KFMB	Christian Churches of Little Rock, Little Rock, Ark.	10—254
KDYM	Savoy Theatre, San Diego, Cal.	100—280	KFI	Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.	1500—467	KFMQ	University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.	500—275
KDYQ	Oregon Institute of Technology, Portland, Ore.	50—360	KFIF	Benson Polytechnic Institute, Portland, Ore.	100—248	KFMR	Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa	10—261
KDZB	Frank E. Siefert, Bakersfield, Calif.	100—240	KFIO	North Central High School, Spokane, Wash.	50—266	KFMT	George W. Young, 2219 W. Bryant Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.	100—263
KDZE	Rhodes Department Store, Seattle, Wash.	100—270	KFIQ	First Methodist Church, Yakima, Wash.	50—256	KFMW	M. G. Sateren, 127 Blanche St., Houghton, Mich.	50—266
KFAB	Nebraska Buick Auto Co., Lincoln, Neb.	200—240	KFIU	Alaska Elec. Light & Power Co., Juneau, Alaska	10—226	KFMX	Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.	750—336.9
KFAD	McArthur Bros. Mercantile Co., Phoenix, Ariz.	100—360	KFIX	Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Independence, Mo.	250—240	KFNF	Henry Field Seed Co., Shenandoah, Iowa	500—266
KFAE	State College of Washington, Pullman, Wash.	500—333.1	KFIZ	Daily Commonwealth and Oscar A. Huelmsan, Fond du Lac, Wis.	100—273	KFNG	Wooten's Radio Shop, Coldwater, Miss.	10—254
KFAF	Western Radio Corporation, Denver, Colo.	500—278	KFJB	Marshall Electric Co., Marshalltown, Iowa	10—248	KFNJ	Central Mo. State Teachers' College, Warrensburg Mo.	50—234
KFAJ	University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.	100—261	KFJC	Seattle Post Intelligencer, Seattle, Wash.	100—270	KFNL	Radio Broadcast Association, Paso Robles, Calif.	10—240
KFAN	The Electric Shop, Moscow, Idaho	50—230	KFJD	National Radio Mfg. Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.	225—261	KFNV	L. A. Drake, 505 Third St., Santa Rosa, Calif.	5—227
KFAR	Studio Lighting Service Co. (O. K. Olsen), Hollywood, Calif.	200—280	KFJE	Liberty Theatre, Astoria, Ore.	10—252	KFNY	Montana Phonograph Co., Helena, Mont.	50—248
KFAU	Independent School District of Boise City, Boise High School, Boise, Idaho	500—275	KFJF	Delano Radio & Electric Co., Bristow, Okla.	100—233	KFNZ	Royal Radio Co., Burlingame, Calif.	10—231
KFAW	The Radio Den, Santa Ana, Calif.	10—280	KFJK	University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. D.	100—278	KFOA	Rhodes Dept. Store, Seattle, Wash.	500—450.2
KFBB	F. A. Buttrey & Co., Havre, Mont.	50—275	KFJM			KFOC	First Christian Church, Whittier, Calif.	100—236
KFBC	W. K. Azbill, San Diego, Calif.	5—278				KFOD	The Radio Shop, Wallace, Idaho	10—224
KFBG	First Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, Wash.	50—250				KFOJ	Moberly High School Radio Club, Moberly, Mo.	5—246
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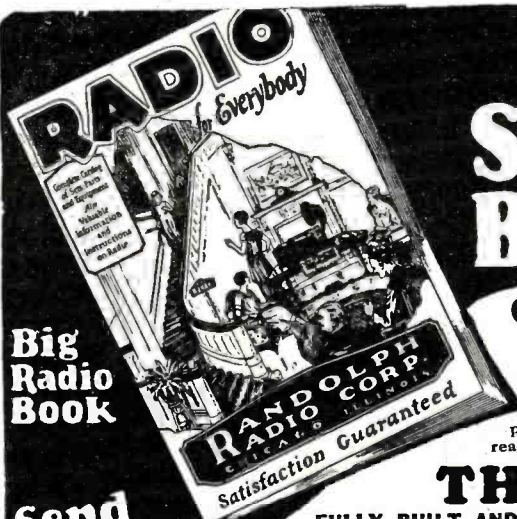
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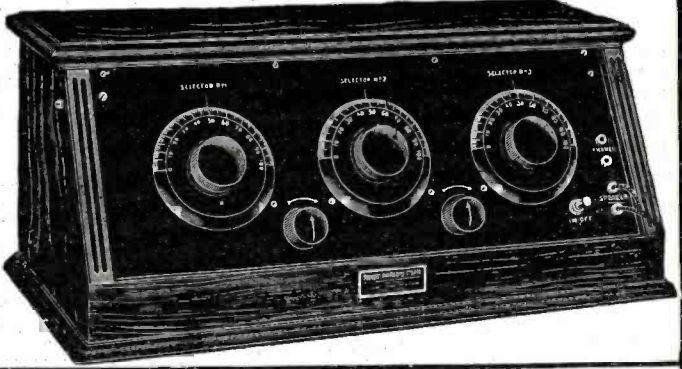
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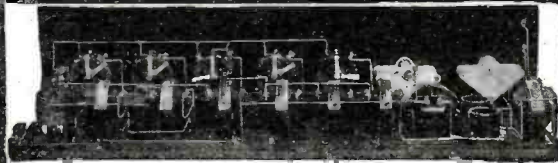
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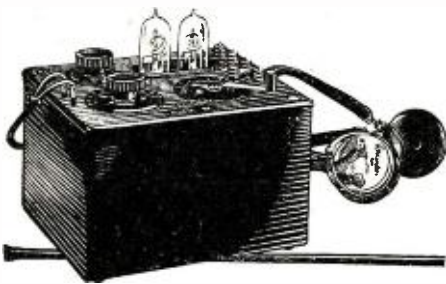
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KFQT	Texas National Guard, Thirty-sixth Signal Co., Denison, Texas	Texas	10—252
KFQU	W. Riker, Holy City, Calif.	Calif.	100—234
KFQV	Omaha Grain Exchange, Omaha, Neb.	Neb.	100—231
KFQW	C. F. Knierim Photo Radio & Electric Shop, North Bend, Wash.	Wash.	50—215.7
KFQX	American Radio Telephone Co., Smith Bldg., Seattle, Wash.	Wash.	1500—233
KFQY	Farmers State Bank, Belden, Neb.	Neb.	10—273
KFQZ	Taft Radio Co., 5653 De Longpre Ave., Hollywood, Calif.	Calif.	250—240
KFRC	Radioart Studio, San Francisco, Calif.	Calif.	50—278
KFRF	W. R. Brown, Alexandria, La.	La.	10—242
KFRH	The Radio Shop, Grafton, N. D.	N. D.	10—268
KFRJ	Guy Simmons, Jr., Conway, Ark.	Ark.	10—250
KFRM	James F. Roland, Fort Sill, Okla.	Okla.	50—263
KFRN	M. Laurence Short, Hanford, Calif.	Calif.	5—224
KFRO	Curtis Printing Co., Ft. Worth, Tex.	Tex.	50—246
KFRP	Trinity Episcopal Church, Redlands, Calif.	Calif.	10—211
KFRQ	Radio Market Service Co., Portland, Ore.	Ore.	5—213
KFRR	Nebraska Buick Auto Co., Lincoln, Neb.	Neb.	200—240
KFRW	United Churches of Olympia, Olympia, Wash.	Wash.	100—220
KFRX	J. Gordon Klemgard, Pullman, Wash.	Wash.	10—217.3
KFRY	New Mexico College of Agriculture & Mechanics Arts, State College, N. M.	N. M.	50—266
KFRZ	The Electric Shop, Hartington, Neb.	Neb.	15—222
KFSG	Echo Park Evangelistic Association, Los Angeles, Calif.	Calif.	500—278
KFSY	Van Blaricom Co., 20 So. Main St., Helena, Mont.	Mont.	10—248
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KFUL	Thomas Goggan & Bros. Music Co., Galveston, Texas	Texas	10—258
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KGW	Portland Morning Oregonian, Portland, Ore.	Ore.	500—485.1
KGY	St. Martins College, Lacey, Wash.	Wash.	5—246
KHJ	Times Mirror Co., Los Angeles, Calif.	Calif.	500—404.1
KHQ	Louis Wasmer, Seattle, Wash.	Wash.	100—273
KIQ	C. O. Gould, Stockton, Calif.	Calif.	5—273
KJR	Northwest Radio Service, Seattle, Wash.	Wash.	50—384.4
KJS	Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.	Calif.	500—293.9
KLS	Warner Bros. Radio Supplies Co., Oakland, Calif.	Calif.	250—360
KLX	Tribune Publishing Co., Oakland, Calif.	Calif.	500—509.9
KLZ	Reynolds Radio Co., Denver, Colo.	Colo.	250—283
KMJ	San Joaquin Lt. & Power Corp., Fresno, Calif.	Calif.	50—248
KMO	Love Electric Co., Tacoma, Wash.	Wash.	10—250
KNT	Walter Hemrich, Kukak Bay, Alaska	Alaska	100—263
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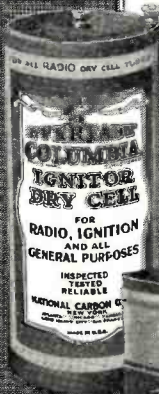
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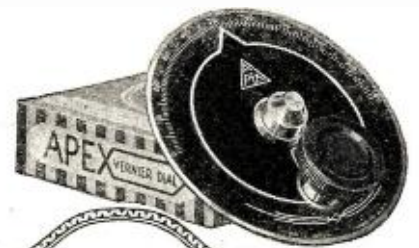
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KPPC	Pasadena Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, Calif.	50—229	
KQV	Doubleday Hill Electric Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.	500—275	
KQW	Chas. D. Herrold, 467 First St., San Jose, Calif.	50—240	
KRE	Berkeley Daily Gazette, Berkeley, Calif.	50—275	
KSAC	Kansas State Agric. College, Manhattan, Kan.	500—340.7	
KSD	Post Dispatch (Pulitzer Pub. Co.), St. Louis, Mo.	500—545.1	
KTHS	Ner Arlington Hotel Co., Hot Springs, Ark.	500—374.8	
KTW	First Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Wash.	750—360	
KUO	Examiner Printing Co., San Francisco, Calif.	150—246	
KWG	Portable Wireless Telephone Co., Stockton, Calif.	50—360	
KWH	Los Angeles Examiner, Los Angeles, Calif.	250—360	
KYO	Electric Shop, Honolulu, Hawaii	100—270	
KYW	Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.	1500—535.4	
KZKZ	Electrical Supply Co., Manila, P. I., 109 Plaza Moraga	100—270	
KZM	Preston D. Allen, 13th & Franklin Sts., Oakland, Calif.	100—360	
KZRO	Manila Hotel, Manila, P. I.	500—222	
KZUY	F. Johnson Elser, 600 M. H. del Pillar, Manila, P. I.	500—370	
WAAB	Valdemar Jensen, 137 S. St. Patrick St., New Orleans, La.	100—268	
WAAC	Tulane University, New Orleans, La.	100—275	
WAAD	Ohio Mechanics Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio	25—258	
WAAF	Chicago Daily Drovers Journal, Chicago, Ill.	200—278	
WAAM	I. R. Nelson Co., Newark, N. J.	250—263	
WAAN	University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.	50—254	
WAAW	Omaha Grain Exchange, Omaha, Neb.	500—278	
WABA	Lake Forest University, Lake Forest, Ill.	100—227	
WABB	Harrisburg Sporting Goods Co., Harrisburg, Pa.	10—266	
WABD	Parker High School, Dayton, Ohio	5—283	
WABH	Lake Shore Tire Co., Sandusky, Ohio	10—240	
WABI	Bangor Railway & Electric Co., Bangor, Maine	100—240	
WABL	Connecticut Agricultural College, Storrs, Conn.	100—275	
WABM	F. E. Doherty Automotive & Radio Equipment Co., Saginaw, Mich.	20—261	
WABN	Ott Radio, Inc., 1627 State St., LaCrosse, Wis.	500—244	
WABO	Lake Ave. Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y.	100—278	
WABQ	Haverford College Radio Club, Haverford, Pa.	50—261	
WABR	Scott High School, Toledo, Ohio	50—263	
WABU	Victor Talking Machine Co., Camden, N. J.	50—226	
WABW	College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio	20—206.8	
WABX	Henry B. Joy, Mount Clemens, Mich. (near)	250—254	
WABY	John Magaldi, Jr., 815 Kimball St., Philadelphia, Pa.	50—242	
WABZ	Coliseum Place Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.	50—263	
WBAA	Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.	250—273	
WBAN	Wireless Phone Corporation, Paterson, N. J.	100—244	
WBAO	James Millikin University, Decatur, Ill.	100—275	
WBAP	Wortham-Carter Publishing Co. (Star-Telegram), Fort Worth, Texas	1000—475.9	
WBAV	Erner & Hopkins Co., Columbus, Ohio	500—293.9	
WBAX	John H. Stenger, Jr., 66 Gildersleeve St., Wilkesbarre, Pa.	20—256	
WBAY	The Western Electric Co., New York, N. Y.	500—492	
WBBD	Barbey Battery Service, Reading, Pa.	50—234	
WBFB	Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.	500—270	
WBBG	Irving Vermilya, Mattapoisett, Mass.	500—248	
WBBH	J. Irving Bell, 1511 Gordon St., Port Huron, Mich.	50—205.4	
WBBL	Grace Covenant Church, Richmond, Va.	100—229	
WBBM	H. L. Atlass, Chicago, Ill.	200—226	
WBBP	Petoskev High School, Petoskey, Mich.	100—214.2	
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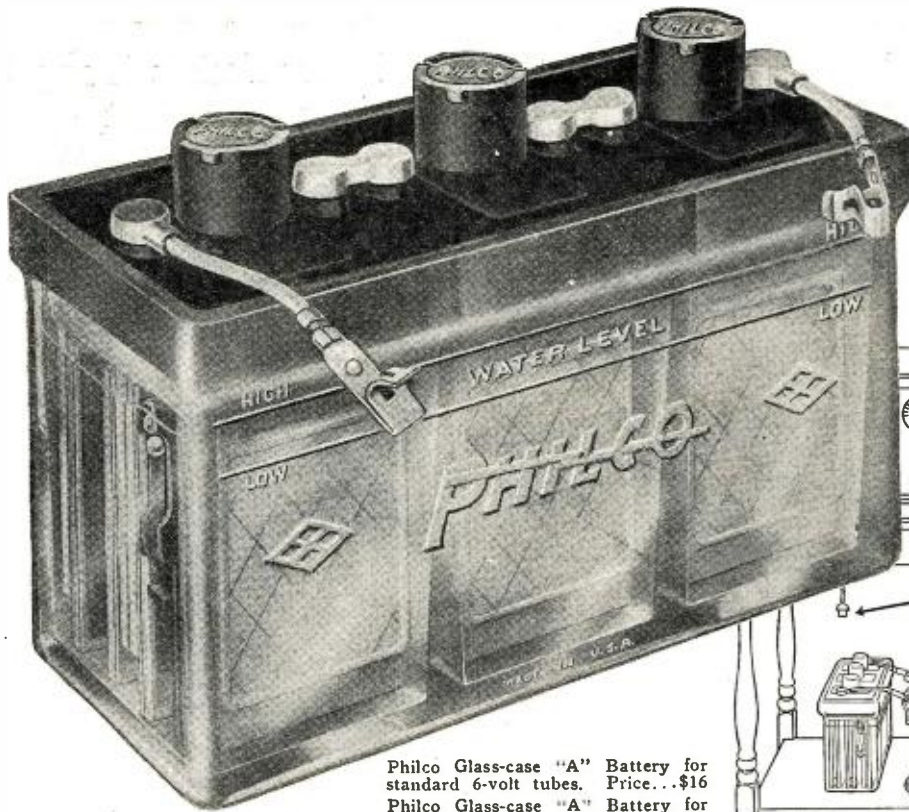
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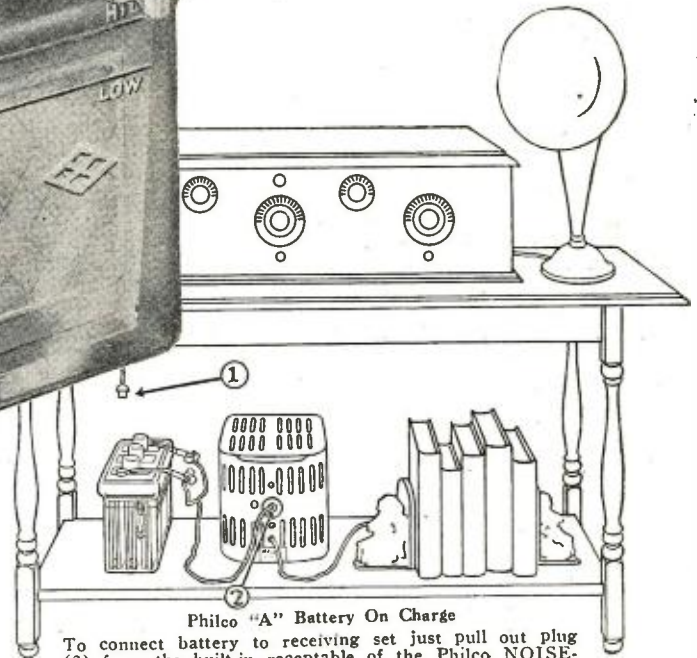
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WBBY	Washington Light Infantry,	Charleston, S. C.	10—268
WBBZ	Noble B. Watson, 233 Iowa St.,	Indianapolis, Ind.	50—238
WBCN	Foster & McDonnell, 728 W. 65th St.,	Chicago, Ill.	500—266
WBDC	Baxter Laundry Co., Grand Rapids,	Mich.	50—256
WBS	D. W. May (Inc.), Newark,	N. J.	50—360
WBT	Southern Radio Corp.,	Charlotte, N. C.	250—275
WBZ	Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.,	Springfield, Mass.	1500—333.3
WCAD	St. Lawrence University,	Canton, N. Y.	250—263
WCAE	Kaufmann & Baer Co.,	Pittsburgh, Pa.	500—461.3
WCAG	Clyde R. Randall, 2813 Calhoun St.,	New Orleans, La.	50—268
WCAH	Entrekin Electric Co.,	Columbus, Ohio	200—266
WCAJ	Nebraska Wesleyan University,	University Place, Neb.	500—275
WCAK	Alfred P. Daniel, 2504 Bagby St.,	Houston, Texas	10—263
WCAL	St. Olaf College,	Northfield, Minn.	500—336.9
WCAO	The Sanders and Stayman Co.,	Baltimore, Md.	50—275
WCAP	Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co.,	Washington, D. C.	500—468.5
WCAR	Southern Radio Corp. of Texas,	San Antonio, Texas	100—263
WCAS	Win. Hood Dunwoody Industrial Institute,	Minneapolis, Minn.	100—280
WCAT	South Dakota State School of Mines,	Rapid City, S. D.	50—240
WCAU	Durham & Co.,	Philadelphia, Pa.	500—278
WCAV	J. C. Dice Electric Co.,	Little Rock, Ark.	10—263
WCAX	University of Vermont,	Burlington, Vt.	100—250
WCAY	Milwaukee Civic Broadcasting Station,	Hotel Antlers, Milwaukee, Wis.	250—266
WCAZ	Carthage College,	Carthage, Ill.	50—246
WCBA	Charles W. Heimbach, 1015 Allen St.,	Allentown, Pa.	10—254
WCBC	University of Michigan,	Ann Arbor, Mich.	200—229
WCBD	Wilbur G. Voliva, Zion, Ill.		500—344.6
WCBE	Uhalt Radio Co.,	New Orleans, La.	5—263
WCBG	Howard S. Williams, Pascagouja, Miss.	(portable)	10—268
WCBH	University of Mississippi,	Oxford, Miss. (near)	10—242
WCBI	Nicoll, Duncan & Rush,	Benis, Tenn.	150—240
WCBJ	J. C. Mans, Jennings, La.		10—244
WCBK	E. Richard Hill, 2801 Central Ave.,	St. Petersburg, Fla.	500—266
WCBL	Northern Radio Mfg. Co.,	Houlton, Me.	50—266
WCBM	Charles Schwarz, Charles and North Aves.,	Baltimore, Md.	50—227
WCBO	Radio Shop (Inc.),	Memphis, Tenn.	20—250
WCBQ	First Baptist Church,	Nashville, Tenn.	100—236
WCBR	Charles H. Messter, Providence, R. I.	(portable)	30—205.4
WCBT	Clark University,	Worcester, Mass.	250—238
WCBU	Arnold Wireless Supply Co.,	Arnold, Pa.	50—220
WCBV	Tallahoma Radio Club,	Tallahoma, Tenn.	10—252
WCBW	George P. Rankin, Jr., and Maitland Solomon,	Macon, Ga.	10—226
WCBX	Radio Shop of Newark,	Newark, N. J.	100—233
WCBY	Forks Electrical Shop,	Buck Hill Falls, Pa.	10—268
WCBZ	Connotelli Brothers Music House,	Chicago Heights, Ill.	50—248
WCCO	Washburn Crosby Co.,	Twin Cities, Minn.	500—416.4
WCEE	C. E. Erbstein, Villa Road,	near Elgin, Ill.	500—275.1
WCK	Stix Baer & Fuller Dry Goods Co.,	St. Louis, Mo.	100—273
WCM	Texas Markets & Warehouse Dept.,	Austin, Texas	250—268
WCX	The Detroit Free Press,	Detroit, Mich.	500—516.9
WDAE	Tampa Daily Times,	Tampa, Fla.	250—273
WDAF	Kansas City Star,	Kansas City, Mo.	500—365.6
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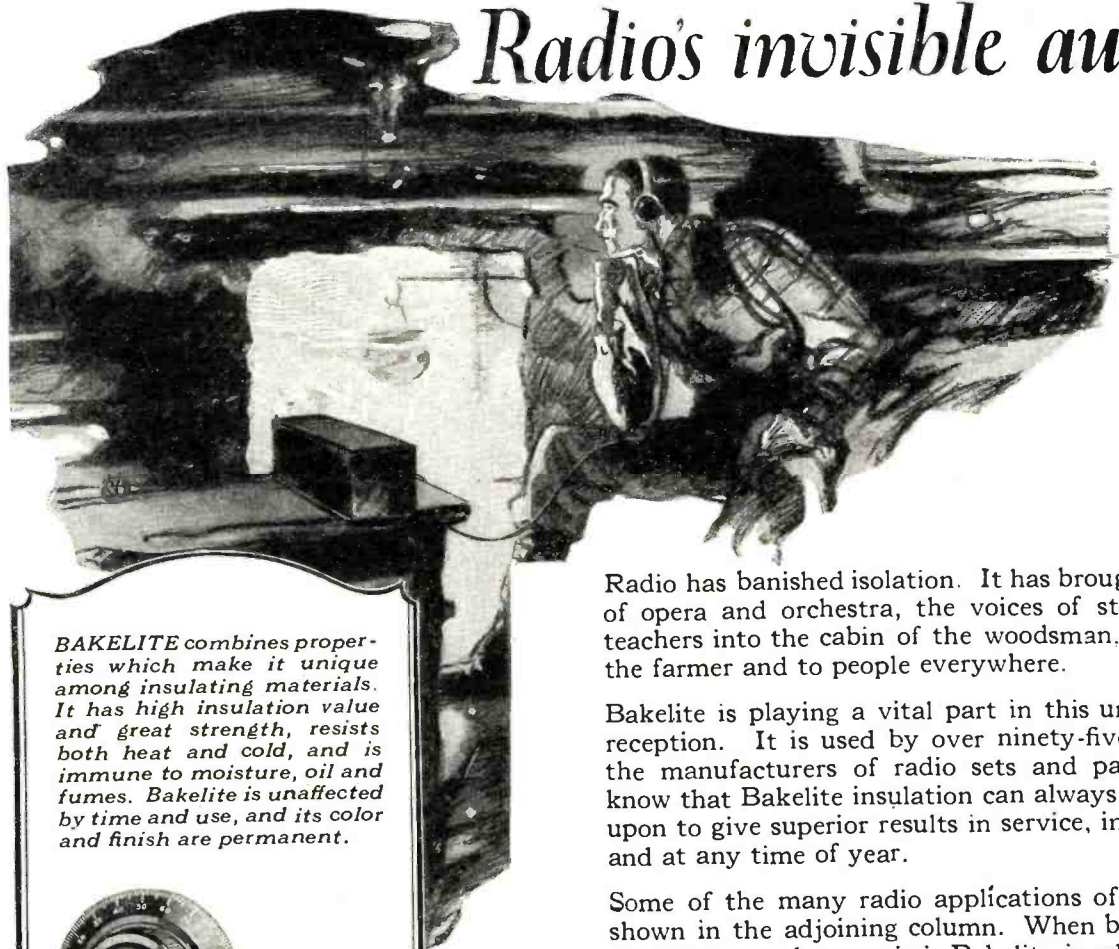
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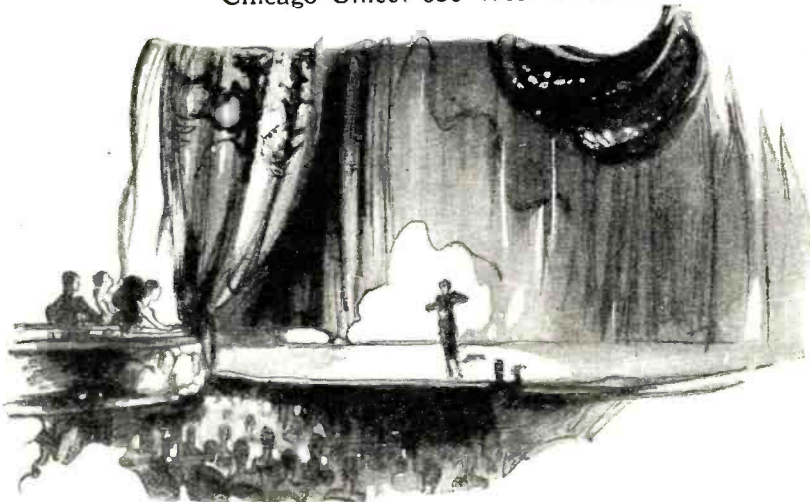
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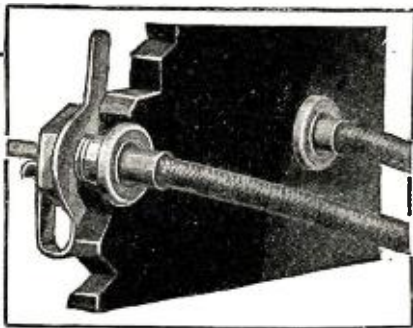
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WDAU	Slocum & Kilburn, New Bedford, Mass.	New Bedford, Mass.	100—360
WDAY	Radio Equipment Corp., Fargo, N. D.	Fargo, N. D.	50—244
WDBB	A. H. Waite & Co., Taunton, Mass.	Taunton, Mass.	10—229
WDBC	Kirk Johnson & Co., Lancaster, Pa.	Lancaster, Pa.	50—258
WDBD	Herman E. Burns, Martinsburg, W. Va.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	5—254
WDBE	Gilham-Schoen Electric Co., 80 Pryor St., Atlanta, Ga.	Atlanta, Ga.	100—278
WDBF	Robert G. Phillips, Youngstown, Ohio	Youngstown, Ohio	50—222
WDBH	C. T. Sherer Co., Worcester, Mass.	Worcester, Mass.	100—268
WDBI	Radio Specialty Co., St. Petersburg, Fla.	St. Petersburg, Fla.	20—226
WDBJ	Richardson-Wayland Electrical Corp., Roanoke, Va.	Roanoke, Va.	50—229
WDBK	M. F. Broz, Furniture, Hardware & Radio Co., Cleveland Ohio	Cleveland Ohio	100—248
WDBN	Maine Electric Light & Power Co., Bangor, Me.	Bangor, Me.	5—252
WDBO	Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla.	Winter Park, Fla.	50—240
WDBP	Superior State Normal School, Superior, Wis.	Superior, Wis.	50—261
WDBQ	Morton Radio Supply Co., Salem, N. J.	Salem, N. J.	50—234
WDBR	Tremont Temple Baptist Church, Boston, Mass.	Boston, Mass.	100—256
WDBS	S. M. K. Radio Corp., Dayton, Ohio	Dayton, Ohio	5—275
WDBT	Taylor's Book Store, Hattiesburg, Miss.	Hattiesburg, Miss.	10—236
WDBV	Strand Theater, Fort Wayne, Ind.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	100—258
WDBW	The Radio Den, Columbia, Tenn.	Columbia, Tenn.	20—268
WDBX	O'to Baur, 138 Dyckman St., New York, N. Y.	New York, N. Y.	5—233
WDBY	North Shore Congregational Church, Chicago, Ill.	Chicago, Ill.	500—258
WDBZ	Boy Scouts of America, Ulster County Council, Kingston, N. Y.	Kingston, N. Y.	5—233
WDM	The Church of the Covenant, Washington, D. C.	Washington, D. C.	50—234
WDZ	J. L. Bush, Tuscola, Ill.	Tuscola, Ill.	100—278
WEAA	Frank D. Fallain, Police Building, Flint, Mich.	Flint, Mich.	50—234
WEAF	American Telephone & Telegraph Co., New York, N. Y.	New York, N. Y.	2000—491.5
WEAH	Wichita Board of Trade, Wichita, Kan.	Wichita, Kan.	50—268
WEAI	Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.	Ithaca, N. Y.	500—254
WEAJ	University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. D.	Vermillion, S. D.	100—278
WEAM	Borough of North Plainfield, North Plainfield, N. J.	North Plainfield, N. J.	250—261
WEAN	Shenard Co., Providence, R. I.	Providence, R. I.	100—270
WEAO	The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio	Columbus, Ohio	500—293.9
WEAP	Mobi's Radio Co., Mobile, Ala.	Mobile, Ala.	100—263
WEAR	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Cleveland, Ohio	Cleveland, Ohio	1000—389.4
WEAU	Davidson Bros. Company, Sioux City, Iowa	Sioux City, Iowa	100—275
WEAY	Iris Theatre, Houston, Texas	Houston, Texas	500—340
WEBA	Benwood Co., St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis, Mo.	100—273
WEBC	The Electric Shop, Highland Park, N. J.	Highland Park, N. J.	15—233
WEBD	Walter C. Bridges, Superior, Wis.	Superior, Wis.	10—242
WEBE	Electrical Equipment Service Co., Anderson, Ind.	Anderson, Ind.	10—246
WEBE	Rov W. Waller, Cambridge, Ohio	Cambridge, Ohio	10—234
WEBH	Elmerwater Beach Hotel Co., Chicago, Ill.	Chicago, Ill.	1000—370.2
WEBI	Walter Gibbons, Salisbury, Md.	Salisbury, Md.	15—242
WEBJ	Third Ave. Ry. Co., New York, N. Y.	New York, N. Y.	500—273
WEBK	Grand Rapids Radio Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.	Grand Rapids, Mich.	20—242
WEBL	R. C. A., United States (portable)	United States	100—226
WEBM	Radio Corp. of America, Portable Station, N. Y.	N. Y.	100—226
WEBP	Spanish Fort Amusement Park, New Orleans, La.	New Orleans, La.	50—280
WEBO	Tate Radio Co., Harrisburg, Ill.	Harrisburg, Ill.	10—226
WEBR	H. H. Howell, Buffalo, N. Y.	Buffalo, N. Y.	50—244
WEBT	Dayton Coop. Industrial H. S., Dayton, Ohio	Dayton, Ohio	5—256
WEBW	Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.	Beloit, Wis.	500—268
WEBX	John E. Cain, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.	Nashville, Tenn.	50—263
WEBY	Hobart Radio Co., Roslindale, Mass.	Roslindale, Mass.	10—226
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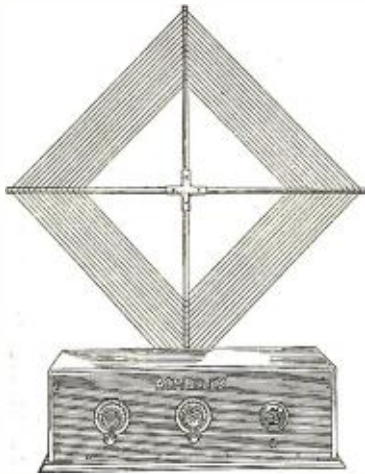
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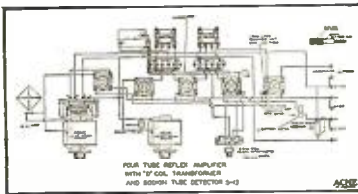


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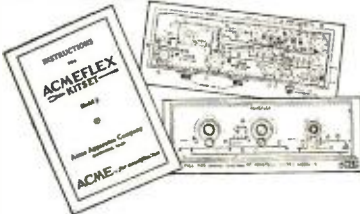


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Wiring diagram new Model "S" Acmeflex Kitset

The radio fan will especially notice the use in the new Model "S" of the D-Coil radio frequency tuning unit and the vacuum tube detector, which together wonderfully improve distance, reception, and selectivity.



Directions given so simply that anyone can follow them

Above are illustrated the circular of printed instructions and the life-size diagrams of the wiring, which are packed with each Model "S" Kitset. Step by step the making of the set is described in clear, simple language—just simple operations which anyone can easily follow.



Only two tools required—a screw driver and pliers—and they are included in the Kit.

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THE perfection by Acme engineers of the new model "S" Acmeflex Kitset not only makes it possible for you to get a \$150 worth of radio for only \$80 (plus a cabinet), but it also places in your home the famous Acme 4-tube Reflex (trade mark) now wonderfully improved through the combined use of a D-Coil radio frequency tuning unit and a Sodian S-13 Detector Tube. You get greater distance, greater selectivity and better reception. We could make it for less than \$80, but it would not give results.

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### No technical knowledge or workshop necessary

You do not have to be a radio engineer in order to put this set together. Anybody can do it. Many have done it easily in three hours—had the set complete and working all in one evening. Only two tools are needed, a screw-driver and a pair of special Acme pliers and they are included in the kit. Good tools which

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### Complete printed directions and diagrams

WITH each Kitset are included complete printed directions, telling you just how to put the set together, step by step; just simple operations that anyone can easily follow and have a good time doing it. In addition to these printed directions are two life-size printed diagrams, one giving the wiring diagram for the set both from the base-board view and the panel view, and the other showing, in actual size, exactly how every wire in the set is bent and connected.

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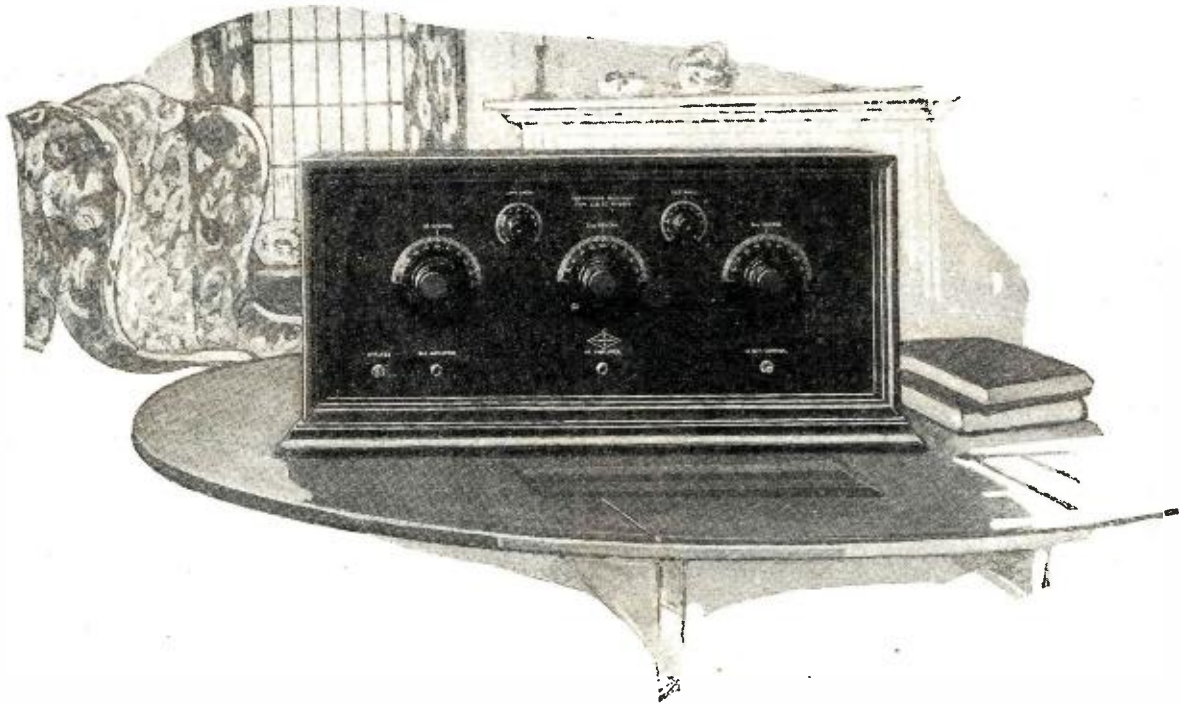
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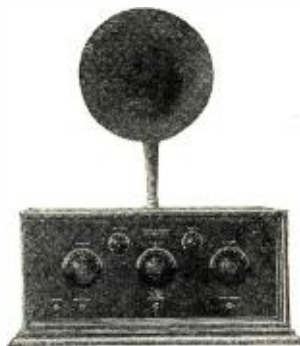
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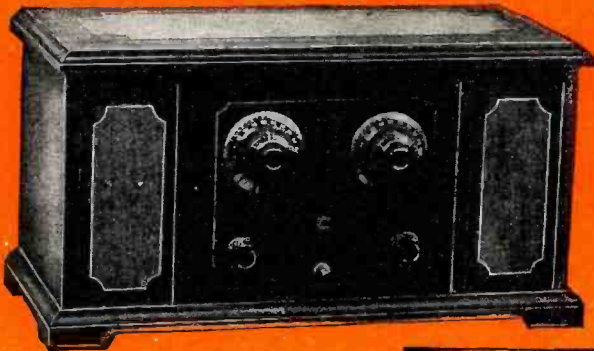
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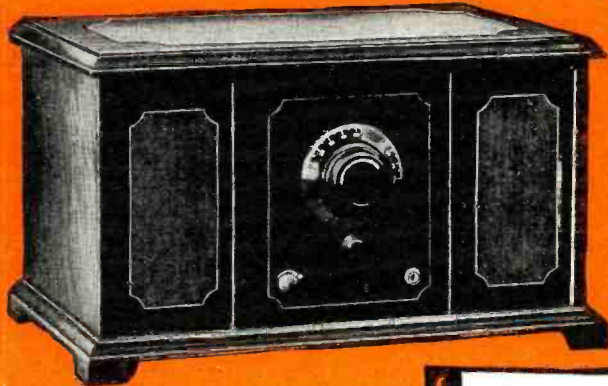
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WMAZ	Mercer University, Macon, Ga.	100—261	
WMC	Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn.	500—499.7	
WMH	Ainsworth-Gates Radio Co., Cincinnati, Ohio	750 { 422.3 325.9	
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WNAL	Omaha Central High School, Omaha, Neb.	50—258	
WNAP	Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio	100—248	
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WNAW	Henry Kunzmann, Box 167, Port Monroe, Va.	5—240	
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WNYC	City of New York, New York, N. Y.	1000—526	
WOAC	Page Organ Co., Lima, Ohio.	50—266	
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WOAN	Vaughn Conservatory of Music, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.	500—282.8	
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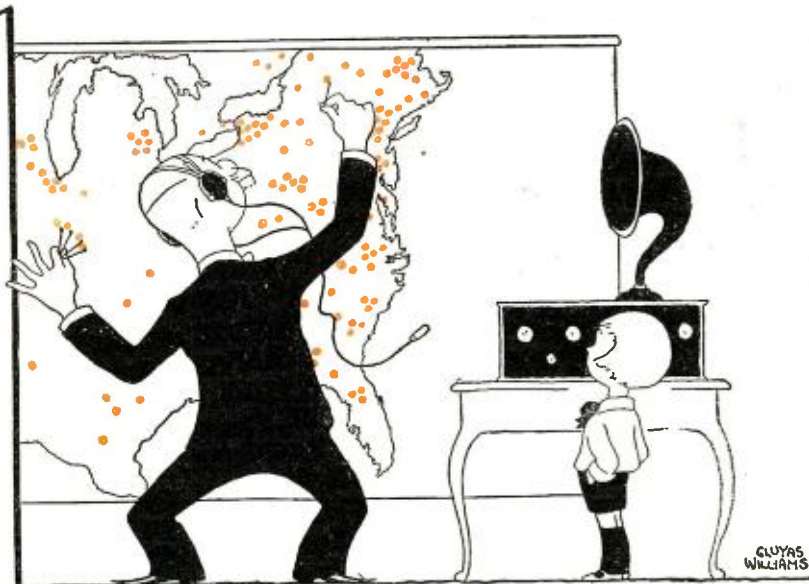
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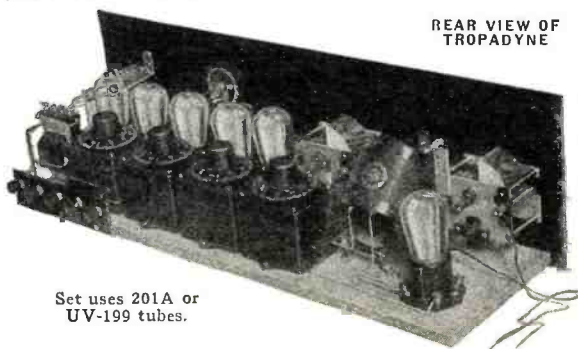
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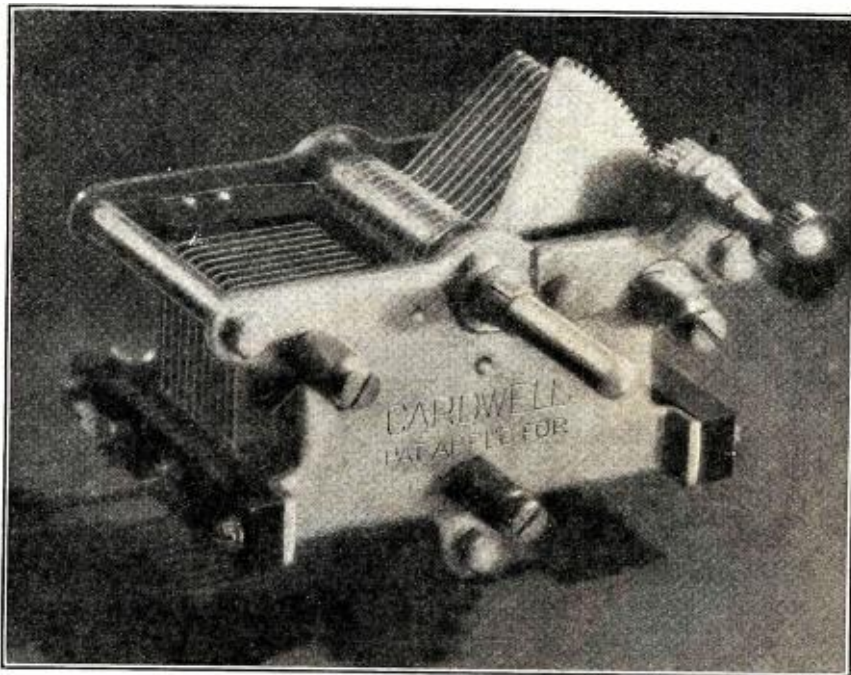
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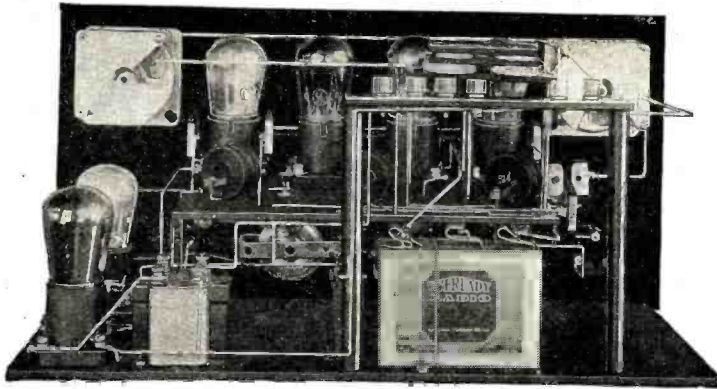
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CKCX	P. Burns & Co., Calgary, Alberta ..... 440—1000
CKOC	Wentworth Radio Supply Co., Hamilton, Ont. .... 410—100
CKQC	Radio Supply Co., Ltd., London, Ont. .... 410
CKY	Manitoba Telephone System, Winnipeg, Manitoba ..... 450—500
CKZC	Salton Radio Engineering Co., Winnipeg, Manitoba ..... 420
CNRC	Canadian Nat'l Railways, Calgary, Alberta ..... 440—1000
CNRE	Canadian Nat'l Railways, Edmonton, Alberta ..... 450—500
CNRM	Canadian Nat'l Railways, Montreal Quebec ..... 341—2000
CNRO	Canadian Nat'l Railways, Ottawa, Ont. .... 435—500
CNRR	Canadian Nat'l Railways, Regina, Sask. .... 420—2000
CNRS	Canadian Nat'l Railways, Saskatoon, Sasks. .... 400—500
CNRT	Canadian Nat'l Railways, Toronto, Ont. .... 400—2000
CNRW	Canadian Nat'l Railways, Winnipeg, Manitoba ..... 450—2000

## CUBAN BROADCAST STATIONS

	Wave-length Watts
PWX	Cuban Telephone Co., Havana 400—500
2DW	Pedro Zayas, Havana ..... 300—100
2AB	Alberto S. de Bustamante, Havana ..... 240—20
2OK	Mario Garcia Vélez, Havana... 360—100
2BY	Frederick W. Borton, Havana 260—100
2CX	Frederick W. Borton, Havana 320—10
2EV	Westinghouse Elec. Co., Havana ..... 220—50
2TW	Roberto E. Ramirez, Havana 230—20
2HC	Heraldo de Cuba, Havana... 275—500
2LC	Luis Casas, Havana ..... 250—30
2KD	E. Sánchez de Fuentes, Havana ..... 350—100
2MN	Fausto Simón, Havana ..... 270—300
2MG	Manuel G. Salas, Havana ..... 280—20
2JQ	Raúl Pérez Falcón, Havana... 150—10
2KP	Alvaro Daza, Havana ..... 200—10
2HS	Julio Power, Havana ..... 180—20
2OL	Oscar Collado, Havana ..... 290—15
2WW	Amadeo Sáeng, Havana ..... 210—20
5EV	Leopoldo V. Figueroa, Colón... 360—100
6KW	Frank H. Jones, Tuinucú... 340—100
6KJ	Frank H. Jones, Tuinucú... 275—100
6CX	Antonio T. Figueroa, Cienfuegos ..... 170—20
6DW	Eduardo Terry, Cienfuegos.. 225—10
6BY	José Ganduxe, Cienfuegos... 300—100
6AZ	Valentin Ullivarri, Cienfuegos 200—10
6EV	Josefa Alvarez, Caibarién... 225—20
7AZ	Pedro Nogueras, Camaguey.. 225—
7BY	Salvador Rionda, Camaguey.. 350—
8AZ	Alfredo Broocks, Santiago de Cuba ..... 240—20
8BY	Alberto Ravelo, Santiago de Cuba ..... 250—100
8FU	Andrés Vinnat, Santiago de Cuba ..... 225—15
8DW	Pedro C. Anduz, Santiago de Cuba ..... 275—50
8EV	Eduardo Mateos, Santiago de Cuba ..... 180—75
8GT	Juan F. Chibas, Santiago de Cuba ..... 260—

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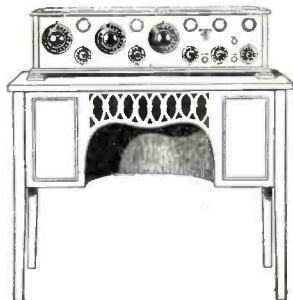
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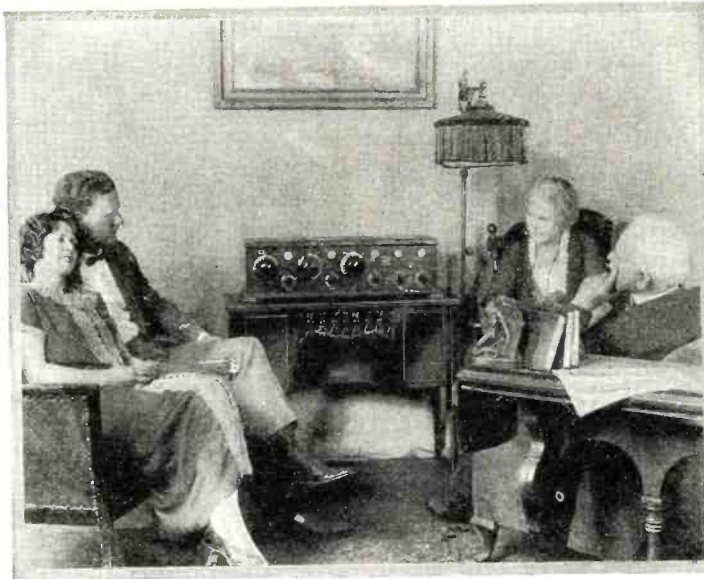


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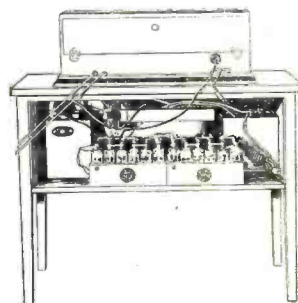
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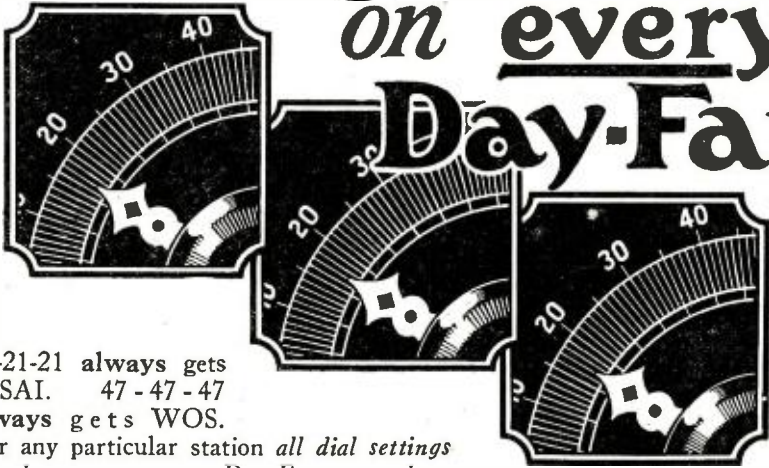
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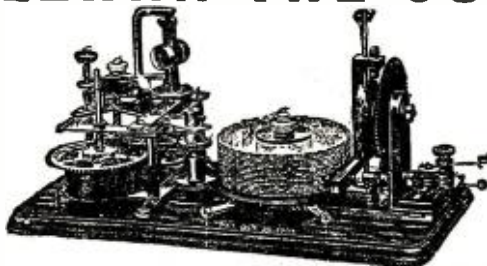
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CYL	El Universal and La Casa del Radio, Mexico City	510—	500
CYO	Constantino Tarnava, Jr., Monterrey, N. L.	280	
CYR	Sin. Rossiter & Compania, Mazatlan	440—	250
CYX	Excelsior-Parker, Mexico City	350—	500
CYZ	Liga Central Mexicana de Radio, Mexico City	400—	100
CZA	Departamento de Aviacion, Ministerio de Guerra, Mexico City	510—	100
IJ	Fabrica Nal. de Vestuario, Mexico City		
IR	F. C. Steffenex, Mexico City	250	
FAM	Fuerza Aerea Mexicana, Mexico City	500	

### AUSTRALIA

		Wave-length	Watts
2BL	Broadcasters, Ltd., Sidney, N. S. W.	350—	500
2FC	Farmer & Co., Ltd., Sidney, N. S. W.	1100—	5000
2FL	Farmer & Co., Ltd., Sidney, N. S. W.	770—	500
2SB	Sydney Broadcasters, Sydney, N. S. W.	—	500
3AR	Ass. Radio Co., Ltd., Melbourne, Victoria	480—	1600
3FL	Farmer & Co., Ltd., Melbourne, Victoria	400—	500
3LO	Farmer & Co., Ltd., Melbourne, Victoria	1720—	5000
5MA	Millswood Auto & Radio, Ltd., Adelaide, S. Aust.	850—	3000

### EUROPEAN RADIO STATIONS

#### AUSTRIA

		Wave-length	Watts
Radio—Wien	Vienna	530—	1000
Radio—Hekaphon	Vienna	600	

#### BELGIUM

		Wave-length	Watts
BAV	Haeren	1100	
SBR	Radio Electrique, Brussels	265	

#### CHINA

Macao (Portuguese colony), no particulars available except that an excellent station of high power is located there.

#### ITALY

		Wave-length	Watts
ICD	Unione Radio fonica Italiana, Rome	540,1800—	3200
	Radioaldo, Rome	426—	1.5

#### PORTUGAL

	Aero Lisboa, Lisbon	375—	410
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#### SPAIN

EBX	Cartagena	1200	
	Radio Iberica	392	

#### SWEDEN

	Boden	2800	
	Nya Varvet, Gothenburg	460	
	Radiobolaget, Stockholm	470	
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#### SWITZERLAND

MB1	Ste. Romande	1100	
HB2	Lausanne	850	
	Zurich University, Zurich	515	

#### ARGENTINA

LOR	Buenos Aires	400	
LOX	Palermo, Argentin Radio Cultura	375	
LOZ	Monte Grange, Arg. Broadcast Ass'n.	425	

#### PORTO RICO

WKAQ	San Juan, Radio Corp. of Porto Rico	360	
WPR	Ensenada, South R. R. Sugar Co.	600	
WGAD	Ensenada Sp. Am. School of Tel.	300	
WGW	Vieques, Bureau of Insular Tel.	600	
WKK	Ceiba, Bureau of Insular Tel.	600	

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PRG	Prague	1000	

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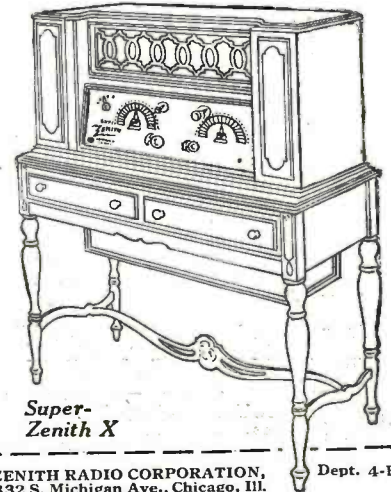
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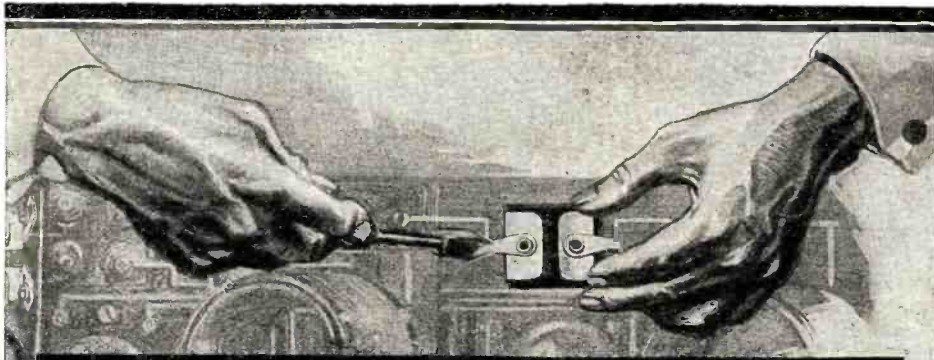
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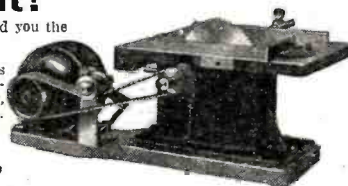
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5WA	Cardiff	350
5XX	Chelmsford	1600
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5SC	Glasgow	420
2LS	Leeds-Bradford (relay)	310—346
6LV	Liverpool (relay)	318
2LO	London	365
2ZY	Manchester	375
2NO	Newcastle	400
5PY	Plymouth	330
6FL	Sheffield (relay)	303

#### HOLLAND

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PCFF	(Vas Diaz) Amsterdam	2000
NSF	Hilversum	1050
PCM	Ijmuiden (Middelroad)	1050
PCGG	The Hague	1070
PCKK	The Hague (Velthuisen)	1050
PCUU	The Hague Heussen Laboratory	1050

#### IRELAND

2BE	Belfast	435
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## Correspondence From Readers

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of these sets complain of interference. I also built an Ultradyne. This set brings in PWX at Havana with good volume on the loud speaker every time that station is on the air. The owner of this set, Mr. M. G. Peterson, at Pillebury, N. D., will verify this statement. He never is troubled with interference.

It appears to me that Wilfred Taylor is a DX hound trying to get DX stations without a DX receiver, otherwise he would not have trouble tuning WTAS on 286 meters out of the western stations, the nearest wavelength to Elgin being KGO on 312 meters. If Mr. Taylor's set cannot separate these two stations, I agree with him that it would be quite a sensation, almost a miracle, to hear a western station with that type of receiver. As for listening to rubbish and suffering for interminable hours, I have only this to say: If this so-called horrible music hurts you and you can't tune it out, just shut your radio off and it will no doubt stop. This feature is one advantage of the radio sets of this day. The broadcasting in the good old U. S. A. costs us nothing, so why kick about a thing we get free?

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## EDITORIAL BRINGS MEMORIES OF BOYHOOD DAYS

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I have had it on my mind for some time to impose on you for a moment to express my keen appreciation of that editorial in a recent issue, November, I believe, on giving the boy some electrical stuff to play with. It struck a responsive chord, as it were. It was about thirty-five years ago that I began playing with batteries and such. I well remember my home-made batteries in which the carbon element was a piece of electric light carbon that the lamp trimmer or whatever he was called had thrown away. There was no such thing as buying a battery in those days, not at least in my young life nor any of my boyhood friends.



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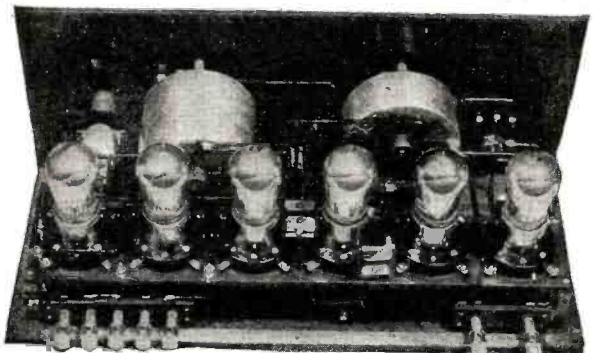
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BEECHER OGDEN,  
Pleasantville, N. Y.

### FROM AN APPRECIATIVE READER

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

Coué said—"Every day, in every way, I am getting better and better." This phrase should be changed to "Every month, in every way, RADIO NEWS gets better and better."

I have a copy of the February issue on my desk and must say that it is simply fine. I cannot refrain from writing and telling you that your magazine is, without question, a most complete treatise on the subject of radio. The article by A. P. Peck on "When Your Set Stops Working" is particularly fine and calls for special mention. Also the continued article on "Reflex Radio Receivers in Theory and Practice," by John Scott-Taggart, is especially interesting and merits favorable comment. There are other articles in this issue which deserve special mention, and I want to congratulate you and your associates on the wonderful and excellent book which you are putting out.

I am a constant reader of RADIO NEWS and it gives me great pleasure to be able to enjoy the many interesting articles which are published in this magazine.

L. R. TABER,  
Box 455, Camden, Ark.

### THE EARTH AND THE HEAVISIDE LAYER SEEN AS THE PLATES OF A CONDENSER

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

In seeking a suitable theory to fit the transmission of radio energy around the curvature of the earth, why not consider the action of a condenser and see if it doesn't appear very probable that this is the way in which it is done? This idea suggested itself after reading the article by Sir Oliver Lodge in RADIO NEWS for December, 1924, entitled, "The Behavior of Radio Waves and the Heaviside Layer." In this article are presented some probable causes for radio waves curling around the earth instead of going in straight lines from the sending station and out into space.

In the two elements most involved in the transmission of radio waves, namely the earth's surface and the Heaviside layer, we have the two essential parts of an electrical condenser with an insulating layer of air between. Now it seems easily possible that the energy from a sending radio station as it spreads in all directions would soon reach the Heaviside layer and the earth's surface and would expend itself as a charge upon the surfaces of these two elements. Nor would it require as much energy to do this as would at first seem necessary because of the fact that they are already oppositely charged with respect to one another and only a small amount of energy is necessary to create a ripple or disturb their equilibrium. Also we would expect a reduction in the strength of signals by day on account of the fact that the layer of air between the plates of our condenser would be ionized by the action of sunlight, causing a partial short circuit, and this is exactly what happens. Possibly some of the energy in the daytime is carried to earth immediately after leaving the aerial by the stream of electrons from the sun in much the same manner that the

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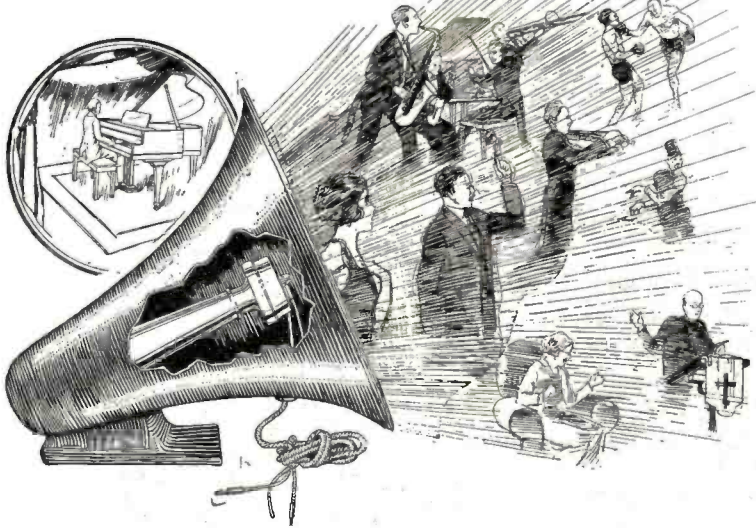
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plate voltage is carried from the filament to the plate in a vacuum tube. The Heaviside layer is not very sharply defined and would not need to be to act as one plate of a condenser, so long as it proved to be a fairly good conductor. Another mystery which is explainable by this theory is the fading of signals, which is undoubtedly due to the shifting and movements in the upper strata of the atmosphere and the Heaviside layer.

In the article, "Super-power in Radio Broadcasting" in RADIO NEWS for January, 1925, it is stated that the signal strength of a transmitting station is very great for a certain distance, then falls rapidly for a short distance and then very gradually for the balance of the station's range. To explain this let us consider the receiving station at short distances as receiving the actual energy sent out by the sending station and those at greater distances as receiving energy carried by the earth and the Heaviside layer by condenser action. I believe that the above more nearly accounts for the curling of radio waves around the earth than any other.

THOMAS C. MAFFET,  
Box 242, Las Animas, Colo.

### CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

Mr. Alexander Kalachnikoff, of 66 Krasnoarmeiskaja Street, Tomsk, Siberia, Russia, wishes to get in communication with radio amateurs of the United States to exchange ideas.

### A CORRECTION

**Editor, RADIO NEWS:**  
In the January issue of RADIO NEWS we find in your foreign correspondence an item concerning Denmark. We beg to inform you that the figures are erroneous, both in regard to the numbers of amateurs and club members. The Danish Radio Society has at present a membership of 2,500 amateurs and the general number of amateurs is approximately 40,000.

GEORGE W. OLSEN,  
Chief Editor, Radio Uge Revue of  
Maanedsmagasinet,  
Copenhagen, K.

### THE CASCADE OF REGENERATIVE RECEIVER

**Editor, RADIO NEWS:**  
Just a line to let you know what I think of the "Cascade Regenerative Receiver" described in November issue of RADIO NEWS. If there is a five-tube receiver on the market that will equal it, I want to see it. The set is sure a knockout for both distance and volume. But, as actions speak louder than words, here goes to show you what she's done so far. Loud speaker reception is received nightly from the following stations:

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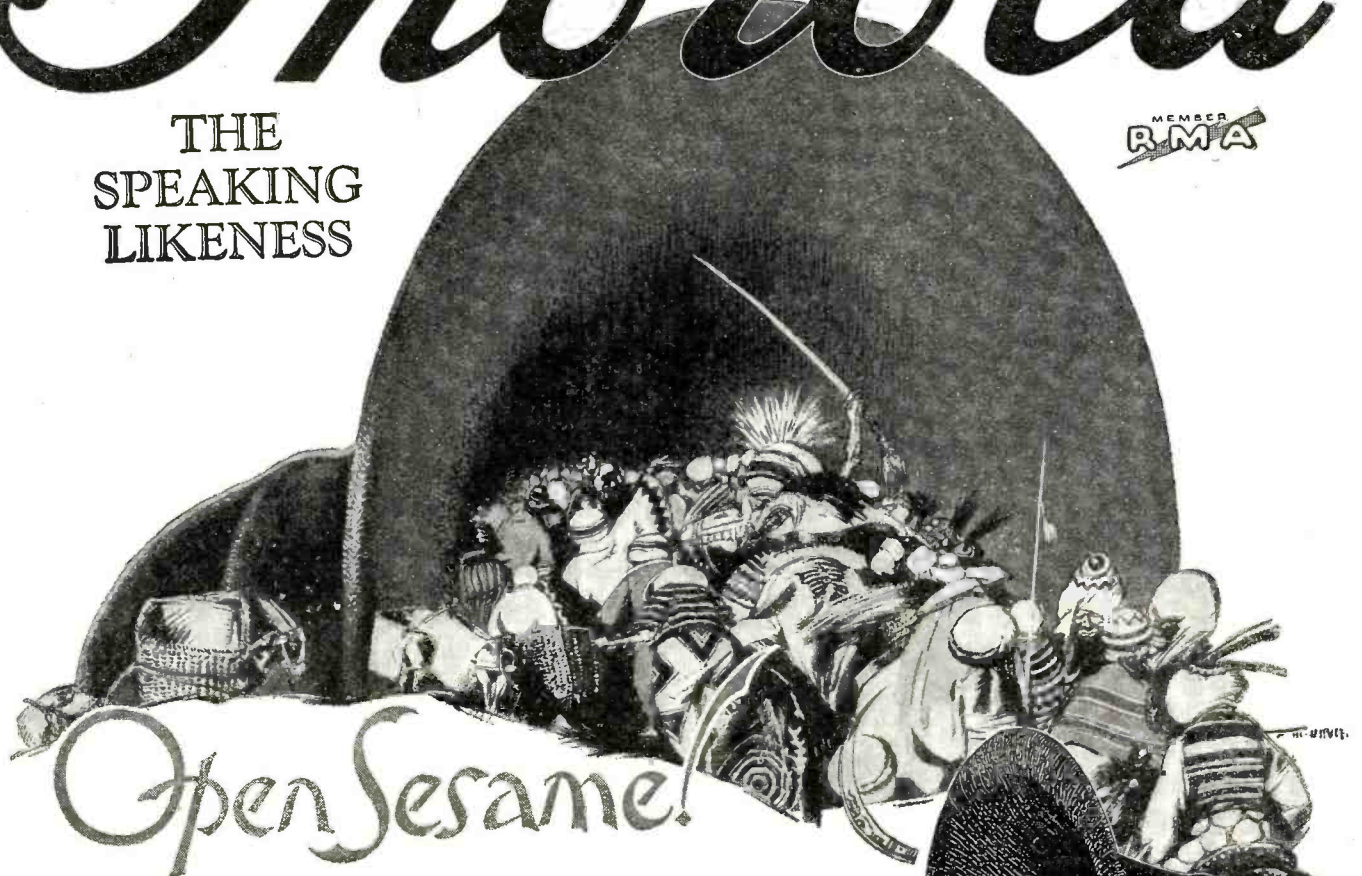
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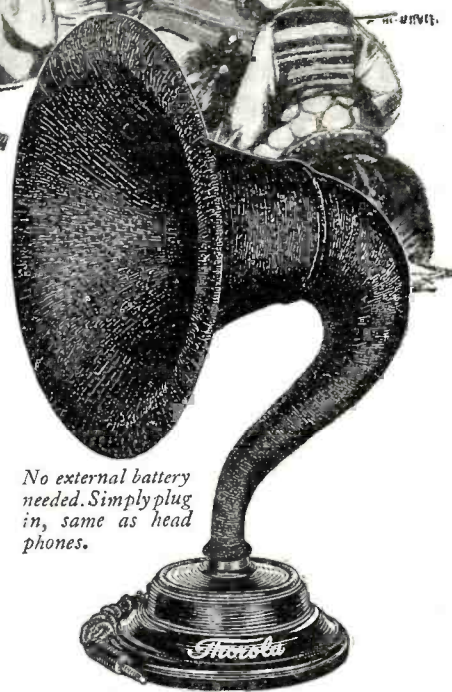
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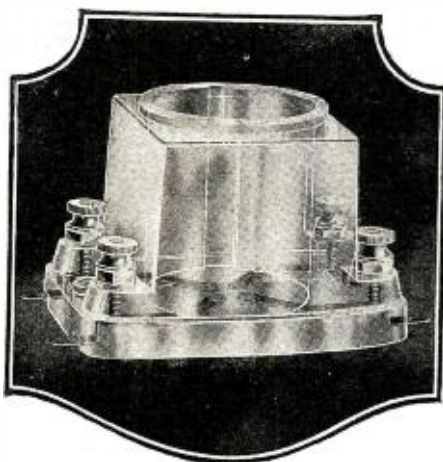


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As a suggestion to those who built these sets:

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JAMES M. STAUTON,  
Apt. 31, La Frantz Apts.,  
Ogden, Utah.

### A SUGGESTION

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

In perusing the February issue of RADIO NEWS, my attention was called to the article by Carl H. Butman, page 1442.

The inability to distinguish call letters from various stations due to the close relation of sound of both vowels and constants has been my experience in the past. Now I am going to make a suggestion. We have 48 States in the Union and any number of broadcast stations per State. Why not use the abbreviations of each State followed by a numeral to designate the various BC stations, viz.:

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- Pennsylvania (WCAE)—PA—2.
- Illinois (WEBB)—ILL—1.
- Illinois (WLS)—ILL—2.
- Illinois (WQJ)—ILL—3, etc.

Of course, some numerals such as five and nine could be eliminated if desired, due to close relation in sound quality. And when the number of stations in a State exceeded nine, the call letter would be announced (NY—11)—NY One One or (NY—17) NY One Seven. The foregoing would dispense with the necessity of assigning new calls for new stations, and at the same time avoid confusion in enunciation of various vowels and consonants peculiar to our alphabet.

Kindly ask the opinion of other listeners in as well as those in authority. Some relief might result.

JOHN R. ROORK,  
106 Hier Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

### New Radio Patents

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age gap is introduced in the magnetic circuit for producing losses to a degree necessary to enable the transformer to operate effectively over a broad band of frequencies. The patent shows a number of curves which have been taken on different radio frequency transformers and shows the relatively flat characteristic curve which is possessed by the transformer of the present design.

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(Patent No. 1,521,275, G. W. Carpenter and W. L. Carlson. Filed January 29, 1921. Issued December 30, 1924.)

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tinsel conductors. The shield extends over the telephone conductors and is grounded on the caps of the telephone receivers. The shielded headset is described for use with sensitive multi-stage electron tube amplifiers in long distance reception. The shield as covered by this patent is one of the features of the Brandes Navy Type headset.

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(Patent No. 1,518,564, T. S. Cole. Filed October 27, 1922. Issued December 9, 1924.)

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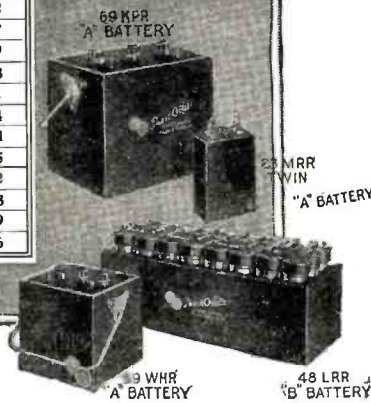


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	4	UV-201A	1	69 WHR OR 67 WHR	22 16		
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	5	UV-201A	1 1/4	611 WHR OR 69 WHR	22 17		
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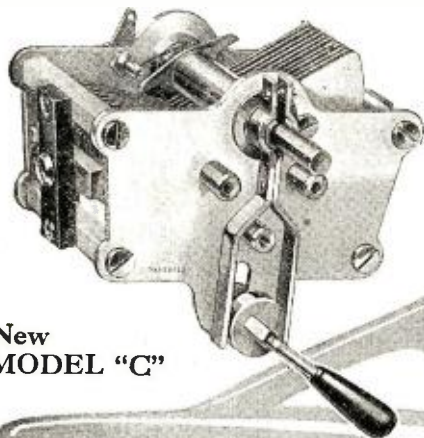
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### RADIOTELEPHONY

(Patent No. 1,513,973, F. M. Doolittle. Filed February 21, 1924. Issued November 4, 1924.) Radiotelephony system of broadcasting wherein the sounds reproduced at the receiving station may be so reproduced as to impart an effect of true tone values derived from a sense of location of the artists or the musical instruments at the broadcast studio. Two radio channels of transmission are provided, each under control of separate sound pick-up microphones so relatively positioned as to receive sound in a manner simulating the reception of sounds by the ears of a human being. The radio channels are non-interfering and are each separately adjusted to bring in the transmission from the same studio.

### CONDENSER

(Patent No. 1,514,733, A. H. Sass. Filed May 11, 1922. Issued November 11, 1924. Assigned to Western Electric Company, Inc., New York.) Condenser wherein both the movable and stationary plates are mounted on the same shaft, thereby decreasing the area occupied by the condenser. The shaft is insulated and arranged so that alternate plates are moved between the remaining plates, which are immovable upon the shaft.

### ANSWER TO THE CROSS-WORD PUZZLE PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF RADIO NEWS

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### The Radiotoneotype

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vibration of a second string, of the same frequency, at the receiver through the principle of resonance. The mere vibration of the receiver in front of a string would not ordinarily be of enough force to set the string in vibration unless the note at which the receivers vibrate is in exact synchronism with the string.

The adjustment of the relays can be made in such delicacy that the solenoid will open only with the vibration of one of the strings at the transmitter; in other words, the absence of interference depends upon the care with which they are adjusted.

If three strings are employed it is necessary to provide a separate transformer, tube and relay for each one, and, of course, a separate electromagnet.

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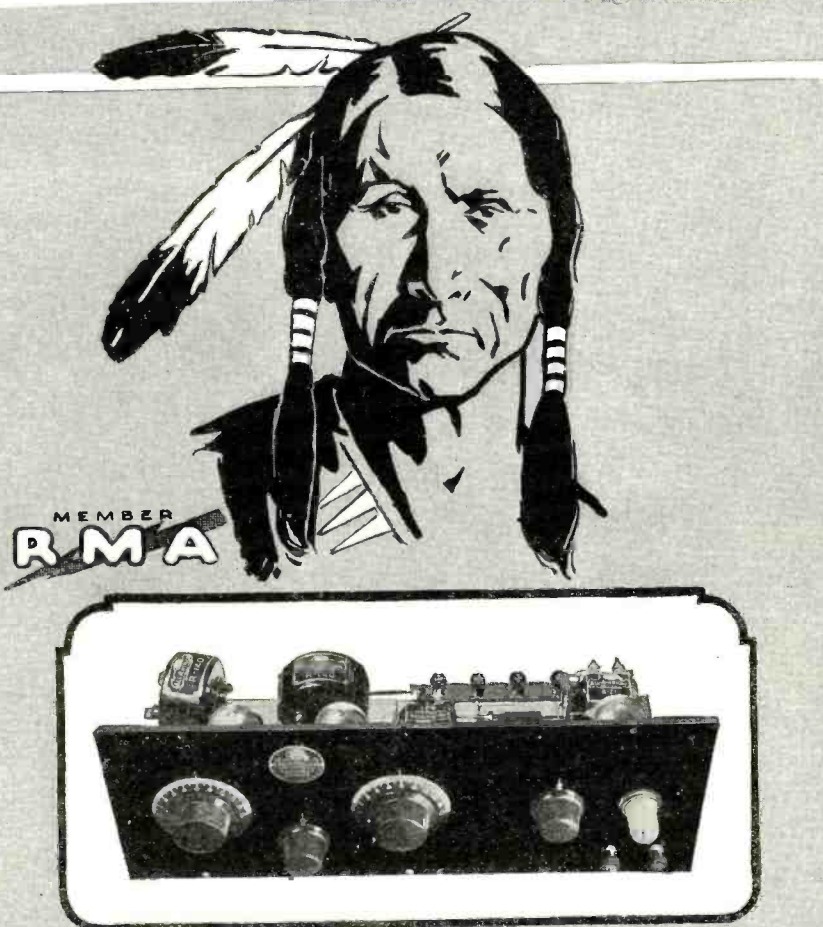
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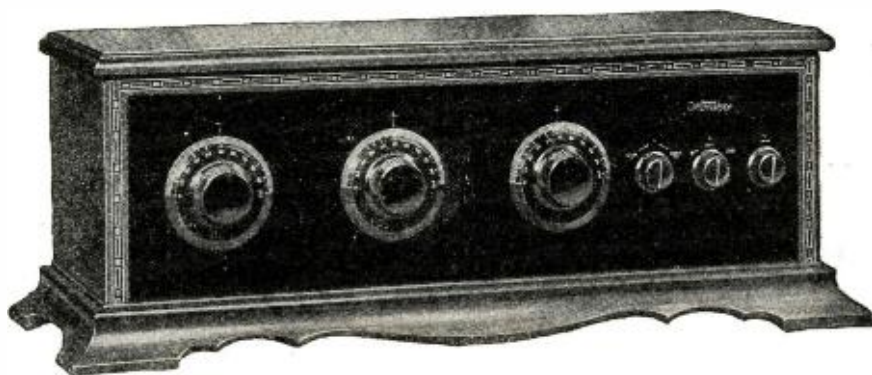
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a reliable independent manufacturer endows a good research laboratory and painstakingly develops a new means for producing a good vacuum and keeping it "on the line" so that tubes can be exhausted on a production basis, the independent tube maker is going to be up against it in a legal way.

The personnel of the independent tube fraternity is a queer one. There are those who are in the game for the thrill of it— young adventurers in business and science, to whom the secrecy, the stealth, the dodging of detectives, gives a zest which is hard to resist. It is not believed that there is any great source of profit in making independent tubes. Great profits come from steady, reliable production—and from as steady sales and merchandising plans.

### LABOR PROBLEMS

In the high overturn of labor in the great factories where radio tubes are made, partially trained young girls and men, some bearing fancied grievances, others just being dropped, or quitting, drift into the independent factories, lured, possibly, by promises of better wages, and by the thought that they will be "getting even" with the alleged trust, in some cases.

Some get-rich-quick hopefuls try their luck at radio tube making and offer higher wages to some of the junior production executives of the legitimate factories to set up small independent plants.

Here is one loophole in the armor plate of legal protection thrown about the vacuum tube by the alleged trust. From the time of the expiration of the February DeForest patent until the day when the high vacuum patent is issued, there is a vast unknown gap. In fact, none can predict today just when this latter controversy will be settled. During the interim, independent tube making will flourish, for how can suit be instituted, and injunctions granted when there are no actual patent rights established upon which to sue?

Renewed activity is expected in the filament injunction cases since it will be the policy of the legal department of the patent owners to keep down and suppress the more obstreperous independents, and the filament patent is about the only one now existing in which grounds for infringement suit may be started with hope of success. Many of the independents are getting their filament from Germany and other foreign countries.

Summing up the foregoing in terms of what the independent tube man is going to be required to do to continue in business, the fact remains that should an independent come out in the open at the expiration of the DeForest "interposed-between" patent and make tubes under the shadow of the possible settlement of the Arnold-Langmuir controversy, that one will be the target of suit from whoever wins, for back royalty damages, which is not a pleasant prospect.

### A QUESTION OF COST

None of the present independent tube leaders seem sufficiently fixed financially to thus defy the established interests, which latter will control the high vacuum patent no matter which litigant wins the court battle.

Therefore, the elation among the independents is not justified by the facts and the customary secrecy of the past will continue on just the same, despite the expiration of the DeForest patent.

No great changes seem imminent in the radio industry for anything to supplant the vacuum tube. Should there be a sudden surge and a flooding of independent tubes into the radio market at the expiration of the DeForest patents, or shortly thereafter, it is expected that a drastic price cut will discourage it.

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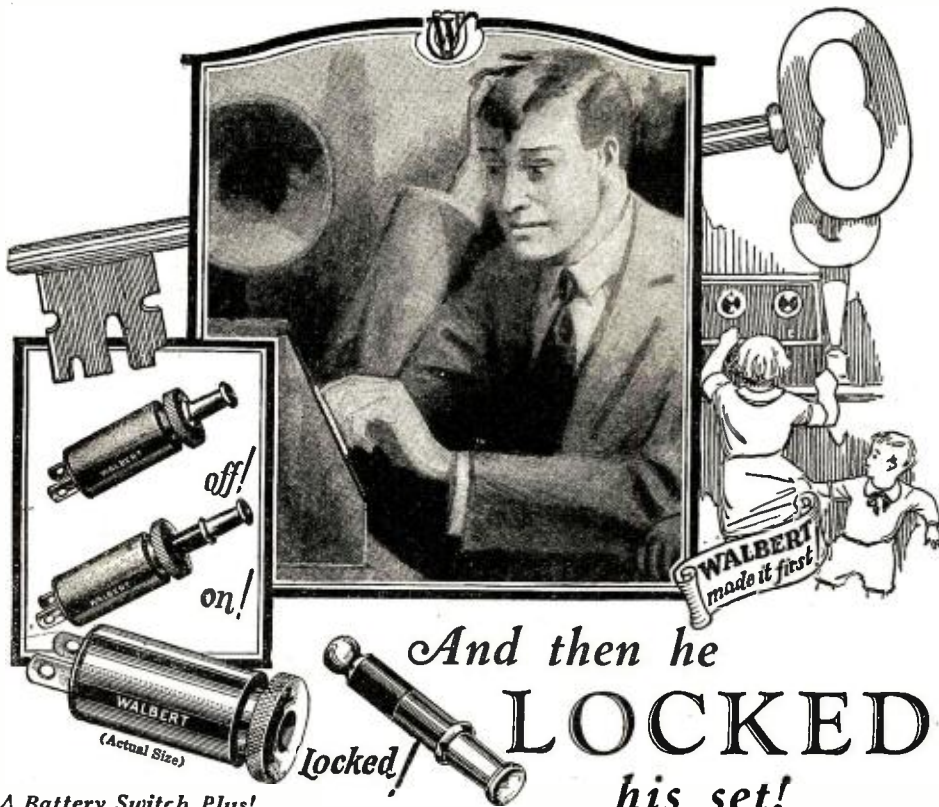
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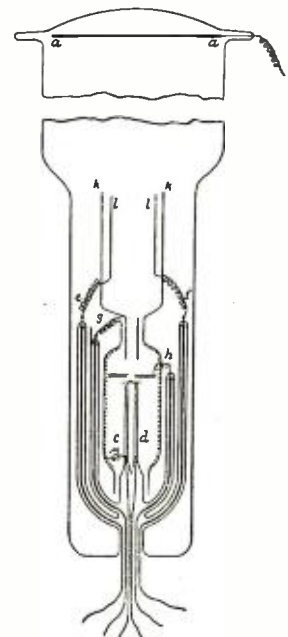


Fig. 5. Above is shown an adaptation of the Braun tube used and manufactured in the Nijni-Novgorod laboratory.

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### The Eclipse and Radio Reception

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The foregoing was embodied in a report made by Prof. Greenleaf Whittier Pickard at a meeting of the Institute of Radio Engineers in New York City the evening of February 5. As stated, the discussion was made after only the slightest investigation of the huge mass of material available. However, the cursory examination of the data reveals some extremely interesting facts concerning the propagation of radio waves.

Other interesting effects were observed in the reception of signals broadcast from England on a wave-length of 12,500 meters. These signals were also observed for two days before and after the day of the eclipse. There were two stations in America that were taking readings on these long wave signals, one at Riverhead, Long Island, which was in the path of totality, and the other station was located at Belfast, Maine, which was not in the path of totality. The readings of signal strength that were taken were automatically recorded.

The signal behavior up to a few minutes before totality was the same as the previous two days. There was a sharp drop of strength just after dawn and then the usual daytime diminution. However, just before totality there was another sharp drop in strength which lasted until after the moon had begun its journey off the face of the sun. Then the conditions were approximately the same until the time that the sun was eclipsed to its maximum value in England. At that time there was again a dip in the signal strength curve. These readings were taken at Riverhead, Long Island.

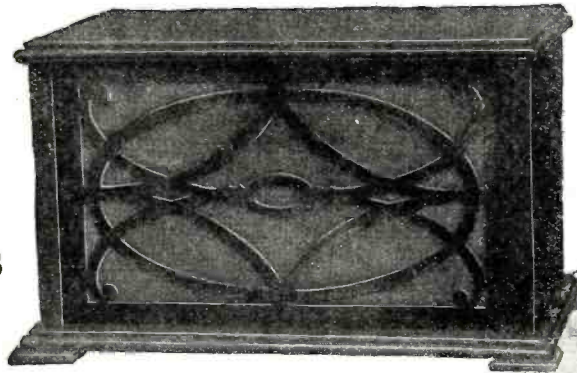
The signals that were recorded at Belfast, Maine, were of a different character in that there was no sharp diminution of strength at the time that the sun was totally eclipsed at the same longitude as the receiving station. However, when the sun had been eclipsed at the transmitting station in England a drop in strength was noted.

Just what these sudden drops in strength mean is impossible to say at the present time, because there has not been sufficient time as yet to check all the data, conditions,

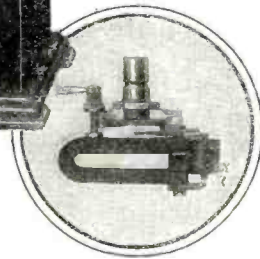


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5C 300 C 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 D 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 E 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 F 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 G 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 H 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 I 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 J 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 K 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
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5C 300 M 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 N 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 O 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 P 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 Q 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 R 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 S 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 T 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 U 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 V 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 W 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 X 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
5C 300 Y 5V 3	6 VOLTS	1	20 OHMS	25 AMPERE	
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etc. The only conclusions so far reached are that the sun has a definite effect on radio waves. Just what wave-lengths are affected and in what degree is as yet undetermined. As we have mentioned above, these results are preliminary and are merely the effects observed.

Other tests were performed in Michigan at a point that was in the center of the path of totality. Programs of music were transmitted on a wave-length of 268 meters with a total power of 100 watts, the radiation being approximately three amperes, with a modulation of 0.4 ampere. The method of checking was by telegram sent from those who heard the station at different times, reporting strength of signals and other data. A program was started at 3 a. m. and continued until 9 a. m., Central Standard Time, the eclipse occurring at 8:02 a. m.

The results obtained were as follows: In the local range of the station, perhaps up to about 10 miles, no variation of any sort was noticed because the power of the station is so great that at that distance any variation was not noticeable. From about 10 to 25 miles is the station's daytime range and in this area during the period of totality a reduction of volume was recorded. This was expected, as daytime reception in this belt was of greater strength than night reception. From 25 to 80 miles the daylight effect was more strongly shown. This area hears the station with a fair volume during the day and only faintly at night. During the eclipse, the signal strength diminished, becoming minimum at totality and then regaining its strength after the phenomenon.

It is a well-known fact that there is a period just preceding the dawn when tremendous distances are covered, this being called the "dawn effect," and lasts but a very few minutes. Apparently, during the passage of the moon across the face of the sun, the moon's shadow gave an artificial reproduction and extenuation of this dawn effect, because the range of the station was more than doubled during the eclipse period. This increase of signal strength was also observed between Rocky Point, Long Island, and Belfast, Maine, when the former station was transmitting. The conditions were more or less the same, as the receiver in Belfast showed an increase during the period of the eclipse.

The conclusions that may be reached from these observations are that the theory of ionization and absorption of radio waves due to the sun's rays is proved almost beyond a doubt. There is also the additional fact that the shadow of the moon produced a continuation of the dawn effect by preventing this ionization until the moon had passed completely across the face of the sun. These observations will be of the greatest value to radio engineers, as it gives for the first time a proof of the theory which has so long been debated. However, the total results will not be available for some time as yet, because of the immense amount of data that has to be studied and digested.

## About Radio Losses

(Continued from page 1879)

### AS TO BUS BAR

If we charge an insulated conductor, the charge will stay put for some time, but if we plant a sharp needle on one end of this conductor, the charge promptly leaks off into the air and hunts more congenial company. Therefore, my friends, eliminate square bus wire, ragged edges on condensers, sharp ends to screws, etc.

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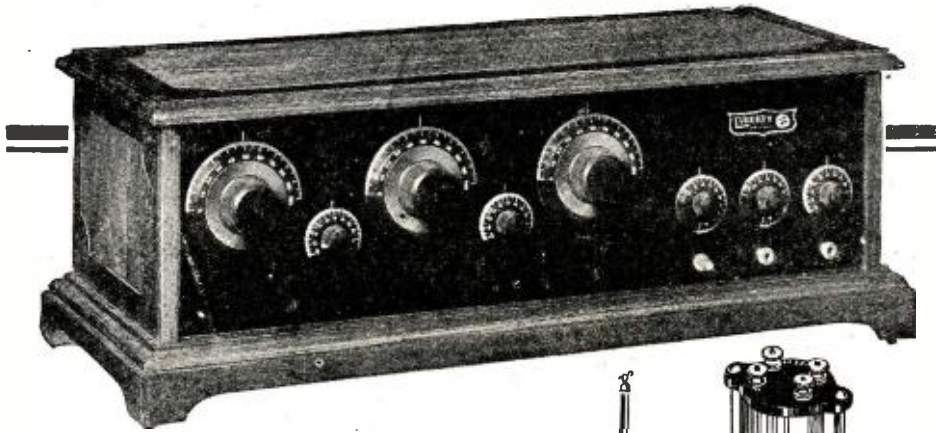
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next corner, we slow down for the turn; if we don't slow down, we don't make the turn as per schedule—we usually land in the corner drug store window. An electric current is subject to the same laws; a slow-moving current will take a sharp, right-angled bend without any fuss, but a high frequency current will keep on going straight ahead, or back up enough to increase the resistance at this point enormously. Try a stream of water through a hose with a bend of ample radius, and then try the same stream through the hose with a sharp bend in it. Stop making the prim and over-fussy right angle bends in your wiring!

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Going back to the antenna and inductance coil we find that in addition to the ordinary ohmic resistance we have a couple of others which are more deadly. A high frequency current behaves in such a manner that it is obliged to travel on the surface of the wire, and in the coil it not only has to travel on the surface, but it travels on the outside of the coil, pretty much, which results in its confining itself to a narrow path instead of spreading out all over and through the wire. This particular kind of meanness is called skin effect, and it is responsible for a lot of our high frequency troubles. It is easily seen that the obstruction to the flow of current can build itself up enormously, and the sad part of it is that we cannot remedy the trouble by increasing the size of the conductor, as we do with a direct current, and if we try using a lot of fine wires in a bundle we strike another snag—or several of them—because we increase the capacity between the wires, and if the wires are insulated and one of them becomes broken, the broken wire is not only a dead loss as a conductor, but it throws an added burden on the rest of the conductors increasing the heat of these and, therefore, the resistance; also, if we wind our coil with many turns of closely packed wire, our capacity effect slows up our current at an alarming rate. We say, approximately, that the resistance due to skin effect is proportional to the product of the frequency and the circular mils of the conductor. Coming down to earth we say—sheer off Litz and tape; use solid wire, No. 14 or bigger for the antenna, and No. 18 or No. 14 spaced for the secondary of the coil. All this is rank heresy to a lot of you, but—try it and see!

If we splice our lead-in to the antenna, we create a spot which may develop increased resistance due to oxidation at the joint; and this oxidation fault is present to a much greater extent in a stranded antenna wire, because at every spot one wire touches its neighbor a bit of oxide forms, the resistance of which is many times that of copper itself. Where possible, use a continuous run of solid wire (one-piece) for antenna and lead-in clear up to the set. If it is necessary to use two pieces of wire for lead-in and antenna, solder the joint thoroughly with a blow torch, tape it and paint the tape with insulating varnish; be absolutely sure that the parts to be soldered are bright and shining and that there is a tight mechanical contact before the solder is applied. This caution applies all along the line; wherever it is necessary to apply solder, be sure there is a clean, tight, mechanical contact first—then apply a sparing dose of solder to hold it tight and prevent oxide forming at the point where the two wires come together. A well soldered joint is "sweated" together so that the solder is hardly seen.

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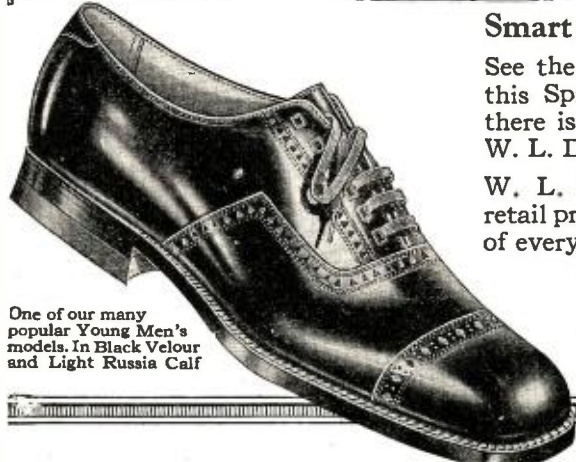
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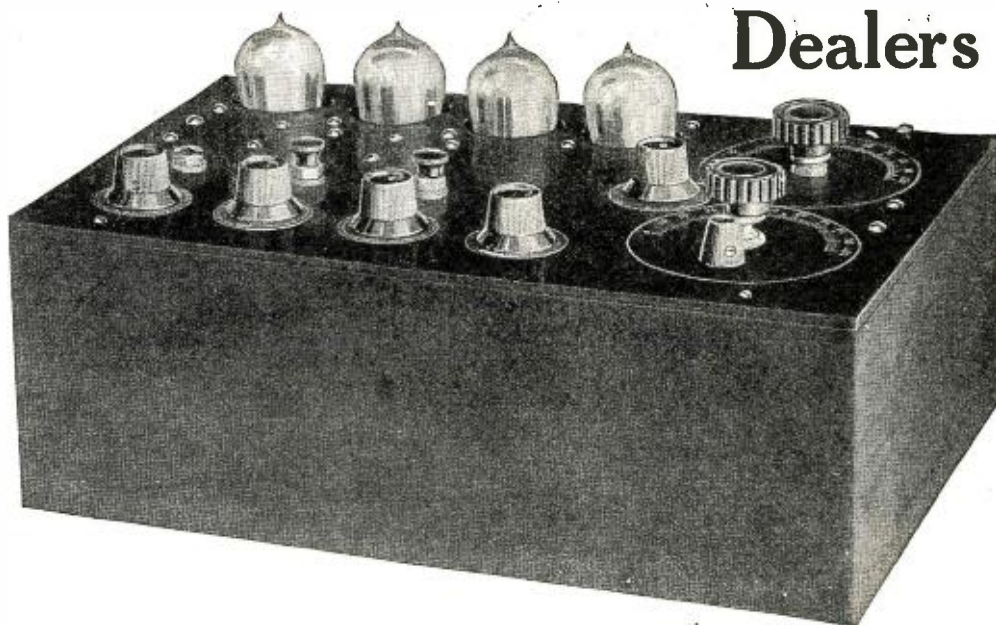
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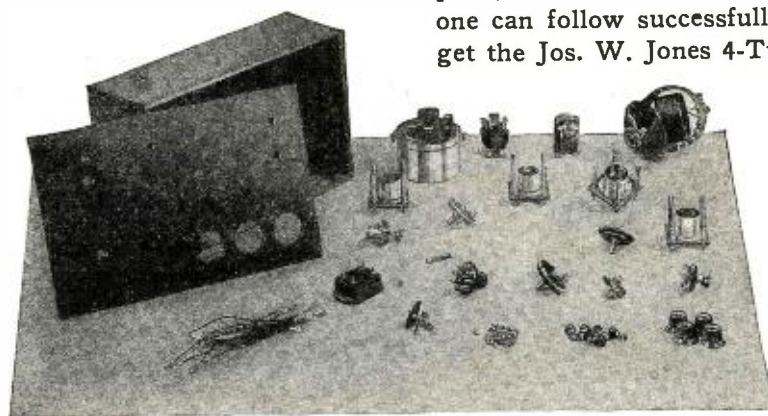
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Pick out a condenser of the variable variety which has very little insulating material on it, no insulating bushings, and, preferably, pigtail connections; you can supply the last mentioned, if the rest of the condenser is satisfactory. Do not use oil to ease up the rotor and do not use a separate vernier attachment or extra vernier plates—use a vernier dial on a standard condenser. Your condenser is nothing but loss if you neglect these precautions.

MAGNETIC FIELDS

These, in brief, are the common or garden variety of losses we are up against; now comes some trouble many of us don't know about—and which mighty few pay any attention to. Take a wire, shove it through a sheet of paper, dust some iron filings on the paper and then shoot a fairly husky jolt of current through the wire; if you tap the paper you will find that the filings will arrange themselves in concentric rings about the wire. Repeat the experiment with a coil of wire; same result only more so—that is, we have demonstrated that there is a force acting outside the wire in the surrounding air. If we slip a soft iron rod into the coil, we have a lot more of these lines of force and we have increased the size of the field of force. An alternating current comes surging down the antenna to the primary coil, a stepped-up current is induced in the secondary coil, and this current shoots off to the set. Now suppose you have built a lunch-box set and the inductance coil is snuggled up against the condenser. Having in mind the antics of the iron filings when subjected to the influence of a current in a coil of wire, just what do you think is happening in the condenser by way of electrostatic and electromagnetic fields which do not belong there? And if the transformers are wedged up against the tubes with their centers less than an inch apart, is it any wonder that the tubes oscillate when we don't want them to—and without apparent reason? Again, if our battery leads are run so that they make complete loops, we get some more magnetic fields we don't want.

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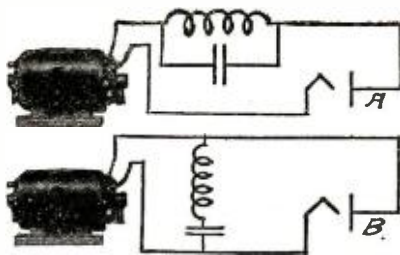
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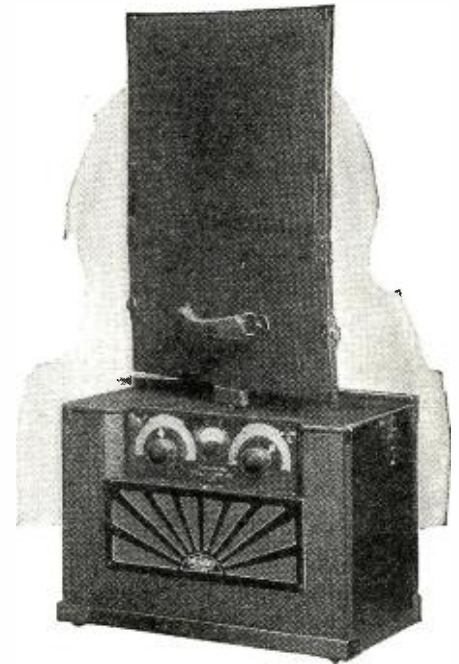
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The Effect of the Atmosphere on Radio Waves

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If a ray of light (OL, Fig. 1) is projected tangent to the ground through a homogeneous space, it would travel in a straight line, as shown. Through the atmosphere, it travels through layers having different refracting properties and it curves toward the ground following the line OL. If the atmospheric layers of equal densities were all concentric spheres around the earth, calculations show that the ray of light would go out of the atmosphere before coming back parallel to the spheric layer which it crosses; it will not be subjected to a mirage. In the case of electromagnetic waves it is entirely different, for on a good conducting ground, the line of propagation is an arc (OR, Fig. 1), concentric to the surface of the earth. The atmospheric layer through which it travels being homogeneous, not considering weather perturbations, produces no change in the direction, and this circular ray OR travels as a horizontal ray parallel to a flat surface. The thickness of the atmosphere is thin enough for this property, which is exact near the ground, to apply still at any height above the ground.

As an example, we may ask how a radio ray (OR, Fig. 5) emitted in a direction slightly inclined on the horizontal will behave? The mathematical solution of this problem is still to be found, but it seems logical to admit that for a slight inclination the deviation produced by the reduction of the refracting effects of the various layers will be still the same for a ray which is almost horizontal in the neighborhood of a flat surface. The calculations then become much simpler.

In a quiet atmosphere, at night, for instance, the direct wave which traveled along an arc will be reinforced by a mirage wave sent from the transmitting station in a slightly oblique direction. This reinforcement is very rare during the daytime, probably due to the air current produced by the heating of the ground changing the uniformity of the various atmospheric layers. The calculations also show the importance of the deviations produced by very slight variation in the diffracting effect of the various layers when these variations are spread over very long distances.

The theory of a very good conducting ground does not reduce the generality of the phenomenon just explained. The imperfect conductivity of the ground has for results the inclination of the wave fronts forward of about two or three degrees, thus contributing to the further inclination toward the ground of the electromagnetic waves and increasing the effect produced by the conductivity of the earth.

In conclusion: The theory of more or less conductive atmospheric layers is not necessary to explain the fact observed in the propagation of electromagnetic waves. These facts are explained by purely material modifications in the state of the lower atmosphere. The experimental researches published by the United States Bureau of Standards and by Mr. Mesny in France show beyond a doubt the influence of the weather, the temperature and atmospheric pressure, perhaps also of the dampness. For instance, the transmission which is more regular and strong along isobare and isotherme lines is a consequence of the even diffracting properties of various air layers following these lines. In all oblique directions the air behaves as a non-homogeneous medium, more or less disturbed.

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## Building Compact Super-Heterodynes

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## The Financial Side of Radio

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in the fall will be keen enough to lower prices. However, the increase in sales should keep up net profits.

### THE FUTURE OF RADIO STOCKS

The future of the radio industry is bright and, likewise, the future of the radio companies as a class is most promising. All the companies have had exceptionally good business in the last four months of 1924 and should have for the first four months of 1925, and as these earnings come in, the radio stocks should tend to advance.

But it should be remembered that the general stock market has been advancing steadily since November 4, 1924, and there will probably be some kind of a reaction inside of the next six months. When this comes, it will doubtless have an effect on the radio stocks.

The radio industry is unusual, but because of the above reason it is not unlikely to expect a reaction in the radio stocks some time during the summer. Although the future may show that they are cheap at present levels, they will surely be worth their price after they have undergone a reaction.

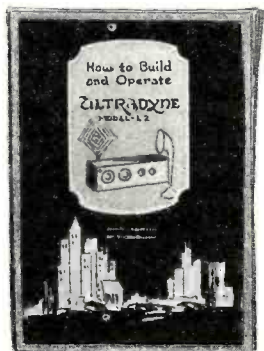
### EFFECT OF A BOOM MARKET

In every boom market a number of inferior stocks are carried along with the good ones, and sell out of line for months at a time. During such a period it is very easy to be mistaken, for what appears to be the most favorable news is being issued about the stock with the least real value, and practically nothing is being published about the better companies, because certain interests are desirous of buying them.

### HOW TO JUDGE RADIO STOCKS

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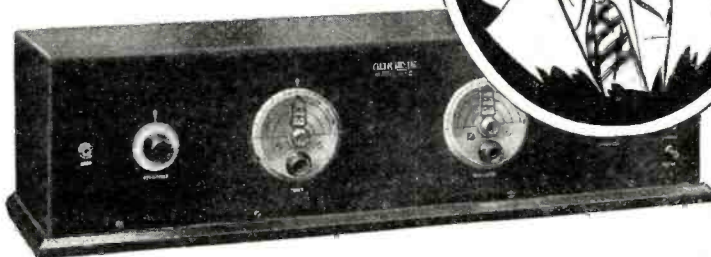
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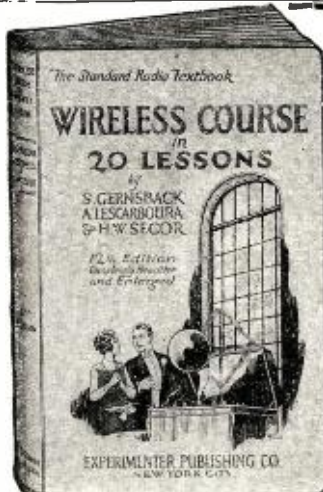
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Not so important now, but what will become more important as competition increases is a strong sales organization, including a good advertising policy.

Up to now the efficiency of manufacturing has hardly been considered by most companies in the rush to produce more and more. But this will become important and may eventually determine what concerns will be the largest producers. The factor that made Ford the outstanding figure in the automobile industry will sooner or later be felt in the radio industry.

Good banking connections will be useful in taking over a competitor, building a new plant, making additions, buying new machinery, establishing retail stores, etc.

The subject of patents must be considered. In some companies they are the largest asset. There may be infringement of the existing patent, necessitating an expensive legal suit, or a new invention may render it worthless. It may also be found that companies are manufacturing parts covered by patents, and that they will be estopped from this practice or required to pay a royalty.

As in any new industry, men not at first well known forge to the front in spite of all obstacles and their companies will be successful, but that does not invalidate what has been stated above.

### RADIO STOCKS

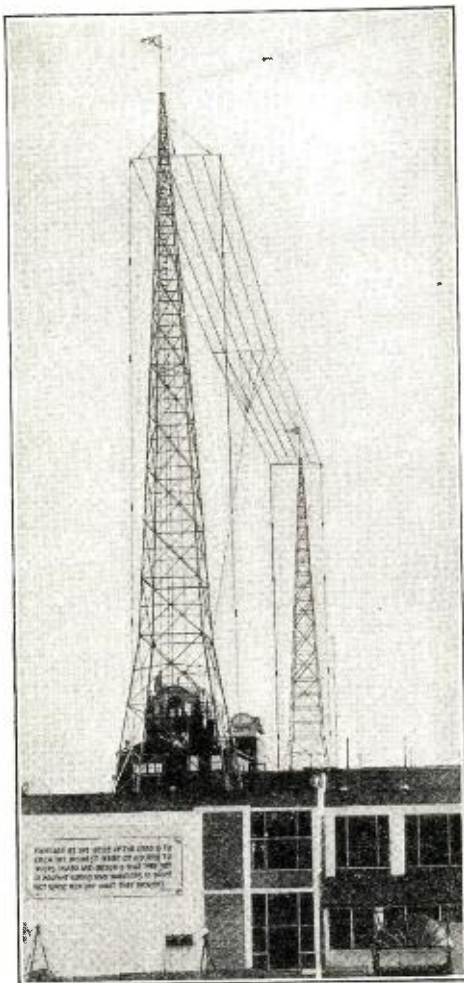
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De Forest.....	208,209		34 12
Dubilier.....	120,000		68 10 1/2
Pfd.....	\$390,000		
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Inter-Ocean.....	46,400		16 1/2 8 1/4
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Liberty.....	120,000		8 1/2 5 3/4
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Pfd.....	\$100,000		

The person who will make a thorough examination of the listed radio stocks, giving due weight to the points above referred to and to the reported earnings, and can estimate the sales possibilities of the different companies, should be able to select several stocks having very good prospects.

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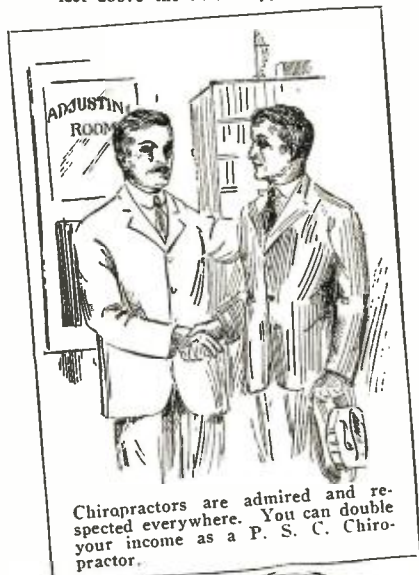
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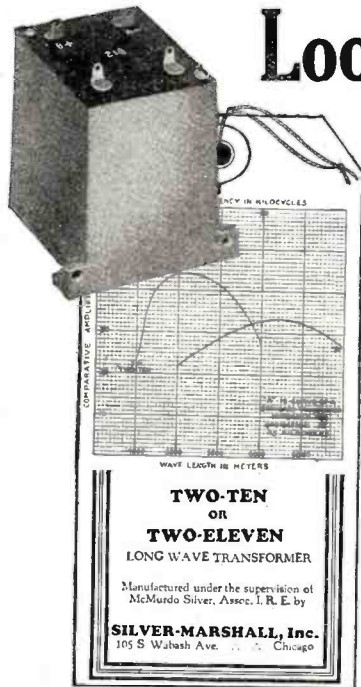
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## I Want To Know

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This set will not function if the parts are crowded.

The neutroformer windings are on tubes 2 3/4 inches in diameter. No. 26 S.S.C. wire is used. The neutrodon taps are taken 15 turns from the grid end of the secondary.

To prevent oscillation, it may be necessary to use only four to six turns in the radio frequency tube plate primaries.

## Lighting Main Plate Supply

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the lead wires of the coil. The strips of tape are now brought out to the center of the coil and a few turns of tape are wound over them to keep them in place. The cardboard end pieces are removed and the wooden blocks withdrawn. This will leave a self-supporting coil.

The secondary has two windings, a six-volt winding to light the filament of the rectifier tube and a high voltage winding to supply the plate potential. The form is prepared as before and 51 turns of No. 18 wire are wound on it. Over this winding two layers of paper are wound to separate the two windings. The secondary winding is wound the same as the primary winding.

After the windings are finished, the transformer is ready for assembly. The easiest method of placing the laminations and keeping them in the right order is to take a lamination in each hand and hold them so as to make an oblong 5 x 3 1/2 inches and slide them onto the coils, one on each side, so as to retain the same size rectangle. Now slide a lamination through each coil from opposite sides. Continue this procedure, but alternating sides, until the core has been built up to a height of one inch. This should completely fill the inside diameter of the windings. If they do not, cut more laminations and build up the core to fill the space.

### THE CHOKE COIL

It is not advisable to try and make the choke coil, as it can be bought for less than you can make it. If you have an amplifying transformer with a burnt out primary, its secondary will make an excellent choke coil of about 30 henries capacity. There are several reasonably priced amplifying transformers on the market which will do.

The wiring of the set is very simple (see Fig. 1). No explanation other than the diagram should be necessary. Lamp cord can be used for both the wires running to the set and to the lamp socket. This eliminates all binding posts and simplifies wiring.

The panel is 7 x 9 inches and the sub-panel 6 x 7 inches. The latter is mounted on the transformer by two iron brackets. The transformer is bolted directly onto the panel. The screws are taken out of the socket and reversed, making it possible to wire the socket under the sub-panel.

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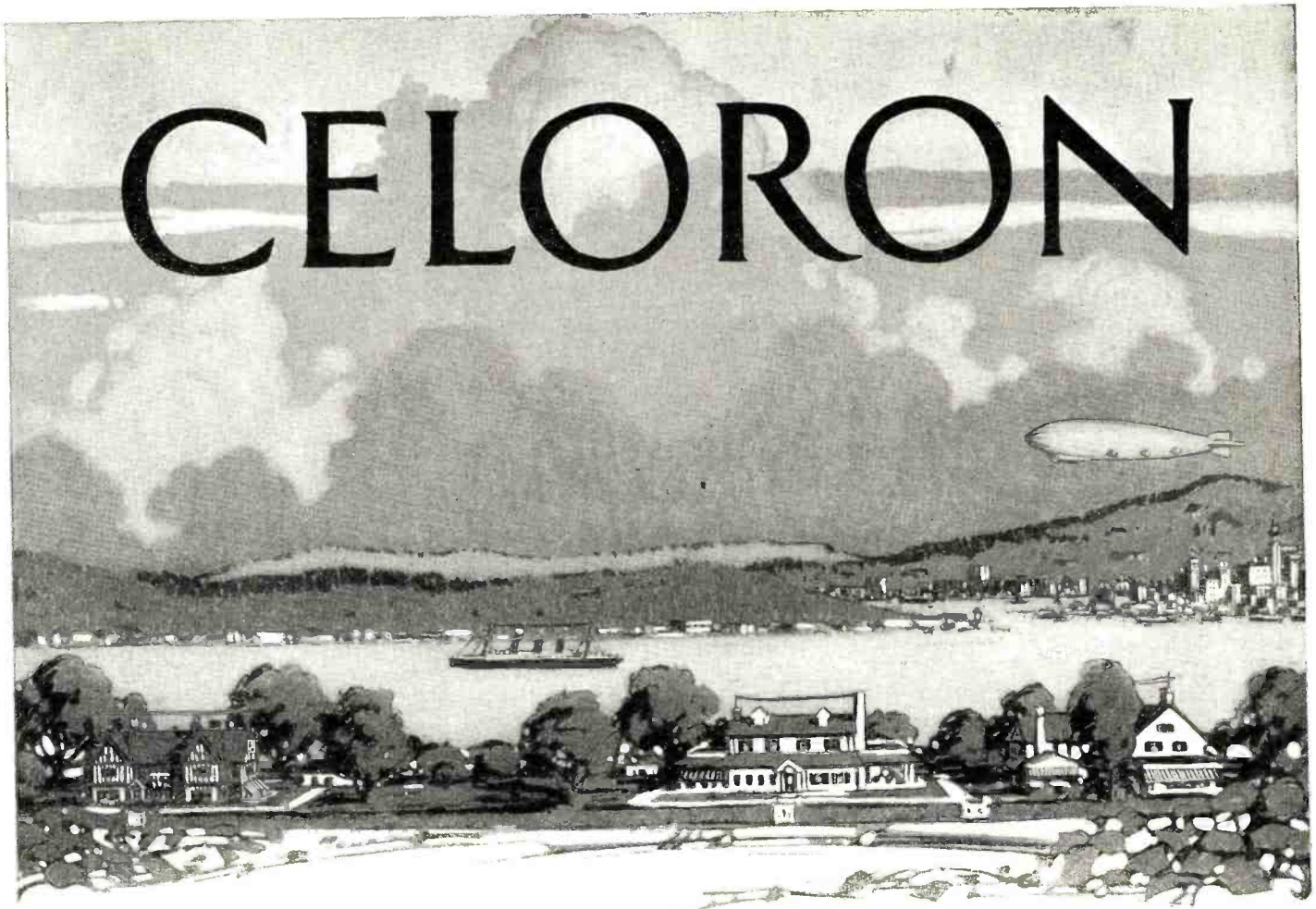
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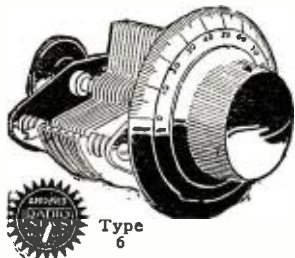
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series with the line. The method of connecting is shown in the circuit diagram. If any hum is noticed in the operation of the set, another 2-mfd. condenser should be connected as shown by the dotted lines in the diagram. The 120-volt output of the rectifier may be cut down to any value by means of a variable resistance of about 5,000 ohms maximum resistance. Fig. 2 shows how to obtain a potential of 45 volts, or less, to operate the detector tube. This type of a rectifier seems to operate better in a non-regenerative receiving set and usually works perfectly without condenser "c."

If your alternating current supply is not 60 cycles, but 25, the size of the core will have to be doubled and for 40 cycles the cross-section will have to be increased one-third.

### Testing the Instruments of Your Receiver

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wire is broken at some point. Look at the winding for a kink or sag where the break might have occurred. Scrape off the insulation at any doubtful-looking place and solder the ends of the wire if the break is found. Otherwise, rewind the coil and again test for a continuous circuit. It is difficult to find short circuited turns in spider-web or other criss-cross windings; the best plan is to rewind with double cotton or double silk insulated wire.

#### CONDENSERS

Connect the test terminals to the proper set of contacts on the condenser. A faint plucking sound but no definite click should be heard. If a loud click is heard the condenser is defective. It is difficult and hardly worth the trouble to repair small fixed condensers, but frequently a slight adjustment of the bearings will fix a variable condenser so the rotary plates do not touch the stationary set. Of course, in testing a variable condenser, the plates should be rotated slowly while holding the test terminals on the two proper contacts of the condenser. If a click is heard at any spot, it is an indication that the plates are scraping at that point. Frequently this may be remedied by bending the plates that are causing the short circuit.

#### JACKS

Inspect the jack and determine which contacts are supposed to make connection with each other when the plug is removed. With the plug out, touch the test terminals to each set of springs that are supposed to be in contact. A click should be heard. If the click is not heard, bend the springs so that positive connection between the proper pairs will be assured. Only jacks with good springs should be used; others cause more annoyance than they are worth.

#### LIGHTNING ARRESTER

Touch the test terminals to the two binding posts on the arrester; no click should be heard, otherwise the arrester is defective and should be replaced.

#### POTENTIOMETERS

Touch the test terminals to the two end contacts of the resistance strip; a click should be heard. Otherwise the wire is broken at one or more places. To locate the break, touch the terminals to different sections of the winding. That section across which a click can not be secured contains the break. By narrowing down the section included between the test terminals the exact point of the break can be located. Solder the nearby turns together. Test again and repeat the process until the testing device indicates a complete circuit through the resistance. Also put one terminal on the center contact and the other terminal on the slider of the

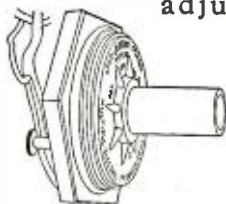


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potentiometer to see if there is the proper connection between them. A click should be heard. Otherwise bend up the small connecting link so as to make firm contact against the shaft and slider. Place one of the test terminals on the center contact of the potentiometer and touch one on to either end contact in order to determine whether the slider makes connection with the resistance wire. A click should be heard with the slider at any point on the wire. If not, then make certain that the resistance wire is not insulated, scraping off the insulation with fine sandpaper, if necessary, and then bend the slider so as to make positive contact with the resistance wire.

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Loud speakers, phones and tubes can only be tested properly on a receiver that is operating. Always try reversing the speaker or phone terminals for better results. Allowing for the slight difference in filament resistance of new tubes, it is almost impossible to tell when a filament is exhausted through use of ordinary measuring instruments nor can this be told accurately by the value of plate current. Therefore, the "tube-testing machines" are of but little value except to show that the filament lights. The best test is direct substitution in a receiving set.

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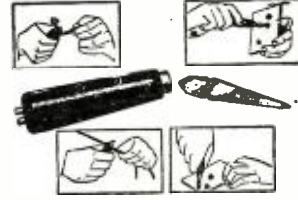
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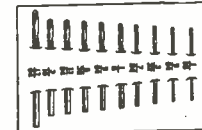
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For the supporting frame, four strips of good insulating material are required and should be cut as shown in Fig. 1. Two "A" pieces are cut to the same sizes and clamped by means of three small screws and nuts, as shown in the section view. Two "B" pieces slightly longer are also clamped together in the same way, but are provided with an extra piece, C, acting as a bearing and at the same time as a stop to limit the motion of the feed-back coil. The sketch, Fig. 1, also shows how the wire may be clamped between the various insulating strips. Small pieces of rubber or spaghetti tubing are slid over the wire and used as a sort of cushion to hold the wire tightly between the clamping strips.

The feed-back coil is an ordinary spider-web or duo-wound coil of about 10 or 12 turns mounted to fit inside of the secondary coil, as shown in the photograph. The shaft upon which this coil is mounted should preferably be of insulating material and of the proper length to reach through the panel if one is used. It is advisable not to mount the short wave coupler directly against the panel, but a few inches behind, mounting it on a base by means of small angle pieces to hold it in place.

The number of turns may be varied depending upon the band of wave-lengths to be covered, but the same construction may be used for couplers designed for the reception of very short wave-lengths.

On account of the small maximum capacity permissible, direct coupling to the aerial is hardly practicable. Hence a fixed aperiodic primary coil is used with a very small series condenser, if a long aerial is used. For this purpose a coil of only four turns of No. 14 D.C.C. wire is wound on the projecting frame ends of the tuning inductance.

**TYPES OF TUBES**

The tuning range depends upon the stray capacities present. As ordinary types of tubes and standard types of panel mounting were desired, the writer investigated to what extent these lend unwelcome stray capacities.

Two panels with sockets in place, grid-condenser and leak, showed capacities from the grid connection to earth of 5 and 7.7 mmf. respectively. A lead of about a foot of stranded wire, fairly well isolated, gave the surprising figure of 5.5 mmf., a thing seldom realized among amateur constructors. As the zero capacity of the low minimum .0001 mfd. tuning condensers used was 6.6 mmf., the total casual capacities, apart from distributed capacity in the inductance, were approximately 24 mmf., even if short leads were practicable. With a tuning condenser range of 100 mmf., the wave-length range could not be very great. With the experimental temporary bench hook-up, involving a total of more than two feet of leads to tuning condensers, the actual range was found to be from 40 to just below 80 meters when loaded to some extent by an aerial.

**WAVE-LENGTH RANGE**

Unloaded, it was possible to go a little lower. With a .0002 mfd. tuning condenser and the aerial load the highest point was about 105 meters. These were repeatedly checked against higher harmonics of a heterodyne wavemeter.

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The difference between a fine piano tone and a pure piano tone is in the overtones. Middle "C," for instance, is Middle "C" all the time and everywhere, as far as pitch is concerned. But there is the widest difference in quality. One has a rich, sweet resonance. The other is thin and bare.

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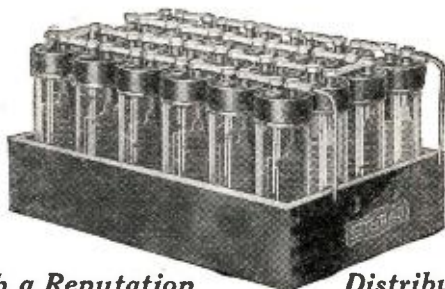
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low as it was desired to obtain. This was subsequently changed as indicated, the primary coil being arranged ½ inch below the other, with favorable results.

In order to keep the effect of stray capacities still lower and to give an effective but finely controllable regeneration, the grid coil may not be put between grid and ground, but arranged after the manner of a familiar type of transmitting circuit across grid and plate, with a blocking condenser in the plate lead. This forms a powerful circuit for use with loop antennae, if this plate condenser is a small, low minimum variable one. A center regenerative tap is needed in the tuning inductance and the grid condenser and leak are arranged in the conventional manner. Then no other regeneration coil is needed and stray capacities are kept at a minimum.

Another efficient circuit which may be used with this coupler is the Weagant or Reinartz, in which a series variable condenser is used to control the feed-back effect. This condenser may be of the 23-plate type, having a maximum capacity of .0005 mfd. connected in series with the feed-back coil.

**THE RADIO CHOKE**

The radio choke needed in this circuit must be a particularly good one; a layer wound solenoid which operated well on 400 meters was found useless. A very narrow slab coil of 300 turns of No. 32 enameled wire, wound edgewise in saw slots in a small wood frame, sufficed admirably and was easily made. The outside diameter was about 3 inches.

A two plate vernier condenser and at least a 6 inch handle on each condenser are quite necessary, as body capacity effects are very pronounced. So long as radio frequency leads are as short as possible and well insulated no other special features are needed in the arrangement of the receiver. The feedback condenser was a two plate one, as a very low minimum is called for at times, and a maximum approaching .0003 mfd. An extension handle was fitted to this. A further control over regeneration is provided by the filament control.

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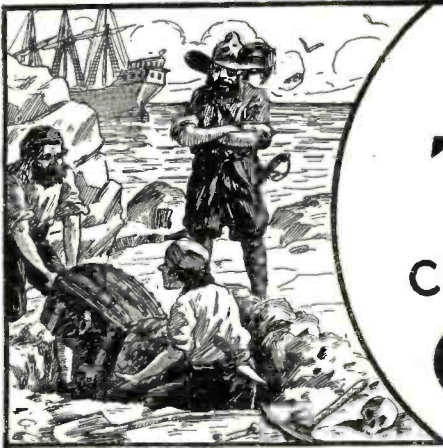
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With the larger aerial more noises came in, and care had to be taken to set the series condenser so that the natural wave-length of the whole aerial and aperiodic coil was less than that on which one was receiving, as otherwise the set mysteriously refused to oscillate at all.

## The Grid As Traffic Regulator

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the plate potential. And if you want to receive from a feeble or a distant station, which is only able to make the grid voltage oscillate slightly, it will be well to reduce it a good deal. Hence, doubtless, it is that the Solodyne is efficient in picking up distant stations.

The plate potential of the other tubes, to which grid alternations are supplied, may be higher, but still not too high. It is always important that the plate shall not overpower the grid. When listening to a strong nearby station, that is not likely to happen, but when listening to a distant station it is likely enough. One might imagine that the feebler the impulses received, the more plate potential ought to be supplied, whereas the fact is just the reverse. Perhaps many amateurs overwork their "B" batteries, especially with the harder tubes.

To sum up: The more distant or feeble the station listened to, the lower ought to be the "B" battery potential applied to the plate of the first tube. It is possible that constructors do not allow sufficient reduction of the numbers of cells of the "B" battery put into action on the plate, especially the plate of the first tube. Too high a potential is detrimental. The "B" battery ought to have binding posts all along so as to be capable of ready adjustment down to quite a low potential, and thus be made to suit different circumstances. The function of the number one tube is clear reception. If it does not receive all the fluctuations clearly, subsequent amplification, instead of remedying the defect, only increases it. Given clear reception, it can be amplified by subsequent tubes as much as desired. We must not de-



pend for amplification on the receiving tube, and must not try to force it either by regeneration or by high potential or too bright a filament, or in any other way.

## The Great Bedtime Story Conspiracy

(Continued from page 1865)

Doris gives a squeal and I turns around. It's The Master!

This last is what his butlers calls him. His family Bible wave-length is Gerard Lawson, of Brightmore-on-the-Deep, Long Island. He's rich, young, dark-haired and has too much of everything except a sense of humor, of which he has so little it's a puzzle how he can be a radio ham. Which he is—body and soul. Everywhere he goes he carries a traveling laboratory—but that'll wait.

"Hello, Jerry!" I yelps, surprised. "What're you doing, boy-humper? Playing tag with us?"

Jerry shakes hands and sits down. He's plainly troubled about something. For a while I politely avoids asking what it is, but finally I sees it's the real thing, maybe love, so I inquires. The Master casts a furtive look about the room.

"You may think I'm crazy, Joe, but I'm not," he declares. "I'm sincere."

"Sure you are," I agrees, knowing he couldn't be anything else if he wanted to. "Go on."

"I overheard Doris' remark, and she's right. Bedtime stories are the bunk!"

"Atta ol' boy!" praises my jarring partner. "You see, Joe, even Jerry knows it's true."

"Then it must be so," I admits, which same to any normal human being would constitute a dirty dig. To The Master it means as much as a seven-letter Eskimo word for "Gimme." I tells him to proceed.

"As you know, I've been in Los Angeles this winter, doing research work along radio lines. I was making a vital test, in which it was imperative that the receiving apparatus be set at one fixed wave-length. Before beginning the experiment, I selected an odd wave-length, which, to the best of my knowledge, was not being used either commercially or by any broadcast station. My signals were being sent from New York and all was well until—oh, I can't speak of it!"

"Go on," I coaxes. "Tell Joe all about it."

The Master braces up. "I was half way through the experiment, too late to alter the wave-length, when I discovered to my extreme displeasure that this particular wave had recently been assigned to a station in a certain city near here. I could not change my receiver's wave-length. It was vital to my test that I receive my signals within two definite hours in the evening. During these same hours this station broadcast—*bedtime stories!*"

"Sad," I admits. "Whatcha gonna do about it?"

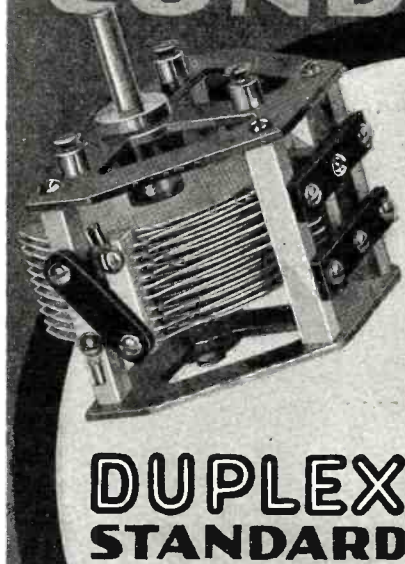
"I wired them, radioed them to desist until I had finished my test, but they would not accommodate me; they even became insulting. In consequence, the experiment was ruined, and it will be a year before I shall be able to attempt it again. Valuable improvements in the field of static elimination have thus been delayed by this one, insignificant station. It's terrible."

"Sure," I soothes. "Whatcha gonna do about it now?"

Jerry grips his chair and restrains an earnest desire to kick my suitcase set into the gas fireplace. "Revenge!" he almost hisses.

"Aw, c-mon," I begs. "Don't be a cookoo."

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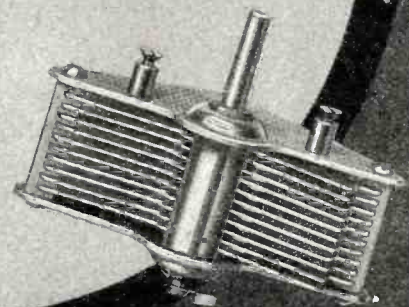
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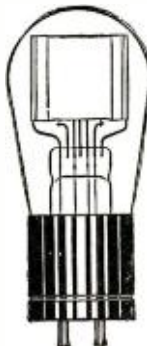
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"I'll get them, and I'll get them good," he declares vehemently.

"Easy on the vendetta," I advises. "What-cha planning to do?"

Knowing The Master's conscience won't let him do any real damage, I sorta eggs him on for the fun of it.

"I can't tell you just now, Joe," he says. "Will you be available if I should need you?"

I nods. "We're off this week, and I don't think Doris is gonna have any special uses to put me to, so I'm yours for the asking. At that, I do need a little diversion."

"Very well," says Jerry. "I'll call you if I need you. In the meantime, mum's the word, and keep a stiff upper lip."

So saying, he takes his leave. "Took an overdose of Conan Doyle," I grins. "He'll be all right in the A. M."

"Which is more than can be said of you," fires the frau. "Chuckle that one down."

Well, we don't hear from Jerry the next day, so that night we decides to take a flying trip to the Land of Nod via radio. Accidentally I tunes in the station Jerry's wreaking vengeance on. I laughs and tells Doris.

"I wonder what The Master's doing?" I laughs. "Forgotten all about it by now."

"Don't kid yourself," admonishes the gold band. "That boy was serious, and no foolin'."

"The trouble with you is, you radiate too much," I explains. "Jerry wouldn't have the heart to amputate the fingernail off a centipede."

However, I tunes in this station, which I'll tag ZYX, because that ain't its call. We listens through their program, and all's lovely.

"Jerry ain't on the job," I declares. "The ether is sweet."

"You never can tell," sighs the wife pointedly. I lets it lay.

Next morning brings The Master in person. He don't waste no time in fancy speeches, but gets down to copper nails.

"Have you any engagements for today, Joe?" he asks.

"Well, I was goin' downtown and watch the taxis bump pedestrians," I says. "However, that can wait."

"Can you be gone all day?"

"The rest of the week, if necessary. What's this lay?"

Jerry explains. "I want you to help me fulfill a contract."

"Good," I says. "What kind of a contract? Remember, I'm tied to one now."

"To paint a building," says The Master simply.

I'm open-eyed in astonishment. "To what?" I yelps.

"To apply a coating of lead oils to the exterior of an edifice," explains Jerry. "It's very easy. All one has to do is to rub a brush back and forth."

He's serious, too, which makes it harder. "Lissen," I begs. "Let me in on this, will you?"

"It will be necessary for us to go down to Umpsville," continues The Master.

"When we arrive I shall be able to elucidate."

"Seein' it's you, I'll let you." I grumbles. "This suspense is terrible."

We gets into Umpsville about three P. M. and it proves to be a fair to middling village, about 10,000 souls, out of which 4,999 are Baptists, 4,999 are Methodists, one is the mayor and the other is a drunk. Small towns are all right in their place, which is as far from me as possible.

Suddenly it dawns on me. "Say, ZYX is in Umpsville, isn't it?"

Jerry gives me an approving glance, which is the closest he can come to making a subtle wise crack. So I considers myself properly chastised.



We puts up at a hotel for the night; at least, we try to. I never knew one lodging house could harbor so many anti-sleep propagandists. But morning finally comes and Jerry brings forth a package. Therein are a coupla suits of overalls, caps and rough gloves. We puts them on.

"Now," says Jerry, "we're painters."

After breakfasting at the city's pride—a genuine one-arm Baltimore lunch—we takes a stroll down the lane to a garage. Here The Master takes possession of a flivver truck bearing a load of painting paraphernalia and the inscription

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"And who," I asks, "is Herman Hempel?"

"The painter who happened to have the contract I desired," explains Jerry. "I bought him out yesterday."

We drives down the chief alley a ways, then turns off on a side spurt. Pretty soon I sees an imposing aerial. Sure enough, it's ZYX.

"Now, Joe," requests The Master, "take a good look at ZYX and tell me any unusual features you may observe."

I gives the joint the long-distance inspection tour. "A frame building, directly in the center of an otherwise vacant block," I states. "Must have been a public school at one time. Main distinguishing feature—one square tower, three stories above the rest. Is that enough?"

"Very good, Joe," compliments Jerry. "After I've seen the janitor and made a few minor arrangements we'll start rigging up the scaffolds. In the meanwhile you can be mixing the paint."

"Sure I can," I agrees, "only I ain't going to. What I knows about paint is confined exclusively to the art of stage make-up."

"Oh, very well," sighs The Master. "I'll attend to it later myself."

He enters the joint and comes out about 15 minutes later.

"All ready, Joe," he calls. "Bring ropes and scaffolding."

Well, we spends the morning trying to get the planks and ropes to act all at the same time. We'll be done in about seven weeks, it looks like, and I tells The Master so.

"Don't worry," he cheers, "our purpose will be fulfilled shortly."

I'm cold and grumbling. "Whoever heard of anybody painting a building in mid-winter?" I says peevishly. "They'll think we're a bunch of nuts."

Jerry ignores the complaint. "I considered myself very fortunate to have heard of the existence of this unfinished contract," he says. "It saved me considerable worry."

The limit has been reached. "Jerry," I says, "let me in on this now, or I'll quit."

The Master sighs and gives in. "Come on down to the truck and I'll tell you," he says.

When we gets down and out to our car Jerry makes sure nobody's within hearing and spills his latest *non compos mentis*.

"The whole thing rests with that tower, Joe," he begins. "You will notice that it is about 15 feet square, with the top left flat. Of the three floors in the tower itself, ZYX's broadcasting room occupies the top floor, the station itself on the next-to-top floor, and the power plant on the lower of the three levels. Is it, by chance, any clearer?"

"My barometer still says cloudy," I replies. "Go on."

"Well, when I was here yesterday I discovered an odd, though important fact. The motor-generators in the power room on the bottom floor of the tower are fed almost directly from the line transformer. I mean, the power company for some reason placed their pole transformer for this district right inside the building. Why, I don't know—

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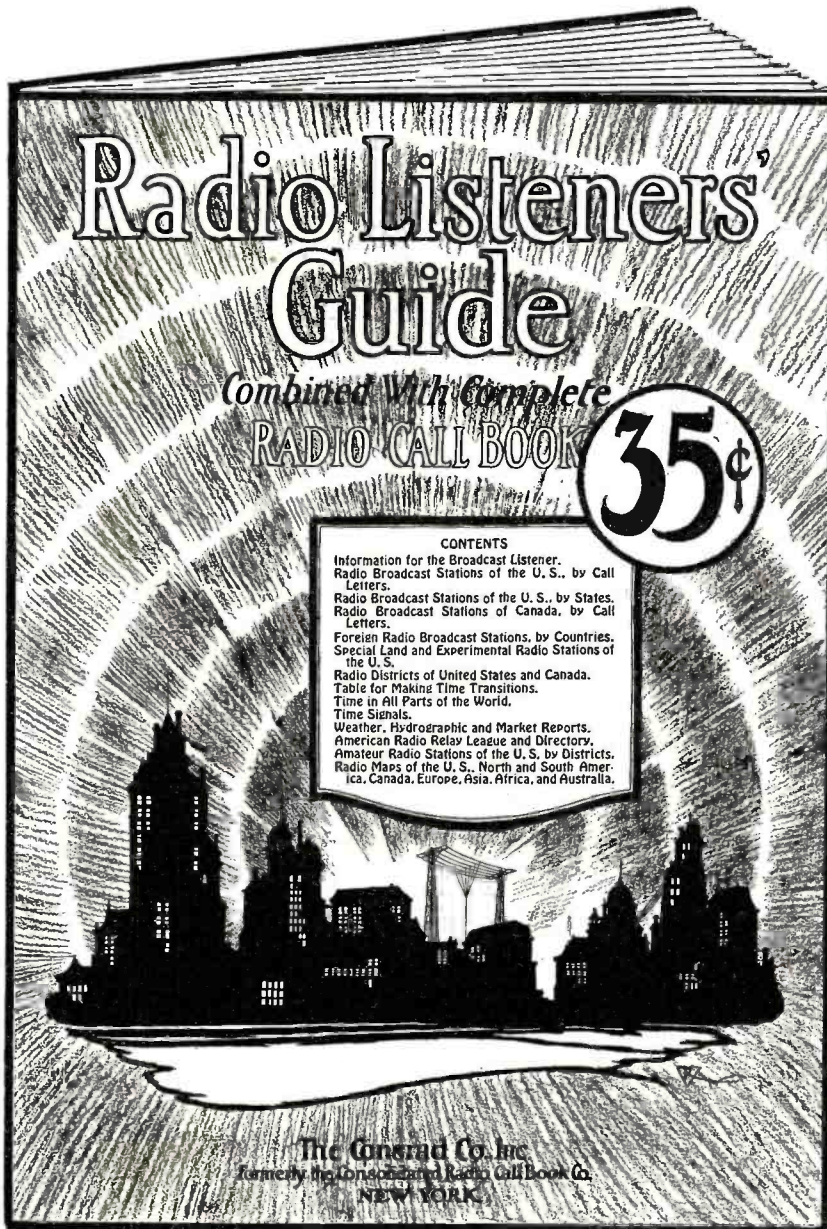


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"That will show up in good time better than I can explain it now," answered The Master. "This afternoon we'll begin to act."

"All right," I agrees, "but I hopes we don't flop."

After lunch we gets back on the job. It's cold, and so the usual gang of neck-strainers ain't doing the gazing act for our benefit. Also, the windows in the tower are conveniently frosted, so the bunch inside can't see out. Really, things are lovely.

First, The Master hoists up a coil of what is labeled "rope," but proves to be heavy insulated wire, colored yellow. We lowers the scaffold and begins to wind this wire about the tower, working from the base up, dodging all windows and such on the way. As fast as Jerry winds the wire I applies the paint. By nightfall we're through, and Jerry goes in and explains to the owners that, due to this-and-that and so-and-such, the job will have to be postponed until warmer weather. They're real nice about it, too, seeing as how they'd forgotten they ever intended having the place tinted. With the exception of a little interior work in the generator room our careers as decorators is ended. So we beats it back to our so-called hotel and erects a barricade against the army of the unseen.

The next day we finishes the job in the generator room. This consists of my tacking up a fresh paint sign wherever I thinks anyone's liable to enter, while The Master completes the dirty work. Being a natural born expert he don't linger long. Soon he's connected the outside wire to the power line, and by a little strategy and considerable good fortune he's been able to fasten a lead of some sort to the transmitter, so that they turns on the juice when they starts to broadcast. I'm no marvel at these things—sufficient to say that Jerry takes a couple boards outa the floor and puts his regulating apparatus where no one but the rats'll find it, and we're through. It's six-thirty; by seven they begins to spread the rumors. I'm all grins as we moseys back to the only place in town we dares to take a chance sleeping at.

"Hot stuff!" I laughs. "Say, Jerry, won't the air be full of static tonight?"

"Static?" repeats The Master, puzzled. "What from?"

"Aw, can the innocence," I commands. "From that 12-ton spark coil we just created."

Jerry's silent a moment, then he grins. "Why, Joe, I thought you knew. That isn't a spark coil."

"The deuce it ain't!" I exclaims. "If not, what is it?"

The Master laughs. "I can see how you were deceived, Joe," he says. "At that, you were right in a way. But it isn't a spark coil. It's more properly an induction coil."

"Whassa diff?"

"This: a spark coil of those dimensions would create static, all right, but would be immediately detected, due to the necessity of having a vibrator to make and break the circuit. Besides, a spark coil would not accomplish my purpose. I have no desire to annoy any other station. I merely wish to stop ZYX, and I have!"

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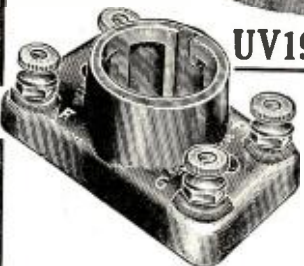
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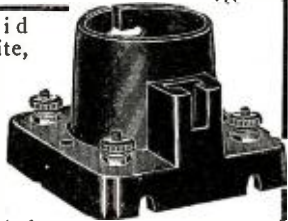
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big primary makes a lot of little secondaries, is that it? But where does the damage come in?"

The Master smiles. "The secondaries thus formed will be so comparatively small that the induction created will immediately burn them out."

"Won't that cripple the station completely?"

Jerry grins delightedly. "As your stage argot has it, the big coil will stop the show cold."

"Blow the works?"

"Or words to that effect."

I'm skeptical. "But won't they find it out easy?"

Again Jerry laughs. "My attaching the current through the transmitter assured us that we need not concern ourselves on that score. Inasmuch as the power is on only when they transmit, they will quite logically assume that the short circuit lies somewhere in the apparatus itself. I took great pains to conceal all my wire leads; they'll look for months without success."

I takes off my hat and bows low. "Your Royal Slynness," I compliments, "I hereby gives you the grand salaam. You're a wonder."

Jerry practically admits as much.

"However, are you sure you ain't forgotten anything?" I asks.

The Master smiles sorta self-satisfied. "Nothing, Joe," he assures me.

Back at the hotel we tunes in a small set we've brought along. For two hours we keeps the cans to our ears; ZYX ain't let out a peep.

"I think our medicine is acting," says Jerry, taking off his headset. "We might casually stroll down toward the station and see if we can hear any details. But, remember, don't give yourself away."

"No danger," I replies. "I know my own value too well."

When we gets within a block of ZYX we hears sounds. When we gets up to the station we finds to our surprise that the said sounds ain't coming so much from the station as from groups of people gathered in the streets. The Master edges into one bunch and inquires why the excitement.

"Something's wrong," said a voice. "All the lights are out for blocks, our radios are burnt out, I can't start my car because the starter isn't feeling well and nobody can get central on the phone."

"W-what seems to be the trouble?" asks Jerry, paling.

A cop supplies the information. "A wire's down some place, they say."

"But that doesn't account for our cars and radios," says the voice.

"Well, it's Greek to me," says the officer. "I can't savvy it."

The Master don't wait to hear no more, but draws me aside. "J-Joe," he stammers, "we've done it."

"Naturally," I agrees. "How?"

"I-I forgot that the induction from that coil would extend in all directions. We've blown out 'all the lights, coils and circuits for several blocks around!"

"Then we'd better cut it off," I says calmly.

"How?" asks The Master. "We won't be able to do anything tonight, and tomorrow may be too late. What'll we do?"

"This: just go up, say you forgot a brush or something, snip a wire when nobody's looking, and it's all K. O."

Jerry's face lights up like a spotlight on a dark stage. "Joe, you're a wonder, too," he admits, meaning it in the bargain.

He goes into ZYZ, emerging 15 minutes later with a relieved expression on his super-intelligent countenance.

"All set?" I asks.

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"Well, how did things come out?" I asks, when we're alone.

"They didn't discover anything," says Jerry. "They had to close the station for a week, and during that time I had my attorney purchase the entire outfit, building and all, and present it to the city as a gift from 'a lover of bedtime stories'."

"Yeh?"

"During this interim I went back to painting, removed the wires, and as an added salve to my conscience, I finished decorating the building all alone."

"You're a wonder, Jerry," I states. "Say, you poor sap, why didn't you buy the station in the first place?"

The Master's face becomes first clouded with thought and then rained with perspiration.

"Honestly, Joe, I never thought of that! Ain't it a pity?"

### A Year's Work Below Forty Meters

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was wanted was a circuit which would allow the elements of the tube to be so connected that they were at nearly the potential of the filament with sufficient voltage for proper operation. To find such a circuit, use was made of a dummy antenna system, low power and safe voltages. The circuit finally evolved met all these desirable conditions and is shown in Fig. 3. It will be seen that the grid and plate are so connected that their potential is but little more than zero. The circuit being so proportioned that sufficient voltage is procured for the proper operation of the tube. The circuit adapts itself to either capacity or inductive coupling. In the former case the size of the antenna has very little to do with its operation other than that there must be not more than one-half wave-length spacing between the far ends or open ends of the radiation system for proper electro-static coupling. The radiating system being one condenser of the whole circuit, it can be nearly any length, experiments up to 80 feet long for the antenna and 65 feet long for the counterpoise having given excellent results on 20 meters, it merely being necessary to proportion the antenna and counterpoise so that they would have the same capacity to earth, and being

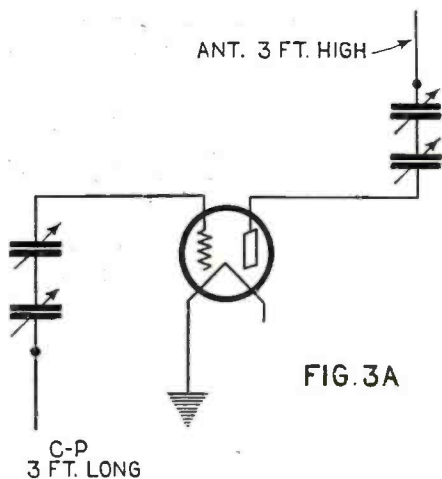
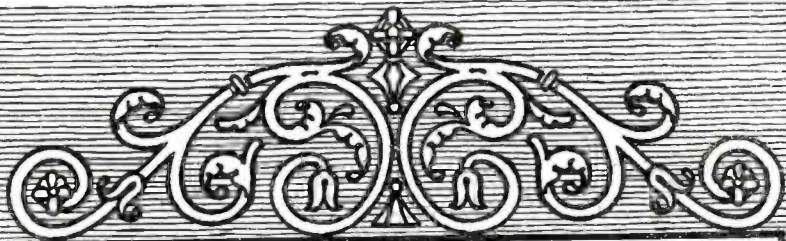
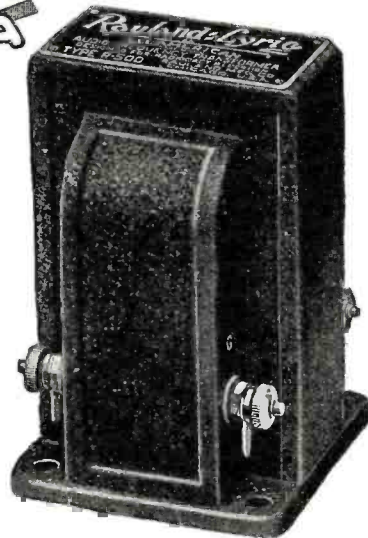


FIG. 3A

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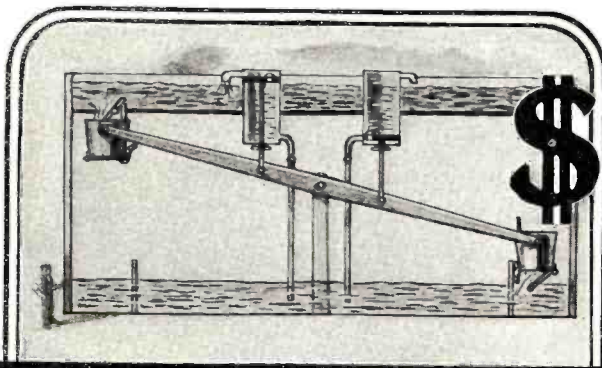
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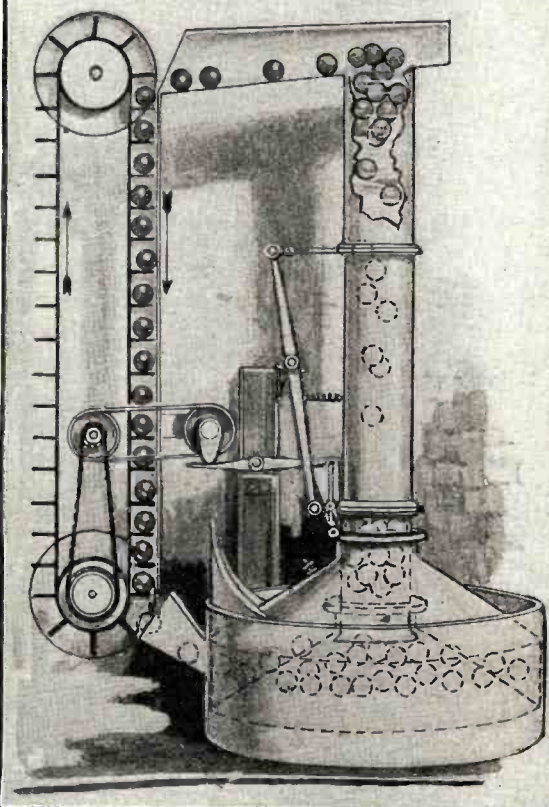
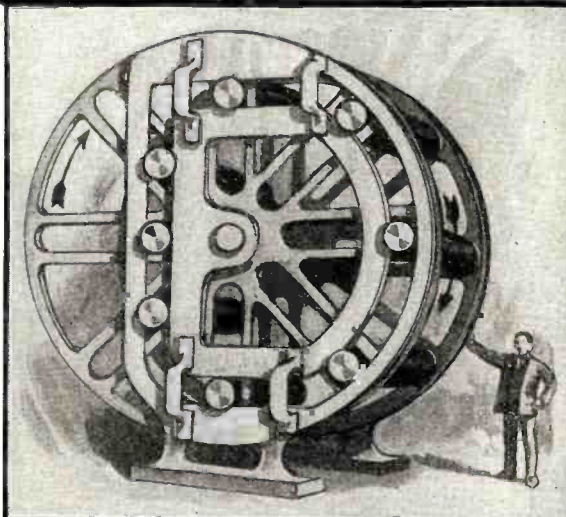




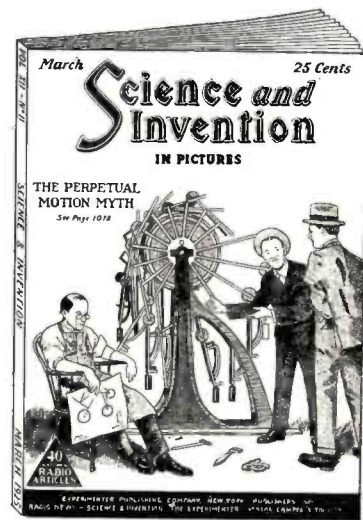


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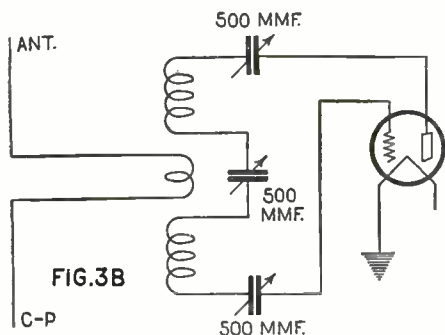


FIG. 3B  
An excellent circuit for short wave work employing inductive coupling.

justments being necessary. The antenna current is practically the same for any wave-length, if the input is kept constant, provided that the antenna system used has a fundamental frequency greater than the highest wave-length that is to be used. That is, the radiating system should have a fundamental period above 80 meters, if the highest wave to be used is nearly that. If a radiating system is used, the period of which is less than the wave-length it is desired to use, the antenna current will differ with the different wave-lengths when the input remains constant.

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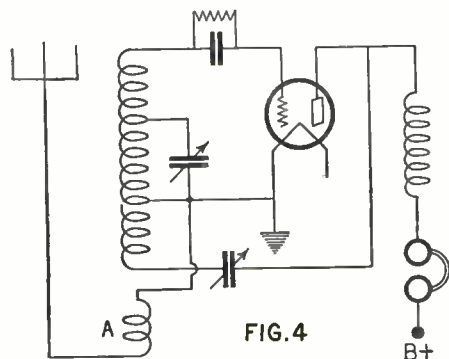


FIG. 4  
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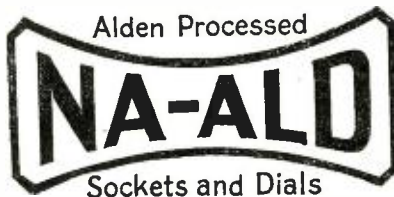
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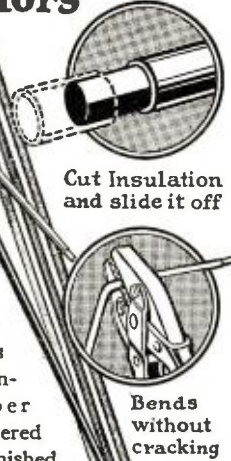
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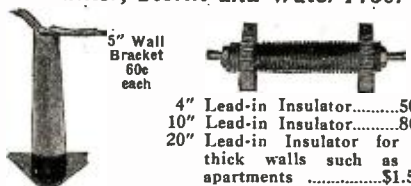
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and from that by a short lead to the antenna series condenser and from that directly to the antenna. The 4-meter band can be reached very readily when the antenna is a 3-foot vertical copper tube and the counterpoise is of the same length downward.

To use the circuit as an inductively coupled circuit it is only necessary to substitute a variable condenser for the antenna and counterpoise, and coupling the radiating system to the oscillatory circuit, as shown in 3-B.

The receiver used in all this work has been the one described by the writer in the June, 1924, issue of RADIO NEWS, with the change shown in Fig. 4. The writer wishes to thank all those who have written him of the good performance of the receiver described in the June issue, and hopes it will continue to perform to the satisfaction of everyone.

### Hints on Aerial and Ground Installation

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be placed in a slanting position so that water can readily run off. This bushing should slant upward to the inside of the building. The lead-in should be equipped with a lightning arrester or a lightning switch that is of the approved type. A lightning arrester should be selected which will operate at 500 volts or less. The lightning arrester should be placed either inside of the dwelling or outside, according to the building code of your particular location.

If a lightning switch is used, it should be of such type that it will withstand 600 volts or more at a current of 25 amperes or more. Should it be desired to mount the lightning switch outside of the building, it should be mounted on insulating supports that will keep the switch at least four inches away from the building. If fuses are used, do not place them through the protective device to the ground. The wire can be bare or insulated and may be of solid copper or solid-clad steel. Do not use a ground wire smaller than No. 14 gauge. Run the ground wire in as straight a line as possible from the protective device to a good permanent ground. Preference should be given to water piping for the ground connection. If the radio set is to be installed in a building with a grounded steel framework, the ground can be made to the steel frame.

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### Tuning Your Radio Set

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tion control E may be advanced to maximum volume. Now, if interference is found, or, in other words, if two stations can be heard at the same time, the coupling C is loosened, that is, the dial is turned toward zero. Slight readjustments of the condenser A and possibly of the unit tap or fine tuning switch D will then bring in the desired station at the greatest volume possible and, in most cases, cut out the interfering station. If not, further loosening of the coupling C and readjustment of the tuning controls will undoubtedly perform the work desired. After all readjustments are made satisfactorily, it may be possible to bring in the station slightly louder by advancing the regeneration control E to just below the point where distortion takes place.

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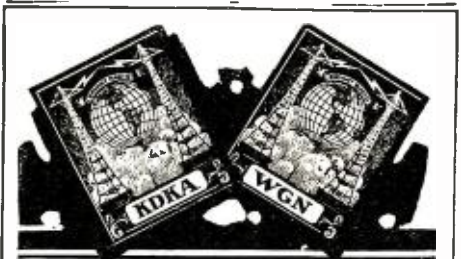


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little value. The main trouble with single control receivers is that selective tuning is almost an impossibility with the majority of them. In other words, if you live in a congested district where many broadcast stations are located and you obtain one of these unselective single-control receivers, you may have considerable trouble in trying to tune out various stations and bring in the one that you desire. However, in order to have this article all inclusive, the writer has chosen the very best of the many single control receivers on the market today for his description. This receiver is illustrated in Fig. 8. In this particular type, the control of the filaments is entirely automatic. You need not turn any rheostats whatsoever as all you have to do is turn on the filament switch located in the lower left-hand corner of the center panel. Tuning is then accomplished by slowly rotating the large dial A until a signal is heard. When this dial is set at the point where the station comes in the very best, the small knob B directly below it is rotated one way or the other and will usually be found to bring in the signal somewhat louder. Thus you can see that the tuning is extremely simple.

In the particular type of set illustrated herewith, the batteries and loud speaker are all contained within the cabinet. The only necessary outside accessories are the aerial and ground which are connected to conveniently located binding posts. The loud speaker horn is located directly behind one of the side panels and the sound issues through a strip of cloth. Since the entire set is self-contained, it is one that will surely please the broadcast listener. Combine this feature with ease of tuning and we have almost reached the ultimate in simplicity in radio receivers.

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A set such as illustrated in Fig. 9 is operated in the following manner. The tubes are turned on by means of rheostats and the control A rotated slowly. If the set starts to squeal, the control B, or potentiometer, is turned one way or the other, until the squealing just stops. This control is variously labeled stabilizer, volume control or potentiometer, according to the whims of the manufacturer. It is, however, regardless of its name, always set at a point just below the point where the set starts to squeal. If after turning the dial no signals are heard, the loop is rotated about one-eighth of a 360-degree circle and the tuning control again turned. This process is kept up until a signal is heard. If, however, you know the location of the particular station you want to receive, in reference to your position, you can point either one end or the other of the loop directly toward the station and then proceed with the tuning, knowing that if the station is in operation, you will be able to hear it without again adjusting the loop. This procedure is carried through for the reception of any or all stations.

**NEUTRODYNES**

Since the discovery of the neutralization principle by Professor Hazeltine, many sets embodying that principle have appeared on the market, and of late several different types of five-tube receivers, very similar in appearance to Neutrodynes, but not embodying the principle of neutralization, have been manufactured. In any event, the tuning of these sets is approximately the same. The fila-

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ments of the five tubes are heated in the usual manner and then all three dials of the set placed at approximately the same position. A Neutrodyne receiver is illustrated in Fig. 10. Dials B and C will be found to have the most critical adjustment. The adjustment of A is rather coarse, although it should always be kept within five or six degrees of the settings of the dials B and C. Using both hands, slowly rotate B and C through about five degrees. Then bring up dial A to the same setting and repeat the process with B and C. In this way you will cover the entire range of the receiver and will locate any stations operating within the range of the set.

### SUPER-HETERODYNE RECEIVERS

Although the average Super-Heterodyne receiver employing seven or more tubes is somewhat too complicated for the beginner who has no knowledge of radio, still there are sets embodying the Super-Heterodyne principle that can very easily be operated by even the veriest tyro. One set is illustrated in Fig. 11. Here there are only two real tuning controls indicated by A and B. The indicators on the dials are controlled by the knobs located directly below. The tubes are lighted on this set by pulling a switch whereupon the filament current may be controlled, by means of knobs C and D. Then the two knobs A and B may be rotated, keeping the settings of the pointers at approximately the same points on the two scales. With a set of this nature, the settings for various stations may be written directly on the dials as shown in the illustration herewith. In this way, any particular station may be tuned in whenever desired.

### LOGGING A SET

After you have learned to tune your radio set, you will want to be able to tune in any particular station within your range at any desired time. This can be accomplished by making a record of the dial settings on the set when the dials are turned to the positions where the station comes in loudest. A list of these dial settings for various stations will enable you to tune those stations in very quickly without having to hunt for the correct settings. Charts often accompany manufactured sets on which these dial readings may be recorded. However, you can easily make one of these charts yourself or the readings may be merely jotted down in a notebook that is kept close to the radio set. Some sets are equipped with dials on which the call letters of stations may be written right below the settings for those stations. One notable example of this is shown in Fig. 11.

### GENERAL RULES

Before leaving the subject of tuning a radio receiving set, let us lay down a few general rules.

In the tuning of regenerative sets, regardless of their type or construction, never advance the regeneration control to a point where the set starts to squeal. This causes radiation that creates interference with your neighbor's set.

If you use a crystal receiving set, always keep the crystal itself clean and free from dust and dirt. Never touch it with your fingers, but always handle it with a pair of pliers or tweezers. Also keep the tip of the cat whisker clean at all times.

With vacuum tube sets, always burn all of the tubes at the lowest possible temperature conducive to good results. Such a procedure will lengthen the life of the tubes to a very great extent and will reduce the drain on your pocketbook.

If you start to tune your radio set and find that you cannot obtain any signals from any stations whatsoever, first see that your tube or tubes are lighted. If not, refer to the article in this department in the February issue. Here you will find complete in-

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"If you have one of the carbon compression types of rheostats, illustrated in Fig. 7, there are one or two points to look for trouble here. The porcelain container indicated by A may have cracked and allowed moisture to get in the carbon content, in which case the discs or the grains may be sticking and the rheostat may not be making good contact."

This statement may have led some readers to form erroneous impressions. The writer has recently been in communication with the manufacturer of a well-known carbon pile type of compression rheostat. They state that several of their products when under test were allowed to remain out in the air under cover during a long rain storm. The resistance of the instruments before and after this test was measured and was found to differ only very slightly. The engineers making the tests were quite satisfied that such a small difference would have no effect whatsoever on the operation of radio receiving sets and that this particular carbon pile type of instrument would give excellent results under all conceivable operating conditions.

**Matching Tubes for Super-Heterodynes**

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gested that all tubes now be marked with relation to their oscillatory powers.

Now remove the tube from the oscillator socket and insert it in the following socket. Tapping the tube should produce a ringing

sound in the phones, as before. Make this test in the next two sockets, and if response is had in all three sockets of the intermediate stages, it is easy proof that the plate circuits in each are complete. Note: There should be only one tube in the set at any one time.

We shall now start to work from the other end. Take the phones out of the "B" battery circuit and connect all batteries to the set properly.

**THE DETECTOR**

Insert the telephones in the plate circuit of the second detector, usually by plugging them in the detector jack. If no jack is available, put them across the primary of the first audio transformer. It is inadvisable to use the audio frequency amplification at this time, as any trouble with it would complicate matters. Insert a tube in the second detector socket, after seeing no other tubes are in the set. On tapping as before, a slight ringing sound should be heard. Take one of the tubes which oscillated and insert it in the socket preceding the second detector, i.e., the last stage of intermediate frequency amplification. Slowly turn the potentiometer meanwhile listening with the phones, and tap the grid terminal of this last stage of intermediate amplification. A position of the potentiometer should be found which will give clicks of greatly increased volume when the grid connection is tapped. Careful note should be made of the setting of the potentiometer where this condition appears. This is very important, as it notes the point at which the tube goes into oscillation.

Now remove the tube preceding the detector, and insert another, and repeat the test. It is quite possible that it will begin to oscillate at a slightly different setting for the potentiometer. Of the tubes available, three should be chosen which go into oscillation at precisely the same point on



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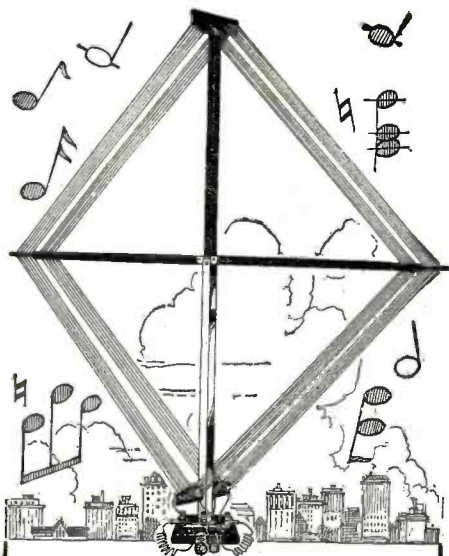
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the potentiometer, as these three tubes will have to be controlled in a unit. If they go into oscillation at different points, it is evident that one will be at the point of oscillation before the other two, and if attempts are made to bring the other two up to the sensitive point, which is just below oscillation, the process will force the first tube into oscillation, and spoil reception. Therefore, all care possible should be taken to see that three tubes will work together. These three tubes control the amplification available in the set, and if one tube should lag behind in reaching this sensitive spot just below oscillation, the amplification obtained from this stage would be negligible.

Insert the three matched tubes into the intermediate frequency amplifier sockets and check over whether they are working together by the following test (the second detector is being used, of course): Place the potentiometer in a non-oscillating position, and touch each grid in turn to see if any one is oscillating. If none oscillate, carefully advance the potentiometer a little at a time, and continue to tap each grid in succession. If the constants of the circuit of any tube are different from the others, it will either go into oscillation before the others, or behind them. The tubes which oscillate at any given moment are told by the loud click in the phones when tapping the grid. Now, by careful adjustment of the potentiometer at the point where oscillation first occurs, try to get one tube oscillating when the others are not, and also try to get two oscillating when the other is not. If no such condition can be obtained, the tubes are perfectly matched. If, however, one tube leads the other two into oscillation, or lags behind, try all tubes available in this socket, until a tube is found which will go into oscillation at exactly the same point as the other two. The intermediate frequency is now in its best position, and we can turn our attention to the other positions.

The oscillator socket is next filled with any tube which passed the initial test for oscillation. The two detectors sometimes may be poorer tubes and the requirements for the audio frequency are too familiar to discuss. The set should now work upon the insertion of the first detector.

From the above it will easily be seen that out of eight tubes, it will be easy to pick three which work together, and in case one burns out, it will be a simple matter to run through the tests again, and the set will be in good working order. The advice on trouble shooting is of course quite incomplete, being outside the scope of this article.

Besides the small amount of apparatus required, the system will be found to have a distinct advantage over the method of placing tubes in the set by the relation of their mutual conductance, as frequently the circuit constants are different for each stage of intermediate frequency amplification due to the coupling of the connections, variation in coils, etc., for which no provision is made when three identical tubes are chosen to work together. In the method described full allowance is made for this condition.

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## Commerce Department Shifting Wave-lengths

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On the other hand, this is the only known method of creating more channels. If the second scheme, requiring stations to divide time on given wave-lengths, were followed, only about half the stations could operate at once, and if wave channels were duplicated, there would be interference on practically every wave-length all the time, as at least two stations would be using the same channel simultaneously.

Considering these plans, it would appear that the first method is generally the best, but the problem of educating the fans to this belief remains to be accomplished before peace in the air is secured.

## Radio Liars

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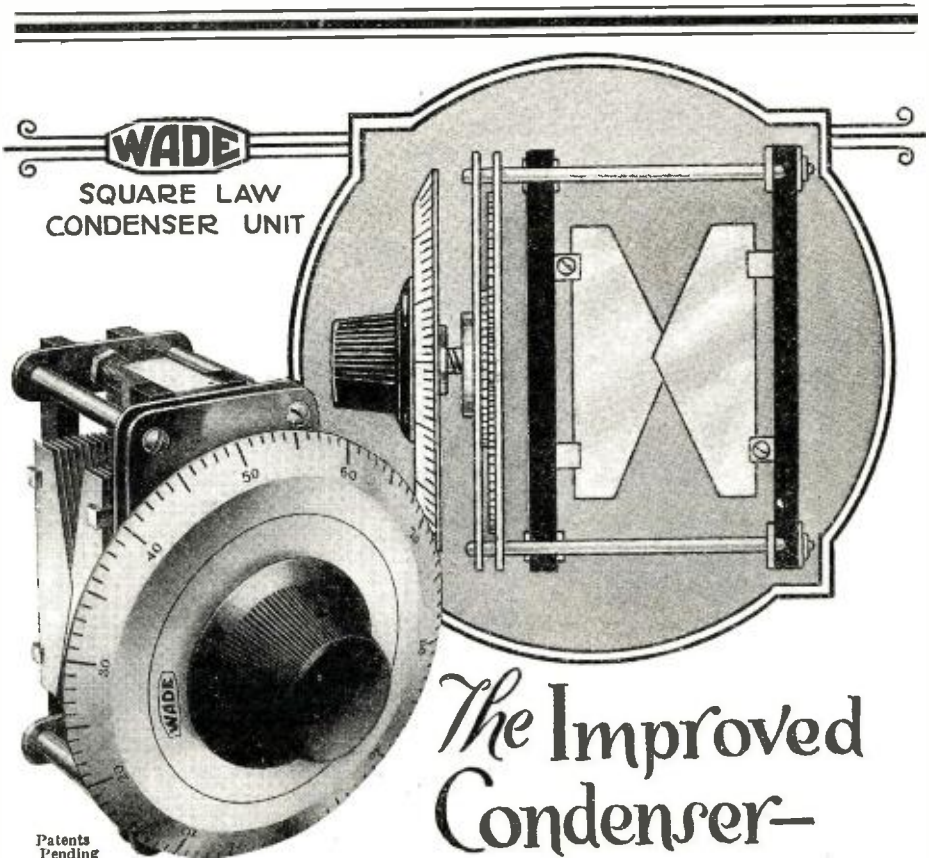
seat-mate with a list of the stations he logged the night before. You no sooner get ready to open your mail when one of your clerks can be heard telling the book-keeper he got 2LO (London) last night on a single tube "Sinewaver." If this does not contribute to your mental lunacy, you have another blow coming when you go out to lunch. Nearly every chair in the one-arm joints holds a radio listener, ready on the slightest provocation to immerse you in a sea of radio chatter about his "Crystalena" on which he tuned in St. Louis.

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It did not take long for the idea to seep into the newspaper offices. Chaps who had run their legs off on the streets and were propped up against a desk to keep them from falling (the chaps, not the desks) and who knew radio like a book because they had seen a play on the stage with a radio in it, were inducted into office as radio editors. After journalistic experience the art of radio lying was easier than swiping the well-known bonbons from the adolescent.

**ON THE NEWSPAPERS**

The radio editor was wholly to blame for the radio engineer. Left to himself, this pest at best could have victimized only a few in his short existence. But the columns of the "Yelp" held forth such an alluring vista to the man who two months prior was delivering meat in a butcher wagon. (But is now a certified radio engineer after reading a few books and building two or three sets.)

Then would appear articles signed by the radio engineer in which a palpitating public is told "The Bozo," made from hook-ups appearing in the "Yelp," is the only set worth considering in these days of bluff and buncombe. Its merits are extolled to the skies and a Question and Answer column set up for the benefit of the nuts who follow the diagrams. Free advice to the radio-orn is always supplied in the Question and Answers. X. B. J., of Walla Walla, Wash., writes in to ask how his "Bloop" can be made to work. The next day the radio engineer wisely counsels as follows: "Throw it in Puget Sound and build a 'Bozo.'" Or maybe M. Y. B., of Sassafras, Tex., will gently inquire how he can prevent his loud speaker from squealing. The following day he is told: "Chloroform her."

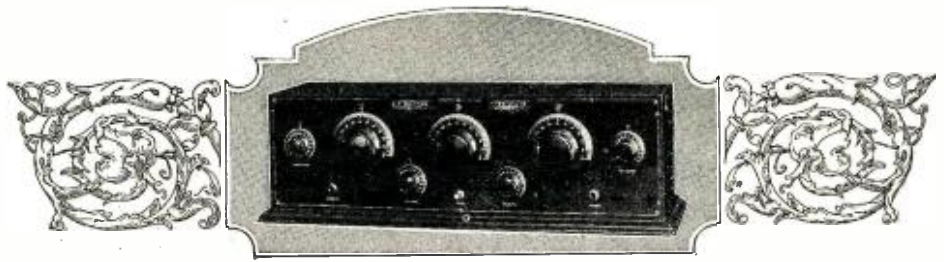
Finally the germ invades the public schools, creating more havoc than the flu. Teachers, supervisors and pupils are bitten. Little Johnnie, aged 14, brings home a report card with zero in everything but radio. Musty attics are transformed into radio laboratories and countless Johnnies and Jimmies have started on their careers of fame. Football teams get flabby sitting in easy chairs before a loud speaker listening to Walter Krampf broadcasting on "Tackling, and where it is being done." Instead of recess, the kids glue receivers on their ears and listen to the noon quotations on hog on the hoof and goat on the horn.

At home, mothers and daughters listen to Mrs. Xenophon telling her audience, "You can do it better with—'Sudless soap.'" Meals are prepared by radio, and many eaten in the same manner. Fathers come home and raise aeriels higher so mother can tune in the afternoon tea-tasting session down at Kansas City. If your supper is late, it is so comforting to know the missus has been listening to such a charming talk that afternoon on "Blisters, and who causes them." If you are newly wed and your bride tells you Dr. Hazelcroft has invented a Neutrodyne circuit that completely neutralizes the static in the air, better not laugh at her if you value your life.

**IN POLITICS**

The politicians soon fell on the radio as a means to spreading their fables. Last election we nightly heard gentlemen of various political hues telling us how sick Uncle Sam was and which doctor to call in. Even the artists on the radio programs began telling how much money they received for broadcasting. Our whole social fabric is being contaminated. The women lie to embarrass their rivals; the kids for the adulation of their parents, and everybody furnishing high coloring with a vengeance.

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The industry has assumed such proportions the government has taken a hand in it. Having outgrown the Congressional Record and the departmental Joe Millers, Uncle Sam is now arranging programs for the benefit of those who will believe them. Instead of sending good pea seeds to the farmers, our senators and other gentry are telling what causes the seven-year itch, and how it may be blocked by digging ditches across the corn-fields and pouring asphaltum therein. It is even rumored Secretary Hoover recently held a conference to standardize the industry.

Personally, I never had a radio set and cannot understand the radio code.

That reminds me—the other night I was listening in at home on my "Sure-gets-em" when I heard a vessel in distress off the coast of China—let's see—about 7,800 miles from Chicago.

## The Regenerative Neutrodyne

(Continued from page 1883)

There are doubtless many who have wondered why stations of a given power and distance (other than local stations) are so much weaker on the longer waves than on the short ones. In this connection, however, there may be few exceptions due to local conditions either at the receiving station or at the transmitter or both which may reverse this order in very exceptional cases. Nevertheless, with very few such exceptions the strongest and most reliable signals will be found on the shorter wave-lengths and often the difference is so great that even the powerful 1,000-watt stations working at the higher end of the broadcast wave-lengths are much inferior to 500-watt stations of like distance working on the lower waves. This is largely due to the aerial at the receiving station being more nearly suited to the reception of the shorter wave-lengths.

A short aerial will give excellent results on very short waves (waves far below the broadcast limit), and, of course, will receive on any wave-length, but a short aerial with a natural wave-length of about 135 meters should not be expected to collect much energy from a signal whose energy is on a wave-length of 500 meters or thereabouts.

Tests have shown that the average aerial of this length gives just about one-half the volume at 300 meters, about one-third the volume at 450 meters and about one-fourth the volume at 600 meters as received on the detector in comparison to aerials more suited to the wave-lengths mentioned.

In circuits that use semi-tuned aerials, like the Neutrodyne, it is much better to use an aerial with a natural wave-length above the wave being received rather than below, yet there is a limit where it is practically impossible to gain anything by increasing the length, and consequently the natural wave-length, of the aerial, and when this condition is reached for any special wave-length (and consequently all wave-lengths below this wave) the maximum radio frequency amplification by means of the aerial has been reached for any given height of aerial. The actual height of the aerial will, to a large extent, determine just what this maximum is.

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frequency amplification ahead of the detector, and when the practical limits of each—radio frequency by regeneration, by tuned amplifiers ahead of the detector and by the aerial—have been reached, it is possible to go no further, for the limits of present day radio receiving has been reached.

**METHODS AND ADVANTAGES**

In reviewing the foregoing we find that each of the different methods have their own peculiarities and advantages. The tuned radio frequency ahead of the detector makes a strong signal stronger, is more effective at long wave-lengths, increases selectivity and the practical present day limit (over the broadcast band) without the use of stabilizers or other devices to weaken the effects of regeneration in the radio frequency circuits is two stages. That regeneration is more effective on the short wave-lengths than on the long ones, that above a certain limit regeneration produces distortion, that it does not materially increase the volume of a very strong signal, that it requires one extra control on the set and it increases selectivity, are well-known facts. While only a very small aerial is necessary to receive over long distances, especially when used with regeneration and radio frequency amplification combined, much can be gained by using aerials suited to the maximum wave-length received.

Realizing that many radio fans cannot get up a long aerial and in many cases no aerial at all of an effective nature, experiments have been conducted with a view of adapting the regenerative Neutrodyne combination to a loop, a very effective arrangement of which is shown in Fig. 6. While results do not compare with those obtained from a large aerial, quite satisfactory loud speaker reception can be obtained over distances of several hundred miles under average night time conditions. Under more favorable conditions much greater distances may be covered, and it is not unusual to hear the higher power Pacific coast stations under good conditions with head phones.

Much can be gained by experimenting with different sized loops, a different number of turns on the loop and on the loop coil and with different sized condensers across the loop.

It is very important that the coil be placed at the same angle as that of the regular neutrodyne, and that the leads to the loop be kept well apart, otherwise trouble will certainly be experienced in properly neutralizing the set.

**BUILDING THE SET**

As a starting point the regular neutrodyne may be disassembled by taking the inside or primary coil entirely out. Then break the connection from the secondary winding to the stationary plates of the condenser and unwind about 15 turns, leaving about 50 turns on the coil. Make the wire fast so it will not unwind further and mount the remodeled unit on the panel in the usual position. The filament end of the coil is connected to the rotary plates of the condenser and the negative filament in the usual manner. The stationary side of the condenser is also connected to the grid of the first tube in the regular manner, but as the grid end of the coil has been disconnected from these plates, the only remaining thing to do is to complete this circuit with the loop. Therefore, the outside turn of the loop is connected to the grid post of the first tube and the inside turn to the end of the coil from which the 15 turns were removed. There is no other change in the wiring except that no ground connection is used. The loop should be made of very low resistance wire. It is not advisable to use a great number of turns on it. It may be operated either stationary or arranged to revolve, in which case a little advantage may be obtained of the directional properties of the loop.

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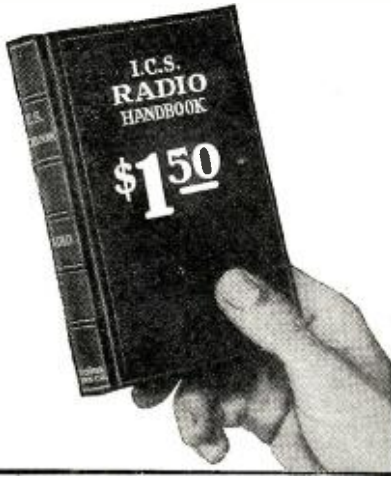
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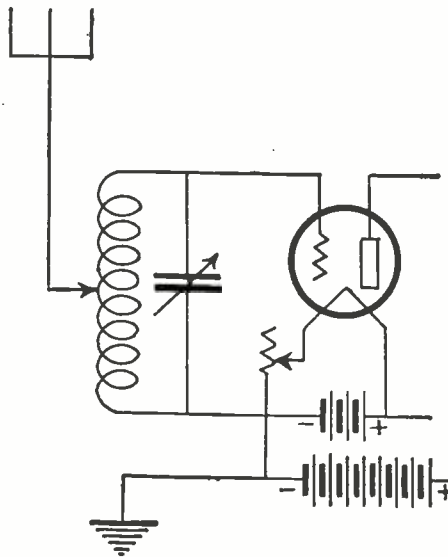


Fig. 7. The direct aerial coupling method shown may give a bit more signal strength, but the circuit will not be as selective.

ing will convince anyone that while either arrangement is effective, no fixed method of this kind can possibly give best results on every aerial over the entire broadcast wavelengths. The arrangement shown in Figs. 1 to 5 being perhaps just a little more selective and the arrangement in Fig. 7 giving perhaps a shade stronger signals, the actual signal strength can often be doubled on certain wave-lengths from that obtained with a given aerial and a fixed primary connection by using a greater or less number of turns in the primary coil if the connections of Figs. 1 to 5 are used, or by tapping the aerial onto the secondary coil at different points if the connection of Fig. 7 is used.

### RESULTS

Needless to say, if the very best results are to be obtained over the entire band of broadcast wave-lengths, taps leading to a switch should be used so as to allow the operator to cut in on any desired turn according to the wave-length being received. The exact tapping arrangement (the number of turns involved) will depend upon the aerial and can only be determined by experiments. A suggested arrangement, one that has been used to advantage for some time, is shown in Fig. 8, where, by means of a switch, either the separate primary coil or various taps on the secondary coil can be used at will.

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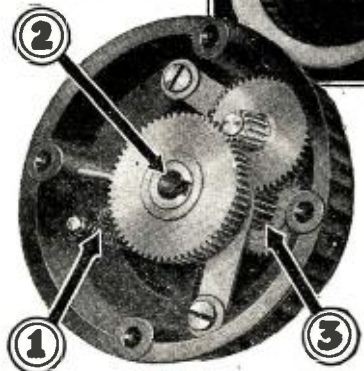
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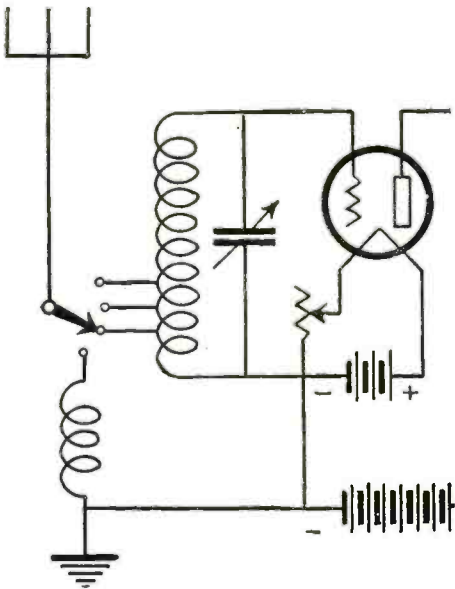


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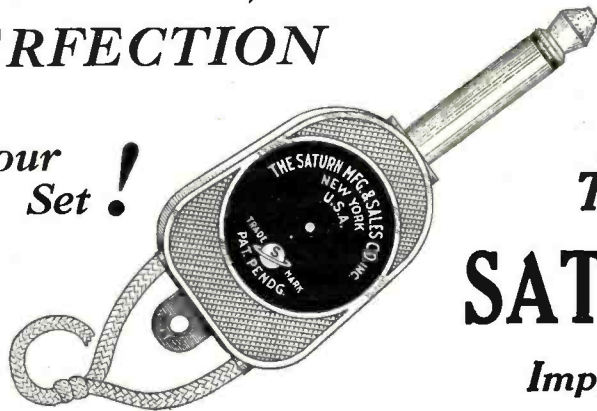
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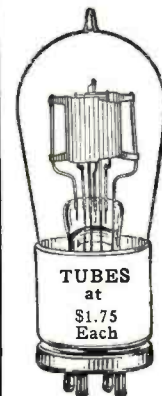
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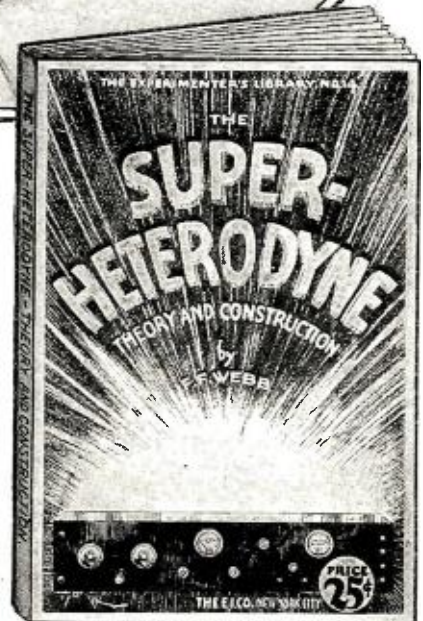
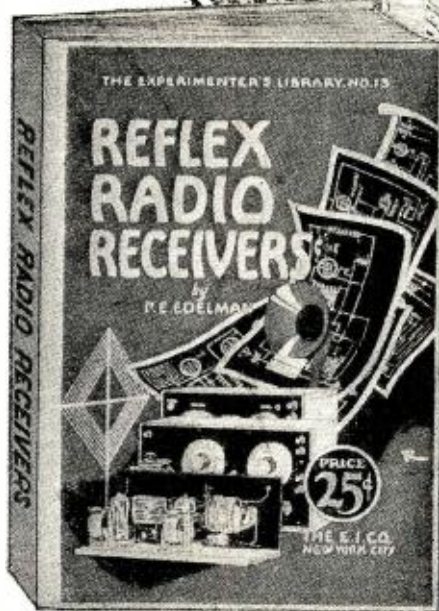
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**1AFJ**—LeRoy Johnson, 31 Perrine Avenue, Pittsfield, Mass. CW and Fone.

**2AKZ (Reassigned)**—J. A. Anderten, 94 Rossmore Place, Belleville, N. J. Ten watts CW and Fone. Pse QSL. All crds answd.

**9BPW**—Lyman Nylander, 2305 West Fifth Street, Duluth, Minn. All QSL's answd.

**8CFT (Reassigned)**—Kenneth Stelle, 312 Hanover Street, Northumberland, Penn. All reports appreciated.

**5ARR**—Tom J. Kindel, Carlsbad, New Mexico. Five watts CW and Fone. All QSL's appreciated and answd.

**8DLN**—R. W. McCracken, 46 South Third Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Five watts CW. All crds answd.

**CORRECTION**

In the January list of new QRA's, the call of the station owned and operated by Mr. A. G. Shafer, 5526 Ridgewood Street, Philadelphia, Pa., was given as **3AGF**, which is not correct. His call is **3ACF**.

**6BBV**—J. BARSBY, 1511½ N. COMMONWEALTH, HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

1aac, (1bsd), 1cab, (1cmp), (1pl), (1xz), (2apy), (2avu), (2cee), (2cvu), (2hj), (2hq), (2qt), 2rk, (2ry), (3chc), (3chg), 4iz, (4ku), (5aic), (5aj), (5ai), 5akn, (5aqw), (5hl), (5rh), (5uk), (6chl), (6oo), (6wi), 7mf, (7qd), (8atr), (8bau), 8bww, (8jq), (8zg), (9aju), (9bcj), 9bwx, (9cjj), (9csg), (9cp), (9pmj), 9drl, (9eky), (9ded), (C5BA).

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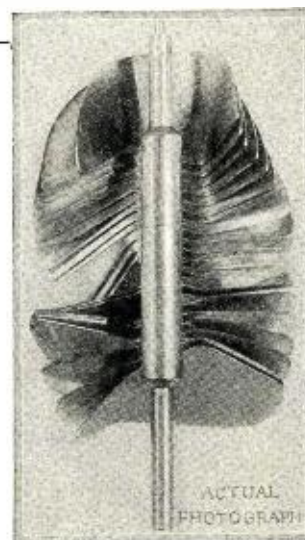
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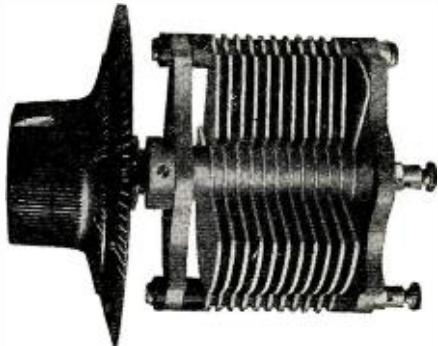
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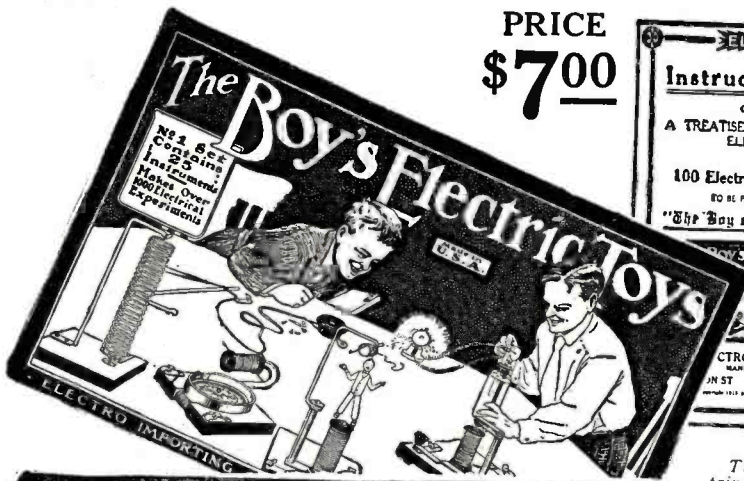
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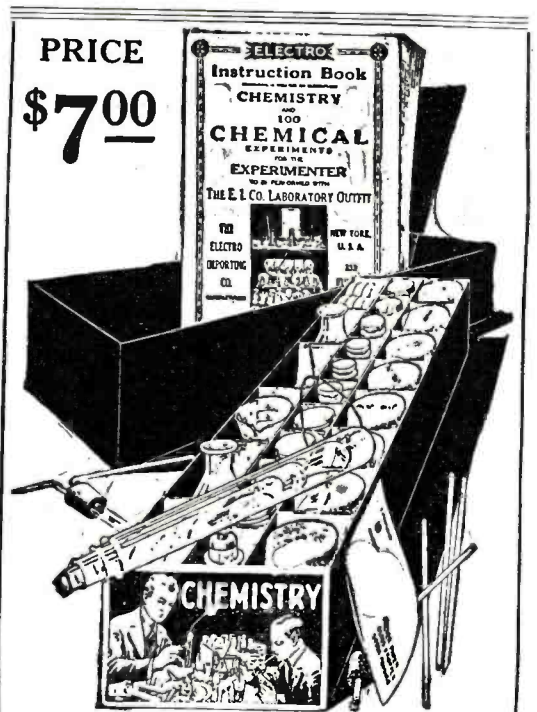
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If there are any amateurs who do not yet fully realize the extreme value of the several new wave-length bands below 100 meters that have just been authorized for amateur transmission, the following facts should prove convincing that more energy can be radiated on the lower wave-lengths than on the higher ones.

The limited commercial transmitter at the Thomas H. Ince Studio, KZY, was tuned to 295 meters during a test, and at that wave-length the reading on the thermo-couple antenna ammeter was exactly five and one-quarter amperes. The station wavemeter, a very good one, was placed about three feet from the transmitter and carefully tuned to the transmitting wave-length. The current-squared thermo-galvanometer in the wavemeter gave a deflection of 15 divisions.

Without changing or moving anything but the clips on the transmitting inductance, the transmitter was then tuned down to 145 meters. Two antenna series condensers were used on this lower wave-length. The antenna ammeter read only three amperes on this wave-length. The wavemeter was left in exactly the same position as before, and carefully tuned to the working wave-length of the transmitter. The thermo-galvanometer then gave a deflection of 40 divisions.

With only about half the antenna ammeter reading on the lower wave-length as on the higher one, the transmitter was really radiating almost three times as much energy. This means that the transmitter would give a signal in a receiving set at a fixed distance almost three times stronger on the lower wave-length than on the higher one. Though the input to the transmitter was not recorded, it was practically the same for both wave-lengths. The radiated energy is what counts; an antenna ammeter is a very good liar.

**SHORT WAVE TRANSMITTER RESTRICTIONS**

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I have just finished reading Mr. Bruno's article in the January, 1925, issue of RADIO NEWS, and found it to be very interesting. Hope we will often hear from him through RADIO NEWS.

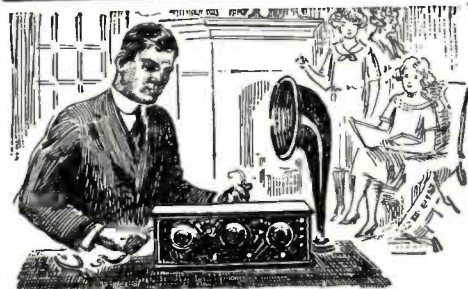
It is not that I wish to discourage anyone from experimenting with low power transmitters—on the contrary, I would rather see more people interest themselves in this most fascinating of all phases of radio work—but attention must be called to a very serious error on Mr. Bruno's part in the article referred to above. At the end he says: "Remember that you do not need a license to operate this apparatus." This is entirely incorrect. Not only must a license be taken out, but the transmitter may only be operated over the band of wave-lengths specified—about 4 to 5 meters. It is against the law to operate an amateur C.W. transmitter on, say, 3 meters, or on 6 or 10 meters. This is, of course, to avoid interference with commercial and other stations operating on nearby short waves.

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**3BHY TAKES NOTES ON ECLIPSE**

Gettysburg College amateur station, 3BHY, under supervision of E. G. Ports, Institute of Physics, was in operation during the period of the eclipse and noted the following: At about 8:45 a. m., E.S.T., amateur phone stations from the West began to come through with fair audibility; as the sun became further covered by the moon's disk, the signals increased very much in intensity. Several ninth district stations were worked

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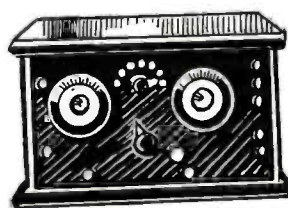
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on voice during this period, and at the period of totality, 9DG, Dellville, Ill., was worked. His signals came in as loudly as at night and he in turn reported 3BM as very loud and clear. As the moon's disk passed off the sun, the signals again faded and by 9:12 a. m., E.S.T., Bellville, Ill., had faded so completely that they could not be heard. However, 9BSP of Olathe, Kan., continued to come in strong on phone until about 9:24 a. m., E. S. T.

**A University Radio Laboratory**

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A few practice experiments are given in the technique of connecting up and operating power tube oscillators, radiophone modulators, vacuum tube amplifiers, etc.

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The speech amplifier furnishes amplified voice frequency power to broadcast this change in modulator plate current and oscillator output, the power speech amplifier containing three vacuum tubes, the last stage of which is a 50-watt power tube, and two 5-watt power tubes, furnishing agitation for the 50-watt tube.

**The Life and Work of Lee DeForest**

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control over the flow of current in the local circuit with the control placed at one side of the two terminals of the local circuit in the tube, why should it not exert an even greater influence over it with the new plate placed between the other terminals?

**THE FINAL STEP**

From this point the reasoning was comparatively simple. If the control electrode worked well outside the bulb and separated at a comparatively great distance from the other elements, why should it not give much better results if it were placed inside of the tube and comparatively close to the other

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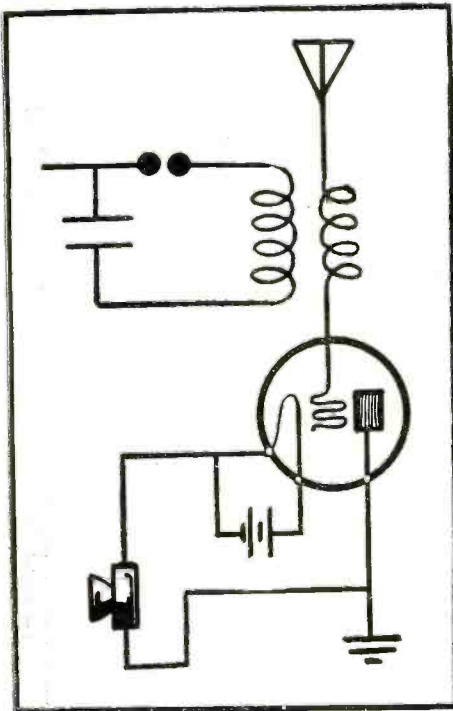
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elements? But the plate form would have to be dispensed with since the conduction of the current through the tube was by the ionized gases (at least that was the accepted explanation at the time), and a plate between the filament and the first plate would place an unnecessary obstacle in the path of the current carrying gases. Of course, he had decided to place the aerial control electrode between the plate and the filament in order to gain the greatest possible control over the flow of local current from the battery through the tube and to the telephone receivers. Consequently the usual plate form was dropped for the present day grid. The final form of the audion, as we know it today, was the result, shown in Fig. 7.

**REALIZATION**

After a few preliminary tests with the new detecting device, DeForest was so impressed with the results that he began to see dimly some of the changes it would make in the whole field of minute currents. He saw adaptations of it throughout the realm of electricity. He knew then, as he knew afterward when he read a paper before the Franklin Institute when he was given the Cresson medal, that the little grid was worthy of the greatest enthusiasm and praise.



The circuit patented by DeForest in 1906 for voice modulation in connection with a spark transmitter. Were the plate and grid connections interchanged the circuit would be the same, basely, as the present-day modulation system employed in radio broadcasting.

He said of it at the Franklin Institute: "In surveying the wide field of electrical communication today one cannot look back at that little figure of the first grid electrode without a sense of wonder at the enormous changes which it has wrought. It has made possible commercial trans-oceanic radio telegraphy. It has realized trans-continental radio telephony, it has made reception of wireless signals half way round the globe an everyday occurrence. The uncanny accuracy of millions of shells from the allies' guns, the clock-like precision of the dancing barrages, would have been impossible save for the effectiveness of their trench and air-plane service, in which the grid audion was the essential part. Today this little grid controls and modulates an ever increasing kilowattage of radio telephone energy, which as early as 1915 conveyed the spoken voice from Arlington to Honolulu and more recently from New Brunswick to the trans-

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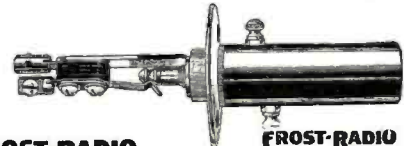


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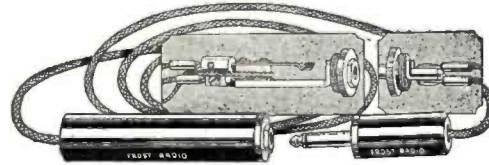
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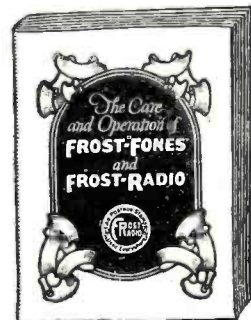
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**S**UCCESS of DeForest and his company had, up to this time, only been moderate. The World's Fair Exhibit in St. Louis, however, had given the work of the company and the inventor a great push forward. At the close of the air season, a British branch of the company was formed and DeForest took another flying trip to Europe. He was there just 10 days—long enough to allow him to settle some of the details as to patents and specifications and to receive a dinner at the Savoy Hotel from Lord Armstrong and a number of notables.

**COMPANY GETS NAVY CONTRACT**

As soon as the business was completed, DeForest rushed back to New York. There was great business afoot, the Navy was about to decide five contracts for stations to be erected in the vicinity of the Gulf of Mexico. DeForest and his laboratory staff set about figuring immediately.

A month later the contracts were awarded to the DeForest Company for the five stations. The stations were of huge power for that time; they were to be 20 and 25 kilowatts input.

There were four contestants for the contracts, the DeForest Company, the Telefunken Company, the German firm, The National Electric Signaling Company and the Marconi Company.

The experiences in the erection and operation of the stations were heart breaking. Static was evident in such forms as the engineers of the company had never before known. In the erection of the stations at Guantanamo and Colon (aside from these two there were stations at Key West, San Juan and Pensacola), climate and living conditions were such as to make life a veritable hell for those engaged in the construction. All of them were men from northern climes, unused to the terrific heat of the tropics.

**TROPICAL STATIC!**

After the completion of the Pensacola station and its sister at Key West, the crew made ready to open for traffic. And then the surprise came. Static conditions were so bad that operation was impossible for more than three or four hours per day during the summer time. And it could only be carried out then with the aid of the "Balancing Pan Cake Coils." This tuner was simply composed of three flat inductances, one connected to one end of the antenna, while the other end of the antenna was connected to the ground. The other two pan cakes were connected in the local circuit and astoundingly good tuning resulted from balancing the several circuits.

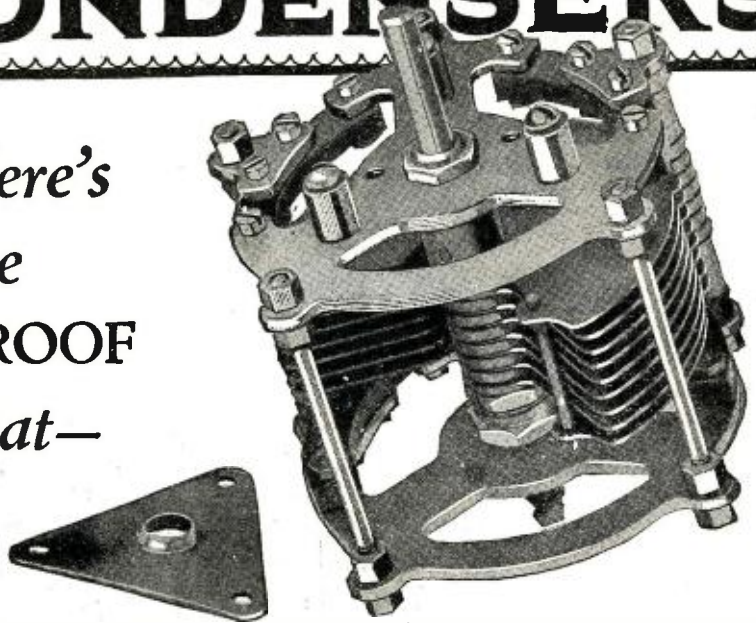
**A DEAD SPOT**

At the Key West station a dead spot was located between its antenna and the Pensacola station. Communication could be carried on in one direction, but not in the other. Things were at a desperate pass. The spark gaps were lengthened in order to get a bit larger charge on the condensers and immediately the high voltage broke over the condenser insulation. The spark gap was of the large open variety, and on a cool,

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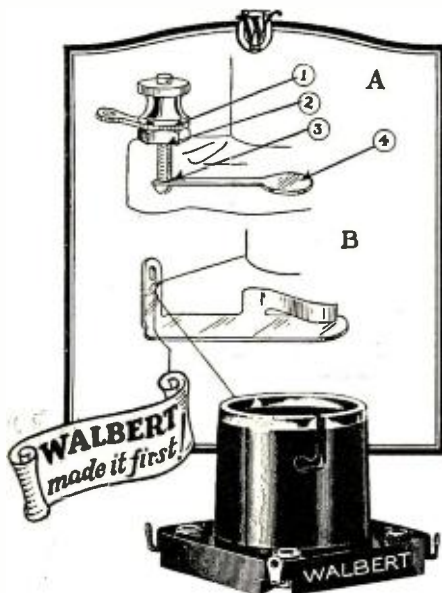
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clear night the messages being sent from the Key West station could have been read all over the island by the simple method of reading the spark.

The troubles encountered at the Pensacola station were little smaller. The station could not get an efficient ground in the usual way. It was found necessary to drive hundreds of pipes into the ground in order to gain contact with good damp soil.

### FEVER AND QUARANTINE

Then they were quarantined at the Navy Yard, where the station was located for five weeks on account of fever.

All the winter and spring of 1905 were occupied in erecting the five stations and putting them into operation.

All during these times, while DeForest was busily engaged in the station work, he was finding time now and then to work on the new vacuum tube detector. They were still being only partially exhausted; in fact, the plate element was being coated with a halogen salt which would vaporize when the tube was placed in operation.

It was not until a year later when DeForest was adapting the tube as a telephone amplifier that the advantages of the hard or highly exhausted tube were evident.

### DEFOREST'S MODULATION SYSTEM

And one point is very important. At this early date DeForest was working toward the radio telephone. The circuit shown in Fig. 8 shows how closely he came to the present method of modulation with a tube. The high frequency carrier was to be supplied by a spark arrangement producing undamped waves. The antenna current was to be passed through a tube and thereby modulated.

This is one point showing how close an experimenter may come to a really new adaptation and miss it. Shortly after DeForest had started the experiments with this modulation method—in fact, while he was in the midst of them—he was called away on business of the company so that he did not have time to try the usual procedure of interchanging the electrodes of the tube. When he returned, the work had been so disorganized that it was not taken up again in its logical form until years later.

A few months later he came, in some of his experiments along this same line, to the heart of the oscillator detector of Heterodyne reception—but more of this later.

In looking back over the history of the audion and compressing it into cold written fact, it loses something of its romance and beauty. Really an invention which has had such far-reaching effects throughout the whole field of electrical and radio engineering should almost take the form of a saga. However, the story is one that is filled with fights, villains, great characters, strenuous circumstances and all the ingredients of an epic. But, like most really good tales, these things are mostly found between the lines. Nevertheless, it is a tale of one of the world's greatest inventions.

## International Radio

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**Broadcasting in Sweden Promising**

Pending the erection of the regular broadcast stations to be operated under the "Radiotjanst," the Swedish Telegraph Administration will operate temporary stations for the benefit of some 40,000 radio fans. Stations of this type are already operating at Stockholm, Malmo and Gothenburg. During January the equipment of the Boden station was installed and it is expected that another will be erected and equipped soon at Sundswall. At the beginning of this year new regulations went into effect and new licenses were required of all. Licenses for private receiving sets cost 12 kronen, but when loudspeakers are employed in public places, special permits at increased fees are necessary.

**Country Without a Broadcast Station**

**BRAZIL**  
The Para district of Brazil is without a broadcast station and so the fans living there are forced to listen to outside stations. The stations of the United States are received best and advices state that American made sets are giving the greatest satisfaction and results.

**ARGENTINE**

**Have You Heard Station LOR?**

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**CHINA**

**Far East To Get Station**

The Colonial Government of Hongkong plans to erect a broadcast station for the purpose of transmitting typhoon and police warnings and matters of public interest in "plain language." Owing to the apparent high cost of operation, the local government will operate the station itself and the station will probably work on a wave-length of 350 or 369 meters.

**INDIA**

**American Stations Heard In India**

Two Marconi engineers in India intercepted a beam short-wave message from England to South Africa, and then listened to short-wave broadcasts from KDKA at Pittsburgh. This occurred in Bombay and served as a boost for American made sets as these results were obtained with this apparatus. In fact, all through the East, American sets are considered to be of the best grade.

**MEXICO**

**American Sets In Mexico**

Of the 20,000 radio receiving sets operated in Mexico and about 12,000 more in the other parts of the country, nearly 95 per cent. is reported to be of American make. Government licenses, regulations and inspection are required for all these stations, as well as the four large and six small broadcast stations on the air in Mexico.

**A NEW STUNT**

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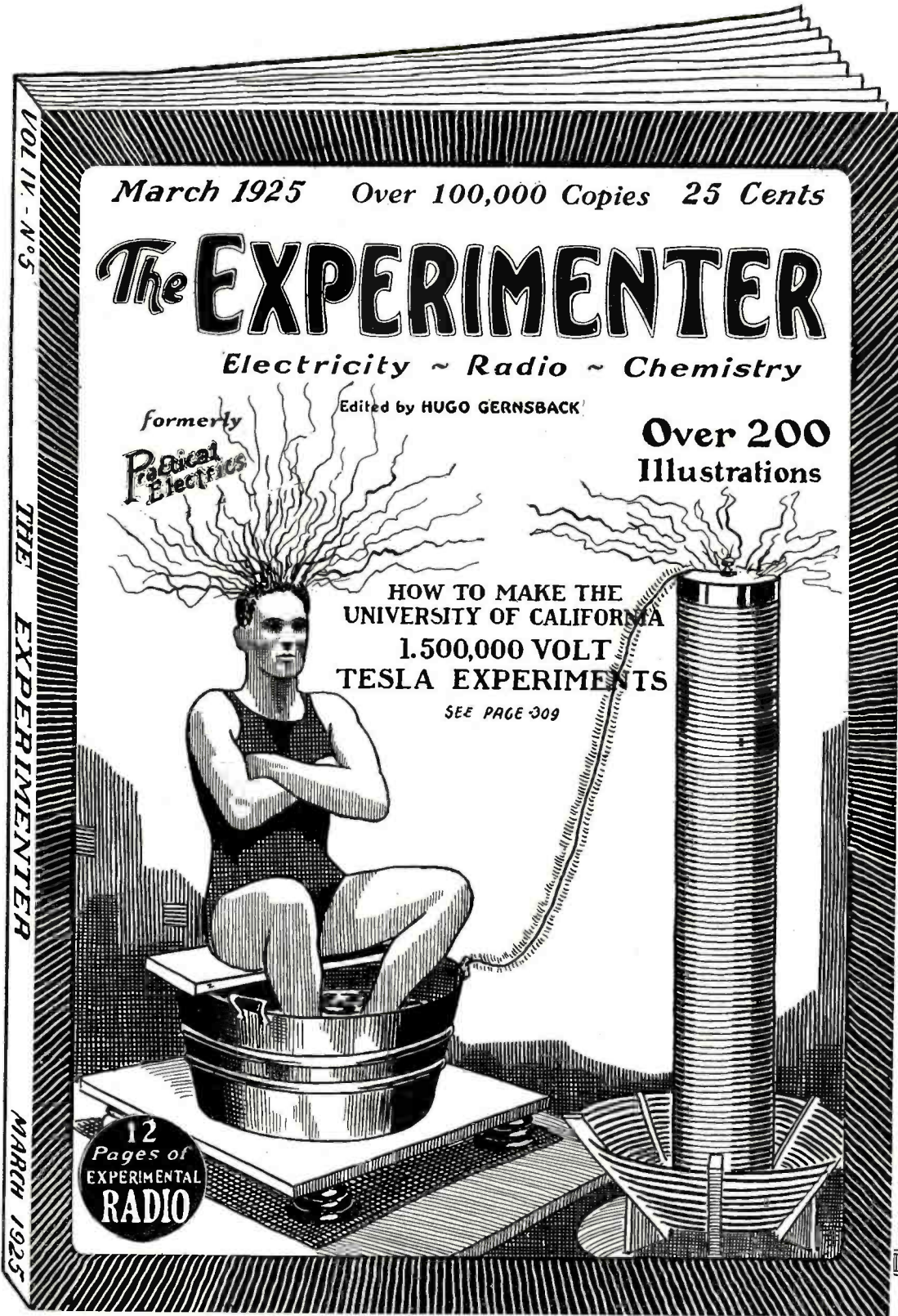
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## Lessons in Esperanto

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the dictionary for their definitions, but will instantly grasp their meaning by their classification.

The following summary will show you how to study the table.

To become master of the entire 45 words, it is only necessary to learn the nine indefinite words in the left-hand column and the three letters, K, T, Ĉ and sign of the negative, Nen-, at the top. Let us suppose that I is the root-word conveyning an idea of anything, that is, something indefinite.

To form a noun add O. IO = something.

To form an adjective add A. IA = some sort of.

To form an adverb add E. IE = somewhere.

In English we are accustomed to associate A. M. with time. Thus IAM means at some time, and 'S we usually connect with possession, thus IES means somebody's. We have thus broken the back of the problem. Only the following forms remain, and no doubt you will develop your own plan for remembering these:

U for individual; thus IU = somebody.  
OM for quantity; thus IOM = some quantity, somewhat.

AL for cause, reason; thus IAL = for some cause, reason.

EL for manner; thus IEL = in some way, somehow.

So much for the indefinite forms.

In order to transform them into relative or interrogative forms, prefix K, which always indicates a question is being asked, and takes the place of ĉu as the sign of interrogation. K usually corresponds to the English wh. Thus: kio = what (thing); kiu = who (what person), etc. For others see the table, under heading K.

Similarly, for demonstratives, instead of K, prefix T, which always points out objects or indicates a definite thought. It usually corresponds to English th. Tio = that thing, that; tiu, that person. For others, see table under heading T.

Similarly, for negatives substitute Nen for T or K, and you have nenio, nothing; neni, nobody, no one. For others see the table under heading Nen.

Similarly, for distributives substitute Ĉ for Nen, T or K, and you have ĉio, everything; ĉiu, everybody, every one. For others see the table under heading Ĉ.

As various people have various ways to overcome difficulties, you may find the following little rhyme helpful with the foregoing:

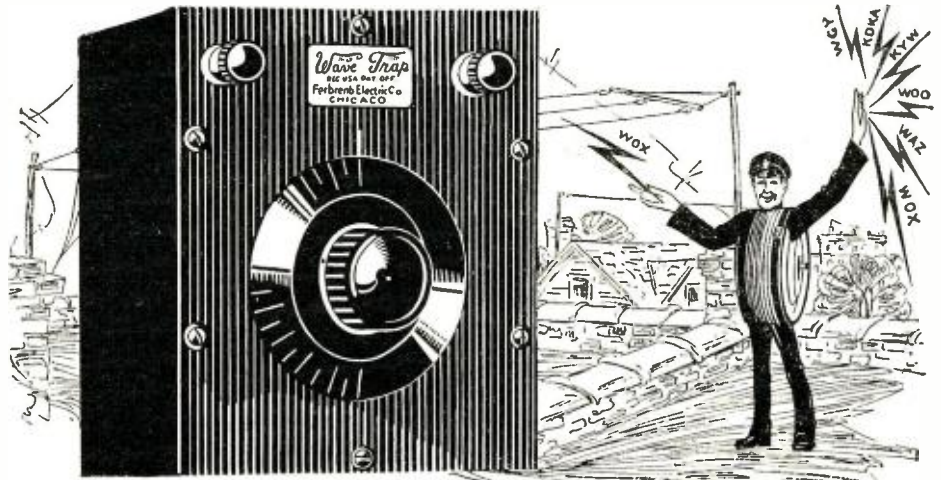
I-, Ĉi-, Ti-, Neni-, and Ki-,  
Then add -a for Quality,  
-al for Reason, -am for Time,  
-e for Place, excuse the rhyme.  
Manner -el; Possession -es,  
which must always sound like bless,  
Thing add -o, -om Quantity,  
Person -u should always be.

(From The Esperantist.)

U refers to individuality, person or specified object. Iu pentristo, any. (or some certain) painter; iuj libroj, some (or any) books.

### VOCABULARY

Konstrui, to build; nur, only; eble, possible; baterio, battery; transformatoro, transformer; kurento, current; povo, power; mejlo, mile; detektoro, detector; cirkvito, circuit; sen, without; intenci, to intend; jes, yes; uzi, to use; preskaŭ, almost; opinio, opinion; longa, long; aŭdi,



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Mi volas konstrui ian senfadenan aparaton. Kian aparaton vi volas? Mi nur intencas konstrui ricevaraparton kiam tio estas eble. Ĉu vi havas radio-aparaton? Jes, mi havas bonan ricevaraparton kaj ankaŭ sendaparaton. Kie ĝi estas. Ĝi estas tie en mia domo. Kian baterion uzas vi? Mi uzas alternan kurenton kun transformatoro. Preskaŭ ĉiu senfadena amatoro nun uzas elektran kurenton. Jes, estas ĉies opinio ke tia estas la plej bona fonto de povo. Kiom estas via plej longa DX? Ĝi estas 2,400 mejloj. Mi aŭdis stacion en Nova Zelando per laŭtparolilo uzante detektoron kaj unu malalta frekvenco en malalta perda cirkvito, Meissner, kun .0006 mikrofarado Kellogg kondensatoro.

### TRANSLATE TO ESPERANTO

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### LESSON 6

#### WORD-BUILDING IN ESPERANTO

From most words in Esperanto there may be formed, by the application of certain fixed rules, a number of derived words, to express all shades of thought. Thanks to this, the amount of material required for a vocabulary of all words likely to occur in everyday life, is enormously reduced.

The flexibility of Esperanto is amazing, as you will learn in this and the rest of these lessons, since all that is left for you to learn now is the system of affixes and a few special points that need explanation. Suppose you learn 500 root words in Esperanto. Then:

(1) By applying the grammatical endings, -O, -A, -E, and -I you have 2,000 words at your command.

(2) Applying an average of 10 of the 30 affixes to each of the 2,000, you now have 20,000 words at your command. This is a conservative estimate.

(3) Adding words formed with two or more words, made by adding one root to another root, we easily bring the number of words at your command up to 25,000.

Suppose you learn 500 root words in Latin, French, Spanish, German or Russian. You cannot with certainty apply any principle of word-building. So that: Learn 500 Esperanto words and you have a vocabulary of 25,000; learn 500 words of any national language and you have but the 500, and for the derivations you must learn about 2,000 new root words.

To create new words in Esperanto, as mentioned above, we make use of:

(1) Grammatical Terminations: For example, from the root parol' (which expresses the idea of speaking), we can form:

paroli, to speak; parolo, speech; parola, oral, spoken; parolanto, speaker; mi parolas, I speak, and a great number of others.

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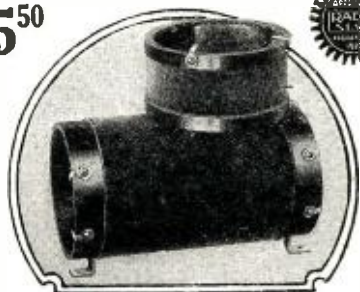
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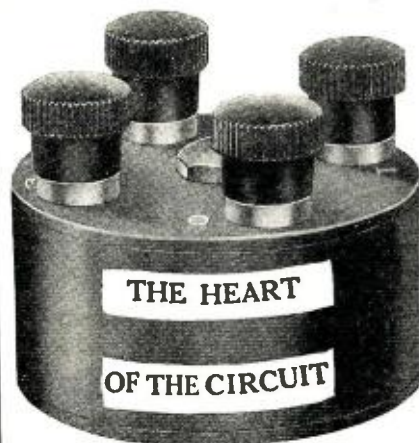
(2) Compound Words: For example: eniri, to enter (en in, iri to go); eliri, to go out (el out, iri to go); rulkurteno, window blind (ruli, to roll, kurteno, curtain).

In order to have all the Esperanto affixes together, they are printed in this lesson, but this leaves no space for needful illustration of the manner of using them. This treatment of them will be given in the next lesson. Their definitions as given here are full enough to enable a student reading any Esperanto text to clearly understand them.

#### THE ESPERANTO AFFIXES

- aĉ—denotes contempt: dom'o, a house; dom'aĉ'o, a hovel. hundo, a dog; hund'aĉ'o, a cur.
- ad—denotes the continuation of an action: ir'i, to go; ir'ad'i, to continue going; parol'i, to speak; parol'ad'o, a speech.
- aj—denotes something made from, or having the quality of what is mentioned: mal'nov'a, old; mal'nov'ajo, an antique. bov'o, an ox; bov'aj'o, beef.
- an—denotes an inhabitant, or partisan: vilaĝ'o, a village; vilaĝ'an'o, a villager; London'o, London; London'an'o, Londoner; klub'o, club; klub'an'o, member of a club.
- ar—denotes a collection of what is mentioned: arb'o, a tree; arb'ar'o, a forest; vort'o, a word; vort'ar'a, a dictionary. libr'o, a book; libr'ar'o, a library.
- bo— denotes a relation by marriage: fil'in'o, daughter; bo'fil'in'o, daughter-in-law.
- ĉj—these letters added to the first few letters of a masculine name make of it an affectionate diminutive: Vilhelm'o, William; Vil'ĉj'o, Willie. Will, Bill;
- for feminine names add nj instead of ĉj: Mari'o, Mary; Ma'nj'o, Polly.
- dis— denotes separation (as in English): sem'i, to sow; dis'sem'i, to scatter, disseminate.
- ebl—denotes possibility (English -able, -ible): fleks'i, to bend; fleks'ebl'a, flexible.
- ec—denotes a quality (English-ness): bel'a, beautiful; bel'ec'o, beauty. bon'a, good; bon'ec'o, goodness.
- edz—denotes a married person: doktor'o, doctor; doktor'edz'in'o, doctor's wife; lav'ist'in'o, washerwoman; lav'ist'in'edz'o, washerwoman's husband.
- eg—denotes enlargement or intensity of degree: pord'o, door; pord'eg'o, portal, outer-door; grand'a, great; grand'eg'a, immense.
- ej—denotes the place where an action occurs: kuir'i, to cook; kuir'ej'o, kitchen; preĝ'i, to pray; preĝ'ej'o, church; dorm'i, to sleep; dorm'ej'o, a dormitory.
- ek— denotes the beginning or short duration of an action: bril'i, to shine; ek'bril'i, to flash; rid'i, to laugh; ek-rid'i, to burst out laughing.
- em—denotes propensity or disposition: kred'i, to believe; kred'em'a, credulous.
- er—denotes one object of a collection: sab'l'o, sand; sab'ler'o, a grain of sand; fajr'o, fire; fajr'er'o, a spark; mon'o, money; mon'er'o, a coin.
- estr—denotes a chief or leader (English -master): ŝip'o, ship; ŝip'estr'o, captain.
- et—denotes decrease or diminution of degree: rid'e, laughingly; rid'et'e, smilingly; dorm'i, to sleep; dorm'et'i, to doze;

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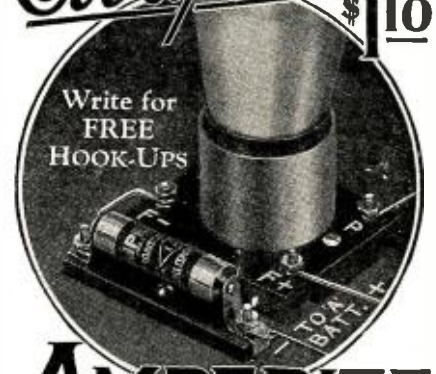
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- id—denotes a child or descendant: Izrael'o, Israel; Izrael'id'o, Israelite; ŝaf'o, sheep; ŝaf'id'o, lamb.
- ig—denotes the causing anything to be in a certain state: brul'i, to burn; bul'ig'i, to set on fire; edz'o, married person; edz'ig'i, to marry; pli'grand'a, larger; pli'grand'ig'i, to enlarge.
- ig—denotes the action of becoming, turning to: pal'a, pale; pal'ig'i, to turn pale; fluid'a, fluid; fluid'ig'i, to melt.
- il—denotes the instrument by whose means an action takes place: hak'i, to hew; hak'il'o, axe; kudr'i, to sew; kudr'il'o, needle; paf'i, to shoot; paf'il'o, rifle.
- in—denotes the feminine gender: kok'o, cock; kok'in'o, hen; hero'o, hero; hero'in'o, heroine.
- ind—denotes worthiness: laud'i, to praise; laud'ind'a, praise-worthy.
- ing—denotes a holder, that into which an object is appropriately put; or "in goes": kandel'o, a candle; kandel'ing'o, a candle-stick; cigar'o, a cigar; cigar'ing'o, a cigar-holder.
- ism—distinctive doctrine, practice, cult, "ism": idealismo, idealism.
- ist—denotes a person following a given occupation: kurac'i, to heal; kurac'ist'o, physician; ŝtel'i, to steal; ŝtel'ist'o, thief; bot'o, boot; bot'ist'o, bootmaker ("bootist").
- mal- — denotes the direct opposite of any idea: bon'a, good; mal'bon'a, bad; estim'i, to esteem; mal'estim'i, to despise; supr'e, above; mal'supr'e, below; varm'a, warm; mal'varm'a, cold; lum'o, light; mal'lum'o, darkness.
- obl—multiple: duobla, double; dekobla, ten fold.
- on—fraction of: triono, one-third; duona, (adjective), one-half part of.
- op—numeral collective: kvinope, five together.
- re- — is the English re, again, or back: ir'i, to go; re'ir'i, to return; don'i, to give; re'don'i, to give back.
- uj—denotes that which bears or contains: mon'o, money; mon'uj'o, purse; Turk'o, a Turk; Turk'uj'o, Turkey.
- ul—denotes a person remarkable for a given quality: bel'a, beautiful; bel'ul'in'o, a beauty; mal'sag'a, foolish; mal'sag'ul'o, a fool; riĉ'a, rich; riĉ'ul'o, a rich person.
- um—this syllable is amongst the suffixes as je is amongst prepositions. It may be occasionally used when we are not sure just which suffix we want: plen'a, full; plen'um'i, to fulfil; mal'varm'a, cold; mal'varm'um'i, to take cold; vent'o, wind; vent'um'il'o, fan.

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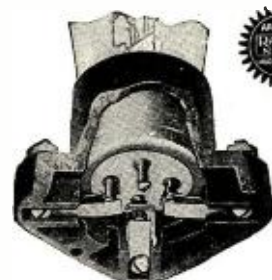
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[Editor's Note: April 16 to 20 there will be held in Paris a conference of the world's leading radio authorities. As a part of this Congress there will be sittings of members of the Esperanto Academy in co-operation with radio-Esperanto experts to adopt finally and officially by the Academy an Esperanto-radio dictionary. The following vocabulary will, without doubt, be essentially the same as the one to be officialized.]

Several Esperanto radio vocabularies have already appeared, one by Dr. Corret, in "Radio Annuaire," in France, one by Prof. Christaller, in "Germana Esperantisto," and one in "Radio Rundschau" (Austria).

The author of this English-Esperanto Radio Dictionary desires to acknowledge his indebtedness to the sources named, from which he has derived much assistance in the present compilation.

It is believed that the dictionary here presented will supply the common needs of our radio friends. On account of lack of space, it is impossible to include a complete cross-index of every word and phrase; the method adopted is the grouping, so far as possible, of all adjectival terms under the substantives from which they are derived.

A

Accumulator, akumulatoro. adjustable, alĝustigebla, variebla. aerial, antenna, anteno; artificial, artefarita; cage, kaĝforma; directional (fixed), direktita; frame, kadsa, anteno, kadro; funnel-shaped, funela; horizontal, horizonta; L-shaped, L-forma; open, nefermita; receiving, riceva; sausage, kolbasa; sending, transmitting, senda; trailing, pendanta; T-shaped, T-forma; umbrella-shaped, ombrela; vertical, vertikala. alternating, alterna;—current, alterna kurento.

alternator, alternatoro, alternilo; high-frequency—, altfrekvenca a.; induction—, a kun turna fero; motor alternator disc set, mtoralternatora grupo kun diska sparkilo; multiphase, polyphase—, multifaza a.; turbine—, turbo-alternatoro; two-phase—, dufoza a.

aluminum, aluminio. amateur, amatoro; wireless, radio—, senfadena, radio-amatoro. ammeter, ampermetro; alternating current—, alternkurenta a.; direct current—, kontinukurenta a.; moving coil—, movbobena a.

ampere, ampero; milli—, miliampero; turns, amperturnoj. amplification, (action) amplifilo, amplifado, (state) amplifeco; high frequency, altfrekvenca; low frequency, malaltfrekvenca; dual, duala.

amplifier, amplifikatoro, amplifilo; high, low, frequency—, altfrekvenca, malaltfrekvenca, amplifikatoro; magnetic—, magneta a.; resistance—, rezistanca a.; transformer—, transformatora a.

amplify, to, amplifi. amplitude, amplitudo. anode, anodo; tuned—, agordita anodo. antenna, anteno, (see Aerial); damping of—, antena amortizo; radiating—, radianta anteno; —support, antena portilo. aperiodic, aperioda. apparatus, aparato. arc, arko.

asynchronous, asinkrona. atmospherics, atmosferaĵoj, atmosferaĵperturboj. audio-frequency, malalta frekvenco. audible, aŭdebla; audibility, aŭdebleco.



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autodine, aütodino.  
automatic, aütomata.

B

Bakelite, bakelito.  
balanced, kompensita; —crystal detector, kompensita kristala detektoro; —receiver, kompensita ricevilo.

balancing signals, kompensitaj (or ekvilibrataj) signaloj.

bare wire, nuda fadeno.

battery, baterio, pilaro; anode, filament, —; anoda; filamenta baterio; high tension, low tension—, altatensia, malaltatensia, baterio; storage—, akumulato.

beats, batoj.

broadcast, to, brodkasti, disaüdigi, disendi.

broadcasting (noun), brodkasto, brodkastado; (adj.) brodkasta; —station, brodkasta stacio.

buzzer, zumilo.

calibrate, to, kalibri; calibration, kalibro, kalibrajo.

C

Call, to, voki; —sign, voksignalo.

capacitance, kapacitanco.

capacity, kapacito; aerial—, antena k.; resistance—, rezistanca k.; self—, memk.; stray capacities, superflujaj kapacitoj.

carbon, karbono.

carborundum, karborundo.

carrier wave, portanta ondo.

cascade, kaskado; —formation, kaskada formo; in—, kaskade.

cathode, katodo; incandescent—, inkan-deska katodo.

cat-whisker, kontakt-fadeneto por kristalo, "Katlipharo."

cell, pilo; battery, pilaro, baterio; dry cell, seka, pilo.

change of connections, komuto; —for receiving, k. por ricevo; —for transmitting, k. por sendo.

change-over switch, komutatoro, komutilo.

charge, to, ŝargi.

charging switch, interuptoro por ŝargo, ŝarginteruptoro.

choke coil, reaktanca bobeno, ŝokbobeno; air core protecting—, aerkerna—.

choking coil, indukta bobeno.

circuit, cirkuito; closed oscillating—, fermita oscila c.; grid—, krada c.; intermediate—, intera (or pera) c.; open oscillation—, nefermita oscila r.; short—, mallonga c.

circuit breaker, cirkuita interuptoro.  
close (or tight) coupling, apuda kupleco.

coarse, kruda.

coefficient, koeficiento, grado; coupling—, kupla g.

coherer, koheroro, koherilo; filings—, fajlaja k.; gradular—, grajna k.

coil, bobeno, spulo; air core protecting choke—, aerkerna reaktanca b.; anode—, anoda b.; basket (or spiderweb)—, korba (areaneaja) b.; choking—, indukta b.; coupling—, kupla b.; cylindrical—, cilindra b.; honeycomb—, ĉelara b.; induction—, induktanca b.; loading—, aldona (longiga) b.; measuring—, mezura b.; plug-in—, enŝtopa b.; solenoid—, solenoida b.; Tesla—, Tesla b.

coil-holder, stand, bobenujo; bobenitenilo.

commutator, komutatoro, komutilo.

compensator, kompensatoro, kompensilo.

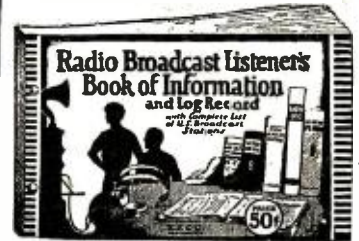
component (part), komponaĵo.

compound, kompunda, malsimpla.

condenser, kondensatoro, kondensilo adjustable—, alĝustigebla k.; aerial tuning—, antenagorda k.; blocking—, bloka k.; closed circuit—, fermita k. cirkuita;

secondary circuit—, sekundaria k. cirku

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ita; twin-coupled—, duopa k.; variable—, variigebla k.; vernier—, verniera k. conduct, to, konduki; conductive, kondukiva; conductively, kondukeco. connect, to, konekti; connection (action) konekto; (thing) konektaĵo. constant, konstanto; dielectric—, dielektrika k. continuous wave, kontinua onda. control, to, kontroli. converter, konvertitoro, konvertilo. copper, kupro; tinned—, stanita k.; —pyrites, kupra pirito. coulomb, kulombo. counterpoise, capacity earth, kontraŭpezo. couple, to, kupli; coupled, kuplita; inductively—, induktokuplita. coupler, kuplilo; vario-coupler, vario-kuplilo. coupling, (action) kuplo, kuplado, (state) kupleco; close (or tight)—, apuda k.; electromagnetic, electrostatic—, elektromagneta, elektrostatika, k.; fixed—, fiksa k.; inductive—, indukta k.; loose—, malapuda k.; reaction—, reakcia k.; variable—, varia, variigebla k. coupling coefficient, kupla koeficiento. crystal, kristalo; —detector, kristala detektoro. current, kurento; alternating—, alterna k.; direct—, kontinua k.; high frequency—, altfrekvenca k.; low frequency—, malaltfrekvenca k.; primary alternating—, primaria alterna k. current interrupter, kurenta interuptoro. current loop, ventro de intenseco; current node, nodo de intenseco. curve (graph), kurvo; characteristic—, karakteriza k. cycle, ciklo.

D

Damped waves, amortizaj ondoj. damper, silentigilo. damping, amortizo; high—, granda a.; —of antenna, antena a. decohere, to, malkoheri; decolierer, malkoherilo, dekoherero. decrement, dekremento. decrementer, dekremetro. detector, detektoro, detektilo; balanced crystal—, kompensita kristala d.; crystal—, kristala d.; magnetic—, magneta d.; perikon—, perikona d.; thermo—, termod.; thermo-electric—, termoelektra d.; valve—, valv-d. device, arango. dial, ciferplato. diaphragm, (of telephone receiver), plato (de telefonilo). dielectric, dielektriko (noun). dielectric (adj.), dielektrika; —constant (specific inductive capacity), d. konstanto; —strength, d. firmeco; —stress, d. streĉo. diode (two-electrode valve), diodo. diplex, dipleksa. direct current, kontinua kurento. directional aerial (fixed), direkta anteno; (moveable), direktebla anteno. direction finder, direkto-trovilo. disc, disko. discharger, sparkilo; asynchronous—, asinkrona s.; synchronous—, sinkrona s. distort, to, distordi; distortion, distordo. disturbances, perturboj. double-pole, dupolusa. double-throw, duvoĵa. dual amplification; duala amplif-o, -ado, -eco. dull emitter (valve), malhela (valvo). duplex, dupleksa. dynamo, dynamo; compound—, kompunda d.; self-excited—, memekscita do; separately excited—, d. kun sendependa ekscito; shunt—, ŝunta (or deriva) d.

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**E**

Earpiece (of telephone receiver), orelpeco; —cap, ĉapo de o.  
earth, tero; capacity—, kontraŭpezo;  
—connection, t. konektaĵo.  
ebonite, ebonito.  
effective, efektiva.  
efficiency, rendimento, efikeco.  
electricity, elektro.  
electrode, elektrodo.  
electrolytic, elektroliza.  
electromagnetic, elektromagneta.  
electron, elektrono; —emission, elektrona elsendo.  
electrostatic, elektrostatika.  
emission, elsendo.  
endodyne, aŭtodino.  
energy, energio.  
ether, aether, etero.  
excite, to, eksciti; exciter, ekscitatoro, ekscitilo.  
experiment, to, eksperimenti; experimenter, eksperimentisto.

**F**

Factor, faktoro; power—, f. de potenco. farad, farado; microfarad, mikrofarado.  
feed-back, reakcio.  
fibre, fibro.  
field, kampo; electric, magnet,—; electric field, magneta k.  
field break switch, interuptoro de kampo.  
filament, filamento; bright, dull,—; hela, malhela, f.  
filter, filtrilo.  
fine tuning, delikata (or subtila) agordo.  
flat tuning, neakuta agordo.  
flexible, fleksebla.  
formula, fomulo.  
frame (aerial), kadro, kadra anteno.  
frequency, frekvenco; group—, ondaraj f.; high (or radio)—, alta f.; low (or audio)—, malalta f.; wave—, onda f.  
function, to, funkcii.

**G**

Galena, galeno.  
galvanometer, galvanometro.  
generate, to, generi.  
generator, generatoro, generilo; continuous current—, g. de kontinua kurento.  
grid, krado; —circuit, krada cirkuito; —leak, krada rezistanco.  
ground, tero.

**H**

Hammer break, martela interuptoro.  
harmonic, harmoniko.  
henry, henrio; microhenry, mikrohenrio.  
Hertzian wave, Hertza ondo, elektromagneta ondo.  
heterodyne, heterodino; self—, memheterodino, aŭtodino.  
high damping, granda amortizo.  
high frequency, alta frekvenco; —group, altfrekvenco grupo.  
high tension, alto tensio.  
hook-up, cirkuito.  
hot-wire ammeter, varmfadena ampermetro.  
howl, to, ululi; howling, ululado.

**I**

Impedance, impedanco.  
inductance, induktanco; aerial—, antena i.; aerial tuning—, antenagorda i.; primary, secondary—, primaria, sekundaria i.  
induction, indukto; self—, mem-i.; alternator, alternatoro kun turna fero.  
inductive, indukta; —transmitter, induktokuplita sendilo.  
inert, inerta; inertia, inerteco.  
inner primary (of transformer), eniro de primario.  
inner secondary (of transformer), eniro de sekundario.  
input, enmeto.

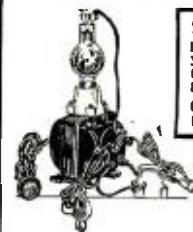
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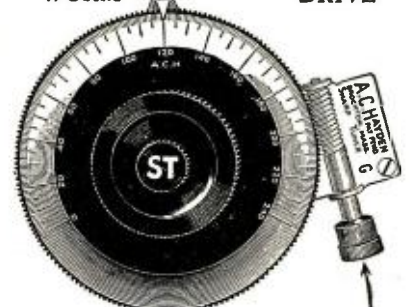
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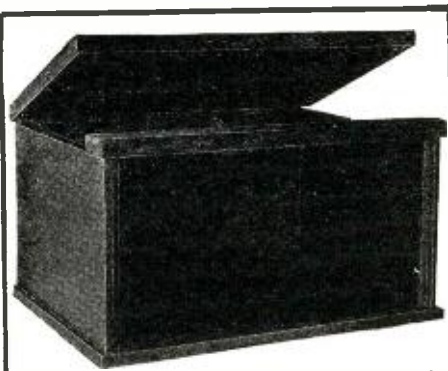
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insulate, to, izoli; insulated, izolita; insulation, izoleco.  
insulator, izolatoro, izolilo; flexible—, fleksebla i.; leading-in—, i. de eniro.  
interference, interfero.  
interruptor, interuptoro, interrompilo;  
current—, i. de kurento; electrolytic—, elektronza i.; induction—, i. de indukta bobeno; mercury—, hidrarga i.; mercury turbine—, hidrarga turbo- i.  
intervalve, intervalva.  
iron core, fera kerno, ferkerno.  
iron pyrites, ferpirito.

**J**

Jack, jacko.  
jam, to, interferi, jami; jamming, interfero, jamo, —ado.  
jigger, oscila transformatoro, ĝigero.  
joule julo.

**K**

Key, manipulatoro, senda klavo.

**L**

Laminations, lamenaĵoj; laminated, lamenita.  
lead (wire connection), konduktoro, kondukilo.  
lead-in, enira fadeno.

Leyden jar, Lejdna botelo.  
license, permeso; receiving, transmitting—, riceva, senda, p.  
lightning arrester, fulmsirmilo.  
log, to, registri; —book, r.— - libro.  
loop (antenna) kadro.  
loud-speaker, laŭtparolilo.  
low frequency, malalta frekvenco.  
low-loss (condenser), (kondensatoro kun) malgranda perdo.

**M**

Magnet, magneto.  
make and break, interuptoro.  
mast, masto; compound—, dismuntebla m.; portable—, portebla m.  
maximum, maksimumo.  
measuring coil, mezura bebena.  
mercury, hidrargo.  
meter, metro; frequency—, frekvenca m.

mica, glimo.  
micrometer, mikrometro.  
microphone, mikrofono; carbon disc—, karbondiska m.; carbon rod—, karboncilindra m.; contact—, kontakta m.; granular—, grajna m.; powder—, pulvora m.  
minimum, mimimumo.  
modulate, to, moduli; modulation, modulo, modulado, moduleco.  
Morse code, Morsa kodo.

motor, motoro; alternating current—, alternkurenta m.; asynchronous—, asinkrona m.; induction—, indukta m.  
motor alternator disc set, motor-alternatora grupo kun diska sparkilo.  
mount, to, munti; to dismount, dismunti.

moving coil ammeter, movbobena ampermerto.  
multiphase, multifaza.  
multiple, multopa, multobla.  
multi-stage, multopa, multetaĝa.  
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mutual conductance, komuna konduktanco.

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