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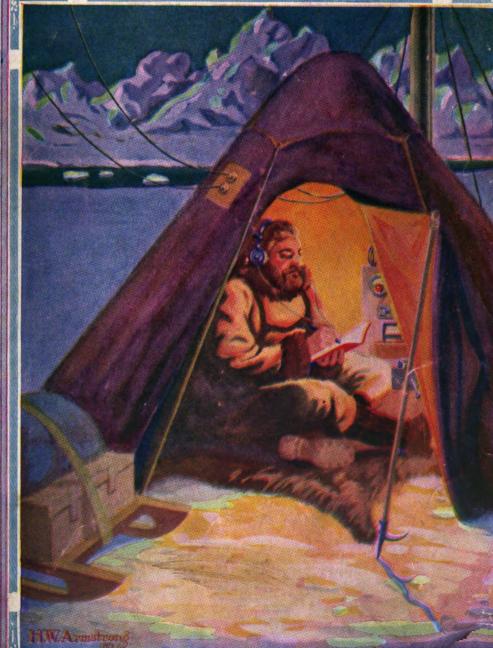
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Your Ice and Where It Comes From

By J. M. C. HAMPSON

Brown's lake near Burlington, Wis., is a pretty little stretch of water about a mile and a quarter long and about a mile across, with many picturesque bays

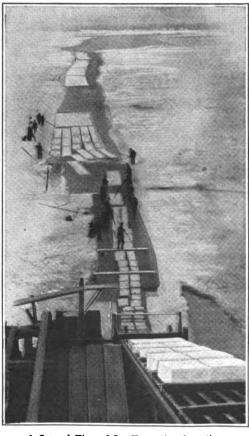
and inlets. In these summer months it is a much sought resort on account of the unspoiled rural character of its surroundings. In winter it is another story. Then is the seed sown for the iceman's harvest, and in the last weeks of January and all of February the bountiful crop of crystal ice is garnered.

It is an interesting process, this ice cutting and ice storing. One of the largest ice companies in the world has ice houses at the lake and this is what they do.

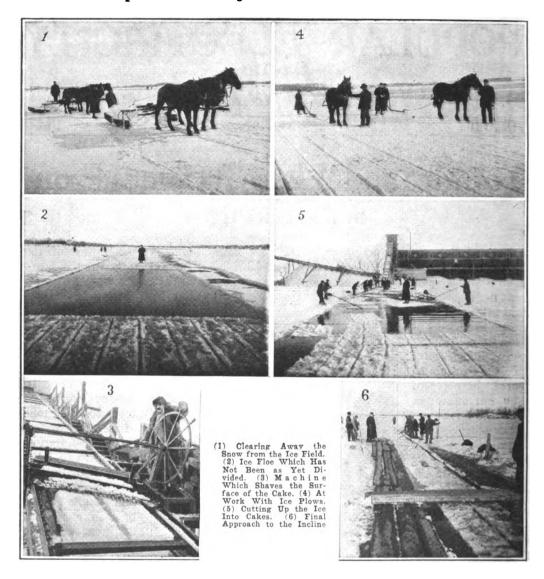
During the six or eight weeks of harvesting, the store of ice in one

ice house alone is 30,000 tons of the clearest and purest ice known: it is all derived from excellent spring water. They also ship from fifteen to 20 car-

loads daily to their storage houses in Chicago—they can ship as high as 60 cars in the 24 hours and have done it. A car contains from 20 to 30 tons of ice. In reaping the harvest, that is, cutting the ice, from 250 to 350 men are employed and while these men in one sense don't cut much ice. for they are for the most part a motley, crew of peripatetic hoboes, in another sense they do, as the fact that the conveyor at one ice house last season took up 31,000 cakes of ice in an eleven hour day-that was on February 26 of this year - most convincingly proves.



A General View of Ice Harvesting Operations



The average cake of ice is 22 inches square and has a depth of from twelve to 20 inches. In the season of 1913 the depth or thickness was nineteen inches. This season it averaged 12½ inches. And just think of it, in Chicago's heated period one of these cakes sells for perhaps more than a dollar.

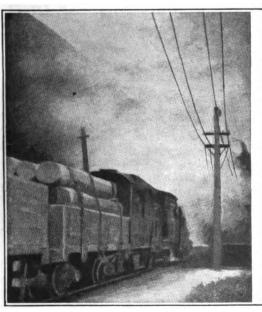
The men are divided into snow scraping, ice plowing, or cutting, and loading gangs, with men at the entrance to the conveyor cutting the long floats of ice, already cut part way through, into the

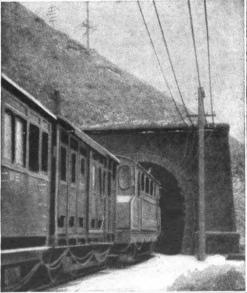
cakes that pass up the conveyor into the ice house. These floats average 500 cakes—50 long by ten wide. In the actual work a start is made right at the entrance to the boxed channel leading to the conveyor. A wide channel is gradually cut out into the lake down which the large floats cut from the sides and forward are passed. If necessary the plows are sent over the fields of solid ice marked out as "good ice" by the field foreman, the snow being banked at the sides. Then comes the plow

which in symmetrical lines cuts six inches deep and which has a sharp marker like that on a sewing machine, set at 22 inches, marking the next line; the plow is then passed over the field at right angles which cuts it up into 22 x 22 inch cakes, not finally detached until each float reaches the home channel. where men with long handled and sharp pointed knives strike the final blow which separates the float into blocks of two cakes and into single cakes as it reaches the conveyor. The float is either pulled or poled down the channel. The scrapers and plows are drawn by horses guided by men. As it passes up the conveyor incline and before being taken into the "house" each cake is trimmed and smoothed by the planer shown in one of the illustrations which tells the story very well. Discarded cakes are sent by another conveyor to the "slush pile." No cakes are allowed to go through with "sap" on, that is frozen snow and clouded water on the top. The parallel veins seen in some blocks of ice are the "freezing weeks" caused by sudden thaws followed by sharp frosts.

About 80,000 tons are taken each season by the concerns cutting at this lake. The lake produces perhaps 500,000 tons, but it is not available ice. Responsible, well paid men are employed at the icehouses all the year round. They do the shipping in the summer months and live in the nearby town.

As a servant electricity is always ready; as a saver of time and energy it has no equal.





A CONVINCING COMPARISON

We know that besides other very important advantages of electric railroads the absence of smoke is sometimes an important factor, especially in connection with tunnel work. The accompanying pictures show very clearly how smoke and steam obstruct the view of the tunnel before the electrification and how this is entirely avoided after the electrification. It is further interesting to know that these pictures show an electric railroad in Japan which passes not less than 26 tunnels.



"The scientific world is just now awaiting with no little interest the verdict as to the value of the wireless in the Arctic, which we may expect from the McMillan expedition now in the Far North."

Thus spoke Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, in the course of an exclusive statement made to Popular Electricity and the World's Advance.

"Nothing whatever has been heard from the McMillan expedition," continued the explorer, "although I believe that the American Museum of Natural History, under whose auspices the expedition was undertaken, sent northward by wireless a 1913-1914 holiday greeting to the members of the party in the hope that it might reach them in the Arctic, even though the power or radius of their wireless equipment did not permit a response to reach civilization.

"In the meantime we hear interesting things of the achievements of the wireless in the Antarctic. I am under the impression that neither Scott nor Amundsen attempted any use of the wireless, but I hear that Mawson, the Australian explorer, is meeting with considerable success in his use of this method of communication. Indeed, one of the principal objects of Mawson's



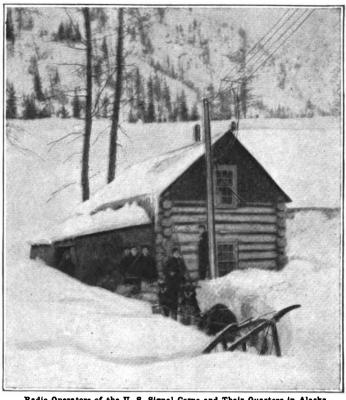
work is the establishment in the Antarctic of a meteorological station which will give warnings by wireless those severe storms which originate in the Antarctic and which do damage much shipping in Australian waters.

Admiral Peary, speaking of the advance of wireless, mentioned the fact that his old ship, the Roosevelt, has been fitted with a radio outfit bv Arbuckle Brothers. Asked whether he would place reliance upon the wireless were he to again invade the frozen north, veteran explorer the said:

"That would depend u p o n circumstances. Such improvements

have been made in recent years, especially in the matter of decreasing the weight of wireless equipment, that I have hopes that ere long a stage of development will be reached where every explorer will be justified in carrying a radio outfit.

"I went into the whole subject of the wireless for Arctic exploration very thoroughly just previous to my last trip, but I decided against an attempt at its use at that time for the reason that there were then few wireless stations in the far North, and it seemed to me that it would be necessary, in order to maintain communication, for me to establish several relay stations. And I could not give up the space to the equipment that would be needed or spare the men to operate such a chain. As for the use of portable wireless outfits with sledge teams. I am afraid I am a bit old fashioned. It has always been my theory that in outfitting a sledge team everything else should be

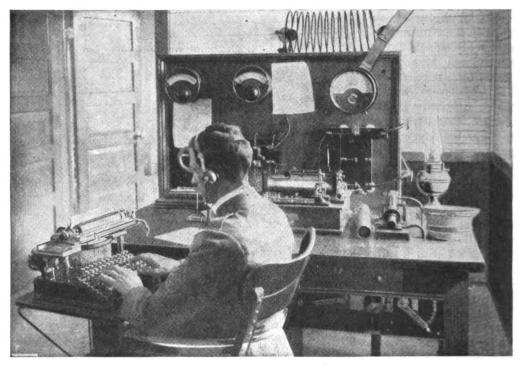


Radio Operators of the U. S. Signal Corps and Their Quarters in Alaska

sacrificed to food for the men and the This would make me loath to give space to a wireless outfit unless it was very compact and light in weight."

The radio experts of the United States Army Signal Corps are very enthusiastic as to the future of the wireless in the Arctic. Expressing himself on the subject for the benefit of the readers of this magazine, the Assistant Chief Signal Officer, Major Edward Russel, said: "The Arctic should prove the ideal field of operations for wireless. Radio messages are always transmitted to better advantages in darkness than in daylight; it is easier to communicate over water than over land; and finally there are less opportunities for interference from any cause."

Use of wireless in the frozen North is an activity wherein the executive heads of the Signal Corps have probably had more experience than any other officials



Interior of Uncle Sam's Newest Wireless Station in Alaska, Showing the Operator at Work

in the world for the reason that this branch of the United States government has for years maintained a chain of radio stations in Alaska, the installation and maintenance of which have involved almost all the problems identified with the use of this mode of communication in the regions farthest north. There are now ten of these stations, and under severe weather conditions that put out of commission almost all the land lines, they enable continuous communication entirely across Alaska from the Canadian frontier to the tip of the peninsula, and, in case of necessity, across to Siberia.

Our Post Office Department may soon be operating these radio stations in Uncle Sam's northernmost possession. That is contemplated in a recommendation which has just been transmitted to the Secretary of War by Gen. George P. Scriven, the Chief Signal Officer of the Army. Gen. Scriven says that the military cable, telegraph and radio system in Alaska has undoubtedly helped materially in the development of the territory, but he feels that the time has now arrived when the system has little worth for military purposes, and he hopes that within a year Congress will authorize the taking over of this entire service by the Post Office Department.

Radio stations in Alaska, as well as the land telegraph lines in the north-western corner of the continent, have lately been handling commercial business in excess of the aggregate of official business. All operators are instructed to send such private messages as may be offered for transmission at a regular scale of charges, and during the fiscal year 1913 this private business totaled nearly \$184,000, as compared with official messages to the value of about \$180,000.

Whereas the installation and maintenance of the telegraph lines in Alaska have involved tremendous difficulties, risks and hardships, the construction and upkeep of the radio stations have presented few electrical or technical problems. However, there has been ever present the disadvantages of working and living in a very severe climate, and the Alaska radio men have a most creditable record for bravery, pluck and en-Moreover, there has been continual difficulty in securing sufficient experienced radio operators to man these northern stations, and consequently it has often been necessary for an operator to prolong his "trick" far beyond regular hours. When you think of it, too, a corps of five officers and 200 enlisted men is a rather small complement for the conduct of so extensive a radio, telegraph and cable system. They operate, all told, 2,636 miles of submarine cable and 1.047 miles of land lines in addition to the ten radio stations.

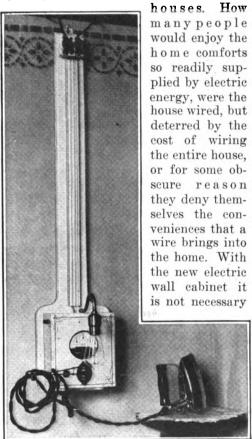
Portable wireless outfits have not been used to any extent in Alaska, but there is no reason why they should not be should circumstances require. Indeed, the distances between some of the permanent radio stations are only 30 to 50 miles.

When the radio stations were first established in Alaska the whole thought was that they would merely supplement the land line service, especially when winter storms interrupted communication by wire, but as it has worked out the radio system has proven capable of meeting the full responsibility.

From the outset of this extensive work there was adopted the plan of routing a certain amount of business each day by way of the radio in order to insure that the stations be kept in perfect working condition, but the radio operators have attested their ability at any time to take up the work of handling the business of the entire system. Then, too, the radio stations have been in practically uninterrupted operation—immune from the forest fires, the snowslides and break-up of the Yukon, which constitute the chief menaces of the land lines in this region.

ELECTRIC WALL CABINET

The electric wall cabinet is a portable means for introducing electric service quickly and at low cost, into unwired



Electric Wall Cabinet

to wire the entire house to have the modern labor saving conveniences.

This oufit can be installed by one man. He drives a nail into the wall about nine feet above the floor, hangs the cabinet as shown, plumbs it, puts in the bottom screw, bores a couple of holes just above the fuse blocks, puts in two porcelain tubes and then pushes through the two wires already provided, making connection with the line drop outside. The meter is encased in an iron box fastened to a wooden base. There is an extra outlet or socket providing service connection for any house comfort device.

Electricity a Nerve Saver

The United States government would be glad to find a simple, dependable means of operating electrically the card punching machines which have come into such extensive use for clerical and statistical purposes. These are at present operated by hand, much on the same plan that a typewriter is operated, but with an expenditure, it is claimed, of much more muscular and nervous force than is required in the case of a writing machine.

These card punching machines form one of the units in the equipment for bookkeeping by machinery—the Twentieth Century method of keeping accounts that is rapidly displacing, in all large business establishments, the time honored figure of the man bending over a ponderous ledger. Only, as it happens, the card punching portion of the work is the only one of the three main steps in this new fangled bookkeeping that necessitates the expenditure of energy sufficient to tax the strength.

The tabulating

of the punched

ambition to make it electrical bookkeeping all the way.

By the irony of fate, too, the tabulating and sorting of the cards in which tasks electricity bears the brunt of the burden are conducted by men, whereas the cord punching where manual labor unassisted is involved is almost exclusively in the hands of women. At least that is the practice in the government offices which rank as the world's largest users of this new form of bookkeeping and also in many large railroad offices and other business beehives.

Some of the women who are engaged in pounding all day long the keys of these card punching machines have complained to the United States Public Health Service that their nerves are affected and accordingly this branch of the government has taken up the problem of finding means to make electricity do a portion of the work. There are already some electrically operated card punching machines in existence.

but for one reason or another. they have not been adopted in the quarters whence comes this present demand.

The Federal health experts began to give serious attention to this subject when oper-



ators complained of sore fingers due to the pressure required to depress the

numbered keys of the punching machine. In some instances the soreness that at first appeared in the fingers spread to the arm and shoulder and other symptoms of nervousness followed, whereas, it is said

that in some instances there have occurred complete nervous breakdowns which have been attributed directly or indirectly to such causes.

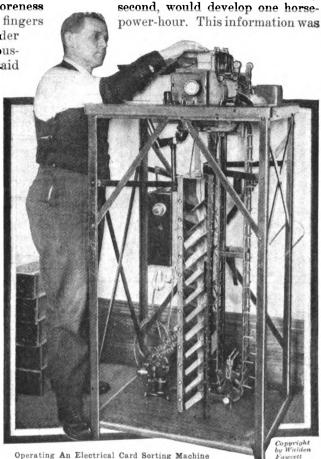
Many of the young women who are now operating these card machines have resorted to the expedient of depressing the keys with the blunt end of a lead pencil instead of with the tip of the finger, but this is not an ideal solution of the difficulty and moreover it decreases the capacity of the operative. It is no slight chore, as may be imagined, to punch 2,500 of these cards-a normal average daily stunt for an operative -and the tax upon muscle and nerve tissue is the more severe from the fact that in the manipulation of these keys, unlike those of a

typewriter, it is necessary to do practically all of the work with the right hand.

ONE HORSEPOWER FROM A GLASS OF WATER

The Big Creek development of the Pacific Light and Power Corporation is utilizing its water at the total head of 4,000 feet, by passing it through two power stations. It is interesting to note that at this head the amount of water which would fill an ordinary whiskey glass, for one second, is equivalent to one theoretical horsepower; in other words, it would develop one horsepower-

second. Thirty-six hundred such glasses of water falling through the 4,000 feet, at the uniform rate of one every

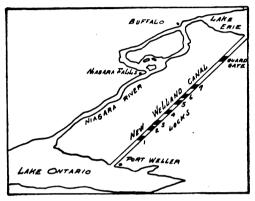


given by Mr. Edw. N. Lake of the Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation in a recent address before a meeting of electrical men in Chicago.

Tea should not be boiled any more than coffee should; the use of the adjustable tea ball makes an arrangement whereby the strength of the beverage can be gauged to an exact degree. At the proper moment the tea ball is drawn up out of the water by the chain which slides through the cover. The electric tea samovar consumes 400 watts and makes about nine cups at a cost of two cents.

WORK STARTED ON NEW WELLAND CANAL

Another great engineering project, second only to that of the Panama Canal, and which is sure to excite universal interest, is being started by Canadian authorities in replacing the Welland Canal, connecting Lake Erie



Map of New Welland Canal District

to Lake Ontario, by a new and shorter route which will shorten the travel by $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

The first canal connecting these lakes was started about 90 years ago. In 1872 the second canal was dug, which necessitated 27 locks to overcome the drop of 300 feet in the 25 miles between the lakes. According to the new plans now under way the drop will be accomplished with only seven locks. This plainly shows what engineering science is achieving.

The bottom of the new Welland Canal will be 200 feet wide, providing ample room for much larger boats than are in use to-day. The large metal gates of the new canal will weigh 1,100 tons, being 400 tons more than the heaviest gate on the Panama Canal. The locks, which are to be 900 feet long, are designed to overcome the present danger of the gates being carried away, which frequently happens, delaying traffic and endangering lives.

The future locks will be filled by culverts on the side, replacing the old

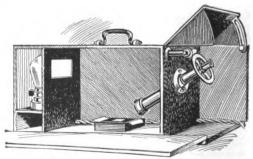
method of filling them through the gates. Each lock means a lift of 46 feet. The 7,000,000 cubic yards of earth to be dug out will be carried by an especially constructed railway to Port Weller, the terminal of the new canal, named in honor of the engineer in charge of the construction. Here the dirt will be dumped into the lake to form the sides of a harbor which will extend a mile into the lake.

Several villages lying in the route of the new canal will suffer by the loss of much property containing buildings, as the government is already buying the property needed, and it is stated that very liberal prices are being paid the owners. About \$50,000,000 will be expended to finish the canal.

MEASURING THE GLARE FROM PAPER

Nearly every one has experienced the necessity of moving to a position under the evening lamp so that the eyes may not receive the glare from the printed page. That paper will doubtless be studied with reference to eliminating this eye strain is evidenced by the invention of an instrument used at the United States Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis., for measuring the glare.

The most effective angle from which to observe the paper is 57.5° from the



Apparatus for Measuring Glare

vertical. The eye piece is as shown, therefore, set at this angle. Without going into technicalities, the paper to be examined is placed upon a flat surface within the cabinet and the light from a

40 watt tungsten lamp after passing through two thicknesses of tracing cloth falls upon the paper and then upon prisms in the eye piece. By an ingenious use of a smoked glass, which absorbs one-half of the light, and two prisms, the two halves of a circle in the eye piece are made to look alike by turning the eye piece, and this rotation gives a reading from which the glare may be figured.

The instrument will enable the printer to order paper with, say, 20 per cent glare and the paper maker will know if his paper fulfills this specification.

THE SHREWD BUTCHER

A certain English butcher, who sold about 30 cooked legs of pork per week, said his loss was formerly 40 per cent and is now only 22 per cent in the electric oven, or a clear saving of 18 per cent. After deducting the cost of the current at 1d. per unit, his saving amounted to 2s. per leg of pork, or £3 per week extra profit. On being told that he had only saved water, he answered: "Perhaps so; but, you see, my customers pay me 1s. 2d. per pound

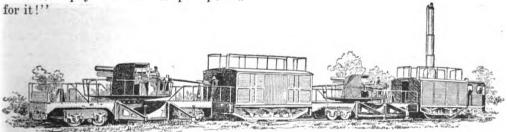
AUTO SIGNAL LIGHT

This device consists of a signal which will show that the vehicle is to turn right, left, stop or continue in the course. Combined with the signal in a tail light and license bracket all is



compactly contained in a cylinder measuring five and a half by twelve and a half inches.

A small lever is used to operate the instrument. This lever is operated by the chauffeur slightly in anticipation of stopping in his course. Simultaneously there appears in the auto "Signalite," respectively, "Stop," "Right," "Left" or a red light. An electric light illuminates the signals at night.



A NEW MOBILE BATTERY

A new form of mobile battery has been built by a famous firm in France, for coast defence. Each complete train is made up of a small locomotive, a car for the crew and officers in charge, an ammunition car and a couple of trucks for guns. The car for the personnel is equipped with a telescopic observation tower which is easily raised, thus enabling the observer to make a comprehensive survey of the coast and at the same time he can communicate with those below by means of a speaking tube.

The train can run on regular or emergency tracks. The gun truck is firmly anchored before firing. An ammunition car between two gun trucks can feed both guns while the ammunition is run out to them through a chute.



Special Instruction Car for Educational Service

THE SEVRES BLUE

The most noted blue is that imparted to the porcelain ware which, for so many years, has been manufactured at Sèvres. in France. For a long time it was believed that this famous blue was the result of a secret process, and there have been many curious legends connected with it.

Not long ago, however, it was demonstrated that it is a mistake to suppose that Sèvres blue cannot be produced elsewhere. As a matter of fact, it is produced in many French factories, where sufficient care is exercised, and where pure oxide of cobalt is employed. Formerly it was difficult to procure this substance without impurities, which injured the color; but chemical science has overcome this difficulty.

The above statements also apply to the Chinese green known as "celadon." It was invented in China, but it is no longer a secret and can be perfectly reproduced elsewhere.

SAFETY FIRST INSTRUCTION CAR

Recently a metropolitan daily newspaper contained an account of reckless driving of a street car by a motorman through a crowded district. The passen-

gers took the controller away from the motorman and complained that their lives had been greatly imperiled by his unsafe methods of operation.

> troit United Railway in its safety first campaign for the purpose of imparting to its employees practical knowledge of safety methods. A safety first instruction car specially fitted up is taken about once a month over all of its lines to carry on this educational service.

> The car is equipped with miniature trolley

poles and wires whose uses and dangers are explained by a practical electrician: the operation of the air brakes, controller, and other mechanical features are demonstrated, together with safe and unsafe methods of operation. A company physician talks on the subject of accidents.

"In equipping this car and starting it over our line," said Mr. A. H. Sarvis, of the Detroit United Railway, "the general safety board appreciated the fact that it was purely an experiment. interest which has been manifested by the employees, however, insures that the car will be maintained and operated for some time."

No one can pass a florist's window that is skillfully lighted by electric lamps. The effect is fairylike, and electric light does not harm the most delicate flower. The mercury vapor lamp produces some beautiful effects when used to illuminate green foliage.

ALL AROUND BATTERY TRUCK

This electric truck, aside from its regular duties about the premises of the manufacturing plant where it is in daily use, also takes occasional trips across town to the freight depot. Although the wheels are not high, it negotiates the ordinary pavements very well and there is an abundance of power in the storage battery under the platform.

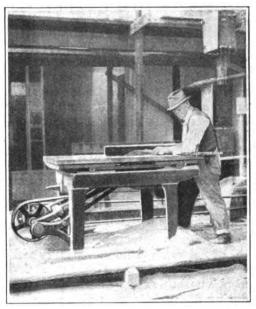
There are a number of things immediately noticeable about this vehicle. The total length of load and vehicle is scarcely more than that of the load itself—there is only about half the cause here for congestion as with the horse drawn vehicle. The operator has perfect control of starting, stopping and speed, by means of the foot pedal and the lever in his right hand. He does the steering



easily with his left hand, by means of a vertical hand wheel; and he can operate this wheel no matter whether he faces the front or rear of the vehicle.

CONTRACTOR DOES MILL WORK ON THE JOB

A contractor at Santa Monica, Calif., uses circular and cross cut table saws, electrically driven, in reducing big dimension lumber to whatever size he needs on a job, and thereby reduces his lumber bills from 25 to 35 per cent. He



Portable Outfit That Makes Big Saving On Built-in Features

makes the greatest saving on jobs where built-in features are demanded. He can cut his own odd sizes for panels, cupboards, disappearing beds and buffets, and save the time he and his men would waste while waiting for mills to deliver such material. He persistently beats the mill-work prices by doing his own sawing.

Each time the outfit is moved to a new job it is attached to a heavy plank platform in a convenient place where the carpenter can reach it without extra steps. The entire outfit, including saws, tables, motors, pony-planer, sander and emery, cost about \$600. The circular saw is a sixteen inch, driven by a seven horse power motor, and the cross cut saw is run by a five horse power motor. The circular saw can be used for dadoing, tenoning, ripping and plowing.

When once an electric motor has been installed in a home, a great many uses will be found for it not previously anticipated. The energy consumption is comparatively small, while in addition to the labor saved, the convenience is a great item.

America's First Chinese Cannery

In the days when the Tongs warred, stock growing dusty on their shelves. when a deadline prevailed at the far This condition troubled Ling Wally turn of Doyer Street, when every Chinaconsiderably. He tried hard to invent man's blouse concealed a shining Colt some way whereby Chinese wars and and when New York's Celestial colony business could be conducted at the same And suddenly, and most unexbore a decidedly belligerent aspect, one Ling Wally, a diminutive Chinese merpectedly, he hit upon the idea. chant, conceived a single bright idea. trend of his thought was thiswise. That one thought has today developed Chinese restaurants are into a full-fledged corporation and Ling by far the most interestis a rich man and president of the only ing establishments in Chinese canning company in America. Chinatown from the visitors' point of view. Many Ling Wally's business in Chinatown depended, for the most part, on the num-Americans have ber of American visitors-curiosity seeklearned to appreers-attracted to the Oriental settleciate Chinese ment on the lower East Side. cooking. Well. during the periods when Hip Sings since wars kept fought with On Leongs, or when these Amerithree-cornered clashes resulted cans from from intervention by the Four feasting on Brothers, the curiosity seekers Oriental fare. became few and far between. Gun battles in the narrow streets of Chinatown did not appeal to the average New Yorker or visitor to New York, and the result was that for weeks at a time Chinese restaurants were vacant and Chinese merchants found their Tom Lee, Chief Cook, During a Busy Period He is in Charge of 15 Cooks Photos by New York Edison Co.

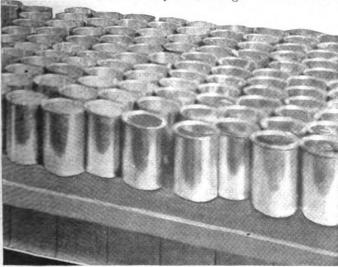
why not send the food to them? But how? Why in cans, of course. Hence the organization of a little canning factory down in a remote corner of Chinatown, or, to be more exact, at 65 Park Street.

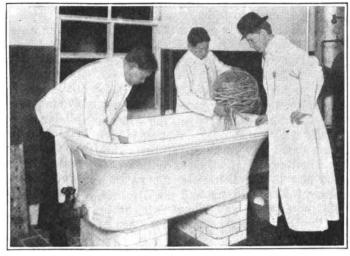
That Ling Wally's idea was practical is evident from the thousands of shining cans of bird's nest soup, chop suey, yo-kimain, squab, duck and shell fish that are shipped from the establishment each week. A curious thing about this shipping, too; the Chinese packers put two dozen unlabeled

cans into a single box; then take two dozen gaudy labels, made to fit around the cans, and place them in a neat pile on top of the shipment. The attaching of the labels is left to the retail merchant, whoever he may be.

All of the cans are packed by hand and the contents of each is scrupulously weighed before the receptacle is taken to the canning machine or electrical contrivance used to seal it up.

A trip through Ling Wally's establishment is very interesting.





thing about this shipping, Ling, Although He is "Boss." is Not Above Putting on an Apron and Helping. too; the Chinese packers

Here He is Emptying Colery Into a Huge Bathtub

Preparatory to Scouring It

The rear of the loft occupied by the firm is used as a kitchen; not a dingy, low ceilinged, Chinese kitchen as one would expect to find, but a fine, roomy place, with white tiled walls and a sanitary stone floor that cost \$1200 to install. In this kitchen are various large basting ovens, retorts, steam tables, a canning machine and several modern versions of the Chinese stove, the Far Low.

When Ling Wally is busy trying to fill orders that come from anywhere in America between Montreal and New Or-

leans, or Denver and Boston, there are fifteen white clad cooks, all Chinese, scurrying about the steam filled kitchen. These cooks are said to be the best that have ever been brought across the Pacific, and the product of Ling's kitchen attests to that fact. Most of the activities are centered about the huge basting oven on the right side of the room. This oven is at least ten feet tall and in it are scores of iron rods suspended from the top, to which are attached a series of hooks. When ducks, chickens or small pigs are to be basted they are hung on these hooks and at intervals deluged with a savory brown sauce, the preparing of which is one of the many secrets of the Chinese.

The remarkable ease with which these cooks handle the various gas and electrical cooking appliances in the kitchen would lead one to believe that they have never used any other apparatus. But, as a matter of fact, all these contrivances are new to the Celestials, for no such steam tables, caldrons and the like have yet found their way into the Orient, or if they have they certainly are not in common use.

BLASTING BY ELECTRICITY IN COAL MINES

In coal mines it is desirable for various reasons to fire all the shots in the mine at one time. Batteries or hand dynamos do not have capacity enough to fire the large number of shots necessary. A mine producing 1,000 tons daily will require about 500 shots to be fired at one time. So a better method had to be resorted to.

The shooting lines are now run into the mine in the same manner as a lighting line would be. Holes are drilled in the walls or roof and wooden plugs are driven in the holes. The insulating knobs are nailed to these plugs and the wires tied to the insulators in the ordinary manner. Rubber covered wire is used because the weatherproof wire will not last nearly so long in the atmosphere of the mine. At the neck of each room a branch circuit is run to the working face of the room. room circuits are connected in parallel. There are five shots in each room and these are connected in series. A double pole switch is placed at the neck of each room. These switches are left open until just before the shots are to be fired. They prevent any premature explosions being caused by the shooting wires accidentally coming in contact with the trolley wire or other power lines.

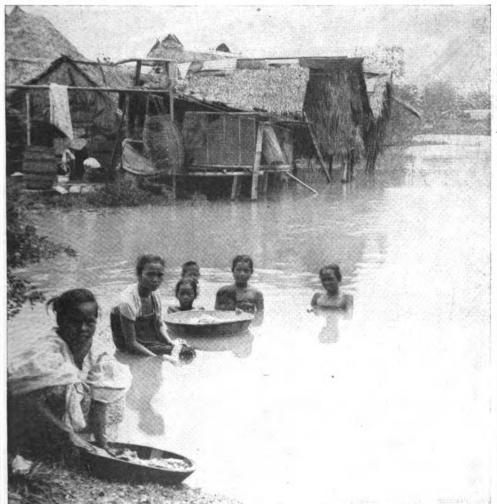
The electric exploders are very much similar in appearance to an ordinary blasting cap, except that they are a little larger and have two small wires coming from one end. Inside the exploder there is a small piece of fusible material connecting the two wires; as soon as a current passes, this material and the explosive material packed around it is fused. In order that the two lower holes, or "breaking shots" as they are called by miners, be fired first, delay exploders are used on the three top holes. These delay exploders do not explode for a fraction of a second after the current begins to flow. This allows the breaking shots to do their work before the others explode, resulting in the coal being broken more evenly.

The voltage used for a shooting system is usually 110 or 220. In some cases where alternating current is not available the direct current from the trolley is used; in these cases it will be 250 or 500. Any voltage between these limits can be used and either direct or alternating serves the purpose equally well.

The large shooting switch which fires the shots throughout the entire mine is usually located in the mine foreman's office.

The shots are never fired in the best regulated mines until it is certain that all the men are out of the mine. By the use of an electric shot firing system many lives are saved annually, as there is no danger of the men running into blasts which they were not aware were to be fired.

Electric fans in the home drive out the close, sultry air of summer days and let in the freshness and purity of outdoors. By night they bring coolness for refreshing sleep. Equipped with a three speed switch, they range from a gentle movement to a hard blow of air.



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Sunny Monday; washing and bathing in a stream in the outskirts of Manila, Philippine Islands.





Interior view of a wretched native home in the province of Santiago, Cuba.

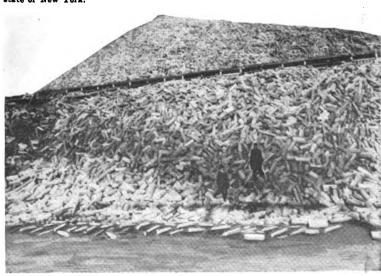


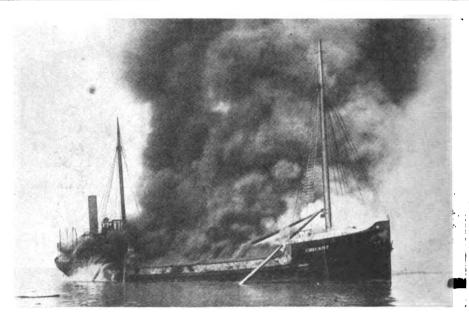
The new armored auto which carries seven machine guns as used by the Mexican rebels.



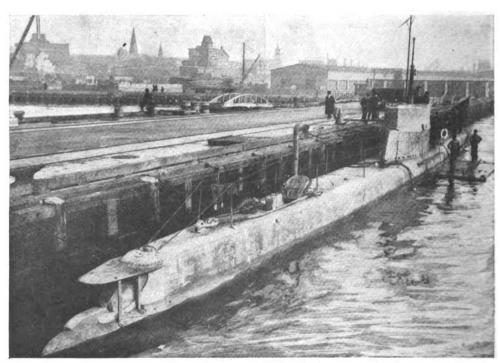
This curious picture is really a bear hunt with a man on horseback and a dog. It is the skillful work of a man who arranges skeletons as the bones are arranged in life. This group is to be seen in a museum in one of the universities in the state of New York.

No doubt many poople have seen huge
wood piles but seldom
is there such a wonderful lot of wood gathered in one place.
This pile is owned by
the International Paper Co., at Niagara
Falls. It is the winter's supply for 19131914. This pile of
wood will be made
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On the whole, what a
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wood pile will tell!

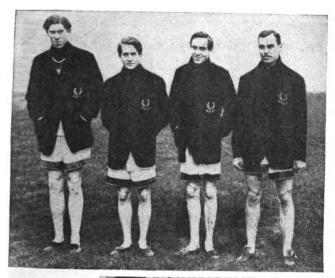




The big water front fire which occurred recently at Portland, Ore., destroyed many vessels. This picture shows the steamer "Cricket" loaded with asphalt, all ablaze from stem to stern, floating down the river.



A fighting craft of unusual power, the new submarine GS attracted much attention recently as she lay in the New York navy yard. Longer than any of her predecessors, 160 feet over all, she presented the appearance, at first, of a small destroyer. The GS is commanded by Captain Needham and carries a crew of twenty.



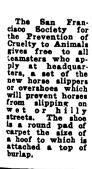
Oxford team that has invaded America. This team came to America in April to compete against Pennsylvania University in a relay race of four miles. Left to right the men are A. N. S. Jackson, G. M. S. proule, D. N. Gaussen and N. S. Taber. Jackson won the 1500-meter race at the last Olympic rames and the cher men are all excellent cross country runners, with established records.





Girl steeplejack climbing an 85-foot pole surmounting the 420-foot Equitable Trust Building in New York city. Constance B. Bennett is seen accomplishing this feat.

Shoeing an ox in France.









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When the contractors for the steel framework of the new 300-foot Campanile on the campus of the University of California decided to give a banquet to their structural ironworkers, they had difficulty in getting someone to serve the meal. When the banquet was first announced, several caterers were candidates, but as soon as they learned that the banquet hall consisted of some loss boards laid across the beams at the 250-foot level of the tower, they hesitated. After contemplating the long series of ladders leading aloft, one by one they shook their heads. The banquet seemed about to fail for want of a caterer, when Vivian Bowers, eighteen years old, volunteered her services. Her offer was thankfully received and accepted and in spite of a stiff 30-mile wind, she made the daring ascent and served the banquet. The others looked on—from below.

Christening of the "Oklahoma" by Miss Lorena J. Cruce, daughter of the governor of Oklahoma, at Camden, N. J.

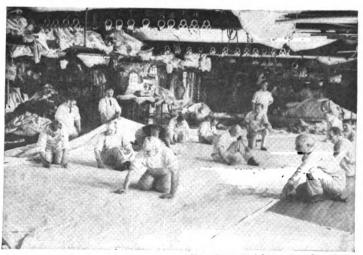


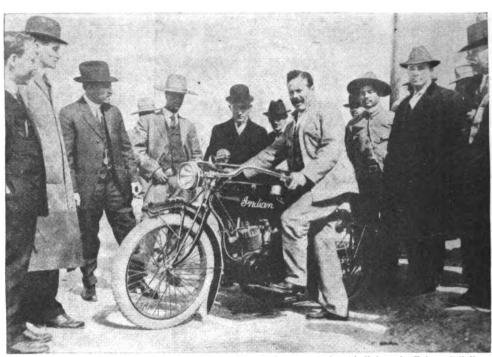
Making sails for cup defender "Defiance." The three designers who are looking after the three cup defenders now building are paying great attention to the sails those yachts will carry and some wonderful creations of canvas will be sported in the races this season. These photographs show the sails that will adorn the cup defender "Defiance," being made at the works of Wilson and Silsby, Boston.



The "America's" cup, won at Cowes from an English fleet Aug. 22, 1851, by the schooner "America" was presented as an international challenge trophy to the American people in 1857 and has been fruitlessly sailed for by foreign challengers a number of times. Mr. Thomas W. Lawson, the owner of the "Independence," was the first to give the yachting world all possible information about the building of a cup defender. There are certain definite specifications for a vessel of the cup class, but every designer has his own theories as to what constitutes an efficient form of sail, although nearly all agree that the forward portion of the sail is the most effective. The "Independence" had seven tons of sails of special yacht duck.

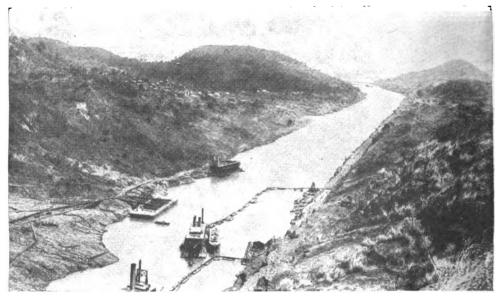
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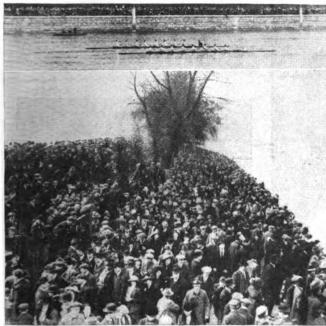


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Gen. Villa, the Man of the Hour in Mexico, forsakes horse for the electric starting and lighting motorcycle. The doughty leader of the revolutionists is very partial to motorcycles as a result of his experiment with three machines for dispatch duty at the battle of Ojinaga. At Torreon, Villa's motorcycle couriers covered themselves with glory. This photo was taken at Villa's headquarters at Juarez just before the advance on Torreon commenced.



This is a bird's-eye view of Panama Canal looking south from Contractor Hill. The view shows half of Culebra Cut. Miraflores Lake may be seen in the distance.



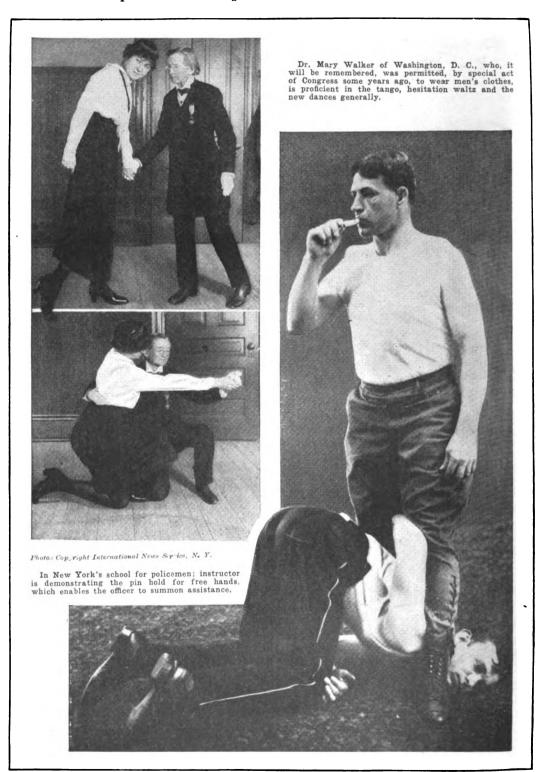


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Crowd waiting for the boats to appear, at the Oxford-Cambridge race, Putney, England. In the view by the wall the two boats are shown at the start and in the midriver view Cambridge, which finally won, is seen leading.



The two most valuable Irish wolfhounds in the world, owned by Michael Creighton, of Chicago, and world \$10,000 each. This wonderful strain is now almost extinct—there are less than 100 living. Histories of the breed have been written, dating back to the year 391 when the Roman Consul received a present of seven of them from England. All Rome viewed them with wonder, and well they might, for these dogs can outrum a greyhound, they will fight any animal that has four legs, and they are the only dogs known that can run down and kill a wolf "single handed."

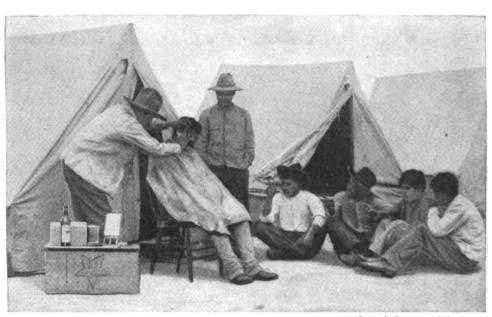




Miss Ai Kishi giving an exhibition of Jiu Jitsu in the city hall of Philadelphia for the benefit of Director Porter and his aides. One of the first rules is to destroy your opponent's balance, or to work so rapidly as to keep out of his reach.

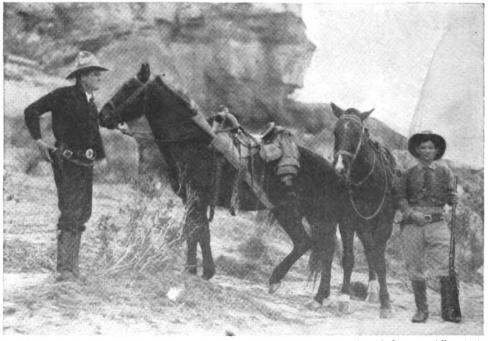


A society in Berlin has been formed for the study of air and flying. All classes of young people over fourteen years of age may attend. Those interested in military aeronautics are furnished with uniforms. Experienced aviators teach the young mes.



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Refugees in camp waiting their turn to be shaved. Note the men seated telling story to the victim while he is being shaved.



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United States Custom Inspectors Rumsey and Petty at Laredo, Texas.





Recent photograph of Huerta and his cabinet—as they might have appeared when hesitating about saluting the Stars and Stripes.

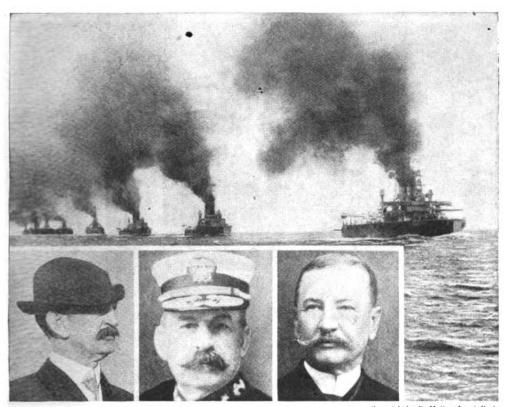


And at that time, and before the United States took a hand, Huerta needed recruits badly. These are some of the citizens from the streets who were called upon to resist invasion.



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At the same time crack regiments of United States infantry in marching equipment were hovering on the border.



In the meantime the big fighting armada known as the Atlantic Fleet swept on its way under command of Admiral Badger (right) to enforce the demand of Admiral Mayo (left) for a flag salute from the Mexicans. Admiral Fletcher (center), commander of the forces at Vera Cruz.



United States marines boarding a transport,



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great floet.





The first good roads day was proclaimed by Governor Dunne of Illinois early in the spring, and actual work was started on the state road system on April 15, when the governor and party, filling seven motor cars, left Chicago in the early morning, dashed through Maywood, and made the first stop at the Joy Morton farm, where 50 teams were working on the road.

At Mosseheart, the governor shoveled the first dirt and drove the first tractor to be used on the Lincoln Highway in Illinois. Stops were made at all towns along the 134-mile route, and speeches were made.

Radium and Its Power to Cure

By D. WATERSON

PART II.—CANCER CURE; THE PSYCHICAL SIDE; THE SOURCES OF RADIUM; THE NEW TRINITY; THE PRICE OF RADIUM, ETC.

WILL RADIUM CURE CANCER?

The attempt to obtain a cure, even if unsuccessful, generally gives relief, and, for this reason, radium is often used in hopeless cases, particularly in breast cancer, where it promotes the healing of ulcers and checks the growth of secondary deposits.

But exact information can only be based on exact knowledge, and, to the popular demand for information, doctors can only say they are confronted by two great mysteries—the origin of cancer and the working of radium. cancer. It is almost impossible to make any statement concerning it to which exception may not be taken. Beginning in a single, tiny focus, it may be multiple from the start; usually steadily enlarging, it may actually diminish in size while it develops; usually showing little power of development, the malignant cells may organize into higher tissues so completely as to make it impossible to recognize the signs of a malignant growth.

What then of radium, the youngest of the sciences? It is potent, it is wonderful, but its exact action upon living tissues is unexplained and variable, and, at present, uncontrollable. The great question at the back of all reported "cures" is, has the cancer cell really been attacked and rendered impotent?

AN EXPERIMENT

In 1904 Professor Neuberg, of Berlin, took two pieces of cancerous tissue and put them in water. On one he placed an open radium capsule, i. e., one from which emanation was escaping, and this

piece decayed seven times faster than the other, giving good evidence of increased activity in the autolytic ferments.

Freund, of Vienna, one of the first to use radium, says he has noted recurrences four years after apparent cures of cancer, and doubts whether it is possible to bring sufficiently strong rays to act upon the tumor without doing injury to other organs.

Exner, of Vienna, also a pioneer, though he has obtained specially good results in carcinomata of the skin and has seen cancer in the throat greatly improved, also reports recurrences after seven and nine years. He believes in the cure by radium, but thinks that control of dosage is not yet sufficiently understood.

Dr. A. E. H. Pinch, of the Radium Institute, London, notes betterment of malignant cancer cases, but no cures. In the first report issued about 600 to 700 cases were given, including 134 suffering from superficial cancer. Of these 134, seven were "apparently cured"; 39 decidedly improved, 22 died, 20 showed no improvement, 23 gave up treatment; fifteen received preventive raying and eight were too recent to be classified.

Falk claims never to have seen complete healing, and three other leading German doctors all note definite improvement, but no definite cures of malignant cancer.

CANCER OF THE TONGUE NOT CURABLE

The "cures" of this much dreaded disease which from time to time raise hope in those so afflicted, are only those of "benign" growths, though these

Chemist Making an Electroscopic Final Test for Radium

Angus Cameron, President of the Radium Company of America

are bad enough and may, unless quickly treated, become "malignant" and inoperable. Dr. Robert Abbé, of New York, has cured many of the first kind after one or two applications of radium, but in malignant ones he sees only alleviation, for the

a few weeks or months. Increased use of radium becomes too painful, although at first it acted as an anodyne. After a malignant disease has become general, surgery is useless, and radium, too, at present, is powerless.

WHAT IS METASTASIS?

In one sense it is a word used by the pessimist to indicate that, though the main source of infection may be healed, there may be "metastasis" or transportation of cancer cells to other parts of the body ready to produce fresh tumors, the transportation occurring always by one of



View in a Radium Factory Showing the Vats Where the Successive Precipita-tions and Eliminations Take Place in Obtaining the Concentrates Rich in Radio-active Material

Some Specimens of Carnotite Ore—Hundreds of Tons of This Produce a Few Milligrams of Radium Salts

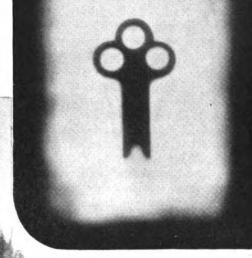
cancer may shrink and leave a tolerably clean surface, only to light up again in two routes, the blood current and the lymph current.

This is true, but the optimist can truthfully answer that the enemy at outlying posts can be attacked and disposed of as soon as he declares himself, early operation by knife or radium invariably

being attended with success, so that, with the main infection controlled, and the transported cells subjected to radical treatment, there seems no reason to despair of cure.

THE PSYCHICAL SIDE

The doctors are ready to admit that the wonderful cures, real or apparent, which attend the advent of a new cure, are somewhat aided by the creation of fresh hope in the patients. But radium



Key Photographed by Rays from Carnotite After 50 Hours' Exposure

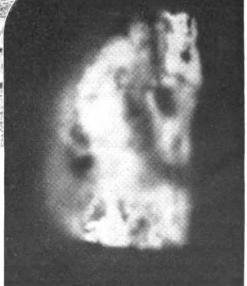
Pitchblende Which Photographed Itself After 15 Hours' Exposure



Carload of Carnotite from Which Radium Is Extracted, at Placerville, Colo.

in the beginning was never advertised as a

"cure-all." For more than ten years it has been silently making its reputation, while other vaunted treatments for tuberculosis, syphilis, epilepsy, etc., are as dead as those who underwent them. Moreover, every case treated is most anxiously watched and the return of disease after apparent cure faithfully reported.



THE USE OF CARNOTITE

Hitherto there were but three sources of radium-Austria and to a small extent in South Australia and Cornwall. England. Now a considerable territory is being worked for the radium bearing mineral, carnotite, in southwestern Colorado, over 28 tons of pure uranium oxide being secured from the western ores in 1912, but, curiously, while America needed radium, these ores were shipped to Europe, and America had to go there to get a supply. In 1913 the Standard Chemical Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., exported 45 milligrams of radium sulphate of high purity to Vienna. Of course, the extraction and chemical processes are tremendously expensive, but a process has been invented by the U. S. Bureau of Mines and, under the endowments of two Americans, a building has been opened in Denver, Colorado, where, if the promised process is successful, enough radium will be secured for urgent needs.

Wherever uranium exists, radium is also found in the mineral. Uranium and, therefore, radium are found in carnotite and its associated minerals. Carnotite is a pale yellow mineral, usually found in pockets of sandstone deposits. It may be in the form of light yellow specks disseminated through the sandstone or more or less massive, associated with blue, black or brown vanadium ores. stands the real test as to radio-activity by discharging an electroscope and affecting a photographic plate. In varying degrees of strength it is applied in pulverized form to superficial skin diseases.

It is claimed for the Colorado carnotite that its value is only slightly below that of the Joachimsthal mine in Austria.

MESOTHORIUM FAVORED IN GERMANY

Mesothorium, discovered by Otto Hahn, is a product of thorium, one of the uranium family, the other products being radio-thorium and thorium X. The

German doctors claim that it has a softer action than radium and needs no screens save the talc covering of the tube. Kuznitzky, a Vienna dermatologist, recently reports cures of nineteen out of 24 skin cancers. It has the advantage of being cheaper than radium, one milligram costing about \$47, and it is hoped to obtain large quantities from the monazite sands found in South America.

The reports made early in 1913 at the Gynecologic Congress at Halle of the success following the use of larger quantities of mesothorium in cancer of the uterus caused so great a demand that the price went much higher, but, as Dr. Stefan Meyer, director of the Radium Research Institute in Vienna, says: "If a milligram of mesothorium costs about \$47 and will half decay in 51/2 years, it certainly has no advantage over radium bromide, which lasts 2,000 years and costs, per milligram, about \$75. Moreover, the emanation cannot be used, for it has a life of only 58 seconds, whereas that of radium lasts 3½ days.

THE NEW TRINITY

There has recently been invented a new control of the X-ray, the device originating with Dr. W. David Coolidge, of New York, who claims that deeply penetrative rays can be passed into the human body and regulated at will by the operators, so, step by step, the two handmaids of surgery, radium and Röntgen rays, are becoming more helpful to, but not wholly superseding surgery, for, in many cases, the one can but expose the field of operation, and the other make an operation possible or complete the surgical work. The time may come when the use of the knife may be an exception, but until then the triune fight will be continued.

In March, 1914, fresh discoveries were announced concerning the beta rays in healing. Dr. Robert Abbe spoke of a new electro-magnetic machine which would permit of using the beta rays alone and Dr. Alexis Carrel is also studying their effect on living tissue at the

Rockefeller Institute. Dr. Abbe calls it dissociation of the rays.

The exploratory operation and guesswork probings are superseded by an X-ray diagnosis, and often an aperient medicine has been found the only treatment required.

THE SWALLOWED TUBE

The X-ray was once of good service when a patient with cancer of the mouth swallowed the tiny tube of radium. Two or three pictures of his interior were taken daily and the progress of the tube through the intestines until ejected made an interesting study, more so because it was valued at some \$600. The patient suffered no harm.

THE PRICE OF RADIUM

Dr. Lazarus Barlow, director of the Cancer Research Laboratory at the Middlesex Hospital, London, says that those who control the radium market are inflating the prices so as to get as much as possible while the demand lasts. is arising a strong protest against radium products being sold out of the country from whence they are obtained. Austria stopped that long ago, but only recently an English firm, which offered Cornish radium at \$75 a milligram to English hospitals and failed to get that price, obtained \$100 for it in Germany. In 1913 the larger part of the radium sold came from Colorado carnotite, but it was sold in Europe, while America sorely needed it.

In 1903 the price of a milligram was \$2, which rose in 1912-13 to \$75 and in 1914 to \$80 and \$100.

The only hope of cheapness seems to be in state annexation and control of radio-active ore-producing mines, and the discovery of other radio-active minerals or some cheaper form of extraction and preparation. To obtain radium from pitchblende means months, perhaps a year, of labor, for, even when the active impurities are removed, there is a succession of crushing, fusing, washing and

dissolving processes to reduce a ton of ore to a few pounds of radio-active substance, which, again, is subjected to many repetitions of fractional crystallization before the radium chloride is isolated and the bromide prepared. Eight tons of uranium ore only yield one grain of pure radium chloride.

In 1912 the Austrian government bought up all the mines at Joachimsthal, Bohemia, whence radium is extracted. The price paid was nearly \$500,000. The bulk of the output will be given to the Radium Institute; some to hospitals and some sold to physicians.

RADIUM INSTITUTES

The first to be opened was in Paris, owing to the exertions of Madame Curie, Henri Becquerel, Henri Danlos and others. It was but a small place at first, but 1913 saw the new "Radium Palace," wherein the "Curie building" is for laboratory work and courses on radio-activity, under Madame Curie herself, but the most interesting building is the "Temple of Radium," where the radium is kept and experimental work done.

The second to be opened was the one in London, founded (1911) through the generosity of Lord Iveagh and Lord Ernest Cassel. It owns the largest quantity of radium of any institute, but has to hold a day and night clinic in order to treat the ever increasing number of patients. The head of it is Mr. A. E. H. Pinch, F. R. C. S.

On April 1, 1913, a radium institute, through the efforts of Prof. His, was opened in Berlin. It is financed through an appropriation by the Kaiser Wilhelm Society for Scientific Research and grants from private industrial societies. Like most German institutions, it is thoroughly equipped, having fifteen departments, including three laboratories and several clinics.

There is also one in Heidelberg, with Professor Lenard at the head; one at Vienna, directed by Dr. Riehl; one at Edinburgh, with Dr. Dawson Turner, a pioneer writer on radium-therapy, as director, and Madame Curie founded one last year at Warsaw; Geneva is to have one this year, and the one founded in New York City by Dr. Howard Kelly and Dr. James Douglas in 1913 is soon to become operative. It has obtained the rights to mine 27 claims in the carnotite district in Paradox Valley, Colorado, and, under agreement with the Bureau of Mines, the latter will superintend the technical operations at the mines.

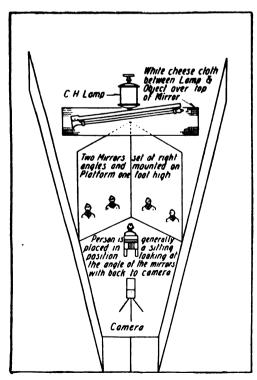
FRESH DISCOVERIES OF RADIUM

Recently the Bolneological Society of Budapest was told by Dr. Wesselsky, professor of chemistry, that under Budapest there are vast radium strata and that it is these which impart the high temperature and healing virtues to the thermal springs, which contain 35 mg. of radium to every ten litres of water.

In December, 1913, a discovery of carnotite ore was made at Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, in a cut made by the Tamaqua trolley line along the eastern base of Mount Pisgah, and government experts determined about two per cent uranium oxide. The deposits are the property of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, and they have turned the property over to the government for scientific work. Should any great quantity of radium be produced it will be given to philanthropic medical work.

MULTIPLE PHOTOGRAPHS

The scheme of showing in a photograph four or five likenesses of one individual has always proved an attractive one because of a certain air of



Multiple Photograph Plan

mystery surrounding it. To the average person it is quite mystifying how the different poses can be secured of the same individual all on one plate. The attached sketch shows how this may be effected.

There are two special mirrors with frames only on three sides, each five feet high and three feet wide, placed at an angle of about 75°, the angle being formed by the edges of the glass alone.

The subject sits at a table with his back to the camera, facing the right angle formed by the mirrors. The camera then points at the back of his head, and the reproduction obtained from the combination of the mirrors results in showing on the plate a reproduction which looks as if five men were sitting at the table, each an exact duplicate of the other.

Not the least important feature of this scheme is that of securing the right light with the proper diffusion. In this case, a Cooper Hewitt mercury vapor lamp is suspended directly over the man's head, and about half way between the location of the man and the mirrors. White cheese cloth is placed between the lamp and the object over the top of the mirrors in order to further increase the diffusion.

THE ANCIENT ART OF ALCHEMY

"Chemistry owes a heavy debt to the early workers and writers." declares James Campbell Brown, in his fascinating history of the subject, "for the art of alchemy, commonly supposed to be occupied with the search for the philosopher's stone and the elixir of life, was in reality the rudimentary stage of the science of chemistry. The most ancient alchemists exercised their skill in practical operations. They studied the metallurgy of the metals known to them, practised the arts of preparing drugs, and perhaps poisons, of making, tinting and working glass, painting and staining fabrics and of making soap and developed the use of antiseptics and the hydrocarbon industries.

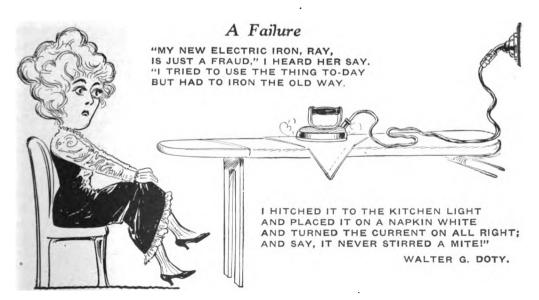
"In ancient times many fanciful modes of representing chemical changes were suggested. These generally took the form of assuming that like attracts like; that substances which combine to form a different substance contain some principle or essence common to both and that such bodies are constituted of particles of various forms, round or angular, pointed or hooked, straight or spiral. Lucretius explained why wine passes rapidly and oil slowly through a sieve

by the assumption that the particles of oil are either larger than those of wine or are more hooked and interwoven

THE HISTORIC SUBSOIL OF PARIS

In the course of certain investigations having for their purpose the determination of the nature of the subsoil of Paris, the authorities drove a well in the Place de l'Hotel de Ville. The result of this operation threw great light on the manner in which great cities, in the course of centuries, bury the relics of their past.

In the present case there was found first a layer of rubbish, nearly four and a half feet thick, and dating from the Sixteenth Century to the Nineteenth. The second layer, a little over two and a half feet in thickness, consists of rubbish recognizable by the character of its fragments as pertaining to the period from the Fourteenth to the Sixteenth Century. This is separated from the first laver by a thin deposit of sand. and a second sandy deposit covers the third layer which plainly shows relics of the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries. At the bottom is a clavey deposit filled with fragments of pottery belonging to the Gallic and Gallo-Roman periods.



Portable City of Ringlingville

From yanking out the aching molar of an elephant to stringing the wires for the electric illumination of the "big top," the three ring circus is full of human interest happenings. System and special time saving equipment enable the portable city of Ringlingville, covering 20 acres, and with a population of 1,370 people, 735 horses and 1,090 animals, including 41 elephants, to move from town to town with less confusion than the city flat dweller can move to the flat across the hall.

The cost to keep this strange city together averages \$8,000 a day. To transport this tented enterprise over the country, 89 double length railroad cars are required, divided into five, and sometimes six, sections. One section of 20 cars hauls the parade equipment, another carries the portable stage, costumes, special scenery and electrical apparatus used in this season's spectacle of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba: a third is made up of coaches for the performers; the next may carry

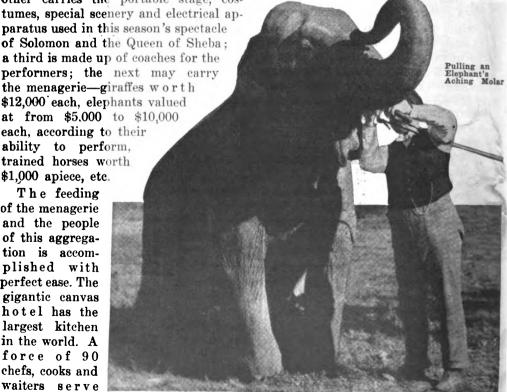
\$1,000 apiece, etc. The feeding of the menagerie and the people of this aggregation is accomplished with perfect ease. The gigantic canvas hotel has the largest kitchen in the world. A force of 90 chefs, cooks and waiters serve

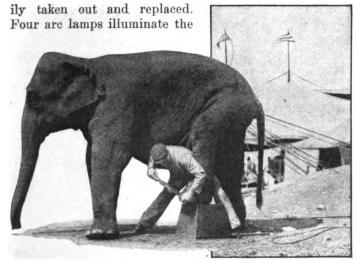
ability to perform, trained horses worth

over 4,000 meals a day. The cooking is done on a range weighing more than half a dozen touring cars and in caldrons and pots of giant proportions heated by steam.

Since a majority of this season's performers come from foreign lands, interpreters are carried for them and native dishes are prepared for their tables. A classification of the people of Ringlingville discloses the fact that nineteen languages and dialects are spoken by its inhabitants.

Contributing especially to the comfort of both spectators and performers is the electric illumination of both the grounds and the big tent interior and it should be mentioned also that the animal cages are lighted with incandescent lamps, the lamps being securely protected and read-





Manicuring a Mammoth

front of the principal entrance, while 28 are placed inside the main tent where the circus performance is given, lighting the rings and stages and the seats, which provide for 15,000 people. All ticket sellers' wagons are electric lighted and two strong spotlights are used to play upon the stages between the rings. A huge wagon, which is used



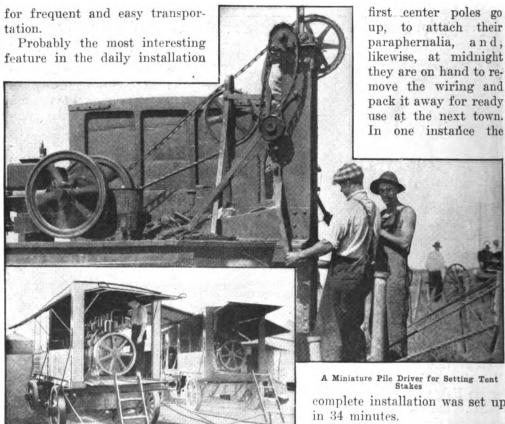
for a workshop, is also equipped with a powerful searchlight mounted on its top, which is directed to different parts of the grounds, while taking down tents and loading after the evening performance.

The current for lighting is furnished by two gasoline engine driven generators, each mounted on a truck. They are duplicates, so that if one should by any chance become disabled the other can sup-



Scissors Will Not Do Here

ply the current for at least half the lights. The generators are arranged, however, to be operated together; that is, in multiple. Being of special design, they are built to run evenly, so that there is no flickering of the lights and no storage battery is used, as this would add too much weight to the equipment



The Portable, Engine Driven Electric Generators which Supply the Current for All the Illumination

of the outfit is the putting down of the cables. These are of varied lengths, of well protected wire wound on reels resembling those used to reel up garden hose. From the switchboard upon each truck these cables are dropped to the ground and unreeled to the points where they connect with the lighting circuits. Should they lay in places where there is apt to be traffic of any sort they are placed in a trench about six inches deep in the ground and covered with earth. The tents are all equipped with protected wiring, which can be easily and quickly installed and removed each time the tents are erected and taken down. The electricians are, therefore, on the grounds in the early morning, when the complete installation was set up

WIRING THE OLD HOMESTEAD

Electric wiring is invariably installed in a new house while it

is in the o f course construction, but the "old homestead,'' the house in which grandmother dwelt. or any ready built house is easily converted into a modern abode a few hours by the electrician and his helper.



b''—Carrying Water the Elephants



Getting Ready for the Parade

WHAT HAPPENS TO A BATTLESHIP UNDER FIRE

When two great battleships approach within a range of 20,000 yards and prepare to wage war, one of those ships is doomed to destruction. Scores of projectiles filled with deadly high explosives, terrible in their destructive powers, will be hurled forth, and so remarkably accurate is the aim of Uncle Sam's gun pointers that if the American ship gets the range of the enemy first—the enemy is lost!

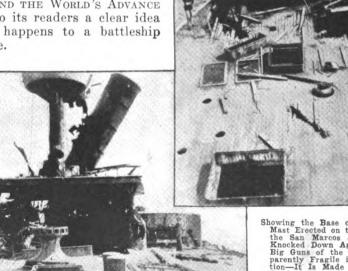
A modern naval battle will last about five or six minutes. On the Arkansas recently a turret crew established a world's record by firing six

shots in 57 seconds and securing six hits.

To determine the effect of gun fire on battleships, the Navy Department used the old Texas, now the San Marcos, as a target. The conclusion was reached that if a battleship was to win a battle, it must strike the first blow, something like the theory of the boy who says that he who

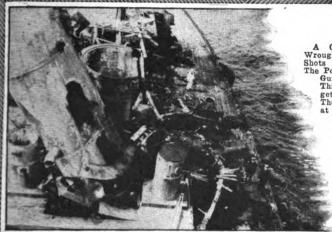
punches first wins the fight.

This remarkable set of photographs has been a closely guarded secret of the Navy Department, but as the ships used today are of a much newer design and they are built to withstand more severe punishment, the pictures have been released for publication, thus enabling Popular Electricity and the World's Advance to give to its readers a clear idea of what happens to a battleship under fire.



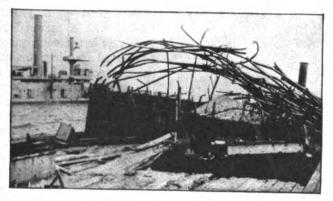
The Superstructure of the San Marcos After a Few Minutes of Firing. Great Projectiles Tore Gaping Holes in the Sides and in an Instant There Was Laid in Wreckage What Was Once a Trim Man-o'-War

Showing the Base of the Cage
Mast Erected on the Stern of
the San Marcos Just to Be
Knocked Down Again by the
Big Guns of the Fleet. Apparently Fragile in Construction—It Is Made of Tubular
Steel of About Two Inches in
Diameter—Woven in a Form
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Its Inventors



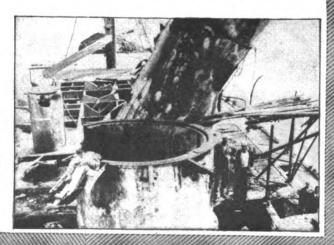
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A General View of the Havoc Wrought by the Firing of Some 40 Shots from the Navy's Great Guns. The Pointers and Trainers of the Big Guns Get Excellent Training from This Firing at a Real Ship. Target Practice Is Very Fine, but There Is an Excitement in Firing at Something Real That Goes a Long Way to Steady the Men for the Real Work of Battle in the Future



The Basket Work or Cage Mast Is Essentially an Institution in the American Navy; Other Navies the World Over Have Pronounced It Valueless. The Mast Shown in the Photograph Was Erected on the San Marcos and Made the Target of the Idaho. It Took More than a Dozen Shots to Bring the Fire Control Mast Tumbling Down. One Shot Wrecked the Old Style "Fighting Top" Mast

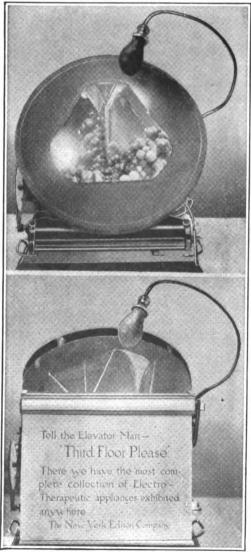
Examining the Result of the Fire. Immediately After the Tests, a Party of Officers and Bluejackets Went Aboard the Ship to Determine the Effect of the Projectiles. They Were Amared. Nearly Every Shot Fired at the Ship Had Been Placed in a Vital Part. This Shows a Man Standing Just Within the Top of the Smoke Stack



THE SYMMETROSCOPE

New York advertisers have become unusually enthusiastic over another electrical device for advertising purposes. This newest invention is called the Symmetroscope and is primarily meant to attract attention to an advertiser's show window.

The Symmetroscope is in the form of a huge horn of plenty with mirrored sides. A handful of coins or fruit is dumped into the horn and a tiny motor



Novel Electrical Device Which Attracts Attention in a Show Window

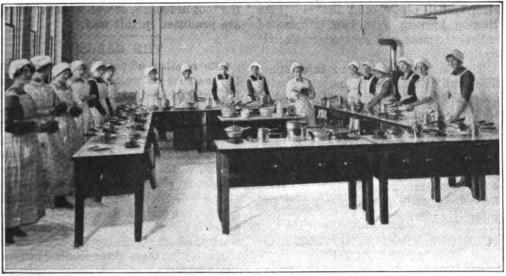
started. This motor slowly revolves the horn, which action tumbles the coins or fruit over the mirrors, producing a myriad of reflections giving the observer the impression that the horn is brimming over with good things. And just when one becomes very much interested in the contents of the horn the motor stops, a clutch throws the horn backward and in its place, exactly where the observer's eyes are focused, appears a large advertising sign which unrolls from a cylinder. There are ten of these signs and the Symmetroscope displays one after every three revolutions of the horn.

THE ELECTRIC HIGH SCHOOL

Less than eight years ago, Rupert, Idaho, was a mere dot on the map. Today it is the county seat of a thickly populated farming community and bears the distinction of having a school building heated entirely by electricity. In addition to heating this building, electric current has been put to so many uses in this very modern school, that it is known as the "The Electric High School."

Rupert is in the heart of the big Minidoka Irrigation Project. In the winter the Government sells its surplus current from its own power house at a cost low enough to compete with coal. The cost of heating the new school by electricity was estimated at \$1,760. Coal might have been used at a cost of about \$1,000.00, but by the use of the electrical heating system, the wages of an engineer at \$75.00 per month was saved, and the cost of installing the electric system used proved to be \$3,000.00 less than for any other known system of heat. After a severe test during the winter months just past the original estimate of \$1,750 has proved too high by about \$250.

The system used in this three story high school is remarkable for its simplicity. The common arrangement of hot air pipes, or flues, has been followed, but a battery of electric heating units,



Domestic Science Room in Electric High School

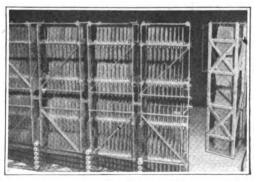
resembling those used in large electric bake shops, has taken the place of the furnace and steam coils. In the furnace room are 20 eighteen kilowatt units installed in pairs, each pair with a separate control of the current from a switchboard in the office of the principal. An emergency switch is also installed in the office which will cut off the current from the entire building.



Science Laboratories Have Electric Hot Plates Instead of Bunsen Burners

Electricity has been put to work in every nook and cranny of the building. A ten horsepower motor drives the ventilating fan and supplies all necessary power for the saw and lathes in the manual training department. An electric water heater furnishes hot water for shower baths in the gymnasium and in the various lavatories.

In the domestic science room there are 20 electric disk stoves, chafing dishes and other electrical cooking apparatus. Here is also installed a modern electric range for the preparation of cafeteria lunches for students who remain all day at the



Electric Heating System

school. In the science laboratories, students of chemistry are provided with electric hot plates, and the old time Bunsen burners have been eliminated entirely to make way for modern electric equipment.

The illuminating system is interesting. The auditorium has a fine stage with stage lights and switch control equal to that of the best theaters. All the electric equipment was planned by local electricians with the assistance of government engineers employed at the power station. Mr. George L. Dilworth, superintendent of the Rupert High School, is justly proud of his new and interesting building.

CURIOUS PROCESS OF MAKING STEEL RODS

There is employed a comparatively new process for making bars of steel and other metal. This process consists in heating metal until it becomes plastic, and then forcing it, with the aid of a hydraulic ram, from the compressing cylinder through a die. It issues the foot in length, as well as heavy bars, are produced in this way.

THE CARAT

The number of persons interested in the measure of weight called the carat is generally limited by the number who are able, or are disposed, to possess precious stones of great value. Of course, it is of the utmost importance to jewelers, and, inasmuch as slight differences have existed in the estimation of this delicate weight, an effort has been made to obtain the adoption of an international standard carat. The weight which has been proposed is 200 milligrams, and it is understood that our Treasury Department, in common with those of the leading powers, has adopted the new standard. It has hithertofore been customary in English speaking countries to reckon a carat as equal to 3.2 grains. The uncertainty of the original measure is indicated by the derivation of the word from the Greek word for the fruit of the carob.



Wall of Illuminated Water Which Prevents Migration of Eels to the Sea

from the die in the form of a rod, like sausage from a sausage machine. The rods are round, square, or hexagonal, according to the shape of the die, and it is claimed that they possess greater tensile strength than rolled bars of equal size. Wire so small that it weighs only one one-hundredth of a pound to

EELS AND ELEC-TRIC LIGHTS

Pursuant to the recommendations of biologists of the University of Copenhagen, the Danish Government has caused to be placed a row of electric lights along a submarine cable extending from the coast of Funen to the Island of Fano, to prevent the migration into the sea of the eels which inhabit the inner waters and the escape of which

is a great loss to fishermen. Éels migrate only during the hours of darkness, and accordingly the lamps are turned on as soon as night approaches, thus interposing a wall of illuminated water which the eels are afraid to pass.

A similar plan has been used in Italy to retain eels in shallow water.





AN ARRAY OF CAMERA MEN

Since the camera man cannot very well take his own picture, the theater goer knows little of him. He is, however, a very businesslike individual and, like the referee in a boxing match or wrestling bout, has to be "on his pins," so to speak, quite as much as the principals. In this picture are to be seen a part of the staff of Lubin photographers with their paraphernalia. They are not averse to being looked at for once themselves.

PUBLIC SCHOOL AT HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS

For the interest and advancement of children who work in films, a public school has been established at the Hollywood, Calif., Universal studios. It is a branch institution of the Los Angeles public schools, but it was built, furnished and will be supported financially by the Universal company.

From fifteen to 25 children, ranging from nursing babies to boys and girls well along in their teens, are used regularly, a few hours each day, at the Hollywood studios and at the ranch in the San Fernando valley.

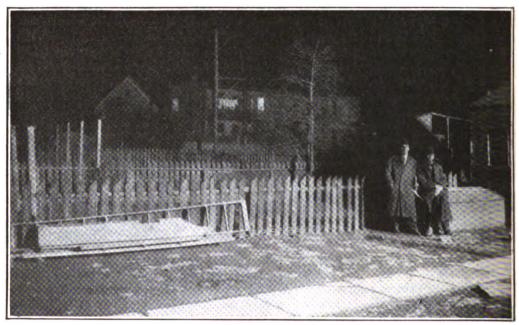
"In the portrayal of various phases of society for the camera," says Mr. Bernstein, west coast manager, "the use of children is indispensable. Their presence during the acting of the drama, even if they have no acting parts to sustain, lends inestimable dramatic sincerity to the production as well as effecting a true-to-life tone to the performance.

"On the other hand, their parents and society owe them a proper education. Professional children often grow up without schooling of any sort. This is unjust to the child. That we may use the children and at the same time not do

them the injustice of interfering with their schooling, a school has been established at the studios."

The schoolroom has been fitted out in a renovated portion of the building which was originally used by the costuming department. This building was left vacant when the department was added that in etching this halftone plate the engraver took special pains to preserve exactly the effect of the original photograph.

The inventor, Mr. Morris E. Hair, of Chicago, described his idea as a new kind of light made by burning metallic magnesium and aluminum, which gives



Photograph Taken on a Dark Night Under Adverse Conditions: a Four-Second Exposure With Two Candles

moved to its new quarters in the second story of the new property building.

There are desks to accommodate 50 pupils and a teacher. The room is some distance from the large stages so that the noise incident to big productions will not interfere with study.

MOVING PICTURES MADE AT NIGHT

The photograph reproduced herewith was made on a very dark night by the aid of a new magnesium candle, as it is called. It will be noted that buildings a block or more away are shown in fair detail, while in the immediate foreground effects approaching those of daylight were obtained. It may also be an intense white light with violet ray,

similar to that of flashlight powder, but continuous and more actinic. These ingredients are put up in the form of candles by a fireworks company, for considerable experience and knowledge of that class of work is required to make them. The candles are lighted with a fuse.

It is said that light—that is, light suitable for photographing, is carried 33½ times as far with one of these candles as with an ordinary are lamp.

Evidently, from the continuous nature of the light and its power, it will be of considerable value to film manufacturers—in fact, Mr. Hair, being superintendent of a film company and incidentally an expert camera man, developed the light with that end in view.

A Gas Well



Digging Trenches



Hauling Pipe Across a Stream



Lowering Pipe Into the Trench



Digging Trench Up a

CREATING GOOD WILL WITH MOTION PICTURES

One of the most interesting series of commercial pictures produced during the past year was a 3,000 foot subject taken by Charles F. Stark, head of the Essanay commercial department, entitled "Building a 20 Inch Gas Main." The film was contracted for by the East Ohio Gas Company.

The scenes were taken in the mountainous regions of West Virginia and show the drilling of a gas well, surveying for the pipe line, panoramic views of the hills and mountains necessary to be crossed with the pipe line, which is to supply gas for the principal cities of eastern Ohio, the making of the couplings, the hauling of pipe by narrow gauge railroad up the mountains and by six horse teams, digging trenches, and the final laying of the pipe.

One of the most spectacular scenes shows the difficulties encountered in hauling pipe, as good roads are few and far between and it was necessary to drive the six horse teams up a river bed.

At present the pictures are being shown to the public, accompanied by a lecturer who gives an interesting talk on the advantage Cleveland residents have over those in other large cities who pay 80 cents per thousand cubic feet for gas, while Cleveland buys its natural gas of a considerably higher heating value for 30 cents per thousand.

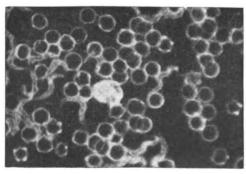
The motion picture as a media for creating public good will for public service companies is incomparable, and the results secured by the East Ohio Gas Company have been so gratifying that six other natural gas companies in the middle west have purchased copies of this film for use in their communities.

Mr. R. W. Gallagher, general manager of the gas company, stated that his company had secured more good publicity and had aroused more interest through the use of motion pictures than it would be possible to secure through any other media for the same expenditure.

The Battle of the Phagocytes

Wonderful Films Made by the French Scientist Comandon, Showing the White Blood Corpuscles at War with the Germs of the Dreaded Sleeping Sickness

The moving picture machine has been used for many widely separated purposes, from the study of the work of athletes to correct their faults to factory operations for the purpose of doing away with useless motion and raising the standard of efficiency. But the most interesting, perhaps, of all its applications is that made by a French scientist in the study of microbes. In collaboration with M. Levaditi and M. Mutermeleh, M. Comandon, a noted biologist, has been investigating, with the help of both the cinematograph and the microscope, the strange phenomena of phago-Before a session of the Academy of Medicine in Paris he has given the results of his studies. One knows the great battle that the leucocytes, or white corpuscles of the blood, are continually waging against disease microbes of all kinds. In other words, the name of phagocytosis has been given to the phenomenon by which a body defends itself, by grace of the little white corpuscles, against the invasion of dis-Those particular types of leucocytes showing a marked tendency toward fighting disease microbes are called phagocytes.

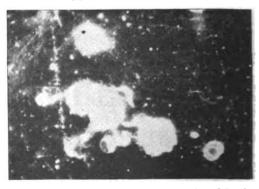


Trypanosomes, the Microbes of the Sleeping Sickness, Wandering in the Blood Stream. They Are the Faint, Elongated, Snake Like Objects. In the Center Is a Leucocyte or White Blood Corpuscle Not Yet Wakened to Activity



Biologist Comandon in the Center—At His Right In His Collaborator, M. Levaditi

M. Comandon and his colleagues conceived the idea of making visible this internal struggle and through this to learn



Here, However, the Leucocytes Are Seen in Actual Battle With the Trypanosomes. One of the Latter Is Just About to Be Enveloped and Swallowed

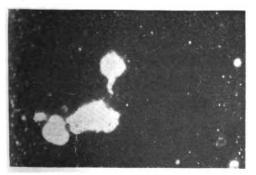
better how to give relief and assist the action of the white corpuscles. So he selected one of the most redoubtable microbes, the trypanosome du nagana—that is to say, the terrible sleeping sickness.

They prepared to make this study of the microbes and white corpuscles under varying conditions: without the use of a serum; then with a normal serum, and finally with the specific serum. They made cinematographic films of these various actions, tremendously enlarged, of course, and finally the films thus obtained were exhibited before the members of the Academy.

The snake like trypanosomes were seen, moving freely and with an astonishing quickness in the midst of the leucocytes, touching them with impunity, passing through the same channels without difficulty.

Then, when the appropriate serum had been introduced, the scene changed. These trypanosomes, always agile, became, at the touch of a white corpuscle, immediately detected, caught and held like a sailor enveloped in the tentacles of an octopus or cuttlefish, and, despite all its efforts to free itself, held closer and closer. Finally the movements of the trypanosome ceased entirely and it died, swallowed up by the leucocyte.

Here, for the physicians who watched the moving films, was a more interesting drama than the most thrilling that could be penned by the scenario writer. But



Completion of Phagocytosis or Destruction by the Leucocytes (Phagocytos). One of the Trypanosomes Has Not Been Completely Swallowed, but to All Intents and Purposes the Battle Is Ended

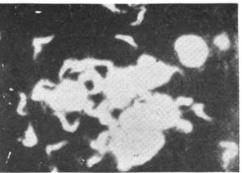
more than the interest of the action of the trypanosomes and leucocytes was the revelation to the physicians of the means by which the microbe of the sleeping sickness can be destroyed within the human system.

HOW THE MOTION PICTURE ORIGINATED

The origin of the popular motion picture may be traced to an after dinner discussion that occurred, almost a hundred years ago, between Sir John Herschel and his friend, Charles Babbage.

Sir John had asked Babbage how he would show both sides of a shilling coin at the same time. Babbage said that the thing might be done by holding the coin before a mirror, a suggestion, however, which did not satisfy the scientist, who thereupon proceeded to give his guests a better example. He spun the shilling on his dinner plate, at the same time inviting attention to the peculiar fact that, if the eye were placed on a level with the rotating. coin, one could see both sides thereof at the same time. The result of his little diversion was that Babbage imparted the information to a scientific friend named Fitton, who constructed a working model based upon the idea.

Now Fitton's device consisted merely of a disk, on one side of which was shown the drawing of a bird, while on the other side was drawn an empty



Roston Photo News Co.

In This Case the Story Is Different. Here the Trypanosomes Far Outnumber the Leucocytes and a Tremendous Battle Is On

birdcage. So, when the disk was rapidly revolving on a silk thread, the bird was made to appear imprisoned in the cage. Here, for the first time, was shown that persistence of vision whereon all moving pictures depend for their effect. The eye retains the image of the object seen for a fraction of a second after the object has been removed. Fitton called his model the thaumatrope.

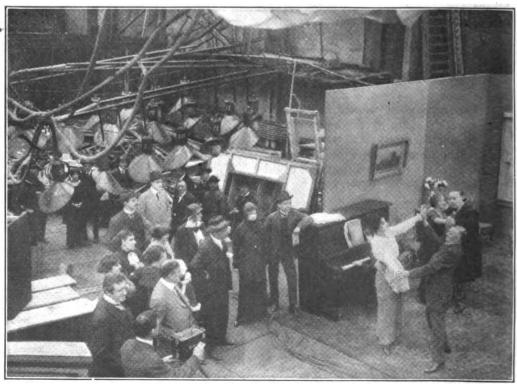
The next stage of development was seen in the "wheel of life," or zoëtrope, a device consisting of a cylinder perforated with a series of slots. Within this cylinder was placed a band of drawings of dancing men. When this device was caused to rotate slowly, the figures seen through the slots gave the effect of a dancing motion.

The first systematic photographs of moving creatures taken at regular intervals were not, however, made until 1877.

DELAYED ONLY FORTY-EIGHT HOURS

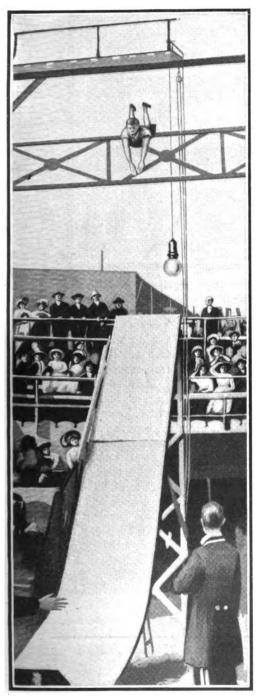
A record in resourcefulness and quick action was recently made when the Edison studio burned, as Director Charles Seay had his company at work on the studio floor in a hastily constructed "set" exactly 48 hours after the last fireman retired from the premises.

Those in the neighborhood of the Edison studio in New York the morning of the fire had the odd experience of watching such stars as Marc MacDermott, Ben Wilson, Augustus Phillips, Mary Fuller, Mariam Nesbitt and Bliss Milford working in a real fire scene, for all were busily engaged in saving their wardrobes and trunks and aiding in getting the film negatives safely transferred from the storeroom to private homes in the neighborhood. Manager and Mrs. Plimpton were to have sailed for Europe on the Olympic at 10 o'clock on the morning of the fire, but a telephone call



The First Scene Taken at the Edison Studio After the Fire

reached Mr. Plimpton on the dock and he instantly returned to the studio and



An Actor Leaps from a Platform Onto a Slide Board 25 Yards Below. The Picture Was Taken for a Film, Near Berlin

factory, though the steamer sailed with a stateroom full of luggage, fruit, flowers and other tokens of esteem—though without its passengers.

As soon as the news of the fire reached Thomas A. Edison, who was in Fort Myers, Fla., at the time, he wired Manager Plimpton as follows:

"I learn that the artists at great risk to themselves helped to save all they could. This is very fine. I appreciate it. We are all one big family anyway.

"Thomas A. Edison."

COURTED DEATH FOR FILM

In making a film near Berlin, Germany, an actor of the company took his life in his hands, when he dived from a platform onto a slide board 75 feet below. By good luck he was not killed, although this is one of the most daring and sensational "thrillers" staged by the modern circus and seldom if ever before attempted by the non-professional diver.

A PARAGRAPH ON FILM FOOTAGE

The vast extent of the motion picture industry may be surmised by the amount of Vitagraph film used. The weekly output of this company's plant is about ten reels, each reel averaging 1,000 feet in length. America uses about 60 copies of each picture, while the European Vitagraph plant, located in Paris, France, makes more than 250 copies of each pic-This Parisian plant supplies the entire world excepting the United States and Canada. Computation shows that in all more than three million feet of film is used weekly by this one concern. In one year it uses enough film to extend around the world.

Some of the recent Mexican films prove that the camera man was well within the fighting zone when the fighting was at its hottest, for within the range of the camera's eye the forces of the enemy can be clearly seen.



jaded, perhaps, with the ordinary studio dramas, produced amid canvas backgrounds of the film studios and enacted by stars of note in the photoplay world, often enjoy by way of variety such films as those taken by Captain Scott and his brave followers in their dash to the South Pole, or those snapped by daring Paul Rainey, who penetrates the jungles of Africa and films wild animals in their native haunts. For such "fans" the six reels of motion pictures taken by Captain F. E. Kleinschmidt in the Arctic regions and which are now being exhibited as feature attractions in a number of America's largest cities will prove a never ending source of delight, for they combine all the stirring action and interest which attaches to the ordinary studio "thriller" and, in addition,

Lovers of motion pictures, becoming

You are sure to hold your breath during the exciting seal fight and the dangers which beset the captain when taking the pictures at the risk of his own life,

possess a wonderful educational value,

since they are in reality nothing more or less than an animated natural history. and to marvel at the antics and habits of the animals encountered.

Views of Seattle flash upon the screen at the beginning of the exhibition and then we are taken up that wonderful scenic route, "The Inside Passage," to Alaska, arriving at last at an Indian village with great, carved totem poles, inscribed with legends of Hydah and Proceeding up Glacier Bay, we pass enormous icebergs 300 feet high, which have broken off from the largest glacier in the world—the "Muir" glacier. We are shown the vessel of the expedition breaking its way through the ice fields in front of the great wall of ice, 800 to 900 feet high, and as the camera swings about to take in the huge mountain of ice with its spires, domes and rugged peaks, we suddenly see a wall of ice the size of a 20 story building break off and fall into the sea, creating a tidal wave 30 feet high that comes, with foam on its crest, racing toward the spectator.

Reel two shows us the reindeer of Alaska and close-up views show the fine antlered male, the does with their fawns

feeding on the reindeer moss or lying in secluded places calmly chewing their cuds. Herds of a thousand or more deer pass in review before the camera. Next comes one of the most marvelous pictures ever recorded on a strip of film. By means of Captain Kleinschmidt's camera we penetrate the waters of a river and behold salmon, under water, in great masses, ascending the stream. It is spawning time and the salmon

are on their way from the sea to a place up-river where they can safely deposit their eggs and then die. The great silver horde moves slowly along beneath the surface of the water and suddenly runs into a net, set at right angles to the course of the stream. The net forms a trap and as the inner heart of the net is raised we behold over 30,000 salmon and codfish held captive within a comparatively small enclosure. A boat suddenly enters the trap and fishermen spike out the codfish and throw them away, while the bailing net is used to dip out a thou-



Cooking Lunch on the Ice—the Main Dish Is Seal Blubber



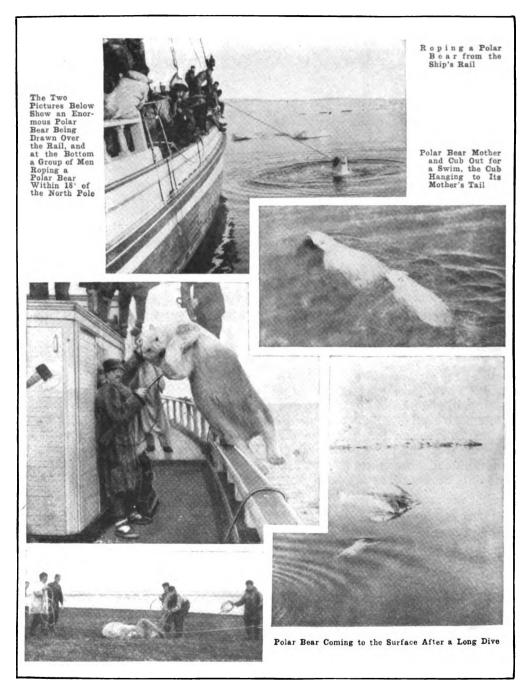
Captain Kleinschmidt with a Moose He Has Just Shot

sand salmon at a time and load them aboard the waiting steamer.

Views of Stellers Lions, the largest of the seal species, breeding on Bogoslof Island, are next shown and we see the huge male seals, each with his harem of females and puppies, sunning themselves on the warm beach sands. One of the harems is invaded by a huge bachelor seal and immediately a fight takes place. Gigantic fangs are bared and powerful jaws slash at each other's necks. A female tries to desert her lord and master and is immediately disciplined. So

human are their actions that the spectator can almost believe it is a domestic drama in civilized life he is witnessing. One large bull seal comes up to within fifteen feet of the camera and stands there barking and showing his fangs. Captain Kleinschmidt suddenly enters the picture, armed with a rope, and attacks the animal. At first the seal flees, but beholding the captain standing amid the puppies he comes ashore again and madly





charges him. The captain retreats and the sea lion boldly takes his place amid his puppies and issues a challenge to all the world. As Captain Kleinschmidt again approaches he rears his head and the captain hurls his lasso. The noose slips off the pyramid like neck and he charges the captain again. Then the noose settles around his neck and the captain quickly throws a half-hitch on



top of the loop and, with a companion to help, tries to hold the huge beast. All in vain. The seal drags them down to the water and even though the line is made fast around a boulder, he snaps it like a thread.

The third reel takes us into the in-

terior of Alaska on a moose hunt. We see a cow moose feeding within 50 feet of the camera, a young bull swimming a lake, and a great monarch of the forest, surprised by the camera, shaking his huge antlered head at the strange machine clicking in front of him. The



Huge Sea Lion Roped After an Exciting Chase

next scene takes us to Boyroslof Island, where we see a volcano in active erup:

tion, the hot lava transforming the sea into a steaming cauldron. Closer views of the volcanic rocks show every foot of the surface covered by breeding birds -millions of them-of every variety and spe-The reel closes with what resembles a although snowstorm. closer inspection proves the snowflakes to be the thousands of birds all in flight at once.

The dangers of navigation on such an expedition as this, where the mariner has no chart to guide him in the hitherto unexplored waters, are aptly illustrated in reel four. We finally land and are taken on a caribou hunt in the foothills which lie beyond the volcano. usually close-up views are obtained of these antlered creatures on their feeding grounds, and in the next scene a giant Kodiak bear is seen lying in the alders with his mate standing motionless Alaskan porcupines are glimpsed and as we pass the seal rocks in front of Resurrection Bay we behold thousands of sea lions who have climbed the steep rocks and upon our approach come tumbling down several hundred feet. You wonder that they don't break every bone in their bodies, as one after another is seen to come tumbling down the face of the cliffs and plump into the water. Mother seals are taking their babies in their mouths, dropping them several hundred feet below and then tumbling after

The vessel of the expedition is seen



Section of Film, Although Not Very Clear, Shows a Polar Bear Actually Charging the "Still" Camera Operator at the Left. Farther Along in the Film the Bear Came Uncomfortably Near

penetrating the Arctic ice pack as reel five begins, guided by the captain from the crow's nest on the mast. The party



Sulphur Bettom Whale

here had an accident that almost wrecked the vessel. A severe storm carried away the rudder and for hours the vessel drifted while a new one was being rigged. The ship was steered by means of a plank for 300 miles to the nearest harbor. We behold three of the crew sitting on the plank or rudder to weight it down and lend purchase to the steering.

After much difficulty a new 2,000 pound steel rudder is constructed and after seven days in harbor we leave again for the frozen north. A swimming polar bear is discovered and a chase begins. The bear dives again and again, and finally runs across the ice to escape his hunters. The crew pursue in skin boats and finally return with a polar bear and her cub as their trophies. The camera records the bringing in of the bears after the long trip across the ice, the hoisting of them aboard and skinning them.

In the sixth and last reel we are taken on a walrus hunt by Eskimos. We view the animals at a distance of 20 feet on the ice, the bulls with their great ivory tusks fighting and stabbing at each other, and on being disturbed see them plunge into the sea. These huge marine elephants come up blowing, snorting and rolling their eyes within a few feet of the camera, stationed on the edge of the ice floe.

We are permitted to watch the Eskimos skinning a walrus on the ice and learn how necessary the walrus is for the existence of the natives. The skins are hoisted aboard, a single skin weighing 1,024 pounds, and, later, we behold the expedition landing the Eskimos at the native village and giving to the half starved inhabitants the meat and blubber of the walrus. The dogs are even hungrier and we witness a fight between 50 or more wolf like dogs in their struggle to obtain the best portions of the walrus meat which has been tossed to them.

The closing scene of the film depicts a leviathan of the deep—a huge sulphur

bottom whale. Passing within 20 feet of him as he lies on the surface. you behold, by means of the motion picture camera, a sight which few human beings have ever witnessed and one which will probably never be completely effaced from your memory.

The films have been shown to the National Geographic Society at Washington, D. C., and most highly endorsed by that body. The New York Zoological Society and other gatherings of men noted in science and letters have witnessed the exhibition of the Kleinschmidt pictures and now the public in general is to be given an opportunity of beholding the results of this very successful expedition.

MOTION PICTURES IN JAPAN

Many of the motion picture theaters in Japan, particularly in Tokio, where there are over a hundred, are quite as elegant as some to be found in any American city. You can secure admission for as low as five cents up to as high as 50 cents. In the cheaper portions of most theaters, the natives sit crosslegged on the floor in characteristic Japanese fashion. They remove their shoes before entering and an attendant takes charge of these.

Both American and European pictures are shown, but the principal attraction is a long Japanese play, which is presented in a very unique fashion. In fact, it may be said that the Japanese have real talking pictures.

The film is produced in the same manner as a stage play, with every portion of dialogue spoken.

When the picture is projected an actor and actress stand on each side of the screen and repeat the dialogue in full view of the spectators. The two reciters share the parts played by the different characters. As their spoken words keep strict time with the lip movements of the silent artists, the result, as may be imagined, is very effective.

What Happens to the Scenario

In this, the last installment of the series, the successful Scenario Author is permitted to obtain some insight in the actual marketing by the film manufacturer of the finished product which has resulted from the carefully prepared plot and outline of action which he sent out some months before; how the theater managers secure the positives from the film exchanges; "first runs"; films for out of town exhibitors, etc.

As many positive prints are made from the negative film as the sales manager has orders for. In most of the big manufacturing plants orders are received for as many prints of any subject as the General Film Company, the Mutual Film Corporation, or the Universal Film Company have exchanges throughout the country, although, frequently, a single exchange will buy several copies or "prints" of a particularly desirable subject, and, again, there are some prints which are not purchased by each of the exchanges. Almost without exception, as many, if not more, prints of any given subject are sold in Europe as in the United States, for the continental film buyers supply the programs for theaters located all over Europe, Asia, Africa and the greater part of South America.

The positive films having been printed they are immediately taken to the developing room, where they go through the same process as did the negative film, which was described last month, winding up with the glycerine bath, as did the negative film. This glycerine bath is necessary since the film must be kept pliable as long as possible, and even after the film has been released and exhibited for a number of weeks, most of the glycerine is lost through evaporation or from other causes, and the film becomes brittle and readily breaks when running through the projection machine. Another treatment in a glycerine bath will usually, however, restore it to its original pliability.

All of the beautiful "firelight," "moonlight" and "dawn" effects are

put into the pictures by means of a tinting solution, which colors the whole surface of the film the color or tint de-"Tinted" or stained films are dyed over their entire surface with a single color and when projected give the impression of being thrown on a colored screen or through a colored lens. high lights, or the light portions of the picture, are the only parts affected from the standpoint of the spectator, for the shadows appear black as in the ordinary black and white picture. A red stain gives a most realistic fire scene, and adds much to the interest and beauty of scenes played, for instance, in front of a fireplace, while blue tinting gives the effect of moonlight, and yellow adds greatly to a sunlight view. The "dawn" effect is usually obtained by tinting the film a delicate pinkish shade. When the pictures contain more than one color the process of making them is much more complicated and expensive, for then the colors must be applied individually by hand, or by a complicated mechanical system.

The last process the film goes through before leaving the factory takes place in the "joining room," where the short 200 or 150-foot lengths are assembled and joined together, the necessary subtitles, reproductions of letters, telegrams, etc., are inserted at the proper point, and the picture is united in just the form you see it on the screen.

Long before this time a release date has probably been set for the picture which we have followed through the factory, and several days before the day scheduled for its first public exhibition



Inspecting the Films in the Joining Room

it is carefully boxed up in its tin receptacle and sent by express to the exchange or rental office from which the exhibitor obtains or rents it. The exchange pays the manufacturer for the subject at a stipulated price per reel; thus a two or three reel subject usually costs twice or three times as much as a single reel subject.

The time element enters largely into the business of the exchange, for, naturally, the manager of a theater who is showing the film the first day it is released pays more for its rental than does the manager who books it for his theater when it is a week or two weeks old. The man using it first is called a "first run" customer—that is, he runs it first or before any other exhibitor in his city or neighborhood. By the time the picture is two weeks old—has been shown fourteen days-its rental price is considerably reduced and the exhibitor then booking it expects to pay considerably less for his service.

At the exchange the film is unpacked, inspected, and numbered, so that it can be readily found in the stacks and stacks

of others which are carefully stored in the film room. After a number has been attached to the film, as a means of identification, the same number is usually affixed to the posters which illustrate and describe it, and which are sold to the exhibitor at the same time that he rents the film. The out-of-town exhibitorthat is, one who lives in a city outside the one in which the film exchange is located—usually has little choice in the selection of his program or the films which he will show, as the booking man at the exchange sends him such films as his contract calls for in point of age limit, and such as happen to be "in," or available at the time the shipment must be made. For instance, if John Brown at Podunk is paying for three films a day, a price which entitles him to "30-day stuff," or films 30 days old, the booking man will each day ship Mr. Brown three films which have been in the exchange 30 days and shown that number of times by other exhibitors. Usually, though, the little theater runs one reel about two weeks old, one about three weeks old, and one four weeks or older, so that much care and attention is necessary to see that Brown receives only films of the age for which his contract calls.

The city exhibitor, living in a city in which an exchange is located, has a decided advantage over his country brother, for he can go down to the exchange and himself witness the films which are going to be released. In a city like Chicago, for instance, the theater managers assemble in large numbers on the afternoons in which the exchange gives its "show" and sees all the films which will be released during the next week projected on the screen.

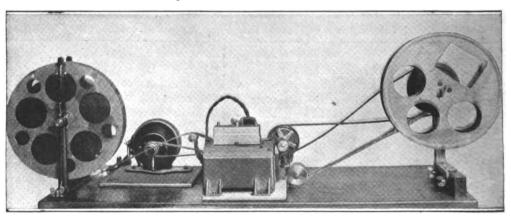
By seeing them himself he can instantly decide whether the picture will

on his hands, sends it out to the Podunk customer, who has to accept what the exchange sends him.

After booking his program, and securing the posters which advertise the pictures he is to show that evening, the exhibitor packs the films in his carrying case and journeys out to the neighborhood in which his theater is located.

IRONING MOTION PICTURE FILMS

In an effort to overcome the trouble of "sticking sprockets" in motion picture theaters, caused by the emulsion on the edges of first run films, an electric film iron has been invented by a New York firm. This machine is composed of two large reels and a tiny electric iron



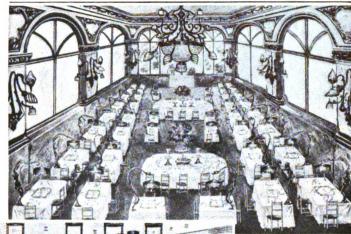
Electric Film Iron to Overcome Trouble of "Sticking Sprockets"

appeal to his patrons or not, and pick and choose what he will "book" on the day that certain subjects are released. For instance, he may see a comedy made by the Puritan Company, which he knows will not please his patrons, and a two reel drama made by Selig or Essanay, which he feels quite certain will satisfy his customers. Accordingly, when it comes time to book his program, he tells the booking man that he wants the Essanay or Selig drama released on Wednesday, Thursday, or whatever day it is scheduled for "first run," and not under any circumstances to book him the Puritan comedy. The booking man then, being left with the Puritan comedy with an eighth of an inch surface on either side. New films are put on the reels and run through the compartment containing the iron. The heat generated by the electricity keeps the iron at a temperature hot enough to melt the emulsion and remove it from the sprocket holes in the film but at the same time the iron is not permitted to get hot enough to ignite the film.

Heretofore the sprocket holes of first run films have been filled with sticky emulsion. This gluey substance would come off on the sprocket cogs of the first projection machine using them and the result would be that the mechanism would be crippled temporarily.

ELECTRA FERIA— MARVEL OF SCIENCE

Electra Feria, the new electric hotel in Paris, was constructed by M. George Knap, whose famous electrical house has already been described in the pages of this magazine. In



Dining Room in Paris Electrical Hotel, and Beneath it the Electrically Operated Kitchen from which the Food is Hoisted tothe Tables by Dumb Waiters.

the large dining hall of this strange hostelry there are no waiters to be seen, but all is sent up to the tables from below, so that the dishes appear on the table as if by magic. A bronze decorative bracket at one corner of the table serves to support a cluster of electric lamps, and concealed in the lamp shade is a loud speaking telephone. Pressing a button sends a signal below, and the waiter's voice comes from the device and requests the order. This is then given by simply speaking in the ordinary tone and without using an apparatus, and soon afterward the dishes appear at the middle of the table in a silver trav which opens up and then closes again. A large basement room corresponds to

the dining room, and has a small electric

lift under each table for sending up the

ranges, where all the cooking is done,

and all is laid out so as to secure a rapid service. Payment is made according to

Near by are the large electric

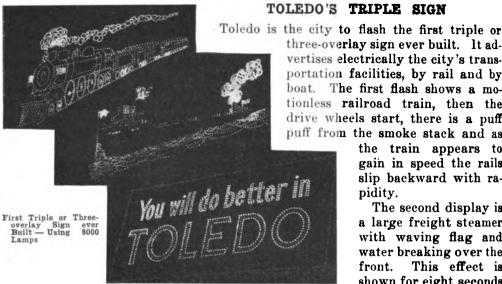
dishes.

a numbered slip, and the amount is either sent down below on the lift or else paid at the

office upon leaving. The rooms of the hotel also have automatic service, with an electric lift for each room. An elaborate system throughout the hotel performs all the work and secures the greatest amount of comfort owing to the many ingenious applications of electricity.

SOURCES OF LITHIUM

During the past few years, it is stated, the operation of mines of the mineral amblygonite in South Dakota has resulted in reducing the price of lithium carbonate from \$2.50 to 50 cents a pound, or even less. Carbonate of lithium, which is extracted from the amblygonite ores, is used in making storage batteries, in the preparation of fireworks and in medicine. Lithium bromid is used to some extent in photography and medicine, but pure lithium, which is the lightest metal known, has no practical use.



THE STAIR LAMPS OF EUROPE

Imagine the typical flat dweller in this country coming home in the wee sma' hours and stumbling around through the doorways and hallways to find the button which will allow him to light the electric lights for just long enough for him to reach the top of the stairs and repeating the same operation to the top of the next stairs, etc.

In many of the apartment houses of Europe this is the approved fashion. These apartment houses are provided with automatic stair lamps which can be lighted by the touch of a button at the bottom or the top of the stairs. The lamps burn for two or three minutes, automatically extinguishing themselves at the end of this period.

In the event of any electrical heating device failing to do its work, it is the wisest plan to look first and see if the plug and cord are in good shape.

When the flexible cord used to connect the wall plug receptacles with the heating apparatus becomes frayed, worn or kinked, it should immediately be repaired; as otherwise, when the wear becomes greater through neglect, it is apt to short circuit and the fuses may blow out.

TOLEDO'S TRIPLE SIGN

three-overlay sign ever built. It advertises electrically the city's transportation facilities, by rail and by boat. The first flash shows a motionless railroad train, then the drive wheels start, there is a puff puff from the smoke stack and as

the train appears to gain in speed the rails slip backward with rapidity.

The second display is a large freight steamer with waving flag and water breaking over the front. This effect is shown for eight seconds

and then the city slogan, "You will do better in Toledo," is flashed next in eighteen foot letters. Almost 8.000 Mazda lamps are used.

THE "TIMBER CRUISER"

This is the name given in the West to those who seek out new timber The "timber cruiser" knows regions. that the tips of the grass always incline toward the south, and that they are less green on the northward side. In the forest the slender twigs on the boughs bend southward so slightly, it may be, that only the trained eye can detect the deflection. The moss on the tree trunks is always on the north side. the bark is smoother and more supple on the east than toward the west, and southward the mildew never attacks the In such way does the timber cruiser "box the compass" while navigating the wilderness.

The timber cruiser undertakes the most arduous journeys with little else than a blanket and a few days' provisions. The location of a choice tract of timber is a secret to be guarded with his life. Weeks, even months, may intervene before the lands can be "taken up" and entered on the records at Washington.



AEROPLANE ALTITUDE RECORDS

The drawing opposite was taken from the French journal La Nature and shows how fast and how far the aeroplane altitude records have climbed since the first flight of Wright in 1908. Records of Frenchmen, only, who have successively held the record for a brief space of time, are shown, with the exceptions of Wright and Latham. Legagneux, last December, went up almost five miles, still far below the top of the mighty Everest.

THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY

"The idealists who have energetically pressed forward the great project of a Lincoln Highway from coast to coast have accomplished wonders towards crystallizing a nation wide demand for the consummation of such a desirable project," declared Henry B. Joy, president, in the address to the conference of governors at Colorado Springs, August 26, 1913, on the Lincoln Highway. It was resolved that the Lincoln Highway now is and henceforth shall be an existing memorial in tribute to the immortal Abraham Lincoln.

The route begins in New York City; to travel westward from this city one must go 150 miles north to Albany, thence westward or south to Philadelphia 100 miles and thence westward. The state highway work planned and in progress will make the route westward through Pennsylvania the most direct. After crossing this state, Ohio northern roads lead directly over state planned highways connecting by excellent topographical conditions across Indiana with the Overland Trail of history, the open door to the scenic wonders and outdoor playgrounds of the great west.

The government standardized this trail for the ox team, the stage coach and the mail route because of its directness, shortest distance, topography and the conditions of the soil. The Lincoln Highway mileage is about 3,500 miles.



W. S. Gilbreath, Secretary of the Indianapolis Automobile Club, Standing on the Seat of a Touring Car with Flag and Pennants

It traverses almost the center of the United States.

The Lincoln Highway serves more population and there are more lateral connecting roads to points of interest than from any other possible main route. Among the latter are the National Capital, Gettysburg, Mammoth Cave, birthplace of Lincoln, burial place of Mc-Kinley, the wonders of Colorado, Wyoming's curiosities of Nature, Glacier Park in Montana, Grand Canyon in Arizona, Yosemite National Park and half a dozen other national forest reserves.

PERFUMED AIR TO SUGGEST SEASONS

Air in the Hotel Alexandria, Los Angeles, Calif., will very shortly be laden with perfume suggestive of and varying with the seasons.

The delicate fragrance of violets, the perfume of orange blossoms, the balmy

odor of pine needles, the suggestion of roses, carnations, lilies of the valley, etc., will be among the perfumes which are to be enjoyed. Electric fans will pass the air through a stream of scented water and other fans will force it along to different points in the building.

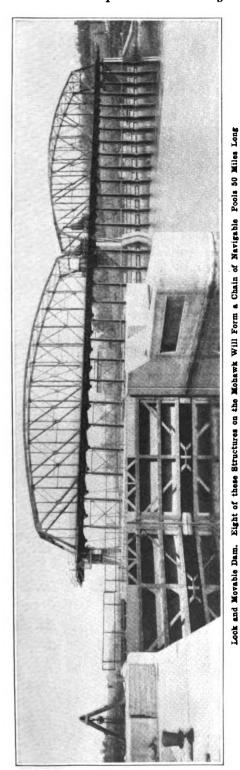
NURSERY MILK WARMER

When milk is warmed over fire in the ordinary way, the heat is applied to one spot only, the bottom of the vessel. The milk at once becomes uneven in temperature, being hottest at the bottom and coolest at the top. The nursery milk warmer consists of a coil tube heater that surrounds the glass bottle and heats the water in which it is immersed evenly and quickly. Both coil and bottle are



set in the nickel plated receptacle and the milk heats within three minutes after the current is turned on.

The indispensable water heater will make a cup of tea in three minutes for nurse and boil a pint of water in six minutes. The cup may be freely carried about anywhere, as the cord is easily removable at the cup by means of the quickly detachable connector.



MAKING THE MOHAWK NAVI-GABLE

The Mohawk River is soon to become a great highway of commerce through Central New York. A series of locks and movable dams, eight in number, will form a chain of deep, navigable pools 50 miles in length. Electricity will contribute largely to the successful operation of this system of river canalization.

The movable dam consists of a bridge of heavy structural steel resting on massive concrete piers. From the lower chord of the bridge are suspended steel frames resting against a concrete sill in the river bed. Each frame carries two gates of steel plate, which slide up and down much like ordinary window sashes. Heavy chains operated by steam and electric winches will raise and lower the gates. By lifting one or more gates, the water level above the dam will be regulated. Twelve feet will be the minimum depth for navigation. In flood time all the gates and frames can be swung up under the bridge floor, leaving a clear channel for the rapid discharge of high The bridges will be lighted by water. arc lamps and connected with each other by telephone.

The locks are 328 feet long, and will accommodate six barges of the size now in use on the Erie Canal. The lock gates are of steel. Valves, gates and buffers—in fact, all the mechanism of the locks—will be operated by electric motors set in recesses in the lock walls. The entire apparatus will be electrically controlled from a convenient central point. Numerous are and incandescent lamps will illuminate the locks and approaches. Power for operating the whole system of locks and movable dams will be supplied from one big hydro-electric plant.

Electric heating apparatus should never be immersed in water unless intended for that purpose and cooking apparatus must not be allowed to boil dry or it will be spoiled just as it would over an ordinary fire.

Telephoning to Europe

By JUDSON D. STUART

On the strength of Dr. Musso's invention, which he claims will enable him to telephone from New York to Europe, a corporation has been formed to advance the idea from the present experimental laboratory stage to success or failure under working conditions—over land and under seas. In printing this interview with the inventor, his opinions, only, are expressed. When set at the task of transmitting speech under a real ocean some thousands of miles across, instead of through an "ocean equivalent" of inductances, capacities, resistances, etc., the system will meet its real test. In the meantime, although the inventor does not tell the real secret of the system, the general features as he outlines them are interesting.— Editorial Note.

Dr. Musso

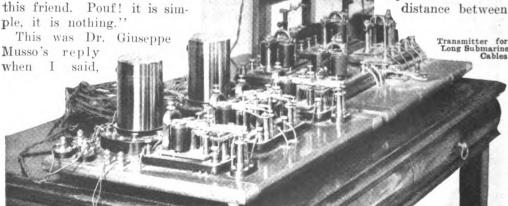
"You have a friend in London, St. Petersburg, Cairo, Calcutta,—anywhere? Sit in your

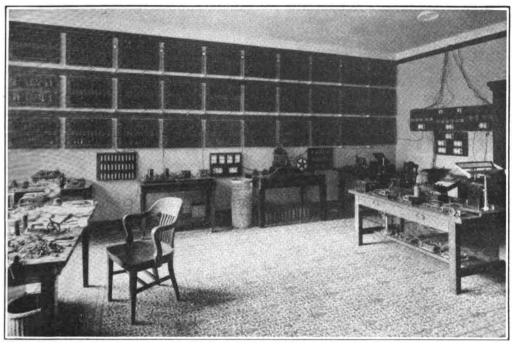
office in New York, Chicago, San Francisco or any other place in America. take down your telephone receiver, get central to connect you, and then talk with

"Tell me, doctor, just what your recently incorporated company proposes to bring about by means of your invention?"

It was in Dr. Musso's laboratory in

the company's offices at 80 Maiden New York Lane. City. To a layman apparatus this laboratory was most imposing, and even the expert electrician would be puzzled at many of the things, especially the huge apparatus on the wall representing the equivalent in cable distance between





The Bank of Resistances and Capacities at the Farther Wall Represents, Electrically Speaking, Several Thousand Miles of Ocean Cables

New York and Paris. The Italian inventor's statement that his company proposed to make it possible for anyone to telephone promptly, clearly and distinctly to any part of the world was promptly followed, on the part of his questioner, by the inevitable "How?" whereupon Dr. Musso proceeded to explain, at least up to a certain point.

"It will not be long," declared Dr. Musso enthusiastically, "after our cables are laid before a telephone conversation from New York to St. Petersburg or any other European city will become so common that it will not excite the slightest interest.

"The principle of my 'longest distance' telephone, as I call it, is really simple. Previously attempts to perfect extremely long distance telephoning have failed because the current sent along their cables has been deflected and otherwise interfered with by various currents and natural electrical magnets.

Efforts have been made to overcome

these difficulties by loading the cables with induction coils and similar aids, but they have never been successful.

"My principle is simple, because, instead of trying to remedy the evils of a long cable, I use an ordinary cable and when this tends to distort the message in a certain way, I distort the message at the sending station in exactly the opposite way. Hence the two distorting tendencies nullify each other and the message travels as easily over a distance of 39,000 miles as it does over ten miles."

I suggested that 39,000 miles would take the message entirely around the earth's largest circumference and 14,000 miles beyond the sending station.

"Let me explain," hastened the inventor, "electrically speaking, it is thirteen times as far from New York to Paris as it is from New York to San Francisco, although geographically the distances are about the same. By this I mean that the resistance to be overcome in telephoning from New York to

Paris is thirteen times as great as that to be overcome in telephoning to San Francisco because in the former case the cable must be grounded while in the latter instance an aerial line is possible all the way.

"When my system has been universally installed, a man in Chicago may talk to a friend in St. Petersburg or Calcutta simply by calling up 'central' and asking for St. Petersburg or whatever foreign city he wants. In front of the operator there is a board connecting with a number of circuits. Each circuit is regulated to cover a distance of 250,000 square miles; that is, to connect with any place within a radius of 500 miles.

"If you wish to speak to a party 1,000 miles away 'central' pushes in a plug connecting you with a circuit automatically adjusted to that distance. If you wish to speak with a party 4,000 miles away you are connected with the corresponding circuit.

"Now I do not mean by distorting a message that it is vocally distorted; what I mean is that if the conditions are such that some counter attraction, some natural magnetic power, tends to deflect the sound wave, my apparatus will deflect it in the opposite direction, and the result is that the sound wave is unbroken and the words carry evenly and distinctly along the cable.

"To make myself clearer let me explain. There are two kinds of lines used at present by commercial telephone companies, cable wire lines and open wire lines. The cable wires are insulated and usually laid under ground or under The others are bare wires running overhead. Either kind connecting two stations is a circuit. Of course the telephone circuit consists of a pair of Under the present system it is impossible to telephone much more than 1,000 miles even with the help of 'loading coils.' Under my system it will be possible to telephone to Cuba, Bermuda, Nova Scotia, Europe or anywhere by means of plain cables of such gauge as to insure a great economy of copper. Another economy of my system is that in telephoning across the continent a person need not be near a central station where a specially loaded wire terminates, as is now the case even for short calls. At present what we call long distance telephoning is made possible by using the 'phantom' circuit instead of the physical circuit. A 'phantom' circuit, you understand, is one resulting from the combination of two physical circuits. This necessitates two complete circuits for the successful operation of only one.

"By my system the transmission is equally good through the 'phantom' and through each of the two physical circuits. Thus, by using exactly the same wires the Musso system establishes three circuits where the present system establishes but one.

"This invention of mine may be used simultaneously for both telegraphy and telephony, and it does not require any apparatus of special manufacture or de-The transmitting and receiving instruments are identical with those now in use. But in the central station must be installed my invention for distorting the sound waves - a simple, inexpensive This is the secret of teleapparatus. phoning around the world. My apparatus must be used to enable the sound waves to overcome all counter attrac-When this is done tions in transit. verbal messages may be sent and received at any place and every place on the face of the earth, regardless of distance, wherever cables may be laid and wires strung, and this apparatus in no way complicates the sending or embarrasses the operator."

That illuminant or energy carrying medium that requires the least oxygen in its utilization is undoubtedly the most healthful—electricity requires none. It does not contaminate the air in the least and can be adapted to every conceivable form of illumination.

THE BRUDE LIFEBOAT

About four years ago a unique craft sailed across the Atlantic from Norway to Boston under her own canvas and without convoy. That little fourteen foot vessel was an early type of the Brude lifeboat. She was weeks in making the voyage and had to battle with more than one violent winter gale. She was in effect a sort of gigantic egg of

This is a very distinct advance upon the ordinary lifeboat. The latest type will be equipped with small motors.

NITROGEN-FILLED LAMPS TO LIGHT THE EXPOSITION

A system of lighting never before utilized in expositions—for the reason that the mechanism making it possible has never before been perfected—will



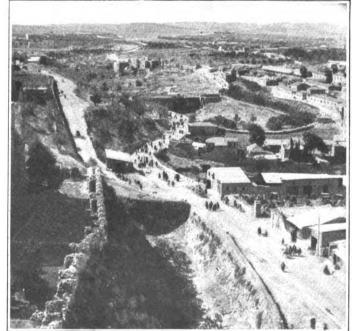
There Is Room to Seat 33 People Inside the Brude Boat and Several More Can Cling to the Outside

steel, and within her sheltering walls her crew of four seamen made the trip in comparative comfort.

The Brude lifeboat is now installed upon more than 60 ships, and the big car ferry steamer "Ashtubula" is the first vessel upon the Great Lakes to profit by this valuable innovation in the way of a life saving appliance for navigation. The boat is so planned that it will always bob top-side up no matter how it may fall or be dropped hastily into the water. Being built of steel and globular in shape it is peculiarly sturdy, and recently built models are able to seat comfortably, inside, 30 odd per-This means that the passengers will be protected from swamping seas, the boat will float despite any storm and the perils of an icy blast are neutralized. In short, the people will be assuredly kept afloat and sheltered until succored. maintain, at night, the chief zone of illumination throughout the 625 acres of the grounds of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, to a height of 125 feet, with a variation of five per cent.

This light will for the most part be created by the new nitrogen-filled lamps described in last month's issue. lamps will be ranged up and down standards of from ten to 30 feet in height, and the eye of the observer will be shielded from the powerful direct rays by metal banners. In fact, all the lighting of the exposition palaces and grounds will be by the indirect "flooding" system, from concealed sources. The main advantage of this system over the old outline plan of using electric bulbs along the architectural lines of buildings, as at previous expositions, is that it permits the beauty of perspective and shadows to be preserved.





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Tombs of the Prophets, Famous Biblical Landmarks of Jérusalem Which Will Shortly be Visible from the Windows of Passing Trolley Cars

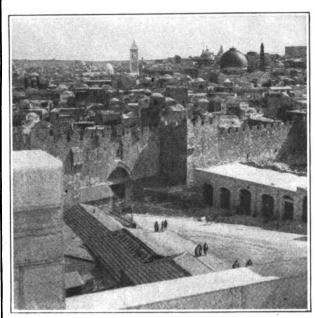
One of the Trolley Lines Will Traverse this Road to Bethlehem, Which Lies About Six Miles Away

ELECTRIC STREET CAR LINE FOR JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, the Holy City, will soon be provided with modern electric street car service and electric light. It is also to have a much needed water supply. In order to put in these improvements, it is necessary to demolish some of the picturesque ancient walls and massive towers of the city.

The rapid growth of the Holy City owing to the return of the Jews in great numbers to the home of their ancestors, has made these changes necessary. To the north and west of the old city, large Jewish colonies have sprung up within the past ten years, making populous residential sections, with convents, schools and other buildings, so the result today is a larger city without the walls than within.

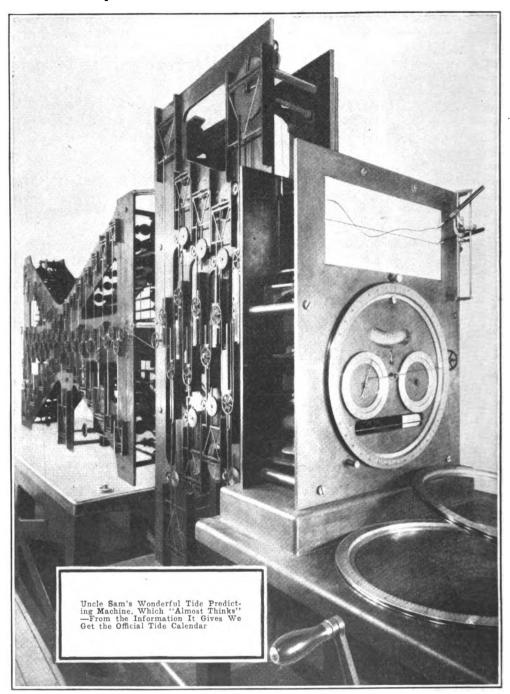
The work of laying the rails for the new electric line began in April, 1914. Four separate routes are to be laid down. They will all start from Jaffa Gate, the principal entrance into the city, and run outside the city walls through the newer parts of Jerusalem. The first, which will be about two miles long, will give easy access to what is termed the business quarter of the Holy City. The second line of similar length will link up the large Jewish colonies to the north with the gate on the north side of the city.



Damascus Gate, the North Gateway to Jerusalem, Through Which One of the Lines Will Pass in Going to Large Jewish Colonies Farther North



Photos Copyrighted by Underwood & Underwood, N. Y The Old Wall of Jerusalem, Looking South from Jaffa Gate Tower



The third one of the lines will encircle the ancient city, embracing many historic sites, such as the Tomb of the Kings and the Mount of Olives. The fourth line will extend from Jaffa Gate to Bethlehem, six miles away, traversing the most sacred thoroughfare in the world.

The city walls, which have a circumference of about three miles and rise in places to a height of almost 40 feet, are now being offered for sale by the government, as building material. It is expected, however, that efforts will be made to save isolated sections, more particularly the massive towers. Influential citizens of Jerusalem have formed a society with a view to preserving "David's Tower," which they propose to convert into a museum.

GETTING ADVANCE INFORMA-TION ON THE TIDES

There is one "big brother" of the everyday computing machine that is worthy of a place among the important electrical novelties of the age. This is the "tide predicting machine" which has been invented by the instrument experts of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic The function of this machine "that almost thinks" is to supply Uncle Sam with the advance information for the official tidal calendar or "Tide Tables." This publication, it may be explained, is issued annually and gives information one or two years in advance as to the time and magnitude of the tidal fluctuations of the sea. It is, indeed, a peep into the future that is of vastly greater value to the mariner and engineer than is the ordinary almanac to any person ashore.

What the ingenious tide predicting machine does in detail is to work out, with very little human aid, the time (to the minute) and the height (to a tenth of a foot) of every high and low water in the year at the 70 principal ports of the world; and, indirectly, to supply like information for 3,000 other Since tides are dependent upon the effect upon the sea of the force of attraction of the sun and moon it goes without saying that it would be a comparatively simple matter to foretell the tides from astronomical data alone if the world were entirely covered by water, but since there are continents and islands to upset such calculations, it is necessary to base all predictions upon observations made by automatic tide recording gauges. The data thus obtained are worked out mechanically by the intricate structure of wheels and cogs and pulleys, designated as a tide predicting machine.

Electricity is the form of energy employed in the operation of this tide predicter and some of the services performed by the magic current in this connection are very interesting. of these is the notation making. As will be noted from the accompanying illustration a fountain pen is mounted on a shaft carrying armatures of two electromagnets. Successive contacts throw the pen downward, thus marking off the hour spaces, midnight being indicated by a double mark. The electric current is also employed to stop the machine automatically and thus relieve human operator of the strain of watching the machine for the exact moment when the apparatus should be stopped in order to copy from its face the readings of high and low water.

LOW ELECTRICITY RATES IN NEW YORK TOWNS

Lowering of rates for electricity is progressing, even in small communities. Mr. G. B. Mills, president of the Wayne Power Company of Sodus, N. Y., writes that a rate, for cooking, of only 3.2 cents a kilowatt hour is made in Avoca, Wallace, Cohocton, Atlanta and North Cohocton, Steuben County, N. Y. These are small villages of from 300 to 1,200 inhabitants. The Marion Power Company makes a rate of four cents in Marion, and the Sodus Gas & Electric Light Co., 31/2 cents in a number of small towns. Mr. Mills says: "We have small families cooking for \$3 a month, and large families from \$5 to \$6 at these rates, including baking of bread."

The housekeeper finds a new delight in cooking by electricity on the table—it is so cleanly and convenient.

CHAUFFEUR'S HINDSIGHT GOGGLES

A motorman's mirror so placed that he may see passengers board or leave at the rear of the car has been in use

for som e time. The same principle has recently been applied to an invention for the motorcyclist and the chauffeur, a small mirror being fastened to goggles. With it the wearer is able to see

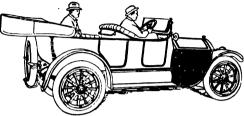


Coggles with Side Mirror

what is going on in the rear without turning his head. At the same time there is no interference with a clear view ahead.

AUTOMOBILE FENDER TRUNK

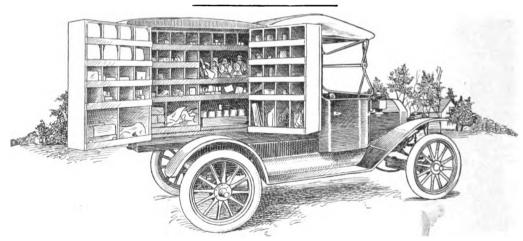
The Cole fender trunk is one of the latest devices for economizing space on an automobile. The trunk utilizes fender space otherwise not occupied and is not in the way of side doors. The exterior is built dust and water-



Trunk Which Utilizes Fender Space

proof and access to it is had at the side.

The trunk contains two suit cases and at the bottom is considerable extra space. It is made for both the right and left sides of the car so that the tourist can carry two, one on each side of his car.



PRACTICAL BODY FOR SALESMAN'S CAR

A practical body for the motor car used by a traveling salesman has been constructed for a firm in Philadelphia that deals in auto supplies and accessories. Of course such a line of goods is heavy and bulky so that sample trunks would be burdensome, while the use of photographs or printed matter instead of samples would result in fewer sales. The problem was very neatly solved by making the body of the light automobile in the form of a set of shelves and pigeon holes, which unfold in the manner shown in the drawing. This makes a display that is readily exhibited and easily carried.

GASOLINE ELECTRIC VAPORIZER

The Sure-start vaporizer is a patented device for supplying hot gasoline vapor for starting any gasoline engine regard-

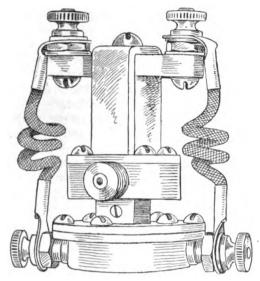


Fig. 1. The Gasoline Vaporizer

less of cold gasoline, cold engine, or long stops, and is especially adapted to automobiles.

The vaporizer, which weighs ten ounces, is illustrated in Fig. 1. The location, manner of attaching it to the engine and the connections are shown in Fig. 2. A switch on the dash controls both the supply of gasoline and the electric current.

In starting the engine the directions are to proceed in the ordinary way but

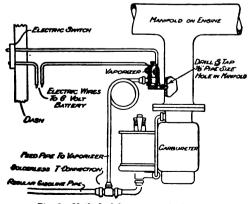
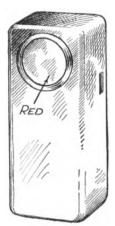


Fig. 2. Method of Connecting the Vaporizer

not to open the gas throttle more than a quarter of the usual distance. Turn on the vaporized switch, wait about ten seconds, then start the engine. As soon as the engine is running, change the throttle to the usual position and open the switch. Under extremely cold weather conditions the vaporizer should be left on a little longer than at other times.

TAIL LIGHT DETECTOR

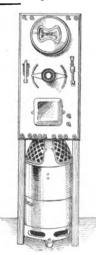
This device has been designed to meet and overcome the unpleasant and expensive, as well as annoying experience of having your rear lamp fail you while driving. With this detector when trouble does occur. either in lamp, wiring or poor contact, it immediately shows a red warning light on your dash.



Tail Light Detector

SNAP A SWITCH

The Wotton charging outfit makes simple the charging of the batteries by use of a rectifier; it is easy snap a switch. Throw the switch and it starts automatically; should the current go off during the night charge, it would stop restart matically. When the battery is full the device operates to



Charging Outfit

cut off the charge automatically. All forms of alternating current are met in this vertical Wotton. Whether you have direct or alternating current, you can have a home charging plant that is automatic.

AUTOMOBILES IN THE SERVICE OF WAR

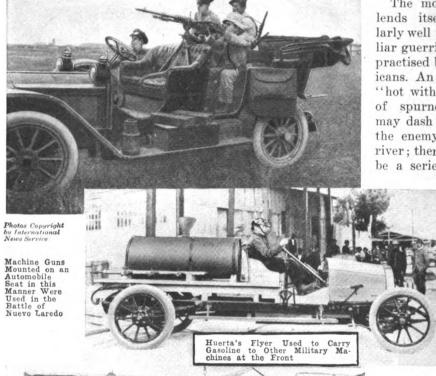
Here is an example of an automobile diverted from its original purpose; from the joy of the road it has passed to the service of war. Huerta, Mexican war leader, has been quick to avail himself of the motor vehicles. First, there is the greater rapidity of transportation made possible by their use and quick delivery of supplies; then there is the

saving in carts and horses and fewer hands are needed.

There is no outlay for running expenses except for fuel and sundries while actually en route. There is the very great advantage of the speedy conveyance of troops and goods over long distances, when it would be impossible for animals to compete in the matter of

locomotion.

The motor vehicle lends itself particularly well to the peculiar guerrilla warfare practised by the Mexicans. An automobile, "hot with the hatred of spurned miles," may dash up close to the enemy wading a river; then there may be a series of sharp



Automobile Recently Purchased by
Huerta, Designed to Carry a Large Number of Troops
and Flying Squadrons

reports from a rapid fire gun mounted on the seat of the car. Such a combination was used with disastrous effect on Villa's men, who were crossing a river at Torreon, although later the advantage was lost through the superior sagacity of Villa.

How a Famous Quack Divulged a Great Secret

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

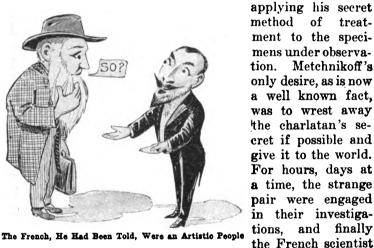
Save for a searching scrutiny by the customs officials at the frontier, no one paid much attention to a full chested, gray whiskered, solitary old fellow with a heavy grip who traveled from Berlin

to Paris one day in the spring of 189-. He had been on a visit to the German clinics, but the professors were so busily engaged in the laboratory that they scarcely had noticed his presence at all. Naturally enough, this sort of treatment peeved the pilgrim, so he had cordially consigned the Fatherland to the evil one and hied

himself to France. The French, he had been told, were an artistic people. Well, he should soon see about that. Stowed safely away in the toe of his woolen sock the eccentric traveler had something that certainly ought to interest science and art. He would give the Frenchman a fair chance; but, mind you, he didn't care a hoot in G-sharp whether they took up the proposition There were others.

Arrived in Paris, the stranger lost no time in seeking out one Elie Metchnikoff, a laboratory expert of some little reputation. While it is considered incompatible with the spirit of medical ethics to fraternize openly with irregulars until they prove their claims beyand reasonable contention, nevertheless Professor Metchnikoff had his ear to the ground from the very instant the pil-

grim entered France. The savant received the visitor with an open mind and in the privacy of his laboratory watched specimens of living inflamed tissue under the microscope, the stranger meanwhile



saw a ray of light.

"Eureka! Eureka!" he cried excitedly, much as poor Balthazar did when he learned at last the enigma in The Quest of The Absolute. "Eureka!" And he rushed out bareheaded to the nearest In the excitement of the publisher. moment the graybeard was utterly forgotten. With a grunt of disgust he gathered his papers and specimens and betook himself to a nearby cafe for solace and oblivion.

What Metchnikoff had discovered was simply that man is a combination of cells which possess more or less cannibalistic properties. Phagocytosis, the Professor called this one celled cannibalism on which our health and life so largely depend. Phago means "I swallow;" cyto means "blood corpuscle;" a phagocyte is a blood corpuscle that swallows things -mostly microbes. Metchnikoff had actually seen the white blood corpuscles engaged in this occupation. He saw a wicked little bacillus attack a helpless tissue cell; then the pale, tremulous, protoplasmic form of a white corpuscle crept cautiously along inside the capillary vessel wall, clinging to the wall to avoid being bowled away in the blood stream and lost in the eager rush of red corpuscles. As he gazed spellbound, all unconscious of the pilgrim who stood smiling beside him, the Professor, marveling at the primal tragedy of life, saw a secret door in the capillary wall open very slowly, the little white corpuscle slip through, and the door close softly behind it. The scout crawled along, slyly, carefully, like a cat stalking a bird; he extended a slimy arm toward the invading bacillus-and in a twinkling had gobbled it up, as a cuttlefish devours its prey! No wonder Metchnikoff cried Eureka. He thought he had grasped the Big Idea, the Great Secret.

The publisher did his part and the news was soon flashed around the world that Prof. Elie Metchnikoff, the famous French bacteriologist, had discovered how the body protects itself from destruction by pathogenic germs, etc., etc., with never a word about the mysterious stranger. The despatches stated that Professor Metchnikoff and his assistants were now at work with experiments looking toward the discovery of a chemical or drug which would stimulate a prompt and rapid multiplication of phagocytes, or cannibal cells, in time of hostile microbic invasion—something which would rouse the cannibalistic propensities of man's white corpuscles to a savage pitch.

But alas! the silent old quack with the full chest and the gray whiskers flitted away without waiting to see how successful the quest for the unknown chemical might be. As a matter of fact, the old rascal had that chemical still snugly stowed in the toe of his sock. Elie Metchnikoff and his corps of assistants would be live ones if they could catch him napping, he mused laughingly to himself. And they'd have to hurry, for he was going to England the very next day. Germany had given him the cold, vacant stare. France had dealt him a treacherous blow. What would England do?

The unrecognized promoter sneaked out of Paris on the midnight express, bound for Calais. His whiskers were dyed green for the occasion and tucked carelessly inside his red and yellow mottled waistcoat. The Great Secret nestled



Rushed Out to the Nearest Publisher

comfortingly under his great toe. On the packet crossing the channel the Prince of Charlatans plied a lively, or, to be more accurate, a deadly practice among his fellow passengers, curing up numerous cases of mal de mer in his characteristic manner after nostrums and legitimate remedies by the score had dismally failed to give the desired relief. The treatment was not pleasant, to be sure, yet it cured them one and all by the time they set foot on solid British soil.

Undaunted by the two previous rebuffs, the eccentric quack disembarked as soon as the boat made a landing, put on waterproofs and a chest protector and sought out the residence of Sir Almroth Wright, a London surgeon of international distinction. Sir Almroth had said and done things in public that encouraged the pilgrim to approach him boldly with his scheme; the surgeon was

reputed to have an independent mind of his own, and that was precisely what the green whiskered pilgrim was looking for.

At first the Londoner showed the peculiar visitor scant courtesy. But when the steaming stranger had explained in detail the nature of his mission to England — from France — Sir Almroth was inclined to warm up just a trifle and crack a faint smile of welcome.

"They say this man Metchnikoff's creating quite a stir with his phagocyte discovery over there," said the surgeon, sponging off the fog that continually blurred his pincenez.

"Him? He's nutty—crazy as a loon!" exclaimed the vindictive quack. "Him and his phagocytes—huh! Why, them frothy Frenchmen——"

And he went on with a dreadful tale of ill usage and unkindness, never stopping till Sir Almroth literally clapped his hand over the garrulous mouth.

"Now, can that sorehead stuff and go on with your proposition, whatever it may be," commanded Sir Almroth, if not in these words then in words to the same effect.

"Well, I'll tell you," resumed the mysterious visitor, fondly stroking his green and dew bedabbled beard. "Elie is on the right track, all right, but just between you and me, Allie, he's a dreamer—he ain't practical. That's the trouble—he ain't practical. Now a good substantial British mind like yours—a mind that reaches its own conclusions without regard for the speech of the people—a good substantial British mind—"

Here the interesting visitor reached down and pulled off one boot. Sir Almroth looked at him in speechless indignation. The visitor now began to tug at the toe of his gray woolen sock and the London scientist rose and summoned the butler.

"Show this gentleman out!" he commanded. "Show him out at once, I tell you!"

"Hi beg your pardon, this way out,

sir," called the butler from the doorway.
"Aw, fade away, bub," laughed the queer old fellow, yanking the sock off at length. "There, Allie, take a squint at that, will you!"

He had thrust one hand into the toe of the sock and drawn out something, which he now threw into Sir Almroth's lap.

Sir Almroth gasped and blinked. He picked the thing up, turned it over curiously, fell into a long study. The old quack sat watching him intently.



He Saw a Wicked Little Bacillus Attack a Helpless
Tissue Cell

The butler softly withdrew. At length the surgeon gave a little cry.

"Why, I have found it!" he said in good everyday English.

And indeed he had found the Great Secret.

The discovery of the principle of vaccination as a preventive of disease is credited to some peasants of the countryside in 1774, from whom Jenner received the idea and put it in practice in 1796. But the use of killed virus as a remedy or a cure for disease was introduced by Sir Almroth Wright scarcely ten years ago, and today the so called bacterial vaccines are in general use throughout the world in the treatment of many diseases of which the specific causative germs have been identified.



Nurse Administering a Dose of Vaccine to Prevent

The secret—the Great Secret which the famous quack gave Sir Almroth—was nothing else than a revival of the ancient homeopathic apothegm, "a hair of the dog that bites you." In other words, a hypodermic injection of a given number of the killed bodies of the same germs from which you are suffering will stimulate the cannibalistic function of your phagocytes, and these defenders then proceed to clean up every microbe in sight—dead or alive, savage or missionary—and you just naturally get well.

And so our story ends.

Oh, yes—the name of the famous quack who peddled the big secret? You surely ought to have guessed his name long ago.

It was Old Doctor Nature.

SCOOPING FENDER

Illus trations here given of the four different operating positions of a new type of a u to matic fender show clearly the method of operation. A



Unconscious of Danger



Shield Tripped by the Contact

child, unconscious of danger, is crossing the track in front of a car. The fender, in the first picture, is in normal position, with the scoop held up by a

simple trigger.

Next the overturnable shield is automatically tripped by contact with the child's body and thereby instantly fills the space be-



"Scooping" Up the Child



Safe in the Basket

tween the fender and the street surface, making it impossible for the child to become wedged beneath the fender. The third picture shows the

shield completely tripped, "scooping up the child." Lastly, the child is safely landed in the basket of the fender.

In its operating position, while the car is running, the fender projects about two feet beyond the bumper, and it is so attached to the car by pivoted hanger rods that it may be swung out of the way beneath the car when it is at the rear end.

It can be easily released from the operating position by the motorman and swung back under the platform of the car when a collision with a vehicle or

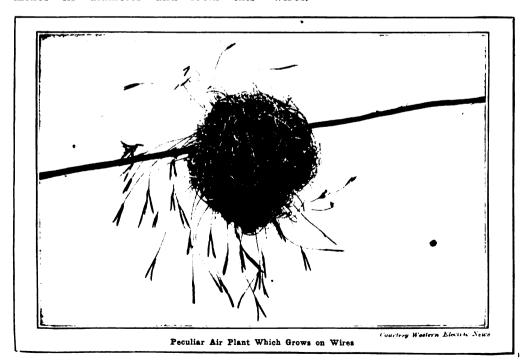
other inanimate body is unavoidable. Its position is, in fact, governed by the judgment of the motorman, as a foot lever and chain enable him to set the fender in operating or carrying position at will. The position of the scoop, however, is governed by a trigger spring, which holds it in the normal operating position. After it has been tripped it is necessary to reverse the scoop and set the trigger by hand. The fender is constructed entirely of steel, with the exception of the scoop, which is made of oak encased in sheet steel.

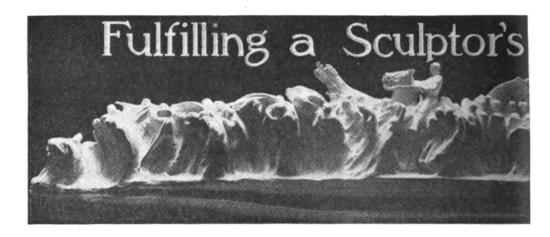
NEW KIND OF "TELEPHONE PLANT"

The accompanying picture is of a peculiar air plant which is often found growing on out door lines of insulated wire in Porto Rico. This specimen was secured by G. E. Mather, chief engineer of the Porto Rico General Telephone Company.

The mass of the plant is about five inches in diameter and from this

nucleus the flower stalks project in all directions. Although frequently found on outdoor, bare, rusty, iron wire, the growth has never been known to occur on copper wire or cable or on new, bare, iron wire. No trouble is ever experienced from the plant as it does not reach such a size as to cross up two wires.







Roughing Out the Marble by Means of an Electropneumatic Chisel

Electricity, transformed into mechanical energy at the chisel's point and directed by the man whose mind and soul are wrapped up in the tremendous work of beautifying Chicago, is slowly but perfectly modeling the marble statues that will one day grace Chicago's Midway. The center of this activity is the studio of Lorado Taft.

Ordinarily, marble statues are cut out of the block with mallet and hand chisel. This method, however, is exceedingly slow as compared with the pneumatic chisel, which is driven by air at a pressure of 70 or 80 pounds per square inch,

the air being compressed in a large tank by means of an electric motor. The air, passing through a flexible tube, drives the chisel back and forth against the stone just as if the chisel were hit by a mallet but, of course, many times more per minute. The chisel is used only to roughly outline the statue, the finishing work all being done by hand.

Mr. Taft's work of transforming the Midway of the World's Fair into the most artistic formal boulevard in the world has just begun. The plan is so huge that years will be required to carry it out and it will involve an outlay of something like \$1,500,000. In result the project will carry into permanent effect a mile-long vista of water, lawn, trees and sculpture such as has never been approached, except in the temporary structures of the World's Fair.

At present the Midway is a grassy strip, a mile in length and about 1,000 feet wide, connecting Washington and Jackson parks. It has always been the intention to extend the depression of the Midway from the lagoons of Jackson park to the small lakes of Washington park, thus forming a waterway from park to park. Mr. Taft's plan presupposes this straight and formal canal, which is to occupy the present depressions at a level lower than the street.

The canal bisecting the Midway will fill the present central depression and

ten feet in height, arranged in ascending planes.

The "Fountain of Time" will show a great procession of humanity passing in review before a

will be about 100 feet wide. It is to be spanned by three white marble bridges, monumental in design, dedicated to the three great ideals of the human race—science, art and religion, which will be known as "The Bridge of Sciences," "The Bridge of Arts" and "The Bridge of Religion," respectively.

At half-block intervals, along the elevated strip of land some distance back from either side of the waterway, are to stand bronze statues of the world's great idealists.

Probably the most artistic work of the general scheme will be two large fountains erected in the lagoon at either end of the Midway moat. At the east end will be the "Fountain of Creation"; at the west, the "Fountain of Time." The

former takes for its subject the origin of the race, the latter mankind's spectacular journey from life to death. There will be twelve groups in the "Fountain of Creation," containing in all 36 figures

Lorado Taft and the Model
of His "Fountain of
Time"

craglike figure of

eraglike figure of Father Time. The throng of pushing figures passing as in review under his eyes, each aiming at some individual goal, will show a wavelike suggestiveness typical of the unsubstantial and ephemeral nature of human life.

This fountain will be 80 feet long, and the figures ten feet high, except the central one, which will be about fifteen feet. Father Time's massive form will tower

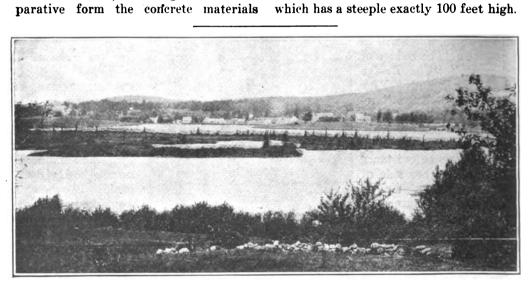
Mr. Taft Superintending the Construction of the Framework for a Large Statue

to a height of 20 feet.

And these massive sculptored pieces will mark the beginning of the fulfillment of Lorado Taft's dream of "beautifying Chicago."

BUNKER HILL MONUMENT COMPARED TO KEOKUK DAM Bunker Hill Monument is built of Quincy granite, is about 220 feet in height and contains approximately 4,500 cubic yards, assuming the shaft to be solid. construction of this monument required seventeen years. It is an interesting commentary upon the difference in Concret methods of construction to note Cu Yds Sand that, with the forms in place, Cu. Yds Cu Yds this shaft could have been poured of solid concrete in less 20000 than seventeen hours by the 00000 00000 concrete plant employed in constructing the dam across the Mississippi River at Keokuk, Ia., This interesting statement was Comparison of Volumes of Material in Keckuk Dam, Bunker Hill Monument and the Old Church made by Mr. Edw. N. Lake at a meeting of the Jovian Order in Chicago. required upon the entire work at Keo-He also showed a lantern slide, reprokuk, compared to Bunker Hill Monu-

duced herewith, which gives in com-



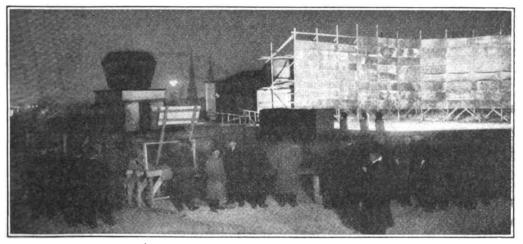
A VERITABLE FLOATING ISLAND

Floating islands have occasionally been the theme of imaginative sailors when called upon to tell marvelous stories of the sea. As a matter of fact, however, there is actually such an island in this country. It is on Lake Sadawga, at Whitingham, Vt. Nature, for some unknown reason, joined together in a vast inextricable tangle the innumerable roots of reeds, willows and other water loving vegetation. Soil accumulated upon this, so that now there are actually about 75 acres of land buoyed up on the bosom of the lake. Moss, cat-tails, etc., grow here in great profusion. Even fir and beech manage to attain a growth of 25 or 30 feet. It is not at all unusual for the shrewd fishermen of Whitingham to cut holes through the land in winter, and thus eatch the fish below, as is done through the ice in less favored regions.

ment and the Old Church at Concord,

SHOOTING BY SPOT LIGHT

Forty-eight thousand watts of moonlight (artificial, of course) was furnished by the New York Edison Company for the recent Sportsman's Show, held at Grand Central Palace. The Edison company's Bureau of Illuminating Engineering arranged all the lighting indicate that lead poisoning may be cured by means of an electrolytic bath. Full details are not yet forthcoming, but it is known that Sir Thomas Oliver and a Newcastle-on-Tyne doctor have made experiments with rabbits which were subjected to lead poisoning. By means of an electrolytic bath the rabbits were cured, and as a result the



Trap Shooting Range on a Skyscraper Roof

for the exposition, replacing the usual lighting on the main floor of the building by 150 and 200 watt tungsten lamps, the bulbs of which were stained to produce a pale blue glow. Added to this was the light of nitrogen lamps placed in the urns around the balcony rail and suspended in the well of the building. There were 24 of these lamps, each in a glass reflector and shaded with green gelatine screens. The fly casting tank and the trap shooting range on the roof were illuminated by spot lights and incandescent lamps. In the picture is seen how trap shooting was done at night by the aid of the spot lights.

CURE OF LEAD POISONING BY ELECTRICITY

The German magazine Elektrotechnische Anzeiger reports a therapeutic discovery which has caused quite a sensation in England and which seems to

method has been tried on human beings. Two baths are used: one for the feet and the other for the arms and hands. The effect of the treatment is the elimination and deposit in the bath of the absorbed lead, which, if complete, brings about the total recovery of the patient.

NO LANDMARKS IN SPACE

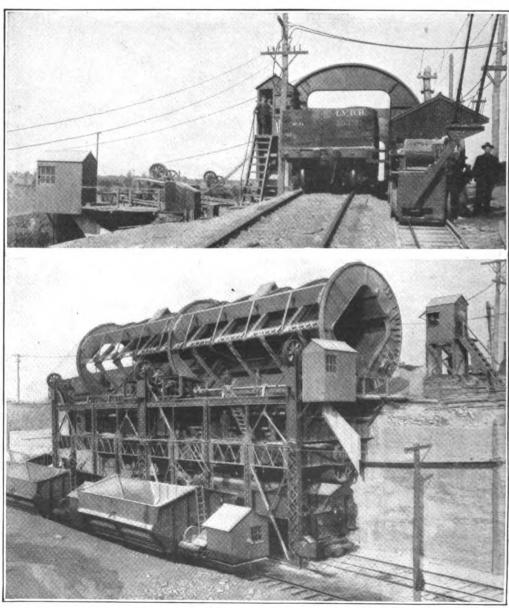
"There are no landmarks in space; one portion of space is exactly like every other portion, so that we cannot tell where we are. We are, as it were, in an unruffled sea, without stars, compass, soundings, wind or tide, and we cannot tell in what direction we are going. We have no log which we cast out to take a dead reckoning by; we may compute our rate of motion with respect to neighboring bodies, but we do not know how these bodies may be moving in space."

—Maxwell.

DUMPING A 50 TON ORE CAR

A car loaded with 50 tons of ore comes trundling along a track situated on a high embankment. It is moved by a little electric locomotive traveling on a parallel track and is provided with an arm projecting out at right angles.

With this arm the locomotive pushes the big ore car along. Presently the car comes to a square opening in a great cylindrically formed contrivance made of massive steel girders and braces. When the car is inside the cylinder, electric motors are immediately set in motion and act upon horizontal and vertical



The Upper Picture Shows the Ore Car. Pushed by the Locomotive, Entering the Dumper. The Latter, in the Lower Ficture, Has Turned Over and Dumped the Contents of the Car

clamps which grip the car so that it is immovable within the cylinder.

A 100 horsepower motor now takes up the work and rolls the cylinder over and outward through 180 degrees. At the end of the roll the ore car is bottom side up and its contents has been dumped out and has fallen down into a series of pockets below and thence into waiting transfer cars on the lower track level shown in the illustration.

This is the sequence of operations of a modern electric car dumper as performed at a great ore transfer point in Pennsylvania. The ore is here taken from storage or from cars direct and dumped into the waiting transfer cars as above described, to be then drawn a mile and a quarter to the blast furnaces.

The transfer cars on the lower track are in themselves interesting. They have a capacity of 60 tons each and are equipped with four 35 horsepower traction motors. They are provided in addition with one motor of $5\frac{1}{2}$ horsepower, which runs an air compressor for the brakes, and another of $7\frac{1}{2}$ horsepower, which operates the side doors when the cars are finally dumped at the blast furnaces.

CLEANING UP THE LINERS

When an ocean liner has docked and its passengers have gone ashore, the officers and crew are not, as might naturally be supposed, at liberty until the vessel sails again. On the contrary, it is then that much of their very hardest work begins—real drudgery. It is then, between the docking and the departure, that the great craft must be throroughly overhauled and cleaned from stem to stern, inside and out. Moreover, this immense task must, generally speaking, be accomplished within a period of 36 hours.

The first job is the repainting of the hull. Next the funnels must be scraped and brightened with a fresh coat of color. Then every bit of ma-

chinery is inspected and tightened up. Even the masts and rigging are looked after.

This cleaning up is a big job. The mere furbishing of the first cabin dining room is in itself a task. saloon may seat 500 or 600 guests without relay. The carpeting must be cleaned with vacuum machines, each table must be repolished, the floor must be cleaned until it shines like a mirror, every bit of paint or gilding must be carefully washed, all chairs are inspected and repolished and many other jobs accomplished before the saloon is pronounced again ready for the passengers.

The same work must be done in the second dining saloon, the drawing rooms, the library, the smoking rooms, etc. In addition, there are several hundred staterooms and bathrooms that must be inspected.

A tedious phase of the ship cleaning consists in the inspection of the furnishings. For instance, it is necessary to count, sort and check some 35,000 pieces of linen. No linen is, however, washed on board. It is placed in sacks each containing from 200 to 250 pieces and sent to the laundry. Upon its return to the ship, there again occurs the tedious task of counting, sorting and checking.

Much attention must be given to the silverware, which may number many thousand pieces. Glassware on a liner seldom numbers less than 25,000 or 30,000 pieces, while the number of dishes, plates, cups, etc., often reaches 70,000. Every piece of this glass and china must be washed and polished during the housecleaning of the ship, although they have been kept scrupulously bright during the voyage. Each department is under the charge of a special employee—one for the silverware, one for the linen, one for the china, etc., and each of these men is, in turn, answerable to the head

steward, to whom is brought a report of the total number of pieces on board.

All sheets, towels and tablecloths found to be worn to an appreciable degree are immediately discarded, for no "rags" are tolerated on a first class liner. During the course of one trip a liner will use something like 300 Turkish towels and as many as 1,000 smaller

ones for the first cabin passengers alone.

In the steerage the cleaning is conducted along somewhat different lines. Everything that might be damaged by water is taken out of the steerage quarters and the hose is brought into play. Then the whole steerage is scrubbed down.

Mining Dollar-Fifty Ore

By GEORGE FREDERIC STRATTON

It is doubtful if in any other mining exploitation in this country such remarkable returns from very low grade ore are shown as in the wonderful Oquirrh Mountains in Utah. Every hundred tons of material and ore excavated produces only one hundred and fifty dollars' worth of metals—gold, silver and copper; and to secure that the mines have to be operated, the ore freighted for 20 miles over the roughest mountain country in the intermountain region, and then reduced in the concentrating mills and smelter.

Dollar-fifty ore has no temptation for the average mine operator. Nothing under eight or ten-dollar ore is considered worth exploiting. For 40 years the immense deposits of that low grade porphyry copper were well known in the Oquirrhs, but neither capital nor labor were attracted by them until about ten years ago, when a mining engineer and capitalist, D. C. Jackling, shot ahead of the ordinary development methods and by his startlingly comprehensive scheme of working that ore, enthused other capitalists-big capitalists-and formed the Utah Copper Company.

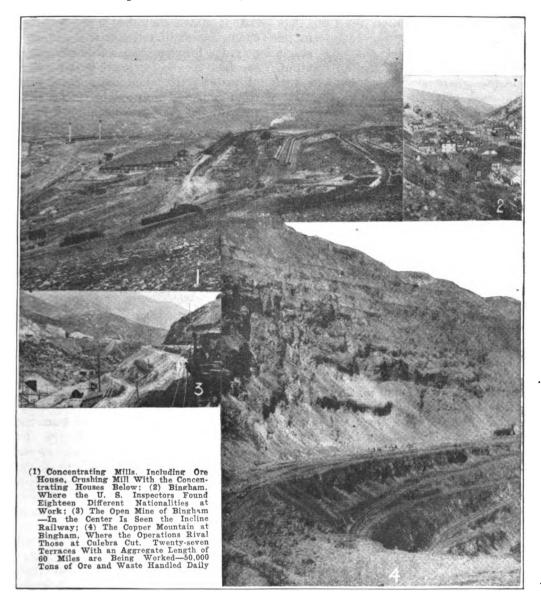
The result is the excavation of 50,000 tons every day of material and the reduction of 20,000 tons of ore. From the great mills and smelter come daily

400,000 pounds of copper, 2,000 ounces of silver and 200 ounces of gold, with an aggregate value of \$75,000 and at a production cost of about one-half.

That gigantic and profitable output has been reached by the most stupendous exhibition of clear grit ever shown by industrial exploiters. The expenditures for equipment before any profit was in sight were enormous. The usual methods of sinking shafts and running tunnels were disregarded entirely, for Col. Jackling proposed to use steam shovels instead of picks and hand tools. Tracks were laid around the mountain and the heaviest of power equipment provided. Two of the greatest concentrating plants in the country were built on the comparatively level ground outside the mountains and 20 miles from the mines; and a special railroad -the most difficult and most expensive industrial railroad on record-connects the mines with the reduction plants.

The completeness and efficiency of it all is shown by the fact that upwards of one-third of the total copper mined in the United States is produced from that remote low grade ore at a cost last year of less than $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound.

Although the general average of the ore shows 1.42 per cent of copper, the company has demonstrated, in poor



streaks of less than one per cent of metal, that it can treat such ore at a profit; for the cost of mining and reducing it has been ten cents per pound for the metal secured.

Fifty thousand tons of material—overburden and ore—per day is not handled without gigantic equipment. There are 27 terraces around that mountain of ore, at levels of 50 to 60 feet above each other. The working

tracks on the terraces are 60 miles in length. There are 22 enormous steam shovels, hundreds of steel ore cars and scores of shifting engines. In breaking down the overhanging ledges and reducing great masses to loading size, six tons of explosives are used each 24 hours.

Although the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company built a spur track up into Bingham Canyon some years

ago, it was found, after the Utah Copper Company got its equipment in good running shape, that the single track road could not handle its output. The company accordingly built its own railroad, officially known as the Bingham and Garfield Railroad, for the latter is the locality where are established the concentrating plants and the smelter. Popularly, the road is known as the High Line, for instead of being run along the canyon bed, it is several hundred feet above, skirting around the waists of great mountains, or tunneling through them, or crossing weird, precipitous canvons on trestles two to three hundred feet high. At Bingham, the great mining camp, the only public approach to that railroad is by a special inclined electric railway, running up the mountain side at an angle of 40 degrees for a length of 1.000 feet. A short distance beyond Bingham the road strikes onto the mountain which is being demolished, and there the ore cars are connected up from the various levels and hauled away to Gar-The heaviest mountain locomotives ever built at the time they were ordered are on these hauls. They are the Mallet, articulated, compound type, with four cylinders and sixteen driving Their weight for engine and wheels. tender is 450,000 pounds, and their total length is 90½ feet.

At Garfield are the two gigantic concentrating mills built by the company, with a capacity of 20,000 tons of ore per day. They are designed for extension as required. Near them is the smelter of the American Smelting and Refining Company, which smelts all the Utah Copper Company's ores, as well as others which are shipped in from other points. These plants are built on the slopes at the base of the mountains. and gravity is used as much as possible, each process through which the ore goes from the sampler to the converter being on a slightly lower level than the preceding.

It is stated that this is the greatest open mine exploitation in this country. So much for size. As regards efficiency, the fact speaks for itself that 23 tons of material is taken daily from that mountain, and reduced to its metallic content, for every man employed.

WHERE INSANITY IS TREATED AS SICKNESS

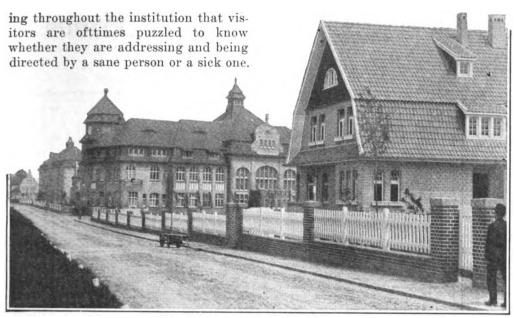
In Bedburg, Prussia, is the most remarkable institution in the world for the care of the insane. Half a million dollars were spent in putting up the buildings. Here the inmates are not "lunatics" but "patients"; they are not "erazy" but "sick"; they are given "treatment" instead of the "strait-jacket" and the result has



Insane Patients in the Laundry Instead of in Strait-Jackets

been that 20 per cent of those admitted are sent away cured each year.

The method employed at the institution is to allow the patients perfect freedom. Besides a farm and garden, there is an ice plant, a bakery, water works, tailoring and dressmaking shops, a slaughter house and other establishments necessary to make the place in reality a small city independent of the outside world. The workers do all work voluntarily, stopping when they choose. At all times they are observed by specialists who seek to find out how this one or that one may be cured. Such is the condition prevail-



A Model City Where Only the Insane and Their Attendants and Physicians Live

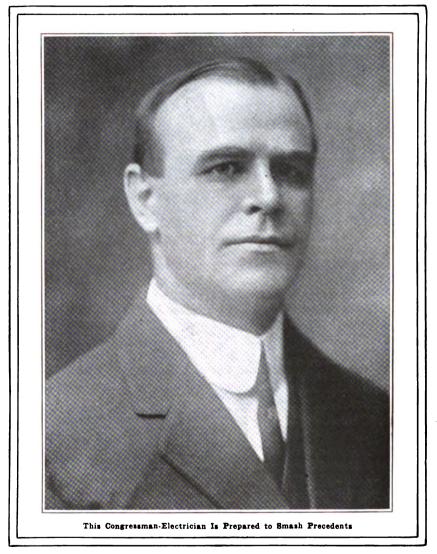
THE IDEAL ARTESIAN BASIN

This is the term given in a bulletin of the hydrographic department of the United States Geological Survey to the San Luis valley in southern California. Its length, north and south, is about 150 miles, and its greatest width about 50 miles. Although the streams that flow down into it from the bordering mountains disappear as soon as they reach the alluvial slope, there is an abundance of water underground contained in beds of fine sand varying from one foot to 20 feet in thickness, and separated by beds of blue clay from one foot to several hundred feet thick. No less than 3.234 wells already exist, capable of irrigating 25,000 acres.



Electrical Men of the Times

HON, ALLAN B. WALSH



An electrician has come to Congress from President Wilson's "home district" in New Jersey, and, like the present occupant of the White House, this congressman-electrician had no sooner established himself at the national capital than he prepared to smash precedents.

Allan B. Walsh is the practical electrician from Jersey, and his overturning of time honored custom is found in a project for electrical voting in the House of Representatives. In furtherance of it he has graduated into the ranks of electrical inventors.

Congressman Walsh, who is about 40

years of age, has been engaged in the electrical industry ever since he left school in his native city of Trenton. In the beginning he entered the employment of the Trenton Light & Power Company, but in a short time advanced to a position in the electrical testing department of the John A. Roebling's Sons Company at Trenton. Here he made good to such an extent that he was promoted to the position of superintendent of the electrical testing department, a post he occupied until he entered political life.

When Mr. Walsh came to Washington with a mind trained to think in the terms of instantaneous electrical communication he was astonished and annoyed by the extravagant waste of time in what are known as "roll calls" in the House of Representatives. the system that has been in vogue from time out of mind, an interval of about 45 minutes is wasted every time the congressmen are called upon to indicate how they stand on a pending measure or to give proof that there is a quorum present. Particularly has this timeconsuming method of muster proved irritating when filibustering is resorted to in order to delay legislation.

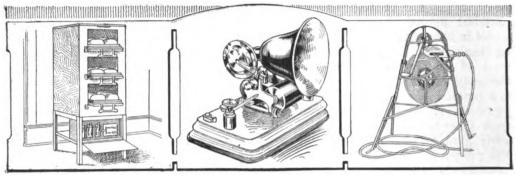
The legislator fresh from the electrical workshop pondered over this problem for several months, devising and experimenting, and finally he has evolved a scheme for electrical voting that has received the approval of Speaker Clark and the Rules Committee of the House, which is equivalent to saying that it is about to be adopted. By means of this electrical voting machine the 435 members of the House of Representatives will be enabled to register their "yeas" and "nays" simultaneously in just about as much time as is required to close an electric circuit and flash a lamp.

As yet, and pending an appropriation by Congress, no step has been taken for the actual construction of this unique voting machine at the Capitol, but all the details have been worked out. For

voting purposes each member of the House will have assigned to him a numbered seat in the hall of the House and at each such seat there will be placed an electrical device whereby the mere pressing of a button will enable the member to record his vote. To prevent unauthorized persons from voting, each voting device will be under lock and key and accessible only to the Congressman whose station it is. The voting buttons at the members' seats will be marked respectively "yea," "nay" and "present," with the possible addition of a fourth button labeled "paired."

The electrical recording apparatus which will record all votes will be constructed somewhat on the principle of the adding machine. Automatic punches, impelled by the magic current, will punch holes—placed according to the nature of the vote cast-in individual cards which will be provided (one for each member) and inserted in the apparatus in alphabetical order. Totals will be indicated by the machine much in the same manner that an adding machine may be made to indicate totals upon pressure of a lever. All cards punched by members and also the records of totals will, at the conclusion of a vote. be removed from the machine and kept on file by an authorized clerk as the official record of the vote in question.

Aside from the recording apparatus. this electrical voting equipment will comprise several indicators, which will show the result of the voting while this latter is in progress. A bulletin board will be provided with lenses of different colors set opposite the name of each Congress-Any one of these lenses can be . illuminated by means of an incandescent lamp, and as soon as a member has voted the fact will be signaled by a gleam of red if he has voted yea, and by a flash of blue if he has said nay. Walsh says that from a technical and practical standpoint the construction and installation of the devices described will offer no difficulties.



Improved Electric Oven

Disphragm Sounder that Intensifies Sound

Conduit Wiring Machine

IDEAL BAKER'S OVEN

This new baker's oven represents a radical departure from former and existing types of ovens because in it is accomplished an ideal condition of heat distribution. Uniform distribution in all ovens is an absolute requisite to insure excellence in cooking and the accomplishment of this has always been the difficulty in large ovens where the electric unit is the prime source of heat.

Instead of placing the heating elements in the bottom, depending on an uncertain and variable circulation of hot air, the elements in this oven are divided, thus placing beneath each shelf or rack the correct proportionate amount of heat for a constant, even baking. The heat is most active just where it is needed.

This oven is designed for use in bakeries and restaurants.

THE DIAPHRAGM TELEGRAPH SOUNDER

Many devices have been employed with a view of making the relay loud enough to read without a sounder, but the diaphragm sounder is the only instrument that actually creates additional sound and intensifies it, to practically any degree desired. The concussion takes place within the air tight diaphragm, starting the vibration through the intensifier similar to the reproduction of the human voice by the phono-

graph. It is provided with a sound regulator by which the sound can be modified when receiving from other instruments; that is, adjustments may be made so that no two instruments need sound alike.

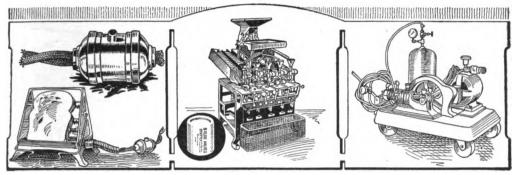
The diaphragm sounder is substantially made of brass with steel sounding fork, all finely plated and highly polished. It entirely does away with batteries and is attached to any standard relay by loosening one screw.

THE NATIONAL CONDUIT WIRING MACHINE

The conduit wiring machine herewith illustrated is an indispensable labor saving device for electrical installation. It embodies the patented principle of propelling a fishing tape from the periphery of a coil by means of a superimposed tape which is wound on a second wheel. Any conduit can be fished in half the time required by hand fishing.

The lighter tape being wound on the small upper wheel forces the fishing tape through the flexible steel hose and thence through the conduit. By placing the crank on the lower wheel and turning it, both tapes are re-wound and at the same time the lead wire or insulated conductor is drawn back through the conduit.

At ordinary speed and around the usual number of bends permitted by city ordinance, the fishing tape travels at a speed of five feet per second.



Cord Switch Controls Current

Machine that Sorts and Counts Coin

New Tire Pump

A NEW TIRE PUMP

The illustration shows a new tire pump suitable for public and private It is simple and compact in construction and being mounted on a truck, it can be easily taken around the garage or outside to the curb. A tank twelve inches long by six inches in diameter, into which the pump discharges. prevents condensation and oil does not enter or injure the tire. The pumping action is rapid, since a 35 by 4 inch tire can be pumped from flat to 70 pounds in about one and a half minutes. electric motor is one-fourth horsepower in capacity and can be operated from a lighting circuit.

A CORD SWITCH

The easy control of electrical appliances is now possible by the brass shell cord switch. Providing as it does an easy means for turning the current on and off, it makes the operation of all heating devices more satisfactory, saves current and saves wear on the socket mechanism.

This dainty polished nickel switch placed alongside of a table device gives a ready means of controlling the current and regulating the temperature. The Code rating makes the switch suitable for use with practically every type of electric appliance used in the household.

Being designed for installation on the cord it can be used with any make of

device; it is not subjected to temperature changes of the appliance controlled and therefore escapes the hard usage to which a switch on the device is subjected. The operation of the electric iron is improved by the cord switch. The switch solves a difficult problem and gives the easy control so greatly desired by the user. It is safe and durable and makes the use of electrical appliances more satisfactory.

ELECTRIC COIN HANDLING MACHINE

The electric coin handling machine will sort different denominations of coins, count them and register the count in dollars and cents. Dump a lot of miscellaneous coins into this remarkable machine, start the small motor that drives it and the machine will sort and count them, wrap them up in standard packages or sack them as you prefer, separate the mutilated coins and throw them into another receptacle.

Evidently this machine is going to become popular among companies that have to handle small coins in large quantities, such as street railway companies, department stores, gas and electric companies, water companies, tax receiving offices, banks and moving picture theaters. It cuts down the time required to handle money and reduces the cost considerably. It also eliminates errors in counting and checks up collections accurately.



Bolt Switch for Hotel Door

Fixture for Factory Machine

New Time Switch

HOTEL DOOR BOLT SWITCH

When the guest of a hotel leaves his room, he cannot forget to switch off the lights if they are controlled by the hotel door bolt switch. The lock bolt turned from the corridor side of the door shuts them off automatically. No current is wasted and therefore there is no needless expense.

The lights in the room are controlled from the inside by a push button switch, the lock bolt having no effect when operated from the side of the door next to the room.

ADJUSTABLE FIXTURE FOR FACTORY MACHINE

When factory work involves the use of sewing machines and the concentration of the eye or mind on details, the best results are obtained by a low general illumination and a higher localized illumination by the use of the illustrated adjustable fixture, especially designed for a factory sewing machine.

The special feature of the fixture is an easily adjustable ball joint by which the fixture may be set at any angle or it may be shifted by the lightest touch of the hand. The close fitting reflector directs the light of a ten watt lamp to the work and not to the eye of the operator.

This last mentioned system is of special value where the operators are called upon to exercise any particular thought in the handling of their work as the brain is better able to concentrate its forces while operating under such conditions than if the illumination is purely general.

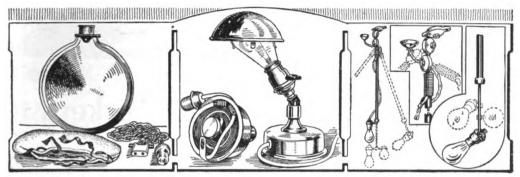
NEW TIME SWITCH

This new time switch is a device which will automatically stop the flow of electric current at any predetermined time that the user desires, without any attention other than winding the clock. It is a simple device consisting of the very finest of clock movements made expressly for the purpose. All the wheels are of heavy brass with spindles on steel bearings.

The switch is suitable for a great variety of circuits, the rating being 30 amperes and 250 volts so that it may be used for motors, burglar alarms, electric signs, ventilating systems, also for charging autos.

All live parts are enclosed in a standard knock-out box and switches are so constructed that they may be hand tripped without opening the box. The construction is such that the switch and clock operate independently of each other except at the time at which the clock has been set for release.

Being automatic in action the switch will not release until time set for such operation or thrown by hand trip. The switch is said to have a powerful throw and the clock is set to throw the switch by the alarm movement, similar to that in any ordinary alarm clock.



Electric Heating Pad in Metal Case Lamp that Lends Itself to Every Re- Adjustable Light Holder for Workshop quirement

HEATING PAD IN ALUMINUM CASE

The electric heating pad shown here has a durable metal case making an effective protection for all electrical parts. This pad is perfectly sanitary and can be easily cleaned. It is absolutely safe, being of non-inflammable materials and fully protected from over heating by a safety cutout device. Electric current for its operation costs about one-fifth cent an hour.

The pad is concave on one side and convex on the other, thus fitting the body curves comfortably and it is extremely light. It is said that the automatic control will maintain the heat all night at the exact degree that may be determined on.

Moist heat may be obtained by wrapping the pad in damp flannel. In cases of lengthy illness the pad may be kept in constant use at a uniform temperature if needful. It is a great convenience in all homes equipped with electric service connections.

THE WALLACE ELECTRIC LAMP

Here is a lamp of peculiar excellence. It hangs, sticks, stands or clamps any place you put it. It lends itself to every requirement. There is no place it will not go. It is a boon to the household and indispensable in the hospital. The adjustable and instantly removable shade throws the light at any angle.

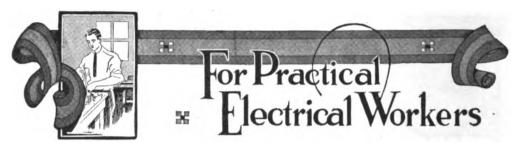
There is a disappearing hook for hanging on the wall.

The lamp can be fastened to any mirror, window pane, or non-porous surface by a suction cup. It is convenient for shaving, hair dressing, millinery parlors or for theatrical make-up. When not in use the cord winds up into the hollow base of the lamp. It can be carried in a hand grip when traveling and it is a good light to shave by, as it will clamp to the mirror frame or it may be attached to the surface of the mirror by the suction cup.

ADJUSTABLE LIGHT HOLDER

There are electric light holders without number, drop lights, desk lamps, rigid and flexible, but Anderson holders can be placed at any height or angle or position. They can be shifted from one end of a work bench to another. They may be moved without effort from the ceiling clear down to the floor. They are six feet in length when in ordinary position and may be extended to eleven and a half feet to cover a maximum diameter of 23 feet or a maximum area of more than 400 square feet.

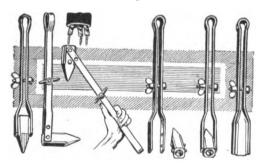
These holders keep the light where it is needed. They are very convenient in that it is possible to transfer a stationary overhead light to any point within a considerable radius without occupying any floor space and their being adjustable to any angle saves time and labor of moving material.



SOLDERING IRON WITH SPECIAL FEATURES

A soldering iron which has several novel features, shown in the illustration, is the invention of L. C. Opitz, Clinton, Ia.

The iron can be folded in such shape that its length is shortened so that it can be carried in a small tool bag, and the nose of the



Features of Soldering Iron

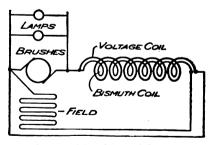
iron is thus kept from damaging the bag. When the nose is turned into a straight position for use, a thumb nut is tightened to hold it rigidly. The nose may be set at any desired angle for convenience in reaching difficult positions. If necessary, the nose may be readily removed from the handle and another nose picked from the fire. The most important feature is that the nose has an opening in it large enough to serve as a melting pot for solder. Ends of stranded lamp cords, other stranded wire conductors, outlet box or "pig tail" splices, etc., can be dipped in the molten solder and the pot will remain right side up, on account of its swinging suspension. There is also a groove in the soldering iron for soldering what are called Western Union splices.

The street lighting of the business district of Hartford, Conn., will be done by means of the new half watt Mazda lamp beginning June 1.

BISMUTH COIL REGULATOR

I had a very simple though efficient type of shunt wound dynamo which I wished to install on my car to supply current for lighting purposes. The installation of the machine itself was a comparatively simple matter, the drive being taken directly off the cooling fan pulley. I foresaw trouble, however, in the regulation of the output at the varying speeds, but solved the problem of maintaining the output constant in the following manner.

The resistance of bismuth increases when it is placed in a magnetic field and the amount of increase is directly proportional to the strength of the field within certain limits. Accordingly I designed the regulator shown by the diagram. A coil of bismuth wire—the method of forming it is described below—was placed in series with the field of the dynamo and was made the core of a voltage coil which was connected across the lamp circuit. Under these conditions, the bismuth coil was subjected to the fluctuations of the field in the voltage coil and the resistance of the bismuth varied accordingly. When the voltage rose, due to the increased speed, the



Circuits of Regulator and Dynamo

field strength increased and the resistance of the bismuth increased in proportion so that the strength of the field current was diminished, tending to keep the voltage normal. As a regulator, it works very satisfactorily.

The principal trouble was in the formation of the bismuth coil since that metal is too brit-

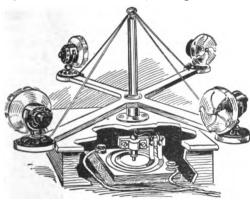
tle to be drawn to a filament. This was done by embedding a long steel spring, loosely coiled, which had been dipped in oil, in plaster of Paris, and after the material had set, unscrewing the spring from the plaster. The bismuth, molten of course, was forced into this mould with the aid of a dentist's vacuum casting machine. When the plaster was carefully broken away a perfect coil of bismuth was left.—J. NAYEMAN.

TO PREVENT TAPE TEARING

Electricians and others who have occasion to use friction tape know the tendency it possesses to tear at the edges while unrolling. This may be easily prevented. With the point of a sharp knife make light cuts on both sides of the roll from the center out to the circumference. This allows the tape to be peeled off very easily without the usual sticking and tearing at the edges.

HELPING AN ELECTRIC FAN SALE

A plan employed by a southern electrical shop to call attention to an electric fan sale is here illustrated. The device may be made by a good mechanic in accordance with materials obtainable. Four twelve inch swivel and trunnion fans are secured to the circular bases at the ends of the wooden arms and the speed of the apparatus can be readily adjusted by shifting the fans on their swivels, the slightest varia-



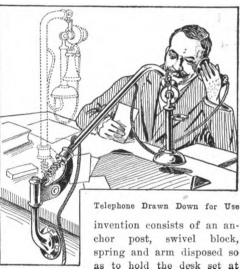
Interior Construction of Fan Display Device

tion in the angle making a noticeable difference. Very slow speed is attained by setting the fans to blow almost directly away from the center of the circle.

Wires from the fans run on the under side of each arm and connect in multiple to the two spring copper brushes on the arm in the cabinet. These brushes make sliding contact on two rings of sheet copper. These rings are secured to the underlying asbestos board with small brads driven into the outer and inner edges of the circles. A circular floor may be laid upon the arms and small electrical appliances displayed upon it.

ADJUSTABLE SUPPORT FOR DESK TELEPHONE

A patent upon a support for a desk telephone set has been issued to Kempster B. Miller and Chas. G. Ashley, Chicago, Ill. The



the end of the arm in position for use and to support the set out of the way when the arm is placed in a vertical position. Besides the movement to and away from the vertical position, the arm may turn around the anchor post as a center.

DRIPLESS CANDLE

A dripless candle has not been found, but the plant department of the Chicago Telephone Company, according to the *Bell Tele*phone News, has something as good—a dripless candleholder.

The candle is put into the barrel of the holder and is forced upward against a ferrule at the top of the barrel by a strong spring. The ferrule has an opening a little over half the diameter of the barrel itself and can be removed by being given a quarter turn, allowing the candle to be renewed. As the candle burns the spring feeds it upward. The entire candle is thus burned without waste,

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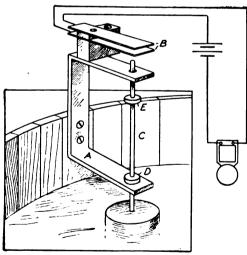
Dripless Candle

the only melted wax being a few drops immediately around the base of the candle wick. This grease cannot run out unless the holder is tipped at a considerable angle. In case the holder should accidentally be tipped, the was is caught in the emergency drip cup immediately under the ferrule.

On one side of the barrel is a spring which may serve either as a handle or to hang the candle to a ladder or case of a telephone. Opposite this are two clamps to fit boards of different thicknesses.

MAKING A WATER LEVEL ALARM

A simple water level alarm and the method of constructing it are shown in the accompanying illustration. A piece of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch brass (A) is bent as shown in the illustration with two springs (B) mounted on top of it. These springs are insulated from (A) and



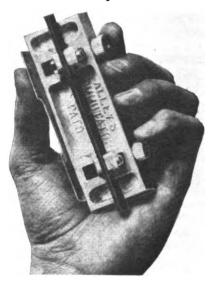
Float and Bell Connection

from each other. A small brass rod (C) passes through two holes in the piece (A). The lower end of the rod is connected to a float of sufficient buoyancy to rise or fall with the water. The movement of the rod is limited by two washers (D) and (E). When the rod is raised by the float to its upper

position, the lower spring is raised and makes contact with the upper spring, closing the bell circuit and notifying the attendant that the water in the tank has reached a predetermined level. The bell can, of course, be located in the engine room or in any other convenient place, without regard to the position of the tank. More than one bell can be connected to the circuit if the duties of the attendant take him to various parts of the building.—MAXWELL SNAVELY.

COMMUTATOR SLOTTER

The Alley commutator slotter is a tool that, it is claimed, will save sandpapering and stoning a commutator by cutting a V slot with a round bottom. The slot is straight, smooth and even with no sharp corners left for dirt



Showing the Cutter

to collect in. The cutter is a special make of straight file and extra hard.

In operation start one or two slots without using the guide and then adjust the cutter and guide and use the guide in the slots already made, working the tool back and forth, and lifting the guide when the cutter has started. The tool is made in three sizes.

Mr. Ernest Freeman, president of the National Electrical Contractors' Association, in a recent address explaining the purposes of the association, stated that one of these was to secure the passage of laws in the various states providing for the licensing of electrical contractors.

Construction of a 1/8-H.P. Dynamo or Motor

By ROLAND JENS

In small dynamo construction the construction should be such that the amateur builder should not be bothered with cumbersome small patterns and the like. In the ½ horsepower dynamo or motor here described only two patterns are necessary, and these are of very simple construction.

The dynamo may be divided into the following parts, which will be explained and de-

| LIST OF MATERIAL | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Fig. No. | M'T'R'L | No. WANTEO | DESCRIPTION | | |
| / | SHEET IRON. | | FRAME | | |
| | STEEL | / | SHAFT | | |
| | | | BEARING BRACKET B'R'G BRACKET STUD | | |
| | | | BRUSH HOLDER | | |
| // | W000 | | BRUSH HLOR BAR. | | |
| 9 | | | BRUSH HLDR B'C'K'T | | |
| | BRASS | | | | |

Reference Numbers and Material Required

scribed one by one with the aid of the working drawings:

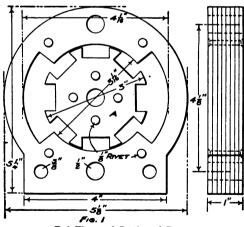
(1) frame (magnets), (2) shaft, (3) armature, (4) commutator, (5) brush holders and brushes, (6) winding of armature, (7) winding of field magnets, (8) general assembly.

FRAME

The magnets are a part of the frame. The main frame of this dynamo is made of sheet iron of 12 inch thickness. Fig. 1 shows an end view of the frame and also a side view indicating the thickness. The sheet iron sheets may be slightly thicker or thinner, whichever may be procured the easier by the builder. Enough sheets are cut so that they will have a thickness of one inch when clamped tightly together. Cut the sheets 5% inches square. When enough sheets have been cut, center them with a center punch and with a divider draw circles of 2% inches diameter on each. This will leave is inch stock when the 310 inch hole is bored out later on. When these circles have been drawn, draw circles 51/8 inches in diameter on each sheet, but not the entire distance around. Leave four inches for the base, as shown in Fig. 1. Now go over the sheets again and draw circles four inches in diameter, not all the way around, but just as far as shown in Fig. 1 at the 416 inch diameter. In this space the field magnet wires are wound later on. The \(\frac{1}{16} \) inch stock is left for finishing. When these circles have been drawn, the two \(\frac{1}{2} \) inch holes may be laid out 2\(\frac{1}{16} \) inches from the center, respectively, up and down. The bearing brackets are fastened on the \(\frac{1}{2} \) inch pieces of steel that go through these holes. The bearing brackets are not parallel with the base, but perpendicular to it.

Now cut the sheets on the lines drawn by the divider, being careful to cut on the circular lines as much as possible. When the sheets have been cut out, drill holes for the $\frac{1}{16}$ inch rivets. Rivet the holes and bore out the $3\frac{1}{16}$ inch hole in a lathe. When boring this hole be careful to get the boring tool just in the center, so that the two $\frac{1}{12}$ inch holes will be equally distant from the edge of the bored hole. Perhaps it would be advisable to lay out the $\frac{1}{12}$ inch holes after the $3\frac{1}{16}$ inch hole has been bored. When the hole has been bored, the $\frac{1}{12}$ inch holes may be drilled and the entire frame filed smooth.

The two % inch holes by which the frame is fastened to a base may now be drilled. The base should be four inches long and should



End View and Section of Frame

be square with the side of the frame. This may be done either by planing or filing.

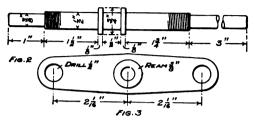
SHAFT, BEARING AND BEARING BRACKETS

The shaft of this motor is made of cold rolled steel. Cut a piece 84 inches long and

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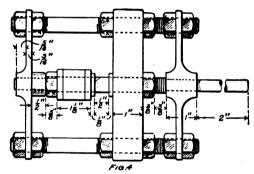
¾ inch in diameter and turn it off as shown in Fig. 2, which shows the finished shaft. The threads are cut for ½ inch nuts.

The bearing brackets are two in number and are made of brass. Fig. 3 gives a plan view



Shaft and Bearing Bracket

of the bracket and in Fig. 4 another view is shown. A pattern will have to be made for the brackets, but only one is necessary, as the one on the left side is just the same as the one on the right side, Fig. 4, except that the inside of the former is turned off to ¾ inch diameter to receive the brush bracket when the dynamo is assembled later on. Center



Plan View of Partially Assembled Machine

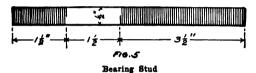
punch the % inch hole and the $\frac{1}{2}$ inch hole on each end $2\frac{1}{16}$ inches from the $\frac{3}{8}$ inch hole. Drill the $\frac{1}{2}$ inch holes with a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch drill. The $\frac{3}{8}$ inch hole may also be drilled, but be careful to get it in the center of the boss. Drill it 23/64 inch and ream $\frac{3}{8}$ inch, as this makes a smooth job. The ends of the bearing brackets are $\frac{1}{16}$ inch thick.

The two bearing studs may also be made at this time, Fig. 5. Take two pieces of cold rolled steel ½ by 6½ inches and cut on threads with a ½ inch die, as shown. Cut 3½ inches of thread at one end and 1½ inches of thread at the other end.

ARMATURE

The armature, Fig. 1, is built up of sheet iron, just as is the frame. The sheets are 32 inch

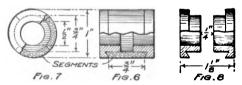
thick, except the ones on the outside, which are inch thick, so as to make strong sides. Cut the sheet round, 31/4 inches in diameter. This leaves 1/4 inch stock to be turned off later on. Cut enough sheets to make a thickness of one inch when they are clamped together tightly. Drill the 1/4 inch holes and rivet with 1/4 inch rivets. Now put this core into a lathe and drill the ½ inch hole at the center. Drilling 31/64 inch and reaming to 1/2 inch is advisable, as it gives a more accurate hole in size. Put the core on a mandrel and turn off to a three inch diameter. The slots may now be milled, or filed, whichever way the builder prefers. The slots are eight in number. They are ¾ inch wide and inch deep. The depth, is measured at the side of the slot and not at the



middle. Measuring at the middle, the depth is % inch, making a diameter of 2½ inches from the bottom of one slot to the bottom of the opposite one. Opposite slots are exactly opposite. Before starting to mill or file, lay out the slots on the sides of the core. When the slots are done, the core is put into a forge and heated to a dull red heat, then allowed to cool slowly. This anneals it, or makes it softer.

COMMUTATOR

Turn off a brass bushing to a diameter of one inch and while still in the lathe drill through a ¾ inch hole. Make the bushing ¾ inch long and turn the edges to 60 degrees,



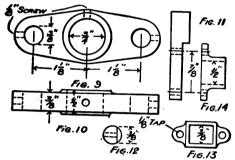
Details of Commutator

as shown by the segment, Fig. 6. Now take it out of the lathe and cut it into eight equal parts or segments, the long way, with a hack-saw, Fig. 7. Drill a 1/2 inch hole in the extreme upper end of each segment about three-fourths of the way through. Now take a piece of fiber, or oak wood will also serve the purpose, and turn a piece in the lathe to a one inch diameter and one inch long. From

the middle part ¼ inch is now turned off to receive the commutator segments. Fig. 8 gives a clear view of this part. The piece is now cut in two, cross-sectionally, so that the commutator segments may be tightly clamped between the two pieces. Drill a ½ inch hole through the middle before cutting for the shaft.

BRUSH HOLDERS AND BRUSH BRACKETS

Fig. 9 shows a plan view of the bracket and Fig. 10 shows a side view. This piece is made of brass, only one being required. The ¾ inch hole is first laid out in the middle of the



Brush Holders and Brackets

boss and the % inch holes are drilled 11/8 inches from it on each side. Drill the 34 inch hole and the two % inch holes and at the same time drill the hole in the end 32 inch and tap it 1/8 inch. The latter hole later receives a 1/2 inch screw to hold the brush bar in position. The brush bar, Fig. 11, is made of some non-conducting material such as oak wood or fiber. It is turned off to % inch diameter in a lathe and then a portion is cut off with a knife, in order to have a flat rest for the The two 1/8 inch holes are brush holder. drilled % inch apart from center to center. Later on the brush holders are screwed on here with 1/8 inch screws. Two of these bars are needed. Fig. 12 shows an end view of the bar.

A plan and a side view of the brush holder are shown in Figs. 13 and 14, respectively. Two brush holders are required and are made of brass. The two $\frac{1}{32}$ inch holes are drilled in the bosses $\frac{1}{16}$ inch apart from center to center, and are tapped with a $\frac{1}{16}$ inch tap to receive $\frac{1}{16}$ inch screws. The inside dimensions are as indicated. To form the interior, drill a few $\frac{1}{16}$ inch holes through and then file out the rest. Be sure to get exact dimensions and square corners.

The brushes are two in number and are of carbon. The carbon of an old dry cell will

do if filed to fit the holder. Carbon brushes of this size can be bought at any well-stocked electrical shop.

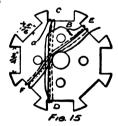
ASSEMBLY OF BRUSH HOLDER AND BAR

Place each brush in its brush holder. Put a small piece of sheet copper or tin over the back part of each holder, so that the brushes will not slide through. Bolt each holder to its brush bar with a ½ inch screw. Insert the round % inch end of each brush bar into its % inch hole in the brush bracket and tighten with the ½ inch screw in the end of the bracket. Before the brushes are placed in the brush holders, put a small spring in each brush holder to hold the brush tight against the commutator.

ASSEMBLY OF COMMUTATOR

Slip a ½ inch washer of one inch diameter with a ½ inch hole onto the shaft on the commutator end. (When speaking of the shaft, the terms "commutator end" and "pulley end" are used.) In Fig. 4 the right end is the pulley end and the left end the commutator end. Put the washer tight against the ¾ inch shoulder. Slip on one of the commutator cores; that is, the part made of oak wood or fiber. The other end is now put on and the commutator segments placed in the spaces provided for them. Put mica between the segments to insulate them from one another. The thickness of the mica is the same

as the thickness of the segments. The commutator will then be perfectly round. Put on another washer of the same size as the first and tighten with a ½ inch nut. The nut should be flat at the end, so that a flat surface will wear against the bearing bracket, and should



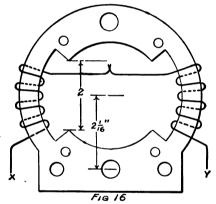
Armature Winding

be of such thickness that its outer surface will be flush with the end of the thread; that is, no portion of the thread should be left uncovered by the nut. The ½ inch nut should be quite tight, so that it will not loosen when the commutator core will break. Drill a ½ inch hole through the nut and shaft and insert a ½ inch pin.

WINDING OF ARMATURE

Fig. 15 shows the method of winding the armature. After the armature core has cooled from the annealing, rub off all the dirt that has collected on it. Then put the armature

core on the shaft from the pulley end and tighten it against the 34 inch collar with a 1/2 inch nut. Now insulate all the slots, the sides of the core and also the shaft for a short distance on each side, so that the wire that is wound on will not come in contact with any iron. For insulating, use fiber paper or other good, strong paper. With fiber paper use two sheets well shellacked. With other paper use two sheets with a piece of linen between, all well shellacked. Insulating is a very important factor and the efficiency of your generator will depend upon this. Wind the core with No. 21 double cotton covered wire. Start in any slot and wind in it and the opposite one. For instance, start with slot (C) in Fig. 15 and wind in slots (C) and (D) until there are two layers of sixteen turns each in both slots. When around from (D) to



Field Magnet Winding

(C) the thirty-second time, make a loop in the wire as shown and start to wind through (E), then around to (F) and back to (E), and so on until there are two layers of sixteen turns each in the two slots. Then leave another loop and go on to the next. With two layers of sixteen turns each in a slot the slots will be half full. Now shellac the whole and tap the windings down in each slot with a piece of wood. Place two pieces of well shellacked fiber paper over the winding in each slot to insulate the winding that is there from the one that is going on top of it. In winding past the shaft, a good way is to wind half of the turns on one side and the other half on the other side. This will make an evenly balanced armature and the lumps of wire near the shaft will be smaller. Now in the same manner as before wind two layers of sixteen turns each on top of the other winding in each slot.

When completed there will be seven loops. Now take the end of the wire and the beginning and twist them together and there are eight loops. The loops should be about three inches long. With this system of winding you can see that there is not a cut in the wire throughout the entire winding. After you have completed the winding, tap the winding down tightly in the slots with a piece of wood, shellac the whole thoroughly and let dry. This finishes the winding of the armature. About one pound of No. 21 double cotton covered magnet wire is required.

WINDING OF FIELD MAGNETS

Fig. 16 shows a view of the winding of the field magnets. Insulate the frame with well shellacked paper, as used for the armature, at the two places where the wire is going to be wound. No. 18 double covered wire is used. Start at (Y) and wind in the slot (H) and around the outside until six layers of wire have been wound on. Then go over to the other side and wind six layers on that side, shellac while winding and when completed. About a pound to a pound and a quarter of wire will be required.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fig. 1 shows an end view of the armature in position in the field magnets and Fig. 4 shows a side view of the entire motor assembled, except the brushes, brush holders and brush bars. The loops of wire from the armature are inserted in the small 1/2 inch holes drilled in the near end of the segments and fastened there with solder. If the loops are too long, cut them off, insert both ends and solder.

At the pulley end of the shaft the ½ inch nut that holds the armature does not entirely cover the thread. That this thread will not twist into and injure the bearing, a washer is placed on the ¾ inch portion of the shaft between the bearing and the thread and should fit tight.

The brush bracket is placed on the ¾ inch turned off part of the left side bearing bracket. The brush bracket can be moved around and tightened by the ¼ inch screw.

The armature should be balanced after it has been wound, and when placed in position it should be exactly between the two pole pieces.

The generator can be fastened to a wooden base with angle irons fastened to the base

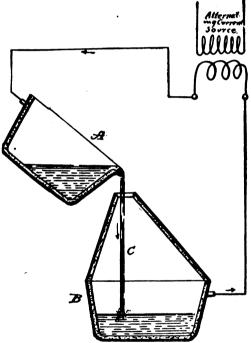
and to the % inch holes in the frame by means of bolts.

The dynamo is series wound; that is, the end of the wire (Y) of the field winding, Fig. 16, is fastened to one of the brushes and the other end of the wire (X) goes to the outgoing circuit.

The generator should run at about 2,000 r. p. m. and then should give a potential of about 25 volts.

HEATING A METALLIC STREAM

A rather novel method of heating a liquid by passing electric current through it as it is being poured from one vessel to another is the subject



Falling Metal Heated by Electric Current

of a patent issued to William S. Franklin, South Bethlehem, Pa. The lining of each vessel is connected to the circuit. In ordinary iron foundry work, for example, it is sometimes desirable to melt a small charge of chromium or other refractory metal preparatory to its admixture to the cast iron in the large ladle. For this purpose a small amount of melted cast iron or slag may be drawn off into the ladles (A) and (B) of the jet furnace, heated up to any desired temperature by pouring, after which the chromium or other metal may be added and the elec-

tric treatment continued, if necessary to attain a still higher temperature, before the melt is poured into the main mass of cast iron.

ANCHORING TELEPHONE DROP WIRES

It is no longer an uncommon thing to find a pay station telephone in depots and waiting rooms of trolley lines but in installing this service a special kind of line construction is employed.



Fig. 1. Running Bridle Wire Over Trolley Line

Fig. 1 shows the close proximity of the telephone drop wires and the trolley wires in bringing the drop across the latter as is sometimes done. If the clearance between the trolley wire and the bridle wire is great enough to allow for sag in the line, the bridle may be run as shown at (B),

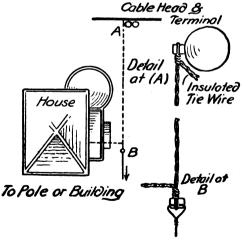


Fig. 2. Attaching Drop Wire to Guy Wire

Fig. 2, which illustrates how the drop wire is attached to the guy wire that supports it at the point where it turns to enter the building. If, however, there is not enough clearance to allow the bridle to sag slightly, then a messenger, No. 12 galvanized iron wire, should be run and the

bridle carried over on that, being fastened with clamps, rings or tape.

The same idea shown in Figs. 1 and 2 illustrate a method of bringing in a subscriber's drop wire when it may be impossible to attach it directly to the house.

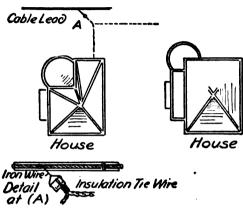


Fig. 8. Another Way of Bringing in Drop Wires

Another method somewhat similar to both of the above is shown in Fig. 3, in which a subscriber's drop wires are brought in without stringing the wire across the property of another party. The detail (A) shows the method of fastening at the corner.

Again, when bringing in two subscribers' drop wires it may be impossible to attach to the front of the building. Then the method shown in

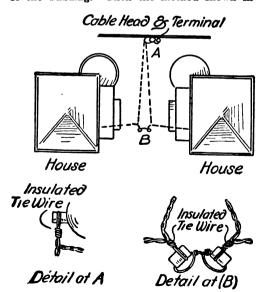


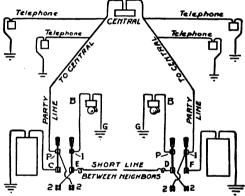
Fig. 4. Bringing in Two Lines

Fig. 4 is sometimes used. This method is rather neat and there are cases, even when conditions do not require it, where the drop may be run in in this manner to much better advantage than by attaching to the building.

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TELEPHONE LINE BETWEEN NEIGHBORS

We are on a different telephone line from central than one of our closest neighbors and sometimes when we wished to talk the line was busy, so we decided to run a line, a diagram of which is shown. Two common door bells were purchased and about 20 cents' worth of No. 34 d. c. c. wire. The wire was divided and wound upon one of the electromagnets in each bell after the other wire had been taken off. The spring on each bell was adjusted so



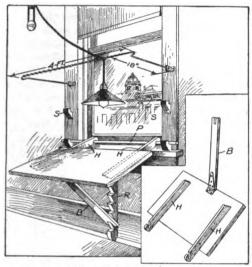
Arrangement of Circuits

that it would operate as single stroke. These bells can be rung with the same generator as the regular telephone bells.

The line is half a mile long and works perfectly. During a recent snow storm one of the lines from central was broken and we acted as central for that line for a time. For either neighbor to call the other, the knife switch (F) is thrown from (1) to (2) or switch (C) is thrown from (P) to (2), depending upon which party is calling. The regular telephone bell is disconnected with the other switch of the pair. This makes the ringing easier when call-To connect the party lines, throw the switches (D) and (E) down. It is not necessary to use another grounded wire for the bells than the one on the telephone, but it is better to do so as this gets rid of all danger from cross talk over the two lines.

ADJUSTABLE DRAWING BOARD WITH MOVABLE LIGHT

A piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch iron rod or heavy wire is bent to the shape shown and hinged to the window casing about $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet from the floor. The rod should be heated and flattened on its ends and riveted to the blades of an old knife switch, the pivoted joints of the blades being set



Light and Board in Position

up rather tight so that they will hold the rod stationary at any angle.

An incandescent lamp with shade is swung over the rod and may be moved back and forth along its length the long way of the board, or to any position across the board by raising or lowering the rod, the familiar two ball cord adjuster permitting an up or down movement of the light.

A heavy piece of twine is wrapped around the front part of the rod its entire length, leaving about an inch space between the coils, which are covered with a layer of insulating friction tape to prevent the cord from slipping when the light is placed where wanted.

An effective and inexpensive method of making the drawing board adjustable to any convenient angle is to secure four wooden supports to the window casing, as shown at (S). The lower supports should be about $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet above the floor, and the upper ones about 16 inches higher.

Two wooden hangers (H) with notches cut in one end as shown, are fastened to the bottom of the board. These notches are to engage a rod of gas pipe (P) which is to be laid in either pair of supports, depending upon whether the draftsman wishes to sit or stand before his work.

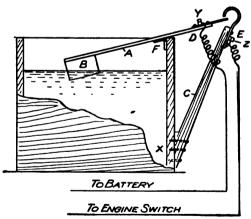
The brace (B) hinged at one end to the bottom of the board and notched at the other end to fit the piece (R) below the window sill, permits of easy adjustment of the board to any convenient angle.

When not in use, the brace may be folded and the board hung against the wall on the gas pipe.

FLOAT STOPS PUMPING ENGINE

I have a water tank in the attic of my house which is supplied by a gasoline power pump in the basement. To avoid overflowing the tank, I arranged an automatic switch like the following which breaks the sparking current and shuts down the engine when a certain height of water has been pumped.

(A) is the float rod of any light wood an inch square and about three feet long. At one end secure a float (B)—an empty coffee can with the cover tightly soldered on. At the end (D) fasten with screws a strip of brass two inches long. Six inches from (D) hinge the rod to the edge of the tank by a small strap hinge (F). Saw out a piece of wood the shape of (C) and screw onto the side of tank at (X), and at the end (E) secure a piece of stiff brass bent to form a suitable con-



Float and Electrical Connections

tact with (D). (Y) and (Z) are binding posts to which are attached wires leading to the engine circuit.

By adjusting the height of (C), the contact between (Y) and (Z) will be broken when the water reaches a certain height and raises the float (B), thus shutting off the engine and discontinuing the pumping.—L. B. ROBBINS.

Electricity in Twentieth Century Office

If it were desired to pick out a modern office which should be exemplary of up-to-date practices as regards efficiency, one that should contain all the latest office appliances and should be equipped with the most complete of filing systems, and which should be engaged in a work large enough to warrant expenditures on a scale which would produce noteworthy results, the search would probably commence in some of our larger cities. It is highly improbable that a

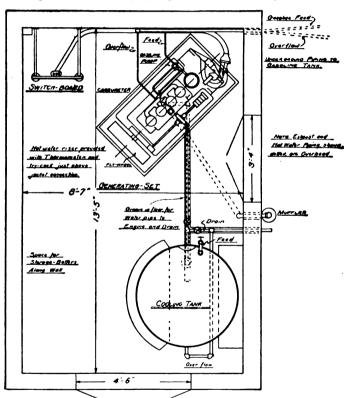
modern office practices. The work of this association has to do with the promoting of "Good Roads Everywhere."

The offices are not confined to one building, but consist largely of additions to one main office. There is one building devoted to the printing room and stenographic department is connected by a passage to the main office building, where are situated the filing and executive departments and private office. Adjoining this

is a large drafting room, of which one side is occupied by the engineering and drafting departments, the other side being devoted to the desks of some of the officials of the as-The arrangement sociation. of the various office buildings is made with the end in mind of having the main, private offices, drafting room, etc., quiet. All offices are equipped with electric light, intercommunicating telephones, an electric computing machine, and in the printing department, electrically operated folding, sealing, stamping and printing machines. This arrangement of electric devices results in a fairly constant demand for power and as South Yarmouth is quite a distance from any central station, it is necessary that there should be means of generating power on the premises.

Situated about 75 feet from the nearest office building is the powerhouse. It is built entirely of fireproof materials. The walls are of concrete block

plastered with ^Cement plaster inside and the arch roof is of cement brick of standard size, plastered both inside and out with waterproof cement. As the power is generated by a four cylinder gasoline engine, which is more or less noisy from valve mechanism, it was desired to keep as much noise from the offices as possible. To accomplish this, the walls of the building toward the offices were built entirely blank, and the only openings left are on the two remaining



Plan of Powerhouse of National Highways Association

little village on Cape Cod, about half-way between Buzzards Bay and Provincetown, would be thought of; but there is, in the village of South Yarmouth, just such an office. It is that of the National Highways Association. With its separate departments dealing with filing, stenographic drafting, publicity, and mailing, work and the machines and appliances used in these departments to accomplish results, it surely typifies the most advanced spirit in sides, there being no opening in the roof. In this powerhouse is a General Electric Co., three kw., direct current gasoline-electric set; also the large cooling tank for the water from the engine jackets and the switchboard for the installation. Space is also provided should a storage battery become necessary. At the right of the engine is a window, having small doors below the sash, which provides an opening for gasoline fumes to escape and fresh air to enter. In the front of the building, as seen in the picture, are large double doors. Above these is a small hinged window providing escape for warm air and gases. Directly inside these doors, mounted on a cement base, is the cooling tank. The switchboard is located in the corner opposite the engine.

By reference to the drawing, the arrangement within the powerhouse will be easily understood. The gasoline tank supplying fuel to the engine is buried just outside the powerhouse, being connected by feed and overflow piping to the set. The tank is of ample capacity for over two months' supply of gasoline under ordinary operating conditions. On the switchboard are two separate main circuits, one for light and one for power. The feeder lines leave the board through lead covered cables and run underground, the light circuit running to the main entrance of the offices and the power circuit running direct to the printing room.

The power circuit is carried directly to six floor outlets of the polarized type in the printing room, and all machines are so wired that they may be changed to any position in the printing room with the polarity of motors remaining the same. The polarized type of plug prevents any of the machines being operated from any lighting circuit. The equipment consists of a multigraph, which is used in bulletin and addressing work, a folding machine for letters and bulletins and a sealing and stamping machine for completing the series of operations. These machines are so arranged that the operations are continuous; that is, as soon as the bulletins are finished on the multigraph, addressing is commenced and the mail passes from the addressing machine to the folding machine, is put in envelopes and goes directly to the sealing and stamping machine which completes the operations. All electrically operated machines, with the exception of the electric computing machine, are operated from this power circuit; but as it is necessary that this computing machine should be moved to the different departments wherever needed, it is the only electrically operated device provided with an attachment plug which will fit a standard lamp socket. Having but a 1/12 horsepower motor, it does not produce any great voltage fluctuations on any light circuit to which it may be attached.

The feeder for the light circuit runs directly to the main entrance of the offices and to the main switch and from there direct to the distributing panel box. All lighting circuits are controlled by this panel and all fuses for the various circuits are in the same box. Mounted directly on each cut-out is a snap switch for controlling that particular circuit. The circuits from this box run through conduit to the various rooms where needed and with the exception of the stenographic department and the printing department, all construction is of the conduit type. In these two departments, the buildings being of plastered construction, moulding is used with Fielding rosettes and drop cords. In the



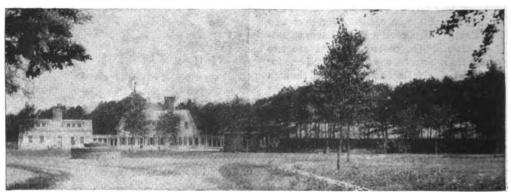
Powerhouse with Main Office in Distance

drafting department, for use on the large tables, are flexible arm portable lamps. In the drafting section the circuits are run symmetrically with the building; that is, there is one continuous line of 1/2 inch conduit on each side of the building and one line along the center. The connections for the portable lamps on the side circuits are furnished through short drop cords about two feet long. These cords are long enough to be within easy reach of the floor, but are at the same time short enough so that the cord which is attached to the portable swings freely from the socket and does not lie on the drafting table in the way. For work at the various officials' desks and also over the filing cabinets in the center of the room, the same provision is made for portable lamps. At filing cases a flexible arm lamp stands on the top of the case and is bent forward and down, so that the light is thrown directly into the file proper. All portables are equipped with aluminum reflectors and all drop lights such as are used over typewriter desks and similar places are equipped with green porcelain shades, the idea being to keep down the general illumination as much as possible and to confine the light to the space needed. The light through the sides of the green porcelain shades is ample for ordinary illumination and as there is no direct bright light visible to the eye, the effect is very restful and at the same time light directly on the paper is plentiful.

As the engineering and drafting departments are in a building with an unsheathed roof, conduit is run directly on the rafters, but in the private office, where it is desired to have as much of the work concealed as possible, another type of construction has been used; that is, baseboard outlets. Directly beside each desk in this office is situated the flush type of baseboard outlet, so that the cord from the portables on these desks is practically out of sight. This does away with hanging cords. The baseboard outlets are fed from circuits beneath the floor. There are lights provided in the various passages

to install a storage battery, owing not only to the initial expense, but also that it might not be necessary to spend time in caring for the same and the liability of derangement of the battery in a place where experts and materials were not easily accessible.

The engine of this set is equipped with a carbureter of the overflow type, returning excess gasoline to the supply when an excess is being pumped. The gasoline consumption is nearly constant at all loads, being two pints per kilowatt hour at 100 per cent load (three kilowatt), equivalent to six pints per hour's operation and six pints per kilowatt hour at 25 per cent load or less, which means the same total consumption. The average run is about five hours, for 300 days in the year, which would mean, assuming four gallons per day, that 1200 gallons of gasoline would be used. At eighteen cents, this would cost \$216.00. Fifty gallons of oil at 40 cents would cost \$20.00. Labor, assuming 10 percent



Buildings and Grounds of the National Highways Association

and toilets of the offices through ordinary conduit construction. Where conduit is used, the condulet outlet is employed, which provides for cord connection to the mains, with no soldered joints whatever, and no large outlet box is necessary.

The lamps in all cases are of the high efficiency Mazda type and it has been found that the 25 watt light gives ample light for any service whatever when used under the conditions which prevail here. For minor cases, such as passageways, the 15 watt is ample. There are altogether about 90 to 95 lamps in service and of these probably one-half are in operation at any given time. The power requirements are such that power can generally be used during the day and would not be needed at the time when the lights are in operation although the generating capacity is ample for such a condition. It was decided not

of a man's time at \$1,000.00 per year, would cost \$100.00. Ten per cent, allowed on \$2,500.00 for depreciation and interest, equals \$250.00. Summing up, one year's operation costs:

| Fuel | #01# OO |
|---------------------------|----------|
| | |
| Oil | |
| Supplies, lamps, etc | 14.00 |
| Labor | 100.00 |
| Interest and depreciation | 250.00 |
| | \$600.00 |

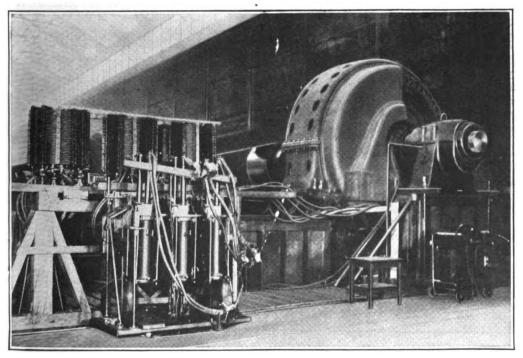
Assuming the ordinary demand at one kilowatt, 1500 kilowatt hours per year for \$600.00 means 40 cents per kilowatt hour, which is undoubtedly very high; but as operation costs are practically the same at 100 per cent load as at 25 per cent load, if the demand is kept at three kilowatts, the kilowatt hour cost is reduced to 13½ cents, which under the circumstances appears allowable.

The plant can be put in operation at any time by any one, needs little attention and is very compact. The set has been in operation for some time, has proven satisfactory and is as economical as can be expected under these conditions. Being a four cylinder engine running at about 800 r. p. m., the voltage is steady and there is none of the flickering and unsteadiness of light so noticeable in many small isolated plants. The generating set is equipped with a speed governor and a slightly overcompounded generator and regulation is nearly automatic, making it unnecessary to have an attendant at the powerhouse.

SHORT-CIRCUIT TEST OF AN 8,800 VOLT GENERATOR

In the presence of a number of representatives of central stations recently, the engineers of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacsuch a test would have wrecked the machine, but in the present instance no damage whatscever was done. The only visible effect was a static flash between the field and the armature.

The test was performed to prove the fact that generators are being built that require no outside protection from outside short circuits, the generator itself being so designed as to be self-protecting. Unless the generator is properly constructed, a complete short circuit tears out the armature coils, which, coming into contact with the revolving field, cause extensive wreckage. Furthermore, the static flash, which always occurs under such circumstances, will destroy inferior insulation. With generators of the type tested, however, both results are guarded against by firmly securing the armature coils and bracing their ends, on one hand, and by the use of mica insulation on the other. In consequence, even so severe an ordeal as



Short-Circuited Generator and Apparatus Used in Test

turing Company deliberately short circuited a 16,700 kva., 8,800 volt generator, running at full speed and without resistance or any other protection in the circuit. Measuring instruments showed that a current of 21,000 amperes, 12½ times the normal current, flowed through the generator.

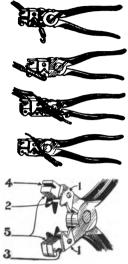
With generators designed some years ago

this test was withstood without harm, although it was repeated many times with the same machine.

Where insulating joints are required, fixture canopies of metal should be thoroughly and permanently insulated from metal walls or ceilings, and from outlet boxes.

COMBINATION TOOL FOR ELECTRICIANS

A pair of pliers made to perform no less than six different operations in the hands of



Combination Tool

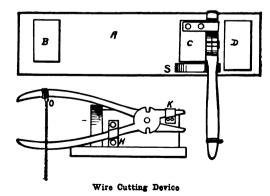
the electrician is here shown. The different illustrations in order show the tool cutting insulation on a single wire, pinching the insulation between the jaws of the pliers and pulling it away from the wire, cutting the insulation of one strand of duplex wire after the outer braid has been slit and cutting the insulation on lamp cord. The parts of the pliers which are designed for the different

purposes as indicated by the numbers are, (1) knives for cutting insulation, (2) knife for splitting insulation, (3) knife for scraping wire, (4) slots for bending loops in the ends of a wire, (5) jaws for pulling off insulation.

CUTTING INDUCTION COIL CORE WIRE

Some of the work in building an induction coil is in cutting the iron wire to length. Recently having about three pounds of No. 22 wire to cut, I rigged up the device shown, which proved a great time-saver.

On a piece of board (A) three blocks (B), (C) and (D) were nailed in the position shown.



To the side of block (C) a heavy pair of side cutting pliers was fastened, using two tin cleats

(H) and (K). So that the free side of pliers may move freely without rubbing against the block, a square of 1/16 inch cardboard should be placed under the side of the pliers where fastened to the block. The cutter should project about 1/8 inch above the block. A piece of clock spring (S) is fastened to the base and bears up on the under side of the movable handle, tending to keep the cutters open.

To operate, the machine is fastened to the edge of a table and a heavy cord (O) is fastened to the handle, the other end being a loop for the toe of the shoe, so that with the heel resting on the floor and the toe raised about two inches, the cutter of pliers will be open and when toe is pressed down the pliers will close.

—J. P. Lewis.

TELEPHONE INSTALLER'S LAMP

The adaptation of the pocket electric flashlight idea to the service of the installers in telephone exchanges is shown in the accompanying illustration.

The battery, according to the Bell Telephone News, is carried in a small leather pouch on a

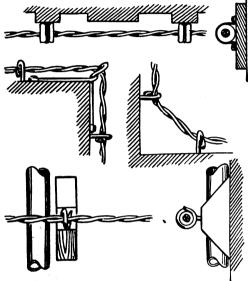


Installer Using Lamp

strap across the breast. Straps over the shoulders and secured to the belt allow the lamp and battery with its reflector to be moved up or down. When the lamp is not needed the coat can be buttoned over it, but the lamp is always ready for immediate use. It is a handy little trouble finder, practical and convenient.

RUNNING BRIDLE WIRES ON BUILD-INGS

The illustration shows several methods of carrying bridle wires past obstructions on frame and brick buildings, and fully explains itself, but there are a few suggestions which may not come amiss. When installing this class of work, be careful to do it neatly and



Illustrations of Bridle Wire Installation

fasten everything securely, as even little things which work loose and fall from a great height may injure someone. When carrying the bridle wires past windows, etc., always, when possible, carry them over the top of the window frame instead of under the sill, because the temptation to the small boy is not so great.

POWER PLANT PROTECTION

The practice recommended by the Westinghouse engineers is to protect the feeders and not the generators. If the generators are protected and a short circuit occurs on any of the feeders, even a poorly designed generator will not suffer, but the voltage will fail on all the feeders, all synchronous motors will be thrown out of step, and an overwhelming overload will be thrown on the circuit breaker of the short-circuited feeder, since it will carry the total current of all the generators in the station. If, however, protective reactances are placed in each feeder circuit, and a short circuit in a feeder occurs, only that feeder will be

affected and its reactance coil will prevent the current in it from rising to too high a value. The voltage will be maintained at the bus bars and no disturbance will be felt in the remaining feeders. This happens, of course, provided that the generators are self-protective; if not, such an event may bring about a serious injury to them.

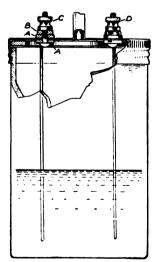
SMALL ELECTRIC STEAM BOILER

The illustration shows a steam generator that has given excellent results while feeding small toy steam engines and similar devices. It consumes less than three amperes at 110 volts.

The boiler is a pint glass jar with a metal top, screwed down upon a rubber gasket. The steam outlet is a small brass nipple, soldered over a hole punched through the center of the cover.

Two ¼ inch holes are punched through the cover on opposite sides of the outlet. Through each hole is passed a brass bolt, removed from the carbon of a discarded dry battery. Soft rubber washers (AA) are provided to make a steam tight insulating joint. While each bolt is held in the center

of its hole, the nut (B) is tightened, forcing the rubber well around the bolt and making the whole secure. On the head of each bolt is soldered a length of copper wire, not smaller than No. 12. This should extend almost to the bottom of the jar and be well stripped of insulation. The jar is now filled about a fourth full of water and a pinch



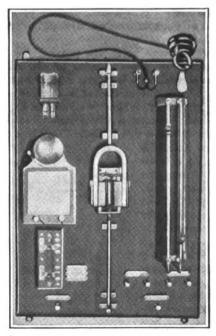
Boiler for Glass Jar

of salt is added. The terminals (C) and (D) are connected to opposite sides of any ordinary lighting circuit.

After the boiling of the water begins, the production of steam is quite steady and not greatly influenced by the height of the water.—LUTHER MCKNIGHT.

INCOMING WAVES SIGNAL WIRELESS OPERATOR

Inventors have been occupied with the question of an alarm call for use with wireless telegraphy outfits so that incoming waves would give a signal that can be heard without needing to keep a telephone always held to the ear. The operator need, therefore, give no



Signaling Outfit on Board

attention to the apparatus until he hears the signal, just as in the use of a telephone or telegraph. A recent invention is designed by Mr. Chomeau, a Paris constructor, and as will be seen, the whole wireless receiving outfit is mounted in compact shape upon a small board. At the middle is a permanent horseshoe magnet having between its branches a swinging coil of very fine wire, and when the current of the detector passes in this coil, it turns about under the magnet's action. The coil carries a light arm which comes against a fine spring blade so

as to make contact and this sends a current from a battery into the electric bell. The moving coil of the magnet device is simply connected in between the detector and the telephone receiver of the usual outfit, and a switch (seen above the electric bell) serves to make this connection while waiting for a signal. When a signal comes in and the bell rings, the magnet device is cut out of the circuit by the use of the switch, so as to leave the detector directly on the telephone, and after taking the message the switch is thrown into the original position. On the left is seen the tuning coil and telephone, and on the right a liquid detector.—F. P. Mann.

AN AUTOMATIC WIRELESS TUNER

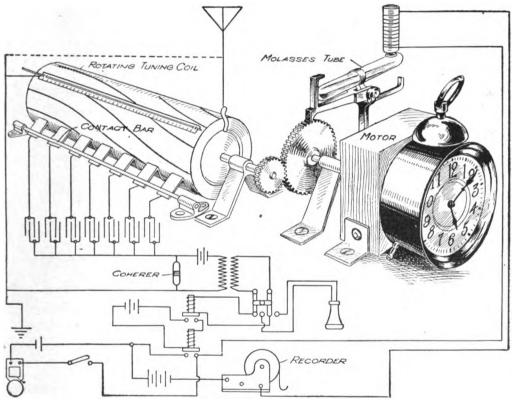
Can a wireless receiving apparatus be so equipped that it will automatically attune itself to the wave length of a message flashed within its range, with only so much manual attention as may be required to secure a fine adjustment if the receiving is done by ear? And if so, can the self-tuned receiving apparatus be made to record the message so that the message may be received while the operator is off duty?

An ingenious answer to both of these questions is shown in two United States patents just issued to Earl G. Stalnaker, a telegraph operator of Chicago. Mr. Stalnaker started out with the idea that if the tuning of a coil were continually varied within wide limits including the range required for the wave lengths in ordinary use, some of the waves comprising a message would strike the receiving apparatus at times when the apparatus was momentarily attuned to the message. Consequently, a sensitive detector connected to the apparatus could be actuated by the wave at the moment when the coil is in tune with it and this detector could close the circuit for operating a latch to lock the coil in the attuned position. Then the messages can be received in the usual manner, and after releasing the latch continued and rapid variations in the adjustment of the coil could again be started while awaiting some other message.

In working along this line, the inventor wound his tuning coil with enameled wire having bare spots exposed along lines passing diagonally or in zigzag formation from one end of the coil to the other. A contact bar having its edge split into a series of narrow fingers bears against the surface of the coil and makes contact to the coil at continually shifting points as the coil is rotated under this contact brush.

Consequently, the inductance of the coil is continually varied and if the coil is rapidly

may also close another battery circuit through a bell to summon the operator, thus obviating the necessity of having the latter continually on duty. In practice there is usually a slight time interval between the acting of the detector and the stopping of the motor or clutch which turns the coil, hence a little adjustment is provided whereby the operator may rotate the coil slightly after it is stopped, so as to adjust it more accurately to the message to which it has approximately attuned itself.



Arrangement of Coil and Circuits for Automatic Tuning

rotated by means of a motor, the inductance may be varied over the entire range every few seconds. Then when such a rotating tuning coil is included in a receiving circuit within range of a wireless message, it will only be a matter of comparatively few seconds before one of the waves strikes the coil at a time when the circuit is substantially in resonance with the wave length of the message. As soon as this occurs, a sensitive detector closes a local battery which operates a relay and the relay in turn closes the battery circuit through a magnet which drops a latch to stop the coil. The relay

The same general arrangement can also be used for switching a ticker or other recording instrument into the circuit at the moment when the detent stops the rotating of the coil, so that the message may be automatically recorded without requiring any attention on the part of the operator. However, this introduces the new difficulty that the coil would be locked in its attuned position for the first message received during the night, or at other times when the operator is not on duty, so that it will not be ready to receive messages of other wave lengths. To avoid this, the inventor has pro-

vided an automatic time release which will unlatch the coil and allow it to resume its rotation after a message has been recorded. For this purpose the lever which operates the detent is made of a tube filled with glycerine or some other syrupy liquid which will be sluggish in moving from one end of the tube to the other. When the magnet moves this tube to set the latch, the liquid will flow toward one end of the tube and after the magnet loses its strength when the wave has passed, the liquid will retard the return of the tube to its former position. Consequently, if the flashes come at brief intervals, as during the sending of a message, the tube will not have a chance to return to its normal position and to unlatch the detent until after the whole message has been received. Then when there has been no flash for a considerable period of time, the liquid will gradually restore the tube to its original position so as to unlatch the coil and allow this to rotate again in its search for attunement with another message.

The same automatic tuning arrangement might be used also to save the necessity for tuning the ordinary receiving apparatus after the usual fashion, but its greatest field would seem to be for use at night and at such other times when it is not feasible to have an operator continually on duty.

MEMORIAL TO HEROIC OPERATORS

As a memorial to wireless telegraph operators who have lost their lives at sea, it is planned to erect a fountain in Battery park, New York. The fountain will be of white granite with seats of the same material at either side. At the back will be a column upon which the names of the operators will be inscribed as follows: Jack Phillips, of the Titanic, April 15, 1912, Atlantic Ocean; George C. Eccles, the Ohio, Aug. 26, 1909, Pacific ocean; Stephen P. Sczepanek, the Pere Marquette, Sept. 9, 1910, Lake Michigan; S. Lawrence Prudhunt, the Rosecrans, Jan. 7, 1913, Pacific ocean; Donald Campbell Perkins, the State of California, Aug. 18, 1913, Pacific ocean; Ferdinand J. Kuehn, the Monroe, Jan. 30, 1914, Atlantic ocean.

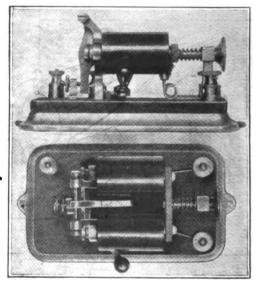
REVIVING A DRY CELL

One way of reviving a dry cell is to file a notch in the side about a quarter of an inch from the bottom. Then place the cell in a saturated solution of sal-ammoniac and allow it to stand for 24 hours. Remove from the solution, solder up the opening and the cell is ready for use.—F. F. SENGSTOCK.

NEW TELEGRAPH RELAY

The standard relay used by telegraph and railroad companies contains 63 parts, including every minute portion, such as screws, washers and wires. The new single adjusted relay contains only 32 parts which include a local circuit breaker, an added valuable feature. Bequiring this small number of pieces the instrument is constructed at reduced cost.

The instrument possesses another important feature, the balanced weighted lever. The relay is also devoid of springs. The spring on the front adjustment of the standard relay is the cause of nearly all the trouble



Telegraph Relay of Few Parts

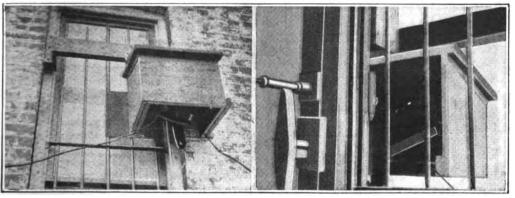
operators have with it. There is no spring on the new relay, its place being taken by the balanced weighted lever. Through the absence of this spring the work of adjusting the sounder to all sorts of wires under all weather conditions is practically eliminated.

The local circuit breaker, placed on the upper fiber base, acts in conjunction with the lever and is especially placed there to silence the sounder, which makes it convenient for an operator who is compelled to work another wire and also to use the telephone. This circuit breaker does away with the operator's habit of sticking a pen or pencil between the tongue and magnets to silence the sounder.

The average peak lighting and power load at the Panama-Pacific Exposition will be 8,500 kilowatts.

Construction of a Lightning Switch

Articles appear from time to time describing practically every part of the wireless outfit, but few deal with that important adjunct, is as high as the average antenna. The ordinary switch is deficient in this respect. Following is a description of the apparatus



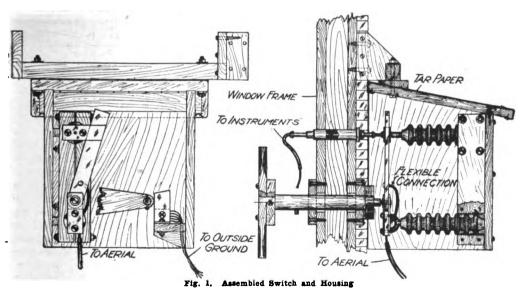
Exterior View of Switch and Enclosure

View from Instrument Room

the grounding switch for protection from lightning. It is customary to use simply a 100 ampere 500 volt single pole double throw knife switch. This answers the purpose as far as proper protection is concerned, but the matter of convenience is not considered. The writer has developed a type of grounding

made clear by reference to the accompanying drawings.

By reference to Fig. 1 it will be seen that the switch consists of a heavy brass bar mounted on the top of an ordinary ten inch electrose antenna insulator and two heavy brass clips, one similarly mounted and the



switch which can be thrown from the inside of the operating room without the necessity of opening the windew. A further advantage is that the insulation of the conducting parts other mounted on a shelf which is formed on the case. When the bar is in the upright position, connection is had from the antenna to the instrument lead, and when in the horis zontal position the antenna is connected to the ground outside of the house. A lever is arranged adjacent to the switch and having the same center as the switch bar. This lever is mounted on one end of an insulating rod,

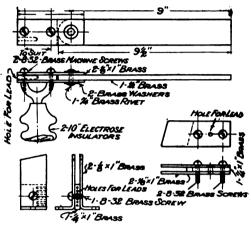


Fig. 2. Switch and Insulator: Fig. 3. Aerial Leadslip; Fig. 4. Ground Wire Clip

the other end of which extends through the window frame and has mounted on it a cross bar which serves as handle. It will be noticed that this insulating rod is able to slide longitudinally in its bearings. The reason for this will be apparent when the operation as below is understood. The rod remains normally pulled in to its limit and with the crank hanging down, that is, entirely out of contact with any part of the switch. Now when it is desired to throw the switch, the rod is pushed out to the other limit and rotated

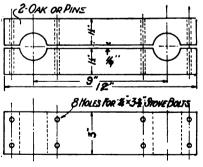


Fig. 5. Insulator Supports

until the pin on the crank engages the switch bar and pushes it in either direction. It is surprising how quickly and easily the switch can be manipulated. The switch is mounted in a wooden box which is made watertight with a roofing of tar paper and a coat of paint. The lead from the aerial is brought in a loop to the under side of the box and soldered into a hole in the proper clip. The lead from the instrument is soldered in like manner and carried through an arrangement of porcelain tubes or a regular electrose leadin insulator to the instruments. The box is hung in the proper position by means of a cross bar and some angle pieces attached to the window frame.

We will now consider the parts one by one. Fig. 2 shows the switch lever and its bearing and how it is attached to the insulator. The bearing is built up, as shown, of two strips of 1/8 by 1 inch brass strip and one piece of 14 by 1 inch bar. These three strips are held together temporarily by putting 8-32 screws through them and screwing nuts on the other side. While thus prevented from moving, they should be securely sweated together with solder, thus making a solid piece. The switch lever rotates on a 1/4 inch rivet which is hammered down on each end and over a brass washer. In order not to get the bearing too tight, it is a good plan when riveting, to insert a thin piece of metal be-

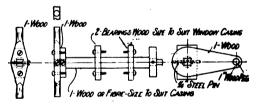


Fig. 6. Throwing Lever

tween the lever and the bearing on one side. This prevents the sticking of the bearing. When riveting is done this piece is removed. When the bearing and the bar have been attached to each other, the bearing is fastened to the top of the insulator by means of the 8-32 screws. The insulator is prepared for this by having one ring entirely cut off, as shown in the assembly drawing and the other cut through in the center and smoothed up with a file. Then two 8-32 holes are drilled and tapped in the surfaces thus exposed. The bearing can then be securely screwed on and this part is finished.

Fig. 3 shows the clip to which is attached the aerial lead. This is made the same as the bearing, but is beveled over to make the switch lever enter easily. No dimensions are given on the clip. This is necessary, as the rings on the insulators are not always the

same and the length of the clip depends on the distance between the holes for fastening. Dimensions have been purposely left out. The builder can make these to suit his ideas or limitations. This clip is attached to the insulator in the same manner as the other one.

The remaining clip for connection to the ground is shown in Fig. 4. The dimensions can be made to suit the lever. The ground wire is shown composed of seven No. 14 copper wires soldered into the clip. Seven No. 14 wires are about equivalent to a No. 4, which is required by the underwriters.

In Fig. 5 is shown the supporting pieces for the insulators. Care should be taken that the large holes be cut not too large, as otherwise the insulators will not be clamped.

satisfactory. The box or housing is best built up around the switch after all the other parts are assembled. When completed the housing is given a coat of paint. The top or roof should be covered with tar paper to keep out the rain.

The photographs are of a switch similar to the one described which the author has had in use for about six months with very satisfactory results.—Chas. Horron.

VARIATION OF RADIO STATION RANGE

At a recent meeting of the Institute of Radio Engineers at Columbia University, N. Y., Mr. R. H. Marriott in a paper, "The Variation of Range of Radio Stations," gave some of the results of experiments made in Colorado and on the Atlantic coast.

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When the stove bolts are inserted and the nuts screwed up, the two parts clamp the insulators and hold them securely. Before the insulators are set up the wood parts shown in Fig. 5 should be given a coat of asphalt varnish.

Fig. 6 shows the parts of the throwing lever. The shaft or rod is preferably of hard fibre but hardwood will be found quite

Another point brought out was that most of the so-called "freak" long distance work is done in midwinter and in support of this it was remarked that Marconi did his first trans-Atlantic work on Dec. 12 and 13. In general, the greatest distance work is done when the temperature is lowest. It was stated that of course the range would hardly be affected directly by the temperature but that it does cause other conditions which themselves affect the range.

NEW BOOKS

PRACTICAL USES OF THE WAVE METER IN WIRE-LESS TELEGRAPHY. By J. O. Mauborgne. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company. 1913. 67 pages with 42 illustrations. Price, \$1.00.

In its original form this work was first printed for reference use at the Army Signal School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and in 1912 was, by direction of the Secretary of War, adopted for use at the school. The present book is intended for commercial and technical school use.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY. By C. L. Fortescue. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 139 pages with 20 illustrations. Price, 40 cents.

In writing this book the author has kept the reader in mind and has explained much of the technical side by means of analogy. From the seventh chapter on, a survey of the uses to which wireless is put is made. A list of books on the subject is given following the last chapter.

AMERICAN ELECTRICIANS' HANDBOOK. Compiled by Terrell Croft. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company. 692 pages with 791 illustrations. Price, \$3.00.

This is a practical handbook into which the compiler has gathered information for the wireman, contractor, lineman, small plant superintendent, operator and construction engineer. Illustrations and diagrams have been freely used and many special problems are solved to indicate the applications of rules given.

ELECTRIC CAR MAINTENANCE. By Walter Jackson. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company. 270 pages, with 140 illustrations. Price, \$3.00.

The material in this volume, except some braking and wiring diagrams, has been selected from the columns of the *Electric Railway Journal*. It should appeal to the man in charge of electric railway car maintenance, and places in compact form data that would be lost to most shopmen within a few months after publication in a periodical.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF ILLUMINATION AND ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING. By Arthur Blok. New York: D. Van Nostrand Company. 230 pages, with 126 illustrations. Price, \$1.25.

This book is written to students, engineers and such others as may be concerned with the distribution of light or the installation or upkeep of lighting equipment. The numerical treatment throughout has been kept as simple as possible and the methods of calculation which are exemplified will be found to require only elementary mathematical knowledge.

HANDBOOK OF ELECTRICAL METHODS. Compiled from the Electrical World. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company. 277 pages with 383 illustrations. Price, \$3.00.

This book is a valuable compilation of articles—ways of doing things in all kinds of electrical installations—which have appeared in the *Electrical World* during the last three or four years.

The articles which are from the pens of many different contributors give useful information to the practical man in installation or maintenance work.

SWITCHBOARDS, SWITCHING AND PROTECTIVE APPARATUS. By C. C. Adams. Chicago: American School of Correspondence. 109 pages with 72 illustrations. Price, \$1.00.

The author of this book speaks with exceptional authority, for he has been solving switchboard problems for years for one of the large electric companies. The practical side of the subject has been emphasized and helpful wiring diagrams are shown covering almost every possible situation.

Wireless Map of the United States of America. By B. Francis Dashiell, Athol Terrace, Irvington, Baltimore, Md. Price \$1.00.

This map is 28 by 38 inches. All wireless stations of one kilowatt or over, commercial, government or amateur are shown with call letters, power and class. All important ship routes are noted with calls of vessels and also distances of foreign stations from important cities.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON AUTOMOBILE DE-SIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR: By Victor W. Pagé. New York: Normal W. Henley Publishing Co. 608 pages with 329 illustrations. Price, \$1.50.

The arrangement of the subject matter in this book is in the form of lessons consisting of questions and answers. The contents have been logically arranged and the reader is brought progressively from a study of one element of a car to the next related part. In the illustrations arrows point to various parts which are named on the illustration. An appendix gives valuable information upon running and storing a car and contains also a digest of motor laws and regulations.

THE NEW PHILOSOPHY. By Calvin Samuel Page. Chicago: Science Publishing Company. 800 pages with 160 illustrations. Price, \$3.50.

This New Philosophy is remarkable for its conflict with established theories of present day scientists. "'Nature does not abhor a vacuum' and whoever invented that libeled Nature. He did not know that Nature's aversion for even an air vacuum is only one-half as severe on Mt. St. Elias as in New York City," says the author.

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MOTION PICTURE MAKING AND EXHIBITING. By John B. Rathbun. Chicago: Charles C. Thompson Company. 236 pages, with 63 illustrations. Price, cloth, \$1.00; leather, \$1.50.

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ELECTRIC TOY MAKING FOR AMATEURS. By T. O'Conner Sloane. New York: The Norman W. Henley Publishing Company. 206 pages, with 77 illustrations. Price, \$1.00.

This is the twentieth edition of this book, which is revised and to which several new chapters are added. The amateur is shown how to make numerous experimental and toy devices. It is believed that the ideas suggested will tend to cause the amateur to apply many of the ideas to apparatus of his own devising.

Wireless Station Logbook. Published by Wm. J. Murdock Company, Chelsea, Mass. 123 pages. Price, 25 cents.

This book offers the amateur wireless operator a bound volume in which he may enter on blank page forms occurrences, such as messages, weather record, interference, time of day, etc. Each logbook as filled may be filed and in time such a set should be valuable. The international abbreviations adopted for amateur operators are given at the back.

How to Build UP FURNACE EFFICIENCY. By Jos. W. Hays. Chicago: Jos. W. Hays, Publisher. 126 pages with 24 illustrations. Price, \$1.00.

This is the seventh edition of this book. It has been thoroughly revised and illustrated and is written in a popular way to show managers, superintendents, engineers and firemen how to get the most out of coal. The average steam plant wastes a quarter of its fuel. The author suggests methods to stop this waste.

ELEMENTARY MAGNETISM AND ELECTRICITY. By C. M. Jansky. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company. 206 pages with 121 illustrations. Price, \$1.50.

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Announcement

This issue marks the last number of Popular Electricity and the World's Advance under that name.

With the July number it will be merged with Modern Electrics and Mechanics, both of which will be published in the future as one magazine under the title of Popular Electricity and Modern Mechanics.

For some time it has been evident to the publishers of both magazines that the fields covered by each were essentially the same, although the editorial policies differed slightly in some respects. After due consideration it was shown conclusively that the merging of the two papers would effect economic advantages, making possible the publication of a magazine absolutely unparalleled in its wealth of material in this particular field.

The new magazine will be published by the Modern Publishing Co., 32 Union Square, New York City, and its editorial policy will be quite unique in the field of popular scientific literature. The aim will be twofold, namely, to afford both entertainment and practical instruction in the world of science, electricity, wireless and mechanics.

The present policy of Popular Electricity and the World's Advance in presenting bright and newsy stories of the latest achievements of science will be fully carried out and enlarged upon, and each number will be replete with profusely illustrated articles covering all that is new and interesting in the World's Advance.

The plan for the departments of practical instruction has been evolved only after a most careful study of the requirements of the host of readers to whom this section of the magazine is most interesting. It is believed that there is a growing demand for authoritative information covering modern practice in the design, construction and use of electrical, mechanical, wireless and scientific apparatus of both unusual and special types. The available textbooks and reference works have not always given this information in a form conveniently available to the practical

worker who wishes explicit but concise instruction, free from burdensome theory and confusing terms. It will essentially be the scope of the new magazine to supply this information, for, when all is said and done, the most complete reference book is but a resumé of all that had been published in the periodicals during a certain period of time, supplemented by the personal knowledge and opinions of the authors.

In presenting the first issue of POPULAR ELECTRICITY AND MODERN MECHANICS next month, the publishers feel that they will be taking the initial step toward the realization of an ambition to supply a journal of practical and useful information, the object of which shall be to tell the readers "how to make and how to do." Every effort will be exerted to supply data based upon the practical experience of the author in the actual construction and use of apparatus and devices described; further than this, the efforts will be extended to the acquisition of material hitherto unpublished in any form. The result, it is hoped, will be a veritable gold mine of suggestions and aids to the man with a hobby, the practical electrical and mechanical worker, the experimenter, the high school or college student, the manual training or physics instructor, the lecturer, and the man or boy who wishes to absorb all available knowledge pertaining to electricity, mechanics, wireless telegraphy and the allied arts.

In order that the ambition of the new publishers may be fully realized, the hearty co-operation of our readers is necessary. The magazine is to be published for you; without your support it could not exist. Therefore, your suggestions will be more than welcome. On the appearance of the first and succeeding numbers of Popular Electricity and Modern Mechanics, will you not voice an opinion which may aid its publishers in realizing their highest ambition—to give you a magazine you will refer to as your ideal?

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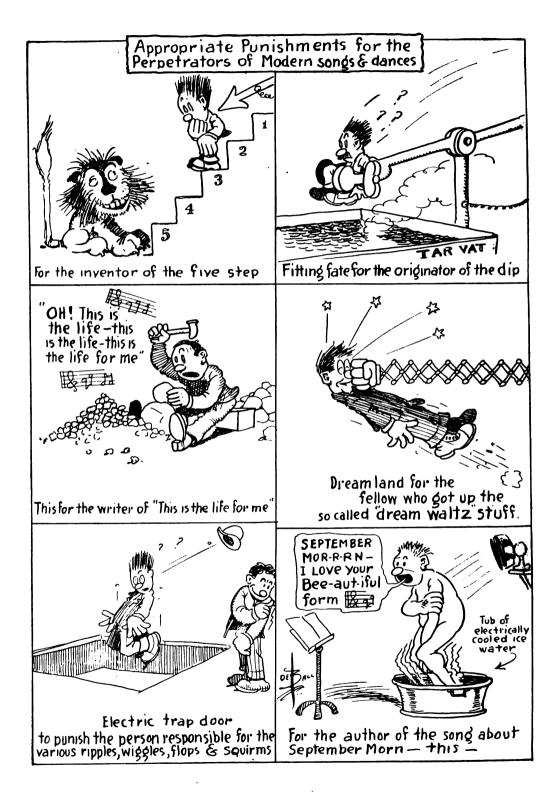
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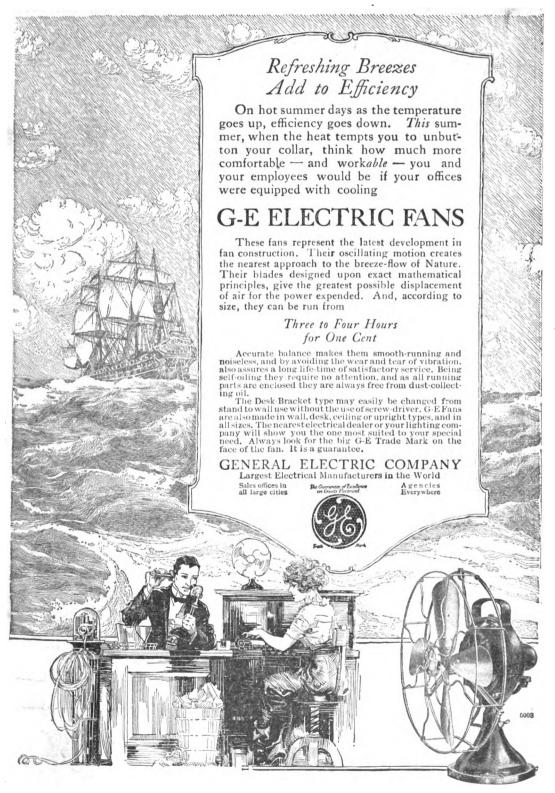
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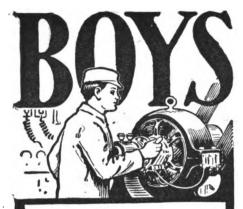
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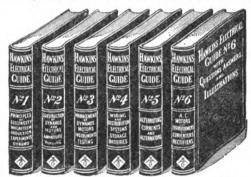
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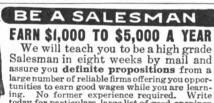
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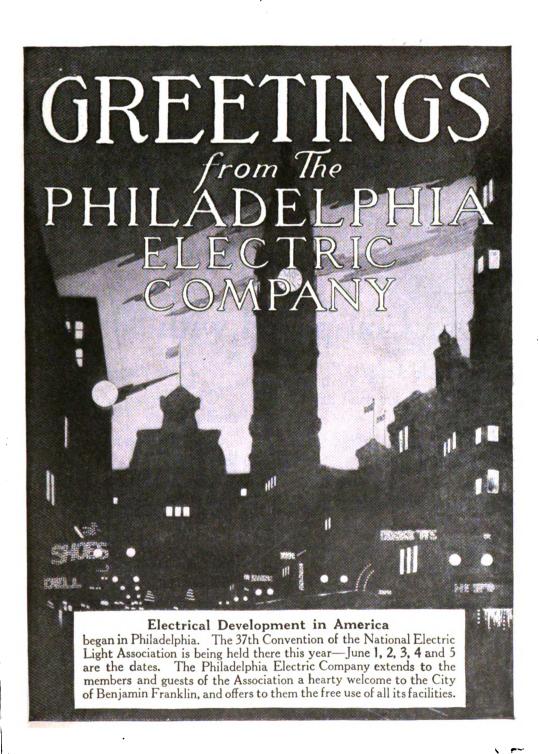
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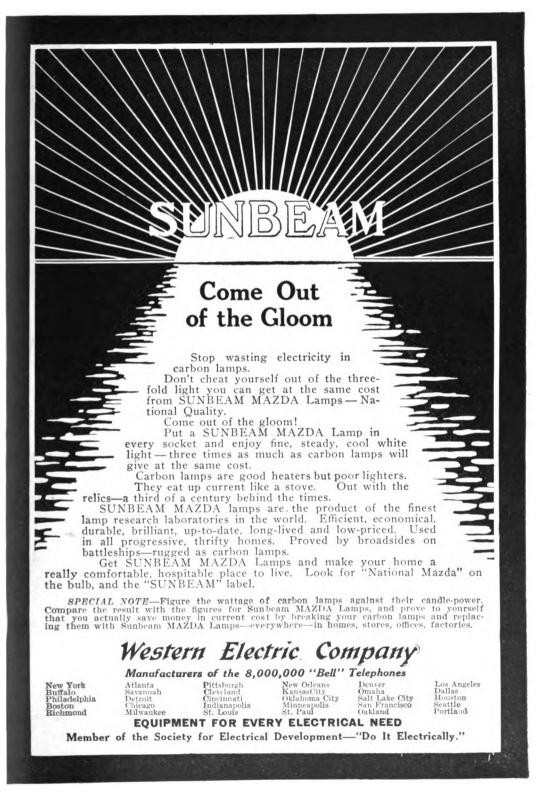


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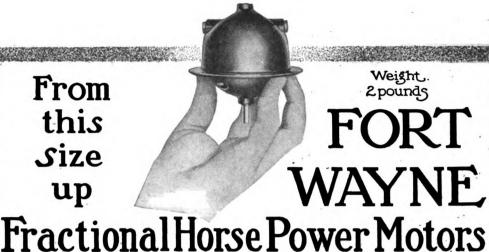
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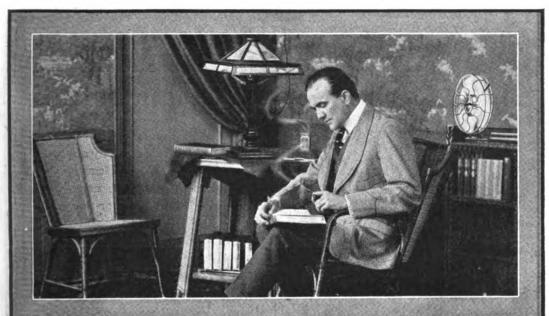
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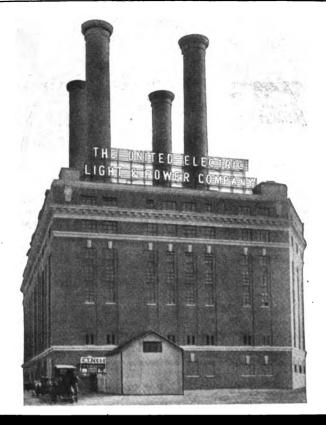
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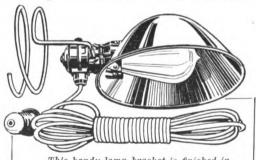
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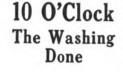
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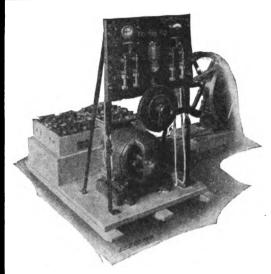
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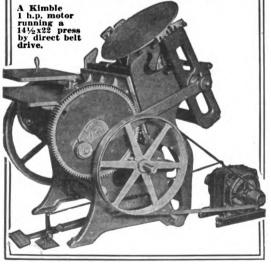
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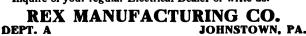
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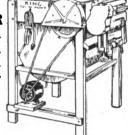
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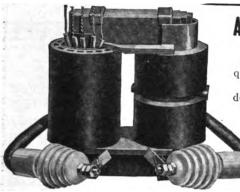
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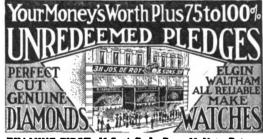
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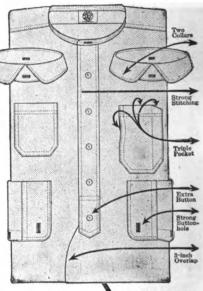
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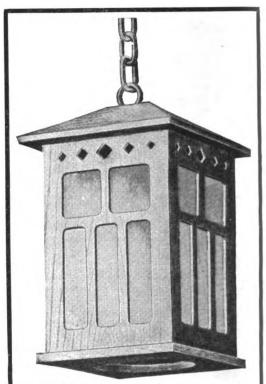
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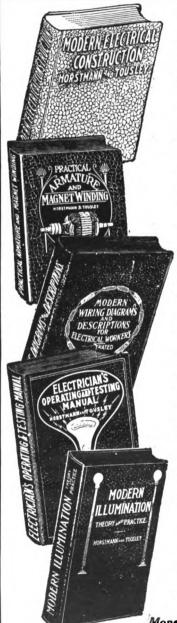
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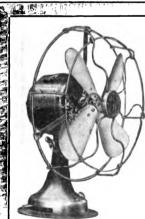
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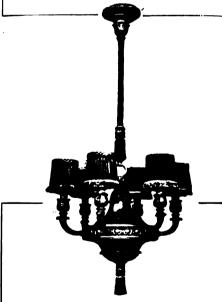
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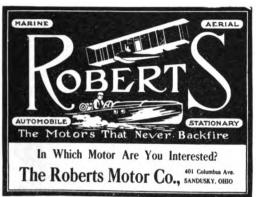
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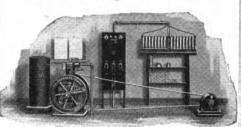
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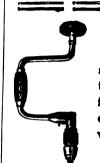
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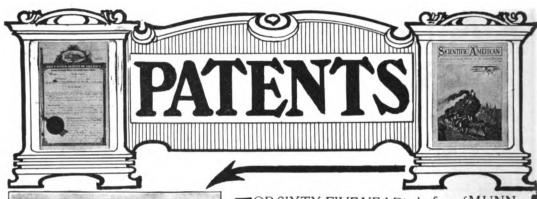
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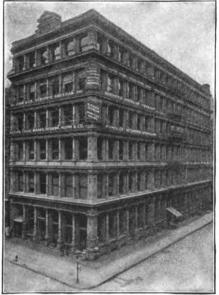


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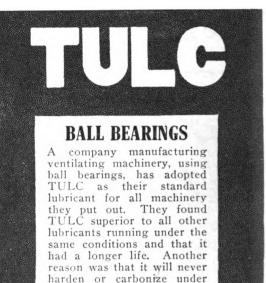


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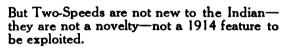
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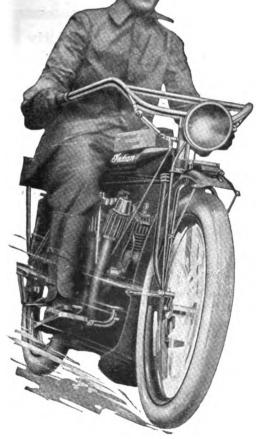
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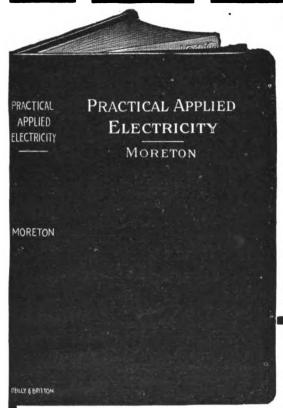
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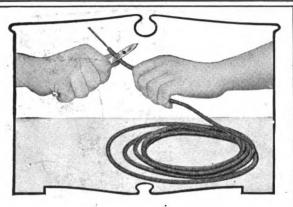
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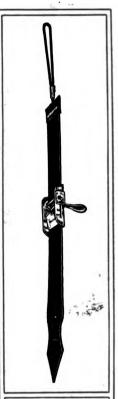
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