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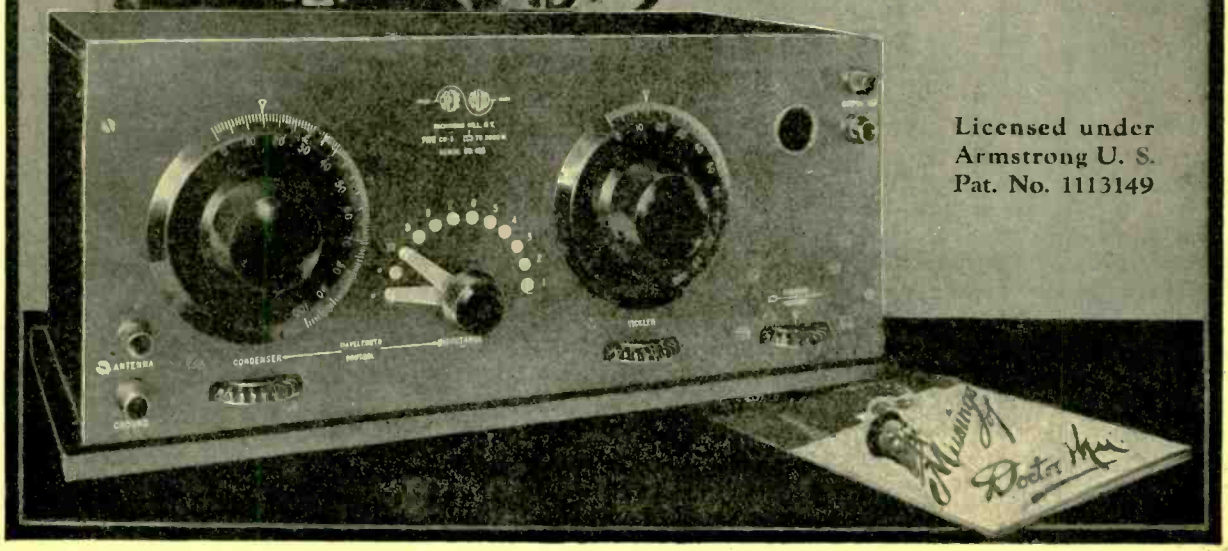

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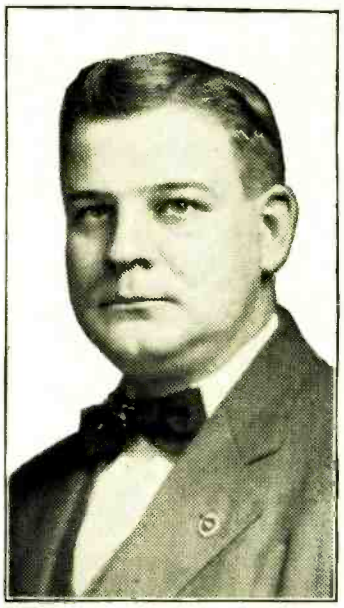
The Progress of Chiropractic



By JAMES G. GREGGERSON, D. C.
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IT IS a far cry from Franklin's kite to the electric lighting, transportation and communicating systems of today, or from Watt's teakettle to the steam engines and ocean steamers of the present; yet it is no farther in either of these cases than it is from the experimental "push in the back" given to Harvey Lilliard, the deaf negro, by D. D. Palmer in 1895, to more than a hundred schools, over 20,000 practitioners and millions of converts to the science in 1922.

It requires performance to convert millions of people and to win place, power and prestige in a community infested with opposition, miseducation and prejudice. It requires more than bombast and profession to be acquitted by juries when prosecuted, and to inscribe laws favorable to Chiropractic on the statute books of state after state. Yet, in a quarter of a century, Chiropractic has done this; and, in addition, it has developed a science, art and philosophy all its own.

This performance becomes more amazing when one considers the personnel of the profession—a motley throng recruited from every walk of life, many of whom lacked the cultural graces of other professions.

With no other qualification in the majority of cases than an earnest desire to learn, students were enrolled in the Chiropractic schools and after six, nine, twelve or eighteen months, they were turned loose upon the public with a diploma, totally ignorant of business and its requirements, knowing nothing of how to conduct an office, and hardly even suspecting, let alone knowing, the value of the discovery of which they were the custodians. Yet, their small stock in trade was of such tremendous value in comparison with the value of therapeutic systems that, in spite of their handicaps, in spite of their shortcomings, and in spite of bungling applications of the principles of their science they have, collectively, and often individually won a tremendous success in competition with those who possessed all the qualifications they lacked.

Perhaps this can best be illustrated by the national statistics of the "flu" epidemic in 1918, which are as follows:

Medical doctors lost one out of every 16 patients.

Osteopaths, one out of every 127 patients.

Christian Scientists, one out of every 513 patients.

Chiropractors, one out of every 886 patients.

All of which simply proves that a gangplow in the hands of an ignorant peasant is far more efficient than a garden spade in the hands of the brightest, most learned and cultured gentleman in the world.

A brief survey of the discovery and growth of this science may prove illuminating.

D. D. Palmer, while giving a deaf negro named Harvey Lilliard a magnetic treatment, noted a lump on his back and pushed on the lump and the hearing returned. Impressed with the results obtained in this case, he examined the spines of all his patients for irregularities, and experimented with adjusting them. The results were that an astonishing percentage of so-called chronic and incurable cases recovered. He studied some, but being old and tired and pretty well satisfied with his results himself, he thought of transmitting the discovery to his son and of keeping it a family secret. But he reckoned without that son who, when he became possessed of the secret, wanted to establish a school and give the discovery to the world.

The son was young, energetic, expansive and visionary. He was attuned to the infinite, and the "cosmic urge" expressed through him a boundless physical, mental and spiritual energy which was shortly reinforced by the head, heart and hand of a poem of womanhood, and together they established the first Chiropractic school; together they faced the questions; and together they have worked out the science, art and philosophy of Chiropractic.

The disappearance of disease by adjusting the vertebrae of the spine was just as much of a mystery to them at that time as it is to you now. There was then—and there is now—no explanation in therapeutics for the results obtained. In the symptomatology of every medical college the etiology, or cause, of practically

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every disease is "unknown." Some of the questions arising were: What vertebrae should be adjusted for blindness, deafness, insanity, paralysis, etc., and how can they best be adjusted; and what connection exists between a certain vertebra of the spine and the stomach, lungs, liver, kidneys, etc.? No medical book on earth gave an explanation; and in the endeavor to answer these questions the female partner went to Chicago to study anatomy, and eventually developed into the best woman anatomist in the world.

While anatomists described a brain and nerve system, and practically every religion taught existence of a soul or animating principle as a fundamental religious fact, it had not occurred to any of the earth's educated classes that the brain and nerve system so minutely described in their anatomies was the mechanism used by the intelligent, animating principle or power (Innate Intelligence) to coordinate the functions of the body, and that this mechanism (brain, and nerve system) would not function normally when it was impaired by the pressure of a harder tissue. In the study of the anatomy of the spine this man and woman found the answer to their question.

The spine is composed of movable segments (vertebrae) between which the spinal nerves can and do become slightly misaligned, thereby pinching the nerves, one of whose functions it is to carry the coordinating impulses from the animating principle (Innate Intelligence) to every tissue and cell in the body. When a nerve leading to any tissue in the body becomes impaired, the tissue supplied by that nerve does not receive the proper mental impulse, and as a result it does not work in harmony with the rest of the organism. It is then what we call diseased, which means without ease.

When the relation of the spine to disease became clear, many puzzling questions were answered and a philosophy reconciling the facts of religion and anatomy was produced.

In their clinic, by observation and experience, they found where to adjust to reach various organs and tissues of the body, and the connection between the vertebrae and all other parts of the body became clear as day. The task is not yet completed. There is still much that is not known, but during all these years of toil and thought they gave as they received to those who presented themselves as students. The first school course was brief, for they had little to give; but as the facts were gathered and classified, the school term grew in length until today the standard of all reputable schools is a three-year resident course, of six months to the school year, with a one hundred percent daily attendance requirement.

Chiropractic is unique and distinct from every other method. Chiropractors do not treat, heal, or cure; they simply adjust the misaligned vertebrae of the spine with the hands, and the power within, which they call Innate Intelligence, does all the treating, healing or curing that is done. They know that what that power can not or will not do, cannot be done.

They do not concern themselves with diagnosis; for of what value is it to confer a name on a group of symptoms when all that is necessary is to be able to find which vertebra is out of alignment, and to have the ability to adjust it to its proper place?

In the lexicon of Chiropractic there are no incurable diseases, for chiropractors know that the power that built the body, that coordinates its functions, heals its wounds, mends its breaks and converts common food into flesh and blood, can and does cure every disease. This does not mean, however, that disease cannot progress to a point where it is incurable.

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They do not believe in dietetics, for they believe that "Innate Intelligence" can and will adapt the stomach to the diet much more easily and quickly than any dietitian can adapt a diet to the stomach.

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They do not believe that germs cause disease, because the results obtained by Chiropractic adjustments in the so-called germ diseases are completely at variance with the germ theory.

They do not believe in drugs, for they cannot reason how a decoction that will make a well person sick can make a sick person well.

They do not believe in health springs or mineral waters or pink pills, for their science teaches that "all power cometh from within."

For the adjustment of the misaligned vertebra they use nothing but their hands and they regard those who use vibrators, stretching machines, therapeutic lamps, et cetera, as incompetents who are prostituting the science for gain — professional mercenaries.

Neither do they assist Nature. They know that the power that flung the sun and stars in space and makes the oceans ebb and flow, doesn't require assistance.

They ask nothing of state and national governments but a fair field and no favors. They ask but the opportunity to prove to all that the world that the cause of disease has been found. Those who would strangle this growing profession by law, would rob all posterity of a boon; therefore, they ask that in each state there shall be a Chiropractic state examining board to pass upon the qualifications of those who would practice the science. A medical board can no more pass upon the qualifications of a chiropractor than a chiropractor can pass upon the qualifications of an M. D., because the fundamental ideas of each system are antipodal to the other.

Chiropractors face one gigantic problem and that is the problem of keeping the profession clean of incompetents—of the rag-tag and bobtail from other professions who have no knowledge of the science, art or philosophy of Chiropractic and who simply buy a diploma from a "diploma mill" or change their business cards to "Chiropractor."

These gentlemen trade on the good name of Chiropractic as do perhaps a hundred so-called Chiropractic schools, some of whom do not have a single graduate chiropractor on their faculties; where almost anything is taught as Chiropractic, and where diplomas are given for practically no other consideration than a financial one.

A real chiropractor knows exactly what he does and why he does it and the result of his work is what has caused Chiropractic to grow in spite of the work of incompetents.

Those who contemplate trying Chiropractic or those who contemplate studying it, should first ascertain which chiropractors are competent and which schools really teach Chiropractic.

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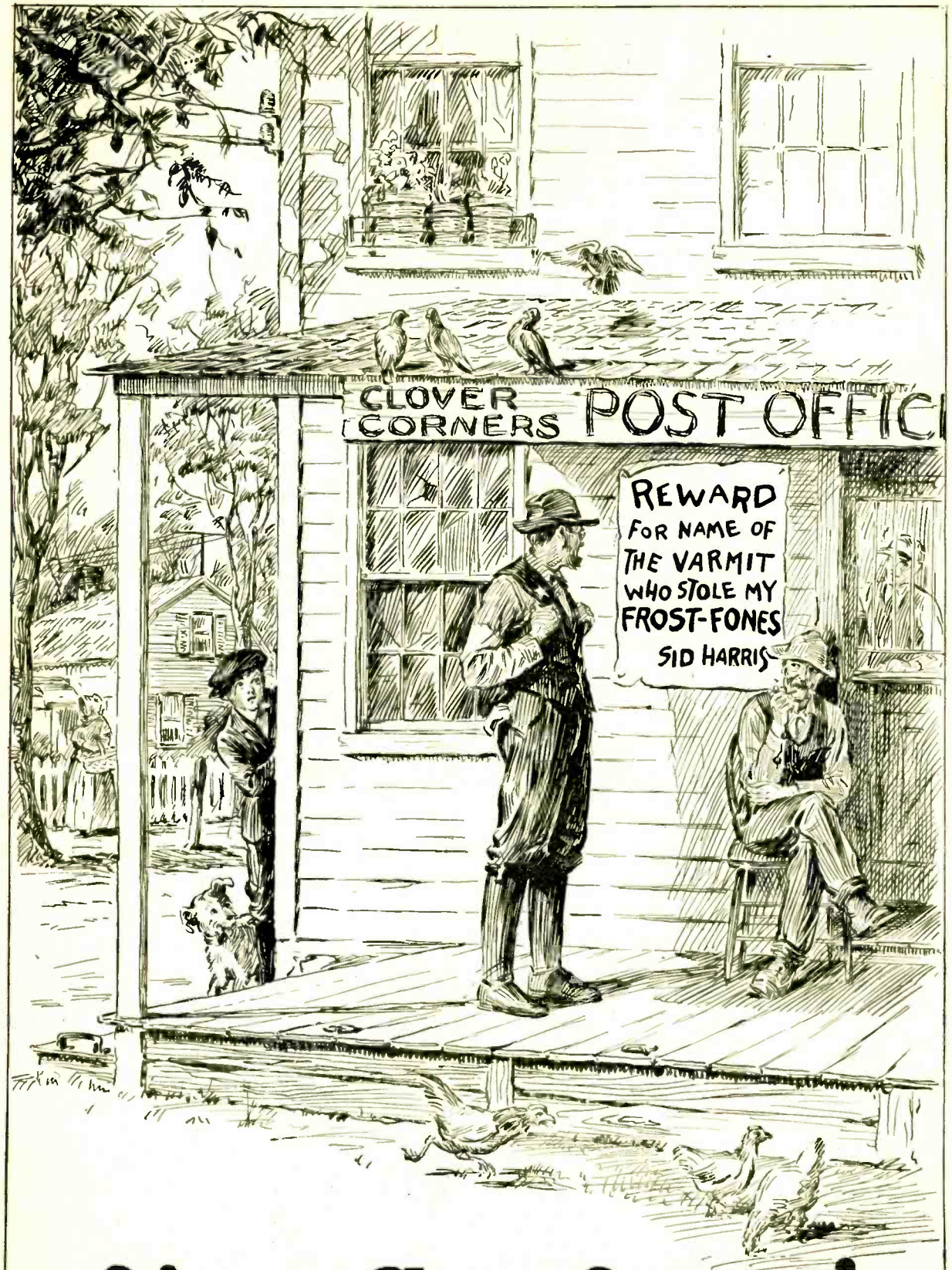

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Radio in 1923

THE year just closed has been one of the memorable ones, for radio, not only in the United States, but in nearly all civilized countries. Radio seems to have come into its own in 1922. Even the most sanguine and the fondest well-wishers of radio never foresaw the tremendous interest that was displayed by the public in all matters radio, in the year just passed. As we have stated before, in these columns, the boom in radio was only to be compared with the boom times of the Texas Oil Fields. In one short year the radio telephone broadcasting stations, that numbered less than six in the United States, increased to almost six hundred at the end of 1922. Every state of the union, with one exception, has its broadcasting stations, sending out regular schedules of entertainments.

As for the advance of the art during 1922, it has been very material, but no very great scientific discoveries in radio have been made. The announcement of Major Armstrong's Super-Regenerative Circuit, by means of which it is possible to receive from over hundreds of miles, using only a single vacuum tube and a loop, was one of the achievements of the art. Aside from this, there were no great radio discoveries, and if there have been any, they have been more theoretical than practical. It is true that a great many new radio patents have been taken out during 1922, but it is as yet too early to say whether any of these will prove epoch-making or not. In transmission, a great advance has been made, all sending, and particularly broadcasting, sets having been improved greatly during the year.

Another milestone in radio for the year was the advent of the high power vacuum tubes, one of these tubes being able to handle no less than 1,000 kilowatts! We are safe in saying that this tube spells the doom of our present high frequency alternators used heretofore in hurling radio waves across land and oceans. Indeed, the best one of the type, the Alexanderson alternator, is already doomed, and will be obsolete in a few years.

The year just closed has been particularly interesting from the point of view of the public. Inventions and developments in radio were stifled more or less on account of this radio boom. It seemed as if everyone, whether he knew much about radio or not, and providing he had a few thousand dollars to invest, promptly embarked upon some radio enterprise or other, with the sole idea of making money out of the game. Naturally, under such conditions, the engineers did not have much time left for research work. It was a case of getting out some radio equipment somehow, at any price. As long as the apparatus could be assembled there was a ready sale for every radio article, good or bad, in the late winter and early spring of 1922.

We stated editorially in our March, 1922 issue—the beginning of the boom—as follows:

> "Tremendous efforts are being made by manufacturers to meet the situation, and with all the new capital being poured into the business, we estimate that within six months at the most the supply will exceed he demand. In other words, everyone, unless he buys carefully, will be overstocked, and the usual hardships will follow. This not only holds true for the dealer who will find himself loaded with material on his shelves that he cannot move rapidly, but for the small manufacturer as well, who will have all his money tied up in merchandise for which the sale is not as brisk. We shall then witness the next cycle, price cutting, when real competition will begin in earnest."

As will be seen, every word of this prediction came true. There have been tremendous failures in radio, and it is safe to say that less than one-half of the concerns that embarked as manufacturers into the radio industry are alive now. Of the 50 per cent that are still going, 25 per cent of these newcomers are finding themselves in financial straits at the present time of writing.

The answer is two-fold: Over-production on the one hand—exceedingly poor apparatus, made to sell and not to work, on the other hand. In many cases the public was caught unawares and bought radio material that proved a detriment to the entire industry. In many cases the public began to think that radio was a swindle, due to such poor equipment that sold at high prices and gave no results.

What about the future? What will 1923 spell to radio?

There is no question that during the coming year the research in radio will once more become important with our engineers, and that a great many important improvements in radio inventions will be made during this year. For one thing, we are quite certain that the day of poor equipment has gone for good. The radio industry is becoming exceedingly wary of poorly-built instruments, and will have none of it. *We predict that only those concerns that turn out first class material will survive in 1923.* Slowly our manufacturers are beginning to see that radio is more of an art, than a manufacturing proposition. *Precision and accuracy* are the words that every manufacturer should take to heart for 1923.

Whereas we used to be content with wooden boxes and fibre bases, the all-composition moulded instrument is coming into vogue more and more. The radio public wants something that stays put, that is not influenced by temperature changes, and that will not come apart of its own accord.

We predict also for 1923 that radio frequency amplification will be used much more generally than it is now. Radio frequency does not give rise so much to distortion as do regenerative circuits. This is said with no idea of discouraging people from experimenting or buying outfits which have regenerative circuits, but rather to urge the manufacturers to so improve their regenerative outfits, that distortion is done away with.

In 1923 we shall, no doubt, see the single control outfit. The public at large, particularly the lay public, wants an outfit with a single adjusting knob. The average layman does not cherish the idea of six or seven knobs and dials, which are apt to confuse him, and lead him nowhere, for the reason that he does not know how to get results from an otherwise good outfit. Every woman or housewife knows how to operate a phonograph. How many, out of a hundred, know how to operate a vacuum tube set? The percentage is exceedingly small. Our manufacturers who wish to steal a lap on their competitors should work along these very profitable lines.

The next great improvement needed in 1923 is the outfit or appliance that will do away with interference. Whether it is the vacuum tube or crystal set, there is entirely too much interference now. Only an expert can tune out the unwanted station. With a four- or five-tube receiver it is possible to pick up stations several thousand miles distant. Within such a radius are three or four hundred broadcasting stations. Any evening, between 8 and 10 o'clock, a great majority of these stations is operating. What chance, then, has the average layman to pick out any of these stations and tune to any one he wants? The chances are mighty slim that he can do it. As a rule, with the present outfits, there is horrible interference. Of course, a loop set will help greatly, but this is NOT the solution of the problem. There must be something in particular that we have as yet not learned, and somewhere, somehow, some genius will no doubt effect a satisfactory solution.

The next and most important improvement upon which our manufacturers should concentrate, is the loud talker. It is safe to say, and experts agree upon it, that one cause of the slump in 1922 was directly traceable to the abominable sounds emitted by nondescript loud talkers, which were not constructed upon either mechanical, electrical, or acoustic principles. 1923 will probably see a great change in our loud talkers. It is safe to say also that the loud talker, at the end of this year, will be a totally different appliance from what we have now. *We predict that it will not be of the horn type at all*, but that it will be constructed upon entirely different principles.

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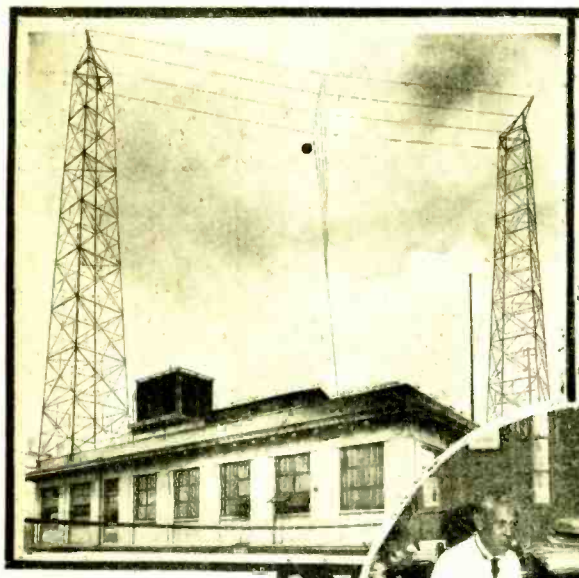
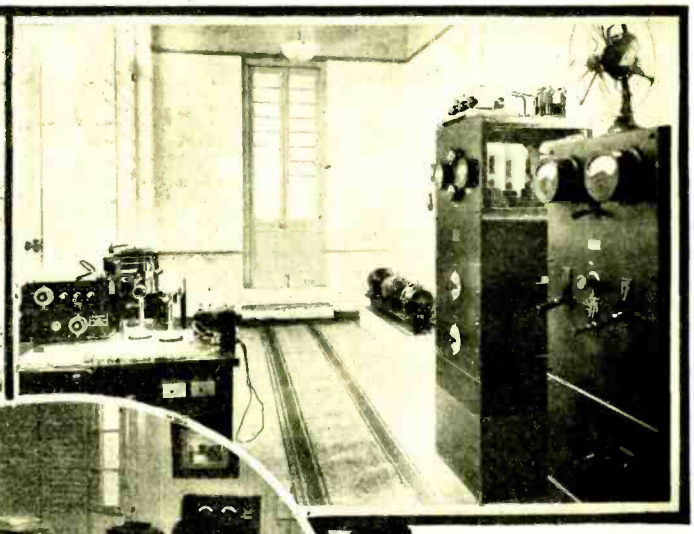
The First High Power Broadcasting Station In Havana, Cuba

By ULPIANO MUNIZ*



The Massive Antenna System of Station PWX, Havana, Cuba. The Lattice Work Towers Extend 125 Ft. Into the Air.



A View of the Transmitting Room. On the Left is the Receiver While on the Right is the Control Panel and the 500 Watt Transmitter. The Motor-generator May Be Seen in the Background.

President Zayas Seated Before the Microphone of PWX Delivering the First Speech Broadcasted From That Station.

ON THE tenth of October, thus combining a patriotic commemoration of sacred memory to the Cuban people, President Alfredo Zayas, seated in his private office of the Presidential Palace, inaugurated the first high power radio telephone broadcasting station in Latin America directing a speech, full of warmth and enthusiasm, to the neighboring, friendly American nation.

This first program commenced at four o'clock in the afternoon with the National Hymn, executed by a renowned orchestra of Havana. Afterwards was broadcasted President Zayas' speech, followed by excellent musical selections by famous players of national reputation.

The writer had been invited by the Cuban Telephone Company, and after having heard a couple of musical numbers at the Palace, where a receiving set with loud speakers was installed for the benefit of the distinguished guests who came in, he went to the studio of this broadcasting station, the first to establish a regular schedule in all the Spanish speaking countries of America.

Through the amiability of Mr. C. Comas Bolfa, manager of the station, and personal attendance of Messrs. Wurm and Taylor, operators in charge, I was able to take photographs which represent various points of this wonderful station.

It is composed of three rooms, located on the second floor of the former Radio Corporation of Cuba's building, these rooms being nicely furnished by the owners in hopes of presenting a "unique" radiophone broadcasting station. They have surely succeeded.

In the first room are located the power plant and controlling switchboards, the Western Electric transmitter, and receiver with four stages of audio amplification, a monitor set of the same characteristics with a loud speaker and the input amplifying unit, directly connected with the microphones at the studio and the transmitter's speech amplifier.

The motor generator set is an "Esco" unit, composed of an alternating current motor driving two direct current generators. The first is used for delivering the plate voltage of the transmitting tubes, namely, 1,600 volts at 1.25 amperes. The other dynamo furnishes 14 volts and 30 amperes for the filaments, as well as the field excitation current of both generators, through a special winding employed for this purpose.

The terminals of this power plant are connected to a special switchboard, containing circuit breakers for the plate and filament circuits, a delayed action relay, requiring twenty seconds for successful operation, to open the transmitting circuits, should a destructive rush of currents pass to the tubes upon closing the plate circuit before the filaments.

This transmitter, under full power, broadcasting telephone service, is capable of delivering 17.5 amperes to the antenna system, an achievement to which we account the unusual range of this set, which on the first broadcast's program, reached points as far away as 3,000 miles in air line from Havana in all directions, according to records filed by the Cuban Telephone Company.

It operates on a wave-length of 400 meters, and on every Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 8:00 to 10:30, Havana time, musical and special selections are broadcasted via the ether. The call letters are "PWX."

The receiving set is a special Western Electric type 2-C, with several amplifiers, wave-length range between 150 and 1,600 meters. It is connected through the relay switch just described to the four wire, 125' transmitting antenna. A monitor set of the same class, with three steps of audio amplification and Western Electric type 216-loud speaker, is used for watching over the modulation and output of the transmitter. This second receiver is hooked up to a separate, single wire antenna, 100 feet below the large sending one at right angles to same.

"We are now going to have the best musical programs for the benefit of listeners in," said Mr. Bolfa, "and I am sure this will be appreciated by all those who esteem the high cost of this special service. The Cuban Telephone Company in its desire to satisfy the public, after installing the submarine cable, which places Cuba in connection with the United States, offers to its clients this latest advancement of science, in the assurance of aiding to improve the educational status of our country.

Mr. Comas Bolfa believes that everywhere the newest of all discoveries, radio telepheony, advances, and not only the education of the people is materially improved, but their worldly knowledge as well, for the best music that composers have ever produced, the most profound scientific lectures and literary addresses are within

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Broadcasting First Presidential Message To Congress

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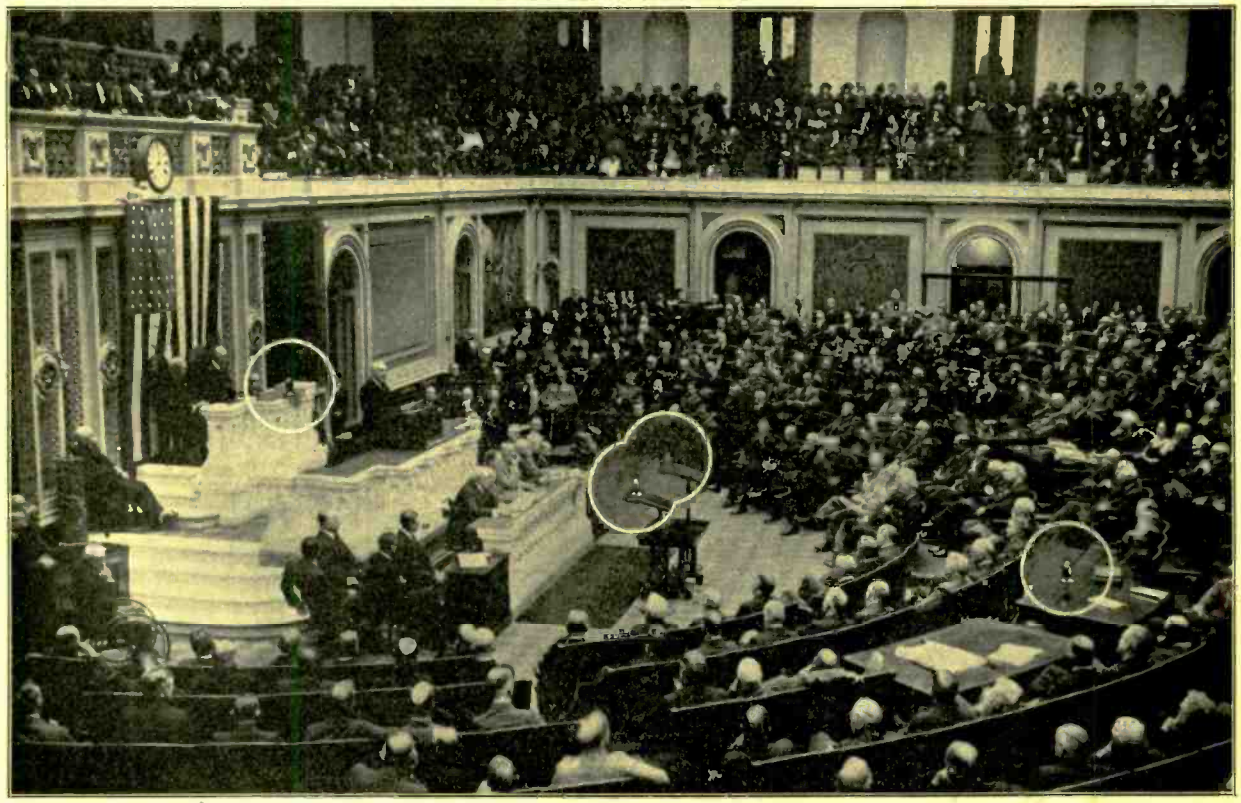

WHEN President Warren G. Harding delivered his message to a joint assembly of the House of Representatives and Senate on December 8, for the first time in the history of the sessions of the American Congress the utterances of a President of these United States were heard by an invisible audience by means of the radio telephone. His pungent remarks, "There are conditions relating to its (Eighteenth Constitutional Amendment) enforcement which savor of a nation-wide scandal" and "Agricultural ill fortune is a national ill fortune," were heard with a distinctness within a radius of approximately 200 miles of the National Capital as did the members of the Cabinet who occupied front seats in the House of Representatives. The radical departure of broacasting the deliverance of a President is epochal, and radio telephony demonstrated certain advantages over Morse telegraphy and Bell telephony as a means of communication. The vastness of the area covered within the twinkling of an eye is a peculiar virtue of this vehicle of intelligence.

The voice of President Harding on the state of the Union, as he specifically addressed the Fourth Session of the Sixty-Seventh Congress, was probably heard by the largest audience in the history of the world. The seating capacity of the House of Representatives was occupied to the point of overflowing, thus constituting his visible hearers. The invisible audience, it would be hazardous to attempt to name its numbers, was comprised of the thousands of owners of radio-telephone receiving outfits who were apprised of the deliverance of the message and those who had the inclination to "listen in." A microphone mounted on a pedestal, located about four feet from

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In the Picture Above, Showing President Harding Delivering His Message to Congress, May Be Seen Several Microphones, Outlined with White Circles, Which Were Installed at Various Places to Pick Up the Voice. On the Right is Shown the Amplifying Device Installed in the Cellar of the Capitol by the Western Electric Co. In Front of the Operator is a Speech Amplifier Composed of Four Tubes. The Speech, After Being Amplified by This Apparatus, Passes Into the Second Power Amplifier on the Left Side Panel Upon Which May Be Seen the Four 50-Watt Tubes on Top and at the Bottom, the Last Two Power Tubes of 250 Watts Each. From This Installation, the Voice is Carried Through Wires to the Loudspeakers Installed at Various Places and Also to the Navy Broadcasting Station, NOF.

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Giving the Whole Town A Radio Concert

By ARMSTRONG PERRY

Three Views of the Large Cement and Stone Loudspeaker Built by Mr M. C. Hopkins of Washington, D. C. The Volume From This Speaker is Sufficient to Carry Sounds Clearly for a Distance of Two Miles. This Horn is 7 Ft. in Diameter.

IN Waterford, Virginia, there is a loud talker that gives the whole town a concert at one time, for it can be heard for two miles. It stands on the lawn at the edge of a little stream that flows past the lodge of M. C. Hopkins, an acoustic expert of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Hopkins is also President of the Cave Men's Club of America, which has explored scores of little known caverns in the Shenandoah Valley and elsewhere during the past twenty-seven years. One of these is George Washington's Masonic Cave in West Virginia. It is recorded in Howe's Virginia Historical Collections, published in 1849, that a party of Masons visted this cave in 1844 but between that year and 1922, when the Cave Men's Club explored and photographed the cavern, it seemed to have fallen into oblivion. Waterford is conveniently situated between Washington and some good cave country and that is why Mr. Hopkins selected it as a place to build his lodge. Around this artistic structure he built fish ponds, lagoons and islands. He rolls up from the national capitol in a big car every Saturday afternoon and, unless he starts on immediately after dinner for underground exploration, the people of the town are his guests at an evening concert and at church services brought in by radio on the Sabbath.

Being an expert on sound, Mr. Hopkins was far from satisfied with the loudspeakers in use when he first became interested in radio, a year and a half ago. He promptly brought to bear his long experience with phonograph horns and attacked the new and interesting problem. First he designed a radio horn. This tested out all right so far as acoustic properties were concerned but he could find no electrically operated diaphragms and attachments that would give good results. So he studied radio and in a year acquired a knowledge of the subject sufficient for his purpose.

He refused to be satisfied with any weak, distorted results. In fact he is never satisfied until he brings in a concert with greater volume and better quality than it had where it took place. Incredible as it may seem, those who hear his concerts declare that the piano, violin and vocal solos, and the choral and orchestral selections roll out from his seven-foot horn with a roundness and mellowness that no instrument or voice can equal without assistance.

Mr. Hopkins says that the results that he has obtained are due merely to control of the sound vibrations and that he has by no means reached the limit of what can be accomplished. He seems to be able to see in his mind's eye just what every sound ripple in the air is doing from the time the diaphragm at the little end of the horn starts it on its way until it finally breaks up and is dissipated in the atmosphere. He has succeeded in producing a horn that will carry sound to distances hitherto unknown because he knows how to shape it in order to project a wave that will retain its form for a considerable period of time. As long as the waves retain their form they are heard distinctly at a distance, as distinctly as at the mouth of the horn. The music, in spite of its carrying power, does not seem uncomfortably loud to a person standing near the horn.

Another feature of this gigantic loudtalker is its distribution of the sound. Many horns focus the sounds sharply, persons in front of the bell hearing well while those at wide angles from this direction get the music indistinctly if at all. But at any angle from Mr. Hopkins' stone and cement horn the listener gets the music in full volume.

Mr. Hopkins' idea may mean a new era in radio. The solitary listener with the phone clamped to his head was for a long time a sort of conventionalized symbol of radio. Since the advent of the broadcasting of voice and music and the invention of the loud-speaker, the popular conception of ideal radio has changed to that of a family group or indoor social gathering listening to a radio receiver as to a phonograph. With the big horn distributing music of superlative quality over a radius of two miles, radio becomes a community feature. A crowd of fifty thousand or more persons can hear a grand opera or an address by a famous man out-of-doors as easily as a family can hear the same thing around the library table. In Waterford some of the listeners gather on the lawn at the lodge but just as many sit on their own porches or get the music through an open window.

Get Into the Code Work

By ROY A. ANDERSON

CODE work interesting? We'll say so. You fellows new to the game have occasionally been known to scoff at the amateur who works in code—the fellow who, apparently, sees little in being able to listen (by radio) to a phonograph concert promulgated by some station a few miles away.

His feeling is obvious. He can go into the living room and play his own phonograph; then there is no static or any bothersome noises. On the other hand, though, I will venture to say that should McCormack sing, or should Kreisler play, there is a majority of amateurs who would be willing and even eager to listen.

So much for that; it has nothing to do with the code.

As a radiophone listener you are interested in anything novel, but will your interest hold? Decidedly not in this case. On the other hand, if you let the mysteries of radio captivate you it will be one thing that you will never regret.

At the present time there is what approaches an intense hatred between the average radiophone listener and the amateur. The amateur is warlike because of the unjust accusations of the radiophone listener and the latter, well-meaning it is true, is misled to believe the amateur is to blame. There have been a good many discussions on this question, and this is not another, not directly anyhow. Personally (being an amateur), I believe that the honest dyed-in-the-wool "ham" is the one in the right, but he is practically powerless because of his utter insignificance in round numbers as compared with the number of those captivated by this one new novelty, the novelty which will eventually become an important commercial pursuit, but not by virtue of the radiophone listener of today.

By way of bringing out my ideas, let us

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Heard But Not Seen

We are very pleased, indeed, to introduce to the radio public, the managing force of WOR, Bamberger's, Newark, New Jersey. The efficiency of the station (which has been heard in England) may be attributed to Mr. J. Popele the chief operator. The condition of the apparatus is such that "Pop" has little to do but watch the modulation meter and take an occasional glance to determine if the aerial is still where it should be. The voice of Mr. J. M. Barnett, one of the announcers, is very familiar. You now have the opportunity of viewing his general appearance. Miss J. E. Koewnig, manager of WOR, will always be remembered for her clear, soft voice. We wish she were on the air more often, though. Mrs. Egner makes the programs just so much more pleasing by her excellent playing.

Linking the World's Farms by Radio

By J. FARRELL

Thanks to radio, the farmer of today is now connected with the outside world.

HANS PFEFFER, a young Dutch farmer, cast a satisfied glance over eld of waving grain. The crop was in good condition; there would be an abundant harvest. But what of the wheat crop in other parts of the world, he thought. Here in the Argentine there would be an exportable surplus.

A bell tinkled indoors, and Hans adjusted a dial on his radio set.

"The world wheat crop is estimated at three billion bushels," the report came. Hans smiled. Wheat would be in demand.

In the United States, Jim Weller, a Kansas farmer, was also looking over his crop. He knew that large surplus production would break the market. Suddenly Mrs. Weller appeared in the doorway.

"O, Jim," she called, "I've just received a radio message that the world wheat crop is three billion bushels."

Jim smiled. Wheat would be in demand.

Millions of farmers all over the world had almost simultaneously received the message. The farm skies cleared. While the world crop of wheat was short the addition of storage supplies from the preceding season would effect an even balance between supply and demand. The world would be fed and at a price satisfactory to both producer and consumer.

Possibly the foregoing picture is a look too far into the future. Albeit, the United States Department of Agriculture is now

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Keeping the Public Sold on Radio

By ARMSTRONG PERRY

IT came all right, that slump that every radio man knew was inevitable. The worst of it is, it lingered on into the winter and in some localities the demand for radio apparatus threatens to become as permanently depressed as the current demand for daguerrotypes. What is the matter?

I cannot answer the question from the standpoint of manufacturers or dealers, though I have talked with many. The talk of makers and sellers of today goes into so many things besides the public's willingness or unwillingness to buy that the layman is soon hopelessly lost in technicalities of contracts, patents, discounts and other matters that he does not understand. But for four months I have traveled through the east talking with folks who represent the public and I believe I know what they are thinking about radio.

A year ago everybody was anxious to hear something via radio. Any old thing would do. The novelty of the experience was what appealed to them rather than the information or entertainment that was conveyed. Brought to a pitch of excitement by hectic publicity they began buying radio sets. The demand swamped the manufacturers and the dealers. The situation appealed to that class of sharpers who are entirely satisfied when they have separated a fool from his money. When the reaction against dishonesty comes in their line of business they are already out of it and busy on some other side scheme. Unfortunately there is no open season on animals of this kind. Killing them is murder just the same as though you croaked a regular human being.

Today I find wherever I go four classes of persons among the radio public. Here and there is a man who, starting as a novice with a tube set, has learned to operate it and get results. In August I discovered the first man I ever met who, with a detector, two step amplifier and loud talker was regularly entertaining his family and friends with music that satisfied and lectures and sermons that could be understood. I met many who said they were doing this but, with due respect to the veracity of radio enthusiasts, I am compelled to say that some of them stretch the truth as a matter of habit. They claim to enjoy radio music themselves and then deny the assertion by bringing in a snatch of a song or a bar of an instrumental selection and then quickly tuning it out to see if they can get something from another station. Time after time, when such radio bugs have been demonstrating to me how much their families enjoyed radio, the said families have quietly disappeared from the radio room, to be found later deep in the discussion of millinery in some quiet nook.

This fellow in Pennsylvania was using a set that I had seen fizzle several times in other locations. His antenna was no better than the average. He had a ground on a pipe that ran from his cottage out into a lake a hundred feet. Maybe that was why he got the results he did. Anyhow, everybody in the village whom I approached on the subject of radio told me to go up to Gleason's if I wanted to hear the real thing. I went, and the results while not perfect were impressive, especially for the season when atmospherics are most likely to be troublesome. Such a man will keep a whole community sold on radio. He should be sought out; stories should be written about him for the local papers and national magazines. He is a big asset in the business.

The second class of persons I met are those who have tried radio and are through with it. Some of them bought crystal sets although they were many miles from the nearest broadcaster. Some bought tube sets and, before they mastered them, were disgusted by mistakes that cost them the price of new tubes, by interference that they could not get rid of, or by unsatisfactory reception. They are hard to deal with.

The third class are those who got excited about radio but did not buy. They are congratulating themselves on their acumen. They are not prospects and will not be until approached on a new basis or by means of better demonstrations than dealers usually give. Here is a letter from one such man:

"Personally, I have my doubts about the area of interest to be occupied by radio in the future. At present it is having a scattered existence, and to the most intelligent mind its utility is very small indeed, in-so-far as their personal amusement, entertainment or education are concerned.

"My personal experience is that it is a very good noisemaker, but as yet it has nothing of the artistic connected with it. The information it gives can be gotten so easily from other sources that I have been forced to abandon my early enthusiasm about its usefulness in the home. The whole art may be in its infancy, and perhaps we are now in the "working out" stage.

"I would not do anything to discourage or disqualify, but up to the present time I cannot find any value for this apparatus in the home, excepting in scattered or farm communities where the ordinary means of communicating information are slow or absent."

The writer of this letter is not an ultra-conservative or an old fogy. He is an up-to-date banker. He was strongly interested in radio a year ago. Several times he was on the point of purchasing a set for his home. He was able and willing to buy one as good as could be obtained. Demonstrations by radio dealers killed the sale. Unfortunately, this gentleman is the head of an organization with over half a million members and an influential member of others. A favorable attitude on his part toward radio would have counted heavily in the radio business.

The fourth class of persons is ten times as large as all the others. It consists of those who have heard about radio but who have not had enough experience with it to form a definite opinion. They want it if it will do what some say it will and if they can afford to have it. They are the slow-acting but substantial folks upon whom any permanent business must ultimately depend.

How can we keep all these classes sold on radio? In trying to find an answer to this question I have done a deal of listening-in by radio and otherwise. The air is full of interesting things. I pick up a lot of news that I know is of interest to bankers because I tell it to bankers and they are interested. Many items are of interest to merchants. The time signal can always be depended on to interest anyone who is around when it arrives. The local radio concerts form a pleasant background for my work as I punch the mill and they entertain my callers. The lectures save much reading and it is more interesting to hear the man who knows the subject than it is to read what he writes. If any part of the public that is normally interested in music, lectures and news is not interested in receiving the same things by radio it is because there is something the matter with radio, as managed at present.

On the broadcasting side there has been marvelous development in a year, both in quality and quantity. In many cities or anywhere within range of their broadcasting stations it is possible to pick up something worth while at almost any time of day and far into the night. Yet I doubt if one per cent of the potential radio public hears anything. Look for antennae as you ride through the country and, though there is always one in sight there are ninety-nine houses without them to one that is equipped, except in the larger cities. Talk with those who have no receiving apparatus and you hear things like this:

"I will have to wait till it gets cheaper, I haven't got a hundred dollars to spend for it." "I am going to wait until they get the apparatus perfected. Bill invited me over to his house three times to hear a concert and he couldn't get a thing either time. Said he got it all right every other night, but he will have to show me."

In December, one of the best radio months, a Boy Scout whom I had never seen before leaned over a seat in the balcony of the national House of Representatives to tell me that he had been unable to get anything with the radio-frequency set that his father had bought for him. Another Scout beside him asked me for advice about a vacuum tube that could not be induced to function with his loose coupler.

One of two things is going to happen: either there is going to be a sudden and marked improvement in sales methods or large sections of the general public are going to get the idea firmly fixed in their minds that radio is something to be heard once or twice and then left alone until it is developed into a cheap and practical household utility. Once that idea is firmly fixed, the condition will be worse than it would have been if the knowledge of radio had been kept from the public altogether.

The manufacturers were wise when they offered simplified apparatus. The big mistake from my point of view was in basing the selling arguments on the fact that it would bring in music and voices from very distant stations. The general public is satisfied for a while by hearing the nearest stations. Recently a small town paper stated with pride that a local boy had brought in voices from a distance of more than three miles! But the publicity made many radio purchasers dissatisfied with any program that did not come three hundred miles at least. Instead of interesting people in the local broadcasting stations it engendered hatred of them. The technical amateur's slogan: "long distance or nothing," seemed to gum the whole game. What seems to be needed is to make a reasonable objective popular and to give demonstrations to all purchasers, showing them just how they can attain it.

The technical amateur's ambition to develop radio communication over long dis-

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AFTER traveling throughout the East and studying present conditions Mr. Perry wrote this article, in which are explained a good many reasons why the Radio business is not this season as prosperous as last year. We suggest to the manufacturers and dealers that they read this article, and take note of details pointed out by Mr. Perry, as being important to make a success of a sale to an interested but inexperienced prospective customer.—Editor.

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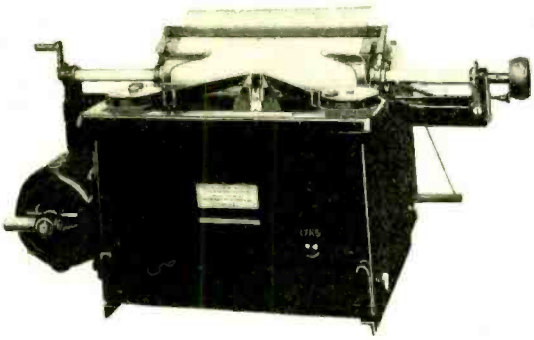
Secrecy In Radio Communication

By J. O. CARR



Left: The Teletype Receiver Which Automatically Prints the Incoming Messages. Right: A View of the Actuating Mechanism and Keyboard of the Teletype Transmitter.

RADIO communication is at a disadvantage compared with land line or cable communication. Anyone with a simple receiving set tuned to the proper wave-length can listen in on the most important radio message. While it is against the law to divulge the contents of any message picked up in this manner, still it is not against the law to think, and who can say that the person obtaining knowledge of some important communication will not be influenced by that knowledge if it affects his interests?

This applies particularly to press matter. Press matter is the most perishable commodity there is. A big story is worth thousands of dollars now, and in an hour it is valueless, for it has been published and has become public property. Millions of dollars per year are expended by the various newspapers and press associations to gather news, and unless the agency that gathers the news can maintain its secrecy until delivered to its clients, much of this expenditure is wasted.

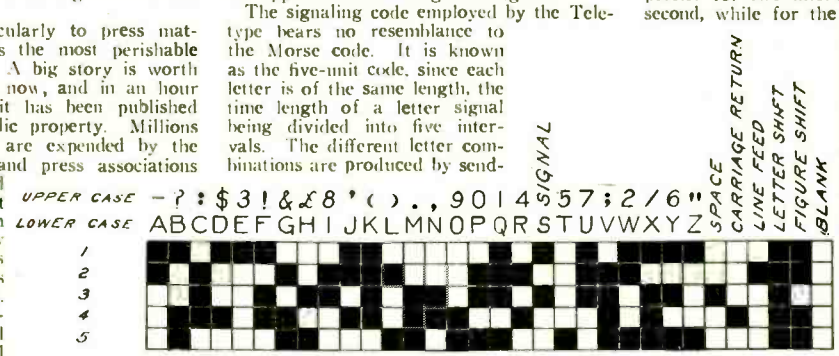
Of course, the matter to be transmitted can be enciphered and then deciphered at the receiving station, but this means a considerable loss of time and the time element is vital in the transmission of news.

The better way to render radio communication secret is to use automatic transmitting apparatus which utilizes a code that cannot be read by ear and at the receiving station automatic receiving appartus which will translate these code impulses into typewritten characters.

We have recently read in the newspapers and radio publications of the work which the Navy Department has done in securing typewritten communication between a moving airplane and the earth. It was stated that successful operation was secured and the typewritten characters were clearly printed at the base station, while the plane was traveling at a high rate of speed many miles away.

The instrument used in the tests of the Navy Department was the Teletype, which is a greatly simplified form of printing or automatic telegraph. It is obvious that space and weight limitations for apparatus to be used in airplanes are rigid, so that it was necessary to reduce the size and weight of the apparatus to the greatest possible extent. This was done without interfering with the functioning of the apparatus to the slightest degree.

The signaling code employed by the Teletype bears no resemblance to the Morse code. It is known as the five-unit code, since each letter is of the same length, the time length of a letter signal being divided into five intervals. The different letter combinations are produced by sending a radio signal or impulse for one or more of the intervals and leaving the others blank. For instance, in the case of letter "A," a radio signal is transmitted during the first two intervals and the last three are left blank. In the case of the letter "R," no signal is transmitted during the first, third or fifth intervals though a signal is transmitted during the second and fourth. The blank intervals serve merely to space or locate the signaling intervals. It should be borne in mind that when signals are transmitted for two or more successive intervals there is no break between the intervals. For this reason it is impossible to read the signals by ear as the sounds heard in the receiver are of such varying durations and so unequally spaced. In addition to this feature, the signals of successive letters are joined together.



As Shown Above, Each Letter or Sign Has the Same Time Duration and is Distinguished by Means of a Combination

It can be seen by referring to the code diagram just how difficult it would be to read the letter signals by sound. For instance, for the letter "A" the sound would persist for two intervals, the first and the second, while for the letter "U" the sound would persist for the first, second and third intervals, and for the letter "K" there would be a sound during the first, second, third and fourth intervals. It can be readily understood how difficult it would be to distinguish between these dashes which differ only slightly in length.

Then again, it can be seen that the duration of the sound for the letter "I" is the same as for the "A," but its relative position in the letter interval is different. Thus, in order to translate the code signals by sound, it is not only necessary to accurately judge the duration of the various sounds, but also to accurately judge the time interval between them.

While it is true that for a single transmission system using five-unit code, a start interval and a rest interval are added which may assist in deciphering the code when it is printed in dots and dashes of varying lengths on a paper tape, when multiple transmission is employed no such aid exists and the problem is rendered much more difficult.

In multiple Teletype operation, the radio transmitting appartus is controlled by two or more automatic transmitters. Assuming that there are four automatic transmitters, number one will transmit a letter, then number two, followed by numbers three and four and then number one again, etc. These transmissions take place in close succession so that in case the last interval of number

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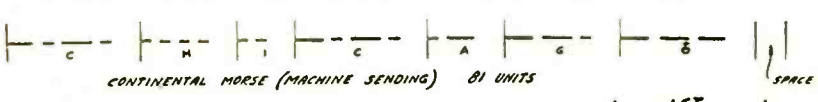

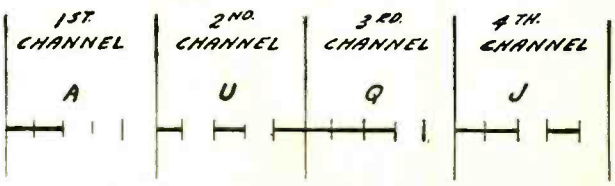

Above: Time Comparison of Continental and Five-Unit Code for the Word "Chicago." Right: Four Channel Multiple Transmission System.

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On the Transmission of Waves

By SIR OLIVER LODGE

THERE seems to be a good deal of misunderstanding as to how electric waves are propagated from an aerial, not only as regards the distance traveled, and the way in which they get round the curvatures of the earth, but as to their actual mode of propagation, and the process which is going on in the Ether, so that they are able to advance with the velocity of light. For electric waves are not only electric, they are electromagnetic: that is to say, they have an electric component which is detected at a receiving station by an elongated or linear conductor; and they have a magnetic component which is detected by a closed loop or coil of wire. These are the two kinds of aerials in common use, the elevated wire and the closed loop. One responds to the electric, the other to the magnetic oscillation; and it is pretty well known that these two oscillations are at right angles to each other, and that it is most efficient to have the electric one vertical and the magnetic one horizontal. It may also be known that they have equal energies, and necessarily have equal amplitude, so that the weakening of one equally weakens the other. The whole progress of the wave depends on the co-existence of these two forms of energy, the electric and the magnetic; and if one stops, they both stop. If one is reversed, the other must be reversed if the propagation is to continue in the same direction. If one is reversed without the other, the wave goes backwards. And if at any place the one exists alone the wave stops, and at that place you have either an electric phenomenon or a magnetic phenomenon, but not both.

The consequence of all this is that the electric and magnetic disturbance must be coincident in position; one cannot lag behind the other in a true wave. Whenever one is at a maximum, the other must be at a maximum; which is expressed by saying that they must be in the same phase, as a condition of the progress of the wave.

Yet it is often taught that one is a quarter period behind the other, like the piston and slide valve of an engine; so that when one is at the extremity of its swing, the other is in mid course; and that the energy oscillates from one form to the other, being alternately kinetic and static. For magnetism is due to current or kinetic energy, while electrification is due to static or potential energy; and in ordinary cases they do not co-exist. You may have an electric current, or you may have a charged body. Wherever you have both, you have oscillations and the generation of waves.

But the curious thing is that at the generator the energy really does oscillate from the static to the kinetic form, and back again. Consider an ordinary aerial, with a capacity area above and below, and a coil in the middle between them. At one instant the upper area is charged positively, the lower area negatively, and there is no current in the coil. At the next instant, separated from the first by a quarter period, the current in the coil is a maximum, and neither area is charged at all. In half a period from the start the current has stopped again, having piled up its momentum in the two areas in the form of a reverse charge, the lower being now positive, and the upper negative. This sets up an elastic strain which recoils back again, generating an inverse current in the coil; which current reaches a maximum, and then expends its energy in recharging the areas in the original way. And so on periodically, the process just recorded being a complete period, and occupying of course a very minute fraction of a second, even with the biggest areas.

Hence at the emitting station the electric and magnetic disturbances are not in phase. One lags a quarter period behind the other, just like the slide valve and piston of an engine. A little way off in the Ether the conditions have become different. At a distance of about a quarter wave length the electric and magnetic disturbances have caught each other up, and got into phase. Within that quarter wave-length they are not in phase; and accordingly the energy in that space oscillates to and fro, alternately traveling outwards and traveling backwards, from and to the source,—a pulsation in the Ether,—and no true wave is broken off or emitted within the first quarter wave length. But at a certain distance, which was calculated by the great discoverer, Heinrich Hertz, in the light of Clerk Maxwell's theory, some of the energy is flicked off at every oscillation. At that distance the two etherial disturbances have got into phase. They are coincident with each other, and when that happens the only way in which they can co-exist is to fly along with the velocity of light; which accordingly they continue to do, until their energy is somehow absorbed or dissipated by conductors. Hertz gave diagrams of the whole process, according to Maxwell's principles, before the year 1890, and thoroughly understood it.

That is why an ordinary alternating dynamo of commercial frequency emits no appreciable waves. The place whence waves would start is a quarter wave length away. And if the oscillations are a hundred a second, the wave length is 3000 kilometers, or say 2000 miles, so that the quarter wave length is 500 miles. And the waves from an alternator of 100 a second in New York would not begin till about the distance of Pittsburgh; that is to say, practically they would not begin at all, though theoretically it is true that every alternator must emit waves of infinitesimal strength. But the waves only become strong and important when the frequency of oscillation is very great; and the higher the frequency, that is to say, the shorter the wave length, the greater is the proportion of energy emitted in radiation. The advantage of long wave length is not that more energy is emitted, for a given horsepower of the sending station, but that the waves are better qualified to overcome obstacles, and to travel to a great distance without so much loss. That is a digression. What I want to say, further, is that the above process of wave-transmission, which has been described and worked out for electromagnetic waves, is essentially true of all waves. The kinetic and static energies are not oscillating from one form to the other, but are coincident and traveling together. Professor Howe has recently pointed out that it is true even of sound waves. At the place of greatest compression or rarefaction we might have thought that the particles would be stationary. So they are in an oscillating column, like that in an organ pipe. So they are in any source of sound. But not so a little distance away: not so in a sound wave, as distinct from the alternating pulse which generates a sound-wave. When we study the phenomenon in a true wave we find that the particles in a condensation, or greatest compression, have likewise their greatest speed. They are traveling full-speed forward, while in a rarefaction they are traveling full-speed backward. The static and the kinetic energies agree in position, just like the electric and magnetic. It is at the intermediate parts of the wave that we find them both momentarily zero. The particles are stationary at the places where the air is of average density, not in a compression or rarefaction. Hence the theory is very general, and those models which have been constructed to illustrate the propagation of waves, and to show the lag of one form of energy on the other, are erroneous. They only apply to the oscillator, not to the waves. So-called stationary waves, the result of reflexion, are essentially akin to an oscillator. True waves must advance. The fact that the true wave only starts a quarter wave length away from the oscillator is very instructive. It applies even in the case of light, although in that case the oscillator is of ultramicroscopic dimensions; and the frequency hundreds of millions of millions per second; so that the following-out of the process in detail might seem impossible. But it was not impossible to the great mathematician, Sir George Stokes, who in his work on Fluorescence arrived at the conclusion that the quarter wave lag or difference of phase at the start must be compensated or neutralized so that it became obliterated in the true wave.

It is in many respects the same even with waves on the surface of water. The particles of water are moving forward on the crests, and are moving backward in the hollows. They are moving only up and down at the position of mean level. If you watch sea waves traveling along in deep water, you will not at first notice the motion for-

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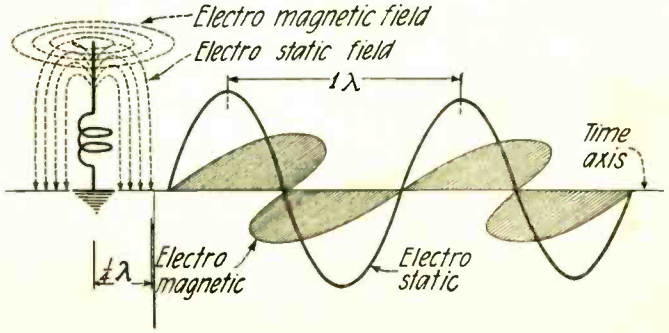
WE are pleased to present to our readers, this most interesting article on the transmission of waves written by one of the foremost English authorities on radio.

Sir Oliver Lodge, well-known in scientific circles, is one of the pioneers of radio and has set forth some of its principles. In the present article, he explains in a clear and concise manner, how the electro-magnetic waves are propogated through the ether, a thing which is not generally well understood by the amateur.—Editor.



Illustrating the Formation of the Electrostatic and Electromagnetic Field Around an Aerial. Note That the Two Components are at Right Angle.

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Electrons, Electric Waves and Wireless Telephony

By DR. J. A. FLEMING, F. R. S.

Part 1

NOW that the wonderful art of wireless telephony has reached a point in its development at which it is rapidly becoming a popular pastime in place of an exceptional feat by experts, there is naturally a demand for expositions of the scientific principles underlying it, which shall be capable of being understood by the general reader.

This is not adequately supplied either by the highly technical journals or by the bulk of the popular wireless literature being poured out from the Press. Mere pictures or even semi-technical explanations of the mysteries of receiving circuits or the mode of employing thermionic valves or crystals for "listening in," do not entirely meet the public requirements.

This remarkable achievement of applied science is the outcome of the great advances which have taken place in the last quarter of a century in our knowledge concerning atoms, electrons, electric waves and electrical physics generally.

An intelligent comprehension of the *modus operandi* of the technical appliances used in wireless telephony necessitates, then, some slight acquaintance with modern scientific views concerning the nature of matter and electricity, and the possible relations of these to the more fundamental conceptions of ether, space, time and energy.

Probably the chief gain which will result from a keen popular interest in wireless telephony will be an increased public attention to the progress of electrical science. In view of recent important advances in pure science, most of our textbooks on electricity as used in "Schools and Colleges" require to be rewritten.

It is now seen that we have to put on the scrap-heap much of the electrical theory and many explanations of physical phenomena formerly deemed satisfactory, and start with fresh ideas.

In the following articles an attempt will be made to give in outline an account of some of these modern ideas, and advances in recent physics, as far as they bear on the evolution of wireless telephony. The highly technical details of wireless apparatus and its expert management will not so much concern us, and, in any case, is provided for in other publications and books.

When anyone not in the least acquainted with the facts of electrical physics, asks a wireless operator to explain the nature of his operations and appliances he is generally informed it is accomplished by the use of "electric waves." But any attempt to progress beyond the stage of mere phrases generally places the expert and the inquirer in difficulties.

To answer this question at all efficiently renders it necessary to build up from a deeper foundation and consider in detail what is meant in scientific language by the term *wave*. It is essential therefore to start from a consideration of familiar physical effects which can be seen with the bodily eyes, and to make of these stepping-stones by which we may be enabled to understand something of analogous processes which can only be appreciated with the eyes of the mind.

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It is hardly necessary to remind the readers of Radio News that Dr. Fleming has been closely and practically connected with the development of wireless telegraphy and telephony from the very beginning, and was last year awarded, by The Royal Society of Arts, the Gold Albert Medal.

1. SURFACE WAVES ON LIQUIDS

The easiest avenue of approach to the study of waves in general is to discuss some of the properties and the nature of the visible surface waves in liquids. We are all acquainted with the appearance of the sea surface when it is traversed by and tossed up into waves, and also with the effects produced on the surface of still water when it has ripples created upon it by the splash of a stone thrown in. In common language we apply the term "wave" to the splashing water thrown up on the beach or rocks at the seaside (Fig. 1). This, however, is merely the result of the break-up or end of a wave, and in a scientific sense of the word it is not more properly called a wave than a house in the act of falling down could be described as a "desirable residence."

To understand what is meant by a surface wave in scientific terminology we must go out a little distance from the coast over deep sea water on some breezy day. We shall then see what appear to be rounded elevations or hummocks on the water, which move forward. To the inexperienced eye it seems as if the surface water, as a whole, was in motion in one direction.

If, however, we fasten attention upon some floating object, such as a patch of seaweed or a seagull sitting on the water, we see that as each wave passes under it the floating object is merely lifted up, pushed forward a little, then let down and drawn back, and, in short, never moves far from one position. A little thought makes it evident we have to distinguish between the motion of the water particles *per se*, and the motion or change in position of the elevations and depressions in the water surface.

We can watch with the eye the progress of a certain hump or ridge on the surface, but that hummock does not consist of the same particles of water for two successive instants.

At any one spot the actual extent of the displacement of individual particles of water may be small, and the progressive movement is merely the apparent change

Fig 1.—We Usually Apply the Term "Wave" to the Splashing of Water Thrown up on a Beach. This, However, is Merely the Break-Up or End of a Wave. The True Wave May Only Be Seen Some Distance from Shore.

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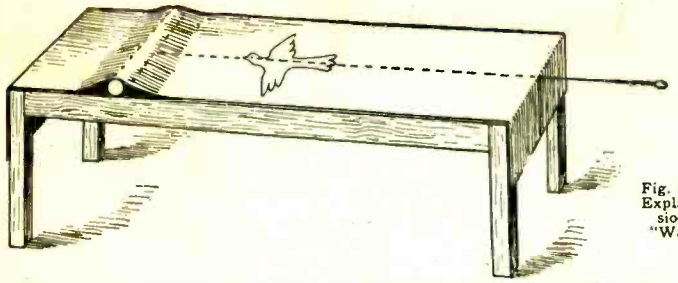

Fig. 2. — A Model to Explain the Progression of a Surface "Wave" on Water.

in place from instant to instant of the locality at which this displacement or motion is a maximum or minimum. A simple illustration of the effect may be obtained by laying transversely upon a long horizontal board a cardboard cylinder about the same length as the width of the board. To this cylinder is attached a string by which it can be pulled along parallel to itself. Over the cylinder is laid a strip of green cloth which must be taken to represent the sea surface. A small piece of paper cut out in the shape of a seagull or a small stuffed bird may then be pinned to

Fig. 3.—A Spiral Wire, the Shadow of Which, When the Wire is Rotated, Imitates a Series of Progressive Waves.

the cloth. If, then, the card roller is pulled along under the cloth each point of the latter will be successively raised and lowered. A moving elevation of the cloth in the form of a ridge or hummock will travel along the cloth and imitate by its action on the model bird the behaviour of the water at one point and at various points in the path of the wave.

2. DEFINITION OF WAVE MOTION

We are then able to give a definition of wave-motion as follows:—

If the particles of any material or parts of any construction perform successively, meaning by that one after the other and not all at once, any kind of movement or displacement in which they start from and come back to a given point, this constitutes a *wave motion*. We can see this process illustrated when a gust of wind blows over a field of ripe corn. Each ear or row of ears along a certain region bows down under the pressure of the wind, and then springs up again. Row upon row of the corn-stalks, successively, make their obeisance in this fashion to Hermes, and the result is that a sort of shadow sweeps over the field, very beautiful to behold, which constitutes a kind of wave.

A wave does not necessarily involve motion. It may consist in any kind of cyclical change repeated from point to point along a certain line. Thus, suppose we have a very long row of incandescent electric lamps, which by some contrivance can be switched on one at a time for a moment, and then off again. If each lamp in turn, one after the other, progressively along the row, is thus illuminated for an instant, we shall see a wave of illumination propagated along the series of lamps.

If at each point in the series the motion or change is only performed once, we have a so-called *solitary wave*. If at each point it is repeated at regular intervals we shall have produced a *train of waves*.

We can provide an illustration of a progressive wave train in the following way. Wind a length of stiff wire round a pencil or other circular sectioned rod in open turns, like a corkscrew. Fix this spiral in a frame (see Fig. 3) so that it can be rotated. Throw the shadow of it on a screen by means of an optical lantern or else the sunlight, and rotate the screw. The shadow will present the appearance of a series of waves traveling along. If a little bit of sealing wax is put on the screw at one point its shadow will merely move up and down on the screen, thus enabling us to distinguish between the cyclical motion at each point in the system, and the apparent motion of the wave.

When dealing with trains of waves there are four terms very frequently in use which it will be convenient to define at this stage.

At any one point in the wave region the material or medium executes a certain regularly repeated motion, or else some cycle of operations. The number of times this cycle is repeated per second or per unit of time, is called the *wave frequency*. The greatest extent of this displacement or motion, or other change from its zero position, is called the *wave amplitude*.

The shortest distance measured across from one wave hump or maximum to the next adjacent one is called the *wavelength*. It is important for the general reader to

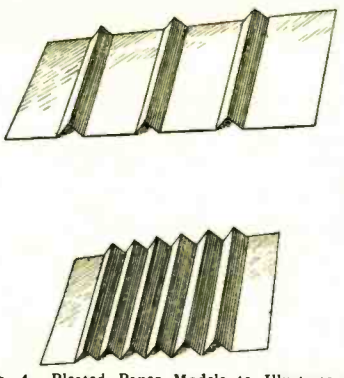

Fig. 4.—Pleated Paper Models to Illustrate the Difference Between Long and Short Surface Waves on Water.

notice that the term "a long wave" does not mean a wave which is long in the direction of the crest, ridge, hump or elevation, but it means that distance between the waves is relatively large. Thus, for instance, if we pleat a sheet of paper so that the folds or ridges are close together, we might take this as an illustration of what is meant by "short" waves. If, however, the ridges or pleats are relatively far apart, they would be called "long" waves (see Fig. 4).

The terms "long" and "short" are, however, relative and what would be a very long wave for certain purposes might be a very short one for others.

Then, in the next place, every wave moves forward parallel to itself with a certain speed called the *wave velocity*. We may, for instance, imagine a bird to fly along over the sea surface in the same direction in which the waves are traveling, and to keep himself always poised above the same crest or hump. The speed with which the bird flies is then the same as the wave velocity.

In all cases of wave motion there is a connection between the wave velocity, the wave frequency and wavelength, as follows:— The wave velocity is numerically equal to the product of the wavelength and wave frequency when using the same units of length and time. Thus, if the water at any place rises and falls ten times a minute, and if the shortest distance from crest to crest or the wavelength is 20 ft., then the wave velocity is $10 \times 20 = 200$ ft. per minute.

Algebraically, the rule is expressed in the formula $W = n\lambda$, where W is the wave velocity, n the frequency, and λ the wavelength.

In many cases the velocity of the wave is quite independent of the wavelength, that is, long and short waves travel at the same speed. This is the case with wireless waves, and those similar waves which constitute light. On the other hand, it is not the case with surface waves on liquids. On the deep sea surface long waves travel faster than short waves.

Approximately speaking, in the case of deep sea waves the wave velocity is about equal to the square root of 2¼ times the wavelength. Thus, waves on the Atlantic Ocean which are spaced apart 300 ft. from crest to crest, or have a wavelength of 100 yards, travel at about 26 miles an hour, or roughly at the speed of a slow railway train. Hence, they catch up a not very quick-moving ship and passing under it, cause the ship to pitch.

3. PRODUCTION OF A WAVE

We must next consider a little more carefully how a wave is produced, and why it travels along when once started.

In order that a true self-propagating wave may be produced on or in a material, the latter must possess two special properties.

First, it must have elasticity of some kind; that is, it must *resist* some kind of change in it, for example, compression, twisting, stretching, or rotation, and must spring back when released.

Secondly, it must *persist* in motion or have mass or inertia, or some quality equivalent to it which causes it to store up energy when moving, or as the displacement is changing. In short, the medium must possess the power of storing up energy in two ways, viz., as potential energy in the form of some strain, or displacement, and as kinetic energy in the form of some motion, or other change not purely mechanical but equivalent to motion or release of strain.

At any one point the energy is being transformed from potential to kinetic form and back again. In a wave motion in which the motion or displacement follows a simple harmonic law the average of the varying potential energy during one complete period is equal to the average of the varying kinetic energy during the same period.

The mode of production of a compressional wave can be studied by means of a simple model made with a number

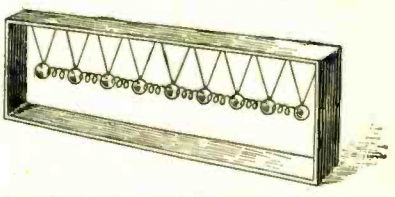

Fig. 5.—A Model Made With Golf Balls and Spiral Springs to Illustrate the Nature of a Longitudinal Wave.

of golf balls suspended from a frame by strings so as to hang in a row, each ball being about two inches apart. The balls are inter-connected by spiral springs of

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brass wire, which resist compression or extension (see Fig. 5). If then the end ball is given a sudden blow with a piece of wood in the direction of the row of balls, it is set in motion and its kinetic

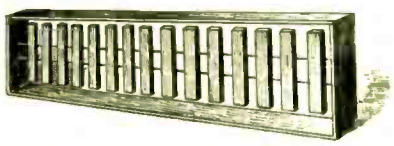

Fig. 6.—A Model Made With Wooden Bars and Steel Wires to Illustrate the Nature of a Distortional Wave.

energy expended in compressing the spring between it and the second ball. Owing to the mass of inertia of the balls the compression is not transmitted instantly to all the springs, but the spring between the balls 1 and 2 after being compressed expands again and brings ball 1 to rest and starts ball 2 in motion. This again compresses the spring between ball 2 and ball 3, and the same process is repeated from ball to ball. The movement and compression is thus handed on and finally reaches the end spring and ball, which latter flies off freely.

It is easy to watch the rather slow propagation of this wave of compression along the row of balls. As an illustration of another kind of wave called a distortional wave, a model of the following description can be made.

Stretch in a long frame a pair of parallel steel wires about half an inch apart. Thread on these wires long slips of wood or metal (see Fig. 6). The steel wires, and therefore the bars threaded on them, resist being twisted relatively to each other. Hence if we give the end bar a transverse pull so as to twist the wires between the bar 1 and bar 2, that twist will then tend to bring bar 1 back to its original place; but, having mass, it overshoots the mark and then the reverse twist applied pulls back bar 2. Each bar then continues to vibrate, but the vibrations of each bar are a little out of step with those of its neighbors on either side. The vibratory motion is passed on from bar to bar with a certain delay in phase, as it is called, and hence we have a wave of distortion transmitted along the collection of bars strung on the steel wires.

There can be as many different types of wave as there are kinds of elastic resistance, and in a solid elastic substance it is possible to have two types of wave produced, one called a compressional wave in virtue of the fact that the solid resists compression and the other called distortional, in consequence of the fact that a solid resists change of shape. We have these two kinds of waves produced in the earth's crust during earthquakes.

4. WAVES ON WATER

In the light of these explanations we can then consider the familiar facts connected with the production of waves when a stone, for instance, is thrown upon still water in a lake.

We know that a free water surface is a level surface and that the water resists being made unlevel, and if it is momentarily heaped up or depressed at any place the force of gravitation at once restores the level.

When a stone is thrown on water and plunges downward through the surface, it creates a temporary depression or cavity in the water. Since water is nearly incompressible, it follows that if the surface is depressed at one place it must be heaped up in some adjacent place. Therefore the plunging stone not only creates a cavity, it also heaps up the water in a circular ridge or hummock all round the depression (see Fig. 7). But this state of the water cannot continue if left to itself. The water rushes in to fill up the central cavity and its inertia carries it up into a column or hump. This involves the production of a ring-shaped depression or trough around the elevation and the first-formed annular ridge or elevation is pushed farther out. The water at the splash point thus bounces up and down, say half a dozen times before it comes to rest, and this creates as many concentric ring-shaped ridges and troughs on the surrounding surface, which then expand outwards as a family of wavelets or ripples (see Fig. 8).

There is one curious fact connected with this ripple band which few persons out of the thousands who throw stones into water have ever noticed. On looking carefully at the ever-expanding band of ripples it will be noticed that on the inner edge little wavelets are continually being produced and others die away at the outer edge. In other words, the waves travel through the band of wavelets faster than the group of waves moves as a whole. This establishes an important distinction between the velocity of *a* wave and the velocity of a *group* of waves.

In the case of wireless waves there is

Fig. 7.—An Instantaneous Photograph of a Ball Dropping Into Water and Creating a Circular Wave of Elevation on it.

no difference between the wave velocity and the group velocity, but for sea waves or the surface of deep water the group velocity is half the velocity of the single wave.

The waves on a water surface produced by throwing in a stone or other object, or by the wind, as in the case of sea waves, are called *gravitation waves* because the elastic resistance called into play is that due to the effort of the water surface to remain level under the action of gravitation.

5. CAPILLARY SURFACE WAVES

We can, however, produce another type of wave on a water surface called *a capillary wave*, which depends upon the resistance of the water surface to stretching.

The surface of every liquid is in a state in which the surface particles draw each other together or cling more closely than those in the interior. Hence a certain effort or force is necessary to break through the surface film to stretch it, and this surface layer endeavors always to contract or shrink up to the smallest area consistent with the boundary conditions. This is called the *surface tension* of the liquid or the *capillarity*. This last term is derived from the Latin word for a hair, because the ascent of liquids in very fine tubes such as the sap in a tree up the fine tubular tissues is due to this same action. The ascent of a liquid up a fine tube is dependent upon the condition that the liquid must wet the walls of the tube.

The existence of this surface film upon liquids and its resistance to stretching gives the explanation of the fact that small bodies made of material intrinsically heavier than water can yet float upon it. If a little very clean water is put into a clean saucer, a fine clean steel sewing needle can be dropped upon the surface if held in a horizontal position close over it and released, and it will then be seen to float on the water. The needle is not heavy enough to break through the surface film but makes a little depression in it, in which the needle lies like a baby in its cradle. It is for this reason that small dust particles can lie on water and little insects can run over the surface without risking death by drowning.

We can produce capillary waves on water by holding vertically and half immersed in it a straight stiff fine wire and pushing the wire quickly forward across the surface. Round the point of immersion of the wire will be seen a group of very small waves or ripples which become of shorter wavelength in proportion as the wire is more quickly moved forward.

Again, when drops of water such as raindrops fall on the surface of pools of water, each drop as it strikes the surface creates a rapidly expanding ring-shaped ripple, which is a capillary wave. These are instances of waves on water which depend not upon gravitation but upon a capillarity for their formation.

The fact that a liquid film is in a state of tension and tries to contract as much as possible is easily proved by experiments with soap bubbles. If a soap bubble is blown on the end of a glass tube and the mouth then removed from the blowing end, the bubble begins at once to shrink up, exactly as thin indiarubber balloon would do if inflated with air and then left to itself. Another similar experimental proof is as follows:—Make a wire ring about 2 ins. in diameter, having a long wire handle, and tie across the ring a fine thread, which is not drawn quite tight. Fill the ring with a soap film by immersing it in a soap solution in such fashion that the loose thread is entirely saturated by and included in the film. Then break through the film on one side of the thread,

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Fig. 8.—A Train of Expanding Circular Ripples on Water Created by Throwing a Stone Into a Pond.

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Results of the $500.00 Prize Contest

Radio News

By H.

IN our October issue we published a special $500.00 prize contest, entitled: "Who Will Save the Radio Amateur?" This was in connection with Mr. Armstrong Perry's article, "Is The Radio Amateur Doomed?"

All thinking men, and most intelligent amateurs themselves had long come to the conclusion, ever since the broadcasting popularity started, that the radio amateur was indeed doomed. By "doomed" is meant not that the radiophone popularity was to wipe out the amateur, but, rather, that IT WAS THE AMATEUR WHO DOOMED HIMSELF, and who put himself out of business. The reason is so simple and so obvious that it is difficult to understand why the rank and file of the amateurs have not seen it for themselves long ago.

OF WHAT REAL USE IS THE AMATEUR OF TODAY? What does he really do to make the world a better place to live in? Of what use is he to the community at large? If the amateur will ask himself these questions, and search his heart, he will come to the conclusion that, indeed, his utility is microscopic. It is true that amateurs are sending each other messages, which roughly covers 90 per cent of their utility. A purely selfish pastime! It is true that some amateurs are sending free messages for their friends, to be transmitted and relayed to distant friends, but investigation of the subject shows that this traffic is indeed exceedingly small. It is a fact that out of 100 messages actually filed with amateurs, not 50 per cent reached their destination! The number of such messages actually delivered is exceedingly small. It certainly has never assumed any proportion where the commercial telegraph interests have even felt it necessary to take any notice of such free-message work.

It is true that amateurs have made creditable records in sending messages, not only across the continent and further, but have sent messages and are sending them right along, across the oceans. This, certainly, is a very creditable scientific undertaking.

Then, too, amateurs, in isolated cases, have helped the police in running down criminals. Such cases, however, do not happen once in six months.

Also, it is not to be forgotten that during the war amateurs helped in building up a radio force that was of great help in the war. Indeed, the writer himself was instrumental in recruiting the amateurs, and secured over 1,000 enlistments, for which he received a very flattering letter from Ex-Secretary of the Navy, the Hon. Mr. Daniels. No doubt the amateurs would do the same thing again, if called upon, but, as one correspondent in this contest put it *"The amateurs can not rest upon past laurels, particularly when there is not a new war every day."*

Summing up, therefore, the real usefulness of the American amateur in the United States is practically nil. This does not sound very nice, but it is the whole, unvarnished truth. The writer, who has been an amateur, and still is, feels that he knows whereof he speaks. The question simmers down to this: "Is there a real usefulness for the radio amateur?" THERE IS NOT! That is, if the amateur is honest with himself. Sending a few messages to each other, making transatlantic records, and waiting for the next war, to show what we can do, does not enhance our standing with the public. *As far as the public is concerned, the radio amateur does not even exist.* Make the following test, which we made recently in New York, and which some correspondents made in various communities in the United States, and you will get a good idea of what the populace thinks or imagines the radio amateur of today to be.

Stand on any street corner, and ask 100 people who pass by the following question: *"What is a radio amateur?"* The answers, boiled down, in about 90 per cent of the cases actually tested, will be as follows: *"Oh! A radio amateur is an experimenter who tinkers with radio apparatus."*

This is then what some 95,000,000 or more people in the United States think of us. In other words, we have never sold ourselves to the public—for a very good reason: WE HAD NOTHING TO SELL, for our usefulness in the United States, up to this time, was nil.

When radio was young, it was all right for radio amateurs to do just what they were doing, that is, sending each other messages, doing research work, etc., *but the world moves on*—WHILE THE RADIO AMATEUR STANDS STILL. As the writer mentioned before, the radio amateur is in a rut, and deep down in his heart he knows it.

If the great and wonderful art of Radio means nothing more to the radio amateur than sending a few messages, catching a burglar MAYBE, sending a few dots and dashes across the ocean, and waiting for the next war to come along to prove, MAYBE, that he can help—then it certainly would have been far better that Radio had never been invented.

We thought that there must be somewhere, somehow, some way to put the radio amateur on the map so that when the name "radio amateur" was mentioned anywhere, in any crowd, or to any layman, there would be instant attention—not a questioning raise of the shoulders, as is the case now. This brings us to our Contest:

As we had foreseen, and as we mentioned in our columns of the October issue, the two articles, "IS THE RADIO AMATEUR DOOMED?" and "WHO WILL SAVE THE RADIO AMATEUR?" brought a number of letters from the narrow-minded and misguided amateurs, who, in their simplicity, thought that we were "knocking" the game, and trying to put the radio amateur out of business. We were assailed from all sides, with many "brickbats," and even the mouthpiece of the American Radio Relay League, who certainly should know better, said things about this contest that not even a third-rate, slandering, country newspaper would stoop to utter. That, however was expected. We were even questioned about the $500.00 Prize Contest, and it was darkly hinted that we were chasing the dollar in making this offer, but just how we were to do this was not mentioned. We offered the $500.00 in prizes in good faith, and are paying out these same $500.00 today in the same good faith, cheerfully, because we know that we have accomplished something that will help to make radio amateurism in this country a real force.

The contest, from every point of view, with one exception, was the biggest we ever staged. Over 5,000 replies were received from amateurs all over the world, and we received many wonderful and inspiring letters. A thing that pleased us particularly was that letters from the best amateurs in this country were in the majority, and many hundreds were received from members of the American Radio Relay League, the Radio League of America, and all of the prominent radio clubs in the country. The one fly in the ointment was that nearly one half of the contributors did not take the time to read the conditions, and indeed did not get the spirit of the Contest. On page 795 of our October issue, is the gist of the entire contest, in these words: *"What we wish, therefore, fellow amateurs, is a manuscript of not more than 1,000 words, setting forth your idea as to the best plan to put the radio amateurs on a solid footing, where they can perform the greatest good for the community, and for the radio art."* That was our message. Nearly one half of those who answered, evidently, did not take the trouble to read this, or, if they did, they thought the contest referred to something else. The fact remains that 50 per cent of the contributors tried to save the amateur by trying to devise new legislation, to protect him! What these contributors did not see at all was that *no force in the whole world can save the amateur except the amateur himself*. Most of these correspondents had an idea that the amateur was doomed on account of the interference which he is mak-

PRIZE WINNERS

First Prize ($200.00)—Mr. L. W. Grundy (1 BZL), P. O. Box 67, Phillips, Me.

Second Prize ($100.00)—Mr. Jesse Marsten, 909 Beck St., N. Y. C.

Third Prize ($75.00)—Mr. Hugh Wingett, 1205 Stainback Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Fourth Prize ($50.00)—Mr. E. T. Jones, 3997 Dumaine St., New Orleans, La.

Fifth Prize ($25.00)—Mr. L. VanSlyck, 123 Hibbard St., Ironwood, Mich.

Sixth Prize ($25.00)—Mr. Stem Anderson, 3257 Q St., Lincoln, Neb.

Seventh Prize ($25.00)—Mr. Frank H. Fanning, 301 Holt St., Ashland, Ky.

Honorable Mention:

Mr. Ernest G. Underwood, Elwood, Calif.

Mr. Allen H. Duncan, 32 Waverly Pl., New York City.

Mr. Sumter B. Young, (1 AE) Associate Member I. R. E., formerly Chairman Boston Executive Radio Council, Dorchester 24, Mass.

Mr. A. W. Parks, Easton, Pa.

Mr. J. F. Tolley, New Orleans, La.

Mr. Thomas C. Howard, Newport, R. I. (1 A F N).

Mr. L. R. Felden, 979 55th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. H. F. Rook, Ridgefield Park, N. J.

Mr. Rex Durant, Cricklewood, London, England.

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"Who Will Save the Radio Amateur"

Greatest Prize Contest

GERNSBACK

ing. Nothing can be more erroneous. We never had such an idea in mind, and nowhere did we print a single line about such a thing, or even suggest it.

The truth is that the amount of interference that the public is getting from the amateur is insignificant. There is very much more interference from the commercial stations than from the amateurs, and we believe the public at large knows and appreciates this. Moreover, amateurs are learning not to send during broadcasting hours, and within the next six months *this problem will be solved entirely by the amateurs themselves*, so there is little need of legislation on that score. Even a single circuit crystal set, unless it is right under the shadow of an amateur's transmitting aerial, does not, as a rule, experience much interference from 200 meters. The wave-length of most amateurs does not go much above 250 meters, and this, we might say, is exceptional, so why worry on that score?

To resume, our contest has been a great success. The suggestions that are made in the seven prize-winning letters are very substantial, and, if followed, will surely put the amateur on the map in a very short time, but—like your doctor—we can only give the prescription. It is up to the patient, the radio amateur, to take his medicine, which, in this case, is quite pleasant, and, we are certain, effective.

The judges of the contest were as follows:

H. Gernsback, Editor of Radio News.
L. G. Pacent, President of Pacent Electric Co.
Robert E. Lacault, Associate Editor of Radio News.
Armstrong Perry, Author, and
L. M. Clement.

The judges were almost unanimous in their decision on the seven prize-winning letters, and there was little divergence of opinion. Mr. J. W. Grundy was awarded first prize, mainly on account of his suggestion to re-transmit broadcast programs over the electric light lines. This, indeed, is one of the best suggestions advanced, and we have more to say about this in another section of the magazine. (See article: "Popularizing Radio.") In addition to the prize winners, there were eight letters which were deemed of sufficient importance to be awarded Honorable Mention. These letters will be published in subsequent issues. Some of the prize-winning letters follow:

WHEN we announced our $500.00 Prize Contest, we maintained that the radio amateur was doomed unless he did something to become a power in the community instead of being a question mark. We said that the amateur activities at the present time gained the community nothing. We offered $500.00 in prizes to have the amateurs evolve plans to make a force in the community.

Some of the good points brought out in this contest, and which were awarded prizes, were as follows:

Re-transmitting broadcast programs over the electric light lines, for the benefit of users of cheaper sets, and for those who are out of range of the big broadcasting stations.
Single Control Receiver, to popularize Radio with the public.
Signboards in front of amateurs' houses, giving bulletins of all important news to the community.
Relaying weather, crop, and market reports.
Doing away with spark transmitters—using C.W. only.
Nationwide publicity through local newspapers, for amateur activities, performing real service.
Equipping all transmitting sets with phone, to inform local listeners that amateurs are not interfering with broadcasting.

Is the Radio Amateur Doomed?

By L. W. GRUNDY, 1BZL
FIRST PRIZE

If he becomes selfish and self-centered he is doomed; but he won't, he will adjust himself to circumstances and be as indispensible as he was yesterday. Time will arrange all things.

Broadcasting is here to stay. The public wants it; they will get it; they ought to have it. If amateur transmission interferes, we must suspend same during reasonable hours. However, the listener to broadcasts must share the air, he cannot expect full control from 10 A.M. until midnight. 8-10 P.M. or 7:30-9:30 is time enough when one considers he has it every evening. The amateur's work is valuable. Most broadcasting is mere amusement. It has its place but it cannot be selfish and "hog the ether."

Let's own up we all like to listen in once in a while. What is to be the amateur's attitude toward broadcasting? We must gracefully accept it and as a public need, help further it. There is chaos in broadcasting now but the inexorable law of evolution, the survival of the fittest will prevail. How can we help? Let's give kindly unbiased advice in regard to selection of sets to cover the required distances. This will prevent the buying of inferior, hence unsatisfactory goods. I butted in once when I heard a misinformed clerk tell a young woman that a crystal set would bring in KDKA six hundred miles away. I simply suggested that a regenerative set would do much better. The clerk sold the better set, it worked, everybody happy and satisfied. Let us show novices how to tune their sets, and get the most from them, for few novices can handle a tube set without guidance. Let us tackle receivers, freedom from QRM means freedom to transmit.

But we want to transmit. When the new White Radio Bill becomes a law let's retransmit some of the excellent programs over the electric light lines or through the air for the benefit of users of cheaper sets. Here's a field for experimentation and service. Let us open our homes to the public, let's put our loud speakers in halls, homes, churches, schools, etc., and give them a free concert. The public will appreciate the public-minded amateur. Let us post market and weather reports, news items and other things of public interest. One amateur posted the World's Series' results before they came over the wire. A friend of mine invited in a father and mother to listen to a glee club broadcast four hundred miles away and their son was the accompanist. Did they enjoy it? Just imagine! In some of our small towns no Marine Bands nor high class performers ever come. Broadcasting is their blessing.

Let us prepare ourselves for the new era. Let us ban, as quickly as possible, by example and advice, the spark transmitter. Let's push C.W. It's the thing we need. We will experiment with directional transmission and hence avoid interference. Above all we need a wave meter, using it to keep strictly within our wave bands. When we have opportunity for self-policing let us do it efficiently. We should make our relay and DX work of greater value. Let's make the subject matter of the message as important as distance itself. It seems that we may add greatly to the radio art by doing research work.

Another field for service is in the realm of the boy. Radio keeps boys at home instead of in mischief-making gangs. It instills a thirst for scientific knowledge and hence stimulates manhood. A few dollars in radio supplies coupled with a friendly interest will save many a lad from going wrong. Boys often lack cash. Let's teach them the possibilities of materials at hand, —cardboard tubes,—brass screws, a spool of magnet wire. The writer used, one winter, a regenerative set made of ice cream containers, brass screws for switch points, ink bottle stoppers for knobs. The set cost without battery $14.80 and it covers a range of 500-800 miles. As I have been writing, a lad has just brought in for my inspection some tubes made of sheathing paper and shellac. But let us teach painstaking care, efficient layout and mechanical thoroughness even with humble materials. We can teach code classes, we can broadcast interesting materials as code practise. We can show that a single amplifying tube can outrange the average spark coil.

If we amateurs will lead the boys of our communities we will make ourselves indispensable and contribute to community and national welfare.

Ours is an educational task. Amateur leaders must make the rank and file see the light. We must work through the various organizations, we might add a home service branch to our Relay League with distinct and definite duties in regard to community and public service. We must preach and practice service.

The writer is a deep-dyed amateur, he has tried to serve. Four hundred people listened in at his home during November and December, 1921. A new cage aerial lately swung into place has elicited commendation and within 24 hours a neighbor "tickled his palm" with a five spot, "in recognition of your willingness to let folks listen in and because you have helped the boys of this town." Let us be patient to serve rather than arbitrarily selfish and we can make ourselves and our cause, amateur radio, positively vital. I do not worry, the amateur is resourceful enough to adjust himself to any condition and he will; and *Long will he Live.*

A Suggestion for Utilizing the Amateur's Technical Knowledge and Avoiding the Clash With the Lay Radio Public

By JESSE MARSTEN
SECOND PRIZE

The radio industry will develop and flourish in direct proportion as the number of

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Our Popularizing

IN our December issue we printed an editorial entitled "Popularizing Radio —A Double-Barreled Scheme." Mr. H. Gernsback set forth a new plan whereby it would be possible for communities to enjoy broadcasted entertainments although they themselves were practically out of range.

It was felt, and actual statistics prove this, that outside a 25-mile radius from a broadcasting station only an exceedingly small percentage of the populace can enjoy broadcast entertainment, for the reason that a majority of the people can neither afford expensive vacuum tube sets that bring in the distant station, nor, if they can afford them, do they feel that they are sufficiently versed in radio matters to operate such sets.

The idea, therefore, was that the amateurs should relay broadcast programs, so that the small community could receive this relayed broadcast on crystal sets, which the members of the community would either buy themselves or rent from the amateur doing the relayed broadcasting.

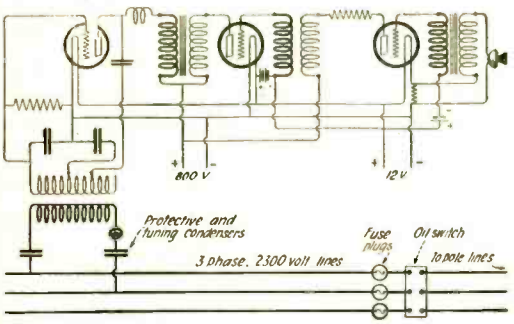
We received many letters, some from the greatest radio experts of the country, endorsing the idea. A number of these letters are reproduced herewith. We also reproduce a letter from the Department of Commerce, which is of more than passing interest.

When the editorial was written we, of course, were aware of the fact that at the present time the rules of the Department of Commerce were such as to prohibit the amateur from re-broadcasting on a 200-meter wave. It should, however, be mentioned that *this is only a rule. It is not a law.* In other words, there exists today no law, and the Radio Act of 1912 does not state anywhere that the radio amateur shall not give phone broadcast if he chooses to do so.

But it is realized that for the good of radio, we must all submit to the rules of the authorities, until such time as the Secretary of Commerce, realizing a great demand for such a service, will allow amateurs and others to so relay broadcast. We would suggest to all those who desire to re-broadcast broadcast to send a letter to the Secretary of Commerce advising him of their desire to establish a radio service in their respective communities.

As the letter from the Department of Commerce states, as soon as the Department is clothed with more power, there is no question that the rules will be made much more flexible than they are today, and we shall then be in a position to re-transmit broadcast by radio, as outlined in our December editorial.

It should always be remembered, and this is the gist of that editorial, that such re-broadcasting is only for isolated centers. It should never be attempted within 50 miles of a broadcasting station, if at all possible. This would give rise to interference, which might be very undesirable. On the other hand, we must also caution amateurs that *a scheme of this kind can be attempted only by an expert amateur*, who knows all the pitfalls of re-transmission of programs. The reason is very simple: When you make a copy of something, the copy is never as good as the original. When you typewrite a letter, the original is always better than the carbon copy. In other words, in making a copy, there is always a loss, as a rule. Radio is no exception to this. You may receive with an excellent set, and get wonderful results, but if you re-broadcast a program, something is lost. There is static interference, which is thus multiplied. There are other noises which are also multiplied. Thus even an expert relaying broadcast will often be disappointed at the quality of the relayed product.



Hook-up of a Radiophone Transmitter for Line Radio Transmission.

It should be realized, however, that a community far removed from a large broadcasting station would probably be satisfied to receive the entertainment, even if it were not 100 per cent. perfect. This would be better than nothing at all, and the populace today realizes that Radio is, as yet, young, and they do not expect too much of it. When the phonograph and the automobile were young, we knew just exactly what to expect from them, and it is no different with Radio.

Since writing the editorial, another phase has come up, which puts an entirely different aspect on relayed broadcast. In awarding the first prize to Mr. L. W. Grundy, in our $500.00 Prize Contest, this prize was mainly given for the suggestion that AMATEURS SHOULD RELAY BROADCAST ENTERTAINMENT OVER THE ELECTRIC LIGHT LINES.

Here, then, we have the means that can be attempted at once by the technical amateur, but we must caution him again that *the ordinary individual should not attempt it*, under any circumstances.

In the first place, by relaying the entertainment over the electric light lines, *such relaying does not come under the ban and regulations of the Department of Commerce*, because we do not radiate into space, but over the electric light line system. While there are, of course, patents on the "wired wireless," as it is termed, we state under very good authority that the owners of these patents will, for the time being, not interfere with amateurs if they choose to relay broadcast over such light lines, particularly if they do not commercialize it; that is, by renting out receiving sets. In other words, a first class amateur in a small town can become a force in that community if he gives the populace free radio entertainment over the electric light lines.

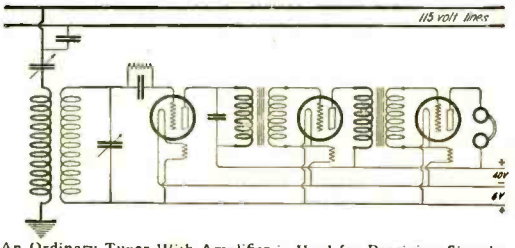
Not only this, but the quality of the entertainment, as re-broadcasted over the electric lines, is vastly better than if the entertainment were radiated into space, to be received by the distant listener over an aerial. In the "wired-wireless" scheme, the amateur sends the relayed entertainment over the light lines, while the distant user simply plugs into the line by means of an ordinary condenser plug, and receives the entertainment better than if an ordinary aerial were used.

Mr. R. D. Duncan, Jr., whose article, "Broadcasting By Wired Wireless," appeared in the December issue, is preparing an article for our next issue, giving all the technical data on how this relaying scheme can be used by the technical amateur.

Mr. Duncan, Jr., was an associate of Major General Squier, the inventor of "wired wireless," and has had vast experience in sending radio over wires in Washington, D. C., Cleveland, and New York.

The following is mainly an answer to many correspondents who wanted to have some further data on how to relay broadcast.

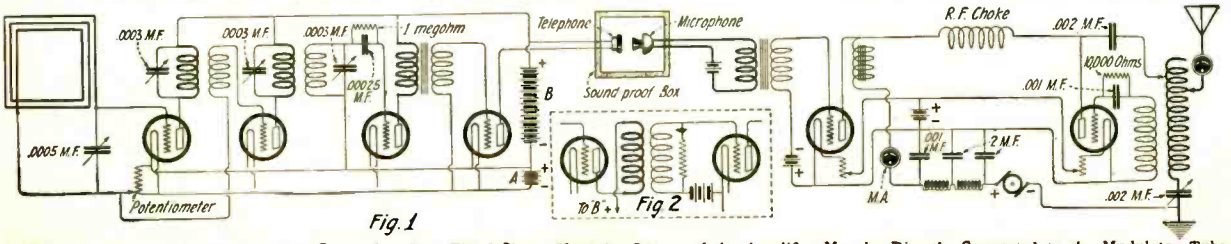
So many thousands of letters were received in connection with this editorial that we found it utterly impossible to reply to them all, and we hope that this data will answer all the questions:



An Ordinary Tuner With Amplifier is Used for Receiving Signals Sent Over the Light Line.

HOW TO RE-BROADCAST BROADCAST PROGRAMS

The re-broadcasting on another wavelength of the programs sent from broadcasting stations is possible, but let us say here that in order that the scheme be successful, it is necessary that a skilled operator



Such An Arrangement May Be Used for Rebroadcasting. Fig. 2 Shows How the Output of the Amplifier May be Directly Connected to the Modulator Tube of the Transmitter. In the Latter the Negative Side of the Filaments Should be Grounded.

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Radio Scheme

be in charge of the apparatus and that the station be installed by an expert having a great deal of experience in handling and tuning radio transmitters and receivers.

Supposing that a special license can be obtained for the re-broadcasting of musical programs on a shorter wave-length than that used at the present time, it would be necessary to use a loop aerial with a radio frequency amplifier so as to receive the programs to re-broadcast, as clearly and free from interference and static, as possible. The radio frequency system of amplification should preferably be of the tuned type so as to minimize interference from other broadcasting stations sending on almost the same wave-length, which would interfere greatly with the clear reception from a certain station. Only one or two stages of audio frequency amplification should be used so as to reduce to a minimum the noises which are amplified more by that type of amplifier.

Coated filament tubes of low internal impedance used with amplifying transformers of rather small ratio, not exceeding 3 to 1, would be best for the purpose, as with such an amplifier, all the frequencies which it is necessary to amplify will be reproduced with maximum clearness. It is essential that no distortion be caused by the receiver, otherwise, the retransmitted program would be absolutely ununderstandable when ultimately received. Right here is the question whether it would be best to connect the amplifier directly to the modulator tube, or to use a reproducer of some sort mounted in a sound-proof box and close to a microphone. The second solution would offer the advantage that standard parts could be used throughout, but the best method can only be determined by experiment.

In any case, it would be advisable to retransmit the program from the nearest broadcasting station so that sufficient energy would be received to modulate efficiently the output of the transmitter. It would not be advisable to use a regenerative circuit in conjunction with a loop as this is one of the sources of distortion which is most difficult to eliminate. Radio frequency transformers of good design might be employed and so connected that the circuit does not oscillate; a potentiometer should also be used to cut out any oscillations which might be produced by capacity between leads or other parts of the circuit. The transmitting set may be of any type and power but care should be taken that the modulation be perfect. Either the Heising circuit or Master oscillator-amplifier system should give best results as it is possible with these circuits to obtain more modulation than when the microphone currents are applied directly on the grids of the oscillator tubes.

If possible, the receiving set, including the loop aerial, should be placed a certain distance from the transmitter. Under certain circumstances, it will be found necessary to place them quite a distance apart running a line from the receiver to the transmitter apparatus to convey the received signals to the microphone. A line enclosed in a conduit and grounded would be preferable as induction from nearby lines would be eliminated to a great extent.

Another method of re-broadcasting programs would be by means of wired wireless, if in town there exists an electric light distribution with outlet in every house. In this case, the apparatus used would be of the same type but instead of an over-head antenna, the light line would be used to carry the music and other entertainment all over the town. The receiving sets in this case could be plugged in a lamp socket by means of the attachments now on the market, simplifying the installation since no outdoor or other form of aerial would be used. The diagram of connections of such a system for both transmitter and receiver was shown in detail in the December issue of RADIO NEWS on page 1054 in the article by Mr. R. D. Duncan, Jr. It is reproduced herewith:

In order that the transmission be as pure as possible, it would be necessary that a D.C. generator be used with the proper filter system to eliminate entirely the hum which might be present. If A.C. stepped-up to the proper voltage is used, it would be imperative to design a very efficient filter for the same purpose, as in most cases, it is more difficult to get rid of the extra noises when this form of plate supply is used. In any case, it would be obsolutely necessary that lengthy experiments be carried out before trying to give any service to a community, as special technical difficulties would certainly arise when attempting to re-transmit a program from a broadcasting station. To make a success of such an attempt, the services of a radio engineer will probably be necessary to solve the numerous problems which present themselves when endeavoring to re-transmit radiophone communications.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. H. Gernsback, Editor,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:—

The Bureau has received your letter of the 6th instant further in reference to re-broadcasting by amateur stations and asking what a first class amateur would have to do in order to obtain permission to re-broadcast.

There is attached hereto General Letter No. 234 explaining fully the requirements necessary to broadcast.

As you perhaps know there is a bill now pending in Congress which it is hoped will receive favorable action early in the present session. This bill will give to the Secretary wider authority in the way of making regulations and will make possible a re-allocation of wave lengths and when this is accomplished it may be possible to provide a plan which will permit the amateurs to carry on broadcasting to a limited extent provided it meets with public favor.

Respectfully,
A. G. TYRER,
Acting Commissioner.

FROM DR. L. W. AUSTIN

NAVY DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF ENGINEERING, WASHINGTON, D. C. U. S. NAVAL RADIO RESEARCH LABORATORY, BUREAU OF STANDARDS.

Replying to your letter concerning the proposal for popularizing radio, it is certainly an excellent idea, and will undoubtedly be a success, provided the modulation used in the secondary stations is sufficiently free from distortion. One of the chief troubles in the radio situation is the poor quality of music furnished from the smaller stations; therefore, if this condition can be improved by re-distributing the output of the high-grade stations, there ought to be a marked increase in interest in the smaller towns.

L. W. AUSTIN.

FROM DR. DE FOREST

Your suggestion for popularizing radio as expressed in your editorial in the December RADIO NEWS is one that merits approval. It is gratifying to see RADIO NEWS suggesting a plan that will put the benefits of radio communication in the possession of the inhabitants of the small towns and villages of America as well as in the farming and agricultural districts.

My own personal feeling in regard to the working out of your plan, however, is not entirely in accord with your suggestion that this matter be taken up by radio amateurs and the responsibility for this reproducing shouldered by them. Why not utilize the amateur interest in having such reproducing stations sponsored, if not indeed actually established, by the educational, religious and civic leaders of the various towns and villages or by the constituted authorities, themselves?

The people, themselves, are the ones to benefit by your suggested plan for radio extension. Let those particularly interested in radio, namely, the amateurs, give their united support to the plan of having the matter taken up by the representative business men as well as by the city, town and county officials.

LEE DE FOREST.

FROM PROFESSOR MORECROFT

I think the re-broadcasting idea mentioned in your editorial is an excellent one. It seems the most logical way of increasing the number of listeners for the powerful central broadcasting stations, which are able to get the better class of talent for their programs.

I shall be very much interested to see how the scheme works out in practice.

J. H. MORECROFT.

FROM COMMANDER HOOPER

NAVY DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF ENGINEERING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Receipt is acknowledged of your editorial "*Popularizing Radio.*"

The editorial sounds practicable and interesting.

S. C. HOOPER.

FROM WILLIAM DUBILIER

The plan outlined in your article "Popularizing Radio" appears to have great possibilities and is worthy of careful consideration by all interested in Radio.

The ideal condition is one central station, but, until some technical improvement is made that will enable a very moderately priced set to receive from quite a distance, the plan suggested by you could be tried with very little expense.

The inherent difficulties in such a plan are obvious, but the suggestion is certainly worthy of careful thought.

WILLIAM DUBILIER.

FROM JOHN HAYS HAMMOND, JR.

The editorial which you have sent me regarding the stimulation of radio broadcasting seems to me to embody an excellent plan, provided that the real reaction to broadcasting is based on economic principles rather than on technical ones. My own belief is however, that the technical limitations of the radiophone, as it at present exists, may have had some influence with the public in its discouragement, but this is more specially due to the fact that music has been such an important part of broadcasting and the radiophone has to compete with the phonograph, which is now a fairly good instrument. However, for the transmission of lectures and general information and a thousand other uses, the radiophone stands without a competitor. I feel that its chief purpose is in connection with the distribution of news to the rural districts and I quite agree with you that the rural dis-

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Super-Regenerative Amplification

By WILLIAM M. SMITH

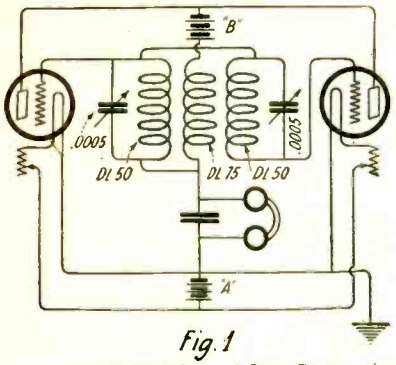

Fig. 1

A Somewhat Radical Type of Super-Regenerative Circuit in Which Multiple Tube Regeneration Takes Place

WITHIN the past few months a great advance has been made in the science of radio-frequency amplification. There has been opened before us a new and greater field of endeavor than at any other time since the introduction of the vacuum tube.

This is the era of inter-tube regeneration, or shall we call it multiple or compound circuit regeneration? It represents the next natural advancement after the era of inter-element regeneration (i. e. in which only one tube is used for regenerative amplification).

This new method of amplification may be divided into two distinct classes, viz.:

Firstly, the method employed in Major Armstrong's "super," whereby the amplification of an impressed E. M. F. is advanced to an extent far beyond the normal range of the tube by means of the sheer brute force of oscillations produced by an auxiliary circuit or some external means. This may be called the propulsive method.

Secondly, we have the retrocessive retroactive system of amplification in which amplification is attained within the circuit itself without the aid of an auxiliary circuit or externally produced oscillations. In this case it is a mere matter of "doubling up," so to speak. (See Figs. 1 and 1A.)

The difference between these two circuits is apparent although there is a theory of the "mode de operation" which may be applied to both of them, in fact to any regenerative circuit, namely: "The Theory of Negative Resistance."

At first glance it would seem that the old type of regenerative circuit should amplify an impressed E. M. F. to the full extent of the wattage of the tube. Such is not the case, however, because, as we are dealing with energy in a state of oscillation, there is an element of vital importance which must be considered in our calculations. This is the "Time element." It manifests itself by means of the retardation or impedence of the circuit to any impressed E. M. F. or alternating current. This will be best understood by reviewing the diagram in Fig. 2.

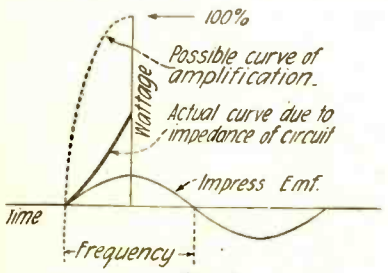

Fig. 2

A Curve Illustrating the Possible Amplification To Be Obtained in a Circuit of Zero or Negative Resistance

The above statement must also be said of the multiple circuits but this is compensated for in these circuits by two methods; firstly, as in the Armstrong "super," by directly increasing the voltage in the grid circuit by means of externally produced oscillations, and, secondly, as in the compound retrocessive regenerator by doubling up on the circuit and increasing the current in the plate circuit which in turn increases the potential in the grid coils.

The Armstrong "super" at its present stage of development is nothing for the layman to handle as it takes quite an expert to operate it, therefore we must find a circuit that will be easy for the layman to tune even though it is inferior to the "super" in final results. This simplicity of manipulation and construction is found in the double retrocessive retroactive circuit, which literally translated, means, "double-back-action circuit."

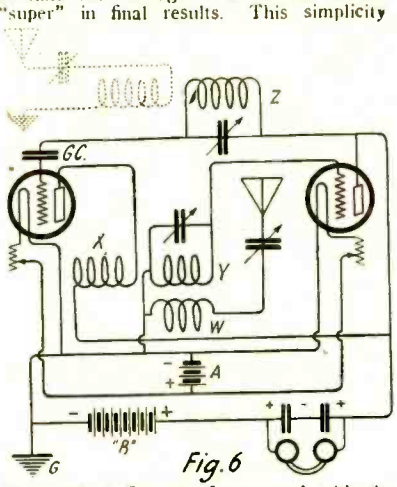

Fig. 6

The Outlined Principle Incorporated with the Ultra-Audion Circuit

The similarity of this circuit to both the simple regenerator and super regenerator is easily seen. Firstly, we have the "feed back" system, secondly, it makes use of two tubes, both of which function as amplifiers. And yet, notwithstanding that which has been said about the similarity of this circuit, we must place it in a class by itself as a distinct *type* of radio-frequency amplifier because of the reasons previously mentioned. When speaking of the results obtained we may place this circuit and its various modifications at points somewhere between both the super and simple regenerators. Under good conditions we may obtain results somewhat approaching those of the super regenerator with the circuit shown in Fig. 4, which we will discuss later.

The outstanding feature of the inter-tube regenerator in comparison with the simple regenerator is its range and selectivity. This is especially true when the grid inductances are in the position shown in Fig. 1. The diagram shown in Fig. 1A, while easier to tune, is not so exclusive to interference.

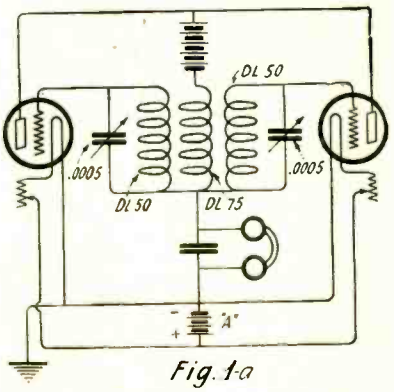

Fig. 1-a

A Further Adaption of the Circuit Shown in Fig. 1

Honeycomb coils are the inductances used. Those having sets using the familiar triple coil mounting may switch over to this hook-up in a few minutes, although it may be necessary to change the capacity of the condensers in some sets as only a maximum of .0005 Mfd. is necessary for a wave length range between 200 to 600 meters D. L. 35 was used for the 360-400 meter stations in both grid circuits (coils X-Y). The plate inductance depends on whether a loop or regular aerial is used.

When using a regular aerial I found that D. L. 25 to be about right. The aerial being simply connected to the plate side of the coil in series with a variable condenser (.0005 max.). With a loop 4 feet in diameter and having 15 turns I also used D. L. 25 with good results by simply shunting the loop across the plate coil. (The loop must be of greater inductance than the coil across which it is shunted.) By simply grounding the filaments I have no difficulty in picking up stations within a range of 500 miles, without an aerial of any kind (in this case the plate coil was D. L. 75) not so loud of course, but I do get them. The filament is always grounded regardless of the kind of aerial used.

In Fig. 3 we have a modification of this circuit adapting it to the use of variometers. This circuit is a vast improvement over the old type of regenerator, it being equal to about "det. and two step R. F." of the old hook-up.

Fig. 4 gives us a wonderful hook-up

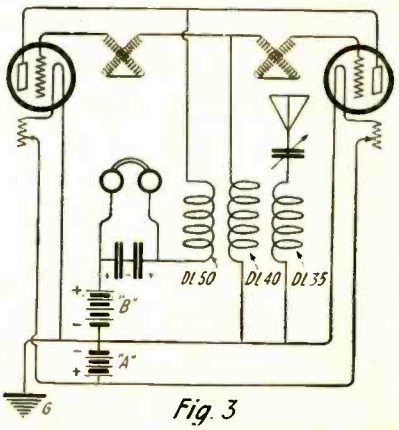

Fig. 3

A Modification of This Circuit to One Employing Two Variometers

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for D. X. work. Using this circuit I can pick up San Francisco with ease, (from New York City). Station WEAF comes roaring in and with a Western Electric horn it nearly pushed the windows out. The tubes used on that occasion were U. V. 201's with 110 volts on the plates. I employed tuned inductances in place of the R. F. transformers shown in the diagram, but transformers simplify the tuning and should be quite as efficient. The grid coils X and Y may also be hooked up in the position shown in Fig. 1.

It is best to use a separate aerial circuit coupled inductively to one of the grid coils when using this hook-up (Fig. 4) in order to minimize re-radiation. When I was testing this hook-up I simply put the antenna on the plate side of the tickler and the filament went to ground, and as a result I had several of my friends tell me that they were receiving San Francisco on a crystal! One lived four blocks away. The time they gave me was synonymous with the time that I was testing the set.

Fig. 5 gives an excellent hook-up, using three tubes and two triple coil mountings. Very good results were obtained with this circuit.

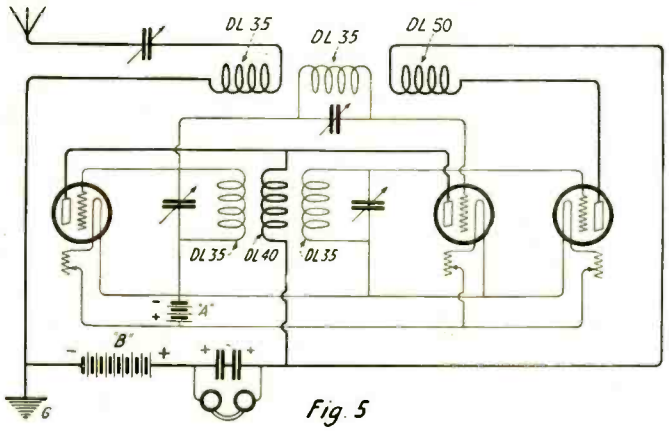

Fig. 5

A Hook-up Using Three Tubes and Two Triple Coil Mountings. The Same Theory of Operation is Applied

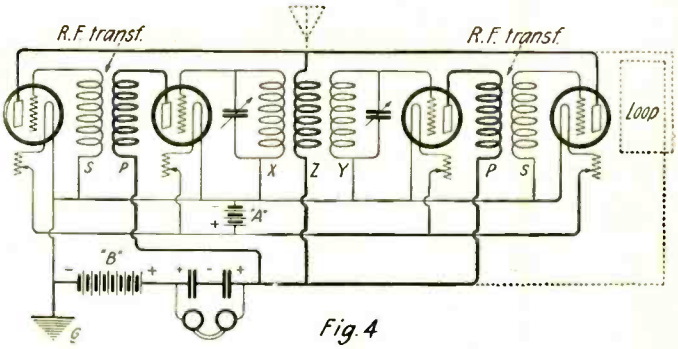

Fig. 4

A Good Hook-up for Long Distance Work. Radio Frequency Amplification in Conjunction with the Same System as Heretofore Described

The Ultra-Audion system is employed in the diagram shown in Fig. 6. Any number of tubes may be used with this circuit by employing R. F. transformers in place of the coils X. Y. The tubes being placed in cascade with coil Z, merely placed from the grid of the first tube to the plate of the last as shown in the drawing. Care must be taken to have the potential on the last tube of the proper sine, otherwise, instead of amplification you will have dimunition. If such is the case it may be rectified by reversing the connections of the secondary of the last transformer.

If the hook-up is used exactly as shown in Fig. 6, a triple coil mounting may be used for coils W, X and Y. Coil Z may also be inductively coupled to X. The values of the coils are: W, Y and Z—D. L. 35; for coil X—D. L. 50.

If the inductances X and Y are replaced by a radio-frequency transformer, the aerial circuit may be coupled inductively to coil Z in the manner shown by the dotted lines.

Excellent results were obtained by using coils X and Y alone, coil Z being a loop aerial of the proper size and inductance for the wave-length to which X and Y were tuned. All condensors used in this circuit were .0005 mfd. maximum, except the grid condensor, which was a fixed .00025 mfd.

The reader's special attention is called to the position of the phones in all of the above circuits. You will note that the plate current of all the tubes of each circuit must pass through the phones. This is a vital factor in producing volume; furthermore it keeps high resistance out of the oscillating circuit, which is almost imperative where regeneration is concerned. The phone condensers in all of the above circuits should be between .002 to .005, using two in series across the phone. The reason for having two condensers in series will be understood

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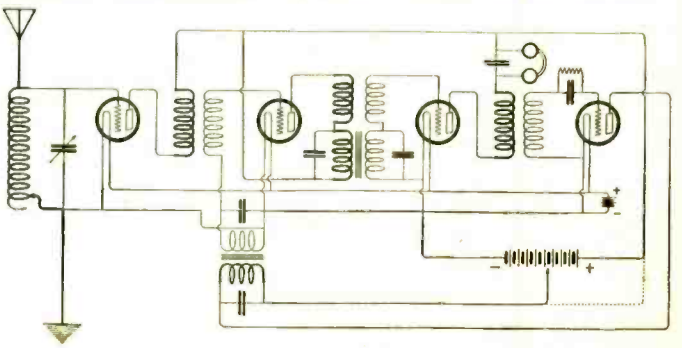
The Reflex Circuit

By J. L. GOLDSMAN,* I. R. E. A. I. E. E.

VERY much discussion has been carried on as to the practicability of the so-called reflex circuit—a circuit designed, developed and patented in April and November of 1917 by Mr. Marius Latour, a French radio engineer.

The circuit consists of four tubes, the first three acting as radio frequency amplifiers and coupled by radio frequency transformers, which are designed for limited wave-lengths, the last tube acting as a detector. After the rectification of the high frequency oscillations, the current is led back to the primary winding of an audio frequency transformer and thence to high voltage and the filament.

The secondary winding of the transformer is placed in the grid circuit of the second tube which consequently amplifies the audio frequency oscillations at the same time as the radio frequency. The latter does not pass through the secondary windings, but is shunted across a fixed condenser of approximately .002 mfds. The audio frequency currents are amplified by the second tube and pass through the primary winding of the second audio frequency transformer. The secondary winding of this transformer is in the grid circuit of the third tube. This tube also amplifies the audio frequency currents which flow through the telephones which are included in the plate circuit of the third tube. Fixed condensers are placed across both primaries and both secondaries of the audio frequency transformers to prevent the windings from interfering with the high frequency oscillations flowing simultaneous in the same circuit. This circuit is complex and difficult to control due mostly to capacity effects, etc. In lieu of the radio frequency transformers I substituted oscillation transformers (.0004 variable condensers and approximately .2 millihenry inductance). Better results were obtained. Great care must be taken to prevent understage radio frequency transformers acting as grid condensers and rectifying the high frequency oscillations before they reach the detector tube. This is common with many radio frequency sets on the market today. Atlanta Journal was heard in Toledo with this circuit using an aerial, but from all indications the standard five-tube radio audio frequency circuit is preferred where a loop is practical. Another circuit along these lines is now under test using only three tubes and with a few changes in wiring greater audibility has been obtained.



The Reflex Circuit Using Four Tubes. The Last One Acts as the Detector While the First Three Play Double Duty and Supply Three Stages of Radio Frequency and Two Stages of Audio Frequency Amplification.

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Alkali Vapor Detector Tubes

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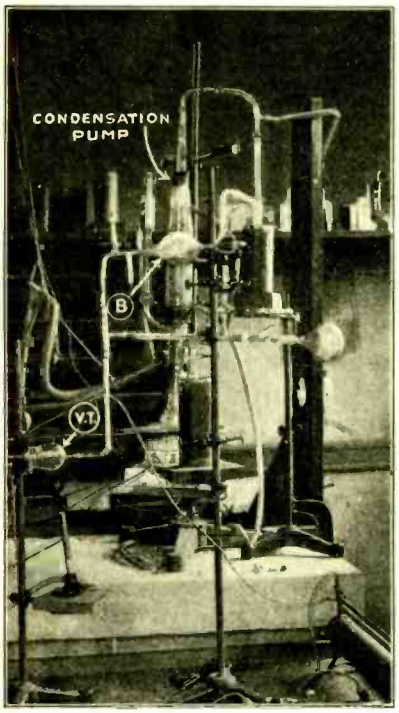


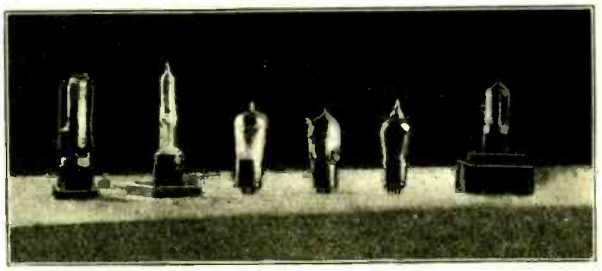
The Pumping Apparatus Used for the Evacuation of the Tubes

THE authors of this article have been conducting a laboratory investigation of gas content detectors during the past three years, and their researches have resulted in the alkali metal vapor detector and amplifier.

The curves Fig. 1 best show some of the results of a large number of experiments carried out by the writers, and will show some interesting things. When the vacuum is very high a high plate voltage is needed to produce maximum response to received signals as shown by Curve A. Note that at a pressure of .00012 m.m. of mercury, the plate voltage may be varied from 110 to 140 volts without changing the audibility of the response in the receivers. Fig. 1 should be studied carefully. When the pressure increases to .012 m.m., the gas being nitrogen, the plate voltage for maximum signal response is cut down from 110 to 28 volts. Also the grid voltage—plate current characteristic curves are steeper for the pressure of Curve B than for A. This means that the plate current and hence the signal response is greater for small changes in grid voltage for the lower degree of vacuum. The writers have found that the detection is at its best at a pressure of about .005 m.m., and that its sensitiveness falls off as the pressure is raised or lowered from this value. The results in Fig. 1 are plotted in per cent of maximum for each case and do not mean that all the maximum points were for the same actual audibility of response.

Curves A, B and C show that as the pressure is lowered the tube becomes more and more "critical," in adjustment of the plate voltage for best response. Curve D, however, shows that when helium is used the pressure can be much higher and the tube will be much less critical, but the plate voltage must be higher than for B or C. In the case of mercury vapor the tube is less critical and the plate voltage is lower than for C or B. A very peculiar and interesting property of a gas is called its "ionizing potential" at which the gas is thrown into a sort of resonance. This ionizing potential is 10 volts higher for helium than for nitrogen or air, and is 7 volts lower for mercury vapor. This fact, the curves C, D and E, and many other curves, led the writers to the conclusion that if a metallic vapor having a very low ionizing potential were introduced into a vacuum tube, it would function as a detector with a minimum plate voltage, and would possess non-critical characteristics. An alloy of potassium having an ionizing potential of 4 volts was introduced into several tubes, and the results far exceeded all expectations. Not only is the plate voltage for best results about 8 to 10 volts, but it may be also varied through a much greater range than for any other gas content tube; this is clearly shown in curve F, Fig. 1.

A Series of Standard Tubes Which Have Been Refilled with Alkali Vapor for Experimental Purposes



But the reader will immediately ask, "How sensitive a detector is this tube?" Comparison tests were carefully made on a dozen alkali vapor tubes and it was found that they gave from 3½ to 5 times as loud response in the telephone on weak buzzer modulated C. W. received currents, and damped wave currents than did similar tubes used as gas content detectors. This comparison was made with a plate voltage ranging from 8 to 10 volts (plate circuit return to negative to negative filament) for each of the alkali vapor tubes and for plate voltages carefully adjusted for best results in the case of the gas content tubes used for comparison. The directly measured audibility of the received currents was 5.5 times on a standard tube, which represents a pretty weak signal.

It is a pleasant experience to place one of these tubes in a variometer type regenerative receiver, or a Westinghouse receiver and using two dry cells for plate voltage tune in WGY, WJZ, WSB, KDKA, and many broadcasting stations west and south as far as Texas, and Los Angeles; and, without any amplifier, hear them loud and clear at Urbana, Ill. One of the writers who has a home-made variometer set does this nearly every night.

Most remarkable of all is the fact that the "B"-battery terminals can be absolutely short circuited and the tube will bring in not only WGY and a few more, but also amateur c.w. stations in the eastern districts, and the high power undamped wave stations on the coast, the tube oscillating steadily, and functioning as a "beat" receiver. All vacuum tube users know that this is absolutely impossible with any form of detector tube now on the market. The writers investigated the characteristic curves, and variation of output coefficient of some of these tubes, and found to their astonishment that the curves are smooth and

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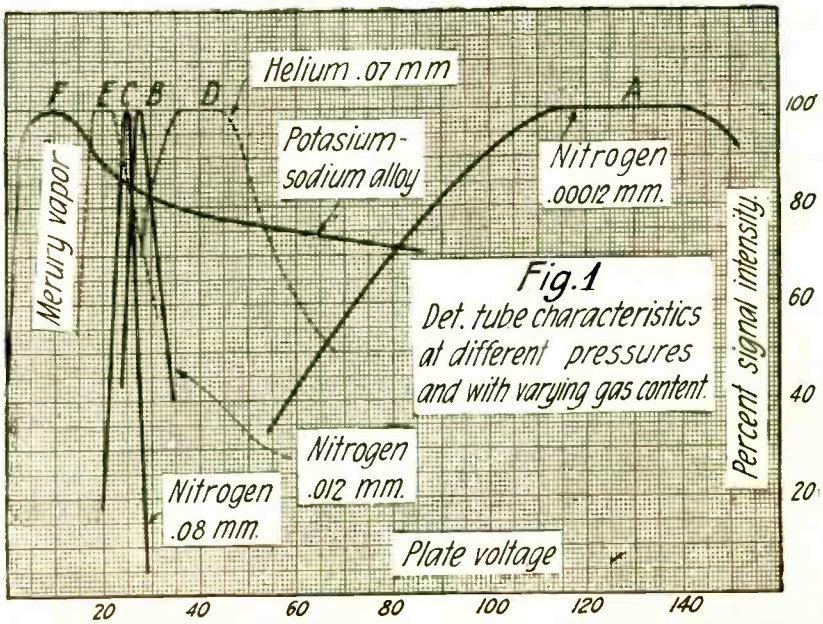

Curves Illustrating the Comparative Results of Tubes Containing Different Vapors at Varying Pressures. It Will Be Noted that Tubes Containing Potasium Sodium Alloy Give Maximum Signal Intensity at Comparatively Low Plate Voltages.

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Radio Frequency Measurements

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Part 1

IN the January, 1923, issue of RADIO NEWS the writer described the design and construction of a C. W. Oscillator for measurement purposes. With this oscillator almost every conceivable type of practical radio measurement can be made. Every amateur who runs an efficient station has occasion to make numerous measurements, and in fact many measurements are absolutely essential if the amateur does not want to be in the dark concerning the performance of his station. This article

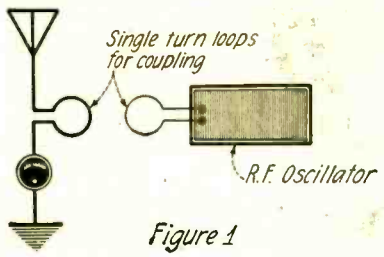

Figure 1

Circuit Employed for Measuring the Fundamental Wave-length of An Antenna.

will illustrate the various radio frequency measurements which the writer had occasion to make, the methods, and the precautions to be observed in making these measurements.

ANTENNA MEASUREMENTS

MEASURING FUNDAMENTAL WAVE-LENGTH OF THE ANTENNA

A knowledge of the fundamental of the antenna is of first importance to every intelligent amateur, as this factor is the starting point of his set, and his different designs are more or less based on this. Fig. 1 shows the hook-up employed in this measurement. In all diagrams in this article showing the R. F. oscillator the symbol shown in Fig. 2 will be employed for the sake of convenience. The antenna is unloaded and is coupled to the oscillator coil by means of a single turn loop. This loop is not added to the antenna proper, as this would result in a higher wave length than the fundamental, but the lead in may simply be turned into a small loop which is coupled to the oscillator. A small lamp or R. F. milliammeter is inserted in the ground lead. Start the oscillator and the oscillations induced in the antenna will light the lamp or be indicated on the milliammeter. Vary the condenser of the oscillator until lamp lights up to maximum brilliancy,

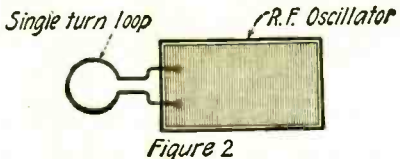

Figure 2

The Symbol for the Radio Frequency Oscillator Used Throughout This Article.

or until ammeter indicates maximum. The wave length, corresponding to this reading of the condenser will be the fundamental of the antenna.

MEASURING CAPACITY OF THE ANTENNA

The hook-up employed for this measurement is shown in Fig. 3. A very large inductance coil is placed in the ground lead of the set in series with the lamp or the milliammeter. The value of this inductance should be known. The oscillator is started and coupled to the antenna as before by means of a single turn loop, whose inductance will of course be negligible compared to the large inductance L. The variable condenser is varied until the ammeter in the antenna circuit indicates the resonance condition. The wave length of the antenna circuit will then be indicated by the oscillator. Knowing the wave length of the antenna and the value of the loading inductance the capacity of the antenna may then be obtained from the formula:

$$\lambda = 60\sqrt{LCa}$$

$$\therefore Ca = \frac{\lambda^2}{3600L}$$

In this measurement it is essential that the loading inductance L should be sufficiently large to make the wave length of the loaded antenna at least about four times that of the fundamental of the antenna, otherwise the accuracy of the measurement will be affected by the inductance of the antenna. The inductance of the antenna being generally very small, if the loading inductance is large enough, the small inductance of the antenna may be neglected without hurting the accuracy of the measurement. The accuracy of this measurement depends upon the accuracy of the wave length measurement. Assuming that the oscillator is properly calibrated the main source of error that can arise is due to tight coupling and the development of coupling waves. It is for this reason that very loose coupling in the form of a single turn must be employed.

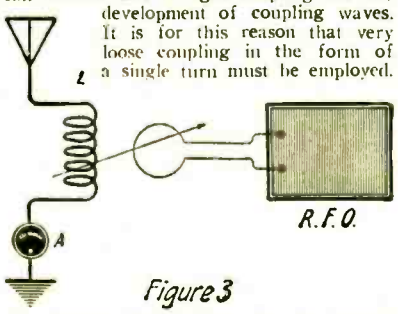

Figure 3

The Hook-up Used for Measuring the Capacity of An Antenna.

Otherwise due to the coupling waves which result there will be an error in the wave length measured and hence an error in the measured capacity.

MEASURING INDUCTANCE OF THE ANTENNA

From the above two measurements we know the capacity of the antenna and the natural wave length. From these two factors we are able to calculate the inductance of the antenna from the usual wave length formula. Obviously the accuracy of this inductance value thus obtained will depend entirely upon the accuracy of the two previous measurements. Hence the precautions mentioned above should be scrupulously observed if reliable results are desired.

GENERAL CAPACITY MEASUREMENTS

There are a number of different methods of measuring the capacity of a condenser but each method is particularly suitable for a definite size capacity, that is, will give most accurate results. Thus it is obvious that the capacity between a pair of telephone cords which is extremely low could be measured by the same method which is used for the capacity of a telephone condenser which is quite high, but the accuracy of the measurement would not be good at all. Such low capacities as that between telephone cords have a method of measurement which is highly accurate and slightly different from the other methods. These will be considered separately.

(*a*). *Measurement of medium capacities.* The method employed for these capacities, which are the capacities generally used in variable condensers, such as 0.001 mfds. is the basic of all methods and will therefore be considered first. It is practically a substitution method and requires a known capacity. Figure 4 shows the circuit connections used in this measurement. The R. F. oscillator is coupled very loosely by means of a single turn to a circuit consisting of an inductance coil whose value need not be known, the resonance indicator "A" which may be a glow lamp or milliammeter, a

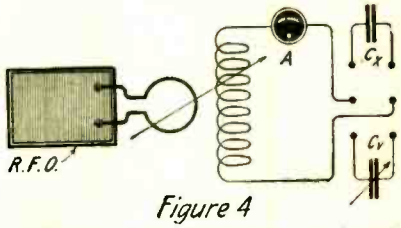

Figure 4

For General Capacity Measurements, the Layout Shown Above is Desirable.

double pole double throw switch connected as shown to the known variable condenser Cv and the unknown condenser to be measured Cx. The switch is thrown so that the unknown condenser Cx is connected in circuit and the oscillator condenser varied until resonance in both circuits is obtained as shown by maximum indication on A. The switch is now thrown so that the known variable condenser is in circuit. The oscillator is kept at the same position and the variable condenser Cv is varied until resonance is again secured. Since no conditions have been changed except the variable condenser Cv and the wave length of oscillations kept constant, it follows that

$$Cv = Cx$$

Since the variable condenser Cv is calibrated we know the value of the unknown condenser.

(*b*). *Measurement of small capacities.* The difficulty in the measurement of small capacities is that sufficiently small standards may not be available. Very few stations have standard calibrated condensers of the size, for example, of the capacity between

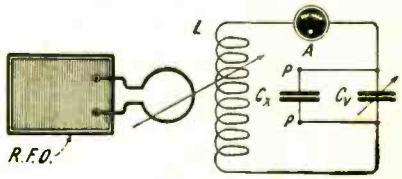

Figure 5

This Circuit is Used for the Measurement of Small Capacities.

a pair of telephone cords. It is therefore necessary to use a so-called "differential" method. The principle involved in this measurement will be understood by considering Fig. 5, which is the circuit hook-up for the test. Here the R. F. oscillator is again coupled to the measured circuit by means of a single loop. L is an inductance whose value need not be known, but which should be able to tune with the variable condenser to the wave length of the oscillator. "A" is again the resonance indicator, Cv

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Radio Control

By Major Raymond Phillips, I. O. M.

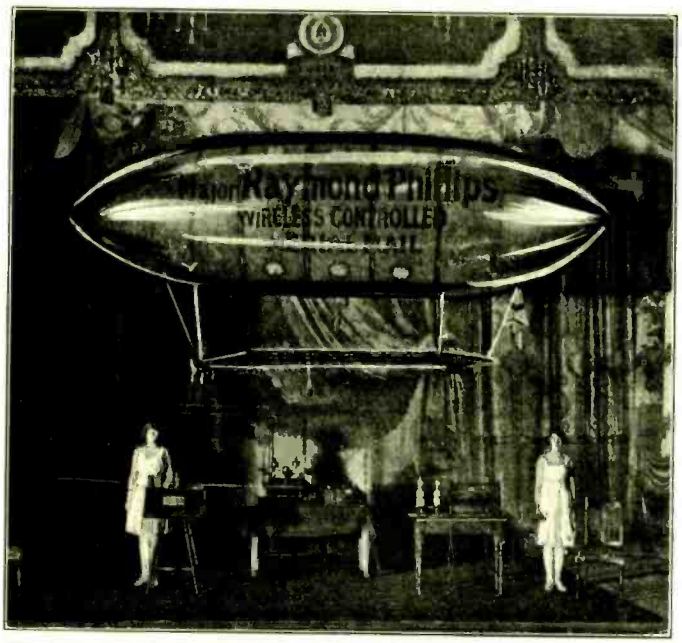
THE control and operation of mechanism by means of wireless waves open up a field with vast possibilities, and a remunerative harvest for the successful experimenter.

Tele-mechanical control has engaged the attention of scientists for many years, and experiments have from time to time been made in connection with the wireless control of torpedoes, boats, etc.

Many have no doubt heard of the well-known wireless-controlled airship which I invented, and first publicly exhibited at the Hippodrome and Colliseum, London, twelve years ago; also the playing of three pianos, which were "wirelessly" controlled simultaneously with the maneuvering of my airship.

The magnitude of the latter fact created much comment, and the late Professor Silvanus P. Thompson, F.R.S., examined my apparatus, and subsequently issued a certificate to the effect that it was a genuine example of wireless control.

These demonstrations naturally caused a sensation at the time, when wireless telegraphy and aviation were practically in their infancy.



This Radio-Controlled Airship is at the Command of the Operators on the Stage. It Goes Through All the Maneuvers of a Larger Airship Without the Slightest Difficulty. The First Demonstration of This Apparatus Was Given in a London Theatre Before a Large Audience of Scientists.

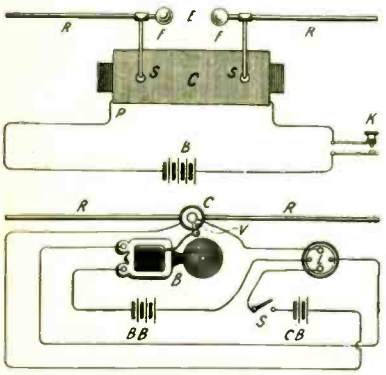


Fig. 1 Shows the Transmitting Circuit and Fig. 2 the Peceiving Circuit for a Simple Method of Bell Control.

My recent experiments include the construction of a wireless-controlled quick firing gun, and an aerial mail fitted with a syren, thus showing that the scope for experimenters is practically unlimited.

It is my intention to write a series of articles giving details of experimental apparatus suitable for wireless control, and based upon my own practical experience with such work.

I shall only give details of experimental apparatus with a range of not more than 50 yards when used in conjunction with a modified Hertz spark coil for transmitting purposes.

It may probably surprise many readers when I state that I never fitted tuning devices to any of my tele-mechanical controlled apparatus used for public demonstrations. I have often been asked to explain how tuning was effected, but it will be understood that when controlling by wireless the playing of three pianos, or maneuvering an airship at such short distances as exist in theatres, or public buildings, tuning would be impracticable, if not impossible.

Many years ago I designed a special coherer, which, for my experiments, has always proved more reliable in its action than the glass tube type. The latter, apart from its liability to breakage during decohering, generally needs very fine adjustment in conjunction with a potentiometer, and it will be realized that experimental apparatus used for public demonstrations must not only function perfectly, but also without difficulty, especially in the case of a wireles-controlled airship, where it would not be possible to effect adjustments once such a craft is in flight.

In my system of direct and ordinary selective control, some of the circuits are complicated. A reliable coherer is therefore imperative. A good relay is equally important.

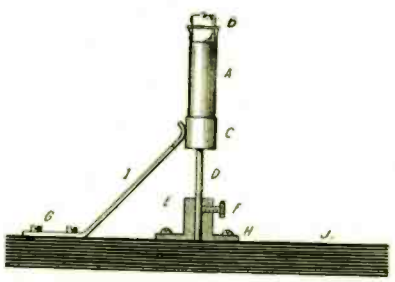


Fig. 4.—A Vertical Type of Coherer Containing a Mixture of Nickle and Silver Filings.

Those who contemplate experimenting with the wireless control of mechanism will be well advised to use only the best appliances. Do not be led away by offers of cheap apparatus and then expect results which can never be justified.

I have many times examined so-called "Laboratory Receiving Sets" which would not work satisfactorily after every conceivable type of adjustment had been made. It can be better imagined than described what the effect of such apparatus would be in the hands of an inexperienced enthusiast.

Tele-mechanical control should not be confused with wireless telegraphy, and telephony. The latter science involves the use of extremely sensitive and delicate devices, which would speedily be put out of action if applied to relay control of mechanism subjected to vibration. These, and other difficulties, will, no doubt, be overcome in time.

A Simple Experiment

Jamming, i. e., interference from other transmitting stations, is of course, a contingency always to be reckoned with. The present restrictions in regard to

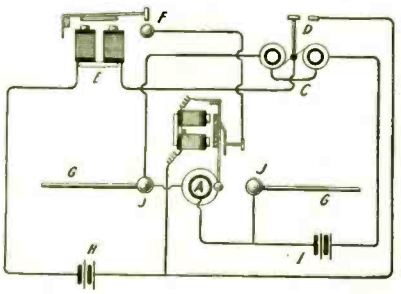


Fig. 3.—A Simple Circuit for Use With the Coherer Shown in Fig. 4.

wireless transmission give one some idea of the extent to which the evil exists. Most people, therefore, so far as wireless telegraphy and telephony are concerned, have to be content with indulging in the fascinating habit of listening in.

For beginners, one of the simplest but, perhaps, most popular experiments with tele-mechanical control, is wireless control of an ordinary electric bell fitted with a 4" or 6" gong. All the apparatus necessary for such an experiment can be neatly mounted upon suitable base boards, and when properly constructed the set will be found useful in a house or office where it is desired to communicate between rooms, thus avoiding the necessity of running insulated wires, as would be the case in connection with the installation of an electric bell in the ordinary way.

The transmitting and receiving circuits

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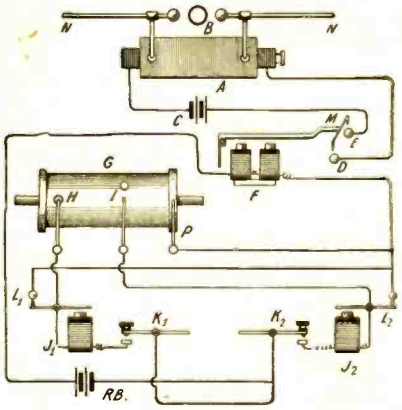


Fig. 6.—Transmitting Apparatus Used in Conjunction With the Radio Controlled Carillon.

for such a simple method of bell control could be arranged as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The transmitter, as shown in Fig. 1, consists of an induction coil C with primary and secondary terminals marked PP and SS (the trembler and other circuits of the coil are purposely omitted for the sake of simplicity), an ordinary telegraph key K, a large brass ball E, and two rods RR (which represent an aerial), at the ends of which are brass balls FF.

For satisfactory experiments over short distances it is advisable to construct the transmitter with an induction coil which (when its primary circuit is connected to a battery with an E.M.F. of 4 volts) can produce a spark one inch long between two small metallic balls attached to the end of its secondary circuit.

The two rods RR should be mounted upon insulated supports and should preferably be of aluminum or brass tube. 30" long by 3-16" diameter. The brass balls FF and E should be highly polished, the former ½" diameter. The latter 1" in diameter should also be mounted upon an insulated support. Arrangements should also be made for the rods RR to slide in their supports so that the distance (normally ⅛") between the ball E and balls FF may be adjustable.

It will be observed that an inductance is not included in the transmitter or receiver circuit for reasons already explained.

The receiver, as shown in Fig. 2, consists of a large electric bell B, as relay L, coherer and support C, switch S, coherer battery CB, bell battery BB, and two rods RR.

For this experiment it is advisable to use a good quality electric bell fitted with a 4" or 6" gong. The hammer of the bell should be drilled and tapped, and a circular piece of vulcanized fibre, ½" long by 3-16" diameter fitted to same as marked "V" in Fig. 2.

It will be observed that the object of fitting the circular piece of fibre is to enable the bell hammer on its return stroke to strike the coherer C, thus effecting decohering. The bell may of course, be either "single stroke" or "trembling," the latter, perhaps, making the more "showy" demonstration.

Any suitable coherer and relay may be tried for this experiment, but in subsequent articles I purpose giving details of the coherer and relay which have been used with such success in connection with my public demonstration.

The switch S may be of any simple type. The two rods RR should be the same length as those fitted to the transmitter, and preferably of the same type.

Any suitable dry battery may be used in connection with the coherer and bell circuits of the receiver.

An ordinary 3½-volt pocket lamp battery was sufficient to work a wireless-controlled electric bell which I constructed many years ago.

Having now shown what a simple matter it is to construct the apparatus illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, I shall give details of more complicated circuits for "direct" wireless control of mechanism without the necessity of selecting in sequence.

A coherer is generally classified as an "imperfect contact detector," and though now obsolete for the detection of wireless telegraph signals, it still has many advantages for the control of mechanism at short distances.

It seems curious that, although so long ago as 1835 it was discovered that the passage of a high-tension electric discharge through a loose mixture of metal filings rendered the latter conductive to electric currents, it was apparently not until 1890 to 1896 that the discovery attracted sufficient attention to cause serious experiments to be conducted in connection with wireless telegraphy. The term "coherer" appears to have originated from a theory that incident wireless waves caused the filings, or particles of an imperfect contact detector, to "cohere." There may probably be some truth in such a theory, as the act of "tapping" a coherer causes the filings, or particles contained therein, to decohere, thus restoring such into a non-conductive condition.

As the "tapping" device involved complications, it led to a number of inventions for "self-restoring" imperfect contact detectors. The latter appeared to need such extremely fine adjustments, that at the time the coherer with "tapper" held the field.

In the construction of a coherer for tele-mechanical control the first consideration is certainty of action.

Large contact surfaces tend to make a coherer very sensitive, but sometimes "sluggish" in decohering. Such a detector for experimental apparatus would be a source of annoyance when connected with a relay, on account of its tendency to develop "pumping" in the latter. The smallest electric current possible (consistent with efficient working) should be permitted to pass through the filings and contacts of a coherer.

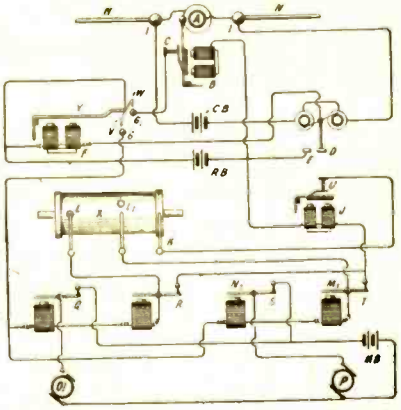


Fig. 7.—Receiving Apparatus Placed in the Carillon for its Control.

The "selective controller" attached to the wireless controlled airship, as described in the specification of my British Patent No. 6316 of 1910, was at first fitted with a vertical type of coherer as shown in Fig. 4. It consisted of a glass tube A, plug B, brass cap C, supporting rod D, base E, clamping screw F, terminals G and H, also contact spring I, the whole being mounted upon a non-conducting base J.

The interior contacts of the coherer are connected to the exterior of the cap C, and supporting rod D; a mixture of nickel and silver filings being contained in the glass tube A.

This coherer proved more reliable than the "horizontal" glass tube type, but strenuous conditions called for a more substantial detector, which led me to design the coherer as shown in Fig. 5. It consisted of a vulcanized fibre tube A, screwed plugs B and C, contact ring D, supporting rod E, base F, clamping screw G, terminals H and I, and contact spring J. The whole being mounted upon a non-conducting base K.

The interior contacts of the coherer are connected to contact ring D and supporting rod E; a mixture of nickel and silver filings being contained in the vulcanized fibre tube A.

This coherer proved most reliable, and useful for experimental apparatus. Its sensitivity could be adjusted to a nicety by simply unscrewing the plug B and adding or removing filings as desired; while the interior contacts could be examined without removing the filings by

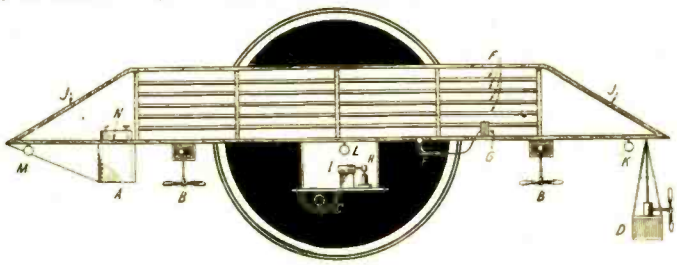
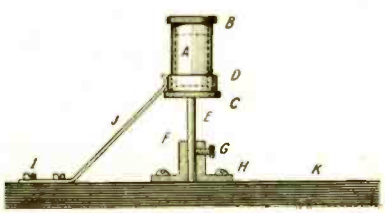


Fig. 2

Fig. 8.—The Construction of the Framework and Position of the Apparatus is Clearly Indicated. It is Secured to the Balloon by Eight Light Cords.



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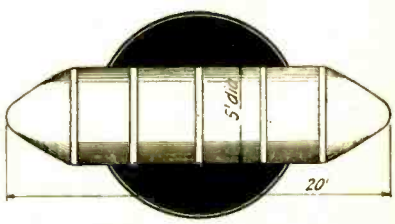

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Fig. 9.—The Balloon of the Airship. Hydrogen Gas is Used to Give it Lifting Power.

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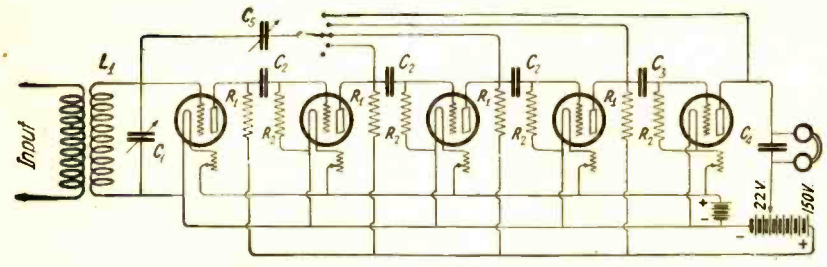
Radio Frequency Amplification

By JOHN M. AVERY

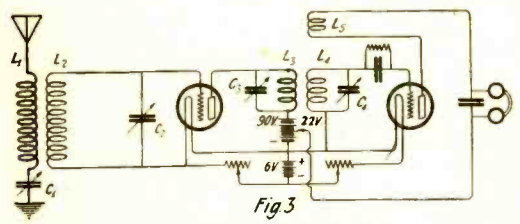


A Four Stage Resistance Coupled Radio Frequency Amplifier. Successive Stages are Controlled by a Switch.

SINCE a triode will repeat in its plate circuits, with increased amplitude, currents of any frequency impressed on its grid, it may be used as an amplifier of either radio or audio frequencies, in conjunction with some detecting device, preferably another triode. Briefly, if amplification is desired at radio frequencies, the radio frequency amplifying triode is connected in such a manner as to boost the incoming signal before it reaches the detecting device, while for audio frequency amplification it is connected in such a manner that it receives the incoming signal after detection.

Furthermore, the sensitivity of a triode as a detector varies very nearly as the square of the voltage applied to its grid. It will be seen then, that if an extremely sensitive receiver is desired for long distance reception, radio frequency amplification may be preferable while if very strong signals are desired from those already detectable, audio frequency amplification is the preferable method.

The general trend of present-day radio seems to be toward decreased power at the transmitting station and increased sensitivity at the receiver, and at the same time, toward the spanning of great distances with a minimum of power. It is in these instances that the effectiveness of radio frequency amplification is most appreciated, and with it, we will be concerned in this article.



Cascade Amplification Employing Loosely Coupled Inductances. Variable Condensers are Provided for Tuning the Respective Circuits.

With every change in wave-length there is a corresponding change in its radio frequency component, and the shortest wave-length in practical use today bears a frequency relation to the longest wave-lengths of about one hundred to one. Due to this wide frequency range which it is necessary to amplify in order that radio frequency amplification may be applied to any radio station which may be operating today, different manufacturers have resorted to different expedients as inter-valve couplings. In general these may be divided into the following classes:

1. Resistance coupling.
2. Choke coil coupling.
3. Tuned impedance coupling.
4. Air-core transformer coupling.
   a. Aperiodic.
   b. Tuned.
5. Iron-core transformer coupling.
   a. Aperiodic.
   b. Tuned.

These divisions are merely arbitrary, many of the inter-valve couplings at present utilized being a combination of one or more of these divisions, as will be noted later.

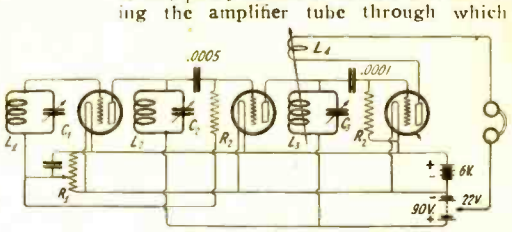
With the exception of utilization in the Armstrong super-heterodyne receiver, resistance couplings do not seem to be in favor in the United States, although they are almost universally used in Europe, particularly in England and France, experimenters in the latter country using them to cover the entire wave-length band in present use.

Resistance coupled amplifiers function well at wave-lengths over one-thousand meters when employing the average American triode, with increasing efficiency at the longer wave-lengths. At waves below one thousand, however, the amplification may be found to be less than unity, i. e., a decreased signal strength will result. It has been shown that this is due to the high internal capacitance of our American triode, which, though small in itself, is markedly detrimental in this type of amplifier. French experimenters have constructed special valves for use with this circuit in which the grid and plate leads enter the tube through the side walls, rather than through the base, decreasing this capacity value to negligibility.

The circuit diagram shown in Fig. 1, represents the proper connections for a resistance coupled amplifier of four stages, and a triode detector. This is probably the easiest type of amplifier to construct, and should be of especial interest to those attempting to receive foreign stations working on long wave-lengths (2,500 to 20,000 meters). Referring to the diagram, L-1 is the normal secondary of the receiving transformer, with its tuning condenser, C-1. The grid condensers of the amplifier tubes, C-2, have a capacity of .0005 mfd., and the detector tube, C-3, a capacity of .0001 mfd. The coupling resistances, R-1, the main feature of this circuit, are non-inductive resistances of 50,000 ohms each. These may be lavite units or any other type having a constant value. Resistances R-2 are the normal grid leaks, connected between the grid and the negative filament terminals in the amplifying triodes, and between the grid and the positive filament terminal in the detector. They have a value of one megohm (one million ohms) each.

A fixed condenser is shown in shunt to the head-phones at C-4, having a capacity of .001 mfd.

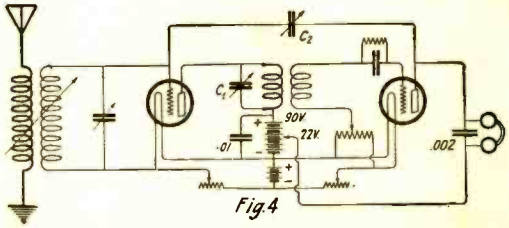
At C-5 a variable condenser having a maximum capacity of about .0001 mfd. is connected, attaining energy feed-back from either the amplifiers or the detector tube into the first amplifier, through the action of which either oscillation or regenerative amplification is obtained. A five-point switch is shown for selecting the amplifier tube through which the feed-back is desired, and having an "out" position. In the construction of this switch space the contacts well and widely separate the leads from it, or undesirable oscillation may occur in the amplifier. Use nothing but mica or air dielectric fixed condensers in the various grid circuits. The use of paper condensers will introduce boiling and frying noises.



Circuit of a Tuned Impedance Amplifier, Using Fixed Inductance and Variable Capacities.

The amplifier just described may be successfully combined in a super-heterodyne receiver without changing any of the values indicated above.

Small choke coils may be substituted for the 50,000-ohm resistances in the amplifier just described, attaining practically equal results. The author utilized the bobbins of several sets of 2,200-ohm Federal head receivers for the purpose, dismantled the receivers and removed the bobbins with their soft iron cores from the aluminum cases and the magnets. Two bobbins (the complete electro-magnet system of a single receiver) were connected in series and in the amplifier plate circuits, and mica



A Circuit Employing the Usual Inter-Valve Amplifying Transformers. Additional Amplification is Obtained by Feeding Back the Resultant Energy Through Condenser C2.

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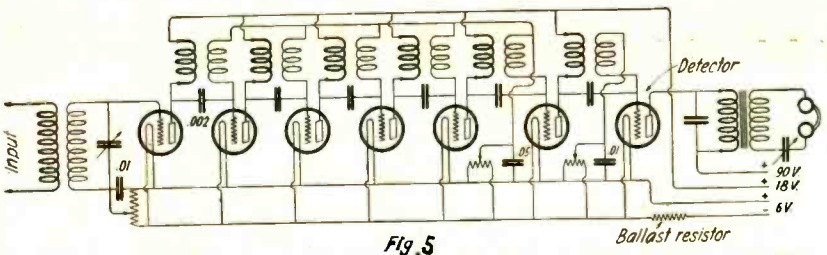

Fig. 5

A Radio Frequency Amplifier Circuit Using Semi-operiodic Coupling Transformers. Doing Away With the Necessity of Variable Condensers for Tuning.

condensers of .002 mfd. substituted for the normal grid condensers described for the resistance-coupled amplifier. With the circuit thus connected, good amplification was secured at a wave-length of 1,500 meters, and both regenerative amplification and self-oscillation were attained down to 500 meters wave-length, through proper adjustment of condenser C-5. The only advantage apparent to the writer, however, was economy of plate voltage which while

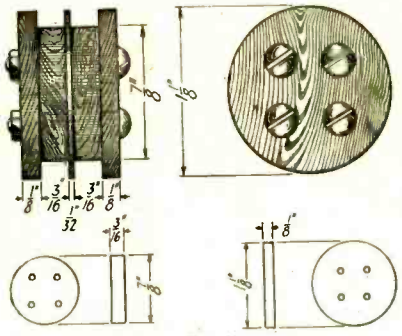

Fig. 6

Core Details for a Coupling Transformer of the Non-Magnetic Core, Aperiodic Type.

using VT-1 tubes in both cases, was only 70 to 90 volts with the choke coils as compared to 150 volts with the resistances.

Particularly efficient as intervalve couplings are tuned impedance circuits, properly connected. Referring to the circuit diagram, Fig. 2, L-1, C-1, is the normal secondary tuning circuit. To this is directly connected an amplifying triode, having in its plate circuit a tuned circuit L-2, C-2, the electrical values of which must correspond to those of the secondary circuit, L-1, C-2. The direct current from the supplementary plate battery B-1 finds a path of low resistance through the inductance of coil L-2, but the combination of the coil and condenser, when tuned to any particular frequency, form a practically infinite impedance to that frequency, with the result that the radio frequency energy is impressed on the grid of the next triode in the cascade, through its grid condenser. Due to the fact that only frequencies approximating that to which the impedance circuit is tuned are amplified, great selectivity will be found to be a feature of this circuit. As a matter of fact, the tuning becomes so sharp that more than two such stages are difficult of adjustment. For additional regenerative amplification or the reception of undamped waves, a tickler coil may be included in the plate circuit of the detector triode as at L-4, coupled magnetically to either L-3 or to L-1. Grid leak resistances R-2 may have values of one megohm, and the stabilizer R-1 about 200 ohms. The purpose of the stabilizer is to prevent undesirable oscillations from being set up in the amplifying circuits when the impedance coupling circuits are in resonance. An enterprising firm has recently placed similar combinations of an inductance with a variable condenser for use in this circuit on the market, having a wave range of from 200 to 600 meters. Should the experimenter desire to construct such an amplifier, it is recommended that honeycombs of the "duo-lateral" type be used for the inductances. Since the wave-length range of this device is dependent entirely upon the frequency to which the impedance circuits can be tuned, the following table of duo-lateral coils has been prepared as being suitable as impedances when shunted by a variable condenser of .001 mfd:

TABLE I

Duo-lateral Coil Values for Tuned Impedance Amplifier

Wave-Length Range	L-1, L-2, L-3	L-4
150 — 350	DL 25	DL 35
300 — 700	DL 50 or 75	DL 50
450 — 1,000	DL 100	DL 75
800 — 2,000	DL 150	DL 100
1,750 — 4,000	DL 250	DL 150
4,000 — 8,500	DL 500	DL 250
6,000 — 12,500	DL 1,000	DL 500
12,000 — 20,000	DL 1,500	DL 750

A variation from the intervalve coupling, just described, lies in the use of loosely coupled tuned circuits between the tubes, in which case the energy is transferred from the plate circuit of the preceding triode into the grid circuit of the second by induction. Ordinary receiving transformers (improperly, "loose-couplers"), having both the primary and secondary windings shunted by variable condensers for wave-length adjustment purposes may be used. The circuit diagram is represented in Fig. 3. In the diagram, L-1, L-2 are the windings of one receiving transformer tuning the antenna and first triode grid circuits to resonance with the desired station. At L-3, L-4 is a second tuning transformer coupling the amplified energy from the plate circuit of the first amplifier tube into the grid circuit of the detector tube (or another amplifier). A tickler coil L-5, may be coupled to L-4 for further regenerative amplification or for self-heterodyne as a beat receiver. By selecting large values of inductance at both L-2 and L-4 (as compared to their shunt capacitances), a favorable "voltage step-up" action may be attained, and this in conjunction with proper coupling between L-3 and L-4 will result in enormous signal strength from signals formerly entirely inaudible. While more than one or two such amplification stages are undesirable, due to the extremely critical tuning, for such purposes as reception at a predetermined wave-length, for which the entire receiver is calibrated, as in radiophone work or in the working of telegraph schedules between stations, it may be recommended or even preferred. The author recently assembled a receiver, using four such stages, with stabilizers, and obtained some remarkable signal strengths from Pacific Coast stations in New York City.

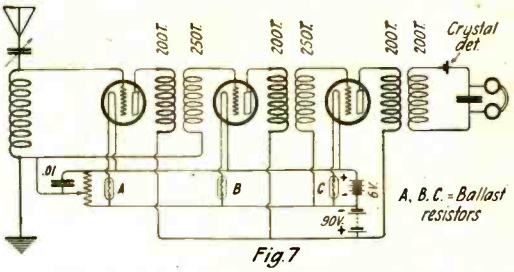

Fig. 7

Aperiodic Type of Transformers Designed for 600 Meter Work Are Used Here. The Number of Turns for Each Winding is Designated.

It appears that two-coil intervalve transformers are now the more popular type among manufacturers, and although they have all been developed from the circuit just described many variations have entered into their construction increasing in some respects their effectiveness. A great many radio frequency amplifying transformers have appeared on the amateur markets on both sides of the Atlantic, and it is noted that the general trend is to design them so as to have fair efficiency over rather limited wave-length range, and being equipped with a plug system so that other wave-length range transformers may be easily substituted in some sort of mounting. American manufacturers equip their transformers with standard four-prong plugs so that they may be plugged into ordinary triode sockets of the types supplied on the American market, while British manufacturers equip theirs with four pins to

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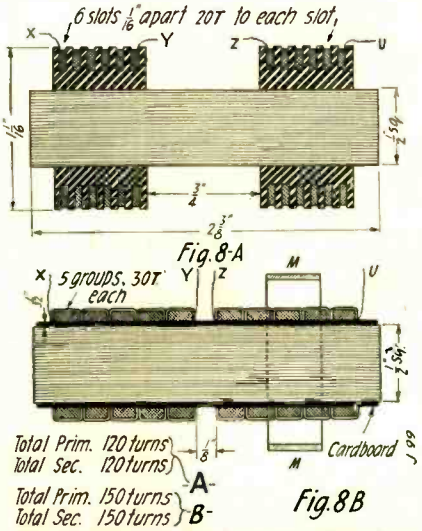

The Constructional Details of Two Iron Core Transformers are Shown Above. The Copper Ring M in Fig. 8B Se ves to Broaden the Effective Wave-length of the Transformer.

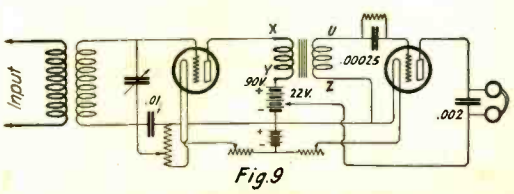

Fig. 9

One Stage of Radio Frequency Amplification Emp!.ying the Iron Core Type of Transformer.

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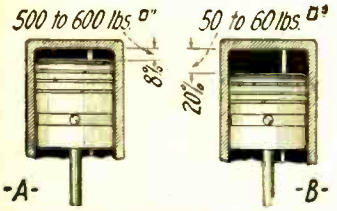
Constructive Criticism on Phone Design

By JOHN DEPEW

THERE is a maxim current among radio enthusiasts that "The phones are half the set," so a brief critical survey of some high lights in the development of phone receivers, etc., for the past 60 years, may be worth our while, as it would tend to point out the most likely means for their further improvement.



Comparative Illustration of the Effect of Clearance Between the Top of a Diaphragm and the Inside of the Cap. By Reducing the Clearance to the Practical Limit, We Get a Much Greater Proportional Variation in Pressure.

DIAPHRAGMS

Practically all receivers that have survived their experimental stages long enough to gain some public notice so far, employ a flexible, elastic and non-compressible diaphragm, normally kept under some tension, and means for displacing it at varying rates. There are many limiting factors in all designs, which, if ignored or improperly neutralized, militate against the perfection of control of the receiving diaphragm by the actuating medium.

THE STRING OR LOVERS TELEPHONE

At one time the simplest and one of the best phones was a properly constructed string phone. Two cylinders of almost any material, each about 4" in diameter, by 4" deep, with a sheep-skin or preferably calf-skin membrane tightly stretched over one end of each cylinder and a thin strong cord, or better still thin bare copper or copper wire stretched with moderate tension between two small buttons, each placed within the center of the membranes within the cylinders directly over a small hole through which the string or wire passes, will transmit music and speech, in either direction.

The tone is remarkably clear and pure, with a good proportion of volume, and for distances up to about 1,200' conversations can be comfortably maintained indefinitely, with either or both parties situated within 3' or 4' of the instruments. The string or wire is freely suspended at intervals by loops of cord or wire at least 3' long. For greater distances the inertio of the cord obstructs the transmission of weaker vibrations, the so called harmonies, and greatly diminishes the characteristic overtones of the sounds, rendering them distorted, weakened unequally, and confused.

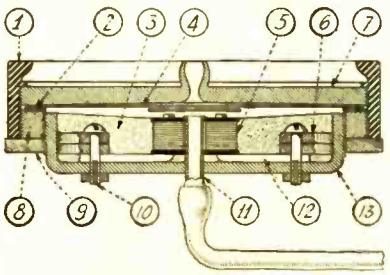
INDUCTION PHONES

For greater distances, or for locations where constant tension on a freely suspended line is not feasible, induction phones can be used with moderate success. They operate as follows: An iron diaphragm or armature is made to vibrate by the sound waves, while it is situated within the field of influence of an electro-magnet, wound on the two poles of a permanent magnet, or on extensions of soft iron placed on each pole, or even on the armature proper; two such instruments are connected electrically, one on each end of a wire of any length up to several miles, the two free ends of the two electro-magnet windings being grounded.

MAGNETIC INDUCTION

A magnetic flux, that is, the flow of magnetic "lines of force" from one pole of any magnet to a pole of opposite sign of the same or another magnet, is facilitated more than 2,000 times by replacing its path in the air or in any other gas, liquid, or solid that is practically non-magnetic, with a path of iron, steel or similar substance. The non-magnetic substance offers a "reluctance," which term is analogous to "resistance" in electric circuits. This cuts down the force over 2,000 to one; therefore, a break equal to the thickness of a piece of newspaper separating an iron or steel magnetic circuit cuts down its force as much as would 4" of steel of the same cross section, added to the length of the circuit.

All magnetic circuits always endeavor to shorten the path of their "lines of force" whenever possible, and when a piece of iron offers a magnetic path 2,000 times shorter than the space it fills, lines from all directions in the vicinity "leap" toward the iron path, thus imparting sensible mechanical motion to the armature or iron path, in such direction, as to offer a chance for the most lines of force to become so shortened. The action is in many respects similar to that of a steam injector; steam is allowed to escape from a boiler under any pressure, say 200 lbs. to the square inch, through a pipe into a funnel-shaped chamber placed horizontally and filled with cold water at



A Phone Incorporating Improvements Set Forth by Mr. Depew. They are as Follows: 1, Phone Shell; 2, Flat Ring Welded to Diaphragm; 3, Paraffin Filling to Level of Pole Pieces; 4, Diaphragm With an Extra Lamination Fastened at Center, With Tissue Paper Between of ½" Lesser Diameter; 5, Coils; 6, Two Permanent Magnets; 7, White Ear Cap; 8, Threaded Adjustment Ring; 9, Knurled Lock Ring; 10, Screws Fastening Magnets; 11, Ear Tube Outlet; 12, Pole Extensions; 13, Case.

atmospheric pressure. As the steam, rushing out at an enormous velocity of some 15 or 20 miles *per second* at the nozzle, strikes the cold water, it condenses, *becoming diminished in volume more than* 750 *times, very quickly*. As there is nothing lost in this world, this energy of velocity which the steam possessed prior to its shrinkage is imparted, along with its temperature, to the cold water. If we open a valve into the water (or even the steam) section of this or any other boiler under similar pressure, this newly heated water will *rush into the boiler*, overcoming its pressure of 200 lbs. to the square inch. Although starting under atmospheric pressure only, the additional great pressure necessary to enable it to enter a boiler under 200 lbs. per square inch, is imparted to it by the sudden *shortening* of the steam stream.

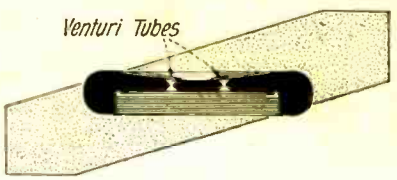
Reverting to our consideration of the induction phone, we see that by offering a chance to the lines of force to suddenly become condensed (shortened), we acquire its approximate dynamic equivalent in mechanical motion, work being done by the *attraction* between the magnetic circuit and the iron path. In other words, the condensing medium, being of much greater mass or weight than the particles, real or imaginary, that compose the lines of force, translates the enormous velocity-energy of the lines of force into a much slower motion of a *much greater mass;* a hail of small bullets overturns the target. Some degree of elasticity is provided in this phone diaphragm which ordinarily just balances the pull between the permanent magnet and the armature, preventing it from approaching too close to the pole pieces, but when air vibrations impringe on the diaphragm, it becomes displaced momentarily, approaching and receding microscopic distances in successive moments, thus continually condensing a *varying number* of lines of force. Since these lines radiate in all directions from the pole pieces, like a spray, a minute approach of the armature towards the pole pieces enables it to intercept, in addition to the direct lines which it keeps condensing while in its normal state of balanced tension, also many oblique, curving and radially pointed lines, and condense them also, thus acquiring an added pull towards the poles, checked by the thus increased tension of the diaphragm.

DISTORTIONS

The above described fluttering of the diaphragm, which may be its own armature if made of iron, or which bears an armature of iron fastened to it if made of a non-magnetic material, produced thereby a variation in the strength of the magnetic flux, by varying its reluctance in obeyance to the air vibrations.

MAGNETIC ATTRACTION

Whenever there is a variation in a magnetic field, that is, a change in the flux, the strength of the magnetic flow of lines, and there happens to be an electrical conductor within its sphere of sensible influence, a measurable current of electricity is induced thereby to flow through the conductor. If it is in a closed, round trip circuit, current would also flow into the conductor if the circuit is open, but then it would merely flow until it filled the capacity of the conducting system and its insulation, flowing into the conductor when the field increases, and surging back again when the field decreases. Varying the flux of the permanent magnet, therefore, induces a varying current in the windings of the electro-magnet in the speaker's instrument, because the windings are being continually traversed by some of the lines of force of the permanent magnet, although being offered great reluctance, and whenever the armature, which normally carries the



Venturi-Shaped Holes in the Ear Cap Enables the Diaphragm to Cause an Explosive Puff From the Holes Thereby Increasing Sensitiveness and Audibility.

bulk of the lines of force approaches a trifle nearer the poles, some of the lines which previously curved back on themselves and passed through the magnet windings are now touched, or attracted by the easier path of the armature and complete their circuit that way. Hence we have a curious state where an increase in the total flux actually affects a diminution of the induced current.

It can be readily seen that a phone of this type, actuating the distant, listening phone

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Q S T de M S U

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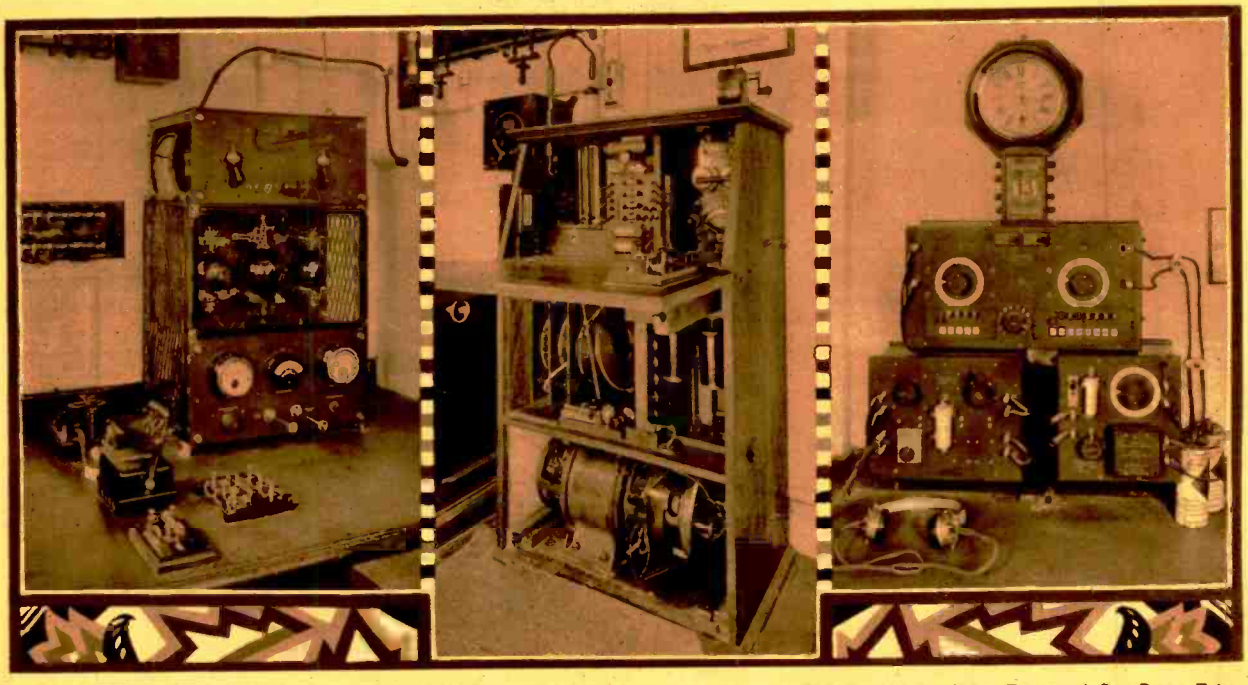
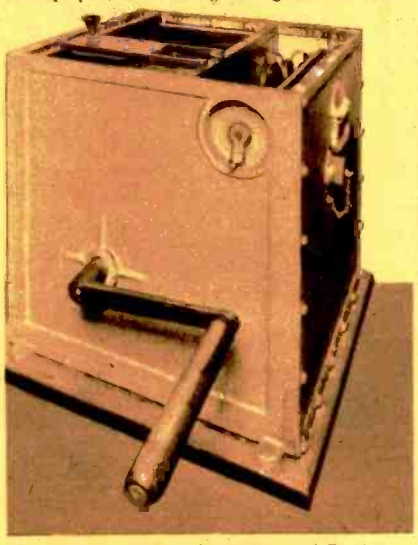


Left—500 Watt C.W. Transmitter of the Aquitania Which Has Made Some Remarkable Records. This Employs Rectifying Tubes and One Power Tube. The power is derived from a motor generator. Center—The Five K.W. Spark Transmitter. The Rotary Spark Gap is Mounted on the Same Shaft as the Motor Generator. Right—The Receiving Units, the Left-hand of Which Holds the Heterodyne Set Used for Receiving Continuous Wave Signals. It Tunes from 200 to 20,000 Meters. The Cabinet on the Right is the Detector Unit for the Main Tuner Resting on Top. Which is Used for the Reception of Spark Signals.

ONCE in a blue moon, a dream comes true. For years C. V. Maudsley, A. H. Forman and A. F. Porter dreamed of being radio operators aboard some great ocean liner and at last their delusions have come true, for they are, at the present writing, chief, second and third operators respectively aboard the 45,000 ton Cunard liner Aquitania, better known to wireless men as MSU. But they are not the only ones who have such dreams for there are still hundreds of other commercial operators and many amateur radio enthusiasts who are looking forward to the day when they will operate the equipment aboard some giant vessel like the Aquitania. Truly, it is the ambition of many but the realization of only a few, for there are not many ships like MSU. The high, clear, musical spark of the Aquitania is one that attracts immediate attention. It is well known on the North Atlantic and the hearts of many beat fast when they hear her working for at once they have visions of a great ship, with a wonderful radio room. When at sea she is a city of some 3,000 souls—a city of the sea.

For generations the ships of this line have been built with two main features predominating in the minds of the designers. These two elements are safety and comfort. The question of safety has been given the greater consideration of the two and under this heading comes her splendid radio equipment. She carries a spark transmitter more powerful than any other merchantman has, besides a continuous wave transmitter and an emergency set. There is even a large lifeboat equipped with a complete radio installation. She is also equipped with the latest submarine signalling device for detecting any possible approach to danger while at sea. Besides this the vessel is completely wired with an automatic electric fire alarm system and even the deepest cargo holds are connected with the bridge by a combined system of indicator and extinguisher.

The receiving installation aboard the Aquitania consists of two independent receiving units, either of which may be used by simply throwing a switch which is mounted in a convenient manner. One set is known as a piano tuner. It has been termed such by the English operators because of the fact that tuning is accomplished by a number of keys, arranged like those found on a modern piano. It is nothing more than a number of inductances connected in such a manner that wire may be added or subtracted by pressing down either or all of the keys. For detector, a four element tube is employed, there being two grids. A six volt storage battery lights the filament while plate voltage is furnished by a 24 volt battery. The other tuner is known as a Heterodyne receiver and goes anywhere from 200 to 20,000 meters. This is used mainly for copying C.W. Here a bulb is also used for detector. The phones used are of English manufacture, wound to a resistance of 120 ohms. A special design transformer is incorporated in the receiving set which really brings the resistance of the phones up to over 2,000 ohms. If this transformer had not been built, the English Marconi Company would have had to discard several thousand pairs of these low resistance receivers, most of which were made previous to the appearance of the crystal or audion receivers. Wound to a resistance of 120 ohms they worked well with the old magnetic detector type of receiving set.



The Complete Lifeboat Transmitter and Receiver. The Handle Protuding from the Side is Used in Conjunction With the Hand-Operated Generator Which Supplies the Necessary Power.

The main spark transmitter is one of 5-kilowatt power rating, the rotory gap being mounted on the motor generator shaft, similar to the idea followed on the American Marconi Company's 2-K. W. panel type transmitter. Though it is rated at the above power, the set can easily be forced up to 7 K. W. and one can readily realize what the radiation would be, and what work could be accomplished. In a separate room, just off the main operating quarters is located the big 5-kilowatt motor generator, condensers and aerial tuning inductances. By means of a plug and jack arrangement, transmission can be carried on on 300, 450, 600 and 800 meters. It is expected that there will soon be arrangements made for an 1800-meter wave-length. In this same room are also located the antenna switch and the four pole switch which is employed for throwing either the spark or C. W. transmitter in the circuit. Switches, rheostats, etc., for controlling the motor generator are mounted conventiently on the operating table. When transmitting, the current is broken through a heavily constructed relay.

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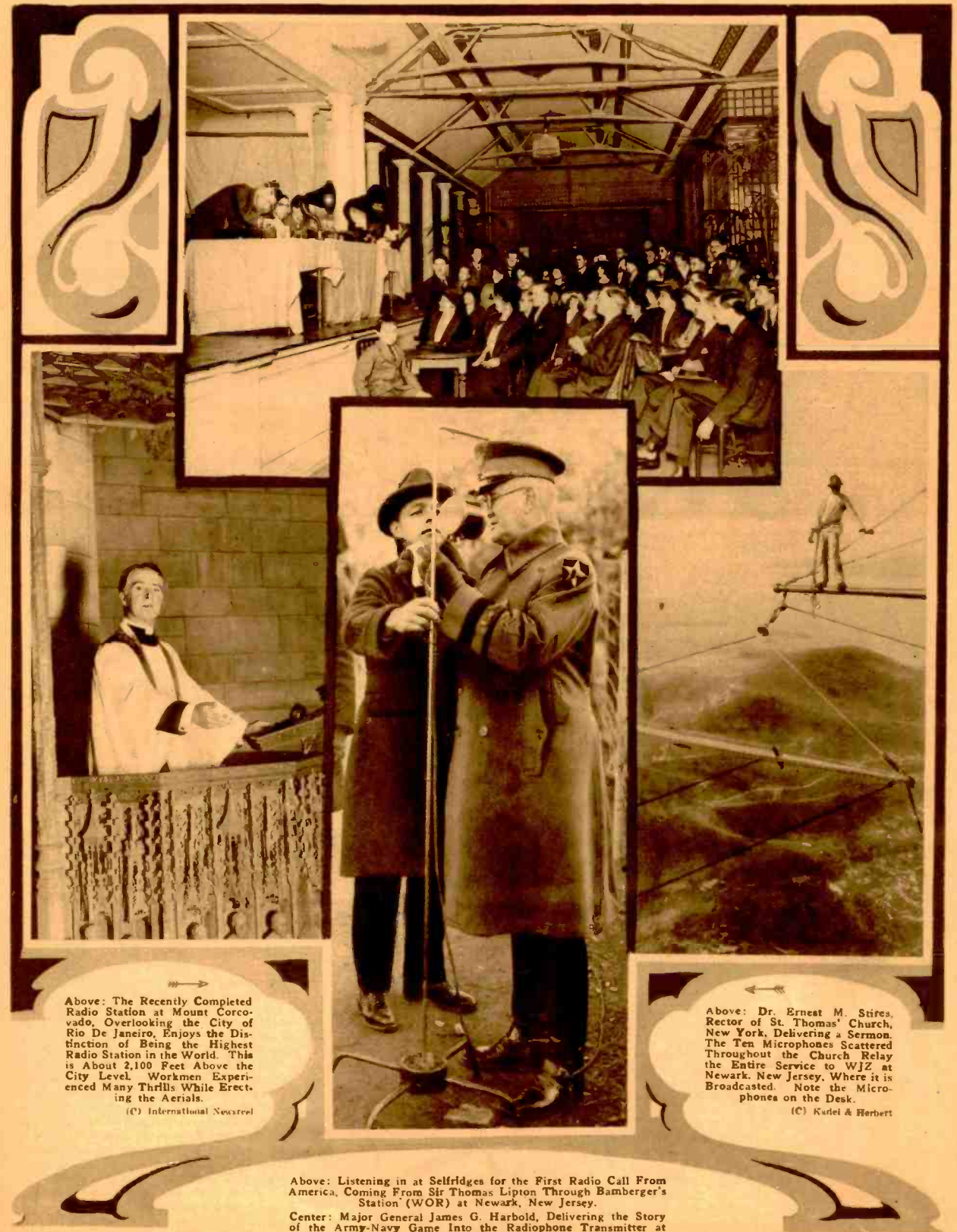

Above: The Recently Completed Radio Station at Mount Corcovado, Overlooking the City of Rio De Janeiro, Enjoys the Distinction of Being the Highest Radio Station in the World. This is About 2,100 Feet Above the City Level. Workmen Experienced Many Thrills While Erecting the Aerials.

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Above: Dr. Erneat M. Stires, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, New York, Delivering a Sermon. The Ten Microphones Scattered Throughout the Church Relay the Entire Service to WJZ at Newark, New Jersey, Where it is Broadcasted. Note the Microphones on the Desk.

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Above: Listening in at Selfridges for the First Radio Call From America, Coming From Sir Thomas Lipton Through Bamberger's Station (WOR) at Newark, New Jersey.

Center: Major General James G. Harbold, Delivering the Story of the Army-Navy Game Into the Radiophone Transmitter at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Radio Saved His Business

THE business acumen of Angus McCallum, 10 years old, sole proprietor of a soda pop stand the past summer, in Kansas City, Mo., has solved a problem for him. To begin with, business was not so good for Angus. Pedestrians sauntered by his stand wholly ignoring the gorgeous array of pop bottles, and truck drivers raced by with an excuse-my-dust attitude which caused much concern. Rivals waxed prosperous, while Angus sadly lacked patronage. That is, until all the ingenuity of 10 years was brought into play. Then Angus hung up a sign bearing this inscription: Hear the Radio Ball Scores—WDAF. It happens that Angus is a radio enthusiast of the first order and is the proud possessor of a fully equipped receiving set. After this sign was put up, workmen made his stand their

Hot Stuff from the Radio and Cold Soda Pop to Cool Them Off is the Philosophy of This Young Man Who Built Up a Thriving Business by Giving the Baseball Scores by Radio

rendezvous, and, while listening to the latest baseball returns, quaffed innumerable bottles of pop. When there were concerts at night, chairs were brought out to accommodate regular customers, who were served by Angus and Mary, his sister, who is all a pal could possibly be. An electric light was placed in a nearby tree to attract bugs and mosquitoes, for only *radio* "bugs" were permitted in or near the stand. Young Mr. McCallum enjoyed an almost undisputed monopoly, all serious competition having ceased. "Too much radio," is the unanimous verdict of his former competitors in soda pop. And Angus—well, Angus's face after that was a triumph of smiles as he advised every one to "do it with radio." "All my profit is going to dad's bank," he proudly declares.

Which Goes To Prove—

MISS Ruby Wrightson, of Mobile, Ala., just 18 years of age, has been following up radio as her favorite study for some time past which goes to prove that we of the whiskers are not the whole "shooting match."

Last May she took an examination for a first-class amateur license, passing with a percentage of 91. From that time, she has been constructing her own sets. One is a short wave receiver and the one you see in the picture is a multi-range regenerative receiver which she copied from page 860 of the November issue of RADIO NEWS. This

Miss Ruby Wrightson Seated Before Her Radio Set. The Entire Outfit Was Constructed by Herself. She Is the Proud Possessor of a First Grade Amateur License

multi-range receiver is entirely her own work. The bank-wound coil was made by herself as well as the panel and carpentry work. This receiver has given very fine results; Miss Ruby has many friends and every night they enjoy hearing good music and speeches from various broadcasting stations all over the states, the longest distance up to the present time has been Los Angeles, California.

This set was constructed at a total cost of $13.85. The fine results obtained prove the ability of the constructor and as well, may we say, her economy (an important factor). How about it, OM?

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Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee Hold Hands

By ELLIS PARKER BUTLER

Sophia, take your hand off that dial! Do you hear me? Once! Twice! For the third and last time—

ONE evening when Mr. Murchison had seated himself in the smoking car, en route from New York to his home in Westcote, his radio-enthusiastic neighbor Brownlee came and sat beside him.

"Hello, Murchison," Mr. Brownlee said; "How is your radio working these days?"

"Brownlee," said Murchison, frowning, "I wish you would not talk about radio to me. It annoys me, Brownlee. But if you must know, Brownlee, my radio is not working at all these days. You know very well, Brownlee, that the last time you were in my house you tried some silly stunt and wired Mrs. Bimberry's ankle to the radiator, and my wife has not spoken to me since. I have not been near my radio, Brownlee, since that night. In my opinion, Brownlee, radio has caused enough trouble in my family."

Mr. Brownlee, who remembered the night of Mr. Murchison's radio party quite well, blushed, but he was a genuinely enthusiastic radio lover and after a moment he said:

"If you will pardon me for saying so, Murchison, that trouble was not the fault of the radio. Radio never causes trouble. Radio brings peace and happiness into the home."

"You mean," said Mr. Murchison, "that my wife allowed herself to—ah—to become irritated."

"That is exactly what I do mean," said Brownlee frankly. "And I say so because nothing of that sort ever happens in my home. Night after night my wife and I sit before our loud-speaker, often holding hands as we did when we were young lovers, and listen to the soothing strains of sweet music as they come to us through the air. Even if I have been irritated by business cares and my wife has come home a little cross from some quarrel at her club, the music soothes and delights us and we are more loving and amiable than ever before. I do hate to think that you have given up radio, Murchison! I wish you could see how it warms and softens the hearts of my dear Sophia and myself—how we sit there evening after evening——"

He stopped short and slapped Mr. Murchison on the knee.

"Say!" he exclaimed enthusiastically; "You've got to come over this very evening! It is going to be a great evening! Do you know what WPX is broadcasting tonight? Why, man, WPX is broadcasting the Benk-Coogan prize fight right from the ringside!"

"You don't say!" exclaimed Mr. Murchison. "By George, that ought to be great! What time——"

The result of this conversation was that shortly after dinner Mr. Murchison coughed gently and told his wife he believed he would run over to Brownlee's for an hour or so if she did not mind.

"I would far rather you went there than that you brought him here," said Mrs. Murchison coldly, and Mr. Murchison put on his coat and hat and went over to Brownlee's. When the maid ushered him into the library, where Brownlee's radio was installed, no one was there.

"Mr. Brownlee said, sir," the maid told him, "that I should tell you he had just gone out for some cigars, but he will be back soon. Mrs. Brownlee is not home; she went out auto-riding with Mrs. Bimberry and stopped there for dinner."

Brownlee returned almost immediately. He handed Mr. Murchison one of the cigars and told him to light up, and lit a cigar himself.

"I'm sorry my wife is not home," Murchison," he said. "This prize fight is going to be great, but what I really wanted was for

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Who's Who in Radio

W. C. WHITE

W. C. WHITE, of the Research Laboratory of the General Electric Co., is one of the prominent men in the field of radio investigation and invention, and has to his credit a number of important developments. Since he joined the staff of the laboratory, about ten years ago, he has contributed extensively to radio and vacuum tube progress and is among the acknowledged authorities on the subject as well as an inventor of distinction.

Born in Brooklyn, in 1890, Mr. White received his preparatory education in the Englewood, N. J., High School, from which he was graduated in 1908. He spent the following summer in the Research Laboratory of Schenectady, and in the fall began the course in electrical engineering at Columbia University, from which he was graduated in 1912. He then became a member of the staff of the laboratory, as an assistant to Dr. Irving Langmuir, and is still so employed.

His interest in radio began at an early age. When only 13, he constructed a radio transmitting and receiving equipment at Englewood, and the following year he built a form of portable receiver and used it in Florida to hear the naval station at Pensacola. While a senior in high school he and other boys of the town built radio sets for communicating among themselves.

W. C. WHITE

For the first few months after joining the General Electric Co., he devoted his attention to mercury arc problems, and then took up vacuum tube work. Some years later he conducted important experimental work on the generation of very short waves and very low frequencies by means of vacuum tubes, and in 1919 took an active part in high power radio telephone tests with the U. S. S. *George Washington*. For the past few years he has given particular study to high power vacuum tubes, and he has taken out a considerable number of patents on vacuum tubes.

Numerous articles by Mr. White have appeared in RADIO NEWS from time to time. One of special interest entitled "Some operating Characteristics of Electron Tubes" was published in the May, 1921, issue of RADIO NEWS. This contained authoritative data of great importance to the amateur interested in C.W. and phone transmitters. It proved of help to many in designing apparatus for use with electron valves.

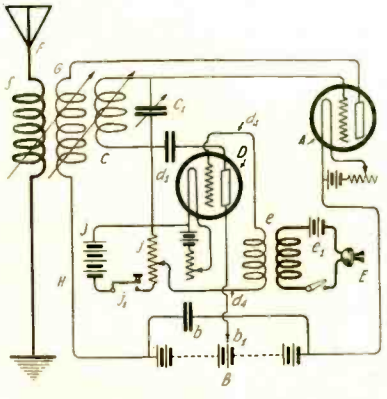
Mr. White has given numerous addresses before radio clubs and A. I. E. E. sections and is the author of several articles on radio topics. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Xi.

A Method of Eliminating the Carrier Wave in Radio Telephony

By R. HEATHER

THE methods of modulating wireless telephone circuits at the moment in general use, whilst all attaining their objectives to a greater or lesser degree, are comparatively inefficient when we come to review the attendant circuits of most of these methods of control, and the loss of energy involved. The writer has produced a combination of circuits—a schematic diagram of which is attached—wherein there are no sustained oscillations until such time as, by the impinging of sound waves on the microphone, the system is caused to oscillate, and ultimately radiate energy in the form of wholly modulated ether waves. The practical usefulness of a system entirely eliminating the surplus carrier wave is very great, particularly if the adoption of the system does not call for the use of delicately-balanced circuits and difficult adjustments. The circuits necessary for the system about to be described are not, for ordinary change-over work, at all complicated, and the adjustments are by no means difficult. Very good results have been obtained with powers from approximately two watts up to 50 watts with a radiating aerial, but for higher powers tests have only been carried out on a dummy aerial. The quality of received speech is excellent, and is not affected by the amount of power consumed at the transmitter; that is to say, the same circuits and the same modulating valve will handle high powers or low, depending upon the capacity of the power valve only. Naturally, the insulation of the circuits must be sufficiently high to insure against breakdown in cases where high voltages are used. This "condenser-leak modulation lends itself very effectively to duplex telephony, and with proper modification of the circuits shown here, the writer has been able to carry on conversations in the same way as with an ordinary telephone line without any switching whatsoever for the "receive." The clearness of speech, music, etc., is exceptionally good. The system will now be briefly described.

The main valve A is connected through the inductance G, which may be coupled to the coil *f* of the aerial F, to a suitable source of high potential, such as direct current, from the primary or secondary



Until Sound Waves are Impressed on the Microphone, no Sustained Oscillations are Generated in This Circuit, Hence the Absence of the Usual Carrier Wave.

battery B, or a dynamo, or rectified alternating current from an alternator or transformer. The filament *a* of the valve is connected to the negative side of the current supply, which may have a condenser *b* connected across it to provide an easy path for the flow of oscillatory energy when the valve A is in operation. The oscillatory circuit C comprising the inductance *c* and condenser c_1, and suitably coupled to the inductance G of the main circuit H, is connected to the grid a_1 of the valve A on one side, and at the other is connected to the filament *d* of the modulating valve D and also to a condenser d_1, the other side of which is connected to the anode d_2 of the modulating valve, which anode is in turn connected to the tapping b_1 taken off the main supply, or to a separate battery connected to the filament of the main valve, according to the type of modulating valve D employed.

The grid d_1 of the modulating valve may be connected up to the secondary of the step-up transformer *e*, in the primary of which is the microphone E and battery e_1, or the microphone E may be placed direct in the grid circuit d_1, the grid d_1 being kept normally at a definite negative potential with respect to its filament by means of a battery J and potentiometer *j*. With the valve circuits as above described, on adjusting the negative potential on the grid d_1 of the modulating valve D and the positive potential on the anode by tapping from the main current source B (or separate battery) connected to the filament of the main valve A, the system can be arranged to oscillate continuously, assuming that the oscillatory circuit connected to the grid of the main valve is turned to the frequency of the main circuit H. If, however, the negative potential on the grid d_1 of the modulating valve D is increased by the potentiometer *j* to such a value as just to cause the oscillations through the main valve A to stop, the system is very unstable, and any external disturbance impressing a positive charge on the grid of the modulating valve D will cause the system to oscillate to a greater or less amplitude according to the amount of the charge.

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WITH THE AMATEURS

THIS Department is open to all readers. It matters not whether subscribers or not. All photos are judged for best arrangement and efficiency of the apparatus, neatness of connections and general appearance. In order to increase the interest in this department, we prefer to publish photographs of stations accompanied by a picture of the owner.

We prefer dark photos to light ones. The prize winning pictures must be on prints not smaller than 5 x 7". We cannot reproduce pictures smaller than 3½ x 3½". All pictures must bear name and address written in ink on the back. A letter of not less than 100 words giving full description of the station, aerial equipment, etc., must accompany the pictures.

PRIZES: One first monthly prize of $5.00. All other pictures will be paid for at the rate of $2.00 each.

H. E. Gaudet's Station

Canadian 1AA

This Month's Prize Winner

This is One of the First Canadian SStations, but There is Nothing of Antique Appearance. American Apparatus is in Evidence. In the Extreme Left is a C. W. and Phone Transmitter Followed by an Amrad Short Wave Receiver. The Magnavox Rests on Top of a Two-Stage Audio Frequency Amplifier. Mr. Gaudets' Spark Transmitter May be Seen on the Shelf Above the Receiving Apparatus

HERE is a photo of my Radio station. My aerial consists of four wires 100 ft. long supported by two towers 80 ft. high with a four wire lead in and a counterpoise for a ground. The set consists of the following instruments.

At the extreme right of the table is the switch board. Next to the switch board is a home made short wave regenerative receiver with detector and three step amplifier; for a detector I use an old type Auditron and it works splendidly. On the top of the detector and amplifier is another home made short wave receiver non-regenerative which I use with a two step radio frequency amplifier. Next to it is another Single Circuit receiver regenerative. After that comes the Amrad short wave receiver with two step audio frequency and two step radio frequency amplification; this set works wonderfully and a lot of long distance reception has been copied on it. After that is the home made C. W. and Phone set which is not yet completed. I have heard 73 American broadcasting stations and four Canadian broadcasting stations up to the present. At present I am using a ¼ K.W. spark transmitter consisting of a rotary gap, condenser, O. T. and a ¼ K.W. Acme transformer. The C.W. set will be completed in a week or so and I would like to hear from any amateur who happens to hear us.

HAROLD E. GAUDET,
Summerside P. E. I., Canada.

Bryce Ballinger's Station, 5LO

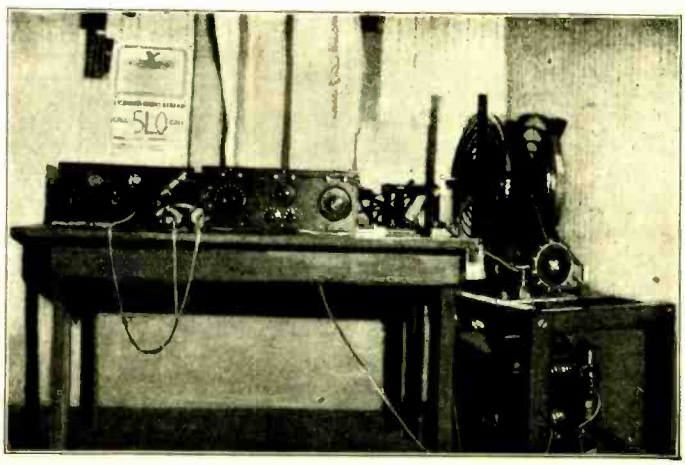
I AM sending you photographs and complete description of Radio Station 5LO.

My aerial is made up of three stranded copper wires 50 feet high and 80 feet long spaced 1¾ ft. apart. The ground system is of gas pipe. The receiver is of the Mid-West regenerative type with a wave length range of 150-600 meters. At the left of the picture is the detector and two stage amplifier panel. This panel is home made. The bulbs used are 1 tron bulb for detector and a Marconi and Moorhead tubes for amplifiers. I am using Brandes phones.

The transmitter consists of an old style Thordarson transformer. The condenser is a home-made glass plate one immersed in oil. The O.T. is also home-made and has six turns to the Primary and nine turns to the Secondary. The gap is of the rotary type (open) and rotates at an approximate speed of 5000 R.P.M. The whole transmitter is mounted on a frame made of 2 x 2's and makes a very compact transmitter.

With my receiver I have heard over 100 amateur stations within the last two weeks, representing the 5th, 9th, 8th, and 4th Districts. Have heard lots of C.W. and phone also. I also hear ships and on one occasion picked up an SOS distress signal. I have had very good success with my transmitter having been heard in Minn., Mich., Va., ship off coast of Key West, Fla., and many points closer in.

Beginning in about two weeks I will broadcast every night at 8 o'clock and again at 10 o'clock the results of the South Western League Baseball team of which Miami, Okla. is a member. I would be very much obliged if any amateurs hearing this QST or those who have previously heard my signals would write me. I have not had my license long enough to get my name in the call books.



Simplicity in Design and Arrangement is the Keynote of This Station's Efficiency. Note the Right to Left Arrangement of the Short Wave Receiver and Amplifier. This Makes Short Leads from the Antenna Switch Possible. The Method of Mounting the Spark Transmitter Appeals to Us

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In closing I respectfully suggest to the editors of RADIO NEWS that they publish a "calls heard" department as it would undoubtedly benefit the amateurs in general.

Respectfully yours,

BRYCE BALLINGER,
Miami, Okla.

Station 2ABJ
Bronx, New York

THE accompanying picture is of station 2ABJ owned and operated by Nat. H. Sauberman of 789 East 163rd St., New York. This station is the outcome of many years of development. 2ABJ before the World War proudly boasted of a Marconi coherer set and a half inch spark coil "transmitter." The present set consists of a Grebe CR-8 short wave set and two-step amplifier. The Magnavox shown in the photo is very rarely used except to entertain an embryo music hound. The transmitter is not elaborate as

Mr. Sauberman's receiver is Recognized as a Grebe CR-8 and Two-Stage Amplifier. The Transmitter Which is Not Shown in the Photo is a 10-Watt C.W. Set.

2ABJ is mostly interested in amateur DX work and specializes on the receiving end. The transmitter is a 10-watt C.W. spark coil set with which good work has been done. Some of the DX stations heard are 1XM, 1AW, 1AJU, 4NT, 5XA, 6UW, 6EN, 9UH, and a host of others. The antenna is of the inverted L type 100 ft. long and 60 ft. high. Since the taking of this picture a larger C.W. transmitter has been installed.

N. H. SAUBERMAN,

TRY THIS

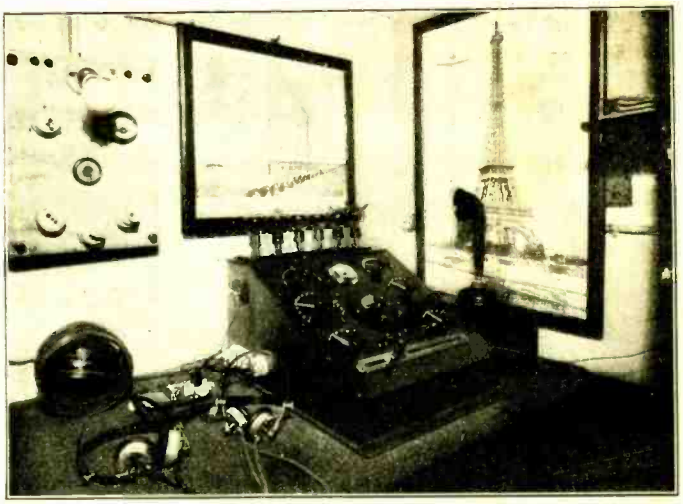
A western man is under the impression that his will is being controlled by radio. Asking for help he was advised to place a wire mesh scrap-basket over his head and ground it!

We are wondering if he is now living a peaceful life—and incidently, how he likes his food through a straw.

3AX

Contrary to the last call book, the call 3AX has been issued to Irving R. Sarbacher, 2644 Maryland Ave., Baltimore, Maryland. Any report on the C.W. or I.C.W. signals of 3AX will be appreciated.

Mr. Anen's Station at Luxembourg



The Desk-shaped Cabinet is Very Popular Abroad. This Receiver Certainly Has a Good Appearance. It is a Regenerative Outfit with Two Stages of Radio and Four Stages of Audio Frequency. All the Necessary Controls Are Mounted On an Ebonite Panel

MR. Anen, member of The Radio Club of Luxembourg, has mounted his apparatus in a desk-shaped box with the ebonite panel in an inclined position. Inside the box are mounted: the loading, tuning and reaction coils, the tuning condenser, the transformers for the 4-stage audio amplifier, the resistances and capacities of the 2-stage resistance-coupled Radio amplifier. The sliding contact of the tuning coil, the antenna-switch, the tuning switches, the rheostats and meters are mounted on the ebonite panel.

This set of clever and new design is entirely home-made and gives an extremely strong reception for telegraphy and telephony over a wave-length range of 500 to 25,000 meters. A loud-talker of American origin completes this remarkable outfit.

The Old Time Ham Gets Out

By JOHN F. BRONT

EXPERIMENTERS, friends and fellow amateurs! Lend me your ear phones. You know some time ago I swore by the beard of the pink-toed Prophet that never for me again in the radio game. I just laid away the old carborundum and potentiometer, the heterodyne, the autodyne and the iodine. Raised my right (or was it the left) to high Heaven and called the attention of Allah to the fact that I was done forever. No more sitting up at nights under a small town light company's 60-cycle carbon lamps. No more right end runs or flying tackles among the bargain hunters at the radio bazars. I told my friends, with a strong emphasis on the done. An old time spark coil murderer nodded his head wisely at my resolve. The matter was he nodded a little too wisely. He said, "of course, old top, you are done, sure you are, done for ever! Yeah! Like—er—well some warm place, you are." "S'truth," I protested with vehemence. "Uh huh," he said.

Well, I made up my mind that I would stick it out. I read all the magazines in the house, bought all neighborhood stands out and perused everything from Harper's to La Vie Parisienne. I started on "superpower of Will" or "How to Get Rich in Nineteen Days Through Force of Will," by Professor Moneybits. George Worthington from down the street dropped in and invited me to hear his new four-stage radio frequency outfit. I demurred. I recalled the brilliant words of the daring professor. I expounded and propounded and nearly got pounded in my vehement laying down of the professor's principles, so forcibly bringing out the deplorable subservience of man to material objects and common desires due solely to his lack of will power. Somehow down in my chest, I figured that I might need this power of will stuff and need it badly. I noticed the wife smiling demurely. I knew it was meant for me and my new, but as yet undeveloped fight, against the intrusion of the radio bug. Mary Gordon from a neighboring apartment house and an old friend of the family's rather a young friend of an old family, stated to me in a proudly shy manner that her uncle Tom had given her a duck of a radio receiving set. All one had to do was to turn a switch, and wouldn't I come up with the wife and hear it? Just once? Bill Marcell dropped in one afternoon and said, "Jack, I've got the dandiest radio set in town, won't you come up and listen to it? I copied FL and TSR last night!" I writhed in agony. Fat chance I would have to get away from radio with all this propaganda thrust under my nose! I was done with radio. Never again, per my resolution witnessed by Allah and probably properly entered in his log. I drew up my defenses and intrenched behind the abris and barricades I found in the professor's "Superpower of Will," the which would stave off any future attack from the radio epidemic. I was through completely; nevermore!

The wife came in and said, "Jack, the Thompsons had a fine entertainment last night over the radio. Madame XZCUPLM-XYL sang at AKDK and it was charming."

What! Was I to be "hounded and even bearded in my own—er—castle even by my own wife?" It looked to me like a fiendish plot all through. I told the wife in more certain and specific terms than I had ever used in the old honeymoon days, when we used to moon in the garden completely oblivious to the fact that there would be the ice bill and the light bill and the rent bill to look after, that I was being hounded to force me back into the madness concurred in my late attempt at radio reception, after I had been innoculated through exposure to some infected person or rather a million of them in one way or other.

She smiled indulgently, in fact more indulgently than she had ever done in our courting days. It was the last straw. I fled my emplacements behind my "Superpower of Will" and fled for the subway. Alighting up town I asked at my regular cigar stand

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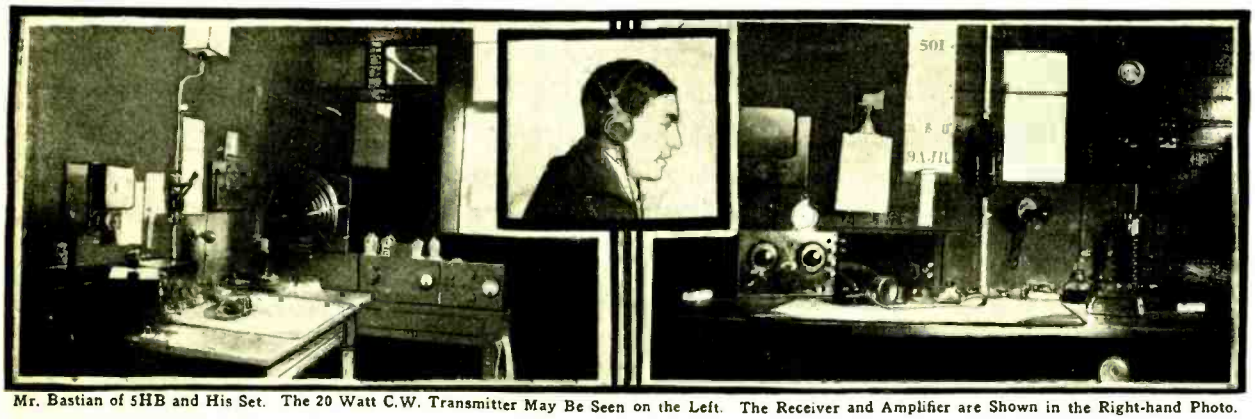
5HB Makes Radio History

By E. T. JONES



Mr. Bastian of 5HB and His Set. The 20 Watt C.W. Transmitter May Be Seen on the Left. The Receiver and Amplifier are Shown in the Right-hand Photo.

FIGHTING hard to demonstrate the real mettle of the Radio Amateur, Mr. Louis Bastian of New Orleans, Louisiana (5HB), during the American Legion Convention, sent two complete messages to another Radio Amateur (7SC) at Seattle, Washington, some *twenty-two hundred miles distant.*

Mr. Bastian's home-made transmitting set, although having a rating of but TWENTY WATTS (4 UV 202 tubes), has been reaching out to every state in the union and amateurs in Canada report receiving his signals strong.

In addition to receiving 164 cards from amateurs scattered from California to Maine and down to Miami, Florida, and as far north as Canada, Mr. Bastian has succeeded in actually establishing communication and handling traffic with one or more stations in every one of the nine radio districts as follows:

Worked.....	1	One district station
"	3	Two district stations
"	3	Three district stations
"	14	Four district stations
"	27	Five district stations
"	1	Six district station
"	1	Seven district station
"	20	Eight district stations
"	48	Nine district stations

All this has been accomplished in three actual working months—the station having been closed down several times for repairs and during the hot months of the static season.

The thousands upon thousands of novices listening to radio concerts marvel at the reception of music from powerful stations some few hundred miles away; however, if they realized the true import of this epoch making record of Mr. Bastian they would no doubt realize the importance of *his kind.*

When I say "His Kind" I mean the amateur who also respects the novice and does not interfere with the broadcasted concerts. His license is not of the "Special" kind *and he furnished clear cut proof that the amateur does not require a special license to send on longer wavelengths which result in interfering with broadcast reception.*

With his station reaching out everywhere and to points thought impossible, he has not interfered with anyone as yet; which goes further to show that *there is no excuse for amateur interference.*

The time and effort it took Mr. Bastian to design and construct his station and install it "according to Hoyle" has resulted in practically 100 per cent efficiency, in output—in tuning—and in overall operation of the set.

Too many amateurs are careless in installing their sets and they often interfere with both the broadcast listeners and the DX relay amateurs—even though they have been tuned to apparently their prescribed *wavelength* by the inspector.

THE STATION

The first thing which greets the eye upon entering the Super-Amateur station which Mr. Bastian constructed are nine cards pinned on the wall—A card from each district beginning with the First District and ending up with a card from one of the Ninth District amateurs. This tells the whole story at a glance. One immediately endeavors to get a view of the apparatus which sent these waves over such great distances. It is a disappointment—for instead of a large bulky assortment of electrical machinery there is little or nothing more to be seen of the transmitter beyond the small 8" x 25" bakelite panel.

Just to the left of the modern noiseless transmitter is the old antiquated spark set which in its day was one of the best in the country. Even though it is extremely noisy in operation, it has (as far as Mr. Bastian is concerned) made its last "bark" and, as he mildly put it, "You can add that it is FOR SALE."

This antiquated spark set is rated at 500 watts with a maximum transmitting range of 800 miles in comparison to the modern 20 watt set which has a range of 2,200 miles.

The old set then required approximately one watt to the mile while the new set requires approximately one watt for every hundred miles.

For those interested in reproducing the set, Mr. Bastian has constructed the following points of importance which will be of value.

The Hartley circuit shown in Fig. 1 is employed.

Radio Service Company tuning inductance (30 turns).

Somerville .002 grid condenser.

Faradon .002 plate stopping condenser.

Porcelain sockets.

1-plate milliammeter scale 0-300 Jewel.

1-Filament voltmeter scale 0-15.

(Tubes operate on eight volts.)

Thordason plate supply transformer—150 watt—1000-1500 volts.

Thordason filament heating transformer—150 watt—12 volts.

Acme 1½ Henry double choke coil.

2 Faradon UC-490 1 mfd. 1750 volt condensers.

The electrolytic rectifier is made up of 48 half-pint glasses (24 in each leg) half filled with a solution of *amonium phosphate.* The use of amonium phosphate is far su-

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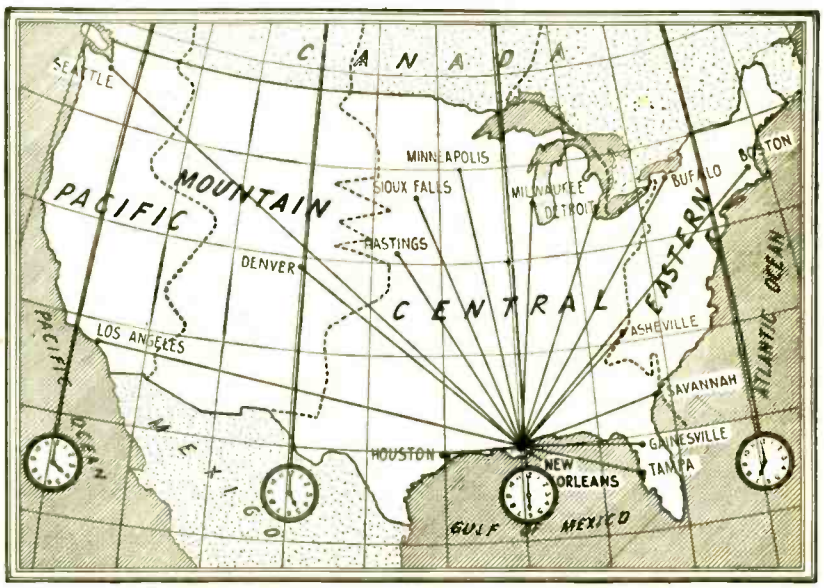

A Map Showing the Distance Covered by 5HB. Stations in Every District have been worked. The 20 Watt Set Used Has a Range of 2200 Miles.

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New DX Record Set By 6ZY, At Honolulu, Hawaii

FOR the benefit of the 25,000 radio amateurs, scattered from Canada to the Mexican border, who are interested in transmitting radio signals over greater and greater distances, the following story will tell of some remarkable records established on the night of October 28-29.

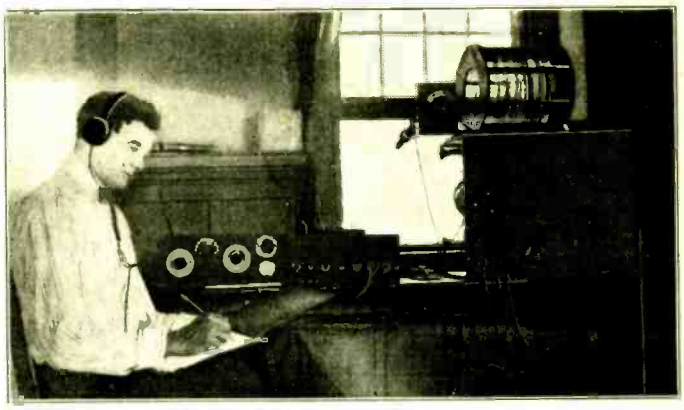
With a Beverage antenna connected to my receiver which was thoroughly described in last month's issue of RADIO NEWS, a new world's record was established for daylight transmission. At 3:25 P. M. the receiver was connected up and a test started to determine if everything was functioning properly. The whole ether universe was found to be wide open for here was 6PI, 6BCR, 7SC, 6CU, and 6AK chirping away in real midnight style. All of these fellows were logged from 3:28 P. M. to 4:11 P. M. Hawaiian time, which is near sun down on the Pacific Coast. The distance from Honolulu to Seattle is approximately 2800 statute miles. This is believed to be the greatest distance covered for daylight reception of amateurs. This distance is almost equivalent to Godley's record which he established during night time while in Scotland. Bear this in mind, please, because it will emphasize my record as one to be proud of.

It is also believed that on the night of Oct. 28-29 the writer established a new record in the amateur world for hearing amateurs from all districts, including Canada. Amateurs from every district were actually heard and conversations and messages were intercepted; 14 amateurs in the state of New York were logged, which sets another record for long distance reception. The distance to New York from Honolulu is near the six thousand mile mark. For the benefit of the reader I will print the calls and what information was intercepted from each amateur. It is not possible to reprint all the conversation and messages heard as space is not available. My log is kept on file and any information will be furnished anyone upon request.

Symbols used are as follows:

* Messages intercepted.
** Conversation intercepted.
† Calls and international signals intercepted.

1BKA†.



Mr. Thomas Marshall Listening in on His Receiver. Remarkable Results Have Been Obtained With This Set, Using a Beverage Antenna. Stations in Every District of the United States Have Been Copied.

2FW**, 2LO**, 2FZ**, 2BGM**, 2AFB**, 2GO**†, 2AWL**.

Forty "6" stations were logged.

3AUU**, 3CO**, 3DH**, 4KM†, 4FG**, 4ID**, 4GH**, 4BY**, 5SK**, 5KC†, 5PX*, 5SM†, 5GV**, 5NK**, 5PB**, 5UO**, 5SF**, 5TC**, 5AEC**, 5ZAU**, 5EO**, 5EK†, 5AG**,

7SC, 7BK, 7HM, 7BJ, 7UU,

8CAZ†, 8BO†, 8BFM†, 8YD†**, 8BXA**, 8BEF**, 8XAE†, 8CGP†, 8BXH*, 8ANB†, 8OW**, 8AQO**, 8AIO**, 8ML**, 8BEO**, 8ND**, 8ANJ**, 8PD†, 8CM1†, 8SP†, 8BFM†, 8AWM**, 8CBD**, 8CF**,

9AUL†, 9AMB**, 9BRG**, 9DPA†, 9BB†, 9ZAF**†, 9AWM**†, 9GK†, 9UU**, 9CP†, 9CG**, 9AXU†, 9AOG**†, 9AWS**, 9CCV**, 9CFV**, 9CIP**, 9DSM**, 9DKY**, 9ZN**, 9AW**† (Canadian), 9DTM**, 9LZ**, 9YAJ†, 9AM†, 9DPA†, 9BRG**, 9AUX**.

It is to be noted that only one "1" station was heard, which was 1BKA. I will never forget how hard we tuned for a "1" station in order to make the radio log complete for every district. I was given a real thrill when 1BKA was logged. I have written to this fellow thanking him for being on the job. He certainly must have a real C.W. transmitter as his signals were fairly clear. 3CO was heard several times and QSA enough for mill work. 3CO is located in Baltimore, Md., which is some 5,500 miles from Honolulu. 3AUU was heard at 5:09 P. M., which is about one hour before dark here in Hawaii. This is an exceptionally good record considering the power he employs and the distance from Hawaii to Virginia. 9AW, Toronto, Canada, came through in very good style. His signals were very QSA, even and dependable. That bird 6KA takes the prize for having

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How Amateurs Can Serve

WE reproduce herewith a simple blank put out by O. H. Hovey, a young amateur of Perry, Okla., who has just completed his seventieth anniversary.

This young man may or may not have known in his heart and soul that the amateur is doomed unless he accomplishes something in the community. We are publishing this merely to show what real amateurs can do to become a leading force in this country. Mr. Hovey's letter follows herewith:

MR. O. H. HOVEY

"Perry, Oklahoma,

"*Editor,*

RADIO NEWS:

"I've just got hold of your October issue, and can't help bothering you to express my great pleasure to see that while it has always been so superlatively good, each succeeding issue is better. I haven't missed an issue for years.

"I'm a Radio Fan of the 32d degree, and have got it *bad*. Hope to live long enough to get a broadcast from Heaven so as to get an idea of what it's like before I leave for there. How about it?

"Very truly yours, signing off,

"O. H. HOVEY."

Most amateurs whose time hangs heavily on their hands might do well to emulate the example set by Mr. Hovey.—EDITOR.

Mr. Hovey Serves His Community Well by Issuing Daily Market Reports and Weather Forecasts. This Shows One of the Standard Blanks Printed for This Purpose.

RADIO NEWS

Received at Hovey's Radio Station, Perry, Okla.

Received from WKY Station at Oklahoma City at 11 o'clock, Thursday, October 5, 1922.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET				COTTON MARKET	
At 11 A.M.				New York	New Orleans
Wheat,	Corn,		Oats,		At 11 A.M.
Sept.				Oct.	20.48
Dec.	1.07-1/8	61-1/4	38-7/8	Dec	20.60
May	1.08-5/8	62-3/4	39-3/8	Jan.	20.68
July—	1.02-1/2	63-1/4	38-3/8		
At					
Sept.	Baseball received today commencing at 12:45, play by play.				
Dec.					
May					

Weather Forecast for Oklahoma:

Thursday Night and Friday

Generally Fair Weather.

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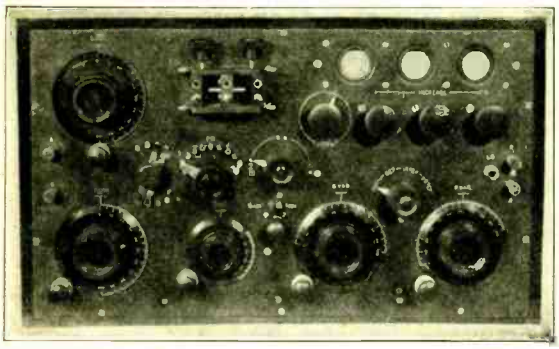
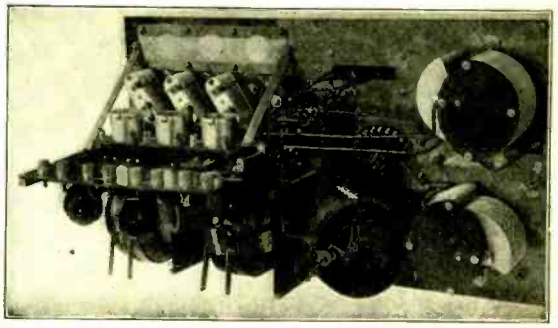
A Universal Receiver

By LOUIS J. GALLO



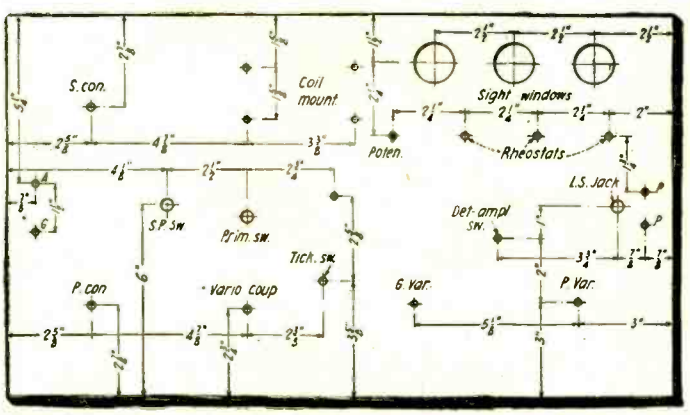


Front and Rear Views of the Completed Receiver. A Detector and Two Stages of Audio Frequency Amplification are Employed. This Set Will Cover a Wide Band of Wavelengths, Switches Being Provided for the Necessary Changes.

IN trying to describe this tuner, I shall first mention its possibilities. This knob with pointer marked Loop—S.W.—L.W. is a Storm Lee Multiplex switch and is used to effect the changes made; while at Loop the secondary honeycomb coil must be omitted. This arrangement, together with the Tickler and Short switch makes it possible to use an outside tuner on the same detector and amplifier as the aerial and ground terminals are then connected directly to the Grid and Filament with the two .001 condensers still in the circuit, one across and the other optional, either in series or parallel. These condensers are also automatically put in the primary and secondary of the S.W. and L. W. The other Multiplex switch is connected in the usual manner to the detector and amplifier with the exception of splitting the amplifier "B" batteries, that is, the first tube draws 60 volts while the second 200 volts for power; while using a Magnavox power tubes can be used up to 2.5 amp., as the Bradleystats can take care of this amount of current: also the last socket should have an extra slot cut in it to provide for other tubes. The jack marked L. S. is for input of Magnavox; when this plug is inserted, the phone terminals are automatically disconnected and the circuit to the fields of the Magnavox closed. This makes a very neat arrangement, as it is impossible to forget the fields all night, and whether the plug is forgotten in or not, if the detector bulb is extinguished, so is the field circuit opened. The beauty of this can also be appreciated by tuning in with phones and in one operation put on the loud speaker. When this tuner was hooked up, phone stations from 1,200 miles came in all over the house and on the L. W., IDO was copied. The S. W. consists of the customary variocoupler and two variometers with condensers and the L. W. honeycomb coils.

In building a set like this, it is well to use the best material, for, at the most, the cost will not exceed $100 and it is a tuner worth having. Parts required for it are as follows, and prices are approximately figured:

2	.001 V Condensers, Electron Co..	$11.00
2	Variometers, Remler	13.00
1	Variocoupler, Remler	5.50
1	3-Coil Mount, any make	5.00
3	Sockets, Optional	3.00
3	Rheostats, Bradleystats	5.55
1	Potentiometer, Paragon	1.75
1	Pri. switch with tape	1.00
1	Small switch, Remler	.40
2	Multiplex switches, Storm Lee..	10.00
1	Fil. Control jack, Federal	1.20
2	Audio Transformers, Acme unmounted	7.00
1	Grid Leak & Con., optional	1.50
4	4" Dials, Tuska	6.40
1	3" dial, Tuska	1.20
5	Verniers, Arkay	5.00
12	Binding posts, optional	2.00
1	pc. ¼" Bakelite 12"x21" ....about	9.00
1	pc. ⅛" Bakelite 4½x9½"	1.00
50	Strip .5000 shim brass	.20
30	⅜" square brass rod	.20
	Screws, nuts, tubing, etc., ... about	3.50
	Cabinet	6.50



Detailed Panel Layout of the Described Set. Everything is Clearly Marked for the Convenience of the Prospective Builder.

The multiplex switch for Loop—S. W.—L. W. must first have the cams changed; also, the last contacts used for filament must be changed, the last one being taken out and advanced one space further than originally. This can be better understood by purchasing one and studying it a while. The other remains the same, but must be mounted in a slanting position if Bradleystats are used for minimum of space. The brass shielding is placed over the entire back of the main panel and is put on in the same manner as tinfoil. The reason for using brass is obvious; it serves as a main bus line carryng the ground and negative filament circuit, and all respective circuits are connected directly and as short as possible to it, it being able to withstand soldering. This is impossible with tinfoil. Lots of wiring is saved by this method and the result is a much neater job. The supports for the cross shielding and sub-panel are made from the ⅜" square brass rod drilled and tapped at one end. The two for the shelving should be 9¼" long, and all should be connected electrically to the main shielding. This sub-panel can be made to any desired dimensions, but should not be more than 9½" long and the outer edge should be screwed to the ends of the supports. Using the material mentioned the dimensions are correct. The sockets are mounted on a cross length of this rod and the transformers are suspended from the bakelite, as far as possible from one another.

On the main panel all exposed screws are flat heads, their respective holes being countersunk carefully and all exposed metal parts are nickelplated, with the exception of the mesh covering sight windows, which is silverplated so as to stay white longer.

For the engraving, as these figures are not standard and as to have them made would be very costly, it is well to make the templates yourself. Procure a

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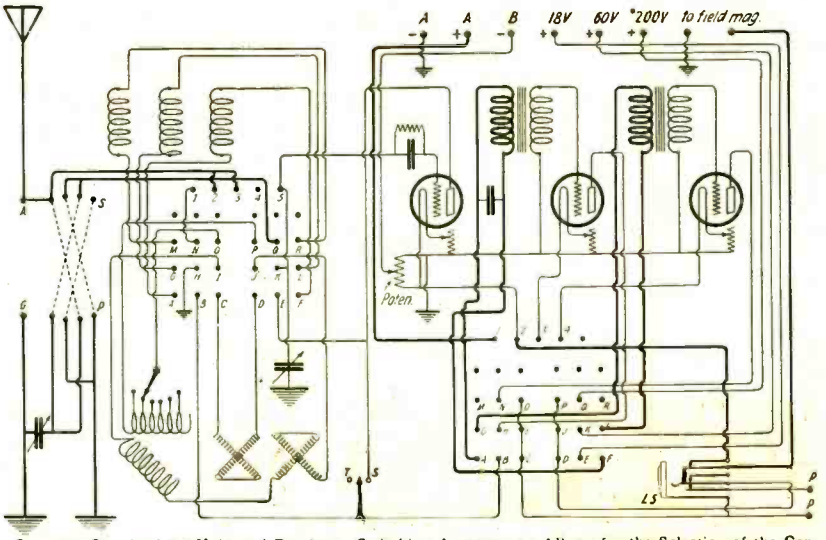
quantity of 1-16" annealed brass sheeting, borrow a set of ½" steel dies and a small cold chisel about 3-16" wide and go to it. You may spoil one or two at the beginning, but with very little practice it will be found comparatively easy. When the set is finished some local dealer will let you have the use of his pantograph engraver for a small sum. It should be adjusted to a ratio of 2 to 1 which will leave about a ¼" lettering finished and just right. The usual manner of filling in is then applied and when dry enough, the whole panel is given an oiled and rubbed finish.

The suggestions offered in article "How to Wire a Radio Set Correctly" in the October issue of RADIO NEWS, are in exact accord with mine. In the panel drawing lay out, I have only shown the shaft holes and main screw holes so as to guide a possible builder, but as he will probably use other makes of instruments, the fitting holes will have to be figured individually. As a further suggestion I would mention buying all material before attempting to drill holes, as this enables you to place it more correctly and saves the bother and ugliness the useless ones.

The cabinet was built of ⅛" oak and stained dark, it was constructed so that the face of the panel fitted flush with the edge of the cabinet, leaving a border around ⅛" oak which gives the set a substantial and commercial appearance. The inner compartment measures 9"x5"x6" and holds a complete set of Giblin Remler Coils.

Anyone interested enough to desire further details on the construction of this set and who will communicate with me, I will be glad to answer if stamp is enclosed. Address Louis J. Gallo, c/o C. B. Moore Studio, 109 Baronne St., New Orleans, La.



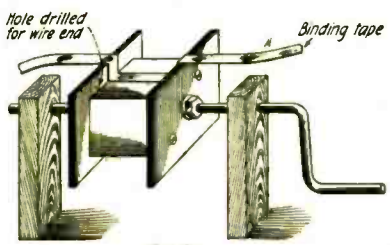
Complete Circuit of the Universal Receiver. Switching Arrangement Allows for the Selection of the Conventional Three Circuit Tuner or Honeycomb Coils. Detector and Amplifier Are Also Controlled by a Switch Instead of the Usual Jacks.

Form Wound Coils

By S. E. WATSON

EVERY amateur electrical worker has occasion at various times to use form wound coils of special dimensions. In the construction of plain magnets or open core apparatus, the wire is usually wound in place directly upon the core. With dynamo or motor fields and closed core apparatus, it is usually impracticable, and, in some cases, impossible, to wind the wire in this way. Consequently, the coils must first be wound upon a form, after which they are removed, tapped, and slipped in place in the apparatus. Square or rectangular coils are needed more often than round ones, but the process of winding is the same in any case.

For the average job a form should be made of exactly the same length as is desired for the finished coil, making due allowance for the necessary insulation to be added later. Each of the other two dimensions should be about ⅛ inch greater than the corresponding dimensions of the core upon which the coil is to be placed. A block of wood planed to the oversize dimensions indicated above, and sawed to the desired length is the most convenient kind of core form. A ¼-inch hole is bored through the longitudinal axis of this block and receives the axle used in rotating the form. The appearance of the finished block is shown in Fig. 1.



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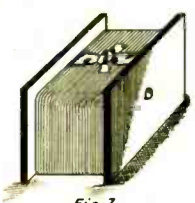

Fig. 3

The Above Illustrations Show Clearly the Method of Constructing the Form and the Means of Winding the Coil.

Two end pieces of suitable size are made from thin board and a ¼ inch hole is bored in the center of each. One end piece is screwed to each end of the core, its center hole coinciding with that in the core. The spool thus formed is slipped on to a ¼-inch rod which has one end threaded for several inches, and the other end bent in the form of a crank. A tap is screwed up tightly to each end of the spool, and the whole is mounted as shown in Fig. 2. The bearings are simply wooden uprights with holes for the axle. If all work has been done with reasonable accuracy, the spool should show no tendency to wobble when the crank is turned.

The first step before winding the coil is to be sure that it will slip off the core readily when it is finished. Wind on the core a single layer of small hard-twisted cord. This layer must be wound perfectly smooth and the ends should be brought out through small holes in the end pieces. Wrap upon this layer two or three thicknesses of thin, stiff paper, just wide enough to come flush against both ends. Glue both tabs of the paper slightly, just enough to hold it in place.

On each side of the core, and parallel to the axis, glue a strip of narrow cloth tape as shown at A, Fig. 2, allowing each end to come up from the core along the end pieces, and fasten temporarily upon the outside. The tape ends must be of sufficient length to tie over the coil when it is wound, thus providing a method of binding it tightly in the process of removal. If the coil is to be a large one, two or more pieces of tape should be placed on each side of the form. After these binders are in place, paint the core with shellac or insulating paint.

Pass one end of the wire to be wound through a small hole drilled through one end-piece. Draw several inches of the wire through and fasten securely by wrapping around the shaft. Wind the required number of turns on the spool, laying each turn as closely as possible against the preceding one. Paint each layer, as it is wound, with a liberal coat of insulating paint, and allow it to partly dry before putting on the next layer. Wire—especially enameled wire—may be placed much more satisfactorily if it is wound on a bed of paint which has been allowed to dry just to the point of tackiness. When all the winding is in place paint the last layer, release the tab ends and tie each piece of tape firmly across the coil, as shown in Fig. 3. Allow time for the paint to harden before removing the coil. Passing just sufficient current through the coil to warm up the wire will hasten the drying.

Take the form from the axle, remove one of the heads, and grasp the end of the layer of string. By pulling in the direction parallel to the axis, the string may be removed, thus leaving a free space between the coil and the core. Remove the coil from the core, tape it and it is finished.

In the final taping the binding tabs should be removed, but it is not necessary to remove the paper. Narrow tape is best, and makes a much neater job on small coils. Each turn should overlap the preceding one by half its width. Going once around the coil with tape in this way gives two thicknesses at every point, and this is usually sufficient.

SHEET CELLULOID

I wish to call the attention of all amateur constructors to the advantages of sheet celluloid in making radio apparatus. It is undoubtedly as good an insulator as bakelite and far more ornamental, if the "grained" sheet used by piano manufacturers for "ivories" be used; it may be obtained from any piano house. Its advantage is that different parts may be glued together with "celluloid putty" (made by filling a 4-oz. bottle half full of equal parts of ether and denatured alcohol and then adding all the "scraps" of cut celluloid one can get into the bottle. Stir with a stick after 24 hours). "Basket ball" variometers and vario-couplers can be easily made by cutting out the forms and moulding in boiling water. Any shape

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Design of A Portable Short Wave Radio Wavemeter

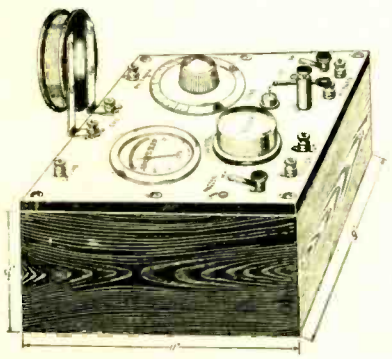


Figure 1

Appearance of Completed Short Wave Wavemeter as Described in This Article.

A WAVEMETER is a device for measuring the frequency or the length of radio waves. Radio waves always travel with the same velocity, and if the frequency is known the wave-length is also known.

Resonance is a most fundamental phenomenon of radio. When the inductance and capacity of a circuit, on which an alternating electromotive force is impressed, are adjusted so that the impedance of the circuit is a minimum and the current flowing in the circuit is a maximum, the circuit is said to be in resonance. For information regarding resonance and the measurement of wave-length, reference may be made to "The Principles Underlying Radio Communication," Signal Corps Radio Communication Pamphlet No. 40, and to Bureau of Standards Circular No. 74. These publications may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

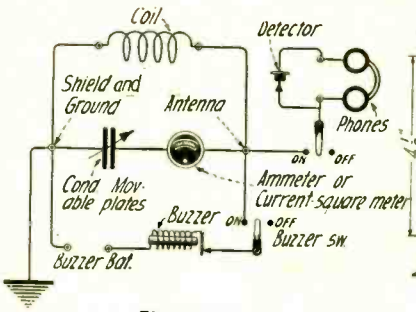
Amateur radio stations in the United States are at present required by law, when transmitting, to use wave-lengths not exceeding 200 meters, and it is, therefore, important that amateur operators should have a wavemeter available so that they may adjust their transmitting sets to comply with the law, and it is necessary that this wavemeter should be adapted to measure short wave-lengths such as 200 meters. Other comparatively short wave-lengths, such as 360 and 485 meters, are now used for radio telephone broadcasting, and it is important to have a wavemeter which can measure these wave-lengths. The Radio Telephony Conference, which met in Washington in February, 1922, recommended narrow bands of waves for particular services, some bands being only 10 meters wide. Stations which must work within such narrow bands must be provided with well-designed wavemeters if they are to comply with the requirements of the law. The design of a portable short-wave wavemeter is therefore a matter of importance. It is the purpose of this article to point out the most important considerations in the design of such a wavemeter, and to describe the construction of a wavemeter suitable for the measurement of frequencies from about 3,000 kilocycles per second to 530 kilocycles per second (wave-lengths from 100 to 570 meters).

The parts of a wavemeter are, usually, a variable condenser, a fixed inductance coil, and a device to indicate current flow. The condenser will first be considered.

It will be well at the start to eliminate certain large classes of condensers whose construction makes them unfit for use in wavemeter circuits. Variable condensers employing other dielectrics than air, and condensers whose capacities are varied by a screw to change the distance between plates, however serviceable they may be for furnishing a variable capacity, will not in general retain their calibration and are, therefore, untrustworthy for use in a wavemeter. This elimination leaves only air condensers whose capacity is varied by changing the overlapping area of parallel plates—the usual type of variable condenser. All condensers of this type can by no means be used in wavemeters. A condenser to be used in a wavemeter should have fairly heavy plates rigidly held together with ample tie rods and nuts, spacing washers of large diameter and sufficient thickness, adequate conical bearings, and, preferably, unimpeded rotation through 360 degrees of arc. Particulars in which variable condensers commonly fail to meet these and other requirements are: too thin plates, spring-supported bearings, extremely close spacing of plates, vertical or lateral play of the shaft in its bearings, contacts made by brushes wiping on movable parts, stops which in arresting the rotating plates shift them out of line, shifting scales or indices, and faulty workmanship which allows short-circuiting of the condenser at some settings. In general, anything that allows a capacity change without a change in scale reading or a change in reading without a capacity change destroys the usefulness of a condenser for wavemeter purposes. Some method of shielding is desirable to eliminate any change of condenser capacity owing to movements of surrounding bodies. The shield usually is a grounded metal case placed around the condenser.

The inductance coils will next be discussed. The requirements of a wavemeter coil are: (1) that its inductance be such that with the condenser used the desired range of wave frequency can be covered; (2) that its effective resistance and effective capacity be low; (3) that its inductance, resistance and capacity all be constant.

The first requirement, which has to do with the range of wave frequencies, will first be considered. It is well to restrict the part of the condenser scale used for frequency measurements to the sector between 15 deg. and 170 deg. on a scale graduated in degrees, or between the eighth division and ninety-fifth division on a scale graduated in hundredths. Since the capacity at 170 deg. or 95 hundredths will almost always be more than six times the capacity at 15 deg. or 8 hundredths, the frequency obtained with any one coil at the lower end of this region will be not less than about two and one-half times the frequency obtained with the same coil at the upper end. This will make it possible with one coil to cover the range from 3,000 to 1,200 kilocycles per second (100 to 250 meters) and with a second coil to cover the range from 1,330 to 530 kilocycles per second (from 225 to 570 meters).



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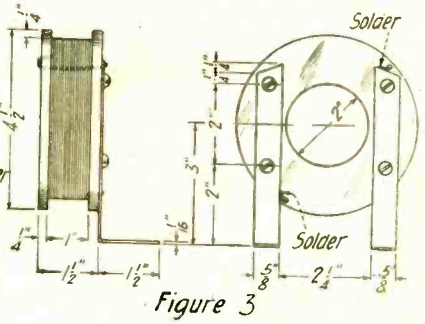

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Fig. 2.—Circuit Diagram of the Wavemeter. Fig. 3.—Detailed Design and Dimensions of the Inductance Coil.

The following table gives the number of turns required for two single-layer inductance coils which will cover approximately the stated ranges with each of the maximum capacities indicated in the table. It will be noted that the size of the wire and the spacing between turns are not specified. The inductance is nearly independent of the size of wire used, and the spacing is controlled by the number of turns and the length of the inductance coil, both of which are given. The length of the coil, as indicated, is the length of the actual winding, not the length of the supporting core.

SINGLE-LAYER INDUCTANCE COILS FOR SHORT-WAVE PORTABLE WAVEMETER

Coil 1, Range 3,000-1,200 kilocycles per

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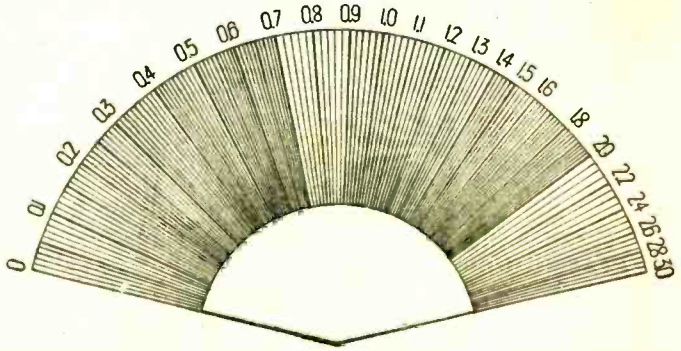

A Decremeter May be Made Out of the Wavemeter by Using the Above Scale on the Variable Condenser, Providing the Condenser has Semi-Circular Plates.

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A Five Watt Telephone and Modulated C. W. Transmitter

By JESSE MARSTEN

WITH the advent of broadcasting, radio has come to the fore as one of the indoor sports and recreations of the public. This new radio public, which listens in every night to the broadcasted concerts and talks, expects to find the air relatively free from interference. This radio public outnumbers the radio amateurs many, many times. The amateurs—many of them operating spark coils or other spark transmitters, which of course furnish most of the interference—are, therefore, finding themselves constantly under fire from the new and inexperienced radio public.

For the amateur to answer that the interference is not due to him and that the fault lies in the type of receiver used by the lay public, is not to solve the problem. In the first place all amateurs do not transmit exactly on 200 meters, and they are prone to err more on the higher side of 200 meters than on the lower. In the second place the decrements of a good many of the amateur spark sets is not what the best practice demands. Finally when it comes to blaming the type of receiver used by the layman as being responsible for most of the interference, the amateur reaches a point where it is much easier to criticize than to offer practical remedying suggestions.

Some of the very amateurs who protest that they must have the use of the air, and that all the trouble lies in the single circuit receivers in use, fail to see that the cause of the trouble is very frequently under their very noses. To illustrate: In my neighborhood lives an amateur who possesses one of the multiplex receivers which are recommended for the novices. When it comes to reception he has all the frills that the most fastidious amateur will recommend. However, he prides himself on the fact that he is a real amateur, and, therefore, also has a transmitter if you please. He has—I should say, had—a spark coil transmitter which boasted a decrement curve as flat as the Sahara Desert. He broke in on any kind of a receiver and spoiled many a night's good entertainment for the neighborhood. To eliminate such an interference, I was willing to devote some of my time to designing a small five-watt buzzer modulated C. W. transmitter for him. He receives no further complaints now about interference.

The amateur should have no trouble obtaining information as to the circuits and construction of C. W. transmitters. In the different radio periodicals there appear from time to time designs of suitable sets. In the remainder of this article there will be described a five-watt C. W. transmitter from which the amateur may obtain many

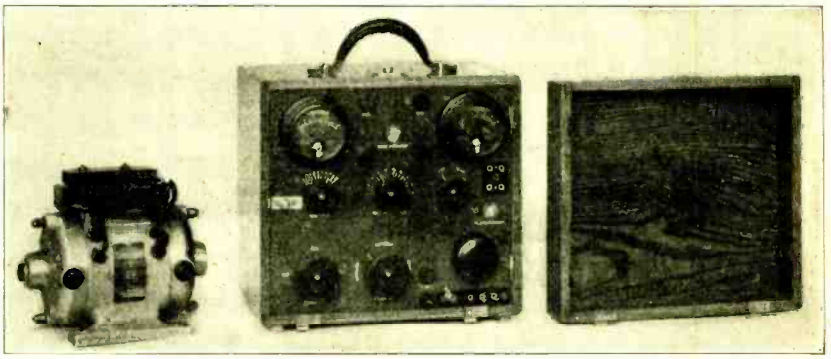

Fig. 4.—Front View of the Complete Portable Transmitter. The Two Meters at the Top Keep Check On the Filament Current and Radiation. On the Left is Shown the Small Generator Which Supplies the Necessary Plate Voltage.

constructive suggestions. This set was built for use, in the Navy, on small flying boats. It delivers five watts to the antenna and operates on three wave-lengths: 335, 375 and 425 meters. In this set transmission is accomplished by buzzer modulated C. W., and by telephone, but no provision

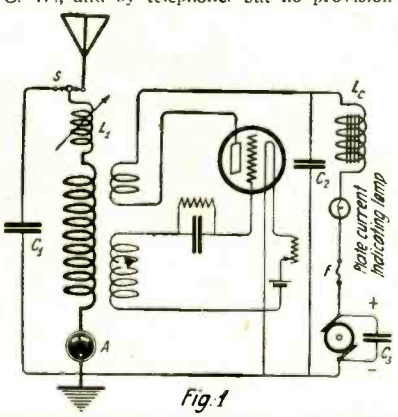

Fig. 1

The Oscillating Circuit of the Transmitter. This is the Meissner Circuit in Which the Components Are Independent of Each Other.

is made for straight C. W. This latter can be effected by very small changes, as will be shown later on.

The circuits used in this set are shown schematically in Figs. 1 and 2, while Fig. 3 shows the entire circuit, which includes oscillator and modulator. Fig. 1 shows the oscillating circuit of the set. This is the "Meissner" circuit, in which the antenna, plate and grid circuits are distinct and independent, inductively coupled to one another. The antenna circuit, which is the load circuit, is fed by the output of the plate oil, while the feed-back coupling is obtained between the antenna and grid coils. The small variable inductance L is used to compensate for variations in antenna capacity, which occur while the plane is in flight. By means of the switch S condenser C may be connected in parallel with the antenna inductance. This condenser has a capacity equal to the estimated capacity of the plane antenna, and is used as a test artificial antenna. Before throwing the set on the antenna it can be connected to the artificial antenna by means of switch S and tested. The set may thus be adjusted and made to work on the artificial antenna and then thrown on the plane antenna when it should work about equally well. A grid condenser and leak are used in series with the grid coil to give the grid of the oscillating tube the proper biasing potential. In series with the plate circuit lead from the positive side of the generator is a lamp used as plate current indicator and an overload fuse F. The condenser C_3 shunting the generator leads affords protection to the generator for any high frequency kick-backs, and at the same time assists in smoothing out any commutator hum which is present. The condenser C_2 is likewise a by-pass for any radio frequency taking the path through the choke coil Lc.

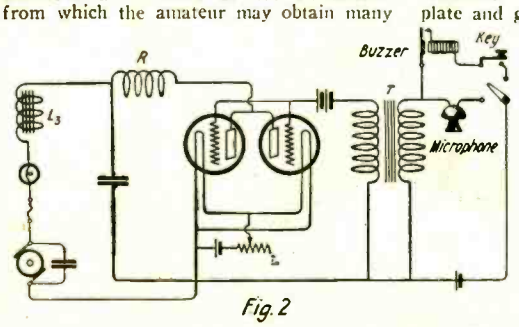

Fig. 2

The Heising System of Modulation is Employed as Shown, With the Two Tubes Connected in Parallel.

In Fig. 2 is shown a schematic drawing of the modulation circuit employed. Two tubes are used in parallel as modulators. These tubes are exactly the same as the tube used as the oscillator and are the General Electric Type T tubes having an output of five watts. The Heising system of modulation is here employed. The speech voltage is stepped up across the secondary terminals of the telephone transformer T and applied to the grids of the modulator tubes and amplified by these tubes. This amplified speech voltage is developed across the audio frequency choke coil Lc (Figs. 1 and 2) and impressed on the plate of the oscillator valve, thereby effecting modulation of the radio frequency generated by the oscillator tube. In order to prevent any radio frequency from backing up into the modulator tube, a radio frequency choke coil R (Fig. 2) is used between the plates of the oscillator tube and the modulator tubes. In order to secure maximum amplification of the speech voltage with minimum distortion, the modulator tubes must be worked on the straight line portion of the grid voltage-plate current curve. This is accomplished by using a negative biasing potential on the modulator grids, which potential is supplied by the use of two small dry cells. By means of the transfer switch S, either the buzzer or microphone may be used for modulation. The key K is used for keying when the buzzer is used.

To adapt this current for the transmission of straight C.W., the modulator filaments should be disconnected from the

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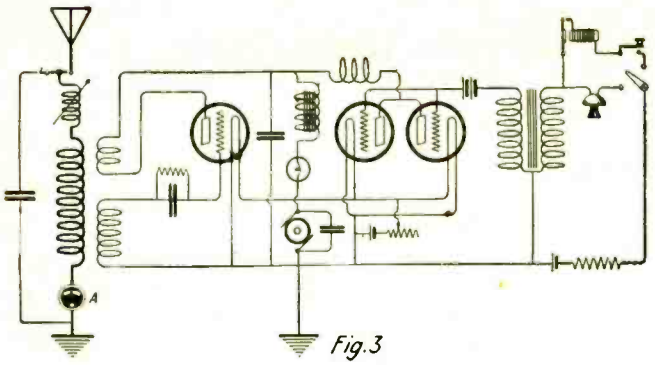

The Complete Circuit of the Transmitter Here Described. The Switch in the Upper Right Hand of the Circuit Allows for a Quick Change From Phone to Modulated C. W.

Fig. 3

battery. Thus only the oscillator valve and its circuit is operating. A key connected in series with the grid leak in the oscillator circuit will do the trick, for when the key is pressed the grid leak circuit is closed and oscillations are present in the antenna circuit. When the key is not pressed, the grid leak circuit is open, the negative charge of the grid cannot leak off and no oscillations result. Thus, C.W. oscillations are radiated from the antenna in accordance with signals sent out with the key.

Fig. 3 shows the complete circuit diagram including oscillator and modulator. At the top of the panel in Fig. 4 are seen the antenna and receiver binding posts, marked ANT and REC respectively. The meter on the left is a 0-1 radiation ammeter and that to the center right is a 0-6 filament current ammeter. Between the two meters in the center of the panel is a small lamp acting as a wave indicator, used when tuning the antenna circuit. Directly under the radiation ammeter at the left side of the panel is the grid coupling control for varying the coupling between grid and antenna coils. Next to this in the center of the panel is the control for the antenna variable inductance for compensating for small changes in antenna capacity. Next to this is the two-point test switch which connects the set either to the plane antenna marked ANT or to the artificial test antenna marked TEST. Directly under the microphone and key jacks, which are to the right of this test switch, is another small lamp used as the plate current indicator. At the bottom left of the set is the send-receive transfer switch. It has three operating positions; (1) Telephone transmission; (2) Buzzer modulated transmission; (3) Reception. When the switch is turned to the transmission points, it automatically starts the dynamotor. Next to this switch is the filament current control. Only one rheostat is used for regulating the current in the three tubes. The two binding posts alongside the rheostat are for an external grid battery. Finally, there is the buzzer and under it the four-point jacks for the power lead connections plugs coming from the battery and generator.

The rear view of the set, Fig. 5, shows the different elements mounted and connected. Naturally all the parts cannot be seen and distinguished as some are hidden from view by other parts. The tube mounting is shown clearly in the photograph. The three-tube sockets are mounted on one base and are tied to two horizontal bars at the four corners of the socket panel by means of flexible springs which take up the vibration, thus preventing the tubes from jarring. Turning the sockets upside down has a great advantage. It facilitates connecting and soldering leads to the socket terminals, thus making connections accessible, which is important when shooting trouble. Directly under the tubes are the "C" batteries for the modulator grids. To the right on the bottom are seen the plate circuit fuse and R.F. choke coil. At the extreme right, on the bottom, are seen six split contact springs making contact with curved metal bars on a cylindrical drum. This constitutes the send-receive transfer switch. The oscillating coil system is seen directly above this. The antenna and plate coil are wound on the same outer tube, inside of which can be seen the grid coil whose inductive relation to the others can be varied. All wires are covered with insulating tubing and it will be observed that all leads, without any exception, are well soldered to the connection posts. All parts are mounted on the back of the panel and securely fixed to same, so that the whole unit may be easily mounted and removed from the containing cabinet.

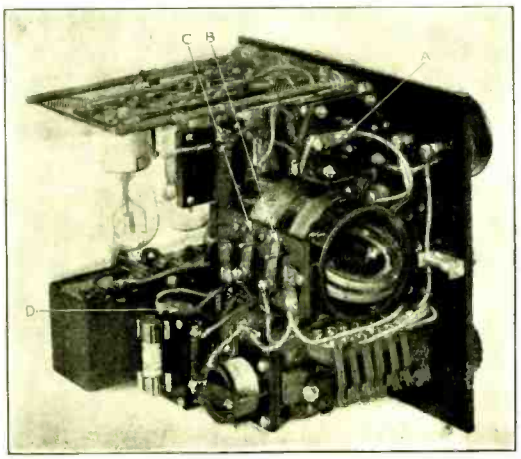

Fig. 5.—Rear View of the Transmitter. Note the Neat and Compact Arrangement of Apparatus.

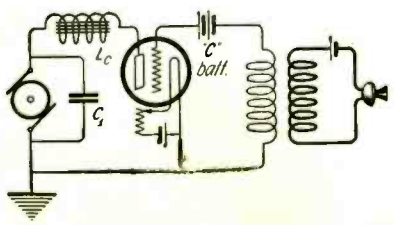

Fig. 7.—A Simple Form of Modulator Circuit That May Be Used.

In order to assist amateurs and new radio experimenters in building such a five watt set as described above, the design data of a five watt set employing the above Meissner circuit will be here given. The oscillating circuit to be used will be exactly as shown in Fig. 6. The data will be suitable for the average amateur's antenna.

The antenna circuit consists of the main antenna inductance L and the series condenser C. This series condenser will be found to be essential in almost every case, for in order to get the proper transfer of energy from plate to antenna, it is necessary to use a fair amount of inductance which will almost always raise the wave-length above the 200-meter mark. The series condenser functions in shortening the wave-length; it should have a value of about 0.0005 mfds, and should be constructed so that its losses are low. A good mica condenser is best. The importance of a good dielectric in the condenser C is often overlooked, but since the condenser carries the entire antenna current, the losses may be considerable if the dielectric is poor. Good mica condensers for transmitting purposes of the required value are available from very reliable manufacturers.

The antenna inductance L may be either one of two types: It may be a copper ribbon coil, in which case the diameter of the coil should be about 6" and about 30 to 35 turns used; ¼" by 1/32" ribbon is sufficient for most purposes. The great advantage of the copper strip coil (wound edgewise is the most convenient) is that air insulation is utilized, and once no solid insulating material is used, leakage losses and dielectric losses are reduced to a minimum. Furthermore, as is well known, copper strip reduces skin effect considerably. The other type of coil is one wound on an insulating tube, using round wire. If an insulating tube is used, the *very best* insulating material should be used. This cannot be emphasized too much, as the losses in a poorly insulated tube may be so great as to vitiate all other good qualities of the set. Bakelite dielecto is about the best material that can be used, and it is recommended that the tube be drilled with holes wherever feasible so as to insure as much air insulation as possible. The same number of turns as above may be used, namely about 30 to 35 turns. In this case the wire should be, if possible, Litzendraht, having good heavy cross section.

The plate coil Lp should be wound on an insulating tube about 4" or 4½" in diameter and should have about 30 turns of No. 18 or No. 20 B & S wire. The grid inductance Lg should be wound also on a 4" or 4½" tube and have about 20 turns of wire, 20 B & S gauge. In both cases the coils should be preferably mounted within the antenna coil, each being coupled to the antenna inductance. The particular arrangement for varying the inductive relations of plate and grid coils to the antenna coil can generally be left to the ingenuity of the constructor.

For most efficient operation it is necessary to use a grid condenser and leak which serve the purpose of giving the grid an average negative potential which is most suitable for maximum output and efficiency. The grid condenser Cg should be between 0.001 and 0.002 mfds. and the grid leak should be about 10,000 ohms. Frequently these values vary for different tubes and a

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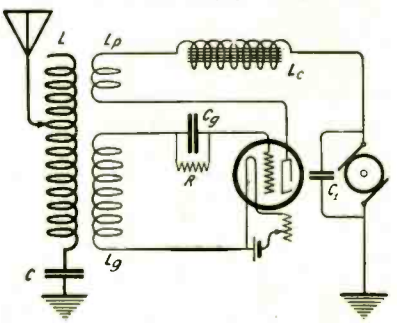

Fig. 6.—For Those Constructing a Transmitter of This Type, the Oscillating Circuit Above is Suggested.

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Correspondence From Readers

FROM THE INVENTOR OF THE AMPLIFYING TRANSFORMERS

Editor RADIO NEWS:

I have noticed in your October number a short resume of the work I have done in radio field.

Since you are so kind as to attract the attention of your readers to my name, I take this opportunity to direct the attention of your amateur readers to my U. S. Patent No. 1,405,523.

This patent covers not only "the famous 3ter," (audio frequency amplifier) but also describes and claims the design with which all efficient audio frequency transformers used in conjunction with a three electrode valve must comply.

It covers also the high frequency transformers with an iron magnetic circuit for the aperiodic amplification of radiocurrents.

It will surely be of interest to the amateurs to learn that according to a Patent of addition of 1917 a high frequency transformer for short wave lengths, is preferably provided with an air gap rather than with an excessive number of turns. This high frequency transformer for short waves may be constructed with open magnetic circuit and in particular the magnetic core may be made of iron wires (varnished or enameled) like telephone induction coils. However the diameter of the wire should be small, for example 10/100 to 18/100 of a millimeter.

MARIUS LATOUR,
Paris, France.

A SATISFIED READER

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

After reading the "Correspondence from Readers" and noting the many criticisms of the policy of the publishers, in giving so much on the radiophone and so little (?) on the so-called brass-pounding side of the science, I am compelled to take up my pen in defense of RADIO NEWS policies. I consider it one of the best publications before the radio public today. And I can find as much that is of benefit to the "old-timers" as I ever could. And as I have all the issues so far published, as well as those of the *Electrical Experimenter* back to January, 1916, I may not be considered as a newcomer. A great many of the articles on the radio telephone will apply equally to the radio telegraph, and I am sure that he who consistently reads RADIO NEWS will find as much to interest him as he ever did. Let us compare the issue of November, 1919, with the issue of November, 1922. The November, 1919, issue contained fifty-five pages, and was considered good value for the price ($1.50 per year), while the issue of November, 1922, contains 213 pages, an increase of 287 per cent, while the price has only increased 66⅔ per cent. What do you want for your money anyway?

Now, let's all stop kicking at the policies of the Editor and get behind and boost a little. I am sure we will all feel better for it. I feel that some of the editorials have been worth the price of the magazine and hope to see them continue. As to the stories, I enjoy reading them, too, and can see no harm in publishing one or two each month. Personally, I am very well satisfied with RADIO NEWS as it is now, and get many helpful ideas from its columns each month. Long may it prosper in the radio field, and enjoy the support of radio fans everywhere.

E. O. CRAMER,
Buffalo, N. Y.

3,545 MILES ON A SET

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

There is enclosed a copy of a message transmitted directly to San Francisco by the S. S. *Minnekahda* when 545 miles east of Ambrose Channel on November 18, the message traveling 545 miles over sea and about 3,000 miles across the continent.

The San Francisco station placed the message on the Postal Telegraph wire to New York. This communication was made with our 2-kw. arc transmitter installed on the S. S. *Minnekahda* and was the result of a wager between the Chief Operator of the S. S. *Minnekahda* and the traffic manager of this company. The traffic manager lost the bet.

C. J. PANNILL,
Vice-President
Independent Wireless Telegraph Co.

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Radio Articles Appearing in the January Issue of Science and Invention

Talking Newspapers—By Clyde B. Fitch.
Winners in $100 Loud-Talker Contest.
Brooklyn Navy Yard Radio Station—Exclusive Article and Photos.
Radio Wrinkles. For Those Who Build Their Own—By A. P. Peck.
That First Radio Set—By Mike R. Farrods.
Broadcast Station Photos.
Broadcast Radiophone Station Call Letters Up to Date.
Radio for the Beginner—No. 11, How to Acquire a Simple Receiving Station—By Armstrong Perry.
Radio Oracle.

RECTIFIER FOR STORAGE BATTERIES

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

In your April-May number you published an article of mine describing a home-made "B" battery of 68 volts, and it must have struck a responsive chord among your readers, judging from the letters I received and am still receiving asking for further details of construction, etc. One thing in connection with the battery that appealed strongly to me was the ease of charging, due to the fact that we had direct current in the part of town in which we then lived. Since then, however, we have been changed to A. C., putting it up to us to devise a rectifier for charging. It may interest your readers to know how to do this:

Take a glass jar 6 inches in diameter and 8 inches deep, and lay across the top a strip of wood 1 inch square and 8 inches long. On one side of the strip of wood fasten a plate of aluminum 3 inches wide and 8 inches long; and on the other side fasten a lead plate of the same size, using half-inch wood screws, staggering the screws so there will be no chance of them touching and short-circuiting the plates. The plates should project about one inch above the supporting strip and drilled for binding posts, although connections may be made with battery clips if desired. The solution was made by placing a quart of water in the jar, adding six ounces of phosphoric acid and pouring in enough ammonia to neutralize the solution. In my case it required the contents of a twenty-five-cent bottle of ammonia purchased at a nearby grocery store. The rectifier should now be ready to use, and should be connected to the A. C. supply in series with the battery to be charged, and always with the aluminum plate connected to the positive terminal of the battery. It is a good plan to connect a lamp socket between the charger and battery for the purpose of inserting resistance, in the form of an incandescent lamp, to regulate the current, which may otherwise be too high. When the charger is functioning properly minute sparks will appear on the aluminum plate, at the surface, and possibly below the surface of the solution.

I have had no "B" battery troubles since building the battery eighteen months ago, described in RADIO NEWS, and I think it one of the best investments we ever made.

The lead plate for the rectifier was a piece of old lead pipe, split down one side and hammered flat; the screws, binding posts and glass jar came from our junk box, and the other materials cost as follows:

6 ounces phosphoric acid	$.40
1 bottle of ammonia	.25
1 piece aluminum	.15
Total cost	$.80

P. J. FAULKNER,
New York City.

IN FAVOR OF H. C. COILS

Editor RADIO NEWS:

I have seen in your last issue some comments on honey-comb coils. "The proof of the pudding is the eating thereof." I am using a regenerative honeycomb tuner, equipped with DeForest coils, 25, 35, 50, respectively; radiotron detector, six volt Eveready battery. My antenna consists of two 125 ft. seven-strand wires, running from opposite directions, connected only at the receiver, and sometimes used separately; it seems to make little difference as to which way they are used.

On this honey-comb outfit, using *detector alone*, no amplification whatever, I heard clearly and distinctly, one evening about two weeks ago the following stations: Newark (WOR), New York (WEAF), Lockport (WMAK), Harrisburg (WBAK), Philadelphia (WOO), Schenectady (WGY), Louisville (WHAS), Detroit (WWJ), Chicago (KYW), Ridgewood, L. I. (WHN), and both WSB and WGM, Atlanta, Ga. These stations were heard between 7 p. m. and 12 midnight. When WEAF and WJZ have broadcasted football games at the same time, one on 460, the other on 360 meters, I have used only my secondary condenser in tuning, and have received the report of both games with the greatest ease and with absolutely no interference. Using *detector alone*, I have heard clearly San Juan, Porto Rico, and Havana, Cuba, and, from the opposite direction, Kansas City, Mo., representing a distance of approximately, I should say, thirteen to fourteen hundred miles in either direction.

REV. WILLIAM H. WATTE,
Paterson, N. J.

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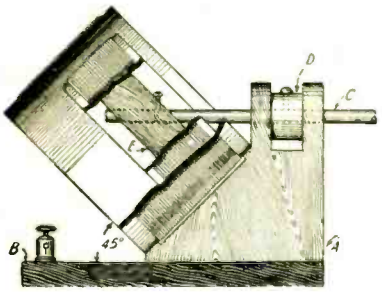
Awards of the $50 Wrinkle Contest

First Prize

EASILY CONSTRUCTED 180° VARIOCOUPLER

By A. Ferrand

THE object of this article is to describe the construction of a cheap and efficient 180° variocoupler. The device is so simple that hardly any explanations are necessary. The accompanying sketch shows plainly the details of construction.



Details of a Simple 180° Variocoupler Unique in Design and Construction.

The stator and rotor are pieces of cardboard cut out of old round cardboard boxes. These pieces should be given one or two coats of shellac before they are wound. The primary consists of 50 turns of No. 26 D. C. C. wire and the secondary of 40 turns. The shaft is a ¼" round brass rod bought in a ten-cent store. If this is not obtainable, a round lead pencil will work as well. Pieces A, E and base B are of wood (preferably hard wood) ½" thick. It is well when making piece E to leave it about ½" longer than necessary and then drill a hole for the shaft. The ends are cut off evenly coming from the edge of the shaft hole. This will insure a true running rotor. This piece is fastened and placed with glue. D can be of wood or metal and should fit close in the notch in the bracket, A, so as to prevent end-play of the shaft. The coupler can be mounted directly on the back of a panel if desired, in which case base B is omitted. Flexible leads from the primary and secondary coils are lead to their respective terminals in the receiving set or connected to four small binding posts mounted on the rear of the base. Taps may be taken off the primary coil at the most convenient positions. This variocoupler has been built by the writer at the cost of a few cents and has given as good results as any on the market.

Second Prize

COMBINATION CONDENSER AND COIL

By Malcolm P. Davis.

THIS condenser coil consists of a cardboard tube 3½" outside diameter and 4" high. Inside of this tube is pressed an aluminum drinking cup with straight sides and the handle removed. The cup should fit tight enough in the tube so as not to drop through but yet slide easily up and down in the cardboard tube. Around the outside of the tube, wind 50 turns of No. 30 insulated wire and take off taps at every 10 turns. To the bottom of the cup, fasten with a small brass screw, a piece of flexible wire and connect up as shown in the diagram. Brass or aluminum sheeting may be used in place of the cup mentioned by bending into cylinderical form, so that it fits well into the coil tube. A larger or smaller diameter tube may be used if desired, in which case use approximately 48' of wire in winding the coil. An upward or downward movement of the cup will provide the necessary wave-length variation between taps. The simple construction of this combination should appeal to the amateur constructor.

Prize Winners

First Prize $25

A. Ferrand,

Paterson, New Jersey

Second Prize $15

Malcolm P. Davis,

Rochester, New York.

Third Prize $10

Horace B. Phelps,

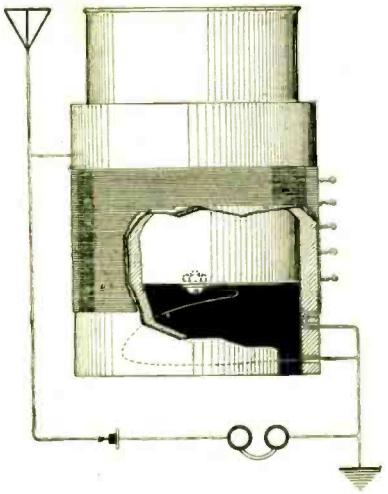
Troy, New York.

Third Prize

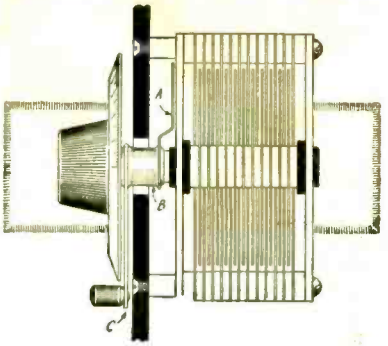
A CONDENSER VERNIER

By H. B. Phelps.

THERE are a great many verniers now in use, but the one here described is superior to the present type in the following ways: It takes up no extra panel space; does not cause the condenser to turn hard; is manipulated by a long handle and is easily constructed. The design can be easily adapted to any condenser providing it has metal end-plates. This vernier attachment consists of three parts, namely; the handle, the bearing tube and the rotory plate. The bearing, B, is a piece of brass tubing which should make a good running fit on the condenser shaft and is just long enough to fit between the dial and the shoulder on the shaft. The handle, C, is a piece of stiff brass with an insulating knob, soldered to the outer end of the bearing tube. The rotary plate is soldered to the opposite end of the tube and should be soft copper or aluminum so that when the tube is in place, the plate can be bent into exactly the right position. In this form, the vernier will turn around with the main condenser shaft. This fact is not a serious objection, however, it may be remedied by placing a sheet of mica between the rotary plate and the end plate, allowing a little friction so as to keep the rotary plate from moving with the main control. This vernier attachment provides a means for the fine variation necessary in close tuning.



A Very Clever Combination of Capacity and Inductance in One Unit Allowing for Variation Between Taps.



This Vernier Attachment Can Be Easily Carried Out On Any Condenser With Metal End Plates.

ELIMINATING THAT HUM FROM THE LIGHT CURRENT

Being a radio fan and a constant reader of Radio News, my attention has been attracted several times to articles on induction due to the presence of electric feed wires being located near the antenna or the receiving set. In reading up several of these articles I find that they also render a few suggestions as to some possible means by which this induction hum can be eliminated. Almost always they first suggest that the antenna should be put at right angles to the feed wires. This method helps to a certain extent, but I have never been able to entirely eliminate the trouble by any of the plans that I have so far heard about. I am at present the owner of a two stage audio set and have had trouble with the induction from a light near the set. On local stations which come in loud it is not so noticeable but when I have the phones on my ears when bringing in out of town stations, they cannot be heard at all.

I have been experimenting to determine what would cut out this annoyance, but I could never completely remedy it. After experimenting with magnets and by pass condensers and the like I finally gave it up as a hard task. One day, by accident, I found a very simple method by which I was able to eliminate the hum completely. I have a pair of Brandes phones which have on the back of each phone two small terminals where the cord is attached. I found that by putting my finger tip on one of these terminals it eliminated the hum perfectly without harming the signal strength in any manner. By test of touching each terminal as in the aforesaid manner you may ascertain which is the terminal with which you are going to work. If you find that none of the terminals respond to the test just reverse the connection of your headset at the output terminal of your set, and then give it another test and you will find it will work out all right. After you have located the right terminal, loosen the

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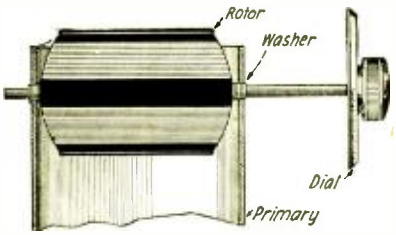
Practical Hints for Amateur Constructors

A PRACTICAL TYPE OF BEARING

How to make the rotor fit snugly and revolve smoothly, is a question which no doubt confronts the amateur constructor, who builds his own variocoupler. When he fails to know how to accomplish this, the outcome of his work is discouraging. When revolving the rotor flops about and can be moved from side to side the result being that the axle supporting the rotor soon wears a large hole in the primary tube, providing the tube is cardboard. The remedy for this however, is simple:



A Snug Fitting Bearing is Easily Made by Winding Wire Into a Tight Coil to Fit the Rotor Shaft.

When ready to put the coupler together, take a piece of No. 15 enameled covered copper wire and wind four or five turns tightly about each rod which is to support the rotor. These will act as washers, and care should be exercised to see that the wires are wound close and tight. The next step is to slip both washers off the rods and make two holes in the primary tube, just a bit *smaller* than the outside diameter of the wire washers. As cardboard is soft, the washers can be easily "screwed" into the Primary tube, by way of these large holes. The rotor then is next slipped inside the Primary and both washers screwed tight, until it is found that there is no side play. The rotor can now be turned as much as desired, without fear of wearing a large hole in the primary tube where the rods pass through. The idea is worth trying, and it will be met with unanimous favor.

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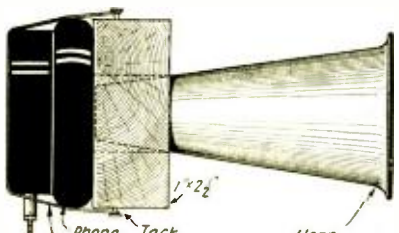

Here is an Easily Constructed Loudspeaker Attachment That Works Very Well.

SIMPLE LOUDSPEAKER ATTACHMENT

The device here described has been in use at my station for several months in connection with an ordinary phonograph horn. It is neat, simple, efficient and it may be made at practically no cost.

The materials are as follows:

1 block of soft wood 2½x2½x1".
2 common tacks.
1 rubber band.

The mehod of construction, is seen clearly by the drawing. The hole in the block is drilled slightly larger than the horn end if it tapers. If the horn end is not of conical shape, such as a phonograph tone arm, the hole is made just large enough to fit snugly. The receiver is placed as is shown in the cut. And it works!

Try to beat that for simplicity.

(Contributed by E. B. Gobrecht.)

A CARBORUNDUM-SILICON CRYSTAL STAND

For the construction of a carborundum-silicon detector, the parts required are one piece of silicon, one piece of carborundum (crystal form), one piece of wood 2½ x 1½ inches, one piece of spring brass 2¾ x ½ inch, one crystal cup, one brass bolt and nut ¼ inch, one screw ⅜-inch long and two ⅝-inch flat head thread screws.

Bend the brass into shape as shown in the sketch, and drill one screw hole; also drill a 17/32-inch hole; solder the nut and drill 3/16-inch hole in one end of ¼-inch screw; fill this with solder and set carborundum in the solder while it is still hot. The crystal cup may be of any model. The carborundum must set very hard on the silicon, thus preventing the spot from being lost. This type of detector will keep the spot through the heaviest of thunderstorms and one may even pound on the table.

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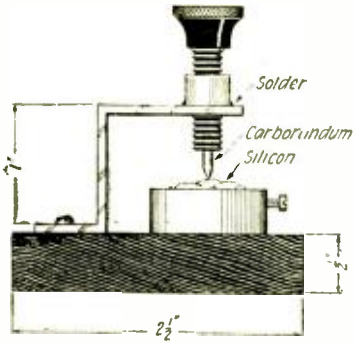


This Combination of Carborundum and Silicon Makes a Very Stable Detector.

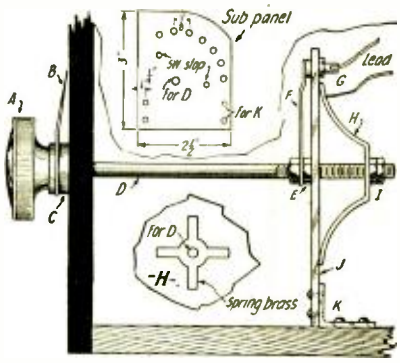
A BACKMOUNTED SWITCHLEVER

This switch lever is made from odds and ends found in any amateur radio station or laboratory.

The knob used is any ordinary radio knob which is made either of bakelite or composition, and can be procured at any radio supply house. This knob has a threaded shank into which is screwed a threaded rod about three inches long. On this, according to the diagram, is locked, by means of the threaded collar, an ordinary pointer. The switch blade is made of brass or phosphor bronze about 1¼" long, and is held in place by locknuts at the proper distance on the threaded rod. The sub-panel was made of a piece of bakelite I had on hand. the contacts are spaced ⅜" apart on a radius of 1¼" also with the proper switch stops. The spider spring behind the sub-panel on the shaft gives enough tension to make very excellent contacts both for the lever and lead. This spider is made of some springy substance. The sub-panel may be mounted on the base of the variocoupler which made it necessary for me to use brass angles. Care should be taken that the hole in the panel corresponds to the hole on the sub-panel so as to give excellent alignment and working ease of operating the switch lever.

The panel can be engraved where the switch blade makes contact to points.

(Contributed by Frederic J. Bruno)

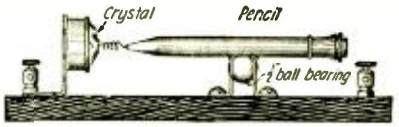


A Unique and Practical Type of Back Mounted Switch Lever.

A NOVEL DETECTOR

I present in this article a new detector stand. The control is universal and when once adjusted will stand quite a jar. The principal feature of this detector is the small sum for which it can be made. The pencil which is of the ever-sharp type can be purchased for ten cents and the rest of the parts are found in nearly every amateur's junk box.

I removed the lead from the pencil and soldered a catwhisker to the bar that runs through the center. If the type of pencil you purchase has no bar through the center, but just a clutch, use a piece of copper wire the size of the lead that is used in the pencil and solder the cat whisker to it. Next I soldered a ½" ball bearing about 1¾" from the blunt end of the pencil; this can be done very neatly by heating the ball with a gas flame and putting a drop of solder on the ball. Put a little flux on the pencil where it is to unite with ball and apply the pencil to the ball while the solder is still soft; remove the flame and let cool; you will then have a good joint. Next make two little angles of sheet brass through which drill a hole ¾", and two holes ⅛". The former hole is to form a socket for the ball, which sets between these two angles of brass when mounted on the base.



A Crystal Detector Using an Eversharp Pencil for Adjustment.

The crystal cup which is soldered or riveted to another brass angle is then made with two small holes for mounting it to the base. A knob for adjusting the pressure is made by using a composition finding post. Solder a small screw to the end of the pencil; an ol' battery terminal is very good for the purpose. Screw on the composition finding post and assemble and mount the parts on a base, which can be made of bakelite, rubber or a piece of hard wood.

Run one wire from the crystal cup to one binding post and one from one of the sockets to the other binding post,

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SIGNAL CORPS SELLS TUBES

One Thousand Signal Corps Vacuum Tubes, Type VT-11, have been declared surplus and are offered for sale to the public at a price of $5.50 each, not more than three to any one person, as is and where is, licensed only for amateur, experimental or entertainment use, at this Depot. These tubes have never been used, are part of the current stock of the Signal Corps, and have been released to fill an urgent demand of the amateurs of the United States for such tubes, as a part of and in connection with the training activities of the Signal Corps.

The principal characteristics of the tubes are as follows:

a—Hard, require no adjustment of plate potential.

b—Filament current 1-1/10 amperes at 3½ to 4 volts. Two cell lead storage battery connected directly across filament with no series resistance. No adjustment required.

c—Plate impedance, average 20,000 ohms.

d—Plate voltage, 20 volts for detector, 40 volts for amplifier. Adjustable plate voltage not needed for either use.

e—Detector grid condenser, 100-200 micro-microfarad with two megohm leak connected to positive side of filament.

f—When used as an amplifier, grid circuit connects to negative side of filament.

g—Is effective radio and audio amplifier, detector, and will also oscillate freely in low output oscillator circuit.

h—Available for use in most existing commercial sets, care being taken to prevent using filament voltage greater than 4 volts.

i—Substantially similar to radiotron and fits radiotron receiving socket.

The sale is now being conducted by this office, and all correspondence regarding this sale should be forwarded to this office. Payment therefor must be either in cash, *certified check*, or postal money order made payable to the order of the *Finance Officer, U. S. Army*, and may be either mailed to this office, addressed to the Officer in Charge, Signal Section, Chicago General Intermediate Depot, 1819 West Pershing Road, Chicago, Ill., First Floor, Bldg. C, or delivered in person at this Depot.

THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BROUGHT TO MISSOURI FARMERS BY RADIO

According to Commissioner Arthur T. Nelson of the Missouri State Marketing Bureau arrangements are being made with Dean F. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture for Radio Lectures on Agricultural Subjects from Station WOS of the State Marketing Bureau at Jefferson City. It is expected that this new arrangement will give such well-known men as Professors Trowbridge, Weaver, Miller, Kempster, Gardner, Ragsdale, Etheridge and others an opportunity to make acquaintances with Missouri farmers in a new way with short lectures on Animal Husbandry, Soils, Poultry, Horticulture, Dairying and Field Crops.

Resident professors in the College of Agriculture do not have equal opportunity with extension workers to reach the public. Their duties are confined to giving instruction to the young men and women enrolled in agriculture classes. Through the State Marketing Bureau Radio Station, however, these nationally-known Professors will be able to reach a large number of Missouri farmers, as well as other states with their messages. Thirty states are regularly "listening in" to Station WOS, says Mr. Nelson, and a total of thirty-nine states from New Hampshire to New Mexico, as well as Provinces in Canada and ships at sea, have heard the programs broadcasted five times daily from Jefferson City.

The services of WOS will also be extended to the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, according to Commissioner Nelson. "Director A. J. Meyer can run over to Jefferson City and speak to every County Agent in Missouri with the greatest of ease and success. Some day it may be worked out so a large amount of extension instruction, as well as lectures on agricultural subjects may be imparted by radio."

Asked as to how many receiving sets in rural Missouri might be expected to "listen in" on lectures from Professors from the College of Agriculture, Colonel Nelson replied that with proper advance publicity on the progress it would be expected that a minimum of 500 receiving sets in rural Missouri would "tune in" to hear these noted men. "But the audience would by no means be limited to one person at each of the 500 receiving stations," said Commissioner Nelson. "Many of the receiving stations are now equipped with loud speakers around which groups of twenty-five to one hundred people may gather to hear lectures, market news and musical programs.

Some of the Interesting Articles Appearing in Practical Electrics for February

The Tinearphone.
Thermostatic Generator Control.
Loud Speaker for House Phone.
Electric Moisture Indicator. By Raymond B. Wailes.
Electrostatic Ageing of Wines and Alcohols.
Talking and Singing Flms.

This new service and co-operation between the State Marketing Bureau and the College of Agriculture will go a long way toward giving the public an opportunity to make an acquaintance with the group of high-class men at the College of Agriculture at Columbia in a way that has never yet been made available to any other State University.

CONFERENCE ON RADIO STANDARDIZATION

The Bureau of Standards of the Department of Commerce has called a conference on radio standardization to be held on Friday, January 12, 1923, in New York City. The desirability of calling a general conference on radio standardization has been apparent in many ways, and this call is issued by the Bureau of Standards at the specific request of the following associations and organizations:

Institute of Radio Engineers.
National Radio Chamber of Commerce.
Radio Apparatus Section, Associated Manufacturers of Electrical Supplies.
National Retail and Dry Goods Association.
American Radio Relay League.
Radio Corporation of America.

These organizations have pointed out that there is need for greater uniformity in the methods of describing, rating, and testing of performance of radio apparatus.

Invitations are being issued to all of the national associations of an engineering and technical nature which are known to be interested in radio standardization. The representation of radio manufacturers will in general be through the trade associations of which they are members. While it is desired to make the conference thoroughly and broadly representative, it is expected that the organizations invited will limit their representation to one or two persons in order that the conference may be as effective as possible.

The purpose of the conference is to consider broadly (1) whether a formulation of standards for radio apparatus and service shall be made, (2) if so what general classes of apparatus or service should be included, and (3) what procedure shall be recommended for carrying out the conclusions reached by the conference. If the conference decides that radio standards should be formulated, it is expected that they will be prepared with special consideration of the wide range of interests which are concerned with the subject, and that these standards may ultimately be adopted with the approval of the American Engineering Standards Committee as an American Standard.

HAWAII ENJOYS KUO PROGRAM

Concert music and speech commemorative of Armistice Day, broadcast by "KUO" from "The Examiner" station on top of the Hearst building Saturday evening, was served all radio fans of the Hawaiian Islands.

Transmitted over the 2,100 miles of ocean, the electro-magnetic waves of radio were picked up by "KIE," the station of the Radio Corporation of America at Kokohead, T. H. The music and voice came in so strong and perfect that the operator switched the reception over on to the land wire and it was relayed into the office of the Honolulu "Star Bulletin."

VACUUM TUBE FOR A. C.

At a recent meeting of the Institute of Radio Engineers, a paper was presented on a Thimble Vacuum Tube by Dr. A. W. Hull. This tube was designed for use with an alternating current supply. An extra plate is incorporated within the vacuum, adjacent to the filament, which plays a double part in both rectifying the alternating current in conjunction with this extra plate and performing its other operations through the usual two elements. We hope to have more information on this tube in the near future.

NEW BROADCASTERS LICENSED

Supplemental List of Eleven Limited Commercial (Broadcasting) Stations on 360 Meters Licensed by Department of Commerce, Week Ended December 8

Call	Station
WQAK	Appel-Higley Electric Co., Dubuque, Iowa.
WOAS	Bailey's Radio Shop, Middletown, Conn.
WRAN	Black Hawk Electric Co., Waterloo, Iowa.
WPAJ	Doolittle Radio Corp., New Haven, Conn.
WOAT	Hamp. Boyd Martell, Wilmington, Del.
KFDL	Knight-Campbell Music Co., Denver, Colo.
KFDJ	Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore.
WQAB	Southwest Missouri State Teachers' College, Springfield, Mo.
WOAU	Sowder Bolling Piano Co., Evansville, Ind.
WPAR	Ward, R. A., Beloit, Kans.
WOAX	Wolff, Franklyn J., Trenton, N. J.

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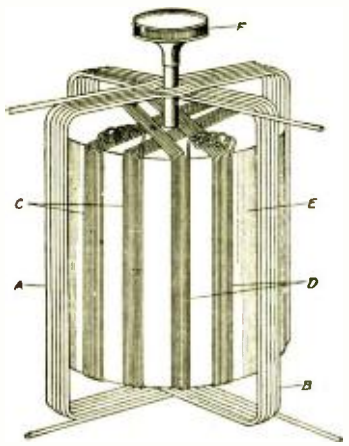
RADIOGONIOMETER

(Patent 1,426,137. Issued to George Maurice Wright, of Chesterfield, England, August 15, 1922.)

In the "aperiodic aerial" system of direction finding, using two fixed aerials and a radiogoniometer, it is necessary to make the coupling between the tuned search coil circuit and the aerial circuits as tight as possible. This condition is desirable firstly in order to minimize the loss in signal strength due to the method of tuning, and secondly to increase the ratio of signal strength to stray effects which tend to distort the ideal polar diagram of the system.

A radiogoniometer usually consists of windings disposed on two coaxial cylinders, the inner cylinder carrying the search coil winding and being capable of rotation. In order to make the coupling between field and search coil windings as large as possible it is necessary to make the cylinder carrying the search coil of as large a diameter as possible in order to bring the windings close together. The magnetic field inside the outer winding is, however, not uniform but is more intense in the neighborhood of the conductors themselves. Consequently as the search coil is rotated the law of coupling between it and each field winding does not follow the sine law required theoretically and errors are produced.

In the positions of symmetry, i. e., when the plane of the search coil either coincides with that of either aerial coil or lies midway between the two no error will exist. Consequently the error curve takes the form of a cyclic variation making four complete cycles per revolution of the search coil and if one aerial coil is parallel to the 0-180 line of the scale pointer system, then the points of zero error will be 0, 45, 90, 135, etc., and the points of maximum error about 22½, 67½, etc.



According to my invention I construct a radiogoniometer having a double search coil with its two windings in planes making an angle of substantially 45°.

My invention is illustrated by the accompanying drawing, in which A, B, are the two aerial coils and C, D, are the two windings of a search coil, the two windings being arranged substantially in planes making an angle of 45° with one another. These windings are arranged upon the surface of a cylinder E which can be rotated by means of a handle F.

The coils may be connected in series. In this case the total E. M. F. induced in the winding by the currents in the two aerials, is given by the algebraic sum of the E. M. F.'s in the individual coils. And though, as we have seen above, the difference of each E. M. F. from the ideal case may be quite considerable, yet since the differences are of opposite sign they cancel out and the radiogoniometer will read correctly in all positions of the search coil.

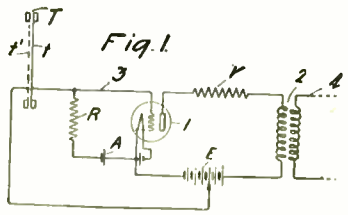
In some cases the error curve may not be quite symmetrical between successive zero points. In such a case the angle between the planes of the component coils of the search coil will not be exactly 45°. In this event the angle is chosen which gives the least mean error for all positions of the search coil.

CONNECTING TRANSMITTER TO VACUUM-TUBE AMPLIFIER

(Patent 1,422,837. Issued to Irving B. Crandall, of Nahant, Massachusetts, July 18, 1922.)

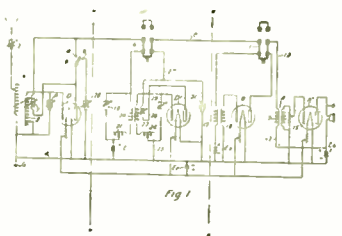
The invention in its generic aspect anticipates the use of either a condenser transmitter or a microphone transmitter, but is particularly adapted to the former case.

Special objects of the invention are to simplify the circuits and reduce the amount of battery required for the operation of such a combination of transmitter and amplifier. When a condenser transmitter is used this is accomplished by using a single battery or source of electrical energy for the two purposes of charging the transmitting condenser and operating the associated vacuum tube, and when a microphone transmitter is used the battery energizes the microphone and operates the vacuum tube.



Referring to Fig. 1, T is a condenser transmitter which consists essentially in a condenser, one of whose plates *t* is free to vibrate under the influence of sound waves and thereby change the electrical capacity of the condenser. Such transmitters are known in the art. One plate *t* of transmitter T is connected to the grid of a vacuum tube amplifier 1 of the audion type, while the other plate *t'* is connected to the filament through a portion of a battery E, which portion may be adjusted according to the potential desired across the plates of the condenser T. Plate *t* is also connected through a high resistance R to the filament, while between resistance R and the filament is connected the usual battery A. The output circuit of the vacuum tube amplifier contains the battery E, a transformer coil 2 and a resistance *r* which symbolizes the resistance of the output circuit.

In operation the battery E thus acts as a source of potential for charging the condenser transmitter T, and at the same time furnishes the current for the output circuit of the vacuum tube amplifier. When sound waves impinge upon the plate *t* and cause it to vibrate, a corresponding variation in the potential across the filament and grid occurs, which causes a corresponding variation of current in the output circuit. These variations are impressed upon a transmission line 4 through any suitable means, as a transformer 2.



RECEIVING STATION

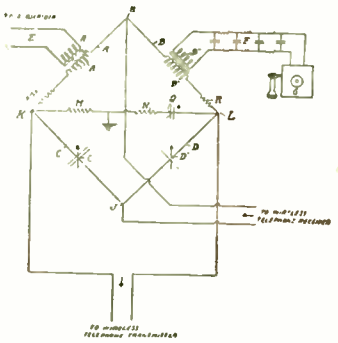
(Patent 1,415,992. Issued to Lewis M. Clement, of Newark, New Jersey, May 16, 1922.)

This invention relates to electromagnetic wave receiving stations.

An object of the invention is to produce a receiving station capable of receiving many kinds of signals efficiently, and particularly one in which a detector circuit may act to detect waves of one or more kinds and also in combination with another or other detecting circuit arrangements may detect waves having one or more different characteristics.

Referring to Fig. 1, the numeral 1 represents an antenna circuit containing adjustable capacity 2, coil 3, the antenna being grounded at G. To the ground is attached a conductor 4 forming a common ground for the whole system. Coil 3 is variably coupled to coil 5, both of which are of variable inductance and preferably movable with respect to each other. The upper end of coil 3 and lower end of coil 5 represent portions which may act to increase the inductance of their respective circuits but have substantially no coupling with other coils. Condenser 6 is in circuit with coil 5 whose terminals are across the input of detector tube D, the path to the filament of tube D being through ground connection 4. Capacities 2 and 6 and coils 3 and 5 represent any suitable means which may be variable over wide ranges, so that the antenna and circuit 5, 6 are capable of being tuned to frequencies varying from 20,000 or less to 1,000,000 or more. When switch 8 is on contact b, the output circuit of detector D extends from the plate through feed-back coil 7, which is variably coupled to coil 5, thence to double-throw switch 9. If switch 9 is in the "up" position, the path extends on through conductor 10 to switch 11. If switch 11 is in the "up" position, the path continues through conductor 12, coil 13, generator or battery E, and ground line 4, back to the filament of tube D. Variations of current in coil 13 are impressed upon coil 14 and by means of adjustable resistance 15, which forms a potentiometer, are impressed upon the grid-filament or input circuit of amplifying tube A'. In the output of A' is a receiver 16.

If greater amplification is desired, switch 11 can be thrown "down" and the coil 17 will be in the output of detector D and the variations will be impressed upon amplifier A through coil 18. Tube A will in this case impress its output on tube A' for further amplification.



RADIO SIGNALING APPARATUS

(Patent 1,432,354. Issued to William Hockley Nottage, of Chelmsford, England, October 17, 1922.)

This invention relates to a system of telephony including both land lines and wireless, and its object is to provide an improved system whereby signals received by wireless may be transmitted over land lines and whereby a wireless transmitter may be operated by signals transmitted over land lines.

According to my invention I provide a Wheatstone bridge each of two adjacent arms of which is formed of one winding of a transformer, such, for instance, as those used in land line telephony for connecting the receiver to the line. To two opposite junctions of the bridge I connect the wireless receiver and to the other two junctions I connect the wireless transmitter, and I connect the land line to the other winding of the transformer of one arm.

With this arrangement signals coming in to the wireless receiver will not affect the wireless transmitter but will affect the land line so that they can be heard over that land line. Signals transmitted over the land line will not affect the wireless receiver but will affect the wireless transmitter by which they will be transmitted, because the latter is responsive to audible frequencies and the former is only affected by radio frequencies from the antenna.

The second inductive arm of the bridge is preferably formed of one winding of a transformer exactly similar to that connecting the land line already mentioned to the bridge.

It may be necessary to balance the land line by an artificial line in this second transformer.

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New Technical Director Appointed

WE take great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Prof. W. Palmer Powers, B.S., to the position of Technical Director of the Radio News Laboratories recently left vacant when Mr. L. M Clement resigned this position on account of added duties given him by the Western Electric Company.

Professor Powers received his engineering education at the University of Pittsburgh, graduating in 1914 with the degree of B.S. in electrical engineering. He showed keen interest in radio prior to graduating, engaging in radio work for the Vermont State Forestry Department in the summer of 1912. He joined the engineering forces of the National Electric Signalling Company soon after graduating and has been continually identified with this organization until recently when the interests (then the International Radio Telegraph Company) were combined with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. He is well-known for his development of high frequency alternator controls and also his work on aircraft radio transmitters during the war. In addition to his articles on radio, Professor Powers has continuously engaged in educational work. He was for five years a member of the faculty of the Department of Electrical Engineering at Pratt Institute and is now Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology, this being his second year at Stevens. During the past year he has conducted special research in sound in the graduating class of New York University.

Professor Powers is a member of the Institute of Radio Engineers, American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Society for the Promotion of Electrical Education.

Apparatus Awarded Certificates

CARTER TU-WAY RADIO PLUG.

To permit the use of two phones, using but one plug, the Carter Radio Company, 209 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, offer their Tu-Way radio plug. Standard design is followed throughout the plug with the exception of the contact lugs. Two slots are milled in each lug and the extra large headed screws have a sufficient area to cover the width of both of these slots. The slots permit the use of cord tip con-

nections while lug tips may be held directly under the screw. The shell is made long enough so that the free connection of the telephones may be bent backward out of the way of the two lugs if series connections are desired. Fibre insulation is used throughout. Brass parts are polished and the fibre shell is finished in dull gloss. Arrived in good packing, packed in individual cartons.

AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT, No. 59.

GOLD-GRAIN DETECTOR

The Gold-Grain detector manufactured by the National Airphone Corporation, 16-22 Hudson Street, New York City, is intended for people who have tired of cat-whisker adjustments on their detectors.

In the Gold-Grain detector, the sensitive spot is found by merely rotating the knurl on the pivoted shell. In this shell are sealed the crystal and the gold content compound used in making contact. When the shell is rotated, the grains in this compound come in contact with the crystal, thus finding a sensitive spot. The crystal is probably cerussite. The sensitivity compared favorably with that of a good piece of galena. The insulation resistance of the compound used for both base and shell is in excess of 40 megohms. A piece of green felt is shellacked to the base to absorb vibration. Arrived in excellent packing with instruction sheet enclosed.

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CARTER UNIVERSAL HOLD-TITE JACKS

The Carter Radio Company, 209 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, depart from everyday practice in the manufacture of their jacks. The frame is so shaped that insulation stack-up is eliminated. Micarta insulation is used between the phosphor

bronze contact springs which are equipped with silver contacts. The nipple permits the jack to be mounted on panels from ⅛" to ¼" in thickness without the use of washers. The lugs are fanned to facilitate neat soldering. Metal parts, with the exception of the springs, are finished in polished nickel.

Arrived in good packing in individual cartons.

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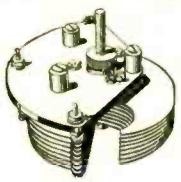
HARTMAN VARIABLE CONDENSER, TYPE S.

Some novel features are incorporated in the design of the Type S condenser manufactured by the Hartman Electric Manufacturing Company, Mansfield, Ohio.

The movable plates are cut in such a manner that the increasing capacity is relatively small at the beginning of the scale, a desirable feature when used as series antenna condenser. There is but one bearing which is exceptionally well made. It is in the form of a long bronze cone under an adjustable tension, giving smooth, accurate rotation. The plates are of heavy gauge aluminum, accurately spaced with washers. The end plate is made of hard rubber. Continuous rotation of the ¼" shaft is possible, since no stopping pins are incorporated in the design. The capacitance as measured on



a capacity bridge, was found to be 531.96 micromicrofarads at maximum setting; minimum, 8.34 micromicrofarads, measured at 1,000 cycles. The equivalent dielectric losses were so small that the phase angle difference is negligible. Arrived in excellent packing with instruction sheet enclosed.

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ACE PANEL LEVER SWITCH, TYPE LS.

An unusually well-constructed lever switch is made by the Precision Equipment Company, 2437-39 Gilbert Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A contact lever 1⅛" long is provided with a back contact which rests on the bushing used for mounting the switch, assuring a good contact. This lever is fastened to the bakelite knob 1" in diameter by means of a hexagonal slot which fits over a nut on the shaft. Spring tension is used to hold the lever against the contact points. The bushing is 5/16" in diameter. Arrived in good packing in individual cartons.

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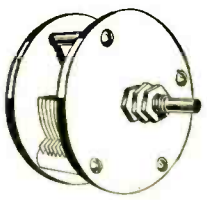
SUMTER VARIABLE CONDENSER

Desiring to obviate the necessity for drilling mounting holes, the Sumter Radio Mfg. Co., 103 S. Harvin Street, Sumter, S. C., offer their condenser which needs but one hole to be drilled for its mounting on a panel. A single bushing with two locknuts, entirely insulated from the shaft itself, is used to mount the condenser.

The end plates are of hard rubber composition and serve to support the condenser elements of moulded construction. A spring lever adjusts the tension on the shaft. Binding posts are provided to facilitate connections. The shaft accommodates a ¼" bore dial.



As measured on a capacity bridge the capacitance of this 23 plate condenser was found to be 387.9 mmf. at maximum setting and 14.35 mmf. at minimum setting, measured at 1000 cycles. The equivalent dielectric resistance was 15 ohms at each setting. The phase angle differences corresponding to these readings were 1' and 20', respectively.

Arrived in good packing with descriptive literature.

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NELSON MEDIUM WAVE COUPLER

This single circuit tuning device is manufactured by the I. R. Nelson Co., Bond Street, Newark, N. J. On a bakelite tube 6½" long and 3¼" in diameter, a coil of double cotton covered wire is bank wound in three layers for the longer waves. This winding is continued, single layered, for the short waves. Just inside of this short wave portion of the coil, a winding on a wooden rotor serves as the feed back or tickler coil. Pigtail connections complete the circuit to this rotor, which is limited to a 180° rotation by means of a stopping pin. The shaft accommodates a ¼" bore dial.

There are eight taps for intermediate waves brought off from the bank winding to Fahnestock clips on the end of the bakelite tube. A transparent compound is coated over the windings to prevent the absorption of moisture and the possible loosening of the turns. Two brass brackets serve to support the unit when mounted.

On the Laboratories' antenna the coupler responded to a range of wave lengths between 200 and 3,000 meters. Regeneration was obtainable all over this range.

Arrived in good packing with no instruction leaflet enclosed.

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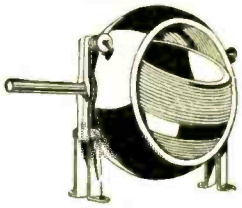
GOLD SEAL VARIOMETER TYPE BC

This variometer, moulded from a phenol compound is manufactured by the Standard Variometer Co., Inc., of City Point, Va. A pleasing appearance is presented by the contrast of the polished



metal work against the maroon colored shell. The windings are of green silk covered wire, with just a small amount of adhesive solution on the stator. The rotor winding is not coated at all. The ½" brass shaft passes through split bushings which serve as bearings. It is through these bushings that the circuit to the rotor is completed. Four nickel-plated feet are provided for table mounting, as no provision has been made for panel mounting.

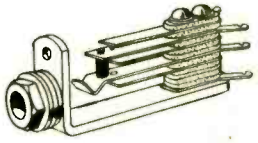
The wave length range with a 32 turn secondary in series was 160 to 410 meters. The inductance of the variometer alone ranges from 134.5 microhenries to 887 microhenries.

Arrived in good packing with no instruction sheet enclosed.

AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 53.

FROST JACKS

These jacks, five in number, are provided in the usual combinations of open circuit, single and double contact and filament control spring systems. They are manufactured by H. H. Frost, 154 West lake Street, Chicago, Ill. All metal parts,



except the springs, are nickel-plated and polished. By the use of spacers they may be mounted on any desired thickness of panel from 1/16" to ¼". The lugs are fanned to facilitate soldering of connections. Fibre insulation is used to separate the springs. Arrived in good packing, enclosed in individual cartons.

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FROST PLUG NO. 132

This plug is intended for use with telephones equipped with flat tips. It is manufactured by H. H. Frost, 154 West Lake Street, Chicago, Ill. The shell is fibre with a knurl on the outside to provide a better grip. Insulation is fibre throughout. Exposed metal parts are polished, while at the end it has been nickel-plated. Arrived in good packing enclosed in individual cartons.

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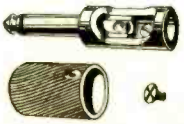

FROST PLUG NO. 137

The usual torpedo shape is incorporated in the frost plug, made by H. H. Frost, 154 West Lake Street, Chicago, Ill. It is intended only for telephones equipped with cord tips, for the fastening of which two holes are provided with small machine screws for clamping. The shell is of polished fibre and the metal plug is of polished brass. Insulation is fibre throughout. Arrived in good packing, enclosed in an individual carton.

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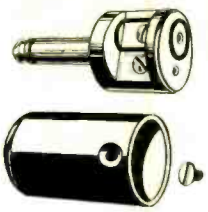


C-H VERNIER RHEOSTAT

This vernier rheostat is made by the Cutler-Hammer Co., of Milwaukee, Wis. It is identical in construction with the plain rheostat, with the exception of the vernier feature. This consists of a grooved circular form on which a single turn of resistance wire is wound. This wire is placed in series with the main resistance element and is actuated by an auxiliary shaft through the main one. The knob on this shaft is shaped so as to conform with the lines of the main knob.

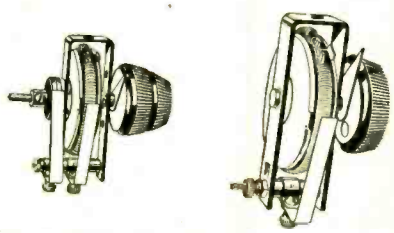
Tested 3 hours at 1.5 amperes. Resistance 4.3 ohms.

Arrived in good packing with instructions printed on the individual carton.

AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 55.

C-H V. T. RHEOSTAT

Instead of the usual system of an arm traveling over the resistance winding, in this rheostat, the resistance element rotates while the contact blade remains stationary. The rheostat is manufactured by the Cutler-Hammer Co., of Milwau-



kee, Wisconsin. A U-shaped frame supports the circular element on which the resistance wire is placed. The wire is wound helically and then stretched over a grooved form. Through this frame runs the shaft with its thermoplax knob and nickeled pointer. The circular element carrying the resistance wire is clamped to the shaft with a set screw so that when the shaft is turned the resistance wire moves gradually under the spring strip which forms the contact arm. Thus the resistance is changed by small steps from zero to 4 ohms.

A template is furnished for locating the holes necessary to mount the rheostat on panels from ⅛" to ½" in thickness. Two flathead iron screws are also provided. All metal parts are nickeled.

Tested for three hours at 1.5 amperes.

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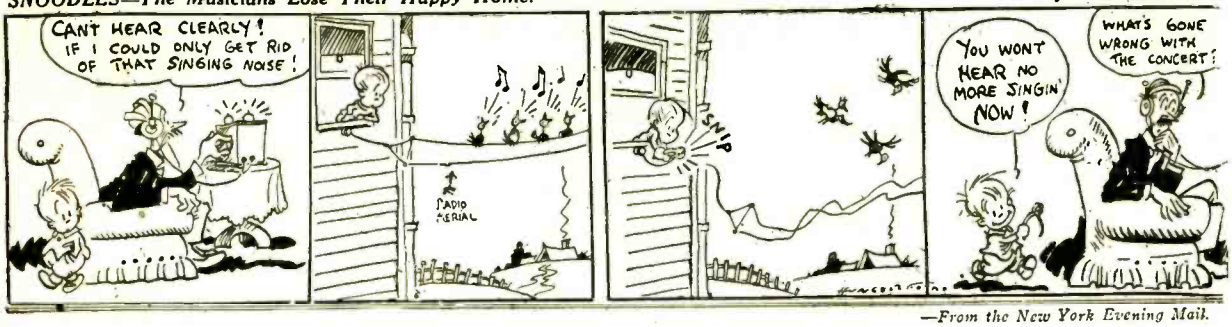
Radio Humor

SNOODLES—The Musicians Lose Their Happy Home. ***—By HUNGERFOR***



—From the New York Evening Mail.

Public Lemon Sale

ONE thing at a time is well, even in radio. Recently a reporter on the Floodwood *Bugle* tried to receive news messages from two country correspondents at the same time. One was broadcasting news of a wedding; the other a public sale advertisement. Following is the receiver's finished copy:

Beginning at nine o'clock amidst attractive decorations of spring flowers, Mr. Ann-Drew A. Lemon and Miss Helfer Eatin were disposed of at public auction on my farm, which was one of the most charming events, one and one-half miles east of her father, who is located at a vantage point, near the Logan-Nelsonville pike.

The bride was gowned in a becoming tarpaulin 10 feet by 16 feet, with large oval shaped mounds of good baled straw and the following property to wit: One Jersey bull, two years old, led the procession down the aisle and scattered other articles too numerous to mention before a background of farm implements and cathedral candles of pink. The impressive ring ceremony was said by six Poland-China pigs, registered and tubercular tested, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Floodwood. One set of single buggy harness with drop effect of trailing arbutus and her bridesmaid, complete with tugs and bridle, made it one of the most complete and charming events of its kind that will work single or double of the season. The groom was handsome in seven tons of clover and alfalfa mixed hay and diamond studded drag harrow with forty-two teeth. His best man was one DeLaine ewe, a former schoolmate at Ohio University.

Only intimate friends of sixteen milch cows were present, including fourteen registered Holsteins, the father and mother of the groom, six mules, and one good road scraper. Many beautiful and useful household articles such as sixteen quarts of tomato preserves, one brass kettle, beautiful cut glass, tin cans of all kinds, one churn, one baby crib, one electric toaster and six bushels of eating potatoes were received by the beautiful and charming auctioneer, A M. Mooney. The decorations of also one six-cylinder uncle and two white calves will be served on the grounds by the members of the Ladies Aid of the Floodwood church. The wedding took place at high noon and will last until all goods are sold. Terms—nine months' time with approved security as is the custom at sales of this kind, with interest at six o'clock dinner at the Ambrose Hotel, Logan.

After the nuptial knot had been tied with 200 feet of hay rope, the happy couple left on one good John Deers manure spreader, for an extended trip

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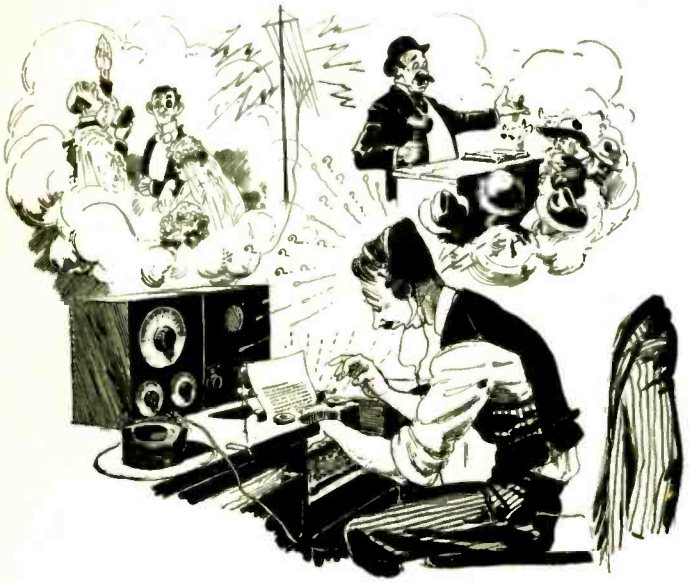


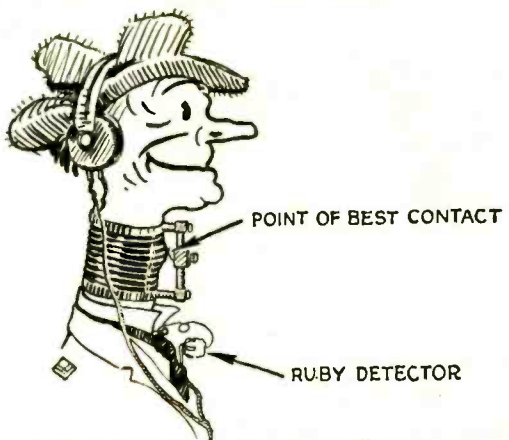
This Reporter Tried to Receive News Messages from Two Country Correspondents at the Same Time. Result: Another Good Man Gone Wrong. Moral: One at a Time, Gentlemen.

The Regenerative Receiver

A most efficient set may be made up as follows: Place a quantity of case-hardened macaroni in a Wheatstone bridge and measure the specific inductive capacity. The result will give you the correct amount of inductance and the correct voltage of the "B" Battery for the tube employed. Tubes vary, of course. So will the result. The tubes I have were bought after 12 o'clock at night, and the people who owned them are still advertising in the up-state papers "and no questions asked." Wrap 14 turns of hard drawn Liztendraht about the perimeter of a hard boiled egg, carefully fastening the ends of the wire with a cement made up as follows: 2 lbs. ipecac (syrup-asbitteras thedickensus) and 12 oz. cold pressed alligator pears, to which is added three pounds of cut nails, thinning down the solution to a consistency of fireclay. This will give the proper amount of inductance to pick up the broadcasting schedule of the great doughnut foundry at Manunka Chunk, N. J.

For the tickler, procure a feather from the left wing of a whiffenpoof. See that it is free from sciatica. These are the best, and laboratory tests have shown that they have a coupling factor of .38 centigrade in low altitudes, but deteriorate rapidly if exposed to the fumes of ham and eggs in an air-tight vessel.

The variable condenser previously obtained from the local plumbing shop is placed in juxtaposition to the gas pipe supplying the soft detector. Before attaching the phones and the batteries, it would be better, if expecting to hear signals, for the experimenter to go out and fall down a manhole into the subway. He will be just as happy in the end.



WHY NOT PUT THOSE LONG ONES TO GOOD USE?

—Suggested by J. Bront.

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RADIO CLUB OF AMERICA

At the last meeting of the Radio Club of America, held at Columbia University on Friday, December 1, Mr. S. E. Anderson, radio engineer, read a paper on vacuum tube amplification. This paper was of the utmost interest to all, as it covered both radio and audio frequency amplification. Mr. Anderson pointed out several features which are necessary in order to get the best results from an amplifier.

One of the most interesting topics was a discussion of the transformer and choke coil type, which was discussed at length and from which many derived beneficial knowledge.

All communications should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, 380 Riverside Drive, New York City.

THE MADISON HOUSE RADIO CLUB

The Madison House Radio Club was organized October 25, 1922. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. at the Madison House. Mr. Peck (2HC) of the Peck Radio Corporation, Brooklyn, directs the club, David Bailin has been elected President, Jacob Alper, Secretary. Max Halpern, Treasurer.

This club will be glad to receive correspondence from other clubs. At present we have a receiving set consisting of a fixed coupler, two variable condensers, detector and two stages of audio frequency amplification. Code practice has begun.

Address all correspondence to the Madison House Radio Club c/o Madison House, 216 Madison St., New York City, N. Y.

CHICAGO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Chicago Amateur Radio Club, organized October 18, 1922, is campaigning to increase interest and popularity of radio among the West Side amateurs.

The officers recently elected are: Mr. Hyman Millstein, President; Mr. Jacob Applebaum, Vice-President; Mr. Benjamin Meyer, Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. Joe Bonner, Instructor. This club, at present, has 12 members. All correspondence with other radio clubs will be welcomed. Address Benjamin Meyer, Secretary, 1215 South Millard Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

FORMATION OF SEVENTH DISTRICT EXECUTIVE RADIO COUNCIL

During the first annual convention of the amateur radio operators of the seventh radio district, a resolution was adopted providing for the creation of an executive radio council for that district.

Due to the fact that at that time (June) there was not a sufficient number in attendance to hold an election, a temporary chairman (H. S. Jones) was appointed. He was given instructions to call a meeting at some date in the fall, and with this view in mind a circular letter has been sent to all the district amateurs. The letter is self-explanatory and says in part:

"It is desired to obtain as large an attendance as possible at this meeting in order to make the selection and election as representative of the district as practicable, as the Executive Council will have full charge of all matters pertaining to Amateur Radio activities in this district.

"A great many amateurs are so situated that they are not members of any radio club so that this letter is being sent to each station individually. Those of you who can get together, call a meeting locally and discuss the matter in full, and those who cannot attend a local meeting try to decide on some place that is centrally located to all of the district that you can get to when the Executive meeting is called. The place receiving the greatest number of votes will be the place selected.

"A postal is enclosed which you are requested to fill in and return at the earliest moment possible. On this card place your first, second, and third choice for the meeting place and the time which would be best suited for you to attend this meeting. Also state at which meeting place you could personally attend and if you cannot be present, to whom you would give your vote.

"In this connection it is desired to impress on each and every amateur that his support is essential to this organization and that he must put all the EMF that he has behind the movement in order to get plenty of amperes into the antenna.

Signed by Temporary Chairman."

Roy A. Anderson,
P. O. Box 206,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF THE PHILIPPINES

Radio in the Islands is still in its very infancy. There are at most in the city and vicinity only about a hundred amateurs. Nevertheless, these amateurs are very enthusiastic and in order to promote further the Radio Art in this Archipelago, and for mutual benefit and protection, they have grouped together and formed the first real Radio Club in the Philippine Islands, naming it the Amateur Radio Club of the Philippines.

There is at present a single broadcasting station here, doing regular broadcast work, and that is WYAZ, at Camp Nichols, a town a few miles from Manila. The programs given on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights 8:30 to 9:30 include musical selections, latest cable news, weather reports, time signals, lectures and sometimes short talks on Radio. But the music we are getting is still "canned" music and we, the amateurs, are hungering for real music. The Electrical Supply of this city, promises to do a regular broadcasting job in a few days more.

Coming back to the Radio Club I mentioned a while ago, I am proud to tell you that each and every member of the club is a real hard-working amateur; all are taking a deep interest for the betterment and dissemination of wireless. There are at present over fifty resident members and a few associate members. We have three honorary members, namely, Mr. Jose Topacio, Director of Posts; 1st Lieutenant Edward H. Guildford, U. S. Signal Corps and Mr. Carson Taylor, publisher of the Manila Daily Bulletin, the only paper here showing interest in Radio. Our officers are: Mr. Thomas L. Rivera, as President; Mr. William Ellis, Jr., as Vice-President; Mr. Eliodoro Claro, as Treasurer, and the writer as Secretary.

The Club expects to accomplish a number of important activities, chief among which is the installation and operation of a broadcasting station for the benefit of the members. We have a receiving set constructed entirely by members.

JOSE E. JIMENEZ, Secretary.

NEW AMATEUR STATIONS

2 XAQ—J. C. Smith, 3 Corona Avenue, Valley Stream, N. Y.
2 XAR—D. W. May, Inc., 325 Central Avenue, Newark, N. J.
2 XL—Tarrytown Radio Research Laboratory, Tarrytown, N. Y.
4XK—Winter Park Electrical Construction Co., Winter Park, Fla.
4 XL—Mercer University, Macon, Georgia.
5 XADA—John O. Newbury, 1822 Bennett Avenue, Dallas, Texas.
5 XAEA—Radio Phone Sales Company, Enid, Oklahoma.
5 XAJ—C. B. Baxter, 204 Grafton Street, Dublin, Texas.
6 XAH—Archie Wade, Jr., 465 North Lake Street, Los Angeles, Cal.
6 XAV—W. W. Lindsay, Jr., P. O. Box 643, Reedley, Cal.
6 XAX—G. S. Corpe, 517 West Main Street, El Monte, Cal.
6 XAY—C. R. Tinsley, 3017 Wheeler Street, Berkeley, Cal.
6 XN—Dr. Alfred E. Banks, Timken Building, San Diego, Cal.
6 XW—Hall Berringer, 637 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, Cal.
6 XZ—R. O. Shelton, M. D., San Diego, Cal.
6 YC—University of Redlands, Redlands, Cal.
6 ZH—Lester Picker, San Ysidro, Cal.
6 ZY—Thomas A. Marshall, 242-D Kaiulani Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii.
7 XM—Great Falls Power Co., Butte, Montana.
7 XN—Thompson Falls Power Company, Thompson Falls, Montana.
7 XO—Great Falls Power Company, Rainbow, Montana.
7 YQ—Enumclaw High School, Enumclaw, Washington.
7 ZF—F. F. Gray, 3200 Richardson Street, Butte, Montana.
8 XAM—Arthur L. Kent, 199 Court Street, Binghamton, New York.
8 XP—General Electric Co., White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.
8 YL—East End Y. M. C. A., Cleveland, Ohio.
8 YP—Seneca Vocation School, Buffalo, N. Y.
8 ZU—Radio Club of Mansfield, 139½ Carpenter Road, Mansfield, O.
9 XQ—Quincy Electric Supply Co., 10 Maine Street, Quincy, Ill.
9 XR—Colin B. Kennedy Co., 6400 Plymouth Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.
9 YAR—Lawrence College, Department of Physics, Appleton, Wis.

New Radio Legislation Is Needed

By CARL H. BUTMAN

THE extension of the regulatory powers of the Department of Commerce over radio is imperative, Secretary Hoover, who has become a sort of foster-father to radio, states in his annual report. Otherwise the development of radio art will be greatly retarded, he explains. The sudden increase of radio telephone broadcasting during the last seven months of the fiscal year from five to 382 transmitting stations, and the increase from about 200,000 to 1,500,000 receiving stations, resulted in so much "interference" between sending stations, the Secretary of Commerce reports, that the destruction of the usefulness of this very important invention was threatened. A conference of experts, manufacturers, and government, public and amateur representatives, which was called by Mr. Hoover in February, unanimously recommended the immediate extension of the regulatory powers of the government and drafted a set of technical provisions for submission to Congress.

Identical radio bills were introduced in the two houses of Congress last session by Senator Kellogg and Representative White, but they are apparently "pigeon-holed," awaiting, perhaps, the demand of the radio public itself before any action will be taken. Department of Commerce officials handling radio matters have cherished the hope that early action would be forthcoming for some time and continued to license all broadcasters every three months, while awaiting a definite law. New legislation would aid the Secretary of Commerce in enforcing the laws and bring about a more satisfactory condition for both operators and "fans," they point out. Authority for the appointment of the advisory committee of six Governmental and six outside civilian members, would assist the Secretary in reassigning definite wave-lengths and in the allotment of more bands for commercial and private uses. Congressman White's bill is expected to be pushed, but action is not assured this session.

DISCRETIONARY ASSIGNMENT OF WAVES HOPED FOR

Recommendations of the Radio Conference were for one exclusive Governmental broadcasting wave band, two bands for private and toll broadcasting, and four for use by both Government and private broadcasters, which would give such transmitting stations broader scope and prevent interference to a great degree. Today only two

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Free Medical Radio Service for Ships at Sea

THE United Fruit Company announces the inauguration of a free medical radio service from its hospitals in the various countries of Central America and from its passenger steamships to all ships at sea. So far as the United Fruit Company and its subsidiary companies are concerned, this service is available without charge to ships of all nationalities through the following radio stations operated by the United Fruit Company or the Tropical Radio Telegraph Company:

RADIO STATIONS AND THEIR CALL LETTERS

New Orleans, Louisiana	WNU
Burwood, Louisiana	WBW
Fort Morgan, Alabama	WIO
Swan Island, Caribbean Sea	US
Tela, Honduras	UC
Puerto Castilla, Honduras	UA
Tegucigalpa, Honduras (Open Nov., 1922)	UG
Port Limon, Costa Rica	UX
Almirante, Panama	UB
Santa Marta, Colombia	UJ

All passenger steamships of the United Fruit Company.

For ship's call letters see International Radio Call Letter List.

Radiograms requesting medical advice should be signed by the captain of the ship and should state briefly, but clearly, the symptoms of the person afflicted. Such radiograms should be addressed "UNIFRUITCO" (name of place) and may be sent to any of the United Fruit Company's hospitals listed below:

Santa Marta, Colombia.
Port Limon, Costa Rica
Almirante, Panama
Tela, Honduras
Puerto Castilla, Honduras
Puerto Barrios, Guatemala

All United Fruit Company passenger steamships carry doctors, and free medical service may be secured by radio from any of them by a radiogram addressed "Ship's Doctor" followed by the name of the steamship.

This free medical service is established primarily for the benefit of ships not carrying doctors; however, should occasion require, ship's doctors may hold consultation by radio with the United Fruit Company ships' doctors and hospital staffs.

The physicians and surgeons comprising the medical staff of the United Fruit Company and its subsidiaries are thoroughly qualified, but in view of the fact that radio medical advice to ships at sea is given free and without an opportunity for a personal examination of the patients by them, no responsibility will be assumed by either the company and its subsidiaries or the physicans or surgeons giving the advice as to its accuracy or for error in the receipt or transmission of any message sent or received in connection therewith.

It is requested that when sending medical advice radiograms, radio operators check them "(number of words) DH Medico."

"DH Medico" radiograms will be given preference over all other radiograms, excepting SOS calls, throughout the radio service of the United Fruit Company and subsidiary companies.

A Few Suggestions

By J. E. HARA

MR. LEVIN'S recent plea for support of the defunct URTA is not without its grain of wisdom. One need only take the status of the Operator on the Great Lakes, where there is no Association, and compare it to that of the man on the coast, where there was an Association. A radio man on the Lakes is classed and paid the same as an ablebodied seaman. This is sufficient to warrant Mr. Levin's argument that there is power in unity.

However, I find that I do not entirely agree with him in his prediction that Operators will soon find themselves in the foc'stle. They have proved themselves too indispensable to modern navigation for such a reduction. I was recently one of a trio of operators aboard a certain trans-atlantic liner, which became fog-bound a day and a half from New York. By means of frequent Radio-bearings and advices of various ship's positions in our locality we enabled the Captain to make Nantucket Light with only a slight delay. Such service is appreciated and rewarded.

Nevertheless an Association, with intelligent direction at its head would be extremely beneficial to the game. Radio is not yet what it should be. I would like to make the following suggestions for consideration when the new Association, or rather old one, takes its work up again.

Radio operators are underpaid. Let it be the purpose of Association heads to bring it to what it should be. It is possible to bring this about by common sense conference with executive heads of the various steamship lines, not by strikes. Strikes tend only to force a temporary remedy, and in all are embittering. At the present time a radio operator can just eke out an existence on his emolument.

With the compensation raised Radio will be a better game, peopled by capable operators, content with their positions. Very few, yea nary a one, of the men I have questioned contemplates remaining at the key. John Jones is only at it because of the present business depression, but as soon as there is an opening in that broker's office the Radio profession loses a good man. And operator West intends to get his rich Uncle's legacy soon, he is only hanging on till the old man says 'nough, while Jimmie Johnson is out at sea so that he will have time to study and prepare for a degree on the Laws that govern goldfish. A thousand cases could be quoted, not one man intending to stay in the game. If it were worth their while things would be different.

Also, it should be a salient point in the URTA'S program to get better receiving equipment aboard some of the boats,—boats that are still using crystal detectors. Do modern business houses not employ adding machines, which are more rapid, more reliable than slow mental arithmetic? Then why not the audion for vessels? Is it not more efficient, better, than the carborundum?

English Weather Reports

THE Wireless weather bulletins hitherto broadcasted twice daily by Clifden (MFT) have been discontinued by that station.

The two undermentioned stations are temporarily carrying on the issue of these broadcasts.

(1) MALIN HEAD—(55.22N 7.20W)—GMH. 600 meters at 0900 and 2100 G. M. T.

(2) LAND'S END—(50.07N 5.40W)—GLD. 600 meters at 0915 and 2115 G. M. T.

The observations contained in these messages are taken at 0700 GMT and 1800 GMT respectively, and the message is composed of two parts, namely:

Part 1 Statement of general meteorological situation and forecast for 24 hours for the Western Seaboard of the British Isles.

Part 2 is in code and refers to the following stations:

Stornoway	58.11N	06.22W
Blacksod Pt.	54.06N	10.04W
Holyhead	53.18N	04.39W
Scilly	49.58N	06.18W
Dungess	50.55N	00.58E

Each group of figures represents the above named stations in the order given, the sixth group gives further information for all five stations.

First Group, Second Group, Third Group, Fourth Group and Fifth Group are composed of figures having the following significance.

1st, 2nd figures = corrected barometer in millibars to the nearest whole millibar, the first 9 or 10 being omitted.

3rd figure = True direction of the wind to nearest point. (See Table 1.)

4th figure = Wind force by Beaufort's scale, 9 representing forces of 9 and above.

5th figure = Visibility by scale (see Table 2).

In the sixth group each figure represents the barometric tendency (see Table 3) for the stations in the order named.

In the case of missing observations a hyphen is inserted in the place of each missing figure.

TABLE 1.—WIND DIRECTION (TRUE)

0 = Calm	5 = S. W.
1 = N. E.	6 = W.
2 = E.	7 = N. W.
3 = S. E.	8 = N.
4 = S.	

TABLE 2.—VISIBILITY. (SEA)

0 = Dense fog.	50 yards.
1 = Thick fog.	1 cable.
2 = Fog.	2 cables.

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THREE COIL H. C. HOOK-UP

(590) Mr. Alfred F. Seils, Rochester, New York, writes:

Q. 1. Please publish the best three-coil honeycomb hook-up with two steps of amplification. Give full description of all parts, also capacities of all condensers.

A. 1. This hook-up was published in our January issue question number 272. Only one stage is shown but any number of stages can be added, in the same way. The size of honeycomb coils used depends entirely upon the wave-length range to be covered. Use a .00025 M. F. grid condenser, .001 M. F. variable condenser for secondary and series variable condenser, .00025 M. F. fixed condenser across the phones and "B" battery.

Q. 2. Give number of coils for each set up to 25,000 meters.

A. 2. For the number of the coils for each set up to 25,000 meters, we refer you to the tables printed in the de Forest catalog.

Q. 3. What capacity storage battery would be required for this set Also for "B" batteries?

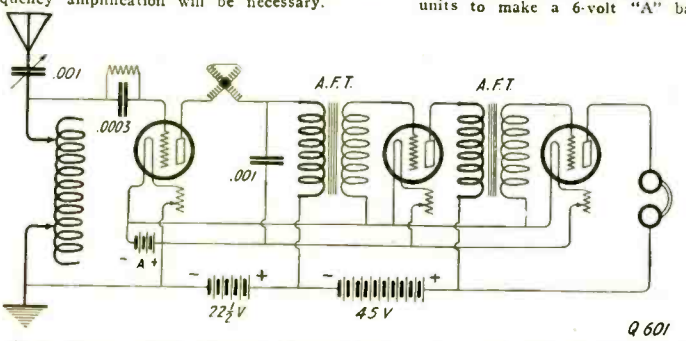
A. 3. A 6-volt, 80-ampere storage battery for heating the tube filaments. 22½-volt "B" battery will be required for the detector tube and approximately 45 volts for the amplifier tubes.

THREE STAGE AMPLIFIER

(591) Mr. Harvey G. Adams, Salem, North Carolina, wants to know:

Q. 1. Will you kindly publish a diagram of a three-stage amplifier with honeycomb coils that will reach the distance from Chile, South America, to Pittsburgh, Pa.?

A. 1. The circuit you desire will be found in the December issue, question No. 532. For the distance you mention several stages of radio frequency amplification will be necessary.



Q 601

A Single Circuit Tuned Plate Regenerative Receiver With Two Stages of Audio Frequency Amplification.

Q. 2. Please publish diagram showing how to change this circuit from honeycomb coils to variometer?

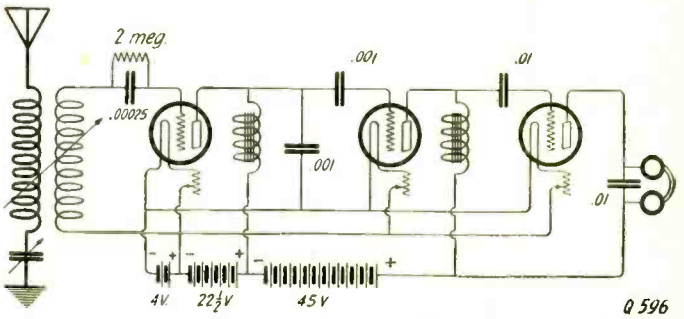
A. 2. The circuit you desire was printed in the "I-Want-To-Know" column of the September Radio News under number 441.

R. F. SWITCHING ARRANGEMENT

(592) Mr. G. H. Gardner, Unionville, Ohio, asks:

Q. 1. In the October issue, page 661, "I-Want-To-Know" column, you show hook-up for a switching arrangement to use one or two stages of radio frequency amplification. I would like to see this carried out for three stages. I cannot figure out how to use the second switch as shown in cutting out the second stage. How do you connect the secondary of the first transformer to the grid of the detector tube with switch as shown?

A. 1. In reference to this circuit, the following method is carried out. For two stages of radio frequency amplification and detector, switch No. 1 is closed and switches two and three are placed in the down position. For one stage of radio and detector, switch No. 1 is opened, switch No. 2 is placed in the up position, switch No. 3 is in the down position. In this case, only the second stage and detector are being used. Switches No. 1 and No. 2 are left open and switch No. 3 is placed in up position for detector use only. The third stage may be connected by the same means, i.e., by the use of a two point switch as designated in the



Q 596

A Two Stage Audio Frequency Amplifier Using Choke Coil. Grid Condensers are Provided to Keep the "B" Battery Voltage Off the Grids.

second stage. The control of successive stages of radio frequency amplification lies in the proper combination of switch positions.

PHONE REPAIRING

(593) Mr. Perrins Brenensteel of New London, Ohio, asks:

Q. 1. Will you give the address of some firm who will repair a headset as mine does not work?

A. 1. Send your phones to the company who manufactures them. They are best equipped to repair them.

(594) Mr. G. D. Booth of Natchez, Miss., wants to know:

Q. 1. Can I use three 2-volt "B" battery units to make a 6-volt "A" battery?

A. 1. This may be done but due to the low capacity of the cells, they will not last for any length of time, and frequent recharging would be necessary.

DETECTOR TUBE AS TRANSMITTER

(595) Mr. Kenneth G. Price of New Bedford, Massachusetts, asks:

Q. 1. Is it possible to use a Radiotron receiving tube for phone transmission in the hook-up found in Q. 367, page 1119 of the June issue of Radio News.

A. 1. A Radiotron receiving tube will not stand a very high voltage. It is by far the best means to use a Radiotron U. V. 201 or U. V. 202.

Q. 2. Can I take my high voltage from the secondary of a Ford coil

A. 2. Yes. You may use a Ford coil for stepping up the voltage, using 4 volts on the primary and a large condenser across the Secondary.

MYERS TUBES AND COKES

(596) Mr. Lucian Leape, Covington, Va., writes:

Q. 1. Give hook-up using Myers tubes with chokes for A.F. Amplification.

A. 1. Hook-up will be found on these pages.

Q. 2. Can these tubes be used for R.F. Amplification in connection with chokes?

A. 2. Yes, these tubes can be used for R.F. Amplification if used with the proper choke coils.

THREE CIRCUIT TUNING

(597) Mr. P. Turner, Norton, Va., wants to know:

Q. 1. How to tune a three circuit tuner?

A. 1. The grid and plate variometers are set at zero. The primary of variocoupler is tuned to incoming signal. The grid variometer is now turned till signals are loudest. This tunes the secondary or grid circuit. The plate variometer is now varied and the signals will again increase due to regeneration. A place will be reached where the tube begins to osculate. This is indicated by a click in the phones and the signals will become distorted. Just below this point is the desired position. It will be found easier to tune the plate and grid circuits at the same time. If interference is experienced the coupling should be loosened and the set retuned.

Q. 2. Can a bank wound coupler be used in this set?

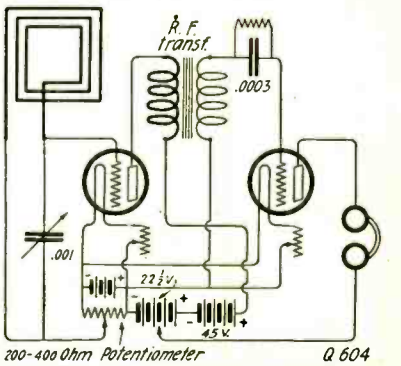
A. 2. Yes. But as the rotor has not the necessary inductance the efficiency will be lowered on the higher waves. The secondary can be shunted by a .001 variable condenser to increase the wave length of the secondary circuit.

PREPARINGG STORAGE BATTERY PLATES

(598). Mr. N. J. Tawes, Laurel, Del., asks:

Q. 1. How is the paste prepared for storage battery plates?

A. 1. A pasted plate is usually made by applying to a hard lead-antimony grid, a paste made of some oxide of lead, usually litharge, (PbO) or red lead (Pb_3O_4) and some liquid and other substance such as anthrocine, glycerine, graphite, potassium silicate, etc., to increase the hardness, porosity, toughness and conductivity. After the grid is filled with the paste the plate is dried. After being completely dried a number of plates are assembled in a forming bath of dilute sulphuric acid with dummy lead plates for the opposite electrode and a forming charge is given by passing the proper current through the voltaic couple thus formed. Positive plates are formed by con-



Q 604

A Two Tube Loop Antenna Set with one Stage of Radio Frequency Amplification. Variation of Wavelengths is Accomplished by the Variable Condenser.

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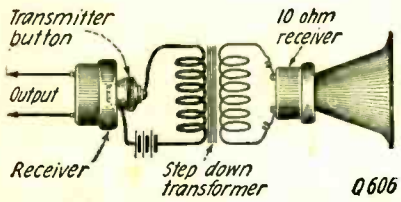


Simple Loudspeaker Using a Skindervicken Button Coupled to a 10 Ohm Receiver Through a Step Down Transformer.

necting the plates to be formed as the anode; the current further oxidizing the lead oxide to lead peroxide (PbO_2). Negative plates are formed by passing the current in the opposite direction, reducing the lead oxide to sponge lead.

RANGE OF CRYSTAL DETECTOR

(599). Mr. Clyde Coster, Holland, Mich., wants to know:

Q. 1. What is the average range of a crystal detector?

A. 1. This all depends upon local conditions, size of antenna etc. However, a good crystal set should receive music at a distance of twenty to twenty-five miles and code from 300 to 500 miles.

Q. 2. What is meant by a ten per cent. acid solution, weight or quantity?

A. 1. This mean by quantity. In other words nine parts of water to one part of sulphuric acid.

W. D. 11 TUBES

(600). Mr. Keith Norwell, Manhattan, Kan., asks:

Q. 1. What plate voltage is used on a Westinghouse W.D. 11 tube?

A. 1. These tubes function best as a detector with about 22½ volts on the plate. When used as amplifiers 45 volts can be used.

Q. 2. Does this tube fit a standard socket?

A. 2. No. An adapter must be used if this tube is to be used in a standard socket.

Q. 3. Are these tubes on the market?

A. 3. Yes, they can be now bought from any radio dealer.

TWO STEPS OF AUDIO FREQUENCY

(601). Charles J. Coward, South Byron, N. Y., writes:

Q. 1. Can the hook-up shown in question 439 of the September issue be used with two steps of audio frequency amplification?

A. 1. Yes. The hook-up is shown on these pages.

Q. 2. What extra parts are needed?

A. 2. Two sockets, two rheostats, two amplifying tubes, two audio frequency transformers and an extra 22½ volt battery.

Q. 3. What amplifying transformers are best?

A. 3. Any standard transformer with a 3 to 1 ratio will do.

RADIO VS. AUDIO FREQUENCY

(602). Dr. Lewis J. Freedman, New York City, wants to know:

Q. 1. Is radio frequency better than audio frequency?

A. 1. This all depends on what is desired. Audio frequency will amplify anything that is rectified by the detector so that a large volume of sound is had. Radio frequency amplifies the signals before they reach the detector, thus bringing in signal that would not otherwise be heard with the detector *and A. F. amplification* alone.

Q. 2. What length antenna is recommended?

A. 2. The best antenna is one wire about 100 feet long and above surrounding objects if possible.

Q. 3. What radius in miles should I receive?

A. 3. No answer can be given to this question. This depends upon the type of set used, skill of operator, local conditions, etc.

Q. 4. Is a series parallel switch important and why?

A. 4. This type of switch is generally used to change a variable condenser from series to shunt at will. Many other uses can be thought of for this switch.

CHOKE COIL AMPLIFICATION

(603). Mr. Rufus W. Feitshaus, Laura, Ohio, asks:

Q. 1. Will the Myers type used with Myers choke coils equal transformers in amplification?

A. 1. Choke coils, if used with the right condensers should give results equal to transformer amplification.

Q. 2. Where can I obtain the automatic filament current adjuster mentioned in July RADIO NEWS?

A. 2. This is known as the "Amperite" and can be obtained from the Radiall Company, 99 Warren Street, New York City.

Q. 3. Where can I obtain pure sheet aluminum?

A. 3. Sheet aluminum can be obtained from Patterson Bros., 27 Park Row, New York City.

LOOP ANTENNA

(604). Mr. L. A. McClelland, Jr., Jamaica, N. Y., asks:

Q. 1. Show a hook-up of an all wave coupler with a loop and two tubes (det. and one step of audio frequency).

A. 1. A loop cannot be used in conjunction with this tuner efficiently and radio frequency must be used, as not enough energy is received with a loop for a detector alone. A loop, shunted by a .001 variable condenser is the antenna and tuner in itself.

Q. 2. Also show with detector and one stage of R. F. amplification.

A. 2. Diagram will be found on these pages.

Q. 3. Would like specifications of loop.

A. 3. Eight turns of No. 18 wire on a loop four feet square and *shunted by a variable condenser of* .001 *capacity will be satisfactory.*

VOLTAGES ON MYERS TUBES

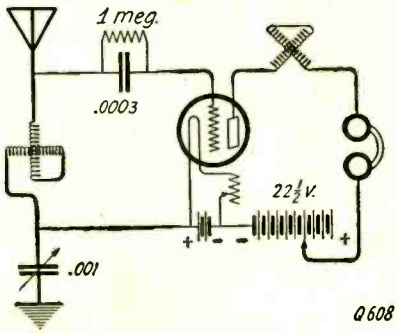
(605). Mr. Henry F. Stumberg, Vancouver, Wash., asks:

Q. 1. Can both types of the Myers tubes be used as detector or amplifier?

A. 1. Yes, but the 'Myers High Mu' tube will be better as an amplifier.

Q. 2. What is the filament and plate voltage of each tube?

A. 2. Both tubes take four volts for the filament. Each tube will take 60 volts on the plate but the High Mu tube can be used with 120 volts with safety.



A Variometer Tuned Plate Circuit Regenerative Receiver. This Type Is Easily Controlled.

Q. 3. Are the Myers Choke Coils used as, or with a transformer?

A. 3. These choke coils are used alone for amplification and a different coil is supplied for radio frequency amplification.

TRANSMITTER BUTTON AS AMPLIFIER

(606). Mr. Floyd Monroe, Vitalia, Cal., requests:

Q. 1. A diagram showing how to use a transmitter button to amplify radio signals.

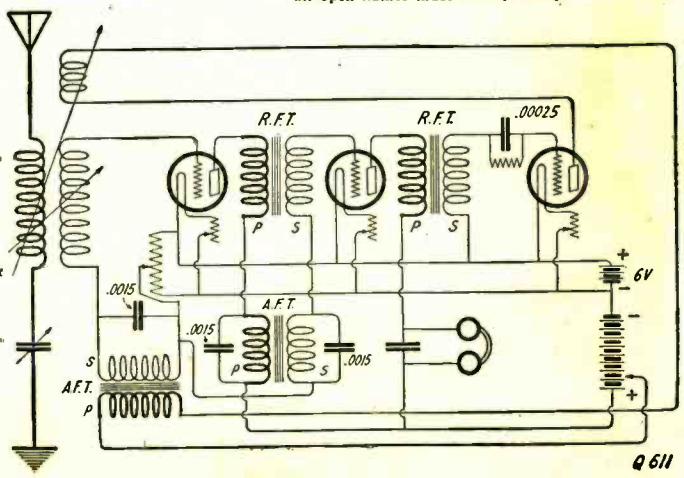
A. 1. This diagram will be found on these pages.

RADIO FREQUENCY AMPLIFICATION

(607). Mr. Geo. D. Snell, Jr., St. Anthony, Idaho, wants to know:

Q. 1. What is the difference between radio and audio frequency amplification?

A. 1. When the incoming signal, which is of radio frequency is rectified by the detector it is changed to audio frequency and this is amplified by the following amplifiers, together with static and tube noises. By radio frequency amplification, the incoming signals are amplified before they reach the detector tube, and signals that would not ordinarily be strong enough to be rectified by the detector are thus built up to a higher potential.



In this Circuit, the Same Tubes Are Used for Both Radio and Audio Frequency Amplification. Tickler Feed-Back Regeneration is Also Employed.

TWO-VARIOMETER HOOK-UP

(608). Mr. Frank L. Roberts, New Bedford, Mass., wants to know:

Q. 1. Give a hook-up of two variometers and variable condenser.

A. 1. This hook-up will be found in these columns.

Q. 2. What are W. D. 11 tube?

A. 2. This tube is manufactured by the Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co. and is designed to be used with a single dry cell for lighting the filament.

Q. 3. Can I get Medford Hillside with this set with an antenna 55 ft. long and 30 ft. high?

A. 3. You should have no difficulty in receiving this station. Your reception would be better if your antenna was increased to 100 ft.

INTERFERENCE

(609). Mr. James Rountree, Brooklyn, N. Y., encloses diagram of his set.

Q. 1. How can I tune sharper with this set?

A. 1. A variable condenser of .001 capacity in series with the ground lead would help. If two or more stations are sending on exactly the same wave it is of course impossible to tune one out.

HOOK-UP WITH W. D. 11 TUBE

(610). Mr. Harley A. Tuttle, Funk, Ohio, requests:

Q. 1. Please show hook-up using the Westing house "peanut" tube.

A. 1. This tube can be used in any receiving circuit by using a single dry cell in place of a 6 volt storage battery.

R. F. AND A. F. WITH SAME TUBES

(611). Mr. H. B. O'Neill, Toronto, Ont., wants to know:

Q. 1. Please show hook-up of two stages of A. F. and two stages of R. F. using the same tubes.

A. 1. Hook-up is shown on these pages.

RE-RADIATION FROM A TUBE SET

(612). Mr. Lyle Mauss, Milford, Iowa, asks:

Q. 1. Do vacuum tube sets in the vicinity of a crystal set make the reception of music possible by the crystal set by re-radiating it?

A. 1. Crystal sets have been known to receive signals that were ordinarily outside of their receiving radius, due to some tube set in the vicinity. If a tube set is tuned to the exact wave length of the distant phone station and is set in oscillation it will naturally radiate these oscillations. This acts as if an oscillator were used in conjunction with the crystal set, reducing the resistance of the circuit to zero, thus permitting the weak signals received to produce a sufficient response in the detector circuit. Enough energy being received in this manner, it is rectified by the crystal and actuates the phones.

ALKALINE BATTERY

(613.) Mr. H. L. Ludin, Chicago, Ill., asks:

Q. How does the Edison Battery function and what materials are the plates made of?

A. In the alkiline or Edison battery, the positive plate consists of alternate layers of nickel hydrate and pure nickel flake, packed in perforated nickel plated steel tubes. The negative plate consists of iron oxide held in a somewhat similar way. The electrolyte used is a 20 percent solution of caustic potash in water. The electrolyte acts only as a carrier of oxygen between the plates and does not form chemical compounds with the active materials. The voltage of this cell is about 1.4 volts. The specific gravity of the solution remains practically constant and a hydrometer cannot be used to determine if the battery is charged. A volt meter can be used for this purpose. This battery can be completely shorted without harming the plates. Any water can be used in the electrolyte, provided it is free from acids and sulphur. During charging hydrogen gas is given off freely and as this is very explosive when combined with air, all open flames must be kept away.

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Radio Control

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ism where "sequence of operation" was desirable, but it can easily be imagined that considerable confusion might arise if in order to independently control, say, three electric motors, it was necessary to do so in "sequence." For instance, it might be desirable to first control, say, motor No. 3, and afterwards motor No. 1, and so on. This would involve a system of "direct selection"; the transmitting apparatus being provided with keys corresponding to the number of mechanisms to be controlled.

Figs. 1 and 2 show, respectively, a scheme of transmitting and receiving circuits, which proved very successful in connection with my "wireless-controlled carillon."

No Aerial or Earth

In Fig. 8 is shown a modified form of "Hertz" oscillator with other apparatus for "direct selective control." As I explained in my first article, a modified "Hertz" oscillator is shown in order that experimental apparatus may conform to "official" regulations in cases where it is not intended to connect wireless apparatus to an "aerial" and "earth."

The transmitting apparatus as shown in Fig. 8 consists of an induction coil A, spark gap B with metallic rods N N (which represent an "aerial"), battery C (for circuit connected to primary winding of the induction coil A), contacts D and E (which are closed by means of the "short-circuiting" device M, which is attached to but insulated from the armature of the relay F), metallic drum G with contacts H and I, "common return" contact P, relays J1, J2 with armature, and contacts L1, L2, Morse keys K1, K2, also relay battery R B.

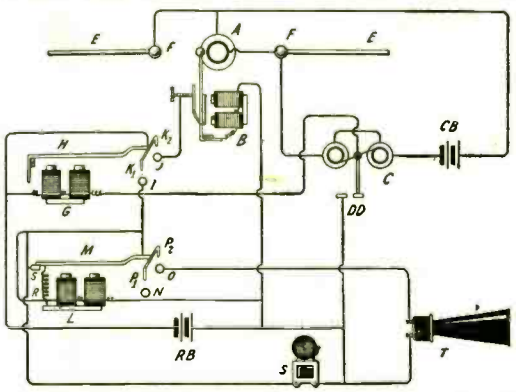

Fig. 11.—A Scheme of Circuits Suitable for "Time Period" Control. This is so Arranged that a Bell or Motor Horn May be Controlled at Will from a Transmitter.

The receiving apparatus as shown in Fig. 9 consists of a coherer with base A, de-cohering device B B, with contact C, coherer battery C B, metallic rods H H (which represent an aerial), relay D with contacts E, relay F with contacts G and G1, also contact device V W (which is attached to but insulated from the armature Y; a dashpot, not shown, is attached to the relay F to retard the upward movement of the armature Y), relay battery R B, relay J with contact U, metallic drum X with contacts L, L1 and "common return" contact K, relays M, M1, with armatures and contacts R, T, relays N, N1, with contacts Q, R, small series wound motors O, P, battery for motors M B. The motors are shown merely as examples of mechanism or apparatus it might be desired to control.

In operation the metallic drums G and X (as shown in Figs. 8 and 9) are caused to revolve synchronously, so that, for example, contacts H (on drum G) and L (on drum X) are closed simultaneously. The apparatus for effecting synchronism of the metallic drums G and X is not shown.

By depressing Morse key K1 (as shown in Fig. 8) current will flow from the relay battery R B through relay J1, drum contact H, and "common return" P, through relay F, the latter attracting its armature will close contacts D and E, thus admitting current through the primary winding of induction coil A (the trembler of induction coil is not shown), causing a high potential discharge (from the secondary winding of the induction coil A) across the spark gap B, setting up oscillations which will continue so long as the Morse key K1 is depressed, as although drum G may revolve and break contact at H, the relay J1 will have attracted its armature and closed contact L1 through which current will flow to relay F until Morse key K1 is released.

The same cycle of operations would take place if Morse key K2 were depressed, except that drum contact I and relay J2 would be involved.

By referring to the receiving circuits and apparatus as shown in Fig. 9, it will be observed that simultaneously with depressing Morse key K1 (as shown in Fig. 1) and the coherer A detecting a transmitted wireless wave, and the metallic drum X being in the position shown, current will first flow from the coherer battery C B through relay D, closing contact E, and admitting current from the relay battery R B through relay F, closing contact G, and afterwards contact G1.

The latter contacts are arranged so that contact G is closed before contact G1, and a dashpot (not shown) being fitted to the relay F causes a retardation of the "upward" movement of the armature which keeps contact G closed after current has passed from the relay battery R B through contact G1 and de-cohering device B B.

From contact G, current flows through relays N M through contact L, "common return" K, and contact U of relay J. Contacts Q and R will simultaneously be closed by the armatures of relays N and M admitting current through electro-magnet windings of relay J, breaking contact U connected with "common return" K, cutting off communication with contacts L, L1, and admitting current from motor battery M B to motor (shown series wound) O1, although drum X may revolve, and contact at L be broken.

The motor O1 may be kept working so long as Morse key K1 (shown in Fig. 8) is kept depressed, and the secondary winding of induction coil A discharges a high potential discharge across spark gap B.

The motor marked P in Fig. 9 could be operated in the same manner, by depressing Morse key K2 as shown in Fig. 8. It will be observed that with a "fixed" wave length the scheme of circuits shown in Figs. 8 and 9 admits of numerous mechanisms being controlled.

I previously explained that in some instances (especially where consideration of weight of apparatus was involved) it might be desirable, and in fact necessary,

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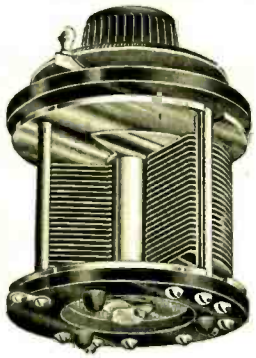

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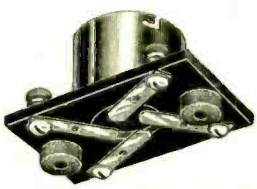

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to adopt "selection by sequence" when wirelessly controlling mechanism.

A case in point was my well-known wireless-controlled airship, the construction of which I shall describe in this article.

It will be apparent that the wireless control of an ordinary model motor-boat is a comparatively simple matter compared with the control of a model airship, when one considers that the former involves the "starting," "stopping" and "reversing" of one electric motor, and the movement of a rudder to "right," "left" or "central" position, whereas the latter (in the case of my model) involves the "starting," "stopping" and "reversing" of four electric motors, the control of a trapdoor, and six signal lights. In addition it will be realized that it is necessary to control mechanism for "raising" or "lowering" a model airship while in flight, which problem is non-existent in a craft floating on the surface of water.

In the construction of a model wireless-controlled airship the first consideration is "lifting power." For that purpose it is necessary to have a balloon of sufficient capacity to ensure that there will be a reserve lift of not less than ½ pound over and above the weight of the whole structure.

By adopting that precaution a great saving of hydrogen gas will be effectd, as it will not be necessary to "freshen up" the gas in the balloon as often as would be the case where "reserve of lift" had not been taken into account.

I had perhaps better explain what is meant by "freshening up." It simply consists of admitting pure hydrogen gas into a balloon in such a manner that "stale" gas may be blown out, thus restoring its lifting power.

Steering the Airship

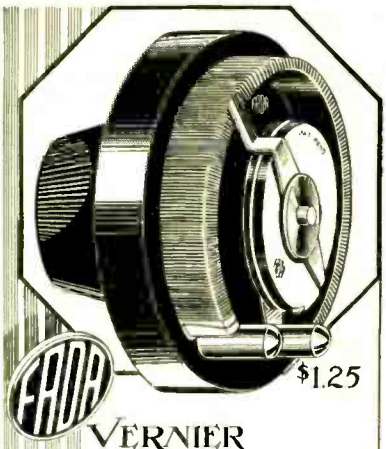
The balloon of my airship was elongated (2'0"x5'0" dia.) as shown in Fig. 1.

It was secured to the framework of the airship by eight light cords, and was balanced on "even keel" by means of sand contained in a bag, which could be placed in any convenient position on the airship.

The framework was made of white pine, and aluminum tubes, the latter also forming "conductors" for conveying electric current from accumulators (carried at the rear of the airship) to the various motors and other mechanism, the supply of current being wirelessly controlled by a "receiver" and "controller" suspended from the center of the airship frame. A sketch of the latter is shown in Fig. 2 It consists of a compartment A, carrying accumulators N, a receiver and controller C fitted with a drum and "step by step" mechanism (for "simple selective control"), coherer H, de-cohering device I.

Steering and maneuvering of the airship is effected by means of two electric motors, and propellers mounted upon a "swivelling" beam D, so that by starting, or reversing, either or both electric motors and propellers, the airship could be caused to travel in any desired direction, while it could be raised or lowered by means of the electric motors and propellers B B.

A trapdoor E is shown attached to the frame J J J, and arranged to be released by the electro-magnet G. The latter can be energized as desired by electric current from the accumulators in compartment A. On the trapdoor E being released, it automatically cuts off the source of electrical energy from the electro-magnet G. Such a procedure prevents a waste of energy, which is a most important item in a model airship, having regard to the necessity of cutting down the weight of accumulators to the lowest practicable limit.



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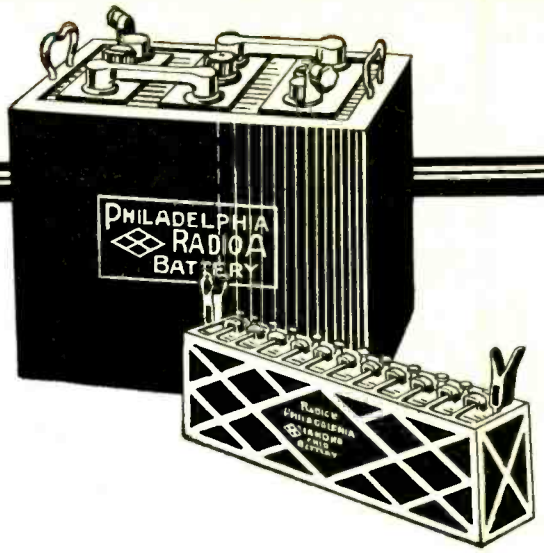

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Consideration of weight of the apparatus made it imperative to adopt a system of "selection by sequence" for the wireless control of the airship.

A system of "direct selection" would have involved the use of a much larger balloon for lifting purposes, which for demonstrations in theatres or public buildings would have been impracticable.

Fig. 10 shows a sketch of the "receiver" and "control" circuits of the airship. It will be observed that the coherer circuit is not provided with a potentiometer.

In my second article I described a special coherer which I designed for use with the airship. That coherer when once adjusted did not need any further attention, nor was a potentiometer necessary.

The circuits and mechanism shown in Fig. 10 consist of a coherer with base A, decohering device B, relay C with contacts D D, electro-magnet E with armature J, and contacts F F (one of these contacts is attached to but insulated from the armature J), coherer battery CB, insulated supports G G for rods H H (the latter representing an aerial), relay battery R B, contact drum K with a ratchet wheel P secured to one spindle on the drum.

Although not shown in the diagram (for the sake of clearness), the armature J is fitted with a "pawl," and (with the electro-magnet E) is mounted in a suitable manner so as to engage with the ratchet wheel R, so that the drum K can be caused to revolve "step by step" each time the electro-magnet E is energized (by current from the battery RB) and attracts the armature J.

M1 and M2 show the two shunt wound motors for "steering" and "maneuvering" the airship, F1 and F2 showing respectively the field magnet windings. It will be observed that these motors are connected with and controlled by the contacts on drum K; electrical energy being obtained from the battery RB.

M3 and M4 show (connected in parallel) the two shunt wound motors for "raising" and "lowering" the airship F3 and F4 showing respectively the field magnet windings (also connected in parallel.) It will be observed that these motors are also connected with and controlled by the contacts on drum K. In the interior of the latter dotted lines show crossed connections to the contact pins.

The object of this is to reverse the direction of current flowing to the armatures, but not the field magnet windings of the motors. Thus the propellers (attached to the armature spindles) can be caused to revolve in either direction as desired according to the position of the drum K.

TD shows a trap-door with supporting contact N1 and electro-magnet N. It will be observed that in operation current flows through the trap-door, contact N1, and electro-magnet N, and when the latter is energized contact N1 is broken, allowing the trap-door to fall and completely cutting off its source of electrical energy. L L show lamps (the airship was fitted with six lamps, although only two are shown). P T show insulated supports for contacts.

It will be further observed (on reference to the diagrams) that on the coherer A detecting a wireless wave, current would flow from the battery CB, energizing relay C, closing contacts D D, and admitting current from battery RB through the windings of electro-magnet E closing contacts F F, and thus energizing de-cohering

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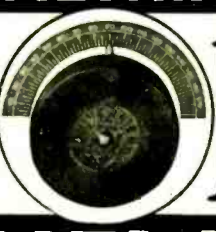

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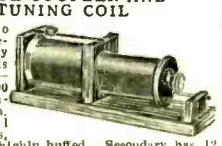

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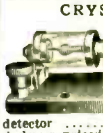

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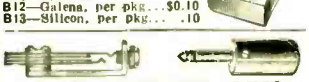

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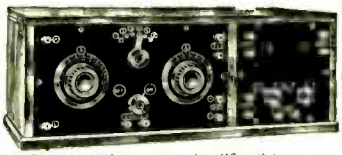

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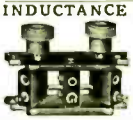

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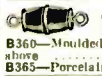

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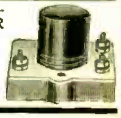

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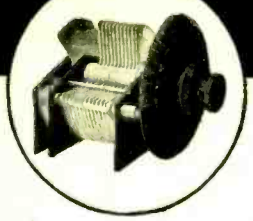

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device B. The "pawl" attached to the armature J would thus engage with the ratchet wheel R and move the drum K one step forward. It will thus be obvious that by revolving the drum K into various positions by each impulse from the electro-magnet E (Fig. 3) the motors M1, M2, M3 and M4, also lamps L L, can be controlled as desired, while the trap-door TD can be opened once only when the drum K makes one complete revolution.

This method of "selection by sequence" worked very well in connection with the wireless control of my airship, as the drum K being a very light weight could be caused to rapidly move "step by step"; thus the inevitable starting of motors not required was really of no account owing to the short duration of contact made by the contact pins on the drum K.

I shall now describe a system of wireless control which involves "periods of time" for its operation.

For the reasons set forth the system will be described as applicable for short ranges only, but (even at short distances) it is surprising the number of interesting experiments that can be carried out with such apparatus, more especially when used in conjunction with other systems of control.

For instance, it is possible when operating a "direct selective" system to control "step by step" mechanism and, further, to operate "time period" control apparatus.

Time Period Control

Three systems of control were involved in connection with the wireless-controlled pianos which I constructed in 1912.

It is not anticipated that amateurs will undertake the construction of such a complicated piece of apparatus as would be capable of wirelessly controlling pianos. Much simpler experiments can, of course, be carried out with the systems described. Fig. 11 shows a scheme of circuits suitable for "time period" control.

These are arranged so that transmitted signals can (for example) cause a bell to ring, while it can be arranged that "continuous oscillations" will "cut out" such a bell, and cause an electric motor horn to function.

It will be understood that the circuits shown may be varied as desired, so that additional mechanism may be controlled at will.

The circuits and apparatus as shown in Fig. 11 consist of a coherer with support A, de-cohering device B, relay C, relay contacts D D, rods E E (which represent an aerial) and insulated supports for same F F, coherer battery CB, relay G with armature H, contacts I, J, K1, K2 (the latter two contacts attached to but insulated from the armature H).

The relay G is fitted with a "dashpot" (not shown in diagram) so arranged that while the armature H is free to move in a downward direction, its upward progress is retarded.

The relay L is fitted with armature M, contacts N, O, P1, P2 (the latter two contacts attached to but insulated from the armature M) and contacts O. R. A "single stroke" electric bell is shown at S, electric motor horn T, and relay battery RB.

The relay M is also fitted with a "dashpot" (not shown in diagram) so arranged that while the armature M is free to move in an upward direction, its downward progress is retarded.

It will be seen that the effect of the "dashpot" on armature M is the reverse to that on armature H.

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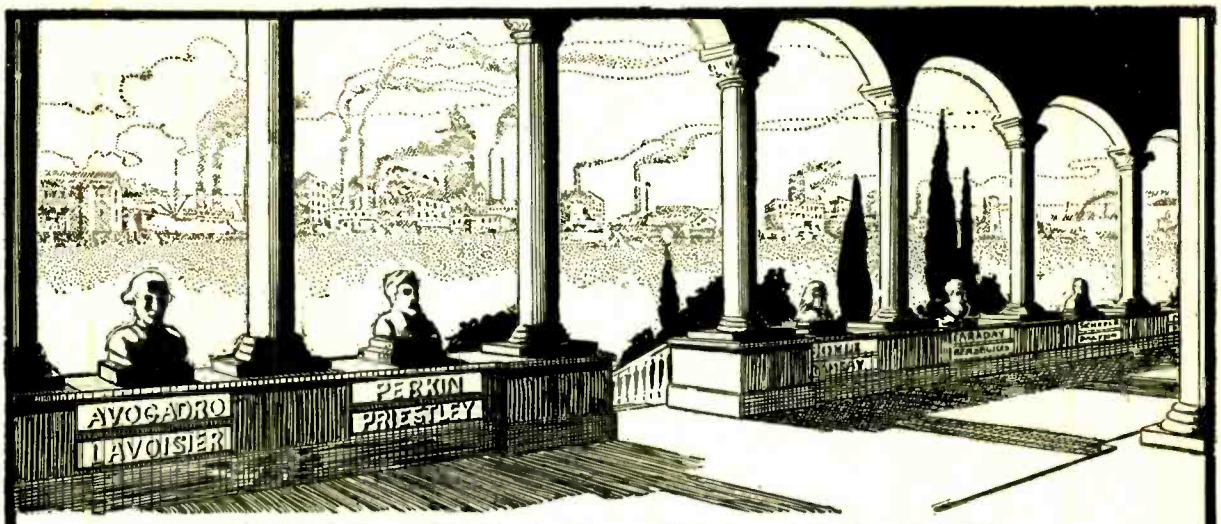

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The effect of this "cycle of operations" will be to admit current to the electric bell S ("single stroke" or "trembling" type) through contacts Q and R. Current will also be admitted to the relay L, but the armature M being provided with a "dashpot" (not shown in diagram) which retards its downward movement, contacts P1 and N, also P2 and O will not be closed, so that the electric horn T will not function.

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On the coherer A detecting "continuous oscillations," the same "cycle of operations" (as previously described) will be effected, except that on account of the armature H being retarded during its "upward" movement by means of a "dashpot. contacts K1 and I will be kept closed and the "period of time" during which such "continuous oscillations" continue will enable the relay L to attract its armature M, and close contacts P2 and O, thus admitting current to the electric horn T, breaking contacts Q and R; the latter "opening" the circuit to the electric bell S, thus cutting the latter out of action.

Contacts P1 and N are only shown as "spares." It will be further observed that "continuous oscillations" may be set up by one or more transmitters, thus producing curious effects.

The apparatus and circuits described were used with great success in connection with the wireless control of musical instruments, demonstrations of which I have on many occasions given in London.

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Radio Frequency Amplification

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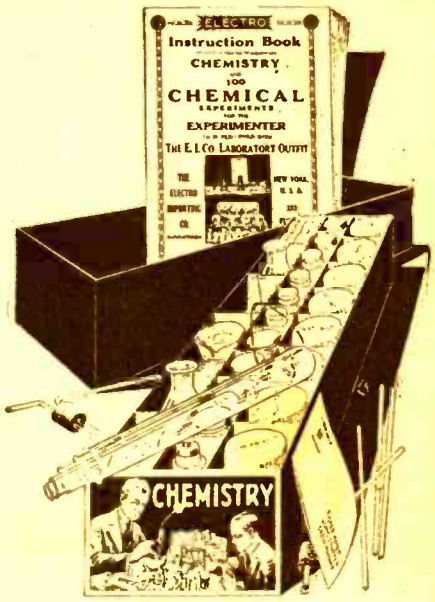

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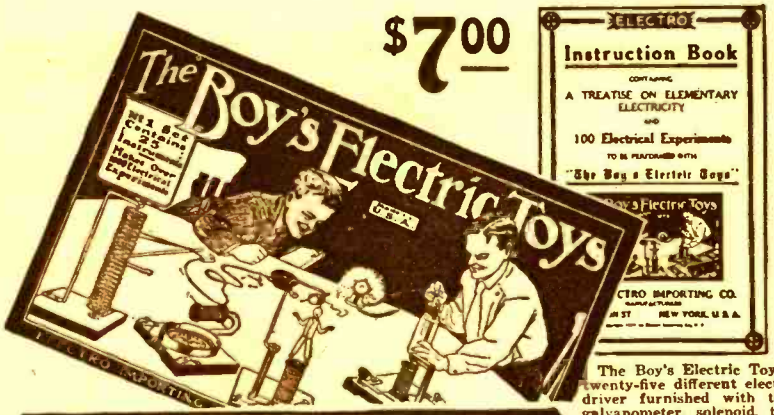

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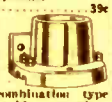

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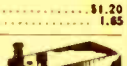

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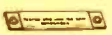

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Bakelite base. Spring clip contact.

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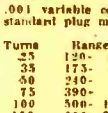

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200	900- 2500	B307	.72	B327	1.30
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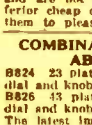

B812 43 plate .001 Mfd. 2.35
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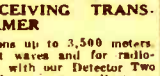

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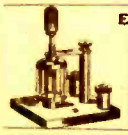

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B904 3 in. Diam. for 3-16 in. shaft. Ea..39c
B905 3 in. Diam. for ¼ in. shaft. Ea.....39c
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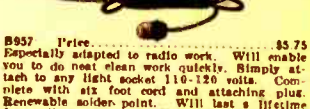

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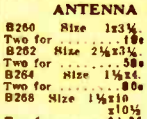

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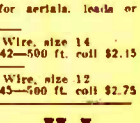

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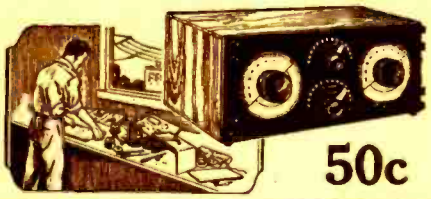

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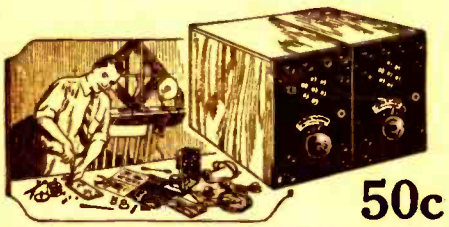

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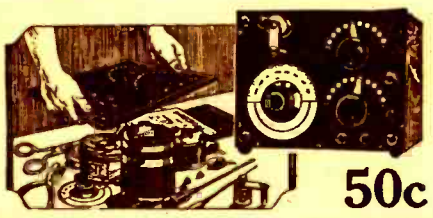

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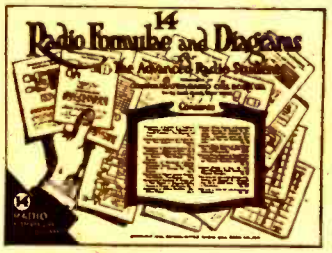

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Fig. 6 represents the core details of a very easily constructed and at the same time very efficient intervalve coupling transformer, of the non-magnetic core, aperiodic type. The five discs indicated in the drawings are turned out from bakelite or ebonite and bolted together by means of 6/32 round head brass machine screws as shown. The windings are to consist of No. 38 enameled copper wire, the primary and secondary being wound in the separate grooves A and B shown. A three-stage amplifier, recently made by the writer for commercial 600-meter reception, brought in signals from Bar Harbor to Miami during daylight hours, and from Cape Race to Colon, and Darien, Panama, with strong intensity at night. The efficient wave-length range was found to be from 475 to 800 meters, with peak efficiency at 600. The number of turns used for primary and secondary windings are shown in the diagram, Fig. 7.

Since the wave-length at which highest efficiency is attained varies with the number of turns in the windings, certain manufacturers have devised switching arrangements whereby portions of the windings may be cut out of circuit. To cover the range from 175 to 600 meters with greatest efficiency the author would recommend that two small 6-point switches be arranged to vary both windings simultaneously as follows:

Switch Point	Primary Turns	Secondary Turns
1	70	75
2	80	87
3	95	98
4	120	125
5	150	175
6	200	250

If several stages of amplificaton are used, it would be quite possible to mount the transformers and their switches in tandem, so that simultaneous turn variation could be accomplished from a single control knob, an idea, which, while not original with the author, certainly has its merits.

Several radio frequency transformers have appeared on the market employing an iron or other magnetic core. In some forms of transformer a laminated thin sheet iron core similar to that usually employed in the construction of audio frequency amplifying transformers is used, either with a closed or with an open magnetic circuit, while others have for a core finely divided soft iron imbedded in paraffin. This latter method, I believe, originated in England, where, in one form of amplifier utilizing a number of stages, this paraffin-iron core is so arranged that it may be varied in and out of the transformer windings, changing the inductance and impedance of the windings to the most favorable value for the desired wave-length. The most important effect of the introduction of a magnetic core is that the efficient wave-length range is broadened.

The constructional details of two American-made iron core transformers will, no doubut, be of interest.

The detailed cross-sections of both transformers will be seen in Fig. 8, where a great similarity will be noted. For the

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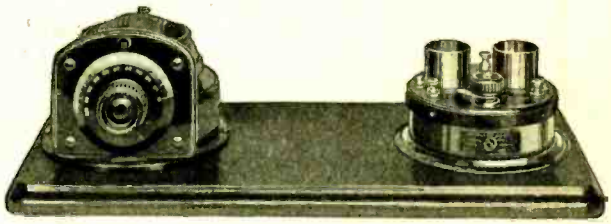

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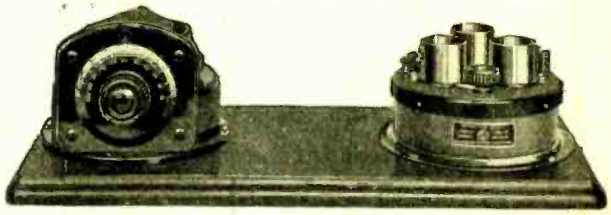

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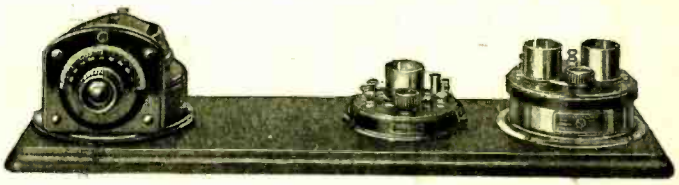

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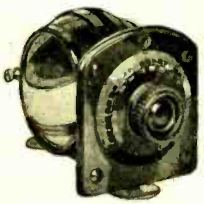

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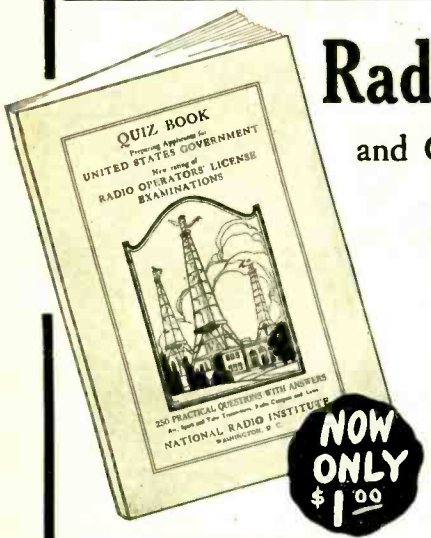

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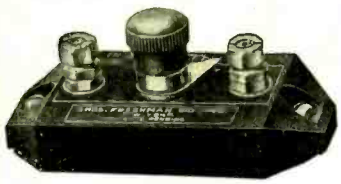

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The core for the transformer of Fig. 8B is a duplicate of that of Fig. 8A, but there is a slight difference in the windings. Here the windings, which are of No. 28 S. C. C., consist of a primary and a secondary, each of five stagger-wound coils of 30 turns each, a total of 150 turns to each winding. In this second transformer the windings are placed directly upon the iron core, and insulated from it by a single thickness of heavy waxed pasteboard. The wire leads, which have been labeled in a manner similiar to that for the previous transformer are connected in the same manner as indicated in Fig. 9.

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Radio Frequency Measurements

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is a variable condenser, Cx is the unknown capacity to be measured, which may be telephone cords, or an antenna insulator, capacity between windings of a transformer, etc. The small unknown condenser is connected in shunt with the known variable condenser by means of two leads. Disconnect the unknown condenser at its binding posts or terminals, leaving the two connecting leads attached to the known condenser. The object of this is to get the capacity of the known condenser with leads attached, thus enabling us to get the capacity of the unknown without the leads. Couple the two circuits loosely together so that there is no reaction between them and start the oscillator at the wave length desired. Vary the known condenser Cv until resonance is secured and note the reading of the condenser. Call this reading C_1. Now connect the unknown to the two leads at P,P and keeping the oscillator going at the same wave length. again vary the unknown condenser Cv until resonance is secured. Since the addition of the unknown condenser in shunt increases the total by an amount equal to its capacity, namely Cx, it will be necessary to decrease the known condenser by an equal amount in order to maintain resonance, since the wave length has not been changed. Note the reading of the condenser Cv and call it C_2. From the above, since C_2 is less than C_1 by the amount of the added value Cx it follows

$$C_2 = C_1 - Cx$$
$$\therefore Cx = C_1 - C_2$$

In this manner condenser effects of values as low as 25 micromicro-farads have been measured.

The accuracy of this measurement is of course largely dependent upon fine tuning, since such small variation in condenser values can only be secured by close tuning. Close tuning will be dependent upon the coupling between the two circuits and the damping or decrement of the measured circuit. Loose coupling will assist in securing a sharp resonance curve and at the same time will result in lower damping. The measured circuit must have a minimum of resistance for low damping and hence should have a low resistance inductance L, and the known condenser Cv should be loss free as nearly as possible. Furthermore for low damping the ratio of C to L should be as low as possible, since the damping is proportional to this ratio.

(*c*). *Measurement of large condensers.* Since standards of rather large capacities are also generally not handy it is necessary to employ the following method of measurement. The circuit connections are shown in Fig. 6. The same apparatus is employed as in the measurement of above, except that in this case the unknown condenser is large and may be, for example, a telephone blocking condenser, a large condenser for a filter circuit etc. Also the unknown condenser is connected in series with the known. Start the oscillator and with the unknown condenser out of the circuit tune the known condenser Cv to resonance.

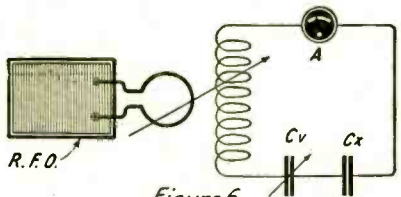

Figure 6

The Circuit Above is Employed for Measuring Large Capacities.

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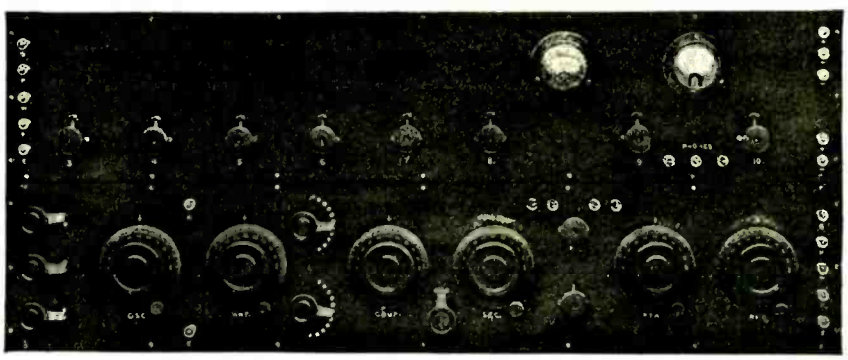

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$$\frac{C_2Cx}{C_2+Cx}$$

Hence

$$C_1=\frac{C_2Cx}{C_2+Cx}$$

$$\therefore Cx=\frac{C_1C_2}{C_2-C_1}$$

In the case of the capacity measurements previously described there was required only one calibrated condenser. In the case of inductance measurements at radio frequency it is necessary to have more calibrated apparatus, generally a known inductance and known capacity. The methods used in these measurements are all based on the resonance method as follows.

Suppose we have two radio frequency circuits coupled together as shown in Fig. 7,

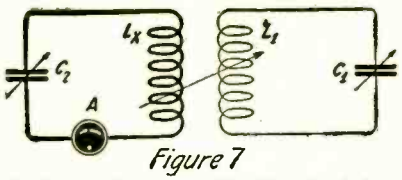

Figure 7

The Layout Above is Used for Measuring Inductance. This is Known as the "Resonance Method."

and that these circuits are in resonance. Then the following relation must be true:

$$L_1C_1=LxC_2$$

Thus if one of these circuits, say L_1C_1 is the R. F. oscillator the unknown inductance Lx can be measured provided we know the values of L_1, C_1, and C_2.

A number of methods are based on this principle, most of them being alike with slight variations. One of the best methods is that now described in which one calibrated variable condenser and one known fixed inductance is required. The circuit is shown in Fig. 8. The oscillator is loosely

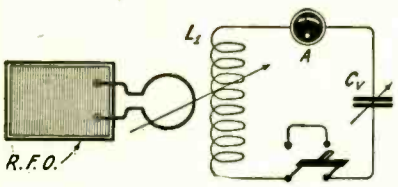

Figure 8 

Another Means of Measuring Inductance. In this Circuit Only Two Known Values are Required.

coupled to the measuring circuit by means of a single loop. The circuit to be measured consists of a known fixed inductance L_1, a calibrated condenser Cv, the unknown inductance Lx, and a double pole double throw switch one side of which is shorted, the unknown inductance being connected to the other side. The two circuits are tuned to resonance, the D.P.D.T. switch being thrown on the shorted side, so that only L_1 is in circuit. Call the reading of the variable condenser C_1. Now throw the D.P.D.T. switch so that the unknown Lx is in circuit and again tune to resonance by means of the condenser Cv. Call this reading now C_2. Since the wave length has remained constant

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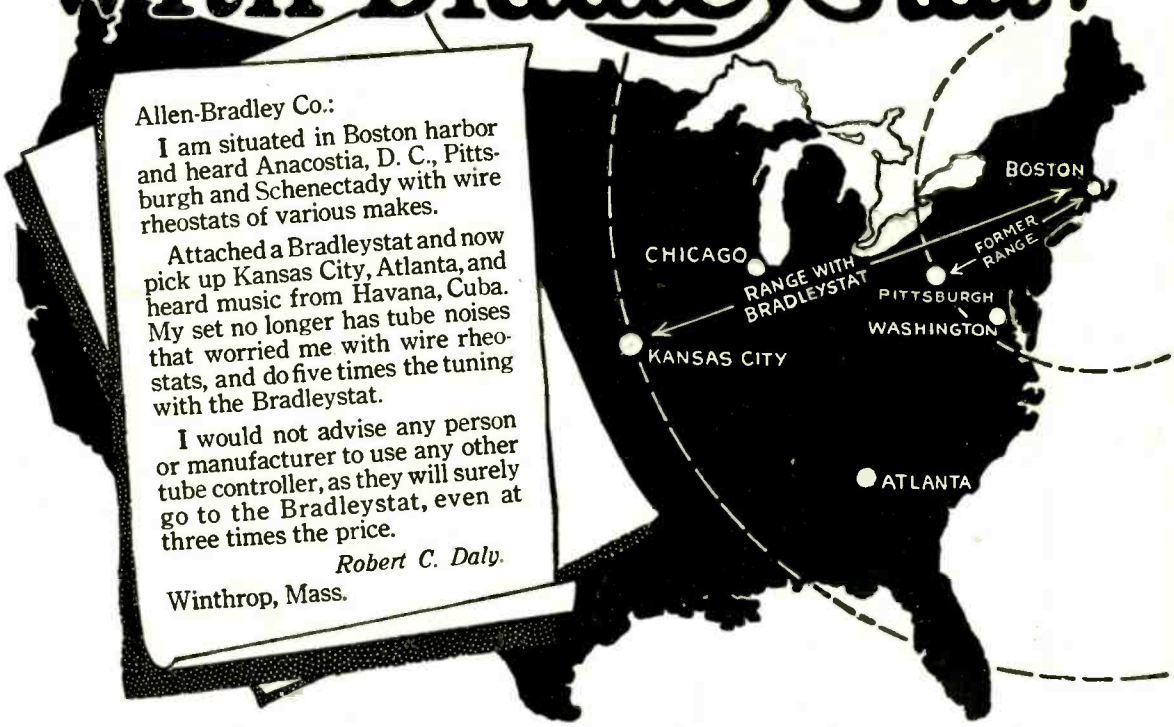

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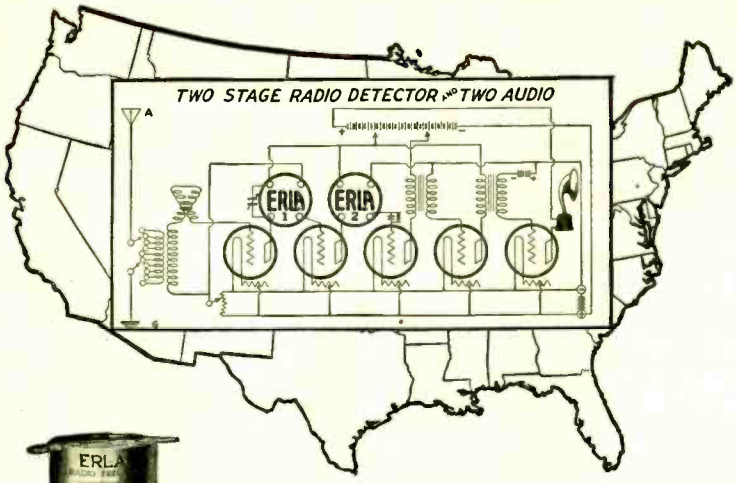

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$$\lambda = L_1C_1 \text{ and } \lambda = (L_1+Lx)C_2$$
$$\therefore L_1C_1 = (L_1+Lx)C_2$$
$$\therefore Lx = \frac{C_1-C_2}{C_2}L_1$$

From this equation we can therefore obtain the value of the unknown coil Lx.

The same precautions must be observed in these measurements as for the capacity measurements if reliable results are desired. Loose coupling must be employed to prevent reactions between the two circuits and to avoid the broad tuning which will result from close coupling. The above is a very suitable method for quick work as only two settings of the condenser are required which can be done quite quickly.

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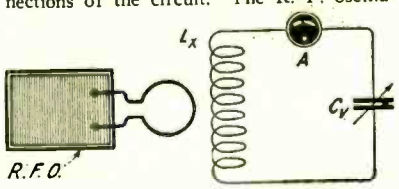

Figure 9

Connections Used For Determining the Distributed Capacity and True Inductance of a Coil.

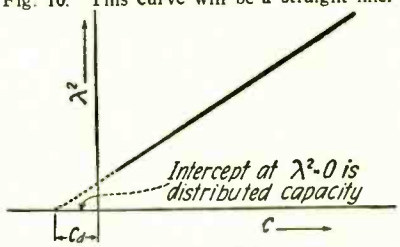

Figure 10

Plot of the Wavelength Squared Against Successive Settings of Condenser Cv.

For, let Cd be the distributed capacity of the coil, and C the capacity of the condenser. Then

$$\lambda = 60\sqrt{L(C+Cd)} \quad (1)$$
$$\therefore \lambda = 3600L(C+Cd)$$

Thus since the wave length squared is a function of the first power of C and the inductance is constant, the curve must be linear. Now when X^2 is equal to zero it follows from the equation above that Cd=C, that is, the distributed capacity of the coil is the only capacity in circuit. Hence if the above curve is extended until it touches the C-axis, the intercept on the C-axis must be the distributed capacity. Knowing the distributed capacity of the coil the true inductance can readily be calibrated by substituting the equation (1) above.

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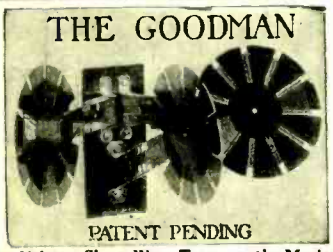

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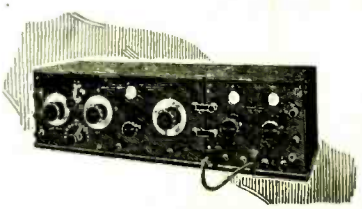

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0.0007 microfarad	35
0.0010 microfarad	30

The second requirement stated for the coil was that the effective resistance and the effective capacity be low. Low resistance is desirable in order to secure sharper indication of resonance There are several reasons for keeping the effective capacity low. This capacity serves to increase the total capacity of the circuit. This increase will be only a small part of the total capacity at the high-capacity end of the condenser scale and hence will not appreciably help in extending the frequency range downward, but it may be a considerable part of the capacity at the low-capacity end of the condenser scale and may seriously limit the upward extension of the frequency range. Another and more serious objection to a large effective capacity is that this capacity is always to a greater or less extent subject to variation as a result of change in the surroundings of the coil. Since this capacity cannot be controlled, it should be, as far as possible, reduced. The practice of surrounding an inductance coil with quantities of miscellaneous insulating material is undesirable in any radio circuit and is especially to be avoided in the case of wavemeter coils. Imperfect insulating materials so used increase not only the effective capacity but also the effective resistance of the coil. This does not mean that all types of manufactured insulating materials are unsuitable for use in frames for wavemeter coils. Probably, however, the best form on which to wind the coil of a wavemeter like that here described is a hollow spool of thoroughly dry wood lightly varnished with an extra grade of insulating varnish. The use of shellac is not considered advisable under any circumstances. The use of wood having even a comparatively small moisture content may seriously affect the accuracy of the wavemeter. Properly selected wood is chosen in preference to manufactured insulating materials, glass, or pasteboard. Many available manufactured insulating materials largely increase both the resistance and the capacity of the coil. While the electrical properties of glass make it well suited for a form, it presents too great mechanical difficulties. Pasteboard is not rigid enough and should not be used under any circumstances

The wire used may be solid copper double cotton covered, No. 24 B. & S. or larger. The wire should be lightly varnished with a single coat of an extra grade of insulating varnish. Further insulation merely increase the effective resistance and capacity of the coil without compensating advantages. The resistance can often be considerably reduced by the use of braided high-frequency cable. Care must be taken, however, in using the high-frequency conductor to see that all the strands are continuous and well insulated from each other and that every strand is joined at the terminals of the coil. If imperfect insulation exists between adjacent strands, these high-resistance contacts may cause a

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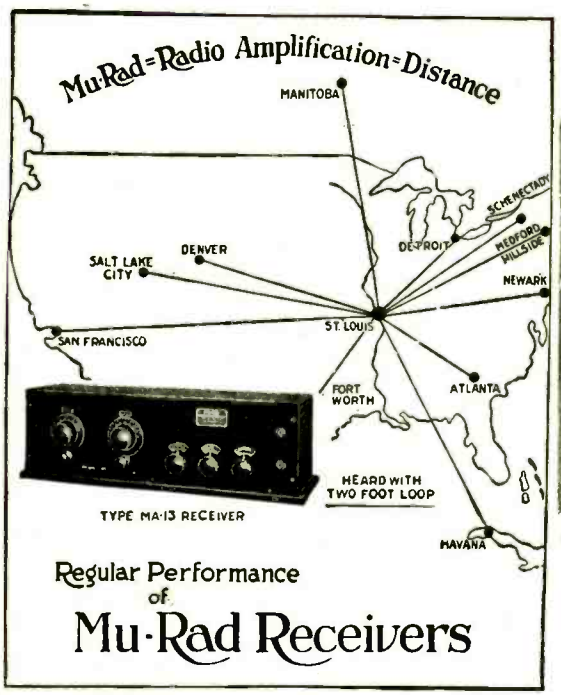

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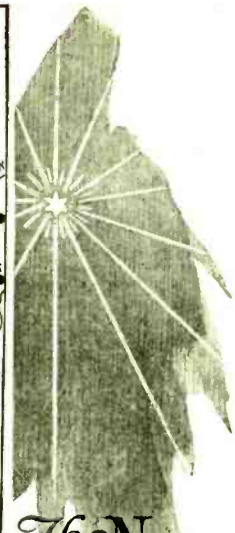

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A single-layer coil has generally a lower effective capacity than a multilayer coil of the same inductance and radius. This, together with the greater precision with which specifications can be furnished for winding single-layer coils, was the reason for choosing this type of coil in the table already given. Since appreciable effective capacities exist when there are parts of the circuit near each other which have comparatively large areas and which are at different potentials, it follows that the leads from the coil to the condenser should not be long or close together. An additional reason for having the leads short is found in the third requirement previously stated for a wavemeter coil, namely, that the inductance, capacity and resistance of the coil, including its leads, be kept constant. Long leads are apt to be flexible, and flexible leads, long or short, introduce possibilties of change in inductance, capacity and resistance which cannot be compensated for by any slight advantage they may give in convenience of handling. The best leads are rigid metal terminals soldered to the ends of the wire and screwed to the wooden core. The position of the coil should be such that the plane of the turns of the coil is perpendicular to the condenser plates if the condenser is unshielded. This is to prevent the induced current in the coil from itself inducing eddy currents in the condenser plates. Since it is almost always desired for convenience in coupling to have the plane of the coil vertical and the condenser plates horizontal, this matter will usually take care of itself. A very important precaution in giving the coil permanent characteristics is to draw all the turns tight and so fasten them that with ordinary care in handling they will not shift.

The coils may be attached to binding posts on the wavemeter, so that they may be conveniently connected or removed. Various other methods of attaching may also be used.

The third part of the wavemeter is the device which shows current flow and thus indicates resonance. If a crystal detector and telephone receivers are used, only the one-point (unilateral) connection should be employed; that is, the detector and telephone receivers are joined in a closed circuit, and one point of this circuit is joined to one terminal of the coil. This arrangement is sufficiently sensitive and makes the calibration of the wavemeter fairly independent of the position of the telephone leads, at least so long as they are not closely drawn across some part of the wavemeter or wrapped around it. A more precise indicating device is a thermogalvanometer or a radio-frequency milliammeter. Available types of thermocouple instruments are usually found more satisfactory than the ordinary expansion type of hot-wire instrument, because they respond more quickly to changes of current. The instrument should give full scale deflection with a current of about 0.1 ampere. It should be able to stand a considerable overload. It is generally inserted directly in the wavemeter circuit, sometimes with a shunt to keep low the resistance of the circuit. It is important

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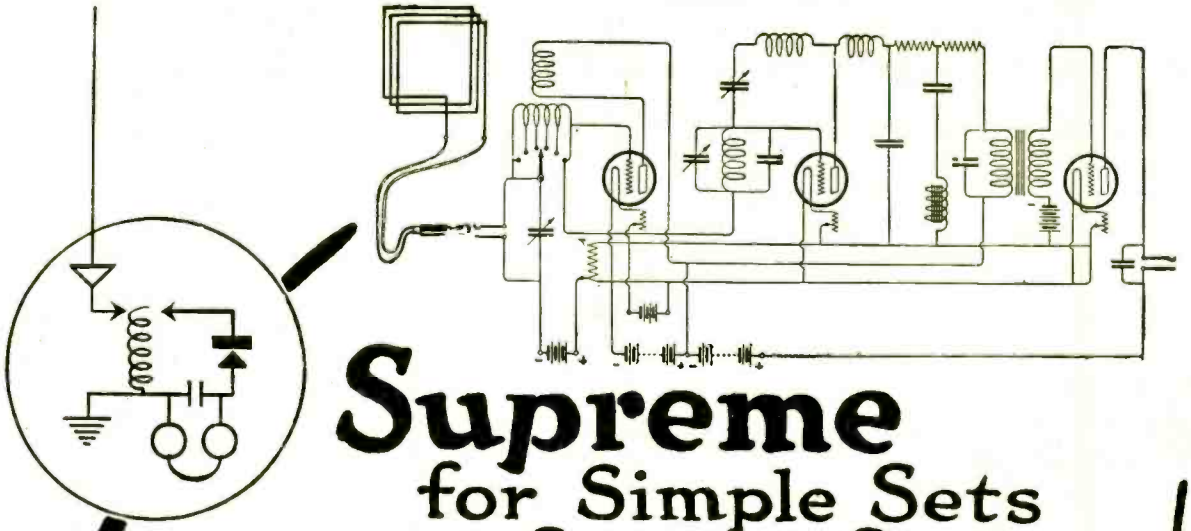

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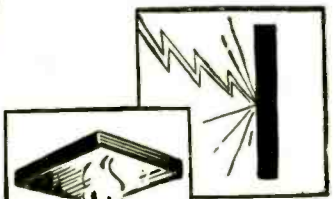

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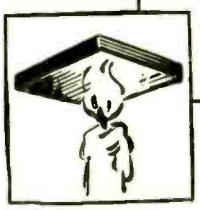

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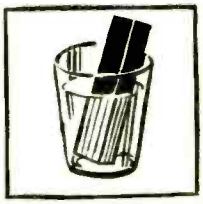

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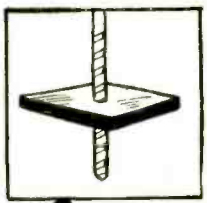

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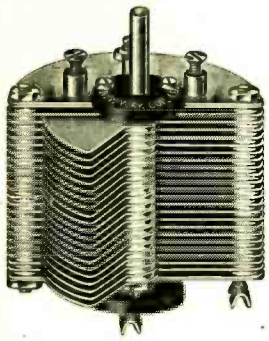

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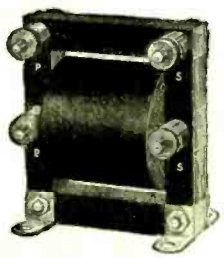

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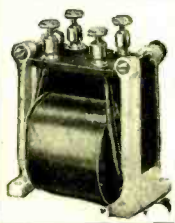

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to note that the presence of the instrument will probably modify the capacity, inductance and resistance of the circuit, so that the wavemeter should be calibrated with the same instrument in the circuit as will be used in measuring frequencies. An inexpensive indicating device and one which is satisfactory when the power output of the generating circuit is large enough, is a miniature lamp, such as a flashlight lamp, inserted directly in the wavemeter circuit. To avoid any possibility of changing the calibration of the wavemeter, the lamp should not be changed if it can be avoided. If it must be changed it should be replaced by one of identically the same kind. The sensitiveness of this device can be greatly increased by having a dry cell and a rheostat in parallel with the lamp in the wavemeter circuit. By adjusting the rheostat until the temperature of the lamp filament is raised almost to the point of illumination, it is possible to have the lamp lighted by induced currents much smaller than would otherwise be required. However, changes in the battery and rheostat will be likely to change the characteristics of the circuit and hence the calibration of the wavemeter. This device should therefore be used with caution.

The wavemeter may be excited by impact, that is, by a source of highly damped waves having only a very few waves in a train. (See "The Principles Underlying Radio Communication," Signal Corps Radio Communication Pamphlet No. 40, p. 278, and Bureau of Standards Circular No. 74.) The wavemeter can then be used as a source of damped waves to determine the frequency to which a receiving set is tuned. The buzzer, in series with the battery, is connected across the condenser terminals, completing its circuit, when the contact is closed, through the inductance coil of the wavemeter. Not more than four volts should be used to operate the buzzer. The buzzer will add to the capacity of the circuit, thereby decreasing its frequency. This decrease will be especially noticeable at the lower part of the condenser scale, where it may amount to several per cent of the frequency. It can be reduced by having short, widely spaced leads to battery and buzzer. If the wavemeter is equipped with both a buzzer and an ammeter or current-square meter, the ammeter must be so connected in the circuit that the current from the buzzer battery cannot pass through the ammeter. If this is not done, the ammeter or current-square meter may be burned out by the current caused to pass through it by the buzzer battery.

The assembling of the parts of the wavemeter must be such that each part is rigidly joined to the rest of the circuit. Mounting in a box is as good a means to this end as any from the standpoint of rigidity and is superior to any in portability and in the protection afforded to the parts. A convenient box mounting is shown in Fig. 1.

The overall dimensions are left to the constructor since the size of the component parts will vary. The box should be substantially constructed so that it will stand considerable handling. The component parts are all mounted on a panel of rigid electrical insulating material which will not absorb moisture. This panel is, in turn, secured to the supporting box. It is possible to use a panel of thoroughly dried and seasoned hardwood which is varnished with an extra grade of insulating varnish. Fig. 1 shows one possible distribution of the component parts. Attention should be given to the convenience of operation and advantageous wiring of the circuit to keep distributed capacities at a low value. The most advantageous arrangement of the instruments on the panel will depend in part on the particular instruments used, and the constructor should

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It is desirable that the box be provided with a protecting cover and a carrying handle.

After the wavemeter has been constructed, it must be calibrated. This service has been done in the past by the Bureau of Standards. It has lately been necessary, however, on account of the limited personnel available for this work, to limit the tests of radio materials made by this Bureau to tests of precision instruments which will in turn be used as standards for testing considerable numbers of other instruments, tests for Government institutions and state universities, and a few other tests for which there is a special reason why they should be undertaken by this Bureau. Standardization of instruments of the kind described in this Circular can be obtained from various commercial firms and some college and university laboratories.

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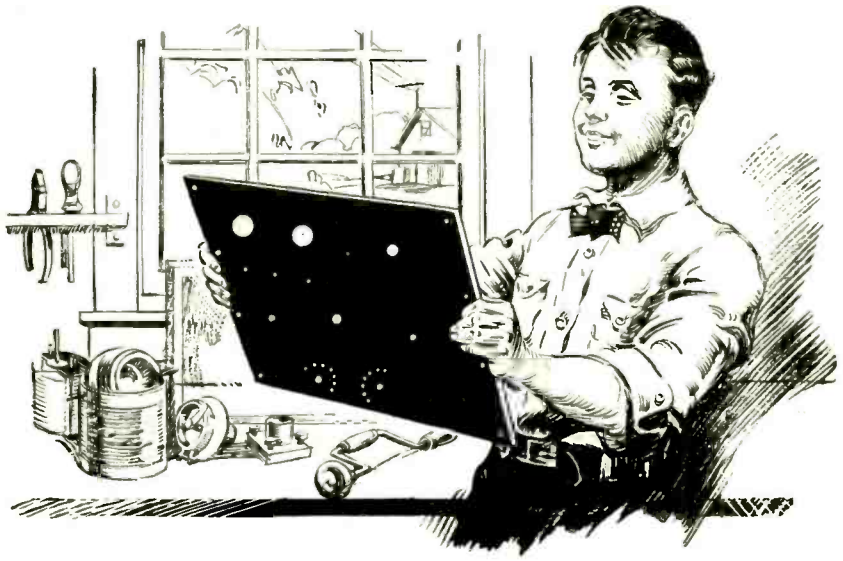

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It is possible to make a decremeter out of a wavemeter by placing a suitable scale on the variable condenser. For a wavemeter having a condenser with semi-circular plates or any condenser such that the graph of its capacity against its setting is a straight line, the capacity being very small at zero setting, it can be shown that the decrement scale to be used is one in which the graduations vary as the logarithm of the angle of rotation.* Such a scale, designed for a semi-circular plate condenser, is shown in Fig. 2. This scale may be copied or cut from this circular and trimmed to fit the dimensions of the condenser dial with which it is to be used. It may be made stationary with a moving pointer traveling over it, or it may be mounted on a dial rotating under a fixed pointer. At the setting corresponding to maximum capacity the scale reading should be zero. Since the scales of most condensers read counter-clockwise, this arrangement usually places the decrement scale in the unused space opposite the capacity scale. A measurement of decrement is made by first observing the current squared at resonance, then reading the decrement scale at the settings on either side of resonance where the current squared has one-half its value at resonance. The scale is so constructed that the difference between these two readings is equal to $\delta' + \delta$, that is, the decrement of the transmitting circuit plus the decrement of the wavemeter itself. It is then necessary to subtract the wavemeter decrement from the total just obtained. The decrement of the wavemeter is determined as follows: The wavemeter is coupled and tuned to a source of unmodulated continuous waves. The sum $\delta' + \delta$, is measured as just described. Since the waves are continuous, δ, the decrement of the waves is zero, and the result obtained is δ', the decrement of the wavemeter alone. From determinations of the decrement of the wavemeter made at different points on the scale, the calibration curve of decrement plotted against condenser setting is obtained. The conditions necessary to permit the use of this scale in the manner described are as follows:

(1) The condenser must have semi-circular plates. Condensers with plates of a different pattern will have different decrement scales just as they have different capacity calibrations.

(2) It must be remembered that only when resonance is indicated by a current-square meter is the deflection to be reduced to one-half its maximum value in detuning to either side of resonance. If a milliammeter is used, the reading must be reduced not to one-half its maximum value, but to the maximum value divided by the square root of 2 or to 0.71 of the maximum value.

(3) The generator must have an output sufficiently large that the coupling employed may be loose enough to prevent any considerable reaction of the wavemeter on the generator.

(4) Neither the generator nor its coupling with the wavemeter must be changed during the measurement of decrement.

The following precaution is to be observed in measuring the decrement of a transmitting station. The decremeter must

*J. H. Dellinger. Measurements of radio-frequency resistance, phase difference and decrement, Proc. I. R. E., vol. 7, pp. 27-61, Feb., 1919. Circular 74 of the Bureau of Standards, Radio Instruments and Measurements, p. 197.

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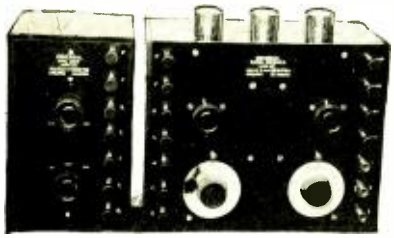

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A Five-Watt Telephone and Modulated C. W. Transmitter

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little experimentation or trial will soon show what values of resistance are best. It will generally be found that 10,000 ohms is about the maximum, and intermediate values of 7,000 to 10,000 may yield better results. This is a matter determined by trial and the constructor should experiment with different values of capacity and resistance until the best combination is found.

The modulation circuit as used in this set is shown in Fig. 7 in conjunction with the oscillating circuit. The audio frequency choke coil Lc for best modulation should have a reactance equal to the resistance of the modulator valve, and in the five-watt tubes this resistance is between 4,000 and 5,000 ohms. To secure this reactance for the very lowest speech frequencies, it will be necessary to have a choke coil of about eight henries inductance. The best type of choke coil is an open core type; never use the closed core as there may be considerable distortion due to saturation produced by the direct current to the plate. An iron core having a cross section of about 2½ to 3 square inches and about 5" long should be built of laminated steel sheets, No. 29 standard U. S. gauge, and stacked up until the proper section is secured. This should be insulated either with paper or linen tape and wound with about 5,000 turns of No. 28 enamel wire.

The microphone transformer depends largely upon the type of microphone used.

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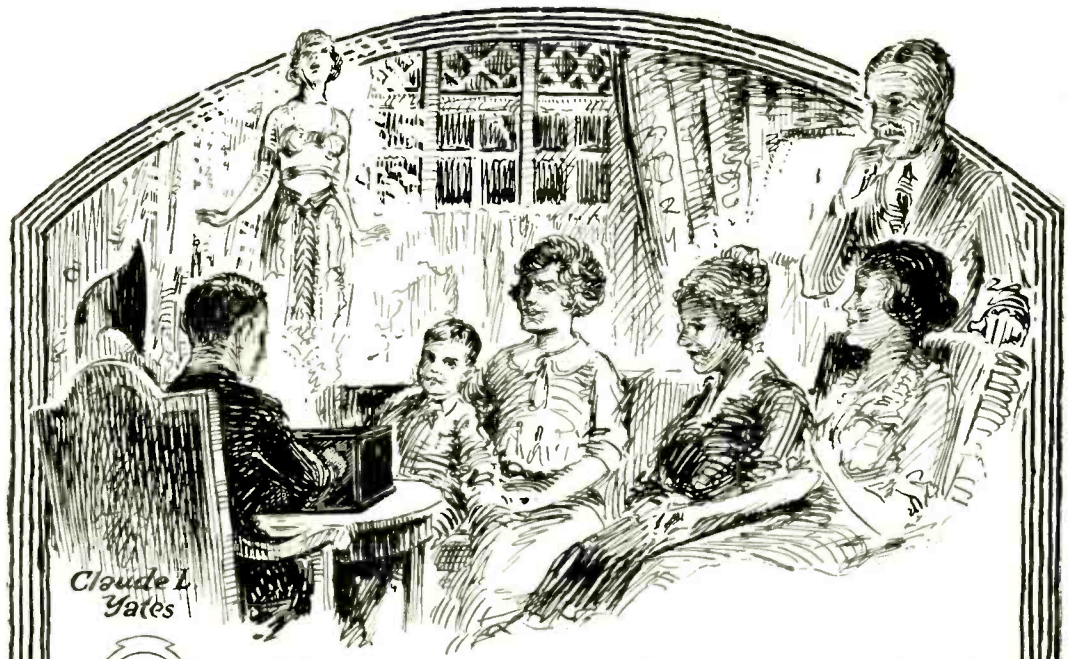

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It is suggested that the grid of the modulator be biased with a negative potential by means of a "C" battery. The best potential can only be obtained by trial, although an average potential is such as to give a modulator plate current equal to that of the oscillator when operating; This can be best ascertained by trial.

In order to permit any by-passing any radio frequency which may get to the generator terminals, a generator condenser C should be used in parallel with the plate source of potential. This generator should have a low reactance for radio frequencies and hence should have a high capacity. Values above 0.1 mfd. will be found suitable.

Radio Patents

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and by providing a microphone and telephone in this line an engineer or operator at the wireless station is enabled to supervise the working. Thus he can listen in to signals received from wireless receiver or land line and can also operate the wireless transmitter through the bridge.

In the accompanying diagram A, B, C, D is a bridge, two arms, A and B, including the secondary windings A' and B' of two similar transformers, the winding preferably being of high inductance.

R and R' are resistances included in arms A and B for purposes of balancing. In the other arms C and D are two impedances, such as condensers C' and D', one or both being variable; they may conveniently be air condensers of the kind used in wireless telegraph receivers.

To the primary winding A" of the transformer in arm A, which primary winding should be of the same order of inductance and resistance as the transformers usually associated with land telephone lines, is connected a land telephone line E to a telephone exchange or subscriber.

To the primary winding B" of the transformer in arm B is connected an artificial telephone line F which may be adjustable and of magnitude suitable to balance the effect of the land line 1. To this artificial line may be connected an ordinary land telephone subscriber's set G or a microphone and telephone of any suitable pattern.

The junction H of arms A and B and the junction J of arms C and D are connected by leads, which may be screened in metal casing, to the receiver of a wireless telephone set with the addition of any magnifiers required to bring the strength of received signals to a value sufficient to be heard at the subscriber's instrument in the line E.

The junctions K of arms A and C, and L of arms B and D, are joined by leads, which may be screened by metal casing, to that circuit of the wireless telephone transmitter usually associated with the microphone, with the addition of any magnifiers required to bring the intensity of speech received from the land line to a value suitable for actuating the wireless telephone transmitter.

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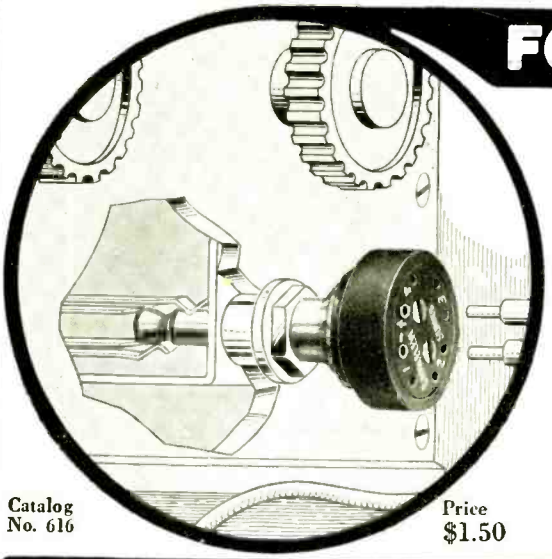

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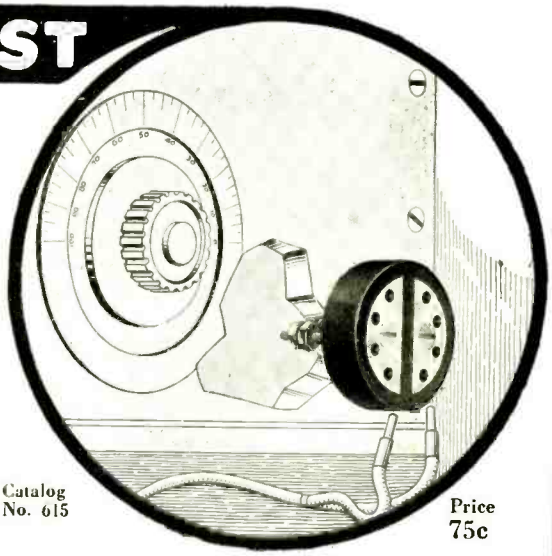

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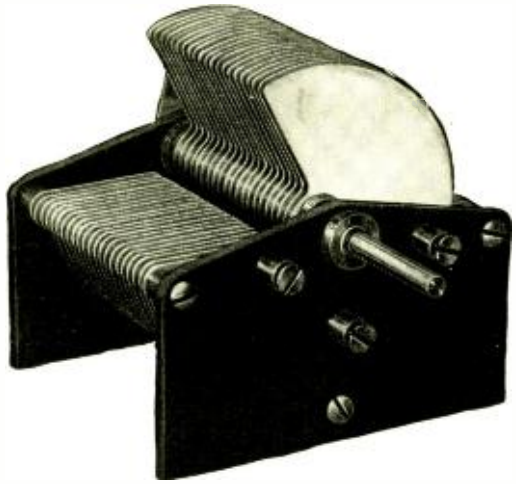

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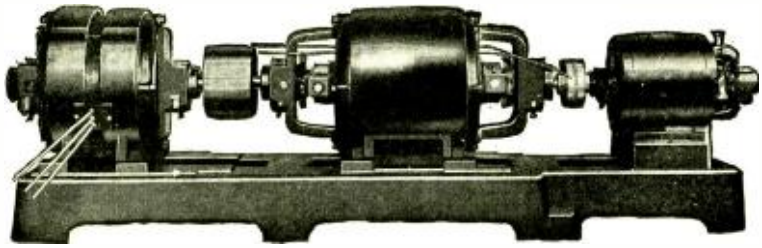

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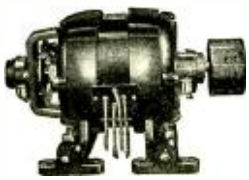

New Radio Legislation is Needed

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public broadcasting waves are available, 360 and 400 meters, while the Government wave is 485, confining a very large amount of matter broadcasted by many stations to only three wave-lengths, and necessitating time schedules and silent periods. The assignment of waves under these recommendations, as well as other technical problems, would devolve upon the advisory committee. It is very likely that Secretary Hoover would secure the aid of the present Interdepartmental Radio Committee, or at least six of these technical experts as the Governmental representatives on his new committee.

Another feature planned if new legislation is secured is to make the wave band between 600 and 1,600 meters, now assigned for Governmental use, available to commercial and public stations. Details such as these, however, it is hoped will be left to the discretion of the Secretary. The art of radio is developing so rapidly as to demand constant changes and the permanent or specific designation of every wave or band of waves by law would be a hindrance.

SITUATION WORSE TODAY THAN ON JUNE 30

Interference is actually far worse today than it was five months ago, when Mr. Hoover's report closed at the end of the fiscal year. Instead of there being 382 broadcasting stations on 360 and 400 meters, there were actually 565 such stations in operation on December 1, or 179 more than existed on June 30. During the fiscal year seven commercial trans-Atlantic stations were placed in operation, providing for better communication with Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Norway, Poland and Germany. Another commercial station opened for business with Central America, and plans for circuits to South America and China were also under way. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, commercial land stations, excluding broadcasters, increased from 161 to 345.

THE VALUE OF THE AMATEUR TO THE COUNTRY

Amateur station licenses increased from 10,809 to 15,504 between June 30, 1921, and June 30, 1922. In the past five months, however, 1,304 more stations have been licensed, bringing the total amateur sending stations to 16,888 on December 1. The increase in amateur interest by 5,999 is gratifying to the officials of the Government, for, they say, these young men constitute a reserve of trained operators, some of whom have already contributed to radio art. During the war many amateurs were found to be superior to the average commercial operator in resourcefulness and technical knowledge.

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE NEEDED

The necessity of an international conference on radio communication for the adjustment of international radio wave-lengths, especially those used between ship and store stations, is pointed out by Secretary Hoover in his report, attention being called to the fact that the last conference was in 1912 when the United States had but one trans-oceanic station in operation. This matter, however, has the attention of the State Department, which is now organizing the personnel of a representative Governmental committee to draw up agenda for the next international convention on electrical communication to be held at Paris next spring.

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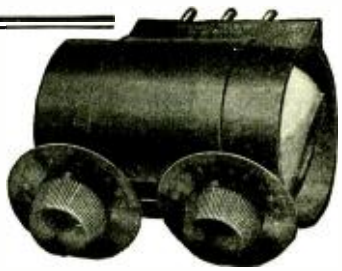

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CLASS B STATIONS

Three Limited Commercial Class B Stations on 400 Meters Were Transferred from A List During Week

WHAS—Courier Journal and Louisville Times, Louisville, Ky.
WLAG—Cutting & Washington Radio Corp., Minneapolis, Minn.
KGW—Portland Oregonian, Portland, Ore.

BROADCASTING STATIONS GAINED AND LOST

During November the Department of Commerce licensed 46 broadcasting stations and cancelled 29. Three of those deleted were transferred to other ownership and have been recorded as new stations. The gain for the month was 17 stations, which indicates that the looked-for saturation point in broadcasting stations has not yet been reached.

BROADCASTERS DELETED IN NOVEMBER

The stations whose licenses were cancelled in November follow:

WLAT—Bosch Co., Chas. G., Burlington, Iowa.
WBAE—Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Ill.
WFAP—Brown's Business College, Peoria, Ill.
WIAN—Chronicle & News Pub. Co., Allentown, Pa.
KFAV—Cooke & Chapman, Venice, Cal.
KDZJ—Excelsior Radio Co., Eugene, Ore.
WKAJ—Fargo Plumbing & Heating Co., Fargo, N. D.
WKAT—Frankfort Morning Times, Frankfort, Ind.
WDAW—Georgia Railway & Power Co., Atlanta, Ga.
WGAF—Goller Radio Service, Tulsa, Okla.
KDYN—Great Western Radio Corp., Redwood, Cal.
WBAQ—Harmon, Myron L., South Bend, Ind.
KDYU—Herald Publishing Co., Klanath Falls, Ore.
WFAL—Houston Chronicle Pub. Co., Houston, Tex.
WSV—Hunter, Dr. L. M. & Carrington, G. L., Little Rock, Ark.
WHAL—Jeffrey & Derby, Lansing, Mich. (Now Lansing Capitol News).
WFAX—Kent, Arthur L., Binghamton, N. Y.
KHJ—Kierulff, G. R. & Co., Los Angeles, Cal. (Now Los Angeles Times).
WMAU—Louisiana State Fair Ass'n., Shreveport, La.
WIAG—Matthews Elect. Supply Co., Birmingham, Ala.
KFDB—McKee, John D., San Francisco, Cal. (Now Mercantile Trust Co., "B").
KDZD—Mitchell, W. R., Los Angeles, Cal.
KFAB—Pacific Radiofone Co., Inc., Portland, Ore.
WTK—Paris Radio Electric Co., Paris, Texas.
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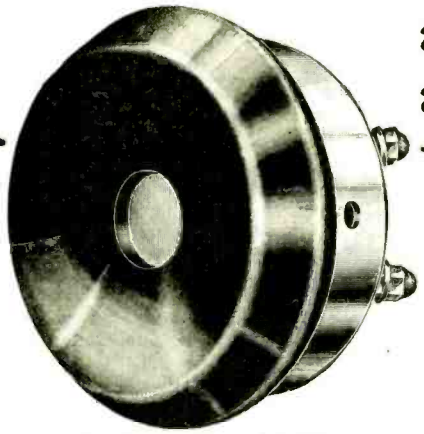

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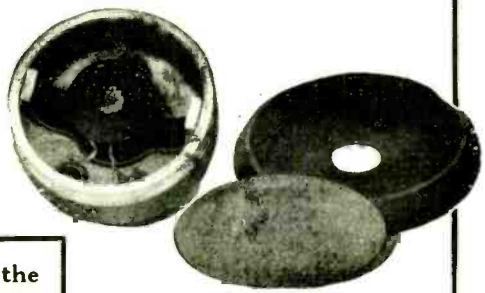

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NINE MORE BROADCASTERS

The supplement list of Limited Commercial or Broadcasting Stations issued by the Department of Commerce November 29th, carries 29 stations on 360 meters:

KFAV—Abbot-Kinney Co., Venice, Cal.
WPAM—Awerbach & Guettel, Topeka, Kans.
WHAL—Lansing Capitol News, Lansing, Mich.
WLAT—Radio and Specialty Co., Burlington, Iowa.
KFFA—Shelton, Dr. R. C., San Diego, Cal.
WNAV—Shipowners Radio Service, Baltimore, Md.
WPAD—Wieboldt & Co., Chicago, Ill.
WOAK—Collins Hardware Co., Frankfort, Ky.
WPAC—Donaldson Radio Co., Okmulgee, Okla.
KFGH—Leland Stanford Jr. University, Stanford Univ., Cal.
WOAH—Palmetto Radio Corp., Charleston, S. C.
WTAC—Penn Traffic Co., Johnstown, Pa.
KFDC—Radio Supply Co., Spokane, Wash.
WRAA—Rice Institute, Houston, Texas.
WTAU—Ruegy Battery & Elect. Co., Tecumsah, Neb.
WOAN—Vaughan, James D., Lawrenceburg, Tenn.
WOAL—Woods, Wm. E., Webster Grove, Mo.
KFGG—Astoria Budget, Astoria, Ore.
WPAG—Central Radio Co., Inc., Independence, Mo.
KFEJ—Greason, Guy, Tacoma, Wash.
WSAJ—Grove City College, Grove City, Pa.
WCAP—Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Mich.
KFCL—Los Angeles Union Stock Yards, Los Angeles, Cal.
WOAR—Lundskow, Henry P., Kenosha, Wis.
KFCQ—Motor Service Station, Casper, Wyo.
WOAZ—Penick Hughes Co., Stanford, Texas.
WOAQ—Portsmouth Radio Assn., Portsmouth, Va.
WCAW—Woodmen of the World, Omaha, Neb.
KFDF—Wyoming Radio Corp., Casper, Wyo.

THREE NEW CLASS B STATIONS (400 METERS)

KFDB—Mercantile Trust Co. of Cal., San Francisco, Cal.
WIP—Gimbel Bros., Philadelphia, Pa.
KHJ—Times Mirror Co., Los Angeles, Cal.

ENGLAND LICENSES RECEIVING STATIONS

In England the fan is apparently badly handicapped, especially when the regulations are compared to the practice in this country. Amateur licenses for transmitting stations are not granted, but licenses for receiving sets are necessary. The latter are granted only to British subjects for bona fide experimental purposes at a charge of ten shillings for nine months. The postmaster general has charge of radio licensing and his restrictions and requirements would be considered unnecessarily severe in this country. No boys or girls under twenty-one are permitted to take out licenses to receive, receiving stations must pass inspection, tubes capable of transmitting

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On the Transmission of Waves

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ward of the particles at the top of the crest, since straws and ripples on the surface go backward relative to the wave as it advances. But that only means that the water particles which are moving forward are not moving at anything like the speed of the wave itself. The wave is going much faster than the particles, and hence overtakes them, and slides under them. The speed of the water particles varies with the amplitude or magnitude of the disturbance. The speed of the wave does not depend on that at all, but only on the wave length, that is, on the distance from crest to crest; whether the wave is a mere inequality of the surface, or whether it rises twenty or thirty feet. The velocity of the wave—the speed with which the crest itself advances—depends not at all on the height or intensity of the wave; but it does, in the case of a water wave, depend on wave length, i.e., on the distance separating successive crests. In fact in deep water the velocity of wave-progress varies with the square root of wave length, for big waves. For ripples the law is different.

All these things are complications which we do not find in the Ether, nor even in the air. The speed of sound depends on the conveying material only, not on loudness, nor even on wave length or pitch. Sir Isaac Newton realized that, for he pointed out that a band heard at a distance could not possibly sound like music unless every note, loud or soft, high or low, had one and the same rate of travel. So it is also in the case of light and wireless waves. They all travel through the Ether at one identical pace, whether they be a hundred miles long, or the millionth of an inch short. Also whether they be bright like sunlight near the sun, or dim like a rushlight or a glow-worm. In this respect therefore Ether and Air waves differ from visible waves on the surface of the water. But all waves agree in this, that the potential and kinetic energies—that is, the displacements and the velocities,—are concurrent in phase, rising to a maximum and falling to a minimum together. This is a peculiar condition, destructive of equilibrium, and it can only be satisfied by the wave advancing through the medium at its own proper pace, a pace which in Wireless waves is determined by the mutual reaction of the electric and the magnetic components, in accordance with what is called Poynting's Theorem.

A receiver acts by obliterating some of the electric component, and thereby stops a position of the wave. This it does either directly, as by a linear aerial, or inductively, as by a loop aerial. The energy of such portion of the wave as effectively encounters the aerial is abstracted and utilised for the signal, some fraction of it degenerating into heat. The rest of the wave goes on.

So to sum up. The electric and magnetic components of a wireless or electromagnetic wave are at right angles to each other, and are equal in energy and coincident in phase, so that both reach a maximum, a minimum, or a zero, together. There is no lag of one behind the other, such as occurs naturally in all our emitting or receiving instruments. And the only way in which this curious unstable condition of things can be sustained, is for them both to advance forward with the velocity of light. And that is just what

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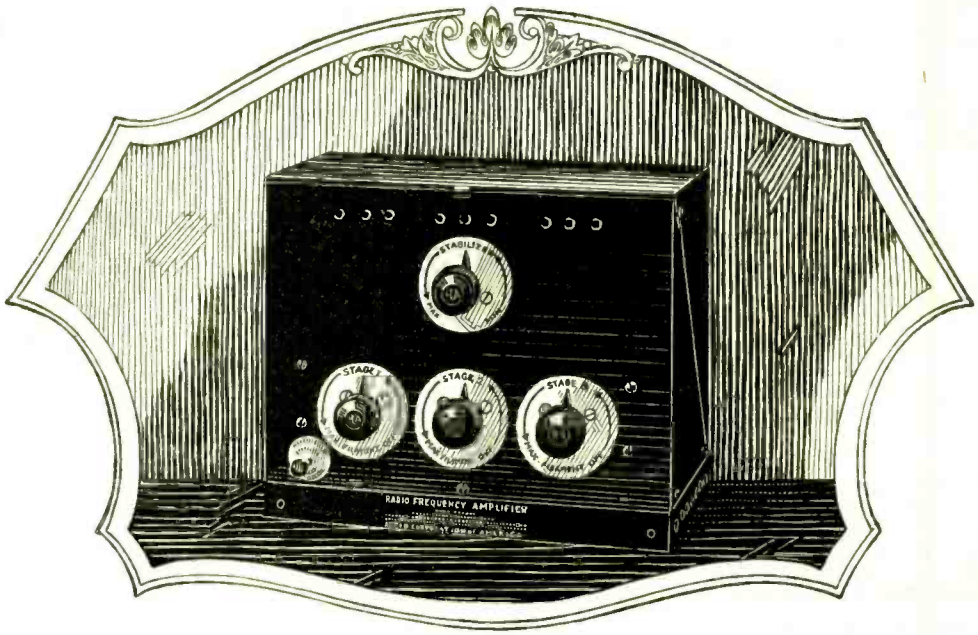

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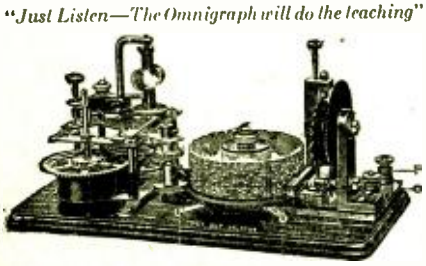

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they do. The oscillator is stationary, true, but then the two disturbances there are not in phase. One is a quarter period behind the other, as one would expect: then the energy mainly pulsates, first out, then in, and is not all lost by radiation. The only part lost by radiation is that which has got a quarter wave length away, where the one disturbance has caught up the other, and where the energy—that which is used in Wireless Telegraphy,—is flicked off into space.

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(Extract from "Aeroplane Boys in Record Flight")

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The good old American name S A M is the call of a new radio compass station at Hallo on The Skagerrak, in Sweden, which was opened for general service on November 1, according to information reaching the Hydrographic Office of the Navy. The new station, which is operated through Goteborg, S A B, will determine the true bearing of vessels calling within 150 miles on a 600 meter wave length. The charge for a bearing is placed at five kronor or about $1.34.

RADIO LETTER SERVICE

The Radio Corporation of America has announced a radio letter service to London and Germany at a rate slightly higher than postage. The rate is six cents per word and the messages, filed any day in the week up to Saturday with the designation for "radio letter", will be transmitted to London or Germany for delivery on the following Monday morning.

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Don't Blame it on Static!

The Real Explanation of Much of the Trouble You Have with Your Radio Set

ONE of the things which the radio world is rapidly learning is that the term "static" has been very loosely used to cover a multitude of radio sins for which static is really in no way responsible.

It is discovering that many of the frying, crackling noises and much of the so-called interference laid at static's door are due to nothing more or less than *the use of batteries of the wrong kind or that leak an excessive amount of electricity.*

Any one of these battery faults can undo the most careful work in construction of set and aerials, and usually not only one but two or three of them are present in the same place.

Radio operators should remember particularly that "B" Batteries are in series with the phones or amplifying horn and that any noises set up within the "B" batteries themselves will come in strong. You can demonstrate this to yourself by scratching your "B" batteries with your finger-nail. The noise you get through your phones will surprise you.

A growing understanding of these facts is leading to much greater care in the selection of batteries and to the use of high-grade storage batteries for both A and B work, since such storage batteries have just the characteristics needed for both efficiency and economy in radio service.

An interesting development in this connection is the new type of "B" battery and an all-rubber "A" battery put on the market by the Willard company. In these batteries, electrical leakage, which is present to such a great extent in the ordinary battery and which accounts for so much noise, is to a great extent ingeniously overcome.

The "B" battery cells are cylindrical glass jars with hard-rubber, screwed-on covers. These are so spaced that the only contact between cells is through heavy, burned-on connectors. No sealing compound is used and the box is cut down so that the sides reach up only about half way to the tops of the jars.

These features and the use of threaded-rubber insulation, operators find, result in a battery which holds its voltage, is never sluggish and, with occasional recharging, lasts for years.

Inasmuch as this big improvement can be effected at an actual saving of money because of the long life of a really good storage battery, there is no question that this type of battery will rapidly be adopted for a great majority of sets. When this is done, the bugaboo of "static" will lose much of its terror.

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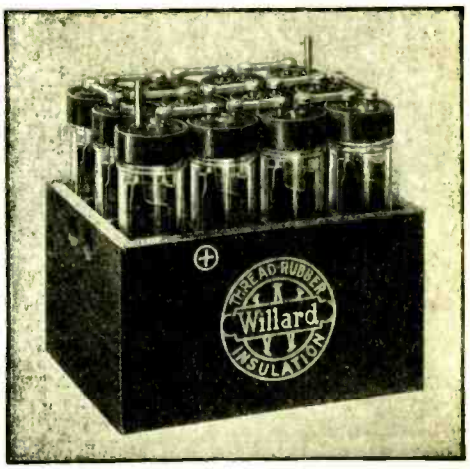

The Willard Radio "B" Battery is a 24-volt rechargeable battery. Glass jars — Threaded Rubber Insulation — screwed-on covers.

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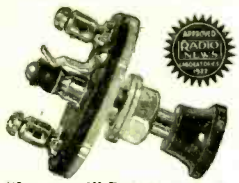

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AFTER putting up with adaptations of the old telephone jack for years, the radio industry has enthusiastically received the much-needed "Improved" Jacks.

The practical elimination of capacity by doing away with long parallel leads and the binding post terminals—no soldering necessary are features that especially appeal to the radio expert.

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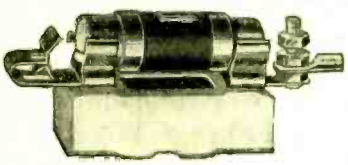

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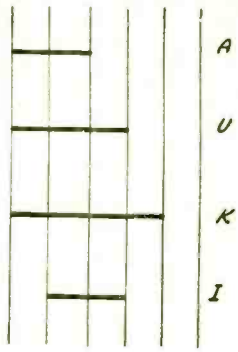

COMPARISON OF LETTERS A, U, K & I FIVE UNIT CODE

transmission, or with the same signaling frequency, a proportionately greater output can be secured.

While the speed of the receiving typewriter is limited to about 45 words per minute, in the case of the tape typewriter, and 65 in the case of the page typewriter, with the multiple system, two or more receiving machines are operated from the same receiving apparatus and these machines are controlled from the same transmitting station on the same wave-length. This makes it possible to operate at the highest speed at which it is possible to secure good transmission. Each receiving machine types at a moderate speed which makes it possible to read the message as it is being received while the total output of the group of machines will be very high.

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Successful Teletype transmission and reception has been carried on for distances as great as 800 miles. Of course, there is no more limitation of distance when using the Teletype than by any other method of radio telegraph operation except that a highly trained Morse operator may read signals which are too faint to operate the automatic apparatus.

The radio transmitting apparatus is controlled by a keyboard which resembles that of an ordinary typewriter. Two methods of control are employed. In the first method when a keyboard key is struck, the radio signal corresponding to the letter is immediately transmitted. In the second method, the operation of the keyboard perforates the code combinations in a paper tape which is run through another instrument which in turn, controls the radio transmitter. The second method is employed where there is a large volume of business and higher efficiency is desired.

The use of the Teletype with its five unit code will help materially to remove some of the serious limitations of the present radio telegraph and put it on an equal footing with the land line telegraph and the cable as regards secrecy. This should make it available to agencies which now hesitate to use radio because it is not secret.

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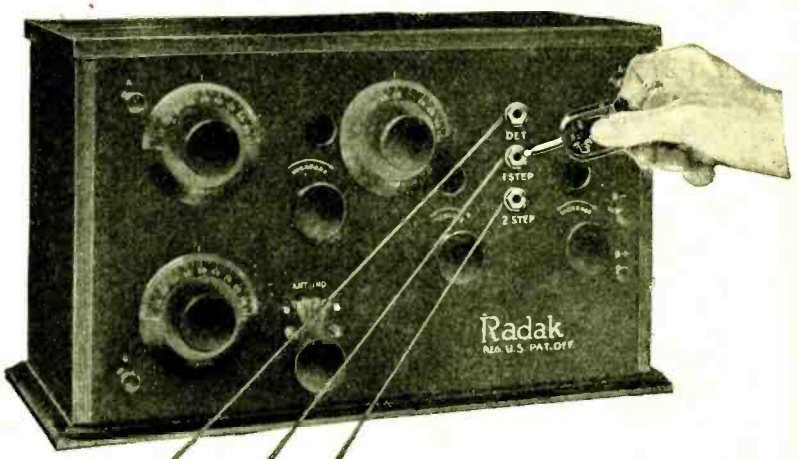

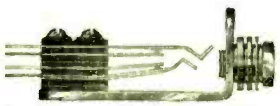

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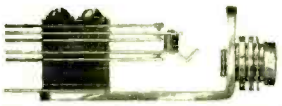

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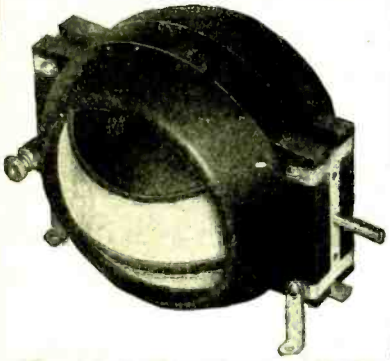

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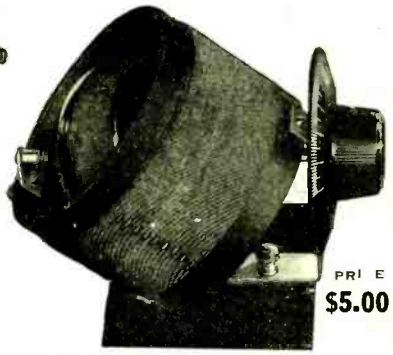

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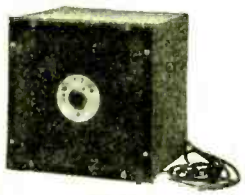

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English Weather Report

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4 = Thin fog or mist. 1 mile.
5 = Hazy. 2 miles.
6 = Horizon not visible from a height of 40 feet (or objects not visible at 4 miles).
7 = Horizon only just visible (or objects not visible at 7 miles).
8 = Horizon well defined.

TABLE 3.—TENDENCY OF BAROMETER

0 = Steady.
1 = Rising slowly.
2 = Rising.
3 = Rising quickly.
4 = Rising very rapidly.
5 = Falling slowly.
6 = Falling.
7 = Falling quickly.
8 = Falling very rapidly.

A HELPING HAND

Since the publication of a letter by Claude C. Levin in the November issue of RADIO NEWS, a great many inquiries have been received by him as to the possibilities of employment at sea, where to apply and other questions concerning marine service.

Mr. Levin has kindly offered to answer any further inquiries that may arise. Address all communications to Mr. Claude Cathcart Levin, National United Radio Telegraphers Association, 15 Whitehall St., New York City.

Method of Eliminating the Carrier Wave in Radio Telephony

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If, therefore, a microphone, such as E, is employed for the purpose of speech, the speech currents produced will affect the grid d_3 of the modulating valve D, which will in turn control the main valve A and cause variations in the oscillatory energy in the main circuit H corresponding to the wave form of the speech current; or telegraphic signalling may be effected, for example, by a Morse key j_1 in the potentiometer circuit, alternately throwing in and cutting out the negative potential on the grid of the modulating valve.

The operation of this system is based upon the fact that with a sufficient negative charge on the grid d_3, of the modulating valve D, the space between the anode d_2 and the filament d becomes non-conductive, and the grid a_1 of the main or power vlave A with its oscillatory circuit C, including the microphone transformer e, is insulated from the filament a of the power valve A, so that the negative charge on the grid a_1 of the power valve becomes so great as to reduce to a minimum the energy passing to the anode a_2 of the valve, oscillations therefore ceasing.

If, however, the negative charge on the grid d_3 of the modulating valve D is reduced, for example, periodically as the effect of speech currents, a greater or less amount of the negative charge is allowed to leak off from the grid a_1 of the power valve A through the filament d and the anode d_2 of the modulating valve back to the power valve filament a, thus setting up oscillations in the main power circuit H, having an amplitude determined by the decrease in the negative potential of the grid a_1 of the power valve. If no speech is impressed on the microphone E, the system is non-oscillating; or, if the system is used for telegraphy, it remains non-oscillating as long as the charge on the grid of the modulating valve is maintained at its normal level, but if, by a switch or key j_2, or any other means, the potentiometer battery J is disconnected or its potential altered so as to reduce the resistance through the modulating valve D, the system immediately starts oscillating.

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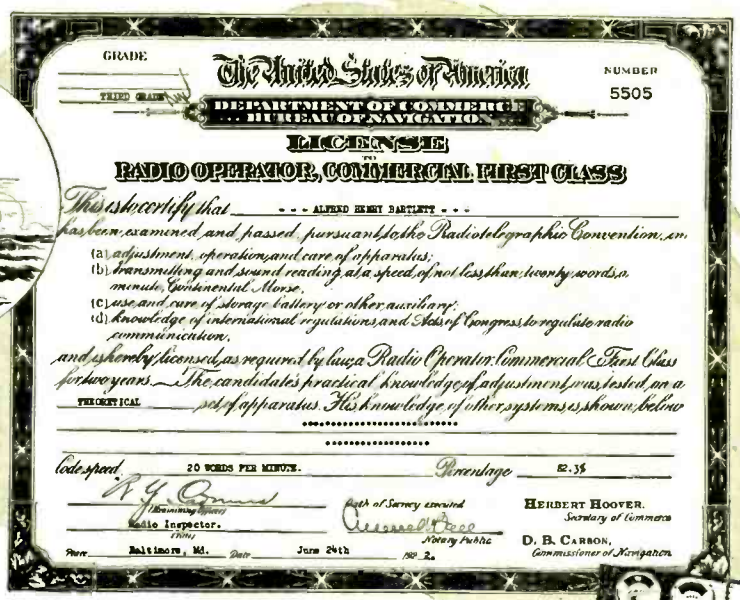

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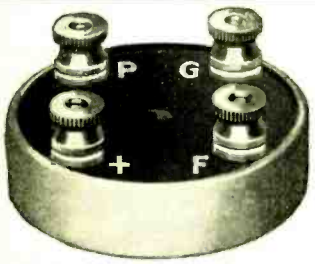

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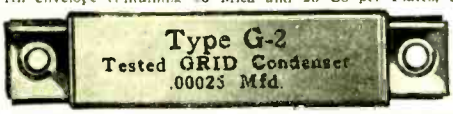

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Abstract from The Electrical Review

QST de MSU

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When this spark transmitter is used, transmission can be carried on over a long distance. The ship is never out of touch of land and the following incident which was related by chief operator Maudsley, would quickly relieve any doubt, as to the above statement. The first evening out from New York, the signals from MSU were plainly read by the operator aboard the steamer Finhead Castle, which had just left Cape Town. At that time both vessels were some 3,000 miles apart. This was no freak as could be plainly seen by the author when Maudsley related several other episodes, relative to distance covered.

The Aquitania carries a ½ kilowatt continuous wave transmitter, simple in design yet very efficient. It is capable of doing 1,000 miles or better in the daytime. The power supply for operating this outfit is derived from the same motor generator that is used in conjunction with the 5-K. W. set. There are two rectifying tubes and a power tube. The plug and jack idea is here also in evidence and by this arrangement a wide variety of wave-lengths can be used, as may be desired. It will go as high as 3,000 meters but communication is mostly always carried on with this set on either 1800 or 2100 meters. It is used most of the time while the ship is at sea, so as to cause as little interference as possible to others who might be trying to get off traffic. There is a tendency on the part of the operators to keep off spark as much as possible, except for intervals of three minutes as laid down by the British postmaster general. This time is set aside to listen for distress signals, etc.

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An interesting feature aboard MSU is the radio equipped lifeboat. It is of unusual design, everything being compactly installed in a small tank, except the transmitting key

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and the magnetic detector of the receiving unit. On one side is found the handle used in conjunction with the hand generator. This outfit is known as a "tank" set and is ideal for such use. Two bamboo masts are carried on the deck of this little vessel and can be easily and quickly raised. These support the twenty-five foot antenna which consists of four wires. A "ground" is had by simply screwing a large piece of copper to the keel and from which a connection is taken off. When raised in position the little aerial is well over thirty feet from the water line. Though this outfit has a guaranteed range of fifty miles, it is capable of doing much better.

The great antenna on the Aquitania is now a one wire affair, 385 feet long and about 175 feet from the surface of the water. A two wire aerial was previously employed but when this new "CW" set was put aboard, in place of the old one, it was found that there was too much inductance in the set itself to allow transmission on 2100 meters.

It is interesting to note that all three transmitting sets are worked off the same key. This is accomplished by employing a switch. It is also interesting to know that a big oil engine is carried on "B" deck. This would come in handy were something to happen to the main generator in the engine room. It would supply current for using the 5-K. W. transmitter and also light the emergency lights throughout the vessel.

But after all the life of a radio man aboard one of these great liners is not all pleasure. Every day the "Cunard Bulletin" must be published which means a great deal of extra work on the part of the three operators in copying the press reports. After this information is copied, it is rushed down to the printing room, there to be prepared for the press. As this data is sent at different times during the day, we can plainly see that all three operators will combine in getting it and all help to publish the paper. It contains some ten pages and is one of the most attractive and interesting papers published on any trans-atlantic liner. Besides this press matter intercepted by the operators, short stories and other interesting material is printed.

The operators are supposed to stand watches of four on and four off but they really work about twelve or sixteen hours a day. After they come off watch, accounts must be made up and also abstracts, reports, etc. During the busy season of the year, thousands of messages are handled and therefore we can readily see how busy the operators would be. It is not unusual to send messages containing five hundred or more words.

New DX Record Set by 6ZY at Honolulu, Hawaii

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a real noise maker. His signals were injurious to my ear drums when listening to his sending. Several times he hit the key when I happened to be on his wave. The phones were doffed in absolutely nothing flat. His signals are actually QSA on straight detector, and can be read on a non-oscillatory condition. 6CP, 6ASJ, 6CU, and 6JD are also very QSA on one step of amplification. The writer has learned that the last four stations employ a synchronous rectifier and two 50 watters. The signals from these stations are much greater in audibility than from other stations located along the Pacific Coast, which speaks well of a "sink" rectifier.

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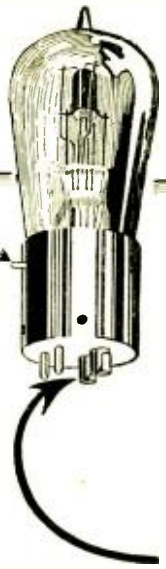

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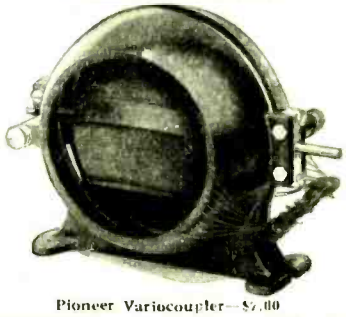

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Considerable experimenting was carried on during the test in order to ascertain the greatest signal strength. The simple form of wave antenna as used by Godley at Androssan is not the most practical form, and does not therefore produce maximum signal strength from a distant station. Raising the antenna higher at the free end decreased the signal strength considerably. I found that the last 350 feet of the free end should be approximately 8 feet high. The increase in signal strength might be further due to the fact that the waves are somewhat retarded when passing over dry earth, that is, the lower part of the disturbance travels slower than the upper part which causes the field of the waves to be tilted in the direction of movement through the ether. The combined action of the two effects, i.e., velocity of current in the antenna and character of the waves near the ground cause a greater amount of energy to be absorbed by the flat portion of the antenna, resulting in an increased signal strength.

A Beverage antenna is very directional, and should, for this reason, be erected with the free end pointing towards the transmitting station by the great circle bearing route which is the shortest path for the ether waves to travel, due to the curvature of the earth. Since it is not possible for amateurs to have a great circle chart, I will give an example which will enable you to calculate a radio bearing which is a great circle bearing (GCB). Obtain your latitude and longitude, then determine the latitude and longitude of the transmitting station. By using the following method with a table of log, sines, tangents, and secants, you will be able to calculate a radio bearing for the distant station.

Amateur 6ZY located in Lat. 21 degrees 30 minutes North and Longitude 159 degrees and 20 minutes West, wishes to erect a Beverage antenna extending towards amateur 4KJ, Charlestown, N. C., located in Latitude 32 degrees 45 minutes and Longitude 79 degrees and 45 minutes. Find the GCB.

Solution.—Long 6ZY—long. 4KJ equals 158 20—
79 45 equals 78 35
78 degrees 35 mins. Cos. 9.29654 Cot. 9.30522
Lat. 4KJ 32 45 Cot. 10.19164

(a) 17 degrees 6 mins. Tang. .48818 Cosec. 10.53159
(a) plus Lat. 6ZY equals
17° 6′ plus 21° 30′ equals 38° 36′ Cosec. 9.89294

10 degrees 34 mins. GCB equals Cot. .72975
Ans. GCB equals 10 degrees and 34 minutes, or North 10° 34′ E.

My antenna would be located in a position having the free end pointing North 10 degrees and 34 minutes East in order to receive maximum energy from the passing waves transmitted by 4KJ.

It has come to the writer's attention that popular radio work has had a violent collision with old man static, the bugbear of radio reception, which exists so pronounced during the summer months. If a Beverage antenna is employed, I am of the opinion that that fearful distressing "ton-o-brick"

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stuff will not lessen your radio work during the hot months. To the fellows who let radio DX work pass by during these months thereby causing their efficiency curves to flatten out, I prescribe a Beverage antenna as the most efficacious remedy.

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Electrons, Electric Waves and Wireless Telephony

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and the liquid film tension on the other side will at once contract and pull the thread tight into the form of a curve, which then forms one boundary of the film. We see by this experiment that a liquid film is in a state of stretch or tension, and will always contract so as to make its surface area as small as is consistent with the boundary conditions. Hence it resists stretching and in virtue of this can have capillary or surface tension waves formed on it. There is one distinction between these two types of surface water wave which should be noted.

We have already explained that on deep water long gravitation waves travel faster than short ones. On the other hand, short capillary waves move faster than long ones. There is, therefore, a certain wavelength for surface waves on water, about two-thirds of an inch in length, at which surface waves travel at the slowest rate, viz., about 9 ins. a second.

This wave may be considered to lie on the boundary between true gravitation waves, which are longer, and true capillary waves, which are shorter than this critical length.

6. EXPERIMENTAL ILLUSTRATIONS OF WAVE PHENOMENA

It is possible with a certain type of apparatus to exhibit many interesting experiments with capillary waves on water which illustrate the properties of waves in general. As arranged by the author for lecture purposes this apparatus is as follows:—A circular shallow trough is constructed, having a plate-glass bottom and an exit tap. The trough may be about 8 ins. in diameter, and should be fitted with an overflow tube so as to keep a constant depth of about ½ or ¾ of an inch of water in it. This trough is placed on the stage of a vertical projection electric lantern so that light is sent through it and an image of any object on the surface of the water is focussed on the lantern screen. The trough is provided with a pair of fine supply tubes, by means of which drops of water coming from an elevated tank can be allowed to drop at regular intervals on the water surface in the shallow tanks. As each drop falls on the water it will start a ring-shaped capillary ripple, but this ripple flits outwards so rapidly the eye cannot follow it. We can, however, render it visible as follows. In front of the lantern objective we place a metal disc with 4 or 6 holes in it. The disc must be caused to rotate by a pulley and belt so that as it revolves it periodically eclipses and allows the light from the lantern to pass as in a cinema projector lantern. The result is that the image on the screen is seen intermittently. If, now, the rate at which the water drops fall on the water surface is so adjusted that the interval between two drops falling is equal to the interval between the passage of two holes

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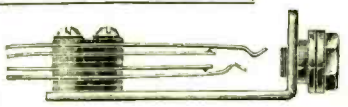

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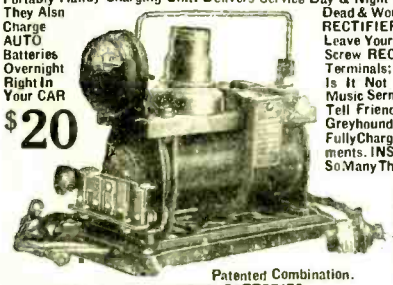

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in the disc in front of the lantern objective lens, we shall see on the screen an image of a set of concentric annular ripples, which will appear to be stationary or can be made to expand slowly outwards by properly adjusting the speed of the stroboscopic disc (see Fig. 9).

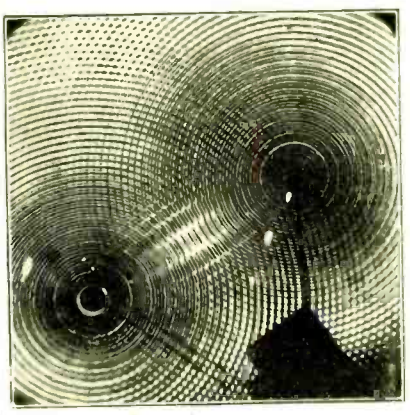

Fig. 9—Photographs of Capillary Rippies on Mercury Created by Impacts of Prongs of a Tuning Fork.
Photo by J. H. Vincent

With this appartus we can show a number of instructive experiments. If we arrange two dropping tubes so as to drop water at places an inch or two apart in the tank and adjust the drops so that they fall simultaneously, then we shall see on the screen a complex pattern of ripples. Each set of drops makes its own concentric set of annular wavelets. It will then be clear that at certain places the humps of one set of waves will coincide with the humps of the other set, and the elevation of the water at those places will be increased. In the same way the hollows or depressions of one set will be in coincidence with those of the other, and will increase the depression. On the other hand there will be some places lying along certain lines at which the lumps or crests of one set of waves will coincide with the hollows or troughs of the other set, and hence at these places the waves will extinguish or nullify each other. This effect is called the *interference* of waves, and is of great importance in wave phenomena in general (see Fig. 10). In fact, whenever we can obtain evidence of interference we can say with almost complete certainty that we are dealing with a case of wave motion. In our lantern tank experiment the lines along which interference is taking place from waves diverging from two centers are lines which are parts of curves called hyperbolas, because it is a property of such

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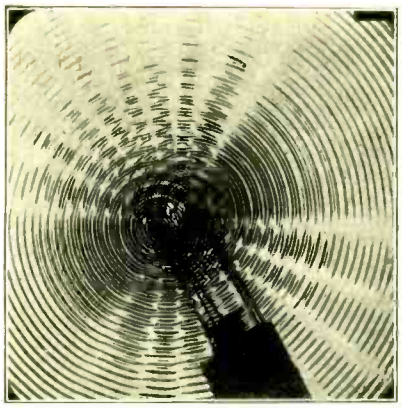

Fig. 10.—The Interference of Two Sets of Circular Capillary Wavelets. The White Portions in the Diagram are the Places in Which the Two Sets of Waves Have Interfered and Destroyed each Other.—Photo by J. H. Vincent.

a curve that the difference of the distance of any point on the curve from two fixed points called the foci is constant. The condition of interference is that the distance of the point at which it takes place from the two wave sources must be a certain odd multiple of half a wavelength, and, moreover, the waves must start in the same phase at the same instant from the two sources.

Another effect well shown by this ripple apparatus is the reflection of a wave. For this purpose we put into the shallow trough a little flat wall of metal which stands up above the water a little. The dropping point is arranged at a little distance from this wall so that the miniature waves strike against it like sea waves on the coast striking a sea wall. We then see on the screen a double set of ripples, one set approaching the wall and another set moving away from it. This second set appear to diverge from a point as far behind the wall as the actual source point is in front of it. The reason for this will be evident on looking at the diagram in Fig. 11.

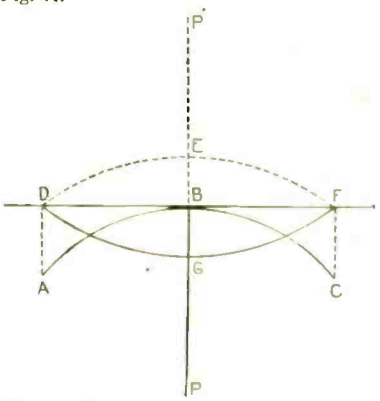

Fig. 11.—Illustrating a Wave Reflected from an Obstruction.

Let *P* be the origin from which the waves diverge and let *A B C* represent the crest of one annular wave just reaching the wall *D B F*. If the wall did not exist that wave would move onwards and an instant later would be found in the position *D E F*, which is part of a circle whose centre is at *P*. Since, however, all parts of the wave *A B C* are turned back or reversed in motion on striking the wall, the actual reflected wave is found at *D G F*. It is obvious that this is part of a circle whose center is at *P*, which is a point as far behind the wall *D B F* as the actual

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origin P is in front of it. The actual process of reflection of the wave is as follows:—

Consider one circular crest $A\ B\ C$ (see Fig. 12), which is advancing to the wall $D\ F$. As each point on that wave reaches the wall it will create a vibration in the

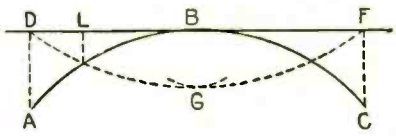

Fig. 12.—A Resultant Reflected Wave DGF Created by Wall DBF Obstructing ABC.

water, which causes a secondary wave to diverge in circles from that point. Thus, when the front of the wave touches the wall at B, a circular wave begins to diverge from B. A little later a point M on the wave reaches the wall at L, and from that point another secondary disturbance originates. Similary, when a point A on the original wave reaches the wall at D, it gives rise to a secondary wave diverging from that point. The wave originating at B gets the start over that originating at L and that at L over the wave starting from D.

The line $D\ G\ F$ (dotted) which touches all these secondary waves at any instant is called their *envelope* and is the resultant reflected wave. Everyone knows that in the case of a reflected image in a looking glass, the image of the object appears to be as far behind the mirror as the real object is in front of it. This is simply a consequence of the fact that the reflected image is caused by light which diverges in spherical waves of a certain kind from every point on the object, and the observer into whose eyes these reflected rays enter sees the image as a collection of radiant points, each of which appears to be as far behind the mirror as the corresponding radiant point in the object is in front of it.

Many optical illusions and conjurors' tricks depend upon this principle. Thus, for instance, we can easily create the illusion of a candle appearing to burn inside a decanter of water as follows:—

Set up vertically on a table a very clean sheet of clear plate-glass and place a lighted candle at a place near it. The candle can be shaded by a little screen so as not to be seen directly but only as a reflected image in the glass surface. This image appears to be behind the glass. At that point place a large glass decanter full of water and when looked at from a certain direction, the illusion will be complete of a candle appearing to burn inside a bottle of water.

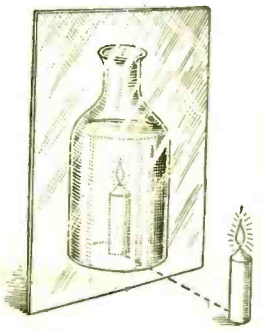

Fig. 13. — An Image of the Candle in Front, Reflected so as to Give the Appearance of Being Within the Decanter Full of Water Behind the Sheet of Glass.

Another important property of surface waves and of waves in general can be demonstrated by the same appartus, viz., the refraction of waves.

If we have a set of parallel plane or straight waves which are moving in one material or medium and advancing in an

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inclined direction to a straight boundary between that medium and one in which the waves move with a different velocity, then on crossing the boundary the direction in which the waves are advancing is changed. Thus, let *AB* be the crest line of a straight wave advancing parallel to itself towards a boundary line *DF* between two media 1 and 2. Let us suppose that the waves travel more slowly in medium 2 than in medium 1. Then when the left-hand end *A* of the wave *AB* passes the boundary it will proceed more slowly (Fig. 14). Hence it will only have reached a

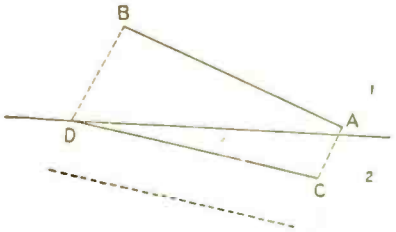


Fig. 14.—A Diagram Illustrating the Refraction of a Wave.

point C and traveled a distance *AC* in the time that the right-hand end *B* will have traveled over a greater distance *BD* and reached the point *B*. Therefore the line of the wave front, viz., *AB*, will be slewed around into CD on crossing the boundary into the position *DC*. This is called the *refraction* or bending of a wave.

It is this bending of the wave front when passing across the boundary of two media in which the wave has different velocities which determines so many familiar optical phenomena such as the apparent bending of a stick when placed half immersed in an inclined position in the water.

The refraction of ripples can be shown with the above described lantern apparatus as follows:—

A semi-circular thick sheet of glass is provided which fits into the lantern tank and makes one-half of it more shallow than the other. One dropping tube is arranged so as to send out ripples from a point in the deeper part of the tank. These ripples spread out in circular rings. If the water level is adjusted so that over the shallow part of the tank it has a very slight depth, not more than a millimeter or so, then over this part the ripples will travel more slowly than over the deeper portion. Hence, when the ripples pass over the boundary line it will be seen, on regulating the speed of the stroboscopic disc as above described, that there is a discontinuity or change of direction of the expanding annular ripples. On the shallow

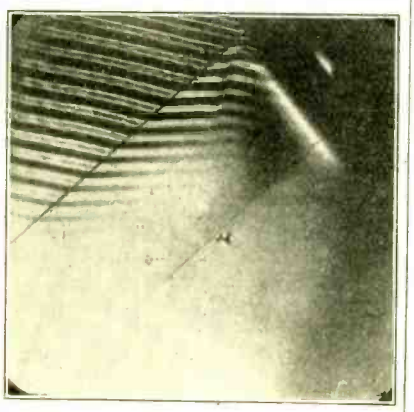
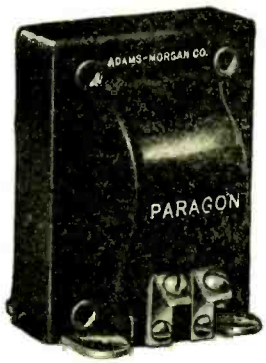


Fig. 15.—Showing the Refraction or Bending of Waves in Passing Over from One Medium to Another in Which They Have a Different Velocity of Propagation.—Photo by J. H. Vincent.



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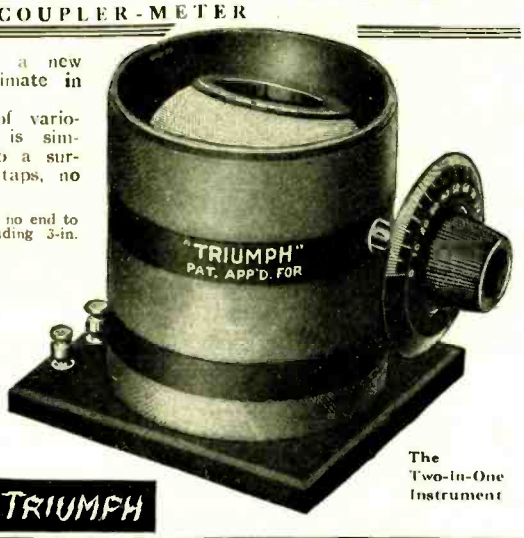

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part the form and curvature of the ripples is such that they appear to diverge, not from the actual dropping point, but from another point situated a little way from it (see Fig. 15).

7. WAVES PRODUCED BY SHIPS

In concluding this part of our subject, attention may be directed to a very important class of surface waves on water, viz., those made by ships, boats and aquatic animals in moving over the surface.

If we look at any swan or duck, swimming on a pond, especially if the bird is moving quickly, we shall see a set of ripples on either side of it, each comprising a number of wavelets set one behind the other and all included between two lines, starting from the bird's breast, which are inclined to one another at an angle of 38° 56′. These little wavelets overlap and are said to be arranged "in echelon," a term derived from the French word *échelle*, for steps like a ladder (see Fig. 16).

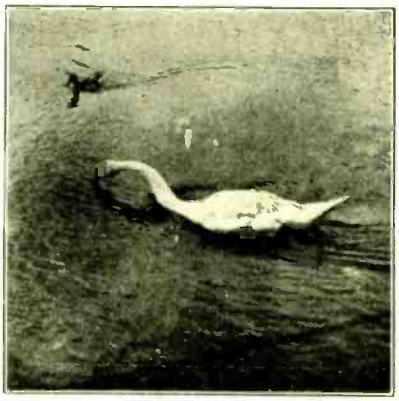

Fig. 16—Echelon Waves on Water Produced by the Motion of a Swan.

They are probably best seen when a boy's model ship is sailing over smooth water on a pond, and it will then be noticed that in addition to the echelon waves, which start from the bows, there is another set of transverse waves behind the ship. In fact, the echelon waves and transverse waves all form part of one complete system of ship waves (see Fig. 17).

This system of waves above mentioned is all included between two inclined lines, which start from the ship's bows. A con-

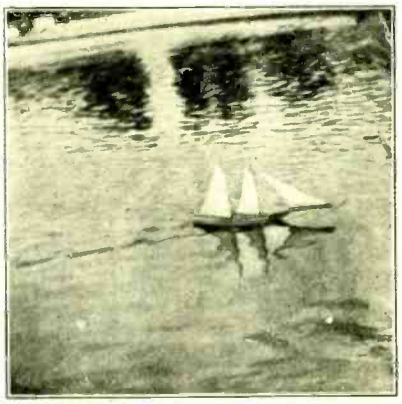

Fig. 17—Echelon Waves on Water Produced by the Motion of a Boy's Model Ship.

struction which gives this angle is as follows:—Describe a circle and draw through its center *C* a diameter *A B*. Produce this line *A B* to a point *S*, so that the length *B S* is equal to *A B*. Then from the point *S* draw two lines, called tangents, to touch the circle at points *D* and *E*. Then the

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angles *D S B*, *E S B*, are each 19° 28', and the angle *D S E* is 38° 56' (see Fig. 18).

Let us consider for a moment how these waves are formed. When the ship moves

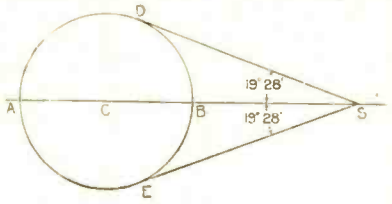

Fig. 18.—A Line Construction Illustrating the Angle of Waves Produced by the Bow of a Moving Ship.

forward through the water it gives a push to the water which creates an elevation and starts a wave. This push being continually repeated as the ship progresses creates a group or family of waves. One of these waves may be considered to be attached to the ship's bows, and to move forward with it. It has already been pointed out that in the case of surface waves on water the velocity of a group of waves is half that of a single wave. Hence, if when the ship is at *A* it starts a group of waves the middle point of this group will have traveled only as far as *B* by the time that the ship itself, carrying one wave with it, has traveled double that distance and arrived at *S*. Hence we see that a ship moving over the water is followed by an ever-lengthening train of waves, the group velocity of which is half that of the ship.

The subject of wave production by ships is of enormous practical importance, because the creation of waves absorbs or requires an expenditure of energy. In the case of a steam, petrol or electric ship that energy is derived from the coal, petrol or other source of driving power. Hence, other things being equal, the less the ship makes waves the less the dissipation of energy. Great attention has therefore been given to the design of ships' hulls with the object of determining what form has the least wave-making quality.

All the power taken up in wave-making travels away from the ship and is wasted, and hence to obtain the greatest speed for the least expenditure of propelling power, the form of the ship must be such as to create surface waves as little as possible.

In addition to the power absorption in wave-making there is also an expenditure in making eddies or little vortices in the water, and at low speeds the chief source of energy waste is in overcoming frictional resistance between the water and the hull of the ship.

This last can be reduced by making the hull smooth, and also free from projecting studs or rivet heads, all of which also tend to create eddies in the water and increase the skin resistance and therefore energy loss. It is now the custom to predetermine the effects of any proposed form or design of ship hull, on the power required to drive it through the water at a given speed by means of experiments made on large scale models dragged through the water in a very long tank called a testing tank. The models are made to scale in paraffin wax, as this material can easily be shaped to any required form and then melted down and used over again.

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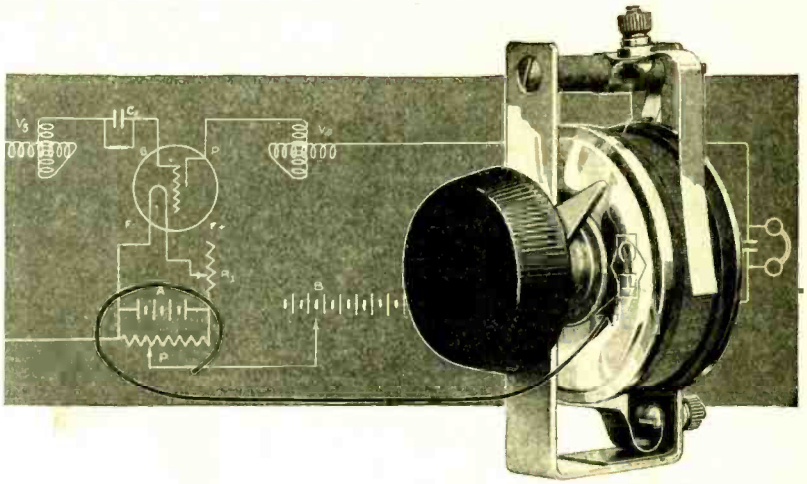
As the subject of ship design is not one with which we are here concerned the mode of conducting these tank experiments need not be discussed. The reader who desires more information may be re-



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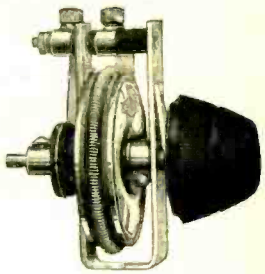

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8. ROTATIONAL AND IRROTATIONAL FLUID MOTION

There is one point in connection with the motion of liquids to which it may not be amiss to make a brief reference. A liquid is capable of motion in two ways, one of which is called *irrotational* motion and the other *vortex* motion.

In the irrotational motion every particle of the liquid moves without rotation. If we imagine any small spherical portion of the liquid to become solidified, and that we could make a mark on this little solid sphere, and watch it as it moves with all the rest of the liquid we should find the marked spherule moving so as always to keep its marked end pointing in one constant direction. In other words, although it may possess a progressive motion, it is not revolving in any way, or has no rotational motion. On the other hand, if the motion of the liquid is such that the selected spherule turns round continually so as to face in different directions as it progresses, and as the moon does in revolving round the earth, then the motion is called rotational. If the liquid particles rotate so as always to face towards a certain line called a vortex line, then this motion is called vortical.

We can see a vortex of water formed every time we pull up the waste-plug of a bath or wash-hand basin full of water. The water swirls round, forming what is called a whirlpool or eddy, or vortex, in which a certain part of it is revolving round an axis rotationally. A vortex in a liquid must either have its two free ends on the liquid surface or else it must form an endless vortex or vortex ring.

We can see the former type of vortex formed by drawing a teaspoon, with the bowl half immersed, quickly through a cup of tea. On the edge of the spoon will be noticed two little whirlpools of liquid which move with the spoon. These are the ends of a vortex which extends from one whirlpool to the other round the edge of the immersed part of the spoon.

On the other hand, we see an endless vortex produced in those rings which many cigarette smokers can blow from the mouth or end of the cigarette.

In this case the smoky air is revolving around a circular or closed line in such fashion that the motion on the inside of the ring is in the direction in which the ring as a whole is moving forward.

They can better be made as follows:—Make a little cubical paper box of rather stiff paper, the side of which may be 3 or 4 ins. in length. Cut a circular hole about 1 or 1½ ins. in diameter in the center of one side (Fig. 19). Fill the box with tobacco smoke by puffing a cigarette into it. Then give a smart tap on the side of

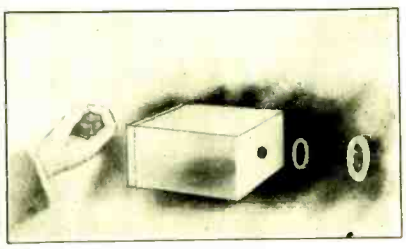

Fig. 19.—Circular Vortex Waves Produced by Tapping the Back of a Paper Box Filled with Smoke Are Shown Making Their Exit Out of a Hole in the Front.

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the box opposite to the hole. A smoke ring will emerge and fly through the air. A careful examination of the ring as it moves will reveal the peculiar kind of rotary motion which is taking place in the ring. The smoke merely makes evident the air motion, but the vortex ring is produced and exists when the box is tapped, whether it is full of smoke or not. We have such vortex rings produced whenever a jet of gas or liquid moves through an undisturbed mass of gas or liquid.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee Hold Hands

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you to see how two reasonable people can get pleasure out of the radio, even if they are man and wife. Hello; look at the time; the fight ought to be beginning."

Mr. Murchison dropped into a chair and Brownlee, with the deft fingers of an expert, manipulated the dials. When he had keyed in at 360 meters the voice of WPX's announcer came from the loud-speaker with admirable distinctness:

"This is WPX, broadcasting the Benk-Coogan fight from the ringside, AKG announcing," said the voice; "The huge auditorium is filled to its utmost capacity; I notice many of the notables of the sporting world present; Butcher Benk has just climbed into the ring—you can hear the cheering. He is bowing to his friends. The louder cheering you hear now is for Farmer Coogan—he has just entered the ring and has thrown off his bathrobe. Both men seem to be in prime condition. Benk is now leaning over the ropes to shake hands with Gus Tubbert, the promoter of the fight. Now Mr. Tubbert is shaking hands with Coogan. Benk's trainer has drawn him into a corner of the ring and is whispering in his——"

"Edward!" said a voice from the doorway somewhat sharply, but Mr. Brownlee did not turn.

"Keep still, please, Sophia," said Mr. Brownlee pleasantly, "the fight is just beginning and we don't want to miss anything."

"Edward," said Mrs. Brownlee a little more sharply, "will you please pay me enough attention to notice who I have with me?"

"Sophia," said Mr. Brownlee, "I don't want to seem rude, but when you talk I can't hear what——"

At that moment a haughty voice from the hall said:

"I think I had better not stay, Sophia dear, evidently your husband is so deeply engaged that he cannot spare time to——"

"Jane! What nonsense!" cried Mrs. Brownlee. "I invited you here to hear Dora Dovell read her poems and you shall not be disappointed! Edward, Mrs. Bimberry has come to hear Dora Dovell read her poems over the radio."

Mr. Brownlee turned and saw Westcote's society leader entering the library.

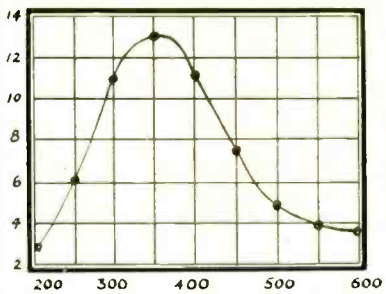
"Butcher Benk and Farmer Coogan have now stepped to their corners. This is WPX, broadcasting from the ringside. Bud Griffin, the sport writer of the *Star*, will now describe the fight for you, round by round and blow for blow. I introduce Bud Griffin——"

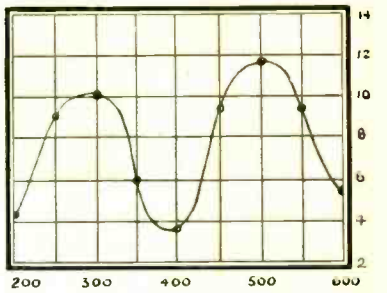
"How-do-you-do, Mrs. Griffin," said Brownlee and hastily corrected himself; "I mean Mrs. Bimberry. Just in time! The fight is just beginning."

It was, indeed.

"Fight!" exclaimed Mrs. Brownlee. "Do you think Mrs. Bimberry has come here to listen to a brutal, cruel prize fight, Edward Brownlee?"

"Sophia," said Mr. Brownlee, "I asked Murchison to come here and listen in this evening. If you think two red-blooded





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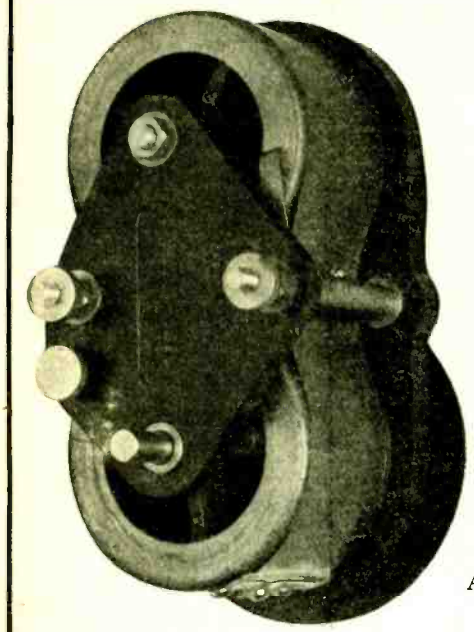

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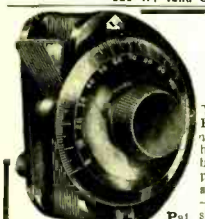

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"Coogan and Benk shake hands," shouted the radio. "They go to their corners. The gong rings. Coogan jumps to the center of the ring. Benk comes forward crouching. Coogan swings with his right. The blow——"

"—as sweet as buds in April dew
Responsive flows from me to you,
And gentle as a cooing dove
The echo murmurs 'This is love!'"

It was the honey-sweet voice of the peerless poetess, Dora Dovell, for Mrs. Brownlee had touched the dial and changed the wave-length to 400, which was that of the admirable station KZKX from which the peerless poetess was broadcasting. A dark frown gathered on the brow of Mr. Brownlee; he put his hand over the hand of Sophia.

"Let go," he whispered tensely.

"I'll not! I'll not!" whispered Mrs. Brownlee.

"Ah! dearer far than precious stones" (said the poetess)

"I love the song thy voice intones,
And quickly to thy arms I fly
When——"

"Coogan biffs him in the eye," shouted Bud Griffin, as Mr. Brownlee twisted the wave-length back to 360. "Benk uppercuts to the ear. Coogan feints with his left and drives his right to Benk's ribs. They clinch. They break apart——"

"And oh, the parting wrings my heart!" murmured the soulful poetess.

"To part! Ah, this is sad indeed
When closer union is our need,
But still in peace my eyes I'll close
If——"

"Coogan reaches Butcher's nose," shouted Griffin from the ringside; "The Butcher replies with a short jab to the stomach. Coogan spars. Benk rushes——"

"Edward; Edward Brownlee, let go of this dial!" exclaimed Mrs. Brownlee, tugging at it.

"Everybody is becoming excited," declared Bud Griffin from the ringside. "The contestants seem to be angry."

"I'll not let go! I own this radio, don't I?" demanded Mr. Brownlee. "What do you think this is?"

"This is station KZKX," said the radio, "ABJ announcing. The next selection by Miss Dora Dovell, the soul poet, will be——"

"End of round one," declared Bud Griffin, broadcasting at 360 meter wave-length from the ringside.

"I think it is a most shameful piece of behavior, that's what I think, Edward Brownlee," said Mrs. Brownlee. "If I cannot bring a friend to this house——"

"And what about my friend?" demanded Mr. Brownlee angrily. "I've no rights in my own house, I suppose! A nice piece of business if I invite a friend here and set the radio working and you can rush in and cut off what we want to hear and turn on a lot of mush—yes, mush! that's what I said! I said mush, Mrs. Brownlee! A lot of pifflicated poetic mush! It's getting so, nowadays, a man has no rights in his own home——"

"Edward Brownlee! Stop right there! That's enough!

"Round two!" cried Bud Griffin. "Both scrappers still in good condition. As the gong rings——"

"The daisies and the violets
Leap up to greet the Spring," murmured the poet of the soul.

"Slush!" cried Mr. Brownlee bitterly, twisting the dial. "Slush!"

"Edward Brownlee, I will not have you talking that way about Mrs. Bimberry's favorite poetess!" cried Mrs. Brownlee.

"I think, perhaps, I'll go now," said the meek Mr. Murchison.

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"You'll do nothing of the kind!" declared Brownlee angrily. "You'll stay, and you'll hear what you came here to hear—a prize fight and not mushy mush! It's about time I showed who is master in this house, once and for all! Sophia, take your hand off that dial! Do you hear me? Once! Twice! For the third and last time——"

"I'll not! I asked Mrs. Bimberry to come here——"

Mr. Murchison got out of his chair and moved delicately toward the door, like a cat walking on ice.

"I really think I'd better be going," he said, coughing his apologetic little cough. "I left my wife all alone—so many burglars about these days—letter to mail—expecting a telegram—really must be getting along——"

In her easy chair the haughty Mrs. Bimberry sat with sternly compressed lips. She did not mean to desert her dear friend Sophia—a member of her own sex—who was doing battle for her. Mr. Murchison might run but she did not mean to run. She cast a glance at Brownlee that let him know quite plainly what she thought of his behavior. Brownlee gave the dial knob one last vicious twist.

"Benk sends a jarring wallop to Coogan's chest," shouted WPX.

"For the third and last time, Sophia, I ask you—will you take your hand from this dial?" Brownlee asked in a dangerously quiet voice. For answer Mrs. Brownlee twisted the dial knob.

"Say Nay, my Soul! Say Nay, my Heart! Say Nay, and ever Nay!" the poetess of the soul responded.

"Very well, then!" said Brownlee, releasing his wife's hand. "Very well! You may have this radio. I give it to you. What I think of this behavior I shall not say, for I am a gentleman. I will leave you to listen to your mushy poetess, Sophia, and you need not wait up for me. I am going to the club, where a man has some rights. But this I will say, Sophia—never, although I live to be a thousand years old, will I listen to a poetess of the soul!"

When Brownlee and Murchison stood in the street their silence was, for awhile, awkward. It did not seem to Murchison that he ought to say anything about the way in which Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee had held hands, and yet he did think he ought to say something for he knew Brownlee must be feeling rather cut up. So he said what he had wished to say all evening.

"Brownlee," he said, "I'm very sorry to have been the cause of this quarrel, because I would have much preferred to hear Dora Dovell. To tell you the truth, Brownlee, she is my favorite poet, and I am passionately—yes, passionately—fond of her poems."

"Great Scott!" exclaimed Brownlee. "If that's so why don't you go in the house again and hear her?"

But Murchison did not go in the house again, and it would not have done him any good if he had gone, for—as soon as the two men had closed the front door—Mrs. Bimberry had spoken to Mrs. Brownlee:

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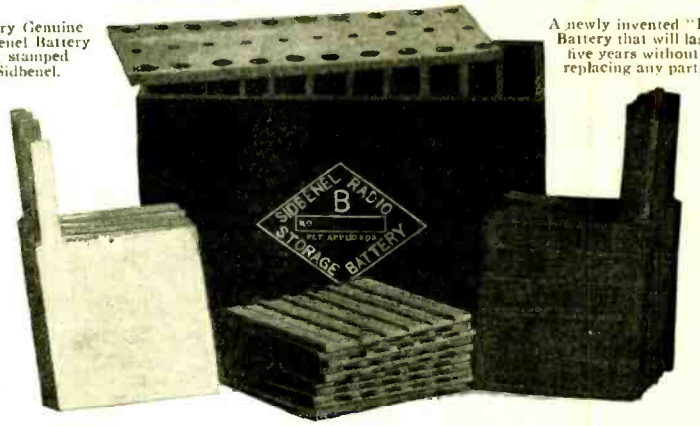

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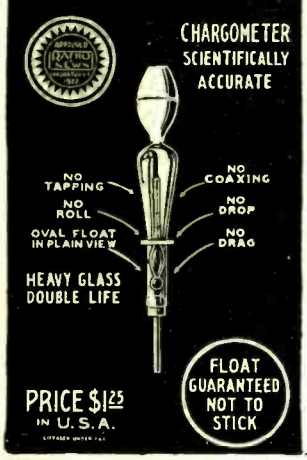

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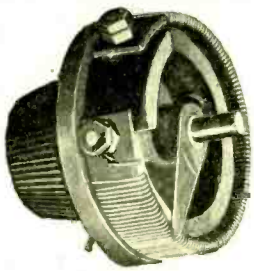

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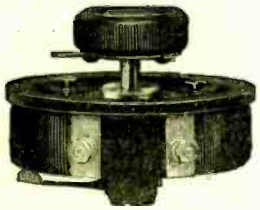

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Alkali Vapor Detector Tubes

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Fig. 2 shows a few of the forms of tubes upon which work was done. These are all filled with the potassium-sodium alloy vapor, and there is a silvery deposit of the substance on the inner walls of the glass. Practically all of the data was obtained on the Radiotron 201 tube type as it was found that the low plate voltage characteristics are only obtained for close spacing of the electrodes. Fig. 3 shows the apparatus used in pumping out and filling the tubes. A vacuum tube is shown in position ready for filling. Two high speed, high efficiency vacuum pumps are shown on the masonry pier. The supply of potassium sodium alloy in a liquid form similar to mercury is contained in the bulb B. This material must be prepared and handled only in a high vacuum. When the vacuum is sufficiently high about .00005 mm. the bulb B is tipped up so that a little of the alloy runs down into the large stem fused onto the tube where it is carefully heated until enough distills over into the vacuum tube

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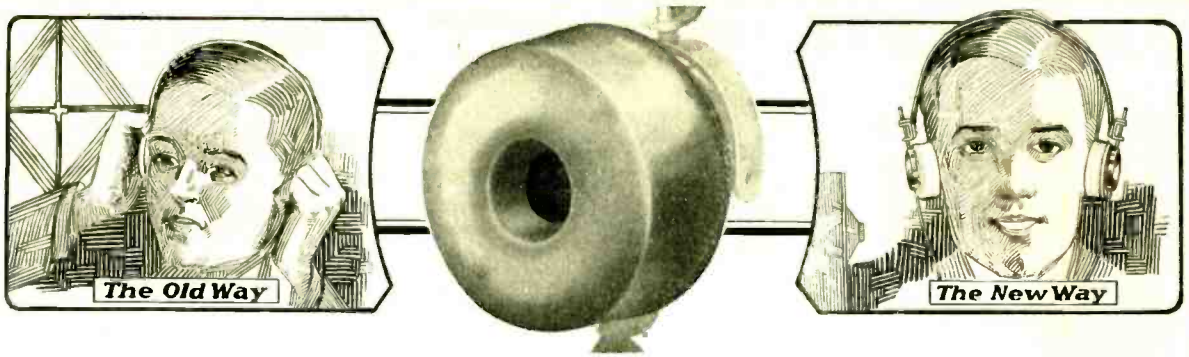

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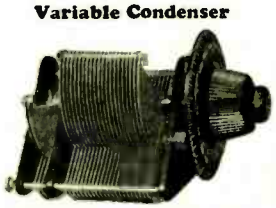

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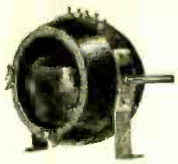

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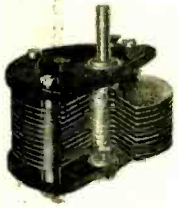

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Broadcasting First Presidential Message to Congress

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the rostrum on which President Harding stood, received the voice vibrations. From this cup-like device, the sound waves were conveyed by a telephone wire to the Naval Air Station, at Anacostia, D. C., approximately four miles away. Here, the United States Navy Department maintains a powerful radio-telephone transmitting outfit, the one in service at Schenectady, N. Y., under the direction of the General Electric Company, alone exceeding its range as a radio-telephone sending station.

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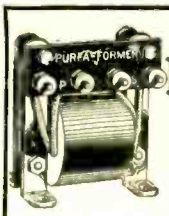

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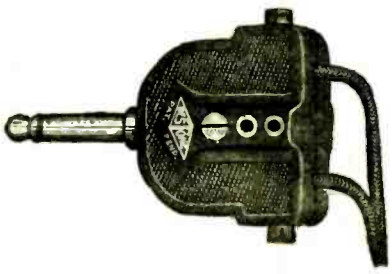

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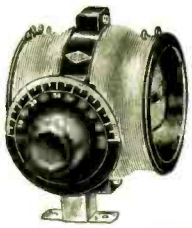

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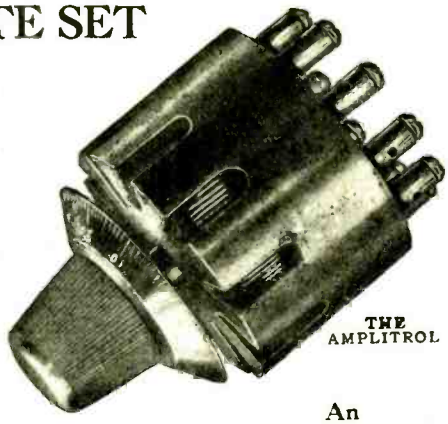

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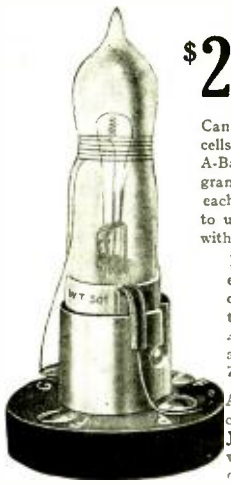

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The mechanism for relaying the voice of the President to Anacostia was installed by the Western Electric Company, and the local telephone company projected a telephone wire from the Capitol to this point. To the microphone was attached three telephone circuits, with direct connections to the Anacostia Naval Air Station. Only one of these electric circuits was employed in conveying the message of the President. The second circuit was used as a so-called "order wire," thus affording means for telephone engineers to conduct conversations while observing the action of the voice of the President as it was relayed for a distance of about four miles. This observance contemplated the maintenance of an evenness of tone as the voice was impinged on the microphone, and then conveyed by wire to Anacostia. The third electric circuit in the series was an emergency unit, which would have avoided a complete disruption of the service in the event of a breakdown of the other two telephone lines. The system, for the most part, duplicated that in operation when the addresses of the speakers at the dedication exercises of the Lincoln Memorial were relayed to Anacostia and Arlington, from which points they were broadcasted by radio telephone. Also a similar service was maintained at the ceremonies incident to the burial of the "Unknown Soldier" in Arlington Cemetery.

The radio-telephone installation made in the House of Representatives for the dissemination of the message of President Harding is of a permanent character. This fact, however, does not give assurance that the proceedings of Congress will be broadcasted by radio telephony or wireless telegraphy. The "doings of Congress" may eventually be radiated throughout the United States, but such action is not a certainty at this time. Such a service contemplates the use of a high-power radio-telephone transmitting station, the operation of which, of course, involves the expenditure of money. The wireless telephone and telegraph transmitting stations of the United States Navy Department are dedicated to other services, the dispatch of naval business and the broadcasting of serviceable communications from allied Government departments. On this occasion permit to use the radio-telephone transmitter at the Anacostia Naval Air Station was granted by Commander S. C. Hooper, head of the Radio Division, Bureau of Engineering, United States Navy Department. Somebody, however, ventures the prediction that Congress will eventually authorize an appropriation and construct its own high-power transmitting station, whereby the proceedings of the House of Representatives and Senate may be instantly and widely disseminated. This prophecy, sponsored by a radio engineer of a Government

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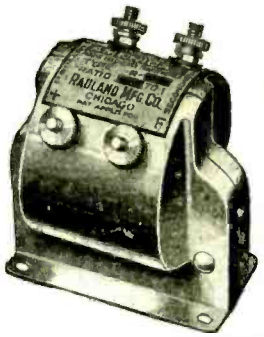

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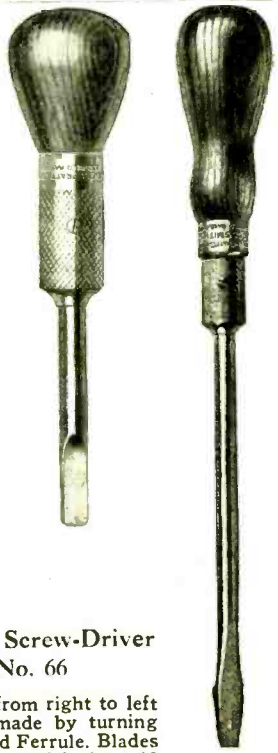

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department, is partially based on the anticipated favorable reaction of the precedent established in "blanketing" the deliverance of Warren G. Harding over the continent by means of the radio telephone.

The first step was taken by Mr. Campbell of Kansas, who submitted the following resolution:

H. RES. 465.
67TH CONGRESS, 4TH SESSION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

December 11, 1922.

Mr. Campbell of Kansas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Speaker is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a select committee of five Members of the House who shall make full inquiry into the matter of the permanent installation in the House wing of the Capitol Building and in the Hall of the House of Representatives of the apparatus or device, now experimentally in operation therein, designated as a "Public address or voice amplifying system." Such committee may sit during the sessions of the House and shall report to the House at the earliest practicable date its recommendations as to the desirability and advisability of such system for use in the House of Representatives, together with detailed information covering the cost of installation, operation, and maintenance. The Architect of the Capitol Building and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall assist said committee in the discharge of its duties hereunder.

Super Regenerative Amplification

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upon noting the signs + and — which are next to each of them. This method theoretically decreases the tension between the phone terminals, but this is compensated for by increased regeneration and smoother oscillation.

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As a precaution to those who intend to use any of the hook-ups given in this article, I will say to put a wad of cotton in your ears when tuning in for the first time, because of the terrific howling and the suddenness with which it starts, due to the circuit becoming slightly out of balance.

Damping: Its Meaning Causes and Effects in Radio

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resistance of the circuit, regardless of what the resistance is. Thus it may be the resistance of a spark gap, ohmic resistance of coils, resistance due to dielectric losses in condensers or insulators, antenna or ground resistance, resistance due to corona loss and brush discharge and so on. In other words the total resistance of a circuit due to any causes determines the damping.

If there is an extraction of energy from the circuit due to other causes there will be an increase in the damping. For an extraction of energy from a circuit is equivalent to inserting a resistance in the circuit which resistance dissipates the same amount of energy as was previously extracted. There are two main causes, apart from the above mentioned resistances, for the loss of energy in a circuit. These are (1) radiation and (2) the presence of neighboring circuits. In the first case energy is radiated from a circuit and therefore extracted from the circuit, and results in an increase in the decrement of the circuit. Obviously some circuits radiate more than others and will therefore have a greater "radiation decrement." Antenna circuits have relatively high "radiation decrements" while closed circuits have small "radiation decrements." In the second case the presence of neighboring circuits results in increased damping due to the fact that the neighboring circuit extracts energy by induction. Obviously the closer the coupling between the two circuits the more will the extraction of energy be and hence the greater the damping.

The damping is found to be dependent also upon the ratio of capacity to inductance in the circuit. Without going into the mathematical analysis, it may be said that it is found that the ratio of the total energy dissipated in a circuit to the total energy transferred in one cycle between condenser and inductance is given by the "decrement" of the circuit and is equal to

$$\text{decrement} = \delta = \pi R \sqrt{\frac{C}{L}}$$

where R is the total circuit resistance due to all causes mentioned above, C is the capacity of the circuit, L is the inductance of the circuit.

Now that we have an understanding of the meaning of damping and know the circuit factors on which it depends let us consider its various effects in radio design and operation and its importance.

In spark telegraphy the importance of damping is very great. The presence of a spark gap in a radio circuit increases its damping greatly for a spark gap has a very high resistance. Except in a few special cases the sparks are not timed to keep the current at a constant amplitude, and as a result the current amplitude decays after the fashion of the curves in Figs. 2 and 3. This damping in a spark transmitter results in great inefficiency. The greater the damping the greater the inefficiency. For consider the two cases shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the first being a circuit having low damping, the second a circuit with high damping,

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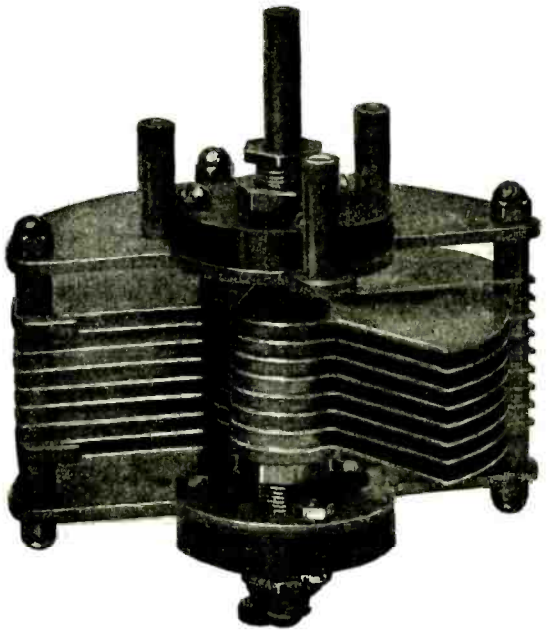

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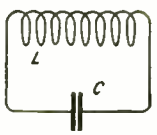
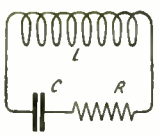
and suppose that the same power was imparted to each circuit. Evidently this power is more rapidly petered out in the highly damped circuit than in the other. Thus the circuit with the low damping radiates its power over a longer period of time than the other and hence will carry farther. In other words a low damped circuit uses a given amount of power over a longer period of time than highly damped circuit, and hence will be more efficient. A highly damped circuit gives just one rapid impulse to the antenna and then promptly dies out, whereas the low damped circuit uses the same power more economically and makes it last longer.

Another harmful effect of damping will be seen from the following. Suppose we have a circuit as shown in Fig. 4, containing



λ_0 = natural wave length.

Fig. 4

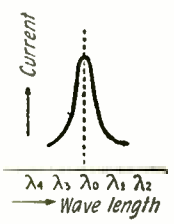


Resistance added to Fig. 4 to increase damping.

Fig 4-a

Left—A Circuit with Low Damping
Right—Same Circuit with Added Resistance Giving High Damping

only an inductance and capacity. This circuit will have a definite frequency, since both inductance and capacity are fixed. If currents of different frequencies are passed through this circuit and measured, and then plotted as shown in Fig. 5, we will have a so-called "resonance" curve. This shows that the circuit responds very strongly to currents of its frequency, but very weakly to currents of other frequencies even though near its own frequency. In other words this circuit has a sharp resonance curve and will therefore tune sharply to any incoming radio waves. Suppose now we add some resistance in this circuit and again obtain its resonance curve. The curve will now appear as in Fig. 6, showing that its curve is now broader and it responds strongly to a wide band of wave lengths. In other



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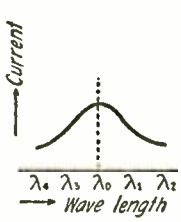

Fig. 6

Left—A Resonance Curve Plotted Against the Circuit of Fig. 4
Right—Curve Corresponding to the Circuit of Fig. 4-a

words by increasing the resistance of the circuit, which is the same thing as increasing the damping or decrement of the circuit, we have changed a sharply tuned circuit into a broadly tuned circuit. This is very bad for radio transmission or reception. In the case of spark sets we have these broadly tuned waves on account of the high damping. Consequently even if a receiving circuit is not tuned to the transmitting the transmitter will interfere with it, because it transmits over a very wide band of wave lengths. It is for this reason that spark transmitters today are coming into great disfavor because they cause most of the interference with people who are listening to the broadcasting.

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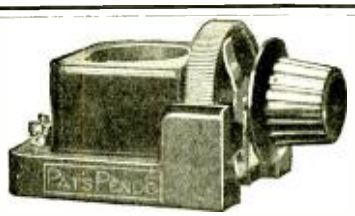

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highly damped, broadly tuned spark transmitter but the same reasoning applies to the receivers. For receivers may be poorly designed to have high resistance and the wrong ratio of inductance and capacity. As a result a receiver may also have a high damping and hence be broadly tuned. Thus even if a transmitter has a low decrement the receiver may be interefered with because its own tuning is broad. This may occur even if the transmitter has a continuous wave. Here then we have a case where the current amplitude is not damped, and in which the damping effect of a circuit is nevertheless displayed. We see then the importance of having a very low damping both in transmitters and receivers for less interference is thereby created.

Often the high damping is due to poorly designed antenna and ground system. Care should be taken that these two very important parts of the set have as little resistance as possible. The actual design of these two parts will be taken up in a special article on antennae later in the series.

In the case of transmitting antennae, what is desired is maximum radiation of energy. Radiation of energy, we saw, is one cause of high damping since energy is extracted from the circuit. Thus in transmitters the object should be to decrease the wasteful resistance and hence decrease the damping due to this, but to also increase the radiation decrement, for this will mean that more energy is being radiated. Here is one case where high decrement is desirable.

The control of the damping factor is very important in the design of wave meters. The accuracy of wavemeter measurements depends largely upon the sharpness of tuning of the wavemeter. We saw above that a circuit with high damping does not tune sharply. Hence it is important to design wavemeters carefully so that their decrements are low. The coils must be wound to have a minimum resistance in the first place. Secondly the ratio of capacity and inductance must be proper. From the formula given above for the decrement of a circuit we see that high capacity increases the damping. Hence the value of the capacity must be kept within bounds. Further the inductance must not be too low or else the damping will increase. However, a high inductance means more wire and therefore high resistance. In other words there is conflict here which must be properly solved if low damping is to be secured. This entire subject is so well taken care of in an excellent article on the "Design of Wavemeters" in the Sept., 1922, issue of the RADIO NEWS that nothing further need be said here, but the readers are referred to the above mentioned article.

In the above cases we have seen how a high damping wactor was very undesirable and produced harmful effects. There are cases, however, where a high damping is very desirable and these will now be considered. First in the case of telegraphy on sea when it is desired to transmit distress signals when the ship is in danger. In sending distress signals it is necessary that every possible ship on the sea should hear this signal so ttat aid will be promptly forthcoming. However it is possible that the receivers on these ships will be tuned to different wave lengths. Hence in order to have the distress signals come in on all these receivers the wave radiated from the transmitter of the distressed ship should be very broadly tuned so that it covers a wide band of wave lengths. We saw above that high damping resulted in a broad wave. Hence in such cases the broad wave or high damping is not only desirable but necessary. In such cases the operator frequently works with his spark gap directly in the antenna which results in very high damping and very broad tuning.

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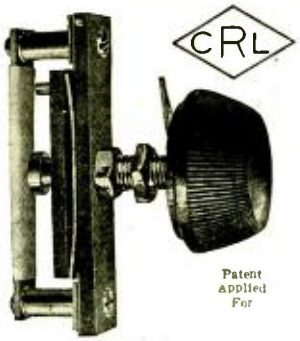

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In general, however, for most work in radio communication low damping is desirable. It is for this reason that spark equipment and other apparatus producing damped waves are fast going out of use and in their place is coming continuous wave apparatus. A minor advantage accruing from this is that calculations become somewhat simpler. With damped waves it was always essential to take into consideration the decrements of transmitter and receiver in all calculations, and this made things very cumbersome and complex. With undamped waves this is no longer necessary and calculations approach more nearly those of simple alternating currents.

The Old-Time Ham Gets Out

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for the most abominable Manila cigar in the house to appease my present unsatiable taste for murder in the first degree. The clerk dug up what appeared to be the end of an old hemp rope which must have died of arterio sclerosis in the oil fields or in a gas producer. He smiled affably and said, "Mr. Jones, if you will stand by for a few minutes you will be able to hear our new——"

Ye Gods and small pescados! Up on the wall where I had not yet been made cognizant of its presence, was the horn of a loud speaker attached to a radio receiver; it began to speak: "The first number from KOWXP tonight will be by Professor ZSXDFGLKPC on the violin. He is performing especially for this station at the request of our many fans and——"

I rushed into the street fearful that the loud speakers was at my heels in hot pursuit.

"Where to?" said the driver. "Where do you want to go?"

I told him emphatically where to go!

He said, "All right, old top, we will at least try, but it will take a lot of gas and probably scratch the paint. Nothing in my young life though, the meter is going round and round."

He stepped on the clutch so hard that I nearly swallowed my back teeth.

The old meter buzzed like the rotary gap next door—blankety blank blank. Here it was again, radio, radio, radio!

We passed up town. Seeking solace from my mental agony, I looked with interest at a most charming young thing looking in a show window. Hm, probably looking at the new styles, I thought. I ordered the driver to slow down. I glanced into the show window. She was looking at the new styles—in radio sets!

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ly too; passing vehicles danced before me in a scintillating stream. The driver happened to glance back and said:

"Say, old top, you look done out, maybe this will soothe your nerves."

He snapped a switch. A concealed antenna in the cab top started pouring out—"Sw-heeet Bu-hunch of Da-haisies Fresh from the Duhel-l-l," from some broadcasting station down town.

I fainted on the seat. Later I became aware of the fact that I was in a place where there yawned labyrnthic depths and sheer towering precipices. On closer scrutiny I saw row upon row of dials, scales, knobs and pointers. Vacuum tubes with grinning faces and massive proportions grinned and winked at me from great heights and bottomless depths. Row upon row of them. Mile upon mile of them. League upon league of them. Er—upon—er.

I stood in Municipal Court next morning; a white-haired judge asked what the charges against the prisoner were. I looked about and discovered that I was the prisoner in the dock.

The prosecutor stood up and pointed an accusing finger directly at me. I trembled from my ground connection up.

"Insanity! He tried to buy all the radio apparatus in the store."

Faces turned appealingly, sympathetically, toward me. I looked at the Judge. He was smiling, in fact he was smiling humanly. "Mr. Jones, you are discharged, and if I were you I would institute charges for false arrest."

The Judge turned back to the Court. "The Court is dismissed for an intermission, while we listen to the radio concert." He pressed a button on his great desk and leaned back comfortably in the massive oaken chair. A concealed loud speaker started almost at once: "The first number from KXPZX will be a lecture on power of will by Professor Moneybits!"

I crumpled in a heap.

At home the wife was smoothing down the pillows and crooning like in the old days when we first found out that it was not cheaper for two than—etc. You know it by heart.

"Dear," said the wife, "the old paper man came this morning. I gave him some books," she said significantly. "Uh huh," I said, feigning sleep from the shock of my late experiences in fleeing the radio bug.

However, that was some time ago. Last night I sat up until 4 A. M. and copied FI and LCM and POZ. Am I through with radio forever?

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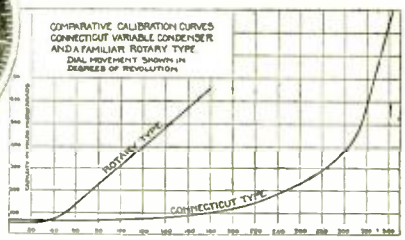

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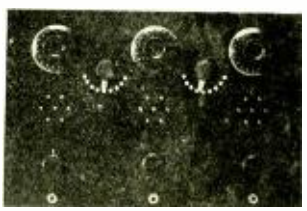

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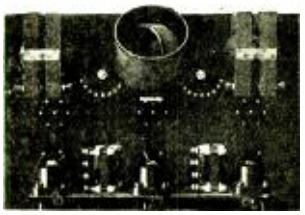

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people who take an interest in it increases. Just as the talking machine industry could not thrive if it had to depend for its business on a handful of musicians, so the radio industry cannot depend upon the handful of technical amateurs for its business. It must interest the average man and woman in the street.

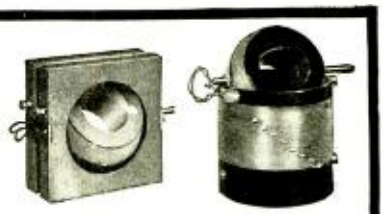
To secure this essential interest of the enormous lay public it is essential that the radio instruments, like the talking machine, be models of simplicity as far as operating features are concerned. And simplicity today means a minimum of controls, and preferrably a single control. It is the single control receiver which will popularize radio more and more, and it happens that the only type of circuit available to-day permitting of such simplified control is the single circuit receiver.

Naturally the single circuit receiver therefore finds favor with the layman, but its prevalent use has brought in its train difficulties and a big problem. The single circuit tuner is of course less selective than a double or triple circuit tuner. As a result, with transmitting amateurs around him particularly in congested districts, the layman has experienced considerable code interference while receiving the broadcasting. The radio lay public therefore insists that the amateurs keep off the air during broadcasting hours. The amateurs just as staunchly insist on their right to the air, and protest against what they consider the arrogant interference of an uninformed public which is just entering the radio circle. They generally cite their long standing in the radio community, that they have made radio what it is to-day, and that the single circuit tuner causes most of the layman's interference.

It is true that the amateur has made radio history and is in the vanguard of the radio army. The amateur, however, cannot rest on his laurels or past performances if the layman—who is to furnish the radio industry with practically all of its business—is interfered with. It must be remembered that the average non-technical layman who constitutes the bulk of the nation is being sold on a big, brand-new idea—RADIO, and he has to be catered to and his requirements have to be met. If he is told that his requirements cannot be fully met and he must yield because some amateurs were here first, he will rightly answer in no uncertain terms that he cannot embrace this new idea of radio and that the amateurs can have the field to themselves all of the time. Which means that the radio industry goes back to what it was two or more years ago, a picayune, little industry.

As a matter of single circuit receivers causing the trouble the amateur must remember that Tom Jones, the bookkeeper, the salesman, the clerk, the lawyer and what not, knows as much about technical radio as he does about music. He may appreciate both, but he knows little about either. The reason there is a talking machine in almost every home is that talking machines were not designed for skilled musicians, but were designed for average musically unskilled persons. And there will be a radio set in every home—which is the aim of the radio industry—when radio sets are designed in the same way. This means a minimum of controls on the receiver and to-day the single circuit tuner is about the only tuner that permits such easy control. And the radio industry has the single circuit tuner to thank for whatever popularity radio has achieved to-day.

If the amateur's transmission were of material benefit either to the public or the radio art there might be some ground for their stand on the question. But it serves



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no advantageous purpose. The mere act of relaying and seeing how far one's transmitter can reach, while of personal interest and pride to the individual amateur, has not any other importance. On the other hand broadcasting is gradually assuming the importance almost of a public utility, and as such is deserving of the first consideration.

The technical knowledge and ability possessed by the amateur is of tremendous potential value and it would be a great loss to the radio art should anything occur to make the amateur's interest in radio wane. However, from considerations enumerated above his chief radio occupation, *namely relaying, is of no value in itself and must give way to the broadcasting.* The only way out of the dilemma is the opening of *new spheres of activity for the technical amateur.*

From this point of view the writer has a solution which may sound very ambitious, but which has the merits of affording sufficient scope for the amateur's technical interest and affording a minimum of interference with the broadcasting.

Instead of an Amateur Radio Relay League it is suggested that an Amateur Radio Research League be formed, which may be a nation wide organization just as the former is. The various existing amateur stations are potential miniature laboratories which by proper direction can be effectively utilized in securing data and information of great importance to the art. Thus there are a great many problems which are functions of time, locality and climate; as for example, the intensity and directional effect of static, if any; the problem of fading of signals, etc. Range data of telegraph and telephone transmitters are very meagre. By properly co-ordinating the efforts of the various stations throughout the country data of inestimable value may thus be obtained. Besides there are any number of problems which can be taken up and investigated with the facilities the amateurs possess. This would require, of course, very good organization, with central headquarters and districts divided under the supervision of the most capable amateurs. The ability and a considerable part of the facilities are available. What is lacking is the organization and exact plan of procedure. A nation wide organization for systematic relay transmission was efficiently accomplished and with the same talent an organization for this far more important purpose of research can also be accomplished. It is obvious that the purpose of avoiding a clash with the newcomers will be thereby effected and at the same time the ability of the amateur will be expended in a manner far more beneficial to the public and the art than heretofore.

The Radio Amateur

BY HUGH H. WINGETT

THIRD PRIZE

The radio amateur's trouble to-day is that he does not advertise himself in the right way. A few so-called amateurs or "hams" congest the ether by sending more or less meaningless messages, using a kilowatt of power, to a brother "ham" around the corner. The radio public which is trying to listen in on a radio program or musical concert, is of course drowned out and the blame is laid on the shoulders of the amateur, thereby giving the whole body of amateurs over the entire country a black eye, for the misdeed perpetrated by a few "hams" who don't know the meaning of tuning, 200 meters, and broadwave. There is no reason why this condition should exist. The well meaning, hard working amateur should take it upon himself to remonstrate with the owner of such a station or exterminate him, thereby doing away with the nuisance that is menacing their very existance.

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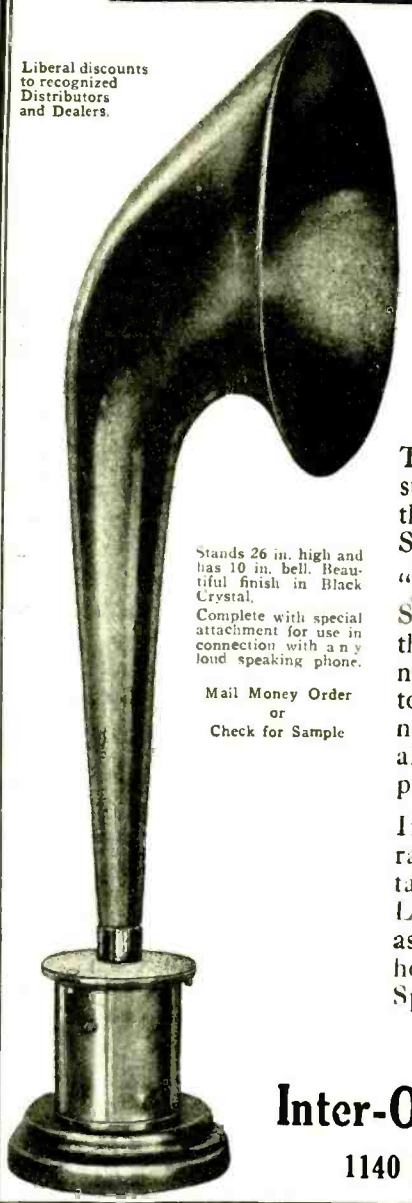

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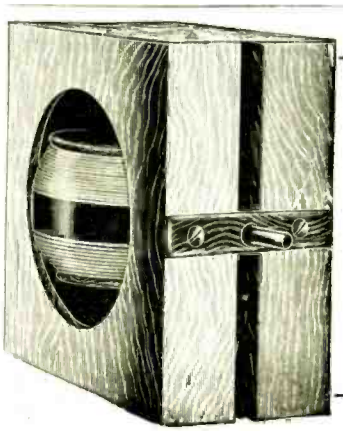

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This done, the amateur should try to organize the surrounding amateurs, and form a club, having operating rules and regulations. They should, where possible, hold concerts, showing and informing the people of the community or town just what they are doing for the betterment of radio conditions. They should when possible try to influence the amateurs in the neighboring community or town to organize, and thereby perpetuate the once respected order of amateurs.

This organization of amateurs should publish a daily bulletin, consisting of: the weather reports, boxing, baseball and football results, and many other topics of interest that are broadcast. Be of service to those of your community and they will begin to appreciate the amateur. The contents of this bulletin would of course depend largely upon the people of the different communities. This bulletin could be fastened upon a small, neat sign board, placed in front of the house of each amateur, where the neighbors in passing could read it. It would cost next to nothing and would bring in large returns. Not money perhaps, but reinstatement of the amateur in the esteem of the general public, which is a thing to be desired at present. If thought necessary, the amateur could devise some means of defraying the expense of this bulletin, by popular subscription for instance. The people of the community would be glad to aid in defraying the expenses for the service and pleasure rendered. There should be no trouble encountered in this.

Again, the club could issue a weekly or monthly bulletin, costing only a few cents, informing the public, as to the aims and achievements of the amateur in the art of radio. In this they should lay much stress upon the many advancements and inventions brought about by the amateur experimenter.

It would be well also if the clubs would have it known that they would be pleased to have visitors. Also that the radio enthusiast who can tune in a radio concert, but who knows nothing much about the theory and science of radio, may be present at the discussions brought up at the club if he is in earnest and wishes to learn. If he shows interest and intelligence, receive him into your club.

In every club or community there is a person or an amateur who is well versed in the theory and rudiments of radio. Let this one act as instructor. The more one knows about the operation of a set, the less likely it is that he will create a disturbance that shall threaten the extermination of the amateur. Do not be afraid to correct mistakes and to offer suggestions to another amateur, just because he happens to be your senior. I do not care how old an amateur is; if he is a real "bug," he won't resent being shown his mistakes, even by one many years his junior.

By now the amateur should recognize his danger and try to organize and cooperate with others in order that he may avoid bringing down upon himself the wrath of the radio public. It will never do to have them turn against us, for they outnumber us and practically control our future, and our very existence. They are in the majority, and they will hardly tolerate anything which they think will deprive them of their amusement and pleasure. We had better squelch these "brass-pounders" who create such a disturbance, and who cause the ire of the pleasure seekers to be directed against us, or the "Ancient Order of Amateurs" is likely to be presented with some such motto as: "Say it with flowers," or "Peace be with you forever more," meaning that we will pass out of existence.

To my mind the remedy lies with the amateurs themselves and it is only through them that the existing conditions can be bettered.

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THE WRECK OF A FIFTY-WATTER

One dreary night, Bill Sparks sat down
to pound the key awhile.
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So he confidently pressed the key, but,
alas! it was too late!
A bluish flame! A little ping!
The bulb was heard to sputter and sing.
Poor Bill arose and began to totter.
Alas! the wreck of a fifty-watter.

5HB Makes Radio History

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perior to borax which is generally used, as the plates are formed quicker and there is no tendency of a scum forming around the plates near the surface of the liquid.

To take care of the 48 jars, one pound of amonium phosphate was purchased from a wholesale drug house and dissolved in two gallons of water.

The preparation of the aluminum and lead strips is a very important thing. In order to succeed in making an efficient electrolytic rectifier it is absolutely necessary to thoroughly clean the plates or strips. To do this—boil them in a strong solution of lye.

The strips used measure 4 inches in length by 1 inch wide. When the strips are properly formed the aluminum should take on a whiteish-gray appearance and the lead should take on a coat of reddish brown.

At the average amateur's station I have found that the rectifier jars which are in the high voltage circuit as well as the plate circuit are very carelessly placed on the floor or anywhere without any thought being given to the proper location.

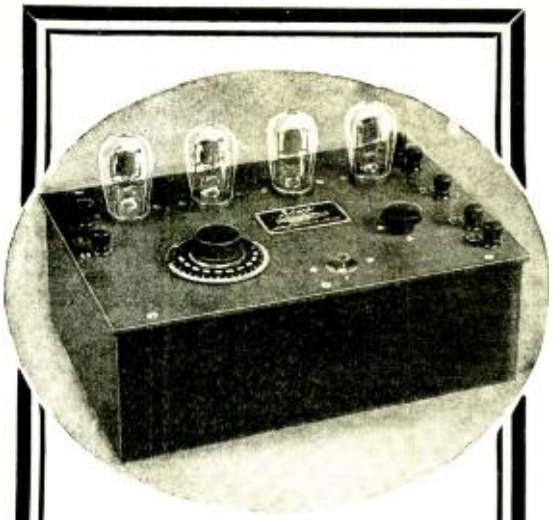
Mr. Bastian has solved this problem very nicely. He has constructed a special chest for his rectifier jars which is provided with a hinged cover. An inspection of his rectifier unit makes one feel like drinking the cool, clean liquid—so clean and neat is the arrangement. This is undoubtedly one of the most important points to consider and if the average amateur would give more attention to the proper installation of his rectifier units there would be more 5HB stations in the country.

The entire chest is properly insulated from the floor!

The keying is done in two ways. The first and the most effective is accomplished by breaking the primary of the plate supply transformer. Another key is placed in series with a 5000 ohm grid leak and is shorted at all times while the other key is being operated. The same thing holds true for the key in the plate supply circuit.

The antenna change-over switch accomplishes a multitude of things. On the receiving side, it puts on the filament current to the receiving tubes—connects the antenna to the receiver—opens the power circuit to the transmitting tubes—and on the transmitting side just the opposite is accomplished.

By throwing over a small single pole double throw switch the spark set is controlled on the transmitting side instead of the C.W. set, the rotary gap operating when the switch is thrown to sending position. All power wiring is done in approved lead cable. The spark set comprises the following parts: ½ k.w. Packard transformer —13,500 volts. Benwood five-point non-synchronous spark gap. Dubilier .004 condenser. Pancake oscillation transformer—1¼" ribbon. A heavy key is used to break the primary of this set.



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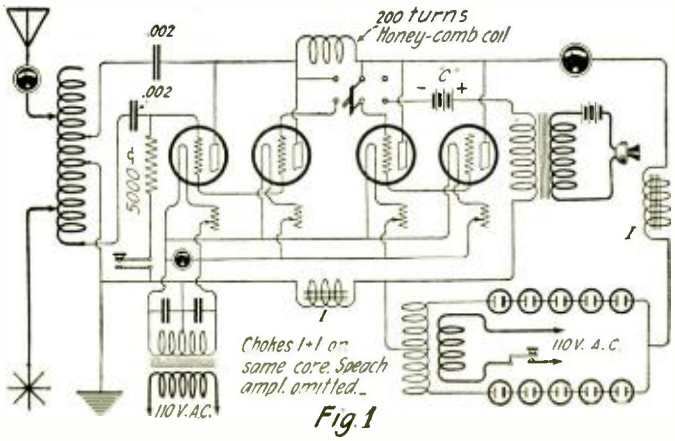

Fig. 1

The Circuit of 5HB's C.W. Set. Provision is Made for the Use of Phone. C.W. or I.C.W.

PHONE CIRCUIT

The tube set is arranged to work as a 20 watt radio telephone set, with four tubes as oscillators, four as modulators and one as a speech amplifier. Nothing has been done on speech work yet and will not be done until more important tasks have been performed—such as the Trans-Atlantic tests.

It is also possible to cut in the eight tubes as oscillators. However, at the present time but four tubes are in use and it is believed they are performing their duty. These tubes are putting out 3.8 amperes.

ANTENNA

There is nothing exceptional about the antenna. It is an ordinary two wire affair sixty feet long, fifty feet high at the lead-in end and thirty feet high at the free-end. It was realized long ago that better results would be obtained by raising the free-end as high or higher than the lead-in end and will be done very shortly.

By raising the free end from 25 feet to its present height (30 feet) signals were reported stronger by practically all the distant stations with whom communication is carried on regularly. As soon as possible the antenna is going to receive very serious consideration—and will be redesigned.

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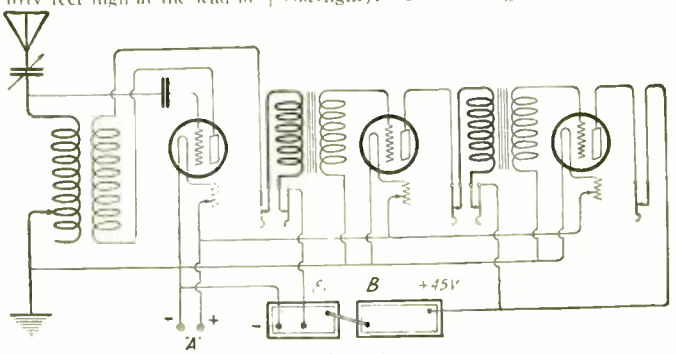

Fig. 2

The Receiving Circuit Used Will Be Recognized as the Conventional Single Circuit Tickler Feed Back Type with a Two-Stage Audio Frequency Amplifier

THE RECEIVER

Super-regenerative? NO! Emphatically NO! Just an ordinary single circuit regenerative receiver with two stages of audio frequency amplification. Mr. Bastian believes in *results* and not experiments. He strives to improve his set but with reasonable plans.

The circuit diagram is given in Fig. 2. Note that there is nothing extraordinary about it.

CONCLUSION

(a) Considering the work that has been done by 5HB with ordinary everyday radio apparatus and with no special attention being paid to the design of the antenna, proves that what work has been done on the apparatus was done in the very best way possible.

(b) That by reaching Seattle, Washington, over-land there is a good possibility of his signals being heard by the British amateurs in the Trans-Atlantic test.

(c) That there is no need for an amateur to send on other wavelengths than 200—that is, not higher than 200.

(d) That there is no excuse for an amateur interfering with broadcasted concerts, lectures, etc.

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(e) That, if the amateur takes special care in assembling and installing his apparatus, there will be a minimum of interference (locally) (caused by audible blanket over ether), and that maximum efficiency will be obtained.

(f) That the broadcast listeners have a right to contest the amateurs' right to interfere.

(g) That the amateurs have as much right to the ether as anyone else has—but they cannot wantonly interfere with anyone operating above amateur wavelengths.

(h) That the amateurs can and must obey the law, and thereby instill friendship rather than hate in the minds of the novices.

(i) That we need more stations like 5HB o assist the amateur to obtain recognition.

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1QP	10/25/22	South Manchester, Conn.	X	
1XM	9/12/22	*Cambridge, Mass.*		X
2BJB	4/12/22	*Wechawken, N. J.*		X
2CAB	5/1/22	Bayonne, N. J.		X
3BLJ	6/8/22	Bayonne, N. J.	X	
3IW	5/25/22	Richmond, Va.	X	
3FP	5/11/22	*Clarendon, Va.*		X
3BHM	10/14/22	Trenton, N. J.	X	
2BOI	4/19/22	Washington, D. C.	X	
2CFT	5/11/22	Fort Lee, N. J.	X	
2CEI	10/2/22	Long Branch, N. J.	X	
2CHC	10/18/22	Bronx, N. Y.	X	
2CQZ	10/19/22	Yonkers, N. Y.	X	
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Constructive Criticism on Phone Design

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through this pulsating current, must needs distort the voice in the transformations, as a certain movement of the diaphragm, while producing a movement more or less corresponding in point of time, corresponds but little in point of proportional strength, the magnetic fields in each of the two instruments, not being symmetrical, when normal, nor when the electro-magnets superimpose their respective fields, as during speech, any variation in either field, from any cause, would not be accompanied by a variation in the current proportional to the magnitude of the cause. Hence, distortion and deletion of finer, minor vibrations are caused by this defect alone.

The writer has dwelled at length on the shortcomings of this obsolete phone, because of all the receivers magnetically operated, this type more nearly resembles the modern headsets when actuated by minute radio current. Many causes of distortions and deletions are traceable to similar faults in design. A receiver which functions well on battery line phones, or even on radio code work requiring but a

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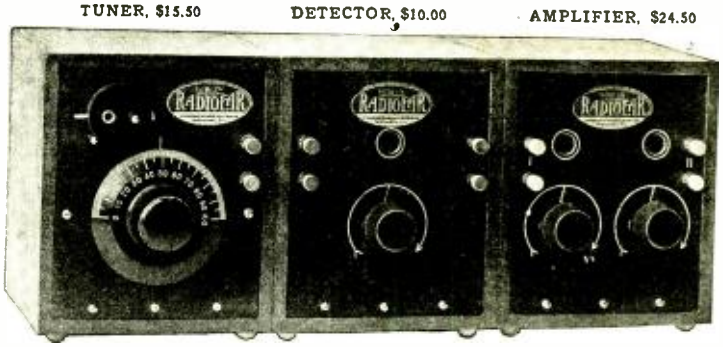

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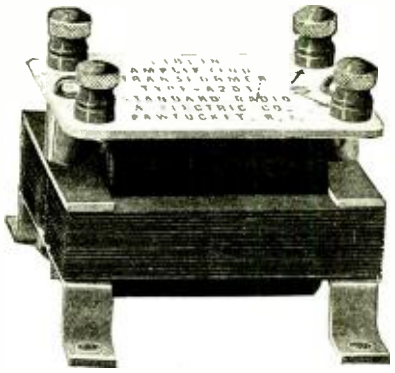

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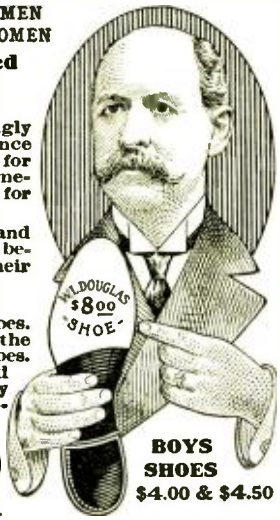

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1. Diaphragms of white silk, varnished, or certain papers, skins, celluloids, elastic by reason of being mounted on a separate ring, on which they are stretched out and clamped, rather than by reason of being rigid owing to temper and thickness. Result—same or more spring action, with a fraction of the inertia of semi-rigid diaphragms.

2. Armatures of transformer (silicon) steel annealed for 100 hours, to minimize hysteresis loss, mounted in center of diaphragm, separated by a disk of parchment tissue, onion skin or paper of a diameter ¼ smaller than the armature.

3. Armature to be .012" to .015" thick, or thick enough to respond instantly to fluctuations in the electro-magnetic flux, superimposed upon the permanent magnetic flux without saturation anywhere, having sufficient section.

4. Armature to be light by reason of its small diameter, it requires to extend but 1/16" beyond the outermost layer of windings catching and carrying the entire coil pull, mostly directly through its section, diameters to vary between the sizes of a 5 and a 10 cent piece.

5. Clearance between the top of the diaphragm and the inside of cap to be .0005" at the clamping edge, arching to .002" at the center. By reducing the clearance to the practical limit we get a much greater proportional variation in air pressure as well as improving air damping and "stopping

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flutters from starting." A very important point—the average cover now has 1/16" straight clearance—a volume 20 to 50 *times* too large for efficiency and center hole 25 to 40 times too large. 2000 per cent to 5000 per cent.

6. If phone is to be used directly against the ear, six small holes placed in a hexagon around the center are much better than one big hole. They should have a bore of 1/16" to 3/32" only, depending on diameter of diaphragm, the hexagon should be ¼ to 1/5 of the diameter of the free, vibrating portion of the diaphragm.

7. The small holes should be countersunk 60° of arc from both sides to a diameter ⅛", cover to be thick enough to prevent countersinkings from meeting in the center, and enlarging holes. This shape, along with the improved clearance enables the diaphragm to cause an "explosive" puff in the venturi-shaped holes even from the minutest displacements, similar somewhat to the sound we make with our lips in pronouncing the letter "P." Faithful adherence to the above proportions will sharpen the enunciations, hence the sensitiveness, and audibility, *without a trace of a whistling effect* in the loudest

8. Black composition caps and metal diaphragms could well be replaced by white caps and "warm" diaphragms, if for no other reason, than to conserve the thermal status of the air. At each compression phase of the sound wave, sensible heat is evolved and at the next phase, the one of rarefaction, there is a corresponding drop in temperature; both the raise and the drop tend to increase the change in volume for a given displacement, hence increasing the audibility by so much.

Black caps and metal diaphragms enter into an instantaneous interchange of heat with the wave, absorbing part of the increase, and supplying part of the deficiency, and in unequal degrees, thus diminishing the net difference between the two phases, and partly distorting to both, "getting them going and coming." White and warm substances reflect or convect 80 per cent to 90 per cent of the heat, minimizing interchanges.

9. The efficiency of a receiver can be doubled by merely utilizing the fact that each diaphragm has at least *two* healthy, working sides, both fluttering in the air simultaneously, by suitably attaching two tubes like a physician's stethoscope, each tube to connect one chamber, that is, a side of the diaphragm to one ear.

10. By filling the magnet chamber with paraffin or similar insulating substance, to make it even with the top of the pole pieces, covering with white celluloid or paper stuck to the paraffin, with a bent tube open at a level with the top paper, imbedded in the filling, we approximate the same acoustic thermal and mechanical conditions obtaining on the top, or "conventional" side. We not only get an extra phone, but one of "matched sound," which feature is well known to increase audibility, irrespective of all other refinements.

11. While the diaphragm should have a fixed clearance from the cap, the entire assembly of stretched diaphragm, non-magnetic stretch-ring, clamp, lock-ring and cap, all together should be adjustable within limits, with respect to the pole pieces.

12. That part of the cap which touches the ear should be seperate, and easily removable to be replaced at will either by a sponge rubber pad with holes to register with the sound holes, or by a cap with tube attached to utilize the "stereoscopic" feature of point 9 more conveniently as the receiver can then be either worn on the chest, under the chin, or left on the table, the tubes leading to the ears.

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14. Three or four tapped holes provided near the outer edge of the receiver case, at bottom so that one or two extra C-shaped magnets may be quickly added to or removed from the outside. Brass spring clips might be fastened to the tapped holes to snap the magnets in place. A receiver conforming to the above, wound to the proper ohmage, with annealed copper or silver wire or ribbon; if wire, No. 40 to No. 42, single silk covered, uncolored, unbleached, of a certain Italian quality, would come pretty near being "fully equipped." Any adroit experimenter could incorporate most of these points into existing phones, with gratifying results.

Eliminating That Hum from the Light Current

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small bolt that holds your cord to that terminal and insert a piece of small gauged wire. This wire should be at least 8" to 10" long to give plenty of play to the phone, although the length has nothing to do with the efficiency of the plan. Then take off about 3" of the insulation from the other, end of the wire. Put the phones to your ears again placing the wire behind your ear and you will find that your body will eliminate the undesirable sound that you heard before. I find that this little scheme works regardless as to how near the feed wire might be. I have had my antenna as close as one inch and running parallel to the light wires and I could not hear the slightest hum in my receivers.

Keeping the Public Sold on Radio

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tances is all right, for him. He may be unreasonable, though few of them are, about wanting to QRT everybody else while he tries over and over again to put across a message of no more importance, as a message, than a street car conductor's remarks about a pair of striped stockings, but he has a real objective and he pushes toward it with fine persistence. On the other hand I believe that he has killed a lot of trade in home radio outfits by getting himself into a job as a salesman—a job that he hates if he is a real technical man—and then trying to put over his ideas on folks who don't know even yet just what he was talking about.

For example, the single circuit tuner has been a special point of attack for the technical amateur. Naturally. It turns his well-regulated transmitting wave into a constant source of annoyance to listeners-in around his neighborhood. It lets loose flocks of "canary birds," if it is of the regenerative type, and they drown out the weak signals from afar that he is straining his ears to catch. How can he go to work at eight in the morning, after sitting up until two or three o'clock in order to get a chance to clear his traffic, and sell the low-priced, simple sets that the public asks for but that

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are the cause of most of his trouble? How can he interest himself in connecting them up and teaching his prospects their radio ABC's? I find them everywhere, these technical amateurs, fighting their jobs. One was trying to bring in the World's Series from New York with a super-regenerative receiver, in the crowded aisle of a busy store hundreds of miles away! He was attempting to get it loud enough for a crowd on the street to hear. The crowd had evidently been promised, in ads in the papers, that the store would give the game play by play.

The radio man was not getting the game, neither was the crowd. He explained interestingly to those near him what the trouble probably was, and how the super set differed from the others, but the crowd wanted to know who was pitching, who was hitting, what the score was.

At the same time a local station was broadcasting the game, probably not more than a minute behind the New York station if indeed there was any difference. Eventually the operator tuned in the local station and the horn over the door sung out the details of the game so that they could be heard anywhere in the block. He turned away with a disgusted air, snapped at a customer who made some innocent request and retired to cool off. To him it was a flat failure though to the crowd it spelled success.

It is hardly fair to blame the operator-salesman. Very likely the store manager had offered him strong inducements to get him away from more congenial pursuits. It seems to me that an executive who will pick a laboratory type of man and put him behind a counter has a screw loose somewhere. He deserves what followed. A score or more of people went away making mental notes of the super-regenerative receiver as something to be avoided.

Many of the best radio salesmen are those who sell radio unconsciously and without compensation. In Connecticut there is a headquarters of a national organization in charge of a president who is one of the best advertisers in the country. I mean by that that he advertises anything that pleases him. In his official organ he comes out with point blank broadsides in favor of anybody from the local grocer to the President of the United States if he thinks they have done something deserving of special notice. He goes around the country lecturing and is never afraid to recommend what he has found to be good. He also entertains many visitors, showing and explaining the apparatus that he uses.

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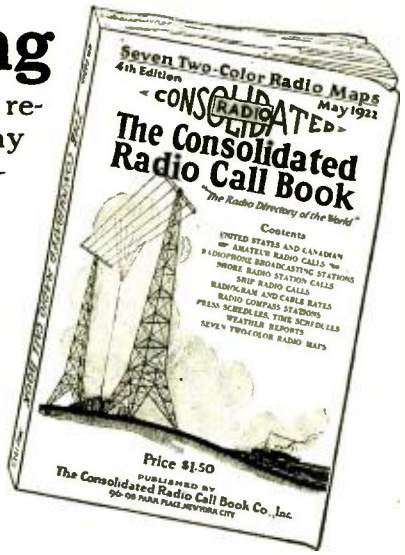

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the radio have vanished. It may be unusual to exploit errors and mistakes, but we do it for the benefit of others who may have heard from the sidewalk in front of some radio store sounds that reminded them of butchering pig day on the old farm or made them think that fire whistles and bells, falling tin pans and other bedlam had gotten into an awful confusion.

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It was suggested in Radio News more than a year ago that editors were among the first who should be made acquainted with radio. It would seem that common sense would lead radio interests, national and local, to make sure that every editor was set on the right track. Yet not infrequently I find one who has never yet heard anything interesting by radio,—heard it so well that he could even forget for the time that radio was the means of communication used. It seems hard for the radio man to realize that the average man, though he be an editor, has only a passing interest in the apparatus used in communication. The average woman has no interest whatever in the apparatus and women do most of the family spending. It is folly to talk tubes and variometers and grid leaks to such folks. The telephone man does not approach the householder with a switchboard and a battery. He tells him and shows him what the telephone will do. Not until the purchaser can use his apparatus for a purpose and forget all about its complexity will radio be really sold to the public. To try to sell it on the basis of technical amateur interest is to narrow the field down to less than ten per cent of what it really is.

At the present stage of the game the problem as I see it from the standpoint of us radio users, the "novices" whom the technical amateur often views with such deep disgust, but who will always be "novices" for the reason that we are not technically minded and are not trying to recast our lives in his mold, is to give the radio public some real demonstrations. Not such as I saw in an up-state New York city, where a dealer with a store full of invited guests, influential-looking people, let one amateur after another try his hand at a set that none of them could work. I waited an hour and a half to hear what they would bring in. All they brought in was their own sets that they scurried home to get in order to help the dealer out, and the affair ended up in an enthusiastic conference of radio amateurs while the prospective customers went away with their money still in their pockets. Again it was the dealer's fault. Any one of the amateurs could have been employed no doubt to set up an outfit and make it work. With proper instruction and supervision he might have been made to see that the object was to sell goods to non-technical customers and that what was needed was a demonstration, not a series of technical experiments with the customers looking on.

Of course the conditions last winter were enough to turn the head of even a conservative dealer. After the first rush the manufacturer did not want any more orders and, as he could not get anything to sell, the retailer was not anxious to get more customers. The more anxious the would-be purchaser was the more coldly he was turned down, unless, as in some New York stores, he could get an advantage over other customers by paying a bonus. (I wonder how these "bonus" houses would like to have their names published at this stage of the

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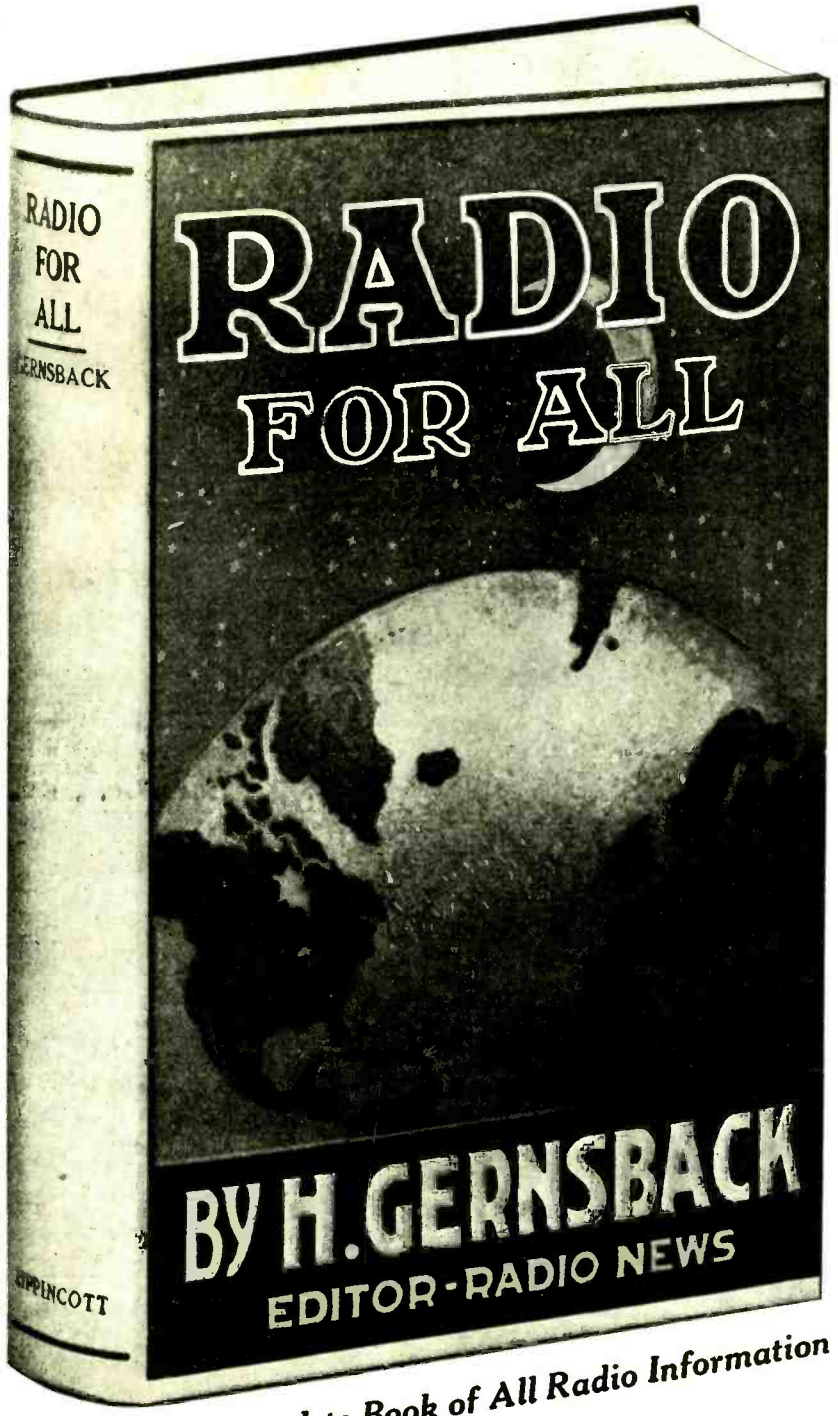

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game?) It is the customer's turn now and a good many of them are staying away, waiting for the dealer to come to them. The dealer who wakes up first, takes radio to the homes that are waiting and shows what it will accomplish, will do a nice business in my opinion. In the farming districts especially there seems to be a harvest waiting. Of all the farms I have visited there is not one I believe where a demonstrator would have to take a set away if he gave a decent demonstration and there was money enough to buy it. In the villages there are few sets and more are wanted, but country folks are slow and they want to know first that the durn thing is going to work.

A recent experience of mine illustrates strikingly another thing that can be done to keep the public sold. An inventor of radio and accoustic apparatus installed in the house where I live an experimental outfit that included a loud speaker. Then he arranged some programs of unusual excellence at a local broadcasting station and was all set to give the folks at our house a radio service *de luxe*. For an evening or two everybody at the house was mildly interested. Then they became blasé. Then they began to kick. The loud talker could be heard in any room in the house with the doors shut. The quality was there also. That was nice as long as folks wanted to hear it but after they tired of it it was a nuisance. So we disconnected the horn and the splendid outfit was idle for a while.

The day President Harding was to address Congress I mentioned to several members of the household that the address was to be broadcasted, and that I would bring it in if anyone wanted to hear it. They all did. When I turned on the loud speaker all other activity in the house stopped. For an hour every person there listened attentively. After that they wanted to hear Clemenceau and other notables. Those who had kicked the hardest at the ordinary programs were the loudest in their praise of radio when it brought something of real consequence. It was not a high-brow crowd either, just average folks.

Boiled down, my formula for keeping the public sold on radio, based on what I have gathered from contact with the rank and file and leaving out of consideration the man who because of natural technical tendencies will take it up and keep interested in it as a study, is as follows:

1. Push the simple receiving set and make sure that every purchaser is instructed how to get the most out of it.

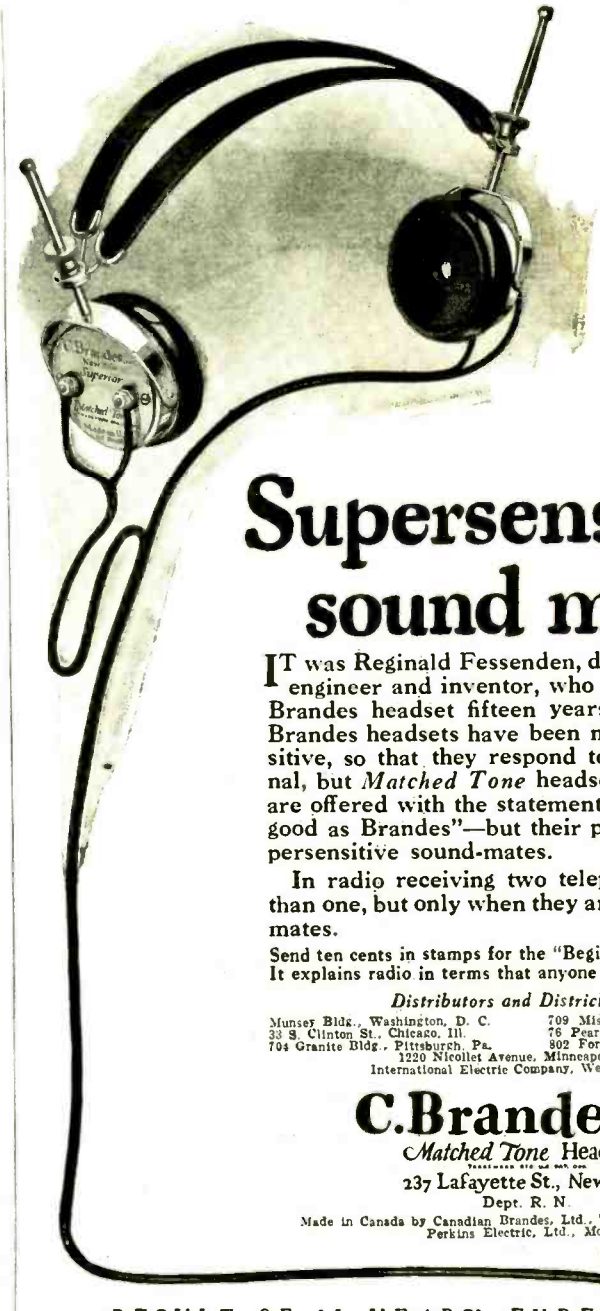
2. Boost the local broadcast and make it popular, rather than those from great distances.

3. Reserve the evening hours for broadcasts that are worth while. Use pick-ups in the auditoriums where good lectures, concerts and addresses are given—the kind that many want to hear but that few can attend.

4. Encourage the youthful Marconis by giving them and their spark coils definite things to do at a certain hour or half-hour daily, and get them to listen in at other hours to pick up Government broadcasts or do something else that employs their receivers but not their transmitters. Boys must be kept busy. Repression is bad. Encourage the more advanced amateurs in their efforts to popularize continuous-wave transmission and to organize the local air so that everybody has a chance to hear what he wants to.

5. Shape the publicity so that the average man and woman will be led away from the idea that radio is a study. Sewing machines are sold because they will sew shirts and sheets, not because they show the operations of belts and cogs.

6. Encourage Government broadcasting. Let a flock of commercial broadcasters who are spending a lot of money with doubtful



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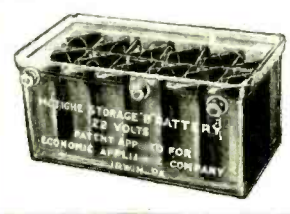

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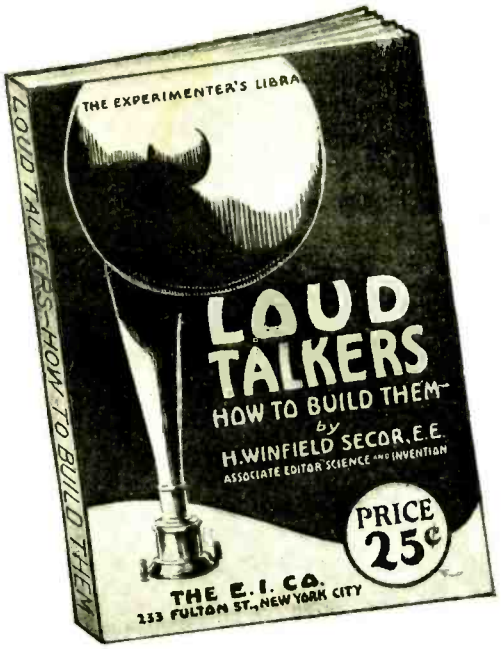

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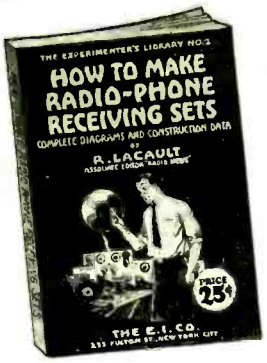

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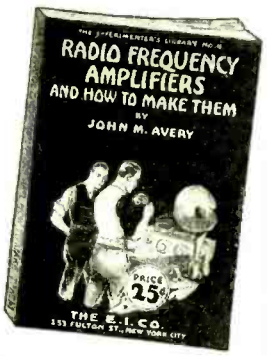

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A Novel Detector

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tricts cannot afford to invest in complicated and expensive apparatus.

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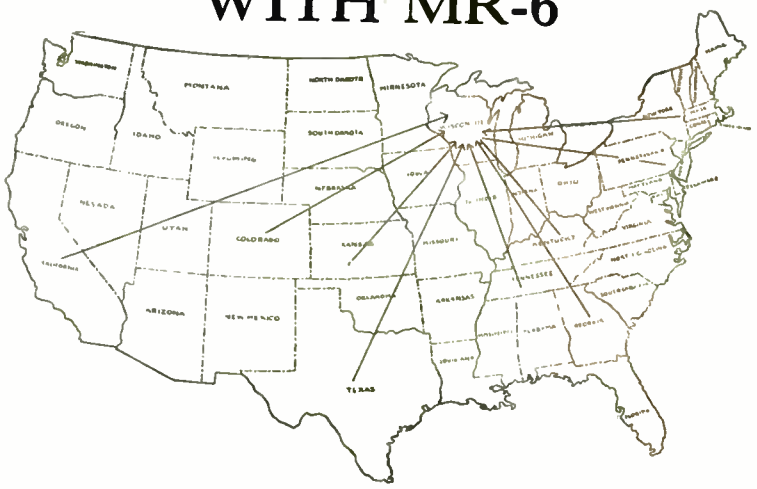

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E. L. BRAGDON,
Radio Editor, New York, *Globe.*

WJZ HEARD IN ENGLAND

A woman singing in the United States, 3750 miles away, was heard in England Dec. 3. On Sunday a week ago Mr. J. H. D. Ridley, chief test room operator for Messrs. Burndept, Ltd., wireless engineers of Blackheath, picked up portions of a wireless concert broadcast in Newark, N. J. Later he tried to repeat the experience. Sitting in his room in Croydon, he turned in for the Newark broadcasting station, whose wave length in 325 meters. Conditions were not good, with a humid atmosphere and low clouds, but the test was a success. The items picked up were:

At 2 A. M., English time, a violin and piano solo; 2:11 A. M., a woman singing; 2:25 A. M., piano solo; 3:12 A. M., a speech, but the words were not distinguishable owing to adjustments being made at the time; 3:44 A. M., dance music.

Mr. Ridley said his experience refutes any suggestion of freak reception. He heard distinctly the call of Newark, "WJZ."

Edwin N. Mayall of Hunt's Cross, Liverpool, states that between 1 A. M. and 3 A. M. recently, on a three valve receiving set of his own construction, he heard a wireless telephone program transmitted from the New Jersey broadcasting station.

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