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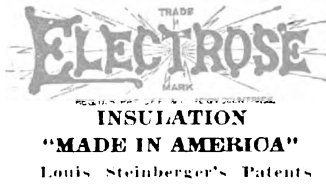
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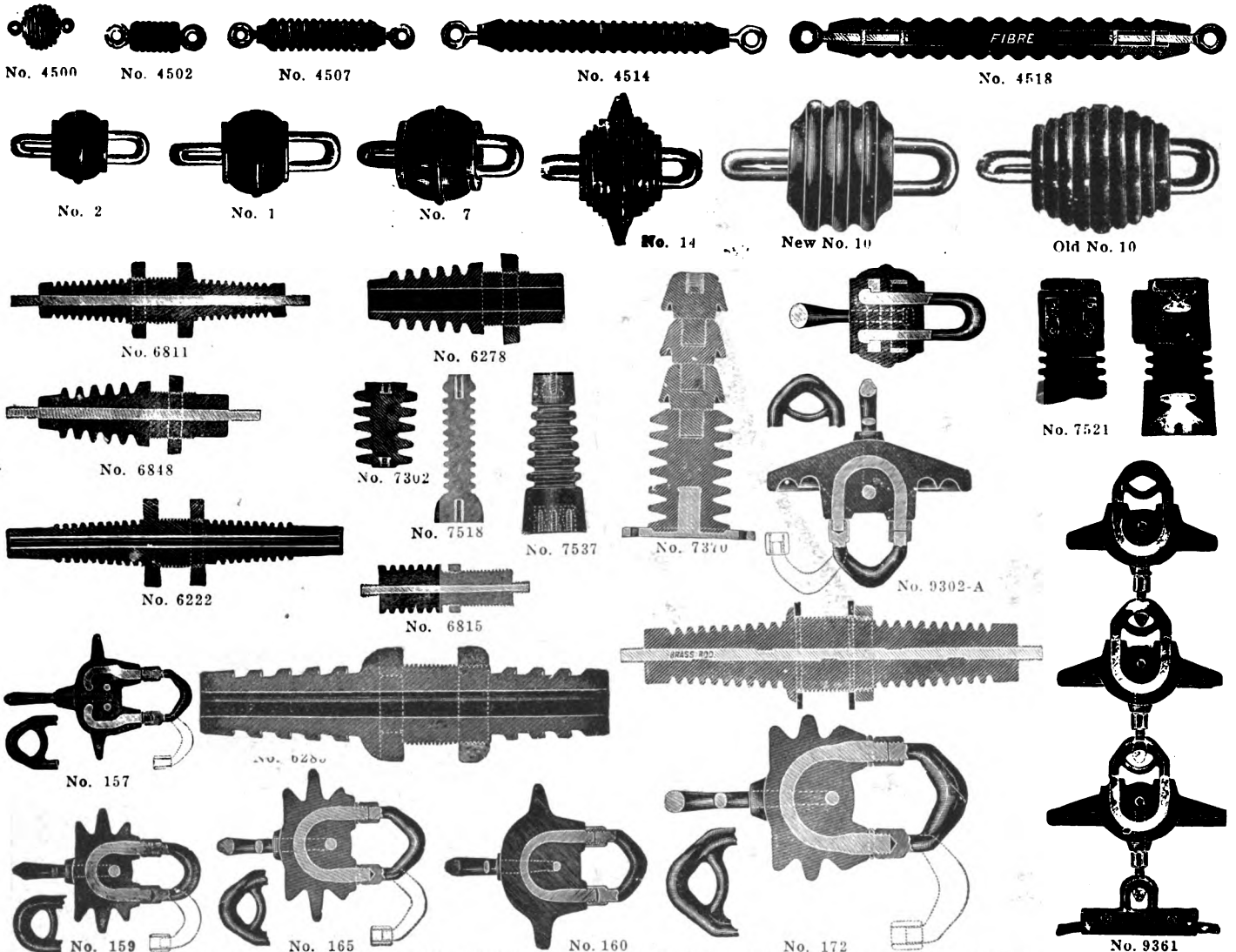
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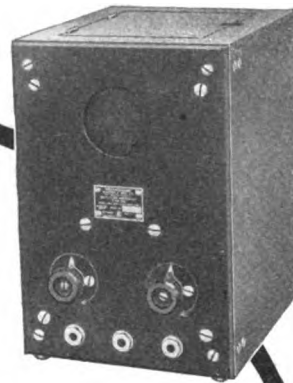
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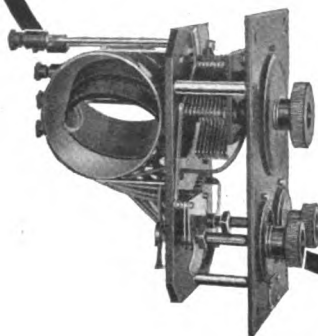
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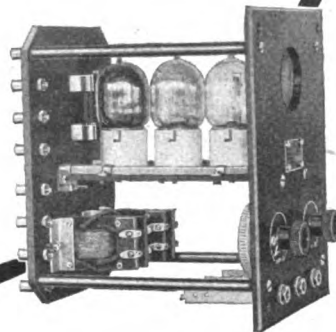
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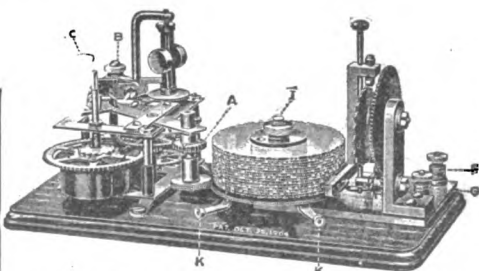
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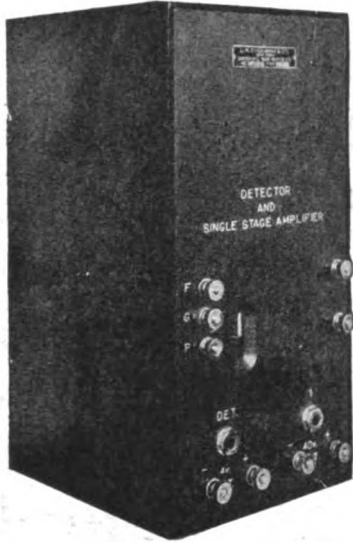
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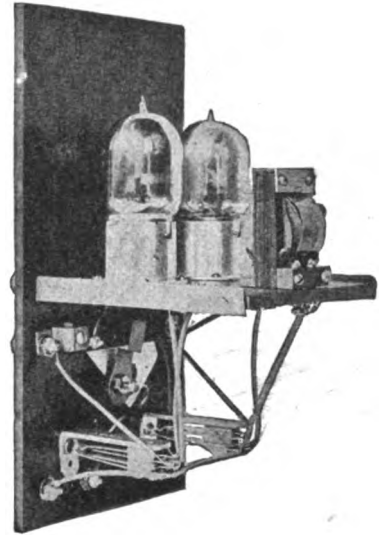


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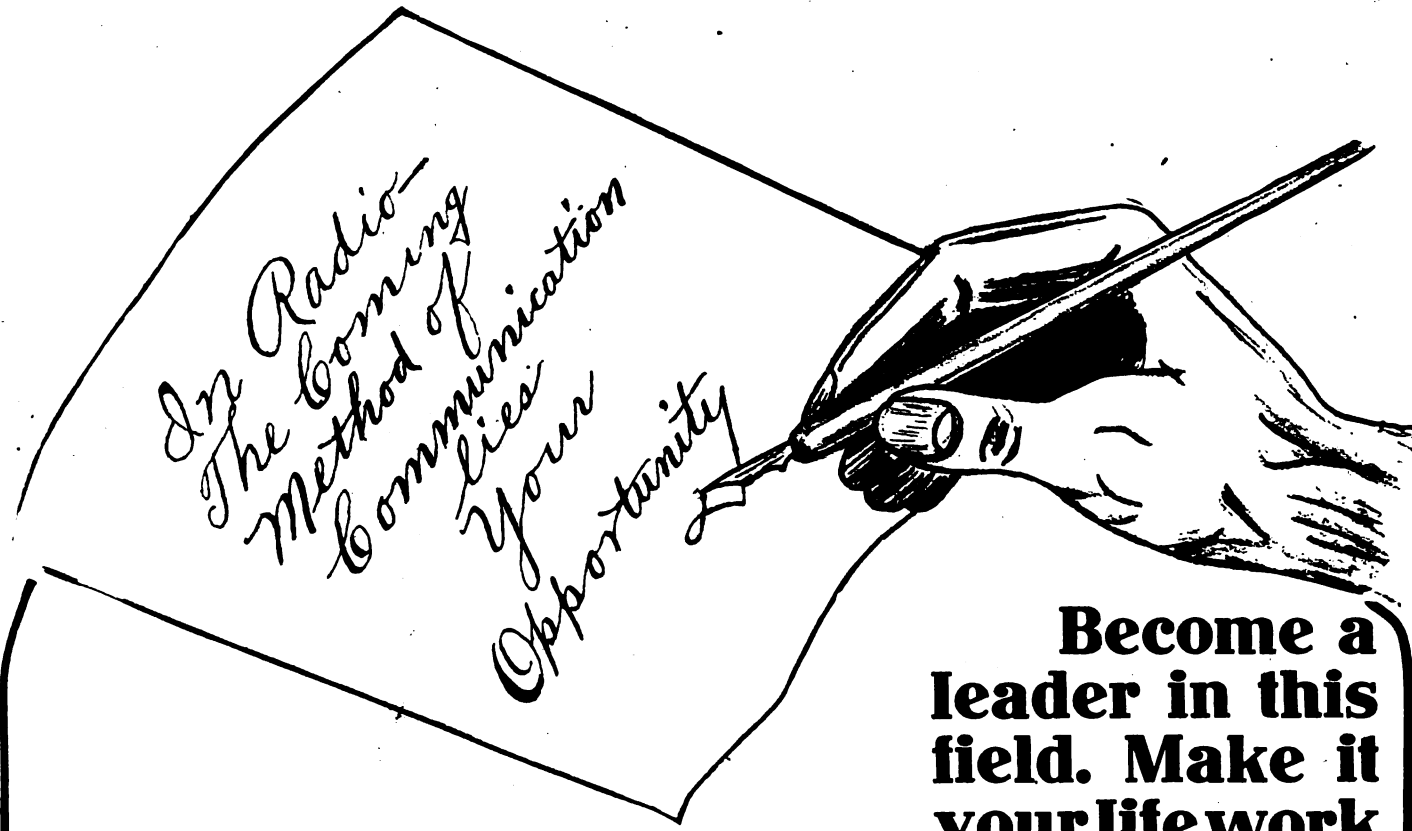
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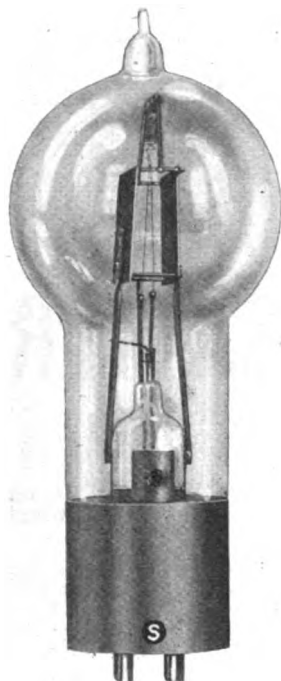
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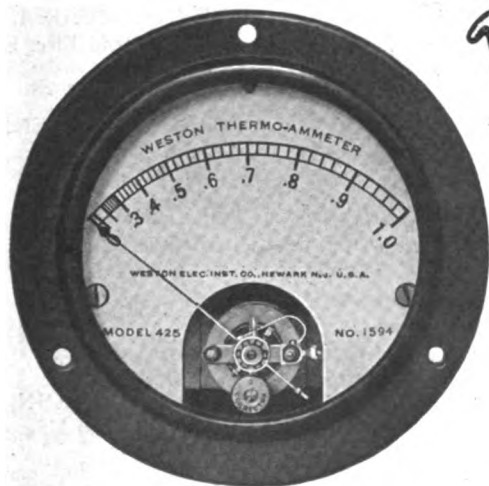
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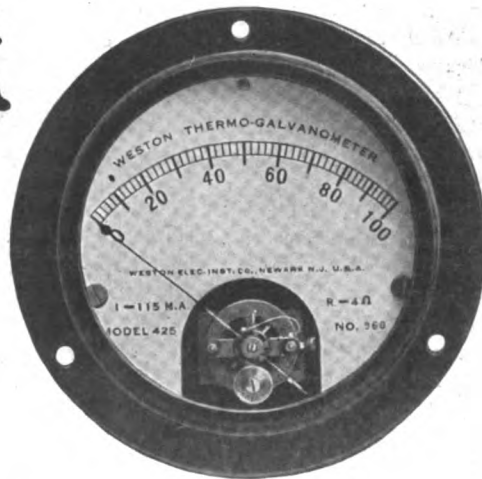
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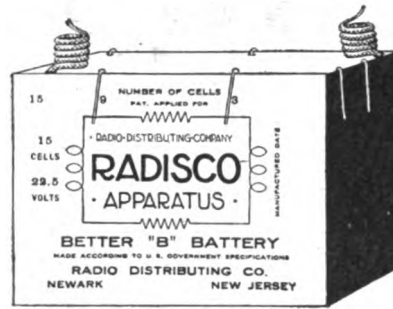
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At present the Navy has its own radio and so has the War Department. On the other hand, the Commerce Department has charge of the issuance of licenses for commercial radio. The Post Office Department, which is ordinarily charged with the supervision of methods of communication, has nothing to do with radio, although in the war period it was in control of all the land telegraphs and also the ocean cables. It appears to the Cabinet members that the present situation is mixed and needs adjusting.

There are various technical questions involved, such as control of the wave lengths, day and night periods to be given over to the several departments for receiving and sending, and the co-operation of land telegraphs with the radio systems.

The committee will also probably consider the supervision of commercial radio activities. It will not be the intention to institute Government control such as was applied during the war, but regulations which systems would have to comply with in future in order to receive licenses.



New Wireless Autographic Machine

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Dr. Green was discharged by the company and, according to Elman B. Meyers, the blueprint and bases, which were to be used in an invention being perfected by the company, disappeared about the same time Dr. Green left.



Miniature wireless 'phone and telegraph outfit which is now used on board ships in Germany

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THREE wireless fog signals are being installed by the Department of Commerce for finding the entrance to New York Harbor. One will be on Fire Island Lightship for vessels coming from the east, one at Sea Girt for vessels from the south and the third on Ambrose Lightship at the entrance to the channel.

They will send out an automatic radio message continuously. The signals can be picked up by means of the radio compass, which will indicate the direction from which the signals are sent. By taking his bearings from different stations the master of a vessel can determine his exact position.

This system is the opposite of the former wireless range finding one, in that a navigator determines his own position instead of flashing a signal to shore and having radio operators notify him where he is. Moreover, a vessel will not have to wait to get its position. The sending apparatus can be operated by the regular light keepers, wireless operators not being required.

United Fruit Acquires Radiocorp Stock

EDWARD J. NALLY, president of the Radio Corporation of America, announces that the United Fruit Company has acquired a substantial minority interest in the Radio Corporation of America, and the United Fruit Company will be represented on the board by George S. Davis, who has been elected a director.



Golden Gate Pilots Use Radiophones

NO longer will transpacific liners have to dally in the fog outside the Golden Gate waiting for a port pilot to guide them into the harbor, for all of the pilot ships are to be equipped with wireless telephones.

As soon as a steamer sends a wireless for a pilot, the pilot sloop outside the heads is notified and a pilot is transferred to the liner to bring her through the Golden Gate.



The Duncan sisters giving a bit of vaudeville by radiophone

Marconi Has New Wireless Fog Device

DISCOVERY of a new wireless invention by which ships may be guided during dense fogs was announced in Liverpool by William Marconi at the annual British shipmasters' dinner.

This invention, he said, has not as yet been in operation anywhere, and is based on a principle by which electric waves may be directed in any definite direction like flashes from a lighthouse. He declared these waves would take the place of leading lights in thick weather, and would prevent collisions of vessels during fogs.



Radio Censorship Abolished

HEREAFTER no censorship whatever will be exercised by the naval radio service over press or other commercial messages transmitted by wireless to relieve cable congestion. This announcement was made after a Cabinet meeting by Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, who was invited to the meeting by President Harding.

Former Secretary of the Navy Daniels put into effect a limited censorship on messages sent by naval radio to apply only to despatches which might tend to create misunderstanding between the United States and other nations with which America is on friendly terms. His theory was that any such message transmitted by a Government might possibly be construed as having the approval of the United States Government.

Mr. Roosevelt's statement reversing the Daniels policy follows: "In the past the policy of the Navy Department embraced a limited censorship over certain messages

transmitted by the naval radio. The Department feels that censorship is repugnant to the ideas and concepts of the American people, except in times of national emergency. It is furthermore felt that censorship even of a limited nature implies a departmental sponsorship for those messages which are permitted to be sent.

"On account of the above and in view of the fact that no national emergency exists at this time, the Department hereby removes all restrictions over the press and other commercial messages sent by the naval radio, and wishes it further understood that by doing this it disclaims all sponsorship for any messages thus sent."



Wireless Service Between U. S. and Japan Extended

IT is officially announced that wireless communication between Japan and America was extended to the whole of the United States with the inauguration of the high-power sending station at Hara-No-Machi, near Sendai.

Outgoing press messages will be accepted at 54 sen (under normal exchange values about 27 cents) to San Francisco and 60 sen to New York and Washington.

The wireless rate will represent a reduction of 16 sen (or about eight cents) on messages sent to New York over the cables at press rates.



Annual Report of Bell System Describes Use of Radiophone

A CONSIDERABLE part of the annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, just issued, is given to a description of progress made during the year in development and research, especially in the field of radio telephony. As the year closed, it is stated, more than 2,500 research and development projects were in hand, all designed to improve service and facilities. In 1920 two experimental radio telephone stations were erected on the Atlantic Coast, one near Asbury Park and the other near Plymouth, and they have maintained communication with two experimentally equipped ships plying from Boston to South Atlantic coast ports.

Radio telephony is established, the report indicates. "It will play an important part in establishing telephone communication with otherwise inaccessible places, and will make it possible for aircraft in flight and ships at sea to connect with the wires of the bell system and thus hold conversation with any of its subscribers wherever located throughout the United States."

Development of wireless telephony for trans-oceanic use has progressed, it is added, since 1915, when such conversation was first made possible. As no means has been found of making submarine cables carry the voice for such distances, development work in this direction is continuing.

Inability to confine a wireless conversation, to the stations immediately concerned is a factor which has interfered with the general utility of the radio telephone. By a method which enables a message to be automatically enciphered at the sending end and deciphered automatically at the receiving end in the form of printed words, this has been in a measure overcome, the ciphered words becoming an unintelligible jumble of sounds to stations not especially equipped to receive and decipher them.

This method is declared to be readily applicable to use in the sending of press dispatches and the like. For purely conversational purposes a similar system of coding and decoding has been developed which makes the receiving end hear only intelligible words, while eavesdropping stations get only confused, unintelligible sounds. Development of this system, it is stated, is being continued.

New York Amateurs Put It Over

A Complete Description of the Exhibition and Convention of the Second District Executive Council Which Proved to Be a Record-Breaker in Every Way

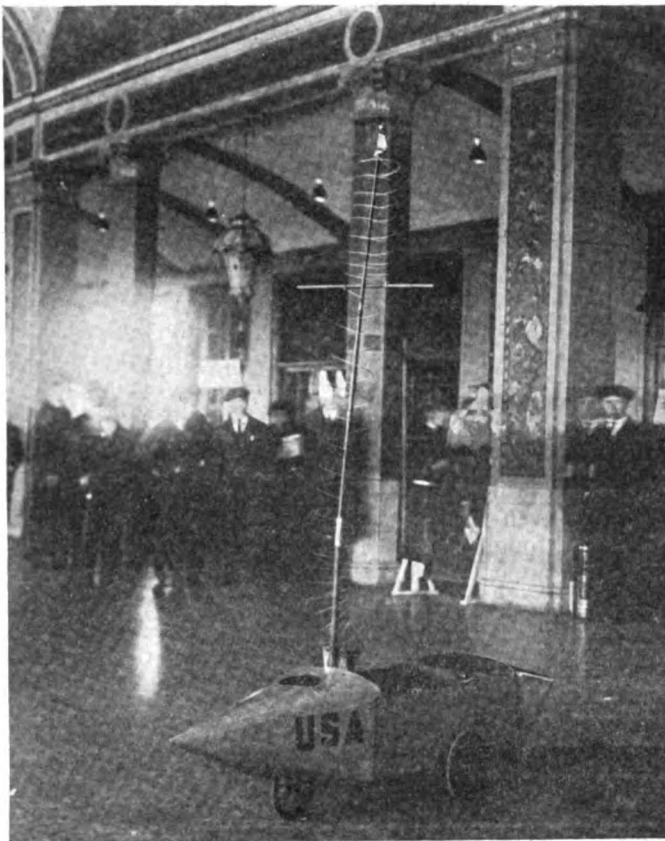
THE combined convention-exhibition of the Executive Radio Council, composed of the amateur radio clubs of the Second Radio Inspection District, which was held at the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York, March 16th to 19th, inclusive, started off rationally and ended in a deluge.

The idea underlying the affair was to have a party of amateurs for amateurs; but the whole world came to it. The general result so far exceeded the wildest dreams of the council that it nearly drove the committee in charge of it wild before it was over. The whole thing was founded upon hope, financed on faith, and succeeded like John D. Rockefeller. The story of the convention is in reality a most striking example of doing the impossible; and on nothing.

History records that back in January, when about seventeen amateurs of the Second District Executive Radio Council were seated around a table at the Seamen's Church Institute, New York City, talkin' and speakin' with one another, somebody, having nothing else to say, suggested that the Second District was due for a convention. (The members of the committee report that they haven't located that fellow yet, but they have hopes.) The argument was, that practically every other district had had a convention and listened to very learned discussions, various dissertations, schemes, plans and what-not, and the idea seemed to be that the amateurs of the Second District should show their good-fellowship and their willingness for self-sacrifice by enduring the same ordeal as amateurs of the other districts had recently been through.

Somehow, like vaccination, the idea didn't take. No great shouts of joy resounded, and the seventeen went back to sleep. Then it happened; just as things always do when everything is quiet and peaceful. Bang! came the explosion of the idea that has made echoes from the Arctic to the Gulf, and from London to Honolulu.

Someone got right up in meeting and told the now famous seventeen varieties of amateurs that they were a bunch of sleepers, dead ones, and the subject of ridicule by the amateurs of all the other radio districts of the country, including the illustrious Tenth. Here they were, in New York, the very heart of all the radio activity of the world, in close touch with all the latest dope, the latest developments and latest and most up-to-date everything, and still they had never shown any sign of particular accomplishment or energy. The unidentified someone caustically remarked: "For heaven's sake, fellows, if the Second District is going to do anything let's get busy and do something different, something bigger, than has ever before been done in the history of amateur radio. Let's put the Second District on the map for all



The Glavin wireless controlled vehicle, or torpedo, which was demonstrated twice daily and proved to be a leading feature of universal interest

time. I suggest that we go uptown and hold a radio show and convention for more than a day or two and on a big scale. Let's go hire the Grand Central Palace for a week!"

Six amateurs who had fallen off their chairs in a faint had to be revived at this point.

When the meeting was able to regenerate itself and resume, it was suggested that a convention committee be appointed. It was. Inquiry as to financial resources then disclosed the fact that there was exactly \$12.07 in the treasury with which this world-beating affair was to be financed!

Fond dreams of a week at the Palace were dissipated quickly, with considerable damping, so to speak. But in true amateur style, it was decided to attempt to put the thing over, at least for four days, and trust to luck and hard work to make it successful.

And so it came to pass that the thing that couldn't be done, was done, in due time on the Roof Garden and adjoining Butterfly Room of the Pennsylvania Hotel. It was an unquestioned success from the start; in fact one of the cold-feeters of the fraternity, who couldn't see anything to the attempt but failure, had to be rescued from being trampled on at the doorway the first night by the crowd entering the exhibition, interrupting his attempted assurances to the ticket taker as to what a failure it was.

To those who had seen the project from the start and had watched it grow as a result of their unselfish efforts day by day into the great big success it was, the words of the convention committee chairman, J. O. Smith, at the dinner on the 19th—"Well, fellows, we've put it over"—had a real significance. Every member of the Council can take justifiable pride in having had a part in an enterprise that any other group of men, or any other fraternity in the world, would have regarded as a hopeless impossibility. They had a right to feel satisfied for they had made their undertaking a smashing, big success, the biggest thing ever done in the history of amateur radio, and had done it on twelve dollars, plus seven cents . . . and faith.

Things began to happen even before the date of opening. On the night of the 15th, a few faithful ones were limping about the exhibition hall, wearied after two days and nights of real work whipping things into shape for the opening the next day, the hall resounded to the SOS of the Madawaska, which had just met in collision with the Invincible off the Jersey Coast. It came at a time when C. J. Goette (2JU), one of the convention committee, had been asked to help someone adjust a loud-speaker horn; and he sure did a regular job, for the first

thing that boomed out of it after Goette got it working, was the SOS of the Madawaska.

The newspapers got hold of the story of course, in some totally unknown manner, and in next morning's editions some millions of readers learned how a radio amateur on the roof of the Pennsylvania Hotel had saved a whole ship, its cargo and its passengers. There was but incidental mention of the fact that the Brooklyn Navy Yard and a number of other ship and shore stations had also helped.

At two in the afternoon of the 16th, the convention and exhibition was formally opened by Gen. Edgar Russel, talking over a radiophone from Fort Wood. The speech was reproduced by a loud-speaker horn at the Signal Corps booth in the hall, in such volume that it was feared several of the windows would be bent outward before it was over.

Then they came, and the attendance figures were up in the hundreds before the doors had been open more than an hour or two. At 3:30 p. m. the first meeting was held in the Convention Hall. The attendance was about 150. An afternoon gathering of schoolboys had been expected; but instead, there was an audience composed of a good percentage of men, even some gray-heads. This same condition held all through the week. The percentage of grown people who attended the various sessions of the convention in every case so exceeded the younger element by a good margin, that one lone exhibitor had a kick. His grievance was that he sold small dingbats and whatnots to the younger element of radio, but that as their elders predominated at every session, he was disappointed in the volume of business. An analysis of the matter proved to the satisfaction of everybody interested that the youngsters were there in what seemed to be ordinary numbers, but the totally unexpected attendance of grown-ups completely overshadowed them. It did look as if the traditional office boy alibi had been requisitioned by more than one employer, who felt the necessity for burying his grandmother or his mother-in-law at least a couple of afternoons that week, in order to commune at first hand with his favorite hobby.

On the afternoon of the 16th, H. C. Gawler, of the Radio Corporation of America, delivered the afternoon's scientific lecture on all sorts of tubes, receiving and transmitting. After listening to Mr. Gawler for an afternoon everything was perfectly clear, whetting the appetite for the evening session in Convention Hall, when there were two very interesting speakers on the same interesting subject—tubes. "What Occurs in a Vacuum Tube," was made plain to everybody present by means of Bray Moving Pictures and the very able oral description of the various stages of operation by L. M. Clement, of the Western Electric Company. The movies proved an excellent method of visualizing the unseen and were an innovation of great interest to the audience of 400 present. By means of these ingenious movies, Mr. Clement clearly showed what happens in a tube when it is properly operated. One man in the audience was overheard to remark that he would like to see movies of what happens in the tubes of some of the amateur sets, where antenna currents of 5 amperes are reported from two 5-watt tubes.

The other part of the double bill was "Constant Current System of Modulation in Radio Telephony," by R. A. Heising, also of the Western Electric Company. Mr. Heising's presentation of this important phase of radio telephony is always interesting and instructive, but on this particular occasion, when he described the faults common to proper modulation in amateur radiophone sets, it was plain to be seen that most of those in the audience were so eager for every word, for every intonation of Mr. Heising's voice, that about half of the

audience wasn't even breathing for fear of disturbing him.

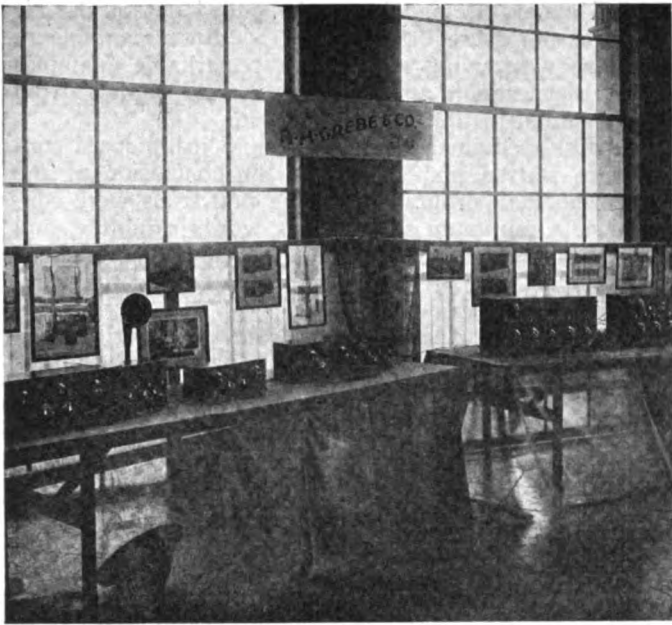
The preliminaries of the world's championship speed code contest were supposed to be held immediately following the tube meeting in Convention Hall. It developed, however, that the motor used for driving the automatic transmitter had become so imbued, permeated and saturated with S P E E D, possibly because of anxious anticipation of its part in the important event, that it went clear crazy in the head and couldn't be coaxed to run at any rate less than 10,000,000 r.p.m. As none of the contestants present was willing to enter the preliminaries with a minimum rate of 176 words a minute confronting him, the trials were postponed until the following night.

At 10.30 p. m. the curtain was run down. The committee finally succeeded in getting the last radio enthusiast out of the hall by 12 o'clock, when they locked up the place, and called it a day. The first day's attendance figures totalled 914, so it looked as if it was going to be some affair before the week was over.

On the afternoon of Thursday, the 17th, the exhibition had struck its full stride and was going strong. Standing in the center of the hall the din of signals from a dozen loud speaker horns roared into one's ears. From one horn came the mosquito-like squeak-squeak of the familiar spark-coil, from others the raucous tones of an amateur "non-sink" rotary, the smooth tones of the familiar "sink" rotary, the piercing notes of the 500-cycle quenched, and the limpid, flute-like notes of the big fellows, whose signals are copied in far-distant strange lands. Occasionally, there mixed in the "Hello-hello" of a radio-phon, or that familiar and persistent call of "M O"—the station some amateurs have not as yet been able to locate. It was, beyond a doubt, the amateurs' paradise. Not only did they listen, but many of them went about with their mouths open to drink in this atmosphere direct from the promised land. They literally bathed in this nectar of the gods. It was their greatest desire come true—the amateurs' heaven itself, within 22 floors of the earth.

The Thursday afternoon meeting in Convention Hall was addressed by George J. Eltz, of the Manhattan Electrical Supply Company. About 200 amateurs attended the meeting and listened very attentively to what Mr. Eltz had to say about extracting unnecessary ohms of resistance from antenna and ground systems. The talk was on a subject of the greatest importance to amateurs, for many of them do not know and cannot consequently realize the connection between antenna resistance, antenna current, radiation and consequent range of a station. It had been the intention of Mr. Eltz to exhibit an amateur antenna and ground system of 4 ohms resistance as a specimen of perfection in amateur operation but, while he was able to locate quite a number of the order of 50 ohms resistance, he could not locate any of 4 ohms. If the amateurs profit by the facts brought out by Mr. Eltz—and he certainly made them plain enough—the order of things will undoubtedly be reversed by next year.

At the conclusion of the afternoon programme in Convention Hall, the visitors were thrilled by the sight of a torpedo on wheels wandering about the hall, but seemingly uncertain as to its destination. For a while it went straight ahead about its business, then veered off to one side, straightened out again and then suddenly changed its mind and swung entirely around and headed in the opposite direction. Everybody was mystified for a while, but Edward Glavin finally let the crowd in on the secret and demonstrated how easily the apparatus could be remotely controlled by radio. One woman visitor, who wore a wedding ring, watched operations for a time, and then suggested that it would be a good idea if she



Practically everything used in radio was represented in the booths in Exhibition Hall, and much of the exhibited equipment was in actual operation. Six interesting exhibits, typical of the whole affair, are shown above.

could attach the remote control principle to friend husband when he went out nights and forgot where he lived. Evidently Mr. Glavin's answer didn't satisfy her, for she went away with a disappointed look on her face. One business man wanted to know if Mr. Glavin could attach his remote radio control apparatus to a flock of traveling salesmen, then he'd be able to *make* those fellows go where he wanted. The radio controlled torpedo proved to be one of the most interesting features of the exhibition and demonstrations twice a day were watched intently by the large number of visitors, who loudly applauded every appearance of this latest scientific marvel.

The Thursday evening meeting in Convention Hall brought two favorite sons of the Second District to the lecture platform, E. H. Armstrong and P. F. Godley. Mr. Armstrong told of wonderful results obtained with the super-autodyne, high-frequency, amplifier. One statement which was particularly interesting to the amateurs was that with the system of high-frequency amplification



An enthusiast of the fair sex who visited the exhibition took the opportunity of learning how 2ZL's 100 watt set is operated, under the tutelage of H. C. Gawler

shown, the number of amplifier tubes which it was possible to use could be 4-11-44-57, or infinite, for that matter. That worried the amateurs who attended the meeting, and for two reasons. One was, the great amount of signals which were in the air from China, Australia, Siberia, and other remote points which they could hear and read with 44 steps of radio frequency amplification—if they had it. The other great problem was the means of lighting the filaments of 44 tubes—when its a continual struggle to keep one or two filaments going seven days a week. The radio-amplifier, while highly desirable, seemed a little bit out of reach. It is rumored that Mr. Armstrong will come along some day and tell the amateurs how to run the filaments of a 44-step radio-frequency amplifier on A. C., thereby conferring an everlasting favor on the fraternity.

P. F. Godley's talk was a very interesting one on efficiency in operation of transmitting and receiving sets, particularly in the matter of short wave regeneration. It became apparent after listening to Mr. Godley that efficiency in receiving doesn't consist of merely hearing a signal. It's what you do with it after you get it, that counts. It was made clear also that with proper meth-

ods and apparatus signals can be pulled out of the air that were not there before; that is, those inaudible to an ordinary receiving set. Some remarkable examples of the regeneration and amplification of signals from distant points, in daylight, were cited.

The first preliminaries of the championship speed contest were started immediately at the conclusion of the Convention Hall programme. The first trials were conducted at a minimum speed of 35 words a minute, and gradually increased. About sixty candidates entered the trials and a large percentage of them fell by the wayside early in the game.

The following official message from President Warren G. Harding addressed to the Executive Radio Council, Pennsylvania Hotel, New York, came over the air from Arlington (NAA) at the end of the nightly time signals and weather reports:

"Greetings and good wishes to an organization that is in the forefront of progress, whose members have always been leaders of interest in the development of radio science, and whose services during the war and since have been of real public benefit."

The message was received on the equipment in the Navy Department's exhibit, in Exhibition Hall, by Chief Radio Gunner E. W. Dannals.

The attendance on the second day was 1017 and Exhibition Hall was well filled all evening.

On Friday, the 18th, the exhibition opened at 2 o'clock as usual and it was apparent early that the attendance was going to exceed either of the previous days.

The meeting in Convention Hall in the afternoon was addressed by Robert Gowan, of the DeForest Company, who gave a demonstration and talk on new C. W. transmitting and receiving equipment of that company.

Friday night was convention night and was given over to talks and discussion of amateur operating problems and conditions. The meeting was addressed by Chief Radio Inspector Arthur Batcheller, of the Second District, and Charles H. Stewart, Atlantic Division Manager, American Radio Relay League.

Mr. Batcheller spoke at length upon the relations of the Department of Commerce with the amateur, his remarks being of great value in acquainting the amateurs more closely with the provisions of the radio laws and regulations, and the amount of work which his office is called upon to handle, both amateur and commercial. He complimented the amateurs upon their general observance of the law and stated that in view of the great congestion of amateur stations in the Second District, that the very few cases where official action was necessary in the case of interference by amateurs, was remarkable. Mr. Batcheller impressed his hearers as being very earnest, but very human with a warm feeling of friendship for the amateurs, and it is a safe bet that many amateurs left the meeting with a quiet resolve to be better citizens, so far as radio was concerned.

Mr. Stewart gave a very interesting talk on the value of organization in amateur radio. He related how organization and common effort had built up a national relay organization of amateurs, that resembled, in its operation, that of our great railways. A message, like a train, started at one end, could be depended to go through to the other. His word-picture of what organized effort will accomplish was very interesting and was closely followed by those present.

The world's championship code speed finals were started at the close of the convention meeting, with the result that the world's record for accurate reception at high speed was broken by Mr. B. G. Seutter. This is fully described in another column.

The attendance on Friday was 1,519 and at times during the evening the floor of Exhibition Hall was crowded to capacity. Although the show was scheduled to close at 10:30 p. m., it was an hour later before the last visitor had left.

On Saturday afternoon the crowd at the door became so great before opening time that the corridors were filled and it was necessary to open a second ticket office.

The first thing on the programme was the jamming contest open to only bona-fide amateurs. This contest was won by N. Bernstein, Brooklyn, the best among about twenty-five contestants. The trials consisted of about 150 words transmitted by hand on a buzzer, fifteen contestants at a time endeavoring to copy the signals through interference created by other buzzers connected into the circuit and operated spasmodically. Regulation head telephones were used, connected in multiple to the buzzer circuit. Mr. Bernstein succeeded in making copy that was more nearly correct than any other contestant. He was accordingly awarded the prize of a Grebe detector and two-step amplifier set, donated by the A. H. Grebe Company.

The judges in the amateur home-made apparatus contest then gathered in the booth of The Radio Club, Irvington, N. J., and looked over many specimens of apparatus in three classes—spark transmitting, continuous-wave transmitting, and receiving. After long consideration and trial in actual operation the prize for the continuous wave set, based on workmanship, appearance and efficiency was awarded to Albert Bischoff (2AMF), of Newark, N. J., and he was accordingly awarded two 5-watt Radiotrons, the prize for this class of apparatus.

No award was made in the case of spark transmitting apparatus.

The prize for receiving apparatus was also awarded to Mr. Bischoff, after a competitive trial with a number of other sets, and he received a pair of Brown receiving telephones, donated by the Pacent Electric Company.

On Saturday afternoon the meeting in Convention Hall was addressed by K. B. Warner, Editor of Q. S. T., and Frank Conrad of the Westinghouse Company. Mr. Warner spoke enthusiastically of the possibilities and future of C. W. transmission, and showed a number of good circuits, with helpful suggestions for their operation. Mr. Conrad displayed and described the new receiving equipment which the Westinghouse Company is now building for the amateur market.

The dinner, which started at 6:30 and lasted till nearly midnight, is described elsewhere in this issue.

The attendance on Saturday was the largest of any day of the week, the total being 1,815. This made the total attendance for the four days 5,165. The attendance in detail for the four days was as follows:

	Paid Admissions	Exhibitions, passes and repeaters	Total
Wednesday, 16th ...	494	422	916
Thursday, 17th	667	448	1015
Friday, 18th	789	631	1520
Saturday, 19th	815	899	1714
Total for four days			5165

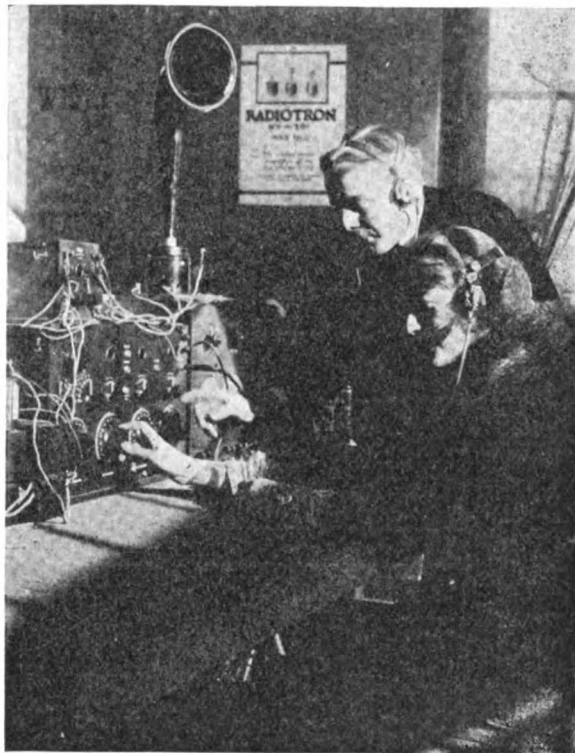
The executive Radio Council of the Second District, sponsors of the record-breaking show, is composed of two representatives from each of the following clubs:

Y. M. C. A. Radio Club, New York; Stuyvesant Radio Club, New York; The Radio Club, Irvington, New Jersey; Yonkers Radio Club, Yonkers, N. Y.; Radio Traffic Association, Brooklyn; Bloomfield Radio Club, Bloomfield, N. J.; Westfield Radio Club, Westfield, N. J.; Armour Villa Radio Club, Yonkers, N. Y.; Radio Club of the Bronx, New York; Ridgewood Radio Club, Ridgewood, N. J. The total membership of these clubs is 428.

The Council was formed for the purpose of mutual

benefit and general improvement in amateur operating conditions. During its short existence of a few months the Council has accomplished a great deal, has assisted a great many amateurs as a "big brother," and has always promoted the advancement of the science of amateur radio communication whenever possible. The clubs which compose the Council are the leading ones of the Second Radio Inspection District, which includes Southern New York, Long Island, Staten Island and Northern New Jersey.

The Exhibitors in Exhibition Hall were the following: Acme Apparatus Company; Adams-Morgan Company; American Electro-Technical Appliance Company; American Radio Relay League; American Radio and Research



Instruction to all visitors was made a feature at the Radio Corporation's booth where radiotron's were used for both sending and receiving

Corporation; Burgess Battery Company; Chicago Radio Laboratories; Clapp-Eastham Company; Continental Radio and Electric Corporation; DeForest Radio Telephone and Telegraph Company; F. M. Doolittle Company; Experimenter Publishing Company; Federal Telephone and Telegraph Company; John Firth & Co.; A. H. Grebe & Co.; Insulate Paint Company; Manhattan Electrical Supply Company; W. J. Murdock Company; Pacent Electric Company; Lehigh Radio Company; Radio Corporation of America; Radio Distributing Company; Ship Owners' Radio Service, Inc.; Shotton Radio Manufacturing Company; Super Radio Laboratories; The Radio Club, Irvington, New Jersey; C. D. Tuska Company; United States Department of Commerce, Radio Service; United States Army, Signal Corps, Radio; United States Navy, Communication Service; Westchester Electric Appliance Co., Inc.; Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company; Wireless Press; Y. M. C. A. Radio Schools.

The committee of the Executive Radio Council in charge of the convention and exhibition, was:

J. O. Smith, Chairman; A. H. Heim, J. Di Blasi, R. H. McMann, A. F. Clough, F. C. W. Thiede, C. G. Taber, E. W. Dannals, C. E. Pearce, J. N. Ferguson, C. J. Goette and Leroy Watkins.

That Banquet!

ADJECTIVES fail in any attempt to make a word picture of the banquet that closed the four-day session. It was far and away the most significant demonstration ever given of the deep and serious purpose, the strong unity of comradeship that binds the amateurs together. And the striking fact that remained in the minds of the spectators was that the banquet had not been intended to demonstrate anything. It was just a get-together feed, an informal gathering of co-workers who share a common ideal and purpose and who like to talk with, at and for each other.

The stately beauty of the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Pennsylvania rather overwhelmed the 591 diners when they first found their seats. But before the service had progressed beyond the fish course, the banquet had become "a party"—with everybody singing the popular songs more or less harmoniously, but with plenty of spirit and a gusto that made the orchestra's efforts soundless. Those who had brought regenerative lungs with them occupied the periods intervening with whistling, in dots and dashes, the calls of old and new acquaintances and broadcasting various msgs. pertinent and impertinent, with answers that omitted nothing in their whistled return.

The greetings found a still higher pitch, however, when somebody announced a visitor from Hawaii and greetings to KEI brought a startling response in the form (and shape) of a Hawaiian maid of dusky hue who oscillated between the tables with little impedance from a garment mainly composed of a drapery of rushes and a few beads. Then when anxious wives and sweethearts had restored order among their dinner partners and were breathing easier, a statuesque beauty appeared from nowhere in particular and sang a soothing song about something or somebody, and then did it all over, to another tune and with the aid of a violin. Following which came the song leader again, and everybody joined in a merry chorus of popular songs calculated to aid digestion through to the demi-tasse.

With the last sip, came the rap for order—badly needed—and the chairman, J. O. Smith (2ZL) opened up a dignified address of welcome with the classic phrase: "Well, fellows, we put it over!"

Bedlam again.

When the drum-fire of hand-clapping, roars of appreciation and general hilarity had subsided, we heard something to this effect:

"The Radio Amateurs of the Second Inspection District have attempted the biggest thing ever done in the history of amateur radio, and they have put it over.

"As to the financial end of it, there has never been any intention on the part of anyone to make any money out of it. All the Executive Council was interested in financially, was to break even. The whole thing was launched on blue sky and faith. It was made a successful undertaking by the whole-hearted co-operation of the individuals who attended the meeting and who dug down into their pockets and financed the initial stages of the undertaking by voluntary contributions.

"As to the great amount of good done by this Convention and Exhibition—no man can say. It is inestimable. For the first time in their lives many amateurs have actually seen and heard equipment of all kinds in operation that heretofore they have seen only on the printed page. They have had unlimited opportunity for asking questions (and the radio amateur at questioning is the champion of the world) and obtaining first-hand, valuable information from men who were able and willing to give it, and which has never before been available.

"Then there is the bigger side of the matter—the side which concerns not only this exhibition, this district, or this country, but the scheme of civilization of the world at large. And that is, to know your fellow-man. In ordinary life a stranger is viewed with indifference, intolerance or hostility; the same rule applies equally well to amateur operation or to the world at large. Once we know our fellow man, or our fellow amateur, these barriers of coldness and distrust disappear, and an interchange of ideas and information, of value to both sides, usually follows. It is a fact that this convention and exhibition has accomplished an untold amount of good in the way of a better understanding between all of us. And if we have accomplished the general result of advancing the great scheme of civilization to a higher plane, we have accomplished something of which we can all feel justly proud."

Mr. Smith then introduced the individual members of the Convention Committee, "to whom," he said, "the success of this convention is due." Generous applause was given each of the ten members as they rose in turn from their places at the tables.

H. C. Gawler, of the Commercial Department, Radio Corporation of America and former Chief Radio Inspector, First District, was then introduced. Mr. Gawler dwelt upon the problem in radio interference in the operation of amateur radio stations and said that one reason why he favored radio clubs, was that they kept the amateur out of war. "To overcome this difficulty," he said, "it is only necessary to start a radio club, and let it do the work. The club should have a means of obtaining information concerning the progress in radio from day to day, because radio certainly is making fast progress. Unless this information is obtained through the radio clubs, there will be difficulty.

"There is an easier way to do this, if in organizing a radio club you will take into consideration the fact that there are three classes of amateurs now, as against only one class before the war. There now is the junior class, intermediate class, and the ultra-amateur, in the C. W. class. If you make your club meetings interesting to the C. W. class, the little fellows are going to fall behind and be in the way, and they won't enjoy themselves at all. You will have to have a three-spirited organization, catering to the needs of the junior, the intermediate and then this ultra-amateur class.

"You should have selected groups in the clubs formed, with the object of holding meetings once a month for elementary and advanced discussions. Then call on the manufacturers of amateur radio equipment and ask them to send speakers to your meetings. You must have a plan; a progressive one; if you do not keep on, C. W. will run away from you."

F. H. Schnell, traffic manager, A. R. R. L., was next called upon. He said:

"This convention has been to me like a big dream, and I think I am dreaming yet. I have never seen anything like it in my life; I've never seen any place where so many amateurs have been gathered together. As I sat up in my booth for the last three days it has been like something going up and something going down. That something was your chairman, Mr. Smith, and Mr. McMann. One is an oscillator and one is a modulator. They did carry some!"

He then displayed a handsome silver loving cup, presented to the American Radio Relay League by Wynne Smith in the interest of "citizen wireless," stating that suggestions had been asked as to what it should be given for and for what period of time. He reported that 390 answers to this question had been received:



FIRST ANNUAL RADIO CONVENTION BANQUET.
 Executive Radio Council of the Second District, New York.
 HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA, New York, April 17th, 1925.

The big dinner that broke all records for attendance and enthusiasm. Practically everybody engaged or interested in radio in the eastern part of the United States was there or tried to get there. A large number of the fair sex added charm and beauty to the affair.

Speakers' table, left to right: K. B. Warner, Editor, Q. S. T.; F. H. Schnell, Traffic Manager, American Radio Relay League; H. C. Gawler, Commercial Department, Radio Corporation of America, formerly Radio Inspector, First District; H. P. Maxim, President, American Radio Relay League; J. O. Smith, Chairman Convention Committee; Arthur Batcheller, Chief Radio Inspector, Second District; Lieutenant Commander D. C. Patterson, D. C. S., Naval Communication Service; Lieut. Howard S. Paddock, S. C. U. S. Army; E. H. Armstrong, P. F. Godley and J. Andrew White, Editor Wireless Age. (Dr. A. N. Goldsmith, who arrived after the photograph was taken, occupied the vacant seat at the right of the chairman.)

"One of them says, 'Hook her to your bulb.' Another says, 'Fill it with electrons and give it to Paragon Paul.' Another says: 'Hold it until Grebe gaps or Baldwin phones.' The other 387 said: 'Fill it with something to drink and distribute it around the banquet hall.'"

Each suggestion was received enthusiastically, but decision was apparently reserved and the thirst of majority opinion went unrelieved, as Mr. Schnell concluded:

"To the members of the Second District Council I want to say that I wish to congratulate you on doing something that is the finest thing that was ever done for citizen wireless, and if you are going to have another show, place me on top. If someone does not wake me I will still think this is a great big dream."

Chairman Smith then constituted himself a human directory and called, by name and call letters, for hundreds of individual amateurs to make their presence known by standing up and receiving the greeting of all the others present. When asked to respond geographically, it appeared that they came from all nine districts in the country. In some cases only a lone amateur arose, but in others several score bowed and blushed before the warmth of their reception. The eagle eye of Inspector Batcheller sharpened at the concluding call for the identification of "Tenth District" licensed(?) men. But, if there, they were hard of hearing.

The prize of a Paragon RA10 receiver for the largest attendance in the case of individual radio clubs was awarded to the Radio Traffic Association of Brooklyn, which had forty-four members present. The Radio Club of America and the Radio Club, Irvington, N. J., were tied for seconds honors, with twenty-eight representatives credited to each. More than thirty clubs were represented at the dinner including delegations from New Haven, Conn.; Troy, N. Y.; Worcester, Mass.; St. Louis, Mo.; New Philadelphia, Ohio; Philadelphia, Pa.; Stamford, Conn.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Hartford, Conn.; Boston, Ohio, and Pittsburg, Pa. About twenty-five local clubs were also represented. Individuals were present from six of the nine radio inspection districts, including one from the state of Texas.

When this interesting method of making each fellow's identity known to the other had run its course, the chairman called upon Dr. Alfred N. Goldsmith, of the College of the City of New York and Institute of Radio Engineers. He illustrated the development of the radio disease by an anecdote, in substance as follows:

"I recall, one of my good friends coming into the laboratory a great many years ago. He looked at the wireless apparatus and said, 'Why on earth are you interested in this thing?' I showed him what I was doing, and he was done for!

"He told me the first thing that happened to him was to practice code. That was the first stage of the disease. The next stage was when he turned all the street signs into code. He was nearly run over several times, and then he passed into the third stage, when he drank soda water to dots and dashes. He is headed straight for the continuous wave."

The amateur, in the opinion of this eminent authority, will be instrumental in bringing about the wonderful ideal which the great dreamer, Tesla, set forth years ago. "I look forward to the time," said Dr. Goldsmith, "when any man desiring to speak to his friend will take his telephone and speak from the height of the mountain to the valley below. The friend will give the answer; and if he hears no answer, he will know his friend is dead."

"There are two great possibilities for the amateur," he explained. "One is use of continuous waves, and the other is a recommendation for the extension of wave lengths. The recommendation is, to extend the wave length range, possibly from 180 to 250 meters. It happens that between 180 meters and 250 meters there are

something like 46,000 cycles. If we use—as we well can—continuous wave sets, we can put practically 500 stations within that range of wave lengths, all working at once and all non-interfering. Furthermore, if instead of sending 1,000 cycle tone notes, people prefer to send at high speed, then all amateurs can send 600 words per minute. Radio telephony, continuous waves, high speed, and high speed reception, mark a portion of the bright future for the amateur. So I certainly would like to suggest as the motto of the amateur: 'Continuous-ly may he wave.'"

Chairman Smith then announced that the next speaker, J. Andrew White, Editor, THE WIRELESS AGE, would undoubtedly have some very important news for the amateurs. This evidently was an unexpected form of introduction, for the speaker's opening remark was to the effect that the expectation of an important disclosure had put him in the position of the negro who was about to be hung and said: "This certainly will teach me a good lesson."

Mr. White added that the chairman was probably referring to a recent trip to Washington.

"Something pleasant happened then. I had a very interesting talk with one of the best friends of the amateur—Admiral Bullard. I see no reason why I should not tell you just what he told me. There was no secrecy imposed on it, but what he said was entirely unofficial; he was speaking his real heart. It was the Admiral Bullard you all should know."

Mr. White explained he had remarked to the Admiral that perhaps the amateurs were a little bit worried about the policies of the new administration. To which the Admiral, with a twinkle in his eye, had replied: "So soon?"

The editor stated that he then asked: "Can you tell me how the Navy is going to feel about the amateurs with a new President in office?" and continued: "This, the Admiral said he could not tell me, but he added: 'I can tell you how the Director of Naval Communications is going to feel—just as he feels this morning. That is, I would be lacking in gratitude if I did not have a strong sense of obligation to these young men. The valuable services the amateur rendered during the world war has established for him a place in history!'"

An outburst of applause greeted this acknowledgment by a government official that the services of the amateur in time of emergency had not been forgotten. The editor continued:

"Thus encouraged, I said: 'Admiral, there has not only been a disturbance, but no little controversy and some anxiety over the Poindexter Bill.' (Proving that I do read other people's magazines. THE WIRELESS AGE has not, and does not call for lots of protest every time new legislation is proposed. It will get to be an old story if we protest too often.) But as to Admiral Bullard's reply; he said: 'Nothing doing; the amateur must be protected. I told Senator Poindexter that I wanted to appear before the Senate Committee. And if the bill is again brought up, I will go, just as I proposed to do in the last session. I feel there should be no new limits put on amateur activity now.'

"That's the good news for you!" announced the speaker, and the diners let loose a demonstration of jubilation as it suddenly became clear that the Navy Department no longer would favor or foster restrictive legislation but in the future would aid the amateur in every way possible.

The speaker said that this co-operative attitude and generous spirit on the part of the Government insured a great future for amateurs. "But," he concluded, "one trouble is, we will talk about C. W. and we will talk over the other fellow's head. It is like learning skating; the hardest thing is the ice. We must break the ice,

for the newcomers, the beginners. A good many people attended this convention without knowing what it was all about. They know now. It's a start toward getting a lot of new material, many new stations.

"When we get that great public in, Dr. Goldsmith will have the problem of overcrowded ether solved. Mr. Godley is solving it now—on the table-cloth. And that's the amateur spirit. When that time comes I hope we editors will be able to present the solution to the public without mutilation."

It was then revealed that short-wave long distance working by the American amateurs had aroused the curiosity of co-workers overseas, for there suddenly appeared among the diners a canny Scotchman, plaids, tam, cane and all, who demanded in ribald tones information as to whether Mr. Hugh Robinson (2QR) of Keyport, N. J., was present. Quickly the rumor spread that it was one, Mr. G. Benzie, of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, who had come across the sea to give the once-over to the Keyport station from which radiophone messages were picked up last October.

The Scot received with a shriek of despair the chairman's assurance that Hugh Robinson was not in the room. Apparently, this was a great disappointment, for the visitor from overseas had a gift in the form of a potent liquid contained in a bottle, which he waved aloft as the orchestra broke into the strains of "I Love a Lassie," and weaved his way out of the room, singing:

I'm looking for friend Hugie,
'Who's heard where the land 'is dewy,
'Cause we have caught his music and his call,
'Cross the ocean he is able
T' transmit without a cable;
He's got a system that beats them all.

Following the visitor's departure, the diners, with undampened enthusiasm, and thirsts, were recalled to domestic affairs by the introduction of H. P. Maxim, President American Radio Relay League, who opened his address with the statement that it had been his good fortune to address amateurs in most of the large cities from Portland, Maine, to San Francisco, California. "We had a convention where the colossal number of 118 people were present," he said, "and then it went up and up and up, and now we have a convention in the Second District and I am told there are present at the banquet tonight 600 people. I cannot help being very much impressed.

"I have seen amateur radio grow from a very little beginning," he continued, "and if I were to have told you three or four years ago that in March, 1921, you would have in one of the largest hotels in New York City, 600 amateurs seated down to dinner together, you would have said 'He is crazy.' I would not have dared to say it.

"It makes us think what is all this coming to. Just think of the motive that brings us all here together! As I look around here and see the quality and spirit of the young men and middle-aged men, it is very inspiring. I am very proud indeed to have been identified with amateur radio and to see it grow.

"One of the things that impresses me is the fact that there are two great big things which you are doing. They are equally important. One of them is the advancement of the science of radio communication. You are doing perfectly wonderful things. You are advancing at a rate the world has never seen before. And there is another thing that is equally as great. You have demonstrated that a large number of people with a great many diversities of interest can co-operate. I cannot help thinking what a wonderful thing the amateurs of this country put across.

"Just think of sending a message from Hartford to Los Angeles and getting an answer back in six and one-

half minutes. If I had come to you in the days of good old 2PM when we got a message over the coast and back in an hour and forty minutes, you would never have thought that in 1921 we could have done the same thing in six and one-half minutes."

Mr. Maxim described his sensations as he sat in his station and heard the message start across the country, remarking: "I suppose there were ten thousand of you good fellows who just itched to get at your key, but you did not do it. You co-operated and it meant success. If you keep this cooperation, the Lord only knows where it will take us!"

Arthur Batcheller, Chief Radio Inspector, Second District, was the next speaker. He said: "This evening has been a very entertaining one to me and it has been of considerable importance to the United States Government." He then illustrated the progress of amateur activities by statistics showing that after 1912, when the regulations were enforced, 1312 amateur stations were



General Edgar Russel, known to all A. E. F. Signal Corps men, caught by the camera while he was looking things over "like any other amateur"

licensed the first year, whereas on January 20, 1921, there were exactly 10,000 licensed amateur operators and stations—a record to be proud of!

He called attention to the fact that: "The United States is the only nation extending to its citizens the privilege of operating wireless telegraph transmitters and receivers; even in Great Britain they limit the receiving and transmitting. The liberality on the part of our Government and co-operation of the amateurs is responsible for the marked success of amateurs today."

The attitude of the Department of Commerce was wholly favorable to the amateur, he added, stating: "Two weeks ago, while I was in Washington, I had quite a talk with Commissioner Chamberlain and I found that he is very favorably impressed with the continuation of the amateur activities and has instructed us to aid amateurs in every way we can." Mr. Batcheller expressed regret that his office did not have the time or personnel to give the amateurs the attention they deserve. He said that since August of last year, there had been only nineteen complaints in the Second Radio District where amateurs had interfered with commercial traffic. "We have 1,600 licensed amateur operators in the Second Radio District," he explained, adding: "When any individual makes the remark that the amateurs are seriously interfering with commercial traffic today, it is not so, because

my office is the first place that the complaints are entered. Nineteen complaints in six months is a mighty fine record, and a record to be proud of.

"The only objection that we have at the present time is that a great many amateur wave lengths are in excess of 200 meters. It is not because we do not know that these wave lengths are being used, that they are not interfered with, but because of insufficient personnel to check up each individual amateur. I hope through the organizations and local clubs in this vicinity, that we will not need to regulate amateur transmission."

He concluded his remarks with expression of the opinion that the convention, he was sure, would go down in the history of the United States as one of the greatest accomplishments of amateur radio.

Lieut. Com. D. C. Patterson, D.C.S., of the Naval Communications Service, made the next address. He said:

"Before I speak of the Navy in its relation to the amateur, I would like to tell you just a little what we are doing around New York. You have all seen the torpedo which has been shown at the exhibition, controlled by radio. Over in the Navy Yard in Brooklyn are two of the former German war ships. By the terms of the treaty these ships must be sunk, but before they are going to be sunk by the guns of our Atlantic Fleet, they will be equipped with this same apparatus and taken out on the ocean and controlled as they are battered to pieces by our fleet.

"Admiral Bullard asked me to tell you that he regretted very much not to be able to be here," he continued, "but asked me to represent him. As you all know, radio communications are the eyes of the Navy and without them we could not fight. We might as well be blindfolded. It was in the summer of 1911 that the Navy first came in touch with the amateur, and at that time we started to issue licenses to those who were qualified. Ever since we have taken a personal interest in them all. We send out messages every night. Very soon we shall move to our new office in the Ferry Building in New York City, and make room for the amateurs so that they can come for instruction or information."

E. H. Armstrong, radio research engineer, who won fame through his development of the regenerative circuit while still in the amateur class, was then introduced by the chairman. He said, in part: "On an occasion like this, the mind unconsciously goes back over the events of past history. I must confess to a very serious attack of cold feet, because an occasion like this makes a man feel very old.

"It is not many years ago since I started in radio, but a tremendous amount of progress has been made in those years. About sixteen years ago I started in with a bunch of amateurs up in Yonkers to try and receive NAH station. We succeeded after a year of tests! We never hoped or expected to receive messages from Honolulu or Moscow, as is done by the amateurs of today.

"You will find a very curious thing in the history of the development of radio—that inventions in general come from the independent investigators, from the amateurs, and the amateur is absolutely the incarnation of the investigation. Let us look into the future. I do not believe there is any one here who has an imagination to go one year in advance of the art. My ambition is for a super-regenerative circuit. I predict that before you have another convention, within a year from tonight, someone will work this out and I will get my wish."

Lieut. Howard S. Paddock, of the Signal Corps, U. S. Army, the next speaker, said:

"I regret that General Russel was unable to be with you and address you in my place, but as representative of the Signal Corps, I wish to compliment you very highly upon the great success of the greatest radio con-

vention which has ever been undertaken in this country. The success of this convention, however, was never in doubt. The spirit which has characterized amateur radio since the beginning of the art is one which will succeed anywhere. One example of this is the way in which the amateur radio men answered the call to the colors, and made the service of communication of their country a great success."

He said that the success of the convention would insure closer cooperation between the Signal Corps and all amateur radio men. The Army is going to open a Signal Corps Laboratory Station at Fort Wood, Bedloes Island (New York Harbor), he explained, adding: "We have now low power apparatus, but would like to cooperate with the amateur in every way. If we can be of any assistance to any of the amateurs we are open to render that assistance at any time. The radio station will be open at all times to visitors. We are planning the installation of a 6-kilowatt remote controlled telephone set, which undoubtedly will be of interest."

K. B. Warner, Editor, Q. S. T., was then called upon. He referred to the keynote sound by the previous speakers, stating: "I am certainly delighted at the various remarks that have been thrown in on the side of C. W. I say watch out for C. W., or it will run over you."

He felt that the amateurs had "made radio history. Your convention committee has done a very wonderful thing. We are all very proud of them. There is no district except the Second that could have put over a show in the style done here."

To illustrate the amateur's future possibilities, Mr. Warner told how a prominent New York amateur had recently recounted some of his experiences during the war where the radio control principle was applied to an airplane. "They got it down to a fine point where it worked out perfectly," he explained, "and then they called in all the naval officers for a demonstration. Secretary Daniels was standing alongside the operator watching the machine, expecting to see it turn to the right, then to the left and to the right again. It flew on and on, until finally it was just a little speck in the sky. Then it disappeared altogether. Later, it was discovered that the antenna switch was open! That is how the amateurs of the Second District are going to go.

"The Second District Council in this convention has put itself on the map. It is now up to the amateurs in this territory to back it up, cooperate and give it every possible support. You amateurs are so congested here in the Second District that without co-operation you cannot get the most out of wireless. Now that your council has so firmly established itself, I would suggest that a proper thing to do would be to appoint a committee and go to Mr. Glavin and get the thing he has. Start it and forget to open the switch, so it will keep on going forever!"

Paul F. Godley, radio engineer, was the concluding speaker. He remarked the inspiring presence of representatives of many government departments—all anxious to get on the band wagon, now that amateur radio had become a great success—but regretted an omission, "Mr. White," he said, "has just informed me that the Department of Commerce has a rival in radio, for the Department of Agriculture has just this evening reported a record crop of nuts!"

He added: "One thing which strikes me most forcibly is the similarity of this meeting to the old official Methodist revival. You have heard a lot this evening about C. W. Of course, that is something we all hope for. C. W. will do a great deal for us. In the meantime many of us will have to continue operation with our damped wave set. If there is anything I like to see it is a man who does a thorough job of a thing. The number of men in this room who have done a thorough job with their spark transmitters are very few."

He said that he had a message that he wanted each man to take home with him. "Has it ever occurred to you men, that possibly there is a man in the next house to you whom you could probably interest in amateur radio if you were unselfish enough to give the time? For the good of amateur radio are you going to be willing to be unselfish enough to interest that neighbor of yours in amateur radio? That, gentlemen, is a little part which each of you can play in this game of ours. We have progressed to the point, as I pointed out a moment ago, where all of these men can get on the band-wagon. There is no need of stopping there. Interest your neighbor! It will pay you, every one of you, and it will make for greater success in the continuance of this nation-wide method of communication.

"There is another thing; this too is about unselfishness. I presume every one of you, time and time again, have completely monopolized the ether. It is all right once in a while, but be reasonable. The interference problem is getting to be something that must be dealt with. I do not know of any easier way to deal with this problem, than for each and every one of you to take yourself in the closet and converse with yourself, and decide that first of all you are going to give the other fellow some consideration. Having done that, the QRM problem will have solved itself."

As Mr. Godley sat down, amid applause that enthusiastically seconded his plea for fair dealing, the orchestra broke forth into the solemn strains of the Dead March, the doors of the ballroom slowly opened and a weird procession entered. It was headed by a casket draped in funeral black supported by pallbearers appropriately costumed in begrimed overalls. With impressive gravity they set down their sad burden and a sour-visaged member of no apparent orthodox clergy in mournful tones declaimed:

"Dear Brethren and Sisters:

"As strange as it may sound to many of you, a radio amateur is a human being—though peculiar. He will put more energy into pushing a dinky "greetings-by-wireless" message through the evening jam than he will put into a whole day's work. He is immune to the sleeping sickness. He can get along with less sleep than any other of the human species. He works while the world sleeps. He makes radio a business; and business a recreation.

"When, however, in the course of an evening, the oscillations from the stations of two of these funny beings osculate, or come together violently in the ether—and

the Lord knows *ether* should be administered to some of 'em—a general heating-up process occurs, and the hotter they get, the more they get tangled up. Finally they become so violent they lose all sense of the fitness of things and don't care what happens! And, brethren and sisters, it usually happens.

"After many violent spasms have racked their interiors and exteriors, the truth comes out and two kilowatts of aggressiveness tell each other how much they hate each other. The battle is on! Friendships of a lifetime are cast aside and from then on the two pieces of junk refuse to agree to anything and generally act like maniacs.

"If one of the participants of the original fuss should happen to be married, woe unto his wife, for she is doomed for a time to live with a nut!

"The infection spreads like a dread, contagious disease and before long, whole communities of the fraternity are sadly affected. Hatred and distrust take the place of friendship and good will, and the whole thing becomes as satisfactory as a block on the subway.

"Now, friends, we will gaze upon the countenance of the corpse—the ugly thing that we are to bury tonight—and bury so deep that if it ever bobs up again it will be in the 77th radio inspection district of the Indian Ocean."

Reverentially, the casket was uncovered, revealing . . . an axe!

The dismal tones sounded a parting oration:

"This, friends, is the greatest enemy of the amateurs. Everything evil is represented in its ugly form—envy, distrust, unbelief in fellow man, bad fellowship and malice.

"As this ugly form is borne from this room tonight I beg of you all to bury all this evil with it. Always remember that in the ranks of the amateurs are the future Goldsmiths, Maxims, Godleys, Armstrongs, Whites, Warners, Batchellers, Gawlers, Pattersons, Schnells and Paddocks, who may become famous enough, to be invited guests at the Second Annual Dinner of the Second District.

"Once more, friends, I beseech you, be what you really are: the most persevering, enthusiastic and intelligent body of citizens on the face of the earth."

Solemnly the pallbearers gathered up their burden, the procession reformed and slowly they bore their burden away into the outer darkness, and firm and final burying of the elongated hatchet, to the orchestra's strains of "Good-bye, Forever."

And then it was time to go home. Though nobody wanted to.

Strays and What-Notes

L. R. BENSON (9ZB), of St. Louis, was one of the long-distance delegates to the convention. By the time he got through overhauling or being overhauled by all the amateurs he had worked over the air he was ready to call it a day.

L. G. Bates (1GY), of Worcester, Mass., who donated the Jupiter antenna wire used at the exhibition, disclosed the secret of that brand of wire and its remarkable efficiency in gathering in signals and radiating energy. As he carefully explained, it's all in the wire.

G. R. Entwistle enjoyed himself in great shape at the dinner. After a week of hard work in reporting the biggest event in the history of amateur radio for the Boston Traveler, he had a lot of fun watching some one else run a banquet.

On the afternoon of Friday, the 18th, a large, round white button made its appearance in the doorway. Once the visitors became accustomed to the glare of the shield it became apparent that there was a man behind it—old friend C. J. Murray (8ZA), of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

No one has yet been able to figure out how he was able to drag that shield around on his coat and keep on his feet all the time. But it sure did put 8ZA and the town of New Philadelphia, Ohio, on the map.

Charlie Stewart (3ZS), of St. Davids, Pa., arrived on Friday, with a sad story. The power company had cut him off because he pulled so much juice with his "stone crusher" that when he closed the key the lights went out in the other seven houses in the town. C. W. Stewart—that's the answer. Hook 'er to a socket—that's all.

Lester Spangenberg and his 100 watt C. W. self-rectifying set, attracted considerable attention. It is suspected that 2ZM is at least a partial convert to C. W.

H. L. Stanley (2FS), originator of the phrase about it being "wonderful how much it was possible to get out of little bottles that had nothing in them," spent a large part of his time gazing into the depths of exhibited pliotrons, trying to figure out where it all comes from.

In all there were thirty-two exhibitors competing with each other in matters of display and noise making. The visitors got the impression that every existent spark coil, medical coil and static machine had been gleaned from all corners of the United States. Amplification stunts were continuous, signals both near and far came pounding in from all corners of the hall.

The Radio Corporation of America had a tube display which was the envy of every deep-dyed-in-the-wool amateur. The 10 to 20 watts self-rectifying C. W. telegraph and telephone set occupied a prominent place in the booth. Particular interest centered in the complete 100 watt C. W. telegraph transmitter equipped with a 100 watt Kenotron rectifying unit which has recently been in regular use at 2ZL station. Another interesting set was the 10 watt C. W. unit built especially for portable use; it was enclosed in a small square case approximately one-half the size of an ordinary suitcase. This, too, is a self-rectifying set.

The Radiotron family included all tubes ranging from the U. V. 200 to the U. V. 204. Briefly, these are the detector tube, U. V. 200; the amplifier tube, U. V. 201; the 5 watt power tube, U. V. 202; the 50 watt power tube, U. V. 203; and the 250 watt power tube, U. V. 204.

The A. H. Grebe Co. had everything along the amplifier and regenerative tuner line. One particularly interesting item was the universal receiver having a range from 150 to 20,000 meters and equipped with three stages of audio frequency amplification and one power amplifier. Signals from LY, POZ and MUU came loudly and could be heard all over the hall.

F. M. Doolittle, of New Haven, with his amplifone and unique direct reading decimeter, was kept busy demonstrating and explaining.

At last hams were given an opportunity to see a real Paragon R. A. 10, life size, prominently displayed in the booth of the Continental Radio and Electric Corporation.

The American Electro Technical Appliance Co. gave the visitors a real treat by exhibiting all manner of radio appliances. Mr. Lolass supplied plenty of music with his Victrola and loud speaker when the band wasn't working.

Some one asked if the Amrad folks were selling receivers by the pound, as evidenced by the "Pounder Receiver." It's not yet known whether the word means that the signals "pound in" or whether the whole unit weighs a pound. There was a transmitter close by averting the fact that it was a real "1 K. W."

The United States Army Signal Corps exhibit, in charge of Charles J. McBrearty, contained all sorts of transmitters and receivers, including trench sets, airplane sets and field sets.

"The livest club in New Jersey," the Radio Club of Irvington, was very much in evidence with all manner of radio sets made by Jersey amateurs including the Selva Receiver, on which signals from a Pacific Coast amateur station were heard recently. Amateur clubs all over the United States, as well as prospective amateur clubs, would do well to communicate with the president of this New Jersey organization for pointers on how to keep members interested and happy.

A. F. Clough, in charge of the Convention Hall programme, deserves credit for keeping things moving in good shape. He was able to secure a number of the best authorities in the east on amateur problems and the Convention Hall programme was extremely interesting and attracted large audiences.

John Di Blasi did his part of the job early and was successful in selling all the available space by means of printed matter and a good business argument. The executive of one concern, who had refused to sign on the dotted line before the exhibition, hunted up Mr. Di Blasi

at the show and claimed he had a kick coming because the magnitude of the undertaking had not been properly presented to him. No reply from Di Blasi. He was afraid to talk for fear of saying something.

Leroy Watkins cultivated quite a muscular development in the arms by carrying home the cash every night. Around \$200 in pennies, dimes, nickels and quarters gets quite heavy after a while. The satisfaction Mr. Watkins got out of his job was that all this small cash checked to a cent with the admission records.

Sergeant C. E. Pearce, of the Radio and Telegraph Division, New York Police Headquarters, who was responsible for securing the fine quarters at the Pennsylvania Hotel for the exhibition, was warmly congratulated by everybody on his selection. The feeling of the committee is that he did his part of the job so well that he has worked himself out of a job—at least that particular job—for next year.

Mr. Glavin's wirelessly controlled torpedo seems to have a vengeful spirit. One man in the crowd watched it for a few minutes, and then remarked, audibly, "Aw, that's another fake." The next time the torpedo came around his way it sideslipped and bumped the incredulous one in the shins.

A former Bowery Bum was an interested spectator during the exhibition. A police detective recognized him and asked him what he was doing there, "Oh," said he, looking Godley-ward, "I've been regenerated since I took up wireless."

The Radio Traffic Association had 48 representatives at the dinner, about 75 per cent of its total membership. The Brightwaters, L. I., Radio Club had a 100 per cent attendance record; the membership was Mr. V. F. Camp (2RL).

The old saying, "busier than a one-armed paper hanger," no longer has any significance for R. H. McMann. "MC" reached the saturation point several times during the week. Taking care of the wants of 35 exhibitors, and looking after all the other thousand-and-one details of an affair of the size this one turned out to be, was a regular man's sized job. He was equal to it.

C. J. Goette and J. N. Ferguson, the "power and demonstration committee," fully qualified as steeplejacks. The temporary antennae erected on top of the 75-foot framework of the big sign on top of the hotel, gave excellent service and the power arrangements satisfied everybody, which is some accomplishment.

The great mystery of the exhibition: "What happened to Chief Taber's circus?"

Thirty-one amateur first grade licenses were issued to amateurs during the convention by the Radio Inspection Service of the Department of Commerce. This special service was an important feature of the convention and was a great convenience to many amateurs, who were able to attend the exhibition and secure amateur licenses at the same time. This courtesy of Chief Radio Inspector Batcheller was another instance of the cooperation existing between the Department of Commerce and the amateurs.

Eleven members of the crew of 3XM (formerly 3DH) were present at the dinner. The other one couldn't get there.

The Executive Radio Council got the biggest jolt of its life on paid admissions. The Council figured \$150 as a maximum. The total was just a little short of \$800 for the four days.

The attendance at the lectures in Convention Hall exceeded all expectations. Seating capacity was provided for 400, but proved entirely inadequate. During the lectures the standees were at times twenty deep around the rear of the hall.

Friday night was the largest in point of attendance in Exhibition Hall of any other time of the week. Between 8 and 10 P. M., there were 1,200 persons in the hall. The place was just about full.

In the United States Navy booth, where much amplification was constantly going on, we heard a chief electrician explaining to a visitor of the fair sex the qualities of high and low speed galena crystals. Finally, "Vice Admiral" Dannels appeared and we heard something about a new detector circuit having been discovered employing two crystals, one on each side of the circuit so designed and planned that each one was supposed to rectify one-half of the incoming cycle. The main trouble with this new hook-up, however, was the extreme difficulty of adjusting these two crystals to synchronism.

But the prize winning wise crack was the one made to H. C. Gawler, in the Radio Corporation's booth, by a visitor who thought he'd like to have a duplicate of the exhibited self-rectifying set if assured that he could have a steady supply of positive and negative tubes.

No report has been received from Miss Mae Lupton, residing at 2 East River, as to how many amateurs dropped in.

The official photographer offers, ready for framing, one besmudged portrait of the dreamy youth who collided with the camera just as the flash powder went off.

Who attached the "High Voltage!" sign to Eleanor

Sreboff's shapely back? Musta been T. O. M., replied Elizabeth Rickard, for nobody nose.

One-twelfth of a dozen coherers is the prize award for identification of the youth in short pants who started tuning in on the three-stage amplifier as the official relay station opened up—40 feet away—with its half kilowatt. Finder will please return one pair damaged eardrums and one quart pearly teardrops.—adv.

General Russel wouldn't stand for any special honors. He begged the committee to let him wander about "like any other amateur."

John (old 2PM) Grinan reported a regrettable oversight in his neglect to sign on the dotted line before he left the conference and side exhibit in a room (with bathtub) on the eighth floor. He writes that it's the first opportunity he has missed since he bought a carpenter's pencil for a potentiometer in 1909 and charged the three dollars to experience.

"Yes, variometers can be used with a B battery," said A. H. Grebe, unsmilingly, at one stage of the proceedings.

What a day for Old Timers when Dr. Goldhorn (old 2AX) came down unannounced from Mount Vernon!

Maybe St. Louis and New York will now get together and elect Mine Host Statler an honorary something or other for radio convention sheltering.

New Record Made in Code Contest

B. G. Seutter, an operator of The New York Times Transatlantic Radio Receiving Station, finished first in the code receiving test, and established a new record of 48 3-5 words a minute, with only two typographical errors.

There were more than sixty contestants, including two of the most skillful operators from the Radio Corporation of America, a large delegation from the Western Union, a number from the Navy's coastal stations and from the Independent Wireless Telegraph Company, as well as from other companies. The contest was an elimination contest and started at 30 words a minute, which eliminated about one-third of the contestants.

It finally narrowed down to N. Bernstein, an instructor, of the Western Union School, and Mr. Seutter, and three separate trials of two minutes each were necessary before the judges announced Mr. Seutter as the winner.

In recognition of his feat, Mr. Seutter was presented with a silver loving cup.

Mr. Seutter's radio experience dates from 1913. During the World War he was in the United States Navy and was stationed at the radio station at Otter Cliff.

He was one of the navy operators specially assigned to receive confidential messages from the U. S. S. George Washington during her two trips to France and back with President Wilson.

In connection with the world's championship code speed contest, Mr. A. I. Isbell, Pacific Coast Superintendent for the Radio Corporation of America writes:

"My attention has been called to the fact that in the recent radio competition held by the second district amateur radio convention in the Hotel Pennsylvania, the claim is made that the world's record was created by Mr. B. G. Seutter, operator employed by the New York Times, who succeeded in receiving plain language at the rate of 48 3-5 words per minute, with two typographical errors. In the competition held at an amateur radio convention in San Francisco recently one of our opera-



B. G. Seutter who won the code speed contest for which he was awarded the handsome cup shown in the photograph

tors employed at Marshall, Mr. Tony Gerhardt, carried off the first prize by receiving 49 1-3 words per minute. Mr. Gerhardt also broke the world's record in the San Francisco Exposition competition. It would seem, therefore, that Tony Gerhardt's world record still stands."

The Executive Radio Council of the Second District announces, in explanation of the above, the number of words per minute credited to Mr. Gerhardt was 49.25, for 4 minutes, 197 words total, with 5 errors, a net result of 39.4 words per error.

Mr. Seutter's record was 48.6 words per minute, for two minutes, total 97.2 words, with 2 errors, a net result of 48.6 words per error.

The Executive Radio Council has therefore decided that, figured on a "words per error" basis, the world's record for accurate and speedy reception was broken by Mr. Seutter.

EXPERIMENTERS' WORLD

Views of readers on subjects and specific problems they would like to have discussed in this department will be appreciated by the Editor

A Commutator, Interrupter and Synchronous Gap

By George E. Hild

First Prize \$10.00

THE interrupter described in the following article is of the commutator type with a synchronous gap on the same shaft. This type of interrupter has several advantages over the vibrator type. With the latter type it is sometimes difficult, if not impossible, to adjust the vibrator so that it main-

through it. Two set screws should be provided to clamp the shafts tightly.

A bearing to support the long extended shaft will also be necessary. This is made of a block of hardwood four inches long. It tapers from two inches at the bottom to one inch at the top, and should be neatly rounded off.

The commutator has two carbon brushes which make a double break. This is a desirable feature as it reduces sparking. It has sixteen segments and makes eight breaks each revolution. Figuring the motor at 3600 revolutions per minute a note of 500 cycles (450 to be exact) is produced. If the prospective builder wishes to have a 240 cycle note, only eight segments are needed.

Procure a piece of brass or copper tubing three inches in diameter and two inches in length. Make a core of fibre or hardwood and force it into the tubing. Divide the commutator into sixteen equal parts by means of a pair of dividers. After this is done drill a hole $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from both ends of each section. Small flat head wood screws inserted in each hole, make two screws for each segment.

Cut through the tubing with a hack saw into the core about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch on each mark dividing the sections. After this is done take off every other section. Make a hack saw cut in the center of the commutator

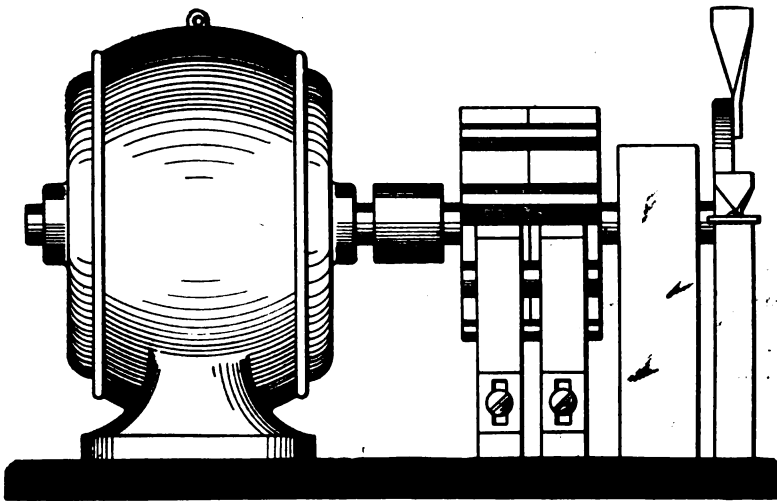


Figure 1—Side elevation

tains a constant note. The contacts of such a breaker would have to be of generous dimensions and would undoubtedly have to be replaced frequently to break a current of 5 amperes at 110 volts.

The commutator type of breaker on the other hand maintains a note of constant frequency which every amateur desires. The first step is to secure a motor to drive the commutator. A second-hand fan motor can be bought reasonably. Next, procure a base 12 inches long by seven inches wide, $\frac{3}{8}$ inches thick. Bakelite or hard rubber should be used, but a piece of well-seasoned hardwood will do. If the latter is used, it should be given a good coat of shellac to make it moisture proof. The motor should be mounted on one end of the base as shown in the drawings.

As the shaft of the motor will not be long enough to mount the commutator it will have to be extended. A piece of cold rolled steel, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches long of the same diameter as the motor shaft is connected to the shaft by means of a coupling. This can be made from a piece of shafting $\frac{3}{4}$ or one inch in diameter by drilling

The bearing may be a brass or bronze bushing or it may be made of babbitt by fitting two washers to the shaft and clamping them tightly to the bearing block. Babbitt is poured through a hole drilled in the top of the block. After cooling this is drilled to permit oiling the bearing.

clear around, $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch deep, separating the segments in two halves. The slot between each half segment is filled with mica which has been dipped in shellac to cement it in the grooves. The other segments are now replaced and the cuts between each segment is filled with mica coated with

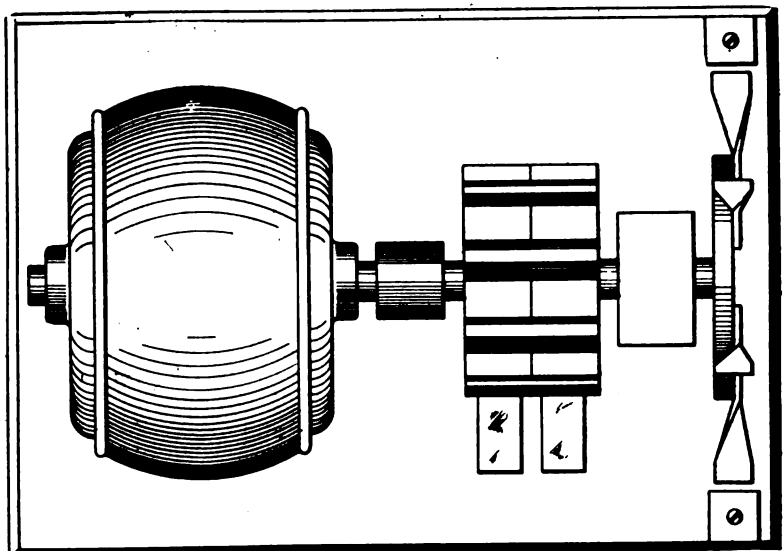


Figure 2—Plan view

shellac. It is next turned down in a lathe or filed off smoothly so that no mica insulation or screw heads protrude. A hole is drilled in the centre of the commutator for the shaft. This commutator with its wide brushes and double break will easily take care of a 1/2 kilowatt transmitter.

The brushes, as shown in the drawings, consist of carbon blocks one inch long, 5/8 inch wide and 1/4 inch thick. They are supported by holders of 1/8 inch brass, and are in two halves, one of which is slotted. They are clamped together with a screw and nut, which allows an up and down adjustment.

The description shows how this commutator operates. When a whole segment is in contact with the brushes the circuit is closed; when the insulated half-segment is across the brushes the circuit is open.

The rotary gap shown in the drawing is very simple and needs little de-

scription. The disc is a piece of bakelite three inches in diameter and 1/4 inch thick, which is clamped to the shaft by two nuts. Eight electrodes are secured to the edge of the disc by screws and nuts. A copper ring, three inches outside and two inches inside diameter, is also clamped to the disc. This is to connect all the electrodes together electrically. The electrodes are made of copper strip 1 1/2 inches long by 1/2 inch wide and 1/8 inch thick. After drilling a hole 1/4 inch from the end to receive the screw they are clamped in a vise and with a heavy pair of pliers twisted till the ends are at right angles to each other. If this proves difficult the copper may be annealed by placing it in a fire, care being taken not to burn it. Dipping them in a weak solution of sulphuric acid will

remove the black scale caused by oxidation.

The stationary electrodes, which are one inch long, 5/8 inch wide by 1/8 inch thick, are carried by two 1/2 inch hexagon rods, three inches long. Care should be taken to have both rods exactly the same length. Both electrodes are slotted to allow for adjustment. The stationary electrodes are secured to the posts by machine screws. This completes the gap.

Before the interrupter is put into service it should be carefully adjusted. The two brushes should be adjusted so they break the circuit simultaneously.

The proper adjustment for the stationary electrodes can best be found by experiment. The same applies to the adjustment of the rotor of the gap in relation to the commutator. A condenser of 1/2 or 1 microfarad shunted across the brushes will reduce the sparking.

A Turbine Type of Mechanical Interrupter

By E. Molyneux
Second Prize \$5.00

THE following shows the design of a mechanical interrupter of the turbine type whose action is explained as follows. Owing to centrifugal force the mercury (see figure 2) is forced through the holes in the bottom of the rotor and passes out of the nozzles in the form of a jet which makes contact with the brass lugs once every revolution. This interrupter is cheap to construct and will easily handle 1/2 kw. without any condensers across it and with practically no sparking.

Obtain a piece of brass pipe four inches in diameter and three and a half inches long with a flange already on as shown in figure 2. This can be supplied from the junk box of the local plumber. Cut out a brass plate 3/8 inches thick, the diameter of the flange, drill half way through this in the center with a sharp twist drill and solder this plate to the flange.

Now make a plate cut to the dimensions of detail "B" out of 1/8 inch sheet brass, and solder in position as shown in figure 2. This plate is for the purpose of stopping the rotating of the mercury.

The next item is the rotor, which requires careful construction. A small lathe is necessary, or better still, the job can be turned over to a machinist. The construction is as follows:

Obtain a piece of brass rod 2 inches in diameter and 3 1/2 inches long and turn it up in the lathe to the dimensions in detail "A." Its appearance in the lathe will be as shown in figure 2A.

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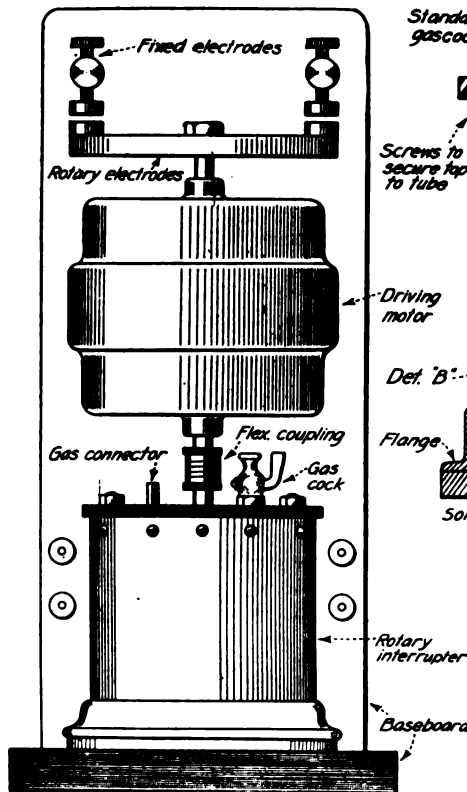
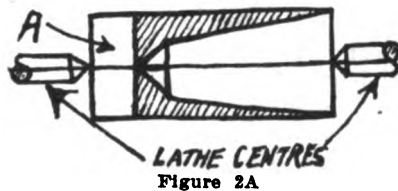


Fig. 1

A hole is drilled 1/2 inch deep and tapped 6/32 inch thread at the top of the rotor. Two more holes opposite each other are drilled with a 1/8 inch drill parallel with the sides of the rotor till they emerge out of the bottom. These are both plugged at the top by

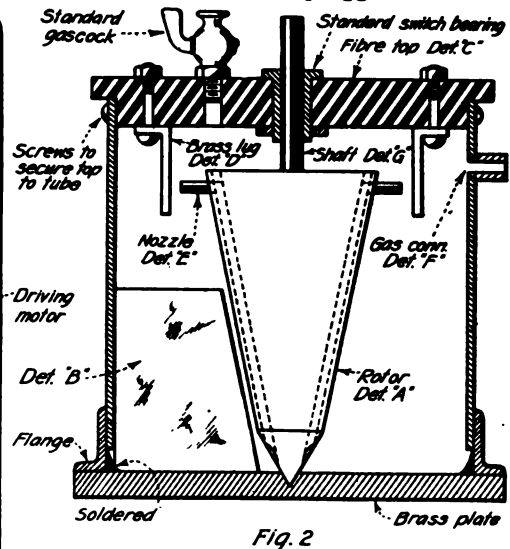
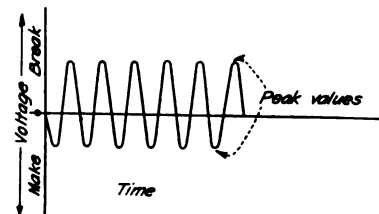


Fig. 2



Assembly of various parts

the metal has been cut away. The piece "A" merely provides a centre for the work.

tapping and screwing in a piece of threaded brass to a depth of a quarter of an inch and cutting off the rod flush

with the top. Two holes for the nozzles are run into the latter holes. These are drilled to receive a $\frac{1}{8}$ inch tap. This completes the most difficult part of the interrupter. The top portion (detail "C") on which the lugs are secured is made preferably of fibre, but hard wood may be used. The complete interrupter is assembled as shown in figures 1 and 2. The details will be understood from the individual drawings.

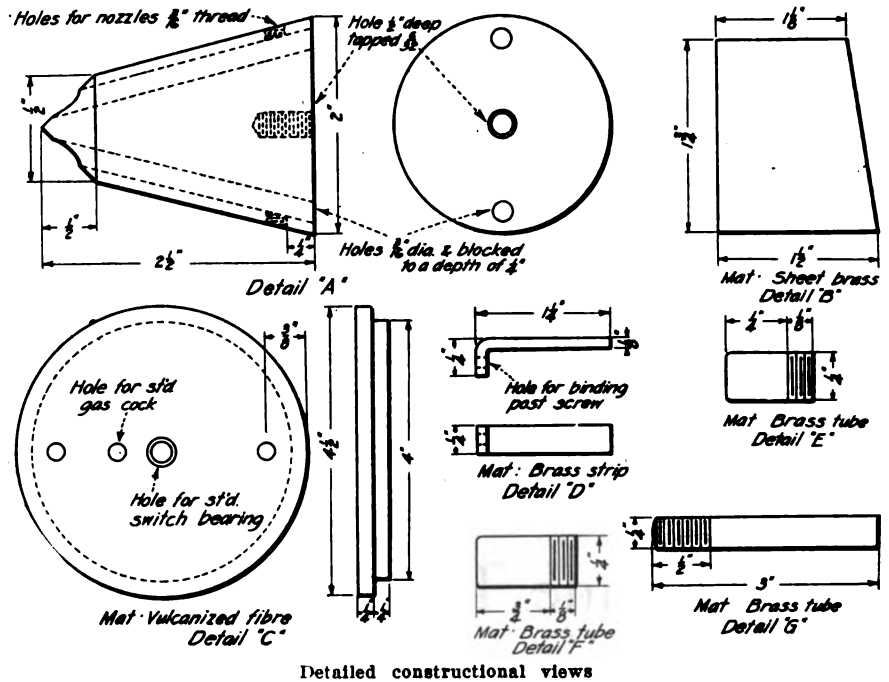
To operate, first connect the gas supply to the gas connector and open the gas cock, thus allowing the gas to run through the break till all air is driven out. Then close the escape cock leaving the gas supply on and start the motor, switching the spark coil into the circuit. The break operates without gas but for maximum efficiency its use is desirable. If no gas supply is available it is a simple matter to make a hydrogen generator. The advantages of this interrupter over other types of mercury interrupters are:

1. Rotary movement, therefore mercury not churned.
2. Gas dielectric, therefore no slush, as in breaks, using alcohol.
3. Higher speed of interruption per second compared to other mechanical breaks.

As shown in figure 1 a rotary spark gap can be fixed on the other end of the driving motor which can be adjusted so as to be synchronous with the interruptions. Consider figure 3, which shows the relation of the spark-

ing voltage to the time. Maximum efficiency is obtained when the discharge takes place at peak value. The best indications of this condition is

brass lugs will double the number of interruptions. Should two pairs of lugs be used an eight stud rotary gap is required.



$$\text{Spark frequency} = \frac{\text{Revs. per min.} \times \text{No. of interruptions per rev.}}{60}$$

Any desired spark frequency can be obtained with this synchronous spark gap and the purity of the note obtained is remarkably clear. A vital factor in the construction is the gas tight fittings that are necessary.

A Mechanical Interrupter

By C. F. Rudolph

Third Prize \$3.00

THE mechanical interrupter illustrated in the accompanying drawing is of the well known "commutator" type. It is designed with the intention of providing an easily constructed device and embodies a multiplicity of breaks in series, with large contact surfaces.

number of short lengths of round copper or brass rod which may be pinned or shellacked in place. The periphery is then turned down on a lathe until a suitable portion of the metal surface of the rods are exposed to form contacts. This cylinder is then mounted on a shaft fitted with a pulley, as

brush-holder spring. This provides four breaks and the rate of contact separation will therefore be four times the peripheral speed of the cylinder.

The interrupter is driven by a small motor, preferably by belt connection, which provides a means for speed adjustment by using pulleys of various diameters, in addition to the speed variation which can be obtained by motor control. The number of contacts per second or frequency of impulses in the primary will equal the number of revolutions per second times the number of contacts per revolution.

The large contact surfaces reduce the current density and hence the heating effect of the current when passing through the brush contacts. This tends to reduce the evil effect of sparking as will be confirmed by a consideration of modern designs of controller contactors and high speed commutators on direct current machinery.

The most "pep" from an induction coil is obtained from the inductive

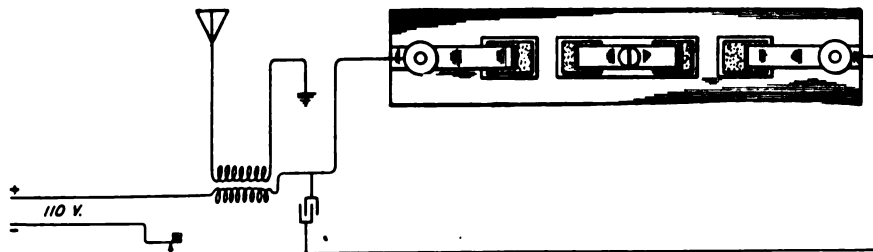


FIG. 1

Circuit showing hook-up

To construct this interrupter a cylinder of hard rubber, bakelite or other suitable material is drilled all the way through with a suitable number of holes on a "bolt circle." Into these holes, from each end, are driven a

shown and the whole supported in bearings of a frame which carries the contact brushes.

The brushes are fitted free to slide in rectangular guides in the frame and are connected in series through the

discharge upon the opening of the primary coil circuit due to the so-called collapse of the magnetic flux. This flux also cuts the primary coil and if the interrupter points are sufficiently close (although moving apart) when a striking voltage has been induced in the primary coil a spark jumps back across the interrupter gap. This discharge has the effect of lowering the maximum voltage induced in the secondary coil. In the interrupter shown the rate of separation of the contact points is multiplied by the number of contacts used and the undesirable effect of a sparking voltage being induced in the primary is greatly reduced.

In interrupters of familiar types a condenser is bridged across the gap. This condenser absorbs the energy induced in the primary coil by the collapsing flux, which energy is later returned to the system. A condenser of about .004 mfd. is necessary in the

interrupter shown. This capacity, of course, depends on the characteristics

est possible capacity necessary to eliminate sparking, in order that the

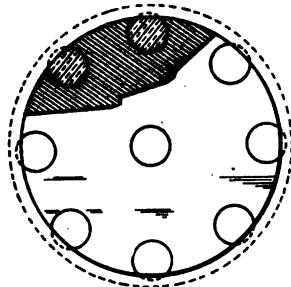


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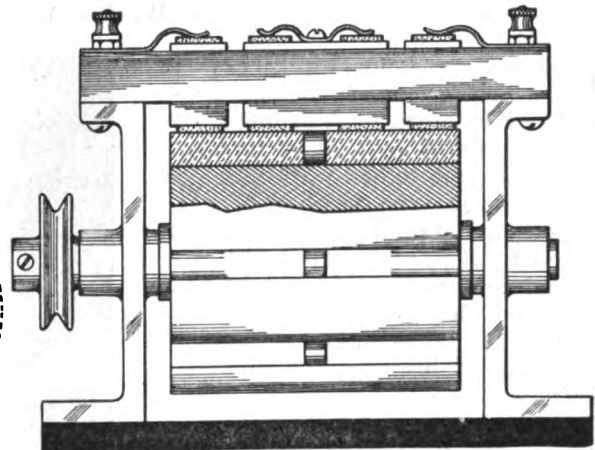


Fig. 3

Assembled and sectional view of rotor

of the induction coil, but if a condenser be used it must be of the small-

maximum high voltage may be induced in the primary.

Simple Capacity and Resistance Units

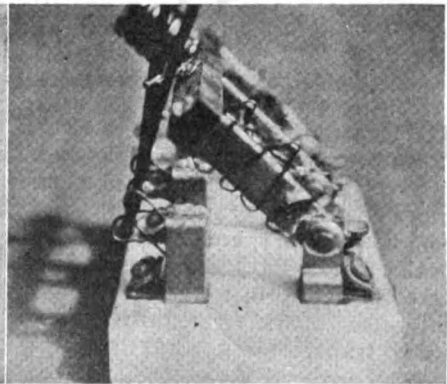
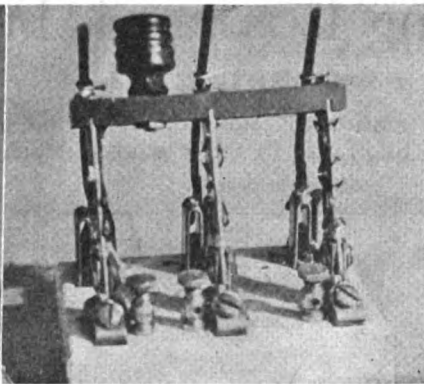
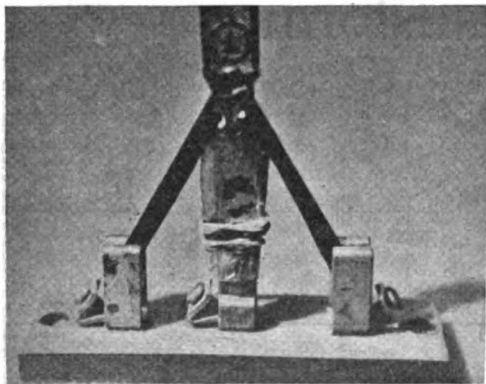
By R. U. Clark 3rd

FOR extreme sensitivity and long distance reception the radio frequency amplifier is considered better than all other types. Audio frequency couplings are especially useful for increasing the volume or intensity of sound, but their effect on sensitivity to weak signals is not so marked as with the high frequency amplifier.

The necessary parts for the instrument are one or more double throw switches, a small fixed condenser or the material to make one, a few brass wire paper clips, some narrow strips of cardboard, about $2 \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2}$ inches and a little carbon ink.

The condenser can be clamped to the blade of the switch, and one end

Connections can be made to the complete unit through the three binding posts which are incorporated in the switch, and also the wire or other connection provided at the other condenser terminal. The finished device will be found to work very well. The best results can be obtained by coating the resistances with wax.



Single and multiple pole switches rigged with capacity and resistance units

The simplest form of radio frequency amplifier is the resistance coupled set so popular for use on the long wavelengths. The only objection to the use of such a system for amateur work is met with in connection with the usual vacuum tubes, in which the internal capacity is so great as to make their use on short waves practically impossible for high frequency work. By the use of special tubes, or the Armstrong Super-Autodyne hook-up, high frequency amplification can be made satisfactory on short wavelengths.

A resistance and capacity unit for use with radio frequency amplifiers and in radiophone work is described in the hope that it may be of value to those who possess sets of this nature.

electrode soldered to the switch-blade, the other being fitted with a binding post. If so desired the blade of this switch can be used as one of the condenser plates, for as one end of the condenser is grounded to it the effect is the same. The inked resistances are also grounded through the same blades.

One of the brass wire clips is now soldered to the upper end of the switch blade, and one in each of the two contacts, in such a manner that the two pieces of carbon coated (inked) cardboard can be inserted so as to form a bridge from each contact to the top of the blade of the switch. The brass wire clips are used to do away, as far as possible, with undesirable capacity effects of the high resistance units.

In making up a number of these units it will be found cheaper, and as a rule better, to use double or triple pole switches instead of single pole ones. The blades of these will make very neat condenser electrodes, around which a sheet of mica and brass or copper can be rapped and soldered to complete the condenser.

For experimental work a variable resistance will be found desirable, and by using a three-pole switch three resistances can be varied at once. These resistances of any desired value can be used for grid leaks or coupling resistances. Fixed grid leaks can be mounted on the switch base and furnished with separate binding post, or in some cases they can be connected to the switch posts direct.

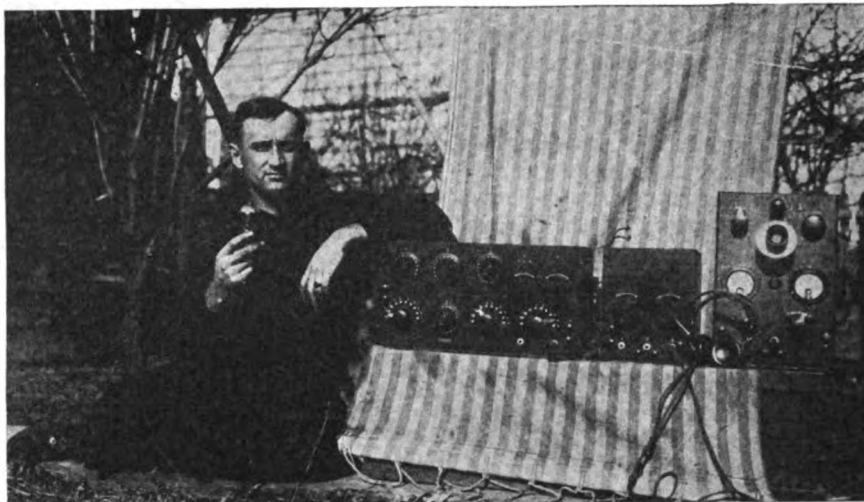
Amateur Trans-Continental Spark Reception

By Leo E. W. Kirby and R. H. Butler

AT 2:55 a. m., January 4th, Howard D. Selvage of Irvington, New Jersey, 2KF, heard 6EA calling 6GO and also copied part of a message which 6EA transmitted to 6GO.

Mr. Selvage wrote to 6EA, Mr. H. C. Seefred, of Los Angeles, and 6GO, Gordon Bennett, of Oakland, Cal., requesting confirmation of what he had heard, and letters from both these Pacific Coast amateurs have verified the details of his reception in every particular.

H. C. Seefred is a well-known amateur operating on the Pacific coast. He has an unusually well equipped station for an amateur, and had previously succeeded in establishing several records for long distance transmission. He has been heard in Juneau, Alaska (KDU) in Honolulu, and as far east as Fort Wayne, Indiana, (9ME). The fact that he had been heard on the Atlantic coast, however seemed too good to be possibly true until reference to his log book showed that the message which Selvage's letter quoted, absolutely corresponded to his record of transmission. Gordon Bennett, the amateur on the other end of the Coast conversation, also found that his records coincided with the claim.



Howard D. Selvage and his 2KF Station

Mr. Selvage's station is located at his home, 45 Durand Place, Irvington, New Jersey. The apparatus was designed by Arthur G. Wester of Hilton, New Jersey, and was erected by the pair. Wester is a prominent member of the Radio Club of Irvington, N. J., and is well known in local radio circles. Although only seventeen years old, he has been interested in radio for nearly three years and has been very successful in designing radio apparatus. The Selvage station contains

several advanced ideas of Wester's which have worked out very successfully in actual practice.

The station consists of a detector and three stages of audio-frequency amplification, and a loose coupler in miniature form, entirely home-made. A regenerative circuit is employed in conjunction with a tickler feed-back. Selvage used A-P tubes and Baldwin phones at the time of his trans-continental reception.

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Measuring Losses of Transformer

By L. R. Felder

THE attention of electrical and radio experimenters seems to be so rivetted on vacuum tube circuits and their operation that it may seem elementary and antiquated to speak about transformers. But there are many of us amateurs who still use spark transmitters and power transformers, and the infor-

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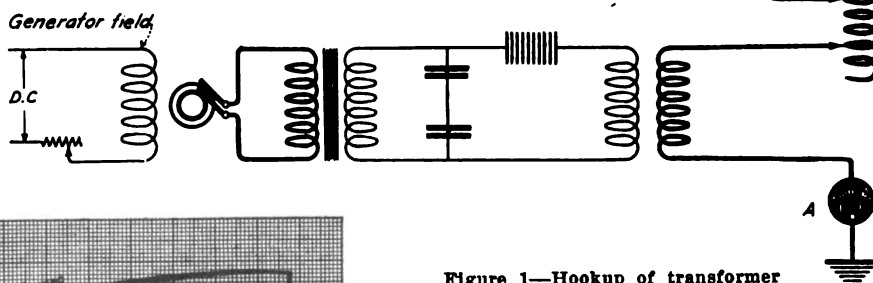


Figure 1—Hookup of transformer

in the spark transmitters and who use transformers in their experimental work. The power transformer is certainly an important piece of apparatus, and this article is designed to enable amateurs to obtain important data on their transformers without the use of expensive meters.

Generally in laboratories that can afford wattmeters of all sorts, the copper and iron losses of transformers are determined by actual measurement with wattmeters, voltmeters, etc. While estimates can be made there is really nothing like an experimental determination of the losses.

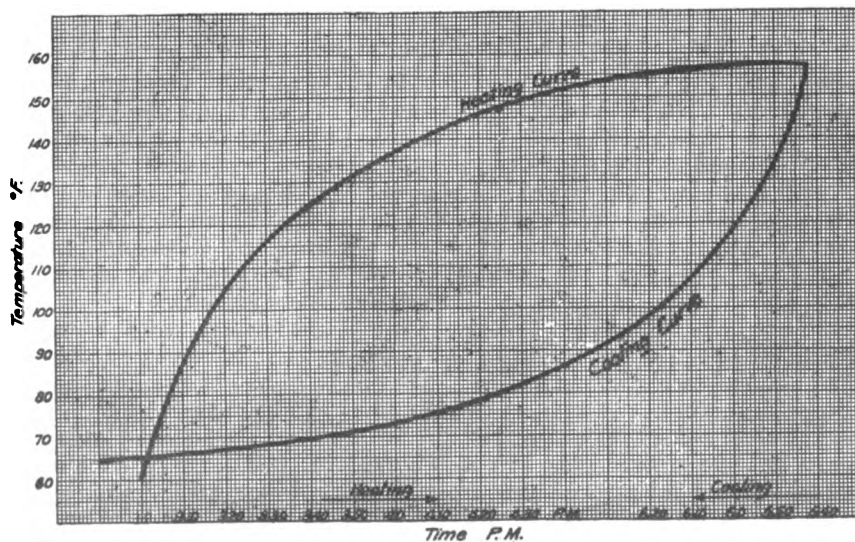


Figure 2—Graph of heating and cooling curves

The following is a very simple method for determining transformer losses, in which the only apparatus required is a watch and a thermometer. The copper and iron losses of a transformer are dissipated in heat, which results in a rise of temperature of the iron and copper. The method is based on a determination of the rate at which this temperature rises. This method has actually been used on 1 k.w., 2 k.w. and 5 k.w. resonance transformers operating at 500 cycles, and the results were checked up against wattmeter determinations and found to be accurate within 5 to 10 per cent.

The transformer is connected in the circuit as it always is when in operation. In our case we had it connected in circuit with the usual quenched spark gap as shown in figure 1. Let us now consider the measurement of the iron losses. The iron loss will be different for different excitations of the primary, but we are always interested in the loss at the operating voltage, 120 or 140 volts, or whatever it happens to be. It is not necessary to have the gap working, so disconnect it leaving the secondary of the transformer in open circuit and readjust the generator field rheostat to the working voltage.

The thermometer should be placed in close and direct contact with the iron and should be carefully packed in waste. Take the temperature of the cold core at the start and make a note of it. Now close the switch. Thereafter take temperature readings every five or ten minutes and make note of the time and temperature as both are important. It is preferable that for the first fifteen minutes or so readings be taken more frequently, say every three minutes as the rate of temperature rise during this period is the important factor in determining the loss. Make a mental note of the rate of temperature rise, or better still plot temperature against time during the run, and when the rate of temperature rise begins to fall (indicated by a flattening out of the curve) readings may be taken every five or ten minutes. Continue this until the core temperature has reached a practically constant value, then open the main switch and take a cooling curve. Some transformers may be so poorly designed that the temperature rises to very high values and does not reach a constant value for three hours or more. In this case when the temperature reaches about 100° C. open the main switch and

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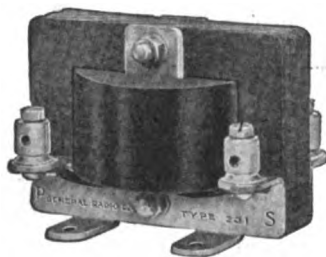
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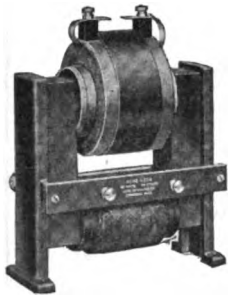
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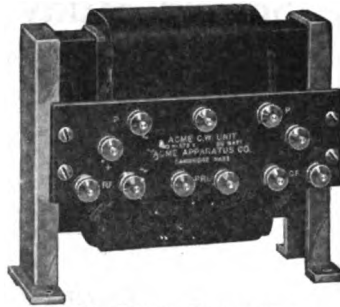
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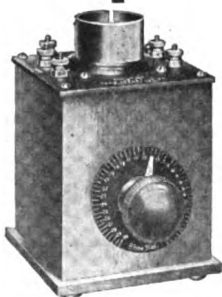
The frequency of the alternating current should be constant throughout the run and the voltage across the primary should be kept constant as the losses depend upon and vary with both these factors. The curves should be plotted as shown in the accompanying plot, temperature against time.

This finishes the experimental work and the calculation follows: The method is based upon the rate at which the temperature of one pound of water rises when power at the rate of one watt is dissipated in it. Knowing the specific heat of iron we can calculate from the preceding the rate at which the temperature of one pound of iron will rise when power at the rate of one watt is dissipated in the iron. From our heating curve we determine the rate at which the iron temperature actually rises due to the losses. If we divide this actual rate of temperature rise of the iron by the rate of rise produced by a loss of one watt per pound we get the watts per pound actually lost in the iron. Multiply this by the weight of the iron and we have the total watts lost in the iron of the transformer. The preliminary calculation determining the rate at which one pound of iron will rise when one watt is lost in it will now be made and this result will be used in the actual test made with a 5-k.w. transformer.

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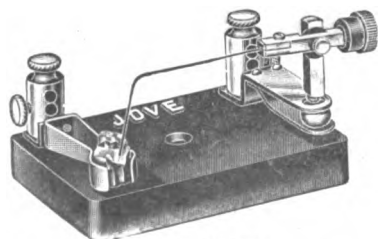
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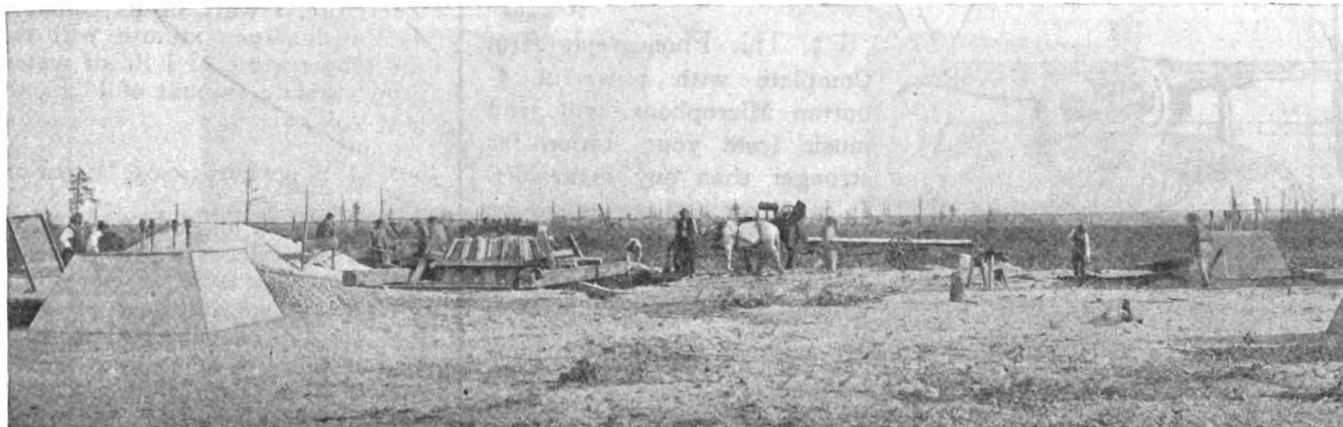
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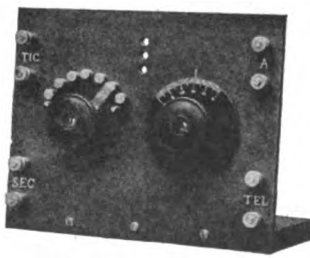
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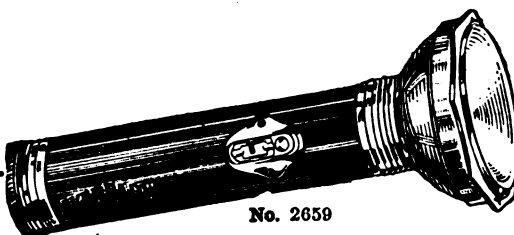
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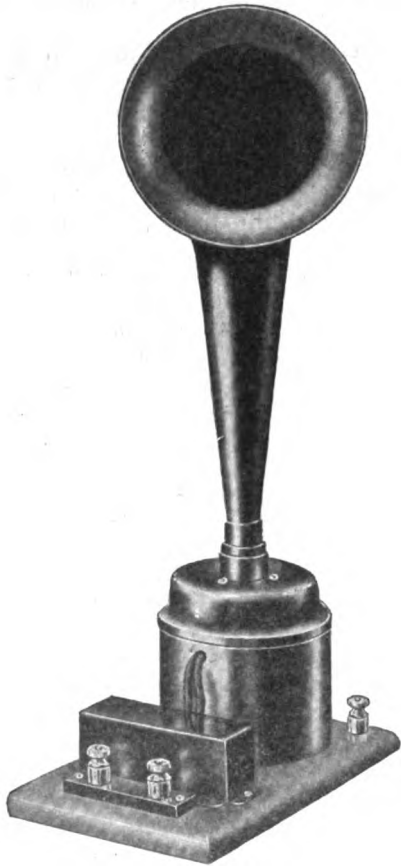
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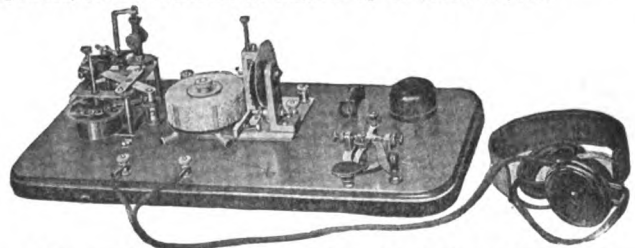
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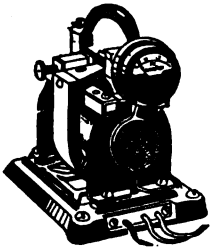
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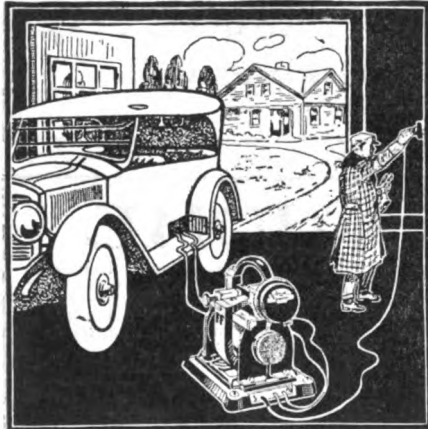
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The Convention Committee made its final report at this meeting on this year's exhibition and convention and was discharged from further activities and disbanded. A cash balance of \$589.09 was transferred to the credit of the Council as the net proceeds of the exhibition.

An interesting address on "Radio Tubes" was given in the lecture room of the Deborah Cook Sayles Public Library, Pawtucket, R. I., by Capt. H. G. Gawler of the Radio Corporation of America. The lecture was arranged by N. B. Judkins of

East Providence and R. W. Farnum, members of the Blackstone Radio Club. Amateur operators from Brown University and from all sections of the state were present to listen to the expert instruction imparted by Capt. Gawler.

The development of radio tubes for amateur and commercial usage has reached a high degree of efficiency, asserted Capt. Gawler, who gave technical instruction regarding the use of the tubes and illustrated his lecture with stereopticon slides. He also spoke of the increased interest in citizen radio work and complimented the members of the local club upon their earnestness.

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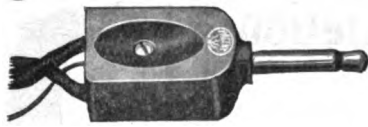
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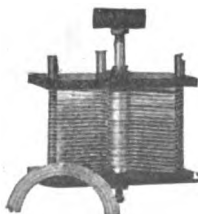
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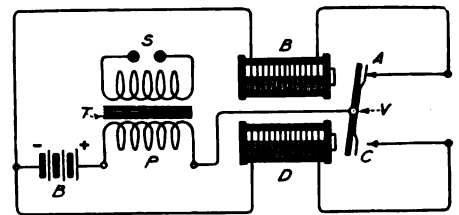
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By G. N. GARRISON

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Circuit of the vibrator

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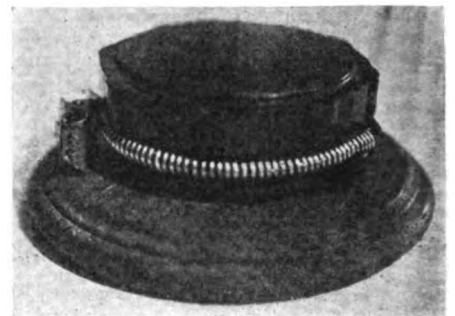
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The base can be made from most anything workable in the line of insulating materials, an old round wood-en switch base being used in the instrument shown here. The binding posts used are rather novel, being nothing more than two cheap metal spring clips with saw tooth jaws, one being so mounted that the springy part of it makes contact with the wire resistance coil.

The mainstay of the rheostat proper is a cheap radiator cap, which can be bought in various sizes very cheaply. This cap is fitted with a short shaft, threaded or soldered to the central portion of the metal case which has a small hole for attaching the wire resistance coil.

The resistance coil can be wound from any high grade wire or in many cases can be recovered from a burnt out nitrogen lamp of the largest size, or an old heating unit of some kind. As remarked before, one end of this coil is grounded to the metal part of the radiator cap, which in turn is connected to one of the binding posts by contact with the edge. The remainder of the coil is then wound around the metal casing of the cap, a small piece of tape, asbestos, or similar material being placed between the coil and the casing to prevent short circuiting. The coil ends are joined with string.

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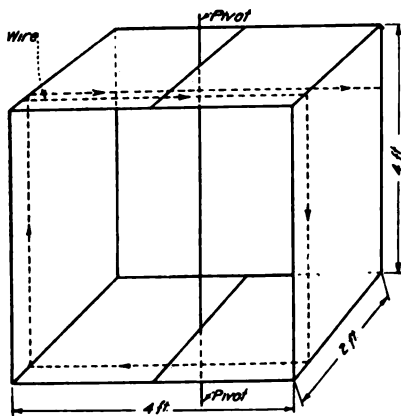
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Ans. 1. To construct a "resonance wave coil" more commonly called a loop antenna, construct a box frame four feet on a side and 24 inches wide. Wind on it 20 turns of No. 18 bell wire. Arrange the coil so that it can be rotated and then connect a large capacity variable condenser so that it can be connected either in series or parallel with the loop. Employ the loop as if it were the secondary of an oscillation transformer and connect the detector with it accordingly. Below is a sketch of the frame.



Wind wire on the frame as in the sketch. For more complete details and operating data refer you to the latest edition of Robinson's Navy Manual.

A. C. R., White Rock, S. D.

Q. 1. What is the wave length of an aerial containing four wires each 50 feet long?

Ans. 1. Insufficient data to estimate. Give length of lead-in, distance between wires, height above ground and length of ground lead.

Q. 2. Please tell me of some company which manufactures wireless apparatus to order.

Ans. 2. Suggest you communicate with several of the more prominent manufacturers advertising in THE WIRELESS AGE. The Klitzen Radio Manufacturing Co., of Racine, Wisconsin, advertise that they will build special apparatus to order.

D. O. S., Le Mars, Iowa.

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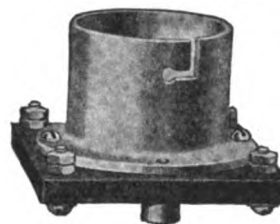
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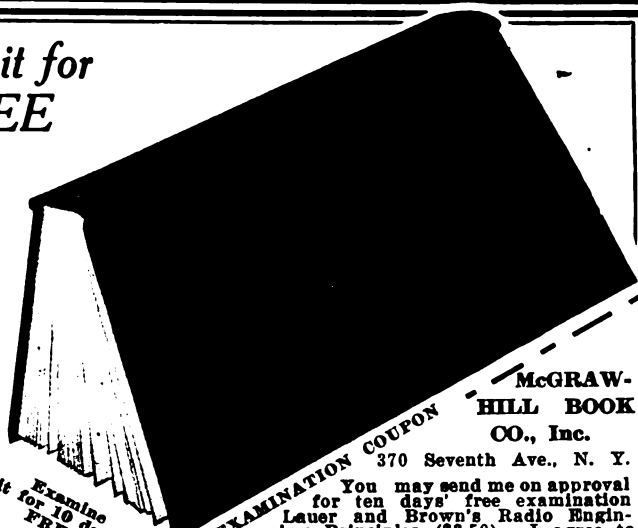
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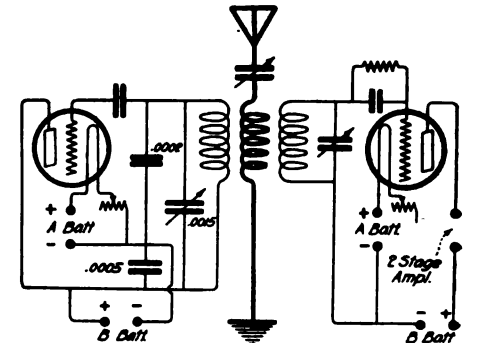
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Ans. 1. This trouble is due to improper adjustment of your receiver. Would suggest you arrange a switch to short circuit your tickler coil as this will prevent regeneration and solve your difficulty. It is not necessary to have regeneration for the reception of phone speech or spark signals.

H. K., Sycamore, Ohio.

Q. 1. I noticed in an electrical magazine that all amateurs are required to have a license. Could you please tell me where I could obtain a license?

Ans. 1. A license is only required when using a transmitter and can be obtained from the radio inspector of your district at Cleveland.

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Q. 1. I am thinking of putting up a wireless telephone transmitting and receiving outfit to send a distance of ten miles and I would like you to tell me if it is required by law to get a license for a wireless transmitting outfit.

Ans. 1. A license is required for a transmitter of any type whatsoever. Apply to the Radio Inspector of your district.

Q. 2. Have you a record of any wireless clubs or operators in Springfield? Could you give me a list of a few of them?

Ans. 2. For a complete list of the various radio clubs of the United States would refer you to the "Wireless Year Book," sold by the Wireless Press, 326 Broadway, N. Y. C.

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Q. 1. Please give full diagram of the Colpitts Wireless Telephone Circuit.

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Ans. 1. The best and cheapest solution of your problem is to employ "B" battery having taps for different voltages. A potentiometer always runs the battery down and shortens its life considerably. A potentiometer should not be tapped, but should have a sliding contact. If you decide to use a potentiometer I suggest you secure one of the graphite rod non-inductive type, which can be purchased at a very reasonable price.

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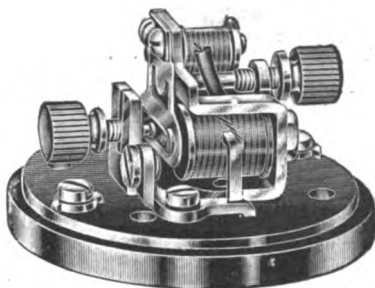


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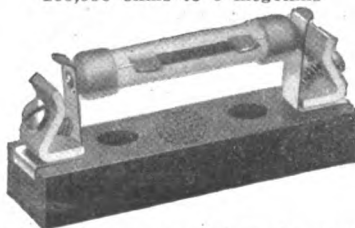
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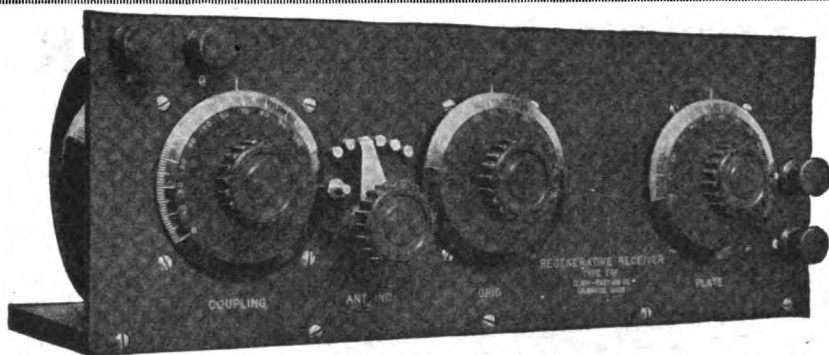


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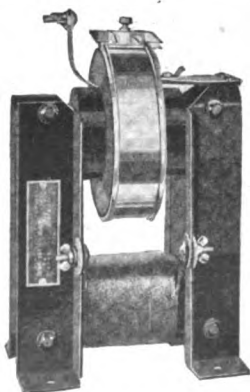
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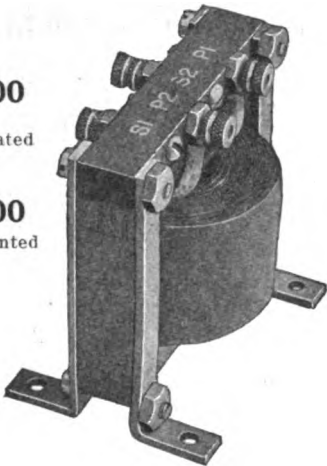
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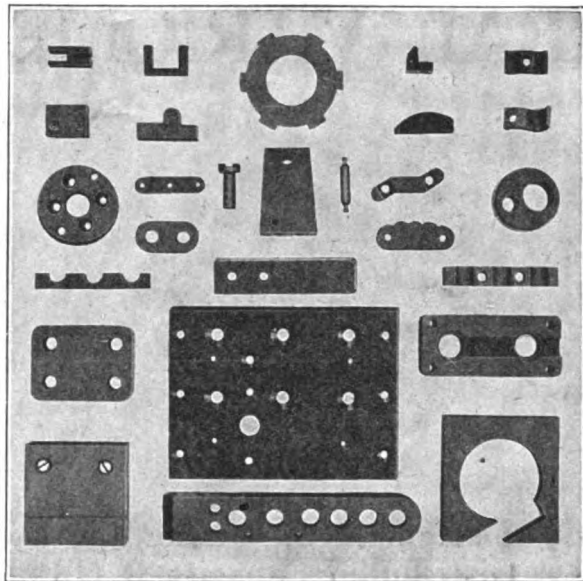
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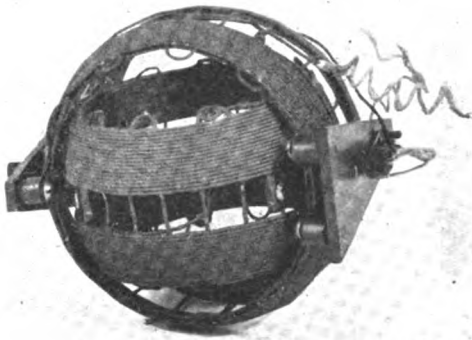
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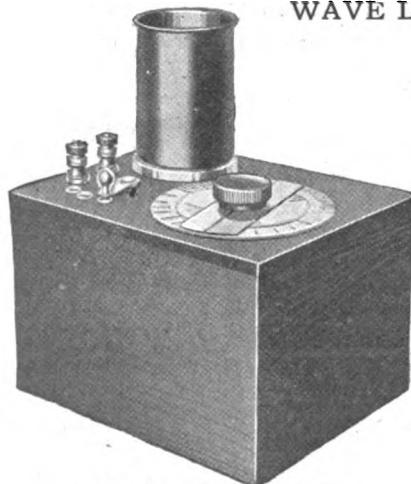
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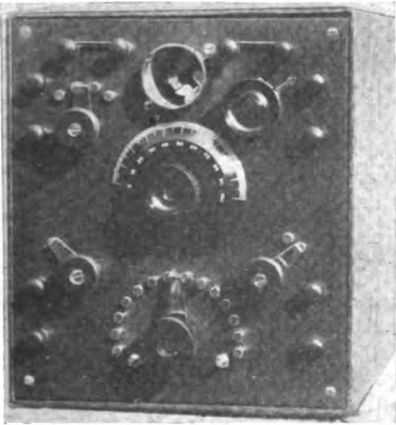
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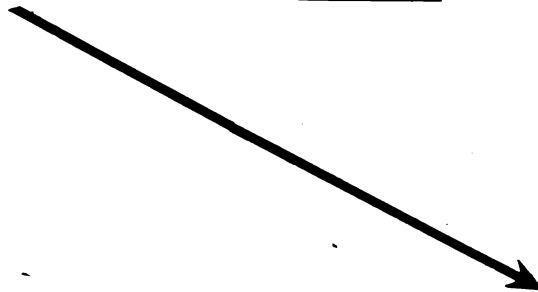


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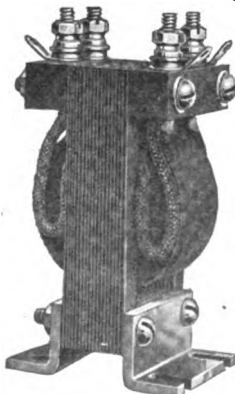
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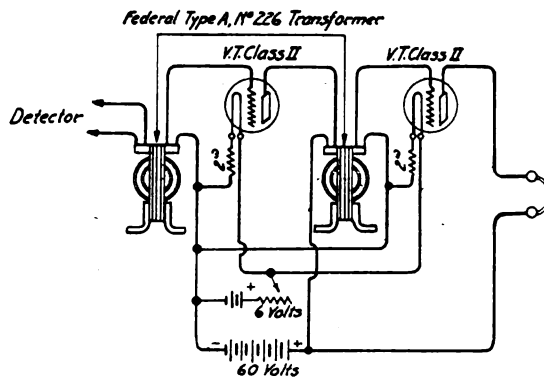
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