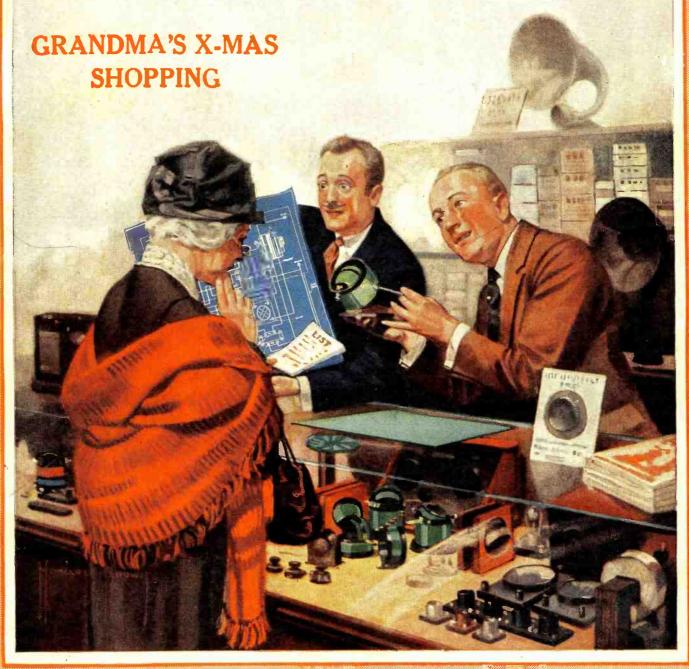


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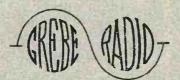


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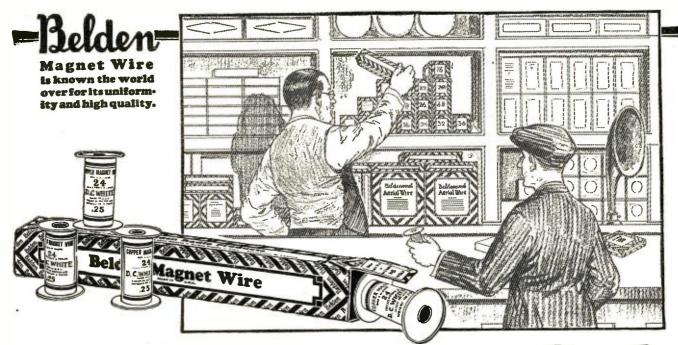
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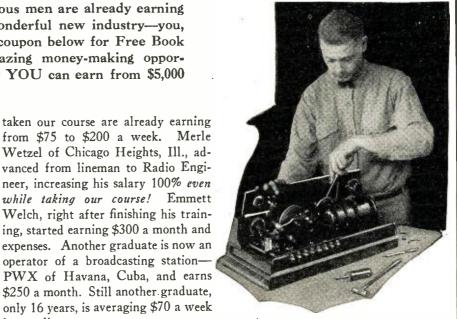
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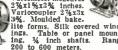














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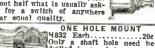
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Panel Size	Art.	Price Each		Panel Size	I	Art. Price No. Each
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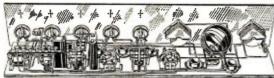


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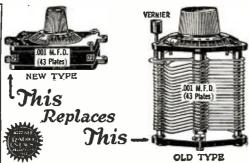
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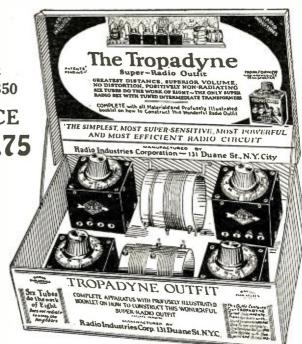
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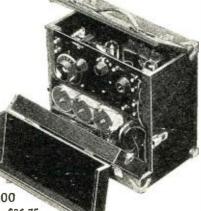
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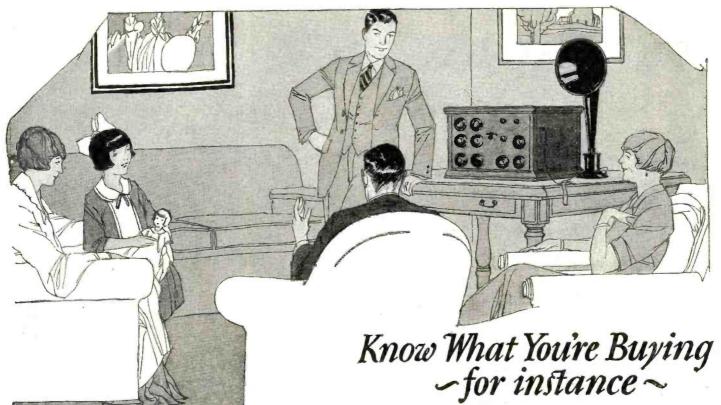
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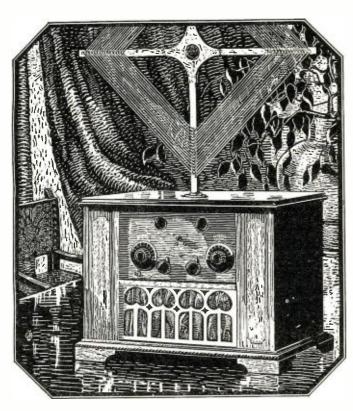
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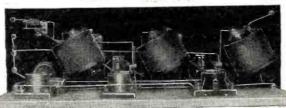
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Your Boy and Radio

The following is an editorial published by the writer in 1914:
A SERMON TO PARENTS

"Keep Your Boy at Home"

THE strongest ties in life are the home ties. It makes a lot of difference, both to you—his parents—and to him too, when a young man grows up, whether his thoughts dwell with sweet pleasure upon his old homestead, or whether the remembrance of his home and his past home-life is painful to him.

How many well-meaning, fond American parents develop the home idea in the young boy? Are you not a bit to blame if your boy, when still in his 'teens, is seen too much in questionable company and in questionable resorts? Your boy is not naturally inclined to stay away from his home and his family. He is usually forced out, for want of something to keep his growing, inquisitive mind occupied; it's the something that he can't find at his home that forces him out. So out he goes. He drifts on, away from you,—the heartstrings loosen more and more, you—his parents—wonder and wonder and the boy becomes a stranger before you realize it.

Then It Is Usually Too Late to Mend

This is—alas—only too true a picture of the average American youth. And it is so easy to keep your boy at home. He doesn't want much, just something to dabble, to tinker, to experiment with and to keep his inborn insatiable curiosity satisfied.

You know your boy likes nothing better than this, he was born for it; are you going to club it out of him?

He has the right idea—the home idea; somewhere in him is a spark alive that needs but proper fanning to create a future Edison, a coming Marconi

future Edison, a coming Marconi.

Electricity, especially Wireless, are positively the strongest home-magnets today. His workshop, his small electric laboratory or his Wireless Den are the most powerful home attractions for the 20th Century Boy.

Electricity and Wireless are the coming, undreamed of, world-moving forces. Don't kill the electric spark in your boy. It costs little to keep it going, and some fine day it will pay you and your boy handsome dividends.

Only one boy in 300 is interested in Electricity and Wireless. *Your* boy has the electric "bug." Thank the stars for the fact that he is so deeply interested in the greatest art the world has ever known. It's a distinction, besides:

"It Keeps Your Boy at Home."

THE views expressed therein are just as true today as they were 10 years ago with the exception that at that time the message was intended to reach only 100,000 where the same message today concerns literally many millions of young men, not only in this coun-

try but throughout the world.

It is true that today millions of boys and young men all over the world are experimenting with radio, and it is also true that it would be a still greater boon if many more millions were to take it up. To the uninitiated, to the layman, and to most parents, radio today is still a big enigma. Many people still look upon it with a feeling of trepidation; stranger yet, many parents view it with apprehension when their bright off-spring begins spending their hard earned money on radio paraphernalia. There are still many people who have the idea that radio is only a fad which will disappear sooner or later. To these good people we wish to say that radio today is a vast industry which stands 34th on the list of all the industries in this country. It is an industry already greater than that of railway car building. It also already rivals in dollars and cents the ship-building industry which, as everyone knows, is of considerable size.

The writer's message years ago to the parents of the young men then was that radio kept their boys at home, off the streets and away

from bad influences. This is just as true today as it was then. The modern boy easily becomes bored at home. He has the adventurous spirit and it is a matter of vital importance for him to use his surplus energy. For that reason, as a rule, he seeks amusement away from home, whereas it is quite a simple matter to cultivate the home ties if the parents go about it in the right way. If the young man becomes interested in radio he will soon forget the pool room, the corner hangout and the questionable "gang" he was getting to know so well—too well. He will be so busy at home trying out the latest hook-ups that it becomes somewhat of a problem to get him away from his radio. Of the two evils this seems to be the lesser, for, as long as he is at home, at least the chance of his going wrong is more remote.

But this is not the important consideration. The far greater and vital point is that we know of nothing that sharpens one's wits more effectively than the intricacies of radio. Not every boy has the brain or the inclination to ferret out the mass of radio circuits and technique. It takes rcal brains and stick-to-itiveness to build a radio

outfit and make it work.

If the young man shows an inclination toward radio he should be encouraged with all possible means. The expense in no case is very great and the educational value derived by the boy can never be figured in dollars and cents. Impressions upon the mind are strongest in youth as we all know. What is learned and learned well in youth is hardly ever forgotten. The boy experimenter of today may be the radio magnate of tomorrow. The radio industry which today has already reached tremendous proportions will probably be one of the leading industries ten years hence, and those who get their feet firmly implanted in that industry will surely grow up with it.

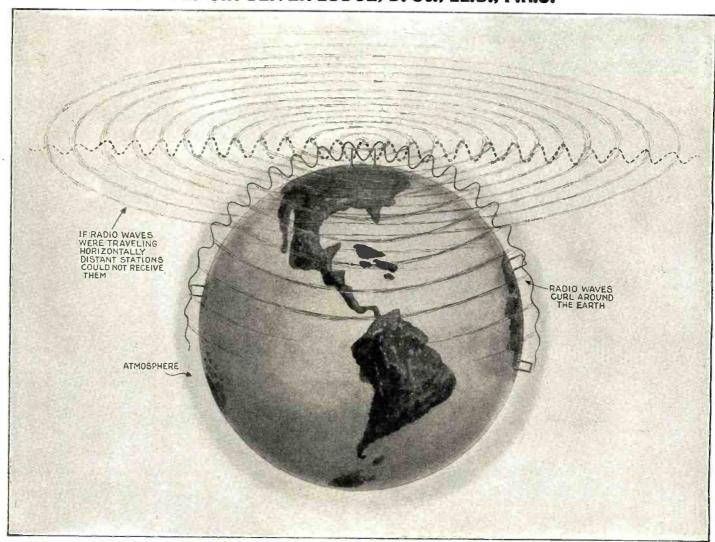
If Edison had not been an experimenter in his boyhood he would not have attained his present success. If Henry Ford had not been mechanically inclined in his childhood the world might not have a reasonably priced car today. The list could be continued indefinitely. In radio it is all-important that when a six or an eight year old boy shows any leaning towards it, the spark should be fanned with all possible zeal.

Radio is vastly more complicated than the electrical and mechanical arts just now. Important changes occur almost every month. It takes many years of hard work and training to become a radio engineer. Too many "radio engineers" today masquerade under that name; some of them have been at it but a short time, while many boys of 16 have been at it since they were eight years old and probably know more about the new art than many self-styled radio engineers. It is a fact that when radio became a hig thing in 1921, practically every radio amateur was immediately drawn into the new industry and a great many of them today are in some commanding position. Even if the radio enthusiast who has been at it a number of years should find it necessary tomorrow to go into some other line of endeavor the writer still maintains that the radio training will leave its mark upon him during the remainder of his life.

The radio mind is always keen and sharp, and whether this thinking is applied to the radio or the banking business makes little difference. It is a valuable acquisition that will probably grow more valuable as the years go on. Radio to the young man today is a valuable college education. It not only trains the mind to useful and careful thinking, but it trains the young man manually as well. In building a number of radio sets he becomes well versed in the handling of tools and the handling of a surprisingly large amount of materials. He comes into close contact not only with a vast number of various metals which he must not only know thoroughly, but also various kinds of woods, hard rubber, bakelite, cottons, silks, and many other products. He soon learns to appreciate values in a business sense because he is quickly trained where to buy his materials and how to buy them at the lowest price. This is an education in itself.

Radio to the youth is the best possible foundation of the future self made man.

The Behavior of Radio Waves and the Heaviside Layer By SIR OLIVER LODGE, D. Sc., LL.D., F.R.S.

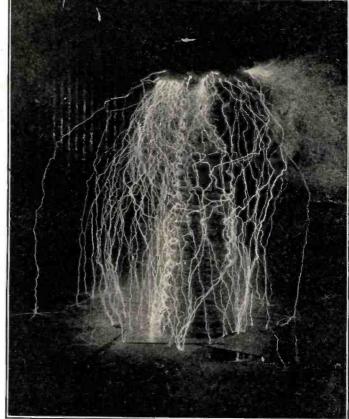


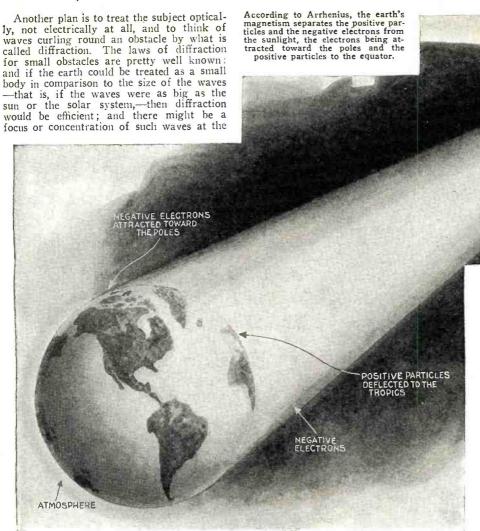
HE surprising fact that electric waves travel around the earth instead of spreading out in straight lines like the rays of ordinary light, has set a problem to mathematicians, which many have taken up and found to be of considerable difficulty. It is known that waves can be guided along conductors under certain conditions; in fact, that is how ordinary telegraph signals are conveyed, whether by land wire, or by cable: they travel through the insulator, but are guided by the conductor. Conductors are opaque to waves, they cannot be penetrated; at least the better the conductor the more opaque it is. But a conductor can reflect waves. If they establish a footing on its surface, they can creep, or rather flash along it, with great ease, leaving a little energy behind them if the conductor is imperfect, and becoming thereby somewhat distorted, but traveling almost free from distortion if the conduction is nearly perfect.

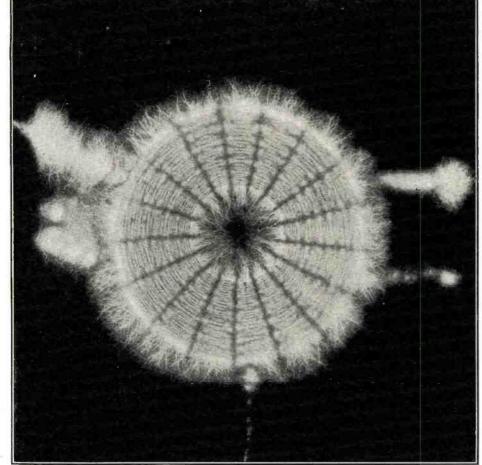
One way, therefore, of treating the problem of long-distance transmission mathematically is to imagine the earth a perfectly conducting sphere, and find out what would happen in that case. After solving this difficult problem, the data may then be modified so as to introduce a certain amount of resistance, making the earth an imperfectly conducting sphere, as if for instance it were totally covered by sea-water. A third attempt, hardly one tractable mathematically, can aim at distributing land and water into continents and oceans, and seeing what happens then. That, however, is one of the empirical problems that can only be approximated.

This graphic representation of wave propagation shows that if the energy of a radio wave were readiated horizontally, distant stations would not be able to receive the signals. The waves, according to scientists, are either reflected on the Heaviside layer or follow the curvature of the earth.

On the right the photograph of high frequency discharge shows that the currents of very high frequency do not follow the shortest path.







This photograph shows the distribution of high frequency current in a spider-web coil. It spreads on the outside of the conductor, but follows it. The same thing probably happens around the earth.

antipodes. But that is a quite different antipodes. But that is a quite different notion from anything appropriate to radio telegraphy. Diffraction will not account for the curling round of ordinary ether waves. Nor is earth conduction very satisfactory. And yet the waves do curl round, and easily reach Europe. Whereas if they went in straight lines, they would be going far overhead even for that distance. And now

overhead, even for that distance. And now Mr. Marconi appears to find that even short waves, or comparatively short waves, travel enormous distances, under favorable con-ditions. What are those favorable conditions. What are those favorable ditions? If they were due to earth ditions? If they were due to earth conduction, they would not be so likely to vary, as they do. The fact that they are capricious and dependent on sunlight and other causes, shows that the conditions must be partly regulated by the atmosphere. And as is well known, Mr. Oliver Heaviside attributed the curling-round of the waves to the influence of a good conducting layer in the atmosphere overhead, acting concurrently perhaps with the salt water below, so that the waves were enclosed in a stratum between two conducting surfaces, the air effect on the whole being more efficient than the earth conduction.

Everyone who has worked with vacuum tubes, with an air-pump, knows that at a certain stage of exhaustion, the residual air is conducting, or at least breaks down very easily, conveying a current and lighting up at very small voltage. Whereas, when the air is at high pressure, or very low pressure, great voltage is needed to drive a current through it. But at the best conducting vacuum very small voltage suffices. um, very small voltage suffices.

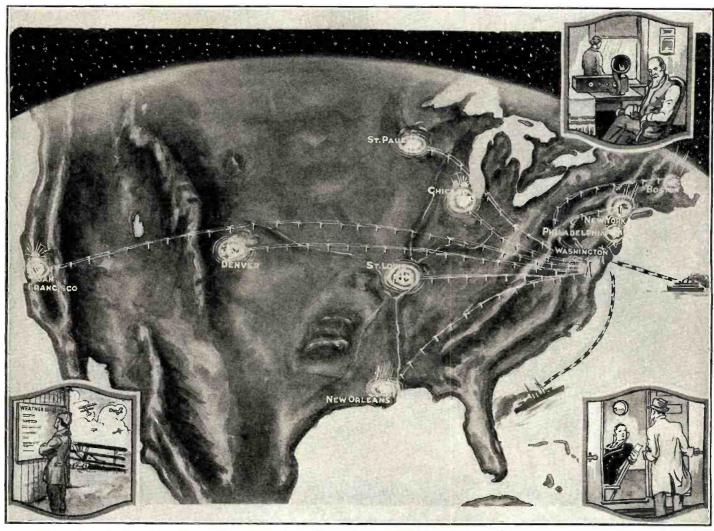
Now as we ascend through the atmosphere, we pass from ordinary atmospheric pressure to zero. Consequently a best conducting layer must exist. But a stratum of that kind is so gradual that it is unlikely to be kind is so gradual that it is unlikely to be able to serve as the layer postulated by Mr. Heaviside, even if it were sufficiently conducting. But it is well known that air can be made conducting by various means, notably by X-rays, and even by ultra-violet light; also by combustion, as by flames; and by various kinds of physical or chemical action, even by splashing water. These agents are said to invice the air, that is, to agents are said to ionize the air, that is, to eject electrons from atoms so that electric charges are free in the air for a time, and are able to conduct, as they do in metals, where for another reason they are extremely free

The chief ionizing factor in the atmosphere is probably the solar rays. What we get down here of sunshine has been filtered by down here of sunshine has been filtered by the atmosphere. But the upper layers of the air have to stand a bombardment of the unfiltered sunlight. By ascending a very high mountain or going up in a balloon, we may experience the sunlight only partially filtered. The result is that we get first bronzed and then blistered. There can be little doubt that the really unfiltered sun-

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"We Will Now Give the Official Weather Forecast" By FRANCIS DASHIELL, M., I.R.E.

Describing how weather reports are compiled and broadcast.



This map illustrates how the local weather conditions from all parts of the United States and from the ocean are sent to the weather Bureau at Washington, D. C., and how these reports are transmitted to the various broadcast stations by telegraph, from where they are broadcast.

T is quite safe to assume that practically every radio broadcast listener has heard some announcer say, "We will now give the official weather forecasts." A simple statement, 'tis true, and the time it takes to broadcast it is very short, but how many listeners realize just what is behind the forecast, from whence does it come, and what is the use and extent of its distribution?

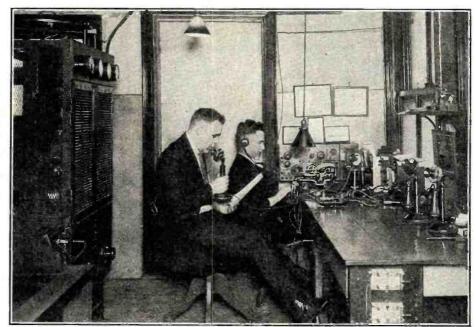
its distribution?

The United States Weather Bureau at Washington is, without exception, the greatest scientific agency ever established for the study of meteorology and the distribution of weather forecasts, throughout the world. It issues official forecasts of expected weather conditions, storms and hurricanes, under the specific authority of Congress, which established the Bureau about 50 years ago. Any weather forecasts which may be issued as coming from the Federal Bureau are a violation of the law. Therefore, as will be seen later, the forecasts which you may hear over the radio and credit to the Weather Bureau are official, and can be counted upon to prove correct nine times out of ten, according to actual verification figures.

The radio stations broadcasting weather forecasts are especially licensed by the Department of Commerce, after a complete investigation by the Weather Bureau at Washington. It is a violation of the Federal radio regulations for a station to broadcast any Government weather forecasts without this license. This prevents spurious forecasts

from being broadcast to millions of listeners who would become aroused at some radical and incorrect forecast. In order to receive

a recommendation from the Weather Bureau for a weather broadcasting license, a sta-(Continued on page 1050)



Broadcasting weather forecasts from station KYW, Chicago, Ill. The operator near the window is receiving the forecasts by radio, in code and on a long wave. The complete information on a typewritten sheet is passed to the other operator who announces it over the radiophone.

^{*}Observer, United States Weather Bureau.

Third Radio Conference Makes for Better Radio Service

By CARL H. BUTMAN

HE third annual radio battle ended Oct. 11 at Washington, D. C., and the clean-up squad of supervisors and technical experts has finished its work re-zoning stations and reallocating wavelengths. Practically everything went through and in general the radio public and industry will be better served in the future.

The first report of the Conference was made by Mr. W. D. Terrell, Chief Supervisor of Radio of the Department of Commerce, who is chairman of the sub-committee on general allocation of frequency or wave-length bands. The allocation for marine length bands. The allocation for marine communication allows ship communication between 600 and 1,051 meters with wave bands provided for radio compass stations at 800 meters and radio beacons at 1,000 meters, with suitable protecting bands on either side. It was recommended that ships be no longer required to maintain the 300 meter adjustment as required by international The wave band reserved for regulations. The wave band reserved for marine telephone, colleges and Government use from 1,051 to 1,579 was continued. Wave bands from 1,579 to 1,817 meters were assigned to point to point and marine use for spark, C.W. and I.C.W., and 1,817 to 1,910 meters for use of point to point and marine, C.W. and I.C.W. non-exclusive. 1,910 to 2,500 meter length is reserved for the exclusive use of marine communication on C.W. and I.C.W. The band for Government use between 2,500 and 3,150 meters as fixed by the previous Conference, was left unchanged. The band for broadcast purposes was extended to include 200 to 545 meters and cleared from all other types of service, thereby permitting it exclusive use for broadcasting.

The radio amateurs were allowed to retain the wave bands previously assigned, with slight changes. They were assigned 150 to 200 meters; 75 to 86.6 meters; 37.5 to 32.8 meters; 18.7 to 21.2 meters; 4.6 to 5.3 meters. These allocations were made for C.W. and I.C.W. and telephone operation only.

Dr. George K Burgess, Director of the Bureau of Standards, reported as chairman of the subcommittee on alloca-tion of frequencies to broadcast stations. This allocation does not differ except in degree from the allocation now in force. The extension of the broadcasting service to 200 meters allows a large number of simultaneous, noninterfering commu-

nication channels in this class. It was recommended that the present Class C licenses be discontinued, after November 15, 1924. This will make available several new channels for Class B broadcasting and will eliminate one of the most important causes for congestion in the broadcasting band. It is also recommended

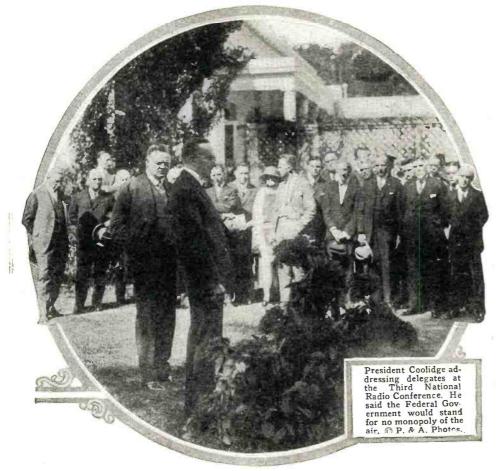


Hon. Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, opening the Third National Radio Conference with an important talk on the vital problems of radio. © Henry Miller News Picture Service, Inc.

that the frequency assignments on the Atlantic coast be repeated on the Pacific coast. This has been shown to be practical in the experience of the Department. The zoning system of the United States was, therefore, changed in minor degrees to take care of this alteration and allows a large number of frequencies for the congested areas. This frequencies for the congested areas. This new allocation makes possible 63 Class B channels, 32 Class A channels and a new class is created and given five channels. This latter class includes all broadcast stations having a power of 1,000 watts or less. It is proposed that instead of designating stations as Class B and Class A, the three classes be designated as Class 1, now Class B; Class 2, now Class A and Class 3, which are local low power stations. The plan retains all of the principles of the present Class B assignments; that is, the 50 kilcycle separation in each zone and minimum of 20 kilo-cycles separated in adjacent zones. It is fur-ther reccommended that in a given locality not more than two Class 1, now Class B, stanot more than two class I, startions be licensed on a given frequency. Any additional applicants should be temporarily assigned to frequencies in the Class 2, now Class A, band, until a frequency is available. Thus, there would be a possible maximum of 126 Class 1 stations. These changes in the allocation of frequencies to broadcast stations require that several alterations be made in existing assignments. Such changes are inevitable, but the reassignments should be made. It is recommended that a small continuing committee be designated by the Conference to remain in Washington and collaborate with radio supervisors in a reassignment of the broadcast station frequencies in accordance with the recommendations of this Committee.

General George O. Squier, formerly Chief Signal Officer of the United States Army, reported that the work of Subcommittee No. 3 on general problems of radio broadcasting was practically completed after three extended sessions. This report states that due consideration has been given to the class of programs broadcast from various stations.

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Dr. J. H. Dellinger, Chief of the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards.

ACUUM tubes of increased efficiency, transmitting stations with measurably greater power, and the elimination of batteries and antennae! These are among the radio developments foreshadowed by Dr. J. H. Dellinger, Chief of the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards, in an interview with the writer. The progressive changes outlined, according to his version, will also be attended by a greatly increased popularity of this medium of communication—that is, radio receiving sets will be as common as telephones and automobiles, and the number in use in the United States is likely to approach 12,000,000.

"In the next few months we shall doubtless see the beginning of a steady development of cheaper, simpler, and better receiving sets," predicts Doctor Dellinger, with the added comment that this is already being accomplished. "Radio sets are now in the same stage as the early automobile when they had a whipsocket on the dash board. Ten years from now it will be hard to believe that the complicated juggernauts we now call receiving sets were used at all.

"We shall certainly see the elimination of batteries and antennae. Perhaps even the electron tubes will go, and crystal detectors come back, if broadcasting is distributed from a sufficient number of stations. These stations will be linked together, so as to send out the same material simultaneously. The stations will be connected by one of three methods, namely, wire telephone distribution, radio relaying, and the carrier-current system. The receiving sets will be built so the pressing of a button will adjust the set to bring in the particular material desired. One thing about radio sets that now appears certain is that practically everybody will have one.

"Is the present trend toward the use of radio receiving instruments with a great number of tubes, or will the one- and two-tube sets be the popular type of the future?"

the doctor was asked.

"Certainly there will not be an increase in the number of vacuum tubes used." he replied. "Distant reception is not always due to the sensitivity of a receiving set or

The Progress of Radio

An Interview with Dr. J. H. Dellinger, Chief of the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards

By S. R. WINTERS

to the power of the transmitting station," he added. "Favorable atmospheric conditions and the absence of electrical disturbances occasionally make possible long-distance reception, thus accounting for the freak records reported. On the other hand, static, electrical machinery and other limiting factors, operate against the full possibilities of a receiving set."

Pertinent to this conclusion are the results of a two-year study recently completed by the Bureau of Standards. About 50,000 observations were made with respect to the distance ranges of broadcast reception and the effects of varying conditions such as atmospheric disturbances, fading, interference from other transmitting stations, radiating receiving sets and weather characteristics. The results, which are now being tabulated, indicate that the major obstacles to radio reception are other broadcast stations, atmospheric disturbances, and fading. These forms of interference are stated in the order of their relative extent. These tests were participated in by 200 voluntary observers, located at varying distances up to 1,000 miles from the broadcast stations whose signals were under study.

"The necessity for fewer tubes ties in with the assurance of an increased use of power at the transmitting stations," indicates the Chief of the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards. Already there are instances in the United States and Canada where transmitting stations have increased appreciably their consumption of electric energy for broadcasting purposes.

HIGH POWERED STATIONS MUST MOVE

With the general use of high-powered stations, according to Doctor Dellinger, there

will arise a demand for their locations to be removed from the congested centers of population. That is to say, as the stations increase their powers, there will be a tendency to erect them in the country or open spaces, thus reducing interference. A notable instance of this was the removal of a powerful broadcast station from the suburbs of London, England, to a point 30 or 40 miles from the city.

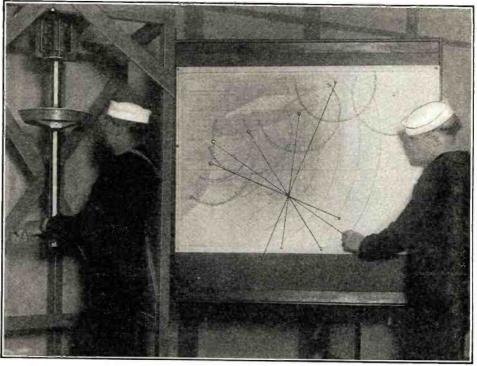
The commercial development of a 3-electrode vacuum tube with a filament heated by alternating current, according to Doctor Dellinger, is indicative of the trend toward greater efficiency and more power in the path of transmitting and receiving work. Outdoor antennae will gradually be eliminated and the electric light socket will become both the tube power supply and antenna.

The use of increased power by transmitting stations will necessitate that they adhere accurately to the wave-length or frequency assigned them. In this connection, it has been discovered that small pieces of quartz crystal, one or two inches long, have a natural frequency of the same order as the frequencies of currents used in radio communication. It has been found too that the frequency of the crystals is surprisingly constant, and are thus extremely useful in establishing and maintaining radio standards.

QUARTZ CRYSTALS

"The quartz crystal may be used in numerous ways," comments Doctor Dellinger.
"In one method, it forms an auxiliary condenser in a resonance circuit and when the current in the circuit is made to have a frequency equal to that of the natural vibra-

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One of the many U. S. Radio Compass Stations; the original system was improved upon by the radio laboratory staff of the Bureau of Standards. A ship's bearing is determined by the combined angle readings obtained at a number of compass stations. and plotted on the map in the manner shown. Where the strings intersect is the position of the ship.



looked on by many veteran engineers as a nuisance, and they resented the installation of the now familiar semaphore arms at fixed points along the right-of-way. Perhaps the feeling was somewhat similar to that of many old salts-captains of the world's vessels, who objected strenuously to the instal-Intermediate lation of radio telegraphic equipment on their vessels on the grounds that it took the supreme control of their ship out of their hands, enabling the owners to control the vessel's movements, through the medium of a bit of weird apparatus manned by a smoothfaced youngster. Although that feeling still is present to some extent among old mariners, this does not hold true in the railroad sense.

In talking with a veteran engineer the other day, the writer questioned him regarding this resentment against signals which was so unanimous among the old engineers, and he said, "Resent them? Why, man, I consider it is just the different teams." ence between life and death for me as well as my passengers, to have the security of

block signal protection, and I think you'll find a pretty large majority feel the same!" They do; further inquiry developed that. Just a few days ago, while the writer was engaged in experimental work along the Pere Marquette right-of-way, his attention was attracted by several short, sharp blasts was attracted by several short, sharp blasts from a locomotive whistle just outside the experimental station. Catching my inquiring glance, the engineer called, "What's the matter up ahead? I haven't any signal," and glancing at the signal lights, I noted that they were out. It developed that a house was being moved across the rails, temporarily interrupting the system, but the engin-eer was lost—helpless, without his indication.

Present methods of block signaling are developed to an amazing degree, and with the recent installation of three-color lights, rather than the more common type of sema-phore arm, the Pere Marquette Railway has what is considered the most modern and up-to-date signal system today. It has just one fault, a weakness that is evident in all (Continued on page 1101)

Wayside Circuit Track Inductance inductively coupled to -Oscillator as in Fig. 1 Track Ties Fig. 2

Leakage from rail to rail through the ties is eliminated by employing a separate return circuit and connecting the two rails in parallel.

O you who have accepted radio as a household necessity, a medium of education and entertainment, it has possibly not occurred that radio is being developed in other ways to provide enormous benefit to the public; probably to a degree of far greater importance than radio broadcasting, for its application to train control work involves the protection of human life and property.

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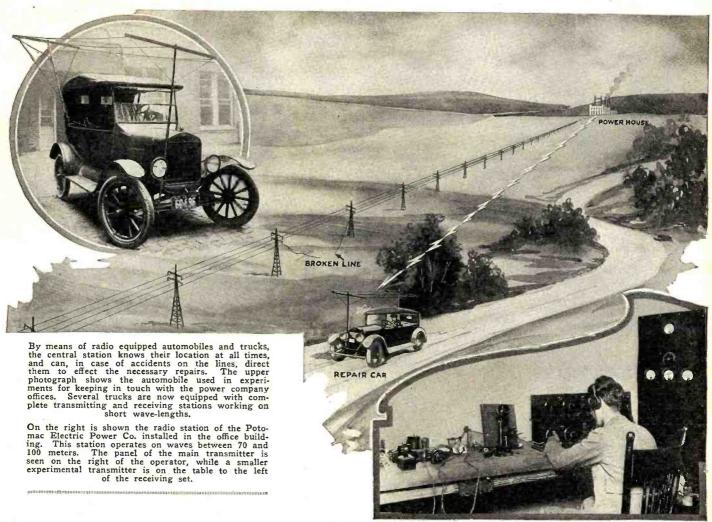
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Fig. 1

It was not so very many years ago that the present efficient block signal system, in use on practically all our railroads today,

Radiophone Serves Power Company

By S. R. WINTERS



I was only a short while ago that the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards conducted experiments in the transmission and reception of radio tele-phone communications by means of short wave-lengths—between 10 and 105 meters. Now, short wave-lengths or high frequencies for radio telephone communication have been introduced in practical service.

The Potomac Electric Power Co. of Washington, D. C., has equipped two radio transmitting and receiving stations for dispatching messages between the main office in Washington and the power plant on the outskirts of the District of Columbia. This traffic will be negotiated on wave-lengths between 100 and 70 meters, a band of frequencies sufficiently removed from those allocated to popular broadcast stations as to cause little or no interference.

The local electric power transmission company will not only use radio as a means of communicating between headquarters and its power plant, but will keep in touch with re-pair trucks through this medium. This inpair trucks through this medium. volves the departure of equipping about 12 repair trucks with radio receiving sets whereby signals may be intercepted from the transmitting station at headquarters. In operation, this plan means that the foreman of each repair truck will listen for signals the first 15 minutes of each hour. Thus, the main office will be enabled to issue instructions and direct the movements of re-pair trucks in the field without the necessity

of their returning to headquarters.

This is a novel use of the radio telephone.

However, this mere novelty should not overshadow the significant thing of utilizing short wave-lengths or high frequencies in commercial traffic. It means that the increasing use of wave-lengths around or below 100 meters will serve to eliminate some of the

IMPORTANT NEWS

A LONG the well-established policy of RADIO NEWS to give its readers only the best, we are pleased to announce that beginning with the January issue we shall begin a new serial entitled:

"The Inventions of Reginald A. Fessenden"

Reginald A. Fessenden"

Dr. Fessenden needs no introduction to the radio fraternity. He is one of the outstanding figures in the radio world today. He is the original inventor of the modern radio telephone. His was the first experiment to send the human voice and music through space without wires—the forerunner of the present day radio telephone. He is also the inventor and patentee of the Heterodyne principle, now used in all of the Super-Heterodyne radio outfits. In addition to this he is the inventor of almost one hundred important radio and electrical inventions.

An inventor and experimenter of note, he will give RADIO NEWS readers the benefit of his many years of experimentation. The serial will run in RADIO NEWS for the next year and will be published exclusively and for the first time in RADIO NEWS.

—EDITOR.

interference encountered in broadcast reception. The truth is, the Bureau of Standards emphasizes this very point as one of the chief advantages in employing high frequencies. The wave-lengths between 200 and 600 meters are already congested by

increasing allocations to broadcast stations.

The transmitter at each of the two sending stations of the Potomac Electric Power Co. consists of a 50-watt oscillator and a 50-watt modulator. Signals from the radio telephone station, operating on a band of wave-lengths between 70 and 100 meters, have been heard by amateurs in a middle western state. The feasibility of repair trucks picking up signals from the station at headquarters has already been determined by the experimental

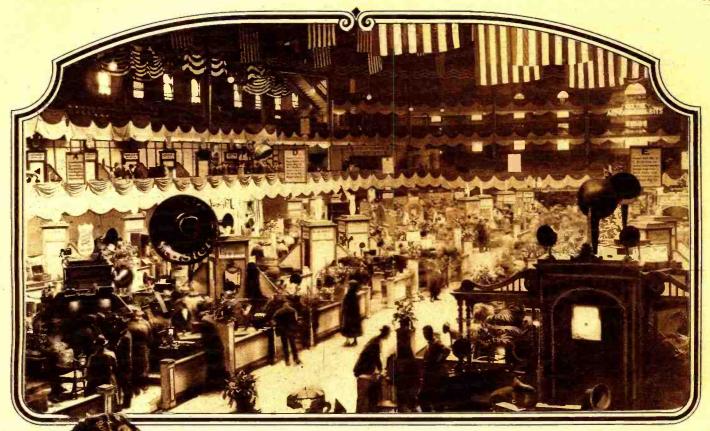
use of a Ford automobile equipped with a portable receiving outfit.

VEATHER AIDS TRANSMISSION COLD WEATHER RADIO

A new natural phenomenon in the form of cold waves improves radio transmission especially at a distance of between 155 to 186 miles, radio engineers of the Bureau of Standards at Washington state. In daylight, cold waves affect the radio transmission of long wave signals from trans-Atlantic stations at New Brunswick and Tuckerton, N. J., a preliminary report from the Bureau points out.

The signal strength varied and the apparent direction of the sending station deviated. according to the observation. From a moderate distance the signal strength was found to be quite uniform during most of the year, but with the coming of cold waves in January, the signals increased to more than twice their normal strength. At the same period there were deviations of many degrees in the apparent directions of the trans-

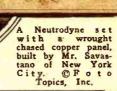
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The First Radio World's Fair

One of the greatest Radio Exhibits ever undertaken



Radio World's Fair Great Success

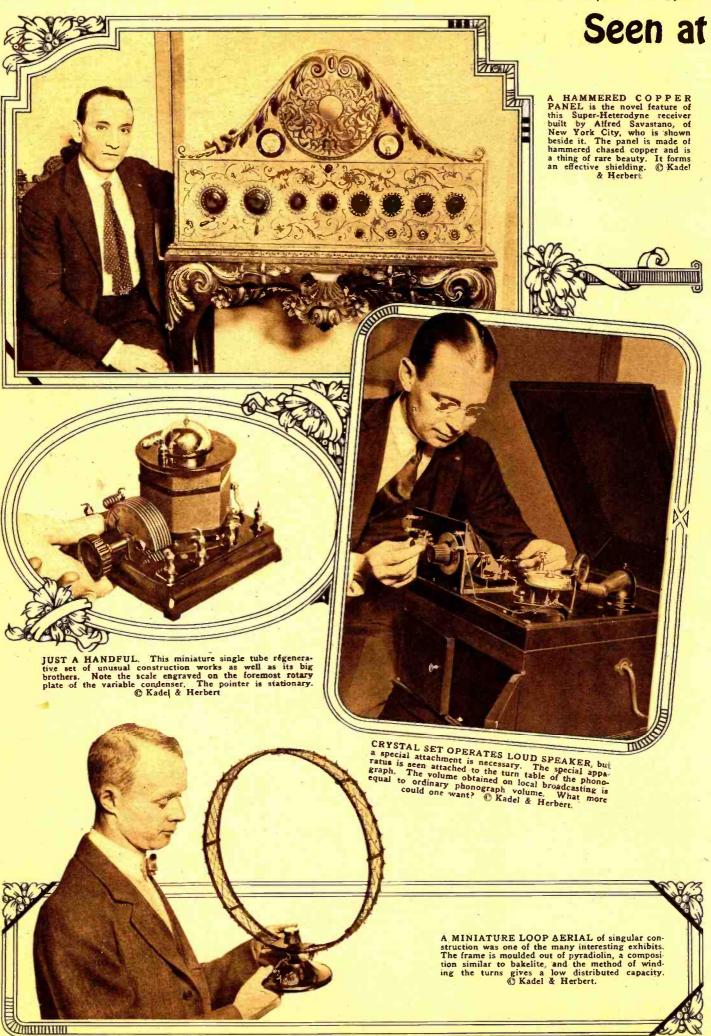
The First Radio World's Fair was a great success from a number of standpoints. The attendance was far greater than was expected, in fact a few of the nights during the exhibition it was found necessary to close the doors at both Madison Square Garden and the 69th Regiment Armory as early as 8:30 o'clock because the crowds were so great. It has been estimated that 175,000 people saw the exhibits. Special details of police were required to maintain law and order. But the success of the Fair was not in the record attendance, but in the volume of business transacted during this period. Eight European countries were represented in the special foreign section and it is understood that their wares were given favorable notice, which of course means business with the United States. Practically every American manufacturer of radio apparatus was represented and many new and novel devices were exhibited for the first time. Neutrodyne sets predominated in the showing of complete receivers and there are so many good ones it is hard for a person to make a final selection of the one he would want.

Any number of contests were held, one of the most interesting being the Homemade Set contest. Some very ingenious and decidedly original outfits were entered. It has been suggested that manufacturers would do well to follow a few points of design incorporated in some of them.



Truly, this is a really good loud speaker, regardless of the fact that the young lady has her hand to her ear. © Kadel & Herbert.

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NEW NAVY TRANSMITTER with a power of 300 watts. It employs twelve 50-watt tubes and can be used for C.W., I.C.W. or Radiophone. It was designed especially for use on the Man-o-wars. Chief Gunner F. C. Nantz and John Cox are shown demonstrating it at the Radio World's Pair.

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A WINE BOTTLE RADIO SET exhibited at the Radio World's Fair. This interesting two slide tuning coil crystal set is made out of a German wine bottle that has seen better days but judging from its novel employment it still has one or two kicks left for the owner.

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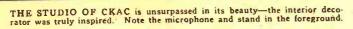
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THE STUDIO ORGAN is a work of art in itself. Its soft tones are picked up by the microphone in the foreground and reproduced perfectly for critical ears.





AN ALL BILINGUAL PERSONNEL is the staff of CKAC,
La Presse. We introduce, from
left to right, standing, Arthur
Dupont, Assistant Announcer;
Adrien Arcand, Radio Editor;
Anster of Ceremonies; and
sitting, J. P. Callaghan, known
to kiddies as Father Radio;
Mary Brotman and Norah
O'Donnell, busiest Montreal
stenographers.

THE CONTROL ROOM is shown in the photo to the right. From this point the big transmitter is made to "do its stuff" and do it in a manner to your liking. It is carefully trafficked on the 425 meter wave and is not allowed to roam. Over-modulation is never allowed.





THIS IS THE TRANSMITTER and it is a new one, with a power of 7½ kilowatts! See the nice big tubes! It is seldom that they are worked hard, but when they are let loose there is no telling how loudly CKAC will be heard in Europe.



The Life and Work of Lee DeForest



PART III

The laziness of late June was announced by the drone of insects and the gentle rustle of leaves. The tall stately elms of Yale stood in the heaviest of verdure keeping a lazy watch over the campus against the return of the hordes in search of knowledge. Commencement was just over, the last of the stragglers had just seen their trunks and luggage hauled off to the station in the town's disreputable express vans and the stragglers themselves stood about smoking a last pipe while they prolonged a good-bye until train time.

The walks and campus greens were de-

The walks and campus greens were deserted in a few days. Summer had settled down over New Haven in its fullest sense. A young man strolled leisurely up to Jackson's restaurant. He had a couple of books under his arm and was holding a paper with his free hand. Evidently he had come from the railroad station and was in search of some one. In the restaurant he went to one of the tables in the rear, after speaking to the waitress, sat down and ordered a cup of coffee. He asked after his friend Barbour. He hadn't, the waitress said, been in that day, but she added that the day was yet young.

CONTEMPLATES POST GRADUATE WORK

Immediately the young man pushed his paper to one side and opened the larger of the two books, which was a heavy treatise by an Englishman named Maxwell who had done, it seemed, a great deal of experimenting with electricity and had developed several theories concerning the magnetic properties of coils through which electric currents were passed. The young man was extremely interested in his book for he had, less than a week before, graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University in the class of '96. Nevertheless, he was already con-templating three years of post graduate work looking toward a degree of Ph. D. and he chose to make investigations along the line of those in the Maxwell volume, except of course, experiments except of course, experiments would go further than those delineated in the heavy book. was also extremely interested in the wave motions which seemed to postulate themselves more and

more prominently as the underlying principles of electricity became better known.

The diploma which the young man had recently received, and which he still placed on his bureau to gaze upon each night before retiring, was given, according to the Latin inscription upon it, to one Lee DeForest.

From time to time as he sat pouring over the pages of fine print he took a drink of the coffee before him. When the coffee was all gone, he paid for it out of a well worn wallet and walked slowly out to the street and up toward the campus, his two books under his arm. As he started to take a short-cut up toward one of the dormitories, a decided expression came over his face. He looked around, seemingly as if he were trying to find himself in some strange surrounding. Then he bowed his head a little and hastened his speed. Near the dormitory he looked up and called "Oh Barbour."

"Ye ho" came the answer and a touseled head thrust itself out of one of the upper windows. A few minutes later Barbour came down the last flight and asked DeForest if he had had lunch. DeForest had, so they decided to walk to the lake.

"OLD GRADS," BOTH

As they left the campus, both looked fondly and sadly around at the buildings, the ivy and the arching trees. They reminded each other of the good old times represented at each of the crannies about the buildings. They consoled themselves at having passed the under-graduate days and being at last lonely "old grads."

They were sad. Every man who has left an Alma Mater after four wonderful years understands the feeling. With such a sentimental person as DeForest it is not unusual that this feeling should run to the highest

earch went find the

Dr. Lee DeForest holding the Phonofilm recording device, one of his latest inventions.

Once away from the campus, however, their talk turned to other subjects. With the last of the summer came the great Presidential election and the first race made by William Jennings Bryan. It was the first election in which either of the young men could take a part, both having just recently become of age. They had long talks as they walked, and covered the whole field of politics from the theoretical limitations of the state to the comparative honesty of the two chief candidates.

From politics the two young philosophers would pass on to the inevitable dream of youth—a Utopia. Hour after hour they would devote to the specifications of their perfect state, dealing in details of the wonderful organization down to the mechanics of the Public Health system. This latter point always obtruded on account of the very bad and ever debated sewage system

of New Haven. From their Utopia they would pass on to some engineering problem of the time. It was DeForest's general procedure to name some great want of the country such as electrification of the railroads and then proceed to plan ways and means for doing it. They would spend hours on the problem at hand and having exhausted themselves with their labors, return late to town, go to Jackson's for an omelette or a very thin steak and a cup of coffee, thus closing an enjoyable day.

At other times Barbour could not go and DeForest would start out by himself. Some new creek or small river would catch his fancy. He would make a long exploration trip in search of a fairy-like spot in which to sit and contemplate the woes of the world and the beauties of Nature. Sometimes he would find a particularly fetching place and would return home with the light of a Thoreau convert in his eye. The early hours of the following morning would find the light still burning in his room and

Lee sitting at a table laboriously pouring forth his soul on paper, attempting to put the beauty of the past evening into his diary.

As the summer moved on, DeForest spent more and more of his time in the country around New Haven. For the first time in years, much to his disgust and chagrin, he had little to do. He could find no work during vacation time, so most of his time was spent to suit himself. During the bright days he roamed the fields and took hikes. In the evening he re-

took mikes. In the evening he returned home to his books, the reading of Maxwell and Hertz occupying most of his time. Toward the latter part of the summer he discovered Emerson and immediately became a slavish disciple of the Boston sage. For recreation from his studies he read the poems and tales of Poe—for the fourth time. He obtained odd jobs with various companies around New Haven. He spent a few days reading meters for the gas company and did some work for older post graduate students in the laboratories.

BEGINS POST GRADUATE WORK

The beginning of the school year in September brought back the old accustomed rush of activity. His course consisted of higher mathe-

matics, with particular relation to vector analysis and analytical equations, alternating currents, theories and history of electricity, and advanced mechanics. For his laboratory work, he was given a place in one of the laboratories under Prof. Chas. Hastings. The first couple of months in the school year were spent entirely in lectures and reading. His first actual experimenting along original lines was begun in the autumn of 1896, in November of that year to be exact. His first step upon being assigned to a division of the laboratory was to select the various instruments and calibrate them. He spent numerous unpleasant hours at his work since a veritable flood of logarithms occupied his hours while he was calculating the constants of the various measuring instruments. He ate

and dreamed logarithms for a week at a

stretch. He almost considered memorizing the tables in order to save the time necessitated in looking them up.

The work was so entirely new to him and the professors were proceeding at such a rate he had little time for anything else. The first break in his routine after the beginning of the work was the death of his grandfather, just at Christmas time.

Coming just 11 months after the death of his father, the blow was exaggerated. He felt it not so much from a sense of personal loss as from the effect it had upon his mother. She had not yet fully recovered from her husband's tragic death. Then, too, it was mid-winter and the family was in dire financial straits. The Christmas had promised to be a sad one—the year had been the hardest in the history of the family. And to add to the already great load of sadness, a few hours after the arrival of the telegram announcing the tragedy, the postman brought a letter to each member of the family written by the old man just a few hours before his death. Each one contained a new dollar bill as a gift of the season.

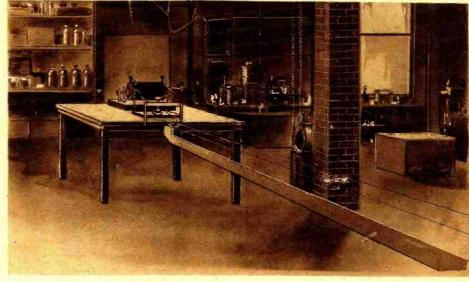
THE PROM AND HELEN

However, such sloughs of despondency never held him entirely for long. About that time he had decided upon inviting his beautiful Boston cousin to the annual Junior Prom. He had already broached the subject to her in letters and as the time for it drew near he pressed his invitation. After posting the letter in which he urged her acceptance, he immediately was brought back into the old pit of torture. His conscience troubled him for days. And to make it worse, the return of his mother from Iowa was uelayed a few days, and the acceptance from Helen, his cousin, was in his hands before his mother returned.

The situation came to more pleasant results than he expected, however. His mother was compliant; in fact, she was more or less in favor of the visit. The Prom was set for a few weeks after Christmas. Preceding Helen's arrival on the scene, the house was decorated and the rooms re-arranged. Lee was a victim of himself. Having the best room in the house he was forced out of it in order to make room

for his visitor.

She arrived. There was a pleasant day of walks about the campus and the favorite haunts of the students. Then the big night. Dressed as he had never been before, he hired a cab; weeks before he had, with four other social climbers of Yale, bought a box at the Prom and was prepared for the most enjoyable evening of his academic year. All went well at the start, but one can never forecast events. Before the events ning was over, a combination of pride and jealousy arose to take the keen edge from his happiness. Helen was dancing with a great number of other men. Lee was self-



Some of the busiest days of DeForest's life were spent in the laboratory shown in the above picture. It was here he made his first acquaintance with ether waves.

appraised as to his abilities on the dance floor, but he did not think that this slight defect in his social equipment was sufficient to warrant the coolness in his cousin toward him, which he accused her of showing. The evening was not totally spoiled. There were many pretty girls and the atmosphere was one of gayety and abandon. By comparison to his general routine it was a Bachanalian

LOVE ATTEMPTS TO ENTER

At four o'clock in the morning, with an air of the Gay Dog, Lee held his arm for his lady, hailed one of the cabs standing by, with a bit more of a flourish than was actually necessary to call the cabby's attention, helped Helen into the dark recesses of the musty-smelling vehicle, took his own seat and gave the man on the box the address. As the street lamps temporarily lighted up the interior of the cab, a young man might have been seen gazing with a discernible bit of worship in his face at the very tired and sleepy, though happy young girl beside him.

As with most such cases of young love there is an anticlimax, and it usually is surprisingly humorous and often pathetic, to the onlooker. At the house, the two revellers slipped into the parlor and doffed their wraps. Lee showed Helen to her room and on the stairs dared to mention his extreme happiness at having her as his guest to the greatest of Yale's annual functions. tions.

Now it has been mentioned that the young lady made her home in Boston and it is a generally known fact that Harvard is situated almost within a stone's throw of that town. And, one may conclude from the fact that the young lady was pretty, well bred and of good family, that she knew a much larger number of Harvard men than students from Yale. All these young men, in justice to their alma mater, had told her of the virtues of their own institution as opposed to the vices and shortcomings of their opponents, Yale. The volume of evidence decided the issue. At heart, Helen was loyal to Harvard. As the hour was very late and a drowsy hack ride had just been concluded, the young lady's reaction was more natural than studied. She repeated some chance remark that one of her Harvard friends had made. that one of her Harvard friends had made. The result was instantaneous. Lee resented the fact that she should make so obvious her preference to a rival, nay a hated university, and said so.

Helen ended the incident with hauteur.

HELEN IS TAKEN ILL

The following morning found the young lady dangerously ill with appendicitis. After three days passed with a growing seriousness in her condition, her mother was called to the bed-side and a medical consultation was called. The girl was too ill to be moved and the doctors declared that an immediate operation was necessary. She was taken to a local hospital where the operation was performed. Lee paid her a visit every day while her condition was serious. Sometimes he would send flowers.

He had announced himself in several places in his diary as being "upon the verge of falling in love with Helen." He still held this idea even after the Prom episode. visits to the hospital were sometimes tender and charming. After a long and perilous convalescence Helen was able to return with her mother to her home. "Poor little Prom girl," Lee wrote in his diary in closing this sad episode.

All the while, he was continuing his work in the laboratory and keeping constantly at his reading in electricity and mathematics. It was shortly after the beginning of 1897 that he made his first real acquaintance with the electric condenser, that is, he began some experiments with it. Immediately, thousands of possible uses for this device thrust themselves into his consciousness. Of them he wrote in his diary, "It flashed across me today—my special first field of electrical enterprise—the condenser—half brother to the transformer, more efficient, cheaper, lighter,-to develop it. Make it take the transformer's place both for phase alternation and also for step up and downsuperseded everywhere-Millions! Then find

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As DeForest looked during his Spanish American War ex periences. He was fond of riding and loved his horse.

The Latest Radio Swindle

By HUGO GERNSBACK

Every new industry as a rule is exploited by legitimate business as well as by "business" that is neither legitimate nor anything else. Attempts are often made to defraud the innocent public by pseudo-scientific means. One of the most flagrant recent swindles is here described.



Above: "Determining the capacity and inductance of the brain. Absolutely no electricity gets to the patient." So reads the highly interesting but nonsensical caption printed underneath this picture in Dr. Rogers' pamphlet.

VINCE radio became popular, the general public has pounced upon it as the marvel of the age, which truly, it is. The non-technical man, if told of any new and scemingly impossible wonder that has been performed by radio is not at all incredulous, but willing to believe anything and everything, as long as the magic word of radio is connected with the new wonder. If it were to be announced tomorrow by some exploiter that by means of a new radio outfit we could live to be a hundred, there would be a huge sale for such an outfit. Indeed, there is very little the pub-

lic will not believe that cannot be accomplished by means of the marvelous radio.

We had occasion before to mention through the columns of Radio News a new crop of unscrupulous exploiters who have sprung up of late to take advantage of this public belief in radio in order to make luge sums of money. In our June; 1924, issue, we showed some of the faking which has already been carried out. It seems that only the fullest and widest publicity can eradicate the new evil with which radio is threatened. To the non-technical man, we give this warning—IF AT ANY TIME YOU ARE APRROACHED BY A SO-CALLED "DOCTOR" OR PRACTITIONER TO UNDERGO A PHYSICAL TREATMENT IN WHICH A REGULATION RADIO OUTFIT IS USED—SHUN HIM AS YOU WOULD SHUN A BURGLAR. Both operate on the same principle, namely, to extract money from huge sums of money. In our June, 1924, principle, namely, to extract money from you, with the difference that the burglar should get the benefit of the doubt-at

\$1,000 Reward

ADIO NEWS challenges Dr. George D. Rogers, D. C. Ph.C., the manufacturer of the NEUROPHONOMETER, to come to New York City and demonstrate his NEUROPHONO-METER before a body of twelve scientists, composed of six physicians and six scientists, all of good repute and standing. If these independent twelve men decide that the claims put forth for the NEU-ROPHONOMETER by Dr. Rogers are founded upon scientific truth, RADIO NEWS will pay over to Dr. Rogers the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) plus HIS TRANSPOR-TATION TO AND FROM NEW YORK.

THIS OFFER WILL BE OPEN FOR SIX (6) MONTHS.

least he is fair minded about it and does not deprive you of your hard earned money under false pretences.

We have to do today with the Wonder (?) of the Age—THE NEUROPHONOME-TER, manufactured by one George D.

Rogers, D.C., Ph.C., former Dean of the Texas Chiropractic College, 1715 Main Ave-San Antonio, Texas.

We give Dr. Rogers full publicity on the Neurophonometer so that any individual who desires to know all about the "conductivity of his nerves" can buy this \$50 radio outfit masquerading under the high-sounding name of neurophonometer, for the small sum of \$500—CASH, as advertised by Rogers.

The Neurophonometer, as our illustrations show is a radio outfit think the state of the small sum of \$500—CASH, as advertised by Rogers.

show, is a regular radio outfit thinly dis-guised. On the front panel there is a vac-uum tube for some reason or other not very clear to anyone, and a Baldwin phone. The outfit looks very formidable, to say the least, and the poor victim who is to undergo treatment must certainly be inspired by the sight of the verigorated broke vertex. by the sight of the variegated knobs, voltmeter, dials and other paraphernalia which are soon to help cure him.

The Neurophonometer is of course never sold to private individuals. It is sold to certain practitioners who fall for the humbug and who in turn tickle their prospective victim's spine by means of a "free" electrode supposed to carry the radio current.

The following paragraphs are taken from

Dr. Rogers' namphlet:
"The Neurophonometer is a highly sensitive electric instrument constructed to measure the exact conductivity of the nerves of the entire body. The Neuronerves of the entire body. The Neurophonometer does not measure the conductivity by a hypothetical point called
normal, BUT IT DETERMINES
THE VARIANCE FROM THE CAPACITY AND INDUCTANCE OF
THE BRAIN (DYNAMO) WHICH
GENERATES THE LIFE FORCE
OF THE BODY. THE RATE OF
THE GENERATION IS THE RATE
OF CONDUCTIVITY, IF THE
NERVE IS FREE FROM PRES-NERVE IS FREE FROM PRES-SURE. If there is interference with the flow of life force, the Neuro-phonometer will register the degree Surface temperature does not alter the surface temperature does not after the efficiency of the Neurophonometer, because IT IS ACTUALLY DETERMINING THE CONDUCTIVITY OF THE NERVE. This was determined by locating an impinged nerve with the Neurophonometer under ordinary conditions, then heat was applied over the

rye being tested, then the instrument owed that the heat increased the con-ctivity of the nerve about one-fourth one unit, an ice pack was then aped over the same nerve, and the inindependent of the same nerve, and the insument showed that the interference increased by the cold one-third of e unit. BY ELECTRICAL LAWS HIS TEST PROVES THAT THE EUROPHONOMETER ACTUALY MEASURED THE CONDUCTIVITY OF THE NERVE.

"Probably the most important feature the Neurophonometer is the estabhment of the positive normal conduc-rity of the nerves. This is important, ECAUSE EVERYONE HAS A IFFERENT FREQUENCY, therere, it would be very difficult to deterine an average, even then the test ould not be specific. BUT BY DE-ERMINING WHAT THE INDI-IDUAL PATIENT'S FREQUENCY

then test the nerves by comparison, HE TEST IS ABSOLUTELY SPE-IFIC AND SCIENTIFIC.

"AFTER THE CAPACITY AND IDUCTANCE OF THE BRAIN AS BEEN DETERMINED, the free setrode is placed over the nerve to be sted. If this nerve is free from presre. IT WILL TEST IN RESO-ANCE WITH THE BRAIN, but if ere is pressure it will test BELOW
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"The tasks are made with of social "The tests are made with an oscil-ting circuit that is made audible by a aid of radio principles. Therefore, e test is an audible test, which is six nes as sensitive as the most sensitive ulvanAmeter. This, of course, ineases the efficiency of the instrument

locating nerve impingments.

"The Neurophonometer is so conructed that the technique is easily and adily mastered, but of course, experice increases your efficiency. Its wear-g parts are only three, and they are expensive to replace and your local expensive to replace and four ectrician or radio man can make all ectrician or radio man can make all expensive or adjustments. You cessary repairs or adjustments. You n learn to operate it in a short while,

d practice makes perfect.
"Should you buy one, you will be inructed in its use. Its value or worth
nnot be estimated in dollars and cents. owever, we have decided upon a fair ice which will always remain at a minum of \$500 cash. Labor condi-ons and supplies may make it go "This is the inside." So says Dr. Rogers. A perfectly truthful statement in this case. It really is the inside of a regular radio receiving outht thinly disguised by a few additional electrical instruments to fool the public ments to fool the public.

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higher, but there is little possibility that

it will ever be cheaper.
"Don't be afraid you cannot be supplied. "We guarantee delivery in thirty days.

There is no hurry

You have until tomorrow to decide, and should you want advice, seek it. Good advice is always desirable.

"The Neurophonometer is constructed and operated by POSITIVE LAWS OF PHYSICS. It will be opened up at any time for inspection by electrical experts, and its every part explained in detail. It can stand the test—it is so

"The Neurophonometer has been in the process of making for over a year, and it has proved its value to Chiropractic to the entire satisfaction of everyone who has seen the demonstra-The alarmist, the skeptic and the non-believer have all had their fling at this instrument and, as strange as it may seem, THE LITTLE VOICE OF INNATE SPEAKS THROUGH THE TRANSMITTER just the same and tells the Chiropractor THE EXACT POINT OF INTERFERENCE WITH

THE TRANSMISSION OF VIBRATORY LIFE FORCE.

"Don't discard your X-ray, it may mean dollars and cents to you sometime in a malpractice suit.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY DR. ROGERS "Q. How does the Neurophonometer

from other instruments

"A. We have not seen the other in-struments. The Neurophonometer is A PROVEN SCIENTIFIC INSTRU-MENT, WHICH REGISTERS THE LIFE FORCE being carried by a nerve.

"Q. Is the Neurophonometer difficult to operate?

"A. No. The instructions furnished are sufficient to learn to operate this instrument. You will improve continually as you use and operate the instrument, the same as driving a car. It is operated similar to a radio receiver, BUT MORE

"Q. How long does it take to make a reading or analysis of the spine?

"A. Average, ten minutes.

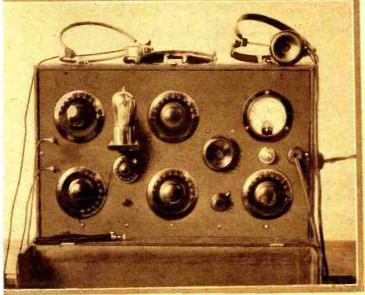
"Q. Does the patient feel any shock?

"A. Absolutely none. "First, the Neurophonometer is not a mere finder of hot-boxes. In fact, its functioning does not depend upon surface heat at all. What the Neurophonometer really MEASURES IS THE ELEC-TRICAL CONDUCTIVITY OF THE NERVE, and inasmuch as science has virtually established the fact that the transmission of impulses over nerve is essentially electrical in nature, THIS the transmission of impulses over nerve is essentially electrical in nature, THIS MEASUREMENT OF ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY CONSTITUTES A DIRECT INDICATION OF THE ABILITY OF THE NERVE TO TRANSMIT MENTAL IMPULSES. Here we have a direct means of determining the degree of impaintment on any nerve.

pingment on any nerve. "The second great advantage of the Neurophonometer is that in getting a reading the operator is guided by his ear. With receivers clamped over his ears, he adjusts the dials so as to get the maximum sound. Such a method is regarded by workers in the exact science as being at least six times as sensitive as any recording device and is resorted to whenever great precision is desired and the nature of the work permits of its use."

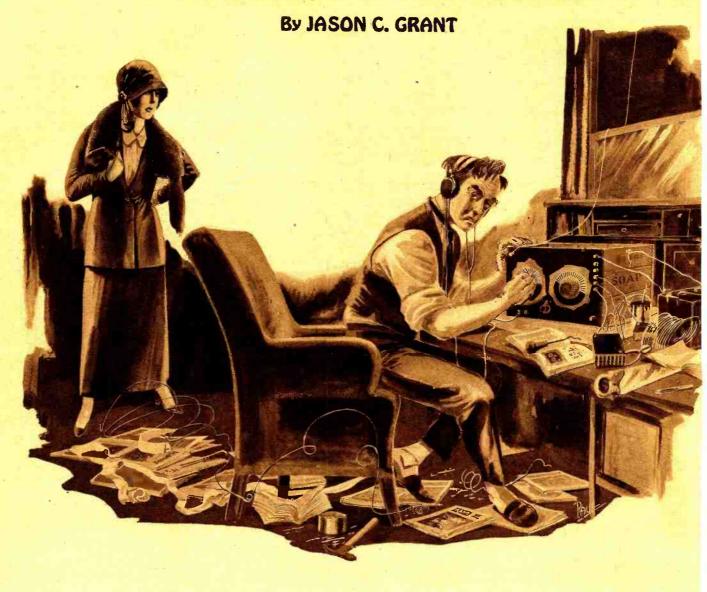
The parts which have been capitalized by us show the silly nonsense that is being paraded before unsuspecting buyers. If Dr. Rogers sells many of these \$50 outfits for \$500 he should soon grow rich, but it is particularly the crass nonsense of the technical verbiage that Mr. Rogers uses which is so offensive to the man of science. For instance, the sentence—"After the capacity and inductance of the brain has been determined, the free electrode is placed over the nerve to be tested. If this nerve is free from

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Meet the latest ra-dio wonder, — the Neurophonometer. shown here in all its glory. In addi-tion to being a reg-ular radio outfit it also possesses an extra hulb in front of the panel, also a of the panel, also a telephone receiver shown to the left of the meter. Nifty contraption, we say. It will positively "determine the capacity and inductance of the brain"—NOT.

A First Night With a First Set



She stepped forward so heavily that the floor actually shook, and began in a high-pitched voice the harangue to which I had resigned myself.

"Bill Gaskins! Are you a fool? Do you mean—" She never got a syllable further.

DIDN'T know much about radio in those days back in the summer of 1922 (I don't know much about it now.) I had never even seen a receiving set except in pictures. What one looked like on the inside was both a puzzle and a mystery. Nevertheless the articles on radio, the re-ports of people who had successfully built "their own," the pictures in the advertise-"their own," the pictures in the advertise-ments, not only aroused in me an interest in the subject but fanned it into a zealous de-

sire to make a set.
"Why not?" I asked myself. Even kids
were getting a thousand miles on sets they had built.

I fell hard. I use these terms not because I have any regrets to offer, for I have none, but there is one incident in my career as a fan which came near ending in a manner which would call for regrets. It

As mentioned above, I fell completely for the game. I decided to build a radio set, although I had never used a saw except on cord wood. I had a purely imaginary conception of a breast-drill, a bushing, a binding post and a tension spring. Of course variocoupler, variometer, condenser, grid leak and rheostat meant absolutely nothing to me. And then there were EMF, DPDT, mfd., D.C.C., D.S.C., and a whole host of symbols, abbreviations, and equations which rendered, with rare exceptions, the technical

articles on radio enigmatical to me.

And still I was mystified. But one writer had said, "Anybody with common sense can

"I had common sense, or at least I thought so, and I jumped into the thing with-

out knowing just where I'd come out, or even whether I'd come out or not.

The trouble started when I got my first box from the grocery store. I had selected it with great care,—all of the boards were whole, and so I carried it home with a fine feeling that I had started wall. These receives the started wall. feeling that I had started well. Then came thoughts of the panel and the baseboard I could make out of it after I had knocked it down, dressed the boards with someone's plane, yet to be borrowed, and sawed them into the proper lengths. I was quite in another world. When I arrived home, I hid the box under the back porch, returned to the front door, and entered in the usual manner. Two days later I discovered the manner. Two days later I discovered the box filled with ashes and rubbish of all kinds. There was no use saying anything about it, no use arguing; I could get another. The only thing I regretted was that I had asked my wife where the box was before I found it, for she attached significance to my asking and, by going through an elaborate process of reasoning, reached the conclusion that the box had something to do with radio. In a word, she sensed just what I was plannin She didn't mind my being interested radio, but she did mind my making a ra

set out of the salary of a common cle and she did mind the mess I had alremade about the house and would make. thought I should be doing the house cleani gardening, house patching, and numero other things she had on her list for me do during my vacation. All of this gleaned from her answers to questions lating to radio that I had put at varie times when the psychological moment see

ed to be at hand.

But I had gone too far to be stopped. stood the strain as long as I could and th decided one Friday afternoon to buy so of the parts that were listed in a how-make-it article. I made my mind up in moment. I would make a variocoupl Straightway I went downtown to a ha-ware store,—I didn't know there were the regular radio stores in the little town. Bo ly I went into the store, affected a rath careless, know-all-about-it attitude, and as ed with indifference for the article I

"A pound of No. 24 direct current cops wire, please."
"You want what?" inquired the clerk,

little puzzled.

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Oscillations By WILLARD WILSON

o Editor of Radio News, which are ted condenser of high-voltage ideas, k-ups and other useful pieces of radio wledge.

nored Sir :-

aterly, huge re-radiation have been sed in literary world of radio by many is, regulations, laws, etc., concerning adcasters, amateurs, commercial operaile laws for such are being made so ely, Hon. Sir, I desire to insert plea for laws concerning other pepl. connected h radio—namely, men which sell radio

ts, sets, etc.

Ly reason for such highly amplified de-

ay reason for such nightly amplified de-are as following: Freat while ago I became painfully in-ested in radio, and also consumed with ire to possess receiver set to pluck radio wes from air. Thusly I went to neigh-ing garage man which have became im-

omptu dealer in radio parts.

'Oh," he squawk learnedly, "you wish to

your own, yes?" desire to do such," I refab timidly. "I lire to have small diagram of hook-up for

stal set."

'Slah!" he snort with nose wrinkle of tempt. "Such set can hear but small tance. You shall buy nice box of parts cute hyper-super-done. Such are enely preferable to cheap crystal set."

'Maybe yes," I gargle back uneasily, "but have small amt. of cash at present for the set."

th set. It will be too strained for me."
"Ah," he squirt pitifully, "then I will re you small one-tube receptor for neglint sum of 80 berries."

EEk!" I squeal painfully. "But I have

ly ten for investure in set at present!"
Ten?" he gasp unseeingly. "Oh! I will

NCE upon a midnight dreary, while I

Before the dials which I had purchased lately from a Radio store;

iddenly there came a tapping, as of some-

one gently rapping, Rapping at the speaker's core. is some static then I muttered rapping

pondered weak and weary;

at the speaker's core,

aly this and nothing more.



Ten?" he gasped unseeingly. "Oh! I will give you small piece of nice enameled wire, one spiderfoot coil and small paper condenser for that sum."

give you small piece of nice enameled wire, one spiderfoot coil, and small paper con-denser for that sum."

With protests of good-will I flee from clutches of such dealer, Hon. Sir, and slink into my home via back door of such.

Those, Hon. Sir, were my first experience

with robber-thiefs under disguise of garage radio dealers. Since then I have became skunked by such in more deals than are tasteful to relate. I have emptied pockets of week's wages to receive, in return, small, crippled battery of uncertain volting! I have paid converted bicycle man-who now rides in limousine and sells radio partsgreat pile of cash for worthless Mazda lamps under name of V. T.

After great amount of earbreaking experiences, Hon. Sir, I have became forced to admit to myself, also wife, that many radio dealers, make wealthy foreign brokers (of pawn variety) look like generous philanthropers.

Do not understand such talk from me. At present I am no more skunked of huge At present I am no more skunked of huge amounts of cash, for reason that I have became acquainted with decent and honest radio dealer which are not trained as hog mechanic. There are such, Hon, Ed., if one are able to find them. There are also more cheap, better parts, which are able to be bought at standard prices:

Such radio dealers, however, which are (Continued on hane 1044)

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A Guess Evermore

(As Poe might have written it.)

By WARREN W. SCHULTZ

It could not be I had blundered, yet the good loud speaker thundered,

For the tapping, growing tapping, moved the dog outside the door.

Quickly out the door he lumbered, and he

neither slept nor slumbered, While the good loud speaker thundered,

thundered at its very core;
But he joined the mellee howling, sometimes barking, sometimes growling

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As he'd never done before. Only this and nothing more.

Now this roaring set me thinking, for I know I'd not been drinking.

Thinking evil thoughts about the man in

our own Radio store.

Then I wanted to start cussing, just like married people fussing,
But I dared not do a thing that I had

never done before. Instead within me I conspire, that all Radio

men are liars, That the fools of course are buyers, and

it made me very sore; And that next day I'd consult him, use the

noose and big tree on him, Or knock him down upon the floor. Only this and nothing more.

Quiet, quiet, awful quiet, as in some great

For the tubes which glowed so brightly now were silent evermore.

All the air rushed from my sails, and not

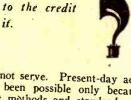
Which I shall do nevermore. Only this and nothing more.

If you blame anyone for anything, first be sure you are not to blame yourself.



How Your Ear Helps Out Your Loud Speaker By PAUL B. FINDLEY, E. E.*

Did you know that your ears have the habit of fooling you at times? Much to the credit of the loud speaker, Mr. Findley explains how and why the ear does it.





Dr. J. C. Steinberg adjusting a vacuum tube oscillator which will produce a pure musical tone of any pitch. Note the various filters under the table.

HEN radio broadcasting started, the fan who had any sort of a set drew gasps of wonder from his friends when they heard some local station grinding out phonograph music. A year later, and the craze was for long-distance records. Then came loud speakers whose raucous bleatings were an insult to the public's musical good taste.

Developed by men of brief experience in the art, having little or no knowledge of the acoustic principles involved, many of the early loud speakers were merely glorified telephone receivers, fitted to a horn and designed "by guess and by gosh." Now that radio is settling down to a means of entertainment that must stand on its own merits in competiton with other forms, the public is demanding a quality and volume of reproduction so faithful to the original that the listener can close his eyes and believe himself in the studio or concert hall.

Such faithful transmission and reproduction of a radio program is possible only when every link in the chain is carefully designed and skilfully operated.

The system must not fail to transmit the

The system must not fail to transmit the full range of tones; it must not add any tones of its own, recognized as "blur" or

"fuzz," caused by overloading one or more elements; it must not introduce noise, and it must give enough volume for comfort, yet not so much as to make the lower tones "heavy."

RESEARCH NECESSARY

To avoid these troubles, "cut and try" methods with the human ear and memory as

guides will not serve. Present-day achie ments have been possible only because measurement methods and standards rest on fundamental researches extending because more than a generation. The high-qua carbon microphone of today is a direct descendant of the granular carbon transn ter on which Bell System engineers we working as early as 1886.

In the great research laboratories, en neers are constantly studying every of ment in telephonic transmission, from speaker's voice to the listener's ear. Markascinating stories could be written about the things these engineers are doing; of them, perhaps the most important to radio listener, deals with his own ears a how they interpret the air-waves in ter of sound. This work has been carried on a group of scientists headed by Dr. Hard Fletcher of the Western Electric Co.

Sound is carried from the loud speaker the listener's ear by air-waves. "F quency," that term which recurs so of in radio literature, means the number waves per second that pass a given poi The ear can hear—that is, translate from air-motion into sound—frequencies from about 20 to 20,000 waves per second, I the range from 100 to 5,000 is the one the state of the second of the s

The human ear itself is a fascinati tudy.

Beginning with the ear-drum, which is thin membrane stretched across the end the canal from the open air, the parts a as follows:

FIVE PARTS OF THE EAR

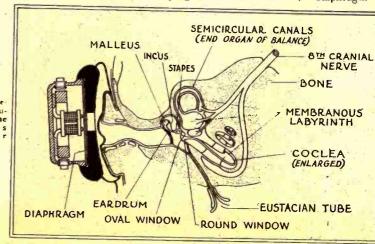
The drum, which converts the air-way to mechanical vibrations.

A chain of three small bones—hamm

A chain of three small bones—hamm anvil and stirrup—follow. The last into the oval window, an opening in a cochlea. This is a spiral chamber like snail shell, which is filled with a flu Down its center is a curtain called the balar membrane, dividing the cochlea in two parts. From one side of this membra emerge a lot of fine hairs. The roots these hairs are in little sacs connected the auditory nerve.

What happens when you listen to a rac program? The receiver diaphragm

A schematic representation of the human ear. Note the numerous or gans necessary for our hearing.



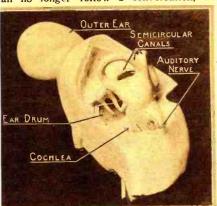
*Member of the Western Electric Staff, associated with Dr. Fletcher.

ates, sending off air-waves. These in rn set the ear drum into vibration, passing e motion along through the three little mes to the oval window. The vibrations avel down one side of the winding chamr in the cochlea to a point determined by eir frequency (number of waves per secid). Here it becomes easier for them to through the curtain and start back up the her side than to keep on down the original Slow vibrations may go the length issage. the cochlea; higher pitches can go only a Where the vibrations pass ort distance. trough the curtain they make it move, and is tickles the fine hairs growing out of it. hese in turn excite the auditory nerve, and e brain gets the sensation of sound.

WHEN SOUND BECOMES FEELING

If the air-waves come in at less than bout 20 per second, the whole fluid in the ochlea is moved back and forth, and the ensation is of "feeling" rather than of ound. This is what happens to some people then the lowest of organ notes are played; ney feel a heavy fluttering sensation rather am a musical tone. And when the sound-vaves come in at 20,000 per second and up, he moving parts of the ear offer so much npedance that practically nothing gets into he cochlea.

Within the range of pitch that can be card there are definite limits to the useful nergy, or loudness, of the sound. Beyond he upper limit sounds are felt, and are inpleasant if not even painful; below the ower limit they are not heard at all. The imit is lowest for sounds pitched about hree octaves above middle C. Taking the ouder vowel sounds of an average voice it the speaker's lips as a very rough standard, the upper limit is 10 times as loud, while the lower limit for people of good learing is one ten-billionth as loud. The lange of loudness from the most intense lowel sound to the weakest consonant in redinary speech is about one million to one. The range of sensation is shortened as the ur waves grow weaker and to a partially leaf person they fade out sooner. This ecomes a serious matter when the victim an no longer follow a conversation, for



speech is our most powerful social instrument. So every year has seen new kinds of hearing aids, from the tin trumpet to the vacuum tube amplifier. Eager to re-establish communication with their fellowmen, hopeful sufferers have purchased according to their means and sometimes beyond, and have all too often been sadly disappointed at the results. For the plain truth is that, beyond a certain point, hearing cannot be restored by amplification. If your deaf friend cannot understand when you talk directly into his ear in a loud voice, then probably no hearing aid can be of much use

THE DECEITFUL EAR

But how does your ear help out the loud speaker? An experiment of Dr. Fletcher's throws light on this subject. He arranged 10 separate vacuum tube oscillators so that they produced an electric current from 100 cycles per second up to 1,000 at intervals of 100 cycles. These were connected through switches to a special telephone receiver. When all were connected a full tone was heard which had a pitch corresponding to 100 cycles. Switching off the 100-cycle tone had no noticeable effect on the pitch, nor did the pitch change when the first seven tones were cut off and only the 800, 900 and 1,000

cycle currents reached the receiver. In fact, any three consecutive currents gave the sensation of a pitch corresponding to 100 cycles, while with any four consecutive currents the apparent 100-cycle note was very prominent.

Where did the ear pick up the 100-cycle note if it wasn't sounded by the receiver? To tell the truth, the ear "made it out of whole cloth," just as some men make up a breakfast-table story of what they did the preceding night. In justice to the ear, however, it must be said that it must have something to work with, and what it does is to combine the sounds that enter it and make up a new tone from them. The action is strictly analogous to that of the vacuum tube detector, which makes an audio frequency current out of the difference of two radio frequencies. The air waves of frequencies 500, 600, 700 and 800 cycles have a common difference in tone which gives us the sensation of hearing it.

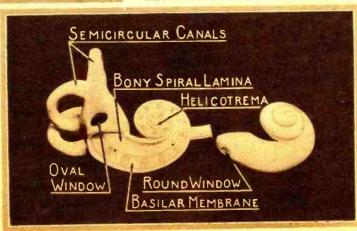
BRAIN NOT ALWAYS FOOLED

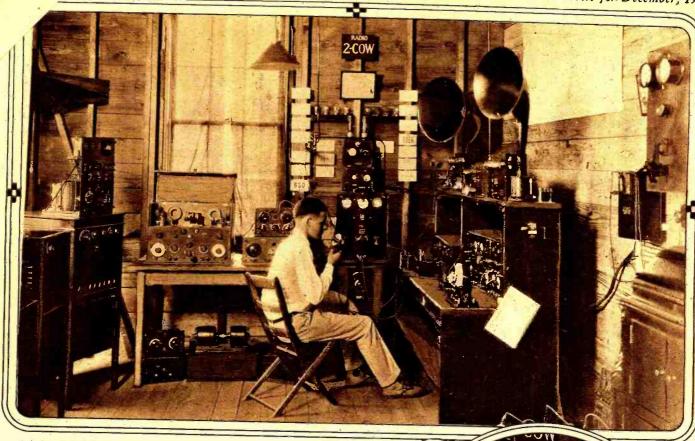
"From the results which have been described." says Dr. Fletcher, "one might conclude that the pitch of a musical tone was determined by the common difference in the frequency of the harmonics, rather than by the frequency of the lowest component. This suggested trying a combination of frequencies which are separated by a common difference, but which are not necessarily multiples of this common difference. For instance, 100, 300, 500, 700, 900: the common difference is 200, but none of these are multiples of 200. What happened? Just a noise; and the same thing happened for 100, 400, 700, 1,000; and for 100, 500 and 900. So the brain shows its suspicion of the ear and its tricky ways, and won't allow itself to be imposed on foo far."

These experiments were on putting tones together. In many practical radio and loud speaker systems actual tones are cut apart. So Dr. Fletecher took his high-quality experimental telephone system—one which transmitted faithfully all tones from 100 cycles to 5.000 cycles—and inserted an elec-



Two views of a plaster model of the ear made by Dr. Fletcher for demonstration purposes. By comparing these with the diagram, one may have a good idea of the exact shape of each organ.





Interior of 2COW showing one of the campers operating the radiophone transmitter. Note how the wavemeter is suspended above the transmitter.

A De Luxe Amateur Station 2COW, New Paltz, N. Y.

OINCIDENT with the call, 2COW is located in the heart of the Hudson Valley dairy country at Camp Wall-kill, New Paltz, N. Y. The station has been in operation for two seasons and has been logged many times in every district.

2COW was crected at a cost of many thousands of dollars and for its complete equipment can only be compared with 3ZO or 2BOH.

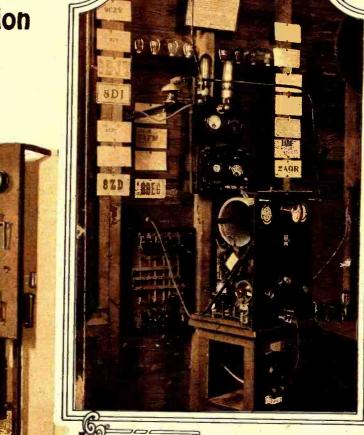
It is ideally located on the top of a hill commanding a wide view of the entire Wall-kill valley. Two steel towers, each 75 feet high, support a beautifully made cage aerial about 70 feet above the six-wire counterpoise suspended directly beneath the antenna proper tenna proper.

tenna proper.

A miniature cage lead-in drops in a straight line to the porcelain insulated lightning switch mounted outside one of the operating room windows. One-half inch copper tubing connects this switch with the ground on the apparatus.

The main transmitter, once installed at old 2LH, has won several prizes, and despite the fact that it was built nearly three years ago, it never fails to arouse the admiration of those who see it. Two 50-watt tubes are used in a Hartley circuit. A small

in a Hartley circuit. A small double - pole double - throw switch mounted on the panel connects the tubes in parallel for . C.W., or in a Heising modulation arrangement for voice transmission. Two 5-watt speech am-(Continued on page 1098)



Above: The main transmitter at 2COW. A duplicate of the famous transmitter used at old 2LH. Note the copper tube lead in. This photo affords a better view of the wavemeter and its position in relation to the transmitter.

Right: The switchboard, motor generator and section of the storage "B" battery used for transmission.

Hamitorial

Experimental Technique

EVEN different transmitting hook-ups in a month and no one of them thoroughly tried is the record of experimentation, with one Ham we know. And the sad part of this tale of woe is that the same procedure is followed by many of the fraternity, though possibly not in so virulent a form.

Not that the dilligence in the search for the ultimate Hot-Doggest transmitter is to be decried. Nay and again nay. That is not the point. The point is, as George Ade says, "if you are hasty in your drinking you may pass up a good cocktail." Which is to say, sloppy, superficial experimentation results in little more than piling slips on the traffic hook and generally incurring a rep-

utation for not being dependable.

The whole idea underlying experimentation is to search out the best, and the best means that which is most efficient under all conditions and under all circumstances. The only way to test a set for such qualities is to try it under all conditions. And three nights work does not constitute all conditions. As a matter of fact, with the proper precautions almost that time is consumed in getting a new circuit tuned, particularly if it happens to be one embodying a major change in the arrangement of the apparatus. After the first preliminaries it is always necessary for the operator to become acquainted with a new arrangement—he must learn what to expect of it, where to look for idiosyncracies, what usually constitutes a mechanical stomach ache or electrical tonisilitis.

The usual custom—the custom, at least, with far too many Hams—is nothing more nor less than a system of untidy mental habits. He finds a promising new line of research. After thinking it over for a few days and finding the ten dollar bill he forgot

complete erection of the set-for an artificial

Well, the set wasn't so wonderful, anyhow. Down it comes and the old one punches the sigs, across the change-over the following week

following week.

The Ham's experience spoken of in the beginning of this spleen may prove a furthur guide. He has tried several circuits at least three times in his various radio gyratious because he has not kept competent notes on his work—not that they would

Of course, there are the stations with complete logs covering every possible scientific contingency in connection with tests, but they are the exception and not the rule.

Just suppose some diligent brass pounder were to notice a change in the operating efficiency of his set in working two stations equally distant and in the same direction. What would he do about it? Usually he would not even make a note of the fact under the night's entry in the log—if he kept one.



Slipshod methods result in inaccurate conclusions by the experimenter. Likewise methodical and orderly procedure results in accurate conclusions worthy of a place in your note book. Glance at these layouts.



and left in last year's vest pocket, he buys a new tube and proceeds to take another chance. Down comes the whole lay-out and up goes the new. The chase is on again.

The set may prove promising at first, but before the completion of the preliminary tests a condenser, hooked up with a couple of pieces of loose No. 14, slips over and touches the improvised antenna inductance with the result that the tuning clips all fall to the floor. Several days pass on account of a lot of extra work at the office. Upon the resumption of experiments it turns out that the cat has used the original hook-up—with some slight changes made before the

ever frighten the world as posthumous masterpieces if they were kept—and as a consequence he can never give absolutely ac-

curate dope regarding any circuit.

Why, oh why, will the Hams not cultivate habits of a respectable scientist? They have given radio as much or more than any other group of experimenters and yet they continue in the old careless ways. What would they have done if a little care had been taken and inexplicable demonstrations which they encountered fully noted for further investigation; if some line of research were followed to its end; if there were competent records including notes on conditions, etc.?

With every deviation from normal, there is a possibility of discovering a new and perhaps fruitful line of investigation that may turn up—Jupiter knows what.

Why not keep a record of such instances ready for reference when some explanation presents itself? The only way one may make a journey across the sea is by charting a course. The only way a Ham can hope to make any progress in the more or less unknown field of research is by keeping some sort of record of the journey.

Also, the only way a course may be taken

Also, the only way a course may be taken is by observation, very careful observation. No Captain ever sets his course on one peep through the sextant. He makes many of them in order to be sure of getting accurate results. With a new vessel he must take a long time with her before he is perfectly sure in his knowledge as to how she will behave in a Nor'wester in midwinter, or how she will carry herself with an empty forehold.

Likewise it is necessary for the Ham, not only to keep careful records as to his observations, but it is equally important that he make his observations with due care and over a sufficiently broad range of circumstances to warrant accurate and complete

final results.

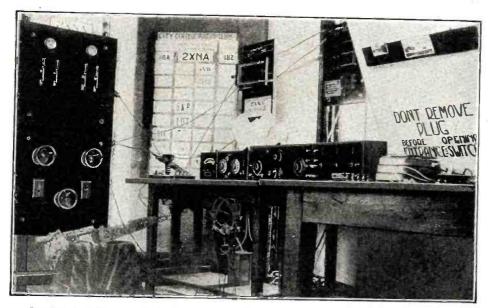
A search through the history of abstract science will show you obviously that all the details of a seening deviation from natural laws may be important in analyzing the reason for the deviation. How is the experimenter to know that his deviation is a mistake or a bona fide demonstration of some new idea unless he has the dope complete for comparison?

It's old stuff, but like certain merchandise. very popular, although quite sparse at present, it's better for the age, this platitude, that most of the world's discoveries were accidents.

Ergo, put your accidents in a book. You

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Station 2XNA of the College of the City of New York By SIDNEY FISHBERG, 2AHT



Interior view of amateur station 2XNA of the College of the City of New York. Some of the best second district amateurs are operators of this station; probably the most well known is 2BRB, who is chief operator.

TATION 2XNA is located at the College of the City of New York, St. Nicholas Terrace and 140th Street. The station is owned and operated by the City College Radio Club. Through the kindness of the faculty, one of the towers on the main building has been set aside for the use of the Radio Club. The operatof the decorated in a deck house on top of this tower, 110 feet above the ground. Since the College itself is on the highest point in Manhattan, 2XNA enjoys an excellent location.

The transmitter was designed by the famous 2BRB, with the aid and advice of Prof. A. N. Goldsmith of the Radio Corporation of America. It consists of a 200-watt Hartley set, and may be used for C.W. or I.C.W. Only direct current is available in the tower, consequently a motor-generator is used. This consists of a 1½-horsepower 220-volt compound wound motor driving a 600-watt, 1,000 volt double commutator generator. In order to supply filament current, the motor has been equipped with slip rings which turn out 30-cycle, 154-volt alternating current. special transformer steps this down to 12 volts. The two meters on top of the panel are plate current and antenna current meters. The filament voltmeter is placed on the operating table, so as to be in easy view of the operator; it may be seen on the extreme left in the picture. The four switches below the meters control the filament supply to the tubes. The top rheostat on the left is the generator field rheostat, that on the right is the filament rheostat, and the one in the center is the motor starter. There is a special contact on this rheostat which automatically turns on the filaments before the motor can be started. A small cam switch on the left side of the transmitter starts the chopper motor. The chopper gives a 300-cycle note which carries very well. The two tubes on top of the panel are defunct navy 50-watters which died clerically at their parel are defunctively at their parel are defined as a second and a second are defined as a second as a second are defined as a second as a second are defined as a second as a second as a second are defined as a second gloriously at their post, and were placed in their present position by a member who had just come from an art lecture.

Two receivers are in use: an amateur set going from 50 to 220 meters, and a broadcast and commercial receiver, the range of which is 220 to 880 meters. Both of these sets are of the low-loss type and give excel-lent results. English stations have been

heard often on the Ham receiver, while KGO can be received any good night on the broadcast set. In the picture, the amateur receiver is on the left, next to the filament voltmeter. The set next to it is the old variometer set now hidden in a closet. Next is a two step amplifier to actuate a loud speaker. This amplifier uses 220 volts from the power line, and gives plenty of pep to the signals. In the fall a loud speaker is installed in the student concourse, and the World Series and the collegiate football games are reproduced to a howling, roaring mob of frenzied students.

The antenna at 2XNA is one to put joy in the heart of a city ham. As has been said

before, the operating room is on top of a 110-foot tower which is high above the surrounding country. The mast is 40 feet high and supports an 80-foot six-wire cage. It is supported at the other end by a wire which runs to the main tower of the building. The counterpoise consists of a sevening. The counterpoise consists of a seven-wire fan, five feet above the roof and 50 feet below the antenna. At 180 meters an antenna current of 2.5 amperes is obtained with 430 watts in the antenna. This current is not abnormally low, for the fundamental is 215 meters.

All the apparatus at 2XNA was donated by Dr. A. N. Goldsmith who is also a professor of engineering at the College. Dr. Goldsmith has given liberally his time, and technical advice as well, and has done much toward getting the station to its present state of excellence.

Station 2XNA is on the air every night of the school year, and handles traffic directly to all points of the United States. The

station is operated by the following men:
2BRB "EG", Chief Operator, 2ABN
"DW", 2ABW "DC", 2AHT "AC", 2ANY
"FK", 2BOP "BL", 2CBJ "ES", 2CEC
"BO", 2CRB "JG".

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C.W., U. S. A.:
(Idb), 1fd, 1gh, 1gs, 1gv, (1ij), 1ka, (1kl), (1ml), 1mo, (1my), (1nd), (1nt), 1pa, 1pb, (1ph), 1py, (1qx), 1rf, 1ry, (1se), 1vu, 1xw, (1yb), 1yd, (1zi), 1zt, 1zz, 1aab, 1aad, 1abf, 1abt, 1aeg, 1aez, 1afa, (1aid), (1ain), (1ajo), 1ajp, 1ajx, 1akz, 1all, (1ak), (1aml), 1aok, (1aou), (1apm), 1are, (1ash', 1avp, (1awq), (1aww), 1awy, 1axa, (azz), (1azl), (1azt'), (1bal), (1bcc), (1bcu), 1bdv, (1bio), (1bgp), (1bfq), 1bgt, 1bll, 1bis, (1biz), (1bjq), (1bfq), (1bfq), (1bfq), 1bdm, 1bqq, 1brl, 1bsd, 1btt, (1bwd), 1bp, 1cab, (1caz), (1cbb), 1ccz, (1cjd), 1cig, 1ckk, (1cqm), 1ctl, 1cue, 1xam, (2bim), 2by, 3bi, (3ca), 3du, 3ek, 3gc, 3hw, 3jb, (3jo), 3kl, (3lg), 3mb, 3oe, (3og), 3oq, 3ph, (3qw), (3rr), 3tf, (3vw), (3wb), 3wx, 3zo, 3zs, 3abw, (3ach), 3adp, 3adw, 3aeq, 3agf, (3ahp), (3aih), 3ajs, 3ari, (3auv), (3bav), (3bav), 3bcu, (3bdi), 3bfe, 3blu, 3bnm, (3bmz), 3bof, (3bta), (3btq), 3btq, 3buy, (3bra), 3bmf, (Continued on page 1067)



Station 9BPT, owned and operated by Harry D. Clingenpeel, Flora, Ind. The transmitter is a 100-watt C.W., and a 50-watt phone set. The Hartley circuit is used and the radiation is $4\frac{1}{2}$ amps. on 100 watts C.W. and $3\frac{1}{2}$ amps. on 50-watt phone. Current supply is from a Ray-di-co 1,000-volt A.C. motor generator. Plate current is 200 milliamperes. The receiving system consists of a Grebe CR-9 and a 1BGF short wave low loss tuner. The aerial is a six-wire cage 62 feet long and 50 feet and 35 feet high with lead-in at low end. The counterpoise is fan type, and extends radially beneath the cage for 70 feet.

A New Oscillator for Very Short Waves

By ROSS GUNN, B.S., E.E., M.S.



Due to the fact that the Department of Commerce has presented the amateur with some choice short wave bands he will no doubt wish to take advantage of them. Mr. Gunn's short wave oscillator opens the field well. It is decidedly superior to the average oscillator circuit.



HE new range of wave-lengths assigned for experimental and amateur work opens up an interesting field for ment. For wave-lengths down to experiment. For wave-lengths down to perhaps 25 meters the usual methods apply, such as the standard Hartley circuit, but for wave-lengths from 2 to 25 meters, special care and different methods become necessary.

The writer recently devised a new circuit for these very short waves that is far above anything else he has seen for reliability and power output. This circuit oscillates freely and works every time if one or two precautions are taken in selecting the tubes and properly arranging the various parts. and properly arranging the various parts.

The circuit is essentially a Colpitts type and makes use of the internal capacity of the tube to couple the plate and grid circuits. The circuit is novel in that there is no

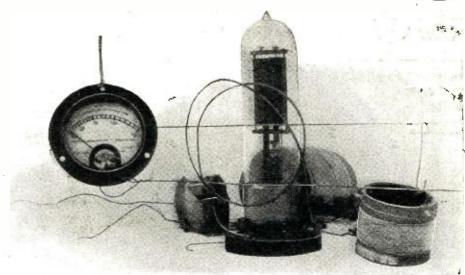
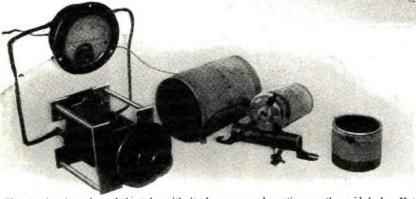


Fig. 3. This shows the tube used in a standard socket. The meter, the two parallel wires and the slide (extreme right) are used to measure the wave-length of the oscillator.



Another view of the tube with its base removed, resting on the grid leak. Note the R.F. chokes to either side of the tube. The wavemeter is in the foreground.

ilament Fig. 1 transformer

| Description | 2 No. 20 D.C.C. in parallel | 50 turns on 3-inch form. | L3 - L4. | Choke. | No. 28 D.C.C. | 125 turns - 2-inch form. | turns — 2-inch form.

L5 Oscillating circuit inductance. ½ to 10 turns 4½ inches in diameter.

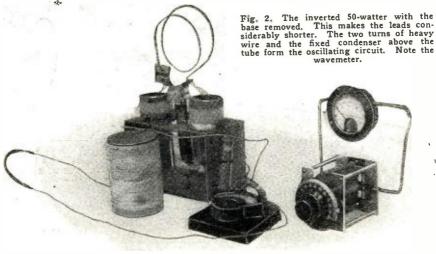
C1 Stopping condenser. Either fixed or variable. Value .002 mfd. to .0002 mfd.

C2 — C3 Adjustable tuning condenser made of two copper disks 5 inches in diameter soldered to antenna tubing.

R Grid leak 3,000 to 10,000 ohms.

Length A-B-C-D-E in meters should be from 50 per cent. to 75 per cent. of the working wave-length. external connection between the filament and the oscillating circuit and, therefore, would not be expected to oscillate. By drawing the Standard Colpitts circuit and replacing the coupling condensers by the tube capacities, the action is readily understood.

Fairly large tubes may be made to oscil-late satisfactorily at these short waves in this new circuit is employed. The writer this new circuit is employed. The writer has succeeded in securing wave-lengths as low as three meters from a standard Western Electric 50-watt tube. In using this circuit the tube is first isolated, as far as high frequency is concerned, from everything else by placing suitable chokes in all the leads to the tube. The oscillating circuit then consists of a turn or two of wire and a mica stopping condenser together with the a mica stopping condenser together with the internal capacity of the tube. The wire L_s and the stopping condenser C_1 are connected between the plate and grid terminals, as shown in Fig. 1. The output or antenna circuit ABCDE with a hot wire ammeter in series is connected inductively to L_s . The plate and grid chokes L, and L, should be made by winding at least 125 turns of No. 27 D.C.C. to No. 30 D.C.C. wire on a cardboard tube 2 inches in Diameter. The filament chokes L₁ and L₂ are conveniently made by winding at least 50 turns of No. 20 D.C.C., two wires in parallel in a single layer on a cardboard tube 3 inches in diameter. Under no circumstances should a jumble winding or honeycomb coil be used. as these are inefficient chokes at short wavelengths. The grid resistance R has a resistance of from 4.000 to 10,000 ohms, the exact value being determined by experiment. The condenser C₁ is a mica stopping (Continued on page 1073)

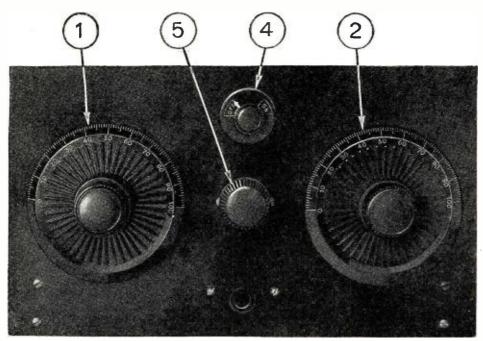


A Short Wave Adapter for the Broadcast Receiver By J. L. CASSELL



The popularity of broadcasting on short wave-lengths below 100 meters has brought in many new designs in receiving apparatus. By means of the adapter shown here, the short wave signals are heterodyned to a longer wave-length and received on a standard broadcast receiver.





WGY at Schenectady and KFKX at Hastings, Nebraska, and many experimental European stations as they put their programs on the air for trans-Atlantic tests.

List of Required Parts for the Construction of the Short Wave Adapter

- -Low loss straight line wavelength low minimum capacity condensers with frame insulated from plates.
 -Pound No. 18 D.C.C. magnet
- wire.
- -.00025 low loss fixed condenser. One-half to 10-megohm variable resistance of the compression
- pile type.
 -UV-199 vacuum tube with "A" and "B" batteries.
- -Vacuum socket, panel mounting, with shock absorbing base.
- -Two-foot length of telephone receiver cord.
- 1—Sixty turn spider-web coil. Panel 7 by 12 inches, screws, nuts. RTADA DEGNA DESSO D ESSEDASO SE SOCIAS DO DÁSO DE SALA ESSEL PROF. Lados desta como consegua decuencia da Seño establese en el seste, meso

OR the past two years much has been said and written concerning the experiments with short waves, those waves which lie below the broadcast and amateur bands. However, most of the stories concerning the great distances and ease of communication made available by the use of this new field told of much special apparatus and great technical questions involved. After reading a few such reports, the ordinary fan relegated the subject to the scientist and went again to more pertinent problems dealing with questions nearer his heart concerning the efficiency and the distortion in his loud speaker.

Many of the largest broadcast stations in the country such as WGY, KDKA and KFKX are now using short waves with regularity and it only remains for the fan to construct a set or an attachment for his present set which will enable him to receive these wave bands in order to get into the forefront of radio experimentation.

With the simple device shown in these columns attached to any receiving set one may listen nightly and with less trouble to the programs of KDKA at Pittsburgh,

Above: Front view of the completed short wave adapter. The numbers refer to the numbers refer to the following parts: 1, tuning condenser; 2, oscillator condenser; 4, switch; and 5, variable grid leak.

Right: Circuit diagram showing connections of the short wave adapter. The Tropadyne principle is used for heterodyning the incoming signals.

Below: The method of coupling the short wave adapter to a standard broadcasting receiver. The illustration shows the adapter coupled to the Neutrodyne, which combination works very well. Note that this arrangement forms a Super-Heterodyne circuit. Below: The method of

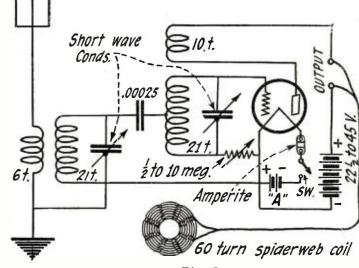
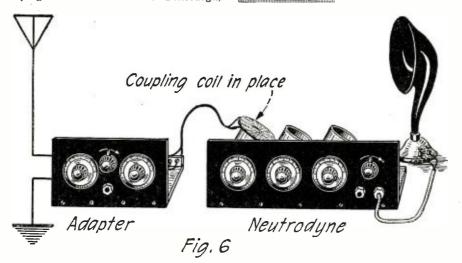


Fig. 3



Advantage is taken of the Super-Heterodyne principle. Essentially, the apparatus is a short wave tuner with an oscillator. The incoming signal, which for example may be of a 60-meter wave-length, is picked up by the tuner, passed on to the oscillator and heterodyned to a higher wave-length of about 350 meters which may be easily picked up by the ordinary tuner. Thus every set can be easily made into a Super-Heterodyne receiver.

And the addition of the short wave oscillator tube increases the range of the set since it acts as an amplifier. Also, the receiving set proper may be worked at its most efficient point.

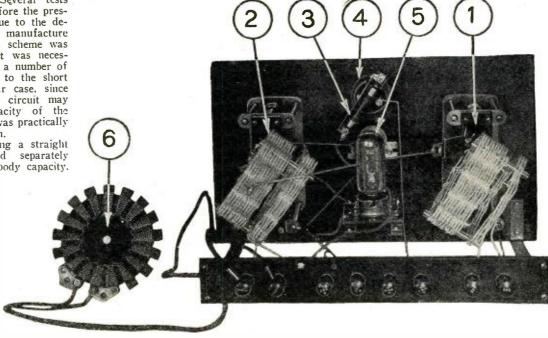
Still another betterment is gained through the adoption of the Tropadyne principle in the short wave tuning unit. By using the standard Super-Heterodyne circuit the short wave adapter would require two tubes. In this case only one tube is required. The heart of the apparatus is embodied

in the variable condensers. Several tests were made with the adapter before the present design was evolved, but due to the design usually employed in the manufacture of commercial condensers, the scheme was found to be impracticable. It was necessary with their use to cut out a number of plates in order to tune down to the short waves. And in this particular case, since neither side of the oscillator circuit may be grounded, the body capacity of the operator was so great that it was practically impossible to tune in a station.

A low loss condenser, having a straight

À low loss condenser, having a straight line wave-length curve and separately grounded frame to eliminate body capacity.

Rear view of the short wave adapter. Note the spider-web coupling coil and the low loss stagger wound tuner and oscillater coils.



was used. With this type of condenser, the

adapter works admirably.

Of course, the ordinary type may be used for the tuner circuit if its capacity is reduced. Usually four plates have to be taken from the ordinary .00025 condenser, to make it serve for short wave work. The condenser selected must have low losses, or the efficiency of the adapter will be dropped to a low point.

Figs. 1 and 2 are photographs of the completed unit and Fig. 3 is the wiring diagram. In constructing the adapter, the first point is to wind the low loss coils. Fig. 4 is a template for the winding form and may be cut from the page and used as a marker

for the base. A bit of one inch soft wood may be used for the form base. Over this the template is pasted and nails or pins driven in as indicated. If nails are used, the heads will have to be sawed off before being driven into the wood so the completed coil will slip off the form. The coils will have a mean diameter of three inches.

No. 18 D.C.C. wire is used throughout in

No. 18 D.C.C. wire is used throughout in making the coils. Four are necessary. The first consists of six turns. Begin at any pin on the form and wind the wire in front of one pin and behind the next. On account of the odd number of pins, each turn will be staggered over the next. Besides the six-turn coil, one of 10 turns and two of 21

turns will be necessary. In the center turn of one of the 21-turn coils at the opposite side from the beginning of the coil a tap is taken. This is exactly at 10½ turns. The windings are securely bound with twine before being taken from the form.

The six-turn coil and the 21-turn coil are

The six-turn coil and the 21-turn coil are fastened together with three glass tubes two inches long, as shown in Fig. 5, and form the primary and secondary of the tuning circuit. Very little insulating substance should be used in supporting the coils as insulating substances increase losses. The primary and secondary are spaced one-quarter inch apart. The 21-turn coil, with the tap in the center, and the 10-turn coil are mounted together with three more bits of glass tubing and serve as the oscillator circuit.

The apparatus is mounted on a standard 7 by 12 inch panel. Instead of the usual sub-base, brass strips were used as seen in the photographs of the set. The extra bracing strips shown will be found necessary for the stability of the set, as the least vibration will detune it. An insulating strip of hard rubber, 1½ by 11 inches to carry the eight binding posts is mounted at the back of the two bottom strips.

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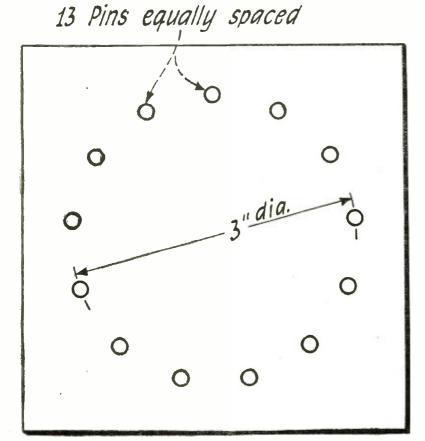


Fig. 4: Full size template for making a form for winding the low loss coils. This should be cut out, pasted to a board and nails driven through the centers of the small circles. The heads of the nails must be removed in order to remove the coil.

Right: The finished stagger wound coil. Note that the wire passes under one glass rod and over the next.



Glass tubes 2" long Fig. 5

The Heterodyne Wavemeter

By JAMES WOOD, JR., 2ALG

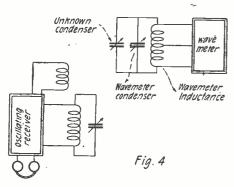


This article deals exclusively with condenser calibration and inductance measurement by use of the Heterodyne Wavemeter described by Mr. Wood in the November issue of Radio News.



HE wavemeter described in the first part of this article can be put to a great many uses. Some of these will be described below. The wave-length range of the wavemeter is from 60 to 235 meters, which is ample for ordinary requirements in the experimenter's laboratory.

In the formulae given below, capacity is expressed in microfarads, inductance in microhenries and wave-lengths in meters. The symbol Ct will be used to denote all the capacity in the circuit which is not due to



Circuits and arrangement and method employed for the calibration of a condenser of unknown capacity; capacity curve of wavemeter condenser known.

the receiving condenser or to the condenser being calibrated. This will include then, capacity due to leads, the vacuum tube, and the distributed capacity of the inductances, except where otherwise noted.

CONDENSER CALIBRATION WAVEMETER CONDENSER CAPACITY CURVE KNOWN

Set the wavemeter at any convenient value above 150 meters, and adjust the receiver to resonance (zero beat). Note the wavemeter condenser reading. Then shunt the wavemeter condenser with the unknown condenser (See Fig. 4) and re-tune the wavemeter to resonance with the receiver. The unknown capacity is then equal to the difference in the capacities of the wavemeter condenser in the two positions. This is, of course, relatively simple. As is often the case, however, the wavemeter condenser capacity curve is unknown and it then becomes necessary to use a slightly different method.

WAVEMETER CONDENSER CAPACITY CURVE UNKNOWN

For this method we also require a standard capacity, but it need not be variable. It should be known accurately to three significant figures, for example .000357 mfd. The method is as follows:

(a) Allow the receiver to oscillate and connect the standard capacity, which we will call C, across the receiving inductance. Bring the wavemeter to resonance with the receiver. Note the wave-length and denote it hy \(\lambda\)

(b) Disconnect the standard capacity and connect in its place the unknown variable capacity. (See Fig. 5). Set the latter at any desired value. Now bring the wave-meter to resonance with the receiver. Call this wave-length λ_1 .

(c) Now disconnect the unknown capacity and allow the receiver to oscillate without either condenser. Bring the wavemeter

again to resonance with the receiver. Call this wave-length $\lambda_{\rm s}$.

The capacity of the unknown condenser at the particular setting chosen, corrected for the capacity we denote by Ct (see above) is given by the expression:

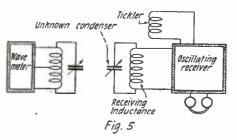
$$Cx = \frac{C(\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2)}{(\lambda^2 - \lambda_2^2)} \qquad \text{eq. (1)}$$

The value of Ct may be obtained from the expression:

$$Ct = \frac{\lambda_{\frac{2}{3}} C}{\lambda^{2} - \lambda_{\frac{2}{3}}^{2}} \qquad eq. (2)$$

It becomes apparent that if it should so happen that the wave-length of the circuit, when both standard and unknown capacities have been disconnected, is lower than the minimum wave-length of the wavemeter, the method falls down. This can be easily remedied. Tune the wavemeter until its second harmonic is in resonance with the receiver. Note the wave-length, divide by two and call it λ_2 . The above formula (1) then gives the capacity of the unknown condenser. Care should be taken to see that the adjustment of the receiver is not changed except as directed.

The above method is very satisfactory for all ordinary capacities used by the radio experimenter (.0001-.0005 mfd.). For example, assuming the accuracy of the wavemeter calibration to be .3 of 1 per cent, which is the value given for WWV's standard signals, the wavemeter when calibrated



Method utilized for determining capacity of a condenser when the wavemeter condenser capacity curve is unknown.

from this source would very likely read anywhere from 199.4 to 200.6, when actually the wave was 200 meters. Working it out mathematically shows that this inaccuracy in the wave-length will cause the condenser, which was just calibrated by the above method, to vary from 1 per cent. below to 1 per cent. above its actual value. In other words, the capacity of the unknown condenser might come out anywhere from say .000311 to .000316, when the actual capacity is .000313. Toward the upper end of the wavemeter scale we may expect an accuracy of 1 per cent., provided the measurements are carefully made. This is about the greatest accuracy possible with the type of wavemeter described. It is, however, quite sufficient for most purposes. This degree of accuracy will not be obtained on small capacities. It is not very satisfactory, for example, to measure capacities of less than .00001 mfd., since even on this capacity the value obtained may vary 30 per cent. either way. On this account it is often useless to correct for distributed ca-

pacity and other capacity which is not due to the tuning condenser. Most of the formulae given are corrected for these capacities, not because it is necessary but to show how it can be done.

For capacities larger than .0005 mfd. tl:c method is very much the same. Perform parts (a) and (c) as above. In place of part (b) proceed as follows:

Connect the known and unknown capacities in series. Bring the wavemeter to resonance with the receiver. Call the wavelength λ_{b} . The capacity of the unknown condenser at the particular setting chosen is then given by:

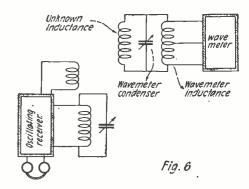
$$Cx = \frac{C(\lambda_5^2 - \lambda_2^2)}{(\lambda^2 - \lambda_5^2)}$$
 eq. (3)

The above methods of capacity measurement are accurate and in addition allow the use of the capacity standard for other purposes. The writer wishes to again emphasize the importance of careful adjustments and the necessity of leaving the receiving set in one adjustment whenever the directions call for this. The experimenter should make a practice, in all calibration work, of taking several readings for each particular point. Individual readings are bound to vary somewhat and it is only by taking several readings and averaging them that the most accurate results are realized.

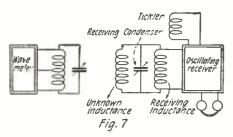
Once we have a calibrated variable condenser, the problem of other types of measurement is greatly simplified.

INDUCTANCE MEASUREMENT CAPACITY CURVE OF WAVEMETER CONDENSER KNOWN

Bring the receiver and wavemeter to resonance. Use a known wave-length (λ) of at least 150 meters, since the accuracy of the final result will be greater and the adjustments will be more easily made. Call the wavemeter condenser reading C. Shunt the unknown inductance across the wavemeter condenser (See Fig. 6) and re-adjust the latter to bring the wavemeter again to resonance with the receiver. The capacity of the condenser will always have to be increased in this case, because when two inductances are connected in parallel, the effective inductance of the whole system is reduced. The receiver should not be touched throughout the experiment. Call the second capacity of the wavemeter condenser C_1 . The inknown inductance uncorrected for distributed capacity is then given by:



Circuits and arrangement used in determining the inductance of a coil; capacity curve of wavemeter condenser known.



Circuit and arrangement used in determining the inductance of a coil; capacity curve of wavemeter condenser unknown.

$${\rm Lx} = \frac{\lambda^2}{(1885)^2 \; (C_1 - C)} \; \; eq. \; (4)$$

To correct for the distributed capacity of the inductance proceed as follows:

Adjust the receiver and wavemeter to resonance and read the wavemeter condenser. Call it C. Call the wave-length λ . Shunt the wavemeter condenser with the unknown inductance and again bring the wavemeter to resonance with the receiver, leaving the latter in its original adjustment. Denote this second reading of the condenser by C₁. Now reduce the wavemeter condenser capacity until the wavemeter is in resonance with the second harmonic of the receiver. Read the condenser again and this time call The inductance of the coil corrected for distributed capacity is:

$$L_{\rm X} = \frac{3\lambda^2}{(1885)^2 (4C_1 - 3C - 4C_2)} \text{ eq. (5)}$$

The distributed capacity may be found from the expression: $C_1 - 4C_2$

$$Cd = \frac{C_1 - 4C_2}{3}$$
 eq. (6)

CAPACITY CURVE OF WAVEMETER CONDENSER UNKNOWN

When the capacity of the wavemeter condenser is unknown we proceed in much the same manner as in the corresponding case for capacity. Here, however, we must use a calibrated variable condenser to tune the receiving set.

Bring the receiver and wavemeter to resonance. Denote the receiving condenser capacity by C and the wave-length used by λ . Now shunt the unknown inductance across the receiving condenser (See Fig. 7) and readjust the latter until the receiver is again in resonance with the wavemeter. The wavemeter is of course left as it was first adjust-Call the second reading of the condenser C₁. The inductance of the coil will then be given by equation (4) above. The value obtained is not corrected for the Ct capacity nor the distributed capacity of the unknown inductance itself. To get the pure inductance requires more measurements. Get the following as described above: C, C₁, Ct. (eq. 2) and λ . We also must take one more reading with the wavemeter. After C and C₁ have been determined as above, leave the unknown inductance connected to the re-ceiver, but reduce the capacity of the con-denser until the receiver is in resonance with the second harmonic of the wavemeter. Call the capacity of the receiving condenser in this adjustment C_2 . The pure inductance of the coil is then given by:

$$Lx = \frac{3\lambda^2}{(1885)^2 (4C_1 - 4C_2 - 3Ct - 3C)}$$
eq. (7)

The distributed capacity of the coil can be found by substituting the value obtained for Lx in equation (7), in the following

for Lx in equation (7), in the following expression:
$$Cd = \frac{\lambda^2 - Lx (1885)^2 (C_1 - C)}{Lx (1885)^2}$$
eq. (8)

This completes the measurement of capacity and inductance.

WAVE-LENGTH OF TRANSMITTERS

The wave-length of a transmitting station is found by the same method that was used for calibrating the wavemeter from the standard signals of WWV.

MUTUAL INDUCTANCE

When two coils are connected in series and electromagnetically coupled, the mutual

inductance is given by:
$$M = \frac{L_3 - L_4}{4}$$
eq. (9)

In the above L₃ is the effective inductance when the fields of the two coils assist each other, and L₄ is the effective inductance when the fields oppose each other. The degree of coupling must remain the same when the fields are changed from assisting to opposing. (See Fig. 8.) To measure M by means of the wavemeter, all that is necessary is to measure L3 and L4 by one of the means already suggested, and substi-tute the values in the above equation. Sometimes we also wish to determine the

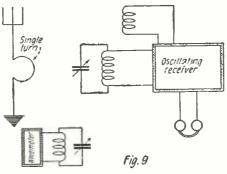
degree of coupling between the two coils. This is also easily done.

COEFFICIENT OF COUPLING

The coefficient of coupling tells us how closely two circuits are coupled. For the two coils considered above, the coefficient of coupling is given by:

$$K = \sqrt[\Lambda]{\frac{M}{L_1 L_2}}$$
 eq.(10)

To find K it is simply necessary to meas-



Arrangement for measuring the fundamental wave-length of an antenna system.

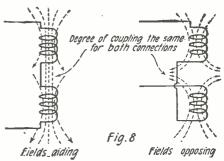
ure individually the inductance of each coil and substitute the two values, together with the value of the mutual inductance found above, in the formula,

ANTENNA MEASUREMENTS

With the aid the Heterodyne wavemeter we may measure the fundamental, the capacity and the inductance of the antenna system. We cannot, however, measure the resistance of the antenna. This is due to the fact that the energy delivered by such a low powered oscillator as the one described, would not be sufficient to actuate any but a very sensitive meter, which few experimenters possess.

FUNDAMENTAL WAVE-LENGTH

Connect the antenna directly to the ground. make a single turn loop of the lead and couple this closely to the receiver. (See Fig. Allow the latter to oscillate and gradually adjust the receiving condenser. A point will be reached where the oscillations will cease and the familiar click will be heard in the phones. If the condenser is turned further, the circuit will again oscillate and the click will again be heard. It will usually be found that these two points are quite a few degrees apart on the condenser scale. Reduce the coupling between the single turn loop and the receiver until only one click is heard when the resonance point is passed. Now reduce the coupling a little more until



In measuring the mutual inductance of two coils, the coupling between them must remain the same for both aiding and opposing fields.

the receiver just oscillates at the resonance point. Tune the wavemeter to resonance with the receiver. Read the wave-length. This is the antenna fundamental.

ANTENNA CAPACITY

The capacity of the antenna system can be measured quite accurately in spite of the fact that as yet we do not know its inductance. By taking three separate measurements we can get an expression for the capacity of the antenna system that does not involve its inductance.

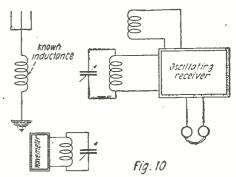
First find the antenna fundamental by the method already described. Call it λ . Now connect an inductance, which has been calibrated by one of the methods already described, in series with the antenna. (See Call the inductance L₁. Find the wave-length of the antenna system with this coil in series. Denote it by λ_1 . Now disconnect L1 and connect in its place another standard inductance which will denote by $L_{\rm 2}$. Again measure the wave-length of the antenna system. Call it $\lambda_{\rm 2}$. The capacity of the antenna is given by:

$$Ca = \frac{\lambda^{2} (\lambda_{1}^{2} - \lambda_{2}^{2})}{(1885)^{2} (\lambda_{2}^{2} L_{1} - \lambda_{1}^{2} L_{2})} \quad \text{eq. (11)}$$

Ca = $\frac{\lambda^2 (\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2)}{(1885)^2 (\lambda_2^2 L_1 - \lambda_2^2 L_2)}$ eq. (11)
The above formula may look a bit formidable to those unaccustomed to algebra, but it is only necessary to substitute the numerical values for the symbols and then do a little simple arithmetic. The formula given does not take into account formula given does not take into account the distributed capacity of the inductances used, but on well-made inductances of the size used in the average experimenter's laboratory, the distributed capacity is so small that it can be disregarded. It is a wise plan when inductances are made up for use as standards, to keep the distributed capacity as low as possible. This can be done by using spaced windings and as little insulating material as is consistent with rigidity.
ANTENNA INDUCTANCE

Once the fundamental and the capacity of the antenna have been measured, it is a simple matter to determine the inductance by means of the formula:

$$La = \frac{\Lambda^{2}}{Ca (1885)^{2}} eq. (12)$$
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Arrangement for measuring the capacity of an antenna system.

Multi-Stage Radio Frequency Amplification

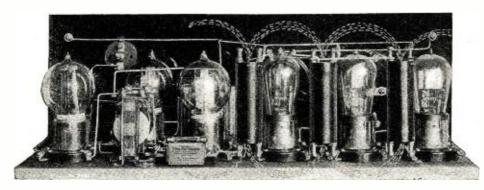
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Part II



This, the second article of a series, deals principally with the stabilization of multi-stage radio frequency amplifiers and is probably the most important consideration relative to circuits of this nature.





The dotted lines representing the magnetic fields of the radio frequency transformers show how one transformer is coupled to another. This is one of the most common troubles in radio frequency amplifiers.

VERY common and successful method of reducing the tendency of oscillation in a tube is to place a resistance in the grid circuit. Sometimes it consists of an actual resistance of the ordinary kind, and in other cases the grid to filament path itself is used as the resistance.

In the latter case what we do is to take advantage of the fact that when the grid becomes positive with respect to the negative end of the filament, electrons are at-

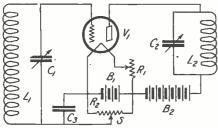


Fig. 15. The usual method of setting up a steady grid current; the employment of a potentiometer connected across the "A"

tracted to the grid from the filament; these electrons are attracted to the grid from the filament; these electrons travel around the grid circuit, through the grid inductance, back to the filament. This setting up of a grid current introduces damping into the grid circuit. In other words, some of the energy in the grid circuit is consumed and losses are incurred by making the oscilla-tions in the grid circuit produce a grid current, this loss may be made sufficiently great to stabilize the circuit in which it is used and prevent the tube from oscillating. set up a steady grid current is a simple matter, and the usual method is that illustrated in Fig. 15, where the slider S moves along a potentiometer of about 400 ohms resistance connected across the filament battery B₁. A fixed condenser C₃ of .002 mfd. may be connected in the position shown to avoid making the radio frequency currents travel through the potentiometer resistance itself. This condenser C_n may frequently be omitted. When the slider S is at the extreme left position, the grid is at zero volts; as the slider is moved further to the right the grid will be given an increasing potential, which will become 6 volts positive if the slider S is moved to the right side of R₂ assuming the battery B₁ gives 6 volts. Any

degree of damping, within limits, may therefore be introduced into the grid circuit, and the slider S will usually be adjusted to such a point that the tube is just off the oscillation point.

It is rather important to note in this method that the position of the rheostat R_i is of importance. If it is connected in the negative lead it will not be possible to give the grid the full 6 volts because when F is at the left side of R_z the grid will be at a negative potential depending upon the drop in potential across the rheostat. As F is moved to the right a point will be reached where the grid has a potential of zero volts and a further movement of F to the right will begin to give the grid a positive potential. If the drop in potential across the rheostat is normally two volts, it will only be possible to give the grid a maximum potential of four volts positive which, however, in most cases, would be all that is necessary. Where it is desired to be able to give the grid any positive voltage from zero to positive 6, it is desirable to connect the rheostat in the positive lead.

Fig. 16 shows the connection of an actual resistance element R_2 in the grid oscillatory circuit. This resistance may have a value between 20 and 50 ohms, according to various factors, such as the amplification factor of the tube and the constants of the oscillating circuits and the natural coupling between grid and plate circuits. Its correct value is best found by experiment. If it is variable, so much the better.

Fig. 17 shows the resistance R₂ included in the plate oscillatory circuits. This is an alternative arrangement and self-oscillation may be prevented, either by introducing

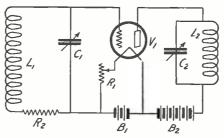


Fig. 16. The grid circuit of this hook-up is dampened by the insertion of a resistance directly in the grid circuit.

damping into the grid or the plate oscillatory circuits. In some cases the damping is introduced into both circuits by any of the methods specified.

Fig. 18 shows the use of a resistance R₂ in parallel with the oscillatory circuit L₁ C₁. This method has been advocated by the author on several occasions, because it does not involve the production of direct currents in the grid circuit which are liable to cause distortion. The resistance R₂ now has a value of the order of 100,000 ohms, and a variable resistance having this maximum value will be found very convenient:

Fig. 19 is the same arrangement as Fig.

18, except that the resistance R₂ has been connected across the plate oscillatory circuit.

Fig. 20 shows the use of a resistance R_2 in the grid circuit of the tube, but in rather a different position to that shown in Fig. 16. The effect, however, is very similar, and the value of R_2 is usually of the same order as the resistance R_2 described in connection with Fig. 16.

It is desirable to make all the resistances used in these various cases devoid of capacity.

OBTAINING STABILITY BY REDUCING AMPLIFICATION

A rather obvious method of increasing the stability of a radio frequency amplifying circuit is to reduce the amount of amplifi-

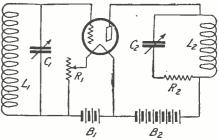


Fig. 17. The utilization of a resistance in series with the plate oscillatory circuit is another effective method of presenting self-oscillation.

cation given by the tube. We can do this, either by a tube having a poorer amplification factor or by reducing the amplification given by the tube in use. This may be done by reducing the filament current, a very common expedient, and by reducing the "B" battery voltage. Dulling the filaments is usually a very effective method of stabilizing a radio frequency amplifier, but at the same time, any beginner will appreciate that reducing the efficiency of the apparatus in this way is wrong, and that the necessity for doing this is merely due to lack of proper design elsewhere.

PLATE IMPEDANCE METHOD

An interesting and useful method of stabilizing a radio frequency amplifier is that illustrated in Fig. 21. We have an impedance Z shunted by a variable condenser C₃. The impedance Z, which may be a choke coil with or without an iron-core inductance, has in parallel with it the small variable condenser C₃, and the choking effect on the radio frequency oscillations in the

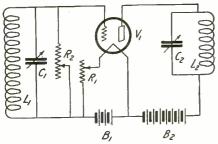


Fig. 18. A variable resistance connected in parallel with the grid oscillatory circuit provides a means for controlling self-oscillation.

plate circuit may be controlled by means of a condenser C_3 . The smaller the value of C_3 the less tendency will the tube have to generate oscillations and vice versa.

USE OF REVERSED FEED-BACK

Reversed feed-back, which consists in feeding back energy into the grid circuit in a direction opposite to that which produces the signal effect, may be employed for stabi-

lizing a radio frequency amplifier.

Fig. 22 shows how the inductance L₂ is connected in a reverse direction to produce an inverted feed-back effect which will tend to oppose the natural reception effect due to

capacity coupling, etc.
In the Fig. 22 arrangement the reverse feed-back effect may be obtained when the coils L₁ and L₂ are fairly loosely coupled in a reverse direction. If L₂ is brought too close up to L₃, the reverse inductive effect is swamped by the increased capacity coupling between L₂ and L₁, and this produces a greater tendency to self-oscillation. A coupling of two tuned circuits to feed-back effect is, therefore, not a very practicable arrangement, although when the plate circuit is not tuned, reversed feed-back may be quite useful in stabilizing a receiver.

Fig. 23 shows a modified arrangement in which the feed-back coil L is not a part of the main tuned plate circuit but is connected in series with it. This circuit will, in general, be found better than Fig. 22, although the

coil L should be kept small.

ELIMINATING THE CAUSES OF OSCILLATION

The method we have described above may be regarded as general means of counter-acting the ill-effects of faulty design. The design of the receiving apparatus should be such that palliatives should not be necessary. but while it is a simple matter to make theoretical comments on the problem of radio frequency amplification, the fact remains that there is today no really satisfactory method of radio frequency amplification. If all experimenters who at present are working in directions where great success has already been achieved were to turn their attention to the problem of long distance reception and multi-stage amplification,

probably some solution could be found.

It is the purpose of this article to explain the difficulties and to indicate what already been done to overcome the troubles experienced in multi-stage radio frequency

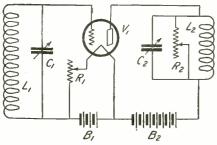


Fig. 19. Practically the same arrangement as that of Fig. 18, except the resistance is in parallel with the plate oscillatory circuit.

A method of the author's amplification. own is also given.

The elimination of the causes of oscilla-tion is a practical impossibility, but much can be done to balance them out with a minimum of energy loss.

In the first place, since the grid-to-plate

capacity of the tube is one of the chief troubles, an improvement is made by decreasing it. Sometimes the capacity is between the electrodes themselves, but more often in the leads to the electrodes. The B₄ tube, for example, which is an audio frequency amplifier of great utility, has the advantage that the grid-to-plate capacity is large. The Myers tube and the V₂₄ are, however, admirable for radio frequency work, because the capacities between the electrodes, and the leads going to the electrodes, is small.

Much can be done, however, with the ordinary type of tube, provided a suitable

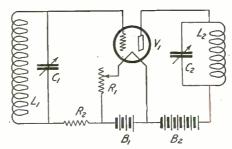


Fig. 20. An arrangement similar to Fig. 16, but with the resistance in a slightly different position.

Quite apart from the tube holder is used. other merits, the widely-spaced contacts on certain types of special tube holders are particularly suitable for radio frequency The ordinary arrangement where the socket pins are very close together, the nuts and washers being frequently only a matter of 1/16th inch apart, are entirely unsuitable

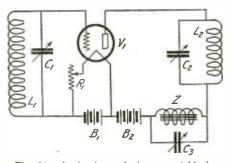


Fig. 21. A circuit employing a variable im-pedance in the plate circuit as a means for stabilizing the radio frequency amplifier.

for radio frequency, or, in fact, for any

other work.

All leads, of course, should be kept as short as possible, and as far apart as can be arranged. Both bus bar wire connections are probably the best for wiring a set with several stages of radio frequency amplifica-

OVERCOMING INDUCTIVE COUPLING

The overcoming of inductive coupling has received very little attention, probably becuse capacity coupling is much more insidious

and dangerous.

Inductive coupling may be made very small by arranging that the fields of coils in the grid and plate circuits do not interact. coils should be kept well apart, so as not to influence each other, and they may conveniently be arranged at right angles. keep the inductive fields as small as possible, the coils may be wound on small diameter tubes with fine wire, but this may lead to a certain amount of inefficiency. It is, however, a direction in which experiments may

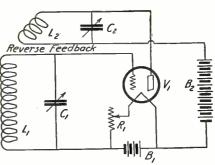


Fig. 22. A circuit employing reverse feed-back for preventing self-oscillation. This is similar to the system employed in the Superdyne.

be made. The smaller the coil the less will be the inductive effect of it on another coil.

A method of reducing the magnetic effect of one coil on another is illustrated in Fig. of one coil on another is illustrated in Fig. 24, which shows both coils L₁ and L₂ enclosed in metal boxes, having only small openings to allow the connecting wires to pass through. The metal casings E₁ and E₂ should be of fairly substantial size, and the coils arranged clear of the sides. Sometiment was the desirable to earth the falls. times it may be desirable to earth the fields.

Fig. 25 shows the inductances L₁ and L₂ wound on tubes which are staggered in relation to each other. This arrangement has been used by Prof. Hazeltine in his Neutrodyne receiver, which involves the use of radio frequency transformers. The same arrangement, however, could be used for tuned plate circuits. The fields of the two coils are shown in dotted lines, and it will be seen that by arranging the coils in a suitable manner it is possible to avoid any appreciable inductive coupling between the induc-

An interesting arrangement which has been tried by Mr. G. P. Kendal and the author is that illustrated in Fig. 26. Here the inductance coils L1 and L2 are in the form of toroids. The inductances are shaped like a curtain ring. If we obtained a wooden curtain ring and completely wound it with insulated wire, the ends, however, being separated by a fraction of an inch and leads taken from the ends, we would have a toroidal coil. The same effect would be obtained by taking a long cylindrical coil and hending it round so that the ends met. In the case of such a coil the magnetic field is entirely enclosed, and while the coil pos-sesses all the properties of an inductance. there is no external field which could influence another coil. In Fig. 26 both grid and plate coils are shown of toroidal shape. A practical coil may be made by taking. say, a 3-inch length of insulating tubing 3 or 4 inches in diameter and cutting a slit in the tube. A toroidal coil can then be wound on the tube.

Fig. 27 shows a circuit using two tuned

plate circuits employing toroidal coils. this arrangement there will be no inductive effect between the coils, but this does not mean that there will be no capacity coupling. which is the most trouble in multi-stage radio frequency amplifiers. The fact that

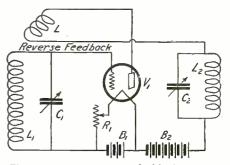


Fig. 23. Another reverse feed-back system wherein the tickler coil L is a part of the tuned plate circuit.

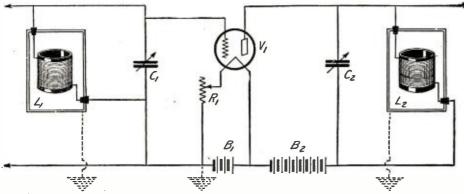


Fig. 24. Enclosing coils having extensive magnetic fields, in metal boxes, reduces or eliminates magnetic inter-action between one and another.

toroidal coils are used does not mean that the coils can be put close together because we then get a substantial capacity coupling between the coils, even though there is no inductive coupling, and the capacity coupling is generally the most troublesome. The Fig. 27 arrangement must therefore not be taken as a solution of the problem of multi-

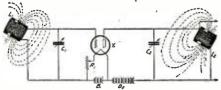


Fig. 25. The usual system employed in a Neutrodyne. The coils are placed at convenient angles so that the magnetic field of one cannot enter the magnetic field of another.

stage radio frequency amplification; it is, however, a very interesting suggestion for overcoming one of the coupling effects likely to cause instability.

THE "ASTATIC" PLATE COIL

An interesting suggestion for the plate circuit of a tube to the grid circuit is that illustrated in Fig. 28. We here have two plate coils L₂ and L₃ wound in opposite directions. The idea is that the inductive effect of L₂ on L₁ would be neutralized by the opposite inductive effect of the coil L₂ the coupling between L₂ and L₃ should not be sufficiently great as to add materially to reduce the total inductance of

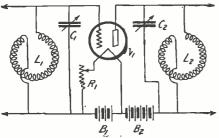


Fig. 26. A circuit employing toroidal coils. In these coils the magnetic fields are enclosed by the coils, that is, the fields are confined to the center.

the two coils in series. It would seem that the positioning of the combined coil L_2 L_3 should be symmetrical with respect to the coil L_1 in any set built using such a coil.

BALANCING OUT THE CAPACITY EFFECT IN A TUBE

Since the coupling inside the tube is effected by means of a capacity, it is only natural that we should turn to a capacity for the purpose of neutralizing this coupling. The effect of the coupling inside the tube is for potentials to be communicated from the plate circuit to the grid circuit in such a direction as to increase the tendency to oscillate. To counteract this capacity effect, we therefore require to introduce to the gridpotentials of opposite, but similar magnitude. If the ca-

pacity of the tube is more than balanced, a reverse feed-back effect will be obtained which will weaken signals. It is therefore desirable, that the balance should be an exact one. It is, of course, no use connecting a condenser from the plate to the grid because this condenser would merely assist the existing capacity. It is necessary to obtain a reversal of phase and this reversal may be obtained by tapping either the grid or plate inductance or by the use of transformer coupling. These methods will now be described.

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Fig. 29 shows a simple tube amplifier in which, however, the direct current plate circuit contains only a portion of the oscillatory circuit. In this figure it will be seen that a tapping S is taken away from about half-way along the inductance L₂ and, therefore, the direct plate current only flows

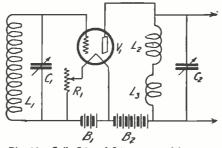


Fig. 28. Coils L2 and L3 are wound in opposite directions, consequently the inductive effect of L2 on L1 is neutralized by the opposite inductive effect of the coil L3 on L1.

from the top of the inductance L_2 to the middle tapping. It is, of course, sufficient to pass a varying plate current through a part of the oscillatory circuit to set up oscillations in that circuit, but it will be found in practice that usually the maximum amplification is obtained when the whole of the inductance in the plate circuit is included in the direct current plate circuit. In Fig. 29, when the end E_1 is negative the end E_2 will be positive with respect to the tapping S, and therefore with respect to the filament of the tube, the end E_1

being connected to the grid of the tube through the grid to plate capacity shown in dotted lines by the condenser C₃, and these potentials will be opposite at any given moment to those at the end E₂. We now connect the end E₂ through a very small conclenser C₄ to the grid of the tube, and it will be seen that, whereas the capacity in the tube producing certain potentials on the grid, exactly opposite potentials are being communicated to the grid through the condenser C₄ from the end E₂ of the inductance L₂. By making C₄ of the correct size, the feedback impulses communicated through C₄ will be exactly neutralized by the reverse feed-back through C₄. The result is that the capacity of the tube has been neutralized, and the circuit will consequently not oscillate.

The condenser C₄ may also be used to balance out the capacity coupling between the coils L₄ and L₂. In order to enable a more correct balance to be obtained I have

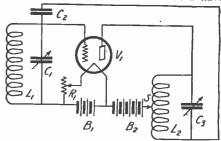


Fig. 29. A simple vacuum tube amplifier in which the direct current plate circuit contains only a portion of the oscillatory circuit and the direct plate current flows therein only.

suggested connecting an actual condenser in the position shown in C_3 in Fig. 29. This condenser will actually increase the tendency to oscillate, but by making C_4 larger it is possible to balance C_8 and C_4 accurately, whereas when we are relying upon capacity between grid and plate of the tube, we are dealing with a very small capacity and one which is liable to fluctuate; a change of tube might easily upset the balance.

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Having got the amplified oscillations in the circuit L₂ C₂, we have to find some method of using them and we can couple an inductance to L₂, this inductance being connected in the grid circuit of another tube. Another arrangement would be to connect the point E₁ through a grid condenser to a second tube, but in this case we would only be obtaining about half the potentials developed across the inductance L₂. We can, however, overcome this difficulty by seeing that the tapping S is not in the middle but nearer to the end E₂. In order to obtain a balance we then have to make the condenser C₄ very much larger, and if the distance S and. E₂ is, say, one-tenth of the distance between E₁ and E₂, then the capacity between the grid and plate of the tube (and, of course, the other undesirable coupling capacities).

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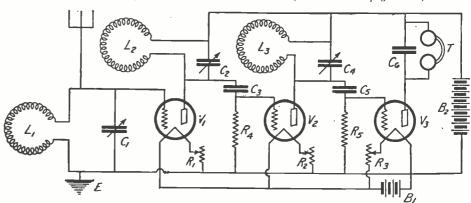
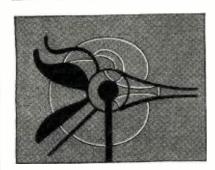
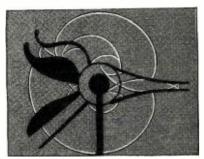
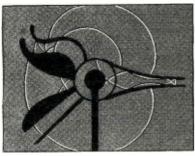


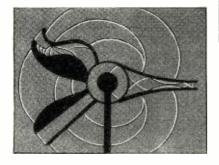
Fig. 27. A circuit employing two tuned plate circuits, with toroidal coils. There is no inductive effect between these coils.

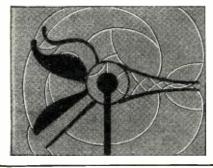
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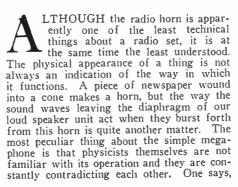


These pictures show the propagation and reflection of sound waves through various shapes of horns.

What's What About Radio Horns

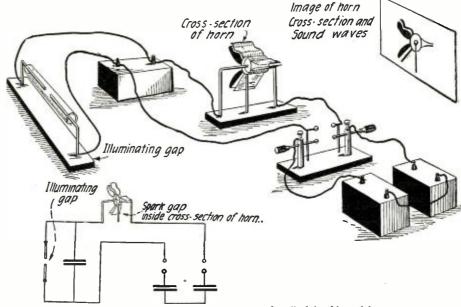
By CARTER FISKE

A description of some interesting tests made to determine the behavior of sound waves in loud speaker horns.



If there is anything that will chew up and destroy the symphony and harmony of a good reproducing element it is a poorly constructed horn. Since no two reproducing elements of different design have the same acoustic properties, it is evident that the horn which will serve one efficiently will not serve the other. All the logic of the physics of sound point to the necessity of designing a special horn to fit each reproducing unit.

we have some especially good horns today, and in every case they are produced by manufacturers who thoroughly appreciate the magnitude of the problems that con-



The apparatus used in the experiments described in this article.

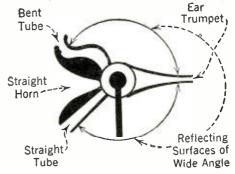
"It is this way," and another says, "No, it is this way."

Now a radio horn is a mighty important part of a radio outfit—far more important than the average radio fan realizes. In this regard, it is interesting to know that the phonograph manufacturers had many worries over the horn for their reproducing unit. They spent barrels of money in experimentation and they found that the various horns they used made a world of difference in the quality of the music. Whether the horn was large or small, of tin or wood, long or short, round or square, made a great difference.

It is evident that a radio horn performs the same function as the phonograph horn. We have the diaphragm of the reproducing element. At the small end of the radio horn we have exactly the same thing. The problem is the same, yet what manufacturer of radio horns has spent the money that the phonograph people spent on the same problem? Not one, indeed. The art is too young, and it goes without saying that 95 per cent. of our horn manufacturers completely overlooked the technicalities of the problem and simply went out and bought a stock horn to fit their reproducing element. This procedure is fundamentally wrong to say nothing of being unscientific. Consequently we have numerous loud speakers on the market not worth the powder to blow them up with.

front them. They have spent money experimenting, and as a result they put forth a product which was as well as could be expected considering the youth of the art. With due respect to the efforts of these conscientious manufacturers—God bless the few of them—the author still holds that there is a great deal of room for improvement. The market is still thirsty for a horn that will give absolutely faithful reproduction for all the varied frequencies that come forth from the loud speaker.

If the author were purchasing a radio (Continued on page 972)



The sound produced in the center of this instrument is amplified through the various horns attached to it and photographs taken in rapid succession. These pictures are shown on the left.

PROFESSOR BARON HEINRICH RAUSCH VON TRAUBENBERG

LIFE OF THE AUTHOR

The author of this article, Professor Dr. Baron Heinrich Rausch von Traubenberg, was born in Estland, which was then a part of Russia. He got his scientific training in Germany and after the completion of his physical studies in Wurzberg under Professor Wien in 1905, he took occasion to devote himself for several years to wireless telegraphy, taking part in its rapid development. Even today it is remembered with pleasure, how he, along with his friend, the then director of the Signal Company, H. Hahnemann, was in active touch with Duke Arco in the rational development of the spark machine of those days. The system of producing undamped waves of Waldemar Poulsen made such a sensation in its application that our author resolved to make a connection with the newly founded Amalgamated Radio Telegraph Company.

Interesting experiments with the new system in England, Russia and Germany, in which the author took an active part,

led to great activity in this branch.

In the following years he devoted himself again to pure science; he worked first in the Interior Academy of Science in St. Petersburg with Prince B. Galitzin and then went to the University of Goettingen. At the end of the war he took up again the work of the wireless company to solve a technical problem, which was the determination of the absolute radiant energy of a modern great station. He succeeded in carrying out the incomplete work of the former superintendent, Professor F. Braun, of measuring accurately the radiations of far distant transmitters. Further experiments in which Professor Max Abraham, who died all too early, one of the most renowned students of the Maxwell theories, took active part by theoretical co-operation, touched upon the resistance of the surface of the earth and upon the grounding of antennae. Various publications of the author, in co-operation partly with Professors Abraham and Pusch embodied the results obtained.

After peace was declared the author returned again to Goettingen and was called therefrom to serve as Professor of Experimental Physics and Director of the Physical Institute of the German University in Prague, where for a while he busied himself with his second important range of studies, that of the atom.

The Significance of Rays In Physics By Prof. BARON HEINRICH UON TRAUBENBERG

The first of a series of articles dealing with that part of Physics closely related to radio.

ADIO NEWS is a distinctive paper. It will hardly be possible to find another in which the field of pure science, techand practical application of science is so thoroughly covered and in which not even humor is omitted. It is easily understandable then, that the circle of readers belonging to such a publication should be interested in a wide field and should have great interest in the constant advances of science.

The object of these articles is to show as clearly as possible how this constantly

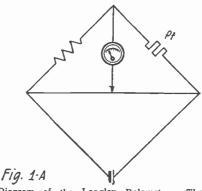


Diagram of the Langley Bolometer. The radiator heats the platinum foil Pt, whose changes of resistance in a Wheatstone Bridge connection give the desired reading.

broadening range of science, going hand in hand with a similar advance in technics, is enabling us to go deeper and deeper into the secrets of Nature. Most particularly we will deal with the advocation and use of rays in physical investigation. As the name of the magazine indicates, its readers are not only interested in radio communication but also in new things or developments made in connection with rays.

While man is unacquainted completely with the laws of nature, he cannot of course appreciate entirely certain phenomena which seem apparently arbitrary. The development of more than a century was necessary before physicists investigating such phenomena were able to distinguish between accidental and subjective nature. By the discovery of objective power, however, we have been able to change ourselves from the slaves to the masters of Nature.

Since the greater part of nature's powers are electro-magnetic, I will not attempt to show without going into the intricacies of

mathematical, physical and technical developments, the Gargantian scope of this subject. It is easy to imagine a wave receiving apparatus constantly being acted upon by molecules, receiving rays of all sorts. Suppose this receiving apparatus to be a dozen times more complicated or more sensitive than the most intricate radio receiver. Such an apparatus is the human mind. The reader need not be frightened because of the enlarging on the peculiarity and intricacies of our mental process, but 1

may at least say this much in outline:
The happenings of the outside world are conveyed to us through our senses and every improvement and refinement brought about in the method of physical observation is made solely to establish a greater range or give greater perfection to these senses of ours. Although the civilization man has brought about has actually diminished, the sensitivity of many of our senses-shown clearly by the supremacy of many beasts to man in this particular realm-modern physical methods and apparatus of such fineness and exactitude have been perfected to assist our regular senses that man is able to "hear and see" the most subtle sounds and moves in nature. Through the use of such apparatus, our scope of reception is widened. Every day our world becomes richer and more beautiful. Today we know with equal

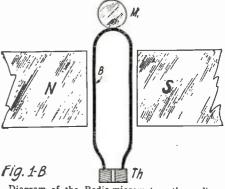


Diagram of the Radio-micrometer; the radiations heat the thermo-element Th; the current thereby produced in the coil B, which lies in the electromagnetic field NS rotates the mirror M.

exactitude the chemical composition of a star 100,000 light years distant and the size and construction of a Hydrogen atom. We can construction of a Hydrogen atom. give with absolute accuracy the line con-(Continued on page 1084)

Fig. 2a. tograph of a typical form of Photoelectric Cell employed Cell employed principally for the measure-ment of weak

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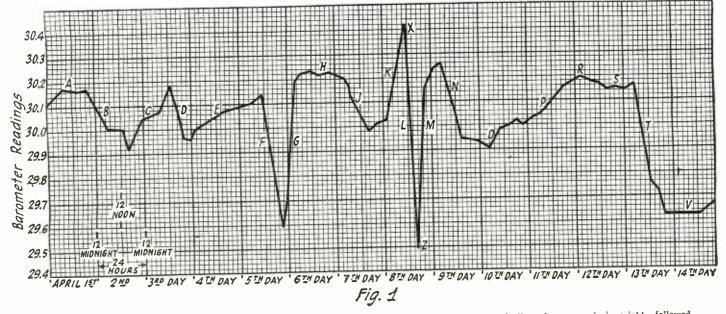
The Barometer and Radio Reception

M. J. CAUENEY, CAN. 3GG



An exceedingly interesting article dealing with the effects of the rise and decline of barometer readings on radio reception. Mr. Caveney's tests covered a period of two years, in which time he collected enough data to form definite and, let us say, authentic conclusions on the subject.





Typical graph of barometer readings, these for the first 13 days of April, 1923. Note that a sudden decline of pressure is invariably followed by an immediate rise and that the average normal is usually reached again. As a rule radio reception is bettered by a rise of the barometer and hindered by a decline.

OES the weather affect radio reception? If so how?

Why do we get "good air" on one night and "poor air" the next have been been a second and the second are the second are a second are second as a second as a second are second as a second are second as a second are second as a second as a second are second as a second as a second are second as a second when both are clear, moon light

nights?

If the weather does affect our indoor pasttime, then what kind of weather will give us those nights when the air is like clear, sparkling wine—when the "lil" old receiver does her stuff, and you can roll the dials any place at all, and pull in DX stations from way over the other side of the radio map?

On the other hand, if the weather man is the real "nigger in the woodpile," then just what particular brand of weather does he use to spirit away those distant and infrequent visitors to our dials, and also seriously reduce the volume of those nearer stations which we always call upon for music, when skeptical friends or boasting radio rivals call

In an endeavor to answer some of these questions I began, two years ago, to keep a record of the weather in conjunction with daily curves of the atmospheric pressure as shown by the barometer.

The quality of the radio reception was also recorded each night on the barometer chart, with special notes of any exceptional-

ly good or poor reception.

To eliminate as much as possible the chances of error or variation here at the receiving station, the design of the receiver and antenna were left constant, not a wire or a vacuum tube being changed during the whole period of two years. The makers of the tubes may be pleased to know that they were Radiotrons 200 and 201. They have been burning over 4,000 hours now, and are

still going strong.

Storage batteries were installed for both the filament and plate supply, and kept fully charged each day. Meters were used in the filament and plate circuits and when once the correct setting was found, it was never changed from year to year.

In addition, and in order to test the transmitting qualities of certain weather conditions here in this locality, (Lat. 48, Long. 81, Northern Ontario, Canada) a low powered radiophone was installed using 10 watts with 500 volts of storage battery for the plate supply, and 10 volts of storage battery cursult for the flowest rent for the filaments.

The transmitting tests were recorded each night to run concurrent with the reception records and weather chart, and it might be well to mention that this station is 500 miles stantly varying from day to day in an irregular manner, as shown in Fig. 1.

regular manner, as shown in Fig. 1.

A cursory glance will show that the "glass" or, to be more exact, the atmospheric pressure, rises and falls also at varying speeds. Sometimes it rises or falls slowly, sometimes not at all. Take the curve at the fourth day at the point E. Here we find our glass climbing slowly at an angle of about 25 degrees. If we now move along the curve to the right, on the eighth day we the curve to the right, on the eighth day we reach the portion of the curve M. You will notice that the angle of climb now is about 88 degrees, the ascent being almost vertical in fact. A study of the curve at noints marked R, S and V will show how the barometer at times moves steadily in an almost straight line at a comparatively high almost straight line at a comparatively highor low position on the pressure chart.

It should be clearly understood at the start that the barometer does not tell the present weather so much as the future weather, which may arrive within the next 24 or 48 hours. Almost without exception when the glass falls, making a steep curve. as shown at Fig. 1 at F, L or T, it will bring stormy weather, and short dips in the curve like those of B, D, J, etc., will usually forstell a charge in the weather prevailing foretell a change in the weather prevailing at the time of the barometer decline. When the barometer rises rapidly, making a curve like that shown at G and M, it usually ushers in an improvement on the bad weather caused by the previous swift drops on the curve, and invariably is accompanied by fresh, brisk or high winds, now and again amounting to a gale, but eventually clearing up for much better weather.

The portions of the barometer curve most favored by mariners, farmers and all those persons whose lives are spent mostly outdoors, are the sections shown at A, E, R and S. Here we find the glass either steadily rising at an easy sloping angle, or traveling leisurely in a somewhat straight line from one day to the next; an almost infallible (Continued on page 982)

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from the nearest broadcast station and 250 miles from any radio transmitting station either amateur or commercial.

If the readings of any ordinary barometer are taken every few hours and the readings plotted on squared paper, with a line running from one reading to the next, it will be seen that the atmospheric pressure is con-

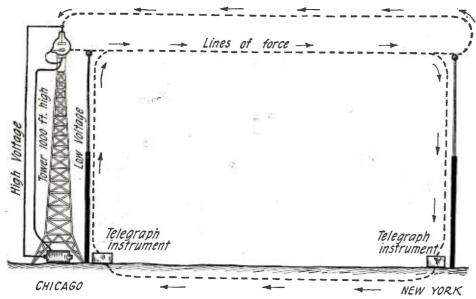
A Three Electrode Tube in 1899?

By D. C. WILKERSON



Another page of radio history which is exceedinly interesting if only for the reason that the system suggested is parallel in priniciple of operation to the vacuum tube of today.





A copy of the original sketch of Dr. Pratt's system of signaling without wires. The upper atmosphere was to act as the conducting medium for the X-Rays, the return circuit to be through the earth. This system could be compared to a huge vacuum tube; the principle of operation is similar.

States jammed with legal proceeding of all sorts, injunctions, damage suits, patent litigation and suits for recovery, the radio business is suffering from a somewhat uncertain patent basis. Many manufacturers are disinclined to hazard the manufacture of any radio accessories whatsoever on account of it, and the producers of complete sets are in a similar predicament.

The question of the three electrode tube now being discussed throughout the radio trade, and also in the United States and other courts is one of the most involved subjects in the radio field.

DeForest was supposed to be the originator of the device when he added the grid to the old two electrode tube brought out by Dr. Fleming. Armstrong claimed the origin of the discovery of regeneration and Meissner and Langmuir also filed patent claims on the same idea.

The history of the radio art in the United States is a colorful one, and in its entire length, from the days of the early 1860 experiments of the Washington, D. C. dentist Loomis, up to the present day, there have been constant arguments as to the men entitled to the proper credit for the inventions related to the development of the radio art.

There is a matter of public record of a three electrode radio tube transmission system which was proposed to send signals from Chicago to New York, in 1899. This device was supposed to be directional in its transmission, and it had the advantage that it actually did function at short distances.

The device referred to, is the one brought out by the eminent Dr. H. P. Pratt, noted Chicago scientist, who has been interested and engaged in the problems of signal transmission for control 100 mission for some 40 mission.

and engaged in the problems of signal transmission for over 40 years.

It consisted of a tube constructed in the manner of the X-ray tube of the early non-filament type, and its secondary circuit was intended to take a potential of from 2,000,000 to 5,000,000 volts. At the time there

were no accurate means of determining such high voltages, and even today, the measuring of such high electrical pressures is only approximate, so the calculation of the Pratt secondary voltage was of a guesswork character.

This tube developed a cathode stream, from a source of emission, which was to be modulated by a magnetic device operated from a low voltage source. This means of modulation, please note, is included in the first DeForest patent, where he desired to modulate the current of electrons from the source of emission to the collector electrode by exactly the same means.

Another interesting feature of the Pratt transmission system was the means for collecting the energy at the receiving end. He desired to use a tall mast with a large metal ball affixed to the top, properly connected to the ground through recording instruments.

This X-ray method of transmission can be appreciated when we consider the interference set up by the average X-ray tube of today in the reception of radio programs. Especially is this annoying in metropolitan districts where dental and surgical laboratories are in continuous operation each day. Surely, a source of such heavy interference could certainly operate as a radio transmitter.

These experiments were carried on at South Bend, and in Chicago, in conjunction with tests parallel to the work with the Marconi System. It is noteworthy, also, that the scientists of that day realized the universal dispersion accompanying the transmission of radio signals, and turned their endeavors towards accumulating the transmission of energy in a directional manner to avoid waste and to attain a degree of secrecy.

That this Pratt system was designed to transmit telephone as well as telegraph signals is noteworthy, and this development shows itself to be one of the eddy currents set up by the ambitious Bell, in scientific waters, when he actually performed the feat

of telephoning down a beam of light, so many years ago. Bell modulated a beam of light with the current flowing in a microphone circuit, and Pratt proposed to do the same with the X-ray discharge.

In this system, however, the third electrode was placed outside of the tube containing the emitter of electrons, and the collector plate was placed 1,000 miles away, connected by a common ground, the earth itself.

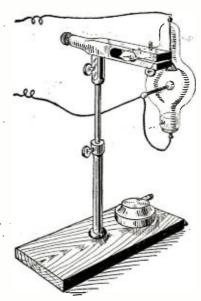
Regarding this Pratt device in the light of the present day vacuum tube, containing three electrodes, one would have to consider the whole area located between Chicago and New York as the electrostatic field between the grid and plate electrodes. In other words, Pratt was trying to set up a vacuum tube source of electronic emission in Chicago, modulate the stream from outside the tube, and put his plate 1000 miles away in New York. The fallacy of that, in the light of present day knowledge, is that the ionization collision caused by the many gaseous molecules in the atmosphere would rob the electron stream of so much energy, that its effect would be lost within a few feet, or fractions of a mile from the transmitting station.

At that, Dr. Pratt recognized that he had to get into rarer atmosphere approaching a vacuous condition, and he thought rightly enough that the higher he went into the air, the rarer it would be, and, therefore, the greater the range of his signals.

The system which was designed to transmit signals from Chicago to New York was never installed on the scale projected, but the fact remains that in this experimental work a vacuum vessel, having a source of electron emission, a collector plate and a means for modulating this electron stream, was devised.

The world owes a debt of gratitude to these hardy, early experimenters who supplied the groundwork for the marvelous development of the radio art of today, and

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A copy of Dr. Pratt's original sketch of his X-Ray tube and mounting, originally printed in the "Chicago Daily News" in the year 1899.

The Cold Tube of the Future

By J. H. T. Roberts. D.Sc.



It is evident that future tube developments must tend towards the production of an appliance which does not make such exorbitant demands upon its supply batteries as the present type. Dr. Roberts indicates in a most interesting manner the lines upon which the desired ideal may be approached.



HE recharging of the storage battery which is employed for heating the tube filaments constitutes perhaps the principal item of expenditure in the maintenance of a receiving set. It is natural, therefore, that many attempts should be made to produce a tube which should be altogether independent of heating batteries—in other words, a "cold tube."

This desirable appliance has been approached, but has not, up to the present, been reached. Tubes have recently been introduced with special filaments, which require only about one-tenth of the heating current consumed by those with the ordinary metallic filament. Such tubes are known as "dull emitters," because they give the necessary electronic emission when their filaments are raised merely to a dull red heat. They have proved very successful in operation, and mark an important step forward in the simplification of radio apparatus.

The ideal cold tube, however, still remains a dream of the future, and as its development constitutes one of the fascinating problems of radio, the reader may be interested in a short description of the modus operandi of the present-day tube filaments, followed by a simple account of the phenomena of radioactivity, which will enable him to indulge in speculation as to the form which the cold tube of the future may possibly take.

EMISSION OF ELECTRONS FROM HEATED SUBSTANCES

It is well known that the electric current which passes in the plate circuit is carried through the tube by a stream of electrons which are emitted from the heated filament. Let us consider for a moment why it is necessary to have a heated filament to provide these electronic carriers in the tube.

The theory of the conduction of electricity through a metal conductor supposes that the atoms of the metal readily part with electrons which, under the influence of the electromotive force, pass from one atom to the next, and so on; there is thus an average "drift" of electrons in one direction, and it is this electronic drift which constitutes the current. But in so drifting an electron is never very much out of the sphere of attraction of one atom before it is within the sphere of attraction of another, and so the electromotive force required to maintain the drift is comparatively

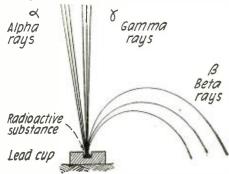
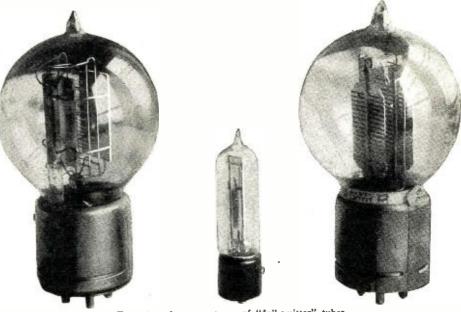


Fig. 3. A magnetic field at right angles to plane of paper deflects alpha and beta rays in opposite directions and to different extents, but does not affect the gamma rays, since these are not electrical particles, but waves.



Examples of present types of "dull-emitter" tubes.

small. If an electron wished to leave the metal altogether and escape entirely from the attraction of the atoms, it would need a large force to enable it to do so. Under ordinary circumstances, therefore, the electrons are unable to leave the metal, and they can only be enabled to do so by special influences. If, for example, the metal is sufficiently heated, the vibrations of the atoms may become so great that some of their electrons are thrown out far enough to escape from the ordinary atomic attraction. This is what happens in the heated filament of the tube.

It must not be supposed that a substance must be *electrically* heated to make it emit electrons. The tube filament is electrically heated merely for convenience, and it is true that the heating in this case is supposed to be caused by the agitation of the molecules of the metal by the rapid drift of the "free" electrons. But a substance heated in any other way (*e.g.*, a metal ball heated in a flame) will similarly emit electrons.

WASTE OF ENERGY

The heating of a filament is a wasteful method of causing it to emit electrons, for only a very small portion of the energy employed in heating the filament is used in detaching the emitted electrons—most of the energy is conducted and radiated away as heat. We are obliged to put up with this waste, however, as we do not at present know of any other convenient way of producing our tube-electrons. In the ideal "cold tube" the electrons will be emitted spontaneously, or the energy absorbed by the tube will be only that which is necessary for the emission.

COLD LIGHT

There are many other cases of this incidental waste. In order to obtain light from an incandescent gas mantle we have to raise the mantle to a high temperature, and only a very small percentage of the total energy reappears in the required form of light, by far the greatest part being lost

as heat. All practical lighting devices are extremely inefficient in this sense.

The cold emission of light has, however. been more nearly approached (in a practical way) than has the cold emission of electrons. The phenomenon of phosphorescence apparently represents the production of light with only a small incidental loss of energy in the form of heat. It is thought by some that the glow-worm and certain fishes and insects hold the secret of cold light—light without heat.

Much experimental work has been done on the discharge of electricity through glass tubes containing certain gases at fairly low pressures, and cases are known where the incidental waste of energy in the production of light energy has, in this way, been very considerably reduced. This problem is a very important one and about as difficult as the production of cold electronic emission.

EVAPORATION OF ELECTRONS

The emission of electrons from a heated filament has been usefully compared with (Continued on page 1038)

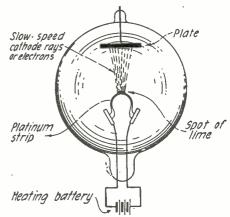
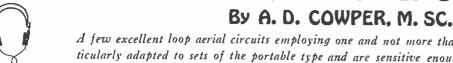


Fig. 2. A large number of electrons are emitted from the lime at a dull red heat, when the emission from the untreated part of the strip is practically nil.

Some Loop Aerial Circuits



A few excellent loop aerial circuits employing one and not more than two tubes which are particularly adapted to sets of the portable type and are sensitive enough for good reception from local stations.



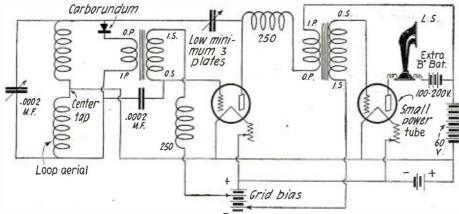
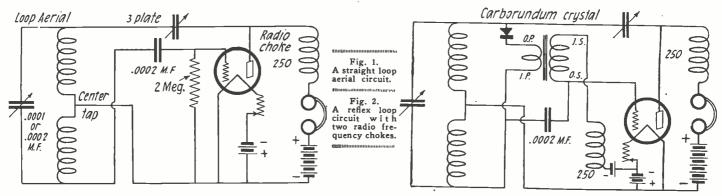


Fig. 4. A two tube reflex loop circuit with power amplifier for loud speaker.

HILE it is always advisable to use the best possible aerial that can be erected under the particular circumstances, there are occasions when a loop aerial is actually the best available, as in the case of really portable sets, and for

work, the results of which are given here, was finished, an article appeared, written by Mr. Reyner, showing the use of the Reinartz type of regeneration with a loop aerial, in straight and reflexed circuits; but with a separate tickler coil coupled

Fig. 1 indicates the circuit resulting, which is undoubtedly the most powerful and easiest controlled single tube straight circuit with which the writer has experimented. Transmitters will recognise the close resemblance to a simple C.W. transmitting circuit. As this mode of connection has the effect of minimizing casual capacities, an exceedingly small tuning condenser across the loop will cover a large range of wave-lengths. A low-minimum .0001 mfd. will cover the whole broadcast belt with a loop aerial 2 feet square with about 25 turns of No. 20 or 22 wire spaced 1/4 inch and with a center tap for the filament connection. The tapping point need not be exactly at the center; there is no particular advantage in placing it much to one side or the other of the center. account of the powerful regenerative effect given by this type of circuit the controlling Reinartz feedback-condenser must be very small and of extremely low minimum capacity. Even some three-plate "vernier" condensers, especially some with metal endplates and small insulating bushings, have so high a minimum capacity that the circuit



those whose accommodation is greatly limited.

The limited power available with a small indoor loop aerial, even for local broadcast reception, involves the use of a sensitive circuit, with extremely finely-controlled regeneration; and if possible the reflex amplification principle, so that a stage of R.F. amplification is possible before detection. The time has passed when we may be glibly told that six tubes are necessary for successful loop aerial reception; it has been shown in innumerable cases that, given a fairly favorable environment and efficient apparatus. at least two of the broadcast stations should be readable on a two-foot loop with one tube.

The circuits described here were inspired by an exceedingly interesting account written by Messrs. Medlam and Schwald of the effect of using a tapping-point for "ground" connection in a loop aerial circuit —with quantitative measurements, a paper which was a model of how such pieces of investigation should be done, to have any scientific value. These authors found, by means of actual measurement of signal-voltage, a very decided increase in efficiency by using a middle tapping in the loop aerial for connection to the tube filament; and that then the tuning could be done by a single condenser right across the whole inductance, after the style of certain transmitter circuits. After the experimental

magnetically with a small coil in series with the acutal loop. The writer's aim was to use the principle of the tapped aerial, after Messrs. Medlam and Schwald's circuit, but applying Reinartz regeneration to the circuit by using the free half of the loop as Reinartz tickler coil; getting back, in fact, to a transmitting circuit of well-known type, but using the whole inductance for the loop aerial will oscillate hopelessly with them. With a liberal wave, a two-plate condenser made up with the usual plates and spindle, with ample clearance, will often suffice.

With this circuit and a moderate "B"

With this circuit and a moderate "B" battery supply, a local station is read at a dozen miles at comfortable phone strength. Hand capacity effects are marked, of course, so that long tuning handles are called for;

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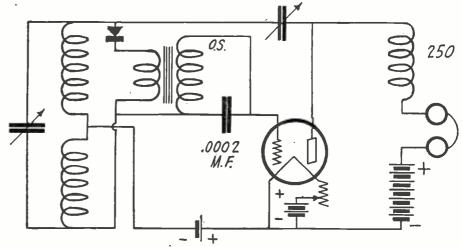
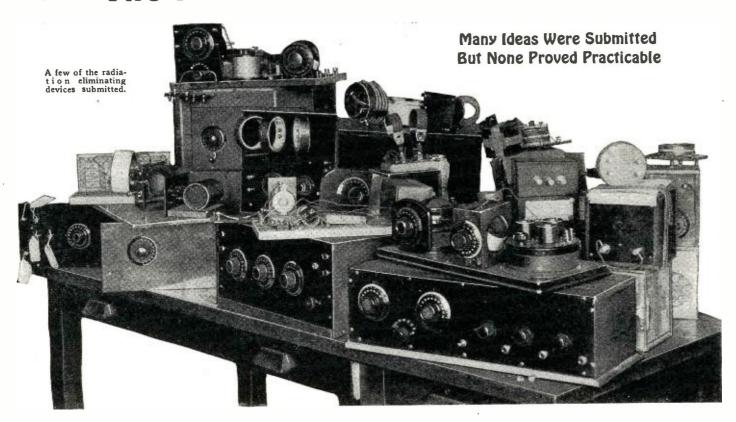


Fig. 3. An alternative to Fig. 2, eliminating one of the radio frequency chokes.

The Radiation Eliminator Contest



THE Radiation Eliminator Contest run by RADIO NEWS in an attempt to find a practical device which would prevent radiation from regenerative receiving sets in a state of oscillation was greeted with a huge response. Every conceivable form of device was submitted, ranging from special coils to complete receivers embodying complicated circuits. This proved that a great many radio enthusiasts were interested in the problem and that many had attempted to prevent their sets from interfering with the reception of programs on neighboring receivers. For this, at least, they should receive credit, although their devices DID NOT prevent radiation. All the sets and instruments submitted were thoroughly tested in the RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES, but not one was found to be practicable.

Much to our surprise, the majority of the devices submitted failed to comply with the rules of the contest, yet the rules were specifically stated.

Nevertheless, we tested these devices, which, like the rest, proved of no value. Some of the devices submitted managed to reduce radiation slightly, but they also reduced the volume of received signals, and in proportion to the reduction of radiation. Such devices are of no value.

The contest has disclosed one fact, namely, so-called radiation eliminators had been devised before our contest was announced and were being used, but to no avail. It is assumed that propaganda against radiating receiving sets has at least managed to stimulate interest and that numerous experimenters have striven to devise a fool-proof attachment. We regret that none of the entries in our contest succeeded in doing so.

Of course, we can award no prizes. We offered prizes for devices, easily attached to any receiving set, which would ELIMINATE RADIATION. As stated, none of the devices submitted did any such thing.

Why Radio News Favors Esperanto

ARIOUS International Language Asv sociations have been striving to stimulate an interest in the United States in their pet tongue. Up to the present time so little publicity has been given the International Language Movement on this side of the water that very few people are aware of However, the times show that its existence. in the United States even as in Europe there will be a use for one of the many tongues advocated. The extent of the usefulness of a Universal Language in the United States is a matter of speculation and whether or not it would benefit more than a choice few at present is a question. Nevertheless, the ever increasing adaptability of radio to commerce, entertainment and its usefulness as a medium for the advancement of education and complete understanding between the Nations of the earth warrants the use of an international language.

It is fully realized by RADIO NEWS that some day a Universal Language is to play an important part in world affairs. It is realized equally well that at the present time the employment of an international language in the United States would prove of little value.

The American amateurs, however, who communicate nightly with amateurs in foreign countries are in dire need of a simple universal language. Communication greatly hampered for the want of such a

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although we were forced to leave out 8,127 lines of advertising from this issue, because it reached us after the closing date, the December number has again broken all preceding records for advertising lineage with the stupendous total of 63.857 lines of paid display space.

medium of speech. Still, with a thought to the American amateur and a thought to the future, we see no harm and possibly some good in promoting one of the many so-called international languages now in existence. But at the same time we strongly believe that the greatest care should be taken in selecting the particular language which will be the most serviceable from all standpoints. In selecting an automobile in the service strong the purchase one is usually very pleasing to purchase one that is different, in some respect at least, from that of your neighbor. It is a human whim to be exclusive, but when it comes to the selection of a language that is to be universal, it is quite important that all whims universal, it is quite important that all whims be set aside and that each lamb follow the next; not of course to the exclusion of the best, but we argue from the point that the people are intelligent enough, with the help of authentic information to select the most desirable tongue.

The International Langauge movement has been run to extremes; there is no doubt of this, for at the present writing there are some 20 odd languages, all being pushed to the limit, and there are only two which have even a slight chance of being recognized, Esperanto and Ilo! The followers of the less prominent manufactured tongues might realize that all their pains are in

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The Beginner's Tube Set

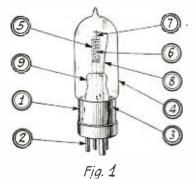
By A. P. PECK



The fifth of a series of articles by Mr. Peck written especially for the layman. Intructions are given for the construction of a simple vacuum tube receiving set and each part is lucidly described.



HE winter season is now coming on and, to the dyed-in-the-wool radio fan, that means good reception weather. Then static, that growling and grumbling heard all summer, will be at a minimum and DX or distance reception



Details of a vacuum tube. The prominent parts are designated by numbers and described in the text.

will be at its best. With a vacuum tube detector added to the set described in this department scores of stations will be heard that could not be picked up with the crystal outfit. So we are sure you will agree that now is the time to start work on a tube set and later a study may be made of its action after you are familiar with the twirling of the dials.

THE TUBE

The most important requisite for the new set is, without a doubt the vacuum tube, or as it is variously called, the tube, bulb. audion or light. The last name is one to avoid as it smacks of ignorance and its use leads to misunderstanding.

Let us see what the essential parts of a vacuum tube are. Refer to Fig. 1. Here we show a view of a standard dry cell type of tube in phantom. That is, the interior parts that are not ordinarilly seen are indicated in dotted lines. The numbers on the drawing indicate the following parts. No. 1 is the base or shell. It is usually made of brass. No. 2 indicates the prongs. To the ends of these, enclosed in the base, are fastened wires connected to the elements. In other words, the prongs connect the elements with the other instruments of the set through the socket. No. 3 indicates the pin. It is placed on the base so that the tube will fin to the socket in the correct position. The glass bulb is indicated by 4. The interior of this bulb has been exhausted of almost all traces of air so that the filament can be lighted without its burning out as would be the case if it were in the open air. The glass here plays the same purpose as the glass in an ordinary electric light bulb. Heated wire

oxidizes rapidly in open air and soon burns up. Also, molecules of air would impede the progress of electrons from the filament to the plate, but this will be explained later.

The plate, 5, encloses the other elements. It usually consists of a nickel or a nickel plated metal sheet pressed to the required shape. The grid, 6, is placed between the plate and the filament and is usually a length of nickel or copper wire wound in a spiral form. The filament is a fine wire that becomes red hot when a current passes through it. In the latest types of tubes, this wire is coated with a chemical which increases its activity with a relative decrease in the brilliancy to which the filament must be lighted and a consequent increase in efficiency and saving of current from the battery which lights it.

All of the elements of the tube are sup-

All of the elements of the tube are supported on wires. The glass rod into which the supporting and connecting wires are sealed is shown at 9 in Fig. 1.

When you go into a radio store, the salesman may try to sell you what is known as

The parts necessary for converting the Beginner's Crystal Set to one employing a vacuum tube and capable of greater distance reception and louder reproduction of music and voice are:

One vacuum tube.
One vacuum tube socket.
One grid leak.
One grid condenser.
One rheostat.
"A" battery.
"B" battery.

One variometer.

a "bootleg" tube. Many of these "bootleg" or "independent" tubes are very good and will give perfect satisfaction, but unless the dealer will absolutely guarantee them, the purchase of one is a big gamble since it may be unsatisfactory. At best, the purchase of any tube, genuine or otherwise is somewhat of a gamble. Genuine tubes are stamped and the guarantee and license numbers are stamped on the carton.

There are many types of tubes for sale and each operates on a different "A" battery voltage. The "A" battery heats or lights the filament. Therefore the type of tube you buy will depend on facilities available for using it

If you have electricity in your home to charge a storage battery or have facilities near at hand for so doing and you can afford the initial cost of a storage battery, by all means get one of the 6 volt, ½ ampere or 6 volt, 1 ampere tubes. They give best re-

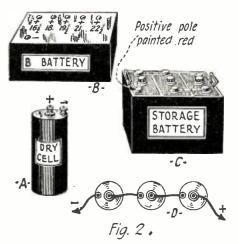
sults, and when the set is eventually made into a multi-tube one, the battery on hand will operate it at the least possible expense.

However, many either cannot invest in a storage battery, as it is expensive, or the facilities for charging it may not be available. In such cases the so-called dry cell tubes are practical. These tubes are so designed that the filament may be heated by one or more dry cells, which are obtainable almost everywhere. When they are used up, they can be replaced very cheaply. There are two prominent types of tubes operating on dry cells. One uses one cell and the other, three. The former consumes .25 ampere and the latter .06 ampere. Roughly speaking, the latter is somewhat cheaper to operate.

THE BATTERIES

In every practical receiving set yet in general use, two and sometimes three separate and distinct batteries are necessary. This statement does not include the Solodyne circuit that is, as yet, in the experimental stage and which only uses one battery. In detector circuits such as we are concerned with at the present time, only two batteries are used, so we will confine ourselves to a discussion of them. These two are known as the "A" or filament battery and the "B" or plate battery. The former is of the lowest voltage and it is essential that in connecting a set, the "A" and "B" battery wires do not become mixed.

Every battery has what is known as polarity, and has at least two poles or terminals to which connections may be made. These are known as the negative and the positive terminals and are usually plainly marked. At "A" in Fig. 2, we show a standard dry cell with the terminals marked with their

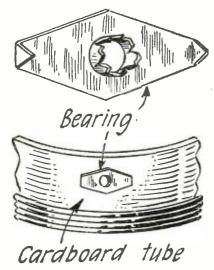


Forms of batteries employed in conjunction with a vacuum tube receiving set.

wax or paraffin over the binding post screw heads. Take a permanent magnet to the nearest machine shop and with it gather up the fine iron filings around the emery wheel. Pack these filings tightly around and in the center of the coil, which is in the tin cylinder. Then fit a tin circle to the bottom of the cylinder and solder in place. Be sure the coil is entirely surrounded by the filings. The coil should also be tested for an open circuit before putting in the tin cylinder. The condenser which is included with the Ford spark coil should also be taken out and used in series with the plate of the tube and the loud speaker, as shown in the diagram. When using this circuit high voltages may be used on the plate of the tube without fear of demagnetizing the magnets or burning up the windings of the loud speaker.

ROTOR SHAFT BEARINGS FOR CARDBOARD TUBES

Since paper tubes are both common and admittedly good from the electrical stand-point, it is desirable to have suitable bearings in them for the rotor shaft. The paper



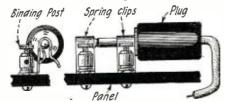
A rotor shaft bearing made from a piece of sheet brass. The hole for the shaft is made with a center punch.

tube is not sufficiently rugged in itself to have a hole through it remain a perma-nently good bearing and though the tube can be reinforced with leather-board or other material, and the whole treated with shellac, it is better to provide metal bearings. My first were made with pairs of sheet brass strips, one piece each side of the tube wall—a laborious and unsatisfactory method, but later good bearings were quickly and easily made by cutting diamond shaped pieces of sheet brass or aluminum, say 11/4 inches long, with enough of each end bent to a right angle to reach through the paper tube and clinch, making a good and substantial bearing.

The hole for the shaft should be made with a small punch and then spun out to the required size by revolving a smooth tapering spindle in it; this is better than a drilled hole, as it leaves the bearing with considerable wearing surface and the burr tends to hold the shaft snugly and without play. —Contributed by Frank N. Blake.

A QUICKLY MADE EXPERI-MENTAL JACK

To the experimenter who delights in making up new circuits in breadboard fashion, the jack described here will prove very handy. It is constructed of two ordinary spring clip binding posts, as shown in the illustration. Two holes are drilled in the board for mounting the clips and should be about 11/8 inches apart. The spring clip about 11/8 inches apart. The spring clip binding posts are fastened to the board by two standard binding posts and are then



A simple jack made from two Fahnstock clips attached directly to the phone binding posts.

bent upward as shown. The plug can easily be forced under the spring clips so that the tip and the main shaft are securely held by the spring binding clips. If it is not desired to use the plug, the phones may be fastened directly to the spring clips in the usual manner. With this emergency jack in use it will not be necessary to disconnect the phones from the plug when changing from the regular set to the experimental one. Contributed by J. E. Dixon.

A SIMPLE "B" BATTERY ELIMINATOR

The radio fan desiring to build a rectifier which will take the place of "B" batteries is often puzzled as to how to secure a transformer to step up the A.C. voltage before rectification. Fig. 1 shows how a bell ringing transformer can be used for this purpose. This half wave rectifier will supply both detector and amplifier plate cur-

The Resistoflex!

omething new in the form of reflex amplifiers. Devised by John Scott-Taggart, F. Inst. P., A.M.I.E.E., who is an authority on Dual Amplification. Full details of this new circuit will appear in the January issue of RADIO News.

rent and give excellent results on sets using

up to four tubes.

Transformer No. 1 steps the 110-volt Transformer No. 1 steps the 110-volt A.C. down to 6 volts to light the filament of the tube, also 12 volts to transformer No. 2, which is used as a step up transformer. By applying 12 volts from No. 1 to the 6-volt winding of No. 2, 220 volts \(\Lambda\).C. is obtained from No. 2, which is supplied to the grid and plate of the tube. The secondary of an audio transformer can

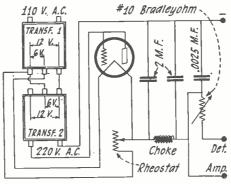


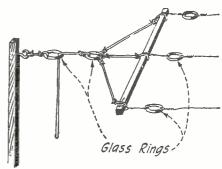
Diagram of connections of the "B" battery eliminator. With this arrangement the 110 volt A.C. can be used in place of the "B" batteries.

be used for a choke coil, but it is better to rewind it with 5,000 turns of either No. 32 or No. 34 B. & S., S.S.C. wire, which will give sufficient choking effect with a minimum of D.C. resistance so that the drop in voltage is small. The Bradleyohm is used to cut down the voltage to 22½ volts for use on the detector. In checking voltages obtained from the rectifier, only a high resistance voltmeter should be used; otherwise, the reading will be incorrect. The small watch case type should not be used, as it is too low in resistance.

—Contributed by J. R. Benge.

A CHEAP AND EFFICIENT INSULATOR

Here is a cheap but very efficient antenna pulley or insulator, which I have been using for quite some time with excellent results. It consists of glass rings such as are used on awnings and which can be obtained at



Glass awning rings make excellent antenna insulators. They are tough and will stand considerable strain.

any hardware store for five cents each. These rings will withstand several hundred pounds direct pull and can be safely used wherever a good insulator is required. The rings make excellent pulleys, as they will not rust or bind and they work very Where only a receiving antenna smoothly. is erected, they will prove extremely satisfactory and if two or three are employed in series they may be used for a low power transmitting antenna.
—Contributed by E. M. Parker.

AN AID TO PANEL MARKING

One of the most important things to be done in building a radio set, as far as looks are concerned, is laying out the panel. A great many schemes have been proposed, such as laying out on paper the proper place for each instrument, pasting this on the panel and then drilling. However, the writer. has found by experience that drawing the locations directly upon the panel itself is much easier and more accurate. Here is the trick: Procure a black waxed crayon such as is used for marking packages. leather, glass, etc.; smear the crayon upon the panel where it is desired to draw a line. Measure exactly where the line is to be drawn and with a ruler and tooth-pick draw the line through the wax. Should it be in the wrong location, it is a simple matter to smear the crayon over it and try again. When drilling is completed, a soft rag will remove the crayon, leaving the panel in perfect condition.

-Contributed by Edw. B. Johnson.

THE SIMPLEST-SWITCH STOP

In building a receiver in which switches and points are used, this little device will be found of value to the constructor. will not be necessary to drill extra holes, (Continued on page 1078)

How to Build A Battery Control Panel

By RUDOLPH G. LAWRENCE



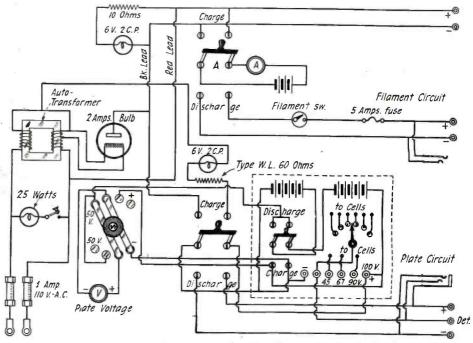
A front view of the completed battery charging panel. All the controls and measuring instruments are mounted on the front of the panel.

ITH the larger type radio sets, the wiring problem becomes an important one. When three or four separate sets of batteries are used to supply the power and the various charging agents for the batteries are installed, the usual result is a mess of harum scarum wiring making an otherwise efficient layout resemble the junk shop of an experimenter. About the only practical way to bring order into this chaos is the use of a charging panel such as the one delineated in this article. With its use the necessity for thousands of loose wires, voltmeters, ammeters and other measuring instruments lying about the radio table, is obviated.

One of the most distinct advantages to be gained through the construction of such a control device lies in the fact that when the operator has before him, easily accessible, means for measuring the battery charge, the chances are much greater in his giving these power units proper attention than when he must dip down through a pile of his radio instruments in order to obtain the necessary voltmeter. Another distinct advantage of

the same style is that the operator has a constant check on the plate voltage supplied to his set. Immediately it drops below normal, resulting in howls and noises in the set, the voltmeter across the plate makes known the seat of the trouble, and the operator will not have to look through the entire set for the difficulty.

The layout and construction of the panel is very simple, as will be seen from the wiring diagram shown in Fig. 1. The "A" battery circuit is entirely controlled by a D.P.D.T. switch. In the upper position the "A" battery is on charge. In the lower position it is connected to the filaments of the set. The leads from the battery are connected to the center terminals of the switch, the positive one passing through the ammeter. The lower points of the switch



Above is the schematic circuit diagram of the battery control unit and below is the working diagram showing all the connections in their proper positions.

100 Volts A.C. Line I Amp. Line fuses Type 2 W. 7400 +0 **@-**+(0)+ (0)INPUT "A" Batt. 6 Volts 100 Volt "8" Rots 41111 Tungar Chargei 000 Red Lead

connect to a pair of binding posts which, in turn, lead to a filament set. The positive lead to the passes is interrupted by a filament pull switch. A five ampere fuse is also provided in these output leads for protection of the battery as well as the filaments.

A Tungar charger is used to supply power to the battery from the 110 volt A.C. line. The red and black leads from the charger go directly to the upper terminals of the D.P.D.T. switch, the red lead going to the positive side. Across the charger is placed a six volt two C.P. lamp which is used as a monitor serving to indicate when the battery is on charge. It is mounted on a bracket behind the panel and is seen through a bezel.

A 10-ohm resistance is put in series with the lamp to decrease the current consumed by it. Two other binding posts are provided for the purpose of charging auxiliary batteries

The "A" battery Tungar charger is also used to charge the "B" battery, provided the proper connections be made, and the correct resistance used. It is understood that the "B" battery used in this device is the storage or rechargeable type. The battery used is 100 volts, alkaline type, built with Edison

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Single Control Receivers



One of the latest developments in radio sets is here pictured. Instead of using two separate dials for the two tuning condensers, the condensers are geared by means of fine mesh fibre gears. There is, therefore, only a single control directly attached to the center gear. The system works out surprisingly well in practice, and will probably be the forerunner of such simplified sets.



SINGLE control for receiving sets has become a guiding principle with the radio designers during the past year. From time to time new sets having complete control vested in one adjusting dial have made their appearance. The matter was comparatively simple when dealing with the single circuit receiver. But even with the addition of regeneration the problem was complicated. And it has been only quite recently that serious thought has been given to ways and means of incorporating the single control idea in the multistage amplifier set.

set.
With the use of tuned radio frequency amplification constantly increasing, it was obvious that, if the set was to become a popular one with the fans, the controls would have to be simplified. One of the greatest difficulties with tuned radio frequency receivers is the multiplicity of controls.

The latest development along this line is the use of gears for connecting the tuning condensers on the radio frequency amplification stages with the detector circuit condenser and working all of them from a common control.

It is often difficult with such an arrangement to obtain sharp tuning in all the circuits on account of the small differences which are practically unavoidable in the variable condensers and the radio frequency transformers. The system of tuning several stages of radio frequency amplification with a single control is more practicable when only one stage of radio frequency amplification is employed in the receiver.

In the set used in the illustration, the arrangement is plainly seen. Advantage is taken of a small vernier condenser to make the final adjustment of the tuning if necessary.

In the assembly of the set the condensers and coils are matched as carefully as possible so that the adjustment of the vernier will be reduced to a minimum.

Still another simplification has been used in the adoption of a somewhat new principle of damping in the radio frequency stage. Until the advent of this new principle, it was necessary to rely upon the neutralization of the internal capacity of the tube by the use of the Neutrodyne principle or

through the addition of another control in the form of a potentiometer. Otherwise, the tendency of the tube used in this position to oscillate could not be controlled. It was, of course, necessary to give the grid a negative bias in order to get the greatest efficiency from it, and in doing so, it was brought near the point of oscillation necessitating some sort of oscillation control.

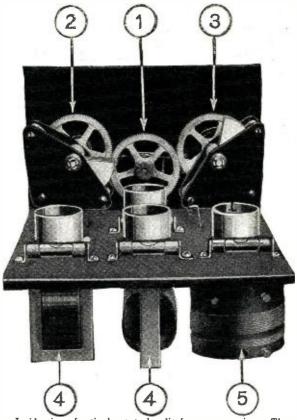
In the present set, the filament resistance of the tube is incorporated in the grid circuit. The addition of this resistance allows the tube to be operated at the proper point for greatest efficiency and at the same time introduces just enough damping to prevent the unwanted oscillations.

Experiment has shown that a set can be so built as to obviate the use of a separate adjustable rheostat for each tube. The addition of the automatic filament resistances, amperites, cares for the necessary adjustment without being hand operated. The set used for the illustrations employs such devices for each tube. The set consists of one stage of tuned radio frequency amplification, detector and two stages of audio frequency amplification. On the front panel a large dial in the center does the bulk of the tuning. After the station has been brought in, final tuning for clarity and volume is

made with a small vernier knob under the larger one. The only other instrument on the papel is the filament switch.

the panel is the filament switch.

A word might be said regarding the complete set. It is self contained. The actual tuning instruments, tubes, etc., are contained in the center portion of the cabinet behind the panel. At the left is the mouth of the loud speaker, also contained in the cabinet. The left side of the cabinet is reserved for



Inside view of a single control radio frequency receiver. The main gear, No. 1, turns the two variable condensers No. 2 and No. 3 simultaneously. Below the sub-panel the audio frequency transformers No. 4 and tuning coil No. 5 may be seen. Photo by courtesy of National Airphone Corp.

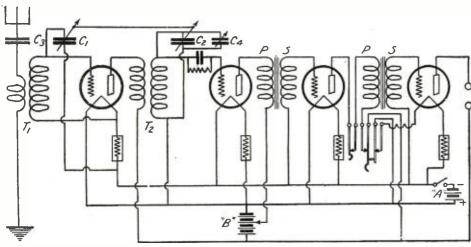
batteries. There is ample space for a 50-ampere hour storage battery and two 45-volt "B" battery units.

Altogether, a design of this type is the forerunner of the chief developments to be made in the commercial broadcast receivers to be brought out during the coming year. Simplicity is the pass-word.

NATIONAL BROADCASTING NETS

Very soon now the radio public, even the crystal listeners, in New York, Washington, Schenectady and possibly also in Pittsburgh, Hastings and Oakland, may get more long-distance radio programs. The Radio Corporation has a wire line connecting its New York broadcasters, WJZ and WJY with WGY in Schenectady, and a line strung between New York and WRC at Washington ready for use. The Corporation is planning to extend its inter-connections by both wires and radio retransmission to include several radio stations, which will of course compete with the big circuit of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

In confirmation of Secretary Hoover's prophesy, that intercommunication through the interconnection of high-power broadcasters was the greatest development in broadcasting, the Bell System and the Radio Corporation are extending their broadcasting nets. On Defense Day, 19 stations were connected by telephone, the greatest number ever hooked up, and, as radio fans from coast to coast know, it worked excellently.



Circuit of the single control receiver. Note that the two variable condensers C1 and C2 are moved simultaneously. C4 is a small vernier condenser.

HARNESS YOURSELF TO A RADIO WAVE



The July 26, 1924, issue of the Radio Digest carried an adver-tisement of "HAR-NESS REFLEX KITS." We knew the average reflex set required some sort of harnessing, but never knew how to go about it.

Supposedly one need not worry about this any more. Contributed by Willard Gano.

A PYRADIOMANIAC!

The Washington Herald informs us in a news item that a "six tube radio set operated at No. 1621 K St. N. W., I G N I T E D B E D CLOTHING L A S T NIGHT." Must have picked up some hot stuff from a nearby broad-



cast station. But these big sets will bear watching. Never can tell what they will do next.

Contributed by Solomon Fishman.

A WILD ONE, THIS



The North Carolina State College Alumni News relates the story of a "210 Pliotron of a "210 Pliotron couple in cascade by resistance and CAPTIV-ITY. Guess they put it behind bars to keep it from oscillating all over the place, and possibly

to keep it from igniting bed clothing! It had 2,000 volts on the plate. That's a bad symptom. Contributed by Robert S. Morris.

NO MORE "B" BATTERIES

The See Jay Battery Company blare forth in the August 10, 1924, edition of the New York Herald-Tribune with an advertisement of "100 VOLT MA-HOGANY CABIN-ETS." Now that's a N right fine idea. Helps



to make a set portable but a rubber insulating covering would be necessary if you are to carry it. This is the original "Kabinet with a Kick." Contributed by Martin Frankel.

ALL SET FOR THE WINTER



The Detroit News of Sept. 12, 1924, carries the advertisement of the Callan Radio Company in which they announce something new under the sun, namely an "Acme FUR-TUBE Reflex Kit!" No wintry blast will be able to

give your vacuum tubes the oscillating shimmeys when donned with these "Cats' Over-coats." Contributed by Edward Abored.

Radiotics

WHAT DO YOU GET?



The Sohman Brothers in the Los Angeles Examiner carried the following a d v e r - tisement: Crosley 3-tube sets W I T H O U T P A R T S\$30. This, no doubt, is the new Crosley Model 00 set with etherial instru-

ments an' everything. It would seem that this set would present a serious problem in tuning to the average radio fan.

Contributed by D. J. Ives.

HOLD 'EM BACK!

In the June issue of QST there is a Ham ad. reading: "For Sale —One ten watt C.W. transmitter complete with power transformer and everything except tubes, 50c!" I bet the rush for that set would



put a silk stocking sale on a Saturday afternoon in the shade. Must have been some straw hats broken in the stampede.

Contributed by Harry Wunderlich.

If you happen to see any humorous mis-If you happen to see any humorous misprints in the press, we will be glad to have you clip them out and send to us. No RADIOTIC will be accepted unless the printed original giving the name of the newspaper or magazine is submitted. We will pay \$2.00 for each RADIOTIC accepted and printed here. A few humorous lines from each correspondent should accompany each RADIOTIC. The most humorous ones will be printed. Address all RADIOTICS to

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A CHUNK OF THE WESTERN UNION THROWN IN

The following ad. appeared in the Boston — Globe, August 10, 1924:
"A Radio Tube Set for \$12; this includes the tube in a circuit of 1,500 miles!" Zowie, there wasn't anything wireless about that set,



it must have included a chunk of the Western Union Lines. What will they give away next?

Contributed by John F. Conlon.

A NEW RADIO INSTRUMENT



In the Boston Post of August 29. 1924, is advertised: "U. S. Tool V E R N I E R BENCHES." Just the thing for the set showing symptoms of body capacity. Tune in the desired station and make

the final adjustment for volume and clarity on the bench. More power to the U. S. Tool Company!

Contributed by Rowland M. Watts.

MOTHERS, JUST THE THING!



The Radio Specialty Company carried a classified advertisement in the August issue of RADIO NEWS reading as follows: "Boys! Don't overlook this. The Rasco BABY DETECTOR." I think we all feel that this is just the

thing for Mother who has stopped long enough for little brother to get out of sight. Kidnappers had better be careful after The Baby Detector is infallible.

Contributed by John D. Davis.

A SHANGHAI CREATION

The Oakland Tribune of August 17, 1924, carried the advertisement of the Offenbach Electric Company in which we find listed "Variometer, W I T H PIGTAIL, \$1.95." Is it that Mah Jongg is having such an



effect on the design of radio apparatus that they have to put a An Oriental atpigtail on a variometer? mosphere is quite the thing, but why stretch the fad to include radio?

Contributed by Nathan H. Samuels.

THE GOLEM



One John R. Meagher in his article "Make Your Own Power Unit" in the Radio Section of the New York Sun July 26, 1924, speaks of "A" battery chargers as "usually of FORMID-A B L E proportions!" Now possibly they are,

to the uninitiated who, for the first time, connects one up to his storage battery and hopes it will "charge" or something, but we are more inclined to believe that someone has been having nightmares.

Contributed by Paul V. Heine.

FOR THE PORTABLE SUPER-HETERODYNE

Sears, Roebuck & Co. in their advertisement of WD-12 and C-12 vacuum tubes state that they have "standard 4-POUND BASE." Sure, and this is a weighty argument in favor of the tube. The advanthe tube. The advantage is, if you drop one, it won't land buttered-side down.



Contributed by Paul K. Whitaker.

LET US IN ON THE SECRET

In the advertisement of the National Radio Institute in the August, 1924, issue of RADIO News, is a letter in which is stated: "I had a first-class out fit
WITH A WAVELENGTH CAPABLE



OF 'PICKING UP'
THE PROGRAMS FROM DISTANT
STATIONS." He must have trained that wave-length to go out and bring back the goods. Not knowing how much programs weigh we do not know whether this is a feat of strength or not, but anyway, it's a good stunt.

Contributed by E. A. Morrison.

STANDARD HOOK-UP

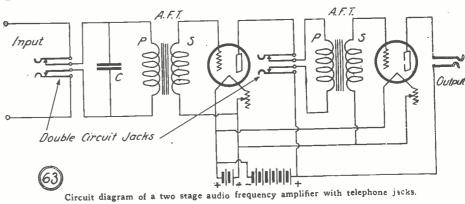
EVERY month we present here standard hook-ups which the Editors have tried out and which are known to give excellent results. This leaf has perforation marks on the left-hand margin and can be cut from the magazine and kept for further reference. These sheets can also be procured from us at the cost of 5c to pay for mailing charges.

RADIO NEWS has also prepared a handsome heavy cardboard binder into which these sheets may be fastened. This binder will be sent to any address, prepaid on receipt of 20c. In time there will be enough sheets to make a good-sized volume containing all important hook-ups. Every year an alphabetical index will be published enumerating and classifying the various hook-ups.

Handy Reference Data for the Experimenter

Circuit No. 63. In this diagram we have a circuit of a two stage audio frequency amplifier which may be added to any standard one tube receiver. Audio frequency transformers are used and a ratio of not higher than five to one is advised. One single circuit and two double circuit jacks are employed, thus allowing either detector. first or second stage of audio frequency to first or second stage of audio frequency to be used. The output of the detector tube is connected directly to the two input binding posts on the amplifier. A fixed condenser C is shown shunted across the primary of the first transformer. This condenser is of low capacity, approximately .00025 mfd., and is employed to compensate for the loss of capacity of the phone cords when the phones capacity of the phone cords when the phones are removed from the detector circuit. If this condenser is of the right size, there will be no need of retuning when the change is made from the detector to the first stage. The same "A" and "B" batteries are employed for both detector and amplifier.

All that is necessary is to connect the positive and the negative filament binding posts of the detector to the respective terminals of the "A" battery and take a tap off at 22½ or 45 volts on the "B" battery and connect it to the plus "B" battery post



and the circuit shown will be free from this trouble. As a resistance coupled amplifier does not give as much volume as one using transformers, three stages will be required instead of two. The resistances R should be approximately 50,000 to 70,000 ohms. Grid condensers C are employed in the grid circular transformers. cuits and should be of fairly high capacity. approximately 1/2 mid. These condensers must be employed so that the plate volt-These condensers

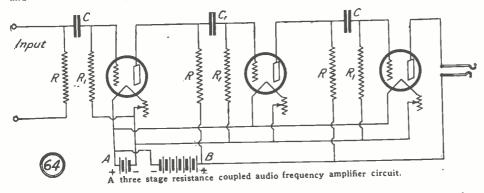
ployed, as there is a considerable drop of potential across the resistances, thus making the effective plate voltage a good deal lower than the actual voltage of the "B" battery.

This circuit is shown to be used in conjunction with any standard receiving circuit and is arranged so that the "A" and "B" batteries are common to both. The return circuit to the filament of the first resistance R is completed through the receiver in use.

Circuit No. 65. Here is a three stage audio frequency amplifier combining an audio frequency transformer and resistance coupled amplification. The audio frequency transformer is employed in the first stage and a double circuit jack is also used after the first amplifying tube so that the phones may be plugged in at this position. The may be plugged in at this position. The grid condensers in the grid circuits of the last two tubes are of ½ mfd. capacity and the resistances R are approximately 50,000 ohms. The grid leaks shown as R1 are of 1/2 megohm resistance and are connected directly to the negative of the "A" battery.

One rheostat of 10 ohms, shown as R2, is employed to light the filaments of the last two tubes. The same "B" battery voltage may be employed for all three stages, but it is recommended that the last two tubes have a much higher voltage than the first. This amplifier may be employed with any standard one tube circuit and will give exceptionally good results.

The combination is exceedingly



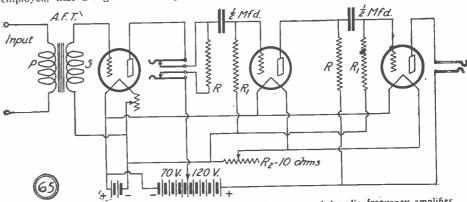
of the detector on the receiver. No wire need be connected to the minus "B" battery binding post on the receiver as the negative circuit of the "B" battery is completed to the "A" battery in the audio frequency amplifier.

The type of tube to be employed in this audio frequency amplifier circuit is a matter of preference. If WD-11, WD-12 or UV-199 tubes are used, employ a 1½ volt "A" battery for the first two types and a 4½ volt "A" battery and 25 to 30 ohm rheostats for the last mentioned type. "B" voltstats for the last mentioned type. ages from 45 to 60 can be safely utilized. If UV-201A or Western Electric E tubes are used, a six volt "A" battery will be required, and 25 ohm rheostats if one of the first two mentioned types of tubes are employed. "B" voltages from 45 to 100 may be used.

Circuit No. 64. Where an audio frequency amplifier is desired, which will give very little distortion, three stages of resistance coupled amplification are recommended. Distortion is always present when audio frequency transformers are employed.

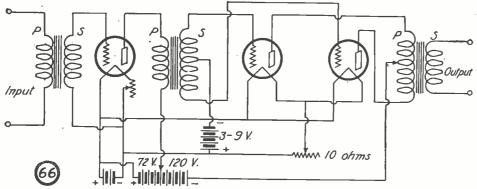
age is not applied to the grid of the tubes. The resistances shown as R1 are ordinary grid leaks of approximately ½ megohm resistance. Best results will be obtained with a rather high "B" battery voltage and 120 to 150 volts are recommended.

It is necessary, no matter the type of tube employed, that a high "B" voltage be em-



A single stage transformer coupled and two stage resistance coupled audio frequency amplifier

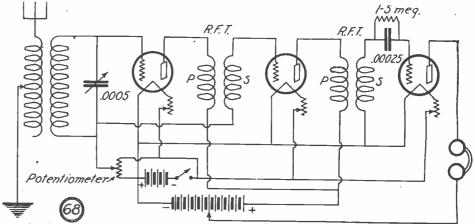
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A two stage audio frequency amplifier circuit, the last stage being a push-pull amplifier.

Circuit No. 68. Where long distance reception is desired, together with simplicity of tuning, the circuit shown here may be This consists of a tuner employing two stages of radio frequency amplification. As regeneration is not employed in this circuit, a coupler should be used which is capable of very loose coupling between the primary and secondary, otherwise the tuning will be broad. A variable condenser of .0005 mfd. capacity is employed across the secondary of the coupler for tuning. To avoid capacity effects, this condenser must be connected with the rotary plates to the filament. If a good make of radio frequency transformer is used, the tubes will oscillate and consequently a potentiometer must be employed so that this oscillation can be controlled.

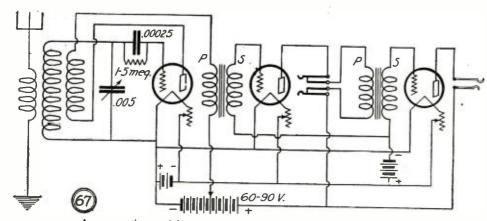
Circuit No. 66. Here we have a two stage audio frequency amplifier using the push-pull method of amplification. In a circuit of this kind three tubes are employed for two stages of amplification. It will be seen that special transformers are employed for the last two tubes. The secondary of the first transformer has its two opposite terminals connected to the grids of the tubes and the primary of the last transformer has its two end terminals connected to the plates of the tubes. plates of the tubes. These two windings have center taps which are connected to the negative filament and positive "B" battery respectively. It will be readily seen that while one end of the winding is negative, These two windings the other end will be positive and a continuous action will thereby be had which will eliminate to a great degree the distortion which is prevalent in the standard amplifier. This type of amplifier will also give greater volume on most stations received. Push-pull transformers are obtainable on the market, they being manufactured by a number of companies and sold in sets of



Receiving circuit employing two stages of untuned transformer radio frequency amplification.

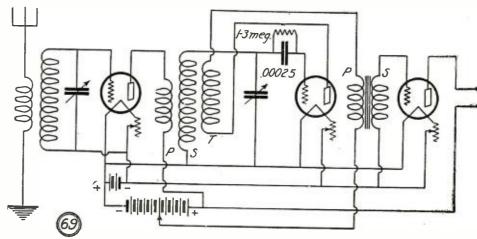
when a high voltage is used on the plates, as it cuts down the current consumption and helps toward the elimination of distortion.

Circuit No. 69. Here we have a circuit combining one stage of radio frequency with regeneration in the detector circuit. As one stage of audio frequency is also used, a loud speaker may be employed on practically all stations received. The antenna tuner constations received. The antenna tuner consists of an untuned primary coupler without the rotor. The radio frequency transformer the rotor. The radio frequency transformer is an ordinary untuned primary coupler, like that described in circuit No. 28 of the August issue. The primary of this coupler must be wound with large wire, of not more than 10 turns. The secondaries of both couplers are shunted by variable condensers of .0005 mfd. capacity for tuning. Both condensers must be varied at the same time. as both secondary circuits must be in resonance before any station can be picked up. No potentiometer is necessary in this receiver, the grid return of the first tube being connected directly to the negative of the "A battery. Properly handled, a circuit of this kind will be equivalent to one having two stages of radio frequency amplification and long distance stations will be easily picked



A regenerative receiving circuit and two stage audio frequency amplifier.

Circuit No. 67. Here is shown a regenerative receiver in conjunction with two stages of audio frequency amplification. tuner in this receiver is an untuned primary coupler and was described in circuit No. 28 in the August issue. Audio frequency transformers are used in the amplifier and should not have a ratio higher than 5:1. A double circuit jack is inserted after the first stage so that the phones may be plugged in at this point. When the loud speaker is used, it is plugged into the single circuit jack after the last stage. If a good antenna is used with this receiver, fair volume will be obtained on the loud speaker on the first stage when local stations are received. grid returns of the two amplifying tubes are connected together and run to the negative terminal of a "C" battery which will have a voltage of from three to nine volts, depending upon the voltage of the "B" battery. This "C" battery has its positive terminal connected to the negative of the "A" battery. A "C" battery is necessary



up.

One stage of R. F., one stage of A. F. and regeneration in the detector circuit.

Correspondence from Readers

THE MARS RADIO CHECKUP

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

Your readers may be interested in knowing that important discoveries may result from the assistance given by the use of radio in the "Mars Checkup" conducted by a committee headed by Professor David Todd, the noted astronomer-physicist, under the auspices of the Aerial League of America.

pices of the Aerial League of America.

Those of your readers who have records of the radio audibility covering one or more days between July 24 and September 24, 1924, can aid the Committee in ascertaining whether or not Mars' magnetism, or other factors, were responsible for the electromagnetic phenomena registered when Mars was close to the earth was close to the earth.

This Mars Radio Checkup may give the world more knowledge about the "ruddy" planet than has been obtained by astronomic study since Aristotle made his first observation of Mars 356 years before our era, or

2280 years ago.

All that Professor Todd needs from radio fans is a record of the radio strength at the time they listened to whatever happened to be on the air, with the approximate time when it was strong or faint. Reports covering a day or longer will be most helpful, but those covering an hour in a day will have value.

These value.

These reports should be addressed to Professor David Todd, Chairman of the Mars Checkup, Aerial League of America, 280 Madison Avenue, New York City.

This information will be tabulated and

compared with similar tabulations of the magnetic variations registered for the same period of time, and data from astronomic observations of Mars and other data, and it is expected that the results will make it possible to ascertain whether Mars and other planets affect the earth's conductive media and aid or interfere with our radio communication.

The Aerial League of America had asked Professor Todd to ascertain, if possible, by a world-wide checkup, using radio, astronomic and magnetic instruments:

(1) Whether the mysterious flashes on the

surface of Mars heretofore registered by astronomers are likely to be huge curtains of auroral lights, from 300 to 500 miles deep, similar to the auroral displays that are registered in the Arctic and Antarctic regions of the earth, and caused by electro-magnetic discharges from the sun striking the planets' most intensive magnetic fields in the magnetic polar regions.

(2) Whether any electromagnetic disturbances took place on the earth within three minutes of the auroral flashes appearing on Mars, and whether these disturbances correspond in time sufficiently to justify a belief that there is an interplanetary electromagnetic effect playing upon the two planets at the speed of light, above 186,000 miles

per second.

(3) Whether it is justifiable to hold that Mars has north and south magnetic poles and a magnetic equator the same as the earth, and whether they are sufficiently powerful as magnets for the earth to be affected as they present to each other intermittently their positive and negative poles in their daily rotation, as well as in their motion along their celestial orbits, and other motions

(4) Whether the earth is as sensitive to the nearness of other magnetic bodies as all magnetic bodies are. and as compasses are sensitive to the changes of direction of terrestrial magnetism and whether radio reception is affected by the variations in the direction of the earth's magnetism, and whether it is affected by the disturbances created by auroral displays.

(5) Whether through the above or other phenomena the earth's conductive media for radio communication is aided or interfered with the nearness or position of other planets, or other phenomena yet undefined, acting upon the earth's radio conductive media as auroral displays have been shown to do by the data already secured in the 12-month Aurora Checkup started by the League a few months ago.

Scientists are placing great reliance on the results to be obtained by the radio checkup.

HENRY WOODHOUSE, President, The Aerial League of America.

ABOUT THE "SIX TUBE RECEIVER OF ADVANCED DESIGN"

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I wrote you September 3 in regard to first night's DX on your "Six Tube Receiver of Advanced Design" described in the September issue, and requested a little information

40 Non-Technical Radio Articles

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

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

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

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

Night Versus Day Radio Transmission ver 6,000 Miles. Latest Radio News in Pictures. Radio Lighthouse—New British Inven-

DI.

Broadcasting Station Calls Up to Date.

Newest Solodyne Circuits.

Neutralizing Methods, Part 2, by L. Adelman. Radio Oracle—Questions and Answers.

regarding best aerial to use. Tried it out on an aerial using "Radio in the Home" formula but it did not balance. So I am still using it with a small variable condenser in the aerial circuit.

Would say that the set has brought in California stations 11 different nights, including KPO, KHJ, KFI and KGO; this was practically every time KGO had operated. Several nights with WSAI on the air, KGO was brought in perfectly, and I shifted from KGO to WSAI with the vernier of the second condenser throughout the evening. On September 1, WSAI seemed to have moved over to KGO's wave and I was unable to tune either clearly; however, with the setting on WSAI, I immediately picked up KGO when WSAI shut down, and shortly after got that station on the speaker, when I heard a talk by the Superintendent of Schools of Oakland, followed by Joseph Henry Jackson literary editor, with an eulogy on Wallace Irwin. During this broadcast I used a UV-199 tube in the R.F. circuit with about 30 volts on the plate of the R.F. tube, and with careful tuning R.F. circuit with about 30 volts on the plate of the R.F. tube, and with careful tuning seemed to advance the tickler to a higher point without spilling, actually bringing KGO in with the clearness of an eastern station. WFAA, Dallas, Texas and Fort Worth were nearly as good earlier in the

evening. Seventy stations were logged in one night's test recently. However, picking up the Pacific Coast 11 times in 12 tries, between September 2 and September 15 inclusive, proves the set is exceptionally good on DX, the one failure being caused by heavy static. I will experiment further on heavy static. I will experiment further on this with English stations as soon as the evenings become longer.

B. H. TAYLOR, Haverhill, Mass.

NOT A BAD IDEA

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I suggest the following plan to get more

applause cards:
(1) Radio Listener has on his table a pencil and a few dozen pieces of paper about two inches square. He listens to a program, likes it, and then writes on one of the slips something as follows:

Ukelele concert great. John Doe. Blank Street,

Boston, Mass. (2) Once or twice a week he collects the slips, puts them all in one envelope with a two-cent stamp and sends them to the local broadcast station.

(3) Local station assorts slips from the various senders, in piles, each one containing slips sent to a specific station.

(4) One to seven times a week, depend-

ing on number, local station sends slips for a specific station to them, putting them in one envelope with needed postage.

Thus the individual BCL sends large num-

ber of applause cards at lowest possible expense, and the broadcasters, by mutual cooperation, will get lots of "applause."

H. FLASHMAN,

37 Schuyler Street,

Boston, Mass.

NEUTRODYNE VS REGENER-ATIVE SET

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

Upon reading an article in RADIO NEWS, written by A. L. Groves, in regard to the Neutrodyne receiver, I discovered what appeared to me to be an inaccurate statement of the results usually obtained from such a receiver as compared to a *good* regenerative set, and wish to give my experience as well as observation of the two receivers. The statement I refer to is contained in paragraph five of the article where Mr. Groves in substance says that the Neutrodyne is the equal of a regenerator only on strong signals and that the regenerative set will pick up weak signals that will not be audible on a Neutrodyne. To a person who has used both receivers the statement needs no correction, but for those unfamiliar with the results of the Neutrodyne it does.

Facts upon which I base the statement that the Neutrodyne gives louder results on the same signal than a good regenerator follow: I travel over the State of Texas, a place far removed from the principal broadcast stations and where you must have a good receiver to get loud speaker results. For the past two years I have taken particular notice of radio receivers that were used throughout the state, in such places as drug stores, electric shops and radio stores. At most of those places during the early part of last winter a set put out by the Radio Corporation and known as the "RC" was used, a single circuit receiver, a regenerator and a set that gave good results. Always in connection with this three tube receiver you would find some type of power amplifer, either one or two stages. I also found in use other types of receivers such as Ken-(Continued on page 1008)



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Apparatus Awarded Certificates

GEN-WIN LOW LOSS TUNER

GEN-WIN LOW LOSS TUNER

Selectivity in a receiving set is obtained only by the use of low loss instruments in the radio frequency circuits. This is especially true of variable condensers and tuning coils. Insulating material causes losses, and as little insulating material as possible should be used in the construction of the instrument. The Gen-Win tuner employs a stagger wound secondary,



spider-web tickler and a bare wire silver plated primary outside of the secondary. Three small clamps of insulating material are used for supporting the instrument as the illustration shows. It covers a range of 150 to 550 meters when used with a .0005 mfd. variable condenser. Manufactured by the General Radio Winding Co.. 214 Fulton Street, New York City.

Arrived in excellent packing.

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PALL MALL VARIOCOUPLER

The Essex Manufacturing Co., 117 Mulberry Street, Newark, N. J., submitted a sample of their improved Pall Mall 180-degree vario-coupler. This coupler employs two windings, primary and secondary. The primary winding is provided with eight taps. On the last tap



it covers a range of 320 to 1,000 meters when used with a .0005 mfd. variable condenser. The instrument is small in size and may be conveniently mounted in a set. Either single or double circuit may be used.

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DERESNADYNE RECEIVER

This is a five tube receiver of excellent electrical and mechanical construction. It consists of two stages of tuned radio frequency amplification, detector, and two stages of audio amplification. Low loss variable condensers and spider-web inductances are used in the radio frequency amplifier. It is a non-neutralized receiver, but a variable

resistance of about 100.000 ohms maximum is connected in the plate circuits of the radio frequency tubes for stabilizing the circuit. This



gives a very fine degree of control and the sensitivity of the receiver is thereby increased considerably. A switch is provided for connecting to the first stage, second stage or off positions. Manufactured by the Andrews Radio Co., 327 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.

Arrived in excellent packing.

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HARMONIK TRANSFORMER

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The Harmonik all-Stage Ratii audio frequency transformer manufactured by the Karas Electric Co., 4040 North Rockwell Street. Street, Chicago, Ill., is of heavy construction and operates with uniform efficiency over practically the entire audio frequency range. The voltage amplification curve is exceptionally flat and extends far into the lower frequencies. An average amplification of from four to four and one-half is obtained. The instruments cause very little distortion and the quality of the reproduced concerts is except i on ally good. The transformer is entirely protected and shielded by a "voltage product owns in from all parts of the reproduced concerts is except i on ally good. The transformer is entirely protected and shielded by a "voltage product owns in from all parts of the country. Some of those have already arrelative for further information of the product owns in from all parts of the country. Some of those have already arrelative for further information of the product owns in from all parts of the country. Some of those have already arrelative for further information of the product owns in from all parts of the country. Some of those have already arrelative for further information of the product owns in from all parts of the country. Some of those have already arrelative for further information of the product owns in from all parts of the country. Some of those have large for further information of the product owns in from all parts of the country. Some of those have large for further information of the product owns in from all parts of the country. Some of those have large for further information of the product owns in from all parts of the country. Some of those have large for further information of the product owns in from all parts of the country. Some of those have large for further information of the product owns in from all parts of the country. Some of those have large for further information of the product owns in from all parts of the country. Some of those have l

transformer is entirely protected and shielded by a metal casing.

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Litz wire wound on bakelite tubes. The instrument is very neat in appearance and of rugged mechanical construction. When used with a .0005 mfd. variable condensers it covers a wave-length range of 175 to 560 meters. Excellent results were obtained with this tuner when used in a three tube receiver. It is manufactured by the Bruno Radio Corporation, 300 Water Street, New York City.

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AIR CORE
TRANSFORMERS
When shunted
by a .0005 mfd.
variable condenser, this transformer covers a
wave-length range
of 230 to 625
meters. This secondary is wound
honeycomb f as hion and the primary is bank
wound on a cardboard tube over board tube over the secondary. The transformer is equipped with an angle bracket for mounting. for mounting.
Three of these
transformers will
make an excellent
two stage tuned
radio frequency
receiver. Manufactured by the
General Manufacturing Co.. 7636
South Shore
Drive, Chicago,
Ill.

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EVEREADY "B" BATTERY The Eveready No. 770 heavy cially designed for use in multi-tube receiving sets where there is



a heavy drain from the "B" battery. The normal rating of this battery is from 15 to 20 milliamperes. Those who have multi-tube receivers will find a rugged battery of this type less expensive in the long run than smaller batteries. As shown in the illustration this battery is provided with a 22½ volt tap. Manufactured by the National Carbon Co.. Iuc., Thompson Ave. and Orton St., Long Island City. Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 575.

SHEPCO COUPLER

The illustration shows the Shepco All-Wave Junior DX coupler. This instrument comprises a layer and instrument comprises a layer and bank wound primary and a rotary



secondary. The primary is fitted with a number of taps so as to cover a wide wave-length range. The construction of the coupler is very simple and it responds with efficiency throughout the entire range. Manufactured by the Shepard Potter Co., Inc., Plattsburg, N. Y.

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NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 566.

GOODRICH RADIO PANEL

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The Goodrich radio panels are made in highly finished black and mahoganite hard rubber. These panels are very accurate and are easily machined. A minimum amount of sulphur is used in the material so that it does not turn green with age as some cheaper grades of hard rubber usually do. The material was tested for losses at a frequency of 1.000 cycles and a phase difference angle of 2 degrees 31 minutes was obtained. This small phase difference angle indicates that the material is one of the best obtainable for radio use. Manufac-

BRUNO TUNER

tuner comprises primary, y and tickler windings of

We wish to thank you for your valuable co-operation and we willmake it so not to subsit to your laboratories on future products.

Yours cordially, BRUNO RADIO CORFORMANOS

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tured by the B. F. Goodrich Rub-ber Co., Akron, Ohio. Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CER-TIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 575.

GOODRICH HARD RUBBER TUBES

As hard rubber is one of the best insulating materials for use in the construction of radio instruments, it is of course advisable to use hard rubber tubing for supporting radio coils. The B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, recently placed on the market suitable hard rubber tubes for this purpose. Although the tubes have only a 1/16-inch wall, they are strong enough for the usual windings.

Arrived in excellent packing.

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DAVENPORT LOW LOSS TUNER

The Davenport low loss tuner comprises three stagger wound coils, consisting of primary, secondary and tickler. This tuner is manufactured by the Davenport Radio Laboratories, 647 Cedar Strect, Davenport, Iowa. As shown in the illustration, very little insulating material is used for supporting the windings. The coupling be-



tween the primary and secondary, and between tickler and secondary is variable. This allows a maximum selectivity. This instrument covers a wave-length range of 175 to 600 meters when used with a .0005 infd. variable condenser.

Arrived in fair packing.

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RADIO FREQUENCY TRANS-FORMER

A wave-length range of 230 to 575 meters is easily covered with this fixed radio frequency transformer, provided a good low loss tuner is used in the grid circuit of the first tube. When so used, the circuit oscillates freely throughout the above range and the oscillations



are easily controlled by a suitable potentiometer. The transformer is small in size and easily mounted. It is manufactured by the Uptegraff Electric and Manufacturing Co., 1108 National Bank Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Arrived in excellent packing.

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SHEPCO SINGLE TUBE RECEIVER

RECEIVER

This receiver is furnished all assembled with leads brought to a row of binding posts in the top of the panel and separate bus bar connectors supplied, so that the experimenter may connect it up and use any circuit he desires. The directions furnished with the receiver show several circuits that may be used. The receiver consists of a Shepco coupler, variable condenser, vacuum tube socket and the necessary accessories. A tap switch is provided for changing the wave-

length range which may be covered. On the last tap a range of 500 to 1,000 meters is obtained. Manu-factured by the Shepard Potter Co., Inc., Plattsburg, N. Y.



Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CER-TIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 565.

LEGO FIXED DETECTOR

The Lego fixed crystal detector is enclosed in a glass tube fitted with metal end caps and binding post. The detector is small in size and can easily be connected in any part



of the receiver. This detector is very good for reflex receivers and works well in the ordinary crystal set. The three samples submitted by the Lego Corporation, 607 West 43rd Street, New York City, were all very sensitive and uniform as regards sensitivity. The resistance of this rectifier is about four times as great with the current passing through one direction as the other.

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RADJO CRYSTAL DETECTOR

RADJO CRYSTAL DETECTOR
This is a very neat crystal detector that may be panel or base mounted and is constructed of two parts so that the crystal holder can be easily exchanged. The novel features of this detector are the vernier or micrometer adjustment provided and the use of an insulated metal screen in front of the crystal. The purpose of this screen is to hold the catwhisker in a fixed position so that its pressure on the crystal can be regulated without



having it slip off the sensitive spot. This detector is manufactured by the Electric City Novelty and Manufacturing Co., 126 Odell Street, Schenectady. N. Y. AWARDED THE RADIONEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 569.

TWIN DRY CELLS

TWIN DRY CELLS
The Twin Dry Cell Battery Co., 11400 Madison Ave. Cleveland. Ohio, submitted samples of their general duty No. 6 1½ volt Du-Al dry cells, No. 211 1½ Twin Radio dry cell, and No. 82 1½ Twin Radio Special cell battery. These dry cells are of somewhat different construction than the usual type. The number six cell is of the standard size and construction. The number 211 is somewhat larger in



size and has a greater output. The 82-cell battery is larger than the other two and is specially designed for radio work where long life is required. The illustration shows the number six size. All of these cells gave excellent service for a considerable length of time.

Arrived in excellent packing.

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REMLER VARIABLE CON-DENSER

The Remler variable condenser is of a radically different construction than the familiar type. Instead of the usual rotary and stationary plates, this condenser has two sets of plates mounted so that both swing and mesh into each other. Each set of plates is mounted on a shaft geared to the dial shaft and one complete turn of the dial varies the condenser from maximum to minimum. On account of this special design the condenser has the



extremely low minimum capacity of 3.43 mmf. The maximum capacity is 338.98 mmf. The dielectric absorption losses at 1,000 cycles with the condenser set at maximum capacity are equivalent to a series resistance of 180 ohms. The plates are shaped so as to give practically a straight line wavelength curve on the first 180 degrees of the dial and a straight line capacity curve for the remainder. This instrument is manufactured by the Remler Radio Manufacturing Co., 182 Second Street, San Francisco, Calif.

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THE KANT-BLO SIGNAL POST

This is merely a binding post for the negative "B" battery connec-tion fitted with a series resistance and a signal lamp. In case of a short circuit inside of the set that



would ordinarily burn out the vacuum tubes or ruin the "B" battery. this safety device limits the "B" battery current, saves the tubes and gives the signal to the operator by lighting the lamp. It is merely a protective device and is recommended for use on all receiving sets. Manufacturing Corp., 120 Broadway, New York City.

Arrived in excellent packing.

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THE KANT BLO SIGNAL SWITCH

The Kant-Blo signal switch comprises both "A" battery switch and vacuum tube protective device. Only one hole is required for mounting and it is easily installed in the



set. It is fitted with a separate terminal for the negative "B" battery lead. In case of a short circuit inside of the set that would cause the "B" battery current to flow through the filament, the Kant-Blo device is fitted with a signal lamp and a resistance that limits the "B" battery current and saves the tubes. As the lamp lights up in case of a short circuit, the operator instantly knows where to look for trouble. Manufactured by the Kanter Manufacturing Corp., 120 Broadway, New York City.

Arrived in excellent packing.

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CALIBRATED TRANSFORMER

The Calibrated audio frequency amplifying transformer manufactured by the National Airphone Corp. 16 Hudson Street, New York City. embodies all the latest im-

provements in audio frequency transformer design. It operates with high efficiency over the entire audio frequency range, and the voltage amplification curve is exceptionally flat and extends far into the lower frequencies. An average



amplification of 5 to 5½ volts is obtained throughout the entire range. The core is clamped with a metal casing and no holes are drilled through the iron. The coils are protected with bakelite shields so that electro-static coupling between the plate and grid circuits is reduced.

Arrived in excellent packing.

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PRECISE PUSH-PULL TRANS-FORMERS

Although small in size, the Precise push-pull transformers give excellent results throughout practically the entire audio frequency range.



The voltage amplification curves of the input transformer, No. 800, measured between the center terminal and each outside terminal of the secondary, are practically identical. The curves extend well into the lower audio notes—in the neighborhood of 200 cycles—and consequently cause very little distortion. A voltage amplification in the neighborhood of two and one-half to three is obtained throughout the entire range. The output transformer, No. 801, is of the same general construction and appearance as the input type. Manufactured by the Precise Manufacturing Corporation, 254 Mills Street, Rochester, N. Y. Arrived in excellent packing.

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KEYSTONE TUBE

The Keystone Electric and Radio Co., New York City, submitted three of their type 20-A tubes. Although no life tests were made on these tubes, all three gave very good results. The amplification factors range from seven and one-half to eight and one-half. The filament consumes one-quarter ampere at five volts.

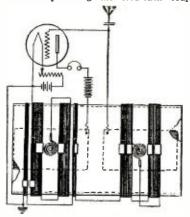


very well as oscillators, detectors and amplifiers and will stand 90 to 120 volts on the plate. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CER-TIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 564.



RADIO RECEIVING CIRCUIT

(Patent No. 1,499,331, M. C. Batsel. Filed Dec. 11, 1922, issued July 1, 1924. Assigned to Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. of Pa.) Radio receiving circuit employing the feed-back principle where the input and output circuits of an electron tube each are provided with variable inductors for providing the feed-back coupling

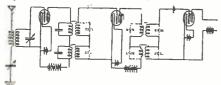


there between. Additional inductance is provided in each of the circuits for establishing such addi-tional feed-back coupling that the degree of regen-eration is substantially independent of all adjust-ments of the inductor in the input circuit of the tube. The circuit arrangement provides a com-pact radio receiving set.

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTRICALLY TRANSFERRING ELECTRICAL OSCILLATORY ENERGY

(Patent No. 1,438,828, H. W. Houck. Filed March 29, 1920, issued Dec. 12, 1922.)

Method and apparatus for selectively transferring electrical oscillatory energy of any frequency or frequencies lying within a continuous band of frequencies from one electrical system to another.



This patent shows an electron tube amplifier in which the input and output circuits of the several tubes are coupled by means of a series of oscillatory circuits tuned to different frequencies. Each circuit is resonant to a different frequency so that the circuit has a highly efficient collective effective range of resonance which includes the band of frequencies.

ELECTRICAL SIGNALING
(Patent No. 1,504,570, J. O. Mauborgne et al. Filed July 26, 1922, issued Aug. 12, 1924.)
Electrical signaling wherein radio signals may be received substantially free of interference by a combination loop antenna and wave coil receiving



circuit. The loop antenna is closed through a variable condenser and connected at one point to ground and to the terminal of a wave coil. The receiving apparatus is coupled by means of a movable ring to the wave coil which is moved along the wave coil to a position for best operation.

ELECTROSTATIC CONDENSER

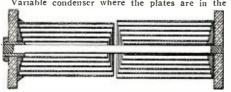
(Patent No. 1,504,002. E. Thomson. Filed Nov. 13, 1920, issued Aug. 5, 1924. Assigned to General Electric Co. of New York.)
Electrostatic condenser for high power operation where the condenser is constructed in a stack

By JOHN B. BRADY*

of thin sheets of alternate conducting material and insulating material. The feature of the invention is the insertion of heat conducting sheets between the several condenser sections for conveying away heat developed in the condenser.

VARIABLE CONDENSER

(Patent No. 1,502,860, D. S. McCrum. Filed Nov. 24, 1923, issued July 29, 1924.) Variable condenser where the plates are in the

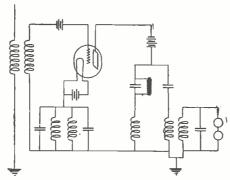


form of cylinders arranged to telescope one within the other forming extended cylindrical capacity

TONE PRODUCING RADIO RECEIVER

TONE PRODUCING RADIO RECEIVER (Patent No. 1.502,875, M. I. Pupin et al. Filed Feb. 10, 1916, issued July 29, 1924. Assigned to Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.)

Tone producing radio receiver, wherein the receiving amplifier is arranged to repeat the incoming waves at an amplitude which varies periodically at an audible frequency so that the resultant electric waves produce a musical note in the re-



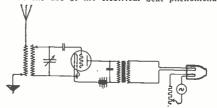
ceiving system. An electron tube circuit is provided at the receiver with a filter coupling the input and output circuits thereof, the filter including a plurality of like units, each unit comprising two reactances of opposite sign with all the reactances of one sign connected in series and all those of the other sign connected in parallel whereby electrical currents are repeated at a periodically varying amplitude. varying amplitude.

SYSTEM FOR TRANSMITTING ENERGY WITHOUT WIRES

(Patent No. 1,504,974, C. Reno. Filed March 1, 1920, issued Aug. 12, 1924.)
System for transmitting energy without wires in a confined path in any direction. A spirally revolving magnetic field is produced in a pair of symmetrically segmented conductors. A parabolic reflecting circuit is arranged for focusing the magnetic field in a desired direction.

METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR ELEC-TRICALLY TRANSMITTING INTELLIGENCE

(Patent No. 1,503,308, C. D. Ehret. Filed Oct. 22, 1920, issued July 29, 1924.)
Method of and apparatus for electrically transmitting intelligence in the form of sustained waves without the use of the electrical beat phenomena.



The signals are caused to produce a tone f quency and at a point adjacent the production such tone frequency a magnetically produc

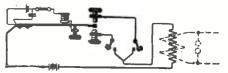
sound wave is generated. The sound wave produced by the incoming signal combines with the nechanically produced sound wave to produce a wave beat of audible frequency for observing the incoming signals.

MEANS FOR PROTECTING RADIO OUT-FITS FROM STATIC DISTURBANCES
(Patent No. 1,504,600, O. A. Brackett. Filed Jan. 16, 1919, issued Aug. 12, 1924. Assigned to Westinghouse Electric & Mfg Co.)
Means for protecting radio outfits from static disturbances wherein the major portion of the energy of static disturbances is shunted around the receiving apparatus so as to be substantially ineffective in disturbing the receipt of signaling impulses. A pair of rectifying devices are con-nected in shunt with each other and placed directly across the receiving circuit.

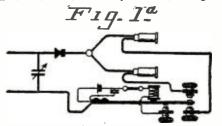
SECRET SYSTEM FOR RADIOTELEG-

(Patent No. 1.505,055, A. R. Nolins. Filed May 19, 1922. issued Aug. 12, 1924.) Secret system for radiotelegraphy wherein a

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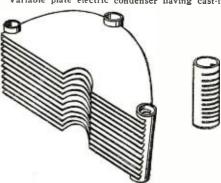


tuning fork is provided at both the transmitting and receiving stations and arranged to vibrate in synchronism to close sets of contacts connected in different circuits whereby one series of signals



may be radiated between the spaces of another series of signals. The messages are therefore transmitted in mixed relation and separated by a synchronized device at the distant receiving station.

VARIABLE PLATE ELECTRIC CONDENSER (Patent No. 1,500,528, F. F. Rathbun. Filed July 7, 1922, issued July 8, 1924.) Variable plate electric condenser having cast-in



stationary and movable plates for facilitating the protection of the instrument. The stationary plates are supported at three points about the periphery thereof by cast metal poured into slotted tubular members. The movable plates are similarly supported by a slotted tubular member in which molten metal is poured over the plates.

TUNING SYSTEM OF ANTENNAE
(Patent No. 1,502,848, F. Conrad. Filed July 7,
1920, issued July 29, 1924. Assigned to Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.)

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HIS Department is conducted for the benefit of our Radio Experimenter. We shall be glad to answer here questions for the benefit of all, but we can publish only such matter as is of sufficient interest to all.

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You will do the Editor a personal favor if you will make your letter as brief as possible.

INVERSE DUPLEX RECEIVER
3) Mr. Henry Smith, Plainfield, N. J., (2053)

INVERSE DUPLEX RECEIVER
(2053) Mr. Henry Smith, Plainfield, N. J., asks:

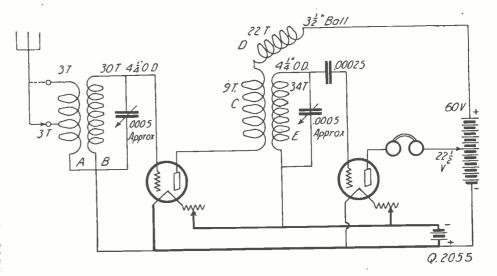
Q. 1. Please publish a picture diagram of the Inverse Duplex Receiver.

A. 1. The diagram is shown in these columns.
Q. 2. What suggestions can be made for correct construction of this receiver?

A. 2. A tapped loop may be used, as shown, or a standard loop may be used. High ratio audio frequency transformers introduce considerable distortion. We recommend ratios of the order of 3:1, unless of course, a crystal detector is used. Additional stability is had by connecting grid return leads "A" and "B" to individual potentiometers of about 200 ohms. This results in a better control of the grid voltages of the tubes being reflexed. Should the potentiometers be used, it will not be necessary to use by-pass condenser "C-1." If desired, grid return "C" may be connected to "A" plus, or to the negative connection of a small "C" battery. This results in a wide control of the grid voltage of the detector tube, resulting in maximum efficiency of this tube. Only the very best of tubes can be used in a reflex receiver, with anything like satisfactory results. It is also very important to have well-designed radio frequency transformers; low loss condensers are also a necessity. This latter is due to the fact that regeneration is not present to reduce the effects of resistance present in poorly designed condensers. The battery voltages used must be determined by test. Reversing primary leads is often helpful in reducing or eliminating audio frequency howls that occasionally develop in such receivers. Fixed condensers, or resistances, placed at proper locations determined by experiment, are also often helpful.

Q. 3. Can a "B" battery be constructed from home-made cells compensing carbon and zinc, in some manner?

A. 3. A very satisfactory battery may be built up with cells constructed in the following manner: Secure as many carbon rods, from old dry cells, as there are cells wanted. Heat these to a very faint red. After they have cooled to a point where



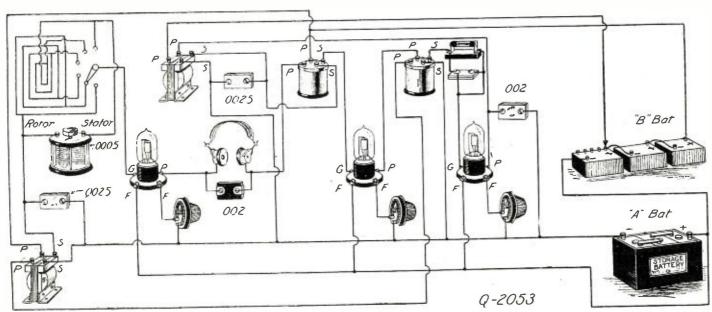
new Superdyne circuit is a distinct advance over the old one. The quality of tion will please the most critical. The amount of distortion caused by an additional audio frequency amplifier will depend upon the perfection of the amplifier design. reception

the rods. A zinc wire about a 3/64-inch diameter forms one electrode, of which the carbon tubes form the other. This wire is of such a length, and is bent in such a fashion, as to reach over to the next carbon tube to the outside of which it is fastened. It can be tightly bound thereto, by means of wire. These carbon tubes are insulated from each other. The zinc wire is insulated from the carbon tube by means of a couple of pieces of soft rubber, one piece being fastened to the tip of the zinc wire, so as to prevent it touching the bottom of the carbon tube. The tubes are filled with an

electrolyte consisting of water, 1 pint; sal annmoniac, 3 ounces; zinc chloride, 1 ounce. Paraffin oil spread over the top of the nearly filled tubes will prevent rapid evaporation of the electrolyte. As a protection against corrosion, all exposed metal parts should be well insulated by an application of the paraffin.

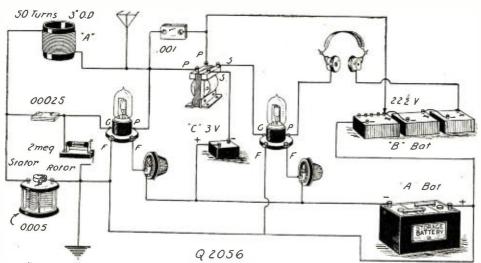
LOW LOSS TUNER

(2054) Mr. Richard C. Leonard, North Pomfret, Vt., asks:



The Improved Inverse Duplex circuit. As with most reflex receivers, exactly the correct apparatus must be used, in exactly the correct way.

The particular feature of this circuit is the equalizing of the load imposed on the tubes.



By controlling regeneration with the filament rheostat, and using the correct constants, it is possible to make a sensitive receiver with only one tuning control, the variable condenser. This is the first regenerative circuit ever used. A softer detector tube will give particularly good results in this circuit. Vary the grid leak for best signal strength, from distant stations.

used in the General Radio Winding Co.'s

wire used in the General Radio Winding Co.'s broadcast coupler.

A. 1. Primary, 10 turns of No. 14 bare copper wire; secondary, about 50 turns of No. 18 D.C.C. wire; tickler, about 50 turns No. 22 D.C.C. wire.

Q. 2. Is this a low loss instrument?

A 2. This coil employs the better principles of coil construction. For example, all insulation is of hard rubber. Only three supports are used for holding the set of three coils. The primary winding is insulated almost entirely by air. It is in the form of an ordinary solenoid, but with the turns well spaced. A peculiar form of winding Lorenze type basket-weave solenoid is used for the secondary. The tickler is wound in spider-web form resulting in very slight coupling at its nearest to zero setting.

THE NEW SUPERDYNE
(2055) Mr. W. H. Campbell, Marshall, Wis.,
Q. 1. Please show the wiring

(2055) Mr. W. H. Campbell, Marshall, Wis., asks:

Q. 1. Please show the wiring diagram and give constructional details for the new Superdyne receiver.

A. 1. The circuit is shown in these columns. Note that the new Superdyne is quite different from the old one. The two tuning condensers have been combined in one control. The remaining control is that of the negative feedback, if such it may be called. The most important point to observe in the construction of this receiver is to keep inductances A and B in non-inductive relation to inductances C, D and E. Should the inductances couple to any extent, it will not be possible to neutralize the set. With coils A and B separated from C, D and E about 6 incles, it was not found possible to prevent oscillation until coils A and B had been turned to exactly the right angle to the other inductances. a variation of ½ inch being sufficient to throw the set out of halance. Also note that coil A consists of only nine turns, yet it is so wound as to take up the entire winding space of coil B, over which it is wound. This also holds true for coil C. Special condensers of 25 plate size are used. The rotor. D, should be rotatable through 180 degrees, zero

coupling being at 90 degrees from either extreme. No detector grid leak is used, sufficient leakage being furnished by the condenser itself. UV-201A or C-301A tubes are used in both positions. Note the absence of a phone con-

true of tubes designated as being "soft" (having a low vacuum), or "gassy" (having certain gases inside, either by design, or as a result of the tube having been in operation for some time. The continued use of a tube sometimes liberates a sufficient amount of gas from the glass, and from the elements of the tube, to cause a radical chauge in its operation). Modern tubes are considerably more stable in operation than the older ones and the critical point will be found very close to 21 volts, usually. Some of the older tubes were so variable that it was not unusual to find one that would work perfectly with only three or four volts on the plate. If controlled by a switch, the taps must be so spaced that the switch arm will not connect two working contacts at the same instant, since this would short circuit part of the battery.

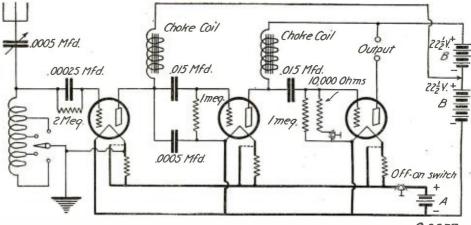
Q. 3. Will the insertion of a variometer between the aerial and the plate. in an ultra-audion circuit, cause the set to be regenerative?

A. 3. This is a regenerative circuit without the addition of the variometer. Should you find that the set does not oscillate, it will be necessary to locate the fault, which may be a poor tube, wrong "B" battery voltage, wrong connections, poor connections, or poor instruments.

TRANSFORMER MARKINGS

(2056) Mr. H. Mendetsohn, Detroit, Mich.,

(2056) Mr. H. Mendetsonn, Detroit, Mich., writes:
Q. 1. Please show a picture diagram of a standard Super-Heterodyne.
A. 1. This diagram would take up considerably more space in this department than is available, if shown in picture form. The schematic circuit was shown in the September, 1923, issue of RADIO NEWS, in the I-Want-To-Know department.
Q. 2. Please show the picture diagram of the correct circuit for the ultra-audion regenerative



Q.2057

A variocoupler used in place of the single tuning inductance shown will result in considerably sharper tuning. Audio frequency transformer secondaries make excellent choke coils for such a circuit. Being non-oscillating, this receiver cannot radiate, but sensitivity is sacrificed thereby. This is a Signal Corps Airplane receiver.

O. 2. What is the advantage of a "B" battery with several taps?

A. 2. Tubes work best with a certain voltage on the plate. This value is most critical for detector tubes. A difference of 1½ volts will often make the difference between the set working well, or working poorly, in the case of some tubes that are used. This is particularly

receiver. with one stage of audio added.

A. 2: This circuit is shown in these columns, in the manner you request. Any type of inductance, such as a variometer, honey-comb, spider-web, or plain tapped coil may be used for "A." A smaller variable condenser may be used. if desired, depending upon the particular inductance construction adopted.

Q. 3. Why are radio frequency and audio frequency transformers in diagrams not marked with the numbers, to designate the connections, the same as the transformers?

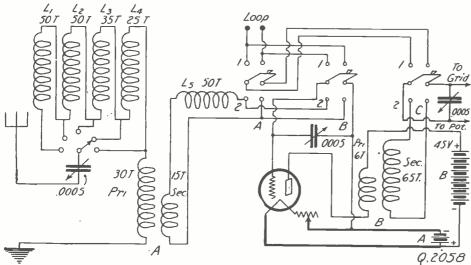
A. 3. Different makes of transformers have different markings, thus making such a procedure impossible. Just remember to connect the outside secondary lead of transformers to the grid, and the primary connection will usually take care of itself. Reversing the primary leads may improve reception a little.

S.C.R.-59 AIRPLANE SET

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(2057) Mr. Edwin Thompson, Okmulgee,
Okla., asks:
Q. 1. Please show the

Okla., asks:
Q. 1. Please show the diagram of the Signal Corps Airplane Receiving Set, type S. C. R. 59, manufactured by the Western Electric Co.
A. 1. This diagram is being shown in these columns. This receiver was designed for W. E. type VT-1 tubes. Nevertheless, standard tubes will give excellent results in this circuit. Only one dial is necessary for tuning. This receiver will require a rather short aerial, if maximum selectivity is desired. The circuit is a standard non-regenerative one with two stages of impedance, or choke coil amplification. Considerably greater signal strength would result by the interposition of some sort of inductance such as a variometer, or a tapped coil, in the plate circuit of the detector to give regeneration. However, maximum quality of reproduction results in the system employed in this receiver. The choke coils may be made in the following manner: Wind a core about two inches long and one-half (Contined on page 1030)



This radio frequency amplifier has been designed to be adaptable to any set using a loop. Some Super-Heterodynes are exceptions. The switches must be well insulated; their bases should be tested for leakage, by means of headphones and a battery of about 60 volts. Correct layout of the apparatus is another important consideration.



This "Service Farce" By HOWARD S. PYLE

BCD de MNOP Hr Svc Sa Om Ani chance to cum aboard and look u over when we reach port?" Service? How do they get that way? And yet, 15 minutes casual listening on 600 meters will bring in several similar "Services." The practice is on the increase; particularly on the Great Lakes is it extremely obnoxious. The prefix, "SVC" is used as a thin veneer to disguise unnecessary and prachibited convergetion between essary and prohibited conversation between commercial radio stations. The practice is despicable from many standpoints and its early elimination should be one of the objects There is of commercial radio operators. now a tremendous amount of necessary interference—from the standpoint of communications handled—without adding to it, such unofficial and unlawful transmissions.

A more mild form of service message, but one which is also inherently wrong in structure, is that relating to the radio equipment or service between stations. It seems that the meaning of a service message is generally misunderstood, but reference to the London Convention or to a Western Union tariff book will reveal the fact that a service message is one referring strictly to tariff handled. It is as short and concise as possible to still convey the necessary information. An inquiry relative to the shipment of certain spare parts for a ship's transmitter, sent by that vessel to a shore station is distinctly not a service message. Neither is a request to the shore station to have the office mail additional stationery to the next port, a message of this class. These are actually messages and should be handled and abstracted as such and carry a full address and the signature of the senior operator. Whether or not they are charged for or are "franked" messages depends entirely upon whether they reach their destination entirely through the stations of the radio company or whether "other line charges" enter into it.

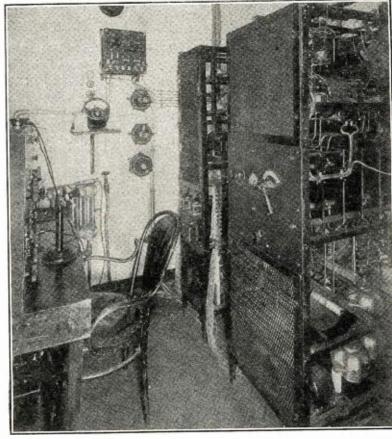
Proper structure of a service message is also something not generally known among the present day marine operators. Again reference to a Western Union or Postal Telegraph tariff book will show the proper pro-A service message, by reason of the fact that it ordinarily carries no charges, and is in reference to another message, and as such is handled only by operators, can be abbreviated considerably, and should be. The more common abbreviations in general use are as follows:

GBA-Give better address. GSA-Give some address. NSN-No such number.

SYS-See your service. SOS—(Should not be used in marine ork.) See our service.
UNLOCATE—Unable to locate.
UNDELD—Undelivered.

Others will occur as the occasion arises. An example of the proper use of a service message where a message has been undelivered by a shore station, would be addressed to the office of origin and read somewhat as follows:

The Duplex
Radio Telephone Equipment aboard
the S.S. America, the first
set of its type
to make two
way communications to make two cation by radiophone a possibil-ity. The re-ceiving equip-ment consists ceiving equipment consists of long and short wave receivers each with a separate heterodyne for the reception of C.W., and a Super-H et er odyne receiver. All of the equipment is equipment is of General Electric Manufacture.



S. Greater Detroit: Yr Nr 4 date Simpkins sined Thompson Indeld. NSN. GBA.

CX Boston Mass. 15th."

Interpreted the above would be: Undeld. NSN.

Interpreted the above would be:
"S. S. Greater Detroit:
Your message number four of this date to Simpkins signed Thompson undelivered. No such number. Give better address.

CX Office, Boston, Mass. 15th."
It is readily apparent that the above service applies directly to message traffic and is, therefore greatly shortened by using the above.

therefore, greatly shortened by using the abbreviations that have become standard.

Let us endeavor to eliminate the unnecessary conversation and confine ourselves to actual business. It gains a better name for the operator, both professionally and with the company, and it is only a selfish operator who will clutter the air with such useless stuff as quested at the hearinging of this artis stuff as quoted at the beginning of this article, and thus deprive others of the legitimate use of the air.

A MARINE RADIO OPERATORS' **ASSOCIATION**

FOR well over a year almost every article or letter published as written by a Marine Radio Operator contains a few lines, or in way of conclusion has something to say regarding a Union or an Association for the Marine Operator and these articles or letters invariably end with the words, "Why Not"? A few of these appear in some of the back issues of RADIO NEWS and now that the "With the Sea-going Op's" department has started again, more and more, no doubt, will be written by operators regarding an association, and the profession as it may be called

be written by operators regarding an associa-tion, and the profession, as it may be called. The whole thing is that the operators really want an association "by, for and with" the Marine Operator. Many of the older group of operators generally favor an as-sociation; but all of the operators, both the old timers now at sea and the newcomers into the game will come to the conclusion that they will not desire to support any kind that they will not desire to support any kind of a "money making scheme" while they are doing their duty at sea and have someone at the head of their organization at a desk ashore holding down a so-called "soft job."

A great number are truly contented with their lot. One of the good reasons for this attitude is that most of the men doing their very best and being conscientious in their work are quite aware of the fact that the work are quite aware of the fact that the radio service companies are very fair and do justice to their desirable operators. On the whole they are "by, for and with" those who do what is right. Operators employed aboard the Shipping Board vessels who have had occasion to find out know that the Board Radio Supervisors back up their men Radio Supervisors back up their men.

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KDZE	Rhodes Department Store, Seat-
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KFAE	
KFAF	Western Radio Corporation,
KFAJ	University of Colorado, Boulder,
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KFAR	Idaho
KFAU	Boise City, Boise High School
KFAW	
KFAY	Virgin's Radio Service Med.
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KFEY	Dodge, Iowa
	and Concentrating Co., Kellogg, Idaho
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KFGX	First Presbyterian Church,	10 220
	Orange, Texas	500-250
KFGZ	Emmanuel Missionary College,	300 230
	Berrien Springs, Mich	500-286
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	rado, Gunnison, Colo	50252
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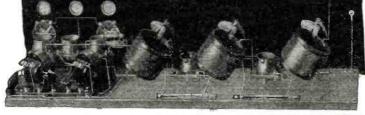
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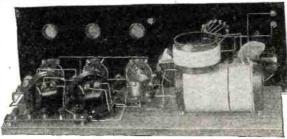
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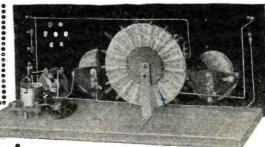
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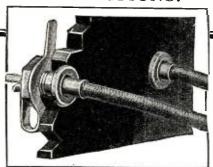
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KFQO	land, Oregon	10—261
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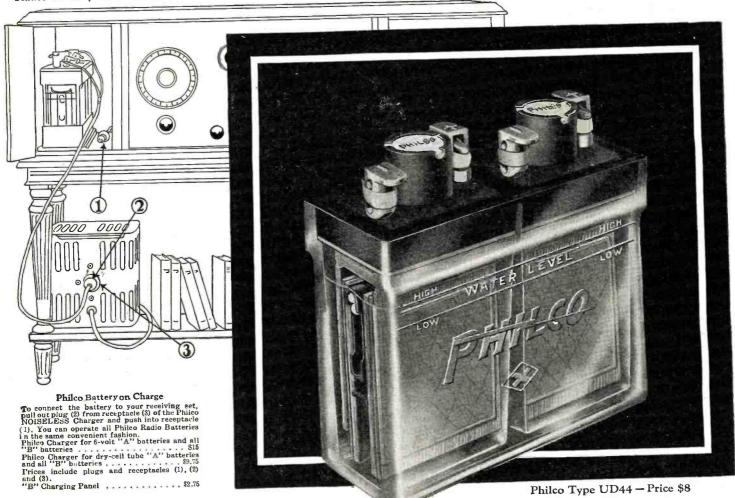
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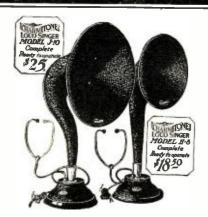
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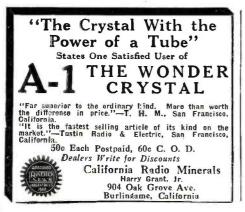
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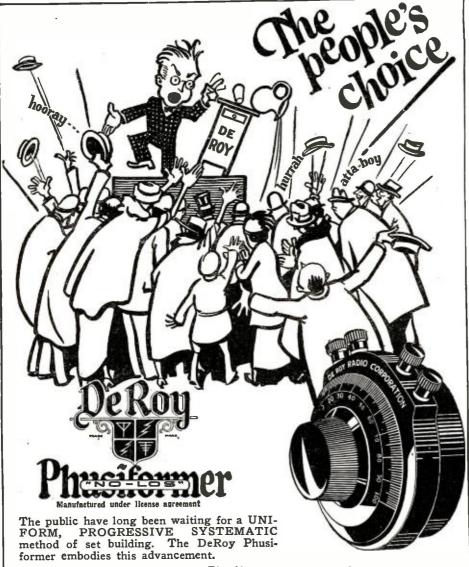
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9 p. m., Thursday, concert, 3.43 to 15 p. m., Thursday, concert. 15 Italy.—Rome, ICD, 3,200 meters, week-days, 12 a. m., 1,800 meters, 4 and 8:30 p. m., tests and graphophone records.

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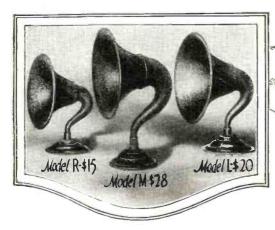
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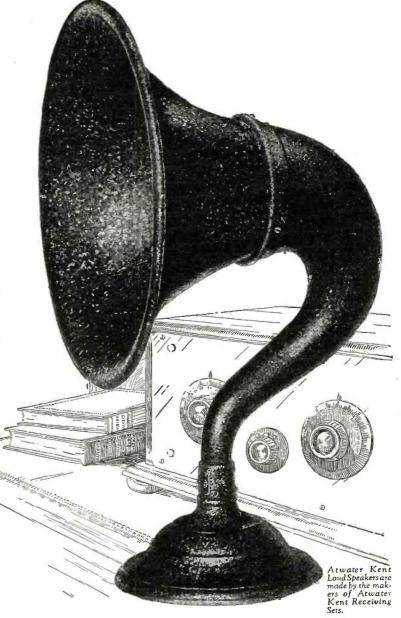
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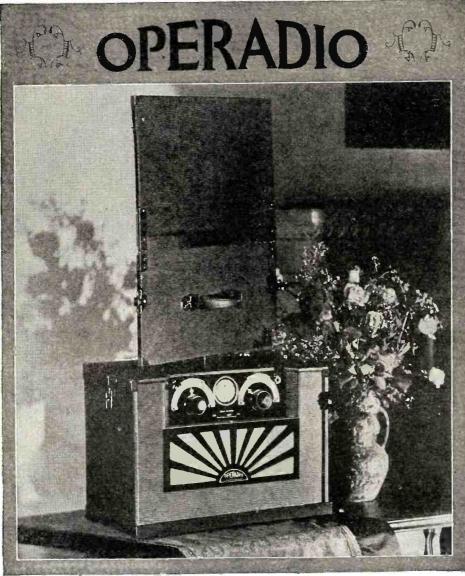
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What's What About Radio Horns

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horn he would shop for days until he found one that would suit his sense of musical Many fans assemble their outvalues. fits with great care, choosing their transformers, sockets and vacuum tubes with infinite pains, and yet buy the first radio horn they see. The chances are about 95 to 1 that they buy the wrong horn and then wonder why the quality of the reproduction is so poor, never once thinking that their troubles might be located in such a simple thing as the horn. To many people, a horn is simply a horn, but these people do not fully appreciate the peculiar properties of sound waves and their associated phenomena.

Experimentation has caused the sound physicist to vote the metal horn out of order. Regardless of its design it is responsible for a tinnish tone and is altogether too resonant to be suitable. A horn should be made out of a non-resonant material such as wood, fibre or paper mache.

There are a lot of other fallacies about loud speakers. They are called amplifiers by those who do not understand their operation. Just how they amplify is quite a mystery if we are to still maintain our respect for the law of the conservation of energy. If a horn can be made to amplify, why use vacuum tubes? The truth of the matter is that they do not amplify. They concentrate and condense. When we take concentrate and condense. When we take the horn from our loud speaker unit, the sound waves it produces spread out in all directions, just like an electric light without a shade. When we put an electric light in front of a reflector the light is concentrated and shoots off in one direction. Such a light can be seen a greater distance than a light that is shooting its rays off at all points of the compass. proof of this, look at the railway signals. A radio horn acts in much the same manner. When it is put over the loud speaking unit the sound waves are concentrated and they come forth in much the same way that they leave the mouth of a person.

As the author has said, many of the great sound physicists are in thorough disagreement regarding the phenomena associated with horns, or megaphones as they are called. One peculiar thing about them is that the darn things appear to amplify at both ends. When the sound is put into the small end it comes forth from the large end apparently increased in volume, and when a deaf person puts the small end to his ear and the sound goes in the large



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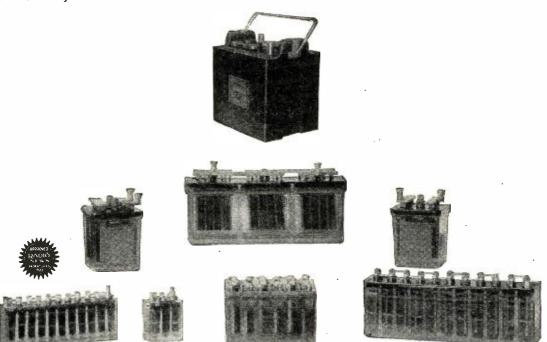
Needless to say, there are lots of physicists who do not agree with Lord Raleigh. In this connection it is interesting to briefly review the work of a man who has recently actually photographed sound waves as they actually photographed sound waves as they originate and leave various shaped horns. This man is Arthur L. Foley. Mr. Foley holds that seeing is believing. He became tired of reading the contradictions of sound physicists, so he rigged up an electric apparatus which will allow him to photograph sound waves. The device is extremely simple and waves the circumstant of the electric like and waves. ple and we see it pictured in the sketch. In place of using the regular conical shaped horn, Mr. Foley employed what would amount to a cross-section of a horn. cross section he made up of brass plates. In the sketch AA are spark gaps and BB condensers. C is another spark gap employed for illumination purposes. D is ancondensers. C is another spark gap employed for illumination purposes. D is another condenser, and E is a photographic plate. In the center of the dummy horn there is another spark gap which is used primarily to set up the sound waves. The whole device is operated from a small spark coil. When a spark passes across the gaps a shadow of the horn is thrown upon the a shadow of the horn is thrown upon the photographic plate by the light-giving gap C. This throws not only a shadow of the horn, but of the sound waves as well. Since we know that sound effects the density of air it is evident that the light will also leave an impression of the waves. In some of the photographs attached, Figs. 2 to 7, Mr. Foley shows the successive stages of an expanding wave, the average time inter-val between each of the six wave processes being about a 300,000th of a second. pictures show that there was energy reflection in every wave, except when the wave front was at right angles to the surface of the air parallel to the surface of the tube. During these experiments Mr. Foley brought forth the fact that the condensing power of a horn is not the quotient of the area of the two ends, that it is not even of the order of magnitude in the size of horns of considerable angle.

Mr. Foley's general conclusions follow:

1. The amplifications of sound at the small end of a conical receiving horn is due to both resonance and condensation.

2. The amount of sound energy "condensed" at the small end of a conical horn receiver is but a small fraction of that demanded by the "condenser" theory. This theory is not tenable.

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The Beginner's Tube Set

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It is necessary to have an electrical connection to the socket springs so that wires can be conveniently fastened to them. This point is illustrated at 3 in Fig. 3. Be sure that a good connection is made here. If it is not, and the remainder of the socket seems to be in good working condition, tighten the connection with a screw driver.

A slot or bayonet joint is cut in the side of the socket as shown at 4 in Fig. 3. This is for the pin on the side of the tube to engage with so the tube will be held in place and in good contact with the springs. The slot also serves another purpose, it forces the prongs to make contact with the proper springs. All four of the binding posts on the rim of the base of the socket are marked with letters which stand for the elements of the tube with which they are connected. Since the set will work only when the elements are connected in a certain definite way it is absolutely necessary that this pin and slot be used. The slot serves as a guide in placing a tube in the socket and makes a mistake impossible.

THE RHEOSTAT

As mentioned above, the "A" battery heats or lights the filament. It is necessary to control the flow of current from the battery to the filament for reasons to be discussed in detail in another article. Here, an instrument known as the rheostat comes into play. There are three different types illustrated in Fig. 4. The purpose of all of them is the same, that is, to control the current from the battery by placing resistance in the circuit. Just as too much body surface (resistance) on a racing automobile cuts down the effective road power of the car, so does the rheostat cut down the power of the battery, and because the rheostat is adjustable, we are able to accurately control the current. This is essential, because when new batteries are used, that is "A" batteries, more resistance will be required in the circuit than when the batteries are partly worn out. The use of the rheostat enables us to use a stronger battery than the tube calls for and as the battery wears out, we can compensate for it by decreasing the resistance. Also, some tubes will work better when a certain current is supplied to them. This critical point can be found by the use

of the rheostat.
At 1 in Fig. 4, we show what is generally known as a plain type, wire wound, rheostat. This is provided with an arm controlled by a knob, by means of which more or less of the resistance wire of the rheostat may be cut into the circuit. No. 2 in Fig. 4



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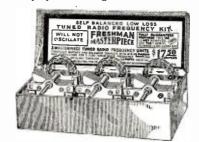
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shows a vernier type, wire wound, rheostat. A vernier is simply an attachment by means of which the resistance of the instrument may be varied in smaller steps than with the plain type illustrated at 1. The vernier type is extremely useful in connection with a tube requiring critical adjustment of the filament current. This is particularly true of the 6-volt, 1-ampere type, known as the UV-200, which, by the way, makes an excellent detector tube for use with a storage battery.

There is still another important type of rheostat to consider that combines the plain type and the vernier type into one adjust-ment. It is illustrated at 3 in Fig. 4.

This does not make use of resistance wire. but consists of a series of carbon disks or a quantity of carbon grains so arranged that they can be compressed or released at will. The resistance of the carbon decreases as it is compressed and increases when released. By using a fine pitch screw thread on the rod compressing the carbon, very fine control can be obtained, fully equal to a wire wound rheostat with a vernier. This type is also very good for use with a tube requiring a critical adjustment of the filament

Regardless of the type of rheostat selected it should be mounted on a small unit panel so that it will match up with the other instruments. The method of mounting will depend upon the type bought. The unit panel will be the same as that used for the coupler or the variable condenser, but, of course, smaller. The mounted rheostat is indicated in Fig. 6.

THE GRID LEAK AND CONDENSER

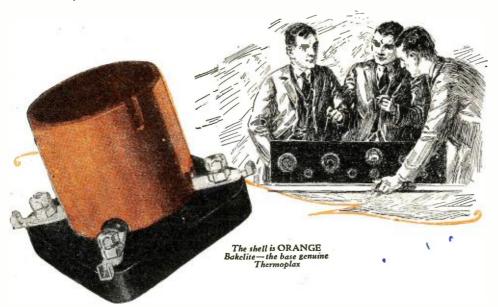
The grid condenser is very similar in construction to the phone condenser described in this department in the July issue. However, it must be more accurate in construction and it is advisable to buy one rather than attempt to make it. In purchasing this instrument, get one made with mica insulation and equipped with two clips for holding the grid leak. Since the leak is to be connected in parallel with, or across, the condenser, you will save space and wiring by getting one of the type described. A condenser and leak of this type are shown in Fig. 5.

The grid leak is nothing more than a high resistance. It should be so made that it cannot be affected by the weather, because if it is, the resistance will be lowered when the weather is damp and increased when dry and poor reception will be the result. All good leaks are usually sealed air-tight in glass tubes. The leak may be of a fixed resistance and should be rated at about 2 megohms (two million ohms).

If, however, you wish to have your set as flexible as possible, equip it with a variable leak. There are many of these on the market but most of them have the fault of being open to the air and therefore not reliable. Others have a sliding or scraping contact on a carbon or graphite surface that soon changes the resistance of that surface at any particular setting by wearing or scraping the resistance material away. Thus it is the resistance material away. Thus it is soon rendered unreliable. The best leak is the one illustrated at Fig. 5A. This is a small glass cylinder with metal ends. Within is a small quantity of a liquid that has a fairly high resistance. Two peculiar shaped electrodes are arranged in the tube. one fastened to each metal cap. They are so arranged that by rotating the cylinder as it is held in a standard leak holder, they will dip further into the liquid and so lower the resistance of the unit. Turning back or past the minimum mark on one of the ends increases the resistance. This type of variable leak is efficient and regular in action.

THE VARIOMETER

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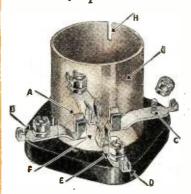
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LAYING OUT THE SET

Now that all of the instruments are collected together, they may be laid out on the baseboard as shown in Fig. 6. The instruments are shown somewhat spread out but they may be placed closer together if desired. However, the same general lay-out should be adhered to.

The next step is to connect all of the instruments together. The circuit is given in Fig. 7. The same wire advised in past articles may be used for connections, namely bell or annunciator wire.

OPERATING THE SET

After making all of the connections and placing the batteries in the circuit, do not place the tube in the socket at once. Instead, turn the rheostat to its "full on" position and connect the voltmeter across the filament posts on the socket. The reading should be the same as that of the "A" battery. If it is higher, something is wrong

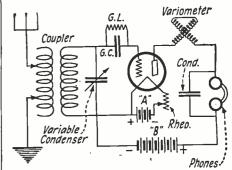


Fig. 7. The circuit diagram of the vacuum tube receiving set described.

and if the tube were to be placed in the circuit, it would burn out. Trace the connections and find the mistake. Then test again. When all connections are correct, insert the tube, place the phones on the head and turn the rheostat about half way on. Place the variometer rotor almost parallel with the stator and place the coupler stator the same way. Tune the set in the same way that you did with the crystal detector until it squeals. Then change the variometer setting until the squeal just stops. Then, by varying the wave-length controls, a station will be heard as a whistle. If not, tighten the coupling of the variometer a little and try again. After picking up a station whistle (this whistle is the carrier wave), balance the tuning controls until it is loudest and then adjust the variometer to a point where the station is clearest and loudest. Then try adjusting the rheostat to the best point.

It takes some time to become accustomed to the tuning of a vacuum tube set, but practice will bring results, if you follow the above rules. They are not inflexible, but should be kept in mind when tuning as they are basic.

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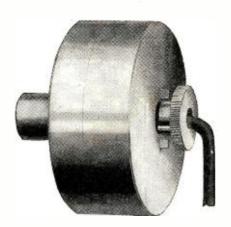
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The Barometer and Radio Reception

(Continued from page 933)

harbinger of fine settled weather when the day sky is a clear blue, and beautiful white clouds sail stately overhead, and the dark purple dome of night shows the moon like a silver queen silently gliding in parade be-fore the admiring gaze of a billion brilliant

So the task in hand was to discover if there were any portion of the atmospheric pressure curve, or combination of curves which would be more favorable to radio reception than other sections. While an exhaustive study of the data accumulated with-in the last two years has failed to bring to light any formula, which by using the barometer curve as the major factor, would enable one to accurately forecast the quality of radio reception for two or three nights in advance, yet there seems to be quite a mass of evidence in favor of the theory that a slowly rising barometer, or better still, a barometer whose curve is virtually steady, or flat in any position, is the most favorable for radio reception. On the other hand, there is ample evidence on record which points to the rapidly falling glass as the most persistent enemy of good radio

There are exceptions, of course, strikingly so in some cases, but as I am writing more for the sake of presenting the facts rather than trying to prove anything, it might be interesting for those who have kept a log of their radio reception for the last year or so, to check up on any dates I may mention as I go along. To begin with, 100 good nights were selected from the records which stated that these nights were ideal for reception, many in fact being what might be termed "super" nights with "DX" rampant from sundown to far into the following

breaking day.

RESULTS

On 48 of these nights the barometer was found 'to be rising,—on 40 more it was steady and showing curves similar to A, H, R and S in Fig 1, and on the remaining 12 nights the glass was falling, thus showing that out of 100 excellent nights for radio reception 88 per cent. of the total found the barometer either rising or set steady. Again, barometer either rising or set steady. Again, selecting 100 instances when excellent runs of good reception or average reception were broken up, we find that in 72 per cent. of these cases a rapidly falling barometer preceded them, in 12 per cent. of them the glass was halted in a "valley" similar to that shown under D and E in Fig. 1, preparatory to a "climb." The remaining 16 per cent. of the time, when our reception went bad. the glass was found to be climbing at various angles from 60 degrees to 85 degrees.

For the benefit of those who desire to check their reception logs, I will quote a few instances, specifying the dates. In the following, the symbol R will mean that the glass was rising, and the symbol D will show that the barometer was dropping. The numbers accompanying the symbols R or D are used to show the rapidity of rise or fall; for instance, R30 would mean that the glass was rising at an angle of 30 degrees, and a D48 would be used to show where the glass

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while I am around this date, let me tell of an unusual occurrence on September 13. This particular night was really a wonderful one for radio and the glass was passing through a relatively high position, climbing at the rate of 65 degrees, the pressure registering 30.25 inches, but the barometer evidently felt youthful and vigorous meter evidently felt youthful and vigorous that night for it went on climbing to an abnormally high position seldom attained here, namely 30.5 inches. For a period of four days after that "Super" night of September 13 when the glass climbed out of sight, the air was simply "dead" and it took three more days before the barometer got over its foolish notions and slid down got over its foolish notions and slid down to a rational level when our reception materially improved on September 20.

This phenomenon was duplicated more recently on April 26 this year, when the barometer curve almost ran over the top of the pressure chart, soaring to an altitude of 30.65 inches at 12 poon that day. The reception that night was exasperating, to say the least, yet at midnight the glass relented and was seen to be tumbling headlong the following day, passing through a normal zone of 30.15 on April 27, the night of which was exhilaratingly crammed with lilting jazz. To quote each instance in detail would take up too much space, but in very many instances we find the reception curve many instances we find the reception curve rising and falling in direct sympathy with the barometer curve. The first two ideal weeks of January, 1923 succumbed finally to a savage attack of the barometer which, after being passive for those two weeks, ran anuck. On January 16 it dove violently, and received the same against the palmaned again the same against t and rose again,—then plunged again like a bronco early on January 20. That was enough. Our long spell of lovely recention while the glass was steady suffered terribly under such treatment, wilting almost visibly from that time on, and was at a critically low ebb on January 26, when a long looked for R45 just arrived in time with an antidote for our disgust of radio in general and on January 29 we were back on full fare, dining royally on plump DX reception again.

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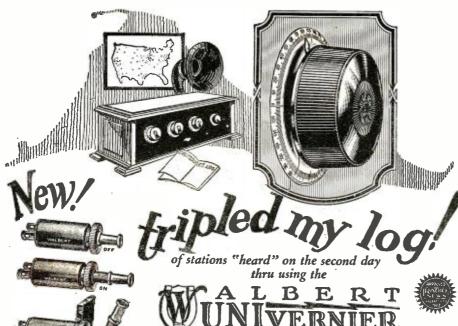
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nights and practically left us desolate for five or six days. Coming further and picking at random we find September 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1923, delivering superb radio, but a D78 put an end to it all until the 20th of the month, when an R65 was exceedingly welcome.

Rippling over the months for the benefit Rippling over the months for the benefit of our newcomers who only got into the game this year with their logs, let us go to Jan. 25 of this year (1924) and see how poor the stations were and fading very bad. Well, a nasty D76 set in on the day before and the glass had fallen remarkably low on the 25th with a frightful blizzard here. On Jan. 26 an R70 arrived, continuing through the 27th, on the night of which your logs will undoubtedly prove unique for your logs will undoubtedly prove unique for startling DX records.

EFFECTS OF RAPIE DECLINE

More recently still, let us pause at the first week in July, 1924, so as to select a difference in seasons.

Here we watched the barometer ambling Here we watched the barometer ambling along for several days on a comparatively "flat" curve, nice and steady in a fair weather zone. Radio reception was very good during the whole of this period, but on July 7 the break came. The glass fell away rapidly and was in a "bad low" next day, reaching its worst on the night of July 0 July 9.

Thousands of logs of radio amateurs will show that the Canadian Polar ship Arctic (call VDM) whose signals had ship Arctic (call VDM) whose signals had been roaring in for several days, then fell away to a weak whine on July 11. Turning back now to July 10 on their log books, these amateurs will find that their transmitters put over some nice DX (if they were working) for the time of the year, but on the night of July 11 that strange magic which flung their signals into distant states had vanished and on the whole reception was iotted down as very poor. was jotted down as very poor.

Once again the charts show that the DX night was the night of the rising glass and the poor night the one of the falling glass.

The Arctic was wonderful in volume when the glass was steady or rising,-wheezy and swinging when the glass was falling, and back to her usual trumpet note on the 14th when the glass rose again, although the ship was considerably further away.

The evidence up to now tries to show the

rising or steady barometer as our best friend, and the falling or erratic barometer our worst enemy, but there are exceptions. of course; in fact there are instances which of course; in fact there are instances which will cause one to ponder before coming to a conclusion on anything. A log of transmissions from this station shows that while the bulk of my DX was accomplished during the periods of the rising or steady glass, yet I was only able to reach the West Coast (2,500 miles distant) and to England on the control of the property with 200 miles in a period of four months with 200 miles in a period of four month once in a period of four months with 20 watts of C.W.

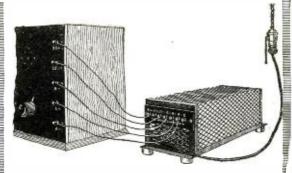
Then one morning I worked the West Coast three times inside the hour on 15 watts C.W. while the barometer was falling rapidly.

We will carry confusion further by relating that my average range on the phone (10 watts) was 800 miles, easily conversing for hours at a range of 600 miles, and many reports from ranges of 1,000 to 1,200 miles of good reception, yet on both occasions when I have been notified that my voice has been heard plainly 1,300 miles South, the barometer was falling here.

CLOUDS

Many lovers of radio prefer clear bright nights and others favor a dark cloudy night. Let me tell them that the records show that first class reception has been tabulated on innumerable occasions with both clear and cloudy nights, with the balance in favor of a night with low lying rain or snow clouds after a generally cloudy day which seems

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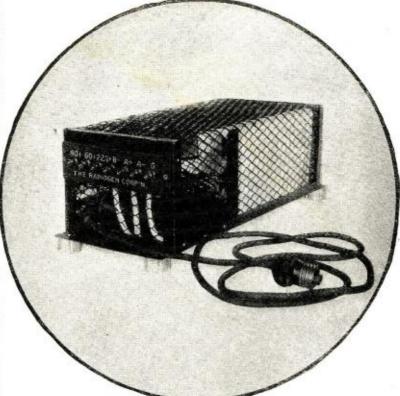
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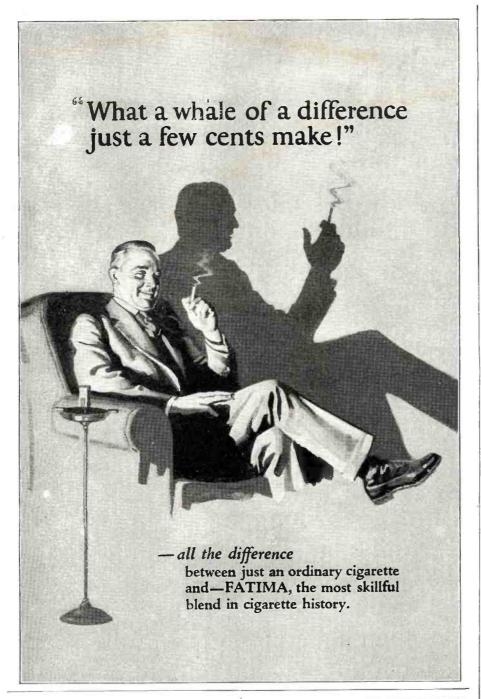
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RAIN

No evidence it at hand that rain helps or hinders radio transmission. Rain is generally prevalent after a barometer decline, and very often also when the glass is recovering after a bad "low." However, we find that DX can be brought in during a deluge, whereas again, very poor work on the re-ceiver will be recorded under like condi-

SNOW

Usually the majority of snowy nights are good, but so is the season during which snow is encountered.

Blizzards have a bad habit of tying up reception, on first thought, until we note that it is the falling barometer that fore-tells the blizzard, so why blame the blizzard?

WIND

Severe fading has been noticed on many nights during a high wind, and on quoting figures we find that fading appeared on 83 nights out of 100 nights that signals were known to be swinging.

I am prone to blame quite a deal of this and prone to blame quite a deal of this upon antenna systems both at the transmitting and receiving ends. A high diving or fast climbing barometer invariably brings winds ranging from a brisk breeze to a young tornado and a characteristic symptom of unsettled weather is the slow "fade out" of our music, which appears to leave us and go somewhere to recoup its strength and after periods ranging from 15 and very seldom not more than 90 seconds, return to us with apparently renewed vigor. It might be interesting to note here that very often when a station fades from the East coast receivers it is reported strong to the West of the transmitter, and vice

NORTHERN LIGHTS

While the Northern Lights may have a lot to answer for in the way of interfering with telegraph and cable communication, the records reveal nothing substantial in the way of evidence to show that they are very detrimental to radio reception.

Both excellent and poor reception have

been our lot when the Lights have been playing. I will quote the logs of some exceptionally unique displays.

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March 26, 1923, 11:30 p. m.—North Lights making wonderful picture tonight. Dogs are loaded with static, sparks flying from ears, nose and tail when fur is rubbed. Radio is simply rotten.

PHASES OF THE MOON

It may not be generally known that the first quarter of the moon surely earned a bad reputation in 1923 as a breaker up of good radio weather. Look at these records: Jan. 24, 1923—Reception has fallen off

considerably tonight.-First quarter of the

Feb. 23, 1923—First quarter of the moon.

No radio concerts heard at all for three

nights after that date.

March 26, 1923—First quarter of the moon. Hardly a radio station in the world for the next six nights!

It looked very bad for that particular phase of the moon, but before or since I have been utterly unable to fasten anything definite on to that, or in fact any phase of the moon. There is nothing consistent about it. Even as I write (September 6, 1924) it is the first quarter of the moon and my wife is filling the sitting room with and my wife is filling the sitting room with radio music from almost anywhere on the American continent. As the Irishman said, "There's good an' bad everywhere."



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the tube very politely and quietly refused to respond to my frantic attentions.

In perfect agony, I heard a car drive up and I knew that in it was my wife, who, evidently, had been brought home by a friend. First I thought I'd hide the whole "darned" mess quickly. That would be better than being found with it and displaying it to Herb's gang when they came in later. But that was impossible. I just had to try it once more. And so, once more I wrenched once more. And so, once more I wrenched the rheostat, but to no avail. In utter disgust, I tore off the phones. And the most surprising thing. The tube lighted of its own accord!!

Quickly I returned the phones to my head. I turned the dials until they fairly whirled, but all I heard was a bedlam of whistles, scratches, and howls,—enough to wake the dead. I turned and adjusted, redoubling my efforts desperately when I heard the front door open and slam, and a sweet, clear voice call "Where are you, dear?" I gave the condenser one last, mad wrench and the set settled into the quiet silence of the tomb of an Egyptian mummy!

A rather creepy sensation was coming over me. Somebody was watching me. I just knew Alice was in the room; I could feel her eyes upon me; I could imagine how her little mouth was just twitching to find the appropriate word with which to begin as she looked first at me and then at that danning mass of boards, and zinc, and tangled wire. I turned ever so little with lowered eyes, with the trepidation of a child caught in a forbidden act. And there, sure enough, she stood, arms akimbo, eyes a picture of amazement, mouth quivering, face suffused with angry blushes. Her eyes traveled down to my ankles and centered there so long that I was constrained to look there myself. What I saw was a pair of perfectly healthy ankles, undamaged by any bruise. Evidently I had lost the bandage in the "Lightfa". A group escaped me. That the "shuffle." A groan escaped me. That must have been the signal for action. stepped forward so heavily that the floor actually shook and began in a high-pitched voice the harangue to which I had resigned

myself, "Bill Gaskins! Are you a fool? Do you mean--"

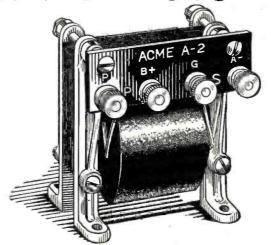
She never got a syllable further. I came near jumping out of the window. Perhaps I should have, but I, now, was paralyzed with astonishment and thrilled into a state of coma. I simply could not believe my ears. Without one whistle, or one scratch, or one howl, came clearly and distinctly a process appropriate of the strength of the

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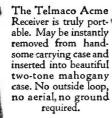
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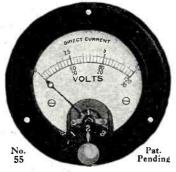
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It is only a matter of time to descend the ladder from one task to another until the performance of menial work in connection with operating will be a regular thing. Obviously the only solution when matters reach this point is for all operators to refuse to accept employment under such conditions.

I wish to take exception to the use of the word "humble" in Mr. Pyle's article. I do not believe he intends it the way it will generally be interpreted. It seems to me that a policy of some operators in being "too humble" is the direct cause of the sub-ject of Mr. Pyle's complaint. When we succeeded in having our status recognized as that of an officer, it does not follow that we should be more humble than any other officer, but an attitude of fellow-officer, the same as they assume toward each other, is in my opinion the only one to be taken. Modesty and respect for others, as well as for yourself however, are companied bloomers. for yourself, however, are commendable qualities in all, be he of high or low estate, and when coupled with a thorough knowledge of one's job cannot fail to command respect in return.

Every ship presents its own particular problem, and as circumstances alter cases and every individual is different, a superabundance of plain common-sense and good judgment is a prime requisite of every operator. If he has these, it won't take long to adjust himself aboard any ship and uphold his end with credit and to the betterment of the profession.

In the matter of extra tasks, these are usually begun as favors and in a spirit of accommodation, but people are prone to take advantage of good nature. This is especially true of sea-captains, so it is always best to let it be known early that there is a limit to this accommodation, or it won't be long before accommodation turns to obligation in

the eyes of the Captain.

Another thing mentioned by Mr. Martin, to which I can bear witness (although I didn't know cases of this kind were happening in the past two or three years, as I thought our status as officers was established well enough to preclude this form of abuse) is the habit of some Captains ordering the operator to take his meals with the petty officers. I signed on a ship in 1919, after two years operating in the Navy, during which time I had considerable experience aboard merchant vessels, so I wasn't green; I found, however, I was to eat in the petty officers' mess. When I protested to the Captain, he informed me that his word was law aboard his vessel (note: Sea Wolf type) and that if I didn't like it, I would soon find myself in the forecastle. Later, howfind myself in the forecastle. Later, how-ever, I had the satisfaction of having him come to me with an invitation to eat in the Saloon, which I refused with the implication I found the petty officers preferable as table mates. After a six months' voyage, needless to say, I refused to ship on that vessel again,

I agree with Mr. Pyle in that the dignity of the profession can be recalled and upheld only by the conduct of the men in it. It seems strange, however, considering the growing use and importance of radio in navigation that it should be necessary to be continually fighting in some quarters to maintain our position. It can be readily seen what a handicap a young operator just out of school is laboring under should he find his first assignment aboard a ship where such antagonistic ideas are prevalent. such antagonistic ideas are prevalent. Incidentally, the profession in itself is a handicap, in that it is one into which a great amount of new blood is always being infused. New blood in itself is well enough and is essential in all lines of endeavor, but where this fact alone is a cause of contention with some Captains and Steamship Companies it requires a particularly high type of with some Captains and Steamship Companies it requires a particularly high type of man to overcome this disadvantage.

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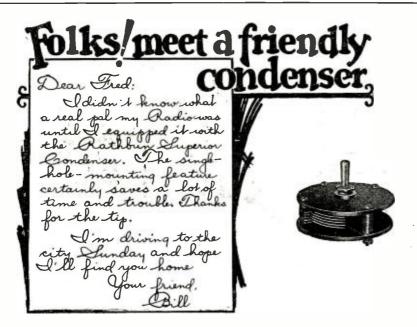
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FROM AN ENGLISH OPERATOR

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

Regarding the correspondence in your esteemed paper between 2LZ and 5XZ, I should like to correct some of their impressions re: comparisons of English and

American radio work.

Surely 2LZ was not serious when he stated that it was impossible to tune out 2LO in London, he has only to peruse the pages of "Modern Wireless," to note reports of sets there, on which this has been done.

Regarding English and American periodicals, the former can certainly hold their own. For instance, in the September issue of RADIO NEWS, appears an account of oscillating crystals, now will 2LF please note that an article on this subject appeared in the August number of "Modern Wireless," and also one in "Wireless Weekly" previous to this?

Another of your contributors, Mr. James Vital, speaks of Dr. Work. Does he know that 2LO is practically consistently received in the Mediterranean Sea (2,000 miles) on as Peerim? Also 2LO has come both in Calcutta and South Africa, on a Marconi set, of which, still another of your correspondents, Mr. Howe, does not seem to

have a great opinion.

Mr. Howe has certainly some receiver if he can only get British broadcasting up to

Considering programs, the British stuff, in my estimation, is undoubtedly the best. Tubes in England cost far less than they do in the States; for instance, the best bright emmitters retail at 12 shillings, 6 pence and 10 shillings, for example; the Canadian Myers tubes, selling in the States for \$5, cost but 12/6, (\$3), in England.

Perhaps Mr. Howe will remember that

there are also English operators sailing consistently to American ports, who are quite as well aware of American conditions as Mr. Howe seems to be unaware of English. Chief Operator,

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BRITISH vs. AMERICAN BROAD-CASTING

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

It has been my privilege to read extracts from your paper in which various correspondents have argued as to the relative merits of British and American broadcasting.

The line unfortunately taken by certain of your correspondents has been wholeheartedly to condemn British broadcasting in favor of America. The writers may or may not have been to America. In one case certainly a direct comparison was made; in the other case (a certain Mr. Mayer) I should very much doubt if the comparison had been made under the same conditions.

There are always to be found in all contains a people who are ready to condemn

countries people who are ready to condemn their fellow-countrymen, and over here I have often run across Americans who have condemned American broadcasting, but they, at least, have had the decency not to publish their views in our English journals.

.It would seem to me to serve very little useful purpose to make invidious comparisons, inasmuch as the conditions in the two countries are wholly different—a fact that none of your correspondents seem to have



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recognized. Americans who have been over here—and we have met many who are responsibly connected with American broadcasting—have on the whole expressed the opinion which I expected them to: namely, that British broadcasting was, at any rate, equal to American broadcasting, but of course the conditions on the technical side were entirely different.

The chief complaint against British broadcasting is that the signals are weak. If I were to enter into a foolish vituperative argument, I could point out that London has been heard in Rome at night, has been picked up in South Africa, that people dance to the Savoy bands in Iceland, that Cardiff has been heard in the Azores—in fact, I could give a list of information of this sort backed by written reports, but it seems to me that it would serve very little purpose.

Professional radio engineers are agreed that with a station employing 1½ k.w. power to the anodes of the oscillators it is not worth while listening to such a station at ranges much over 30 or 40 miles, if the listener is to have a sole interest in the program.

I know that many people will entirely disagree with this remark, and perhaps in America you have far better ranges than these. I am not talking about a station being heard, but about a station coming out of a loud speaker in no way different from the voice of the announcer at the other end, undisturbed by atmospherics, jamming or a background of mush.

In England, at any rate, our stations are no better than this, because we have concentrated not on power, but on quality, and we think that our quality is about as good as any in the world, and our view is confirmed by many persons who have visited all the broadcast organizations.

For this reason we have tried to cover the British Isles with broadcasting by a great number of stations. We have, as I said before, an entirely different problem, and we are able so to duplicate stations on account of our population being far greater over the whole country than that in America. I think I am right in saying that if and when our new 25 k.w. station is opened, something like 80 per cent. of the population of the British Isles will be able to receive broadcast on a crystal.

This is the problem, as we see it—to make broadcasting possible for all, and it would be interesting to compare figures as to crystal reception with America. I would ask your correspondents both on the other side of the water and on this to approach this matter of comparison in a somewhat more open frame of mind. It is so useless making invidious comparisons, if the conditions and very possibly the ideals of the two organizations are so widely different.

It always has been of the greatest interest to me to talk about broadcasting to Americans who have come over here, and they one and all have confirmed me in my view that, seeing that the problems are so widely different, we have solved ours as adequately as they have solved theirs. In cases, be it whispered, they have said that we have done better, owing to a unity of control.

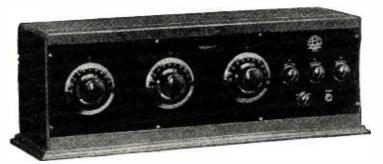
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MORE FROM MR. BAYES

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I read with considerable interest your September issue, which only reached here in September, and not in August. as in the United States, and of the letters therein printed I will deal with 2LZ and Mr. Nitre first

I am sure I thank both gentlemen for their expert criticism of my "talking



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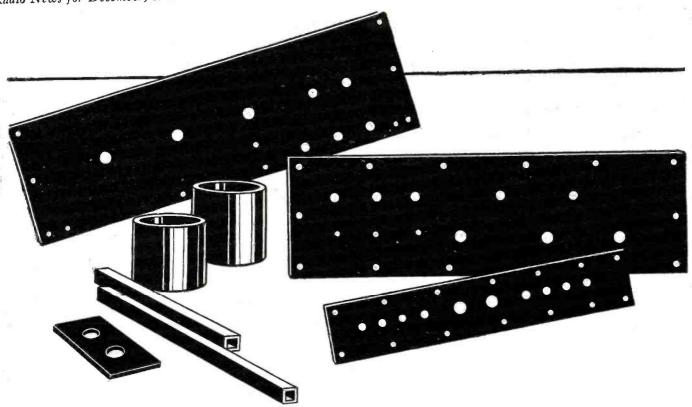
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American." so much. Particularly 2LZ. had the pleasure of doing a good bit of liason work with your engineers in the war and generally made myself understood. As to "Bootleg", I heard it long before the Volstead Act came into force meaning, as Volstead Act came into force meaning, as you say, illicit. In a country where no receiving set can be illicit "a bootleg station" necessarily means an unlicensed transmitter and as such I took if to mean. Personally, were I financially able I should be only too pleased to entertain Mr. Gernsback as my must but being in a country where the war guest, but being in a country where the war devastation in commerce has caused unprecedented depression, I have to be thankful I have a job paying \$25 per week so I can't do much international entertaining. I will, however, do whatever I can, if he cares to come, and can put him wise to DX merchants, if he chooses. Last winter I could always get four or five B.B.C. stations at two miles from 2LO on a single circuit tuner with one tube, and on two tubes our office boy gets all but 6BM, so I must conclude that 2LZ is a poor hand. I hope for the sake of the transmitting fraternity his first is better. Why he should be proud of putting out mystery retransmissions of 2LO on short wave I don't know. Capt. Ian Frazer, the totally blind Ham, did it some time ago and gave his call sign, and it was free from distortion. If 2LZ's reception is so poor, why bother to retransmit the received why bother to retransmit the received signals? They cannot have been very enjoyable. If you know how, you can pick up 2LO on 94 meters or thereabouts, and it makes a useful test with short wave sets. 2LZ doesn't know, of course, that your correspondence column is a little behind hand, so will be unaware that my letter was written before the increased powers of 6 k.w. and 25 k.w. were authorized. As to the rebroadcasting stunt, what I meant in my original letter was to enquire if a country where radio is dead can do it with special arrangements, why can't the only country (?) where it is alive, do it without.

As to Mr. Nitre and tuning dead on the allotted wave, doesn't Mr. Nitre know that the Hams do not, here and in the United States, have any allotted wave? They have an allotted wave band; references to an allotted wave are (in the minds of anyone who knows anything of the subject) neces-sarily limited to commercial and broadcast stations with fixed schedules.

Both gentlemen mentioned above seem to think that my criticism of your programs is based on the quality of the received signals. My criticism was intended against the programes themselves, i.e., the selected items for transmission, not the quality of the transmission, which owing to swinging, fading, etc., is often distorted when received here. I don't blame the distortion on the engineers of your big stations, but some of the little ones do need scratching up, now don't they?

To our friend the operator on the S.S. Emido, I can only say that he is a first-class distorter of the truth. I suppose he doesn't realize that some of us may, by rea-son of business, come in daily contact with the Americans who visit us so often and be well aware of how often so many of them are (until they know us better), so full of bombast and self adulation. I have no peeve against the Yanks, as I have some very good friends and correspondents there, but I have against people who lie about affairs in my country. How does Fred. Howe account for the fact that all the B.B.C. stations are received in Geneva. Switzerland. on two tubes using a factory-made standard instrument, that 2LO has been heard in Calcutta. India, in South Africa and the Argentine? His 520 miles is some exaggeration, believe me. Taking the Harmsworth Encyclopedia as the latest authentic British information is pure foolishness, and he knows it. Was that the only paper he read?



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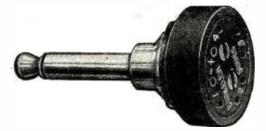
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fidence in himself. What would he think if I judged American radio by a visit to one store on the waterfront at New York? On the subject of tubes he is more than ingen.ous. It was a great idea of his to price only the thoriated filament tubes which are the subject of a world agreement as to are the subject of a world agreement as to prices. He forgot to tell about the Dutch tubes we can get for \$1, the British and French at \$2, numerous special types of tubes such as the Cossor P.2. and Mullard Master Valves for Special R. F. and A. F. amplification at \$3. Myers tubes, for which you pay an extra dollar, can be bought for amplification at \$3. Myers tubes, for which you pay an extra dollar, can be bought for \$3 also. How he knows the quality of our apparatus from glancing through our magazines beats me. I send a good many of our periodicals to the United States and get quite a few instruments for friends. What about four electrode tubes at \$3.25? Can you heat it? you beat it?

I can say that the latest Marconi ship sets are as good as any American ship sets. that is, if the same amount of money is expended in both cases. Mr. Howe should set an introduction to the Marconi stand at Wembly and see for himself. I shall be glad to have the receiver at his expense. Make it a Super-Heterodyne will you, as I am too poor to buy one.

Strange enough, Mr. Howe, I do study American methods. What is good in America I raise my hat to as any of my correspondents will assure you. I don't believe, however, except in certain lines, that you are the only people on earth who are any good. There are lots of good things done here, but our trouble is that we don't blow our own trumpets enough. I could wish, however, that you Americans had started the "Truth in Advertising" Convention at home instead of having it here, and starting with seeing that the views on his own nation and its fulsomeness of ultra superiority in everything that the Average American seems to advertise were strictly truthful.

A delightful piece of self admiration is contained on page 293 of your September issue as to KDKA's copper tube aerial, from which I am sure Mr. Frank Conrad will be the first to disassociate himself. Such aerials were no more his idea than they are mine; they were fully discussed for Ham use in an English magazine in 1922, and were used by the Marconi Co. in their 100 mile 5 meter transmissions before that.

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Editor, RADIO NEWS:

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L. D. Wise, 84 W. Maynard Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

RADIO IN GERMANY

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

The following notes from an American living far away in Stuttgart, Germany, may be of interest to your readers.

Last fall the German Government lifted its ban on amateur radio activities. The result was a sudden flood of interest in radio, accompanied by feverish activities on the part of manufacturers, most of whom had scarcely an idea of the rudiments of the art. Today aerials are to be seen everywhere, but most people have to content themselves with crystal detector sets. and "DX" receiv-



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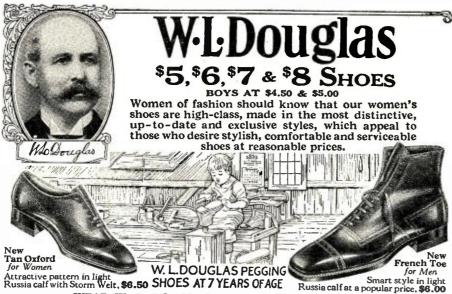
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ing is a little known sport. Indeed, most of the tube sets are not especially conducive to "DX." I have had two German sets, one with three tubes and the other with five. With the first I could hear the Stuttgart broadcast station located a mile and a half away moderately well, and with the second not moderately well, and with the second not quite so well; as for any other broadcasting, not a peep! I do not mean to imply that there are not a good many German sets with which one can hear London and Paris and other "DX" to the extent of 500 miles or so, but it may be admitted that my first appears. but it may be admitted that my first experience was a little discouraging; so I resolved upon the typically American expedient of building my own. With a few parts screwed to a drafting board, I now manage to pull in most any of the European stations which was a respectable transmitting. tions which use a respectable transmitting power. For Europe, 500 watts is to be

considered very respectable. A few words then, as to European broadcasting. The two most important stations are Radiola at Paris and London 2LO. In the August issue of Radio News, the power of Radiola is given as 15 k.w., under the title, "The New French Broadcast Station." It is true that the equipment prothe title, "The New French Broadcast Station." It is true that the equipment provides for this amount of energy, but as a matter of fact only 1.5 to 3 k.w. are actually used. I am located only about 300 miles from Paris, but hear Radiola scarcely louder than London 2LO (Chelmsford transmitter) 450 miles distant. Chelmsford, by the way, seems to be almost unknown in the U. S. This is a transmitter at the Marconi works This is a transmitter at the Marconi works near London which transmits the programs of 2LO with an energy of something like k.w., at a wave-length of 1,600 meters. This new sender is vastly more powerful than the one using 365 meters, which is than the one using 365 meters, which is occasionally heard in New York. At 365 I get London just loud enough to be comfortably followed with the phones, but at 1,600 meters, the same program may be heard on the loud speaker a block away. This bit of information ought to be of great interest to all DXers. 2LO sends daily, almost continuously from 4 to 11 p. m., often most continuously from 4 to 11 p. m., often until midnight. There is always a pause between 7:30 and 8. Chelmsford appears to be in use only from 8 o'clock on. It should be remembered that London, and Paris as well, are six hours ahead of New York. Radiola sends from 12:30 to 2, from 4:45 to 6, and from 9 to 10:45, using a wavelength of 1,780 meters. The Eiffel Tower, at 2.600 meters, gives a concert daily at 6:15. at 2.600 meters, gives a concert daily at 6:15. which comes in here just about as strong as Radiola. American jazz is the popular form of music in London and Paris, so don't be surprised to hear familiar melodies floating in at these wave-lengths. The German stations use only about 500 watts, and would scarcely be audible in America. Frankfort (90 miles), Munich (120 miles), and Berlin (300 miles) all come in with about the same strength as London on 365 meters. Berlin is reputed to use something like 1.5 k.w., however. The stations are all under the control of the Post-Office Department, and are supported by the contributions of the licensed listeners, which are collected at the rate of 2 marks (50 cents) monthly by the letter-carrier. Naturally, there are Schwarz-hörer ("black listeners") who do not pay their share, but the penalty is fine and imprisonment. The system works quite well, in general, and the programs are good. As a general thing, only receiving sets approved by the postal authorities and guaranteed not to radiate or go above a wave-length of 700 meters are permitted. However, an experimental license to build what you like is obtainable on joining an approved radio club and passing an examination on the technical side of radio. The authorities are, above everything, bent on keeping off the squealing

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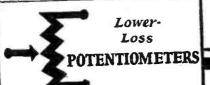
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Here I come to one of the chief problems which faces the radio enthusiast who will listen to European programs, that of covering the wide wave-band involved. Practically no attention appears to be paid to this problem in the modern American hook-ups. Anyone wishing to hear the higher powered European stations must be prepared to cover wave-lengths between 1,500 and 3,000 meters. The discussions in Rapio News of an international language for radio are strong evidences that program broadcasting is taking on a world aspect. But no less important than a cosmopolitan language is a wide wave range for all receiving sets of international radius. There is one rather high powered German station known as Königswusterhausen which even sends on a wave-length of 4,000, giving stock exchange and similar reports almost hourly throughout the day. What is really needed for international broadcast receiving is a highly sensitive set with a range of from 100 to 4,000 meters. Of course, the set must be highly selective, for the interference from high power code stations on the longer waves is often very thick. I know of no arrangement which is practical and convenient for covering efficiently the international wave-band. If anyone reading these lines does, I should be most glad to hear from him. Up to the present I have simply employed two stages of R.F. tuned impedance amplification. whereby a considerable portion of the joy of hunting for different stations consists in plugging in and out a set of honeycomb coils. Not less than 15 or 20 coils are required to do the job right. This is not what I call practical. Besides, the arrangement is quite unsatisfactory to tune in owing to three condenser controls and the aggravating unstability of such an unneutralized system. I am at present experimenting with a Super-Heterodyne hook-up, but do not know whether this system can be persuaded in any practical way to go up and down the scale as required. I hope to hear from readers who have worked out anything practical along this line. I am aware that there are some simple hook-ups which will do the job, but what is required is an extremely sensitive multi-tube set which will work on a loop and do trans-Atlantic broadcast receiving.

There certainly is a tremendous fascination in international receiving. About 10:45 I hear Radiola close down with a, "Bon soir Mesdames, bon soir Mesdemoiselles, bon soir Messieurs," in suave Parisian accent. A little later the tones of "Deutschland, Deutschland Uber Alles" may be heard floating in from Berlin. Then I switch over to England, perhaps just in time to hear "God Save the King" and an engaging, "Good night everybody, good night." Three times a week at least, London gives us dance music from the Savoy Hotel, generally until midnight, when the station switches over to Big Ben and we hear the chimes and then the ponderous tones of the famous old clock pounding out the hour of 12. Then all is quiet on the air, except for a little station away off somewhere which uses an un-understandable tongue and keeps on going until about 12:30 o'clock.

By the way, don't take offense at the "Deutschland Uber Alles" from democratic Germany. This much maligned song had a most democratic origin, and the opening line is as innocent in intent as "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

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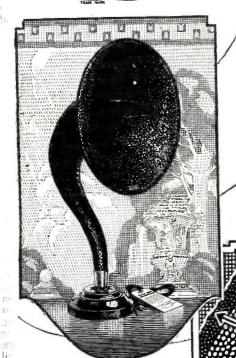
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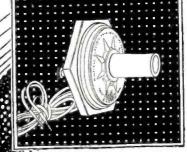
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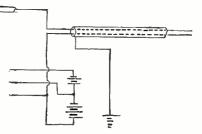
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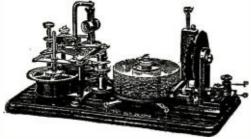




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POWER LIMITING AMPLIFYING DEVICE (Patent No. 1,504,537, H. De F. Arnold. Filed Sept. 3, 1915, issued Aug. 12, 1924. Assigned to Western Electric Co, Inc., of New York.) Power limiting amplifying device for use in a radio receiving apparatus whereby foreign disturbances and heavy static of large magnitude may be reduced to a value not exceeding that of the signaling energy for enabling the signals to be observed through such interference. The principle of uni-lateral conductivity is employed by which to distinguish between the signaling energy and heavy static disturbances. In the preferred form of this device the uni-lateral conductivity is secured by causing part of the circuit to lie in the paths of thermionic currents between hot cathodes and cold anodes, said thermionic currents being oppositely directed with respect to said circuit. These thermionic currents are caused to flow by impressing upon their limiting electrodes, in multiple, an electromotive force operating through a high impedance, said high impedance performing an important function in connection with the power or current limiting action of the device.

I Want To Know

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inch in diameter, to a diameter of one inch, using No. 38 enameled wire. It is best to enclose this coil with a soft iron case. When General Electric tubes are used, the dotted line connection is used, eliminating the fixed filament resistance. This resistance may be a standard rheostat, where it is desired to construct this receiver, of a type suitable for the type tube being used. The tuning inductance may be any type of coil having a value enabling tuning to the desired wave-length band. A variometer could be used.

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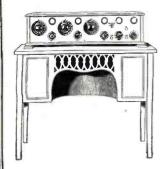
Q. 2. If turning a variometer in a set produces squeals and whistles, what is the cause of inability to produce them?

A. 2. We presume you are referring to the variometer in some sort of a regenerative receiver. There are three conditions possible in such receivers. First, non-regeneration; second, regeneration; and, third, oscillation. The first is the most insensitive condition of the set. Practically every regenerative receiver is in a regenerative condition at even the least regenerative setting of its instruments. Regeneration in the receiver results in greatly increased signal strength. Pushing the regeneration too far results in the production of continuous oscillations. During this condition, signals received will be heterodyned by, the oscillations generated by the receiving set. This results in the production of the whises and squeals referred to. Distortion of the voice results also. Should the exact center of the transmitting station carrier wave be tuned to (zero beat reception), voice and music may be received with only slight distortion. This exact position, though, is very difficult to keep. Signals received from radiating receiving sets will be heterodyned by the locally generated current and will produce whistles, etc., in addition to such audible signals as are being radiated by the outside receiving set. A receiving set only regenerating will still receive any audio frequency whistles or squeals that are radiated. That is why sets in congested localities will receive all sorts of peculiar sounds. These usually take the form of whistles. These whistles are not caused by the regenerative receiving set properly handled, but are the result of radiations from regenerative receivers allowed to oscillate. If the receiving set cannot be made to oscillate, it is doubtful if the point of maximum regenerati

SWITCHING SYSTEM

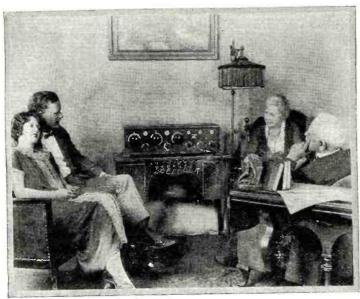
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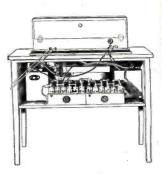
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Q. 1. Please show a switching system for connecting a set to either a loop, or to a regular aerial and ground. Also show a method for adding one stage of radio frequency amplification at will. It is desired to use this system with a four-tube reflex receiver.

A. 1. This circuit is above in these columns.

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adding one stage of radio frequency amplification at will. It is desired to use this system with a four-tube reflex receiver. A. 1. This circuit is shown in these columns. The switching system is as follows: Loop and set, Al, B2, C1; aerial and set, A2, B1, C1; loop and set, plus the additional stage of tuned radio frequency amplification, A2, B1, C2; aerial and set, plus radio frequency unit, A1, B2, C2 aerial and set, plus radio frequency unit, A1, B2, C2 aerial and set, plus radio frequency unit, A1, B2, C2 aerial and set, plus radio frequency unit, A1, B2, C2 aerial and set, plus radio frequency unit, A1, B2, C2 aerial and set, plus radio frequency unit, A1, B2, C2 aerial and set, plus radio frequency unit, A1, B2, C2 aerial and set, plus radio frequency unit, A1, B2, C2 and set, and set, plus radio frequency with push-pull switches. It is very necessary to have the correct number of turns on the primary coil B. A re-wound variocoupler may be used for the two A coils. Spider-web or noneycomb inductances may be used for the five loading coils are used, the loading coils may be placed parallel on an insulating rod, and separated about one-half inch, or a trifle less, with the exception of coil L5, which is placed in non-inductive relation to the other inductances in the set, to reduce the possibility of coupling to such an extent as to affect tuning. The primary and secondary B coils should be in very close inductive relation. Spider-web coils are preferable here. The radio frequency amplifier is designed not to oscillate and very low loss equipment must be employed for maximum results. Due to the lack of regeneration, it is necessary that special attention be paid to the design of the tuning inductances, and their relation to the rest of the set, in order to reduce the possibility of broad tuning, especially when the aerial and ground are used. The regular batteries supplying the main set may be used for the additional

BEST SUPER-HETERODYNE (2059) Mr. John Walker, Jr., Pedrocitas, Santa Catalina Island, Calif., asks:

Q. 1. Is an Erla Selectoformer as efficient as a variocoupler?

variocoupler?

A. 1. A variocoupler permits selection of the optimum coupling of primary and secondary inductances, for a given wave-length. In addition, the optimum value of inductance for a given wave-length may be had. The vacuum tube functions best when the highest voltage variation is secured. Using the maximum amount of inductance possible, for a given wave-length, produces this condition. However, changing the inductance value for the various wave-lengths changes the electrical coupling of the primary and secondary coils. On weak signals this is particularly pronounced. The correct coupling may be restored by changing the coupling.

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A. 2. This depends upon the particular receiver. Some receivers require a variable control of the grid voltage. Considering the case of two reflex receivers constructed of exactly the same parts, in seeningly the same way, one may oscillate freely, unless controlled by a potentiometer, while the other may be operated at very nearly the point of maximum regeneration, without requiring the control afforded by a potentiometer. Should the set not oscillate, it is seldom that maximum results can he secured. This is because maximum amplification results from maximum regeneration, which point is reached just before the tube starts to oscillate. The very peak of regeneration, though, usually results in considerable distortion of the signals, and the generation of objectionable tube noises. The maximum desirable amount of regeneration varies, usually, according to the wave-length to which the set is adjusted. Potentiometers afford a nicety of control for maintaining the grid voltage, at the best value for the desired amount of regeneration.

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O. 3. There are so many descriptions for Super-Heterodyne construction, that it is almost impossible to decide which is the best. What is the most sensitive and selective Super-Heterodyne known at present?

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A. 3. Theoretically, there is only one result possible from a given type of set. To compare the theoretically possible results of certain sets and reject those receivers which would seem to incorporate undesirable principles would seem to be the solution. Practically, the problem is an entirely different one. Almost every type of Super-Heterodyne described so far has had its construction description attended with long lists of distant stations received. It is not so much a question of "which is best?" as it is "how best can I construct which?" Because they practically all follow the same principles of operation, there are very few which will not give exceptionally good results if constructed and operated in the best manner possible. Truccertain modifications have been developed, each having its merit, but the actual value of these modifications, to a constructor, must be determined by personal test, since two people may try identically the same idea and secure diametrically opposite results.

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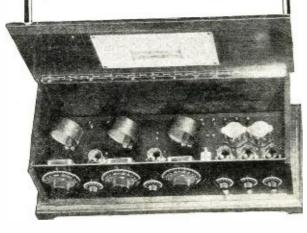
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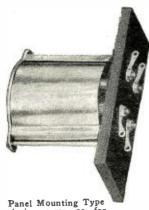
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A. 1. The line telephone receiver is not required to respond as truly to such a wide range of frequencies as the loud speaker, also, the resistance of the line receiver is considerably lower. The usual resistance of line receivers is only 75 to 80 ohms, while loud speakers operating directly in the plate circuit of the tube are wound to resistances between 1,000 and 3,000 ohms. Where line receiver diaphragms are considered satisfactory, if made of ordinary ferrotype iron, loud speaker diaphragms must be of exactly the right material and dimensions, or distortion of certain frequencies will result. The physical construction of the loud speaker case and parts is designed with exactness, down to the minutest detail, greatly exceeding the thought expended on the ordinary line receiver. But each uint suits its particular purpose in a quite satisfactory manner.

Q. 2. What is a straight line condenser?

A. 2. A condenser whose value varies directly according to the position of the plates. A condenser may be calibrated, or its curve plotted, in one of three ways, according to wave-length, capacity or frequency. A condenser having a straight line calibration for frequency will not have a straight line according to wave-length, acpacity or frequency.

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Q. 1. Can honey-comb coils be used to advantage in the construction of variometers for an Autoplex receiver?

A. 1. By connecting two honey-comb coils in series, each of about 30 to 50 turns and sliding one across the other, a variometer action will be had which may be satisfactory. The wave-length range of such a construction is rather limited and it is doubtful if results will compare very favorably with those secured through the use of a standard variometer of correct design. Of course, a high natural inductance and low natural capacity is thus secured, but the usual honey-comb construction does not permit a very wide variation between maximum and minimum.
Q. 2. What general information is available on the Western Electric transmitting tubes?

A. 2. The 50-watt "G," or 211-A tube, has the following characteristics: It fits a standard is kept constant at 3.4 amperes; the filament voltage varies; the correct voltage is between 9 and 9.8. It is not advisable to operate the tube with more than its optimum voltage of 750 on the plate, although the maximum permissable potential is 1,000 volts. The grid bias voltage varies between —30 volts and —60 volts. The plate current is 65 milliamperes, with a grid voltage of —30 volts and a plate voltage of 750. The voltage amplification is 11 to 13 and the impedance between plate and filament is 3,500 ohms.

The 250-watt 212-A, or "I" tube, has these characteristics: A special four-prong socket is required; constant filament current, 6.25 amperes; filament voltage, 9 to 9.8; grid voltage. —30 to —60 volts; plate voltage, 1,000 to 2,000. with best operation at 1,500 volts; with a grid bias voltage amplification is 15 to 17 and the impedance is 2,000 ohms. Do not impress the supply on the plate until the tube has been heated for five minutes. The filament may be burned out if the full plate voltage is then applied; one-half the voltage should be applied at first. If de-

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LOOP: As a loop takes considerable space and is objectionable looking, and furthermore an inefficient collector, no provision has been made for loop reception. Local reception can be had without antenna or ground. An indoor antenna 30 to 50 feet long is suggested in place of a loop. SELECTIVITY: The degree of selectivity is so high that distance stations can easily be tuned in through the local stations. For example, with a C-7 located five miles from WJZ operating on 455 meters, WCAE Pittsburgh on 462 meters can be tuned in without interference with WJZ.

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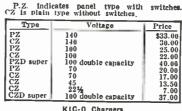
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sired, a high grid bias may be employed to reduce the plate voltage. As this bias voltage is reduced to normal, the plate voltage will increase. The grids and plates of these tubes are made of metallic nickel which has been coated with black nickel oxide. It is very important that the plates are not heated beyond a faint red at the center.

Q. 3. What is the maximum transmitting range of an oscillating receiving set using a UV-201A tube?

A. 3. The results of several tests made interpretation of the property of the property of the property of the great interference that can be caused by a receiving set in the oscillating condition.

BATTERY TESTING

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(2062) Mr. P. Cherubini, Rome, Italy, asks:
Q. 1. Should my 28 volt "B" battery, acid electrolyte, be tested with an ammeter?
A. 1. An ammeter should not be used for testing batteries. It is sometimes desirable to test storage batteries with a special ammeter, but a voltmeter is the safest instrument to use. Do not permit the voltage to drop lower than 1.6 volts per cell. A hydrometer is usually used for testing storage batteries, but there is too little electrolyte in "B" battery cells for it to be used there.
Q. 2. Should an Edison alkali electrolyte battery be tested with a hydrometer?
A. 2. The specific gravity of this battery changes but little between charge and discharge.

Changes but little between charge and discharge. Use a voltmeter.

Q. 3. What is the correct speed for drilling small holes in bakelite?

A. 3. A little oil on small drills rotating at about 1,200 r.p.m. will be correct.

BAKELITE

(2063) Mr. Santiago Ventura, Sagua la Grande,

(2063) Mr. Santiago Ventura, Sagua la Grande, Cuba, asks:

Q. 1. Kindly describe the general construction of bakelite.

A. 1. The reaction of formaldehyde and carbolic acid, under certain conditions, produces a resin-like material. Alcohol or acetone will dissolve this compound. This compound, which has been termed synthetic resin will first melt, upon the application of heat, but the heat produces a chemical change that causes the liquid to harden. Once hardened, it cannot be softened, not even by the use of the former solvents. Once permanently hardened, it becomes infusible, insoluble, and impervious to oil or water. It has become "chemically inert." There is no gradual deterioration, such as we see in the rusting of iron, the hydrolizing of shellac compositions, or the sulphur "bloom" of rubber.

Q. 2. How is it possible to mould bakelite?

A. 2. Powdered bakelite is mixed with some filling ingredient, such as fibre, wood pulp, asbestos, or wood "flour." This powder is "plastic moulded" by being put in a heating press exerting a 2,000-pound pressure per square inch. The chemical change referred to above then takes place, the compound first melting and conforming to the mould form, and then hardening permanently.

Q. 3. What is the specific gravity of bakelite?

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A. 3. Approximately 4.5 to 5.5.

TRANSFORMER SPACING

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(2064) Mr. J. S. Skinner, Jr., Gatun, C. Z., Panama, asks:

Q. 1. Would it be advisable to use a pushpull amplifier instead of the regular second stage amplifier in a Neutrodye set?

A. 1. Greater clarity and somewhat greater volume would result. While it would mean greater expense for materials and upkeep, the labor of its construction, and the use of additional space in the cabinet, we believe the results would be worth it, if the work were done carefully and the transformers and wiring not crowded.

Q. 2. How was it possible for WEAF, as recently stated by the press, to broadcast with a power of 5 K.W., when the legal limitation is 1 K.W.?

A. 2. This was permitted under the special

1 K.W.?

A. 2. This was permitted under the special license held by that station.

Q. 3. What is the correct spacing distance for intermediate frequency transformers?

A. 3. This depends upon the design of the transformers. Placing them end to end, as you suggest, is even more undesirable than placing them side by side. If placed side by side, the spacing may usually be about three inches. The best procedure is to put the coils at right angles.

TRANSFORMER CONNECTIONS

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(2065) Mr. John Penaz, Racine, Wis., asks:
Q. 1. What size honey-comb coils are required
to receive 5,000 to 8,000 meter stations?
A. 1. The wave range of the average 500turn coil is 3,000 to 8,500 meters, when shunted
by a variable condenser of .001 mfd. capacity.
This coil will be about right for the primary.
Use a 600-turn coil, wave range, 4,000 to 12,000
meters, for the secondary. The tickler may be
between 400 and 600 turns. For those who do
not mind the extra work entailed in tuning, a
third variable condenser connected in parallel to

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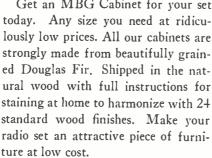




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the tickler coil will be found to result in the reception of more distant stations. A good procedure is to tune in the desired station, then reduce the coupling between secondary and tickler, increasing the capacity of the tickler condenser, which condenser should previously have been set at its lowest capacity. Maximum amplification from the tube will result when the coupling is least. It may be found possible to reach a nearly zero inductive coupling of the coils, inasmuch as the tube elements may furnish sufficient capacity coupling to maintain oscillation or regeneration.

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Q. 2. What is the correct way to connect up a transformer marked P1, P2, S1 and S2?

A. 2. P1 ordinarily designates the outside end of the primary winding. S1 ordinarily designates the outside end of the secondary. The outside ends of the primary and secondary windings should usually connect to the points of highest potential (the exception is in reflex circuits). This would be, respectively, the plate and grid. See question No. 2506.

Q. 3. Is there any satisfactory method for cleaning sulphated plates?

A. 3. The most thorough method is described below: "Tear down" the battery, so that the elements can be immersed in a solution made by dissolving ½ pound of ammonium acetate in 1 quart of water, in an earthenware jar; leave them so for ½ hour. This will free the plates from the sulphate. Wash in clear water and dry. The battery may now be re-assembled.

FUSIBLE ALLOYS

(2066) Mr. Ralph Fishburn, Signal Mountain,

(2066) Mr. Ralph Fishburn, Signal Mountain, Tenn., asks:

Q. 1. Please give informaton on the fusible alloys of Rose, Wood, Newton, Newburg.

A. 1. Rose's Metal, lead, 1; tin, 1; bismuth, 2; melting point, 93 deg. C. Wood's Metal, lead, 2; tin, 1; bismuth, 4; cadmium, 1; melting point, 60 deg. C. Newton's Metal, lead, 5; tin, 3; bismuth, 8; melting point, 94 deg. C. Newburg's Metal, lead, 3; tin, 2; bismuth, 5; melting point, 91 deg. C. The fusing temperature may be further reduced by the addition of a slight amount of mercury. Any of the above amalgams will be entirely satisfactory for mounting crystals. The proportions are by weight.

Q. 2. What vacuum pump would be advised for the home construction of experimental vacuum tubes?

A. 2. First use a Gaeda mercury nump capable.

A. 2. First use a Gaede mercury pump capable of producing a vacuum of .00001 millimeter, then use a piston pump of the Geryck type, or equiva-

The Heterodyne Wavemeter

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EXTERNAL HETERODYNE

The wavemeter may also be used as an external Heterodyne and has the advantage of being calibrated. It is simply necessary to couple the wavemeter loosely to the receiver, keeping the latter below the oscillating point. The simultaneous adjustment of the wavemeter and receiver will bring in of the wavemeter and receiver will bring in the continuous wave signals.

This about completes the directions for the more general uses of the wavemeter. The batteries should of course always be in good condition. As soon as any of them show signs of deterioration, they should be renewed.

From the foregoing description of the wavemeter, it is apparent that it is an extremely useful piece of apparatus to have in the laboratory, for it will settle many problems that would otherwise remain un-

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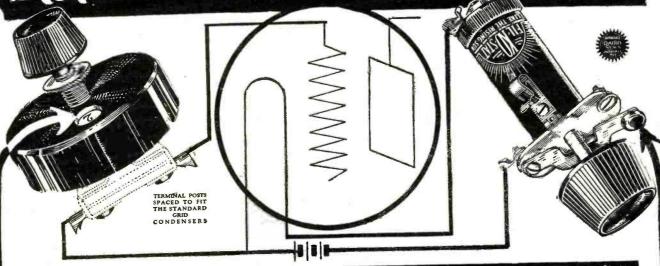
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the evaporation of molecules from a heated liquid (in fact there are points of definite relationship between these two phenomena). In evaporating a liquid we have to supply an amount of heat which is greater than that employed in detaching the molecules from the surface as vapour (latent heat of vaporisation) in order to make up the loss of heat by conduction, convection, and radiation.

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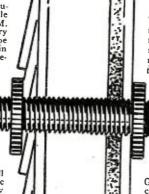
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An ingenious attempt of quite a different kind has recently been made to produce a cold tube and is based upon a very familiar electrostatic phenomenon. It is well known that the surface density of electrification upon a solid conductor is greater in the region of protuberances or projections. If a projection takes the form of a sharp point, the surface density of electrification may become so great that a silent discharge of electricity takes place from the point and may be maintained by a comparatively low potential.

It will easily be seen how this principle may be embodied in the design of a tube, the filament being sharply pointed. The "B" battery alone would be necessary, the filament better bet ment heating battery being dispensed with.

A tube of this kind is said to be in the experimental stages and it will be interesting to see if it can be applied to practical purposes.

RADIOACTIVITY

We have seen what efforts are being made to produce filaments which will emit at moderate temperatures; these consume less energy, but they are different only in degree, not in kind. What, then, are the possibilities of a filament generating its electrons spontaneously? In this connection we naturally think of radioactive substances and they have indeed been prostances, and they have, indeed, been proposed and tried for this purpose.

There are many radioactive substances, of which radium is probably the most popularly known. Their characteristic property is that they spontaneously emit certain rays known as alpha rays, beta rays, and gamma rays. Some, but not all, radioactive substances emit all three kinds of rays. The alpha rays consist of positively charged atoms of helium gas; the beta rays are electrons, and the gamma rays are ether waves of very short wavelength.

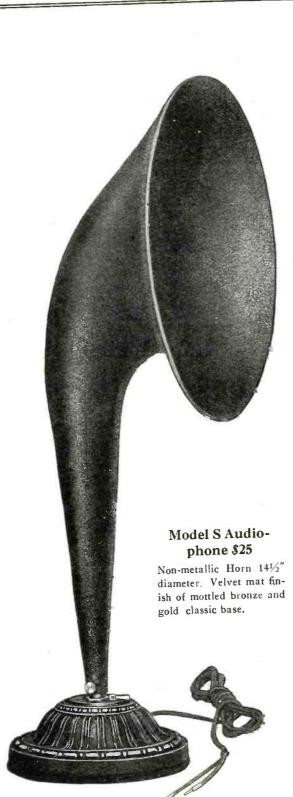
At first sight the problem appears to be solved-why not substitute for the filament a radium-tipped wire?

If we consider the mechanism of radioactivity and compare it with that of thermionic emission (i.e., the emission of charged particles from heated bodies) we shall see why, unfortunately, the matter is

not so simple.

THE ATOM

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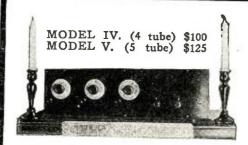
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equal to that of the hydrogen atom, the mass of the electron being by comparison negligible. In the atomic nucleus there are more protons than electrons, so that the nucleus has a positive charge; this is ordinarily neutralized by a certain number of surrounding electrons. The electrons in the nucleus are called nuclear electrons, and the surrounding ones are called planetary electrons, since they revolve round the nucleus after the manner of the planets round the Now the first important point for our present purpose is that the planetary electrons are comparatively loosely held. There are many methods by which we may detach one or more of these electrons from an atom, or "ionize" the atom as the process is called. One simple method is to heat the substance, when many of the atoms will part with planetary electrons. These are the electrons which we make use of in the tube; being easily detached they may be made to leave the parent substance with a small velocity, which makes them easy to control. Furthermore, under the conditions in the tube, practically no other rays but the electrons are emitted, and we are not troubled with a mixture of rays requiring different controls. On the other hand, the protons and the

nuclear electrons are very tenaciously held, and they must develop large amounts of energy before they can escape from the atom. These are the particles which form the alpha and beta rays from radioactive substances. Their velocities are very large compared with the velocities of thermions from hot filaments; for example, the velocities of aminoin of electrons from a heated city of emission of electrons from a heated filament may be about 6 inches per second, whereas that of the beta rays may be 100,-000 miles per second.

Thus our first difficulty in attempting to make use of a radioactive substance as a source of electrons is that the electrons issue forth with such a high velocity that they cannot conveniently be controlled. And there are many other difficulties. The emission may consist of a mixture of negative and positive charges, the positive being even more unmanageable than the negative. The gamma rays complicate matters, and secondary rays are produced by the impact of the primary rays upon surrounding objects. The total emission from a convenient amount of radioactive substance may be too small to be of practical use, and there are still further difficulties—the production of gas, the cost and so on—into which we cannot the cost, and so on-into which we cannot at present enter.

But our knowledge of radioactivity is rapidly progressing. New radioactive substances may be discovered; induced or indirect activity may prove available, or rathods for the control of the activity to methods for the control of the activity be found. Again, development may come along the lines of the cold light experiments, or it may come in some hitherto untried direction.

To some these may seem fantastic speculations. But how many times, particularly of recent years, have we learned the wisdom of reserving judgment in scientific matters. It is as unsafe to dogmatise in the negative sense as in the positive, and the tapping of the intra-atomic energy may yet be added to the list of the greatest achievements of science,

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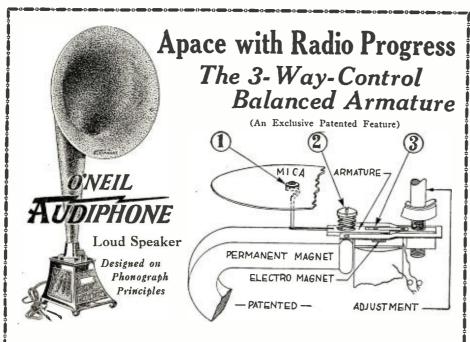


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Some Loop Aerial Circuits

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and the loop-aerial should be mounted well away from the experimenter, as otherwise his movements in its proximity will interfere with the tuning. The regeneration-control is wonderfully smooth. Stations at 100 miles, as well as local 10-watters, can be read in a favorable location. The radiochoke is the customary coil of about 200 to 300 turns of any convenient size and build,

but of fairly low distributed capacity.

Developing this into a reflex circuit, of the general type already described by the writer for an Ultraudion circuit, we get Fig. 2. As there is plenty of power available now, and stability is all important, the writer prefers to use the reliable and trouble-proof carborundum crystal, without potentiometer. The connections should be made as shown, the crystal being next to the O.P. and the contact spring (the writer uses a plain piece of tinned iron: "tin") next to the feedback-condenser end of the loop. As the transformer has an R.F. potential relative to earth, it should be well insulated, the connection via a grid-bias cell being taken to the lowest point of the A" battery through a radio-cheke of the same type as that used in the plate-circuit. This can be avoided by making the slight modification indicated in Fig. 3—which suggests dimly certain American reflex circuit arrangements. Either of these gives most excellent reception of local broadcasting in an outer suburb, with careful tuning; and is easily controlled. Distant stations can be read at comfortable strength, searching in the reflex arrangement being unusually easy.

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the plate of the second tube. The same general principle has been applied by the writer to an Armstrong single-tube super or "flivver" circuit with admir-able results. Tuning for wave-length was fine, but the rage for a particular loop-aerial without variable tappings was unusually great, while signal-strength was satisfactory on a very small loop, several of the distant stations being easily readable

under favorable circumstances.

Oscillations

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decent and also men, are not ones for whom I plead new law administering. With other radio laws, Hon. Sir., should be coupled one which are intended for bootlegger of radio parts and sets which accumulate huge for-tune from ignorant, helpless, pepl. which are burned up with hasty desire to secure

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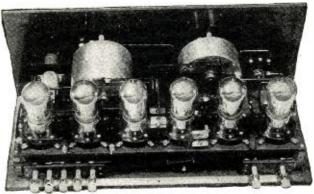
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The Behavior of Radio Waves and the Heaviside Layer

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light would be fatal both to animal and vegetable life. The radiation from so extremely hot a body as the sun is of a very violent character, having all the deleterious qualities of X-rays, and others in addition. So unfiltered sunlight constitutes a powerful ionizing agent. Also it appears that the sun itself shoots off free electrons, mingled probably with positive particles. These, according to Arrhenius, would be sorted out by the earth's magnetism, the positives falling mainly at the tropics. ing mainly at the tropics, the negatives being deflected to the Poles, where they give rise to aurorae, the opposite charges ultimately recombining, with recognized atmospheric effects and earth currents and other disturb-

Sunlight is one of the main causes, therefore, which may give us a fairly sharply bounded conducting stratum in the atmosphere; though it may be corrugated and otherwise distorted by heat effects. And this layer it is which has been treated as the main reflector or whispering gallery responsible for keeping the waves traveling around the curvature of the earth, and partially preventing their escape into space.

Dr. Eccles has dealt with the theory of an ionized atmosphere very thoroughly. And

ionized atmosphere very thoroughly. And on the whole this Heaviside layer has been felt fairly competent for its work, though admittedly the whole subject demands extensive observation and record of experience, before the theory can be considered in any respect complete. Like all meteorological phenomena it is complicated by a multitude of causes and no one simple theory can adequately cover the ground,

In one of the interesting and instruc-In one of the interesting and instructive radio articles which Professor Howe contributes to the London paper "The Electrician" once a month, he comments (in the issue of June 13, page 720) on what he calls "the overworked Heaviside Layer" in the upper atmosphere, and on the criticism of it by Professor Guinchant of Bordeaux. This gentleman objects that the layer is not sufficiently conducting for layer layer is not sufficiently conducting for low E.M.Fs, unless it is ionized; and he claims that the sun cannot ionize it, for two reasons: First, because a constant supply of electrons would soon overcharge the earth and deplete the sun; much as a thoroughly insulated filament in a vacuum tube could not continue to do its work properly. And secondly, because ultra-violet light can only ionize things when it encounters dust or solid particles. But I suggest that Professor Guinchant overlooks the exceedingly high frequency of some of the radiation likely to be emitted by a body at the temperature of the sun. Some of it would be X-rays. competent to ionize even oxygen atoms: and anyhow there is no doubt that the upper atmosphere is ionized; the Aurora is sufficient evidence of that.

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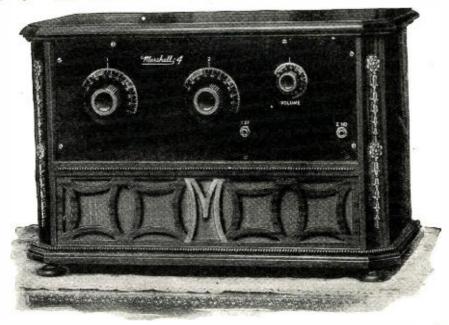
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mission. If it is ever found that short waves are able to go around as well as long ones,-and some recent statements suggest that facts are trending in that direction; as then the whole question-I do not say it will have to be reopened, for it has never been closed—but the whole question will

enter on a new phase.

The way in which natural conditions seem to assist long-distance radio communication, and as it were unexpectedly to lend a helping hand, is rather remarkable. It is generally said that the perfect adaptation of ways and means to ends, which we frequently encounter in the operations and processes of live things, must be due to their long-continued adaptation through the ages, and survival of the fittest. But that explanation cannot be applicable to a recent innovation like radio telegraphy; and it is interesting to find in the earth's atmosphere a favorable agent which indirectly promotes radio communication, even at enormous distances, and thus lends itself to the convenience of man, although the very recent inception and development of the process cannot have allowed any time for adaptation and survival.

A Marine Radio Operators' Association

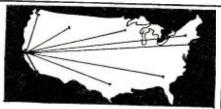
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The mates and engineers have their associations, which are to be commended. However, in contrast to the radio operator, in some places they are over-organized with more than one association. Some of the mates or engineers belonging to more than one are oftentimes "on the fence" when certain issues develop. So it would be best for the operators to let their plight be an example and when they do unite, all belong in one organization.

When considering a Marine Radio Operators' Association, the following self-evident truths should receive some thought. Consider an increase of personal efficiency as a basis for the organization and stabilization of the profession; for betterment of the profession for present and future time. The profession can be bettered, and with a clean association as an agency, the present rights, position and remuneration can be maintained, thus granting basis for future augment. In Mr. Pyle's article. September issue, he states: "Very likely the operators on the lakes or on salt water doing the work mentioned, do it because if they protest they have no one to back them up?" When a steamship company cannot get an operator for a certain vessel they are bound to investigate the whys and wherefores and probably will, in a very short time, correct the existing condition in that particular case.

An association for the marine operator must issue an official organ to produce and give growth to the Fraternal spirit which must exist. The "I Tappa Kee" Fraternity is described briefly in this department in the September issue. in which article it is stated, "Were it not for the strong fraternal spirit of these men it would be difficult indeed to keep in touch with them." Due to shifting around or changing of runs, the operator has no opportunity for organizing personally and the bonds of the Association must be through letters and an official organ. The organ must be kept up and besides being instructive it must serve as the outlet for the human and personal element found in the profession.

It is evident that an honest, good, clean association for the Marine radio operators of this country could exist. Instead of "Why Not?" the question really is: "What is the most practical way to form such a 'Marine Radio Operators' Association'?"



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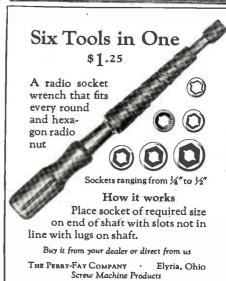
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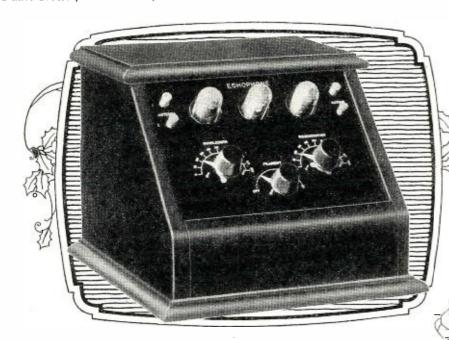
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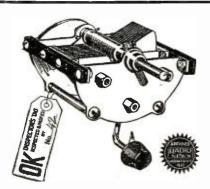
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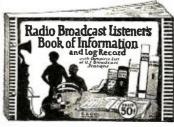
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vain; they have no chance; but if they desire to be exclusive, all very well, but then of course their pet lingos are eliminated from the entries in the International Language race. For any language to be International, it must be universally employed or it is of no service to the peoples of the earth.

For instance—the Continental Code used for radio communication may not be the best, but since everybody uses it, it is possible for operators of different nationalities to copy any message sent in any language, since each group of dots and dashes represents the same letter.

Now, as to the point of the desirability of the two mentioned languages, Ilo has some advantages over Esperanto as a technical language, but fails in some other respects. We advocate Esperanto because it has admirably filled the requirements demanded of it and has by far the greatest number of followers; about twice the number of adherents as Ilo. This means that should you take up the study of Esperanto-and it is a very easy language to master-there are quantities of people all over the world with whom you could communicate, while on the other hand should you learn Ilo, or one of the other tongues, you would be in the same boat as a person who can speak Latin fluently. You would have learned a language for which you had little use. You would be greatly disappointed because of its lack of serviceability. Esperanto, at the pres-

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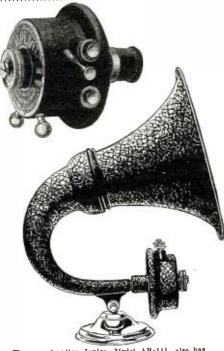
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In conclusion, we repeat RADIO NEWS favors Esperanto as the International Language for the reason that it is the most widely used and is too strong to break down. It can be weakened by the building up of Ilo, but then we are back in the same old rut, two Universal Languages, two factions and ever so slight a gain in the direction of the desired goal. In such a case "each to his own language."

Following is an article published by Dr. Pierre Corret, president of the Internacia Radio Asocio (International Radio Associa-tion), in the "international language" magazine in which he clearly explains why Esperanto is the International Language to

use for radio communication. The Morse code, which is used for telegraphy, with wires or without, is international. It is, therefore, easy for a telegraphist to receive a telegram in a language which he does not know. The apparatus as it were, "dictates" to him letter by letter. It is only necessary for him to write down the letters one by one as he receives them, and there is no necessity for him to understand the meaning of the words and sentences, which he writes. The multiplicity of languages, therefore, is not a very serious bar to telegraphy if the operator has only to write automatically telegrams not addressed to him personally.

But it is quite another matter when he has to abandon this merely mechanical role and enter into direct relations with his correspondent. If two parties using the telegraph have no language in common, it is impossible for them to achieve mutual understanding. And this state of things is fairly frequent in the case of radio, for in that field one is liable at any moment to get into touch with a telegraphist whose language is dif-

ferent from one's own.

In order to facilitate international communication, the London Conference on Radio Telegraphy accepted 40 or so conventional groups of letters, beginning with "Q," by means of which information may be asked or given as to the service, usually beasked or given as to the service, usually between ship stations. Thus, QRA? means: What is the name of your station?: QRD?: Where are you going?; QRF?; Where do you come from?; QRK?: Do my signals come through properly?; QRX: Must I wait?; and so on.

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There exists also a maritime "international code of signaling" by means of which certain set phrases may be exchanged. DAY means: I was away; OMP: What has happened?; DOQ: What do you advise?; KWF: Send a description; OQY: Are you in good health?; PCT: I am ill; TMV: When will you want . . .?

But these means are wholly insufficient when it is necessary to telegraph something outside the scope of these prearranged phrases, or when those telegraphing have no language in common. The following for example was written to me a few months ago by a British radio-telegraphist (notwithstanding the fact that his language is one of the most widely known):

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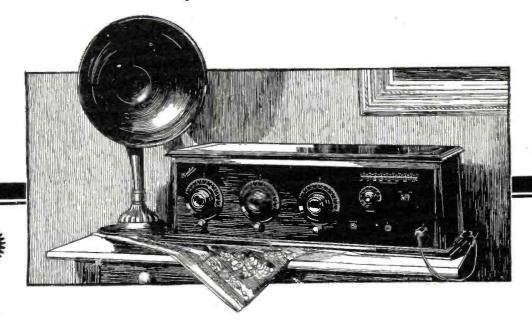
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It is a matter of common knowledge that experiments in trans-Altantic transmission are at the present time being made on a short wave-length. Experience has proved that reception may be attained at very great distances. European and American amateurs have succeeded in getting into two-way communication with wave-lengths of 200, 100, and even only 43 meters, with comparatively small power. Once, when experimenting at my own transmitting station SAE, on a 200-meter wave, I got into touch with the British Station 20D. Unfortunately, the man at 20D, who was a very skilful experimenter, knew no French at all, and I myself am quite unable to use English. After the interchange of a few words in English and French with difficulty, and only partial understanding on each side, the station 20D finally informed me that it did not wish to waste my time any longer and thus the interesting experiments which with-out the barrier of language we could have made, had perforce to be abandoned.

Over the whole vast territory of the United States, where there is one common language, amateurs relay telegrams to far distant places. In Europe the position is quite different. Even a comparatively weak station has within its range countries where many different languages are spoken. As Mr. H. A. Epton very truly remarked in the "Wireless World," for amateurs who wish to get into touch with only one country, it suffices to learn the language of that country (although the study of even that one language may be a long and difficult process), but for those who wish to be in touch with many countries, for example, Denmark, Holland, Czecho Slovakia, Germany, Spain, etc., it will manifestly be necessary to find some solution other than the learning of a multitude of languages.

In the case of radio telegraphy the diversity of languages is only a comparatively minor inconvenience—for it is not always necessary that the message should be understood at the moment—in radio telephony, on the other hand, the case is quite different. A telephone message which is not at once understood by the listener himself, misses its aim and is completely lost.

In many countries there are now to be found radio broadcast stations, which transmit not only concerts, but also speeches and other communications, each using its own national language.

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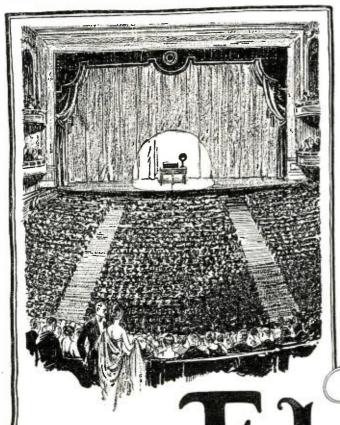
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It is unnecessary to labor the point any further, for it is obvious that communications broadcast in national languages are intelligible to only a small proporiton of those who hear them, and very rightly Mr. Hugh S. Pocock, the Editor of the "Wireless World," has named Esperanto "The Key to World Broadcasting.

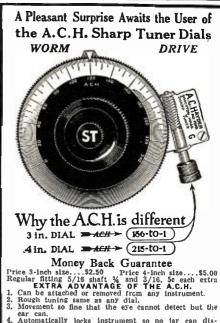
How few, for example, of the French amateurs, who, to use the current phrase "hear the British," are able to understand the speeches transmitted by the stations of the British Broadcasting Company! What is the proportion of British amateurs who understood the French discourses?

Even in the case of technical experiments in radio, the language barrier stands in the way. One of the tasks of the experimenter which needs the greatest care is to reproduce to perfection the right modulation or timbre of the voice. An eminent engineer then in charge of the first experiments in radio at the Eiffel Tower once asked me to listen to the foreign stations, in order to report to him to what extent success was obtained in this respect. I could only reply: "You are asking me for something which is quite impossible, for even when an Englishman standing by me speaks in English, his 'modulation' sounds to me quite imperfect!" order to have the power of giving an expert technical opinion on the quality of telephonic transmission of a foreign language, it is absolutely necessary to know that language perfectly. As a matter of fact, British experimenters have often requested me by radio telegraphy to listen to their radio telephony. But in every case, even if they tried to speak my language (and in what a way!) their transmission seemed to me poor. Without doubt direct speech with them would not have seemed much better!

It has often been said that the spread of the means of international communication will inevitably necessitate the adoption of an International Language. Railways, steamships, and aeroplanes, are the means referred to, but it is only to a comparatively small number of persons that they liave brought home the need of an International Language. In the case of radio communication, and especially of telephony, the op-posite is the case. There are thousands of persons at the present time who need only light up at home certain little lamps to get into direct communication with many different countries whose languages they do not know. They hear clearly, but understand nothing! If the saying is true, that necessity is the mother of invention, then there is no doubt that radio will bring about the definite adoption of an International Language, and that Esperanto, though scoffed at by some, and opposed by others, will very soon become the necessary handmaid of radio telephony.

The ever-increasing success of Esperanto has of course given rise to many imitations which are more or less noisily boomed. Each of these, of course, claims to be "better" than the original, and than all the others, as is usually the case with imitations. Their authors apparently have not realized the evil they do by discrediting in the view of the world the whole idea of





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Under the title "International Radio Association," there was founded on Jan. 1, 1924, an International Society which in the short space of only a few monhts has been joined by people in 30 different countries, and has national secretaries in Britain, Canada, Czecho Slovakia, Denmark, France, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Jugoslavia, Spain and U. S. A. It aims at abolishing, by means of Esperanto, difficulties raised by the language barrier in the path of radio telephony, and at bringing radio users of different countries into touch with one another, even if they have not yet learned Esperanto. It further intends to publish, in Esperanto only, a radio magazine "Internacia Radio Revuo," by means of which, without the necessity of learning various foreign languages, radio-technicians can keep in touch with the work of investigators in other countries, and amateurs can read articles written by an international staff of contributors. This international staff of contributors. they will be able to do very easily after only a few weeks' study of Esperanto, and they certainly will not regret the small amount of time and effort expended for the purpose of learning the International Language.

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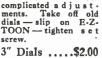
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other things) in the columns of your editorial pages. Now I am going to assume the role of the prophet. Sooner or later you will find you have made a mistake in adopting Esperanto as the official radio world language. I have followed them all. Over 30 years ago I was a member of the first Volapuk club in Boston.

When Esperanto came, it seemed at first to meet all requirements, but a few small defects and one or two major ones proved its undoing. Perhaps Ido may later be found wanting, but thus far its seems entirely In the meanwhile my prophecy stands! But I wish to commend your willingness to open your columns to a discussion of the whole question. That is the best way to hasten matters, at least up to a certain point. Anyway, the discussion serves to advertise both languages. Let it continue! H. L. Smith.

Nashua, New Hampshire.

ESPERANTO vs. ILO

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I was indeed glad to have the opportunity of making a comparison between Esperanto and Ilo, the modified Esperanto language. I say modified Esperanto because it is quite evident that both languages have practically the same common international vocabulary, and I do not consider it of vital importance whether nouns form their plural in "oj" or in "i" which seems to be one of the differences between the two languages. I do not know what Mr. Roos has in mind when he says reformed Esperanto without Czecho-Slovakian letters, unless he refers to the marked letters in Esperanto. If this is the

case, then why doesn't he criticize English for its dotted i's and j's?

In this article it is further stated that Esperanto is an easily spoken language. Would not such language be the one for radio and international use? He admits that the Ilists cannot write good Ilo unless they know the rules for forming new words. This might apply to Esperanto also, but I have successfully carried on a correspondence with more than 50 nations concerning both business and social affairs, and I am glad that it was only necessary to learn 2.800 roots instead of four times this num-

ber in order to do so.

The paid propagandists must be very numerous throughout the world when they have succeded in registering 250 members in North America for a cause that is 35 years old. How many members did the Ilist association have in May, 1922? During the two years in which I have been interested in an International language movement I must confess that I have never heard about Mr. Harry Epstein; however, if he has a force of stenographers at work I do not think they are there for propaganda purposes, but for looking after those interests which mean the making possible of world peace and the true realization of the broth-erhood of man. I had to write to a news-paper information bureau in Washington to secure my first information about Esperanto, and this was less than two years ago.

If the League of Nations did not accept Esperanto, did they reject it completely? What was the League of Nations' report about Ilo? Since this investigation involved practically the entire world, I am sure it must have been an impartial one.

Is it any wonder that the Ilists look with favor upon the growth of Esperanto when their own proposal depends upon the success of Esperanto. This must be true if all leading Ilists are ex-Esperantists. I believe these same Ilists are the ones who wanted to tinker with Esperanto before the proper time. No doubt, Esperanto will be changed and improved if it continues to grow and finally becomes the International Auxiliary

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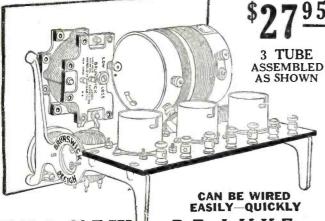
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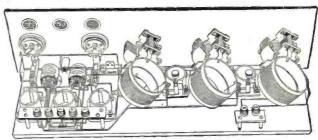
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de-winks" referred to in Mr. Roos' article happens to conform to one of the principles of Chinese grammar, and this, together with a few more of the beautiful examples, led the Chinese to accept Esperanto as their International Auxiliary Language and probably accounts for the reason why there are 25,000 Esperantists against 12,000 Ilists today. The 13,000 more Esperantists might also be those who became interested in Esperanto before 1907. Considering this, it appears that Esperanto has still been able to remain in the lead of the plagiarism Ilo, and I cannot see where the public demands and I cannot see where the public demands Ilo, as was stated by Mr. Callaghan of "La Presse." Why does "La Presse" continue to publish its newspaper in the French language when the people want Ilo? Why not give them Ilo or else publish a paper in English which is surely the national language of Canada?

I also disagree with Mr. Lewis of the Crosley Radio Corporation, who says, "Esperanto does not lend itself to commercial use." I have secured orders not only from Switzerland, but also from China, Japan and Oceania. As far as getting orders from Switzerland is concerned I feel satisfied that I could have done this by using either French, German or even English. If the Crosley Corporation would avail itself of the opportunity to use Esperanto and the services of the 1,187 representatives of the Universala Esperanto-Asocio, they could dis-tribute their products all over the world and with but little financial embarrassment.

and with but little financial embarrassment. Radio News certainly made a step in the right direction by accepting Esperanto as the International Auxiliary Language. I, from experience, have found that it is practical and satisfactory. If the common people are to be classified with the "intelligence of the majority" and I have the right to vote, my vote is cast for Esperanto.

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Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I was pleased to read a most interesting article on the subject of an "Esperanto Radio World Language" by Mr. James D. Sayers, in your issue of August, 1924. This article I consider to be one of the finest I have ever read on the subject of Esperanto. have ever read on the subject of Esperanto, and both yourself and Mr. Sayers are to be

congratulated upon it.

I am particularly pleased to note that RADIO News has decided to accept Esperanto as the international auxiliary language. presume that this decision was reached after due consideration of the subject from

all its standpoints.

There is no doubt whatever that an international language for radio is an absolute necessity, and that, of course, there can only one such language accepted. Esperanto is the most suitable is a foregone conclusion, not only on account of its intrinsic superiority over all others, but also because of the strong footing it has obtained throughout the whole world. I have just heard that the A.R.R.L. has decided to support Esperanto, and to recommend its adoption by the International Amateur Radio Union.

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As to the system of writing, few have found difficulty with Esperanto, for even children learn to read and write it within a very short time. There exists only one rule for spelling: Each sound is represented by one letter, and this letter always has the same sound. This makes its spelling phonetic and easy, also pleasant. There are no silent letters. For this reason, ear and mouth get excellent training for reading, writing, speaking, singing, dramatic art, dictation and stenography.

This system has enabled a great number of blind people in different countries to master Esperanto and to carry on correspondence in Braille script.

The good Idists make the world believe that Esperanto has Polish and Czechoslovak accents, because they despise the Slavonic peoples. Esperanto has not their accents, but entirely its own. The letters c, s, j, g, h, and u, are written with a little accent on the top. If these six letters are not to be gotten in printer's shops an "h" added to the first five will do, and the last one can go without it. It is true that the above mentioned peoples possess accented letters, but so do the French, Hungarians, Jugoslavs, Spaniards, Germans, Portuguese,

Roumanians, Lithuanians, Latvians, etc.

Of these letters it is chiefly the "j" which seems to offend the English eye! This is because the English read this letter like "g" in George, ginger, etc., but for this "g" Esperanto uses a "g" with an accent or "gh." The "j" in Esperanto sounds always and without exception like the English "j" in "hallelujah," for you say "hahllalooyah" and not "hahllaloojah!" This Esperanto "j" sounds, therefore, like "y" in yes, you, yard, etc. If this "j" follows an "a" like "aj" it sounds like "l or eye"; if it follows an "o" it sounds like "oi" in coin, join"; if it follows an "u" it sounds like "in "ruin"; if it follows an "e" it sounds like "ei" in "vein"; if it follows an "i" it sounds like "ea" in "peach." What a moron one must be to consider Esperanto a system of difficult writing? Bulgarian shepherds, Dalmatian peasants, Polish laborers, and children have no trouble with Esperanto spelling. This was proven by the Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles, Calif., for which its secretary Mr. Parrish, has been touring Europe to invite above mentioned people to California by the medium of Esperanto. His success was great.

Esperanto with its 16 fundamental grammatical rules and no exceptions has been easily mastered even by the "one-languaged" Englishman and American. It gave him a better comprehension of English, for practically all English words derived from Latin or Roman languages, are found in Esperanto.

Mr. Roos claims that not the greatest number of people will decide which of the languages is to be internationalized and before Esperanto should be that language, English could make the same claim. Every Idist up to this time has made it his business to blot out Esperanto and to ridicule it as much as possible. But English is not





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made for internationalization, it is entirely a national language, and as such it will not permit all peoples to use it as they like, and why should English alone get such an eminent prestige, when French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian and Swedish have brought so much for the benefit of the human mind? It follows then, we would never come out of the language-solution! Anyone interested in this solution must necessarily make a study of this problem, and take time to visit the New York Public Library. There one sees what the number of books in the various languages are. "A short history of International Languages," by Albert L. Guerard, Page 119, reads: "I may affirm, whoever denies the possibility, the practicability, the facility of the International medium Esperanto is Esperanto is either hopelessly biased or woefully misin-

formed."
"International language" and "Esperanto" are synonymous terms and, therefore, Esperanto is the preceptor of all_interlinguists.

There is also the largest Spanish Enciclopedia, Hispano-Americana in 50 volumes in which each word is named in both Spanish and Esperanto. This is a fundamental work, and Mr. Roos claims Esperanto is lacking words!

There are also the large directories of Paris and Berlin. The first one contains 18 pages of Esperanto-French business terms, the latter shows 26 Esperanto so-

cieties to exist there.

To Mr. Roos, no person who recommends Esperanto amounts to anything, even Dr. Talmey stands above Prof. Guerard! Look for Talmey in the Library and you will see that he wrote an Esperanto grammar. As it had practically no sale, Dr. Talmey left the Esperantists, who took more interest in Edward Baker's or Helen Fryer's grammar. He became an opponent of Esperanto, and a hot-headed Idist, having issued a large Ido-dictionary. I do not know whether Romain Rolland, Henri Barbusse, Ernst Toller, Albert Einstein, the famous relativist, Upton Sinclair or Edward Markham count with Mr. Roos, for they recommended Esperanto to all the world! Perhaps Francesco Nitti, the former Premier of Italy counts something with Mr. Roos. In his work "Europe at the Abism," which had an Esperanto translation, Nitti said he was well pleased with the fact that his work reached the world through Es-peranto, "because Esperanto is the greatest experiment in the history of human culture' he added that he hoped Esperanto would rapidly become the greatest instru-ment of help for uniting all peoples.

To Mr. Roos, everyone is a paid propagandist for Esperanto. I challenge Mr. Roos to publish names and sums received, i.e., facts, as otherwise this statement must be regarded as false.

I come here with facts before the public Mr. Roos states there are only 24,000 Esperantists altogether, or say 5 per cent. But there are 12,000 Idists! This means 50 per cent.

All newspapers had cable reports that the last Esperanto Congress in Vienna had 3,000 delegates, i.e., for every eight Esperantists one delegate. All right Mr. Roos.

Now where did the Idists have this year an Ido Congress with 1,500 delegates? Let us go 50-50, a fair American calculation! In 1921 the Esperantists had their World Congress in Prague, the Idists in Vienna! Prague had 2,600 delegates and Vienna 103.

Esperanto has in every country a newspaper and an organization. The three great Esperanto monthlies, Esperanto, Katolika, Mondo and Sennacieca Revuo, appear regularly in several thousand issues and Esperanto Triumfonta of Horrem near Koelln in Germany, a weekly, has about 5,000 sub-





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There is only one Ido magazine in existence, La Progreso. And this appears ir-

regularly.
Should the 20 broadcast stations introduce "Ido" and not allow Esperantists throughout the States to broadcast in Esperanto, it will follow, that many people will feel insulted by such an offense against Esperanto.

Mr. Roos says Esperanto cannot express "stolen from" and "stolen by." Please translate this into French "volée de" and "volée chez," the same it is in Esperanto, "shtelito de" and "shtelito che!" But Mr. Roos is less a linguist than a fighter! The Roos is less a linguist than a fighter! The good Idists had always to find fault with Esperanto but not with their own grammar which says: Aprilala, bazizita, libelulo, sotrulo expresselves gloriizases cience patrulo, expreseskez, gloriizesez, patrulo, expreseskez, glornzesez, cience, vilaje, humuralajo, linguala, where Esperanto uses: Aprila, bazita, libelo, patro, ekesprimu, glorigu, science, vilage, humorajo, lingva. They were ridiculing the Esperantists for their fundament, which is not a Bible nor a Talmud nor a Koran, but the Grammar on which it rests until governments, some together and give reason for ments come together and give reason for changing one or the other rule! But 217 operations which the Idists wanted to per-form on Esperanto has aroused all Esperantists.

Ido or Ilo, remains a jargon of Esperanto, an infringement upon invention. Dr. René de Saussure at least says in his paper "Esperantido is a jargon of Esperanto," but the Idists and Illists say this differently! Now you who don't investigate, learn the language of frauds! But Esperanto should remain pure for the pure!

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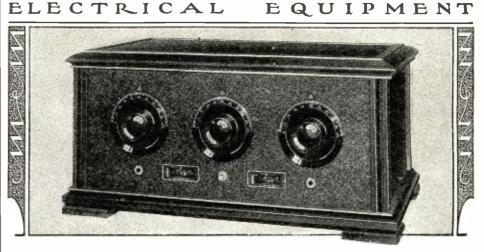
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REGARDING MR. ROOS' ARTICLE

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

It seems that the Idists care more about throwing mud into the eyes of people regarding Esperanto than to tell them something constructive about Ido (Ilo). If you had read the "Report of the General Secretariat of the League of Nations, as adopted by the Third Assembly 1922" you certainly would not permit such remarks about it. The League of Nations is too serious an institution to be made fun of.

Mr. Roos admits that Esperanto is easily spoken, but contradicts himself by adding 'but a very difficultly written system." Isn't the easily spoken International Language just what the radio stations are demanding? The radio people cannot be blind to the fact that Esperanto is entirely practical for International Congresses and is the medium for millions of letters annually.

If Ido has claim for popularity, then what of Esperantido, Idiom-Neutral, Panroman, etc.? If the world suddenly becomes aware of a half dozen so called international languages, it necessarily will have to drop the subject because we will be in the same position as to which national language to use, French, English, German or Spanish. The world must use Esperanto for the present and the governments will in time see to it that it evolves along sensible lines. Otherwise, the great amount of work done in the past, along this line because of Esperanto, will be lost and a great apathy towards an international language will be the result, to the detriment of the international application of Radio.

national application of Radio.

On September 11, I gave a talk on Esperanto, in Esperanto, from station WHK at Cleveland, and received so many responses that we immediately organized a large class. This course will continue for 20 weeks. I am also arranging with one of the leading papers in Cleveland for placing radio Esperanto lessons in the paper and working out these lessons by radio. Will tell more about this after the date is set.

All this is going on in Cleveland in spite of the feeble and bombastic efforts of the one Idist in Cleveland.

Our society is now making preparations to invite the National Esperanto Congress to Cleveland.

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The Idists stress the term "more scientific." Where the Ido principle seems more scientific in places, it is too cumbersome for fluent speech. They make fun of the Esperanto s; how about their numerous Oza's. I was a follower of Ido for a few years, but now I have a greater appreciation of the euphonious and internationally practical Esperanto.

Have you seen the Esperanto publication "Internacia Radio Revuo?" Are you aware of the magnitude of "La Internacia Radio Asocio" with headquarters in London, Paris and New York City? These papers and associations are facts, not dreams of "what we will do."

Out of our membership of 68 there are 59 radio fans. We link up Esperanto with radio.

STANLEY KOZNINSKI, Sec. The Cleveland Esperanto Society 3406 Meyer Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

ESPERANTO AND ILO

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I do not know whether you intend giving further space for controversy as to the relation of Esperanto and Ilo. If so, may I check the following item in Mr. Roos

article in your October issue?

Mr. Roos says: "Let us all forget numbers and lump the active opposing camps on the best available statistics at 25,000 Esperantists and 12,000 Ilists"; he gives neither source nor data on which to justify the final cipher. My estimate of 25 to 1 on page 210 of your August number gave the basis for the estimate. The importance of the ratio to a radio fan seeking practical use is apparent. The test of actual practical use has been made in Europe and 25 to 1 represents the resulting judgment between the two projects after 15 years of competition. Why, then, should we not class Ilo with the other minor projects named? Possibly in North America, thanks to the lack of competition in practical use, 250 to 120 may represent the opposing forces, but why bother with an auxiliary language for North America alone?

Passing from the realm of estimates to

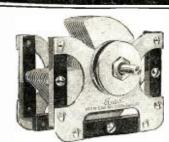
Passing from the realm of estimates to that of fact, Mr. Roos declares, "Do not let Esperantists tell you they have 4,300 words, they have about 2,800." I have had for some two years the "Vortaro de la Oficialaj Radikoj de Esperanto" by Th. Cart, President of the Esperanto Lingva Komitato. It contains just 4,296 word roots, all of which had been before accepted and all of which had been before accepted and announced as official and are in regular use.

Esperanto may be "etymological hooch," Esperanto may be "etymological hooch," but it does the work efficiently. It is "perhaps possible" that some Esperantist may be redundant, barely possible that he may escape that logical error. The Esperantist is not likely to hesitate in translating "shtelitaj de la Ilistoj"; yet perhaps it is only fair to confess that it is possible for an opponent to make unclear phrases in Esperanto if he seeks to. The use of the accusative eliminates almost every excuse for accusative eliminates almost every excuse for using "shtelitaj." The correct translation of 'The words were stolen by the -ists" would be "La vortojn shtelis la —istoj." As to the attack upon Mr. P. Corret, President of the Trans-Atlantic Tests Committee (France), Vice-President of the French Society for Studies of the French Society for Studi ciety for Study of Wireless, President of the Internacia Radio Asocio, and Vice-Pres-ident of the International Union of Radio

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Mr. Roos thinks that the "real test is the translation of technical and scientific works." Esperantists generally feel that Esperanto must not be made more difficult for the ordinary human being—by large dictionaries and excessive precision—in order to make it easier for the few scientists and techni-

cians.

Yours for accuracy, Norman W. Frost, 12 Ash St. Place, Cambridge 38, Mass.

Copies re International Institute of Agriculture, Rome and its use of Esperanto in correspondence.

in correspondence.
United States Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Plant Industry
Washington

December 1, 1923.

Office of Associate Chief of Bureau Dr. Asher Hobson, American Representative International Institute of Agriculture Rome, Italy

Dear Dr. Hobson:—

I have recently been discussing with Dr. Cottrell of the Fixed Nitrogen Laboratory of this Department the Progress of the International Auxiliary Language Association, and to indicate briefly the activities that are under way by those interested in the possibility of such a development I am enclosing a Report of Progress made by Dr. Cottrell to the Committee on International Language of the International Research Council in August and a report by a special Committee that is undertaking to provide more definite support for the investigation of the

feasibility of using an auxiliary language.

I understand from Dr. Cottrell that for several years correspondence addressed to the Bureau of Standards in Esperanto is answered in Esperanto, and that certain other institutions have extended somewhat the same kind of support to the auxiliary language movement, and that the International Labor Office permits the release of certain of its information through a supplement to the Esperanto Journal. This supplement, I believe, is prepared for publication in Esperanto by Mr. Bruck, who is on the editorial staff of the International Institute.

I am not particularly campaigning for the use of Esperanto rather than any of the other proposed auxiliary languages, although I believe that at the present time Esperanto has been more widely used and has perhaps a larger number of supporters than any of the other proposed auxiliary languages. This has led Dr. Cottrell to make the suggestion which appeals to me as worthy of trial—to undertake to answer correspondence on agricultural matters in Esperanto. If it is practicable and if the correspondents

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desire answers in that language, and possibly also to permit the Esperanto Journal to carry a supplement in that language summarizing points of interest that develop in connection with the work of the International Institute of Agriculture.

You will note that I am not suggesting the official adoption, or official recognition even, of an auxiliary language but merely the experimentation with it in the hope of determining whether it has any useful place in the handling of correspondence or distribution of information on the part of the institute.

Any comments or suggestions regarding this general subject that you would care to make I will be very glad to receive.

Very truly yours, (signed) K. F. Kellerman, Associate Chief of Bureau.

(Copy)

Rome le Jan. 16, 1924

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Dr. K. F. Kellerman,

Associate Chief, Bureau of Plant Industry, S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kellerman:-

Since receiving your letter of December 1, I have made some inquiries concerning "Auxiliary Languages" and the extent of their use. I was surprised at the amount of recognition which Esperanto seems to have won. No one appreciates more than those engaged in foreign fields the present handicaps in international communication because of language difficulties. Hence, you will readily understand that I am a hearty supporter of any movement which gives promise to lessen these difficulties.

Upon inquiry, I find that our Mr. Bruck made definite proposals to the Administra-tion here in the Institute that Esperanto be utilized in a limited way in the distribution of information pertaining to the Institute. I am enclosing a copy of the memorandum containing Mr. Bruck's proposals. As a result of these proposals Mr. Bruck was warned by the Delegate of France, who is also the Vice-President of the Institute, that any activity on his (Bruck's) part in promoting his proposal endangered his position with the Institute.

The language question in the Institute is one encumbered with unhealthy animosities. The nations preferring the English language have just terminated a winning fight to place that language on a par with French at the Institute. Although that question is settled, feeling still runs high on the part of the delegates.

Because of the known attitude of the Administration and because of the delicacy of the language question here, I do not believe it an opportune time to bring the matter up for discussion. You may rest assured, however, that I am personally in sympathy with the auxiliary language movement and shall keep your proposals in mind with a view to presenting them to the Permanent Committee should a more favorable opportunity present itself,

Yours truly,

(signed) Asher Hobson, Delegate of the United States of America.

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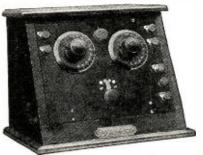
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Fig. 2 gives a good idea of the arrangement used to get the shortest waves. The base of the tube has been removed and the chokes arranged to make the leads to the tubes as short as possible. A portion of the oscillating circuit is seen connected between the plate and grid terminals. This figure also shows the wavemeter which was cali-brated from 4 to 25 meters by the method to be described later. The wavemeter consists of one turn of wire 4½ inches square,

a low loss condenser and a thermo-ammeter Fig. 3 shows a similar arrangement of the tube, but here the tube is used with its original base and socket. It was possible with this arrangement to get down to as low as 5 meters or if a small variable condenser is used to 41/2 meters. The following table shows roughly what should be expected using a 50-watt tube:

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2½ turn 5 in. in diam. 12 5½ meters 16 6½ meters meters

Base removed and stopping condenser of .002 mfd.

Wave-length Length of inductance 4.4 meters 3.9 meters inches inches 3.25 meters 1½ inches With base removed and variable condenser variable down to .0001 mfd. 6-inch length of wire worked down to 3.1 meters.

Considerable care is necessary in the selec-

tion of tubes for this class of work and the following suggestions are given.

The tube must be a good oscillator at ordinary wave-lengths for it is obvious that if the tube is made to oscillate with difficulty at 200 meters it will seldom oscillate at 5 meters

2. The wires leading to the plate, grid and filament should be separated as far as pos-

sible.

3. The connecting coil inside the tube connecting the seal and the plate or grid should be either small or absent, for often it will become red hot at short wave-lengths indicating a great loss in efficiency

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This discussion has been confined to a certain type of tube, but the reader should note that any type or size of tube will oscillate with this circuit and it is only the waves below 5 meters that are at all hard

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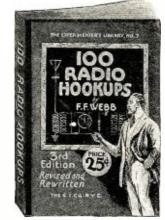
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use of wires.

Dr. Pratt, who was formerly one of the electricians for the American Bell Telephone Co. and a manufacturer of electrical apparatus, is now connected with three local medical colleges as professor of electro-thereapeutics. His specialty is the X-ray machine and the production of shadowgraphs and it is through the X-rays that he claims to have solved the problem upon which Marconi and the Notre Dame professors are now at work.

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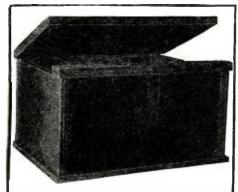
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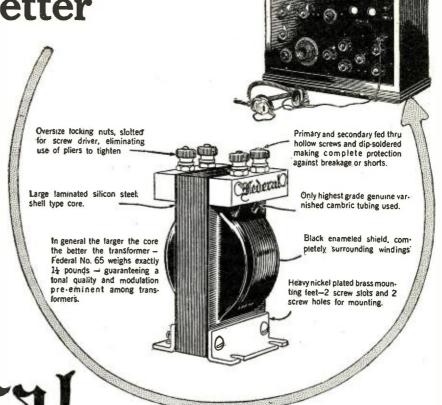
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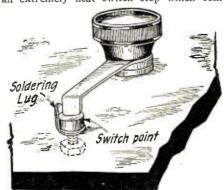
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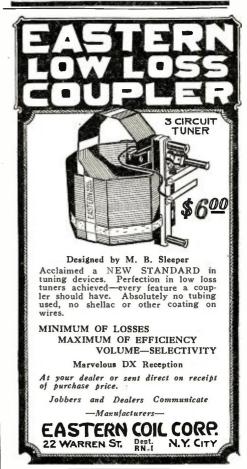
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The Progress of Radio

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tion of the crystal there is a definite power absorption from the circuit. In another method, the crystal, in association with a In another small vacuum tube, acts as an oscillator or generator of a current, the frequency of which is that of mechanical vibration of the piece of crystal. As the frequency is accompanied by numerous harmonics, the crystal is a standard which gives several frequencies. It is thus a supplement to the wavemeters which have hitherto been used as standards. The crystal appears to be a standard of greater constancy than the best wavemeter.

"Studies being made by the Bureau of Standards indicate that a quartz oscillator has many valuable applications in radio work. Means of producing audio as well as radio frequencies are being worked out. The crystals can be used to control or determine the frequency of a transmitting station and to hold it strictly constant. This will mean a great advance in radio transmission technique. The crystals are also useful for setting accurately receiving apparatus and for controlling the frequency of radio frequency generators used in lab-oratory measurement work. The value of these various applications will be particularly great at the frequencies above 2.000 kilocycles which are now rapidly coming into use."

The Doctor says 1,350 channels have been added to the erstwhile 148 channels utilized for radio telephony. "This business of radio interference is the real problem of radio today," he adds, "and there are several factors which point to an amelioration of the present condition. The principal cure is present condition. The principal cure is keeping different kinds of radio messages on different frequencies. Thus the amateurs are down at, or below, the low end of the broadcast listener's tuning dial; ships are just beyond the upper end of the dial. Special radio telegraphic services, like the radio beacons for ship navigation, are just above the ships and away beyond all the others are the high-powered trans-oceanic station. This progress of assigning frequencies is not yet perfected. It is still in progress. Radio has grown so fast it has outstripped the slow processes of national legislation and international agreements.

"There will be developed an effective lineradio or 'wired wireless' system," the Doctor continued. "Use will be made of a carrier current above the audio range to carry entertainment both by power-transmission and telephone lines. This will unquestionably provide a means for distributing entertainment to those who wish to pay for it. In fact, we shall soon see wide extension of non-radio broadcasting by the aid of electric-wire systems. This will be done with line-radio or carrier-current methods, tirely independent of the regular uses of the wires.

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say the least. He adds, however, "I aress that some of the realities of radio, on the other hand, seem almost as wild, and one of these is seeing by radio. This is no dream, but a fact that is being steadily perfected. Probably within five years radio audiences in remote cities will see the facial expressions as well as hear the words of the speaker."

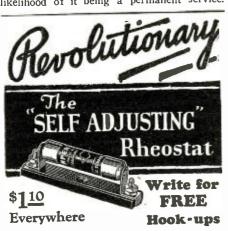
Despite the recent development in the

experimental use of short, directional waves, Doctor Dellinger does not contemplate that radio telephony will displace the long-distance wire telephone. "As to universal use of the radio to communicate between individuals, I think not," he asserts. "On the other hand, improvements in methods of concentrating the waves in a desired direction, increase in the restriction of the wave to its proper frequency, the use of much shorter waves than those employed at present, these and many other developments by the scientists in various laboratories will steadily increase the extent of the manifold

service that radio can render.
"Eventually, every hospital in the United States will be equipped with radio," says the doctor. "This is the most beneacent use of radio. Besides the benefit to patients through providing entertainment, medical authorities testify to the actual therapeutic value of the mental relief thus afforded." The Bureau of Standards is extending valuable aid in the technical equipment of these hospitals. The system employed is the use of a single receiving set and a powerful amplifier to supply entertainment to all of the occupants of a hospital. Each patient is provided with

receivers.

The increasing use of short waves or high frequencies and the elimination of spark transmitting equipment will relieve the ether of some of its interference and further contribute to the improvement of radio communication. Already, transmitting stations have installed auxiliary equipment and are employing high frequencies for transoceanic communication. The powerful sending station at St. Assisse, France, is utilizing frequencies of the order of 3,000 to 4,000 kilocycles (100 to 70 meters) for trans-oceanic communication. This is an experimental undertaking, but there is likelihood of it being a permanent service.



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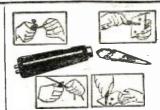
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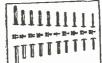
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"Spark-transmitting equipment," observes Doctor Dellinger, "is being eliminated. This not only means greater transmitting and receiving ranges but interference is reduced. I think that owing to the cheapness of spark transmitting equipment it will be used on ships for many years to come, but eventually both spark and arc transmitters will disappear."

RESEARCH WORK

No research laboratory is doing more to realize the improvements and bring to a fruition the benefits foreshadowed in this interview than the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards. Radio frequency standardization, the testing of receiving sets to determine their relative selectivity and sensitivity, observations to determine the range of receiving equipment and the limiting factors attending broadcast reception, the testing of vacuum tubes, finding uses for and standardizing of very short waves or high frequencies and the application of radio as a life-saving agency at sea and for utilitarian purposes on aircraft, are among its manifold activities. For instance, a vibrating or shimmying machine has been designed for determining the relative ruggedness of receiving sets. A new method of primary radio frequency standardization has been developed, using cathode rays and a tuning fork. Means have been devised for guiding aircraft in flight and ships at sea by use of radio compasses on land. respect to the testing of vacuum tubes, these questions are being asked and answered in this Radio Laboratory: How long is the What is the effect of regeneration in radio receiving units? How can radiation he avoided in regenerative already. tion be avoided in regenerative circuits?

How To Build a Battery Control Panel

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elements and test tubes. It is necessary to split the battery in half for the purpose of charging, since it increases the charging rate. This is a feature which does not seem to be understood by many; when charging a battery, in order that the current may flow from the charger to the battery, the voltage of the charger should always be higher than the battery voltage, otherwise the current will not flow. The splitting arthe current will not flow. The splitting arrangement is controlled by a D.P.D.T. switch, which acts as a series-parallel affair, connecting the two halves of the battery in series when discharging, and in parallel when charging, so that the voltage across the negative and positive terminals is only 50 volts instead of 100. This switch is mounted on the battery panel, and not on the power

panel as described in this article.

The "B" battery circuit is controlled by a D.P.D.T. switch as in the "A" battery circuit, with the battery panel switch as described above. The middle terminals are connected directly to the negative and positive terminals of the battery, at which point the voltage is varied by the panel switch. On the upage is varied by the panel switch. On the upper part of the switch are connected the leads from the charger. The positive lead is clipped onto the exposed wire coming out of the transformer coil on top of the charger, when a 2-ampere Tungar is used, and to the wing nut with a 5 ampere size. The negative, black lead used in charging the "A" battery is also used in charging the "B" hattery connected to the upper page. "B" battery, connected to the upper negative side of the switch. On the positive is provided the 60-ohm resistance and a 6volt 2-candlepower lamp, both connected in series. The lamp serves as an indication that the battery is charging.





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the same time.

The most interesting feature of this panel is the switching arrangement for measpanel is the switching arrangement for the uring the voltage across each half of the battery separately. This is done by the aid battery separately. This is done by the aid of a series-parallel switch connected as shown in the wiring diagram, Fig. 2. Eight switch points are also needed for the purpose. The wiring is plainly shown in the diagram. When testing the first half of the battery the 50-volt connection becomes positive and when testing the second half, it becomes negative. The operation is very simple, the test of the first half of the battery is made when the switch is in a position as indicated in the diagram. The position as indicated in the diagram. The next position shows the test for the other half of the battery. In this case the two arms of the switch should be perpendicular. With this arrangement a 0-50 range volt-meter has been found best, because the percentage of error in reading a low-range scale is less than in a high-range one where

scale is less than in a high-range one where the divisions of the scale are smaller.

Do not attempt to test the voltage across the battery while charging because the charging voltage is much higher than the battery voltage. The voltage of this battery immediately after shutting down the charge should be a little over its rated value, that is, it should indicate on the voltmeter a little more than 50 volts. The normal voltage throughout most of the period of discharge throughout most of the period of discharge should be about 46 volts for half the battery. When it drops to 35 volts it should be re-

charged.

The wiring diagram, Fig. 2, will give a very good idea of the layout. It shows clearly the entire wiring of the panel. The wiring of the Tungar charger is given to help the reader understand the entire circuit. The "B" battery panel wiring is also shown in the lower right hand corner of the diagram. The photo of the panel, Fig. 3, will show how the apparatus is mounted on the panel. The writer feels confident that any one who will build such a panel will find the maintenance of the radio receiving set more

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agreeable.

Experimental Technique

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may copy a thousand in vain but the thouand first may prove extremely valuable. Anyway, if they all prove nothing more than bulls, it will increase the fun of the thing and at the same time teach extreme care and workmanship and after all, workmanship of a high standard is the perfect

joy.
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Radio Swindles

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To illustrate this point, it is exactly as if you took a large bundle or bare copper wires and twisted them up into a single solid strand. If all the wires were touching each other it would be impossible to measure the conductivity of any one strand. In the human body such a test would be even more complicated because the different tissues have different values of conductivity.

It will be noticed that in one of the captions under one of the photographs we say as follows: "Determining capacity and inductance of the brain—ABSOLUTELY NO ELECTRICITY GETS TO THE PATIENT." This is a caption taken from the Rogers' pamphlet. If no electricity gets to the patient, how then can you "measure the capacity and inductance of the brain"? In the first place, you can just as well determine the electrical capacity and inductance of the brain as you can scientifically measure the capacity for Chinese in the tail of a soused herring; both are equally non-sensical—both mean nothing.

In one of the other captions, it will be noticed, it says: "Finding the interference with transmission." In another part of the pamphlet Dr. Rogers tells us that "absolutely no electricity gets to the patient," but some of it must get to the pace patient. of it must get to the poor patient somehow, because otherwise how could you "find the interference with transmission?" Also, how does Rogers get the interference and how the transmission? All v-e-r-y deep and

dark, and all of it PURE BUNK!!!!!

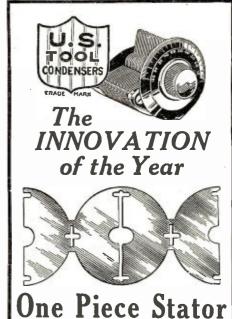
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The Significance of Rays In Physics

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struction of a complicated crystal or count the number of atoms in a gram of matter with the same certainty as the money in our pockets. It is the study of radiation we must thank for these incredibly great additions to our knowledge. A practiced telegrapher can identify a station many times, simply by the length of its wave, the quality of sound it emits or a peculiar characteristic in its quality. However, it is impossible for him to deduce, no matter how sharp his perception, the construction of the transmitting station from the characteristics or length of its waves. From this the reader readily understands how ex-



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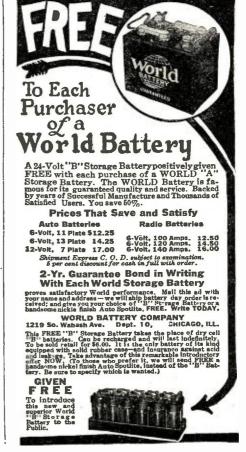
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cessively difficult, in spite of the use of modern methods, is the work of the physicist in his attempt through the analysis of rays to determine the structure of the atom radiating the wave, or when he seeks to reconstruct the linear formation of a crystal with the aid of Roentgen rays reflected from it. The determination of the ray transmitter simply through the characteristics of its transmitted signal is a comparatively simple matter compared with the identification of a ray in the field of physical radiation. While the radio operator is able to isolate the wave he is investigating, the physicists must deal simultaneously with a large number of rays, none of which he is able to eliminate.

The chief reasons for this senstiveness to every ray is the formation of the eye, which is primarily and solely the receiver of electro-magnetic oscillations. All the greatest of science's recent discoveries are dependent exclusively on electro-magnetic oscillations. The messengers from the most distant realms of space, as well as those delineating the operations of that smallest division of matter, the atom, are received by the eye as electro-magnetic oscillations. The eye is, of course, the most sensitive of our preceptive organs. According to the researches of Henry Morris Russel and Precentice Reeves,

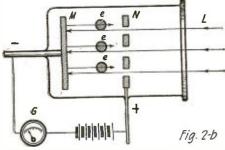


Diagram of the photoelectric cell; the light rays L set free electrons from the metal M which carries current through the galvanometer G.

the well practiced eye can appreciate light energy of the order of 10^{-16} watt as a true sensation.

We can, by simple comparison, make clear this extreme sensitiveness. The energy mentioned which gives the eye an appreciable sensation would need to be expanded over a period of many years, if its total power were to be able to raise one gram of water one degree centigrade. Another illustration is the fact that were the air perfectly clear from dust and moisture, the human eye could, ordinarily, perceive the image of a lighted candle at the distance of 62 miles. It is a well known fact that unaided the eye can perceive a sixth magnitude star.

Unfortunately the eye, while so extremely subtle a receiver of electro-magnetic rays, has at the same time, one great failing, i.e., it is extremely capricious with regard to surroundings. If one has been looking toward a bright light, a sense of fatigue results, causing an inordinate loss of sensitivity. It also is extremely restricted in its range of effectiveness. The range of waves over which it acts is comparatively small including only those oscillations whose wavelength lies between .0003 and .0008 millimeters. The difficulty here is easily understood, when it is known that the modern physicist's investigations lead him into work covering waves ranging from 12½ miles in length down to 10.20 centimeters.

Luckily, we are able to assist the eye in this work with a number of artificial detectors of one sort or another which enable us to cover a great majority of these vibrations.

The first and one of the most important of these detectors is the photographic plate.





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It is affected not only by the ordinary band of light to which we are accustomed, but by a band which lies below the ultra-violet. By only a sufficiently long exposure, sometimes running as high as a day, impressions of invisible light can be caught upon it which are much beyond the power of the human eye. This detector—as most others—has its defects. It is extremely sensitive to very short waves (Röentgen rays) but begins to fail when the higher bands are attempted, those oscillations lying above the red. It is also extremely difficult to bring the darkening of the plate into any dependable relation to the intensity of the light upon it.

A great step was made toward the enrichment of our knowledge concerning radiation through the invention of that great physicist Langley, in the construction of his bolometer. (See Fig. 1-A). This instrument consists of an extremely fine strip of platinum which is heated by the rays which fall upon it. This heating has a very definite effect upon the resistance of the wire and so will give an appreciable change of an electric current passing through it. In the bolometer and the radio micrometer (See Fig. 1-B) we have two of the most sensitive measuring instruments known to man. With the former instrument there is no difficulty in measuring the heat falling upon the earth due to the light of the moon or that of a very distant star.

The modern physicist can predict even greater wonders than these, with instruments that far surpass those just mentioned in sensitiveness and at the same time are equally exact—I refer to the audion bulb or the vacuum tube which is frequently used in the present day radio receiver and transmitter. As a detector of electro-magnetic light waves, it has attained an extremely important position. For the development of its use in this connection, two German professors, Elster and Geitel, have attained farreaching merit. The principle of the vacuum tube is, of course, understood by the readers of Radio News, as they are also fully acquainted with the pecularities of electrons through their knowledge of these same tubes.

Every substance, as is well known, is composed of a great number of minute bodies, is electronic. When a metal is sub-When a metal is subjected to the effect of extreme heat, a large number of these tiny bodies are forcibly ejected from it, or literally, are called out into the surrounding space. We can also draw them out of a cold metal under certain conditions if light is caused to fall on the outer surface of the metal. The shorter these rays are the more profuse is the electronic emission and the swifter is their exit. The more intense they are, the greater is the number of the electrons, derived from gases and molecules. The collision will set free more electrons and build up ions, which are in a condition to send an easily measurable electric current through the cells. The use of proper metals and gas content has given to this appliance such sensitiveness that by its help one can follow the change of light of a distant double star.

If a light electron cell is combined with an amplifying tube or audion the sensitiveness of the same cell can be multiplied 15 million times and so at last we are able to reach the sensitiveness of the human eye, but this cell has the advantage over the human eye in that it is free from all subjective sources of error and can give an exact quantitative estimation of the minimum light intensity. This electric eye unfortunately shares with the human eye a lack of sensitiveness for long light waves.

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To end this chapter, I might point out that our bodies possess another natural detector which exceeds the sensitiveness of our eyes in a very large degree. This is our ear. This organ can be affected by waves of the order of about 5-23 watts, according to the measurements of Mr. Dren.

It is therefore, not surprising that many of the African races have constructed acoustic telegraphs without wires which as transmitters use a drum, and as receivers use the ear. What an important realm our ear only susceptible to sound waves also possess for repetition of electro magnetic waves everyone knows who has heard a wireless concert. If our ear had not poswireless concert. sessed this sensitiveness in spite of all amplification wireless telephony would have remained an unattainable utopia and wireless telegraphy operated by a mechanical Morse instrument would never have obtained such popularity among amateurs.

We hope that we will succeed in making clear to the readers of Radio News, how our senses and our modern physical methods supplement each other, how both taken together form a "sense apparatus," and how one can easily see what man although only looking into a very small range of waves, for other waves are supplied by nature with refined "wonder glasses," and that modern physicists becomes a being that can look into light by a modern sending station as well as into the light of the ray of radio active sub-

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The Life and Work of Lee DeForest

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how it can as well replace the storage bathow it can as well replace the storage battery, then store Heaven's fluid—and the world lies at my feet! My specialty then—the condenser—to lead instead of to lag! It is much more the stepping stone between the electrical art of today and the finer, more etherial, mysterious, 'wavey' form to which we must come. It is a ladder to the finer realms of God." Today the immense utility of the condenser, brought about chiefly by the development of the Radio Art chiefly by the development of the Radio Art which DeForest did so much to make possible, has strangely proven the foresight of this early prophecy.

This great vision of revising entirely the electrical field proved to be temporary, as his studies moved on and left the field of the condenser, passing to something else. Possibly it was because his next dozen lectures led him directly to the study of the self-same transformers which his new condensers were to supersede. One of his first laboratory assignments in connection with the study was the measurement of the selfinductance of the device with the aid of a

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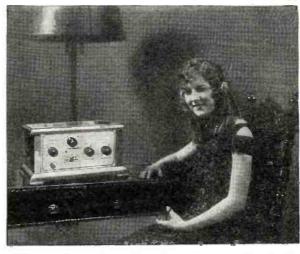
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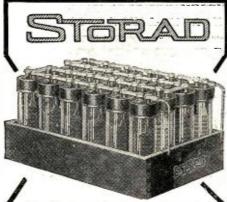
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-Wheatstone Bridge and a telescope. spent one whole. Saturday at the task and at its conclusion asked God's deliverance from a repetition of it.

With these intensive measurements and calibrations in the laboratory he learned the application of his higher mathematics. And with the actual application of this entirely abstract subject he began to take an interest in it for its own sake. He joined the Math. Club and began attendance at its meetings regularly. At one of these meetings a certain Mr. Hopton of his former, class read a paper dealing with the Grant root-finding machine. This paper set off again that constant searching mind. DeForest immediately began to ponder a machine along somewhat the same lines as the Grant model, but electrical in nature, an adapta-tion of the Wheatstone Bridge principle

He thought that such a work would give him a "pull" with the professors and pos-sibly might add a little to his chance for employment with Nikola Tesla. At least, he started the work and after a few preliminary trials adduced a fairly workable form. This he submitted to the mathematics professor and was received with several chuckles from that worthy, who immediately ordered him to prepare a paper covering the con-struction and operation of the apparatus for the next meeting of the Mathematics Club.

Continuing his studies of alternating cur-rent and his measurement and testing of various pieces of apparatus he came to the detailed study of the alternator. With the first investigations he noted what he thought was inefficiency in the type of machine he was analyzing. The ever-practical twist of his mind exerted itself immediately, he at once set about solving the problem of bringing out the defects in the machine and making it more efficient.

ALTERNATOR STUDY

During the Spring term he devoted his mornings to the study of the alternator with a garnishing of thermodynamics, vector analysis and a deal of analytical equations. Most of the course was a continuation of the previous term's work and he carried it on with his outside work. Under this last heading was the attendance at the Math. Club, the translation of reams of French technical works and the preparation and sale of the "Prom Book." This latter was a scheme worked out by DeForest and Stires to supplement their income. order of a souvenir of the occasion it gave, of course, complete information as to the event itself, such as names of patronesses, history of the affair and other germane facts. The book also carried many pretty scenes around the university, and touched on such other points as athletic victories and records, histories of the various buildings, and some editorial matter. The book was a success from the financial point of view. Each of the men made nearly a hundred dollars out of it—a genuine fortune

Aside from the work of getting the editorial matter together, DeForest collected and selected the views to be used, sold over half the printed copies and solicited a good part of the advertising.

The financial success of this venture had entirely separate results from that of removing the ever-present bug-bear of poverty temporarily from DeForest's mind. It, for a little while, placed him within the good graces of the family. During the first of the year he had talked as if he would like to take a second year of post graduate work in order to take his Ph. D. degree. As time wore on and the economic condition of the family grew constantly worse his brother Charles, particularly, began to hint rather broadly that it was about time for the "parasite" to go to work so that his wages might supplement the family income. His mother never made a direct statement upon



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the subject, but she would show herself to be a little hurt, lending the impression that she considered Lee to be a bit selfish in his plans. The older sister too was sometimes explicit in her comments on the plans of her brother. None of them sympathized with or understood his ideals, the goal to

with or understood his ideals, the goal to which he was working.

There followed long soliloquies in which he attempted to get at the problem from every angle. He considered carefully the added advantages that would be given him by a second year of the purely technical work. There was always the DeForest scholarship upon which he might depend for help through the remainder of his work. He continued his correspondence with Tesla and came to the decision that he should stake

everything upon the Great Inventor's acceptance of him into the laboratory.

The whole future would unfold itself to him in such mental meanderings. He could see clearly his state in 10 years. The vision see clearly his state in 10 years. The vision was one of a great man in an experimental laboratory. He was dealing with little known phenomena. Problems were presenting themselves in such a manner as to be entirely new to the history of science. There was no one to whom he might turn for assistance in their solution. He would then consider the years seent in post graduate consider the years spent in post graduate study of the finer, more technical, more abstract studies and be thankful that they had prepared him for just such an occasion as the one presenting itself. Such day dreams would give him a great frenzy of zeal for his work. In his diary he would declaim in the loftiest terms that he would not let his life's goal be snatched from him by the plaints of relatives. Then (he usual-ly went to Lake Whitney or some of the other nature haunts he loved when bent upon deciding such a problem) as he walked home the vision of the family would flash across his mind and the spirit of the clan would his mind and the spirit of the clan would protrude itself strongly upon him. The bitterest repentance would take the place of the former high righteous resolve. By the middle of the first post graduate year—the beginning of 1897—he had fully resolved to take the Ph. D. He did not mention the fact at home except at such times as it would be received with some show of co-operation.

Thus it was that the success of the Prom Book and the possibility of his getting out a similar souvenir for the intercollegiate boat regetta and for future Proms made it possible for him to get in a large amount of propaganda for the second post-graduate year. Even under these conditions Charles' attitude was one more of dignified condescension than hearty co-operation. And since he was with his family more than he was with his soul in some chosen bower of nature it was inevitable that the family should lend the greater weight to his decision. Therefore, he declared himself as willing to go to work without the additional year, if a place could be found for him in Tesla's laboratory. The "Great Inventor," however, had a complete staff for the coming year so he could not use DeForest's services in year latter in the country of the coun immediately, but wrote a warm letter in response to DeForest's query, stating that he would possibly be able to use him a year later. Faced with the absolute, Lee took the situation tightly in hand and forced the remaining of the family to his will. He remainder of the family to his will. He declared he would continue his studies in the face of every objection, even if he had to "fire furnace another year and eat at Jackson's!"

MORE PLANS

With his next year fully planned, he again slipped back into the regular routine of laboratory work, lectures and reading. The paper on the "Equationer" as he called his Wheatstone Bridge application of the Grant machine was duly read and appreciated by the Math. Club. Following its presentation there he worked it into form and submitted

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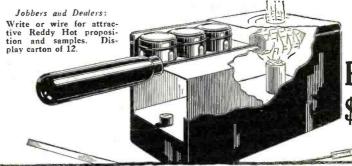
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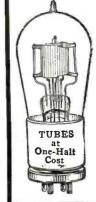
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This same interest in writing brought him many hours of happiness and not a little satiric humor. He practiced it with the greatest care when he composed his letter to Tesla at the time he was applying for a position at the conclusion of his first post graduate year. After the completion of the letter he was moved to be honest with himself. To soothe his conscience concerning its slight artificiality he wrote: "... composed the long anticipated letter to Tesla—with its orthodox out-cropping of genius, characteristic but inadvertent, of course!"

Still better, he waited until the Scientific Monthly had been published and saw to it that a copy containing his article on the "Equationer" was mailed to his revered

peer.

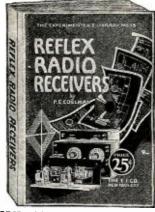
The same trait appeared while he was preparing the copy and ads for the Regatta Book—he and Stires, encouraged by their first success, decided to follow the same practice for the Intercollegiate regetta at Poughkeensie that Spring. In New York Poughkeepsie that Spring. In New York he was selling advertising for the volume. Confronted with the need of contract forms and not wishing to increase the overhead on the book, he set about writing his own agreements. Of it he wrote, "I wrote out my first contract fully sprinkled with 'hereby', 'said', 'party of the first part', etc., giving it a quite official appearance."

ROM the original orthodox Protestant minister's son of the early days, DeForest was continuing his transformation into the humanitarian and the true scientist. His observation of life was keen. Any new set of characters or circumstances were certain to warrant a long and complete analysis. The visits to New York necessitated by the business of the Regatta Book netted one of these outbursts which is worthy of repeti-tion. "I am all tired out." He wrote: tion. "I am all tired out. The wrote. "Short sleeps and long hard days trudging in the dim cars and elevators will soon crush out all the juice of a life, make a man a mere narrow grubber for money, knowing no rest nor thought but to save time, see some one, make money. The newspaper is his only solace and soon becomes like an intoxicant, a necessity. No time to think, to look within, to see what one really is and what actually is calling him. The great Jugernaught of city business makes of man a mere dry shell, perpetually weary, forever alert, always on the go. The intellect cannot work. How can one in such a life know what is in him? what is in him? I could never guess my genius there. It cannot be Life, to any. Many must be the great lives that are forever shriveled, locked in, undeveloped and unknown in the grimy city.

'Happily for me I know my life, and this is but for a brief space, a necessary, but unwelcomed interruption."

Further opinion of the modern business man in the eyes of DeForest is forthcoming from the same episode. For the sake of advertising he was called upon to write hundreds of letters to prospective purchasers of space. Of this grand he said, "The number of letters I write these days is astonishing. How few in return! I long to be at least in an agreeable business, my business, where there is none of this small fret and worry about other men. But I suppose I must face more or less of that all through





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life. This is good training for me, meeting business men.

This view is just another application of the previous one adopted both in his years at Hermon and later at Sheff. It seems that he demanded earnestness more than anything else. The person who had any of the air of the dillitante was not for DeForest. His own burning zeal and great pride combined with a lack of self-confidence in meeting others socially, all joined to make his a comparatively lone figure.

HUMAN NATURE

There was always something in the ordinary human equation that DeForest at this thoroughly understood. He time never realized this and strove to solve it. The most complicated thesis concerning the philosophical traits of Homo Sapiens were his delight. In such cases the conditions, the constants and the variables of the equation, were thoroughly understood, for they were plainly set forth. It was like they were plainly set forth. It was like mathematics, physics or electricity; there were certain conditions given and certain laws by which to predicate the results. With such problems DeForest was perfectly at home. He had a feeling, an instinct, which acted as a guide.

With the bulk of his fellow men, however, the way activated to the conditions of

it was an entirely different matter. Never having had any great amount of social contact he had never become versed in the gentle art of pidgeon-holing an individual upon first acquaintance. He was very real himself, and so, judging by the only standard he knew—himself—he expected others to fall into the same class. The results, as might easily be expected were many times disastrous. He had a pride that was nothing less than fierce. And it was invariably attacked in its most vulnerable spot, i.e., he was often laughed at

he was often laughed at.

He knew nothing of the generally used subterfuges of society and business. Those hits of it which he isolated from time to time filled him with disgust. He could never consider a person who stooped to them as

a friend.

It might have been one of Freud's compensations but nevertheless it was very true and very real that DeForest considered most social intercourse, as ordinarily indicated by the term "society" a complete waste of time. If it was a "compensation" it was because he felt a loss in not being able to join in it on account of deficiency in training. It is more probable, however, that his early formative years were so thoroughly given over to his chosen branch of work and knowledge that the other was completely crowded out. And since he never learned the rules of the "social game" he could never appreciate the value of the plays. It left him in very much the same position as the Englishman viewing an American baseball game for the first time. The whole thing appeared extremely silly.

Then his own reality and constant search after truth left him with an extreme distaste for the obvious (to him) superficiality and insincerity of the more socially inclined.

After each encounter with this philosophy which seemed to him so stupid he rushed back to his science with a relish. And as time went on and the exposition of the whole of science's realm unfolded itself to him, he grew more and more to appreciate his mathematics, that wonder branch of science which acts as a guide to the other fields. At times he was actually ecstatic in its praise. One such an occasion prompted him to declaim:

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The years will prove the soundness of my judgment."

This outburst seems to have filled him with further ambition, for the following day he applied himself with the utmost care to his experiments saying that he was entirely too careless in his work and must cultivate more precision.

He became so zealous in his work that he envied every moment consumed in the mere business of getting a living. He and an-other student decided that the "Prom Book" idea would go well at the Spring regetta and proceeded accordingly. They prepared and proceeded accordingly. They prepared the forms, sold the advertising and attempted to peddle the books. It meant more hard labor and time taken from his beloved experiments. He deplored the incursion of this "side line" upon his studies and "the time taken from his life." The only reason he considered it was because he planned on making enough money through the scheme to allow him to continue his experiments and study through the summer instead of working at something outside.

The venture was a miserable failure, however. Only a very small part of the books found buyers and the result was that De-Forest soon felt the ire of his creditors. As soon as the accounts were balanced and the printers found that he did not have enough money to pay them, they went straight to the sheriff's office. It was only by wheedling and promises that he kept out of the hands of the law. He was forced to make a couple of quick loans from friends to pay off the most urgent of the debts.

With the financial failure of this venture. he was thrust back again into the old familiar despondency over money. He was called to New York for a completion of the business. He paid a call to Tesla in the hope of securing work for the summer as a computer, on the strength of his mathematica! work. The great man received him. told him that he could take several of the sons of wealth at a remuneration to him (Tesla) of \$10,000 a year, but he refused, preferring, rather, to take the man who was in earnest and loved his work. He was extremely friendly in his reception of DeForest, but deplored the fact that he had a full staff





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Seeing more clearly than ever his need for immediate funds he went back again to his inventing. The bicycle craze was at its height so he looked about for some invention which could be applied to it. He vention which could be applied to it. decided upon a system of hydraulic drive. A flexible tube was substituted for the chain drive. Filled with a liquid, oil preferably, the pedals operated rollers which compressed the tube, thus creating a pressure. At the rear, a second set of rollers was attached to the wheel and was forced to revolve by the pressure in the tube. He sent the idea, after working it out completely, to one or two companies in America. When they re-iused it he submitted it to an English firm. The idea was good except that the wear and tear to which the tube would be constantly subjected would cause it to wear out in a short time. Again he was disappointed, for the English firm pointed out this deficiency of the device and DeForest immediately

A few days following the disastrous regetta brought the close of the collegiate year. Always a happy time, with the constant stream of school activities, his disappointment at the defeat was allievated and he slipped back into his old ways, enjoying the graduation events and continuing with deep interest his studies in electricity. He continued them all that summer

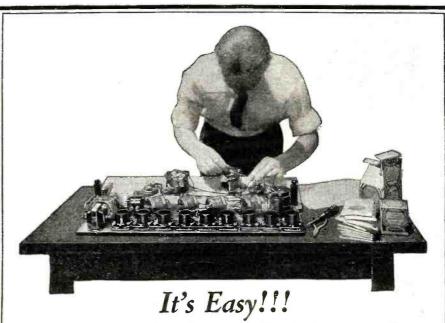
ASTRONOMICAL WORK

A few weeks after the termination of the term he was given a place in the astronomical observatory taking photographs of shooting stars or meteors. This position gave him several weeks work and he liked it very much, since the actual attention needed for the business at hand was not so great as to take his mind from his beloved specula-When he was not employed with the tions. stars the local gas company gave him work reading meters. All during the summer he continued his reading, and covered, aside from his regular text books, a work by Poincaré on Oscillations, a volume by Sir Oliver Lodge dealing with the "Modern Science" and all the current scientific literature in the periodicals. One of these latter was an extremely learned treatise upon the was an extremely learned treatise upon the modern theory of the ether and vortex rings. Of this he said: "My very soul is inflamed with desire, and burns with unspeakable zeal for scientific research. I must learn these truths. I must master the means of research, familiarize myself with the methods by which the evidence is found, probe deeply into these new fields which fascinate beyond all else. beyond all else.
"I shall learn to weigh an atom and

circumscribe a vortex ring-shall guess its shape and invent the few primeval knots and intertwinings that make up the several elements—shall postulate the causes of the attraction and dare to carry back to the ultimate (the particle) and the final force (the impact) and dare not speak of affinity as such: for that our whole experience will not allow. I shall plan how gold and silver may be interchanged, and invent the reason for the universal course of energy, and prophesy the last and final destination.

Gravitation, Electricity, Thought, Life, Gravitiation, Electricity, Thought, Life, God. These motions must be analyzed!"

The summer drifted on into the following school year without the slightest ripple in DeForest's affairs. He studied all the time. The routine of lectures and matriculation were simply slight changes in the day's routine. He had continued some of his laboratory work during the vacation, so early in the second of his post graduate years he plunged into Hertz's experiments. It was on October 11, 1897 that he began them. From that moment on, his interest, elegated at a high pitch increased. Of the already at a high pitch, increased. Of the beginning of this work he wrote. "Through-



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out this work the most important part of it shall be my own observations of original phenomena and investigations which I may follow up. Sometimes it is fascinating—most of the time. Of course there is always an amount of drudgery due to the souring of prof. H---- on me, in which he seems to take delight."

He continued to follow out Hertz's work for more than two months until he had covered that work completely. It was during the latter part of these investigations, while he was doing some work with resonator wires at night that he was almost forced out of laboratory work entirely. The gen-Prof. H---- knew it. On the night in question there was a lecture, illustrated with stereopticon views being given in another of the college buildings while De-Forest was carrying on his experiments. During the course of the lecture something wrong with the stereoptican lantern and the fuse was blown. No one at the lecture knew where to find the offending safety device and the lecture had to be terminated. Prof. H—— at once offered the explanation that DeForest had drawn too much current and overloaded the line, blowing the fuse. He acted accordingly, going to the laboratory to prove the correctness of the asumption. On arriving there he forgot to look for proof when he found a number of nails driven into an old work table for suspending the wires of the resonator. He flew into a rage—a rage which had been gathering for months. He told DeForest that this "conclusively proved his total unfitness for research work," and to betake himself elsewhere to carry on his future laboratory work. As DeForest expressed it in later years: "That audience was dismissed by candle light, and I was dismissed by day light, next morning!"

There was no alternative. An interview with one of the professors in the University post graduate school, Prof. "Buffalo" Wright, gave him the use of a part of Sloane laboratory whence he moved his apparatus and carried out the remainder of his work.

HE winter moved on toward spring and THE winter moved on toward spring and DeForest moved closer to his goal. But with the opening of fine weather there came the historic incident of the blowing up of the Maine and the attendant difficulties with Spain.

Always a hectic high-spirited person, extremely patriotic, the interim between the sinking of the Maine, the investigation and the notes and the actual declaration of war, were for DeForest weeks of disorganization, one day he was fully decided to enlist at the first opportunity. The next he could not console himself to thrust all his hard earned knowledge upon the alter of Cuba's freedom. But as the time passed and the feeling grew more and more intense, the spirit of his ancestors found its place in his character. He settled the point with his mother and prepared to enlist in the Yale Battery.

Chance again played him false and he was too late by one man to be given a place in the company. But having decided that the war could possibly last no longer than six months and having assured himself that he could make up the time lost to his studies, he would not be hampered by the mere fact that he could not get into the company of his choice. Cuba had to be freed and he must help. When the Battery took train at New Haven for the impromptu camp a few miles out of town, DeForest, with a number of other aspirants, went with them as a camp follower.

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and hoping for a place in the Battery. Tired of waiting, after a time, he decided to join the Connecticut National Guard. On May 18, 1898 he was mustered into the service of the United States of America as a private, first class. Later he became bugler with, as he said, "a horse to ride, two red stripes on my blue pants and no guard duty, horray.

During his stay in camp he wrote long treatises on the war, its inefficiency and the rottenness of his own luck in getting no nearer the action than Long Island Sound. His company stayed in the original camp for the entire term of the fighting. Patriotism bloomed in him and became one of his

strongest emotions.

The outdoor, rough life of the army camp did him a deal of good physically. After the one sickness in his second year, he had never recovered full health on account of the large amount of work he was carrying and the scant chance for proper exercise. He was kept so busy with drill and the routine of army life that very little record of any sort is left which would

Early in the following September the troops were returned to New Haven on furlough subject to call. Shortly after, they were mustered out. His back pay, given believed that the time allowed him to start his him at the time. allowed him to start his work again with a clean financial record. At last he was completely out of debt, due to the army pay and a gift from an old friend of his father.

With the return to his work he heaved a great sigh, dusted off his books, looked around the laboratory making plans for immediate experiments, selected his subject for the Ph.D. thesis and within three days was back into the harness as though nothing

had happened. Indeed a record.

The fall of the year was spent in work of the most intensive sort—he was compelled to review in turn each of his last year's subjects completely forgotten during his five months in camp; Prof. Gibb's Thermo-dynamics, Maxwell and higher mathematics, and pass a final exam, in each in sequence. This all in addition to his new and difficult lecture courses. Never before or since, says DeForest, has he worked so steadily, uninter-ruptedly, for so many hours a week, week after week, month after month, as during the last year at Yale. By the New Year (1899) he was in the midst of his work on the thesis, was carrying out a great many investigations on his own account in the field

of electric oscillations and Hertzian waves.

Time passed faster and faster as he came within hailing distance of his final college achievement, his Ph. D. degree. Work piled np and the strain constantly increased since the back work left undone through his enlistment in the army was not discharged until well after the first of the year. But when these tasks were finally off his mind, there was so much of the new that no respite offered. He had time to think of little else save the eternal grind at reading, lectures and experiments. Nevertheless we still find long dissertations, philosophical and literary in his faithfully kept diaries.

Cold Weather Aids Radio Transmission

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mitting stations shown by a radio compass. even in forenoons, when long wave compass bearings are usually free from errors.

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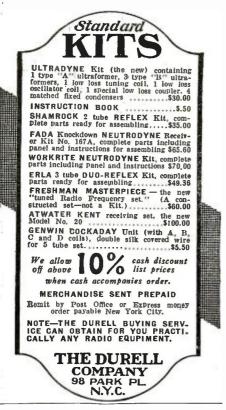
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ues, through apparently no connection with the weather. After March 19, the irregularities disappeared.

Observations on other long wave stations indicated that these large variations do not occur at a distance of 31 miles, but are large between 155 and 186 miles, and again decrease between 248 and 434 miles.

No definite explanation of this phenomenon has been found, although the cause is believed to be atmospheric. The connections with the cold waves suggest that either the part of the atmosphere concerned with the signal variations lies much below the Heaviside layer, between 50 and 62 miles, or that weather phenomena are correlated with atmospheric action at much greater heights than has been supposed.

How Your Ear Helps Out Your Loud Speaker

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trical filter which would cut off either the upper or the lower end of the scale at will.
One man sang "ah" at a pitch corresponding to 145 cycles per second. While an observer listened, the filter operator began to cut off the lower end of the pitch scale. As more and more frequencies were blotted out the pitch remained unchanged, but the quality grew worse and worse, until with all tones cut out below 1,500 cycles the sound was merely a noise.

THE EAR AND THE PIANO

Results with the piano were impressive. When the C key (129 cycle) was struck there was a small change in quality when all below 250 cycles was cut off; when all below 500 cycles was cut off the tone was metallic; when all below 1,500 cycles was eliminated the tone was clanging. Yet through it all the pitch remained unchanged.

For the violin, clarinet and organ pipe the results were the same.

What had happened? All energy below a certain pitch had been suppressed, yet a note in that range was heard. What is the explanation?

When you strike a piano key you send off air waves whose frequency is that to which the string is tuned. This note is called the fundamental. Also you send off waves at twice, three times, four times, etc., that fre-These are called the first, second, quency. third, etc., harmonics. In the case of the C_1 note on the piano (129 cycles) there are at least 10 harmonics. The number and relative loudness of these harmonics give the characteristic tone of the instrument by which we can tell a piano from a clarinet or a violin. They also make the difference between a \$20.000 Stradivarius and a cigarbox fiddle. And they make it possible for your ear to re-create the tones your loud speaker does not give out. Suppose the fundamental and the first two harmonics of the piano note C_1 are suppressed. We have eight or more harmonics left, and from them the ear makes up a tone whose pitch is that of the missing fundamental. The tone doesn't sound like the original.

WHIMS OF TRANSMISSION

Of course, some orchestral instruments are transmitted by wire and radio better than others. In general, the higher toned instruments sound more life-like. Deep-toned ones, like the piano or organ and kettledrums, fare the worst.

Since the piano has so many over-tones, it is logical that cutting them off at the upper end would have quite an effect on the quality or naturalness of the transmission. This is true in practice; observers reported that cutting off the sixth and higher harmonics killed the brilliance characteristic of a fine piano. Curiously, a male voice is in-

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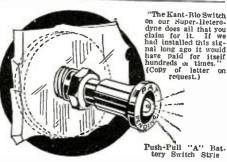
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SOME REVERBERATIONS NECESSARY

In the arrangement of a broadcast studio a room which gives no reverberation is just as bad as one giving too much. It is generally recognized that a bare room is undesirable, as the reverberations cause one note or syllable to follow over into the next, producing an unpleasant jumble of sound; but it is a very common error to cover the walls, floor and ceiling of the studio as completely as possible with sound absorbing material, entting off all echo and making the music sound "dead." This condition also makes it very difficult for a singer or violinist to keep on the key, as they are accustomed to getting the pitch of each note from the reverberation of the preceding one.

When, as is often the case, the program is presented in an assembly room or concert hall, it is obviously impossible to change the acoustic properties of the room. The best solution of the problem is then in properly locating the microphone transmitter. When a symphony concert is broadcast, the best place for the microphone has been found to be from 30 to 50 feet in front of the orchestra and 10 or 20 feet from the ceiling. This location picks up the sound of the orchestra as a whole, and does not catch 100 much reverberation or incidental noise from the audience. It is not desirable to scatter several microphones through the orchestra, as with this arrangement the noises from some of the instruments will be transmitted with greater intensity than that from others, and the balance of the ensemble will he lost.

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Some idea of the difficulty of artistically transmitting a program by radio is given by the fact that in one selection by a large orchestra, the volume of sound produced may be 100,000 times greater at one time than at another. As no broadcasting equipment has yet been devised which will handle such a range of intensities, it is necessary to vary the amount of amplification given the current from the microphone so that the sending apparatus will not be overloaded. This adjustment is made at the amplifier associated with the microphone, and calls for the greatest skill and care and the assistance of testing and recording instruments of extreme precision. A "volume indicator" bridged across the wires from the microphone follows accurately the strength of this current which is being delivered, and the operator varies the amplification so "B-T for Mine-For a Radio Good Time"

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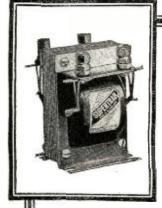
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RECEIVING TROUBLES

Receiving sets are found in so many varieties that no generalizations are practicable. Some of the most common sources of trouble, however, are these: Getting good results with a receiving set is largely a matter of arranging the various pieces of apparatus with a proper understanding of their characteristics. Transformers have been the causes of considerable trouble, although when the correct types are used satisfactory operation is obtained. Headsets, amplifiers and loud speakers of correct design will also tend to prevent the distortion which too commonly characterizes the output of an amateur's outfit.

With the broadcasting apparatus now available, practically perfect transmission can be obtained, although with most of the loud speakers now on the market it is not possible to take the fullest advantage of this high class material. Recent scientific research, however, based on the science of acoustics as well as of electricity, is producing apparatus which will satisfy even the most critical.

A De Luxe Amateur Station

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plifiers insure complete modulation with any type of microphone. During the past season a standard Western Electric "broadcasting" microphone and input amplifier was used for phone work and extremely high grade modulation was obtained.

Plate supply is obtained from a bank of Willard storage cells totalling 550 volts, or from an Esco motor-generator capable of delivering 1,500 volts to the tubes. An efficient filter system consisting of two 10-microfarad condenser banks and a total inductance of 70 henries produces a pure D.C. plate potential when the generator is in operation.

Power to run the plate supply motorgenerator is obtained from a 5-K.W. gasoline driven lighting generator installed in a separate building.

The radio room switchboard controls the generator output, chargers for the six filament batteries, and the high voltage Willard cells.

In order to keep vibration at a minimum, the motor-generator is mounted on a heavy section of cocoa matting, which in turn is located on a concrete support extending into the ground.

Filament and plate voltmeters are located on a small panel fastened above the transmitter. Suspended beneath this panel, which also holds the spare 50's, is a General Radio wavemeter. This provides an unusually clever method of maintaining a constant check on the operating wave-length. The wavemeter and the inductance of the transmitter are about 1½ feet apart, and by merely turning the wavemeter dial an accurate reading is made possible. As the meter is in exactly the same position throughout the summer, any difference in the output of the set is instantly noticed.

The receiving equipment is the unusual feature of the station. There are 21 complete sets, ranging from an eight tube Super-Heterodyne to one tube receivers, in operation during the camp season. All amateur code work is copied on a home-made low-loss receiver. Head-phones are very seldom used, as practically all DX can be received with sufficient intensity to operate the Western Electric or the Magnavox loud speakers. Stations in every district, and in England, have been logged by this method nearly every evening, and it is apparently easier

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A Short Wave Adapter for the Broadcast Receiver

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The socket is of the panel mounting type and has a shock-absorbing attachment. This latter feature is not absolutely necessary, but is desirable since working at the high frequencies for which the adapter is designed, stability is both elusive and of the greatest importance. A UV-199 tube is used because of its low internal capacity. In making the connections to the socket flexible wire is used. Bus bar is suitable for the remainder of the set, but since its stiffness might pass on a measure of outside vibration, its use is prohibited in the socket leads.

For laying out the panel, pass a center line through the panel and drill the center holes for the condenser shafts on this line. The condensers are spaced seven inches apart. The variable resistance and filament control switch may be placed as convenient. The lay-out depicted in the illustrations is good

and may as well be followed.

If care is taken the coils may be attached directly to the rear of the condensers as shown. This is by far the best method and should be followed. The heavy wire of which the coils are wound is sufficient to support them and the advantage of short leads is gained, which advantage is extremely important in short wave work. No appreciable losses are incurred by mounting the coils close to the condensers because of the small amount of metal used in their construction. The coils are mounted at an angle of approximately 60 degrees so as to minimize the coupling between them. They are placed so that the condenser plates are not in their magnetic field.

The variable resistance, having a range from one-half to 10 megohms, is of the commercial carbon compression type. No rheostat is used in the filament circuit since the tube is oscillating continuously while the set is in operation. An amperite may be employed for the protection of the tube.

As shown in the wiring diagram, the frames of the variable condensers are grounded. This is extremely important as any condenser used in the set must be constructed with the plates insulated from the frame and the frame so constituted that it may be separately grounded. This feature must be included in order that the body capacity effect of the operator becomes



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With the condenser used, a vernier adjustment is incorporated, a gearing arrangement from the knob to the plate shaft having a 32 to 1 reduction ratio. This vernier control was found absolutely necessary in order to tune in a short wave station. The complete gearing mechanism of the vernier shaft and gearing is also grounded to the framework, so that the motion of the gears causes no change in capacity. It is absolutely noiseless in operation, which is a distinct advantage.

The brass supporting strips and braces are also grounded. The leads from the condenser frame and the supporting strips are passed to the ground binding post and attached.

Three dry cells or a 4½-volt "C" battery may be used for furnishing the supply to the UV-199 tube; 22½ to 45 volts will be required on the plate. When the set is ready for operation, a test will have to be made for oscillation. If the grid leak is screwed out to maximum the set will squeal. Before tuning in a station, the leak should be turned down until the squeal stops. The set can be easily tested by connecting a head set to the out-put terminals and leaving out the coupling coil described below.

The coupling method for attaching the heterodyning apparatus to the set will depend upon the set and its peculiarities. In the diagram a coupling coil is used. The coil is nothing less than a 60-turn spiderweb coil connected to the output binding posts with a two-foot length of telephone cord. This cord is for the purpose of gaining the proper capacity for by-passing the short wave oscillation. Any other lead may be used so long as the necessary capacity is given. However, the wire mentioned is probably the easiest obtainable and will serve the purpose admirably.

The coupling coil is placed in the maximum inductive relation to the first Neutroformer in the set. See Fig. 6. (This is presuming that the adapter is to be used in connection with the standard Neutrodyne or similar tuned radio frequency receiver.) Other connections are optional. The coupling coil may be disconnected and the leads taken directly to the aerial and ground binding posts on the set, if there is no series condenser in the circuit, or to the top and bottom lead of the Neutroformer. In each case, the two-foot capacity lead must be used. The coupling coil usually gives the best results.

In tuning the apparatus, the receiving or intermediate frequency, as it may be called, is selected with an eye to the most efficient point in the standard receiver. In the case of the Neutrodyne a low wave-length is chosen, since by principle the set works best below 360 meters. After the coupling coil is in place, adjust the three dials of the Neutrodyne to about the same setting in the neighborhood of about 20 or 30 degrees. Turn the tube condensers of the heterodyning unit until the station is brought in and then readjust the three dials of the Neutrodyne for loudest reception. Following this, the oscillator is again tuned and then the process is repeated until the Neutrodyne end of the apparatus is in as perfect tune as possible. The Neutrodyne is never touched after being once brought into perfect resonance. All short wave stations are brought in with the heterodyning unit alone.

In the case of a regenerative receiver, the coupling coil is put in place, as above, in maximum coupling to the secondary of the tuner. If there is a tuned primary circuit, although not necessary, remove it. Then the short wave signal is heterodyned with the secondary at any wave the operator may

desire. The most efficient setting would probably be somewhere above the center of the condenser. While the preliminary tuning with the oscillator is taking place, the regenerative set may be oscillating so that the squeal of the received station's carrier wave can be heard. The tickler is then turned back until the set is just under the point of oscillation. When very carefully adjusted for signal strength and clarity, readjustments are unnecessary.

The procedure in other sets is practically the same. The system works very well when used in connection with a standard Super-Heterodyne. The writer obtained excellent results with this arrangement. It is interesting to note that the short wave signal of about 60 meters was first heterodyned to about 350 meters, amplified by regeneration and heterodyned again to about 6,000 meters and amplified again by regeneration detected and them again by regeneration. eration, detected and then amplified at audio

In closing, it might be well to reiterate a few warnings as to the placement and choosing of apparatus. The condensers are chosen for their low minimum capacity, as well as for the other reasons stated. Their minimum is less than 2.5 micromicrofarads. When used with the above coils, an approximate wave-length range of 50 to 150 meters was obtained. The leads must all be kept as short as possible and as direct to the terminals as the position of the apparatus will permit. For this reason it is best to follow the plan given in the present lavout.

For the sake of low internal capacity, the UV-199 type of tube is about the only one permissable in the set. Its low capacity fits in perfectly with the other specifications and demands of the unit. No spaghetti should be used if practicable and the design allows perfect protection for the wiring and tube

without its employment.

When complete, the unit may be slipped into a standard 7x12-inch cabinet.

Preliminary tests showed that an indoor aerial 10 or 15 feet long gave best results. Properly, the antenna length should be near one quarter of the wave-length to be received. For this reason the standard out-of-door type is out of the question. For instance, for the recention of a wave-length instance, for the reception of a wave-length of 80 meters, the aerial should be about 20 meters long, including the lead-in. A meter is equivalent to 40 inches.

The set is grounded in the regular fashion, i.e., to the nearest water pipe. If the aerial is well insulated and the set constructed carefully, when it is first connected it will work, and there will be no lack of short wave signals on the air with which the en-

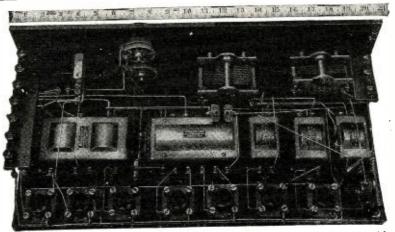
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Will Radio Make Our Railroads Safe?

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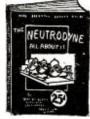
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normally. But-suppose something has distracted his attention for the moment and he tracted his attention for the moment and he turns his head, passing the signal without noting its indication. Or suppose a sudden fit of dizziness seizes him, just for a moment, but long enough to dim his vision against that significant red light. All the electrical signaling systems in the world electrical signaling systems in the world would not help him then—that is, other than the continuous train control method.

It is to meet just such conditions as those above described and countless other similar situations, that Mr. Thomas E. Clark, of Detroit, Michigan, has spent the last 15 years in the development of a really efficient continuous train control system. Mr. Clark continuous train control system. Mr. Clark will be remembered by many old-timers in the radio communication field, when the Clark Wireless System was in active opera-tion on the Great Lakes. Up until 1910, Mr. Clark's entire time and efforts directed to the development of an efficient radio communication system on the Lakes, but since his retirement from that field, his whole interest has been devoted to train

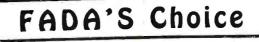
control work.

That he has achieved success is best understood by the fact that he has been devices. granted numerous patents on various devices in connection with train control, and these have been taken over by a prominent New York engineering concern, which is pushing the development work with all possible speed, making actual installation tests on the prominent railroad systems of the country. It has been the writer's privilege to be associated in this work in and around Detroit, and it is from his personal experiences and observations that the present paper is

prepared.

The primary purpose of the continuous control of railroad trains, is to offer absolute protection to human life and property. type of protection has been considered so important by the U.S. Government, that the Inter-State Commerce Commission has actually ORDERED all first-class railroads actually ORDERED all hirst-class railroads in the country to install continuous train control within a definite specified time limit, in spite of the fact that no such system is actually in its final form for installation. In order to obtain such protection, it is agreed that the human element must be administed and the train actually controlled eliminated and the train actually controlled from a start to a dead stop without the aid of human endeavor. While this may sound,



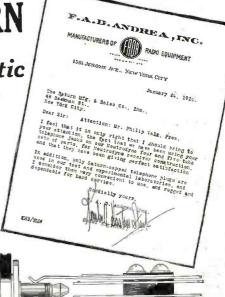


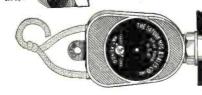


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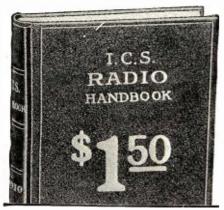
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to the uninitiated, like an insurmountable problem, it is really quite simple.

In working out such a control system, it must be considered that the present signal system utilizes the two rails to carry direct current as supplied from a storage battery, to actuate the signal mechanism. This current as the signal mechanism of the control of the signal mechanism. rent flow is quite small, being about one half volt at from 200 to 300 milliamperes. When no train or other metallic obstruction by the usual signal lights, the lights are normally dark. However, if a train enter the proceedings section, correctly the procedure section, correctly the procedure section. the preceding section, approaching the signal, the effect of its wheels and axles short-circuiting the rails causes the proper light to show, dependent of course upon the conditions in the block thus protected. Obviously, then, any control system which utilizes the tracks to carry an electric current will experience difficulty in preventing a short circuit of the rails by the control wiring, thus rendering the block system practically useless. It, therefore, develops that a current of some characteristic which will not cause such a condition be used. Radio frequency currents solve this problem admirably, for they may be fed into the track through an ordinary fixed condenser, passing through it easily, whereas the direct passing through it easily, whereas the direct passing through its signal machanism is current used in the signal mechanism is effectively blocked by a condenser. Further precautions to keep the radio frequency energy from entering any signal equipment are taken by inserting proper radio frequency chokes in the direct current wiring.

Feeding radio frequency current into the rails may sound very simple, but it nevertheless presents a number of complications. Using a vacuum tube oscillator, conceded to be the most efficient producer of radio frequency currents, makes it essential that a comparatively high voltage be fed into the tracks, even though the current be kept low. When it is considered that with the latest type of railroad tie, which is zinc-treated, a resistance of but about ½ ohm per section (3,000 to 5,000 feet) exists between rails. it is a difficult proposition to keep the relatively high voltage from leaking. Radio frequency will follow the two rails for a distance that presents less resistance than that between rails, but once the stretch of track increases its resistance, as it is bound to do with length, the energy naturally follows. lowing the easiest path returns across the ties to the other rail, rendering the energy useless beyond the leakage path. Such a path has been found to be but a few hundred feet from the point where the energy is fed into the rails, whereas it is essential that a good bit of the initial energy reach the extreme end of the block, sometimes 5,000 feet distant. Leakage conditions are almost double during rainy weather or whenever the ties are coated with moisture. This makes it essential that practically double the required energy be available in the rails during dry weather to take care of the wet condition. condition.

After considerable exhaustive experimental work had been conducted, it was finally determined to use one or both rails, as experimental work proved most desirable, and a wired circuit carried on poles along the right-of-way. Any leakage effects, steady or varying with weather conditions, would then present no obstacle to the radio frequency energy. Tests made with this system established the fact that it was easily tem established the fact that it was easily possible to get about the same energy at the extreme end of the block as at the entrance point, and accordingly, experiments are being conducted on this score.

Once the proper value of radio frequency current is established, and maintained in the rails, it remains only for a suitable loop pick-up device to be installed on the locomotive, with the pick-up loop in inductive relation to the rail or axle, as found most desirable. The current thus induced in the



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Such 10,000-meter waves, following the rail, are picked up by the loop placed in inductive relation thereto, and actuate the relay in the circuit that is tuned for 10,000 meters. Upon closing, this relay will cause a light (green or "clear" for purposes of illustration) to light in a miniature signal tower in the engine cab. The engineer then traffic conditions ahead of him. knows the traffic conditions ahead of him, and the train is left entirely within his con-

Should the main signal light, beside the track, show yellow, or "caution", however, a 12,000-meter wave would be pumped in the rails and actuate the other tuned circuit, which has been adjusted to resonance, lighting a yellow ("caution") signal in the cab indicator, and through additional equipment, operating a speed control governor, automatically reducing the speed of the train to a predetermined speed of say, 30 miles an hour. This is done without the engineer making a move.

Suppose, however, a "danger" condition exists, and a red light shows beside the track. In this case, the oscillator is not energized, and no radio frequency current enters the rails. Both relays in the cab being open, contacts are engaged which light a red signal in the cab indicator, and apply the brakes, slowing the train to a permissive speed of 10 or 15 miles an hour, or bringing it to a complete ston, as the governor may it to a complete stop, as the governor may be set at the shops.

Obviously then, as no energy produces the danger indication, the failure of the control system, such as the destruction of a tube, the interruption of the circuit, or the rails short circuited by some object, would also produce the same identical danger condition aboard the locomotive. The great value here, though, lies in the fact that regardless of whether the engineer is alert and on the job, or whether a sudden attack of heart trouble has left him without life, the train is perfectly controlled in harmony with the traffic conditions ahead.

Many little difficulties have been encountered; for instance, the effect of the train moving through the block producing a constant change of wave-length, was found necessary to overcome. This the writer did, by the use of an intermediate circuit, capacity coupled to a Hartley oscillator, and inductively coupled to the track. This appeared to give the tube the same action substantially, as the impact type of spark radio transmitter; the "antenna" (rail) circuit oscillated at its own natural frequency, regardless of what the oscillator was doing. Incidentally, the same circuit, applied to a vacuum tube radio telegraph transmitter, produced remarkable results, and the writer intends to investigate this further.

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responsible. An engineer had disregarded a danger signal, a brakeman had failed to properly close a switch, or some similar little carelessness or neglect had been the primary cause for such an accident. Obviously, with an efficient system of continuous train control, such accidents could never occur.

Many prominent railroad men, as well as numerous electrical experts have great faith in the early development of a practical train control system. They feel that it is but a question of time before our railroads will consider train control in the same sense that they now look on block signaling, indispensable. The Clark organization is making rapid strides in its efforts to offer the first perfected system of automatically controlling railroad trains, and it would seem that with properly directed energy and concentrated effort, surrounded by a capable development staff, they should early achieve success.

Multi-Stage Radio Frequency Amplification

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In Fig. 30 we have reproduced the arrangement of Fig. 29 in a manner which may be a little clearer to some. We have now shown the grid to plate capacity of the tube by the condenser C₃, while C₄ represents the neutralizing or balancing capacity which actually consists of a real con-denser. In this circuit it will be seen that the point G will, as far as any amplified currents in the plate circuit of a tube are concerned, always have the same potential at the point S and therefore the same potenas the filament of the tube.

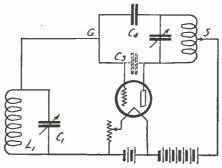


Fig. 30. A more lucid drawing of the circuit of Fig. 29. Inherent capacities are represented symbolically so that the action of the circuit may be clearly understood.

connecting the middle point between Cs and C4 to the grid of the tube we ensure that oscillations in the plate circuit of a tube will not in any way effect the potential of the grid, the potentials on which will now be simply those due to the oscillations in the circuit L₁ C₁.

The arrangements of Figs. 29 and 30 may be reversed so that the plate circuit remains normal, but the grid circuit has a middle tapping to enable the neutralizing electromotive forces from the plate circuit to compensate for the grid to plate capacity of the tube.

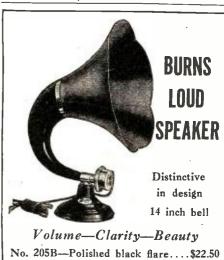
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Third Radio Conference Makes for Better Radio Service

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After an extended discussion on the details of making recommendations to the Conference it has been deemed advisable for the Department to follow a "hands off" policy regarding material broadcast, as it is believed that each station desires to cover a certain field and to entertain or educate a





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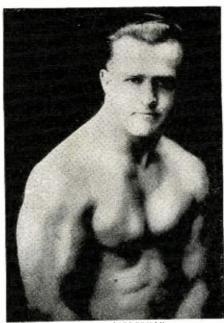
In regard to the changing of the requirements for operators' licenses, it has been recommended by this Committee that the present experiment and instruction grade of license be made more elastic if possible to permit the holders of such licenses to operate broadcast stations when such licenses are issued to professors of physics and fellows of the Institute of Radio Engineers, and men of equal qualifications. It has been deemed advisable that the operators employed at broadcast stations throughout the country should not be required to secure the same class of license as required for marine communication. The present so-called marine license insists that the holder have a thorough knowledge of all modern systems of radio communication, and as radio broadcasting and the apparatus pertaining thereto is a science within a science, this Committee recommends that a new class of operators' licenses be created, different from the license required of other types of service and the examination for it be based upon the needs of the broadcasting service.

The question of increased power for broadcast stations has been considered in detail, and the Committee has decided: "to determine the advisability of permitting the expansion of broadcasting by the employment of increased power beyond that prescribed in the regulations for Class B stations, and to permit the use of apparatus for this pur-pose to any individual and to remove certain limitations now prescribed for Class B stations, and for the purpose of observing what interference, if any, might result in public broadcast reception in the various localities, this Committee recommends that a new class of license be established and that licenses in this class shall be granted by the Secretary of Commerce, who shall have discretionary power to prescribe the type of apparatus. location, frequency, power requirements of operation of such stations, and that licenses for such stations shall be granted on an experimental basis only, and for such period or periods of time as the Secretary of Commerce may determine.

Although the Government refused to take off the lid in regard to power limitations, experimental licenses for high-power broadcasting are assured and it is up to the radio engineers to show the radio supervisors and the listening public the benefits of high-power broadcasting. The engineers of the Radio Corporation, who propose to erect a 40 to 50 k.w. station outside of New York in the near future, are going forward with their plans and will request the first super-power broadcasting license under a revised Class D or development permit. As soon as the technicians work out the details of minimum interference and set up the station, the public, within a range of a thousand miles of New York, at least, will have an opporof New York, at least, will have an oppor-tunity of listening in on the R. C. A. super-broadcaster. No doubt, it will also carry to Europe and South America as well as all over the United States. If the inspectors or the public find that this station interferes seriously with the reception of other stations, the Department will cause it to close down, since this is a requirement of the special permit.

It is also probable that nine smaller broadcasters will also apply for permission to broadcast with 5 k.w. sets under the same conditions, and, as was pointed out, a broad-casting system of pure radio may soon be competing for radio popularity with the chain of the inter-connected stations served by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., which has made possible nation-wide broadcasting.

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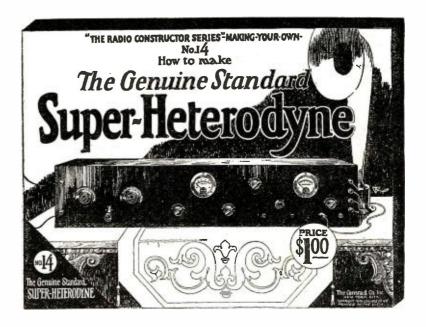


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Marine communications will be handled on 660, 730, 875 and 706 meters, giving the ships five channels instead of two, also removing coast-wise interference and congestion. Amateurs retain substantially the same wave bands as heretofore, but benefit by low wavelengths assigned temporarily by the Department recently; all of which assures the amateurs an increase in channels over what they had a year ago, and permits greater latitude in 24-hour operation.

The conference voted not to interfere with broadcast programs, discouraging censorship definitely. The conferees found that simultaneous broadcasting of national events is practical over a large area and believes that nation-wide broadcasting by interconnecting stations deserves encouragement.

Additional funds for the administration of matters radio were urged of Congress in a special plea of the whole Conference.

Hiram Percy Maxim, President of the American Radio Relay League, reported as chairman of the subcommittee on amateur problems. It was recommended by this committee that the use of receiving sets capable of radiating be discouraged for use on the short wave relay broadcast band.

In order to eliminate as far as possible the interference from amateur transmitting sets, it was recommended that, except in case of transmitters using coil antennas or loops, of transmitters using coil antennae or loops. radiating system or a device producing an equivalent effect be required in all amateur transmitters. All of the amateur bands shall be open to telegraphic communication by tubes or devices producing similar effects, except those outlying forms of I.C.W. obtained by mechanical interruption on radio frequency circuits. A band of 170 to 180 meters was assigned non-exclusively to amateur radio telephone and I.C.W. stations which employ apparatus in which one of the radio frequency circuits is mechanically interrupted. This keeps those types of amateur transmitting sets which are capable of producing the greatest amount of interference well within the largest amateur band.

Previous to his remarks. Secretary Hoover had been thanked personally for his service to radio science, on motion of Earle C. Anthony, of California, who said: "Mr. Anthony, of California, who said: Hoover has practically given up his time day and night to this work, and it shows the interest of our Secretary in radio. I would. therefore, like to call for a vote of thanks to Mr. Hoover for his personal interest." The motion was seconded and carried with

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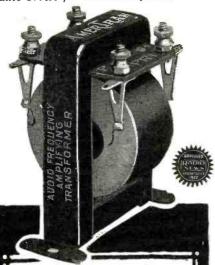
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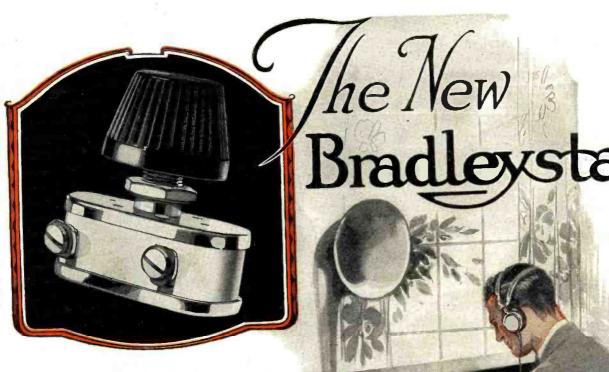
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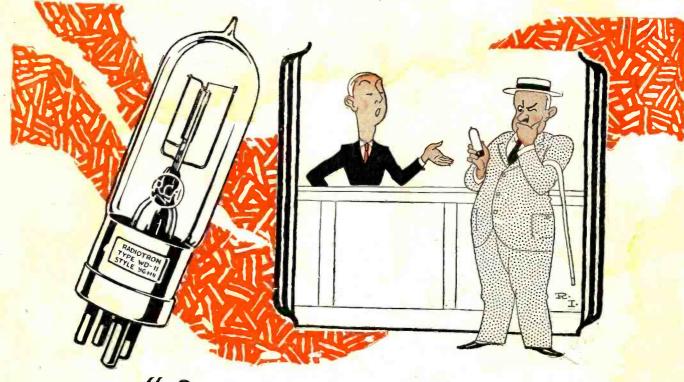
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