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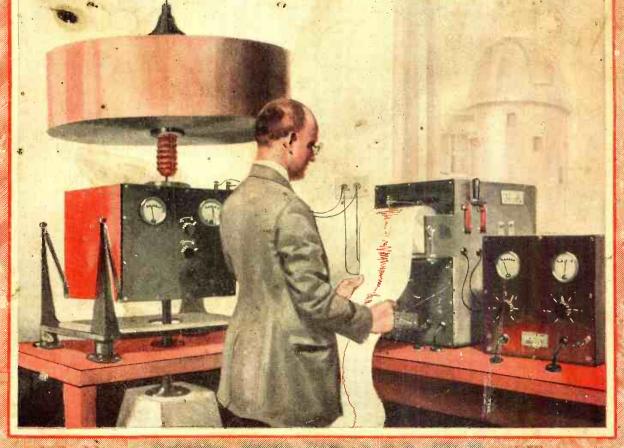
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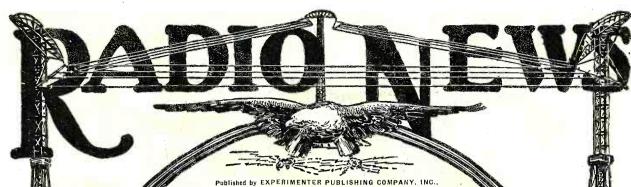


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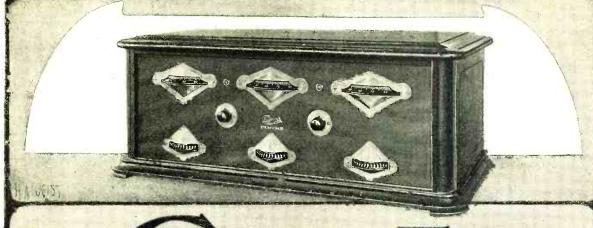
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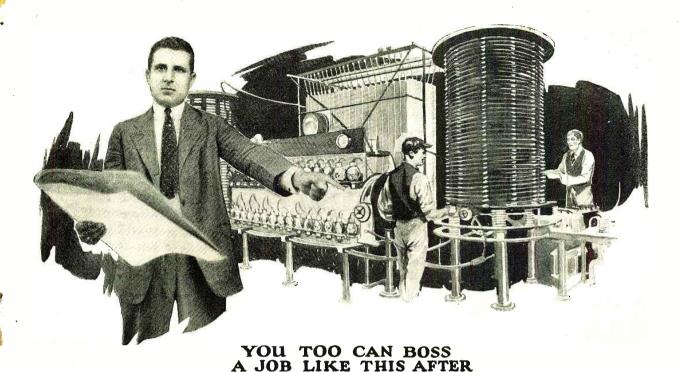
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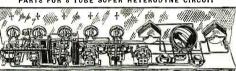


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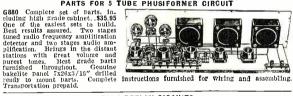
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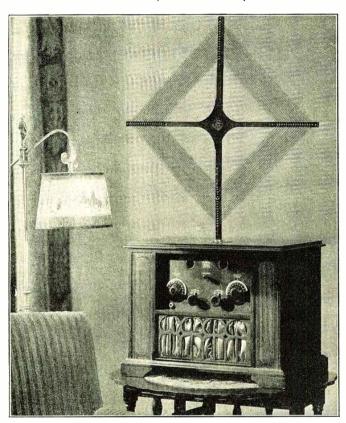
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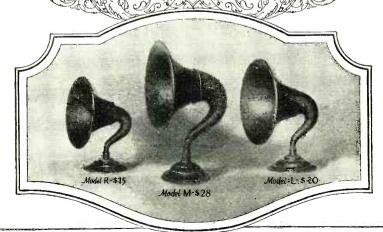
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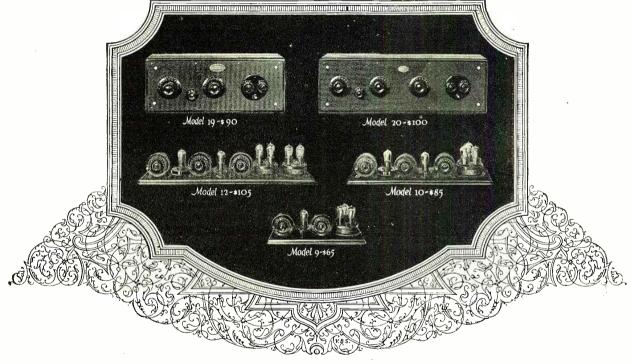
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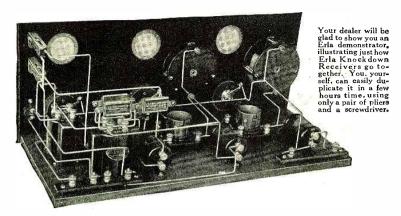




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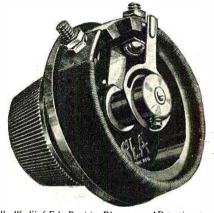
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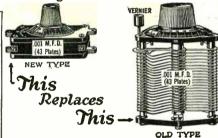
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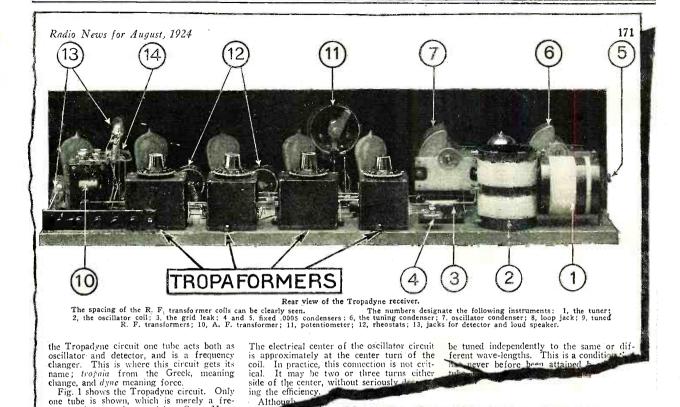
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For Better Radio

By HUGO GERNSBACK

HEN we come to analyze radio reception as it is at present, we are confronted immediately by the word interference. A first-class set that times exceedingly sharp is a boon and at the same time very clusive. A first-rate set using, for instance, regeneration, tuned radio frequency or the Super-Heterodyne principle, will tune sharply with certain exceptions. The exceptions are due to locality. A set which tunes so sharply that it can eliminate any station and bring in another at will, may work exceedingly well in the country and yet give little satisfaction in the city, or perhaps vice versa, depending altogether upon locality. So, the inherent fault does not lie so much in the design of the set, but in the location, as already mentioned. And most important, it is the broadcast stations which cause most of the interference.

To give an example, suppose you have an excellent radio frequency or Super-Heterodyne set which brings in great distances. Suppose you are located in Chicago and you wish to listen in to, let us say, WBAO located at Decatur, Illinois. This station operates on 360 meters wave-length which is 833 kilocycles. But if you will consult your broadcast station list you find that in the country there are no less than 163 stations transmitting on this particular wavelength. Now, there is a strong chance that a dozen of these may be operating at the same time. It is true that some of them may be operating at the same time. It is true that some of them may be 1,000 miles away. But the very fact that your set brings in the far away station begins to operate to its detriment. The chances are that you will not be able to tune in WBAO. As a matter of fact you may pick up another station operating on 360 meters—833 kilocycles—or you may not be able to tune in to a 360 meter station at all, as several of the stations operating at this wave-length may be heterodyning each other. This, in siguage, means they are interfering among themselves. This, in simple language, means they are interfering among themselves. A good analogy of this would be a dozen pianos, standing in a big hall. If six out of the twelve pianists were all to strike simultaneously the key A flat, it would be impossible for you, no matter how well you were listening, to tell which one particular piano was sounding. They would all come to your ear with the same sound frequency. But suppose again you have cleven of the pianists striking the A flat and one among them strikes the high C; immediately you would be able to side out that pring from which high C originated would be able to pick out that piano from which high C originated. Exactly so in radio.

The trouble in radio today, particularly in this country, is that broadcast stations operate either on the same wave-length or on wave-lengths separated insufficiently to make tuning easy. No matter how sharp the receiving instrument may time, either now or in the future, it will be impossible for such a set to separate the stations

operating on practically the same wave-length.

It is a fact that the shorter the wave-length becomes, the easier it is to separate the various stations. For instance WOAW operates at 526 meters, 570 kilocycles. In order to preclude the creation of interference immediately below and above this wave-length the next wave-length at which a station may operate must be separated from the former by several meters. Thus WCX, 517 meters, 580 kilocycles, is separated from the 526-meter station by 9 meters, while the next station immediately above, namely KYW, 536 meters, 560 kilocycles, had to be separated by a full ten meters.

On the other hand the lower we go down in the wave-length the easier it becomes to separate the stations.

fact that the lower the wave, the higher the frequency in kilocycles and when you tune sharply it is not the wave-length which interests us so much as the number of kilocycles by which the stations are separated. For instance, station WHAG operates on 222 meters or 1.350 kilocycles, while station KFOB operates on 224 meters or 1,339 kilocycles. Although the two stations are only separated by two meters there are eleven kilocycles between the two stationsenough to enable a good set to tune in either one of them without interference from the other. The further we decrease the wavelength the easier it becomes to sharply tune to the various stations.

length the easier it becomes to sharply tune to the various stations. For instance, if we could produce and use—and shortly we will—say a 4-meter wave-length, we would find this wave-length to have 75,000 kilocycles, while at 5 meters we should find 60,000 kilocycles. In other words, between the wave-lengths of four and five meters, we have a difference of 15,000 kilocycles. This translated into everyday language means that all the broadcast stations in the entire world, even if there were 5,000 of them, operating simultaneously could comfortably work without interference between the wave-lengths of five and ten meter—a startling fact, but true.

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The authorities in Washington already have come to this conclusion and the Department of Commerce will shortly rearrange wave-lengths on a different scale. At the present time there are wave-lengths on a different scale. At the present time there are more than 500 broadcast stations operating on wave-lengths between 545 and 222 meters. Soon this will be changed to 545 to 200 meters. While this may help the present situation, the chances are that in the distant future all the broadcast stations will be operated on waves far below 100 meters. While there is, of course. no likelihood of this being brought about immediately, the trend of

the times is in that direction.

When Wireless, as it was then called, was young, it was common practice to operate stations from 6,000 to 16,000 meters. such wave-lengths had been adopted for broadcasting it would be altrost impossible to separate the stations unless their wave-lengths were hundreds of meters apart. But we slowly are learning that the short wave-length is a step toward the ultimate in efficiency. one thing—and this is quite important—the lower the wave-length, the less interference there will be between stations; but still more important, at wave-lengths below 20 meters static is a thing of the past. No more crashes in the phones or loud speaker! Almost uncanny quiet reigns in that low region of the wave band.

Nor is this all. At the present time, as every radio fan knows, it becomes almost impossible to pick up a distant station during daylight. Not so with the low wave-lengths. With them daylight does not seem to affect transmission at all, nor is fading noticeable. Recent experiments have been made with a 90-meter wave-length. and European stations came in quite well during the daytine with no fading. Station KDKA, Pittsburgh, which has been transmitting on an extra short wave of 68 meters comes in just as loudly during daylight as at night. The same is the case with Station WGY which is now broadcasting on a wave-length of about 15 meters and is covering tremendous distances. It is as yet more or less difficult to build receiving sets operating at such low waves, but all these things will be solved in short order.

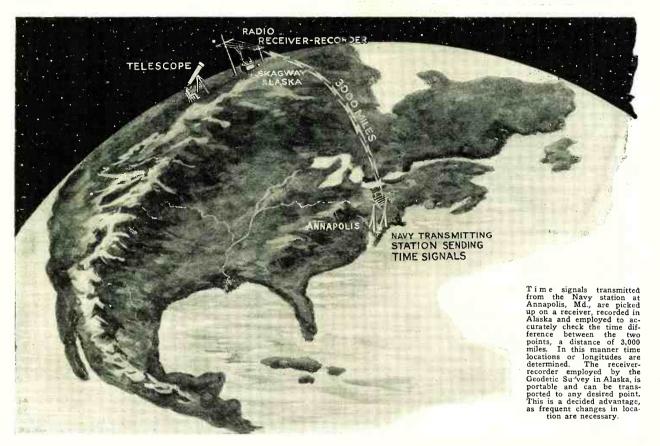
The writer well remembers, when in his editorial in the February, 1912, issue of *Modern Electrics* he first advocated that amateurs be allowed to use a 200-meter wave-length. The amateurs themselves ridiculed the idea and the law-makers in Washington were only too glad to assign this low wave-length to the amateurs, because the authorities then thought it certain that it was impossible to receive and transmit at such a "ridiculously" low wave-length. Nevertheless the writer was completely vindicated in the years that followed and the amateurs, thrown upon their own resources, had to find means of operating at this wave-length. The tremendous distances they have covered and are covering every day using this wave-length is sufficient proof that it was not impossible. The writer feels certain that within the next ten years all broadcast stations will operate on wave-lengths below ten meters.

Determining Longitude by Radio



How the Coast and Geodetic Survey has successfully employed radio as a means for determining accurate longitudes at isolated locations.





OR the past three years the Coast and Geodetic Survey has successfully made use of the Naval Observatory radio time signals sent out through the Annapolis radio station in determining accurate longitudes both in the United States and Alaska.

The use of radio for determining accurate longitudes on land is a new and important development in the radio field. Mariners have, of course, depended for several years upon radio time signals for obtaining longitude at sea. They have used the audible method for receiving the signals and have compared the signals directly with their chronometers. This method is not accurate enough, however. for longitudes on land, as a tenth of a second of time is far greater than the allowable limit of error for this class of work and it is doubtful if the audible reception of radio time signals can be depended upon even that closely.

It became necessary to devise some automatic mechanical method for receiving and recording radio signals if they were to be used for land measurements. Various kinds of apparatus for this purpose have been in use in observatories and laboratories for some time, but none of them were found to be suitable for field conditions, being either too heavy and cumbersome to be transported conveniently or too delicate and complicated for field use.

At the request of officials of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Bureau of Standards undertook to design the required apparatus. Dr. E. A. Eckhardt and Dr. J. C. Karcher, physicists at the bureau, after careful experimentation, finally succeeded in constructing a radio recording device which has given excellent results. It has recorded the Annapolis time signals as far away as Skagway, Alaska, about 3.000 miles. The difference in time between Washington and Alaska made the regular 10 p. m. time signals too early for the necessary star observations in Alaska, which should be made near the time of the signals, and so the Naval Observatory sent out special time signals at 4 a. m. while the Alaskan work was being done.

THE APPARATUS

The new recording apparatus consists of a receiving set with a special sensitive relay which is operated by the incoming signals, which, in turn, operates the pen of a chronograph and makes a pyramid in the line traced on the chronograph sheet. The local chronometer is also connected with the pen through another relay so that it, at the beginning of each second, makes another pyramid in the line on the chronograph sheet. The result therefore, is a permanent record of a direct comparison of the local chronometer with the Naval Observatory clock and this enables the difference of longitude to be com-

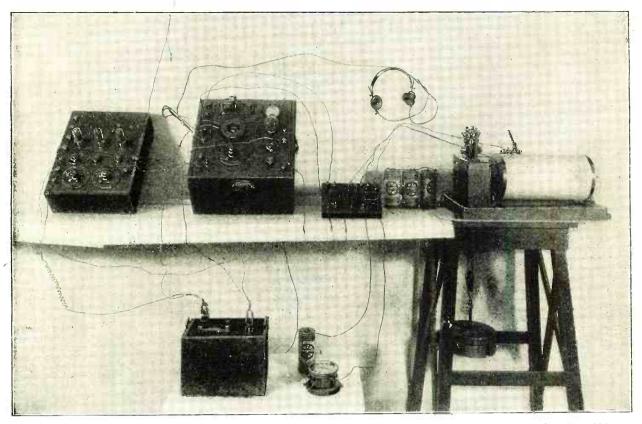
puted. A small section of a chronograph sheet is shown in an accompanying illustration.

Longitude is the distance of a point in degrees minutes and seconds east or west of the meridian through Greenwich, England. The most convenient and accurate way to measure longitude is to determine the difference in time between some place whose longitude is known and the place in question. For example, when it is noon at Greenwich it is 51 minutes and 44 seconds past 6 o'clock, a. m., local mean time (not standard time) at the Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C. The difference in time between the two places is, therefore, 5 hours 8 minutes and 16 seconds, and this corresponds with 77° 04′ 00″ of longitude.

To measure the difference in the longitude of two places it is necessary to make star observations to determine local mean time at both places, and then to send some signal or series of signals which will travel practically instantaneously from one station to the other to find out how much the time at the eastern place is faster than the time at the western place.

It was formerly the practice to transmit these signals by wire telegraph or cable line or by a combination of the two. This required each station to have a temporary wire connection with some telegraph office or line and so involved considerable expense.

Now that radio signals are used in place



The radio receiver-recorder employed at Skagway. Both the chronometer (under the table) and the radio receiver are connected to relays which actuate separate pens on the chronograph. The chronograph is seen at the extreme right of the photo. The relays are to the left of it.

of the wire signals there is practically no restriction in the location of stations. They may be placed anywhere the equipment can be carried no matter how far from railroads and telegraph lines. This is a great advantage as it makes possible accurate longitude determinations on small islands, at the tops of mountain peaks, or in the interior of jungles.

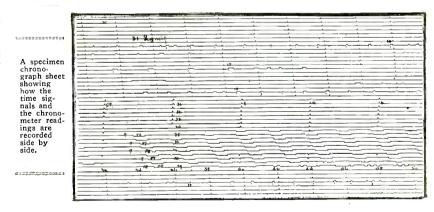
The tests of the radio method during the past two years or more seem to indicate that it will give even greater accuracy than the wire method. The various relays and repeaters in a telegraph line introduce a variable lag in the transmission of the wire signals—that is, an appreciable time is required for the signals to go from one station to the other and this time varies for different stations. The only lag in the radio signals is due to the receiving and sending sets and this lag may be measured and an allowance made for it. The speed of travel of radio waves through the air is about 186,000 miles per second which means, of course, that the transmission time is practically zero although corrections are made in the computations even for this small amount.

The radio recorder has been found very useful in other lines of work. For instance,

in measuring the intensity of gravity it is necessary to determine the time required for a pendulum to make one oscillation with an error less than one one-millionth of a second. The rate of the chronometer with which the pendulum is compared must therefore be determined very carefully and accurately. Formerly this was done by making star observations at each station but now the

chronometers are compared directly with the Naval Observatory clock by means of the wireless time signals and all the trouble and expense of making star observations is avoided.

The radio recorder may also have commercial value both for making permanent records of important messages and also in saving the time of skilled radio operators.



Clearing the Ether of Electric Power Noises

A N organized effort is being made by the lectric light and power companies to eliminate electrical interference other than radio type, which, of late, is the cause of considerable complaint from radio fans. A sub-committee on radio of the inductive coordination committee of the National Electric Light Association headed by H. P. Liversidge has just reported on its investigations, the results of which are pleasing to most of the companies following up complaints of radiation.

The committee feels that the power companies should confine their service activities to their own lines and equipment, or such as they sell to customers. They are hardly justified in tracing causes of radio interference located on customers' premises, it is said, although asked to do so in many instances. Complaints of such interference, however, it is recommended, should be studied and classified and forwarded to a central office for reference, until the problems are better understood and the technique

of locating the trouble is perfected by operating companies. The committee believes that a special type of receiving set, satisfactory for distant reception on loop aerials, should be employed for preliminary observations to determine the sources of interferance. Experiences indicate that such a set combined with a less sensitive outfit, such as an exploring coil and audio frequency amplifier, will give good results.

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Future recommendations as to activities
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The Loife and Work of Lee DeFores



PART II.

HE three years following DeForest's graduation from the Mt. Hermon Preparatory School and his entrance to Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University mark the real growth of the man. Until the latter part of his concluding year in the prep school, there was little evidence he was more than a youngster like others of his station and age. The opening of new vistas, which came about partly through his own questioning brain and partly through the stimulus of reading and study, brought him to a realization that all life's problems could not be solved by the simple childish faith taught him at home.

The chief reason for the retardation of his growth to manhood may be partly laid to a lateness in discovery of life.

One of the most potent factors in his growth away from the old cir-cumscribed view of humanity and ethical relation and the realization of the complete science of the universe and life was, paradoxically, a Bible essay he prepared during his last months at Mt. Hermon.

As usual, DeForest was stony broke. Graduation was only a few weeks off and the announcement of the bills for it was already out. While in the midst of deep contemplation as to where the necessary funds for graduation might be obtained, an announcement was made to the effect that a prize of fifty dollars would be given for the best essay on some Bible theme. De-Forest saw his chance. He immediately began work on an essay. Following the teachings of his ronowing the teachings of his father, and noting the worthiness of the subject, he began to pray, night and morning, for the success of his essay. As the contest grew near its close, he increased his study upon it and likewise his prayers for its victory.

the feeling then Imagine Graduation Day when the prize was awarded not to him but to his dearest enemy, a chap who, according to DelForest's memory did not need the money at all and who was no scholar; a fellow who ranked low in his classes.

SCIENTIFIC HABITS

The scientific habit of mind then asserted itself. DeForest reasoned with himself thus:
"God has been given a chance;

this is an experiment even as a salt and an acid in a test tube. I need

and an acid in a test tube. I need the money badly. My father has spent his life in the service of God; I have always been devoted to His ways, and now, when I am in great need for the sake, not of myself, but my father, God chooses to grant this prize to one who has little necessity for it. The Bible promised me this, if I had faith; and my faith was absolute. I must believe that God is great and good and will not wilfully cause pain and disappointment. Therefore, the only conclusion which I may draw from the only conclusion which I may draw from the observed facts is that God does not take a hand in the regular affairs of man. He delegates the running of things terrestrial to certain inflexible laws and does not inter-fere for special cases, not even for faith."

From this episode DeForest began and built up an entirely new system of life values. Before, he had taken pretty much for granted what was given him by his father and his religious training. With the awakening of the first doubtings he found it necessary, in order to be mentally honest with himself, to construct his ideas and ideals to conform to observance and his own logical processes. The fight was a long and bitter one. Nearly three years were consumed before he finally arrived at a philosophy which satisfied his mind. Always there was the belief, simple and unreasoning, in the religion of his home. He had utter faith in his father and mother and he knew that their lives had been built

Lee DeForest as he looked at the time of his grad-uation from the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University.

upon a foundation of this faith. As a result, all of his questioning into its validity made him feel as though he was being disloyal to them.

The vacation period intervening between his last year at Hermon and his matricula-tion at Yale was so filled with interest that he had little time to follow up the problems.

He began the vacation by doing something absolutely unheard of in the annals of that school. For two weeks, night and day, 14, sometimes 16 hours a day, he "boned," "crammed," studied like mad for his entrance examinations at Yale. Some of the subjects were completely new to him. He read three entire new books of the Aeneid,

re-read Caesar, mastered spherical geometry, trigonometry, etc. Then on the last day he went down to New Haven and took all the exams-preliminary and final in three days, and passed every one, entering thus without a condition.

Then for his "vacation." He went to a small town to sell books again. But only

small town to sell books again. But only until he had saved enough to pay for a short visit to the World's Fair in Chicago.

He was lucky enough while there to get a job pushing sight-seers' chairs about the Exposition Grounds. This permitted him to stay on until the opening of his college term. The venture was an enjoyable one and a financial success. With his usual precocious canacity and desire for learning he

capacity and desire for learning he

visited every exhibit and studied each

new mechanical display.

New Haven and Yale brought a new set of circumstances, a novel environment, a foreign view of life. The more perfect and beautiful physical surroundings and the psyphysical surroundings and the psy-chological effect of attainment of a measure of success (he had looked forward to Yale for many years, and the realization of what we set as a success is nothing more or less than goal) brought him to a realization of forces within himself which had before been latent.

Adversity, that Dean of the School of Experience, took a personal interest in this combative pupil. De-Forest's early training had given him a queer conception of the world and its forces. He considered nature as being entirely against him; everything must be won by hard fighting. This belief grew out of his early teaching which postulated a Devil always waiting to devour the unwary or lazy. The result, in the end, was a pugnacity and a constantly egotistic attitude toward those around him and to life generally. It gave him a be-lief in hard work that prepared him for an almost unimaginable amount of it. Heredity donated an indomitable will to this mixture.

HIS FELLOWS

His belief in the shallowness of most human beings left him very exclusive as to companions. At Mt. Hermon he had no friends, as the word is ordinarily understood; and at Sheffield the same condition obtained for the most part of the first year. He did not cultivate com-panionship—possibly because he had not the first idea how, since his early life had been spent entirely alone. Most all his potential friendships of

the first years were immediately nipped before they had even a chance at development by DeForest's characteristic ex-

treme righteousness.

He went about the town with fellows of his class but he was not of them. Really, he did not understand them at all. When romance winked he followed and enjoyed himself, only to return home and write of the sordidness of stolen kisses and sweet When vivacity and jollity held forth on the stage he likewise partook deeply, only to repeat the formula of self abasement by writing a criticism of time wasting devices. Many such encounters with the lighter side of life he essayed to enjoy with others, but since he could never take

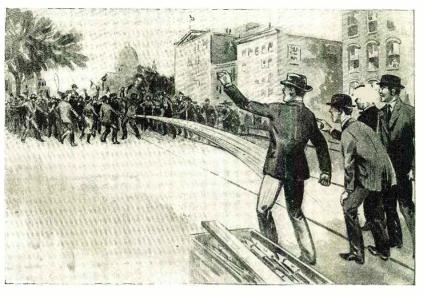
the joy of the occasion frankly, since he always considered such enjoyment as a crime in violation of his conscience, his companions did not have the feeling of a community of interest; and since none of them were forced into the same battle against narrow minded conscience they had no understanding of him and hence made no real friendship. Consequently, DeForest grew more and more into himself, fighting his interminable battle for knowledge.

Since his present observation was so thoroughly opposed to his early training, the latter naturally slowly gave way. This process is an interesting development. He discovered Spencer and Thomas Henry Huxley and read them. Naturally, their logic sounded much better than the allegorical tales of creation given in the Bible. De Forest immediately decided against his early training and became an adherent of evolu-tion. This ushered in a larger problem. What about a soul? His early training had been that the soul was the most important part of man and the evolutionary studies seemed almost to rule it out. In trying to correlate the idea of the Soul and Evolution he evolved some extremely naive explanations. He would study hours in an attempt to find the proper explanation for the entry of the soul into the body.

PHILOSOPHY

All during the first year at Sheffield, his free hours were spent in the reading and study of philosophy. His position shifted gradually from the faith of his father to a rationalistic, scientific one. After the conception and acceptance of this new position in theory a second year was required for putting it into practice. By his last undergraduate year the change was complete. The new DeForest was as foreign to the original bumpkin who entered the school three years before as quail is to hamburger, three years before as qualities to namourger, yet he carried just as strong a belief in his new faith as he did in the old and we find him preaching for broadmindedness in his last year just as heartily as he cried for moral reformation in his first. From absolute absence of social contact, which was his state at the beginning of the Yale period, he developed into the normal gregarious human being before the end.

Never being extremely brilliant, as the



The lighter side. At a celebration DeForest put a sky rocket to a very novel use. Joy was added to the stunt by the accuracy of his aim.

word is generally meant, but rather slow and deep thinking, there was a sort of momentum to his mental power which seemed to force him to an inordinate amount of work. His one method was to force down obstacles by sheer weight of energy and The ability to take advantage of a favorable circumstance, or to use personality or "pull" to gain a desired end was not in him. Besides, his unflagging self-reliin him. Besides, his unflagging self-reli-ance and pride—maybe not exactly pride, for it was really nearer a complete self-dependence bred of his early training— forced him to this position.

Aside from carrying the regular course of studies, which was found sufficient to keep most men busy, the first year at Yale he worked in the psychological laboratory

as a means of supplementing his allowance, made and attempted to market four major inventions and several minor ones, carried on a reading course in electricity, failed

miserably in one love affair while making success of numerous flirtations, attended all the school's athletic games and wrote nearly fifty thousand words for his soul's sake on his philosophical meanderings. Withal he ranked well up in the first divisional meanderings. sion of his classes and was given honorable mention for scholarship in chemistry. His ambition was to take the general excellence scholarship prize, but German prohibited. He went to church every Sunday and to a student Bible class on Wednesday nights, as well as joining in the eveninglong celebrations which followed every athletic victory. This extreme activity was a characteristic which followed him through school.

FIRST INVENTIONS

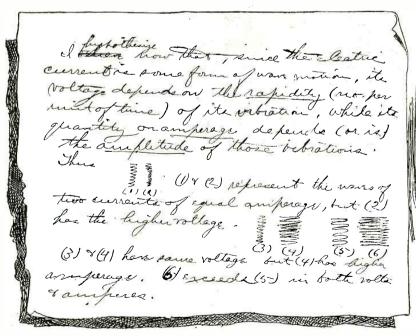
The first Yale invention is noteworthy if I he first Yale invention is noteworthy it it was not a success. It consisted of a novel method of joining the forks of a drawing compass. After conceiving the idea he submitted it to paper and then wrote the specifications. As soon as it was complete he sent it to Keuffel and Esser in an attempt to sell it.

The invention was returned in a short time with the notation that it was un-available since it necessitated drilling a hole through the center of the yoke. De Forest, upon this decision, promised himself never again to attempt invention in a field promising so little room for original achieve-

His second invention took the form of a puzzle. At the World's Fair, which he attended the previous summer, a small fortune was made with such a device and DeForest hoped to do likewise. After submitting it to eleven firms and having it returned unaccepted a like number of times he decided that possibly the idea wasn't marketable!

The most pretentious essay of the year The most pretentious essay of the year was the design of a new trolley car system submitted in competition for a \$50,000 prize contest held by a New York rapid transit company. For more than six weeks he used every spare moment for the perfection of his germ idea. He submitted it to paper, as before, with an elaborate set of specifications, sent it to an expert for criticism and waited in agony for the outcome. cism, and waited in agony for the outcome. But without making an award the board of directors of the company announced the contest had been called off.

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One of DeForest's first essays in the field of pure electrical science, showing his theory of electrical phenomena.

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The vibrations or earth tremors actuate the seismograph as they pass. Though the ordinary type seismograph is exceedingly sensitive, the vacuum tube type is more so. It will record earth tremors that ordinarily would be too weak to actuate the mechanical seismograph.

Vacuum Tube Oscillators

ORDINARY SEISMOCRAPH

By J. E.

HORTLY after the Japanese earthquake in the fall of 1923, a non-technical friend of the writer came to him and asked if the radio vibrations in the ether generated by vacuum tubes might not have caused the disastrous earth vibranot have caused the disastrous earth vibra-tions which had just rocked Tokyo into a mass of ruins. He thought they might, and his question called for a serious answer. The writer told him that if there did exist any intimate relationship between the two any intimate relationship between the two forms of vibration, the degree of that relationship was still one of the unsolved problems of the universe; but that there was a possibility of using the vibrations generated by the vacuum tube to detect and measure the intensity of any earth tremors which might occur, and that with an extreme degree of sensibility. That is, vacuum tubes may be used with seismometers to make these instruments more sensitive. these instruments more sensitive.

THE METHOD

RADIO SEISMOGRAPH

Below will be described a method whereby this may be done, but before proceeding, it is well to explain how earth tremors are detected, the instruments used for their detec-tion and measurement, and the principles

tion and measurement, and the principles upon which they operate.

A seismological instrument is any device which is used in the study of earthquakes, or in the science of seismology. A seismoscope is an instrument which enables an observer to see the effects of an earth tremor or a light quake; a seismophone is one which enables an observer to hear the effects; a seismograph is an instrument which writes down or record the effect of the writes down or record the effect of the quake in permanent form; a seismometer is an instrument used to measure the intensity and direction of an earth disturbance. Some seismological instruments which are in practical use combine all of these into one.

The problem of detecting an earthquake is

to mount a material body, such as a massive ball of lead, in a way which will allow it to remain in a fixed position when everything around it moves. Inertia, one of the basic properties of matter, is made use of. It is not possible to make the ball of lead remain absolutely in the same position, because main absolutely in the same position, because it must be attached to the earth in some way, and when the earth moves, the ball will move also; but by making the mechanical coupling between the earth and ball very loose, it is possible to approximate the ideal condition very closely, so that the movement of the ball is inappreciable. It is the relative movement of the earth and the ball which indicates the occurrence of an earthwhich indicates the occurrence of an earthquake.

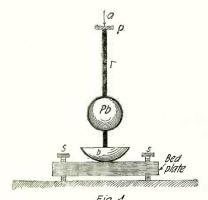
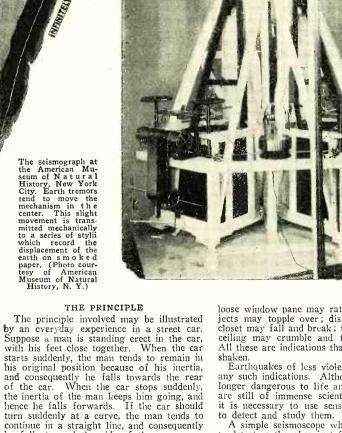


Fig. 1 A simple form of seismoscope which may be used to detect earthquakes visually.



The spectacle the man presents in the car is analogous to a seismoscope. But if he should rest his finger lightly on the dusty window, and allow it to trace a curve on the glass as he falls backwards or forwards, then the analogy would be a seismograph.
And if he should step on some one's toe, and that one should scream, the analogy would

be a seismophone.

Violent earthquakes may be perceived without the aid of instruments. A person may actually feel the shock under him; a

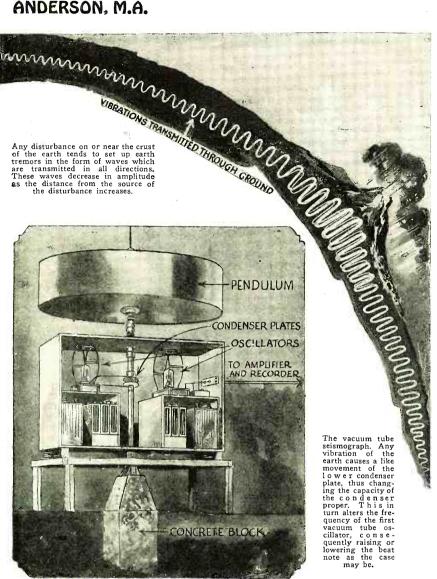
loose window pane may rattle; insecure objects may topple over; dishes in the china closet may fall and break; the plaster in the ceiling may crumble and fall to the floor. All these are indications that the ground has

Earthquakes of less violence will not give any such indications. Although they are no longer dangerous to life and property, they are still of immense scientific interest, and it is necessary to use sensitive instruments

to detect and study them.

A simple seismoscope which may be used to detect earthquakes just feeble enough not to give direct indications of a disturbance is shown in Fig. 1. This instrument exaggerates the tilting effect of the ground which accompanies an earthquake wave. If the pin a, which has a head slightly flattened, were a, which has a head slightly flattened, were placed on the bed plate, it would not topple over as the earthquake disturbed the table; but when it is placed on the platform p, it topples over much more readily. The platform is placed at the upper end of a long rod r, the lower end of which is imbedded in plaster of Paris contained in a watchglass

Record Distant Earthquakes ANDERSON, M.A.



A heavy lead ball Pb is attached to the rod to furnish the stabilizing inertia to the rod. The bed plate is levelled by means of the levelling screws s. As the bedplate moves under the influence of an earthquake, the rod and the platform at its upper end tilt, and the balance of the pin a is upset. This instrument merely indicates that an earthquake has taken place; but it may be arranged so that it will stop a watch and thereby tell when the quake took place.

But an instrument of that type is increly a curiosity and is of no value in the study of seismology. More sensitive instruments are required—instruments capable of recording and measuring the smallest earth tremors whether these be rapid or slow, of local or distant origin.

The more sensitive instruments usually take the form of some type of pendulum. Fig. 2 shows a simple type in which h is the lower end of a long wire or cord and Pb a heavy lead weight attached to it. A short. stiff rod projects from the lower side of the weight down to the point a. Here the short end of a lever bears upon the rod in such a way that when the pendulum swings

in a plane at right angles to the paper, the lever turns about the fulcrum f, and the stylus S at the extremity of the long end moves over the surface of the cylinder C. This cylinder carries a strip of smoked paper upon which the stylus writes the record of the movement as the clock-driven cylinder

This vertical pendulum is free to move in any vertical plane, but it is only when it moves in a plane at right angles to the paper that the full effect of the movement is registered on the smoked paper. If it moves in the plane of the paper the movement will not be recorded at all; and if it moves in any other plane, only the component of the motion at right angles to the paper will be registered. To get the whole effect of any possible movement it is necessary to have a second lever mounted at right angles to the plane of the paper so that movements in the plane of the paper will be recorded. A separate cylinder may be used for recording the movements of the second lever, or a system of levers may be employed to transfer the two components to the same cylinder and record the two side by side. Movements occurring in any plane between the two principal planes will be shown on both the records, and the intensity and direction of the disturbance may be determined by the relative intensities of the two components.

At Catano, Italy, is a pendulum of this type which consists of a 661 pound weight suspended by a wire 82 feet long. The ratio of the multiplying lever is 12.5. This instrument is especially used to detect the tilting of the ground that accompanies slow waves originating at great distances from the point of measurement.

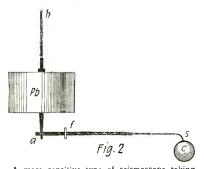
The horizontal type of pendulum, illustrated in Fig. 3, responds mainly to horizontal movements of the frame to which it is attached, because it can only swing about the line connecting the two pivots and about the line connecting the two pivots and move in a horizontal plane at right angles to the paper. The heavy weight Pb is held at some distance away from the axis of rotation by the rod r. A long arm h which carries the stylus S extends from the ball to the cylinder C. A system of multiplying levers may be inserted at h if it is desired to make the instrument more sensitive.

As was the case in the previous pendulum, this responds only to movements at right angles to the plane of the paper. To get movements that occur in the plane at right angles to the paper, it is necessary to mount another horizontal pendulum at right angles to the first. This may be attached to the same frame, and a system of levers may be employed to transfer the movements to the

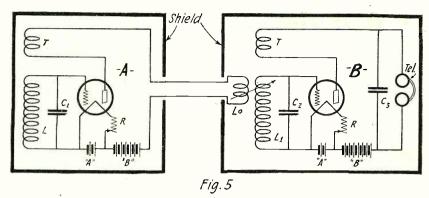
same cylinder for registry.

Tilting and lateral displacements of the ground are the most important movements that accompany earthquakes, but there are also vertical shifts. These are small and require sensitive instruments for their detection. One type of seismometer used for this purpose is shown in Fig. 4. It consists essentially of a heavy weight Pb suspended by a long steel spring. The weight is mounted on a lever as illustrated in order that the effect of a very long spring may be obtained with a reasonable length. By adjusting the ratio of the two arms of the lever, that is, the position of the point aalong the rod r, in relation to the weight of the ball and the stiffness of the spring, it is possible to adjust the pendulum so that its period of vibration is very long, an essential condition for sensitivity to slow earth movements.

In practical seismometers the weight of the ball may vary from a few ounces to a score of tons, and the length of the pendulum arm from a few inches to a hundred feet. The multiplying factors of the levers may vary from one to several hundred, and the levers may either be mechanical or The method of recording the moveoptical. ments depends on the size and construction



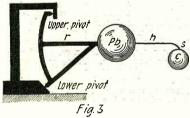
A more sensitive type of seismoscope taking the form of a delicately suspended pendulum.



Schematic diagram of the two oscillator circuits composing the vacuum tube seismograph. Oscillator A is coupled to oscillator B by the coil \mathbf{L}_0 . It is necessary that both oscillators be shielded.

of the seismometer. In some of the more rugged instruments pen and ink are used to write on a strip of paper, or a metal stylus is used to trace the movements on smoked paper. When optical levers are used to magnify the movements of the pendulum bob, a beam of light is employed to make the record on a strip of photographic film. This method is used particularly with small instruments of delicate construction.

It is in connection with the detection and measurement of the movements of the pendulum bob with respect to the earth-attached frame that the vacuum tube may be used to good advantage in seismological work. The problem is to detect a very small displace-



A horizontal pendulum seismoscope. Note the delicate pivoting system employed.

ment and to measure the minute distance moved.

CONDENSER MICROMETER

Perhaps the most sensitive instrument yet devised for measuring infinitesimal distances is Prof. Whiddington's vacuum tube ultramicrometer. This instrument consists of two very high frequency oscillators which are loosely coupled to each other and adjusted so that there is an audible beat between the frequencies of the two. The oscillators are carefully shielded from all outside disturbances which might affect the frequencies; and they are also shielded from each other except for the intentional coupling necessary to produce the beats. Their construction and design are such that the frequencies remain as constant as possible with changes in operating conditions.

An illustration of two oscillators that may be used is shown in Fig. 5, in which T are tickler coils, L oscillating coils, C-1 and C-2 oscillating condensers, L₀ is a coupling coil, C-3 a by-pass condenser, and R are filament rheostats. Oscillator A is kept at a constant frequency, while the frequency of B is caused to vary by the movement it is desired to measure, as for instance the movement of the pendulum bob in a seismometer; and this is done by varying the capacity of the condenser C-2.

The capacity of a condenser made of two parallel plates is proportional to the area of the plates and inversely proportional to the distance between them. Therefore if one of the plates moves towards or away

from the other plate, the capacity of the condenser will change; and if that condenser forms a part of an oscillating circuit, as C-2 in Fig. 5, the frequency of the oscillator will change. This change in the frequency will appear as a change in pitch in the beat note between the two high frequencies, and this change in the pitch may be accurately measured by comparing it against tuning forks or a standard audio frequency oscillator which has been calibrated.

In applying this to the measurement of the movement of the pendulum bob of a seismometer, one of the parallel plates of the condenser is fastened to the earth-attached frame and the other to the pendulum bob, or to the extremity of the magnifying lever. The two oscillators are then adjusted until the beat frequency between them has the desired pitch, say 1,000 cycles per second. Then, if an earth tremor disturbs the adjustment by producing a relative displacement between the plates of the condenser, the pitch of the beat note will change. An observer listening in with the telephones in the second oscillator will then hear the earthquake as a falling and rising in the pitch of the beat note; and for this reason the arrangement may be called a seismophone.

RECORDING INSTRUMENT

Now if it is desired to record the variations in the beat note, a specially constructed audio frequency amplifier is required. The amplifying power of this circuit depends on the type of recording instrument used. It the photographic method is to be used, very little power is required in the output of the amplifier, because it is only required to turn a tiny mirror, against which a beam of light is directed. But if the other forms of recording mentioned above are to be used, somewhat greater power is needed.

One requirement of the amplifier is that

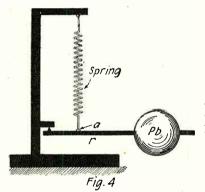
One requirement of the amplifier is that the current in the output be proportional to the frequency of the beat current impressed on it over a fairly wide range of frequencies about the standard selected. For instance, if 1,000 cycles per second be chosen as the standard, or steady state beat frequency, the current in the output of the amplifier should be proportional to the frequency between 500 and 1,500 cycles per second. To bring this about it is necessary to employ a special filter, or corrective network, in the

circuit, to suppress the current at one end of the given band and amplify it at the other. This will cause the displacement of the stylus or the beam of light to be proportional to the change in the beat note, and consequently to the displacement of the pendulum bob with respect to the seismometer frame.

A few words may be said about the sensitivity of this arrangement. Suppose the distance between the two plates of condenser C-2 is represented by x_t , the small change in this distance produced by an earthquake or other disturbance by dx_t the frequency of the oscillator B by f_t , and the change in this frequency cause by the change dx by df_t .

Calculation will then show that dx = -

or that the displacement of one of the plates of the condenser is proportional to the distance between the plates and the change in the beat note, and inversely proportional to the frequency of oscillator B. Suppose then that x=01 inch, f=5,000,000 cycles, and that it is possible to read df to one cycle per second, which is possible under certain conditions. Then $dx=2\mathrm{X.0}(\mathrm{XI}/5,000,000=4\mathrm{X}10-9)$ inch; i.e., four billionths of an inch. Prof. Whiddington actually measured a distance of five billionths of an inch. By increasing the frequency of the oscillator, decreasing the distance between the condenser plates, and increasing the accuracy with which the change in the beat note is read, the above sensitivity may be greatly increased. Then if the condenser plate is

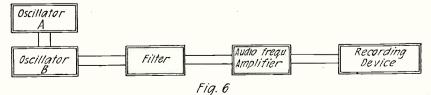


Another arrangement wherein advantage is taken of spring suspension and single pivoting.

placed at the end of a multiplying lever which has a ratio of 100, it is possible to detect a movement of the earth of less than five hundred billionths of an inch, or .000,000,000,005 inch.

Of course, any attempt to attain such sensitivity would be accompanied with enormous difficulties, mechanical, electrical, and thermal. There would be spurious mechanical vibrations, the electrical oscillators would not remain constant for any length of time, and there would be changes in the distance due to variations in the temperature. But for practical purposes such sensitivity would not be required, and most of the sources of error could be eliminated or compensated for.

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Complete layout of the vacuum tube seismograph. The beat note produced by oscillators A-B passes through a filter to an audio frequency amplifier where it is built up sufficiently to actuate the recorder.

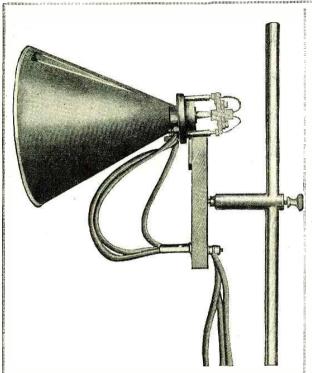
The Microphone Without a Diaphragm

By NICHOLAS LANGER

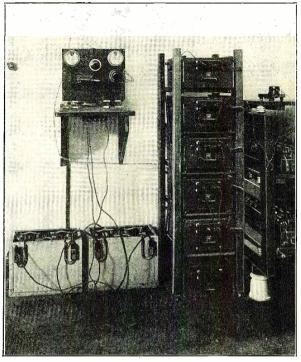


A new type of microphone functioning on an entirely different principle than the usual form. Its construction is, in a manner, similar to the vacuum tube in that it has a filament and a plate, though they are exposed to the air.





A photo of the Kathodophon. No diaphragm is utilized, advantage being taken of the phenomenon that air becomes a conductor in the proximity of an incandescent element.



The capacity and resistance coupled speech amplifiers used in conjunction with the Kathodophon for stepping up the weak voice currents, in a German broadcast station.

MOST difficulties of constructing a microphone capable of converting sounds of all frequencies with equal exactness are caused by the complicated properties of diaphragms on which nearly all modern microphones depend for their operation. For the investigator there remained therefore two possibilities only in the way of improvement, either to make a careful study of the properties of diaphragms, and to provide some special compensation for their imperfections, or to dispense with the diaphragm altogether. The exactness are caused by the complicated latter way appeared to be the more practical There exists very little doubt that the perfect microphone must be looked for in this direction.

Since the sound waves have their actual

existence in the air the simplest way to construct a microphone without a diaphragm is to make the air itself a conductor between the electrodes and to utilize the resistance changes of this air path influenced by the sound waves. A microphone working on this principle is the Glow Discharge Micro-phone of Dr. Phillips Thomas, which con-sists of a small electric discharge between two electrodes separated a fraction of an inch from each other upon which the sound waves impine.

waves impine.

Another interesting microphone of this class was invented some years ago (1919) in Germany by Messrs. H. Vogt, Dr. Jo Engl and I. Masolle for the purposes of speaking motion picture, which, with the advent of German broadcasting, has been

adopted by the well-known firm C. Lorenz, A. G., and developed to a broadcast microphone called the "Kathodophon" because it utilizes the phenomenon that air becomes a conductor in the proximity of an incandescent cathode.

The Kathodophon (photo) consists essentially of a small perforated metal tube representing the anode and of a pin made of a fireproof material, the end of which is made flat like a chisel. There is a groove in the flat surface. Into this small groove a thin platinum wire spiral made incandescent by a battery is placed, the platinum wire and its neighborhood being coated with a special oxide. There is a potential of 500 volts placed between the cathode (pin) (Continued on page 798)

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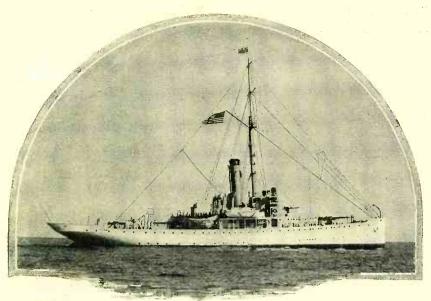
ITH this issue, Radio News breaks all records of any radio publication. It also eclipses Radio News' former high record. Of the present issue 400,000 copies have been printed and circulated. This issue contains 240 pages and covers. There are a total of 281 columns of reading matter in the magazine, the rest of the issue comprising the advertising

section.

This number is the largest in point of size, in point of text, in point of advertising and in point of circulation that has ever been printed by any radio publication, without exception.

In order to print this issue it required 530,000 pounds of white paper. If stacked on top of each other the 400,000 copies of this issue would be sufficient to reach 12,500 feet into the sky, an equivalent to the total height of 16 Woolworth Buildings placed on top of each other.

If all the copies were laid end to end in a single row, they would reach from New York to Allentown, Pa., a distance of AND RADIO IS YOUNG YET. If RADIO NEWS has done all this in five years, what will it do during the next ten years?



The United States Coast Guard Cutter Haida which played such an important role in assisting the round the world flyers and despatching all news pertaining to the advent to the waiting world.

N an official announcement on the World Flight the war department stated the purpose of the flight in these few but sufficient words:

"To demonstrate the feasibility with which aerial communication may be established between the various continents and to obtain desired information concerning the operation of present type aircraft in various climates of the world."

mates of the world."

An Army officer, in close contact with the flight, has stated that one of the greatest lessons of the flight has been learned upon communication. If the Pacific is to be crossed as a regular business it is essential that better communication be established along the Aleutian Islands. Between Dutch Marker Nevrel Redio Station and Learn there Harbor Naval Radio Station and Japan there is not a single radio station.

Radio was imperative and vital to the success of the flight. There were three principal reasons:

First, the planes were hopping from three to seven hundred miles on each jump. It was necessary to know the weather conditions along the line of flight. These conditions had to be known early in the morning so that the flight could start as soon as possible.

Second, if one plane fell during a hop the Second, it one plane tell during a nop the other planes were to proceed to the nearest radio station and drop a note telling about the accident. This made it possible to send assistance within a very short time.

Third, publicity. The flight would be of little value if the people of the United States were not informed of its progress. This

news was wanted at once by all the various news organizations of the country. Radio was the means of getting the news out.

These three reasons caused the radio work in connection with the World Flight to assume extraordings properties.

sume extraordinary proportions. Most of the radio work through the Aleutian Islands was done by the Coast Guard Cutter Haida. The traffic reached its height between April 18 and May 18.

PLANS

April 18 found the Haida at Unalaska. Three of the planes were at Chignik. Major Martin had gone down at Kanatak while en route from Seward to Chignik. The Algonquin was assisting him. The other planes were expected to proceed to Unalaska the first favorable weather.

Three planes hopped off from Chignik for Unalaska on April 19. Arrangements made

by the Army Air Service Advance Officer were excellent. Each cannery station, on the route, sent notice to Dutch Harbor, giving the time that the planes passed over. The *Haida* listened in and was able to give each report to the Advance Officer before he received the word from the Naval Radio

When the three planes reached Unalaska plans were discussed for the work to the westward. The hops west of Unalaska were from Unalaska to Atka, from Atka to Atku, and from Attu to the Kuril Islands. The Hadda, Algonauin, and Bureau of Fisheries Tender Eider, were to be used along the hops. Two destroyers, the Ford and Pope, were stationed at the Kuril Islands but could not leave their assigned positions.

The section through the Aleutians represented the hardest part of the World Flight. Distances were carefully calculated. The cruising radius of the planes and assisting vessels was considered. The radio equipment of the vessels was estimated. Definite stations were assigned for each hop. The details were largely worked out by the Advance Officer who submitted them to the Radio Department of the Haida for suggestions. He evidently was pleased with our ideas as he embodied them in the plan. One of the suggestions we made was to let the Coast Guard operators do the entire work. The Air Service had secured permission for

How the Navy Radio Helped the World Flyers

By LEE H. BAKER*

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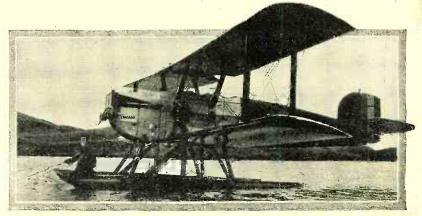
Naval Operators to be used wherever needed. Naval Operators to be used wherever needed. They were especially to be used at the shore station. We believed our operators could handle the work and secured permission to go ahead. This permission placed the final word on making the shore station a Coast Guard station in every respect. A splendid system of relaying reports was organized. Plans were perfected for a search in case one of the planes should go down. The whole thing was well done and it would have been interesting to have seen it placed in operation. The complete plan was never

MAJOR MARTIN'S ACCIDENT

The accident to Major Martin's plane upset all calculations. With the assistance of the Algonquin he had succeeded in reaching Chignik. He attempted the hop from Chignik to Unalaska. Arrangements for the same cannery reports had been made. The only report received was from Chignik, telling he had left. For hours the Haida and Dutch Harbor listened in for news. The other points had not seen the plane. This meant that he had not passed the first reporting station, King Cove. The plane must have fallen between Chignik and King.

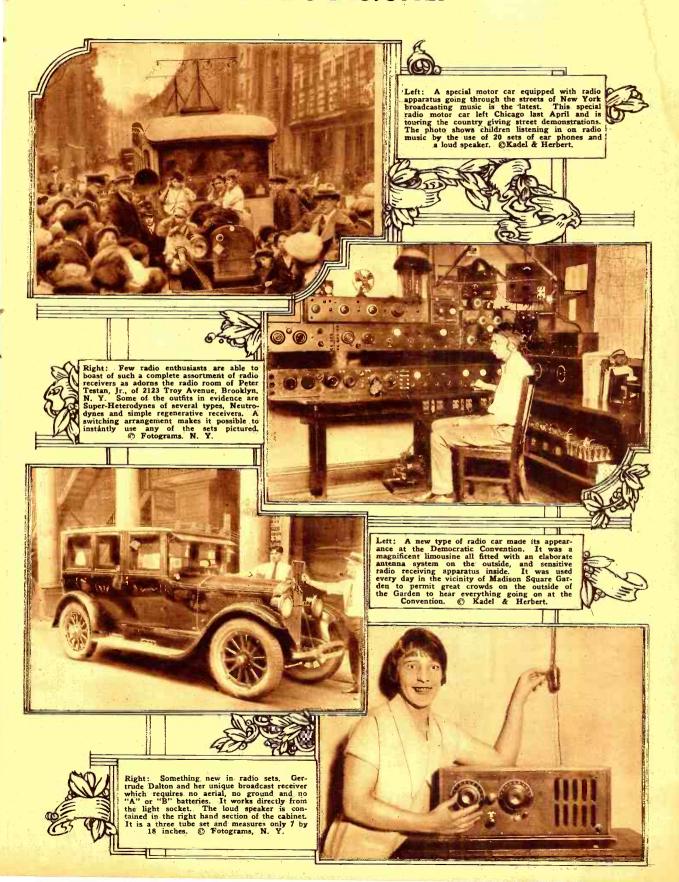
The Algonquin was in that vicinity and at once started a search calling for assistance from the cannery vessels nearby. The Haida, carrying the Advance Officer, left Unalaska to assist in the search. Major Blair was left at Unalaska.

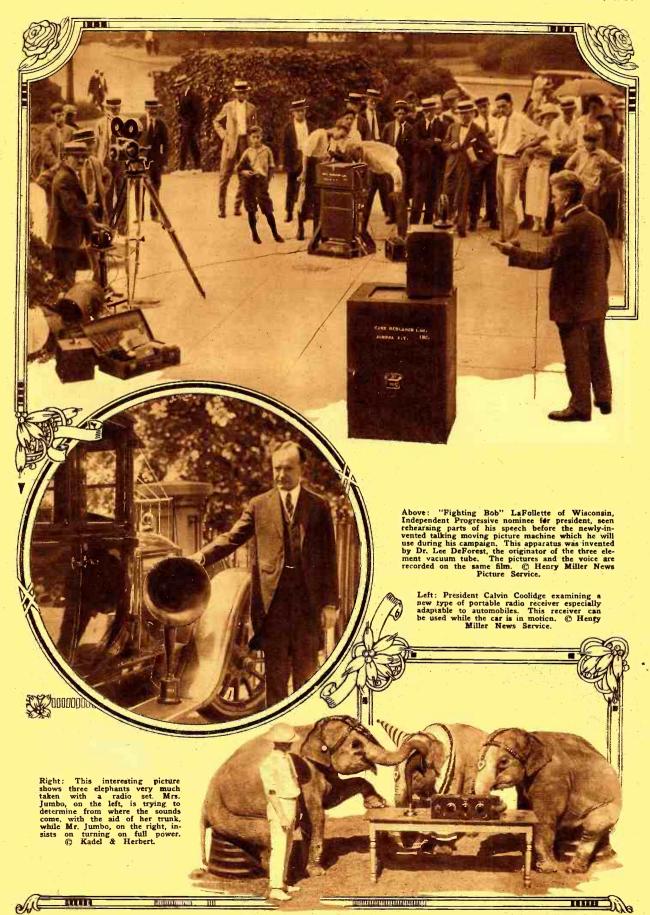
For three days the heaviest radio traffic poured in and out of the *Haida*. False reports and reports containing no news, directions, orders, and suggestions for a better (Continued on page 832)



The plane Chicago, one of the mechanical birds of that memorable group which circled the globe under the pilotage of courageous and experienced army aviators.

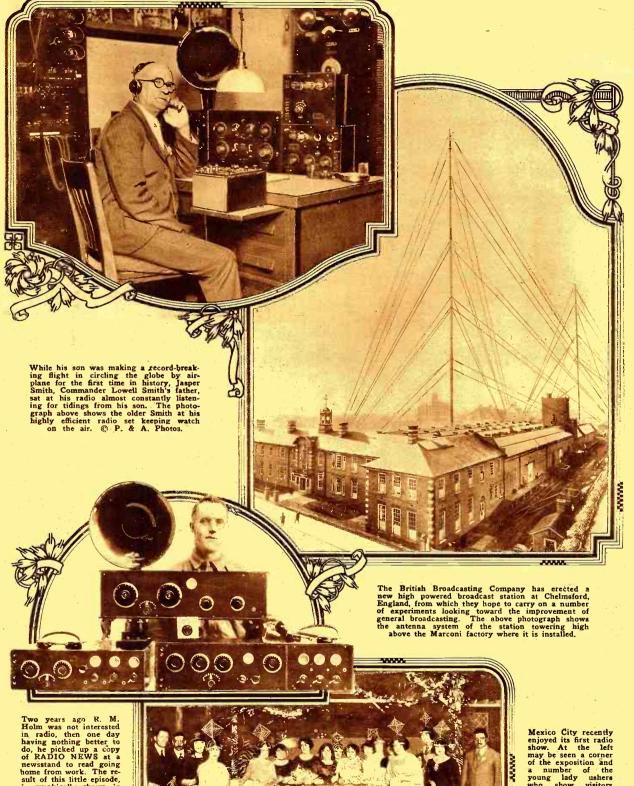
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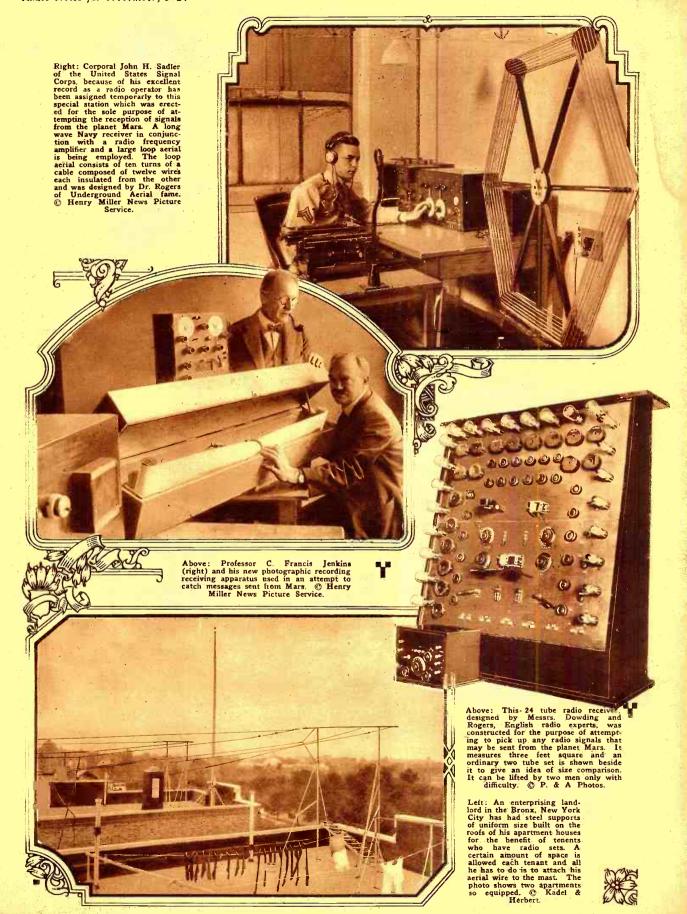
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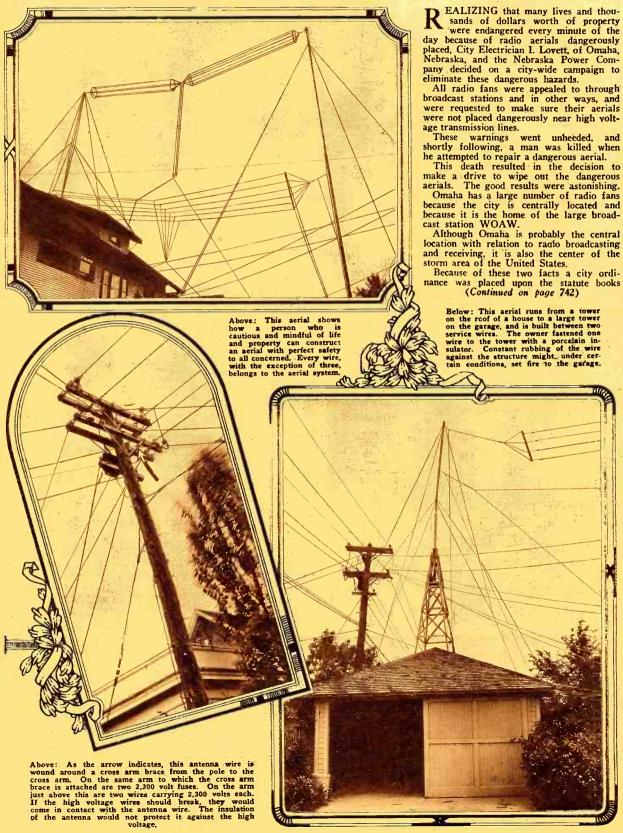
Two years ago R. M. Holm was not interested in radio, then one day having nothing better to do, he picked up a copy of RADIO NEWS at a newsstand to read going home from work. The result of this little episode, is graphically shown in the above illustration. Mr. Holm has become a radio fan and a part of his collection of apparatus may be seen in the photograph.

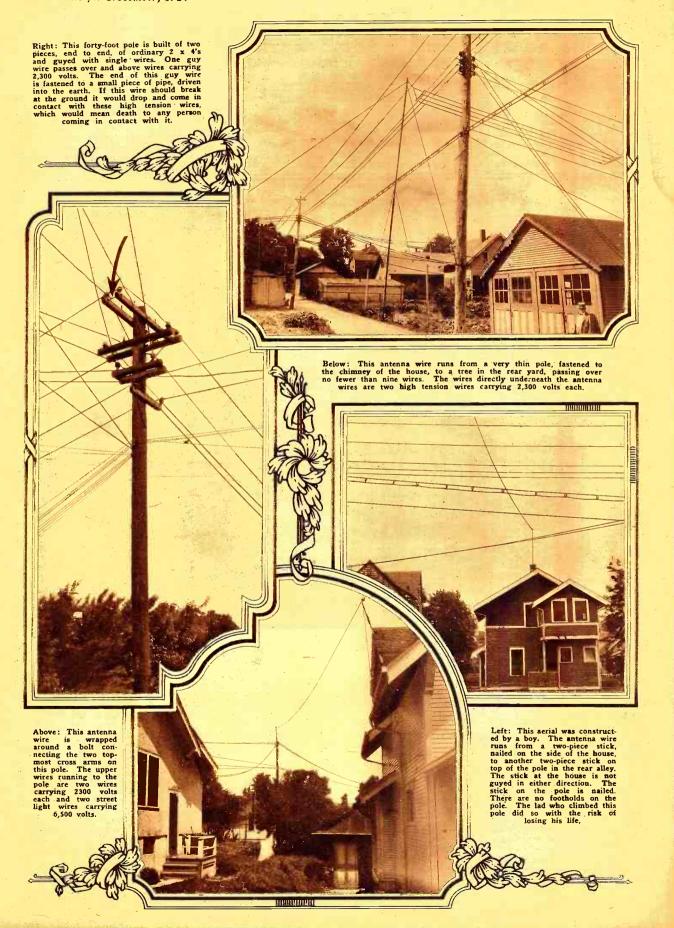
Mexico City recently enjoyed its first radio show. At the left may be seen a corner of the exposition and a number of the young lady ushers who show visitors over the various exhibits, wearing decorative loops on their heads. © The Gilliams Service, N. Y.



Dangerous Aerials

By JACK W. MARER





Cent From Heaven

By ROBERT FRANCIS SMITH THE WIZARD MARS

The Master happens to have hold of two loose wire leads, supposedly on a six-volt circuit. But the short threw in a dose of high frequency juice, and the Master gets a nice 10,000 volt jag on. He can't let go, but he can wiggle, and wiggle he does.

NE thing can be said in favor of a radio nut—you don't have to crack it to see if it's rotten. A Radio Nut is all right in its place, but it ain't got no business to wander about indiscriminate-like. As Abe Lincoln, or maybe it was Will Rogers, once remarked: "Some people is born actors, others has histrionics pushed on 'em, but most of the mob is just plain goofs," or words to that effect; anyway, the sentiment is clear. Personally, I was born with clog shoes on, and Doris, my four-speil brake, was kidded into wearing out the boards. But The Master sinkt got rop excess to offer. Master ain't got no excuse to offer.

The Master is a radio nut from any angle,

but he's a serious nut, which kind is the only variety it's safe to annoy. Fond parents named The Master Gerard Lawson, but folks calls him Jerry, which only goes to prove how environment can counteract wealth. For The Master has so much jack he strains his wrist when he has to clip the coupons from his month's crop of gold bonds. His cash is in the hands of a board statement of how much he's made and how much he's gonna get. Thus being relieved of life's greatest puzzle, namely, When Do We Eat, Jerry devotes his time to science. Aside from that, he ain't such a bad chap. He's twenty-two, has dark patent-leather

hair, spectacles to match, a skin you almost love to touch and more cuckoo ideas than a fly has cousins. Thus he has a lot of long green to spend, time to burn and conscience to spare, most of which qualities he uses while he works. He calls his joint a laboratory, but it looks like a sample room. in Hades; there's more fool kinds of rigging than I can or would place. Which ain't got nothing to do with the loud squawk.

Me and the dear beloved has been idling

the summer down here at Brightmere-on-the-Deep, doing a lot of things we never done before, nor will again. But now it's getting towards August, and our professional minds turns to "the new act." You see, heretofore we has always rode the circuit as a twoact, with a sweet-faced sheik to paw the tinkle-box. But this season the secretary of our treasury decides we shall give the customers a run for their money by staging a production act.
For the benefit of them what ain't initiated,

a production act is one of those fancy affairs with a lot of scenery, a big cast, and occasionally a little talent. We ain't stinting ourselves; when the wife is through with the scenic artist and producer we have for our savings three silk drops, two cycloramas, half a carload of such indispensables as imitation peach trees in full bloom, full flights of stairs with arched gates at the

top, and so on, not to mention a five-piece jazz band, a female blues-shouter, a specialty dancer and six chorus girls, together with a suitcase full of costumes. And of course, in a small way, ourselves. All of this ain't of no particular interest except as it hinges on

Well, we rehearsed in New York, commuting to Brightmere-on-the-Deep by means of The Master's airplane, he piloting us partly for friendship's sake and mostly for the chance to stick around and see a lot of the ladies of the ensemble. The Master ain't no fool, even if he is sort of one-way in respect to humor. But I sees he's got a crush on one of the girls, and knowing he's

really innocent, I tips him off.
"As friend to friend," I advises, "lay offa Millicent. She's a charter member of the S. I. P."

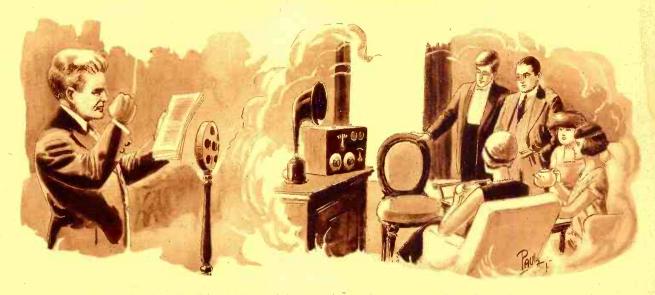
"What do you mean?" he asks. "S. I.

P.—".
"Sisters of the Itching Palm," I explains.

"Sisters of the Itching Palm," I explans, "She's one of these two-by-four girls."
"A two-by-four girl?" he repeats, all brain cells missing fire.
I smiles. "Yeh. Meet her at two, by four you're broke."
He don't get it, as I expected, but live and let live is my motto, so The Master stays with us. The big idea begins to crack "Continued on bane 726) (Continued on page 726)

Radio and a New Political Era

By J. GEORGE FREDERICK



Today the political speaker does without his physical motions, puts a bit more pep into his words and holds his audience of many million citizens who, with their headphones or loud speakers give serious consideration to his words. Radio has made this possible and it is superior to the old way by far.

Radio will be the transforming

agent.

I am not trying to throw a new bouquet at the radio field—I am speaking, as an economist and writer; I am coldly visualizing the situation as I find it.

What are the facts? First, that to a

deplorable degree the foundation principle of American political life has fallen foul of modern high-speed civilization—with the result that scarcely more than 50 per cent, instead of 80 per cent, of our voters vote. The old New England "town-meeting" has been proclaimed by more than one wise political economics as the ideal political economics as the ideal political economics. political economist as the ideal political organism, because it brought voters into personal touch with candidates and issues. sonal contact of some sort is fundamental in our political functioning, because the substitutes for such personal contact are too dangerous—too full of bias; too remote to

keep alive voters' interest.

We have traveled a long way, however, from the old New England town meeting, to our political harm. Progress and civilization's complexity have forced us away from it. Our cities are too big for town meetings; we have had "ward meetings" instead. We have become too busy with the high-speed business machine to have much energy left for political fore-gathering. Our life has become too complicated, the demand on our time too great for the old-time political methods, and so we have Tammany and kindred organizations. Those who think about our political life have been much disturbed by our tendencies to ignore political things. Just what, such people ask, are we drifting to?

Into this situation comes radio; its coming, like all big things not casting its shadow before, and causing no ripple on the political surface-until the two big national

party conventions of this year.

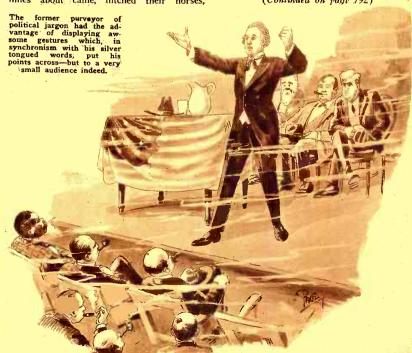
It is doubtful if any great invention—steamboat, cotton gin, telegraph or telephone—ever made such a broad, resounding splash from one end of the country to another, as did radio in connection with politics. The full significance of the situation is not even

OOK for a new era in American yet clear to all. Radio practically made an politics. yet clear to all. Radio practically made an old fashioned New England town-meeting out of the entire country, from lumberiack and miner to the millionaire yachtsman sitting on his deck in Newport Harbor. More significant, perhaps, even than this, was the fact that women and boys and girls sat in at this town-meeting, and got a more graphic lesson in "political science" than any of their dull text books ever afforded. The naked mechanism of party rule, of sectional prejudice, of log-rolling and political buncombe, heroism and inspiration were all exposed to the nation, precisely as it was in the olden days in Massachusetts when the farmers for miles about came, hitched their horses,

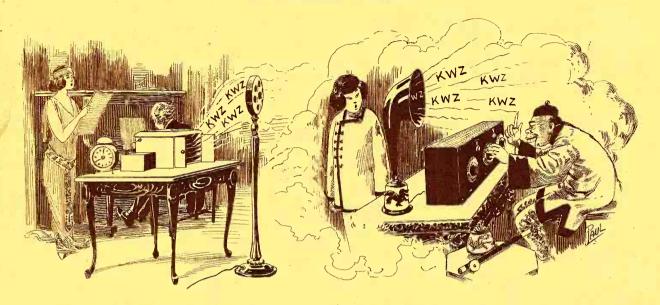
talked matters over and otherwise participated.

Through radio has come something of a revival of the innate political idea of the American democratic principle, something of the old cracker-barrel spirit of argumentation and competitive zest.

The campaign leading up to election day will put radio to test for political serviceability to a degree nothing else has ever been tested; not even the newspapers or the telegraph. We have conducted politics in America in recent generations by newspaper, by printed word; and it has not (Continued on page 792)



Oscillations By WILLARD WILSON



I suggest merely that special phonograph be used which are connected to alarum clock. Every two minutes Hon. clock shall pull highly sensitive trigger which starts phonograph which are placed near microphone as thusly shown.

To Editor of Radio News which are very cdible mental feed for hams, fans, and other radio infected pept, of globe. Most Dear Sir:—

Since having been attacked by radio fever also,. I have became extremely aware of many pepl, which continually radiate huge talk about many broadcast announcers which do not give ultimate service, in pepl's idea.

Many fans, Hon. Sir. (which am I also) seem to un-appreciate gigantic benevolence of broadcast stations in even sending out dish-wash music—as such broadcasters receive no remunerating for same, but do it only for benefit of radio fans.

Such ingratitude in hearts of listening

public are a source of unmodulated squealback in my mind, which at times are unable to be shielded from radiation to public. Oh, Hon. Sir. how pepl. crave huge amt. of everything for nothing!

Such complaints, however, I are glad to admit are most commonly out-putted by few fans which have became afflicted with horribly efficient disease of DX. As paper, also time are very limited, I will attempt to amplify only one stage of such complain-

Namely: huge amt. of DX martyrs raise continual howl about announcers, operators, etc. which do not give call letters often

enough.
"How," they yell squeakily, "can we tell which station is spouting, unless they give call letters after each sing-sing, speech,

and other piece of program?

"You are unable," I admit glibly. "But why should you wish to hear such unamusing thing as this: 'this are station WOW,' or 'station KUF signing on,' Is such thing what you listen on radio for, or do you desire occasional music, talk, jazz, etc. from

"Gah!" they blast uneasily. "But if we search for great period of time for distant station and hear faint squeak of music, we wish to hear where such are coming from. As poet once chuckled, 'DX' lends enchant-ment to the ear.' And we will remain unchanted if station which we hear does not give call letters so we can tell where such are located."

Such fans, Hon. Sir, mantain with great amplification that each station should be forced to give call letters of self after each number. Others have became so far gone in last stages of DX that they wish call letters announced forth at beginning, middle, and also end of each number on

Typical ideal of .DX hound would be announcers of each station merely giving call letters of such, repeated over and over for long periods every night. But that are impossible, and as a few pepl. remain which desire to hear occasional music, etc., as well as call letters, it are unprobable.

Radio announcers, as pepl. do not suspect, are sometimes human. Consequently, they do not greatly enjoy shouting forth all evening that this are station BVD, etc. Also they may occasionally become enthralled with sweet soprano or dance girl which are on program, and thusly forget to gargle forth

call letters as numerous as desirable.
Yet, it are the very darn, Hon. Sir, to tune in with vernier care a Hon, station in great distance, and them have such fade before it are announced by call. I know, because I have done such a great amt. of times!

I was unintending to tell you that I were afflicted with DX also, but it has became escaped, so I will admit it. I are in advanced throes of disease, and therefore have evolved following useful plan. Namely: the phonograph.
"Curses!" you whoop gratingly. "Do you

mean to drag out delapidated phonograph of broadcasting's infancy and give all programs of scratch-scratch records?"

"No," I thunder, with mild voice. "Heaven and the President of U. S. forbid!"

I suggest merely that special phonograph be used which are connected to alarum clock."

Every two minutes Hon. clock shall pull highly sensitive trigger which starts phonograph which are placed near microphone. Each station shall have one phonograph record made with announcement of their call letters on such. Thus, even if manager of station forgets to whoop occasional spurt of call letters, phonograph alarum will do it for him with huge memory.

Persons which happen to be singing, talking, yelling, etc. for entertainment of radio public, may pause for short section of time while such announcement are gargled forth from phonograph lungs. Station announcer may also take one drink while such an-nouncement are made for him, thus savingpiece of his wind,

If, however, they desire to continue songsing music, such are extremely possible and will not interfere with phonograph announcement. Talking machine should be placed very close to microphone, thus giving good volume to two minute call letters which

are whooped out automatically.

Such plan, Hon. Sir, are no doubt correct solvation of complaining DX dog. Hon. phonograph will save lungs of salaried station announcer, and also make more often and regular yell of station call letters. Such plan will cost each station merely price of having one record made, and will last for undefinite amt. of weeks.

This invention are gave by me to radio public without fee, and may be used with no ones permish.

I wave ancestral hand to you and indict myself as yours for more numerous call letters.

CHIN CHEW CHOW Shanghai, Ariz.

A LETTER FROM MAH JONGG

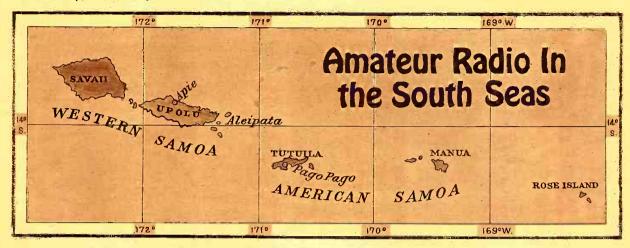
To the Hon. Editer RADIO NEWS, which says a mouthful genelly! Deer Ser:

In Aug. Radio News, page 179, Hon. Chin Choo Chow have exaggerated how greedy sing-sing writers and other newsances crave cash for Hon. copywritted songs broadcast from stations of huge sighs and demented, thusly additioning unpopularity of sonos, which, he expire, radio fans should pay if any. This are unjust. Do we wish

to here copywrited squalls sung by Hon. Saxyphone? No! I admonish!

I are not ailyenister, yet can prove all pop. crazy which insist Hon. payment should be made by tyrannied tuners-in, a wrong which

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And One Instance When It Played An Important Role

AKE a map of the South Pacific search diligently in the little splashes of color and fine print sprinkled over the region south of the Equator, and you may find "Samoa Islands." In latitude 14 south and longitude 171 west they lie. The entire group is represented by a dot no larger than the o in Samoa. Unless your map is large, you may not find Apia, the capital and commercial center of Western Samoa, a metropolis of almost 2,000 people.

The little dot grows into two colonies of three large islands and covered smaller.

of three large islands and several smaller

ones.
Tutuila, the largest of the American group, is a mountainous island with the best har-bor of the South Seas. A Governor ap-pointed by the President of the United States resides at Pago Pago, making laws and administering justice to the 8,000 Samoans who live under the American flag. He is, also, the Commandant of the United States Naval Station. In the harbor of Pago Pago is a modern radio station, NPU, which communicates with San Diego and Pearl Harbor. If you are fortunate, the South Pacific Fleet may put into Pago Pago from one of its cruises. Your heart will not from one of its cruises. Your heart will not swell with pride as the fleet steams through the opening. It has not been commissioned to inspire wandering Americans with patri-otism; it has been chosen for the more prosaic work of carrying supplies to the outlying stations and towing vessles in distress. The fleet is a sea-going tug.

By QUINCY F. ROBERTS

A few miles west of Tutuila we come to the larger islands of Upolu and Savaii, administered by New Zealand under a mandate from the League of Nations.

NEW ZEALAND'S ISLANDS

At the eastermost end of Upolu towards Tutuila is Aleipata. The world's travel lanes pass the point of the island. Steamers from Australia, Japan, America and Europe pass by on the horizon without a ripple in the peaceful life of the village. Communication with Apia is by boat.

FATHER DUMAS

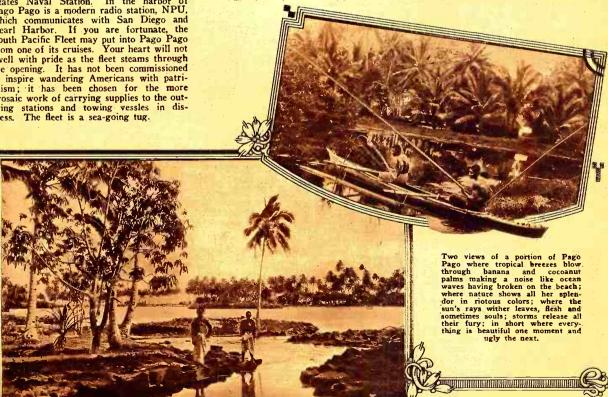
Father Dumas, a frail little Frenchman, is the parish priest at Aleipata. He is con-sulting engineer, watchmaker, and medical adviser to the community, as well as con-fessor to his flock. Not content with his

many duties he has taken up the study of radio: He has a regenerative receiver and radio. He has a regenerative receiver and a two stage audio frequency amplifier. In Samoa he is known as the "Killer of Coconuts" due to the fact that he cut the tops of two trees for his aerial. His wireless experiments led to the filing of serious charges against him. The Samoans of his district attribute a recent hurricane to his antenna. They are satisfied that the mysterious box that buzzes like a hornet, sings and talks brought the storm from heaven down on their heads.

One evening I was idly listening in to the press from New Zealand. Apia radio acknowledged, the press then began calling ROB very slowly. I hurriedly reached for a pencil and took down the following

message:

"Inform post office telephone line down three miles from Apia. DUM telegraphs (Continued on page 789)

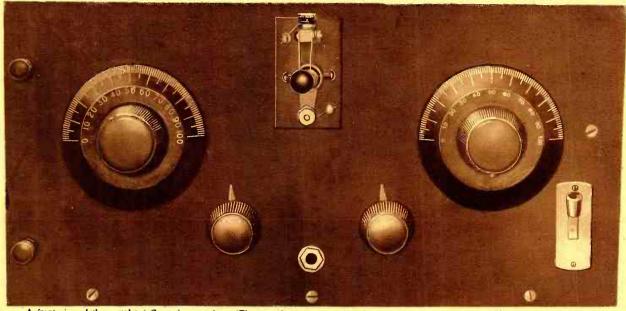


How to Build a Crystodyne Receiver By THE STAFF OF RADIO NEWS



A simple form of experimental Crystodyne receiver the circuit of which is adaptable to a number of different tuning systems.





A front view of the completed Crystodyne receiver. The crystal detector is mounted on the upper center section of the panel. The four pole double throw cam switch to the right and below the condenser knob and dial is employed to switch from the audio frequency test circuit to the radio frequency or reception position.

HE receiver described in this article is an experimental model built in the RADIO NEWS Laboratories for the purpose of further investigation with the Crystodyne, or oscillating crystal, system of reception. In it are embodied the same elements as in the experimental type described in a former issue but arranged according to the usual method, on a panel and baseboard. By means of a key switch of the four pole double throw type an audio frequency cir-cuit may be connected across the crystal detector for the purpose of finding a sensitive spot on the zincite crystal. The telephone receivers are connected across the audio frequency choke when the key is thrown on the test position and a whistle is heard in the telephones when a sensitive spot is found on the crystal, showing that it is oscillating.

To receive the incoming signals the key is then thrown on the radio frequency position and the variometer and condenser adjusted until the desired signal is tuned in. The only delicate adjustment in such receivers is the finding and keeping of a sensitive spot on the crystal. It is necessary to avoid as much as possible, vibrations when tuning and it is advisable to mount the

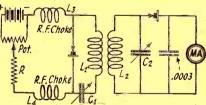


Fig. 3. In tests carried out in the Radio News Laboratories with the Crystodyne oscillator radiating a wave of 500 meters, it was possible to obtain one twentieth of a milliampere of rectified current when the pick-up coil L2 was three inches away from L1.

detector on sponge rubber or to devise some sort of elastic suspension to support it. It is also necessary to select a detector capable of staying adjusted after a sensitive spot is found on the zincite crystal, otherwise the least vibration knocks it out of adjustment.

Before mounting the crystal in the detector cup several samples should be tested in a temporary mounting made with a clip in which the various pieces of crystal may be clamped for the purpose of testing them on their different faces. Once a sensitive crystal is found it may be permanently secured in the detector jack by means of screws or setting it into Woods metal.

It is possible, as explained in previous articles, to obtain regeneration by adjusting the resistance connected in series with the potentiometer. To receive continuous waves this resistance should be adjusted so as to let the crystal oscillate to produce a beat note. The potentiometer is in this set con-

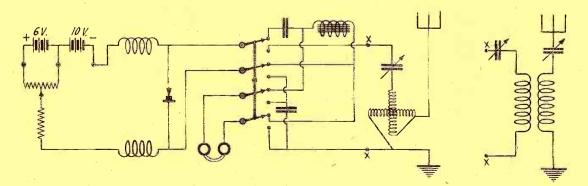
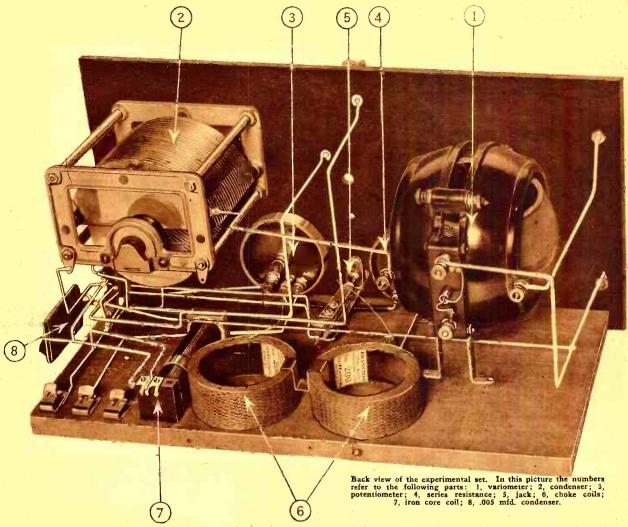


Fig. 1. The diagram of the experimental set shown on the photographs. Various tuning units may be used by connecting them at points XX in this diagram. Fig. 2, on the right, shows a loose coupled circuit which may be used with a long aerial.



nected across part of the battery only as it has been found that this provides a sufficient voltage variation and reduces the consumption of current through the potentiometer winding.

It is possible to use the outfit described in this article as a separate oscillator which may be coupled to an ordinary crystal receiver or non-oscillating vacuum tube receiver to pick up C.W. signals. If the set is used for experimenting we would suggest that the various circuits shown in the last issues of this magazine be tried on this Crystodyne receiver, as some of them may prove more efficient than others, depending upon the conditions under which this set is used. Fig. 2 shows how a coupled circuit may be connected to the crystal circuit itself by changing the connection at point XX of the circuit Fig. 1.

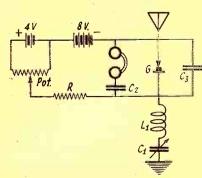
No constructional details are given for the assembling of this outfit since various apparatus may be used for the construction and especially since the outfit may be arranged for experimental purposes in so many differ-

ent ways.

We have tried this oscillator for transmitting and found that signals may be heard within a short distance. When coupled to a receiving circuit, such as shown in Fig. 3, a rectified current of 1/20th of a milliampere was obtained with a coupling of about 3 inches between the variometer of the crystodine oscillator and the tuning coil of the receiving circuit. We are at the present time investigating the possibility of the zincite oscillator for the purpose of transmitting continuous waves over greater distance and we

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Another circuit which may be used in the set shown above.

shall in time inform our readers of our

The staff of RADIO NEWS is now investigating the effect of light, heat and of a magnetic field upon the crystal while in operation and we hope to be able to present to our readers the results of these experiments in future issues of this magazine. It is needless to say that we will welcome any communication from experimenters investigating oscillating crystals.

THE COLLEGE OF THE AIR

"The only regular college course in the world which is given by radio—enroll in

That was the cry that went out last year when the Kansas State Agricultural College started its "College of the Air" course, and it is still more lusty this fall as the announcement of the new and larger course is issued by the Extension Division of the college.

Interesting information on subjects ranging from law to the beef cattle industry, from the feeding of babies to the writing of business, letters will be broadcast throughout the school year. Lectures are given Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings for four semesters of eight weeks each during the next school year.

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The first semester starts October 15.

Monday and Tuesday evenings are devoted to lectures on agriculture; on Wednesday evenings the engineer has his innings. How to build the house and landscape the (Continued on page 846)



Radio In New Zealand



Station 9DCP, owned and operated by H. M. Degolier, London, Wis., The aerial, a four wire inverted L with caged lead-in, is supported by a 100-foot steel tower at one end. The counterpoise 14 wires in fan shape, is 20 feet above ground. The C.W. transmitter employs two 50-watters in the 1DH circuit, using rectified A.C. on the plates. The phone set employs a 500-watt oscillator, 50 watt modulator and a 5-watt special amplifier. The receiver is a Kennedy set.

tion, which cover the country quite well, as DX of 1,000 miles on one tube is regular work here, many people getting the two stations in Sydney, Australia, on one tube.

Here, by the way, some of you ought to get a map out and convince yourselves that Australia and New Zealand are two separate countries. Australian enthusiasts have their sets sealed so that they can receive only one station, for which service they must pay.

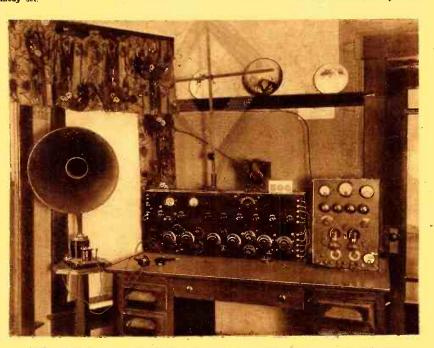
station, for which service they must pay. However, to return to New Zealand, where we have a much better system, as you see, these stations are nearly all owned by radio dealers, or groups of dealers. The present stations range in power from 15 watts to 500 watts output. The only station now using the whole 500 watts is 4YA, Dunedin. This is a very efficient station and has some good DX reports from Australia. It is proposed in the near future to start a broadcasting company which will operate 500-watt stations in the four main cities, Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch. This will be a non-profit organization, subsidized by the Government out of the license fees, which will probably be increased slightly.

Reception of American broadcast stations is becoming quite common. KGO especially is easy to receive on good single tube sets. KPO, KHJ and WJAZ have also been received by the writer on one C-299. Many BCLs with two or three tubes get other Pacific coast stations, one gentleman having a list oi, 14 American stations. Not bad

EFORE February, 1923, the way of the "ham" or the "bug" in New Zealand was a hard one. No amateur transmission was allowed at all and tube sets were not allowed unless the owner could read code. In spite of these hampering restrictions, however, a good many enthusiasts were doing good work in the way of reception. The regulations which were issued at the above time, however, put radio on a popular footing and there was at once a boom in the trade.

there was at once a boom in the trade. It may be interesting to you to mention the regulations and to see how they compare with the American position. To begin with, every receiver is licensed, the fee being five shillings (\$1.25) per annum. Thentake good note of this—the single circuit is absolutely forbidden and to use one is to risk a fine of £10 (\$50). Its loss is not mourned by anyone, for the ether is kept free from "birdies" and it seems that just as good, if not better, DX is accomplished with the 3-circuit. Then again, there is no common wave for broadcast stations, different wave-lengths being allotted to towns before any stations are built there. At 14 of the larger towns stations may be built with an output of one-third kilowatt. These operate on a wave band of from 260 to 380 meters. This may seem rather narrow, but stations with near-by wave-lengths are situated at opposite ends of the country. The same applies to the wave-lengths from 190 to 250 meters which are allotted to 19 of the smaller towns. Stations built at these places may put 250 watts into the antenna.

There are at present eight stations in opera-

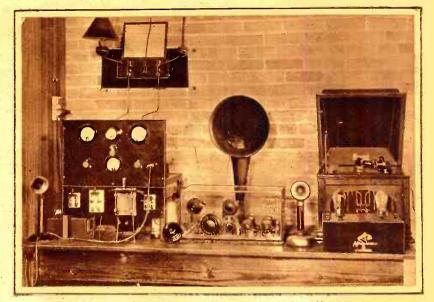


Station 5OG, owned and operated by O. S. Kelly. Oklahoma City, Okla. The transmitter uses four 5-watt bottles and crowds 80 watts into a six wire cage aerial, covering 2,100 miles with C.W. and 1,500 miles on voice, on 150-176 meters. The receivers is of universal type covering waves from the Hams' to 30,000 meters. This set has picked up Nice, France, Hawaii, WNP; Mexico City and others of like distance. It will be recognized as a Super-Heterodyne. It is of special design, however.

for those coupled tuners that have all the energy losses, eh, you single-circuit fiends. The distance from New Zealand to the Pacific Coast of America is just over 6,000 miles. The best DX so far, and incidentally, a world's record, is the reception of telephony, voice, from Eiffel Tower, France, by the government operators at Awarua, in the south of New Zealand. This was received several times at 6 o'clock in the morning. However, to leave the BCLs and to get to

However, to leave the BCLs and to get to the Laws. Up to now we have had two grades of amateurs, Grade I and Grade II. The first grade are allowed to use up to 50 watts (output), while Grade II, whose exam. for license is easier, have used up to 5 watts only. It is now proposed to have one type of license only, granting the amateurs a wave from 130 to 190 meters instead of 140 to 180 meters as at present. As has been continually demonstrated by lists of "Calls Heard," etc., since the first account of Mr. Ralph Wade's reception of American amateur signals, many other people are now logging numbers of them. Mr. Bell, 4AA, of New Zealand also has a report of reception of his signals in America. Unfortunately he did not log all his transmissions the night in question so unless some other "Z" ham heard him call CQ at the time mentioned, this cannot be verified.

No spark transmission whatever is allowed, as far as amateurs are concerned, in New Zealand, so our Hams do not have your spark QRM. The chief interference experienced is Nature's own model, static, although broadcast harmonics can, at times, be very annoying. There are at present only about 50 licensed amateurs, but the number is increasing all the time. Several amateurs transmit slew code for half an hour several nights a week, in order that BCLs may learn it if they wish. This idea is a very good one and is much appreciated by many who are thinking of getting transmitting licenses in the near future. American tubes are used by most of the transmitters, some of the lower powered of whom are now using 201A tubes in place of 5 watters, owing to filament economy. The little C-299 is a great favorite as a detector. It may be seen by what has been said in foregoing paragraphs that much good radio work has been accomplished in reception of American Hams, but transmission records are good



Station 5MF, owned and operated by Floyd L. Thompson, Bay City, Texas. The transmitter (phone only) employs four 5 yeatters, two as oscillators and two as modulators. The plates are supplied from a 500 volt motor-generator. The set puts 2.3 amperes into the antenna. Mr. Thompson states that he has eliminated the carrier wave and consequently it is impossible for his transmitter to take part in any heterodyning party. Note the glass encased receiver.

too. Many even of the lower powered stations work with "Aussie" (Australia) regularly.

A great feature of radio work in New Zealand is that the Government, so far, has been very sympathetic with both Hams and BCLs. The Government station VLW, at Wellington, is shortly to use only I.C.W. during broadcasting hours. The Government has also been very good in the way of granting amateurs special permits, etc. Here are some of the world's records held in New Zealand, to show what good work is done.

List of World's Records held in New Zealand:

1. Reception of telephony from Eiffel Tower, France, by Government operators.
2. Reception of English amateur 5AU by Z1AC, Mr. Spackman.

3. Reception of CW from Australia 2CM, 1,200 miles, by Z4AA, Mr. Bell, when transmitter input was only .00375 watts (15 volts, .25 millamperes). The instrument with which the input was measured were afterwards checked and found correct within 10 per cent. The meter readings were taken by disinterested observers.

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4. Z2AC, Mr. A'Meara, of Gisborne, worked CB8, Buenos Ayres, a distance of over 7,000 miles.

5. Loud speaker reception of KGO with small loop aerial using 8-tube Super-Heterodyne. Distance, 6,000 miles. Reception regularly done by Mr. I. Levy of Wellington.

6. More consistent reception of both ama-

6. More consistent reception of both amateur and broadcast stations over a distance of 6,000 and 7,000 miles is accomplished by New Zealand amateurs than by any others.

Amateur Stations Authorized to Use Short Wave-Lengths

To all Supervisors of radio:

Effective this date you are authorized to issue general and restricted amateur radio station licenses to permit the use of any one or all of the following bands of short wavelengths: 75 to 80 meters, 40 to 43 meters, 20 to 22 meters, 4 to 5 meters, in addition to the band 150 to 200 metres, provided application is made by the owner of the station, which station must be prepared to use the wavelength or wave-lengths requested.

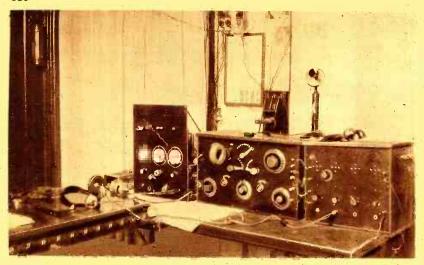
The use of continuous wave telegraphy only will be permitted on wave-lengths other than 150 to 200 meters, and the antenna circuit must not be directly coupled to the transmitting circuit.

Silent hours will not be required of amateurs while using the wave-lengths within the above bands below 80 meters, except where the transmitting station is so situated as to produce objectionable interference with other services.

Hereafter special amateur stations will not use wave-lengths above 200 meters. They may be authoribed to use the band of wavelengths from 105 to 110 meters in addition to the wave-lengths within the bands authorized for general and restricted amateur use where the special amateurs are engaged in conducting tests with Government or commercial stations.



Station 2CPQ, owned and operated by John C. Phipps, Brooklyn, N. Y. The transmitter employs a 50 watter in a Hartley tuned counterpoise—ground circuit. Plate current is secured from an Acme 200 watt transformer. The receiver is of the three circuit type and covers wave bands of 150 to 415 meters and 290 to 825 meters. 2CPQ has been heard in 23 States



Station 9CHC, owned and operated by H. E. Johnston, Spencer, Iowa. The transmitter employs four 5 watters in a modified Hartley circuit. Plate voltage is supplied by a 550 volt motor-generator. CW radiation on 150 meters is 2 amperes. Heising modulation is employed for fone and an R.C.A. choppr for I.C.W. The receiver is a three circuit and a Reinartz, both mounted in the same cabinet. Both coasts have been worked on C.W.

General, restricted, and special amateur stations will be permitted to use the entire band of wave-lenghts from 150 to 200 meters employing pure C.W. spark and modulated forms of transmission.

It should be made clear to the amateurs that the authority granted above is necessarily tentative because of the rapid development taking place in radio communication, and the bands of wave-lengths authorized may be changed whenever, in the opinion of the Secretary of Commerce, such change is necessary.

Approved—

J. Walter Drake, Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

D. B. Carson, Commissioner.

WASH DAY C.W. By PAUL M. BARNES

Much has been said, and a great deal written bearing on the absorption of energy by imperfect dielectrics in the field of the antenna system. A recent experience of the writer may serve to point out the extent to which such absorption exists and may contain a hint to other amateurs.

Each Monday, following my usual daily

Each Monday, following my usual daily custom of coming home to lunch, with a few minutes for DX work while awaiting its preparation, my signals were reported weaker than usual and the range of my station was considerably decreased over my daylight work on other days. This was so consistent as to offer a puzzle and a determination, on my part, to solve it.

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Examination of the filament voltmeter and plate milliammeter readings showed that the current consumption was normal, which disproved a theory I had evolved that the power supply must be low on Mondays due to the excess load drawn by neighborhood

washing machine motors.

Considerable thinking failed to bring to light any reason for such a phenomenon and as a last resort, I went out and gazed carefully at my antenna system. All was shipshape, and I thoughtfully started to return indoors when, with my thoughts far from my surroundings, I unexpectedly encountered a wet sheet, drying on the line. An idea! My wife, following the usual popular American fashion, washed on Mondays and the yard was hung full of wet clothes. I used no counterpoise, and the laundry hung directly under my antenna system. I endeavored to call back passages from authorities dealing with absorption and so meditating, requested my wife to

aid science to the extent of removing all of the washing temporarily, which she did.

With the removal of the wet clothing and a comparison of signal strength with a brother amateur in a near-by town, by prearrangement, the difficulty was cleared up and the fact definitely established that the introduction of the large area of damp laundry between the antenna and ground resulted in a surprising loss of range for my station.

Not being able to persuade my wife to eliminate the washing of clothing altogether, I've followed the alternative course, and now refrain from attempts at daylight DX on Mondays!

NEW QRA'S 6SCC—Raymond Kridler, Box 204, Rivera, Calif.

1CV-Joseph Corish, 18 Prospect Hill Ave., Somerville, Mass. All crds QSL'd.

1DP-Thomas H. Bell, 36 Warren Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

9ECA—(re-assigned) Leo W. Knaust, Granby, Mo. 10 watts CW. Pse QSL. 4VB—Ulmer G. Turner, Jr., 923 4th St., E. P., Columbia, S. C. 15 watts CW. and Fone: QSL's appreciated.

3RS-3CKC-E. Kampf, 817 14th St., N. W. Washington, D. C. All crds QSL'd.

4UC—(ex-2CUZ) Donald B. Whittemore, 925 Grandview Ave., Seabreeze, Fla. 100 watts D.C.C.W., 155 mess.

7MF—(re-assigned) Harold D. DeVoe, 1310 W. Main St., Medford, Ore. 50 watts CW. All crds answd. QRK?

7LS—(re-assigned) Earl Oliver, 701 W. Jackson St., Medford, Ore. 50 watts CW. All crds answd. QRK?

5ARI—Meade Johnston, Tuscaloosa, Ala. All crds answd.

9QQ-M. R. Johnson, 7816 Carpenter St., Chicago, Ill. 5 watts CW. QSL's appreciated. All crds answd.

2CLN-Myron B. Skraly, 1734 Weeks Ave., Bronx, New York. QSL's appreciated. Wave aprox. 85 meters.

6BGV—(re-assigned) Jack Lutts, 6551 National Blvd., Culver City, Calif. All crds answd.

300—Bert Carmosir, 1654 N. Marshall St., Philadelphia, Pa. Gld to get reports. All crds answd.

5APB—Roy Leach, Honey Grove, Texas. 10 watts CW. and Fone. Will QSL all crds.

6BX-A. Binneweg, Jr., 524 Fairbanks Ave., Oakland, Calif.

9BPW-Lyman Nylander, 2305 West 5th St., Duluth, Minn. All crds answd.

5APP—Ernest O. Ross, 6713 Ave. J, Houston, Tex. All crds answd.

5AQL—Brodie E. Cain, 715 N. Elm. St., Denton, Texas.

CORRECTION—The call of the portable station owned and operated by Harvey B. Davenport, 1631 North 61st St., West Philadelphia, Pa., was published in the August issue of Raddo News as 3APP. It should be 3AAP.

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The amateur station owned and operated by Augusto J. Percira, Pernambuco, Brazil. The transmitter employs one 5 watt tube. Plate voltage is secured from "B" batteries. Absorption modulation is employed for fone work. The receiver of the Honeycomb coil type has a wavelength range of 350 to 20,000 meters. A 6-wire fan shape counterpoise is employed in conjunction with the transmitter. All of the apparatus is home made.

Loop Antenna Transmission

By MARUIN S. OLSON



Enough cannot be published on loop transmission. In the future this or a similar system will no doubt be employed by the majority of amateurs for special work. Directional transmitters may some day be a necessity if traffic is to be handled.



HE use of a loop antenna for transmitting purposes has been ostracized by the general amateur fraternity on the ground that only very short distance communication is possible with it. While this is undoubtedly true at the present time, it must be remembered that the field of loop antenna transmission is indeed a fertile one, which will yield much in experimental and research work. It is the belief of the writer that future experiments will reveal the wonderful possibilities of the loop as a means of effective directional communication.

If loop antennae were used in connection with low power C.W. sets for local transmitting, a great deal of the amateur's interference would be obviated. This fact depends upon the directional transmitting and receiving properties of the loop. is no necessity for the use of high power in communicating with a station within a radius of a few miles. A

low power loop outfit could be made to accomplish this work, thus minimizing interference. Not only would interference be lessened, but new discoveries concerning the loop as a radiator would be made.

A METHOD

The most satisfactory method of producing high frequency alternating current in a loop antenna is to use the entire loop as the inductance of an oscillatory circuit. The loop may be used as only part of the inductance, but this will introduce unnecessary losses, and the results will not be as good as those obtained when the whole loop is used as the inductance.

Fig. 1 represents the loop transmitting set used in the experiments carried out at station 9.A.G. It will be noticed that electrostatic coupling is used for oscillation generation. Condensers C1 and C2 each have a maximum capacity of .0005 mfd. A grid leak and grid condenser are not necessary as long as the plate voltage is kept below 200, but when the voltage is raised above this amount they will be found necessary. The

tube is a regular five-watter.

If rectified A.C. is used, a 250 turn radio frequency choke, wound on a cardboard tube approximately three inches in diameter, should be inserted in the positive high tension lead.

The loop was built along the lines

Fig. 2. An excellent indoor transmitting loop aerial supported from the four walls by strong cord and insulator.

of general practice, being rectangular in shape and having seven turns of No. 14 D.C.C. wire wound on a frame with four-foot sides. This gave the loop a fundamental wavelength of about 176 meters. The actual transmitting wave-length may, of course, be varied by changing the capacity of condensers C1 and C2, which are of the variable type, or by varying the number of turns on the loop.

With a plate potential of 90 volts and

a plate current of 4 milliamperes, a range of two and one-half miles was obtained. However, the directional characteristics were

not as sharp as was expected.

It was then decided to change the size of the loop and vary the number of turns. In doing so, the turns of the loop were carefully spaced in order to obtain a high inductance with a low distributed capacity. Too high a distributed capacitance would

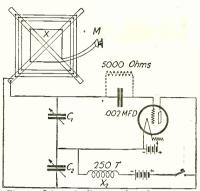


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of the loop transmitter used at 9AAG. Absorption modulation is utilized when phone is desired.

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See page 732 for list of radio articles of the new EXPERIMENTER and be sure to reserve a copy from your newsdealer before the issue is sold out.

THE EXPERIMENTER will be on sale at all newsstands October 20, 1924.

HUGO GERNSBACK

Editor.

render the use of short wave-lengths impos-

Three turns of No. 14 D.C.C. wire spaced a quarter of an inch apart were wound on a six-foot-square loop. Using this loop a six-100t-square 100p. Comes the composition with the same plate potential as before, the directional effects were much sharper, and the signal strength increased. This led the writer to conclude that the design of the loop had a great deal to do with the results obtained. Therefore, give this item careful attention, and do not be afraid to experi-

As a word of caution to those who may desire to experiment with portable loop transmitters aboard some moving vehicle, be sure that the loop wires are strung as rigid and tight as possible. Failure to recognize this fact will result in a swinging wave which will spoil the reception.

For those who may want to try radiophone transmission, modulation is recommended, although mediocre results can be obtained by the use of loop modulation. If the latter method is used, one turn of wire strung around the inside of the loop and connected to the microphone will give satisfactory results.

RADIOPHONE USED

Using the hook-up shown in Fig. 1 with loop modulation and a plate voltage of 500, a range of ten miles voltage of 500, a range of ten miles can be relied upon for voice transmission. The C.W. telegraph rangor will be approximately twenty-five miles. These ranges are quite conservative and can easily be duplicated or even exceeded by a little careful work in designing the apparatus.

Do not forget that a good receiving set has much to do with the success of your experiments. A common single circuit regenerative receiver with two steps of audio frequency amplification in connection with a 135-foot single wire aerial was used in the experiments just re-lated. Although this gave fairly good results, the writer believes a loop receiving outfit having two or three stages of radio frequency and one or two more of audio frequency amplification would give superior results.

It must be remembered that the loop antenna's radiation is almost en-

tirely electromagnetic. Hence the receiving set should be one which is highly sensitive to electromagnetic rather than electrostatic field variations. A loop receiving outfit is therefore desirable, since it responds almost entirely to the electromagnetic variations.

CONSTRUCTION OF LOOP

Perhaps it would be advisable to give a few suggestions concerning the construc-tion of the receiving loop. So many articles on this subject have appeared in this and other radio periodicals, that only a few of the main factors will be considered here.

An important thing to be remembered in the construction of the loop, is that the greatest signal strength generally occurs at a wave-length of approximately two times the fundamental of the loop. Bearing this (Continued on page 774)

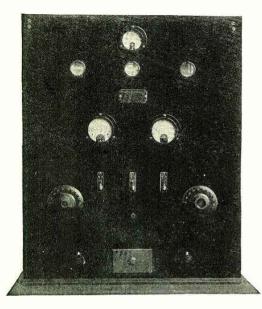
A 100 Watt Master Oscillator Transmitter

By JOHN E. FETZER, A.M., I.R.E.*



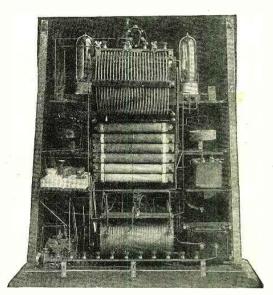
The description of an excellent C.W. and phone transmitter that bears all the ear marks of a commercial product. Electrical efficiency has not been overlooked or sacrificed for the sake of good appearance. Rather, the set was designed to include both.





Figs. 1 and 2 show the front and rear views of the 100 watt master oscillator transmitter built by the author. The two 50 watt tubes are seen mounted near the top of the panel. Note the neat arrangement of the apparatus. A large insulating strip mounted on the rear of the baseboard contains the necessary binding posts for outside connections. No terminals are placed on the panel proper.

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T is not unusual in these unsettled days to pick up a radio magazine and find the worn-out combination of words, "Knock-Out Set." In other words, the writer of such an article wishes to convey the impression that he has discovered the secret, has found the one set that supersedes all others. I sometimes think we have in the radio world many modern "alchemists" who are still trying to practice alchemy and transmute baser metals into gold. While I do not wish to belittle the original thinker, I do have the right to expect the truth when I read a description of an outfit.

Therefore, I must conclude that the set described in this paper is not a "Knock-Out." There never was a transmitter built which could not be improved. I do say, however, that a set of this type is well worth consideration on the part of any transmitting amateur who wishes to keep abreast of the times.

MASTER OSCILLATOR

In the first place, why is the master oscillator type of transmission so advantageous? There are probably three good answers. First, inasmuch as the master oscillator determines the wave frequency, the signals transmitted do not swing. Second, the wave can be controlled superbly, and last, the amplifier tubes are able to use all the power supplied to their plate circuit. This is because the efficiency of the circuit is high, owing to the fact that the grid losses are supplied by the master oscillator. Figs. 1, 2, and 3 show the front, back,

Figs. 1, 2, and 3 show the front back, and side veiws of the complete set, designed and constructed by the writer. Fig. 4 shows the complete circuit diagram. The Hartley oscillator circuit is used. This consists of the 5-watt tube, V₃. condensers, C₆. C₇, and C₂, also inductance L₂. L₂ was constructed by using a 5-inch bakelite, tube, wound with approximately 30 turns of seven strand No. 22 copper wire. It may be seen in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 at the extreme bottom of the transmitter. It is arranged with clips so as to permit variation of both

plate and grid inductance. This is for the purpose of securing effective regeneration by means of plate and grid high frequency excitation. C₂ is a 43-plate variable condenser connected directly across the inductance. This condenser forms the oscillation circuit which determines the wave-length of the master oscillator. This capacity is plainly visible in Fig. 3 and is the left dial control in Fig. 1. It has been the experience of the writer, in order to secure a steady wave, minimum inductance and large capacity must be used. The blocking condensers C₆ and C₇ must have a low power factor and be of mica construction. Their capacity should be large enough to have a low reactance at the working wave-lengths. A capacity of .002 mfd. is approximately correct for amateur waves. R₈ is two 5000 ohms grid leaks in series, making 10,000 ohms which was found high enough to hold the heat of the plate in the 5-watt tube to a dull red when the key is down. Of course, when the key is up the oscillator should be practically cold. R₈ is shown in the bank of leaks in Fig. 2. L_a is a single layer radio frequency choke which is shown in Fig. 3, center shelf, beside L₆. L₄ is identical to L₆, located on the same shelf. L₇ is identical to L₆, shown at the left, center shelf, Fig. 2. It is recommended, however, that L₆ and L₇ be replaced with single-layer coils, as concentrated inductances invariably have high enough distributed capacity to by-pass sufficient radio frequency to make the choke ineffective. A good single layer coil can be constructed by winding 250 turns of No. 28 cotton covered copper wire on 3-inch tube.

The high voltage for the plates is furnished by a 1,000-volt direct current generator, G. This generator is driven by the motor A₁ from the 110 A. C. line. G. F. is the generator field and R_2 the generator field rheostat, which permits regulation of the generator voltage. As to the filter arrangement, C_{11} is a 2 mfd. condenser and L_5 is a 6 henry choke. While these values are adequate for this particular circut, they may not be effective under other arrangements

than the one employed. The motor-generator is not shown, it being installed at a distance. The choke $L_{\rm s}$ is shown in Fig. 2 at the bottom right and in Fig. 3 directly at the bottom. The choke shown is not a 6 henry choke but a smaller commercial type.

THE OSCILLATOR TUBES

The oscillator tube V₃ receives its plate current from the same source as the 50-watters. However, the voltage must be reduced from 1,000 to 500. A large commercial grid leak will serve well. One of these leaks will dissipate about 60 watts of energy continuously or 100 watts intermittently. The plate resistance of a 5-watt tube is approximately 4,000 ohms. If the plate voltage is to be equally divided between the tube and this resistance, that is, 500 volts on the plate and 500 across the resistance, the resistance should have a value of 4,000 ohms. However, the difference between 4,000 and 5,000 ohms seems to be negligible and works out very well in practice. This leak is indicated at R₅ and is shown in Fig. 2, in the bank of leaks.

M_a is a 0-500 milliammeter which shows the total amount of current drawn by the amplifiers and the oscillator tube. As a matter of protection to the meter it is advisable to move it to the negative side of the high voltage line. M₁ is a 0-5 ammeter which indicates the aerial reading in amperes. M₂ is a 0-15 A. C. meter for indicating the filament voltage on either the 50-watt tubes, which is 10 volts, or the 5-watt tube, which is 7.5 volts. These voltages must be adhered to if the proper life of the tubes is obtained. In fact, operation at voltages a little less than specified will greatly prolong their life. All that is necessary to take the readings of the tubes is to throw switch S₆ in position 1 to measure the 5-watt tube and in position 2 for the 50-watters. S₅ is shown in Fig. 1. It is the middle switch of the three located in the center of the panel. Consulting Fig. 1 further, the meter at the top is M₈, the one at the right center is M₄, and at the left center, is M₄.

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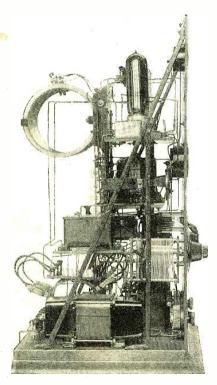
FILAMENT HEATED BY A. C.

A. C. is used on the filaments for economy , and prolonged life of tubes. It is well known that the life of the tubes is greatly lengthened by using A. C. on the filaments, because one half of the filament is not overloaded as in the case of direct current. The transformer T with P and S, the primary and secondary, can be seen in Fig. 2 just behind the master oscillator inductance. Cs and C_n two by-pass condensers, are shown across the secondary of the transformer. but really are not needed if the center tap on the transformer secondary is located at the exact center of the winding because there will be no effective inductance between it and the ends of the secondary coil. Notice that the center tap is grounded.

Two rheostats R3 and R4 are used to reduce the voltage from the secondary of transformer T, to the desired 7.5 volts for the 5 watt tube, which is indicated on M2. R_n regulates the primary of the transformer. R_a regulates the primary of the transformer. R_a, R₄ and R₅ are all standard commercial rheostats. R₂ and R₄ are shown at the bottom of the panel, Fig. 1. Switch S₄, when closed, puts both the transformer and motorgenerator into operation. Owing to the fact that the generator is a little slow in starting, that the generator is a little slow in starting, the filaments of the tubes are lighted before the plate current is applied. This precaution should always be taken. Never apply the plate voltage before the tubes are lighted. It it is done, the result, in time, will be disastrous to the tubes. S_t is seen in Fig. 1, the switch located at the centre bottom. Switch S₅ is the 110 A. C. line switch and is shown in Fig. 2 at the middle left.

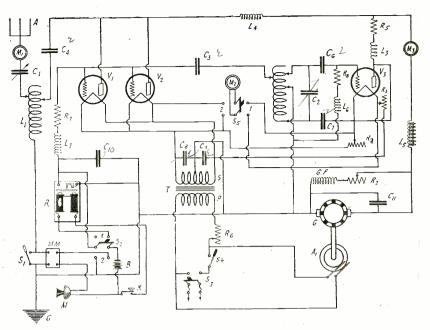
POWER AMPLIFIERS

Two 50-watt tubes, V1 and V2 are used in parrallel for the power amplifier. They may be seen in Fig. 2. The oscillator tube is in the center on the same shelf of the same



Side view of the 100 watt transmitter Fig. 3. Side view of the 100 watt transmisser.

All instruments except the motor generator are mounted in this unit.



Schematic wiring diagram of the complete 100 watt transmitter. The Hartley oscillating circuit is employed in this circuit. A relay-operated key is used for code work. Switches are provided for changing from C.W. to Phone.

view. All three tubes may be seen through View. All three times may be seen through the peep-holes in Fig. 1. C_a and C_k are each .002 mfd. of the mica type and are located by the side of the two 50-watters in Fig. 2. A full view of C_a may be seen in Fig. 3. L_τ is 15,000 ohms, three leaks in series. These are shown in Fig. 2.

The keying of the transmitter is done through a relay R, which may be seen in Fig. 2, shown at the bottom, on the left. Fig. 2, shown at the notion, on the As shown in circuit diagram the relay is inserted in series with the grid-leak. this means the power amplifier is completely this means the power amplifier is completely blocked when the relay is open. The contacts of the relay are shunted with a .002 mfd, condenser C₁₀. This affords protection for the tubes as it decreases the possibility of leakage. The key K, operates the relay through battery, B, when switch S₂ is in position 1. When this switch, shown in Fig. 1 at the right center, is thrown in position 2 the contacts on the relay are shunted out and the microphone is cut into the magnetic modulator, circuit M. M. The same battery, B, is used to furnish the microphone current. Switch S₁ must be open for telephony and closed for telegraphy. S_1 is shown in Fig. 1, left center. The magnetic modulator proves very satisfactory for phone work, however its being embodied in this installation is only incidental and is used only for local communication. The magnetic modulator is shown in Fig. 2, immediately above the choke coil.

Li is shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 at the

top of the set. It has 25 turns. C₁ is identical to C₂, previously mentioned. This is shown in Fig. 2, the right dial control. A shows the antenna and G the ground. The dimensions of the bakelite panel are 27 by 36 inches. The base is solid oak and supports the panel through screws at the bottom and the cast iron brackets as shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3. Fig 2 shows at the bottom, the binding posts, located on a bakelite strip near the edge, in order to make convenient as well as short connections. At the top of L₁ is shown another row of posts, for aerial, ground, etc.

TUNING

All connections must be as short as possible, have good insulation, and be free from bad wiring and high resistance.

The tuning of this set is much easier than

the self-excited systems. In order to find the proper place for the plate clip on $L_{\rm b}$ bring the master oscillator and power amplifier into normal operation with full plate voltage. Then hunt for the position on the oscillation transformer where the heat from the plates of the vacuum tubes is low. Also where a low plate current obtains. Try this adjustment until this condition is obtained over a wide range of wave-lengths. However, the plate *current* should not exceed a tenth of normal value, when making this adjustment.

The antenna tuning is very critical. whole antenna system must be brought to whole antenna system must be brought to resonance with the wave determined in the master oscillator circuit. This will be done by proper adjustment of C₁ and antenna clip on L₁. Resonance will be indicated when maximum radiation is obtained as shown by M_1 and by a wavemeter reading at L_1 as compared with a similar reading

This matter of radiation is perhaps the most deceiving problem in amateur radio. With this type set it is not uncommon to find high radiation, but low efficiency. This may be caused by proper ratio of turns on the oscillation transformer but too few turns used in both plate and aerial inductance circuits. Also too low a grid-leak resistance would cause such a result. If the output is low and the efficiency high the cause is probably a high resistance antenna or wrong adjustment of both plate and antenna clips on L₁. However, a low antenna current is always had when operation is essayed below the fundamental of the antenna. The current in this case may be just a small fraction of that obtained above the fundamental, but with this condition, greater signal strength and greater range are the almost invariable

The writer has had experience with master oscillator sets both in amateur and broadcast work and can state without question, that this type of transmission is certainly wonderful as compared with some of the self-excited systems and that real pleasure is derived from its beauty in perfection.

However in building a set of this kind one must be a firm believer in the motto that "workmanship is craft and accuracy is lace."

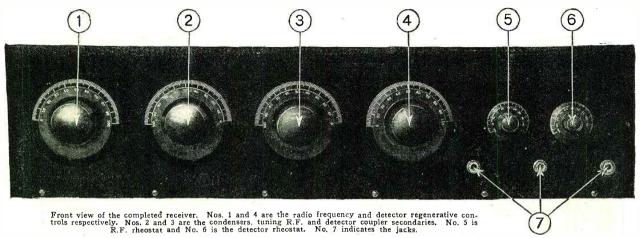
A Cascade Regenerative Receiver

By THE STAFF OF RADIO NEWS



An unusually sensitive type of receiving set employing rather a unique system, cascade regeneration. Efficient design has eliminated the critical adjustment characteristics usually manifested in sets of this form.





NEW idea in radio frequency amplification is applied to this Cascade Regenerative Receiver. In practical form it has been tried and has given excellent results. The two tubes used as radio frequency amplifiers and the regenerative detector give approximately the same results as four stages of radio frequency amplification. The set is no more difficult to tune or control than an ordinary receiver and at the same time is exceptionally stable.

The idea is comparatively simple. The plate current of the first tube is fed back through the tickler, giving regeneration in the antenna circuit. The output of this first tube is passed to a second tube which is used as a resistance coupled radio frequency amplifier of the ordinary type and acts also as a blocking tube, keeping the first and second regenerative circuits entirely separated. The output of this second radio frequency amplifier is passed, in the regular manner, to the detector, which also is regenerative.

In the present instance, two stages of audio frequency are added to the set in the regular manner.

Following is the list of apparatus necessary to construct the cascade regenerative receiver:

1-7 x 28 inch panel.

1-7 x 27¹/₄ inch wood baseboard. 2-.0005 mfd. variable condensers.

2—special variocouplers.

1-variable resistance 10,000-

100,000 ohms. 2—2 megohm grid leaks.

1—.00025 mfd. fixed condenser with leak clips.

-.0005 mfd. fixed condensers.

1-6 ohm rheostat.

1—20 ohm rheostat.2—automatic filament adjustors for U.V.-201A type tubes.

2-medium ratio audio frequency transformers.

2-double circuit filament control jacks.

1-single circuit filament control jack.

4-four inch dials.

8-binding posts.

5-standard sockets.

Various wood screws for fastening apparatus to baseboard.

1—strip of insulating material 5 x 2 inches for binding posts.

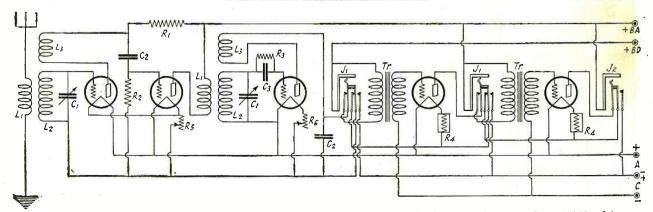
1—strip of insulating material 2 x 2 inches for binding posts.

The secret of the set's success lies in the blocking tube used between the first and second regenerative circuits. Oscillations are controlled entirely by the two ticklets, there being no potentiometer which adds greatly to simplicity of control. Coupling between the aerial and first radio trequency circuit is made through an aperiodic primary system, the aerial coil consisting of seven turns wound directly over the grid coil of the coupler and not tuned.

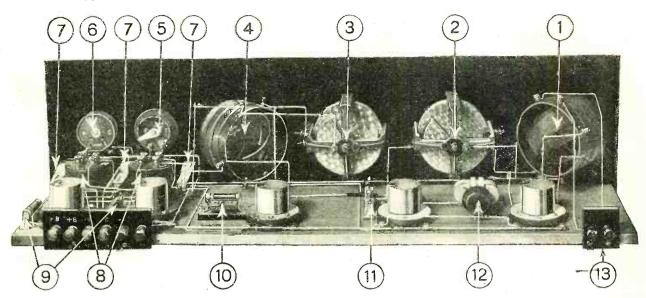
The second radio frequency amplifier tube is connected to the first through resistance coupling. The output of this tube is passed to the detector by coupling through seven turns of wire wound directly over the grid coil of the second coupler. This second coupler is identical with the first.

Results will be obtained with either loop or outside antenna as a collecting agency, although a good outdoor aerial is preferable.

The quality of the apparatus will in most cases depend upon the pocketbook, the same as the results will depend upon the quality of the material used. The best parts are always cheaper in the end and they can be taken out of one set and used again and again in more efficient hook-ups. One learns to pick out the good parts after a little experience, but while he is acquiring the experience, but while he is acquiring the



Schematic diagram of the circuit employed. The numbers designate the following parts: L1, L2, L3 are the primary, secondary and tickler of the couplers; R1, variable resistance; R2, R3, two-megohm grid leaks; R4, amperites; R5. six-ohm rheostat; R6, 20-ohm rheostat; C1, .0005 mfd. variable condensers; C2, .0005 mfd. fixed condensers; J1, double circuit filament control jacks; J2, single circuit filament control jacks.



Rear view of the receiver. The numbers designate the following parts: 1 and 4, variocouplers; 2 and 3, 0005 mfd. variable condensers; 5, six-ohm rheostat; 6, detector rheostat; 7, filament control jacks; 8, A.F. transformers; 9, amperites; 10, grid condenser and leak; 11. two-megohm grid leak; 12. variable resistance; 13, antenna and ground connections.

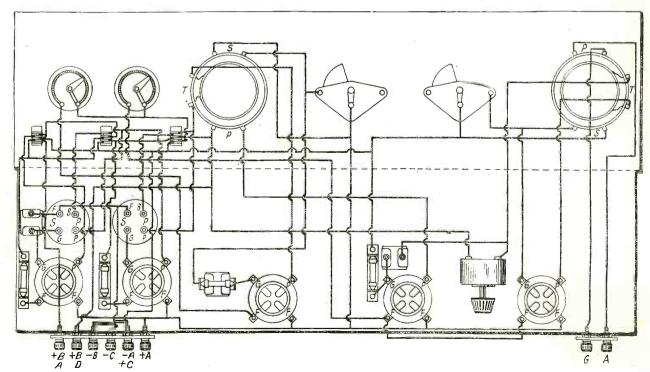
perience he had better buy from the dealer who guarantees merchandise.

After all the parts have been secured, the first thing to be done is to mark and drill the panel. The parts used in the model set are all of standard size and manufacture which allows the reader to place his apparatus in the same position, if desired. There are two ways of marking the panel. One is to secure a piece of heavy paper and cut to the exact size of the panel, and then draw a line across the paper exactly in the center. The center holes for all instruments, with the exception of the jacks, will be made on this line. The measurements for the mounting screw holes can be made from the instruments themselves or the templates may

be used. Another line is drawn 1½ inches from the right lower corner of the panel, on which the three jack holes will be drilled. After the centers of all the holes are marked the paper is pasted on the panel and an impression is made on the surface of the panel with a center punch and hammer. After drilling all of the holes with the proper size drill, a countersink should be used on all holes through which a machine screw is to pass so that the dials can be set close to the panel. The paper template can be removed before drilling is started and used over again if desired. The second method of operating the panel is to measure off the instruments on the panel and mark each hole with a center punch as it is measured.

FINISHED PANEL

In some cases it may be desired to have a grained finish on the panel. The requisites are some pumice powder, thin lubricating oil or linseed oil and some rags. The panel should be made fast to the workbench by fastening a thin brace to the table on all four sides of the panel. A little oil should be spread on the panel and a small amount of the powder sprinkled on. Care should be taken that the surface is rubbed either lengthwise or crosswise, but not both, as this will do anything but improve the looks of the finished product. When the desired finish is procured, a little oil should be spread on the surface and rubbed with a clean cloth until it is perfectly dry. This can be done



Layout of the receiver showing the arrangement of the apparatus on the panel and the baseboard. With the instruments arranged as shown, short leads are obtained and the wiring is greatly simplified. Only by careful wiring, well soldered joints and short leads can maximum results be obtained.

on top of this winding a strip of cambric

cloth should be wound, over which 7 turns of the same size wire is placed. A light coating of radio cement will hold these wind-

ings in place. Each loose end should be fastened to a binding post placed along the edge of the secondary tube. The wire on the tickler coil probably can be left as it is,

but in case there is not enough for regeneration, about 40 turns of No. 24 S. S. C. wire should be added. All three coils should be wound in the same direction. If care is taken in securing two couplers of the same size and provided the respective wind-

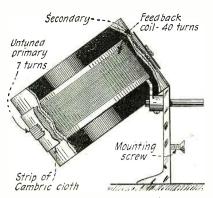
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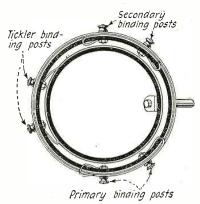
readings of both condensers should be alike if the condensers are of the same make and same size. The two ticklers should also

have approximately the same readings.

After the wiring is complete the filament battery should be connected and a tube placed in each socket. When the phone plug is placed in the first jack, turn on the left

The two radio frequency tubes





Constructional details of the variocouplers employed. The primary is wound directly over the secondary, separated from it by a layer of cambric cloth. It is best to purchase a variocoupler similar to the type shown and rewind it as specified.

either before or after the panel is drilled,

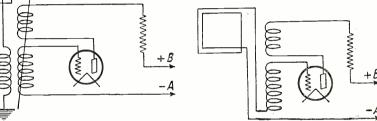
preferably before.

The baseboard should be about threefourths inch shorter than the panel so that it will fit into the cabinet. It should be the first thing to be fastened. The condensers, variocouplers, rheostats and jacks should be fastened to the panel before the sockets, transformers and other apparatus are fastened to the baseboard. The sockets and other parts should be so placed that the leads are as short as possible at the same time the plate and grid leads should be placed as far apart as possible to avoid unnecessary feedback. Where it is possible, have wires cross at right angles. If two leads come very close together, a short length of combric tubing should be used. All contacts which are not made with machine screws should be soldered. All excess flux should be scraped or washed off with alcohol to avoid corrosion. Filament control jacks are used throughout so as to have the least number of controls possible. The filament of the audio frequency amplifying tubes are controlled by automatic resistances made for use with any particular type of tube. The kind used in this set allow one-fourth ampere to pass to a five-volt tube from a six-volt storage battery, thus only UV-201A tubes or others with a similar current rating can be used. The six ohm rheostat is for use with the

two radio frequency tubes while the 20 ohm rheostat supplies the current for the detector

The couplers are both alike as to size and windings. They may be made with any 180 degree variocoupler form. It will usually

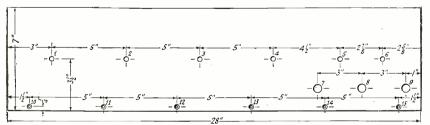
should light while the detector tube should When light when its rheostat is turned on. the phone plug is withdrawn from the first jack, these tubes should go out. When put-ting the plug in the middle jack the radio frequency tubes, the detector tube and the



The receiver may be used with an outside antenna and ground or, as shown at the right, a loop may be employed by connecting it in series with the secondary. Both arrangements work exceedingly well. The use of an outdoor aerial of fair dimensions will, of course, produce the best results.

be much more efficient to buy a form than to make one. Perhaps there are two couplers which are similar in size and shape around the workbench for which there is no further use. The old primary winding should be removed and in its place 40 turns of No. 24 D. S. C. wire should be wound. Directly

first audio frequency tube should light while the third jack should light all five tubes. As the filament wiring is quite complicated it is fairly easy to make a mistake wiring the jacks, so be careful. The aerial and ground wires as well as the "B" batteries should now be connected. When the phone plug is thrust into any jack, a click should be heard in the phones. Set the two variocoupler dials at phones. about 40 degrees and move the two condenser dials slowly with approximately the same reading for each. A whistle should be heard as a carrier wave is picked up. no whistle is heard, but a station is heard, try turning the ticklers and if the signal be-comes louder as the coupling is decreased then the connections of the tickler which acts in this manner should be reversed. If a buzzing sound is heard there is probably some grid connection open or the variable resistance is open. If the former are perfect, try tightening up the latter.



Panel layout of the Cascade regenerative receiver giving the correct position of all parts. Holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are ½ inch; 7, 8, 9 are ½ inch and 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, are ½ inch and countersunk.

Radio In South America By JOHN ENGLISH

HE station of the "Radio Argentina" Company, which for some years has been broadcasting opera from theatres in Buenos Aires, has now increased its power to 1,500 watts. The station will give preference to the operas from the Colon theatre When this house is not giving performances, arrangements have been made for the programs of other theatres to be transmitted as well as concerts and lectures. In all cases transmission will be direct from the auditoriums. The present wave is 400 meters, but there is some likelihood of a change in the near future. This station transmits its call-letters "LOR," together

with other details such as the opera being performed, name of theatre, and name of the company operating the transmitter, in Morse code, four or five times during the evening, using I.C.W. (buzzer-modulated). in order to make it easier for distant listeners to identify the station.

KDKA ON SHORT-WAVE

A program from the KDKA short-wave station was rebroadcast on June 24 by station LOZ, at Monte Grande, near Buenos Aires. The use of this short wave-length also made it possible for the Democratic Convention to be heard nightly, both in the

Argentine and in Chile. As a result, interest in the short waves is increasing.

The broadcast station "CRC," at Santiago,

Chile, has been allowed to put microphones, not only in the principal theatres, but also in one of the most important churches of the city. This is believed to be the first time that transmissions from a Roman Catholic church have been permitted in South America. This station also caters to all tastes by broadcasting, after the church service, "tips" for the horse races of the Sunday afternoon, and descriptions of these races as they take place. The station is (Continued on page 846)

The "Z" Circuit

By S. D. COFFMAN



A new and ingenious system of resistance coupled radio frequency amplification in which the vacuum tubes are employed as the resistances as well as the amplifiers. The salient feature is the minimization, if not the elimination of foreign noises and distortion. The system has been tried out in the RADIO NEWS Laboratories and the results were highly satisfactory.



VER since the first Radio Program was broadcast and even before, radio engineers searched for that circuit or combination which would give maximum signal intensity with a minimum of

It is a generally conceded fact amongst these engineers that the well known resistance coupled amplifier gives the minimum of distortion for both radio frequency and audio frequency amplification, providing the circuit is laid out with care and strict adherence to the principles governing the construction

of such apparatus.

In the "Z" Circuit another step has been taken toward the ultimate, and maximum amplification has been added with no tendency toward distortion. Ordinary variable resistances of the order used for plate resistors in a resistance coupled amplifier are unsatisfactory owing to variations due to imperfect contact resistance and smaller though troublesome variations due to temperature changes. These variations in due to resistance, when at all rapid, manifest themselves by scratching and scraping noises in the audio circuit, very similar to static. If the variations are an appreciable percentage of the overall plate-filament impedance, a loss of signal strength results.

From the foregoing it may be seen that

it is a difficult matter to maintain an un-varying resistance of a high value even though the current be infinitesimal.

CARE IN CONSTRUCTION

While most tubes have nearly the same characteristic—that is, any particular type of tube—it must not be forgotten that in a radio set where maximum amplification and minimum distortion are to be expected the word "nearly" must be omitted from the builder's vocabulary. Since the characteristic of a vacuum tube is only a slightly variable quantity we must turn to other means of obtaining the proper relation between the grid and plate impedances and the coupling units where the tubes are to

be used in cascade.

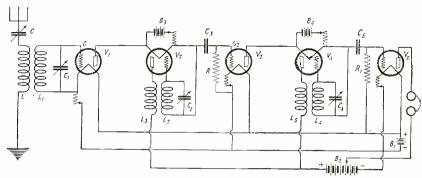
The vacuum tube comes to the rescue and we have a very flexible resistance which may be varied through a wide range, the values remaining absolutely constant for a given filament emission, neglecting local action on the filament due to impurities in the metal. Local action however, is a very rare occurrence.

No attempt will be made to give con-structional details. Once the fundamental action is understood the circuit may be laid out in various ways with the usual care exercised to minimize unwanted plate-grid feed-back and feed-back between tubes which promotes undesirable inter-oscillations.

The tuning circuit may be either a single circuit affair or, preferably, a coupled one. L L 1, as shown in the schematic diagram. The energy is fed into the first radio frequency tube in the usual manner.

The coupling tubes V2 and V4 play a dual role of ordinary coupling resistances and amplifiers. The total for the five tubes is four

The plate current of the first tube V_1 is fed through the plate filament circuit of coupling tube V_2 and the inductance L_3 . The grid circuit of coupling tube V_2 contains an inductance L_2 tuned to the desired



A truly excellent system of resistance coupled amplification wherein the vacuum tubes play the part of both the resistances and the amplifiers. The system is not confined to the circuit only, it can be adapted to various circuit arrangements.

signal and inductively coupled with La. The action is to raise or lower the impedance of tube V2 depending upon the sign. Starting with a positive impulse on grid G the plate current of tube V₁ would, of course, rise. A corresponding change takes place through the plate filament circuit of tube V₂, the variations of which about the mean govern

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the potential of grid G₂ of tube V₃. Since the grid circuit of tube V₂ contains an inductance which is inductively coupled with the plate circuit of the same tube, it may be seen that with the proper relation between L₂ and L₃ as to sign, the plate current of this tube will rise still higher, if the grid is swung positively. A reverse action will occur when grid G of tube V₁ receives a negative impulse. The action in each case

being cumulative, great amplification is ob-

Proceeding to tubes V_3 and V_4 the same action occurs as in tubes V_1 and V_2 .

THE DETECTOR

Tube V_5 is a straight detector with no changes from the conventional except that the grid leak must go to the filament direct. Of course, audio frequency amplification may be used if desired.

Adjustment of the filament emission of the coupling tubes is the same as adjusting a variable resistance but with the advanwhen the filament emission is low that the signal intensity will be small. As the filament becomes brighter the signal will increase to a definite peak value and then drop off as the emission is raised above the optimum value. This is due to two factors. First, there is a definite value of emission for the proper impedance fit for the plate circuit of tube V₁ and also that the limiting action of the coupling tube is at a minimum

at the optimum filament emission. Filament batteries B₃ and B₄ are isolated as shown, the voltage depending upon the type of tube used. As in all resistance coupled amplifiers the voltage of the "B" battery must be higher than in the ordinary tuned plate type or other style circuits. exact plate potential required will vary with

the type of tube used.

The high degree of amplification and clarity of signal obtained with this circuit is truly remarkable. The construction is well truly remarkable. The construction is well within the scope of the average experimenter.

D.C. FROM AN A.C. SOURCE

The readers of Radio News will be interested in a general description of a new device for supplying filament, plate and grid-bias potentials to vacuum tubes from A.C. supply.

It operates on the thermo-electric principle. From this fact it derives the name "Thermoformer."

This is in the form of a heating unit (greatly resembling an electric toaster) placed close to a series of pairs of dissimilar metals. It is well known that such an arrangement of a heating unit and dissimilar metal couples will cause a current of

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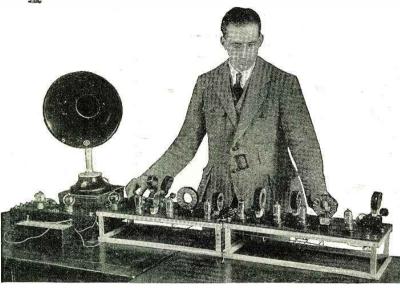
Multi-Stage Radio Frequency Amplification

By JOHN SCOTT-TAGGART, F. Inst. P. A.M.I.E.E.



To our readers who are interested both in experimentation and the reception of signals over long distances this article, one of the most comprehensive ever published in connection with such an important subject, will prove invaluable.





The author experimenting with a ten tube multi-stage radio frequency receiver. The system employed is fully covered in this article.

HE achievement of long distance reception is closely bound up with efficient radio frequency amplification. Rarely, however, is any trouble experienced when only a single stage of such amplification is used. On the other hand, whenever two or more stages are employed, the apparently straightforward process of simply adding extra tubes brings in its train complications which interfere with the whole action of radio frequency amplification. In some quarters we frequently see sev-

In some quarters we frequently see several tuned plate circuits connected in cascade with delightful abandon, but everyone who has tried to arrange such circuits has found that they are completely unworkable. Oscillation will inevitably be set up, and once an amplifying arrangement is oscillating it is practically useless for radio reception.

The effective amplification of radio frequency currents of high frequency, such as those employed for broadcast transmission, is inevitably bound up with the use of tuned circuits in the intertube couplings. These tuned circuits are responsible for the tendency which all radio frequency amplifiers have to oscillate, but, on the other hand, the use of a tuned circuit results in all the beneficial building up of oscillations given by resonant phenomena. We can, of course, dispense with tuned intertube couplings, using untuned transformers, but although great stability may be obtained with

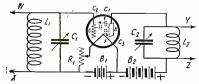


Fig. 1. Circuit diagram of the simplest form of radio frequency amplifier.

such arrangements, the sensitiveness is small and a very large number of tubes are required to give a result which may be more easily obtained with one or two stages of efficient tuned radio frequency amplification arrangements. An aperiodic radio frequency amplifying system gives such inferior results on short wave-lengths that it is not proposed to deal with such arrangements in this article.

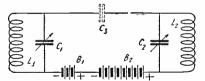


Fig. 2. The circuit of Fig. 1. reduced to the technical equivalents of the instruments.

THE SIMPLE CIRCUIT

The simplest form of amplifying circuit using a tube for the amplification of radio frequency currents, is that illustrated in Fig. 1. We have an oscillatory circuit L_t, C_t, in the grid circuit of a tube V. It will be seen that one side of the circuit L_t, C_t. is connected to the grid G, and the other side to the negative terminal of the "A" battery B, ; a rheostat R is included in the negative lead to the filament, this resulting in the grid being given, via L, a negative potential corresponding to the potential drop across the used portion of the rheostat R. This negative potential will usually be in the neighbourhood of 1 or 2 volts, and serves to prevent the establishment of any appreciable grid current in the grid circuit of the tube. Such a grid current would introduce damping into the grid circuit and so lessen the potentials established across the grid and filament of the tube. The plate circuit of the tube contains the plate A, the

tuned circuit L_2 C_2 , and the "B" battery, or plate battery, B_2 . A condenser of, say, 0.002 mfd, capacity may be connected across B_2 to act as a by-pass for the radio-frequency currents in the plate circuit, but in practice, this is unnecessary, and from the radio frequency point of view, the battery B_2 may be regarded as merely a continuation of the wiring to the filament, from the circuit L_2 C_3 .

In this simple amplifying arrangement it is supposed that energy is fed into the circuit L₁ C₁ from some source to the left of the circuit. In ordinary cases this source of input energy will be an aerial, or equivalent system, or the plate current of a preceding radio frequency amplifying tube. Likewise, the amplified oscillations established across the circuit L₂ C₂ will be communicated, either to a detector, or to another stage of radio frequency amplification. We are therefore principally concerned with the ratio of the E.M.F.'s across W X, and those across Y and Z. It is our object to obtain the highest possible E.M.F.'s across Y Z without the tube V passing into oscillation.

If such a circuit is arranged, it will be found that unless there is a heavy load on the circuit L_1 C_1 , or the circuit L_2 C_2 , that when the two circuits are tuned to the same wave-length, the tube will generate continuous oscillations of its own accord, and the merit of the arrangement as an amplifier of externally applied radio frequency

the merit of the arrangement as an amplifier of externally applied radio frequency currents, will be ruined.

This self-oscillation effect is due to a feed-back effect which is carried beyond the stable condition, and is due to a transference of the amplified energy in the output circuit of the tube, L₂ C₂, to the input circuit, L₄ C₁. To prevent self-oscillation of a tube we have to prevent a transference of energy from the output circuit to the input circuit.

This transference of energy is accomplished by two forms of coupling:—

1. Capacity coupling between one circuit and the other.

2. Inductive or magnetic coupling between the inductance in the plate circuit and the inductance in the grid circuit.

CAPACITY COUPLING IN A TUBE

Capacity coupling between the plate circuit of a tube and the grid circuit, is responsible for probably at least 80 per cent. of the undesirable self-oscillation of radio frequency amplifiers.

This capacity coupling is effected in two different ways which, however, both act in the same direction to produce self-oscillation.

These forms of capacity coupling are due:-

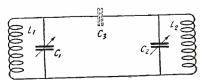


Fig. 3. Still the same circuit of Fig. 1. but devoid of potential and current sources.

1. To the interelectrode capacity of the tube, *i.e.*, the capacity formed by the grid and plate of the tube, and the capacity between the grid and plate valve prongs and sockets, and wires going to these points.

2. The capacity coupling between the in-

ductance coils themselves.

There is a tendency to blame the capacitybetween the grid and plate of a tube to almost too great an extent, and insufficient attention is paid to the other capacities which act in parallel with the condenser action of the tube itself.

In Fig. 1 I have shown three small phantom condensers $C_{\rm h}$, $C_{\rm 2}$ and $C_{\rm 3}$. (shown in dotted lines) which are intended to indicate the distributed capacity between the grid and the plate. The grid, of course, is usually in the form of a spiral wire concentric with a cylindrical plate. The result is that the grid acts as one plate of a very small condenser and the plate as the other plate. The grid and plate inside the tube therefore act like a condenser, and this condenser couples the circuit $L_{\rm 1}$ $C_{\rm 1}$ to the circuit $L_{\rm 2}$ $C_{\rm 2}$ by ordinary capacity coupling.

The grid has also a capacity with respect to the filament, the grid forming one side of a still smaller condenser, and the filament the other side. This capacity, although playing a part in the process of radio frequency amplification, may conveniently be left out of consideration, at the present stage, for the sake of simplicity. Likewise, the capacity between the plate and the filament may, at this stage, be left

out of consideration.

If we simplify the circuit shown in Fig. 1, regarding the tube merely as a means of coupling one circuit to the other by a capacity coupling, we arrive at Fig. 2. Here, the batteries B₁ and B₂ serve to give a direct connection from the foot of L₁ C₁ to the foot of L₂ C₂, while the condenser C₃, in dotted line, represents the capacity between the grid of the tube and the plate. The batteries B₁ and B₂, having negligible resistance and impedence, do not in any way affect the radio frequency aspects of the circuit, and we can consequently simplify the Fig. 2 arrangement as shown in Fig. 3.

This figure will be recognized as one of the standard methods of coupling two tuned oscillation circuits together. Such circuits may always be coupled together by means of inductive capacity or resistance coupling, and Fig. 3 is a typical method of coupling two tuned circuits together by means of a condenser. Sometimes the condenser is inserted between one end of one circuit and one end of the other, and another condenser between the other end of the first circuit and the other end of the second circuit; two condensers, however, are not required provided two ends of the respective circuits are directly connected.

In the Fig. 1 arrangement, the oscillations in L_2 C_2 are, due to the amplification of the tube V, very much stronger than the oscillations in the circuit L_1 C_1 ; we are therefore

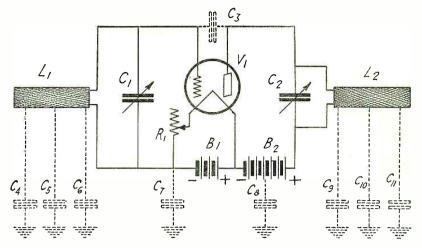


Fig. 5. Illustrating the capacity effect existing between instruments in the receiver and earth.

concerned with the feeding-back of radio frequency energy from the circuit L_2 C_2 to the circuit L_1 C_1 . This energy is fed back to the capacity between the grid and plate of the tube, *i.c.*, through the condenser C_3 in Fig. 3. Provided the phase relationship between the oscillations in L_2 C_2 and L_1 C_1 is correct, the tube will generate continuous oscillations.

BOTH CIRCUITS MUST BE TUNED

It is, however, important to appreciate that energy will not be transferred from the circuit L2 C2 to the circuit L1 C1 unless both circuits are approximately tuned to the same wave-length. If, for example, we detune L_2 C_2 so that the wave-length of this circuit L_2 C_2 so that the wave-rength of this circuit L_1 C_3 , the tube will remain stable, and not only will it not oscillate, but it will not amplify. Slight variations in the tuning will cause variations in the tendency of the tube to oscillate, and if the tendency is too great, a detuning of one of the condensers C, C will render the apparatus stable. The ideal state of affairs is to have both circuits exactly tuned to the wave-length of the signals to be amplified. If it is necessary to detune one of the circuits to prevent selfoscillation of the tube, the degree of amplification will be reduced, and if the variation is made too great, the amplification effect will be nil. Moreover, the detuning of one of the circuits may result, in the case of a radio receiver, in some other station being picked up, and in any case, the adjustments at the self-oscillation point may cause a great deal of interference with neighboring sets owing to the radiation of the continu-

ous oscillations set up by the tube. Fig. 4 shows the various capacities involved in a radio frequency amplifier. It will be seen that there is a capacity C_3 which acts between the grid and plate of a tube

while there is also a capacity effect directly between the plate A of the tube and the filament F; this capacity is represented by C_3 in Fig. 4. The capacity C_3 The capacity C₅ acts in parallel with the capacity C₂, the battery B2 not interfering with the action of the oscillatory current, as has already been explained. Apart from the capacity C₅, we may also consider the plate to filament path of the tube acting as two capacities in series. These would be the only capacities if the grid were solid, and the two capacities C_3 and C_4 therefore, while acting in series with each other, are jointly in parallel with C_2 , and therefore any oscillations in C_2 will set up varying potential differences across both C_1 and C_2 . The potentials across C_4 will be communicated to the circuit L, C, so that, in effect, the grid to filament capacity also contributes to the passing on of energy from the plate circuit to the grid circuit. This aspect seems to have been neglected in previous discussions, but the fact remains that the essential coupling medium between the plate and grid circuits of the tube is the grid to plate capacity inside the tube and the capacity between the leads going to these electrodes and the capacity inside the tube holder and cap.

The separation of tube sockets and the plate and grid leads in a set will go far toward the reduction of tube capacity and the consequent self-oscillation.

CAPACITY BETWEEN COILS

There appears to be an almost total neglect of an important cause of self-oscillation in radio frequency amplifiers. Although attention is regularly given to the capacity inside the tube, yet a capacity effect which is often very many times greater is that between inductance coils in the circuit. This trouble, of course, is worse when the inductance coils are of large size, but the effect is also very noticeable even on broadcast wave-lengths. Sometimes the capacity is directly between one coil and another, but if coils are placed well apart direct capacity coupling is small.

What usually happens is that each coil has a substantial capacity to some common conductor; for example, each coil possesses a certain capacity to earth, the word earth also implying wiring which is connected to the filament battery and high tension battery which, being substantial masses, have a relatively large capacity to earth, and the direct capacity effect between the coils and such batteries, transformers, variable condensers and other pieces of apparatus inside a set which have substantial capacity to earth and to each other. All these

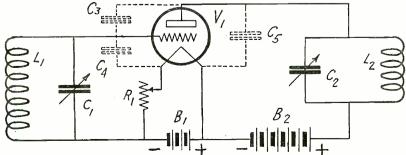


Fig. 4. A circuit diagram particularly illustrating the capacity effect existing between the elements of the vacuum tube.

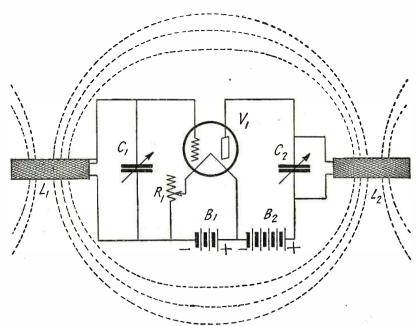


Fig. 6. Illustrating inductive coupling; the magnetic fields of two adjacent coils linking together.

capacities add together to couple the two oscillatory circuits and their joint effect is frequently very much greater than the actual capacity between the grid and the plate.

EFFECT IN TRANSFORMERS

Where there is transformer coupling in a radio frequency amplifier the inductances in the grid and plate circuit of a tube, respectively are coupled to windings which have one end connected either directly to the filament, or through a "B" battery which does not affect radio frequency considerations. The result is that the capacity between the primary and secondary windings of each of the high frequency transformers may be considerable, and will really amount to a coupling between the grid inductance and the plate inductance. This aspect of radio frequency transformers is, again, a point which seems to have been overlooked by writers on the subject, and the moral, of course, is to use loose coupling between the primary and secondary windings of radio-frequency transformers, if these are to be used.

EFFECT OF CONDENSERS

Variable condensers are also very troublesome in supplementing the capacity coupling between grid and plate circuits of a tube. If, in Fig. 5, the variable condenser C₁, is placed close to the variable condenser C₂, it will be obvious that there will be a substantial capacity coupling between the upper plate of C_1 and the upper plate of C_2 , *i.e.*, the plates which vary a radio frequency potential with respect to the filament. Since the upper plate of C_1 is connected to the grid and the upper plate of C2 is connected to the plate of a tube, we have this capacity coupling adding itself to the capacity C between grid and plate of the tube itself. The moral here, of course, is to separate the variable condensers as far as conveniently possible, because they are a great source of self-oscillation in radio-frequency amplifiers, although many experimenters imagine that if they separate the coils and take other precautions, such as the keeping of all wiring separate, no serious trouble will be experienced. On the other hand, the position is that however careful one may be, in certain directions, the placing of variable condensers fairly close to each other

will nullify all the other precautions and cause serious self-oscillation tendencies in the amplifier.

INDUCTIVE COUPLING AS A SOURCE OF SELF-OSCILLATION

We now come to the question of inductive coupling in radio frequency amplifiers. Fig. 6 shows a simple radio frequency amplifying system in which two honeycomb coils $L_{\rm 1}$ and $L_{\rm 2}$ are included, respectively, in the grid and plate circuits of the tube.

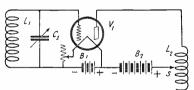


Fig. 8. A hook-up wherein a tuned plate circuit is incorporated.

The dotted lines indicate the magnetic linkage, or inductive coupling, between coils L_1 and L_2 , and this coupling may be in such a direction as to produce a regeneration effect which, either by itself or in combination with the capacity feed-back effect, may set up oscillations. On the other hand, of course, the coupling between the coils may be such as to tend to decrease a tendency to self-oscillation, and in some receivers the coils are arranged to produce this effect. Usually, however, the proximity of inductance coils leads to an inductance feed back which will help to set up self-oscillation. Various methods of overcoming this effect have been suggested and will be described later in this article.

COMBINED EFFECTS

Fig. 7 shows again the typical radio-frequency amplifying circuit in which we now find illustrated the three principle causes of self-oscillation in the tube.

These causes comprise the inter-electrode capacity coupling inside the tube, the coil capacity coupling represented by the condenser C_3 , and the inductive coupling, which is shown by the dotted line passing through L_4 and L_2 .

Before passing on to the methods of preventing self-oscillation in a radio frequency

amplifier, it would be as well to examine another aspect of the conditions under which self-oscillation may occur.

THE TUNED OR APERIODIC PLATE CIRCUIT

We have so far considered the simple circuit where the grid and plate circuits have been tuned to the same wave-length. Under these conditions it has been explained that a tube will tend to oscillate, provided the tube is a sufficiently good amplifier.

We meet, however, with a large number of circuits in which the grid or plate circuits are not tuned. Frequently one of the circuits is tuned and the other is not.

This type of circuit generally has less tendency to produce self-oscillation than a circuit in which there is a tuned grid and tuned plate circuit.

We, however, sometimes have a circuit of the kind shown in Fig. 8, which, while not possessing an obviously tuned plate circuit, may, in reality, comprise an equivalent arrangement. In Fig. 8 it will be seen that the plate circuit includes the inductance L2, which is variable. It will be found that by sliding the contact S from the top to the bottom and measuring the output E.M.F.'s across the used portion of L2, that, at first, there is, to all intents and purposes, no amplification at all. A point, however, is reached when sufficient inductance is included in the plate circuit of the tube when a very decided amplification is obtained. As the inductance is increased still further, a point of maximum amplification is reached, and after that the amplification falls off a little, although a large amount of inductance may be included in the plate circuit of the

The absence of a condenser across the used portion of L_2 might suggest, to the beginner, that there is no tuning in the plate circuit of the tube and that the coil was therefore, aperiodic. This, however, is not strictly true; the used portion of the coil L_2 will really have in parallel with it the self-capacity of the inductance itself, the capacity between plate and filament of the tube, and the capacity of the coil to earth.

Fig. 9 shows the self-capacity of the coil C₂ and the plate to filament capacity C₄. These two capacities assist in producing a tuned plate circuit in which, however, the parallel capacity is very small. If the particular value of the inductance in the plate circuit of a tube is so chosen that what is sometimes known as the natural wave-length of the coil is equal to the wave-length to which the grid circuit is tuned, the tube will tend to oscillate and will probably do so.

If, however, the inductance is increased so that the natural wave-length is higher than the wave-length to which the grid circuit is tuned, the tube will continue to act as a radio frequency amplifier, although there will not be a tendency towards self-oscillation. The so-called aperiodic output coil, in which the only capacities are those just mentioned, does not produce selective amplification, as in the case of the tuned plate circuit (Continued on page 780)

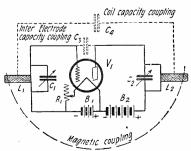


Fig. 7. Illustrating the combined coupling effects in a radio frequency circuit which are responsible for oscillation in the tube.

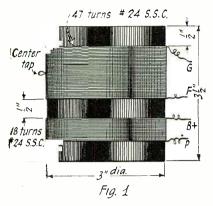
Notes On the Tropadyne

By CLYDE J. FITCH



Since the appearance of the Tropadyne circuit, letters have been pouring in from all over the country asking for further information. In the following article Mr. Fitch has attempted to answer the more interesting questions. Slight improvements that have been made since the original receiver was constructed are also given.





Oscillator coil for the tropadyne to be used with a 23-plate condenser.

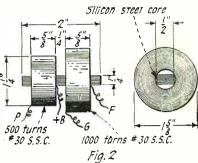
7E have received so many inquiries regarding the Tropadyne receiver regarding the Tropadyne received scribed in the August issue Ranio News that we have decided to publish some of them, which will be of general interest to our readers. Whether or not you intend to build a Tropadyne, you should read the article as it pertains to Super-Heterodynes in general.

As the Tropadyne receiver described in the August issue employs a 23-plate (.0005 mfd.) condenser for the tuner and a 43-plate (.001 mid.) condenser for the oscillator, many experimenters, who already have Super-Heter-

odynes of other makes employing two 23plate condensers, requested the design of an oscillator coil which could be used with a 23-plate condenser. This they desire in or-23-plate condenser. This they desire in order that they could easily change their Super-Heterodynes into Tropadynes. Fig. 1 shows an oscillator coil which may be used with a 23-plate condenser in the Tropadyne. 23-plate condenses in the frogramme. On a 3-inch diameter bakelite tube 3½ inches long wind 47 turns of No. 24 S. S. C. wires, starting ½ inch from one end. A tap is taken at the exact center, which would be 23½ turns from either end. One-half inch from this coil wind 18 turns of the same sized wire in the same direction. minals are lettered in Fig. 1 and the coil is connected as shown in the August issue. It will cover the broadcast wave-length range when used with a .0005 mfd. 23-plate con-

Many questions were received regarding the tuned intermediate transformers, or Tropaformers. Those who attempted to wind the coils found that when the correct number of turns were in place the finished coil was not 15% inches in diameter as it should be. This was due to the fact that should be. This was due to the fact that they used less insulation between layers and more turns per layer. Although the coils are % inch wide, the layers are not that wide, as they are held in place by %-inch strips of the paper insulation between the

These transformers have been improved and simplified, as shown in Fig. 2. By making the coils 3% inch wide, only two are required, one primary and one secondary, with 500 turns on the primary and 1,000 on



Improved construction of the intermediate wave radio frequency transformers.

the secondary, giving a 2 to 1 ratio. The core is made 1/4 inch thick instead of 3/8 inch.

Numerous experiments were conducted with this transformer. With more iron in the core the tuning was broader. the two coils close together also broadened the tuning. Without the iron core the amplification was about half that obtained when using it. A happy medium was found by spacing the coils 1/4 inch and using the amount of core shown. This makes the tuning broad enough to pass the side bands and at the same time prevent distortion. By tuning the secondaries with variable coneach transformer properly matched and maximum amplification is as-

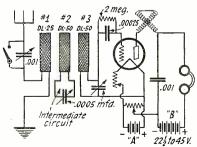
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An Absorption Coil Four Circuit Tuner By EDWARD H. LERCHEN

A BOUT two years ago the author developed a circuit known as the "Double Feedback Regenerative Tuner" and many thousands of radio fans constructed sets after the description given and obtained wonderful results, as shown by the many letters received from all parts of the world. Since that time he has been experimenting, looking toward the elimination of defects in present-day regenerative The Absorption Coil Four Circuit Tuner is the outcome of his work along It will prove of considerable these lines. interest to those searching for a circuit devoid of the disadvantages present in the common forms of regenerative tuners.

As shown by the accompanying drawings, it will be seen that the principal and radical change from most tuners is the addition of an isolated circuit consisting of a coil (preferably of the honeycomb variety) and a variable condenser. This is the absorption circuit and is not directly connected to either of the other circuits. isolated circuit, as seen from the diagram. is interposed between the primary and secondary coils of the tuner. Regeneration is accomplished by a variometer in the plate circuit of the vacuum tube. Note the designations. Circuit No. 1 is the primary or aerial circuit, Circuit No. 2 is the absorption circuit, while No. 3 is the secondary circuit and No. 4 the plate circuit. All of the instrument values are circuit. the instrument values are given in the diagram but following is a list of the parts necessary for constructing a set of this type:

- Three-coil honeycomb coil mounting.
- 1 DL-25 coil.
- DL-50 coils.
- 1 Low loss .001 mfd. (43 plates) variable condenser.
- 2 Low loss .0005 mfd. (23 plates) variable condensers.
- 1 Switch for cutting out antenna con-



Circuit diagram of the absorption circuit tuner described in this

denser to make primary operate aperiodically.

- 1 Large type variometer for the plate circuit.
- 1 400-ohm potentiometer,

- 1 Rheostat (6 or 30 ohms, depending upon tube used).
- 1 Tube socket. 1 .00025 mid. grid condenser with 2 megohm grid leak.

With the components named the circuit will operate on all wave-lengths from 200 to 600 meters. If it is desired to receive on the lower waves two DL-25 coils should be substituted for the DL-50 coils. This will allow the set to tune down to as low as 95 meters when the series antenna condenser is cut into the circuit by the opening of the short circuiting switch. Likewise, to get above 600 meters three DL-75 coils be substituted.

Within six blocks of Station WAAM, one mile from WBS and two miles from Station WOR, we were able to bring in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh at 8:00 p. m., without interference. This was done by changing the coupling between coil No. 1 and coil No. 3, these being adjustable. No. 2 is stationary.

This is a very simple set to build and when in operation there are really only two controls in use, the two 23-plate variable condensers, and these will both have the same dial setting. It is seldom necessary to adjust the variometer after the highest point of regeneration is found.

This circuit has brought in stations from San Juan, Porto Rico, to Omaha and from Toronto to Florida.

The Heterodyne Wavemeter

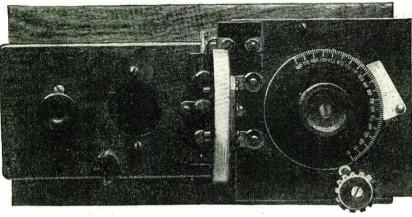
By JAMES WOOD, Jr., 2ALG

Design Construction and Calibration Part I



There is a crying need for a good Heterodyne wavemeter in the station of every amateur and we feel confident that the one described in this article by Mr. Wood will fill the bill.



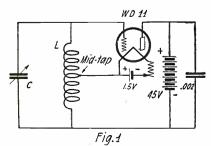


A top view of the completed Heterodyne wavemeter. The rheostat control knob is to the extreme left, followed by the tube socket, the inductance and the variable condenser. Note the vernier scale attachment on the condenser.

HERE are several facts the experimenter must keep in mind when he desires to construct a wavemeter similar to the one described in this article. In the first place, the instruments used must be sufficiently well made mechanically to retain their constants to a reasonable degree. After this requirement has been ful-filled, the instruments must be so combined that once calibrated, the wavemeter will retain its calibration. The latter require-ment is one that will give the prospective builder some trouble unless he takes proper precautions. There is one simple rule that will always solve the problem. The rule briefly stated is this: Fasten everything securely. If this is to be done it becomes Fasten everything apparent at once that the instruments are there to stay and cannot be disconnected, used for some other purpose, and then reconnected to the wavemeter.

INDUCTANCE

The inductance has a value of approximately 36 microhenrys. It may be made by winding 17 turns of No. 28 D.C.C. wire on a form 3 inches in diameter. Some will no doubt condemn the practice of using so small a size as No. 28. It should be remembered, however, that as long as the circuit comprising the inductance and capacity will oscillate throughout the range of the instrument, we need not be concerned with



Circuit diagram of the Heterodyne Wavemeter.

the resistance of the inductance. It is to be noted that an inductance wound with a small sized wire has less distributed capacity than one wound with heavy wire. This is an important point if the wave-length range of the wavemeter is to be a maximum for a given variable condenser. Fig. 2 shows one method of mounting the inductance. The winding form is of wood. It is preferable to use either wood or some good insulating material for the form so as to give the inductance rigidity when it is mounted. It is rather difficult to fasten cardboard securely. The form used by the writer was turned from a wire spool end.

Referring again to Fig. 2, it will be seen that there are three lugs coming from the

Referring again to Fig. 2, it will be seen that there are three lugs coming from the inductance. The two outside ones are of thin sheet copper or brass, preferably the former. The middle lug is of heavy copper. It serves as the support for the inductance and is connected to the positive side of the filament (see Fig. 1 for connections). The wavemeter will not function satisfactorily when the negative side of the filament is used. The distance between the two outside lugs will, of course, vary with the type of condenser used. If the reader so desires, he may easily mount both the tube and condenser in one cabinet. In this case three binding posts may be mounted on top of the cabinet and spaced the proper distance. Fig. 2 gives all the necessary dimensions.

When the inductance is mounted in this way there will be no tendency for it to wobble and so throw the wavemeter off calibration. Care should be taken to wind the wire tightly on the form. A good way to do this is to put the whole mounting together, as shown in Fig. 2, solder one end of the wire to one outside lug, wind nine turns. solder this turn to the middle lug and then wind the eight turns, soldering the end to the other outside lug. Do not coat the winding with a varnish or cement solution.

CONDENSER

The condenser is probably the most im-

portant instrument of the wavemeter and it must satisfy several requisites if complete satisfaction is to be realized when the wavemeter is completely assembled and calibrated. The requirements are:

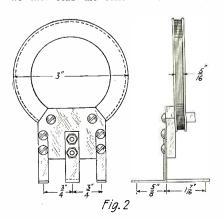
(a) It must have as low a zero capacity as possible (not greater than .00002 mfd.), for it is upon this that the minimum range of the meter depends.

(b) It must be well made, both mechanically and electrically.

(c) It must be provided with a vernier adjustment for rotating the movable plates and this vernier, which should be of the geared type, must be provided with a long handle of wood or some good insulating material. The handle should be at least 10 inches long. The photographs show only a short handle for the vernier, but this is not satisfactory. If the hand is brought closer than 10 inches, the frequency of the wavemeter oscillations change appreciably, making accurate adjustment tedious and difficult.

(d) For the utmost convenience, the capacity curve of the condenser should be known preferably to three significant figures (such as .000317 mfd.). This is not absolutely necessary for the most economical method, but is very useful. This will be covered more in detail in Part 2 of this

(e) The scale of the concenser should be divided into 180 degrees and should be readable to one degree directly. In other words, there should actually be 180 marks on the scale. A scale with 100 divisions can also be used, but the readings obtained with it will not be as accurate as with the 180 degree scale. A very excellent form of scale is an ordinary draftsman's protractor fastened over the regular dial. It of course becomes necessary to have a flat dial for this purpose. If desired, the protractor can be fastened directly to the knob and the dial dispensed with entirely. There should also be a vernier scale to permit reading to 1 degree. Figures 3a and 3b show what is meant by a vernier scale for those who are as yet uninitiated. To read the condenser equipped with the vernier scale we first read the scale attached to the



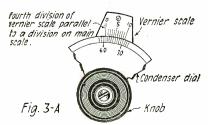
Constructional details of the wavemeter. Three lugs at the base form the two terminals and the mid-tap of the coil.

knob, considering the zero mark of the vernier scale as the pointer. Suppose this reading to be a little over 61, but not quite 62 degrees (see Fig. 3a). Consulting the vernier scale, we see that the fourth division is parallel with one of the divisions of the main scale, that is, the reading is 61.4 degrees correct to three significant figures. To take another case (see Fig. 3b), suppose again that the zero line of the vernier scale points somewhere between 60 and 61 degrees, but this time let us suppose that the eighth division of the vernier scale is par-allel with a division of the rotating scale. This time the reading would be 60.8 degrees. There will always be found one division and only one that is parallel to a division mark on the main scale. It should be noted that it makes no difference which mark of the main scale this is. We are concerned only with the mark on the vernier scale. If the procedure is still not clear, the reader should consult a good physics laboratory manual. It should always be remembered that the vernier scale divides the smallest division of the main scale into as many parts as the vernier itself is divided. It should be noticed that the divisions of the vernier scale are smaller than the divisions of the main scale. In the case illustrated. (n) divisions of the vernier are equal to (n-1) divisions of the main scale. The vernier scale may easily be made by the reader. It is simply necessary to lay out an angle of nine degrees on a suitable piece of material (white celluloid is good) and divide into 10 equal parts. Lay out the ninedegree angle and bisect it with a compass;
draw the bisecting line. Now adjust the draw the bisecting line. Now adjust the protractor so that its 90-degree mark and its center mark on the bottom edge are one, the line bisecting the angle. The protractor is then moved upward, keeping its position on the line, until 10 degrees on the protractor scale just cover the distance between the two sides of the nine-degree angle. The sides of the latter are prolonged if necessary. Mark out the 10 divisions and draw lines through them to the vertex of the angle. When this is done, we have an angle of nine degrees divided into practically 10 equal parts. This method is about as accurate a one as could be used for such a small angle. Great care should be exercised, however, for unless the job is carefully done measurement by means of the vernier will not be reliable.

At this point it is well to bring out that the reading of the condenser scale at the lower end will not be as accurate as at the upper end. This is due to the fact that at the lower end the wave-length curve is steeper and the frequencies are also higher. Hence a slight error in adjustment will have a greater effect on the reading. The accuracy is about 2 per cent. for wave-length measurements, but this is not true for other measurements. At the upper part of the scale greater accuracy may be expected. This will be treated more in detail later.

TUBE

The tube is a WD-11 or WD-12. It is necessary to burn the filament always at its full brilliancy, not only to pass as



A vernier scale as shown here will give readings of .1 degree. The reading here is 61.4 degrees.

much plate current as possible, but also to maintain the frequency of the oscillations emitted by the wavemeter constant. With care, the proper brilliancy may be judged by eye. The plate battery used by the writer has a potential of 45 volts. This was found necessary in order to make the wavemeter function properly on the very short wave-lengths. Fig. 1 shows a .002 mfd. condenser shunting the "B" battery.

This condenser should be of a type made up of tin or copper foil and mica sheets

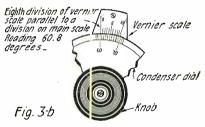
A side view of the Heterodyne wavemeter showing the position of the batteries and the instruments. Note that the Venier knob on the variable condenser is extended to avoid body capacity effects.

as the dielectric. With a good condenser there is little possibility of a short developing.

This completes the description of the apparatus. Reference to the photographs show how the instruments described are assembled; everything is securely fastened.

CALIBRATION

There are two ways of calibrating the wavemeter. We may calibrate from a laboratory wavemeter or else from standard sig-

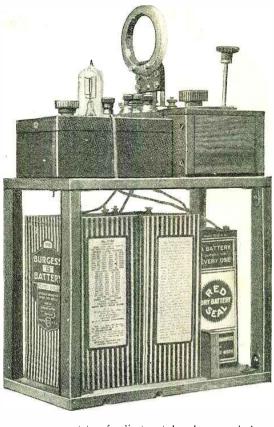


Illustrating the method of reading the Vernier dial.

nals. The laboratory method is to be preferred if an accurrite standard is available, but this is seldom the case and we, therefore, must turn to the standard signals. These signals are sent out by WWV at Washington and run all the way from 2000 down to 150 meters. To calibrate the wavemeter the reader must have a short wave receiver capable of receiving over the correct band of wave-lengths and sensitive enough to get WWV fairly strong. It is sometimes difficult to find the station in the short time given, if the signals do not come in well.

To calibrate the vavemeter proceed as follows:

Allow both the receiver and wavemeter to oscillate and a ljust the receiver until WWV is heard. Then adjust until the zero beat position is reached. The receiver is now in resonance with WWV's transmitter. Adjust the oscillating wavemeter until it is oscillating at the same frequency as the receiver (zero beat method again), but do not change the adjustment of the latter. We now have three sets of oscillations all of the same frequency—WWV's signals, the oscillations from the receiver and the oscillations from the wavemeter. When this



state of adjustment has been reached, no sound of beat notes or WWV's signals should be heard in the phones. If anything of this nature is heard, the adjustments have been incorrectly made and will have to be repeated. Assuming the correct adjustment, make a note of the condenser reading both main scale and vernier. Take several sets of readings in this way, going through the whole procedure each time. About five readings will be sufficient. After this has been done we may also calibrate the wavemeter at one half of WWV's wave by making use of the harmonics of the receiver. may be done by leaving the receiver in its original adjustment and reducing the capacity of the wavemeter condenser. A place will be reached where a beat note is heard in the phones (the dial reading will be about one-fourth of its original reading). Tune around this point until the zero beat position is again reached. The wavemeter is now in resonance with the second harmonic of the receiver and consequently is oscillating at one-half the wave-length of the Since, however, the receiver has all the while been in resonance with WWV's signals, the wavemeter is adjusted to one-half of WWV's wave also. We may also calibrate the wavemeter at one-third of WWV's wave by reducing the wavemeter condenser capacity still further and going through the same procedure as above. However, it is not absolutely necessary to make the harmonic measurements while WWV is sending. All we need is the calibration on his main wave. The rest can come later, after the other standard waves have been received. There are usually eight standard waves sent out on one particular evening. After these have been received (at least five readings should be taken on each wave) we can proceed with the one-half and onethird wave calibrations. Set the wavemeter at one of the points obtained originally from WWV's-signals. Then adjust the receiver to the zero beat position for that

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The Four Electrode Vacuum Tube

Its Theory and Operation By GEORGE IMLACH

The four electrode vacuum tube has been used in European countries for some time. It recently made its debut in the United States in connection with the Solodyne circuit and will, no doubt, find favor with the public. This type of tube can be put to any number of uses. It is particularly adapted to reflex circuits.



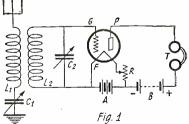






Three types of four electrode vacuum tubes. The one to the extreme left is a Schotky tube, manufactured in Germany. The center tube is of English manufacture. Note that the plate is formed of wire, tightly coiled. The tube to the right is of American manufacture and has the popular low current consumption filament.

ONSIDERABLE interest has been aroused lately among the radio fraternity by the advent of the four electrode tube. Although such tubes have been manufactured and placed on the market in England for some time, very little is known regarding them on this side of the Atlantic except among the more advanced radio technicians. It is, therefore, the writer's purpose to give a description of their theory and operation and to give a circuits to be used with them.



Common form of non-regenerative circuit employing a three element vacuum tube.

Most of the readers of this article will probably be familiar with the theory of operation of the common three electrode tube; however, some may not be well versed in its operation and as a knowledge of the three electrode tube operation is necessary to understand the principles of the four electrode type, I propose giving a brief description of the operation of the former before passing on to the more advanced matter.

Let us consider the diagram in Fig. 1. This shows a circuit of the non-regenera-tive type. The filament, F, of the tube is brought to a certain temperature by the battery, A, the amount of current flowing through the filament, and therefore its temperature, being controlled by the rheostat, R. When the filament is brought to a cer-

tain temperature negative particles, called electrons, are emitted from the filament, which fill the space in the vicinity of the filament. They rotate around it at a high velocity and unless an additional force is placed upon them they return into the filament.

PLATE ACTION

If the plate, P, is now made positive in respect to the filament, a small current will flow from it back to the filament through the "B" battery. This is explained as fol-lows: Since the battery, B, makes the plate positive in respect to the filament, the positive charge on the plate will exert an attractive force on the electrons emitted from the filament with the result that a constant stream of electrons will leave the filament and flow to the plate inside the tube, and from the plate back to the filament through the external plate circuit, through the phones and battery, B, to the filament. Thus a constant current will be maintained in the plate circuit as long as the plate is positive in respect to the filament.

As will be seen from Fig. 1, the tuned

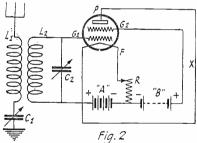
radio frequency circuit, L2-C2, is connected between the grid and the filament of the

When the positive half of the cycle of radio frequency current is placed in this circuit a small current will flow in it due to the attraction exerted by the positive charge on the grid upon the electrons. This posi-tive charge, however, is prevented from ris-ing to its full value by the flow of grid current, which has a damping effect on the positive half of the cycle. This positive charge on the grid acts as an extra attractive force on the electrons which is added to the plate attraction, thus increasing the

plate current—to no great extent however.

When the negative half of the cycle is placed on the grid, it becomes charged negatively to the full value of the half-cycle. This is because no current flows in the grid circuit because the negative charge on the grid repells the electrons. The effect of a cycle of radio frequency current is, of course, to alternately increase and decrease the plate current.

Each cycle of radio frequency current has the same effect on the plate current, the result being a series of increases and decreases, with the decreases of higher value



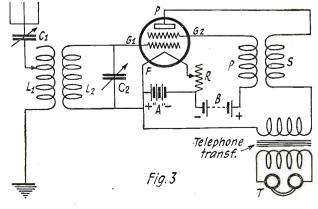
ne circuit as Fig. 1, but employing a four element vacuum tube.

than the increases. These increases and decreases result in an average decrease which causes a click in the phones.

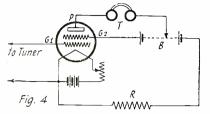
ELECTRON SPEED

The speed of the electrons varies as they The speed of the electrons values as move from the filament to the plate. Let us take the case of a single electron. it leaves the filament it is attracted by the positive charge on the plate and begins to

This embodies the circuit of Fig. 2, except that a radio frequency transformer has been included in the plate circuit of the four element tube and a telephone transformer and head-phones inserted for audible reception. In audible reception. In this arrangement the tube is playing a dual role, acting as both a radio frequency ampli-fier and detector, and performs thus in a very efficient manner.



move towards it. There is, however, a slight repelling action caused by the crowd of electrons gone before it which constitute a negative force between the plate and the filament called the "space charge." When the electron has gone half way to the plate its velocity has increased considerably due to the reduction of the distance between it

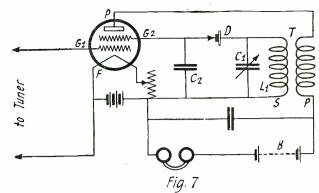


Circuit diagram of a four element tube employed as an audio frequency amplifier, with resistance coupling.

and the positive charge and to the climination of the repelling action of the space charge. In this position the electron has half of the space charge ahead and the other half behind it so that the repelling action ahead is neutralized by the repelling action behind it. As the electron nears the plate its velocity is constantly increased.

Thus we see that the velocity of the electrons in a vacuum tube is very much higher when they reach the plate than when they

A slightly different arrangement where in the plate of the four element tube does the work of the second grid and the second grid functions as the plate. A crystal detector is employed as a rectifier thus avoiding current complications that would otherwise tend to produce distortion.



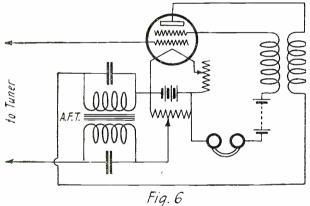
comes in, however, it will exert a repelling action on the electrons and no current will flow. The same is the result for each cycle. Thus the current in the plate circuit will be a series of current impulses due to the positive halves of the cycles. In other words, a rectified current will flow in the plate circuit.

RADIO AMPLIFIER AND DETECTOR

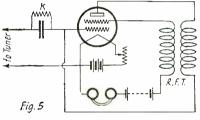
The principles of Fig. 2 are embodied in the circuit shown in Fig. 3, which is similar to Fig. 2 except at the point X the secondary of a radio-frequency transformer and a pair of telephones are inserted. The primary of the radio-frequency transformer is connected in the second grid circuit. The

resistance. R. These potential variations combine with the potential of that part of the "B" battery in the plate circuit, causing audio frequency currents to flow in the plate circuit.

Fig. 5 shows a circuit utilizing the four electrode tube as a radio frequency amplifier, detector, and an audio frequency amplifier. The radio frequency variations in the current of the second grid circuit are applied to the plate through the radio frequency transformer, T. The rectified current in the plate circuit is fed back to the first grid of the tube in a similar manner as used in the familiar reflex hook-ups. The coupling at K may be a resistance, as shown, a choke coil, or an audio frequency transformer. In each case it is necessary to pur a fixed con-



This is similar to the electrical arrangement of Fig. 5 except that an audio transformer replaces the resistance K in the former. A potentioneter is included so that the necessary losses may be introduced to prevent the tube from oscillating. As in most forms of reflex circuits, by-pass condensers are required across the primary and secondary coils of the audio frequency transformer.



Employing this circuit, the four element tube functions as a radio and audio frequency amplifier and detector.

leave the filament. This must be well understood if the reader is to understand the operation of the four electrode tube, to which we shall now pass on.

FOUR ELEMENT TUBE

Suppose in Fig. 1 we substitute a spiral of wire (similar in construction to the grid) for the plate, P. The tube will then operate in exactly the same manner as before. This we have done in Fig. 2, where we have changed the construction of the plate to the form of a spiral of wire and also we have added an additional electrode in the form of a plate, but which actually does the work of a grid, as will be shown later.

In this diagram the plate is connected to

In this diagram the plate is connected to the negative end of the filament and, therefore, it will be at the same potential as the negative end of the filament. As a result the velocity of the electrons will increase (as previously explained) as they move from the filament to the second grid, G2. Some of the electrons, however, will pass through G2 owing to their very high velocity and move towards the plate, P. At the plate their velocity will be approximately the same as when they were emitted from the filament.

Now suppose we apply a small alternating potential at the point X. The plate. P. will be alternately positive and negative in respect to the negative end of the filament.

When the positive half of the cycle is on

When the positive half of the cycle is on the plate there will be an attraction of electrons and a small current will flow in the plate circuit. When the negative half-cycle filament and two grids constitute an ordinary three electrode tube working as a radio frequency amplifier, the amplified radio frequency current being transferred to the plate circuit through the transformer. This circuit works as a radio frequency amplifier and detector. Thus we see that the four electrode tube is doing the work usually done by two tubes of the three electrode type.

In Fig. 4 is shown another circuit using resistance coupling. The variations in the current in the second grid circuit causes variations in the potential across the high

denser across them so as to facilitate the passage of the incoming radio frequency oscillations.

Fig. 6 shows a circuit similar to Fig. 5, but using transformer coupling at K. A stabilizer is also used to stabilize the tube, that is, to prevent the tube from oscillating.

WITH CRYSTAL DETECTOR

In Fig. 7 something slightly different is shown. Here the plate does the function of the second grid and the second grid does the function of the plate, and a crystal is used as a detector. As will be seen from the diagram, the filament, first grid and plate (Continued on page 740)

The circuit diagrams of the four electrode vacuum tübe receiver employed by the British Marconi Company for use on ships. The single tube functions as a radio and audio frequency amplifier and detector. The radio frequency stage is tuned by means of taps on both primary and secondary coils. A telephone transformer and low resistance phones are employed though this arrangement is not essential. A potentiometer affords the means of stabilizing the circuit.

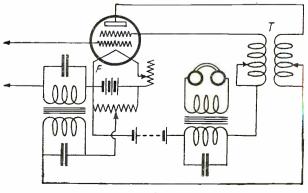


Fig. 8

Simple Modulation Methods

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Some excellent systems of modulation suited for low power C.W. transmitters which require no extra outlay of apparatus aside from the microphone.



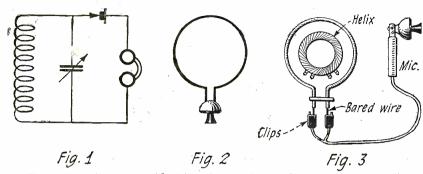


Fig. 1. Circuit diagram of the "Stoolpidgeon" employed for checking up on modulation. Fig. 2. Loop or absorption form of modulating system. Fig. 3. Suggested attachment and placement of loop modulator.

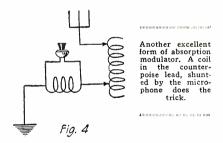
THE Ham with the one or two tube set of low power (speaking of transmitters), who desires to be able to use phone as well as C.W. so that he can have the fun of talking a bit, finds himself in something of a quandary as to what to do or how to alter his set to fulfill both purposes; or else he finds that information on only one method is handy and even that is not very complete. It is my purpose in this article to alleviate this trouble.

There is this about the low powered set: you can modulate it and do it well in a simple fashion, and you have, in addition, several different methods to select from. thermore, all of them are inexpensive, as generally they require only stuff you already have; of course, the microphone is an extra necessity. This article, then, is addressed to the problematical Ham mentioned above and, in addition, to his brothers, the experimenter, who could not be satisfied with one method, and the fellow who has never tried This last mentioned Ham has missed quite a thrill, the thrill of tossing his own voice across the continent—providing, of course, his set reaches out—or in eliminating the drudgery at the key for local work and chewing the rag just as if he were at his club or on the corner.

Of course, before you even consider fooling with phone, it is necessary to have a plate supply that is at least within hailing distance of D.C., the nearer, the better. Straight D.C. gives you a voice, on the air. normal and natural. Rectified A.C. as delivered straight from the rectifier, whether "sink," chemical, or tube, can be used in the phone with the growl of the ripples superimposed on the voice resulting in a noise like a very bad cold; this is not good. Filters of different degrees of adequacy will make varying degrees of voice quality and, finally, it is impossible to use phone on a C.W. set supplied with straight A.C. on the plates.

"STOOLPIDGEON"

Now before you consider fooling with the modulation methods herein elucidated, you will need some method of telling whether you are doing any good with the methods you try. Of course, you might get someone else to listen in, but they are generally not handy when you want them most. Nor, usually, is listening in on your own receiver successful because the tube set is generally either not portable or too close to the transmitter and thereby too full of energy to give an honest and straightforward report of what is occurring when you yell into the "mike." So you should make a "Stoolpidgeon," which in this case is something to tattle on your modulation, and its construction is neither laborious nor complicated. All that is needed is a coil, a condenser, and a crystal detector with a couple of binding posts for attaching the phones (Fig. 1). It should be portable so you can set it at any distance from the transmitter.



Also, it can be made with a variometer as the tuning element, or with a tapped coil instead of the coil and condenser. A 30-turn coil of scrap wire on a handy form with any size condenser between 11 and umpty-ump plates, if it is variable, is O.K. No matter how you build this Stoolpidgeon, be sure that you do, for it is almost indispensible in modulation experiments.

The method of modulation you hear most of nowadays among those who traffic in the most inexpensive and simple ways of doing things is the absorption or "loop" method. This has been described in a dozen different ways by a dozen different Hams and, I suppose, I will cast another kind of light on the subject. First of all, let me say, both sincerely and emphatically, that no sort of battery is needed in series with the absorbing loop and the microphone. The circuit is simple and is shown accurately in Fig. 2, and is one arrangement that it honestly can be said is "easy to connect." The two important articles required are a high resistance microphone and a heavy wire loop; the loop can be made of No. 12 or 14 rubber covered wire. Suit yourself as to how you mount your loop, but the higher your antenna current, the looser the coupling it will require in relation to the antenna inductance.

My own method of attaching the ab-

sorption loop is to adjust it with about

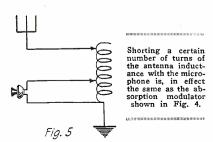
1 inch spacing between it and the helix and with the two ends fastened on one of the bracing arms of the framework of the transmitter with some sort of cleat. Then baring the two ends of the wire allows me to clip on the "mike," which has a couple of test clips on its terminals. Fig. 3 gives the idea. This is cheap and handy, and represents minimum losses when the phone is not used. As the coupling of the loop is important for best modulation, I have only to bend the loop up or down to vary its relation between aerial and ground.

A jack and plug system of connection is not used because a jack is equivalent to a small condenser and a poor one, resulting, with the loop, in a closed R.F. circuit that does a little absorbing of its own when not in use. I feel that I have too many losses if I have any so I won't chance any more.

Sometimes this single loop as described won't work because of either low antenna current or a too low resistance microphone. Low antenna current, by the way, may be classed under .75 ampere, although a high resistance antenna with a higher antenna current presents the same sort of difficulty, so it's only by cut and try, after all, that you can tell anything. In these cases, your only resource is to try variations of the loop; wind it tightly on the antenna inductance, trying in several locations with relation to the antenna; or try more than one turn if that fails. You can also form a small coil of several turns and stick it inside of the antenna inductance, varying the coupling for adjustment, if you should find that the outside loops are bulky.

CURRENT DROP

There is this about absorption modulation: As with most methods of modulation, your antenna current drops when the "mike" is connected to the loop. Don't worry if it antenna current drops when the "mike" is connected to the loop. Don't worry if it does because this is a healthy manifestation and one you will come to recognize as a sign that everything is O.K., eventually; for instance, 2.5 amperes on C.W. and 2 amperes when the "mike" is idle and connected for phone. Another thing your level instant of phone. Another thing, your loop is not adjusted correctly unless your antenna current rises to a varying degree when the "mike" is used, unless it modulates up. Of course, with a slow moving antenna meter this is difficult or impossible to note, but with the average quick moving thermocouple mater very will see it easily. You couple meter you will see it easily. can adjust your loop modulation for this if you will use care and patience and remember you will use care and patience and remember that the set is not adjusted correctly for phone until the antenna current does modulate up. Your microphone will heat somewhat but should not be allowed to get much above lukewarm, for if it does it will "pack" and cause your voice to fade. If your "mike"



heats, cut down your power until you can work without its heating. When the "mike" packs, the antenna current will act very erratically; jumping up and down with very little relation to your voice.

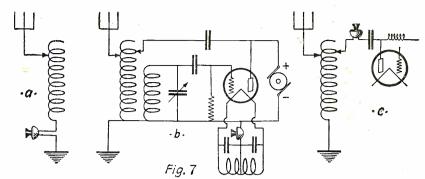
The quality of modulation from an absorption loop and microphone is amazing and will generally be pronounced perfect if you have a carrier wave decently near D.C. It gets a high percentage of modulation also, when adjusted correctly, and thus allows you good DX representing from ½ to ¾ of your regular working range. As an instance, my own results with this method and a couple of five-watt tubes was a consistent 900 to 1,000 mile range with no difficulty at 500 miles at all, barring QRN and QRM. Almost always I raised Hams with C.W. and itsed phone after connecting because calling with phone is productive of QRM. The best worked record with phone for me is 1,500 miles with this low power, so you see what you can hope for and that you are not trying a dud stunt.

ANOTHER METHOD

Another absorption method of modulation that is good and which I first heard of from Sherrod of 5VY-ZG is to put a small coil in series with the counterpoise lead, the con to be shorted by the microphone (Fig. 4). series with the counterpoise lead, the coil to coil in series with the counterpoise is composed of several turns of heavy rubber covered wire, the correct number of turns being determined by test and by the manifestation of the same indication as for the method described above; namely, antenna current modulating upward and a cool microphone as well as a favorable report from the "Stool-pidgeon." That the method is both efficient and effective I can testify, having worked 5VY many times, listening with pleasure to his perfect modulation and excellent volume. He adds to my statement that the antenna current should modulate upwards, "Don't let anybody tell you different." At least, please At least, please go at the job with that in your mind, 5VY's modulation system will not work in every case or for everybody and should be tried with the coil also in the ground lead before deserting the method as a failure. This modulation coil should be shorted from the circuit when your set is used for C.W.

SHORT INDUCTANCE

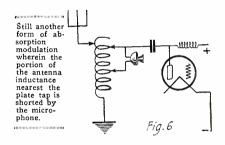
A third method of absorption modulation is shorting a certain number of turns of antenna inductance with the microphone, starting with the ground as one terminal (Fig. 5). This system is not very effective with much power, but it possesses the virtue of working with almost any transmitter except one that uses a very few turns between antenna and ground. For best results an antenna helix is required that allows variation to the fraction of a turn as then, and then only, is it possible to get the critical adjustment really needed. This method is successful and good if all these conditions are observed, and produces a good quality of modulation. Also, it modulates your an-



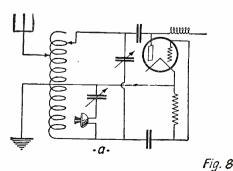
Three forms of resistance modulation wherein advantage is taken of the varying resistance of the microphone when spoken into,

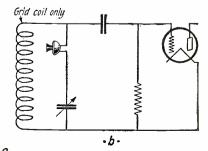
tenna current down instead of up. placing your full reliance on your "Stoolpidgeon" and is your only report of proper adjustment. The last method that I shall describe

The last method that I shall describe under the head of absorption is the shorted plate turn. I call it this because your "mike" is used to short a portion of the antenna inductance, starting with the plate tap as a terminal (Fig. 6). It is only possible, also, on a transmitter that uses the shunt-feed connection of the high voltage; also shown in Fig. 6. In adjusting this arrangement you short only one turn by the microphone and increase the number of turns in the plate circuit until speaking into the microphone results in an increase in antenna current, always keeping only one turn in the



microphone circuit until this condition is reached. After getting the antenna current to go up with the voice, vary the number of turns included in the "mike" circuit for best results. The big disadvantage of this method, which is effective, is that the "mike" is "hot." having some of the antenna juice running around in it. It will sting the hands somewhat and the lips noticeably if they should come in contact with any metal portion of the "mike." That it is alive predules the handling of the "mike." if for no other reason, because of the losses incurred, and means that it must be mounted on insulation. This method can also distort badly so you have full need for your "Stoolpidgeon" when adjusting.





Resistance modulation adapted to the Hartley circuit (a) and to the reversed feed-back circuit (b).

RESISTANCE VARIATION

Getting outside of the absorption methods of modulation, we take up what I shall call resistance-variation methods. Of course, the absorption loop's fundamental action is merely resistance variation, too, but because these others are more obviously so, the "mike" being connected in the circuit directly rather than inductively, the differentiation is made. I differentiate for the same reason we give slightly different regenerative circuits different names when they all work on the same principle. So, I admit, in spite of the names, that every modulation method I have or am going to describe depends upon the variation of resistance for its action.

The simplest methods of resistance modulation are the connecting of your microphone in one of these places; the ground lead, in the filament return, or in the plate circuit. (Fig. 7, a, b, and c, respectively.) A works successfully only with very low powers and a low resistance "mike" requiring adjustment of the plate tap for best results and sometimes retuning. B, with the "mike" in the filament return, results in a moderately effective and useful system that will handle good power with good results. Readjustment of the plate tap is necessary for best results. Also, the microphone should have shorted leads, about six inches to a foot long if feasible. Distortion is usually not experienced. Putting the "mike" in the plate circuit, c, is not always effective but will work well when it does. It is possible only on a set that uses the shum high-voltage feed and even at that is alive with H.F. energy, requiring that it be insulated to avoid losses. All of these methods result in the antenna modulating downward in general practice.

Another simple and good method of modulation is illustrated in Fig. 8, a and b. It is best when used with the Hartley circuit, but may also be used with the reversed feedback on the grid coil which is illustrated in b. In either case you adjust for modulation with both the variable condenser, which, in the case of the Hartley circuit, should be a .001 mfd. variable and in the case of the reversed feed-backs, whatever variable you use now, and the variable tap running to the plates of the tubes. The adjustment of the variable and the plate tap will both be found to be critical. In general, the resistance of the "mike" is not important and the results are good or excellent. However, the system can distort and the use of the "Stoolpidgeon" is an absolute necessity. The system is worthy of your trial if only to learn about it, and it might turn out best for your set. The antenna current doesn't vary much, if at all, in either of these modes and then usually down.

I want to enter a final plea for the construction of the "Stoolpidgeon." You need it! Furthermore, you will be able to use it often to listen in on your voice and a thousand times in experiments. It prevents inflicting horrible modulation on an otherwise peaceful air.

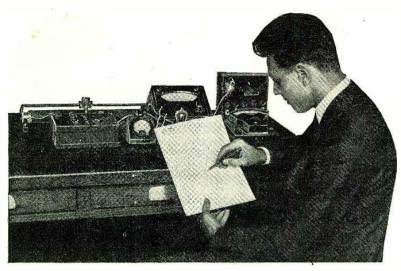
What Vacuum Tube Curves Mean

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Vacuum tube curves are indispensable in the radio field, particularly in the design of relative apparatus. By a curve we can determine beforehand what tube or tubes are best adapted to a particular purpose. If you know your vacuum tube, half the battle is won.





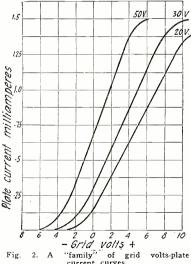
The readings taken from the test apparatus are marked on a piece of graph paper, thus forming a series of dots. Running a line through this series produces the complete curve, as shown.

OW many amateurs, I wonder, can "read" a set of vacuum tube characteristic curves? These things must obviously mean something, but comparatively few people are able to say just what they do tell about the particular tube to which they refer. Most makers issue certain curves for their tubes and others are to be found in the accounts of tests which are published in the technical press. These do actually give us a very great deal of useful information about the performances of a tube, and, if we can read them properly, they help us to use it in the receiving set in such a way as to get the very best out of it. If you place in the hands of an expert the particulars of several motor cars, including the cylinder capacity, the wheel size, the gear ratio and so on, he will have very little difficulty in sorting them out into classes; he will be able to tell you which of them are most likely to be speedy on the race track, which useful as touring cars and which most suitable for taking heavy loads at slow speeds. with tubes we are concerned with problems of very similar nature, for we too must be able to classify. The tubes of our sets have three entirely different functions to perform, in radio frequency amplification, rectification and audio frequency amplifica-Curves give us just the information we want in order to be able to assign

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Fig. 1. Circuit used for making the grid volts-plate current curve.

any particular tube to its class without actually trying it in the set. We shall actually trying it in the set. We shall not always find that our predictions are exactly borne out in practice; still they will



amily" of grid volts-plate current curves.

give us, on the whole, a pretty exact indication of what is to be expected from any particular tube.

THE GRID VOLTS—PLATE CURRENT CURVE

Fig. 1 shows the circuit which is used for taking the grid volts-plate current curve. In the plate circuit is a milliammeter which enables the current flowing to be read, while a voltmeter shunted across the "B" battery and provided with a switch makes it possible to measure exactly the plate voltage. In the grid circuit is a potentiometer in shunt with a battery of small cells, to the middle point of which is connected a

lead from the negative leg of the filament. A second voltmeter placed in this circuit enables the tester to ascertain the grid voltage with respect to the negative leg of the filament. This voltage can be made of any positive or negative value within the capacity of the battery by moving the slider of the potentiometer. In practice the plate voltage is first adjusted to a value of, say, 20 volts. The potentiometer is then moved over to the negative side until the milliammeter in the plate circuit shows a zero reading. The grid voltmeter now shows the grid potential required to dam back entirely the electron emission from the filament. The potentiometer since is now moved slightly towards the positive side and milliammeter readings are taken at each volt as the grid becomes more and more positive. A dot representing each reading is made on a piece of graph paper. When further increases in the positive po-

tential upon the grid make little or no difference to the current flowing in the plate circuit the tester knows that he has reached the saturation point; that is to say, the plate is now receiving every possible electron from the filament. He then starts upon a second test, increasing the plate potential to perhaps 30 volts and proceeds as before. Having once more come to the saturation point he makes another curve with a still higher plate voltage. He then draws in freehand curves, following as nearly as possible the sets of dots which he has made upon the paper. The result is a "family" of curves such as that shown in Fig. 2. Now what can we learn from the particular family illustrated in this diagram?

In the first place, with the filament voltage used (we will see presently how this is determined) this tube shows a saturation current of about 1.5 milliamperes. It will not, therefore, be suitable for working a large loud speaker if used as an audio frequency amplifier. Secondly we see that progressive increases in the plate potential move the curve considerably greater distances to the left. Hence, with something rather higher than 50 volts, we shall have rather higher than 50 volts, we shall have a curve well to the left of the zero line, which should give good and undistorted audio frequency amplification. The tube is, therefore, very suitable as a first stage audio frequency amplifier. How will it do as a rectifier? Some would prophesy excellent results on account of its "well marked lower bends." These bends, however are entirely useless from any point ever, are entirely useless from any point of view, for probably not one set in ten thousand makes use of plate rectification. Rectification depends mainly upon the grid volts-grid current curve to which we shall

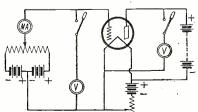


Fig. 3. The circuit employed for obtaining grid current curves of vacuum tubes.

come presently. As has been pointed out, the rectifying tube has two functions to perform: It acts in the first place as a diode or Fleming tube for rectification purposes, and in the second as an audio frequency amplifier. Its working grid potential will usually be in the neighborhood of zero grid volts and the voltage changes upon its grid will not be very large unless several stages of radio frequency amplification are used before it. What we want in the grid voltsplate current curve of the rectifier is a good straight portion on either side of the zero grid volts line. This we have in the 50-volt curve of the tube under discussion.

For radio frequency amplification again we require a well defined straight portion of the curve, but it is difficult to say whether the tube will do well in that position until we know something about its grid current curve. Of the family of curves that we have been discussing we may say that they appear to be those of a good general purpose tube likely to give very satisfactory results in any part of the set. They are as results in any part of the set. They are as a matter of fact the curves of the Mullard Ora tube of English make.

THE GRID CURRENT CURVE

Fig. 3 shows the way in which the grid current curve is taken. The plate and filament voltages are fixed at suitable values, then the grid potentials are varied and current readings are taken by means of the microammeter, dots being made and curves afterwards drawn as before. Fig. 4 shows a typical curve of a hard tube. With the grid at zero volts the amount of current may be in the neighborhood of .6 microampere. As the voltage on the grid is made more and more negative the current falls very rapidly indeed until at .6 olt negative a zero reading is obtained. From this point onward, a rather curious effect takes place.

Reverse current is found to flow, which in the case of the tube the curve of which is given in Fig. 4 reaches a maximum of .14 microampere at 1.8 volts negative. The gradual increasing of the negative grid potential now has the effect of reducing the backlash current until at 4 volts we again have a zero reading on the microammeter. The reverse current or "backlash kink" is caused in a rather interesting way. No tube contains a really perfect vacuum; there must always be present within the bulb gas molecules. As electrons pass from filament to plate they collide with gas atoms and owing to their speed actually drive electrons out of them. This process is known as ionization by collision. It results in the formation of positive ions which normally return to the filament. When, however, the

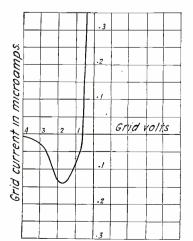


Fig. 4. A grid current curve obtained from a hard tube.

grid has reached a certain negative value it begins to attract these positive ions, with the result that a reverse current flows. The process goes on until the negative potential of the grid reaches a point at which its electron-stopping and ion-collecting qualities are balanced. When this happens reverse grid current is at its maximum. If we make the grid more and more negative it will dam back the flow of electrons from the filament; hence there will be fewer positive ions and the reverse grid current will fall.

Fig. 5 shows the grid current curve actually obtained from a soft Dutch tube. Here the flow of positive grid current at zero grid volts is very much higher than in the last case, reaching a value of over 55 microamperes. This is due to the fact that the larger quantities of residual gas within the tube make for a much greater amount of ionization by collision. electron stream from the filament is denser, and a greater number of electrons is caught in the meshes of the grid. The positive ions submit the filament to a heavy bombardment. For the same reason the backlash kink is again very much larger, reaching in this case a maximum value of .98 micro-ampere. We now see one thing that the grid volts grid current curve will tell us: it gives us to a great extent the measure of the tube's hardness. Secondly it gives us a very fair indication of how the tube will function as a rectifier. Fig. 6 shows how grid current is used for rectification purposes. For rectifying, therefore, we require a tube with a well marked backlash kink

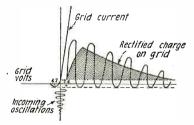
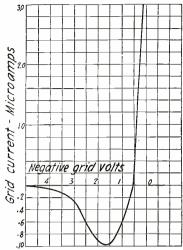


Fig. 6. Illustrating how grid current is used for rectifying purposes.

in the grid current curve. Fig. 6 is further interesting from another point of view, for it shows us how we sometimes obtain a curious kind of distortion by the use of several stages of radio frequency amplification: the voltage changes applied to the grid of the rectifier may be so great that it is overloaded by them, the negative half cycles going far beyond the point of maximum reverse grid current and possibly even reducing the flow to zero once more. It shows us, too, that we must adjust the plate and grid voltages of radio frequency amplifiers so that no rectification is taking place in them, otherwise we may expect distortion from that cause. From the curve of the soft tube we can see why it is that these tubes are so efficient as rectifiers. especially when they are used on single tube sets where the voltage changes upon the grid are very small indeed. For a rectifier, then, we require a respectable flow of posi tive grid current at zero grid volts, while for the radio frequency amplifier grid current must not be too high at zero grid volts, otherwise pronounced damping and distortion of the wave forms will occur.

The curves given in Figs. 4 and 5 may be read as follows: The tube from which the first was made should be an efficient rectifier and should also do well as a radio frequency tube, for the grid current is quite small at zero grid volts. The second will rectify very well, provided it is used by itself or with no more than one stage of radio frequency amplification in front of it.



A grid circuit curve obtained from a soft (detector) tube.

will not function with anything like success owing to the large current at zero grid

Grid current provides us with one of the most interesting instances of the importance of the minute in radio. The curve shown in Fig. 4 appears quite large, but that is merely because it is drawn to a much bigger scale than those in Fig 2 for To draw the latter on the same instance. instance. To draw the latter on the same scale as the grid curve we should have to increase the height of the vertical line ten thousand times. Suppose you draw both the plate and grid current curves upon a full sized billiard table, taking the balk line for the grid volts and making the volt divisions no larger than those shown in any of the drawings in this article. If we draw a line straight through the row of spots down the center of the table we can mark off on this 10 compartments each 10 inches long to represent one milliampere.

grid current curve would cross the center line one hundredth of an inch above the balk line and its backlash kink would be represented by a curve dropping one-thousandth of an inch below the line! To get anything like results we shall have to draw the curves upon a large football field 120 yards in length. Here we can make a center line between the goal posts, dividing it into 10 compartments 432 inches long, each representing one milliampere.
The plate current curve would then be a
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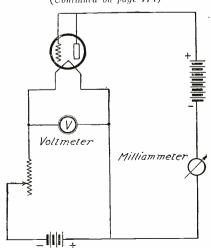


Fig. 7. The circuit employed for making the emission curve.

The Resonant Circuit

By J. M. GRIGG. B.S.



A most interesting article covering a very important subject, that of the effects of resistance, inductance and capacity in resonant circuits.



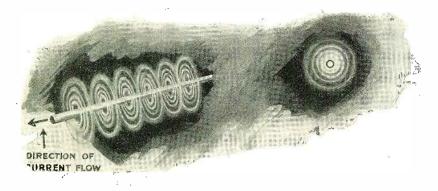


Fig. 1. Any current-carrying wire is enclosed in a magnetic field. This field travels along the wire in spiral fashion to the left or to the right, depending upon the direction of the current flow. The extent or circumference of the spirals is dependent upon the strength of the current.

HEN we think of radio waves upon an aerial, we think of wave motion with respect to places in the wire. We know that what is happening at one place is not happening throughout the wire at the same time. We consider both time and space, just as we would while observing waves traveling over the surface of water. We consider the space element doubtless because the antenna is relatively long.

On the other hand, we neglect the space element if the wire, instead of being extended, as in the case of an antenna, is coiled into a helix. The voltage and current are then assumed to vary uniformly through the whole with respect to time, the shortness and compactness of coils doubtless leading to the inference that identical changes happen in all places at once.

To deal properly with the phenomenon of electrical resonance we must recognize the fact that on the coil, as well as on the antenna, a linear wave motion is involved. The current or voltage in a tuned circuit, therefore, builds up progressively from wave to wave, and the first pulsations are not amplified to the same extent that succeeding ones are.

To account for the phenomenon of electric resonance it is necessary first to know something about wave motion along a wire or coil. And since the latter occurs by virtue of two fundamental properties, inductance and capacity, a brief introduction to these will be given.

INDUCTANCE

To begin with, suppose it is desired to build up a certain current strength in a conductor, Fig. 1. First of all, enough energy must be expended to produce the magnetic field which always accompanies the flow of an electric current. This field is represented by the circular arrows. The energy

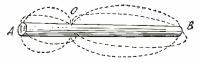


Fig. 2. An electrostatic field surrounding a wire due to a potential at point O.

it holds is drawn from the current supply, ahead of the current, and when the current decreases, or ceases to flow, it is given back to the circuit.

Thus the energy of magnetization retards the starting of a current and prolongs the decay of a current once started. The circuit thereby possesses a magnetic inertia tending to resist changes of current strength, a property which is called *inductance*.

In Fig. 3 the inductance, while distributed uniformly along the conductor, is represented as divided into units, l_1 , l_2 , l_3 , etc., corresponding with each unit length of the wire or coil.

CAPACITY

Capacity is an electrostatic property of a conductor. Due to it, when a potential exists at some point in the conductor there results an electrostatic field in the surrounding region. The non-conducting region about the conductor is called the dielectric. Every point in a conductor may be said to have capacity relative to every other point in it, a property called distributed capacity. In Fig. 2 the curved lines represent the electrostatic field due to a potential at some arbitrarily chosen point 0. This field is due to the capacity or condenser effect between point 0 and the sum of all other points in the conductor.

In Fig. 3 the condensers c₁, c₂, c₃, etc., represent the distributed capacity per unit length. For instance, c₃ is the capacity between unit 3 and the balance of the conductor. In virtue of the many branch circuits, distributed capacity offers by-paths for the flow of current under what are normally known as open-circuit conditions; that is, charging or discharging condenser currents pass.

Capacity may be thought of as a reservoir for the storage of energy, current rushing into it when a potential is applied and discharging into the conductor when the potential disappears.

Assume now that a constant, unidirectional potential is applied at A, Fig. 3. A wave pulse would move outward from A, charging in turn the various condensers, and, with corresponding delays, getting past each inductance. Finally, when all the condensers were charged, current would cease altogether to flow. The outgoing pulsation could be likened to the heavy surge of water which

would travel over the surface of a pond when a huge mass was deposited in it, and the condenser charges to the resultant rise of water level in the pond.

Now assume that the potential is applied for only an instant. During that instant the inertia of inductance 1, opposes the flow of current, but condenser c₁ will get a charge before the potential is cut off. By this time the inertia of inductance 1, has been reduced, and a path thereby opened for the discharge of the current in the condenser c1. the inductance 12 at first opposes the flow of the discharging current so that the first flow is into the condenser c2. The time of flow will be prolonged somewhat by the conversion of the magnetic energy of 1, into a current. Before this has been finished, however, the inertia of l_2 has been overcome, and a path is offered for the discharge of C_2 . But there will also be a back circuit through l_1 and l_2 . C_2 , therefore, discharges both through l_2 and l_3 , mostly through l_4 , however, due to difficulty of reversing the direction of current in l_2 . At each capacity direction of current in 1, At each capacity and inductance thereafter the same cycle will be repeated with the result that each time a part of the charge is moved ahead. In this manner not a wave pulse but waves following one another in succession will travel along the conductor.

If the conductor were very long, and it were possible to see just what took place, we would observe something analagous to what happens when a pebble is dropped into a pond. There would be a train of waves, apparently starting outward from A and with amplitudes growing less and less as they advanced, until at great enough distance the oscillations would finally be damped out, and each new set starting out from A would be smaller until finally they ceased altogether.

RESISTANCE

To account for this dissipation of energy the property known as resistance must be taken into consideration. Due to resistance, in each unit a small portion of energy is expended in heating the conductor. Since this heat is radiated, it is lost, and, consequently, at each unit the transmitted energy would be a trifle less than at the one before. Thus resistance explains why the wave grows smaller with distance. This attenuation is what is familiarly known as damping, see Fig. 4.

If instead of the momentary potential, suppose that the conductor, Fig. 3, which will be assumed to be infinitely long, is connected to a source of alternating current at A. There will result waves of potential and current running out from A, diminishing in strength, as before, with distance traveled. A continuous train of waves, however, will continue to come as long as the conductor is connected to the source of supply.

WAVE-LENGTH AND FREQUENCY

As the velocity of a wave upon water is

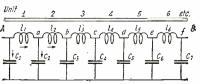


Fig. 3. Illustrating the distributed capacity per unit length in a conductor.

dependent upon certain gravitational and inertial properties, so will the speed of these waves upon the conductor be dependent upon the properties of inductance and capacity. Instead of traveling at the velocity of light, as they would do in free space, their speed will be very much slower. The speed will be inversely proportional to the square root of the inductance and distributed capacity of

the conductor —thus, speed
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greater the value of these properties, of course, the slower will be the speed, and, as will be shown, the longer the natural wavelength of the conductor or coil. Thus, bring-

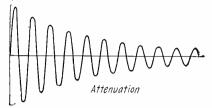


Fig. 4, Illustrating the attenuation or damping of an oscillating current.

ing an antenna nearer to earth increases its capacity, thereby slowing up the velocity of the current (or decreasing the frequency) and increasing the natural wave-length*. The same situation obtains using a spiral instead of a straight antenna for the total inductance is greater. Winding a conductor into a coil, such as is used in a coupler, slows up the speed of the current so much that the wave travels approximately twice the length of the coil only in the time it travels its rated wave-length in meters on the air.

The length of the wave is equal to twice the distance that the wave front would travel during the time the potential was applied; or, in the case of an alternating potential, equal to twice the distance the wave front would travel while the potential went through one complete cycle. Thus the velocity of travel divided by the frequency equals the wave-length.

Now, instead of a very long conductor, suppose that one quite short is chosen. Then when an outgoing wave reaches the end, it can go no farther, and the condenser at the end throws all its charge backward upon the line. Because of this the wave amplitude is momentarily doubled, while at the same time a new wave is started backward toward the source. This process is called reflection. The backward motion of the wave continues until the source is reached, when there will be another reflection, this one due to inductance, and instead of a doubling of the potential the effect is a reversal of the polarity. Presently, therefore, there will be many in-terfering trains of waves running to and fro, amplitudes, however, growing smaller and smaller due to damping, and finally the earlier reflections dropping out, while new ones take their places.

A similarity of effect has doubtless been observed in the case of water waves, when there are several trains running through and interfering with one another. In this case it will have been noted also that the water rises twice as high where the wave is reflected at an obstructing wall, while the incoming reflections will appear to stand still, half a wave-length from the center, as the phase of this reflection is reversed.

So far as effectiveness is concerned, this random interference of waves might be compared to the case of a crew of workmen on a rope, some pulling one way and some another, and no two pulling together. If they all pulled at once and in the same direc-

tion all their efforts would be united in useful work. Likewise, if all these waves and their reflections acted in the same direction and at the same time the resultant effect would be tremendous, and the result would be the phenomena known as resonance.

RESONANCE

How all these waves and reflections can be made to act in unison is a problem quite simple of solution. It is a case merely of properly proportioning the length of the conductor to the frequency. Suppose that an alternating potential is impressed at the exact middle, instead of at one end, and that the length of the conductor is such that the wave fronts travel from middle to ends in just a quarter cycle. The round trip of each original and its reflection will be made in just half a cycle. The reversed reflection at the middle will always start upon its next trip in phase with the impressed voltage, and each succeeding wave and reflection will travel in step with the reflections of preceding waves. All the waves on the conductor will, in effect, be piled on top of one another and travel as a single wave, and the voltage on the terminals will build up from wave to wave until the earlier reflections begin dropping out, due to damping, and a balance is reached.

To get a better idea of this building-up process, imagine a pendulum given tiny thrusts each half beat in step with its natural period of oscillation. It is evident that each time the pendulum would sweep through an arc a little wider than before, and finally the point would be reached where it could swing no higher. The energy of the thrusts would be just balanced against the damping of air resistance. This is the actual case of a clock pendulum where the thrust of the escapement is balanced against the damping of friction and air resistance.

Two important conclusions, therefore, have been reached, viz., that the resonant voltage builds up progressively from wave to wave, and that the amplitude at any instant depends upon a relation between the damping

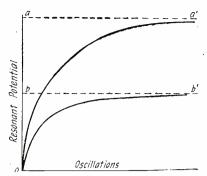


Fig. 5. Two curves illustrating the current growth in a circuit containing resistance and capacity.

losses and the total number of oscillations. The amplitudes reached by each succeeding oscillation, therefore, increase in accordance with logarithmic law, assuming the succession of impressed wave pulses are of even amplitudes. A curve drawn through the peaks of successive amplitudes is identical in form with the well known curve of current growth in a circuit having resistance and capacity. Two such curves, Fig. 6, illustrate this, the higher curve being drawn for a damping constant one-half that of the other. Ultimate values of resonant potential, as represented by the asymptotes a a and b b are inversely as the numerical value of the damping constant. It is of importance to observe that wave trains of lengths usually met with in broadcasting can at best build up to only a fraction of ultimate values, and that because of this shortness of train, reduction of damping below a certain point profits little.

The foregoing analysis is similar in outline to ones in use many years in explanation of transient phenomena upon wires, cables and antennae, in which connection the pioneer work of such men as Heaviside has

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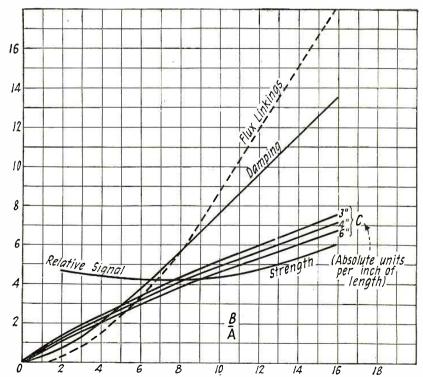


Fig. 11. Curves drawn to illustrate the variation of unit distributed capacity with windings of different diameters.

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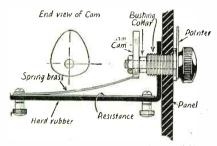
Awards of the \$50 Radio Wrinkle Contest

First Prize

A PANEL MOUNTING VARIABLE GRID LEAK

By ROBERT H. WATKINS

Following is a description of a very efficient variable grid leak which is smooth in operation and has the added advantage of being easily mounted on the panel. It is desirable to have a grid leak which can easily be varied, as a slightly different setting will be required for DX and local stations. The grid leak resistance is made by soaking a strip of cloth in India ink and letting it dry. This resistance is then mounted on a piece of insulating material, bent at right angles as shown in the illustration. This is best constructed of a piece of hard rub-



Constructional details of an excellent variable grid leak employing a cam adjustment.

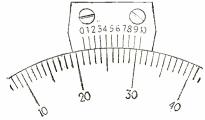
ber about 4½ inches long and 1 inch wide. This piece of hard rubber is easily bent at right angles 1½ inch from one end by immersing it for a couple of minutes in boiling water, to soften it. A bushing, such as that used in an ordinary jack, is obtained. This bushing serves as a bearing and also holds the insulating bracket to the panel. A hole is bored through the short end of the bracket and threaded to take the bushing. If it is not possible to thread the bracket it may be held in place by means of a nut. The resistance is varied by means of a piece of spring brass which is bent to the shape shown. When the knob is turned a cam made of hard rubber or bakelite and fashioned as shown, gradually depresses the spring, thereby shorting more or less of the resistance. Two binding posts are fastened to the base of the instrument for connections.

Second Prize

A VERNIER SCALE

By ROBERT G. GARLOCK

There are dozens of vernier adjusters on the market but no vernier scales although there are many critical but stable receivers and especially wavemeters for which a device for reading fractions of a scale division would be useful and convenient. The scale described here is a modification of that em-



For those who wish close calibration this vernier scale is recommended. Put two of these on your Super Heterodyne.

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ployed on calipers and may be applied to any large dial which runs true and is accurately engraved.

Cut a piece of bakelite as shown in the drawing. It should be as thick as the edge of the dial and fit the curve as closely as practicable. The curved edge can be shaped on a small emery wheel, and the straight edges cut with a saw and smoothed with a file. The ten divisions should be engraved with a sharp tool in the same space taken by nine on the dial and filled with white enamel. Accuracy is important in this operation.

The scale is easily read by the following method: Take the dial reading opposite the zero line of the vernier just as if the zero line were the ordinary arrow. Then note which line of the scale is opposite a line of the dial. The number above this vernier line is the number of tenths of a division. For example on the illustration the reading is 21.4. Simple, isn't it? A little study will show why this is so.

Third Prize

HOME MADE SOCKET WRENCHES By C. R. WHITTEMORE

When building radio receivers it some times happens that certain nuts are in places

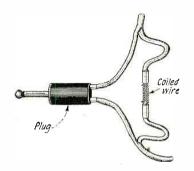


Handy socket wrenches can be made from a piece of copper tubing in the manner shown.

very difficult to reach except with a socket wrench. A set of socket wrenches can very easily be made of three pieces of copper tubing one-quarter. five sixteens and three-eighths inch outside diameter and two or three inches long. Each piece of copper tubing should be flattened on one end so that a screw driver will fit in snugly. The other end is flared with a punch. This flared end may be placed over practically any type of nut and when pressure is applied it will grip tightly and the nut can then be screwed into place by the screw driver. I have used a set of these wrenches for several months in assembling sets and am sure that anyone trying this idea will find it excellent.

A SIMPLE PHONE CONNECTOR

Here is a little stunt which will prove very handy when two or more pairs of phones are to be connected in series and no connecting units for this purpose are handy. All that is required is a short piece of No. 20 or 18 bare copper wire. This piece of wire is tightly wound around one of the cord tips or any rod of the same size to a length of about one inch. If more than two pairs of phones are to be connected in series two or more of the simple connectors will be required. The method of using is very simple, the phone cord tips of the sepa-



An emergency phone tip connector can be made from a piece of wire, coiled tightly.

rate pairs of phones being inserted in each end of the connectors. The accompanying diagram shows very plainly how this little device is employed. It will be found that a good tight connection is obtained which will hold indefinitely.

Contributed by Charles L. Mitchell.

SINGLE RECEIVER HEAD BAND

All of us, at one time or another, have had friends come in to listen in with us and if we were not lucky enough to own a two-stage amplifier with loud speaker, the phones. of course had to be used. As a rule there were not enough pair of head sets to go around and we had to "split" them. After a while it proved yery tiresome to hold a single receiver to the ear so I devised a head band which could be made in a few seconds and which admirably accomplishes the purpose. The illustration of this head band is practically self-explanatory and very little need be said concerning its construction. About 2½ feet of No. 10 or 12 iron or stiff copper wire is required and is bent into the shape shown. by means of pliers. Two or three of these head bands may be made and used on occasions when there are more listeners present than head sets.

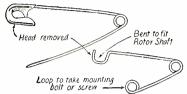
Contributed by Graham Joyner.



When an extra head-band is needed, it can be made in a few minutes with heavy wire.

A SIMPLE VARIOMETER CONTACT BRUSH

Unless a pig-tail connection is employed for the rotor of a variocoupler or variometer, the contact is, as a rule, very poor when the circuit is made through the shaft. A good contact will be had by employing a contact brush constructed of a safety pin. The head of the pin is removed and this end of the pin bent into a semi-circular shape as



A variometer contact brush made from a safety pin. This affords a good wiping contact.

shown in the diagram. The pointed end is bent in the form of a loop to take a mounting bolt or screw. This contact brush is screwed on one end of the variometer in such a fashion that the semicircular end comes in contact with the shaft and makes continuous pressure. With this brush in service there will be little trouble due to imperfect contact when the rotor is revolved. Contributed by James D. Johnston.

A NAVY TYPE KEY KNOB

A common key knob can be made into a navy type knob by using an ordinary poker chip. The poker chip is drilled in the center so that the screw on the key knob will pass through readily. It is then inserted between the regular knob and the frame of the key and the knob screwed down tightly. Care should be taken when drilling the poker



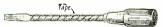
chip as it is liable to crumble or break. The drill should, therefore, be turned very slowly in the process to make a neat hole. Besides giving the key an excellent appearance, this simple device is a great improvement over the regular key knob as it will be found that

sending is easier with it.

Contributed by H. H. Schoolfield, Jr.

A SAFETY HINT

It has happened to me and no doubt to many others, that while tightening some screws inside of the set, the screw driver has slipped and shorted the "A" or the "B" battery. It also usually happens that the "B" battery will be shorted directly across the "A" battery thereby burning out one or more tubes. This could be prevented by disconnecting the "B" battery, but as a rule, the experimenter does not take the trouble or time to use this safety expedient. This being the case, it is the best policy to insulate the screw driver so that such an



By wrapping a layer of tape around the screw driver, the danger of short circuits is eliminated.

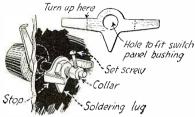
occurrence will be impossible. This is done by wrapping a layer of ordinary friction tape around the metal part of the screw driver down to about one-half inch of the point. This operation is quickly done and it will allow work to be done on the interior of the receiver without fear of shorting batteries or burning out tubes.

Contributed by Nathan Swerdlow.

A BACK PANEL SWITCH STOP

A back panel switch stop which I have used with great success on several sets can very easily be made from a small piece of sheet brass or copper cut as shown herewith.

The bottom projection is left for a soldering lug, while the other two, bent up at right angles on the dotted lines, serve as stop for the set screw on the switch. No dimensions are given as they will be determined by the kind and size of switch it is used for. With the shape shown, the switch will be allowed to cover almost half a circle. For more or less switch points the shape will have to be slightly different.



A neat and effective back panel switch stop.

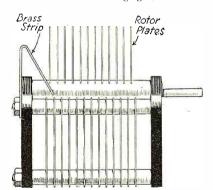
It is best to leave the piece of brass (or copper) flat until it is put on the panel as the nut holding it and the panel bushing can be put on much easier. The projections can then be bent as shown.

Contributed by J. L. McGuire.

A CONDENSER CUT-OUT

In many cases, particularly that of the antenna series condenser, it is often desirable to cut a condenser out of the circuit. The arrangement described below is ideal for this purpose, as it makes unnecessary the use of an extra switch, or a change in the lead-in wiring.

As shown in the drawing, it consists of a brass strip, pointed at one end, and fastened under the nut belonging to one of the



The condenser is shorted when the rotary plates come in contact with the brass strip.

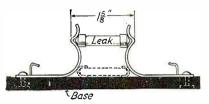
rods which hold the stationary plates together. It may be placed on either the front or back end of the condenser, but must be on the left side. It should be carefully shaped so that it will make contact with the outside rotary plate when the dial is turned slightly below zero.

A condenser with this attachment should not be placed in any circuit where, when it is shorted, the "A" or "B" batteries will also be shorted.

Contributed by Homer E. Hogue.

AN EASILY MADE GRID LEAK MOUNTING

During the course of construction of a new set, the builder often finds that a separate grid leak mounting is necessary. Such a mounting must be employed when the grid leak is connected from the grid directly to the filament. A very easily constructed mounting may be made from two old connection clips. These clips should be bent to the form shown in the diagram and should be mounted just far enough apart that a grid leak of the regular cartridge form will



Spring connection clips are employed to make this grid leak and condenser holder.

be held snugly. An old piece of bakelite or hard rubber of the proper length and an inch wide may be used for the base. Holes should be bored through the base to correspond with the holes in the clips and the clips fastened down by means of screws or bolts. The two small lugs under which the wires are usually held are bent up and the connections are soldered to them. If a condenser of the correct size is used it may also be held by this mounting in parallel with the grid leak by inserting it in the position shown in the diagram by the dotted lines.

Contributed by D. M. Clayton.

The problem of erecting an aerial on the common slant roof is discouraging, to say the least, and is often one of the most bothersome factors in radio installation.

A SIMPLE AERIAL SUPPORT

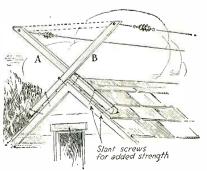
It takes time and often becomes an expensive item to erect a single pole mast on the ridgepole or at the peak of such a house. A special socket arrangement must be provided for the base of the pole and an elaborate system of guying must often be worked out. This necessitates an added expense in insulators and guy wire.

A simple and quickly worked out method of supporting an aerial is illustrated in the accompanying drawing. Any available stock may be used: wooden poles, two by fours, or even iron pipes.

Screw the piece shown as A, flat to the roof allowing three or four feet, as a minimum, to project upward above the saddle board. This will extend the slant of the roof beyond the peak.

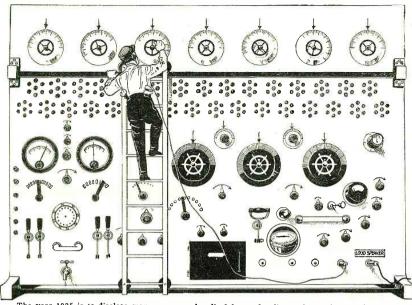
Attach the piece B in a similar manner on the other side of the roof. This will

Attach the piece B in a similar manner on the other side of the roof. This will cross A at the ridgepole and extend upward in the opposite direction. The length pro(Continued on page 792)



An easily made antenna support constructed of two crossed sticks

Radio Humor



The year 1925 is to disclose many a new and radical form of radio receiver. Among the types for home use is the above chic model of the Double Mezzamined Hilicopter Pliodronotic Super Reflexed Monotrolic Receiver with hot and cold running water and hydraulic grid leak.

It is super-controlled. A railed ladder permits access to the main tuning dials.

NOT A FAIR MATCH



The Radio Section of the Boston American of July 26th contains the following advise in one of its columns: "A sixvolt storage battery may be used to FIGHT the filaments of UV-199 tubes provided a proper

resistance is used." Someone should inform the S.P.C.A. of this. It is an uneven match and, as a rule, the filament gets licked. If such practice is continued the vacuum tube race will be wiped

Contributed by W. P. McLaughlin.

HUMAN AERIALS OF SNAPPY DIMENSIONS



In the Radio Section of the New York Journal of Saturday, August 2nd, we are informed 2nd, we are much that a Mr. Pierce "employs an aerial consisting of two WIVES, ing of two WIVES, each fifty feet long, each fifty feet long, running north and

south, with the lead-in from the northern end!" Good Lord, what is this world coming to? Is it not enough that the wife of today take care of the house and the children that she must be employed as a collector of radio signals? We should like to know whose wives Mr. Pierce employs and from what race they spring.

Contributed by H. E. Lovejoy.

ALL RADIO'S TRANSFORMERS GOT WINGS



The Barwick Company in the July, 1924, issue of Radio News issue of RADIO NEWS advertise their "Tri-coil Radio Frequency AM-PLIFLYING Trans-formers." Being gifted formers." Being gifted with flight we can understand how, by the use of them, one can

Radiotics

If you happen to see any humorous misprints in the press, we shall be glad to have you clin 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. Never mutilate clippings by underlining the misprint. We shall pay \$2.00 for each RADIOTIC accepted and printed here. A few humorous lines from each correspondent humorous lines from each correspondent should accompany each RADIOTIC. The most humorous ones will be printed. Ad-dress all RADIOTICS to

Editor RADIOTIC DEPARTMENT, c/o Radio News

hit the high spots in the ether jumble. The wings are, no doubt, made of bakelite. Contributed by Earl Litt.

WHO WAS THE PRIMA DONNA?



From an evenings' From an evenings' list of Broadcast Programs in the New York Journal we found this unusual announcement: "WLW, Cincinnati...

10:00 P. M.—Grand Opera from the Cincin-

nati Summer Opera Season at the ZOO!" Hot stuff, if true. The part of Faust was probably taken by the laughing Hyena, with an accompaniment from the monkey house!

Contributed by J. E. Greenbaum.

WHO IS THE DAREDEVIL OPERATOR?

In the July 22 edition of the Los Angeles Times we are informed that "The installation in England of sending and receiving apparatus on the FLAGPOLE will enable Lieut. L. W. enable Lieut. L. Smith to communicate



at all times with the warcraft." What the advantage may be is a question. Maybe this arrangement keeps the "radio bugs" away from the apparatus.

Contributed by W. M. Clark.

LETTER RE: RADIO

Dear Oscar:

I received your recent letter in which you advised me to take up radio. Never darken my door again. I took up radio and they took me out. It was this way. Did you ever hear of the Stuperflexible circuit? My ever near of the Stupernexiole circuit? My ex-friend Mr. Moskowitz of Izzy's Radio Shoppe (Pay Up At So Much Down) told me it was a good buy. So I said good-bye to two hundred and fifty hard-earned little ones and became the proud possessor of a Stuperflexible. This circuit, according to all I could gather from Moskowitz, is some-thing on the order of a reflexed and neutralized super-heterodyne with a few modifications by Reinartz. The set employs nincteen tubes and each tube is surrounded on all sides by a balloon tire in order to absorb any obtrusive static. Another of the advantages of the set, Moskowitz said, is that any man of normal intelligence can assemble it with the aid of only a screw-driver. I look back upon that remark I believe that he was casting dirty digs around the landscape because after fatally injuring nine screw-drivers I was compelled to have a radio mechanic put the Stuperflexible in working condition.

All's well that signs off well, as they say. So it was just midnight when I first listened in. The results were beyond my expecta-On all available kilocycles I heard (Continued on page 764)

SUPPLIED WITH AND WITHOUT POWER HOUSES

In the August, 1924, sue of the RADIO issue of the RADIO News the Rolls Royce Tube Co. advertise "Type 201A—5 v., 25 amp. Amplifier and Detector Tubes." That is probably why they call them Rolls Royce tubes.

Only a millionaire can use them. However, a private power house could supply the necessary amperage, although if as many as eight of these tubes were employed, it would probably be necessary to connect two power houses in parallel. Contributed by E. G. Pearson.

ALL THE BEST WAVES WILL BE THERE

In the July 24th edition of the Indianapolis News we struck a bit of inside news. It is stated that "The Bureau of Standards will radiocast standard wave-lengths of frequencies for the celebration of receiving sets and wave-meters.'



I believe this will be a big get-together and expect to be there with my Super Punko-dyne, providing, of course, I can manage first to receive my allotment of "standard wave-lengths of frequencies.

Contributed by C. A. Rich.

NO BODY CAPACITY IN THIS SET

In an article in the August 19, 1924, issue of the Evening Sun (Baltimore) headed "The Importance of Shielding" we are informed that the metal shield for the receiver of the type mentioned should be approximately 100 FEET LONG. Quite a shield when one thinks it



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Correspondence from Readers

RE: MR. MORRELL'S LETTER Editor, RADIO NEWS:

In connection with the article by Peter Morrell, of Wilmington, Del., in the September issue re: amateur interference with broadcast listeners:

About all that we Radio Supervisors and inspectors can do about the matter is to sit back, helpless, and cry: "Oh, Lord, how long" will it be before some of these people awaken to the fact that when C.W. trans-mitters are used, interference on broadcast waves cannot, simply cannot, take place if the receiver tunes reasonably sharp. A transmitter operating on, say, 200 meters, simply isn't transmitting on three or four hundred at the same time. The trouble is that the receiver, through defects in its design or construction, is tuning in such a broad band of wave-lengths that it also catches the wave of the C.W. transmitter, even though adjusted for broadcast reception. Use a coupled circuit receiver, or if you have a single circuit, add a tuned primary to it as has often been described in RADIO NEWS. Have no fear that it will weaken the signals.

The reason any attempt by any association to prevent amateur C.W. transmission has fallen through is because such a step would not be in accord with the fundamental prin-ciples of liberty and democracy. Imagine forbidding a person doing something just because it might annoy some people if the latter are careless! A more humane idea would be to forbid railroads operating because of the large number who get killed

racing trains to grade crossings. H. S. Gowan, 120 West King Street, Kitchener, Ontario.

THE EFFECT OF FOG ON RADIO SIGNALS

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I read with interest Mr. Kubiac's article in your August number regarding the effect of fog upon radio signals. However, I live less than 10 miles from the ocean, in Northern California, and we have fog almost every night. I have been making a few observations and find that my results are exactly

I am about 500 miles, air line, from Los Angeles. On clear nights I am hardly able to understand the announcements from KFI and KHJ and indeed at times I am not able to get them at all. On the other hand when it is foggy they come in on the loud speaker with reasonable volume.

I am not familiar with the technical side of either fog or static, so I cannot enter into a deep discussion of the whys and wherefores with 3ZZ, but I would appreciate an explanation of this phenomenon. EUGENE BULTON.

Ft. Bragg, Calif.

FROM A CRYSTAL ENTHUSIAST Editor, RADIO NEWS:

In the July issue of RADIO NEWS, directions for building a crystal set were given. I built this set, making my own coil, detector, condenser, aerial and cabinet. My father did not think it would work and a radio expert said I would spend \$10 and would get nothing in return. My aerial was No. 14 stranded wire insulated. The first night I stranded wire insulated. The me was wasted. The that was all it cost me, was wasted. The second night I began receiving and in one

week I had the following stations listed:
WEAF New York—40 miles
WJZ New York—40 miles WOR New Jork—40 miles
WHN New York—40 miles
KDKA Pittsburgh—350 miles
WGY Schenectady—170 miles
WNYC New York—40 miles.

I also received Davis' and Coolidge's speech clearly. If any one wants a good set I advise them to construct the RADIO NEWS Beginner's Set.

EDWARD ALSON, Amityville, N. Y.

IN ANSWER TO MR. MORRELL

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I am prompted to write a protest in answer to a communication by one Peter Morrell of Wilmington, Delaware, writing in your "Correspondence from Readers" columns for September. I trust you will find it convenient to give space to this letter, in the hope that it may set Mr. Morrell, and be added to the second and hundreds of thousands of others of the same mind, straight.

His communication attacks the U.S. Department of Commerce Radio Inspectional service, and is directed chiefly against the

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

What's New In Radio.
How to Build A Short Wave Set
—By A. R. Marcy, 2DK.
New Solodyne Circuits.
R. F. Amplification, Regeneration and Reflex Set Combined.
Airplane and Train Radio.
Radio Oracle.
Neutralizing Methods
—By Leon L. Adelman, 2AFS.
Radio Wrinkles.

"Supervisor of Radio for the Atlantic Coast." Inasmuch as there are three such officers, in addition to the Chiefs in Washington, it is not known which Supervisor Mr. Morrell refers to, but his opinions are general enough

We'll eliminate the amateur element from this discussion inasmuch as Mr. Morrell makes rather light of this interference, which is in reality a very great deal less than is popularly supposed. Let us consider then his protest against ship stations operating during the broadcasting of such an event as the recent political Convention at Cleveland.

Mr. Morrell, if his receiving equipment is located at his Wilmington home, is, of course, in the area that experiences a great deal of annoying interference from ship stations, as well as commercial and Naval shore stations. It appears to be a question as to whether he considers the primary purpose of radio communication—the safety of lives and property at sea-as secondary to the enjoyment of some ballyhoo broadcasting, which is exactly what these political conventions amount to. Apparently, in Mr. Morrell's own mind, he is satisfied that a ship in distress must not be permitted to interrupt what he doubtless considers a keen pleasure. He is not alone; in this super-civilization in which we live, there are millions like him. I cannot of course, state emphatically that it was a ship in distress;

but it might have been. Furthermore, very few vessels are found transmitting matter on the high seas today which is not of considerable importance to commerce or naviga-

Suppose it was superfluous matter that the vessel was transmitting-though how it could have been of less value than the "hog-wash" of "Hurrahs" and thick-tongued wash" humor (?) of the political broadcast, I fail to see—was it his cue to submit to you a caustic letter berating the Supervisor of Radio? Just such action as this is what makes it impossible to gain but little assistance from the radio public and properly suppress needless interference. Mr. Morrell should have directed a respectful letter to the Supervisor at New York or Baltimore, setting forth the facts, giving the call letters of the vessel, the time and date of the transmission, and enough of the transmitted matter to enable identification. This would have been simple, if Mr. Morrell's code ability is what he claims. He would in return have received a courteous acknowledgement from Mr. Batcheller or Mr. Cadmus, and in its quiet way, the Department of Commerce would have investigated and taken suitable action, if warranted.

It is just such an attitude as you have adopted, Mr. Morrell, that prevents you of the great listening public receiving full value from your radio equipment. You don't stop to realize that there are 2800 American vessels equipped with radio, 20,000 amateur stations and 500 odd broadcasters, besides naval and commercial shore stations and there are less than 50 men in the Radio Inspectional service to look after all these interests in addition to those of five million broadcast listeners! It's entirely your fault-no agitation or pressure has been brought to bear on your Representatives at Washington and consequently they refuse to appropriate sufficient money to give you an inspection service large enough to adequately handle the situation. Yet you expect your Supervisors to listen in nightly, after ten or twelve hours at the office and on the road, and catch every offending transmission in the air! Do you know that the majority of the Supervisors and their assistants do listen in nightly, and voluntarily with apparatus purchased from their own personal funds on inadequate salaries, just to help you?

You'll not get a reply from the Department or its representatives to your com-munication. They are too busy helping those who appreciate their almost colossal efforts. But I want to suggest that you investigate the activities of the Radio Inspectional Service of the Department of Commerce-you'll be surprised at the loyalty and devotion to duty you'll find.' I know where-of I speak; I have just recently resigned as an Assistant to one of the Supervisors of our second largest district; I couldn't stand the pace; too many of your kind were driving me to dark thoughts.

HOWARD S. PYLE, 2906 Montclair Ave. Detroit, Mich.

THE REDUCING OF STATIC INTERFERENCE

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I saw in your "Correspondence from Readdepartment, in a recent issue, certain data regarding the elimination of static by This is the the reduction of plate voltage. only simple and effective way of reducing static, and applies to the regenerative, multistage radio frequency and Super-Heterodyne To secure good loud speaker receivers. volume with static reduction three to five stages of distortionless audio frequency am-

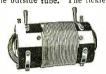
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Apparatus Awarded Certificates

The Carco TUNING UNIT
The Carco tuning unit, also called
the "ham special coupler," is designed for short wave-lengths. This
coupler employs primary, secondary
and tickler windings. The primary
and secondary windings have two
No. 16 wires in parallel so as to
obtain a low radio frequency resistance. The primary is wound on
one rotor and employs six turns.
The secondary of 24 turns is wound
on the outside tube. The tickler has CARCO TUNING UNIT



32 turns of No. 24 wire. Excellent results were obtained on this coupler on wave-lengths from 70 to 250 meters, although the range depends largely upon the type of variable condenser used. Manufactured by the Carter Mfg. Co., 1728 Coit Avenue, E. Cleveland, Ohio. Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 547.

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TERLEE TYPE R VARIOCOUPLER

This variocoupler is designed especially for use with radio frequency amplifier circuits. The primary employs 66 turns of No. 22 wire wound on a four-inch tube. It is provided with taps. The secondary comprises 62 turns of Litz wire wound on a 25½-inch tube mounted at an angle so as to obtain 180 degree coupling. The outer tube is 6½ inches long so that very loose coupling between the primary and secondary coils is obtained. It tunes from 200 to 650 meters with a .0005 mtd. variable condenser connected mfd. variable condenser connected across the secondary. Manufactured by the Terlee Elec. and Mfg. Co.. 443 So. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.



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TROPAFORMER

The Tropaformer is simply a tuned long wave radio frequency amplifying transformer. It may be used in any Super-Heterodyne or other receiver where a long wave amplifier is required. It consists of an iron core transformer and variable condenser combined in one instrument that covers a wavelength range of 3,000 to 10,000 meters. This not only allows each stage of the intermediate amplifier



to be correctly adjusted to a definite wave-length, but the advantages of either high or low intermediate frequencies can be had. The selectivity is so great that no special input coupler is required. The case is entirely of hard rubber. Manufactured by the Radio Industries Corp., 131 Duane Street, New York City.

Arrived in excellent packing.

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TRI-JACK

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The Tri-jack, manufactured by the Brooklyn Metal Stamping Co.. 718 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, is small in size and has low capacity. It measures one inch in diameter and extends 1½ inches behind the panel. Any standard telephone plug fits this double circuit jack; phosphor bronze springs make connections with the plug.



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MAR-CO MULTI-CONNECTOR
The Mar-Co multi-connector,
manufactured by the Martin-Copeland Co., Providence, R. L., is of
similar construction to the multiplug described elsewhere in these
columns. Instead of a plug the
multi-connector has a 15-inch telephone cord attached to it. By attaching this cord to a standard plug,
the connector may be used with any
set. Any number of head sets from
one to four may be used.



Arrived in excellent packing.

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GOODRICH VARIOMETER

The Goodrich variometer is furnished unwound and in knocked down condition. The parts are of hard rubber of the standard size and design. The form is designed for both panel and base mounting. It may be wound to suit individual requirements, after which the instrument is easily assembled by following the instructions furnished. It is equipped with a ¼-inch shaft



and has stops allowing a 180 degree movement. Manufactured by the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.

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FLEWELLING CONDENSER

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The Flewelling Type R condenser
is of the grounded rotor type with
die cast plates of accurate mechanical construction. This condenser
has exceptionally low losses and
low minimum capacity. The minimum capacity is 7.32 mmf, and
the maximum capacity 482.33 mmf, and
the maximum capacity were so low
that they could not be accurately
measured at 1,000 cycles. The instrument is designed for panel or
base mounting. Manufactured by
the Buell Mg. Co., 2973 College
Grove Ave., Chicago, III.
Arrived in excellent packing.
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MYERS TUBE

The Myers tubes are made in two types. The dry cell type and the universal type. The dry cell type consumes ½ ampere at 2½ volts and is operated from two dry cells. The universal type requires three dry cells or a storage battery for lighting its filament. Two of each were submitted by the Curtis Sales Corn., 43 Fast 28th St., N. Y. C. The amplification factor of both types varies from 9 to 13. The tubes are furnished with small brackets for mounting, as they do not fit the standard V. T. socket.

Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CER-TIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 550.



GOODRICH V. T. SOCKET
The Goodrich vacuum tube socket is made of hard rubber and is fitted with a spring catch for holding the vacuum tube instead of the usual bayonet slot. The tube is slipped into the socket until the spring catches over the pin. To remove the tube. Simply depress the spring and lift the tube. Phosphor bronze springs make contact with the prongs of the vacuum tube. It is designed for both panel and base mounting. Manufactured by the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.

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ACMEFLEX

The Acme Apparatus Co., Cambridge, Mass., submitted one of their assembled Acmeflex kits. This receiver, although, simple in construction as the illustration shows, is highly efficient. It employs four tubes, reflexed so as to obtain three stages of radio amplification, crystal detector, and three stages of audio amplification. Acme audio and radio transformers are used in the set, which instruments have been approved by us. Their well-known low loss condenser is used to tune the loop circuit. Any loop designed for broadcast reception may be used. The instruments are mounted on a 7x21-inch panel. Excellent results were obtained from this receiver and no trouble was experienced from howling so common to many reflex receivers.

Arrived in excellent packing.



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PFANSTIEHL MODEL 7 RECEIVER

This receiver is of the five tube type employing two stages of tuned radio frequency amplification, detector and two stages of audio frequency amplification. Low loss spider-web coils are used for the tuned R.F. transformers. These are mounted at an angle so as to reduce coupling between stages. Metallic shields are also placed between the



condensers. The entire receiver is of excellent construction and of neat appearance. Very good results were obtained from it when using the average size outdoor aerial. Manufactured by the Pfanstiehl Radio Service Co., Highland Park, Ill. Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 539.

MARSHALL-STAT
This rheostat, of the carbon compression type, is of very small construction. It has a resistance range of ½ to 10 ohms with five turns of the knob. It safely carries one ampere without excessive heating. The metal casing is nickel plated



and the knob is one inch in diameter. Manufactured by the Marshall Elec. Co., 3225 Locust Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

Arrived in excellent packing.
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NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 553.

MAR-CO RADIO JACK

The Mar-Co Radio Jack is of the conventional design with slight improvements. The soldering lugs are bent around so as to hold the connections more firmly. An insulating strip extends the whole length of the three incides one of the strip incide one of the strip incide one of the control of th two inside contact springs, so to make a short circuit impos-le. The jack is of very durable



construction. Manufactured by the Martin-Copeland Co., Providence, Rhode Island.

Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE R A D I O NEWS LABORATORIES CER-TIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 541.

MAR-CO MULTI PLUG

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The Mar-Co-Multi plug is similar to the standard telephone plug except that it is arranged with eight binding posts so that four head sets may be used at once. The head sets may be connected in series, multiple, or series-multiple. The construction of the plug is very good. Manufactured by the Martin-Copeland Co., Providence, Rhode Island.



ZENITH RADIO COMPANION

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The Zenith Radio Companion is
a complete six-tube portable radio
receiver about the size of the average suitase. The loop aerial and
loud speaker are contained in the
easing and all that is necessary to
operate the set is to pull the filament switch and turn the condenser
dial. The set employs three stages
of radio frequency amplification,
detector and two stages of audio
amplification. Type UV-199 tubes
are used, with three standard dry
cells for the "A" battery. Excellent results were obtained on this
receiver on stations within 100 ained within 100 receiver on stations within 100 miles. For long distance reception, two connections are provided for attaching to a larger antenna. Manufactured by the Zenith Radio Corp., 328 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, III.



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AMPLIFEX LOOP AERIAL

AMPLIFEX LOOP AERIAL
The Amplifex loop aerial is of
elaborate construction and pleasing
appearance. The wire is wound
on a mahogany frame which may
be folded. A compass mounted in
the base helps in determining the
direction in which the loop should
be pointed. There are 13 turns in
all with six binding posts so ar-

ranged that either three, four, six, nine, 10 or the total 13 turns may be used separately. With this arrangement practically all wavelength ranges now used in broadcast reception may be covered. Manufactured by the Amplifex Radio Corp., 35 Mass. Ave., Arlington, Mass.



Arrived in excellent packing.

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MAR-CO BATTERY SWITCH

MAK-CU BATTERY SWITCH
The battery switch manufactured
by the Martin-Copeland Co., Providence, R. I., is small in size and
has a quick make and break knife
action. An "on" and "off" name
plate is furnished with this switch.
It is of very neat appearance and
only requires one hole for mounting.



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TERLEE TYPE \$ VARIO-COUPLER

The Terlee type S variocoupler, also manufactured by the Terlee Elec. & Mfg. Co., 443 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill., is of similar construction to the type R coupler described above. The outside tube



of this coupler is four inches long,

This coupler is designed for any of the standard detector circuits now in use.

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SEA TONE REPRODUCER

The tendency in the design in loud speakers is to make them more ornamental. The Sea Tone reproducer, shown in the illustration, is very ornamental and serves the purpose of a table lamp as well as a loud speaker. A sea shell is used for the horn. A small 110-volt lamp is fitted inside of the shell. A very good phone unit is contained in the base. This unit reproduces concerts with exceptionally good volume and quality. Manufactured by the Tonks Bros. Co. The tendency in the design in loud



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PIONEER V. T. SOCKET
The Pioneer V. T. Socket is of The Pioneer V. T. Socket is of very simple construction and makes excellent contacts with the vacuum tube. The form is of moulded bakelite and the spring contacts make connections with the sides of the vacuum tube proorgs. Rugged binding posts are provided on this socket. It is manufactured by the Pioneer Radio Corp., Galesburg, Ill.



Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE R A D I O NEWS LABORATORIES CER-TIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 551.

Ask Hoover! He'll Do It

PPARENTLY many fans and owners of broadcast and amateur stations be-lieve that Herbert Hoover can do anything, judging from the curious requests reaching the head of the Commerce Department or the desk of his aide, Chief Supervisor of Radio W. D. Terrell.

Almost every day some unusual letter comes to radio headquarters at Washington or is forwarded from a District Supervisor. The last question, which caused considerable The last question, which caused considerable commotion, came over the telephone. It was: "What kind of a detector should be used on a crystal set?" Here is another: "In building a 'blank' set should the capacity of my condenser be one or two quarts?" Technical questions when practical are answered but the Commence of size as a second but the Commence of size as a second of the commence of the commence of size as a second of the commence o swered, but the Commerce officials are supposed to handle administrative matters only and are kept busy at that.

Many broadcasters want their initial as the call letters for their stations, not realizing that this country is assigned only three initial letters, W, K, and N, by the international Berne bureau. Even then, we do not get all the calls beginning with these letters; part of the K calls are assigned abroad. If one's first name begins with one of these three letters there is one chance in a million that the other letters can be found among the unused calls. There are 4,812 calls in use today out of a possible 50,000 combinations.

Some of the broadcasters were lucky and got call letters which were significant of got call letters which were significant of their names. It began when the official who designates call letters, assigned KOP as the call of the Detroit police station. Then came the Radio Corporation station in Washington, which selected the abandoned ship call WRC, indicative of Washington Radio Corporation; WRCA was not available. The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company succeeded in getting WCAP, equally significant of its location and name. WNP—Wireless North Pole, was given MacMillan for his polar cruise. Later on, WGN was assigned to the Chicago Tribune, which uses "World's Greatest Newspaper" as a slogan, and, finally, WNYC was granted as the official cell of the New York municipals. as the official call of the New York municipal transmitting station.

Some broadcasters also desire exclusive wave-lengths, regardless of whether or not they can qualify as high-powered class B stations, or whether the wave-lengths in their zones are already assigned on a time basis between two or three stations,

A number of amateurs who own powerful transmitters want international call letters, so they can be identified abroad. This question will soon have to be taken up inter-

nationally. Our 16,545 amateur calls, all prefaced by a figure significant of the district, are similar to those of amateurs of trict, are similar to those of amateurs of other nations. This is sure to cause confusion if long distance work continues to extend beyond the boundaries of individual countries. Owners of receiving sets often ask that notices of lost relatives and even pets be broadcast. The first has been done with success. The only lost pet reported as found by radio broadcast, however, was the White House cat, although perhaps Commissioner Carson's mules, which were returned soon after their description was broadcast, also come in this category.

Correspondents of the radio section have asked for special codes and languages; one individual offering to show the Secretary Hoover an entirely new method of international communication by a universal code.

Although broadcasters have agreed unanimously to refrain from broadcasting pure advertising, some stations seem a bit uncertain as to just where to draw the line, so this question arises again. Fortunately the Department was not forced to forbid the broadcasting of criminal trials and such proceedings, due to the fact that a learned judge saw fit to keep such matters off the air.

It is seen that not all the questions are (Continued on page 808)



What's the Matter with the Commercial Game

By DONALD J. PETER



One of the "old stand-by" stations fully equipped with navy apparatus. The receiver is the faithful S.E. 143 with a DeForest vacuum tube control panel of early design. The transmitter is similar to the ones a number of boys are playing with now (self cleaning quenched gap an' everythin!!) except it is a 5-KW affair.

USED to be a HAM; I had halves in 6BRS for a while until I left High School, then I had halves in 6BEO and later I wanted to see what the wide wide world looked like so I went to sea to find out.

I located myself on a big husky freighter amed the Mosella and I was known as "Sparks" by the crew. I was there about two weeks when I felt the importance of my job start working on me, I was continually flooded with questions every day, sparks who's around us, what ship was that which passed us this morning. Did you get any press news last night, what was it all about?" Just such things as that, and of about?" Just such things as that, and of course, being young and ambitious I had to stop and tell them all about it. Under such strains as these I was soon parading the deck with my nose at such an angle that the rain drops could have easily dropped in had it been raining. This sort of thing went on for some time and the best of it was I got away with it. About this time I was beginning to feel that the Mates and other Officers on board were mere trifles compared to myself, and was actually getting so that I didn't even speak civily to them and although unnoticed by myself I was losing many good friends.

One day in Manila while the "Gooks"

were unloading the ship a heavy cloudburst smothered the work and I made for the salon deck to avoid getting my newly pressed uniform wet. I planted myself in one of the wicker chairs on deck of which there were only two. Shortly afterwards the "Old Man" and the Chief Engineer came up. Upon arrival the Chief Engineer peered out into the rain, while the "Old Man" looked at me and very pleasantly removable. out the rain, while the Old Man looked at me and very pleasantly remarked, "Now sparks if you'll get out of that chair and get the hell up where you belong and stay there Mr. Kidd and I will sit down." That was the finish, it was enough to finish every spurt of ambition I had ever been known to have.

I "got the hell up where I belonged" all right but when I did I somehow felt as though I had been badly treated, in fact I didn't see where I had done anything to make him talk like that to me, but after thinking the subject over I decided that I wouldn't give him another opportunity to talk to me in that manner. mainder of the stay in Manila and likewise the remainder of the trip I stayed in my room continually, except at meal times and

during working hours.

A few days out of Manila an old fellow named Woods, evidentally my one remaining friend came up to see me, "Why don't you ever come out on deck any more Sparks," was question No. 1. With my eyes half closed from a previous siesta I looked up and inquired, "Who let you out?" rather sarcastically, but still I was so disgusted that I didn't care whether I spoke to any one or not. "Oh I just came up to find out why you have shut yourself up. Was it the remark the Skipper made in Manila?" "How did you find out what the Old Man I asked.

"I was standing just around the corner when he said it," replied Woods.
"Well I'll tell you Woods that's the reason

all right. But still, you know I can't figure out any reason—"

"Oh yes Sparks," Woods broke in, "I've been noticing your attitude pretty closely and the best I can say for you is that you've ruined all the chance you've ever had on this boat by letting your job get the best of you. You've done just as all the rest of

or you. You've done just as all the rest of the beginners I've seen in my twenty-five years at sea, you've got the big head."
"Whadayamean I've got the big head."
"Oh yes, Sparks, I've noticed it in the last few weeks that when you get into a conversation it's nothing but I, I, I, I, I, I, until all Hell won't have it, and when you get that you go goe goes whether that tall to you. way no one cares whether they talk to you or not. Why don't you try changing your attitude a little because its sure stuff you'll

"Well Woods I'll tell you I don't really see anything wrong, but I'll think it over."

"All right Sparks, you do that and see if you don't get along a whole lot better."

With that my friend Woods left me to dope something that was as good as im-

possible for me to see. But after many days' deep thinking I decided to change my attitude, in fact I had to do something for I had no more friends and I might just as

well try that for a remedy as anything.

Upon arrival in 'Frisco I solemly paraded up to the Old Man and told him I was going to quit. I did it in such a manner as to keep him from thinking that what he had don't know to this day whether he ever knew why I left. Later I located myself on the Thomas (WXM), all ready to try out a new idea of life. I made it go for a complete round trip and believe Thomas complete round trip, and believe me, I soon realized where I had made my mistake on the Mosella. I was well known, every one spoke to me, especially in the morning when I came in to breakfast. All blushing and set I would blossom into the "chow hall" and get a cheerful "good morning Sparks."
Those words just buzzed around in my international morse decoding box like a bee in a new hive.

in a new hive.

But, on January 26, 1924, on the return trip from Nagasaki, Japan, to 'Frisco I got all roused up gaain. It was about 6 a. m. I was sitting in the shack peacefully hearing nothing but a little static and the beautiful way my set oscillated when I heard a very faint "QST-SS MARY HARLOCK Lat. 46.35 N. Long. 178.3 E. will some one please stand by deck load of lumber shifting QST de GBNZK k." I listened but no one answered, so I broke in and gave the Limy my TR. I was shaking like an old man of about ninety. I also told him to QRX for particulars. The Limy answered with steady about ninety. I also told him to QRX for particulars. The Limy answered with steady hand and set good stuff. Being quite satisfied with his answer I went up to the Old Man. (Continued on page 754)



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.

1. This Department cannot answer more than three questions for each correspondent.

2. Only one side of the sheet should be written upon; all matter should be typewritten or else written in ink. No attention paid to penciled matter.

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

McCALL CIRCUIT (2036) Mr. James Holburn, Winston, Mass.,

(2036) Mr. James Holburn, Winston, Mass., asks:

Q. 1. Please give diagram and constructional details for the McCall set.

A. 1. The circuit, with data, is shown in these columns. The exact number of turns required must be determined by experiment. The secondary, over which the primary is wound, has its winding on a tube about 234 inches in diameter. The primary is wound directly over the secondary. All coils are wound in the same direction. Number 26 D. C. C. wire may be used throughout. Absorption coils "A" are wound on a tube of a size that will just slip inside the secondary coil. Each coil is shorted, as shown. The position of each coil is determined by experiment. Should the location of the tubes be changed, or new ones put in the set, it will be necessary to change the position of the absorbtion coils accordingly. This circuit resembles the standard Neutrodyne arrangement. Indeed, standard neutroformers may be used for the radio frequency coils. Further, this circuit is subject to the ramifications of all other circuits employing the type of transformers usable in this set.

other circuits employing the type of transformers usable in this set.
Q. 2. What is the cubical contents of air of the standard Western Electric loud speaker horn?
A. 2. Approximately 488 cubic inches.
Q. 3. What tubes should be used in the McCail Circuit?
A. 3. Any tubes designed for amplification or detection may be used in their respective positions.

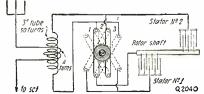
MULTI-ELEMENT TUBES

(2037) Mr. W. Thibault, Portland, Oregon, wants to know:
Q. 1. What are the usual elements in a four-element tube?
A. 1. One filament, two grids and one plate.
Q. 2. What are the usual elements in a five-element tube?
A. 2. One filament, two grids and two plates.
Q. 3. What are the advantages of a four element tube over the usual three element ones?
A. 3. By the use of additional elements in the vacuum, in relation to a common filament, it is possible to combine several different actions in one tube ordinarily requiring two or more tubes. Battery consumption may often be reduced by using such a tube.

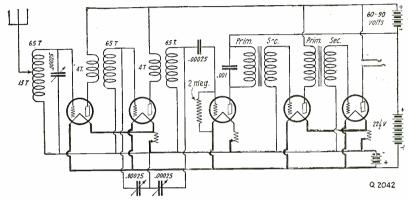
SPECIAL TUBES
(2038) Mr. D. A. Shafer, Stroudsburg, Pa.,

(2038) Mr. D. A. Shafer, Stroudsburg, Pa., writes:
Q. 1. Is a special socket required for four element tubes?
A. 1. A special socket is sometimes required, but it is ordinarily possible to use the metal shell of the socket as the one additional connection.
Q. 2. Is there a six element tube?
A. 2. A six element tube, comprising one filament, two grids and three plates was recently developed for use in a transmitting circuit, but its further development has been abandoned. We do not know of the practical application of a six element tube in receiving circuits.

(2039) Mr. R. Bob Miga, Manton, R. I., re-Quests:
Q. 1. What is the principle for constructing a non-inductive resistance, using wire?
A. 1. A resistance wire having the proper



new condenser having many possibilities shown arranged for any one of three capa-ties. It may be used in any circuit requir-ing a condenser of one of these ranges. cities.



While the electrical connections remain the same, the controls of this set have been reduced to two by the use of a new condenser having two rotors on one shaft, with two separate stators. Low-loss instruments are a necessity in this set, due to the lack of regeneration. Different tubes will change the results.

length, is doubled once. This doubled wire is then wound as though it were a single wire of double the length. The connections are made to the two free ends.

Q. 2. Is there any way a burned-out transformer may be used in a set? It is an audio frequency transformer with an open circuit in the

primary.
A. 2. The good winding of such a transformer
any well be used as the choke coil in such a
circuit as is shown in answer to question No.
2015 which appears in the September issue of

2013 which appears in the September issue of this magazine.

(D. 3. What is the meaning of "36 x 36 Litz?"

A. 3. This means that 36 strands of No. 36

B. & S. gauge enameled wire are constituting stranded cable or wire called "Litzendraht."

NEW CONDENSER

(2040) Mr. Sebastian Holland, Plainfield, N.

(2040) Mr. Sebastian Holland, Plainfield, N. J. asks:

Q. 1. Where may the new condenser having two rotors on one shaft and two separate stators, giving the effect of two variable condensers with a single control dial, be purchased?

A. 1. This information may be had by addressing a letter to this department, enclosing a stamped envelope or a return post card.

Q. 2. In what way could the advantages of this condenser be best utilized, in the construction of a wavemeter?

A. 2. We are showing a diagram of the instrument you request. With the switch in position No. 1, the maximum capacity is .000125 mfd. (condensers in series). Position No. 2, .00025 mfd. (condensers in series). Position No. 2, .00025 mfd. (condensers in series). Position No. 3, .0005 mfd. (condensers in parallel). It will be necessary to send the instrument to some laboratory, such as that of the Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., for calibration, unless you have some means of accurately adjusting the instrument. The primary coil may be directly over the secondary, separated by oiled paper, paraffined paper, shellacked paper, Empire cloth, tape, or strips of wood, hard rubber, glass, mica, or bakelite insulation. Use about No. 18 insulated wire.

Q. 3. How may this condenser be used in a

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Q. 3. How may this condenser be used in a wave trap?
A. 3. Practically the same construction is followed. The connections remain the same as for the wave meter diagram. Instead of four turns, 12 to 14 turns may be used in the primary coil. The best type of coil construction is that described in the July, 1924, issue of RADIO NEWS. on page 55. The rotor need only be used for experimental work. Since these special coils are now on the market, we shall be glad to furnish the name and address of the manufacturer, upon request.

SPAGHETTI (2041) Mr. H. M. Stoner, York, Pa., wants to

sist the action of gas, oil, acid, water and ozone. It has high tensile strength and does not harden or crack.

Q. 2. What is a simple test of good spaghetti tubing?

A. 2. When tied into a tight knot, it is easily untied; it will not crack and the inside channel remains open. It should not be possible to tear it crosswise.

Q. 3. Is it advisable to rewire a set having spaghetti-covered connections?

A. 3. It spaghetti-covered wires at different potentials are not run too closely together, undesirable condenser effects should not be produced, making rewiring unnecessary. This insulation should only be used when there is a possibility of two wires touching.

DERESNADYNE

(2042) Mr. John W. Smith, New York City,

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(2042) Mr. John W. Smith, New York City, wishes to know:

Q. 1. What would be the best method for reducing the number of controls on the Deresnadyne receiver from three to two?

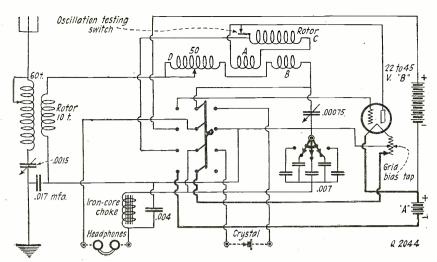
A. 1. We are showing the incorporation of the new variable condenser further described in the answers to question No. 2040, above. While the dial readings of the first condenser may vary from those of the remaining two condensers, the remaining two will have practically identical readings for a given adjustment, provided the coils are accurately constructed, as are most commercial coils of this type. Therefore, it is a simple matter to connect the dual-capacity condenser in the manner shown, climinating one control. The wiring must be carefully done, so that the two grid wires do not couple unevenly to the other wiring of the set. Short leads are quite necessary. High efficiency apparatus is necessary for this circuit, since regeneration takes place to only a slight degree. A three inch tube may be used for the secondary, over which the primary is wound. This diagram illustrates the standard radio frequency circuit wherein amplification is had without a need for an extra oscillation control, since so few turns of wire are used in the plate circuits.

Q. 2. What is the form of winding called, in the instruments using D-shaped coils?

A. 2. This winding is referred to as a static.

Q. 3. Do these coils produce a strong external field?

A. 3. The external field of these coils is unusually small.



The wiring diagram of the well-known Navy SE-1420 receiver, designed by the Bureau of Steam Engineering, is shown to be a complication of two simple circuits. Precision construction is necessary for satisfactory results with this circuit.

WIRE INSULATION (2043) Mr. Charles Farrell, New York City,

asks: Q. 1. used as

(2043) Mr. Charies Farrell, New York City, asks:

Q. 1. What is the thickness of silk and cotton used as wire insulation?

A. 1. This varies with the sizes of wire. The thickness is readily computed by using the figures found in tables of bare and insulated wire of the proper sizes.

Q. 2. What is the resistance of good enameled wire to the action of chemicals and heat?

A. 2. It is impervious to the action of ordinary solvents, alcohol (cold), mineral oils, weak acids, water and weak alkalis. Extreme heat has very little effect.

Q. 3. How can wire enamel be removed, without scraping the wire?

A. 3. The wire is first heated, then dipped into alcohol.

S. E. 1420 NAVY RECEIVER (2044) Mr. Jerome Ellsworth, Phoenix, Arizona.

S. E. 1420 NAVY RECEIVER

(2044) Mr. Jerome Ellsworth, Phoenix, Arizona. inquiries:

Q. 1. What is the diagram of connections employed in the S. E. 1420 receiver?

A. 1. The diagram of connections is shown in these columns. To simplify the diagram, we have not shown the test buzzer connections. The crystal testing buzzer connects to a battery and push button, in the usual way. The vibrating member of this buzzer has a lead connected to it that winds around the aerial wire, inducing a small current in the set, for testing purposes. The panel is shielded, which shield is grounded. A fan switch controls the capacity of the .007 mfd. condenser. The two inductances tapped to contacts are controlled by switches that deadends the unused portions of the inductances. Note that no grid condenser or grid leak is used, the detector being operated at the lower bend of the detector being operated at the lower bend of the detection curve, by reason of the negative bias of approximately three volts furnished by the two-olm rheostat tap. The iron core choke coil may comprise 100 turns of 30 S.C.C. wire wound on an iron core one-quarter inch in diameter and one inch long. Coils A and B are stators, wound on the same three and one-half inch tube as coil D. The rotor, C, may be a tube or ball. A standard "split' variometer may be used for inductances A, B and C. A regular 43-plate variable condenser may be used in place of the one of .0011s mfd. capacity. The aerial tuning inductance (stator) and its accompanying rotor are placed in non-inductive relation to the other inductances. Q. 2. How are tubes "matched" for use in the intermediate frequency amplifier unit of a set of the Super-Heterodyne type?

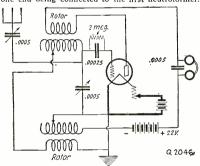
A. 2. One method for determining the general ability of vacuum tubes is as follows: Remove all tubes from the set except the detector tube and last intermediate radio frequency amplifier units of a rushing sound, or a click, at one position of the potentiometer. Varying the potentiometer arm should result in the production of a rushi

Q. 3. What are the general characteristics of the Marconi V-24 tube?

A. 3. This tube has an exceptionally low internal capacity. In order to reduce the capacity between leads, the leading-out wires are sealed at opposite sides of the tube. The filament wires connect to terminals placed at the far ends of the tube. The filament voltage is 5; amperage, 7; plate voltage, 24 to 60; plate-to-filament impedance, 16,500 ohms; amplification factor, 7.

THE "X" WIRE
(2045) Mr. Robert East, Niagara Falls, N. Y.,

(2045) Mr. Robert Last, Anagara and Tan, The inquires:
Q. 1. What is Hazeltine's "X" wire?
A. 1. The "X" wire has been variously termed a "—dead end wire simply laid along the bottom, or low potential end of the neutroformers one end being connected to the first neutroformer.



Exceptional range has, in some instances, been claimed for the double regenerator. Standard variocouplers are used. Rotor plates of grid circuit variable condenser should connect to filament.

This seems to create a tendency for the set to oscillate at high wave-lengths and not at low, thus serving to equalize the degree of oscillation;" "—is employed in a set—that is subject to

oscillation, due to improper shielding—and is connected between the grid of the last tube and the ground;" "This wire (the 'X' wire) is—the one used for over-all neutralization." This latter is the true explanation. After the tube and most of the other capacities have been neutralized, there sometimes remains a capacity between the input and output radio frequency circuits. The over-all neutralization scheme is applied in the following manner. The Neutrodyne remains connected in the usual manner, with these exceptions. The aerial, instead of being connected to a coil that is separate from the grid tuning coil, is connected to the grid tuning coil directly; not to the grid or filament, but to a tap on the tuning inductance, across which inductance the tuning variable condenser is connected in the usual manner. This tap may be at about eight turns from the filament end of the coil. A neutrodon is now connected from the detector side of the last neutrodon, to the filament end of the aerial (and therefore the first grid) tuning inductance, through a single turn of wire.

Q. 2. What is the exactly correct angle for neutroformers?

A. 2. Theoretically, the exact axial angle for neutroformers inclined from a common center line, is 54.7. This was determined mathematically. Practically, it is necessary to vary slightly from this figure, in most cases, due to variations in equipment and wiring.

Q. 3. Should a phone condenser be used in a Neutrodyne receiver?

A. 3. A phone condenser of .001 mfd. capacity is required in a Neutrodyne receiver?

A. 3. A phone condenser of side of the phone condenser connects to the plate and the other side of the condenser must connect directly to the filament negative.

filament negative.

DOUBLE REGENERATOR

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(2046) Mr. Nelson Haas, North Plainfield,
N. J., wishes to know:
Q. 1. What is the diagram of connections
known as the "double regenerator?"
A. 1. The diagram is shown in these columns.
Condenser arrowheads indicate the rotor plates.
Q. 2. What special equipment is required?
A. 2. Nothing special is required. Regular
variocoupless may be used for both sets of coupled inductances.

inductances.
Q. 3. What points should be observed in its

inductances. Q. 3. What points should be observed in its adjustment?
A. 3. The grid leak should be varied for best results, at the same time that the "B" battery voltage and filament battery voltage are regulated. While adjusting for maximum results, the tuning controls should be repeatedly adjusted in an effort to increase the strength of weak signals. Adjustments should only be made on weak signals. The adjustments would be different, for strong stations, in order to receive these stations very loudly, but most people desire as great a range as is possible with their sets. For very best results, a UV-200 tube will be found best. True, one ampere is required for the filament, but greater range will result from the use of this tube. Other tubes may be used with quite excellent results.

LONG WAVE QRM

(2047) Mr. Grant H. Waldron, Decorah, Iowa, writes: Q. 1. Is the insulating value of cotton and silk

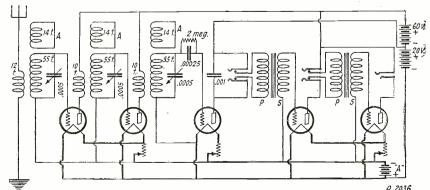
O. 1. Is the insulating value of cotton and silk changed when colored?

A. 1. Unbleached cotton and natural silk have the highest insulation value.

Q. 2. How can the intermediate radio frequency amplifier unit of a Super-Heterodyne be prevented from picking up code signals from long wave sending stations?

A. 2. It will be necessary to change the transformers and oscillator coil to a different band of long wave-lengths, or else to completely shield the amplifier unit. A seamless metal case is best.

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The McCall circuit is seen to be a standard radio frequency amplifier circuit having regeneration control in the form of an absorption coil. This eliminates the usual potentiometer, with its attendant losses, by maintaining a negative bias.





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The Resonant Circuit

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been augmented by the labors of Fleming, Pupin, Kennelly and others. Also the possibility of stationary waves upon relatively long solenoids was demonstrated quite a long time ago. But beyond this the writer has been unable to find trace of the application of a tentative wave theory to very short coils, and particularly to coils tuned with an external condenser, as used in radio work. Furthermore, while the results of calculation for resonant potential by the progressive wave theory are numerically equivalent to those obtained by the usual methods, there is brought to light additional information of such nature that, if previously uncovered, it would doubtless be in circulation today.

Of the fitness of this application, the writer, after its mathematical development and months of patient observation, is convinced beyond reason to doubt. The fact alone that the calculated wave-length upon a coil at natural period equals twice the length of the coil is taken as evidence conclusive. Again, there are everyday phenomena which point the same way. One of these, and at the same time a phenomenon which doubtless has been observed by every user of the regenerative receiver, is the heterodyning of a carrier wave to an audible whistle, while the signal itself is too faint to tune in. Another is the superior sensitivity to code and C.W. over phone signals, in both instances longer wave trains being the key to explanation.

The foregoing explanations, therefore, apply to the coil as well as to the conductor, and constitute the theory of resonance at natural period. No external condenser is used. The resonant potential is highest when the potential is impressed at the exact middle; also, as compared with the tuned coil, the coil at natural period has the highest resonant voltage and the broadest tuning.

CONDENSER IN CIRCUIT

Now suppose the coil is bridged with a condenser, as illustrated in Fig. 6. The potential gradient along the coil is increased, due to increased current, and the coil reacts to the wave as if it were longer than it really is. Thus it may be tuned to longer wave-lengths.

In explanation an analogy with water waves will again be resorted to. Imagine a trough of water, Fig. 7, in which a dasher, A, churns up and down at constant speed. Since for a given amplitude of the dasher the velocity of wave travel will be constant, for resonance the length of the trough must be such that a wave will travel from the middle to the end and return in half of one cycle or period of the dasher. Then at the ends the water will pile higher and fall lower with each succeeding oscillation of the dasher, which situation is resonance at natural period.

Suppose now, still using the same length of trough, it is desired to slow up the speed of the dasher (corresponding with an increase of wave-length). The wave then

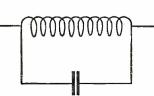
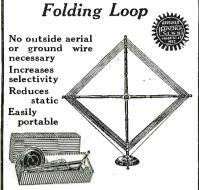


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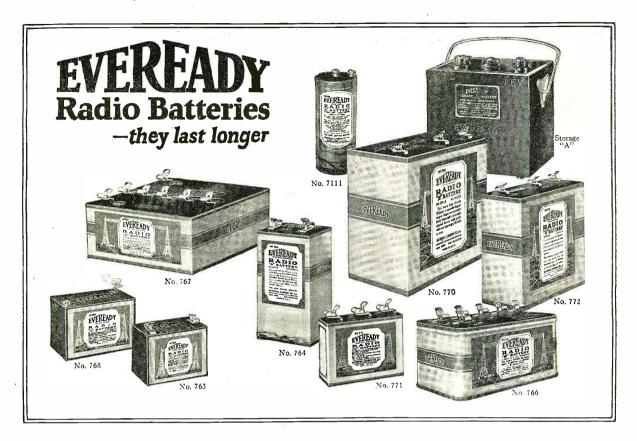


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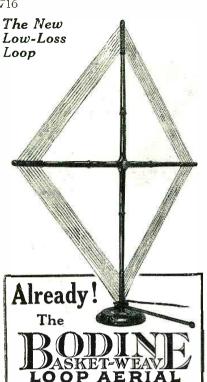
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would have more than enough time to travel to the end and return a half period, and if the frequency was much reduced, there would be no semblance of resonance.

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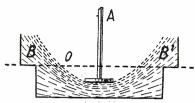


Fig. 7. A water analogy of resonant potential.

B and B1. These will correspond with tuning capacity, and in width with the amount tuning capacity.

When the waves rise, instead of mounting so high, part of the water will break over into the recesses, lessening the strength of the reflection, as well as delaying it, since time must elapse while the water runs into the recesses and drains out again. Therefore, resonance will obtain at a slower speed of the dasher.

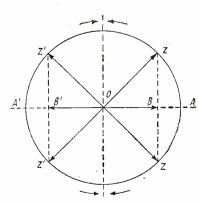
SELECTIVITY GAINED

Just as the amplitude of the water wave is reduced, so will the terminal voltage of the tuned coil be reduced. On the other hand, however, selectivity or sharpness of tuning will be improved.

Assuming sine wave pulses impressed, the latter statements may be illustrated somewhat roughly by Fig. 8. Here B B¹ represents the actual coil length, A A¹ the virtual length due to external capacity, this virtual length corresponding with that of a coil the natural period of which would be that to which the real coil is tuned. At natural period, therefore, the terminal resonant voltage would be proportional to twice 0 A or 0 A¹. On the real coil, however, it is proportional to twice 0 B or 0 Bi.

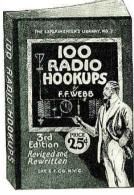
If the coil is tuned to a still longer wavelength the lines O Z and O Z^i move in the direction of the arrows toward the perpendicular. The position of these lines determines both terminal voltage and selectivity, the latter not apparent from the figure. One increases as the other decreases, one according to the trigonometric cosine of the angle ZOA, the other according to the tangent. Above 45 degrees slight changes in this angle cause increasing differences in the value of the tangent, and from this point on selectivity improves faster than the signal strength decreases. For signal strength, therefore, there should be large inductance and small capacity, and the reverse for selectivity

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8. A schematic representation of the effects produced by shifting the values of in-ductance and capacity.

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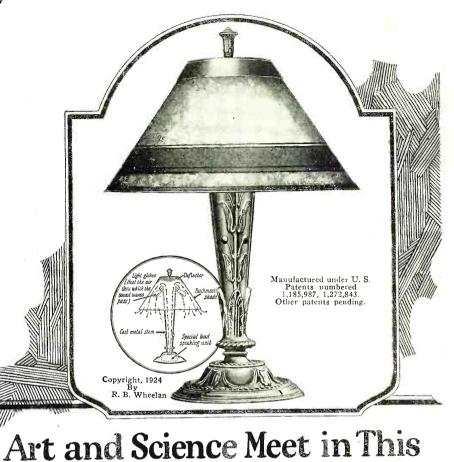
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tion to sharpness of tuning. Low resistance, however, increases the strength of all signals proportionately, and thereby it happens, in the case of loose coupling, that desired signals remain audible after the unwanted ones have been submerged.

Thus far it has been assumed that the exciting potential is impressed at the exact middle of the tuned coil. Unfortunately, however, primary coils are seldom located in geometrical symmetry with the secondary. To explain the consequent phenomena, Fig. 7 will again be referred to.

Suppose first that the dasher, instead of oscillating at the middle of the trough, oscillates at some other point 0. The two waves of displacement, therefore, will not reach the corresponding ends in unison. The orderly procession of waves and reflections will be thrown out of step, and the mix-up will grow worse with each oscillation.

However, imagine that the two recesses, B and B', are now joined with an equalizing duct (this corresponds with connection of the two ends of a coil through a tuning condenser). Now any difference between the amounts of water received in the recesses would be equalized in the duct; and, neglecting inertial effects, the instantaneous outflow from each would be the same. Thus the reflected waves would start back toward the middle at the same time.

The result would be as follows: while the originals would interfere with the reflections, the reflections, outnumbering many times the originals, would always be in step, and resonance would result as before. except that the phase would be different as compared with the phase of the dasher. This difference would equal the difference in time of the originals on the ends.

In similar fashion resonance results on a tuned coil when the primary is placed in a symmetrical relation to the secondary winding. Theoretically, though not practically, a 90 degree shift in the phase of the secondary terminal voltages is possible. Since the sum of two forces is the greatest when they act in the same line, the foregoing bears upon the operation of both Regenerative and Super-Heterodyne receivers, and in this connection application for patent, under the title "synchro-coupler," was made by the writer some months ago.

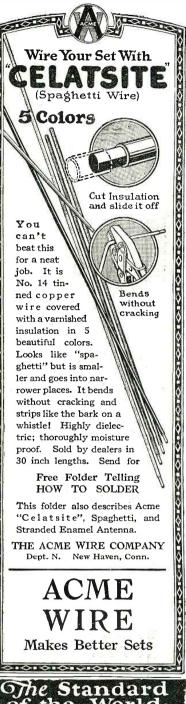
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To explain what happens to such a train on a resonant coil the analogy of the pendulum will again be chosen. This time, instead of receiving uniform thrusts, the pendulum will be acted upon by forces of

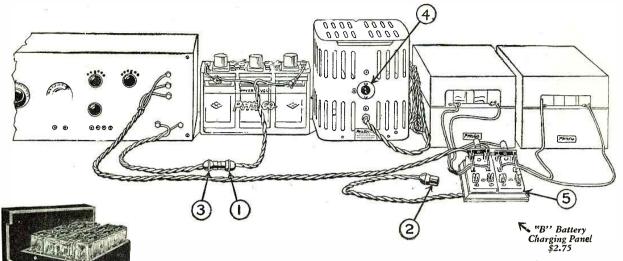
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Fig. 9. A sine formation corresponding to a single beat of a tuning fork.





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The analogous variations of resonant potential on a coil are illustrated at A¹ B¹ C¹, Fig. 9. Note that the resultant form is not sinusoidal, and that the audio phase is shifted practically 90 degrees. The wings partake of the logarithmic form, and there are rising values almost to the point where the

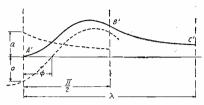


Fig. 10. Illustrating the analogous variations of resonant potential on a coil.

impressed oscillations cease. From B¹ to C¹, the conventionally inoperative period, the curve falls away as the accumulated oscillations decay logarithmically in proportion to the damping.

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Fig. 10 shows the graphical construction.

The full line from A¹ to B¹ is the sum of a logarithmic curve and a displaced sine curve, and from B¹ to C¹ it is a simple

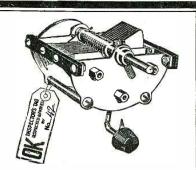
logarithmic curve.

Obviously if the damping were zero the built up oscillations would continue unabated and there would be no variation of signals on the grid. At the other extreme, if the damping were infinite or exceeded a certain amount there would be no resonance, and the curve would follow the sequence of the impressed oscillations. Thus a certain amount of damping is necessary, damping of grid and grid leak, of course, operating in conjunction with coil damping, in which connection a nicely adjusted grid leak probably does more than bias the grid. Damping affects the shape of the curve A¹ B¹ C¹ by operating directly upon the angle phi, thereby varying the position of the dotted sine curve.

Neglecting the complex effects of damping, the highest amplitude attained is roughly proportional to the total number of oscillations per train. This means that higher harmonics, consisting of shorter wave trains, tend to drop out. This and the fact that the wave form itself becomes altered are two of the numerous causes for distortion before the ear of the broadcast listener is finally reached. At the transmitting end also, since the wave goes out on a resonant circuit, these distortions occur.

Consideration of the foregoing principles will explain also the inefficiency of the Super-Heterodyne first detector. In the first place, since amplitudes reached are as the length of the wave train, breaking the train into fragments results in a serious loss of amplitude. In the second place, the heterodyned wave train differs greatly in form from that of the modulated carrier. The so-called inoperative period, BC Fig. 9 is missing, and the decay of the built up oscillations, corresponding with the wing B¹ C¹ must occur in the beat period. The merits of such receivers as the Ultradyne and Second Harmonic are due largely to the fact that these disadvantages are compensated.

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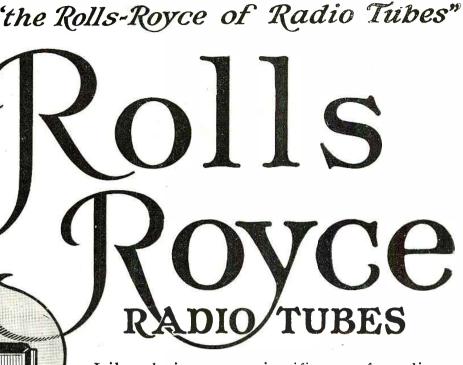
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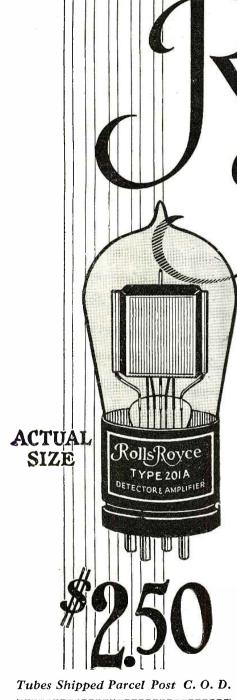
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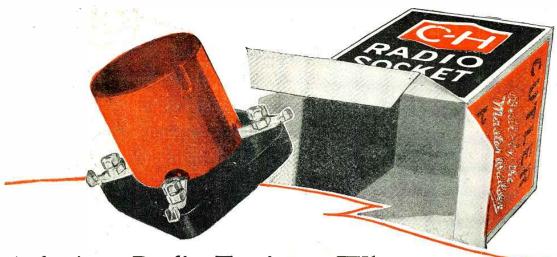
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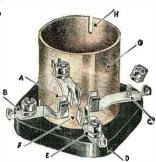
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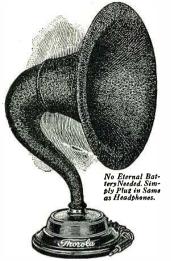


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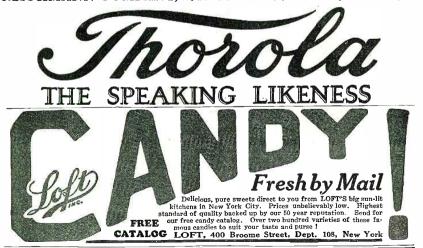
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the highest inductance consistent with the required degree of selectivity should be chosen, and efforts devoted to reduce its damping.

THE CURVES

Consider a single-layer helix of length A and diameter B, and closely wound with wire of diameter d. In these three dimensions all the factors of the damping constant times and attenuation distance may be expressed, and the result is

(1)
$$u = \frac{K L c 1/2}{B^2 k 3/2}$$

in which L is the inductance chosen, c the unit distributed capacity. K a constant, and k a variable factor used in calculating inductance. The latter is dependent upon the ratio of diameter to length of the helix.

The foregoing, it should be noted, shows that the damping can be reduced most of all by increasing the diameter B, since the damping decreases as the square of this.

In Fig. 11 three curves are drawn to illustrate the variation of c with windings of different diameters. The other curves are calculated for windings of 4 inch diameter. The next curve shows how the damping increases with the ratio B/A; namely as the coil is shortened by winding with finer wire, the total inductance to remain the same.

In general, however, flux linkings between primary and secondary will increase as the coil is shortened, and so a curve proportional to flux linkings is drawn also. Induced voltage is proportional to flux linkings, and so in a round about manner is signal strength. The flux curve, combined with the curve of damping, shows a relative signal strength practically uniform over a wide range irrespective of the ratio B/A. Moreover, with higher damping, the curves of potential growth and decline are steeper, and for this reason short coils may be more efficient than long ones.

Since distributed capacity is dependent upon an integral sum of reciprocal distances between one point in the winding and every other point two facts are evident; that the capacity between adjacent turns, separated only by the insulation of the wire itself, constitutes but a small portion of the whole; second, that in compact windings of the bank and spider-web classes the distributed capacity is necessarily greater than that of the corresponding single-layer windings.

Why these classes of windings are more efficient can best be explained by example. Imagine a close wound helix of length A and diameter and wound with wire of the size which gives the desired inductance. Now if the size of the wire is doubled, making the coil twice as long, the efficiency, as the curves show, remains practically the same, and little is gained. But on the other hand, instead of changing the proportions of the coil, suppose the wire is doubled in size, and a bank winding, basket weave or other form is adopted, which allows the same number of turns as before to be laid in the same axial winding space. Then a real gain will have been made, even if the distributed capacity is twice what it was before. The unit inductance will be the same, the unit capacity, say twice, but the unit resistance one fourth. Therefore we

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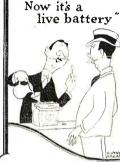
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Cent from Heaven

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through the shell one night as we lands from the 'plane.

"Joe," says The Master, "this theatrical business interests me strangely,'

"There ain't no interest in it," I states. "If you gets your principal back you're lucky."

"Rotten," says Doris. "Don't try to be funny before we eats."

"But really, Joe, I'd like to go on the

Doris and me both does the exclamation

"You wanta go on the stage?" I repeats. "Yes."

"But what could you do?" demands Doris. "Act," says Jerry, soulfully.

It's plain The Master is plumb serious

"You wanta go on the stage-you, with plenty of money, lots of things to do, and a comfy home?"

"I do."

"But why?" demands Doris, who also ain't so bright under certain conditions.

"I believe I could do something worthwhile," declares The Master. Then he turns to me. "Joe, would it be in keeping with the principle of vaudeville to stage a scientific act?"

I'm recovered by this time and seeing as how The Master is really foolish, I talks sense. "My boy," I states, "anything the people'll pay to see is O. K. in vaudeville. But you mean, has it ever been done before?"

"That's it," agrees Jerry.

"Well, it has," I informs, "but if you could give it a few new twists-

"I had intended to," puts in The Master eagerly. "While radio is to most people very common, I shall give demonstrations of unfamiliar uses to which it can be put. such as radio transmission of power, sending pictures by radio, radio control of remote devices, and so on. Would it appeal, do you think?"

Personally, I has grave doubts, but after twenty years in the show business I've learned to recognize the symptoms of stage stroke, and this case is past the discouraging point. You just gotta let it run its course.

"Well," "I says, "you'd have to dress up your act a lot, and of course run in a good deal of comedy to hold the walkers, because it's marks to pretzels you'll be spotted closing.

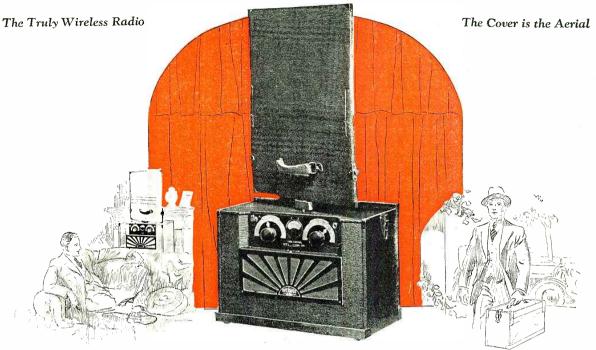
This he don't mind in the least, and his confidence is so beautiful I ain't got the heart to spoil it. I figures I can get Jerry on the big-time and tie him up on the same route with us, so I can keep an eye on him and maybe step in on his act and clown a bit to stay the subway chasers. At any rate. The Master brought it on himself, and can afford it, and it ain't none of my business, so I says let him have his fling.

Seeing our act in rehearsal has utterly spoiled The Master. He figures he's gotta go us one better, and the painful part is.

Money being no object, he opens his purse strings high, wide and handsome. And he also has an idea! Not that ideas is at all scarce with Jerry, except that they is usually confined to such as crossing a loud speaker with a marriage license in order to create a wife that can be shut up.

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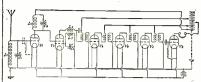
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Wizard of Mars.' The setting will be my own conception of possible life on that planet, and I myself shall don a costume in keeping with our most recent astronomical

Really, the idea ain't so bad, and The Master follows it up with another bellringer.

"Joe," he asks, "you do clog dancing, don't you?"

"My specialty," I states proudly.

"Do you know the International, or Continental Code?"

"Sure," I says. "I learned the tap chatter just to be able to get the QRM that the brass pounders thought too confidential to talk out loud."

Jerry don't quite believe me. "Joe," he asks, "what is the difference between a dot and a dash?"

I smiles. "A dot is a spasm, and a dash is a spasm that does an encore."

The Master actually gets it, and grins. "I shall have to remember that," he remarks. Then he tries me out on a few letters, but I'm the fly guy. Then he spills the major

"I have here a rubber mat inset with copper contacts, each contact being flush with the mat, in polka-dot fashion."

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"I'm supposed to telegraph with my feet?" I asks.

"That is just what I have in mind. Could you do it?"

I tries, but makes a terrible mess of it. the system necessarily being altogether different from ordinary clogging. But pretty soon I begins to get the knack of it. When I wants to stay silent, I steps on the heel; when I transmits, I steps on the sole. It's a great scheme.

"I shall advertise this novelty and attrac: the radio amateurs," says Jerry, being a business man even if it ain't necessary. "I shall give away a prize of two tickets to next week's show to the amateur who turns in the best copy of what you send."

It's clever, and I don't deny it.
Well, for the next week we rehearses steady. I gets so I can send anything, and The Master is convinced that future radio transmission will be done by the feet. Then

Jerry's scenery arrives.
I've been in this show game ever since I was big enough for the old folks to drag on during the bows, but I ain't never seen any stage setting that equals The Master's. I can't describe it, but combine all the chop suey houses, DeMille bathrooms and cubist paintings you ever saw and you'll have a remote idea of what his outfit looks like. It's full stage, of course, with a lot of nickeled apparatus. One look at it tells me if anyone walks out on that flash they're either blind or newly-weds. But Jerry's costume—Oi!

The men of Mars, says The Master, need big lungs, on account of the air being thin up there, they having no Congressional investigations. So he has a chest on him that looks like a couple of 1914 audions. His ears are nine times too large. Also, he has a trunk extension for his nose. But it's a wow get-up, and if the gallery gods stays with us, Jerry'll survive, at least in part. he has added to his act a couple of nifty dolls that Mister Ziegfeld overlooked, and regretted. They does a double dance with music coming to them through a coupla headsets designed like Kig Tut used to wear. The Master has a trace of showmanship in him somewheres, but he solemnly swears

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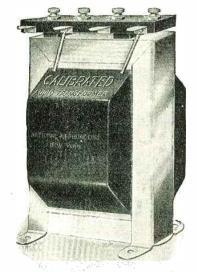
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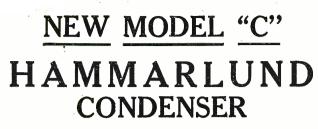
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that his only relative in the show game was a grand uncle that used to carry water for the elephants once a year back in South Bend, Indiana. Altogether, things looks fair to be set for the circuit as soon as we dogs it for a week or two.

We picks out two innocent Connecticut towns in which to work in our acts. Doris and me break in easy, but The Master don't fare none too well. His stuff requires one hour and twenty minutes, and knocking that hour offa his time requires more diplomacy than a King Kleagle at a meeting of the African Brotl rhood. Jerry doesn't like it

very well.

"But Joe," says he, "my radio picture transmission is very elemental, and I can': get anything like a good picture across in less than an hour. It's so complicated."

"Fake it," I suggests.

"Dat that would be deceiving the public.

"But that would be deceiving the public, and an insult to science," he declares. "I couldn't do it."
"They get it out entirely." I talk him.

"Then cut it out entirely," I tells him.
"You'll be playing to the Wood family if you trys to get an hour outa your stuff.

Finally The Master consents to arranging it like I told him. He has two tables, a transmitter on one and the receiver on the other. He places a picture on a frame in the transmitter and the said picture is apparently wafted through the air and outs the other end. Of course it's faked, but the audience ain't wise, and that's all that matters.

After two weeks of try-outs we still has a split week ahead of us, so I wires into New York for metropolitan bookings. Meanwhile we plays New Haven and Hart-

The Master's act is just enough different to make a hit with the Connecticutites. He opens full stage, all lights dark red. Then the two beefsteak crusaders comes on, each carrying a wand. They advances from opposite sides to the center of the rear cyclorama. Here they touches their wands together which carry invites the content of the rear cyclorama. gether, which same ignites a spark that sets smoke screen. The Master makes his entrance through this smoke into a green spotlight, the effect being as if he'd come outa the smoke.

His costume gets a big roar from every-body, and nobody having seen a Martian he don't attract no vegetables or impolite eggs. He immediately pulls his power transmission stunt, which causes a light to burn and a motor to run by radio-power. Then the Appetite Sisters does their dance to a strong hand. Back comes The Master to do his radio-picture stunt. This goes over better than we'd expected. After the television bit

that we'd expected. After the television bit The Master comes to the big moment of the act. He makes a speech.

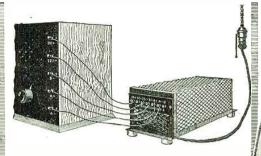
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with pleasure."
This last is as near as The Master car. come to making a wise crack, but the bunch out front passes it up like a dawn-to-dusk flyer stops off at What Cheer, Iowa, for a cup of tea. But The Master speaks some

"As announced in the newspapers, the radio amateur submitting the best copy of what Mr. Hammerstein transmits will be awarded two tickets to next week's show."

There's a small flurry in the audience as pencils and paper are being arranged. Then I steps on and clicks off a part of a cam-paign speech I once heard a rural spellbinder Iullaby to a crowd of cowboys out at Ocean-(Continued on page 734)

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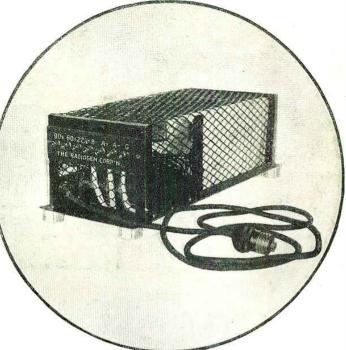
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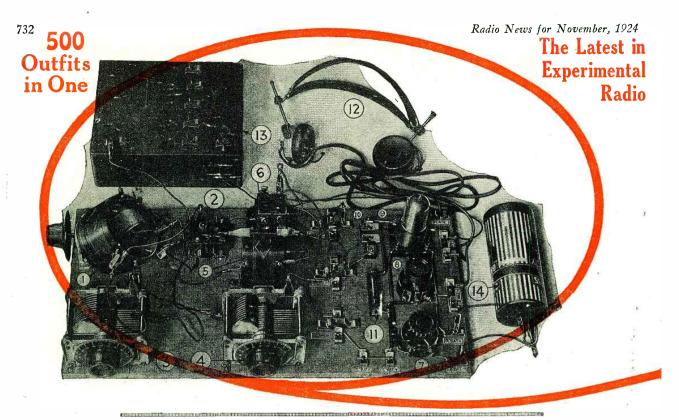
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In the meanwhile, about 1919, radio had become a big art, a separate magazine, now known as RADIO News was found necessary, as it was impossible to do all of the radio subjects justice in a magazine covering every phase of scientific progress.

When Practical Electrics was started three years ago, I had hoped that there would be enough readers interested in electrical subjects only, but this hope was not fulfilled. Practical Electrics never published more than 60,000 copies.

During the past six years, I have been deluged with letters from admirers of the old Electrical Experimenter. Many of my former readers deplored the fact that the Electrical Experimenter was no more. I have given the matter very long and serious thought of late and decided to bring back the old Electrical Experimenter, not only as it was at its best, but infinitely better. That is why, beginning with the November issue, Practical Electrics becomes The Experimenter.

Those of you readers who remember the ELECTRICAL EXPERIMENTER, I know, will be delighted with the new magazine. There will be only three subjects, ELECTRICITY—RADIO—CHEMISTRY. 90% of the magazine will be devoted to experiments. The radio section, by the way, will be a brand new kind of radio, entitled "Experimental Radio."

There will be nothing but experiments written by the foremost writers. Here are a few of the radio experimental articles that appear in the November issue.

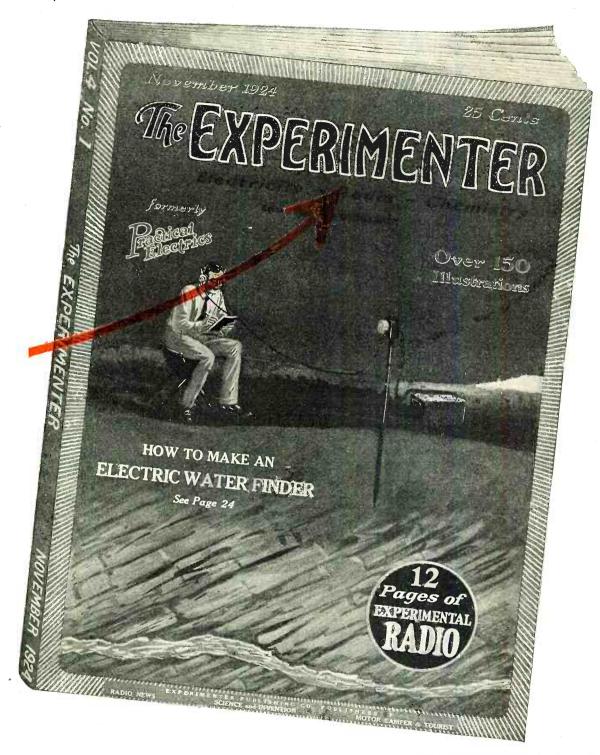
There will also be a monthly editorial written by myself giving pointers on experimental work. Having been experimenting for some 20 years, it is my humble opinion that I am qualified to speak with authority on the subject.

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It also has a new eight-page roto-gravure section. In short, the magazine is new and better from start to finish. Look over your first copy, and I am sure it will convince you that the old Experimenter really has come back.

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Editor.

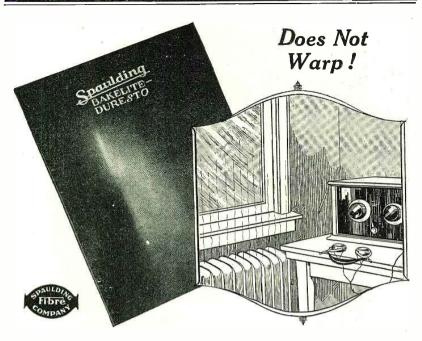


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view, Wyoming. Then I disregards the code and gives a regular clog dance, except that I uses the click of a telegraph sounder in place of the usual heel tap. We closes to a fine hand and I sees where in front of a regular audience we're due to clean up.

Saturday night comes, and I don't get no wire from my agent until half way through The Master's turn. I smells several rodents the minute I sights the yellow envelope. I opens it and weeps. It reads:

HAVE BOOKED YOU IN POSITIONS REQUESTED TO OPEN MONDAY AT COLLOSUS.

To the ordinary laying man this ain't got no unhealthy significance. I'll explain. It means we're booked in order, namely, Intermission, then Hammerstein's Flips and Flops of This Season, then a monologuist and then The Wizard of Mars. So far all right. But when I sees the house he's booked us into I nearly throw a fit.

The Collosus is a nice enough theatre. from an architectural standpoint. The parquet floor and balcony draws polite folks. but the Judgement Crowd sits up in the gallery, and as judges they're the boot-legger's license. Furthermore, they don't withhold no decisions. If you're good, and they likes you, they lets you hear it; if you're rotten, and they don't like you, they lets you feel it. The Collosus is one of the few first-class houses that still has an oldfashioned gallery gang and the bunch seems to know it. They'll heave anything from cabbages to kings but the Monday matinee crowd has a preference for pennies. If your act ain't no good you can always collect carfare from the birds on high.

For our own act I ain't wasting no worries, we being a standard act and a favorite at the Collosus for years. But The Master is a stranger in a foreign land. If he gets by and don't need no ambulance I'll be thankful.

Being a noble soul at heart I tries to make The Master understand what he's up against.

the Master understand what he's up against but he don't savvy.

"Rude persons in the gallery throw missiles upon the stage?" he repeats, absent-minded like. "I shall not permit them to disconcert me."

That's that.

Monday a. m. we breezes into the Collosus for rehearsal. All goes as well as any rehearsal, which means the result was a cross between old home week at the insane asylum and the last game of a tie in the World's Series. But we pulls through not much the worse for swear.

Jerry's outfit gives the stage boys the time of their lives at the Monday matinee.

The connections is apple pie to The Master. but to the stage hands they looks as simple as an income tax blank. Since most of the heavy power hooking has to be done in the few minutes just before the act goes on. Jerry is as busy as an old maid's tongue at a scandal party. But finally things is set and the front dron goes up on The Wizard of Mars. I stands in the wings ready to run and except The Marter if the deities on the and protect The Master if the deities on the

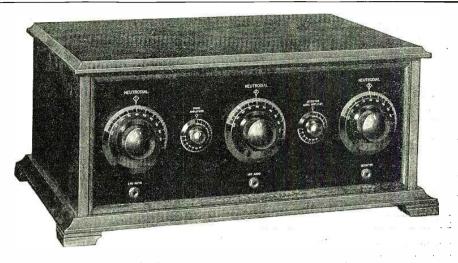
of course, Jerry's set gets a lot of "oh's" and "ah's" from the audience, even a line or two coming down from the roof-tree roosters. The two chow mein addicts gets a lot of eyes as they crosses to the center of the cyclorama. I'm all set for any

The girls touches their wands together and the spark ignites the powder. When the smoke clears away, there is The Master.

For a second or two there ain't a sound. Then comes a chuckle or two. Then a laugh. Someone in the upper layer gets

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"My Gawd, the zoo's loose!"

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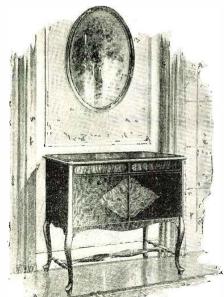
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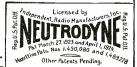
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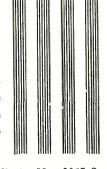


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Master's cheek. The high exalted rulers thinks it's a comedy act and gives it a jazz send-off. As soon as things is near normal Terry starts his radio-power outfit.

Along about the middle of the demonstration some doughnut dunker in the jury box gets hep to the fact that The Master is serious. And seriousness for a novelty closing act is like strychnine to a yellow pup. Pretty soon, with a ring that has more significance than a peal from the Liberty bell, a penny drops on the stage. Jerry overlooks it. Shortly another one comes down. The Master don't overlook this one because it falls between two bus bars on his highly complicated power transmitter.

Myself and the newspaper critics says the avalanche started then, but the musical director declares it really began with the first penny. Be that as it was, the short circuit started things. The Master happens to have hold of two loose wire leads, supposedly on a six-volt circuit. But the short threw in a dose of high frequency juice, and The Master gets a nice 10,000-volt jag on. He can't let go, but he can wiggle, and wiggle he does. The orchestra is playing a waltz as pit music, and the gyrations Jerry goes through broadcasts the idea that he's doing an eccentric dance. It's funny, and I doing an eccentric dance. It's funny, and I ain't denying I woulda bust my sides if I hadn't known the truth. As it is the boys in the dime row goes wild. The stage electrician at last finds the right switch and The Master collapses in the middle of a Russian gazotsky. The audience applauds like mad, and I even hears one "Bravo!"

After Jerry is revived with a shot of hip courage genuing and which adds to the

courage, genuine, and which adds to the effect because somebody in the gallery smells it, the two dolls does their headgear hop to a heavy hand. The bunch is with us now. Then Jerry, very much shaken, nervous and stuttering, comes back to pull his radiopicture bit.

Jerry has been using a photo of the Prince of Wales to transmit, but something slipped and the stage hands lost the photo. The Master stands by the receiver all the time, where he can't see the picture on the transmitter. And the stage manager, not wise to the set system, puts in a snap of his youngest son, age four.

The Master, not seeing the wrong photo. announces that the transmission will take place and signals one of the girls to throw in the switch that starts the device. Baby boy goes into the ether and the Prince of Wales comes out.

The gallery don't quite get it until Jerry takes out the finished picture and advances to the footlights.

"And here we have the completed picture,"

he announces, smiling.

There's a snicker out front and instinctive-The Master looks back. He sees his So does the audience. A roar goes up, plainly a roar of approval, but Jerry don't see it. He apologizes for his mistake, which makes it all the funnier because The Master is stuttering and the gang just eats it up. In desperation Jerry announces the feature of the act, Mr. Joe Hammerstein, the original toe-telegrapher.

The boys gives me a real hand when I steps on, and there's a moment's quiet while I puts on the shoes. Then The Master explains what I'm gonna do, and I skips over

to the mat to do it.

I gotta hunch there's something rotten a lot closer than Denmark and I ain't wrong. The first step I takes I discovers a radical error. The stage hands has muffed some of the wires; every tap I make draws a six inch spark from the contacts on the mat.

The audience is surprised for a minute, but pretty soon they thinks they're wise. Be-

cause the radio speaker don't work, and all the noise there is comes from the sparks

cracking outa my feet.

The gallery yells its approval, and the



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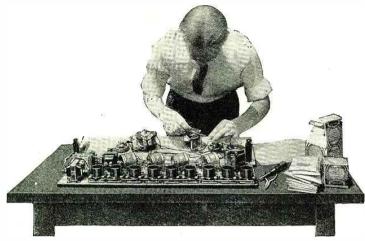
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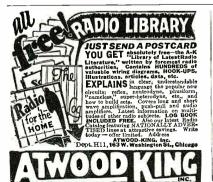
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stage electrician shows a little ingenuity by dousing the lights, leaving everything dark except for the sparks. It's pretty from out front, but my copper soles begins to get warm. I'm trying to help The Master all I can, so I sticks to the tapping. The cop-per plates is scorching the leather insoles, and my feet is almost baked, but I holds

out until someone in the first-come-first-served yells "Hot puppies!"

I steps offa the mat, the lights goes up, and we gets a salvo of applause that would make synthetic gin taste like port wine. We takes nine curtains, closing the show, mind you, and The Master gets an extra bow. They wants a speech, but Jerry is plain dumb. Finally he manages to get offa the

stage.
Everybody in back is chattering like the Friday Afternoon Embroidery League when The Master stumbles to his dressing room. He halts outside the door as compliments begins to rain down upon him, but he's deaf to them all. I takes a good look at him. He's almost crying!

He's almost crying!

"What's the matter?" I asks.

"My act!" he half-sobs. "It's ruined!"

"Ruined!" I echoes. "Man, you're made!
Don't you see you've conquered the town's toughest audience?"

"But they—they laughed at me!" he weeps.

"Sure!" I replies. "If they hadn't, you'd have been sunk. As it is, you're set for the Palace as the greatest comedy scientist on.

Palace as the greatest comedy scientist on the boards."

The Master looks at me for a moment. Then he throws back his shoulders and stands erect. "Comedy-"

The door from the auditorium opens and in comes the house manager and two bookers. They seizes The Master's hands and pumps

They seizes The Masses.
them like a milkman.
"Mr. Lawson, my compliments," beams
"Beyond question your
"Beyond provelty I've act is the greatest comedy novelty I've played in years."
"You can close intermission at the Palace

next week if you say the word," says a

booker.
"And forty weeks to follow," adds the

By this time The Master is himself. "Comedy novelty!" he snorts. "The videa!" 'The verv

"Sure," pipes the manager.
Jerry scowls. "After the treatment I re-

ceived here do you possibly suppose I could ever face another audience?" "Treatment?" mumbles the manager.

"Treatment?" mumbles the manager.
"Whaddye mean?"
"Why," explodes Jerry, "they laughed at

me!"
"Of course they did," says a booker.
"What did you expect them to do?"

a coupla inches.

"Gentlemen," he states, "I am a scientist, not a clowning zany. It is plain the vaude-ville platform is not for such work as mine. I cancel the rest of this week and all the others. I shall remit my salary forfeit by check."

"Cancel!" sputters the manager. "You can't—you wouldn't—"

"But I would," says The Master, "and I do. Joe, you may have my drops and scenery. Gentlemen, good day to you." And he closes his dressing room door with a bang that means positively.

For a moment there ain't a sound. Then one of the bookers turns to me with a dazed grin.

"Say, Joe, was he born like that?"

I shakes my head. "I don't think he was born like that, but he's been interested in radio for many years."

"That." sighs the manager, "explains everything."

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The Four Electrode Vacuum Tube

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act as an ordinary radio frequency amplifier. The amplified radio frequency current in the plate circuit is transferred to the crystal circuit by the transformer, T, the secondary of which is tuned by the condenser, C1. The oscillations in the tuned circuit, C1-L1, are rectified by the crystal detector, D, and placed on the second grid, G2, and amplified audio frequency impulses are obtained in the plate circuit. As the plate circuit carries both radio and audio frequency currents it is necessary to shunt a condenser across the "B" battery and phones to allow an easy path for the radio frequency currents. The condenser, C2, tends to improve the quality of the received signals.

Fig. 8 shows a diagram of the four electrode tube receiver designed and manufactured by the character of the circuit for the receiver of Europaul Carrents of Euro

Fig. 8 shows a diagram of the four electrode tube receiver designed and manufactured by the Marconi Company of England for use on ships. This circuit enables radio frequency amplification, rectification, and audio frequency amplification to be obtained from one tube. The radio frequency current variations in the second grid circuit are induced into the plate circuit through the radio frequency transformer, T, and the rectified current in the plate circuit is back-coupled to the first grid and similar but amplified impulses are produced in the second grid circuit. The telephones are connected in the second grid circuit through a telephone transformer. It will be noticed that Fig. 8 is somewhat similar to Fig. 6.

The writer hopes that the present article will be of some help to those who contemplate investing in four element tubes.

Notes On the Tropadyne

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sured, which is practically equal to an extra stage of audio frequency amplification. In fact, stations 500 miles away are received with enough volume to operate a loud speaker on the detector tube only, using a loop aerial and five tubes. And as each transformer is tuned to the same wavelength, stations are not heard on several settings of the dial, as is the case with improperly tuned transformers. This transformer, with a .0005 mfd. variable condenser across the secondary, can be tuned to any wave-length between 3,000 and 10,000 meters.

Those who have built the Tropadyne com-

Those who have built the Tropadyne complain of a high pitched squeal on the lower settings of the oscillator condenser. This is due to too close coupling between the plate and grid circuits of the oscillator tube. It is important that the oscillator coil be made exactly as shown, with the correct number of turns. If too much wire is on the plate coil, the squeal will be present.

The grid leak is also important. The value of this resistance determines the negative charge built up on the grid, and the greater this charge the stronger the oscillations and the squal puts in an appearance. The grid leak should not be over one megohm. A one-half megohm leak is preferable, and in some cases, one of one-fourth megohm will serve. Most grid leaks on the market do not measure up to their rated value and it may be necessary to try several. When the proper value is obtained the squeal will be noticeable only below the 10-degree setting on the dia!, which will be below the broadcast wave-length range, and in this case can be eliminated by turning the oscillator rheostat down slightly. It is also important that the fixed grid condenser which





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connects to the center tap of the oscillator

coil be of the correct value of .0005 mfds.

Those who wish to build the Tropadyne more compactly in a smaller cabinet have expressed a desire to omit the antenna coil and use one filament rheostat for all tubes. The antenna coil may be eliminated with out affecting the other apparatus at all. Practically as good results and greater selectivity can be obtained when using the loop as when using an outdoor aerial. It is advisable to omit the loop jack also and connect the loop to two binding posts on the panel. The loop leads should be short and separated.

Regarding the rheostats—it is well to use a separate 30-ohm rheostat for the oscillator and a 6-ohm rheostat for all the other tubes. The tuned intermediate transformers can also

be placed close together. As many changed their standard Super-Heterodynes into Tropadynes they removed one tube in doing so, and wanting to use this tube, requested a circuit showing the connections of a stage of short wave radio fre-quency amplification before the frequency changer. We have tried this scheme and also tried the stage of amplification after the frequency changer, but although stations are received with greater volume, the tuning is more difficult and causes much squealing and noise. This is due to the fact that the amplifier tube oscillates occasionally and heterodynes the signals, making the regular oscillator inoperative. There is no advantage in adding the extra stage, as the sen-

sitivity is all that can be desired as it is.

A number of requests were received for the design of an oscillator coil that would get the "hams." As the "hams" are now operating on wave-lengths ranging from 5 to 200 meters, one oscillator winding cannot cover this range. For short wave reception an oscillator coil having a variable tickler or feed-back coil is recommended. Many of the double circuit tuners now on the market can be rewound for this purpose. The rotor should have only about 10 turns. The stator may have 20 turns with a center tap. A .00025 mfd. variable condenser may be used. For the tuning circuit a tapped loop is recommended, shunted by an 11-plate condenser. To avoid body capacity a shielded panel should be used. The coupling between rotor and stator may be set in the position which works best and then allowed to remain so.

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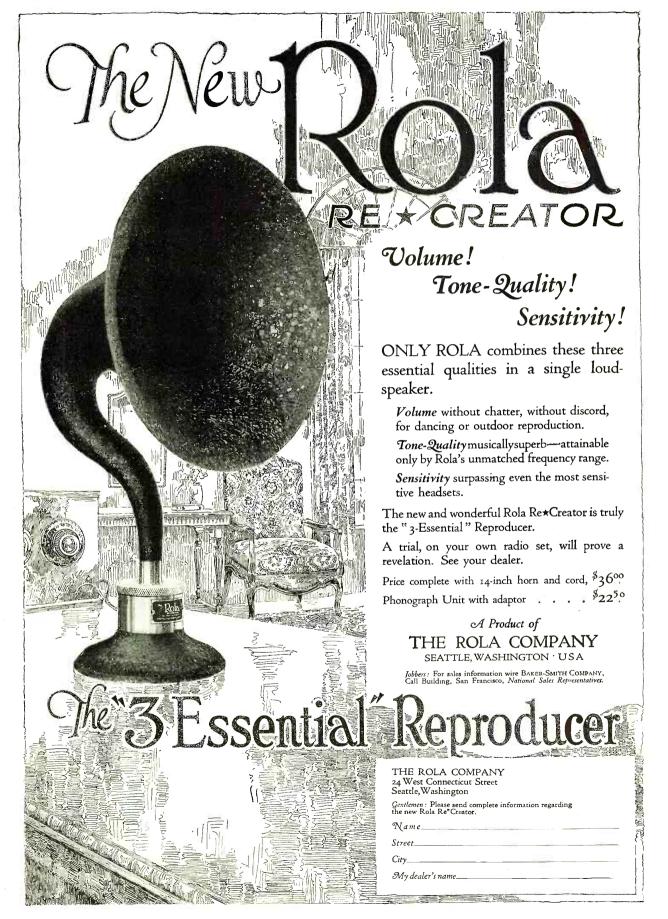
a metal air cooled tube was built and used to carry out the extensive experiments. During these experiments, it was found that when the tube containing the gas was kept cool, the gas itself was able to retain it in equilibrium and not become inactive.

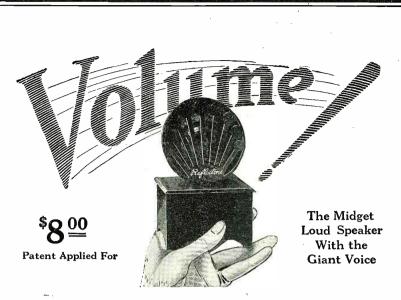
Dangerous Aerials

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before the drive was begun regulating the erection of radio aerials.

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The campaign carried on caused considerable comment among radio fans and radio dealers. The Electrical Industries Association of Omaha was very much impressed by the survey and congratulated those who con-

ducted it.

During the time of the campaign hundreds of calls were received by the City Electrician's office from radio fans who desired their aerials inspected. With the aid of linemen from the power company seventy-five dangerous aerials were removed, and more than one hundred rebuilt by the owners so as to make them safe.

Correspondence from Readers

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plification should be used. With a three step radio frequency set, and two volts "B" battery plus the regular "A" potential on the radio frequency tube plates, I have heard the Sweeny School at Kansas City on the loud speaker with scarcely a trace of noise, during a thunderstorm. A six foot loop was used with three steps of audio frequency amplification.

In a multi-stage radio frequency receiver or Super-Heterodyne it is best to employ three steps of radio frequency amplification and as low a plate voltage as possible on the radio frequency tubes. Three—if transformers are used—to five steps of audio frequency amplification should be added for volume. In the case of the "super," it should not be made too selective, as the lowered plate voltage increases the sharpness of tuning.

The principle involved seems to be that static modulates the aerial and radio frequency transformer currents at an audible frequency, and if these radio frequency currents are made very weak, the effect of the static is largely overcome. The static reduction is too marked to be

explained by either amplification reduction or increased selectivity, for loose coupling the aerial does not produce the same effect. I have used this principle for two years.

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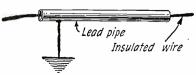
"Doc." Rogers, Eldorado, Ark.

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Editor, RADIO NEWS:

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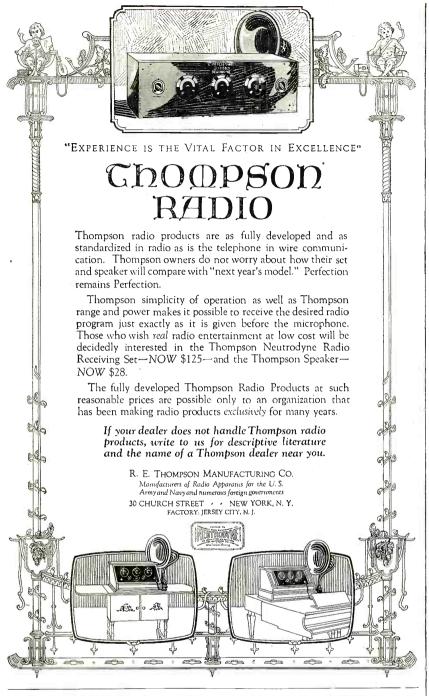
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At present my agitation is centered chiefly

around Mr. Morrell's letter in the Septem-

ber issue.

It appears to me that the Hams have been slandered enough in these columns and summing up everything, each complainant has been the one to suffer most from each successive article as the Ham is here to stay and our government will protect him as an asset to our country as long as he agrees to accept legislation. But as I have said before that subject has been worn out long ago, so let us all let it die a peaceful death.

As to the commercial side of the ques-

tion: It appears to me that anyone suffi-ciently acquainted with the code to copy at reasonable speed, would also have knowledge of the laws pertaining to decrement, that is, the sharpness of the emitted wave. Also he should be aware of the fact that when a good tuner is adjusted for, say, 600 meters, the operator will not be able to hear any broadcast if at any appreciable distance from the transmitting station.

I would be very well pleased to have Mr. Morrell and also the many fans advised that we are not delighting in spoiling their programs, but on the contrary, we wish for peaceful co-operation and the abandonment of such absurd letters as we see printed from time to time.

M. R. WILLIAMS. Senior Radio Opr. S.S. City of Cleveland III.

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Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I have just read the September issue of your magazine and want to tell you that I am delighted to find the "Sea Going Op's" with us once more. Keep up the good work.

I particularly enjoyed reading the article by Mr. Howard S. Pyle and the letters of Mr. J. Martin and Mr. Fred M. Howe. Mr. Martin certainly said what is commonly called a "mouthful" when he says that radio schools should include a course on conditions on shipboard in their curriculum.

Let's have more of "With the Sea Going

Op's." and so make RADIO NEWS a magazine for the commercial operator as well as the

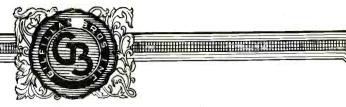
amateur. Best of luck to you.

R. F. Owens,

Opr. KEDX S.S. West Hardaway.

FROM A VETERAN ESPERANTIST Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I was very much pleased to learn that RADIO NEWS has accepted Esperanto as the international language. No one who has given the question serious consideration will deny that an auxiliary language is necessary, and as international ties become ever stronger, the need for such a language will be felt more and more. To choose a national language was, of course, out of the question. There are so many forces working against such an idea that this busy world cannot wait for the final verdict. We need to solve the problem today, not a hundred or a thousand years from now. The solu-tion undoubtedly lies in an artificial, or semiartificial, language such as Esperanto. Now, out of the innumerable projects for an international language, Esperanto is the only one that has met with sufficient success to warrant its existence. To consider any of warrant its existence. its rivals is as foolish as to compare a little local radio sheet with RADIO NEWS and say



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Those who find fault with Esperanto have almost invariably approached the language biased minds, or if they have approached it with open minds they have not mastered it sufficiently to become accustomed to its peculiarities; for Esperanto, like any national language, has little peculiarities common to itself. It is true that Esperanto is not perfect, but the question is, can an international language be made perfect? I doubt it. No national language is perfect; all are full of incongruities, queer expressions, laughable idioms, etc., and yet each one of us loves his own national language because he has absorbed it since infancy and it has become the language of his heart. The more we study Esperanto the heart. The more we study Esperanto the less artificial it becomes, and if a master hand gives us a piece of literature in the language it will give the well-versed Esperantist as keen delight as anything written in a national language. Esperantists everywhere will testify to that fact. Read Zamenhof's "Marta," for instance, and if you have absorbed the soul and spirit of Esperantists. heart. have absorbed the soul and spirit of Esperanto you will enjoy that story to the fullest extent.

Speaking once more of the defects (?) of Esperanto, what appears a defect to one will seem a perfection to another, and vise versa. However, if we approach Esperanto with the same frame of mind that we approach any national language, and then master it, the faults will melt as if by magic. By mastering the language I do not mean that we simply learn the grammar and vocabulary so that we can read and write the language fluently; I mean that we must read book after book of classic Esperanto until we have so thoroughly absorbed the soul and spirit of the language that it has become a living, throbbing speech.

Perhaps I may be pardoned for saying a word about myself. I have been as Espe-

word about myself. I have been as Esperantist since 1907 and have never lost faith or interest in the movement. The purposes to which I have put Esperanto have been and varied. I have written several small books in the language, also numerous magazine articles. To determine its universal applicability I at one time corresponded with Esperantists of no less than 30 different nationalities, the majority of whom did not understand English. During that same period, about 1910, I used the language for a unique commercial experiment. My home was in Tacoma, Washington, at that time. The Commercial Club furnished the local Esperantists with free quarters, and in order to partly repay this kindness it occurred to me that we might give the city some ex-cellent free advertising in the various Esperanto magazines throughout the world—about a hundred in all. The result was interesting. A Russian bee-keeper, an exprofessor, wanted the Commercial Club to handle his honey which he called Esperanto, because, using his own words, "it was the most perfect language." A Belgian physician wanted to come to Tacoma providing the Commercial Club would guarantee that he could earn at least \$10.000.00 a year. A Dutch cigar dealer of Rotter-dam wanted to come to Tacoma and engage in the poultry business. He eventually came, bought a little land, began to raise chickens, fell in love with one of our Esperanto girls and married her—and they lived happily ever after. And so on. The Tacoma Commercial Club received letters from all over the world and the experiment proved quite conclusively that even at that time it paid to advertise in Esperanto.

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"Suppose the fan could have your set on his work table before him," said Meissner, "while he put together the perfectly matched and balanced parts which

you supply at cost, plus overhead, plus 10%!"

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About intermediate frequency transformers. Up on their proper construction and balance depends the "equal amplification in each successive step of the signal as it is passed along from stage to

stage," says Captain Robert Scofield Wood in a two-page description of Engineer Meissner's masterpiece in the New York Evening World's Radio Section.

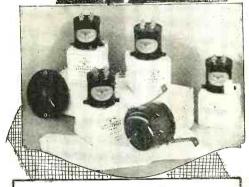
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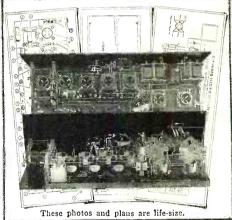
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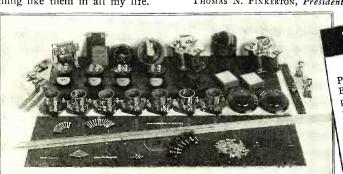


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BUENOS AIRES, May 24 (Associated Press).-Carlos Braggio of Bernal, near here, and Ivan O'Meara of Gisborne. New Zealand, radio amateurs with 7,000 miles of South American continent and Pacific Ocean between them, conversed for two hours by radio Thursday morning, establishing what is claimed to be a world's amateur radio record.

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spent most of the night unsuccessfully

Braggio. who knows English, had spent most of the night unsuccessfully attempting to get some North American amateur to answer the signals of his station, CBZS, when at 4 o'clock in the morning he was amazed to receive an answer from the other side of the globe—O'Meara's station, 2AC.

The amateurs opened a conversation which continued until 6 o'clock, when Braggio told O'Meara he had been up all night and wanted to go to bed. The New Zealander answered that he was sorry because it was only 9 o'clock in the evening at Station 2AC. Later on Thursday, Braggio received a congratulatory cable from O'Meara, confirming time conversation.

In connection with the radio communication test inaugurated this week with the United States, Argentine amateurs are unable to get theirs, although some of the American ones which have been heard.

It is believed that many of the powerful broadcasting stations operating in the Uffired States nightly interfere with the Braggio will try sending on a 120 meter. wave-length at 3 A. M., Eastern Standard Time,

Argentinian and Jersevite Exchange Radio Greetings

Special to The New York Times. HARTFORD, Conn., June 2.-Twoway radio communication by amateurs between North and South America was attained for the first time last week by Norman R. Weible of Collingwood, N. J., and Carlos Braggio of Bernal, suburb of Buenos Aires. The feat was checked and verified today by the American Radio Relay League of this city, which to-night announced that Weible and Braggio had a twenty-minute connection on short wave lengths just be-fore daybreak last Friday.

Braggio heard the New Jersey amateur calling him, and at 4:15 A. M. sent the following: "GM greetings and congratulations QRZ QRK."

Weible immediately replied in Spanish, "Saludo, Amigo de America del sur QRK."

A letter dated May 21. received to day from E. J. Simmonds, an English amateur, stated he had heard the South American station transmitting.

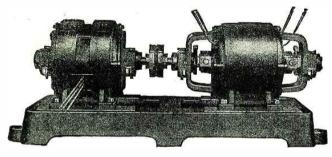
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A FOLLOWER OF IDO

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

In the present stage of the development of an international auxiliary language nothing, it seems to me, really counts except the excellence of the language. There is, undoubtedly, an advantage in having some thousands of people scattered over the world who can speak such a language, but so far as the remainder of the world is concerned, and that means an overwhelming majority, the test remains the scope and accuracy and ease of acquisition and use attained by such a language. During the past fifteen years cr more, Esperanto seems to have been working for diffusion while Ido has been working for self-improvement. As Daniel Webster said in a famous law suit about car wheels, "There they are; look at them."

The deeper you look into these two languages, the more I feel sure you will realize their difference, and I shall be surprised if the difference is not relieve to the control of the difference is not relieve to the control of the difference is not relieve to the control of the difference is not relieve to the control of the difference is not relieve to the control of the difference is not relieve to the control of the difference is not relieve to the control of the difference is not relieve to the control of the difference is not relieve to the control of the difference is not relieve to the control of the difference is not relieve to the control of the difference is not relieve to the control of the difference is not relieve to the control of the difference and the differenc if the difference is not ninety-nine per cent. at least in favor of Ido. In my judgment Ido represents a stage as far beyond Esperanto as the present coal burning locomotive does beyond the wood burning engine of my boyhood. Excuse me .. - only mean to be helpful.

H. L. Koopman, boyhood. Excuse me if I am intrusive; I

Librarian, Brown University, Providence, R. I.

REGARDING ESPERANTO

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I was very pleased with the article in the August number of RADIO NEWS concerning Esperanto. I think that Mr. Sayers described the situation very well, and hope that you will do all that you can to aid in the attempt to make this language the language. guage of Radio.

I am not a subscriber to this magazine, and do not read it regularly, but, believe me, I got a copy of this number as soon as possible when I heard that RADIO News was indorsing Esperanto. I have long felt it was only a question of time until some of the more influential radio fans would indorse Esperanto as the international telegraph language.

I am showing my copy of the August number to all my friends and many are getting copies to see what it says about the language. Many that have never manifested much interest in Esperanto now are showing signs of interest since they find it is mixed up with their one great hobby—Radio.

I hope to find more Esperanto comment in the magazine.

WARREN S. DAVIS.

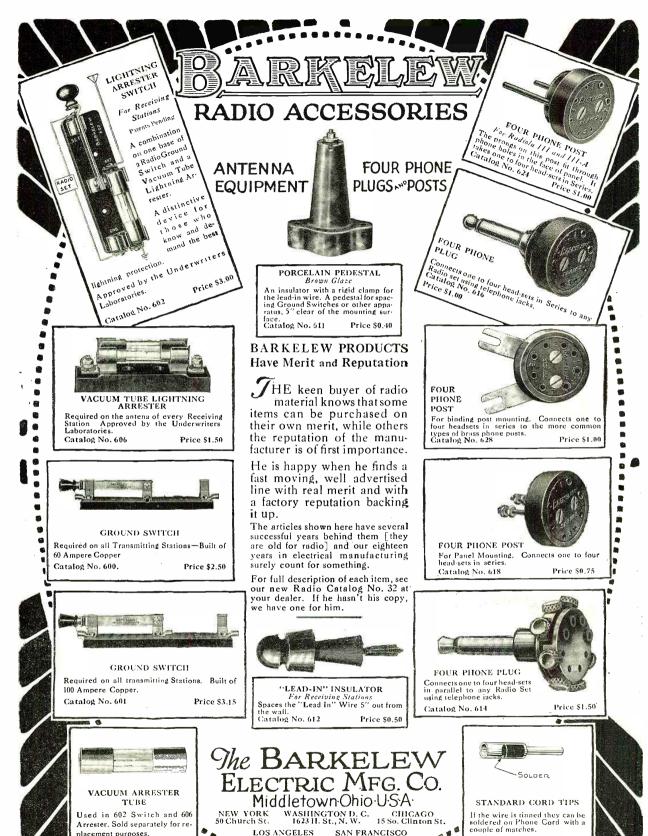
REPLYING TO MR. SAUER

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

In reply to Mr. Sauer's letter, page 197, August, 1924, issue, I would recommend that he study Dyer's very impartial analysis of the RAIL situation. He makes the mistake of thinking Esperanto words started with Zamenhof. They didn't; the doctor, who did not know Spanish or Italian, as Mr. Sayers implies, was no linguist. He was not as good an Esperantist as de Beaufront who started the project which the delegation

who started the project which the delegation called "Ilo" in the official organ Progreso.

Dr. Zamenhof started with 925 words, which free lance authors swelled by hanhazard experiments to 2,800 odd in 1923. These words came from the vocabulary



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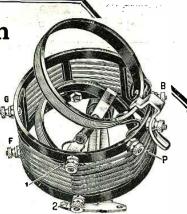
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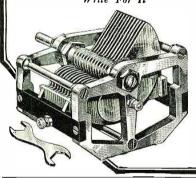
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squeezed out of eight modern languages before Zamenhof was in the field.

The work was done by Rosenberger, Peano and others. So do not call the synthetic basis of all modern schemes, Esperanto, Mr. Sauer.

My "enthusiastic statements" are not all realizable to Exercise III. he are not all

applicable to Esperanto. Ilo has not 30 per cent. of its pages disfigured by artificial, invented words. Esperanto can not say "A man or woman must take care of his or her brother or sister and watch his or her conduct"—"Homo devas sorgar sua frato ed atencar lua konduto." Ilists cut telegraph

Ilo has been perfecting itself for 17 years, while Esperanto has been "barking" in front of the "booksellers' tents." It matters a great deal to scientists whether they use a childish jargon, which has failed to make good with thinkers in 37 years, or a system which is free from all internal ideas and aims to give exact expression to thought. Latin and Ilo have the same spirit; they

are exact and practical.

No magazine can divert progress, and when Mr. Gernsback lays in matrices for Esperanto texts it will be time enough for our opponents to congratulate themselves.

Ilo is not reformed Esperanto, but Dr. Zamenhof's friend de Saussure HAS reformed the Esperanto grammar and spelling so as to look like English and not a Prague news sheet.

Regarding Mr. Woolf, I would suggest he order back numbers of the Boston Sunday order back numbers of the Boston Sunday Advertiser and re-examine the article he criticized. There are several Ilo radio fans given there. Edgar Turle, of Deerhurst, Beckenham, Kent, England, is a likely pros-

pect.

Mr. Woolf has the idea that Ilo comes from Esperanto. So does man from the ape? but—I'm not an Esperanto "funnymentalist!"

Regarding Mr. Frost: Ilo has not been materially changed. It has grown from 3,000 to 11,000 roots by discussion, trial and decision. We have our "periods of stability." The Esperantists have a perennial period of outguessing one another in individual word formations. Their technical vidual word formations. writings are a "scream."

Mr. Frost has to think that Ilo must be "paint brush" because it is a "tool." This Lord Dundreary style of comment shows that the need of logical exactness does not appeal to the Esperanto mentality. Some of the best Ilists are men who abandoned the idea "that logic is a complication." The Paris "that logic is a complication." The Paris Chamber of Commerce invited Esperantists to show their wares and ignored the Ilists. Their decision did not fool the assembly of the L. of N.

If Mr. Frost wants to know what is going on in Moscow, don't apply to Vienna and "pro-Esperantist" journals.

The Communists (and "La Presse," Canada, was accused of being "red" when it took up Ilo!) have "Nia Standardo," and Yushmanoff, who has written "100 Defects of Esperanto," is right in the thick of the movement.

I speak and read Russian and during the war studied Russian mythology in the N. Y. Tory Press.

Kordiale vua.

O. C. Roos, Boston, Mass.

FROM ANOTHER VETERAN EXPERANTIST

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

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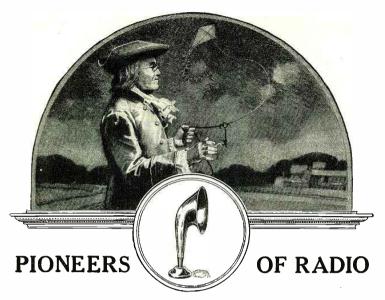
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AND STILL ANOTHER

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

Permit me to thank you for the publication of the article on Esperanto in the August Radio News, and for the step you have taken in deciding to support Esperanto as the international language for radio use.

as the international language for radio usc. I sincerely trust you can see your way clear to further aid the advancement of Esperanto by the publication of Esperanto lessons for the benefit of your readers.

I also take this opportunity to assure you that you will have my utmost support in this undertaking.

ROBERT S. WOOLF, P. O. Box 103, Blairsville, Penna.

What's the Matter With the Commercial Game

(Continued from page 710)

I told him all particulars of the episode and assured him that we were the only ones in those waters. We being at Lat. 46.30 N. Long. 177.00 E. He calmly stepped into the chart house located the Limy on the chart and told the navigating officer to steer for that position, then turning to me he said "Sparks find out all you can and keep in touch as much as possible for any particular changes." I went back to the shack all excited and the so-called Big Head stuff was coming out again, I made a schedule with the Limy for a later hour, as he was not in immediate danger and went below

not in immediate danger, and went below. The next day I was in the shack working the Limy giving him general information when the Old Man stepped into the shack and asked what was going on. Not looking around to see who it was I snapped out "Get out of here I'm busy." He evidently said nothing but went and left me there thinking I had shown my superiority over some deckhand or oiler that wanted to nose around. I made a schedule with Limy again and went below.

While I was telling the boys all about it one of the quartermasters came and told me the Skipper wanted to see me. I went to his room half expecting a good word and yet not knowing what to expect, upon entering. "You sent for me Sir?" YES... SILENCE... "Sparks you've been a fairly decent kid so far and I'd hate to see a distress signal get the best of you.

Ing. "You sent for me Sh. 251LENCE... "Sparks you've been a fairly decent kid so far and I'd hate to see a distress signal get the best of you. That is the trouble with wireless operators these days, they get the idea that ships won't run without them, but you mustn't forget you're only here because the law requires it We used to get along without wireless outfits, you know, and we could still do it if it wasn't for the law requiring it. Did you ever have a job where the Captain didn't have any more use for the wireless operator than he did for one of the oilers?" "Yes Sir, the last job was like that," I replied. "Well do you know why that is?" "No Sir, haven't the slightest idea." "Well it's like

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WILL SHORT-WAVE TRANSMIS-SION SOLVE PROBLEMS OF STATIC AND INTERFER-ENCE?

BY E. B. DALLIN

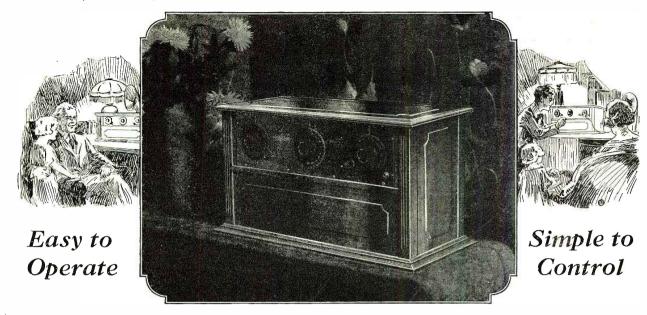
Research Engineer, Acme Apparatus Company

During the past two years amateurs have been doing very excellent work on shortwave transmission.

Last winter communication with England and France was quite a common occurrence between wave-lengths of 100 and 150 meters.

between wave-lengths of 100 and 150 meters. Recently, amateurs in this country have been permitted to work on a few narrow bands of waves between 4 and 200 meters. In May, 1924, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, I had the pleasure of hearing tests between the Marconi Station at Poldhu, England, and Marconi's yacht, "The Electra," transmitting on 90 meters. The signals were audible on a loud speaker with very good volume, and, strange to say, there was no sign of fading. The voice was remarkably clear and I heard the stawas remarkably clear and I heard the station at Poldhu at 7:00 p. m. several times while it was still daylight.

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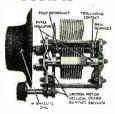
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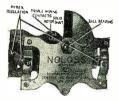
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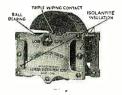
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between Poldhu and the boat at that time.
Recently, Station KDKA, at Pittsburgh, Pa, has been transmitting on a wave-length of 68 meters and its signals are very loud of of meters and its signals are very loud in daylight, as well as at night. Apparently many old theories are not quite correct. The explanation probably is that although the absorption due to daylight is greater in these wave-lengths, the efficiency of trans-mission is much higher. In addition to this, the effects of static are almost entirely

Station WGY is now transmitting on about 15 meters, simultaneous with its reg-

about 15 meters, simultaneous with its reg-ular broadcasting on 380 meters. Station POZ in Germany and Station UFT in France are sending code to Station LPZ in Argentine on 77 and 88 meters, respectively. The amount of power used is ridiculously small, compared to the amount of power formerly considered necessary for

or power formerly considered necessary for trans-Atlantic communication.

POZ and UFT are using 200 to 1,000 kilowatts and a wave-length ranging from 10,000 to 18,000 meters, requiring an antenna system covering several hundred acres to send commercial traffic to the United States. and the difficulties with static at these long waves are tremendous.

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WLS, Chicago: (870 Kc.) 1:00 p. m. to 2:00 p. m., except Sundays (probably about 12 m. after Sept. 14)—morning state forecasts, general forecast, special forecasts, weather-crop summary on Wednesday, special warnings issued after sending hour, broadcast immediately.

KYW, Chicago: (560 Kc.) 12:00 noon (11:00 a. m. during local "Daylight Saving")—morning local forecast, state forecasts, lake forecast; special warnings at 2:15 and 4:15 p. m.; 9:25 to 9:30 p. m.—evening local forecast, state forecasts, lake forecast, aviation forecasts. Monday, 'silent night."

WAAF, Chicago: (1050 Kc.) 10:30 a. m.—
morning local forecast, state forecasts,
general forecast, general weather conditions, aviation forecasts, shippers' advices during winter season, weather-crop sumduring winter season, weather-crop sum-maries on Wednesday during crop sea-son; 12:30 p. m.—repeats the 10:30 a. m. information, and on Saturday gives weekly outlook. Silent Sundays and important

WGN, Chicago: (810 Kc.) 10:00 a. m.— morning local forecast, state forecasts; 9:35 p. m. or later, at end of regular program-evening local forecast, state forecasts, lake forecasts, aviation forecasts. general forecast, general weather conditions. Monday, "silent night." Sundays and holidays irregular.





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day, "silent night."

WJAN, Peoria: (1070 Kc.) 9:15 a. m.—
morning local forecast, state forecasts, shippers' forecasts, general weather conditions, special warnings; repeated at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. WEW, St. Louis: (1072 Kc.) 10:00 a.m.—

morning local forecast, stateforecasts, gen-

eral weather conditions, river forecasts; special warnings at 5:00 p. m.

KSD, St. Louis: (550 Kc.) 10:40 a. m.—
morning local forecast, state forecasts, general weather conditions, river fore-casts and stages; special warnings at 12:40 p. m., 1:40 p. m., and 3:00 p. m.; 10:00 p. m.—evening state forecasts.

Amateurs receiving weather forecasts are requested to advise (by mail) Weather Bureau Office, Springfield, Ill., of the quality of service received and how distinctly the stations are heard.

WEATHER REPORTS ON THE GREAT LAKES

Weather forecasts, storm warnings and advices are now being broadcast from many stations located in all large ports of the Great Lakes. These weather forecasts and warnings are of inestimable value to all navigation on the Lakes, and especially to private motor-boat cruisers which constantly rove them during the summer. Nearly all of these small boats carry radio receiving sets and are unable to cope as successfully with severe storms as the larger commercial craft. Upon the receipt of a storm warning or a weather forecast of unfavorable conditions, the small vessels can immediately make for harbor, which can be reached before the forecast warning period expires. Larger craft usually

stay out unless the warnings are issued for very severe and wide spread storms.

These weather forecasts, warnings and advices are issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau and are telegraphed to the following stations to be broadcast as indicated: Duluth, Minn., KFMS, 275 meters, 11:00

a. m.
Houghton, Mich., WWAO, 244 meters.
11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
Milwaukee, Wis., WHAD, 280 meters.
11:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m.
Chicago, Ill., WGN, 370 meters, 9:00 a. m.
and 10:45 p. m.
Chicago, Ill., KYW, 536 meters, 11:00

and 10.40 h. h. Chicago, III., KYW, 536 meters, 11:00 a.m. and 9:30 p. m. Chicago, III., WAAF, 286 meters, 10:30 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. Saginaw, Mich., WABM, 254 meters.

9:15 a. m. Detroit, Mich., WWJ, 517 meters, 11:00

a. m. Detroit, Mich., WCX, 517 meters, 1:50

p. m. Cleveland, Ohio, WJAX, 390 meters, 9:40

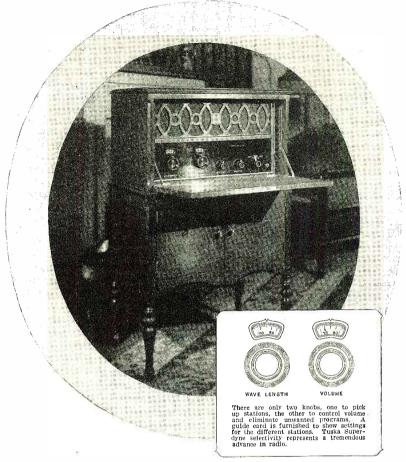
a. m. Buffalo, N. Y., WGR, 319 meters, 9:45 a. m. and 9:45 p. m.
(Note: The time given above is reduced to 90th meridian or Central Time; add one hour to change to 75th meridian or Eastern Standard Time.)

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ricanes when issued, are broadcast daily from a number of Naval and commercial radio stations within these areas.

The broadcasting service relative to hurricanes is very complete, as it is of the utmost importance that every available means of radio communication be utilized in order that warning be given instantly, just as soon as evidence of one of these swift and destructive tropical storms makes its appearance. In order that navigation be kept constantly informed concerning a hurricane, warnings are issued whenever advisable, and contain the expected direction of movement of the storm center together with its location and such other important information regarding it as may be necessary. Ships are warned through these broadcasts and if the storm is a very dangerous one, the vessels can set a course that will take them out of the danger area, seek immediate safety in some port, or delay their sailing until the period of danger is past.

Radio stations which are located along the coasts of the southern parts of the United States, and on the islands of the West Indies, receive these forecasts and warnings direct from the Weather Bureau at Washington for broadcasting. The fol-lowing is a list of such stations making broadcasts and the time of distribution, using 75th meridian or Eastern Standard Time with its equivalent in 75th meridian civil Greenwich mean time (zone plus five

Charleston, S. C. Station NAO—United States Navy. Wave-length, 2607 meters, spark. Wind and weather forceasts at 10:30 a. m. (1030).

Savannah, Ga.
Station NEV—United States Navy. Wave-length, 1806 meters, spark. Wind and weather forecasts at 11:00 a, m. (1100).

St. Augustine, Fla. Station NAP—United States Navy. Wave-length, 2098 meters, spark. Wind and weather forecasts at 11:30 a. m. (1130).

Jupiter, Fla. Station NAQ-United States Navy. Wave-length, 1304 meters, spark. Wind and weather forecasts at 11:30 a. m. (1130).

a. m. (1130).

Key West, Fla.

Station NAR—United States Navy.

Wave-length, 5650 meters, CW; followed by 1460 meters, spark.

Complete meteorological bulletin broadcast at 10:00 p. m., (2200).

Pensacola, Fla. Station NAS—United States Navy. Wave-length, 1333 meters, spark. Wind and weather forecasts at 11:45 a. m. (1145).

New Orleans, La.
Station NAT—United States Navy.

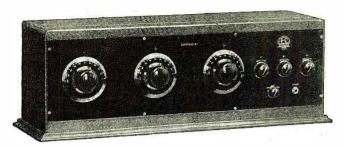
Wave-length, 2607 meters, spark. Wind and weather forecasts broadcast at 11:00 a. m. (1100).

Forecasts for Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas are broadcast at 10:30 a. m. (1030) and 11:00 p. m. (2200).

Port Arthur, Texas. Station WPA—Gulf Refining Company. Wave-length, 600 meters, spark. wave-length, 000 meters, spark.
Broadcasts a meteorological bulletin,
and wind and weather forecasts for west
Gulf of Mexico at 11:45 a. m. (1145).
Galveston, Texas.
Station NKB—United States Navy.
Wave-length, 1817 meters, spark.
Wind and weather forecasts broadcast.

Wind and weather forecasts broadcast at 11:30 a. m. (1130).

Brownsville, Texas. Station NAY—United States Navy. Wave-length, 4997 meters, CW. Broadcasts a complete meterological bulletin of reports and wind and weather



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forecasts for the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea at 12 midnight (0000). Wind and weather forecasts for Texas coast are broadcast at 12 noon (1200) on wave-length of 2255 meters, spark. Swan Island, W. I.
Station US—United Fruit Company.

Wave-length, 2240 meters, spark. Broadcasts a complete meterological bulletin and wind and weather forecasts for the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea (latest information) at 12:30 p. m.

(1230) and 11:45 p. m. (2345). The information which is broadcast from this station is transmitted from station WNU of the Tropical Radio Co., at New Orleans, on a wave-length of 3331 meters, CW, at 11:30 a. m. (1130), and 11:30 p. m. (2330). These messages may be picked up by any ship and used or repeated, if so desired, by applied to the control of the co proval of the Tropical Radio Company and the United States Weather Bureau.

San Juan, P. R.
Station NAU—United States Navy Wave-lengths, 4836 meters, CW, first transmission at 7:45 p. m. (1945), and 2855 meters, spark, at second transmission, at 9:00 p. m. (2100). Broadcasts complete meteorological bul-

letin and wind and weather forecasts for

Porto Rico and vicinity.
San Juan, P. R. (Continued).
Station_WKAQ—Radio Corporation of Porto Rico.

Wave-length, 360 meters, radiophone. This station repeats the bulletin broadcast by NAU at San Juan, by radiophone, in both English and Spanish, at 9:00 p. m. (2100). Storm and hurricane warnings and advices when issued.

Guantanamo, Cuba. Station NAW—United States Navy. Wave-length, 4543 meters, CW. Broadcasts a complete meteorological

bulletin (same as that broadcast from NAU at San Juan), at 9:00 p. m. (2100).

Hurricane warnings and advices are broadcast from all of the above stations whenever issued, and at two hour intervals until midnight.

Hurricane warnings are broadcast whenever issued and repeated at four hour intervals until midnight from the following:

Guantanamo, Cuba. Station NAW—United States Navy.

Wave-length, 1395 meters, spark.
Port au Prince, Haiti.
Station NSC—United States Navy.
Wave-length, 2255 meters, spark.
St. Thomas, V. I.

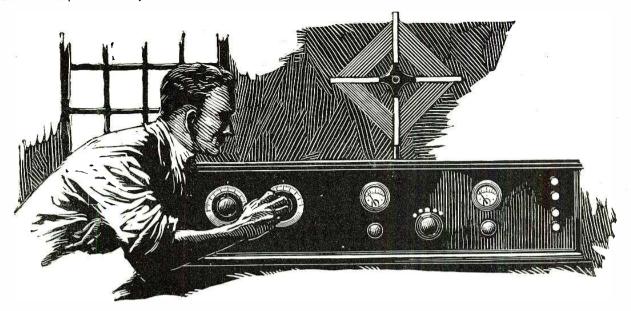
St. Thomas, V. I. Station NBB—United States Navy Wave-length, 1685 meters, spark.
St. Croix, V. I.
Station NNI—United States Navy.

Wave-length, 425 meters, spark.

Radio Humor

(Continued from page 704)

The noise reminded me of a Ku Klux meeting in a Texas cemetery receiving the results of a gubernatorial election. I investigated and discovered the wherefore and whyfore of all this silence. The tubes weren't lit up. A little wood alcohol poured on each plate overcame this difficulty—that alcohol would have lit up the Washington Monument. Still the phones kept a disgusting silence. More investigation and the trouble was revealed. A peculiar odor somewhat like Friday in a fish market full of untuned tuna fish was emanating from the spaghetti. I called in the proprietor of the Italian restaurant on the corner and he tasted the spaghetti. As they were carrying him to the ambulance he managed to tell me that the insulation was suffering from



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halitosis. To relieve its suffering I placed an empty listerine bottle on the bus bar.

Then I turned the juice on. Immediately I blew out eighteen tubes. The one saved was lying on the table. I replaced the tubes with electric light bulbs and again connected the batteries.

Oh boy, but she worked. The neighbors informed me later that the Stuperflexible could outsqueal any single-circuiter, past, present or future. It was brought to my attention that three not un-melodious pigs after hearing my set squeal hari-karied themselves hearing my set squeal hari-karied themselves from envy. At any rate I picked up KGO at 3:37 and lost them at 3:39 when the man next-door went to bed. After a period of long, patient waiting at 5:26 I picked up the phones which had fallen off the table and at 5:41 I received the milkman. But and at 3.41 I received the minkman. But everything comes to him who waits. My ashcan had waited a long long time and it was finally rewarded at 6:13 when it received the Stuperflexible. Stuperflexible.
Sincerely signing off,
OSWALD.

OUR LOCAL LISTENERS By L. SPENCER

(A serious subject made the more effective by the introduction of humor.)

The question of whether broadcasters and broadcasting is appreciated is in the main, answered. Every broadcast station can show with pride thousands of letters from radio

with pride thousands of letters from radio fans all over the country.

But, what do the local fans think of their station? Ask any studio manager and his answer will surprise you, "Verily a prophet is without honor in his own country!"

The writer, through the friendship of a studio manager, succeeded in getting first hand information on this interesting subject.

hand information on this interesting subject. The studio manager appointed us telephone operator for a night, impressing us with the fact that we would be representing the station and, therefore, must be as courteous as a politician three days before election day, when dealing with the fans.

We were immediately carried on the wings

of imagination to the position of a benevolent benefactor to the world at large; we thought of how we were comforting the sick, bringing beautiful music into the homes of those who had never before had the pleasure of real good music, etc., etc. for such anticipation of the grateful public!

The program for the evening had been advertised in all local papers for a week previous, giving full details as to artists, time, and name of the selections to be rendered. There were bedtime stories from 7 until 7:30, followed by an hour of classical music, an intermission of half an hour and dance selections by a jazz band. The zero dance selections by a jazz band. hour approached and we began to feel somewhat excited by the prospects that our imag-ination had supplied, taking our place at the switchboard with a radio receiving set by our side equipped with head phones, we anxiously awaited the opening announcement

and our first call.

Brr, Halloo iss 'at station O. G. B.?" Using our most dulcet tones we informed

Using our most dutect tones we informed the speaker that it was.

"Say what time ya on?"
Ha, we thought, this poor mortal cannot read. So very gently we replied, "Seven o'clock until ten."

"All right, I just wanted to make sure."

CLICK (hung up).

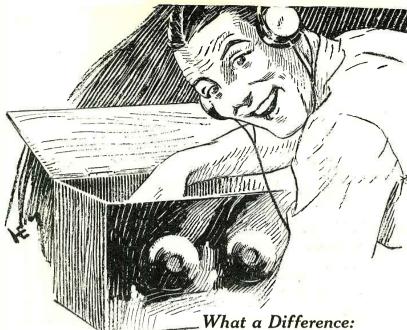
Brrr, "Halloo iss 'at station O.G.B.?"

What? surely not another once again, but

What? surely not another, once again, but not quite so sweetly, "Seven until ten."
"All right, I just wanted to know."

At this we began to think that perhaps the newspapers had omitted our program. Seizing the evening edition we hastily scanned the Radio Program column. and with a sigh of relief we read, "Station O.G.B. Transmits Varied Program To-





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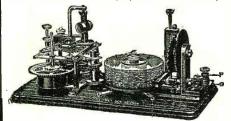
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night," and giving full details; we were interrupted by, Brr, "Say ya on yet?"

At this our tone was somewhat frigid as we repeated, "Seven till ten." Our reply we repeated, "Seven till ten." Our reply was followed by an ear-splitting CLICK as the gentleman hung up. By this time our idea of a grateful public had suffered some radical changes.

Glancing at the clock we saw it was Glancing at the clock we saw it was almost seven o'clock, putting on the phones we heard the announcer say, "This is Radio Station O.G.B. Our bedtime story tonight, children, is entitled What Billy Meadow-mouse said to——" Brr, Brr, Brr, "Hallo is this station O.G.B.? Say ya on yet?" Speaking as one who has reached breaking soint of temer was recited. point of temper, we replied, "Yes, since seven o'clock."

The party at the other end of the line seemed to doubt our statement as he remarked in an aggrieved tone, "Well, I can't hear ya." Immediately our spirits rose, here was a chance to demonstrate our radio knowledge and earn the gratitude of at least enquiring as to the sypmtoms of a doctor we asked, "What kind of a set have you got?"

The fan at once launched into a detailed description of how he became interested in radio. His brother-in-law who knew a man that once knew an operator on a steamer got the directions to build a "Radio" direct from the aforementioned gentleman, he said. This would never do, we puzzled our brain to think of some method to stem this rapid flow of words. Finally,

"What seems to be wrong with your

set?"
"Well, I can hear you, but not as loud as usual."

Smothering a groan we suggested he look over his batteries, and call us later, and to ourselves we added, "Very much later." By this time the classical portion of the program was being given and we managed to hear a few bars. But the telephone buzzer sounded once more, "Is 'at O.G.B.? Why do you force that highbrow stuff on us, why don't ya play 'Last Night on the Front Stoop'?" Oh, Death, where is thy sting? is this the grateful public that the radio is educating to the better things in life, but we answer, stifling our personal feeling.

"I'm sorry you don't care for the program, but there will be dance music later on." Then-

Brr, Brr, "Hallo, say will you please ask the man next door to us to stop playing his Victrola, we can't hear a thing on our radio? His number is Bozo 4235."

After explaining that we had no control over the man next door the party hung up, but in a nasty manner said. "All right, if ya don't want us to listen to your old concert, we won't, see." CLICK.

By this time we were wondering if there

were anybody in the whole city who liked our efforts. We were also getting afraid our efforts. to answer the phone at all, our head ached. the matter with ya, I get a squeal in the music every once in a while, why the dash dash don't you leave it alone when its all

right?"
We tried to explain that, most likely, in his vicinity a set was oscillating and caus-

"Nothing of the kind, say, what do ya think I am? Say, I built this set myself, I know what I'm talking about, it's your rotten station." CLICK. This was, we thought, the last straw. A couple more calls like that and we would leave for parts unknown, the ungratefulness, the egotistical attitude of the public as a whole filled us with hate, the



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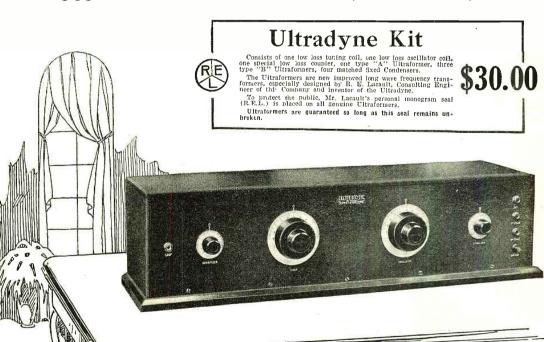
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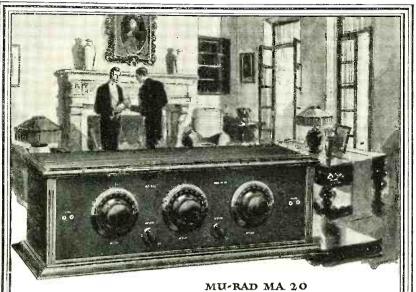
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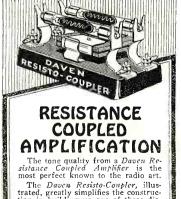
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We suffered a slight change of heart after this. Maybe we were hasty to judge the entire audience by a few, and no doubt we—— Brr, Brr, Brr, "Say, ya on yet?"

It is ever thus, "YES, seven till ten." Hoping that we might get another encouring call we held the telephone expectantly, knowing the first part of the program was

nearing the end.

Brr, Brr, "Say, when a ya gointa give us some real Jazz? I'm sick a all these Eyetalian guys' music."

In a ten below zero tone we answered, "At nine thirty."

We put on the radio phones in desperation just in time to hear the announcer say, "We are now standing by until nine o'clock when the dance portion of our program begins."

Now, we thought, we shall enjoy a short

rest. But no, decidedly no.
Brr. Brr, "Say, ya on yet?"
"Not until nine thirty."

"Not until nine unity."
"What's on the program?"
"Dance music by Kabozo's Jazz Hounds."
"Aw gee, I don't wanta hear no darn Jazz, why don't ya give us some opera sometimes?"

"Englishing years contin that we had just

Explaining very gently that we had just concluded the classical portion of our program the speaker continued,
"Well, why don't you put it in the pa-

"It was published in full, in tonight's edition of the 'Bugle.'"
"Well, I didn't see it." CLICK.
"Well, I didn't see to think again—

Before we had time to think again—Brr, Brr, "Hallo, is that station OGB? Could you please tell me what station JOG (a small station about 1,000 miles from our

city) is transmitting tonight? No, we could not, we advised looking in the radio section of some of the papers, but received as an answer:

"Gosh. anything?" don't you know CLICK.

What we thought of the radio public cannot be written, it was impossible to attempt to-

Brr, Brr, "Say, can you tell me what is meant by four hundred meters? Does that mean that the station can only send for about half a mile?"

Once again we took heart, once again we would perform the duties of a radio oracle. Starting to explain that four hundred meters meant wave-length and had nothing to do with distance in miles we were interrupted by, "What deya mean wave-length?"

by, "What deya mean, wave-rengin."
"That is the wave the station transmits on." "Yeh? what deya mean?"

"The distance from the peak of one wave to the peak of the next."
"Yeh? All right,—thanks."

We admitted to ourselves that this explanation seemed lacking in clearness and vowed that at no time would we consider a position as an instructor, no, not even an instructor of "How to answer the telephone."

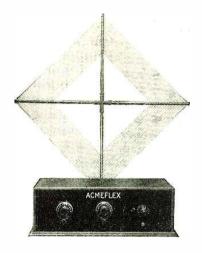
We could hear the Jazz Band tuning up in the studio and looking at the time, found that we had five minutes before nine-thirty. We spent this time in hoping that maybe the dance fans of the radio world might appreciate what we had to offer.

Putting on the phones we heard the an-

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We told ourselves sympathetically that we were rapidly approaching the crazy stage.

We listened to the jazz for a short time,

a very short time, for—

Brr, Brr, "Would you please ask the Jazz
Band to play, 'We are all out of Strawber-

We would, and at the same time asked, "How was it coming through?"

"The music is fine, you won't forget to ask them, will you?"

We assured them we would not.

Brr, Brr, "Say, when are you signing off?" off?

"About ten o'clock."

"Is that so, well, let me tell you that the "Is that so, well, let me tell you that the horrible noise you are transmitting annoys me greatly, and Station XYZ is transmitting a wonderful lecture on 'Why you should be kind to June Bugs,' and I can hardly hear a word the lecturer says, so just shut off that row until he's finished."

We tried to tell this lady that we had

We tried to tell this lady that we had our regular schedule and must keep to it and that there were other people who cared for music more than June Bugs. This explanation only poured oil on the flames of her wrath, "Well, listen here, young man, let me tell you that I think that you and your station are a disgrace to the city." CLICK.

Oh, if we could only meet that lady face

Oh, it we could only meet that lady lace to face, what we'd say to her, to think that a lecture on June Bugs—

Brr, Brr, "Hallo, your concert is just lovely, ask the orchestra to play their last number again, will you?"

By this time we had reached a state of heard intifference are necessary meeting.

bored indifference, so we answered wearily, "We will, thank you."

How many years had we sat at this switchboard? It seemed it must have been some time in the dim past when in all our youth and innocence we had thought of the wonderful time we were going to have.

Brr, Brr, Brr, went the telephone. Should we answer it? We picked up the receiver

anyway.
"Hallo, is that OGB? Gee, that's great jazz you're giving us tonight, do you think they'd play 'Home Again' as an encore?" We thought they might and thanked the

We were longing for the magic words, "Signing Off," as much as the woman of the June Bugs. Another ten minutes and we would be free. Putting on the radio phones we listened to the last number and soon afterwards the welcome words. "Signing Off, Good-night." We staggered away from the switchboard and, as the raven, we quoth, never more.

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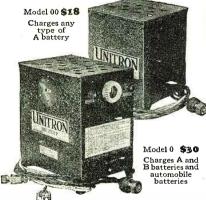
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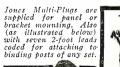
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Loop Antenna Transmission

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in mind, design the loop for a fundamental not above one-fourth or one-half the wave-length of the signal to be received.

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If these points are kept in mind, no trouble should be encountered in constructing an efficient loop for receiving. Should the reader deem further details necessary, he is advised to consult the article written by R. H. Langley in the July issue of RADIO

The advantages of loop antennae employed for transmission are their sharp directional characteristics, their small linear dimensions, and their efficiency when operating on low wave-lengths. These are all factors in which the amateur is much interested at the present time. Why, then, does he not make and encourage experiments along these lines with the loop antenna as a radiator?

What Vacuum Tube Curves Mean

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beautiful sweep of enormous size. If the grid current is one microampere at zero volts the grid curve would cross the center line 432 in. or rather less than ½ in. from its base. The backlash kink would be represented by a curve coming .0432 in. below the line, or about half the thickness of the standard spacing washer used in variable condensers! If we wish to carry the experiment rather further by drawing on the same scale a current-consumption curve for the filament of the tube we shall have to make our center line 12,000 yards or nearly seven miles in length.

THE EMISSION CURVE

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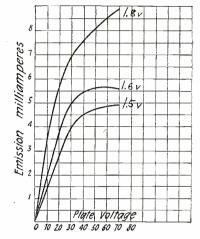


Fig 8. Emission curves of a tube obtained with different filament voltages.

at 1.5 volts the desired figure of 5 milliamperes is not reached at all. The raising of the plate voltage from 40 to 70 volts produces only a slight rise in the emission; in fact, with 30 volts on the plate the curve begins to bend round showing that we are approaching the maximum point. With 1.6 volts on the filament things are better. We do reach 5 milliamperes, but the curve begins to bend rather sharply with the plate about 25 volts positive. By raising the filament potential to 1.8 volts we obtain a very much better curve which shows

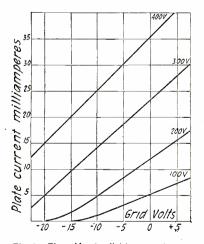
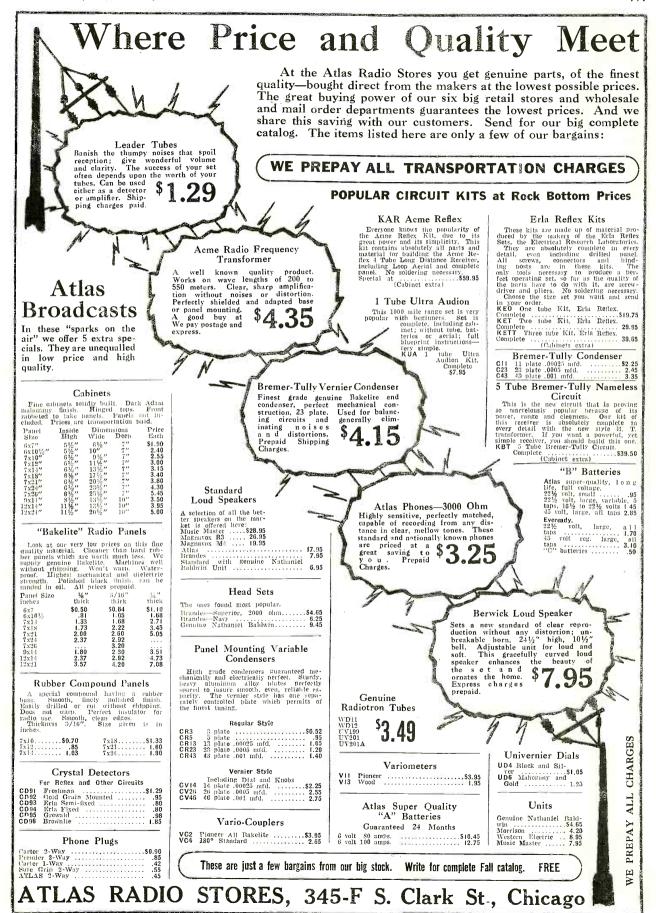


Fig. 9. The grid volts divisions are the same size as the milliampere divisions, giving the impression of a flat curve.

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plate current curve is one of the things that we must look for in a tube. Those who examine curves are, therefore, apt to be led astray by their shape, not always realizing that you can make any curve into a steep one by decreasing the size of your grid volts division and increasing the size of those representing milliamperes. Makers naturally wish to do the best for their own products, and for this reason you will generally find that the curves which they give do not err in the direction of gentleness in their slopes. A cursory examination of the two sets of power tube curves given in Figs. 9 and 10 will probably give the impression that the latter are by far the steeper. But if the two are looked at with

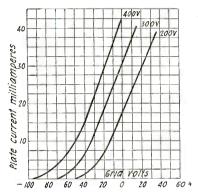


Fig. 10. Here the milliampere divisions are four times the grid volts divisions which gives the appearance of steep curves.

care it will be seen that the grid volts divisions of the former are the same size as the milliampere division, while the milliampere divisions in Fig. 10 are four times the size of the grid volts. For this reason the curves in Fig. 9 appear to be much flatter than those in Fig. 10. If, however, the two are drawn out to the same scale, it will be found that the truth is precisely the reverse of this. Both are curves of power amplifiers of great efficiency. It will be seen that good audio frequency amplification may be expected even with 100 volts upon the plate with the tube the curve of which is shown in Fig. 9. The grid bias required in this case will be five volts negative, and there will be no distortion since the curve is quite straight between zero and -10 volts. We shall do better still with 300 or 400 volts upon the plate, for here we have absolutely straight lines and we can apply a grid biasing potential of 15 volts or more which will entirely eliminate the flow of grid current even if the tops and bottoms of the waves to be dealt with represent a rise and fall of eight volts above or below zero. The second tube, the curves of which are shown in Fig. 10, will function well with 200 volts on the plate and a negative grid bias of 10 volts. With a plate voltage of 400 we can apply 30 volts negative bias to and effecting great economy in the "B" battery current without undue loss of signal strength.

Though it is impossible in one short article to go fully into the question of tube curves, it is hoped that enough has been said to give readers a good indication of the information about any tubes which they can obtain from a careful inspection of their various curves. The curves usually pubvarious curves. The curves usually published by makers are those showing the effects upon plate current of varying grid potentials at different plate voltages. Most manufacturers, however, will supply other curves if asked to do so. In conclusion, every user of tubes should make himself

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cuits. In the latter case, of course, if we increase the wave-length of the tuned plate circuit above that of the grid circuit to any appreciable extent, the tube will cease to function as a radio frequency amplifier, whereas in the case of the Fig. 8 or Fig. 9 circuits, large increases in the plate inductance do not prevent the tube acting as a radio frequency amplifier, and the so-called aperiodic inductance may be used to couple two tubes together, although it is true the degree of amplification is not large.

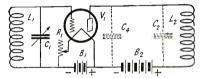


Fig. 9. The plate-filament capacity of the vacuum tube is represented by C4 and the distributed capacity of the plate coil L2 by C2.

The main point I desire to bring out here is that the fact that there is no variable condenser in the plate circuit of the tube does not mean that there is no tendency for the tube to oscillate-a very commonly experienced phenomenon in connection with the ordinary regenerative circuit where an aperiodic tickler coil is coupled to a tuned grid circuit for increasing signal strength. If a certain size of tickler coil is used, the coil and the capacities mentioned form an oscillatory circuit which may be tuned to the same wave-length as the grid circuit. Under these conditions the receiver will be difficult to operate and may oscillate without there being any direct magnetic coupling between the tickler coil and the grid coil.

In the case of the radio frequency amplifier where there is a tendency to self-oscillation, it is equally important to avoid self-oscillation due to a so-called aperiodic coil in the plate circuit being actually tuned to the same wave-length as the grid circuit.

When using the Fig. 9 type of circuit and using the inductance L, as a means of coupling the tube V to a succeeding tube, it is undesirable to have the coil L2 smaller than the coil necessary to produce a natural wave-length in the plate circuit equal to the wave-length, to which the grid circuit is tuned. It is better to have the coil larger so that the natural wave-length of the plate circuit is greater than the wave-length of the grid circuit. These considerations, however, do not apply in the case where a radio frequency transformer is used to couple one tube to the next.

THE CASE OF RADIO FREQUENCY TRANSFORMERS

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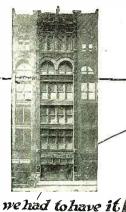
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all the same tendencies towards self-oscillation as the fundamental tuned plate circuit illustrated in Fig. 1. The same applies in the case where both the primary and secondary windings of the radio frequency transformer are tuned.

While, however, the primary winding is untuned and the secondary is tuned, quite a different state of affairs exists, and this method of coupling is one which can be consequently recommended.

A typical amplifying circuit in which these conditions obtain is illustrated in Fig. 10. We here have in the plate circuit of the 10. We here have in the plate circuit of the tube the primary L_2 of the radio frequency transformer L_2 , L_3 . In this circuit the coupling between L_2 and L_3 is variable, and a variable condenser C_2 is connected across the secondary L2 for the purpose of tuning.

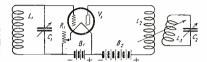


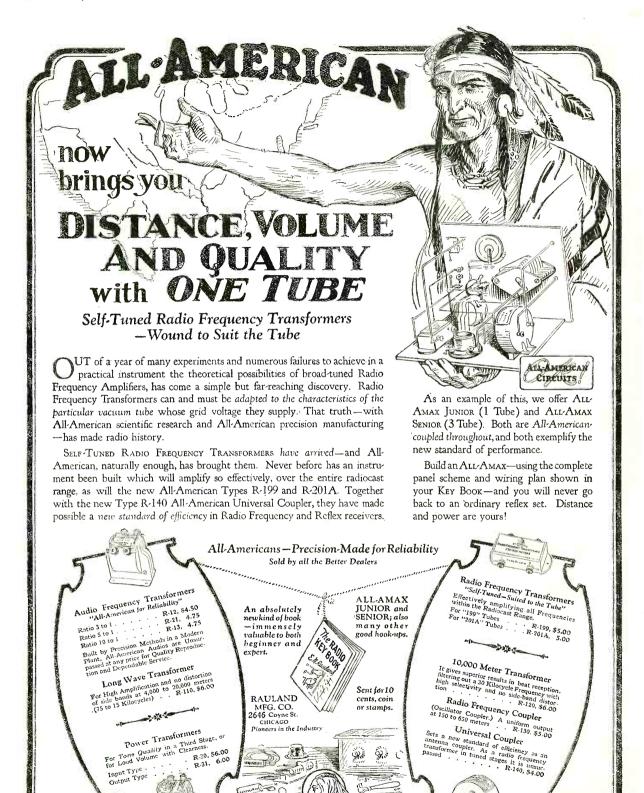
Fig. 10. The variable values L3-C2 compose a tuned oscillatory circuit; this figures in the control of the value of the plate coil L2.

Let us first consider the state of affairs when La is at right angles to La and there is no effective coupling between the plate circuit of the tube and the tuned circuit The circuit, which now ignores L₃, L₃, C₂. C, resolves itself into the arrangement of Fig. 9, and the same conditions apply. the coil La is small there will be no tendency whatever for the tube to oscillate; if, however, the coil L_2 is of such particular size that when its own self-capacity and the self-capacity of the tube are acting across it, the wave-length to which it is tuned is equal to the wave-length to which the grid circuit is tuned, then the tube will probably oscillate. If, however, the coil L₂ is made larger than this critical value of inductance, then once again there will be no trouble This point from self-oscillation of the tube. has to be noted in the design of suitable radio frequency transformers.

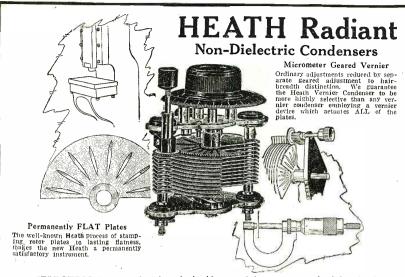
These transformers may either consist of, say, two honeycomb coils variably coupled, or the commercial article in which the coupling between the two coils is fixed. As the design work in radio frequency transformers has already been performed, the experimenter is not likely to be concerned with the present discussion, except from the technical interest standpoint. If, however, it is proposed to use two honeycomb coils as the transformer, thes theoretical considerations have a very practical importance because, if the experimenter uses, say, a No. 100 or 150 honey-comb coil as the primary of his radio frequency transformer when receiving stations on the 300 to 500 meter waveband, he may wonder why it is that the tube is so unstable: he will probably find that by using a No. 75 honey-comb coil as the primary, his troubles will disappear and the reasons are those here stated.

Assuming, then, that the coil L₂ is not of the critical size, we will proceed to the consideration of what happens when L_2 is brought up close to L_2 . No matter how close the coupling between L_3 and L_2 , provided the circuit L_3 C_2 is not tuned to the same wave-length as the grid circuit, the tube will not oscillate.

If, however, the circuit L_2 C_2 is kept tuned to the same wave-length as the grid circuit, then, as L_2 is brought closer to L_2 the tendency to oscillate will increase with the tightness of the coupling. Here again the lightness of the coupling. Frere again is an effect which many experimenters do not fully appreciate. It is not possible to regard the two windings L_2 and L_3 as entirely separate; it is not possible to say



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As a matter of fact, the looser the coupling between L2 and L3 the more separate do the two sets of circuits become and the mutual effect is less. On the other hand, the tighter the coupling between L2 and L3 the greater will be the effect of the circuit La C2 on the plate circuit of a tube.

As the coil is brought closer to L2 the plate circuit of a tube and the circuit L_3 C_2 merge together and the extreme case would be where the coil L_3 was wound directly over the inductance L_2 . From an electrical point of view, the two windings might readily be replaced by a single winding which, of course, would result in arriving at a simple tuned plate circuit containing a single inductance and a single variable condenser. As a matter of fact, in actual practice, when $L_{\scriptscriptstyle 3}$ is very tightly coupled to $L_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}$, the whole circuit behaves in a manner very similar to that of Fig. 1, and the tendency to oscillate is almost as great. As, however, we move the coil L_2 gradually away from L_2 the tendency to oscillate becomes less, and this, therefore, affords us an excellent means of controlling the ten-dency of the tube to oscillate. If there is any tendency for instability, the remedy is to loosen the coupling between L₂ and L₂, and this will effect a cure.

At the same time, unfortunately, the E.M.F.s established across the circuit L2 C2 will decrease. In other words, the amplification effected by the tube diminishes and becomes zero when the coupling between L_2 and L_3 is zero. We are therefore faced with the alternative of a tendency to oscillate and good signal strength or greater stability and weaker signals. It is, however, to be noticed that very frequently if the coupling between L₂ and L₃ is too tight, signals are rather weaker than if the coupling between L₂ and L₃ is a little looser. It will usually be found that there is a certain coupling between L₂ and L₃ which gives the best results; loosening the coupling still further will result in still greater stability

but weaker signals.

OVERCOMING THE TENDENCY

Self-oscillation in radio frequency amplifying apparatus lends itself to two forms of treatment:-

Cure.

2. Prevention.

It is very much easier to cure self-oscillation than to prevent it. The word "cure" in this sense is meant to indicate that selfoscillation troubles are in existence when the circuit is designed, and that some kind of a brake must be put on the circuit to prevent it. By "prevention" I mean the designing of a circuit so that no self-oscillation tendency will arise.

Cure implies that the circuit has to be "tied down" by various expedients, all of which involve energy loss and consequent loss of amplification. Prevention, on the other hand, implies no energy loss but a full development of amplification.

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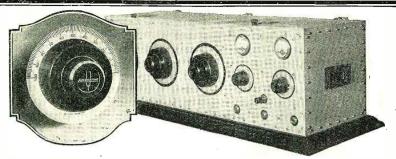
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which many believe in connection with this method of obtaining stability. It must first be understood that a tube will oscillate even though the degree of amplification is small, and that, however inefficient the amplification may be, it is nearly always possible, by having suitable coupling between the plate and grid circuits of the tube to obtain self-oscillation. It is possible, for example, to get self-oscillation when the tube is only giving a double amplification, whereas for proper amplification the multiplication should be of from four to seven times, although this is rarely achieved. If, however, the circuits are designed without any regard to the prevention of self-oscillation, the tube will readily oscillate, even though the amplification may be very low. If, now, we introduce damping devices and energy consumers, the degree of amplification will be still lower.

The fallacy is to imagine that because the tube is adjusted to the pre-oscillation point, a very high degree of amplification is being obtained. Nothing is further from the truth, and with a properly designed circuit it is possible to get a higher amplification without the circuit being anywhere near oscillation point than in the case of a poorly designed circuit with the reaction adjusted to the critical value.

Energy consumers in tube amplifying circuits may be compared to the effect of a brake on a high speed motor car. If we desire to obtain a speed of, say, 30 miles per hour with a car, we can either adjust the engine controls, etc., so that normally a speed of 60 miles per hour would be obtained, and then apply brakes to ensure that the speed does not exceed 30 miles per hour, or we can use a lower-powered car without attempting to apply brakes.

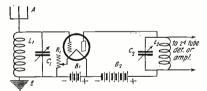
An examination of the kind of brakes

An examination of the kind of brakes applied to tube amplifiers will now be made.

ADDING DAMPING TO A RADIO FREQUENCY AMPLIFIER

The application of damping devices to a tube amplifier may involve the introduction of resistances or other energy consumers, or the damping may be introduced in a very natural manner.

This latter method is commonly employed and may consist in suitably adjusting and arranging the aerial circuit of the receiver.

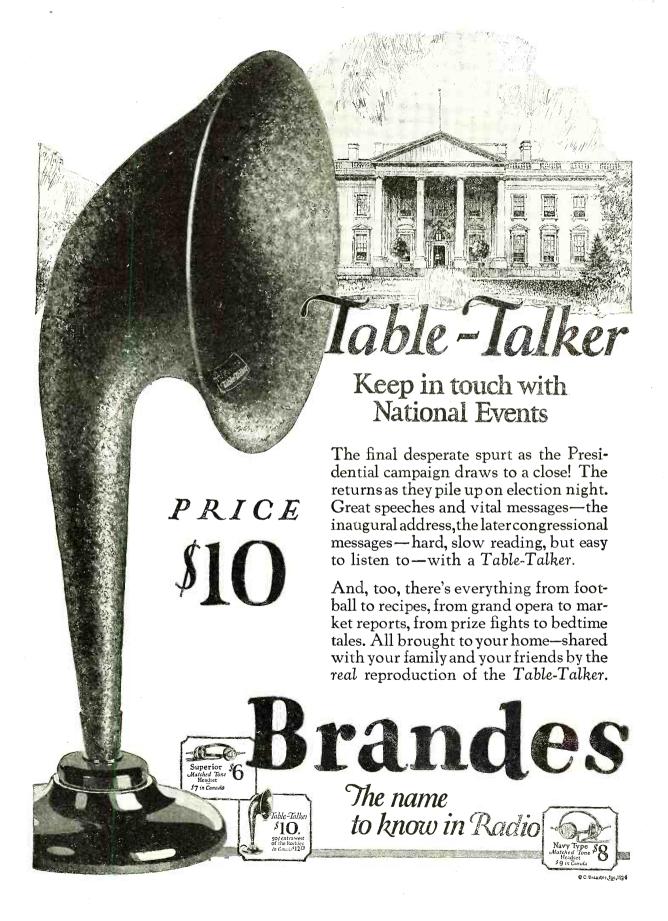


Since the grid circuit of this tube is connected directly to the antenna system, it is loaded and in consequence the tube finds greater difficulty in oscillating.

Fig. 11 shows a radio frequency amplifying tube with its grid circuit included in the aerial circuit. This is commonly known as direct coupling, and by this means the heaviest load is placed on the grid circuit, and if the tube wishes to oscillate, it will not only have to oscillate the grid circuit, but also the whole of the aerial circuit. The tube would find it much harder work to oscillate the whole of the aerial circuit than merely a loose and free tuned grid circuit. A motor-generator will tend to run at a nuch higher speed when there is no load than when a heavy current is being drawn from it. Likewise a tube will tend to oscillate much more readily when there is a minimum of load on the grid and plate circuits.

In Fig. 11 the aerial is tightly coupled to the grid circuit, and therefore the damping of this circuit is greatest.

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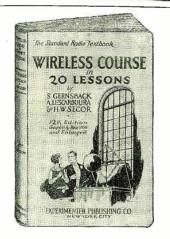
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the smaller the aerial. Moreover, the smaller the value of C_1 the greater the tendency of the tube to oscillate, and conversely. These facts are vitally important in the design of radio receivers, and an alteration in the method of aerial tuning will affect the whole stability of a receiver. The best method of tuning to obtain stability is therefore that given in Fig. 11.

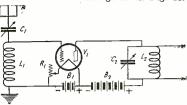


Fig. 12. The load on the grid circuit is greatly reduced by the use of a series antenna condenser.

Fig. 12 shows the aerial tuned by means of a series variable condenser C₁. This method of tuning involves a smaller load on the grid circuit, which circuit, however, now includes the aerial as an essential part. This circuit will tend to oscillate more readily than that of Fig. 11, and in circuits where it is difficult to obtain sufficient regeneration, series tuning will be found beneficial.

Fig. 13 shows my constant aerial tuning method, which consists in connection a .0001 mfd. fixed condenser in the aerial lead for the purpose of making the receiver substantial independent of the aerial constant. This constant aerial tuning method makes

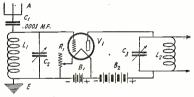


Fig. 13. The constant aerial tuning method employed by the author.

it possible to specify what coil to use to cover a given wave-length range on any aerial, it improves selectivity and makes it easier to obtain regeneration.

This last quality is, in the case of a multistage radio frequency amplifying system, rather a disadvantage, because it tends to make the first tube unstable. The load on the grid circuit in Fig. 13 is now less than in either Fig. 11 or Fig. 12, and consequently amplification works where there are two or more stages (unless, of course, the circuital arrangements employed are in themselves sufficient to prevent a tendency to self-oscillation).

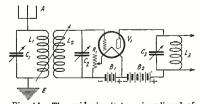


Fig. 14. The grid circuit here is relieved of the load of the antenna system by employing indirect coupling.

Fig. 14 shows a loose-coupled arrangement in which the aerial circuit is loosely coupled to a tuned grid circuit. In this circuit the damping of the grid circuit, and therefore the tendency of the tube to oscillate, depends essentially upon the coupling between L₁ and L₂, and the tuning of the aerial and grid circuits. If the coupling between L₁ and L₂ is tight, the load on the

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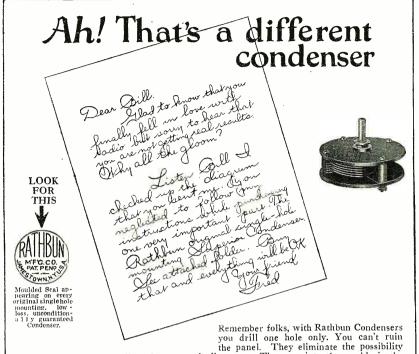
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grid circuit will be heaviest and the tube will not have the least tendency towards self-oscillation. If, however, L_1 and L_2 are very loosely coupled, the grid circuit will be almost free and the tube will readily oscillate. Even though L1 and L2 are tightly coupled, a detuning of the aerial circuit L₁ C₁ will be equivalent to moving the aerial coil away from the grid coil because when the aerial circuit is out of tune with the grid circuit the aerial circuit will not absorb energy from the grid circuit and will therefore not have any appreciable damping effect on it

The loose coupled arrangement of Fig. 14 is not to be recommended where a number of stages of radio frequency amplification are employed, unless the methods of stopping self-oscillation are perfected.

The conclusions to be drawn from these remarks are to the effect that the Fig. 11 type of aerial tuning is the best for ordinary purposes where there is a plurality of stages of radio frequency amplification.

A Letter from Mah Jongg

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should make there conshuntzes itch to even

think of. My first proof is thusly!

1. When Hon, radio spout "Somebody Stole My Galena," do ohner of receive set know singsong is copywriting? Certainly no! I explode. If he do not, like it and reproduct it on set, do he wrong? Of course no! I shriek with emphasis. If copy write club desire pay for such song, I broadcast, they should insert warning in Hon, send sta-

"Deer Lisseners,

The necks number on Hon. program are a song name "Yes, We Have No Apricot; Watermelons All We Got," by copywrite club. All fans who lissen, I snarl, will haft apay 40\$ and sum odd sense." That, I snort, are fare warning.

Some fans, mix, have cristel sets. If Hon. Some tans, mix, have cristel sets. It Honsend station produce copywrit songs only, poor fan hear nobody but songs which he pay for if possible. But he no have money. Then he no can run radio, which are cruel. Then sippose pigly auther of song come to door and seigh, "Lass night you tune in on 'Why Did I Kiss Your Foot' and thusly owe

me much \$\$\$."

Then fan say, "I didn't. I were listening to Hon. W. J. Bryan talk about Laffolit."

Also perhapsly fan lissen to table talker sing solo and hear no nownsment of hafta pay. Then spy of arther club come to door and say, "I hear you osculate certain song of sosiety lass night. Payme," Hon. fan cannot tell when song begin. If get it, I sneeze, in middle, how can know hasta

If spy of profiteer club lurk in darkness to listerine songs, only he hear those which from the wide horn are loudly reproducted. That is not fair to people without such.

If prophiteer club of appropriaters make It prophiteer club of appropriaters make all fans pay, that are unfair to those who lissen if song are good, or those who hear it if it are bad. Then!

Because Sosighity for Securing Simolions cannot tell which fan listens to make him pay—— and maybe song are no worth any

money at all yet-

Because fan with cristil set no can listen to any except if such are broadcasted-

Because no listener can tell if song is copywrote-

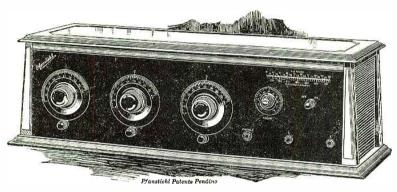
It are fare for song-scribbler to get un-financed from fans. Who then should pay?

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Radio and a New Political Era

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I rate the interest of youngsters in poli-

via radio, as of very high significance. While only a percentage of them will tune in, I am sure many young men and women both will "get the feel" of politics, and per-haps lose that peculiar horror which many

people seem to have about politics.

Much depends on the sagacity of the public broadcast station managers this fall in refusing to make a dreary mess of political speeches. Radio audiences will be even more shy of bores than political meetings. when it is often impossible to go out if you don't like the oratory. Snap! goes the radio switch and the radio political orator is wafted into oblivion. Therefore much wisdom is due from wise campaign managers who will develop a type of radio oratory fitted to the medium and the volatility of the audience. No cart-tail technique goes on the radio; somehow its low-brow absurdity sticks out of it at once. We will need less oratory, more fact, terse sentences, more winning and less raucous voices.

The Heterodyne Wavemeter

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wave. Now reduce the wavemeter condenser capacity, as explained above, and take the necessary readings. Do the same for the third harmonic of the receiver, leaving the latter in its original adjustment the whole We cannot make use of the third harmonic on waves shorter than 180 meters because the wavemeter will not go down far enough. Nevertheless a sufficient number of points can be obtained to plot a very good curve, and if the measurements have been carefully made, its regularity will be surprising to those who perform the experiment for the first time. The graph paper should permit plotting to two places and estimation to a third.

It may seem a disadvantage to have the minimum wave-length as high as 60 meters when waves as low as 20 meters may now be used. It should be borne in mind that the wavemeter emits harmonics also. For example, when adjusted to 60 meters it also emits waves of 30 and 20 meters. Those of higher frequency than this are not of much use because they are too weak. We can make use of the second and third harmonics by having a receiver that will go down to 20 meters. We will at least be able to tell to what wave a transmitter is tuned. This is about all that is necessary these short wave-lengths. For other work, such as condenser calibration and inductance measurement, it is desirable to use lower frequencies because the likelihood of error is much less. This subject will be covered later.

The second installment of this article will

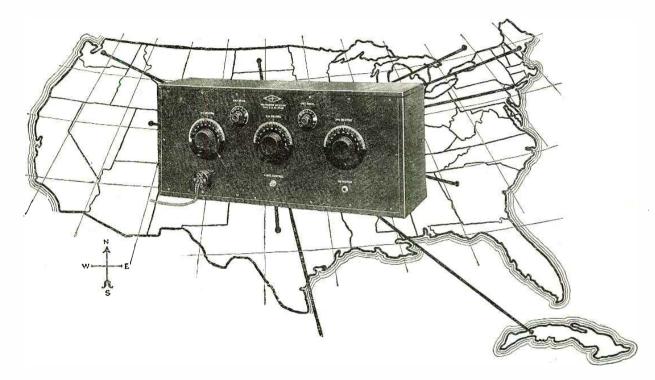
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I Want to Know

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If batteries are external, the leads should be run in conduit and this conduit grounded to "A" negative, or to ground. It may be advisable to change the plane of the transformer windings.

Q. 3. Knowing the diameter of one strand of wire, how can the diameter of seven strands be figured?

A 3. The diameter of a single strand of wire.

figured?

A. 3. The diameter of a single strand of wire, multiplied by three, equals the diameter of a seven strand cable, using the same wire.

ACOUSTICS

(2048) Mr. John F. White, Jr., Boston, Mass.,

(2045) Mr. John T. Vinne, Jr., Boston, cass, writes:

Q. 1. What are the acoustic bands of line telephone systems and broadcast stations?

A. 1. 200 to 2,000 cycles for the average line telephone and 40 to 10,000 cycles for broadcast

telephone and 40 to 10,000 cycles stations.

Q. 2. What is the test of sufficient vibrations for the proper transmission of the higher frequencies of the voice?

A. 2. If the "S" sounds are as prominent as the other sounds, satisfactory modulation is taking place at over 4,000 cycles, since most of the components of this consonant are above the frequency

ing place at over 4,000 cycles, since most of the components of this consonant are above the frequency.

Q. 3. Why is line-transmitted broadcasting amplified by booster, repeater or amplifier stations placed at many points along a line, say 1,600 miles long, instead of all at once at either the transmitting, or receiving end of the line?

A. 3. Figuring the desired wattage at the receiving end of the line as four microwatts, 30 billion kilowatts would be required at the sending end, if there were no intermediate amplification points. If a more practicable amount of power were transmitted, and the received energy amplified at the receiving end only. all cross-talk, distortion and line noise would be amplified to such an extent as to immediately drown out all speech. By maintaining even power, through intermediate amplification. extraneous noises and excessive distortion can be successfully eliminated.

MISCELLANEOUS (2049) Mr. Irvin H. Tryon. Marietta, Ohio,

(2097) ALL ALLING (2008) All A gas engine geared to a small dynamo.

A. 1. A gas engine geared to a small dynamo probably the best arrangement, under the

is probably the best arrangement, under the circumstances.

Q. 2. On the fourth and sixth contacts of my grid tuning coil, my set develops a loud hum. What is the probable trouble?

A. 2. The wires leading to these two contacts probably are not soldered very well. It is also possible that the two leads are well fastened to the contacts, but broken where the coil tap-off is taken.

the contacts, but broken where the con tap-on is taken.

Q. 3. With aerial and ground off, and the "A" lattery disconnected, a scratching sound can be beard. What is its cause?

A. 3. This can be caused by a partial short circuit between the plate and "B" negative. A partly conducting socket is the usual explanation.

CORRECT RHEOSTAT
(2050) William H. Pepper, Stratford, Ont.,

(2050) William H. Fepper, Canada, requests:

Q. 1. What is a general rule for rheostat resistance, when using several tubes of the same type on the correct current supply?

A. 1. Use one-half the regular resistance, when using two tubes, one-third when using three tubes,

etc. Q. 2. What are the correct rheostat resistances for UV-199, UV-201A, UV-201 and WD-11 type

or UV-199, UV-201A, UV-201 and WD-11 type tubes,
A. 2. Use a 30-ohm rheostat for UV-199 tubes,
on a 4.5-volt circuit; 25 ohms for UV-201A tubes on a six-volt circuit; 35 ohms for UV-201A tubes on a six-volt circuit, and six ohms for WD-11 tubes on a 1.5-volt circuit.

Q. 3. What are the specifications of the UV-303, 50-watt power tube?
A. 3. Filament supply voltage, 12 volts; 6.5 amperes consumption; normal plate voltage, 1.000 volts; normal plate amperage, .15 amperes; amplification constant, 10; 50 watts normal output. A special socket is required.

(2051) Mr. T. G. Smith, Southingtown, Conn.,

asks:
Q. 1. I have a three circuit timer using secondary condenser and plate variometer. The tube will not oscillate when condenser scale is above 50, or about 450 meters. Will you kindly tell how

50, or about 450 meters. Will you kindly tell now to correct this?

A. 1. Vary the grid leak and "B" battery voltage. Connect a fixed condensor across the plate variometer, by means of an off-on switch. A capacity of .00025 to .0005 mfd. will be about right. Since you did not state your variometer settings at the highest point of oscillation, we must guess at the causes of non-oscillation. Be sure you have a phone condenser. Its capacity



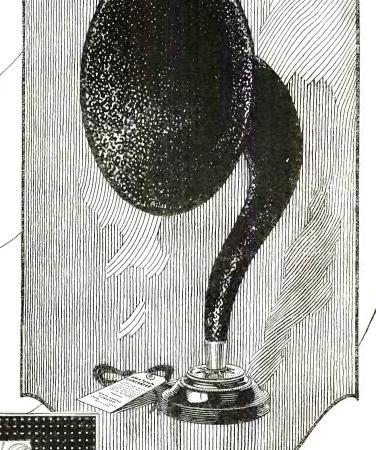
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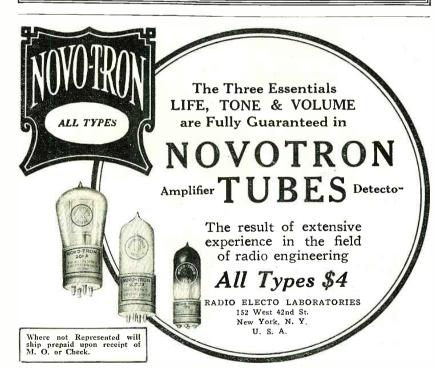
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may be about .001 mfd. A larger variometer may remedy the trouble.

(2) 2. In reference to the Ultradyne, does mention of coils L1 and L2 mean that they are not required when the loop or when acrial is used?

A. 2. These coils are used with an outside antenna only, as a study of the diagram will show.

(2) 3. In what way is a Neutrodyne different from a Heterodyne!

A. 3. The Super-Heterodyne type of reception, from the Neutrodyne sets. The Super-Heterodyne requires more tubes than the Neutrodyne is a therefore more sensitive. The Neutrodyne is a supplification is at a high frequency. In the Super-Heterodyne, the major amplification is at a considerably lower frequency.

(2052) Mr. Lester Fingerson, Feaxton, N. Dak.,

requests:
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requests:
().1. What is the derivation and composition of Mica?
A. I. Mica comes from the Latin, "micare," meaning to shine (a name suggested by the naturally shiny appearance of the mineral). It is a complex compound of silica, potassium, sodium and magnesium. "Muscovite" is its correct name.

sodium and magnesium.
rect name.

Q. 2. Is all mica good as a high grade insulator?

A. 2. Not all mica is satisfactory for insulating purposes. If pin-holes or iron oxide are in the mineral, its insulating value is greatly reduced. Iron oxide shows up as a reddish discoloration. duced. From oxide and coloration.
Q. 3. Is there any name for the peculiar layer

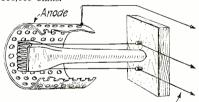
separation of mica?

A. 3. This is called "basal cleavage."

The Microphone Without a Diaphragm

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and anode (the perforated metal tube surand anode (the periorated metal tupe surrounding the cathode) the distance of which can be altered by means of a micro-adjustment nut. The fluctuation of potential due to the influence of sound waves is about 50 millivolts. It was found advantageous to shunt the ionized air path between the cathode and anode with a registrate of cathode and anode with a resistance of 500,000 ohms.



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Fig. 2 shows the capacity and resistance coupled speech amplifier used in conjunction with the Kathodophon in a broadcast station located in Berlin. It has been stated that excellent results have been obtained with this combination.

Amateur Radio in the South Seas

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that Father Deihl ill, Aleipata, with appendi-

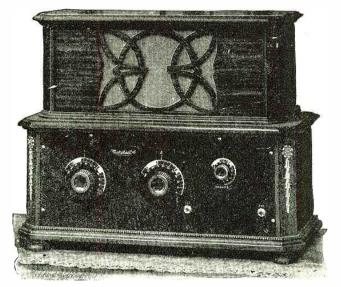
that Father Deihl ill, Aleipata, with appendicitis; requests you send assistance."

ROB were my call letters and DUM were those used by Apia Radio when carrying on tests with Father Dumas. The message was clear. Father Deihl, a fellow countryman, was ill at Aleipata and needed assistance. But how did Father Dumas get his message to Apia Radio? We had communicated over short distance by breaking into dots and dashes, the continuous waves radiated by our aerials when the tubes in our regenerative sets were oscillating. Aleiour regenerative sets were oscillating. Alei-

pata was too far away for this method.

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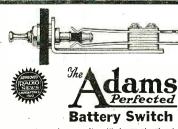
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I assembled the radio supplies. They cou-

sisted of audio frequency amplifiers, a fully charged storage battery, three vacuum tubes and "B" batteries. Excessive humidity breaks down transformers, tubes burn out and batteries deteriorate in Samoa. Father Dumas was sending his storage battery by boat to be charged. Radio fans in this part of the world can not step over to the near-est shop for supplies. When equipment goes, they wait months for their orders to arrive from the United States.

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At 10 o'clock at night we embarked on the motor ship Lady Jane, a disreputable little copra cutter of less than 10 tons. The five by five hatch cover was our bed, deck, chair, and table. The dwarfed skipper was of mixed Malay and Fiji Island blood. He knew nothing of navigation, sextants and chronometers. He steered by his compass, the outline of the land, and a Waterbury watch. He knew every foot of the reefs, every turning of the coast line; and the exact moment to attempt to shoot through

the passages.

There was little of the romantic about our departure. Others in the South Seas have sung of the balmy breezes, the garlands of flowers, and the sad strains of Aloha or. Mai Feleni floating across the water. The only friend to wish us bon voyage was the only friend to wish us bon voyage was the manager of the trading company who tossed £1,000 in silver for his Aleipata stations on our hatch cover. The land breeze drove a chill mist down on us. The only music that accompanied us on our voyage was the grunts of the crew as the captain stirred them with his toe.

PUTTING OUT

In the early morning hours we were off the rugged iron bound coast, where the reef disappears. High cliffs rise up out of the ocean. The surf smashing against the lava walls has eaten its way through the lower strata into subterranean caves. The pressure of water underneath has blown holes through the upper layers of the cliffs. The water rushes into the caves and spouts into the air through the blow holes as geysers. Island mariners shun this part of the coast, for men and vessels soon pound to pieces on the jagged rocks.

Our engine missed a stroke, then another, and stopped. The captain grabbed a torch and a hammer. "Don't be afraid," he reassured us, "I'll soon have the engine going." For 10 minutes he busily wielded the hammer below. The roar of the crashing waves grew louder. The cliffs looming up in the obscurity of the early morning looked more sinister. The current was drawing us in to the shore. We knew the waters teemed with sharks. We thought we could see them astern following us to the shore. Our expanse coursed a resembled to the second of the shore of the shore. down to steady work. "By Jove," Dun-woodie remarked, "it's lucky we had a hammer aboard or VMG would be sending



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out messages for a new consular officer and another radio officer for Samoa.

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ALL NATIONS

We found the patient better. The news of our departure was the first ray of light in a week. Father Dumas, a Seventh Day Advent missionary, a Mormon from the deserts of Utah, and all the traders of the district, had been in consultation over Father Deihl. A heavy book in French was the only medical authority among them. With Father Dumas translating, they had studied the charts and the symptoms for remedies. One was in favor of calomel, another was for turpentine, yet another was convinced that sodium salicylate was the only remedy. The patient settled the discussion by taking

all.

The doctor listened to the history of the case and examined the patient. She found that he had been suffering from appendicitis. The attack was subsiding and the patient could be moved to Apia Hospital for operation in a more favorable situation.

The doctor's assistants were released for radio work. At seven in the evening we succeeded in establishing communication with Apia. The operator politley hoped that we

The mystery of Father Dunas' message was explained. The United States tug Ontario was cruising off Aleipata searching for a missing boat-load of natives from American Samoa. Letting his receiving set radiate, and by tapping the antenna lead on the binding post, Father Dumas had sent his message to the Ontario. The SOS call was relayed to NPU in Pago Pago. Pago Pago called Apia and the operator at VMG, unable to telephone the message to me, waited until he heard me tune in on 2,000 meters. Simple enough, but a roundabout way of

Simple enough, but a roundabout way of getting a message through.

The European colony composed of the New Zealand Resident Commissioner, our Mormon friend from Utah, the Australian Seventh Day Adventist, a Prussian soldier now trading in Aleipata, a Belgian trader, and a trader from Iceland met to welcome us. They meet on the veranda of the mission house each week to settle international affairs. They call themselves the Aleipata Section of the League of Nations. Out of gratitude for the arrival of the relief expedition, we were elected to honorary membership in the association.

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Marvelous reports had reached us at Apia Marvelous reports had reached us at Apia about Father Dumas' reception of distant stations at Aleipata. We exhibited a slight skepticism as to the whole truth of these reports. The Aleipata members came loyally to the defense of their radio station. They told us that Father Dumas gave them the press hours before it was posted on the board at Apia. The Belgian whistled. "Yes, We Have No Banamas," as he heard it rendered by a saxonhone soloist at KFI in Los Angeles. The Prussian admitted that he had attempetd to fox trot to music in Los Angeles. The Prussian admitted that he had attempted to fox trot to music broadcast by California stations. The young Mormon produced his diary and exhibited the score of the World Series as copied from KPO in San Francisco. "Gee," he exclaimed, "it's good to get the play by



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The return trip to Apia was uneventful. The patient stood the voyage well; certainly he arrived in a happier frame of mind. The American telephone transmitter had established communication between Apia and Aleipata. The amateurs had met the emergency. Amateur radio had again acquitted itself with credit.

Clearing the Ether of **Electric Power Noises**

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of the committee include its services as a clearing-house for information regarding conditions and methods employed in different localities, all member companies co-operating. Experimental work to determine the best methods and equipment for locating various sources of trouble and for suppressing or eliminating radiation from electrical equipment and appliances, is planned. The education of the radio public as to the above problems is also suggested, in order that the fan may receive the benefits from the experimental work in his interest.

In a recent article, the editor of a radio magazine gives special prominence to a statement to the effect that: first, if there is a lot of noise which interferes with reception. the owner of the receiving set is justified in suspecting that the power circuits and equipment in his vicinity are causing the trouble; and, second, it is a relatively simple matter to locate such sources of disturbance.

While believing neither of these assertions true, the problem was nevertheless presented to the power companies in such a manner that they could ignore it, and a radio subcommittee including W. R. G. Baker, General Electric Company; C. A. Boddie, Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.; J. G. Hemstreet, Consumers' Power Co., Jackson, Mich.; E. P. Peck, Utica Gas & Electric Co., Utica, N. Y.; G. A. Vahey, Edison Elec. Illum. Co., of Boston; A. F. Van Dyck, Radio Corporation of America, H. L. Wills, Georgia Ry. & Lt. Co., Atlanta, Ga., and A. M. Wilson, University of Cincinnati, was appointed. true, the problem was nevertheless presented cinnati, was appointed.

The sub-committee soon discovered that. while radio interference was being widely discussed, no organized effort had been made to secure definite data regarding the extent to which power circuits and apparatus have been a cause of radio interference and that no other organization existed for the definite purpose of investigating these problems and furnishing information concerning them to the power companies and others inter-

The Radio Corporation, the General Electric Company, and the Westinghouse Company had been obliged to consider radio interference, because of specific complaints presented to them. A few of the larger operating companies had, as a matter of public policy, taken cognizance of complaints of radio interference, and done some very valuable pioneer work in locating sources of such trouble. By tying all these constructive factors together, the committee hopes that results of value to the radio and power interests, as well as to the "fans," will be secured.



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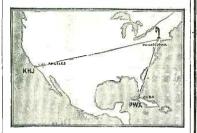


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Some power companies apparently take the position that it is a serious mistake to give any consideration to complaints of radio interference; others apparently consider radio interference complaints as one of the many opportunities of establishing cordial relations with their customers. Some companies seem to hesitate to admit that defects in their circuits can be indicated by radio interference complaints; others consider these complaints as valuable sources of information. Some companies turn all information regarding radio complaints over to one individual, who looks after them; others seem to be so organized that the complaints are lost.

But the interest of the power companies in radio interference is growing, partly because of increasing pressure from the radio "fans" and partly because of increasing kilowatt-hour consumption from the same source. In companies in which such statistics are available, records show that radio is responsible for a 20 per cent. increase in lighting kilowatt-hour sales.

Early in the spring, the first meeting of the sub-committee was held in Birmingham, Ala. There was not much definite information available, so a very simple blank form was sent to a number of widely separated companies in order that some specific information might be obtained, which would indicate the nature of the complaints, what the companies did about them, and the results At the second meeting, held in Philadelphia, Pa., these data were available, and there was a good attendance.

From the discussion it appeared that there is general agreement that complaints of radio interference may be divided into three classes. The first class is composed of complaints from those who do not know enough about radio or power problems to complain intelligently. Generally these troubles are due to wrong installation or poor adjustment of receiving sets. The second class are complaints due to interference from some more or less local source for which the power company cannot be held responsible. Generally, both the first and second classes can be quickly distinguished, because the complaints are individual or in rather small groups. The third class is composed of actual cases of interference caused by trouble in the power circuits. Generally this class can be easily distinguished from the others because of the widespread distribution of the complaints.

A leaky insulator, or a cracked transformer bushing, or a grounded arc circuit or distribution line may radiate sufficient power from the arc, to make all the radio receiving circuits over a wide area inoperative. Certainly it is well worth while for any power company to pay immediate and careful attention to this third class of complaints.

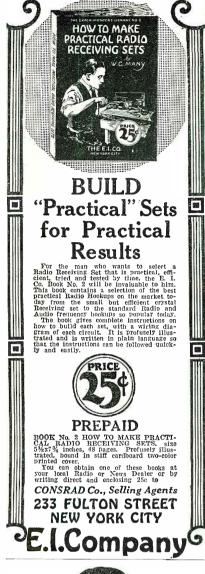
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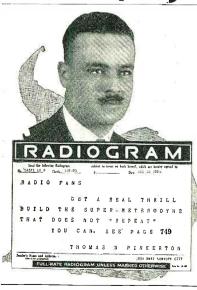
Any arcing circuit to ground will usually cause trouble. A deep therapy or a violet ray machine, or the high voltage rectifier of electric precipitation equipment may produce the same effect. So, in many cases, it is necessary for the power company engineer to diagnose the case carefully in order to save time.

Sometimes arcing at the commutators of d.c. machines will cause radio interference. Even in the case of railway motors, where the arc itself is thoroughly shielded, it is claimed that radiation from the motor leads and trolley wires may cause serious inter-ference; but, so far as the sub-committee is aware, there are no positive data regarding specific cases to establish values for this type of interference. However, cases of radio interference from trolley circuits have been encountered.

REMEDIES DEVELOPED

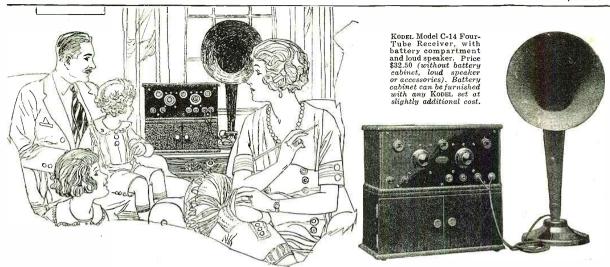
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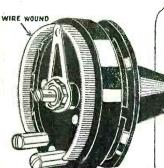


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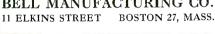
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One interesting and very extraordinary case of radio interference was reported. A 140 kv. line about 100 feet from an aerial at right angles to the line caused so much interference that the radio set was useless. After a number of experiments, an aerial was installed about 400 feet from, and perpendicular to, the 140 kv. line. The aerial is 250 feet long, and the lead-in wire from the aerial to the house is rubber covered wire, laid on the ground for 300 feet. No trouble has been reported since this new aerial was installed.

A rather common source of radio interference is the thermostat control of elec-trical appliances. The periodic breaking of the circuit by the control sets up an arc which, in a number of cases, has made the receiving set in the home inoperative.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

There was considerable discussion of the type of set to be used in tracing sources of interference, it being generally agreed that a very sensitive loop set should be used. One of the sets described utilized a nondirectional loop aerial mounted horizontally in the top of a car. While it would perhaps be more advantageous to use a small vertical loop so as to take advantage of its directional effects, the non-directional loop also seems to be desirable under certain conditions. The types of sets which appear to have given the best service for noise detection and location are the Reflex and Super-Heterodyne types, so arranged and mounted as to be fairly portable and convenient for use in an automobile.

In a recent case of radio interference it was found impossible to get compass action from the loop of the exploring set until the rest of the set was shielded by means of sheet iron. The radiation from the source of trouble apparently affected the tuning circuits within the exploring set.

Ask Hoover He'll Do It

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foolish, however, and with the marvelous expansion of radio and its new applications the officials have to consider all requests carefully. Should licenses be granted for the carefully. Should licenses be granted for the transmission of radio pictures still and moving? Why not? And yet, who would receive them? This type of message or communication will require a wave channel which many other services may want or need. This is one of the serious questions which requires impediate the which. which requires immediate thought. Radio pictures are practical and while not yet on the air, they will undoubtedly create in-terference in the channels now in use. Besides the 533 land broadcast stations,

there are about six portable broadcast stations in operation, chiefly in automobiles which move about the country from zone to zone and from one radio district to What another; many more are desired. wave-lengths and hours can be assigned these operators? Of late, ships are asking for broadcast licenses, and the Department is hesitating to open this new field on account of the trouble a mobile broadcaster might cause in the well established and busy radio channels in operation. The S.S. Leviathan tried out broadcasting experi-mentally and now desires a regular license,



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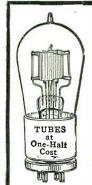
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but the Shipping Board has not been authorized to operate such a station yet. Some time ago a steamer on Lake Pontchertrain, near New Orleans, tried out a similar plan but could not compete with local land stations. For over a year the Al. G. Barnes Circus operated a mobile broadcast station, but eventually found that a portable broadcast set was too expensive. Another portable license was sought by a theatrical performer playing one-night stands throughout the country.

Radiotics

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over, in fact, its a whale of a shield! No directions are given as to the point in the shielding the receiver should be placed. Contributed by Burton Proctor, Jr.

COOK WELL BEFORE SERVING

The Radio Section of Public Ledger (Philadelphia) for August 23, 1924, contained the following gem of an advertisement: MACA-RONI Switch Points. Complete with 6-32 hexagon brass nuts, 5



cents per dozen. This is a dish which should be on the menu of every restaurant. The chef who discovered it must have been a radio bug. The hexagon brass nuts should be served with a sauce of Azotic Acid to aid in digesting the brass.

Contributed by William H. Rigby.

EXCESS WAR MATERIAL?



The August 24, 1924, edition of the Boston Sunday Post contained the following advertisement: "We have in s t o c k 150 genuine GERM transmitting genuine transmitting tubes. Rated at 20 watts." watts." The attention of the Boston Board of

Health should be called to this dealer before these dangerous tubes get into the hands of radicals who might attempt to create a plague and wipe out the nation.

Contributed by Joseph Kazokas.

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on the aerial wires to help the concerts slide down the lead-in into the receiving set. Contributed by W. Ridgway Petre.

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The Albany Enterprise (Minnesota) of August 21, 1924, contains a description of an untuned primary coil of rather unique construction. It reads as follows: "From ten to

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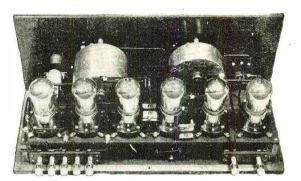
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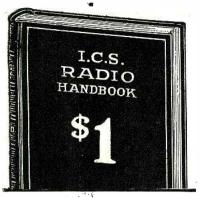
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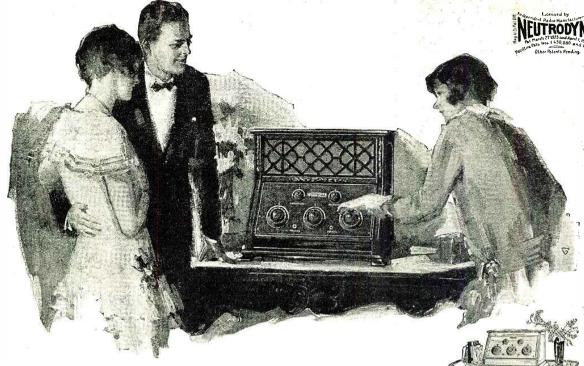
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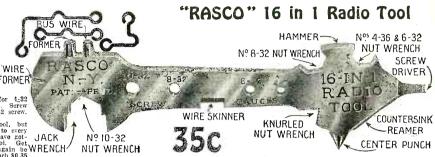
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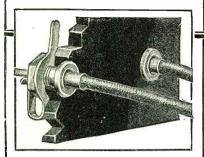
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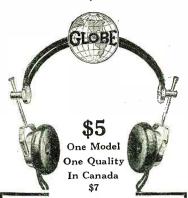
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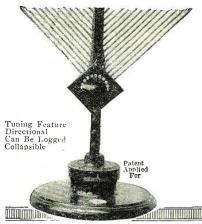
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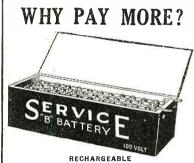
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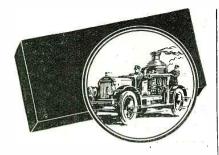
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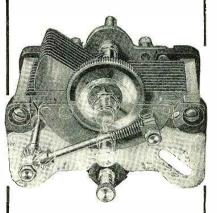
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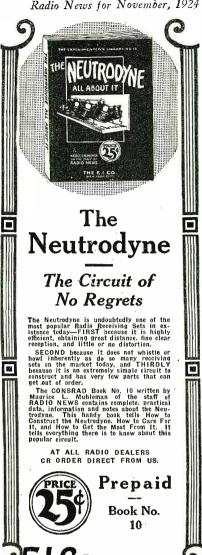
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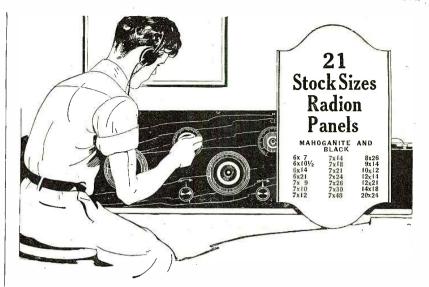
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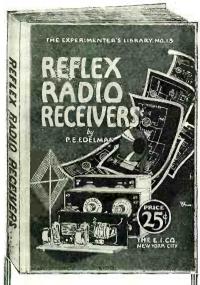


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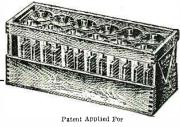
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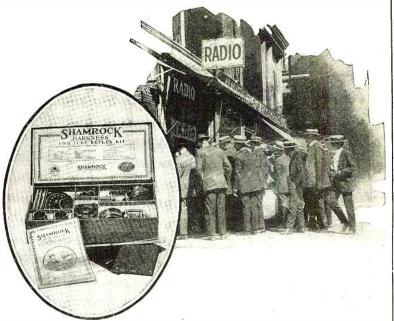
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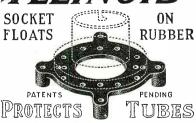
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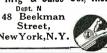
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How the Navy Radio Helped the World Flyers

(Continued from page 664)

And through the whole work the inevitable press dispatches had to be sent out nightly to Estavan. The world was interested and dependent on Coast Guard Cutters for news. The *Haida* on this press work used her half kilowatt spark set and successfully worked Estavan at a distance of fifteen hundred miles.

With the search progressing slowly and no news to point to the safety of the plane and its occupants, the three planes at Un-alaska decided to continue their flight. The Haida with Major Blair proceeded to Atka. The planes hopped off and made Atka. The Eider proceeded to Attu. The Haida was withdrawn from the search and went to The Algonquin remained at Chignik to continue the search. Thus the entire work of the flight through the Aleutians devolved upon the Haida and Eider.

In order to properly understand this work it is necessary to outline the radio equipment of the participants.

The radio equipment of the Haida is the same as when she was originally commissolution of a two kilowatt arc. The arc has proved extremely satisfactory on high wave-lengths. When used with the chonner on low wavelengths results have not been noteworthy. This type of set for a cruising cutter on Coast Guard duty is not desirable, in as much as most of the messages sent are of few words. For the flight work, especially press, the set came through splendidly.

The auxiliary transmitting set is a half kilowatt spark. We secure ten amperes radiation on this set. The spark set has been used as the main transmitting set practically ever since the vessel has been in commission due to difficulties with the arc on the lower wave-lengths.

The radio telephone is a Western Electric transmitter-receiver type CW 938-A with amplifier type CW 926-A. This telephone was formerly on the Bothwell.

The main receiver of the *Haida* is an SE 1420 C model and the amplifier is a model SE-1008.

The antenna of the Haida is largely responsible for the results on the flight work. The aerial is as originally installed. Insulation has been carefully watched. Trouble usually arises from leakage at the lead-in insulator when the arc is in use. This trouble has been eliminated by giving the insulator an occasional paraffin bath.

OTHER EQUIPMENT

The Eider has a half kilowatt spark transmitting set. Her radiation is about four amperes and her transmitting radius is stretched when she sends four hundred miles. She can transmit only on five hundred kilocycles. Her Captain would not permit the Haida to endeavor to tune the set to a dif-ferent frequency. We could have done so by using our receiver as a wavemeter in the absence of a regular instrument.

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In general it may be said that the Eider has a radio set in a very poor condition. What the vessel accomplished in connection with the flight radio work is greatly to the credit of her Captain, who is cognizant of the limitations of the ship's apparatus.

The third set in use to the westward was the shore station at Atka. When the *Haida* reached Atka we found an old radio set which the Algonquin installed some years ago for the Bureau of Education. The set was more or less of a wreck. The Edison batteries had been exposed and almost ruined. The power plant was a hopeless wreck, due to the fact that some enterprising had leaked in and damaged the receiver. The antenna was being used by the Aleuts as a rack for drying fish and as a clothes

The Haida charged and cleaned the batteries, sent a spark coil ashore for use as a transmitter, fixed up the receiver, cleared fish and clothes off the antenna, installed new insulation, and, in other words, placed the station in operation. For an operator we used one of the school teachers who knew Morse Continental code and all messages between the Haida and the shore station were sent in that code.

The shore station at Attu is a matter of pride with the Haida. Early in March the ship started to find out about the establishment of a shore station. Such a station would be valuable in that it would eliminate the necessity for one of the assisting vessels remaining at Attu until the flight should leave. The ships could be well out along the course of the flight and the shore station could give notice when the planes hopped off. Matters were slow in progressing and action in favor of the station was not taken until the afternoon before the Haida sailed from Scattle. The Signal Corps had no portable sets at Seattle. The Air Service then gave the ship permission to purchase the parts and power for a shore station capable of sending and receiving messages at a distance of two hundred miles. decided on a twenty watt tube set. We did succeed in securing a Signal Corps receiver and amplifier of very good quality.

The transmitting set was built by the Haida en route north. It consisted of four five-watt tubes in parallel.

For an antenna we constructed a squirrel-

cage, six wire affair, about sixty feet long. We figured in case of necessity that we had enough battery power to maintain the station continuously for forty-eight hours. We used thirty-six hours as the safety margin. We found that with the available power we secured best results using two tubes, rather than four. We also had an auxiliary transmitter consisting of spark coil operated by

dry cells.

The station filled all requirements. We heard the spark coil at 60 miles distance. We worked the station constantly at 150 miles and the tube signals came in strong. The Dutch Harbor Naval Radio Station reported it heard strong signals from the shore station. The distance in this case was 900 miles. The station heard Cordova and Bremerton working and also heard the *Haida* working San Francisco.

This station was given the call letters NIFT2. H. D. Lane, radioman, first class,

was the operator in charge.

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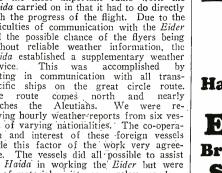
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was the most important radio work the Haida carried on in that it had to do directly with the progress of the flight. Due to the difficulties of communication with the Eider and the possible chance of the flyers being without reliable weather information, the Haida established a supplementary weather service. This was accomplished by getting in communication with all trans-Pacific ships on the great circle route. The route comes north and nearly touches the Aleutians. We were retouches the Aleutians. We were re-ceiving hourly weather-reports from six ves-sels of varying nationalities. The co-opera-tion and interest of these foreign vessels made this factor of the work very agree-able. The vessels did all possible to assist the Haida in working the Eider but were tot of material against new relay rescale. not of material assistance as relay vessels.

The Haida was intercepting messages passing through Cordova Naval Radio in order to get the messages from Washington without delay. In a number of cases by using this method of listening in we were able to give messages from the Chief of Air Carrier the Elicib Corner that Elicib Corner that the Elicib Corner that Elicib Corner t Service to the Flight Commander twentyfour hours before they came through regular communication channels. This undoubtedly saved much delay in the progress of the flight. We were routing daily traffic through St. Paul and Dutch Harbor to the Chief of Air Service and the Commander Bering Sea Patrol Force.

During the three days at Atka the Haida received and transmitted more than fifty radiograms of more than thirty words each. The great majority of these were handled on the half kilowatt set. Many press messages ran into hundreds of words. little half kilowatt set was going strong. Only careful operation and extreme precautions prevented a breakdown in the insulation of the set. The dream of a good big two kilowatt spark set was constantly in mind. One laconic reply to us stands out in mem-ory of this time. We were working the Pope on the spark set and were using 500 kilocycles. We asked her to shift to some other frequency, preferably 375 kilocycles. She replied that on 375 kilocycles she only radiated twenty-three amperes while on 500 she only radiated thirty-three. She then added that she was using a five kilowatt spark set and asked about our set. Her





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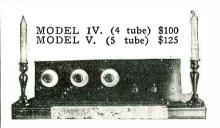
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The Haida next proceeded to Attu. Upon reaching there we looked the Eider's set over and tried to get her to let us calibrate it to some other frequency than 500 kilocycles. The Eider proceeded out to the westward to report the weather conditions on the course of the diet. on the course of the flight.

MUCH WORK

We set up the shore station and tested it out quite thoroughly due to the fact that rough weather caused us to run considerable fough weather caused us to run considerable distance off shore. About this time a new factor came into the radio game when we started our schedule with the U.S.S. Ford at Paramushiru, Kuril Islands, Japan. The Ford sent weather quite frequently and in addition we relayed a great deal of her traffic to and from St. Paul.

An interesting development took place while the *Haida* was working the *Eider*. The length of the messages had caused us to run overtime into the Ford's schedule. The Ford heard us in the air and called the Haida. She then must have mistaken one of our "go ahead" signals to the Eider for a signal to her. At any rate the Ford opened up and sent her message. It happened that two operators were listening in on the Haida and the result was that we got the Eider's message and the Ford's at the

Operations to the westward would not be

Operations to the westward would not be complete without a reference to Japanese code, or "Katakanas." The Eitler was sending on 500 kilocycles. All the "J" ships in the occan seemed to be sending in Japanese code on the same frequency. The nearer to the Japanese coast we went the greater this difficulty became. Japanese ships do not seem to understand the meaning of QRX. They usually turn on more power when They usually turn on more power when they receive the signal. One system we used at this time was to ask them to copy for us. They very courteously did so and then all tried to give the messages to the *Haida* at

while at Attu, the Haida was assisted materially by the Dutch East Indian Weather Observing Ship Tjikandi (PLW). Her weather information was excellent and willingly given. We worked her several times with radio telephone and secured fine results at 250 miles.

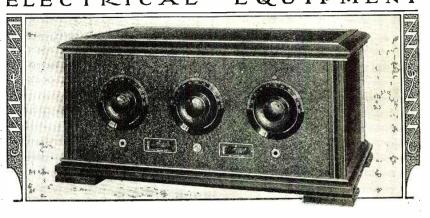
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The Life and Work of

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His work in the psychological laboratory had to do, chiefly, with the plotting of curves from data. A great amount of this work was to be done and DeForest immediately set about designing a machine-an improved drawing instrument-which would

system for turning the steam at 100 degrees Centigrade back into the boiler feedwater, thus saving the heat of the exhaust steam. He designed the necessary apparatus, figured out the pressure and back-pressure and fully examined the mathematics involved. With this done he took the whole idea to a learned professor of the physics department for criticism. What followed: "He (the Prof.)," DeForest wrote in his

diary: "promptly produced the formula

- and clung to this stronghold, act-

ing like a blockhead. I wasn't talking about the engine but about the boiler. And he knew only of one engine, the condensing!

Lee De Forest

be of great assistance in the work. It was a success (although the professor to whom he showed it frowned on the idea and prohibited its use for some time).

Aside from these inventions completed he was working on a method for increasing was working on a memory for increasing the efficiency of steam engines. (He continually had four or five such problems in mind upon which he worked or thought when time presented itself.) This was a

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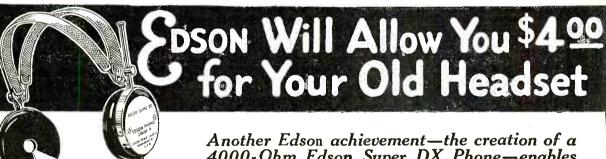
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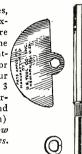
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He so earnestly fixed his learned gaze on formulae and antiquated physics that he doesn't know enough practically to be aware that engineers seek to get as hot water as possible. He would not admit that no non-condensing engine utilizes the heat energy in the steam after it had cooled to 100 degrees C., nor would he admit that if I could save this waste energy in the feed water I would gain anything! Blind.

"Nor would he admit if you could get steam at 100 degrees Centigrade instead of cold water to put in your boiler you would save aught in fuel!! I was taken comsave aught in fuel!! I was taken completely aback by this unexpected objection. I might have looked for it from idiots or Freshmen (no, only from lunatics), but not from a physics professor at Sheff.

"From him, indeed, I anticipated objections, but they were of a more rational and targible and or more rational and

tangible order, more practical and of a nature such that other minds than his own could grasp them,-that the steam wouldn't heat fast enough or look into the details of pressure and back pressure, results, etc. expected to get soused and chilled with a generous application of ice water, but I did not expect to hear the professor of Yale, as he stolidly grasped a simple formula, to-tally foreign to the case, declare that he would not look at the part I was speaking of or at anything else than his precocious formula and deny up and down that energy is wasted in exhausted steam! No wonder the natural philosophies of the last generation, out of which he never got his nose, describe specifically the primeval model of Watt's condensing engine. Of all the impractical, stupid arguments I have ever imagined a book-learned savant could show an inventor, this first experience of mine with one far exceeded my imagination. This was cold water indeed, but its frigidity was of so manifestedly a mistaken nature that it possessed little chilling qualities. arose to the surface with increased faith in my machine and magnified contempt for the entirely theoretical man.

"Wise physicists and savants with their formulae may prove a thing absolutely impossible or physically impractical but the simple inventor dries their cold water with a towel of ingenuity and sponge of dauntless perseverance accomplishing their impossibilities.

This first year of facing the problems of invention taught DeForest two lessons which served him well.

Experience, like knowledge, has value only in application. Experience first teaches and then teaches avoidance. DeForest seemed to know, instinctively, the value of his defeat. His decision to discount the dicta of the thoroughly academic man was no mere phrase turning. Once privy to the actual value of their opinions he committed himself to them accordingly.

Another trait which worked much in his favor was inherited from his forefathers. It was the dogged tenacity, extreme belief in his own work. Work, he knew, accomplished almost everything.

This idea he carried over into his recreation. He was a rugged worker and a player tion. He was a rugged worker and a piayer of like fashion. Sport for him was indeed red-blooded. Taking no part in the regular constituted athletics of the school because of his meagre time, most of his enthusiasm was worked off in celebration of the victories of others. Upon the successful temperature of an interculbed the company of the contraction of ful termination of an intercollegiate game there was a truly great demonstration. The team was usually feasted while the students made merry after their own fashion. The accepted custom was the firing of a pyrotechnic display, the retention of an itinerant German street band, a huge bon fire and a Gargantuan helping of horseplay as a garnishment. The horseplay was DeForest's own field. As everywhere else, he excelled. He wasn't even challenged.





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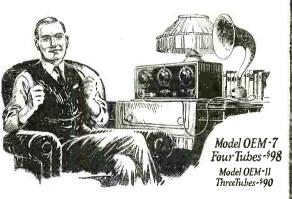


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A huge box of fireworks was sitting at the edge of the crowd. DeForest, with the help of a few chosen companions-men of fitting prowess to associate with him in such exploits—obtained the box and selected the largest rocket in it. At a convenient distance he placed the rocket in the groove of a street-car rail, aimed and fired it. It proved to be well directed. In less than three seconds the hack driver had lost his entire audience with the exception of the man whose trousers seat stopped the rocket, and it is said that this gentleman was not particularly interested in the remainder of the discourse.

After enjoying the dumb show made by the fellow of the trousers seat in putting out the fire in his hip pocket they adjourned to other battle scenes. Their next stop was the theater.

Selecting a seat in the midst of a row of dignified old ladies and prosperous looking men, DeForest, when the moment offered, began, stentorian voice, the 'Varsity yell. Other students instantly picked it up. There was a large bunch of them directly in front of him—he picked a seat behind them puror imm—ne picked a seat behind them purposely—and they shouted lustily. The management forced the ushers and the janitor into police service and ejected the intruders only after the show on the stage had been completely stopped. On account of his position among the dignified and prosperous, he was the only student in the immediate vicinal was the only student in the immediate vicinity who was not ejected. He had provided for this emergency when he selected the seat.

Following this, his gang gathered two or three panels of fence and all the loose goods boxes about town, took them to a vacant lot, picked up a street band on the way, and held revel around the open fire to the accompaniment of "Bingo Farm." When the band became thoroughly winded and no more wood could be found, DeForest's band of rioters walked about the street singing the sagas of their gods of gridiron and diamond, the town's people to the contrary notwithstanding.

By the end of the first year he had obtained the sobriquet, "the homeliest and nerviest man in the class." The title stayed

with him throughout the years at Yale and he was so dubbed in the Year Book.

The summer following Freshman year was occupied with waiting on table at "Jackson's Restaurant," where he had taken him was during the school term. his meals during the school term. He also continued his work at the psychological laboratory and his reading of electricity and the Life of Napoleon. He paid for his room rent that summer by mowing the lawn of Prof. Seymour, on Hillhouse Avenue. Un-der-nourishment and over-exertion during this first summer vacation at Yale lay the foundation for illness the following winter, from the effects of which he suffered for vears after.

The second year brought a growth of his activities in the school as well as an increase in his outside scientific work. Shortly after Christmas, he was working upon the problems of a practical airplane, a double mirror illusion, and contemplating methods for the transmution of light and heat di-rectly into electricity. He was also con-tinuing his philosophical research, though his line of research did not follow the deeply metaphysical lines of the previous year. With the constant increase in companion-





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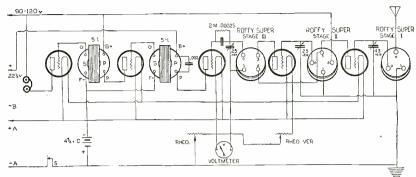
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ship, more human questions presented themselves for solution. Though his circle of friends was by no means large, he was nevertheless beginning to develop into a more natural and companionable fellow. the companionship he began to lose some of the old detachment, the slyness and nar-row religious mindedness of the previous vear.

He learned that some of the other students at Sheff. beside himself had that exclusive thing called character. There bloomed up a sort of discussion club, held in the rooms of various men in the group, which took up every question pertinent to themselves and life, ranging from the na-ture of thought to the comparative desirability of blonde and brunette.

Through this increase in intercourse with his fellows he grew to take a more active interest in Yale. He had, of course, always admired the University as the foremost of the country. With the beginning of this the country. With the beginning of this new period, however, his practicality—possibly his most outstanding characteristic—asserted itself and his interest began to center itself in the life of himself and those around him.

The Yale Scientific Monthly had just been established and was the first to receive his attention. A prize contest was offered for the best scientific essay of the year and DeForest immediately began casting about for a subject. And he chose one in accordance with his law laid down after the Keuffel and Esser incident of the first year. He chose Aerial Navigation—certainly a subject in which there was ample room for "original and constructive thinking."

With the start of the essay, it was suggested that he try for a position on the editorial board. The idea struck him and he broadened his plans accordingly by preparing notes for the forthcoming issue of the monthly, which was just two weeks off. He whipped the notes into final shape, sent them to the editors and had them in with three days to spare. Following this issue each month found a contribution from him in the editor's basket.

As usual, his supply of cash ran low. The \$300 per year scholarship given him from the DeForest Fund at the University was always spent before it was received, and his allowance from home was absurdly small. In dire straits he hoped to rehabilitate his supply of capital with this newly discovered ability to put science on paper. Accordingly, he learned of the work of a professor in the physics department who had just completed a new machine for intricate measurements, and upon investigation decided it was meat for a particularly saleable article. He began an intricate drawing of the machine and a long descriptive treatise. He completed it and submitted it to the professor for his approval.

The drawing consumed more than twenty concentrated hours and the writing about twice that much, hours filched from sleep as his class-room studies continued to demand all his time. The professor had orig-inally given his consent for the idea, but upon seeing the completed article refused permission to DeForest until he had pub-lished something on it himself. DeForest's wrath knew no bounds. He cussed freely, called the professor many hard names, and put his manuscript and drawing tenderly away for further reference and use, if possible.

His ire arose even further when the pro-fessor, on a second request, refused even ressor, on a second request, refused even to allow the publication of the article in the Sheff scientific monthly. It was upon this that DeForest had based his principal faith to election to the editorial board of the sheet. Upon the refusal, he saw his dream of the position and the money it would pay vanish gently from his grasp. Such was not the case, however, for he finally took

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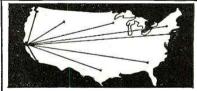
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the bull by the horns and sent the banned article to the editors, who published it. He was elected on the strength of this article and of the voluminous notes he had published.

His new activity among the students and their organizations was not limited alone to science. He attempted the formation of a new club to be devoted to the more serious minded students—to those who had, through two years of college, shown themselves to be men of "character." Here, as ever, he was working for an ideal, although a more or less narrow one. The club was to be a compensating influence for the other secret organizations which he classified as "snobbish, money-worshipping groups working for their own group usually to the detri-ment of Yale and Sheff." He planned that this club, which was to be called the "Pipe and Cube," would at once be the most exclusive and democratizing influence in the

For the success of this venture he forewent a trip home at Christmas time only to have the last of the charter members, who had promised him to join, withdraw two weeks after the holidays.

He decided that they were all too conservative, afraid to break with custom. He said they were like all other conservatives, whom he characterized as "Adams who thought their own epoch was the millenium."

His constant study (he maintained his place among the first five of the class) and his continued eating at Jackson's with the great amount of outside work, brought him down in the spring of 1895 with typhoid fever. He was sent to the infirmary, where four weeks of convalescence were required to put him back at his work. The sickness was a direct result of too much work and mal-nutrition.

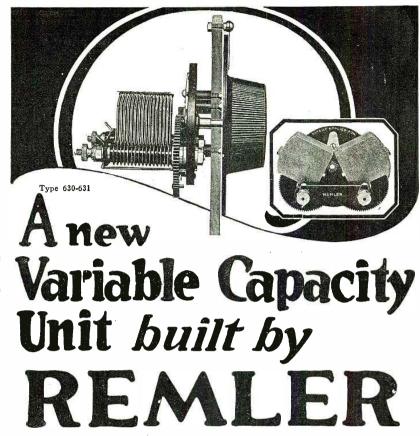
When he again resumed his regular activities he decreased his work, doing only his studies, the electricity reading and notes for the scientific journal. He completed the essay on Aerial Navigation and submitted it. The award was not made until the end of the term.

The summer following his second or Junior year at Sheff. was spent at a summer hotel on Block Island. Here the rough coarseness of his associates and his prejudices against their habits made the weeks exceptionally unpleasant. He did not like his working companions and his character would not admit his keeping it a secret.

would not admit his keeping it a secret. Tips, however, were fairly good and the work was not a great deal harder than he was accustomed to, so he felt compensated. Labor Day brought his vacation to a fiting close. Of it he wrote: "I arose early, did not work. Saw the parade, ran to a fire, saw a dog fight, followed Primrose and West's a secret." West's minstrels and decided when changing clothes before dinner that bow ties and procrastination are the thieves of time.'

With the beginning of his Senior year, he threw himself even stronger into his work than before. His studies consisted chiefly of engineering subjects. He took up in detail, the steam engine, stresses and strains, calculus, etc. He continued his work on electricity, going further into the subject. His chief text outside of his prescribed text books was a volume by Nicola Tesla. An idea as to the nature of his study may be found from examination of the sketches, in the illustration above and the explanation accompanying it:

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Of Tesla he said, "I admire him greatly. His works are the greatest incitors to zealous work and study. How I pray that I may equal and excel him, that all the settled and foregranted beliefs in my genius and destiny are not idle visions of conceit. I want millions of dollars!"

Such plaintive appeals to a great Fate were common throughout his youth and life in Yale. There was little selfishness in the plea for money. He had never in his life had enough for a decent existence. He even had to live in rooms without heat and study in them during the winter on account of lack of funds. Wealth, to him, was always a dream, therefore.

A great deal of his egotism was, largely, shield for the weakness of his position. Having naturally great desires and being constantly thwarted he was driven to it. In moments, such as the one which forced the above statement, when he was brought face to face with success, the plaintive appeal for release from his poverty and careridden life always was evident.

As the year continued he was forced into more and more of the general activities of the school. He even paid good money to learn dancing! This was the result of many things. Chief among them, a pulchritudinous blonde second cousin in Boston whom he was on the verge of falling in love with and whom he invited to his Senior Prom. The lessons were devious, according to his accounts. And costly. Very. He to his accounts. And costly. Very. He had fully decided that his ideal must be a blonde. Why? He gave no reason.

One significant passage appears in his diary during this period, marking what was really the first turning of his thoughts towards things literary. It records his finding in the library of the prose tales of Poe, and the deep impression then made upon his mind by those weird tales of the grotesque and arabesque. Thereafter seized upon DeForest's imagination. Thereafter Poe He read and re-read, mostly during vacation, all that Poe wrote, and sought for more. From his prose works he turned to Poe's poems. He memorized these, poem after poem, until by the time he left Yale he knew by heart most of the more notable ones.

This master of poetic description became a living ideal for DeForest. He found endless charm and spiritual uplift in these literary guilds. He found here, to his joy and surprise, a companion soul, a great creator immortal beauty, one who, like himself, had lived apart, and had harkened to the heart-beat of nature-

"A wanderer of many-mantled well, A dreamer in the moonlight, with his love."

And Poe opened to him visions of beauty and loveliness of expression which had for him hitherto not existed, and to which his soul responded to its utmost depths.

DeForest then found what until then was all unguessed, that in heart he too was a poet, although perforce a mute. Thereafter we find from time to time in his diaries attempts to give expression to the inspira-tion that momentarily sprang up within him. He had from boyhood been a true lover of Nature. A trip he had made when fourteen with his father one summer through ColoThe Complete Efficient and Economical Aerial

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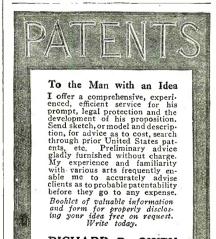
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rado had first opened his eyes to the grandeur and sublimity of Nature. He had fallen deeply in love with the beauty about New Haven, her stately, elm-roofed avenues, the charm of Lake Whitney and of East and West Rocks. But not until his studies of Poe's writings did he attempt to describe in pen-pictures the charm and beauty of such scenes. Thereafter more and more the pages of his diaries are given over to such recounting, until after 1900 but little else than pen pictures, prose poems, and poems in verse, appear. Through all these literary studies the influence of Poe is plainly evident; sometimes also that of Ruskin, Tennyson and Emerson, in whose works he delved deeply during the latter years of his post-graduate work at Yale. But of these things more, later on.

Among other things, he took time to start a regular crusade for the installation of the honor system in his class. As with a large number of his other ventures, he put a great amount of work into it without very much credit.

During the last half of senior year he took a strong delight in attacking, through his position as editorial writer on the scientific monthly, various affairs and conditions about the campus which did not please him. He brought a sharp tongue and convincing logic to the columns that demanded respect. When sufficient attention was not attracted in this manner he resorted to writing letters to the editor of the Vale News, the daily paper published by the University. It was through this medium that he launched the agitation for the honor system.

The final calamitous incident of his youth was the cleath of his father on January 27, 1896. He received a telegram two days before that the elder DeForest had fallen down the stairs at his home and suffered a stroke of apoplexy. He lingered forty hours and died. It was the supreme blow.

Since his earliest youth DeForest had tooked to his father as a mentor and friend. His grief was great and real and lasted for weeks. There was a bleak burial in the family burying ground in a wild part of western New York State. The funeral was indeed a sad one. For more than a month afterward DeForest could think of nothing else. It was a blight over his Commencement.

It was the final great experience which brought the crude, self-centered youth, the hard-headed, narrow-minded fanatical boy to a man's estate. It was the diploma of growth. Afterward, nothing could affect him greatly; he was a man.

DeForest had been brought up a "Yale man." His father, Henry S. DeForest, Yale '57, had taught his two sons from their infancy to love and revere Yale College. Lee was well familiar at home with his father's photograph of the "Old Brick Row," and the old dormitory where his father had lived, of the stately towers of the Old Library. Both boys had early inculcated within them a determination to go to Yale, to be "Yale Men." Consequently, when Lee saw this cherished ambition become realization it did not take long for his father's teachings of love and reverence for his Alma Mater to blossom from the depths of the son's soul. Few students at Yale felt greater enthusiasm or keener loyalty for the school than did young DeForest. This sentiment, this regard, deepened consistently as his years at Yale lengthened. Although, as a Sheff. man at that period, he was deprived of his darling ambition, to live in a college dormitory, and although on account of his poverty and lack of social training he had made but few bosom friends, yet, notwithstanding, he could frequently be found on the old Campus, in the rooms of certain academic friends he had made, seated with them on the old Yale fence in the glamour

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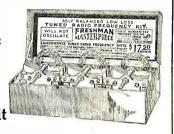
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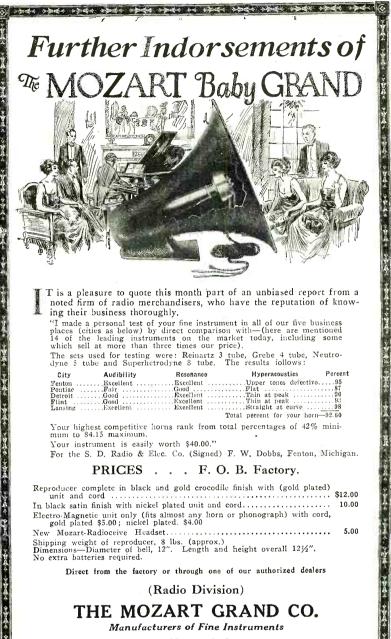
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tution

Modern universities and colleges, acting on the theory that if Mohamet can't come to the mountain, the mountain must come to Mohamet, have been quick to see that those who can not go to college must have college brought to them-and that the radio is the most effective means of bringing into the student's life not only the definite informastudent's me not only the definition comprising the college courses, but the personality of the professor, and the intangible but invaluable school spirit. The up-to-date college also believes that its duty is not alone to the relatively few who can attend college, but to all around it, and it rejoices in the opportunity radio brings it in broadcasting information of interest to the general public, in disseminating ideas help-ful to women in their duties as housewives, and to men in their business or agricultural activities.

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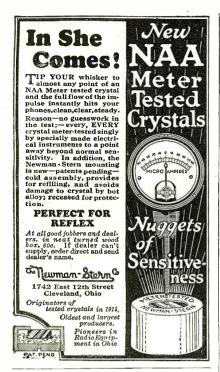
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Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, broadcasting is in charge of Professor Frayne, head of the department of physics. Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, broadcasts through its own station WBAA, which is in direct charge of Professor R. V. Achatz, of the School of Electrical Engineering, who teaches this subject in which several engineers major each year. This station, which has been operating on a 360 meter wave-length, is being changed to a 283 meter wave-length, and other changes are being made to improve broadcasting facilities. Columbia University in New York City prefers to do its broadcasting through the excellent station WEAF, operated by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and the New York State College of Agriculture in Ithaca is taking advantage of the nearness of Station WGY, Schenectady, in charge of the General Electric Company.

Already Columbia University has perfected systematic courses of study for its "listening" pupils which supplement the radio lectures with well-planned outlines for home study. The tremendous development of popularized education of all sorts has led some persons to believe that through radio. with its vastly greater possibilities along this line, learning can be quickly, painlessly and effortlessly absorbed, but Columbia students who learn by radio are expected to study the syllabus of their course, procured upon nominal fee, and study it as thoroughly as if they were in the classroom.

Variety of courses and high calibre of variety of courses and high calibre of instructors characterize Columbia radio courses. For instance, one of the most brilliant and most popular of the younger instructors is Hoxie Neal Fairchild, Supervisor of Home Study Courses in English, who is giving a radio course of ten twentyminute lectures confined to the work of Robert Browning. Unlike many courses which attempt to give merely a bird's eye view of English literature, or still more ambitiously, of world literature, his course proposes more than merely an interesting series of vague generalities, and limits itself to one poet.

For half an hour each Wednesday night Dr. Gardner Murphy, eminent psychologist of Columbia University, has been broadcasting a series of ten lectures on Psychology. There is a good deal of "meat" in all of Dr. Murphy's lectures, and this series took up the origin of modern psychology, going back to the work of the great psychologist, E. H. Weber, and the experiments of the first laboratory for psychology, established by Dr. Wendt in 1879, as well as a study by Dr. Wendt in 1879, as well as a study of the modern trend of psychology. If capably handled there is much of real interest to the general public in psychology, and it has the advantage of being a fairly new radio topic. A syllabus, giving an outline of the talks, with assignments for reading and experiments to be done, was issued for the benefit of those desiring it by the Home Study Division. Letters and telephone calls from his invisible classroom expressed a very decided interest in Dr. Murphy's lectures.

Another Columbia radio course, which concluded August 17, was on the Old Testament and was conducted Sunday afternoons at 5 o'clock by Herbert B. Howe, Columbia instructor. Mr. Howe received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Williams College, and his B.D. from the Union Theological and his B.D. from the Union Theological Seminary. He has held pastorates in Congregational and Presbyterian churches in various parts of New England. The ten selections from the Old Testament chosen for his course show the history of the nation in its change from wandering tribe to settled abode in the Promised Land, the perfection of government from the time of the judges to the three great kings, the

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subjects together very informally.
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Registrar, "one evening the head of our biology department and an instructor in the department of chemistry discussed the ques-tion, 'The Biology of Death' in terms that the average layman could understand. The chemist asked such questions as any ordinary person might ask, and these were answered by the biologist." by the biologist.

For the past three years Purdue University has used its radio twice each week, one night being in charge of the agricultural school, and the other the engineers. Although the agriculturalists give a good share of their lectures for the farmer, the poultry-man, and the fruit grower, they do not neglect to include frequent talks of interest to the city gardener. The engineers feature topics of interest to every one, with a slant usually towards a non-technical treatment of some engineering problem, particularly those affecting the municipalities. That valuable contacts with a wider public are resulting is shown by the hundreds of letters received expressing interest in the programs, and in many cases, asking for further informatical transfer of the chief and the chief. information. After this educational part of the program which never lasts more than fifteen minutes, results of university games are broadcast, and occasionally also events on the campus, such as large meetings, boy and girl club round-ups, and farmers' short

While Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, does not broadcast any lectures, the extension department of the State College of Agriculture at Cornell co-operates with the New York State Farm Bureau Feder-ation in broadcasting talks to farmers, each ation in broadcasting tanks to tarmers, cachorganization having two Monday evenings a month for its broadcasting. C. E. Ladd is director of extension work for the college, and E. V. Underwood, secretary of the farm bureau Roth organizations broadcast bureau. Both organizations by through Station WGY, Schenectady. broadcast

Taking up first the programs of the farm bureau, the variety of the farm problems covered by this organization in its radio talks may be best seen by a glance at some of the lectures given so far in 1924. Other organizations may find some suggested topics

from among this list.

Former Congressman Peter G. Ten Eyck is among the notables who have recently given farm talks for the bureau. He emphasized the fact that the state of New Verley and the state of New York and the state of the state o York should develop its agriculture to the greatest extent possible and realize all the means at her command to increase the ratio of food production to meet the increasing consumption, due to the rapidly growing population of the state.

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themselves, are remembered in the broad-cast programs of the New_York State Col-lege of Agriculture. Recently Martha Van Rensselaer, professor of the school of home economics, named as one of the twelve greatest women in the world, appeared on a radio program, lecturing on what the college is doing to teach better methods of home making.

"Planting Wheat to Avoid the Hessaon Fly," was the subject broadcast by Professor C. R. Crosby on September 8, and on September 29, Dr. W. I. Myers of the college farm management department talked on "Farm Credit." Among other interesting on "Farm Credit." Among other interesting speeches to be broadcast soon by the college is that of Dr. Earl Bates on October 13, who will have as his subject, "Indian Tales and Trails of the Mohawk Valley."

The college is also broadcasting through its weather bureau a special daily weather forecast to farmers in eight New York counties, in order that they may more safely and surely plan harvesting operations. bany, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Saratoga, Schoharie and Washington are the counties receiving this radio service, the other counties having a tele-phone relay system whereby they call up certain persons who have been designated as distributors.

Weather forecasts are made daily except Sunday at 11:45 A. M., Eastern standard time, on a wave-length of 380 meters, broadcast, like the other college programs from WGY, Schenectady. They follow the general forecasts for New England, New York and Eastern Pennsylvania.

The following are the terms used, and their meaning: Fair, part cloudy, cloudy—no rain expected. Rain—general rain of several hours' duration. Clearing—end of rainy spell approaching. Showers—rain at Thunderstorms intervals, probably light. local storms, but forecaster unable to specify exact locality, time, or intensity.

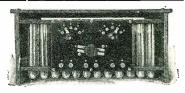
The forecasts are stated to indicate on a scale of 50 (doubtful) to 100 (practically scale of 30 (doubtful) to 100 (practically certain), the weight which the forecaster thinks should be given to the forecast. "Strongly indicated" means a weight of 90 to 100, "indicated" means 70 to 80, and "unsettled, probably," means 50 to 60.

The success of radio educational service in general may perhaps be gauged by the response from the farmers of the state of New York to the work of the State Agricultural College. In a query sent out by the college as to whether the farmers wished the work continued and how often they would like to have the programs presented, 507 out of the 555 replies showed emphatic appreciation of the lectures by representatives of the college.

A large majority, 369, thought these programs by the college should be given weekly. Eight would like broadcasting daily; 77 prefer it twice a week; only 25 think twice a month is enough; and but 13 voted for only once a month. For the present the college expects to hold to the regular schedule, broadcasting on the second and last Mondays of each month.

All of this seems to indicate that the possibilities of education by radio are just beginning to be glimpsed. When more colleges awaken to the opportunities offered by the radio more and better ways of utilizing these vast resources will begin to be discovered.

Since many college courses consist entirely of lectures, with a written examina-tion at the end of the term, there is practically no meeting of the personalities of student and professor. In many cases the instructor delivers the same lectures term after term to students who look to him very much like those of preceding years. urally his personality is submerged, his voice



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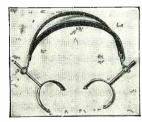
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The radio personnel of the committee includes Dr. A. H. Taylor of the Navy, Dr. Louis Cohen of the Army Signal Corps, Dr. Austin of the Bureau of Standards, Capt. Ridley McLean, Director of Naval Communications, Brig. Gen. C. McK. Saltzman, Chief Signal Officer, and Lt. Col. C. A. Seaone, Signal Corps.

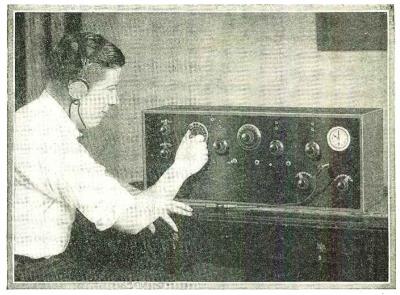
A. Seaone, Signal Corps.

The Naval Hospital Ship Solace, acquired during the Spanish-American War, will be designated by the Navy as the cruising laboratory after she is re-commissioned and equipped with the latest radio apparatus. The first cruise will probably start in July, 1925, and will cover the Gulf-Caribbean area; later, cruises of the American scientists or their foreign associates being planned to cover all the waters and most of the ports of the world.

The chief aim of the scientists, as far as radio is concerned, is to re-route trans-oceanic radio traffic where atmospheric disturbances are found to be detrimental to direct transmission. For this reason one of the problems is to locate and chart centers of static disturbances so that they may be avoided in setting up long-distance circuits. At the suggestion of Dr. Cohen a special investigation will be made of static centers both at sea and ashore. He has communicated with the American Section of the International Radiotelegraphic Union, requesting further co-operation in developing plans for collecting the data desired for the solution of radio traffic problems.

It is understood that attention will be given to the study of intensities of radio signals from high-powered land stations when the Solace is at sea, and the co-operative efficiency of long- and short-wave transmissions. Although long wave-lengths are used for distant transmissions today, there is a tendency toward the use of short waves, which may be found more efficient and less expensive.

When the Solace sails next summer she will carry the best possible radio equipment and a modern sonic depth finding and ranging apparatus. She will be equipped for transmission and reception of radio waves through the air, the earth and water. The propagation of radio waves under the water will be a special problem to be worked out with the aid of some naval submarines. Even the transmission of radio impulses through the solid earth will be investigated, for scientists are anxious to ascertain whether radio waves pass through certain geological structures or around them. The projection of radio waves directionally by a process of focusing the transmitting antenna will also be studied in the desire to establish a radio beam, like that of a searchlight.



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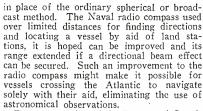
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COMES THE RADIO CRITIC

It may not behoove a radio writer to criticize the radio critic, but it is a new vocation and someone should do it.

Readers of radio columns have, no doubt, noticed a new type of writer has come into the radio field—the radio critic, or better, the radio broadcast critic. There are such men in New York, Boston, Brooklyn, Newark, and Washington, at present. They call their comments by various names indicating the nature of their effusions, some of which are good and some of which are not fair to the broadcasters. Some are well written and some are not.

Since the radio critic is in a unique position, the nearest comparison perhaps is with the activities of the dramatic critic. The latter's qualifications include a knowledge of drama, history, literature, stage history, and probably music. He must possess a good background, gained solely by experience, a large acquaintance with actors; be a judge of dramatic ability and possibilities. should understand human nature and be sensible to the many emotions portrayed on the stage, analyzing and interpreting them and the plays he sees for his public. He doesn't have to be an author, an actor, a scenic artist or a stage hand. Usually theatrical critic is a trained student of the dramatic art.

It would be better, probably, if the radio critic were not a radio expert, operator or writer, for he need not comment on poor transmission or radio mechanics; the listener knows as well as anyone, how the stuff comes in. The radio critic, in the opinion of experienced listeners, should comment on the entertainment and the artists, comparing their selections and their abilities with others known standards, both at home and abroad. At present, these critics stick pretty closely to home stations, knocking performers and their efforts, sometimes in anticipation of the actual renditions. Most critics listen in and then write their comments, but all should do so. Eventually they will have to follow this practice, like their dramatic brothers.

It would be difficult to find finished radio critics immediately—they must be trained. Broadcasting history must be made to establish standards of performance. However, it is questionable, in the minds of some fans and writers, whether the critic of the entertainment on the air should know anything about radio at all. Ideally, they believe he should be a student of drama, music and human nature. And, most important, he should study station programs, performers



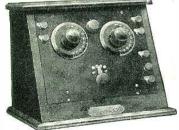


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and their selections, making comparisons with broadcasts within range of his readers' sets. Necessarily, he must have the best receiving set possible, in order that he may pick up distant stations, eliminating local interference. Unfortunately, so far, few radio critics are provided with good

Experience alone and a good memory will serve him in writing in advance of the features offered the listeners; here a daily study of programs is required, and a knowledge of artists' past performances is of great advantage. He can sell the good performers to his readers, pointing out the selections likely to be good or of exceptional interest. This will save time and insure a good evening. The regular listener-in will appreciate early tips on the best offerings to come, as well as comments on past performances, which he can check against his own impressions. Constructive criticism is what most of the broadcast listeners want, with advance news on coming events or entertainment.

The critic must bear in mind one thing, at least for the present; only a few stations are employing paid or professional talent, most of them are using volunteer artists and many amateur performers. The comparison of stations in the two classes isn't fair. Imagine comparing two vaudeville houses, one of which employs professionals and the other depends upon amateurs. Another the comparing two vaudevilles and the other depends upon amateurs. other thing is the use of copyright music, which some stations are not able to transmit, for one reason or another, although an adjustment in this matter is anticipated. This restriction naturally limits selections at many stations, giving others a great advantage.

BROADCASTING DEVELOPING IN GERMANY

Germany's broadcasting system is gradually expanding and will soon include nine high-powered stations so located as to guarantee uniform reception in all parts of the country. The radius of the central stations will be increased eventually through inter-mediate broadcasters established in areas where the central stations are not heard properly.

The recently completed station at Stutt-gart, which operated daily to a distance of 150 kilometers on a 437 meter wave, like the other six major broadcast stations, is owned and operated by the Federal Telegraph Administration, which collects a fee of two marks per month from subscribers through the post office. Stuttgart is not through the post office. Stuttgart is not only heard all over Germany, but in England, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Austria and Switzerland, when weather conditions are good. The other operating stations are in Berlin, Breslau, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Leipzig and Munich. Koenigsberg and Munster have stations nearly completed.

Regulations in Germany are stricter than in this country and American fans may be surprised to learn that even receiving set owners must secure licenses from local postmen and pay in advance for broadcast programs. Of course all transmitting sets are licensed and subject to confiscation for breaches of regulations; houses may be searched without warrants if owners are suspected of breaking rules or conducting unauthorized communication. Native sons unauthorized communication. have little difficulty in securing a listeningin license, but foreigners are required to register and provide identification, and their countries must grant reciprocal privileges. France is not among the nations listed, whose citizens are eligible to secure receiving permits. Some leniency is granted for portable sets, and, with permission of the police, an antenna may be strung from a telegraph pole, if costs are paid, which is a concession American fans would enjoy. Owners





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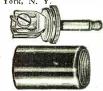
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of hotels and exhibitors must pay 30 marks a month for the privilege of furnishing guests entertainment.

The government is generous in one other respect; fees may be waived in the case of war cripples, and blind persons, who cannot attend public performances or are poor. Hospitals and homes for the ill and infirm are exempt from broadcast and license fees, while scientists and investigators, co-operating with the radio broadcasters, may be excused from paying radio taxes.

Detector and audio receivers may only be used on wave-lengths between 250 and 700 meters, the main broadcast band being from 392 to 485 meters. Radiating and oscillating sets are forbidden. As the Germans put it, "Receivers fitted with audion must be so constructed that they do not swing even if the tension is increased."

GOVERNMENT RADIO COMMIT-TEE WORKING OUT PLANS

Co-operating with the Department Commerce the Inter-Department Radio Advisory Committee met on August 28 and outlined recommendations to be studied by special sub-committees of Governmental experts for submission as advice to the Government representatives designated on the Radio Conference Committee.

Their recommendations formed three main groups, covering a revision of wave-length allocation, broadcasting and reduction of interference. Under broadcasting the necessity of revising the class requirements and the elimination of Class C stations was noted. The encouragement of high-grade programs is sought through interconnection of stations by wire and radio. The subject of maximum power for broadcasters in populous centers will be investigated, and it may be suggested that these stations be transferred elsewhere. This subject is akin to another which aims to limit the number of stations in a certain locality as part of the zoning plan. The extent to which time division should be required is another problem under consideration. Representatives of the War, Navy, Commerce, Agricultural Departments and Shipping Board will serve in these investigations.

The Advisory Committee is having prepared a list of government and commercial stations, including broadcasters, arranged in the order of their frequencies or lengths, with a condensed table showing the number of assignments in each wave band.

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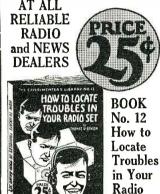
"Michael Winburn is a good example of what radio has done for the cripple. His background was that of the average unbackground was that of the average un-skilled workman. With his left leg com-pletely paralyzed, and his general health undermined by the effects of a bad heart, it looked for a time as though Michael's home would be broken up. His wife was too ill to work, and besides there was a small child who had to be cared for. For three years Michael tried to secure work. Once he found a job that lasted for two months. Several others lasted for much shorter periods. Finally he applied to the

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Institute employment bureau and was placed in radio assembly work. This was during December. The wage to start with was \$18.60. Recently his wife called to say that Michael, in two months' time, has not only been promoted to the position of foreman, but that his salary has been increased

"Roland Wells had even a greater handicap to start with than did Winburn. One of his legs was amputated at the knee of the other was totally paralyzed. Unable to get about, except with the aid of two crutches, it looked as though he would have to spend the rest of his life dependent upon

public support.'

It was on May 12, last year, that Miss Harris found a job for Roland. A room was secured for him across the street from his work. After three months, Roland w s made supervisor of the bench, and after nine months he was given complete charge of all assembly work.

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It took Alfred Webb ten minutes to say "good morning." And after he finished you wished he had said "goodbye" instead. There was something unattractive about him—an utter lack of dash and spirit that to the casual observer seemed unforgivable. Was it the boy's fault that he was born this way—with his both legs paralyzed, and an impediment in his speech? His family was tolerant rather than kind, and in school it was exactly the same.

Last September the Institute found him a job in radio assembly work at \$15 a week, and after six months his employers look upon him as one of their most capable

Financial independence is the thing Andy Herman, another leg cripple, achieved through radio assembly work. He now has a business of his own.

HOOVER WANTS NATIONAL BROADCASTING NET-INTER-CONNECTION'FOR NATIONAL **AFFAIRS**

Secretary Hoover believes it is important, so that all may keep posted on national affairs, that the whole country be connected by radio and wires. The connecting of broadcasters into chains was one of the most important questions raised during the Conference September 30.

Discussing the radio sessions over which he presided, Secretary Hoover said that the big question was the interconnection of broadcast stations in every city with better organization. Through the co-operation of the broadcasters with the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., he said the east-ern half of the nation, was well served when events of importance were broadcast, but added that some parts of the country were not yet reached and that therefore the citizens might be said not to participate in national affairs. "It is important to have national affairs. "It is important to have the whole country connected for events of general importance," he declared. "Real public service," he explained, "lies within the power of local broadcasters in all states." At present the situation falls considerably short of Secretary Hoover's ideal, due, as he pointed out, to lack of complete co-opera-

tion between the transmitting stations and the companies controlling the telephone and telegraph wires, and the necessary expense involved. Today several high powered broadcast stations are spanning the country, with listeners in many cities, but this does with listeners in many cities, but this does not meet the rigid requirements set up by Mr. Hoover, who has long been held the friend of the radio public. He wants an efficient station in every town so as to insure the owners of crystal sets at least a "silent part" in country-wide activities. Every local station must be efficient, and capable of being linked into a national net for the dissemination of important communications and the diffusion of official pro-



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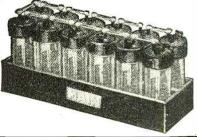
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A glance at his proclamation for the Third National Radio Conference will show, from the very subjects to be discussed, that his aims for this country's communication system are indeed high. Among the subjects to be studied and analyzed by representatives of all the phases of the radio art are: Classification of stations and wave-lengths, interconnection, elimination of smaller and inefficient stations, reduction of interference, and relations between the government and commercial stations.

About thirty official representatives from the several interests including the industry, operators, amateurs, broadcasters, listeners, government and marine services will be announced as soon as their organizations present the names to the Secretary. This body will constitute the active committee. In all probability the committee will be organized into several sub-committees for better handling specific questions. Mr. Hoover aims to have the committee representative of every active part of the radio art and industry; from engineers to the lay listeners, all will have a voice. The public manifesting interest will also be admitted to the general sessions, it is stated. Although the list of invitations sent to organizations has not been made public it is understood that such organizations as the following are included: The Radio Corporation, American Tel. & Tel. Co., marine radio operating companies, American Radio Relay League, the electrical and radio engineering asso-ciations, and the broadcast organizations. Each Radio District Supervisor has been requested to call a meeting of the broadcasters in his section for the selection of a local representative, and the radio magazines, at a recent meeting in New York were

to select their delegate.

The most astounding thing is that the suggestion of the past two conferences and the resultant regulations of the Department, were practically all accepted voluntarily by the radio world at large. In the absence of adequate legislation on radio and the growing congestion of the ether, there was nothing for the Commerce Head, under whose direction the regulation of matters radio falls, to do but place his problems before another representative conference asking for further recommendations, which are likely to operate more efficiently, perhaps, than inflexible laws and regulations laid down by an unsympathetic and poorly

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NAVY'S SHORT WAVES SPAN CONTINENT AND REACH BRAZIL

Dr. A. H. Taylor of the Navy Research Laboratory, who has been experimenting with transmission, recently spanned the continent with a 54-meter wave. A few days after



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this achievement, the head of the Naval radio research work was surprised to get a letter from Rio de Janeiro, stating that his 54-meter transmitter at Bellevue had been heard

also in that distant city.

This last report is especially interesting as the distance is 4,780 miles over land and sea, and difficulty has frequently been found sea, and difficulty has trequently been found in getting radio messages over the part of South America which projects eastward into the Atlantic. The report from the fan in Rio, whose name is Lacombe, stated that at 11 P. M. on July 1st, 3rd, and 5th, he heard the special short wave set from Bellevue, D. C., distinctly.

On the West Coast, it was an amateur by the name of Stanley T. Runyon, operator of station 6AGE who reported the reconstants.

of station 6AGE, who reported the recep-tion of Dr. Taylor's transmissions on July

14th.

These confirmations that short-wave transmissions are reliable for long distances comes as an inducement to amateurs to try out the lower wave-lengths, especially since the Department of Commerce has just opened several bands for their use below 200 meters.

One of the bands includes the wave-length used by the Naval expert.

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lower wave-lengths.

TRAFFIC SPED UP BY AUTO-MATIC TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION

While the Naval Radio Central at Washington was testing out reception from San Diego, California, with the Creed Automatic Recorder at the rate of 40 words per minute, one of the radiomen on watch also copied the West Coast station with a perfect score. Some of the radio gobs immediately asked what was the use of the automatic recorder? The reply was that this test was only a preliminary one; the Communication Office is planning to run the speed up to 100 words

is planning to run the speed up to 100 words per minute or over, when installations, including relays, are tuned up properly and actual high-speed transmission is practical.

The central office of the Navy is making efforts to speed up its traffic, and hopes eventually to clear all transcontinental matter in an hour or two each day, which can probably be done if the high-speed tests work out satisfactorily.

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On June 19th, 10,350 words were transmitted from Radio Central in the Navy Building at Washington in six hours and thirty minutes. This was an average of 28 words per minute and is a record for the office, that is, by manual sending.

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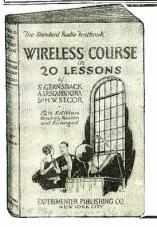
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GOVERNMENT MAY PROCEED AGAINST ALLEGED RADIO TRUST

While the Department of Justice officials will say nothing about the plans of the antitrust division with regard to certain members of the so-called radio trust, it is understood something is in the wind. It had been assumed that the Department would await the completion of the hearings by the Federal Trade Commission of the Radio Corporation, and the other affiliated companies. Now, however, it is believed that briefs re-lating to price agreements will shortly be filed against certain of the companies. But no official pronouncement has been made public. The Government attorneys may proceed independently of the action of the Federal Trade Commission, which filed complaints against the associated radio interests several months ago.

MINIATURE MODEL OF HIGH POWER NAVY STATION

A model of the Annapolis radio transmitting station built by W. Partridge of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, has been placed on exhibition in the office of Secretary Wilbur of the Navy. The great gridino antenna held aloft by six 600-foot towers, ach 1000 feet part is shown in deal with each 1,000 feet apart is shown in detail, with every wire in place. The lead-in runs to the power and apparatus houses, beside which are the operators' quarters and the transmitting rooms of the radio station.

The Annapolis station has a duplicate 500 KW arc set and transmits on a wave of 17,145 meters.

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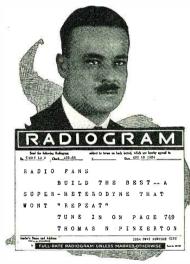
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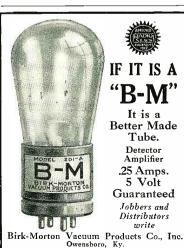
When I was at the unripe age of four, I leaned too far out of the second-story window, and obeyed the laws of gravitation. As a result, I landed on the back of my cranium, knocking my unlucky auditory nerves out of commission. Since then, I haven't been able to hear anything. In spite of this little inconvenience, radio is

my greatest hobby.

One day, away back in 1917, I spied a copy of the Electrical Experimenter on the newsstand, and bought it. The radio department, especially the pictures of the "Hams'" wireless shacks, with the litter of







ponderous couplers, ceiling-high loading coils, inevitable spark coils and gaps, helices and other miscellaneous contraptions, fascinated me. Then and there the radio bug bit me good and hard. Being a precocious lad of fourteen, I easily succumbed to the infection.

Although I knew that radio was only for those with excellent hearing, I was not worried, for I also knew that there is often a way to circumvent Nature. Couldn't I use a sensitive relay in place of the phones, I argued with myself, and have it work a telegraph code printer? Of course I could, but sensitive relays were, and still are, so expensive and so hard to make that I haven't expensive and so hard to make that I haven t been able to afford one to this day. Because of this, and because my pocketbook was always only one-half of one per cent full, I was on a fair way to convalescence from radiobugitis, until the epidemic of popular broadcasting swept the country in 1922. This gave me a relapse, which proved worse than the first attack.

Ever since I bought the first copy of the Ever since I bought the first copy of the Electrical Experimenter, I kept on buying that magazine. In this way I learned the technicalities of radio. I also learned how different sets, batteries, tubes, and phones behaved under varying conditions. Thus, when I built my first set, a crystal affair, in 1922, and subsequently a blooper, a two-tube blooper refers sets and a Neutrodyee tube blooper, reflex sets, and a Neutrodyne, I knew what to expect from them. Each time I finished constructing a set, I had a friend, with normal hearing faculties, but with no previous knowledge of radio, listen in while I did the preliminary tuning. When the friend heard a station he stopped me, then worked the dials until he brought in the station at its maximum. I asked him to tell me exactly how the music or speech sounded. If the set did not seem to work right, or did not work at all, I usually was able to correct the faults myself. The trou-

Although I made and sold several sets prior to September of last year, I was unable to secure enough materials to build a set powerful enough to suit my needs, until that time. After completing that set, a three tube reflex (I lived within five wilcome) and the set of the se miles of several powerful broadcast stations), I found that by placing the receivers in my hands, with the openings in the caps against the palms, I could feel the code, speech, music, and static very clearly. I could not hear, even through the bones, because the auditory nerves were destroyed. The deaf persons who can hear and understand every word over the radio are enabled to do so only because of defective or im-paired ear-drums. If the inner ear and the nerves are destroyed, there is no hope, but cheer up, the world isn't such a bad place. Think of those who have to listen to static (and their wives) most of the time. I can sometimes distinguish the musical instruments by feel, because I often placed my hand on different musical instruments in order to get the feel of the vibra-tions and still remember how they sound. It is a very interesting experience to listen to a whole orchestra over the radio by feeling the vibrations only.

I am unable to understand what is being played and sometimes mistake noises, caused by the receiver itself, for music. disconnect the aerial and ground from the set, after I get a station, in order to be sure that the noises are not caused by the

receiver. Some day I plan to construct a minia-ture public-loud-speaking outfit. I shall then have my friends speak into the transmitter, while I listen with the phones (in place of the usual loud speaker), and in this way I hope to be able to understand conversation through my hands, in much the same manner as the blind read Braille writing by the touch method.

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POLAND OPENS RADIO COM-MUNICATION

Poland has lifted the ban on radio. Transmitting licenses will soon be issued for broadcasting by scientific, educational and manufacturing organizations and regulations covering reception will probably be similar to those of France, according to advices reach-ing the Department of Commerce. The new law which went into effect in August will undoubtedly stimulate the development of radio in Poland especially among the general public. The Government will probably adopt measures for the promotion of home industry, but competition with American and German radio goods will continue to

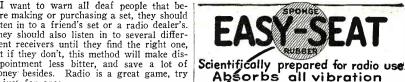
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By an order of the court, priority of invention was awarded to Dr. Lee DeForest, on the feed back circuit and oscillating

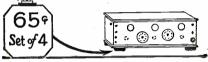


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audion, thereby establishing for all time the claim of Dr. DeForest as their inventor. The two patents issued to DeForest cover completely the subject matter of the patent issued in 1915 to Major Edwin H. Arm-

The issuance of the patents to the DeForest corporation is the first direct result of the decision rendered by the district court in Washington on May 5, which declared that Dr. Lee DeForest was the real inventor the feed back circuit and oscillating audion, and not Armstrong. This decision was the culmination of years of litigation in which DeForest, Armstrong, Dr. Irving Langmuir and Dr. A. Meissner claimed credit for the invention. Despite the claims of the others, a patent was issued to Armstrong in 1915. This patent was later disposed of to the Westinghouse Electric Co., which has since been manufacturing the appliances under its protection.

Despite this fact, DeForest continued his fight. The first victory came to him in May, when the District Court in Washington handed down a decision declaring that DeForest and not Armstrong or the other claimants, was the inventor. Reviewing the case in detail, the Court held that DeForcase in detail, the Court neid that DePorest's invention dated from August, 1912, antedating the claims of the others by almost a year. Following this decision, the Court ordered that patents issued to the DeForest corporation, which controls DeForest's invention on the feed back circuit and the oscillating audion. oscillating audion.

No sooner were the patents issued to DeForest than announcement was made that suit would be entered in the district court. New York, Ettorneys for Dr. DeForest, against the Westinghouse Electric Co. for annulment of the Armstrong patents, and to restrain the company from manufacturing the apparatus in future.

Many millions of dollars are involved by the issuance of these patents to DeForest. It means that in future the feed back circuit and the oscillating audion, manufactured under the Armstrong patent by the Westinghouse company, can be made by that concern no longer, but will be manufactured by the DeForest Radio Telephone & Telegraph Co. and its licensees, the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Some idea of the magnitude of this outcome may be gathered when it is taken into consideration that the apparatus covered by the patents just issued to DeForest are indispensable to all radio sets, and all wire-less broadcasting transmitter sets. It also covers all Super-Heterodyne and Neutrodyne

In a statement issued by Dr. DeForest. who has won such a signal victory, he said: "Purely aside from any financial return that may accrue from the issuance of these

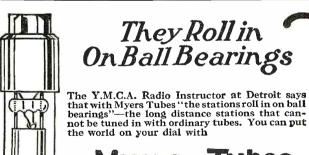
patents to me, I am most highly gratified for sentimental reasons. For almost a dozen years I have claimed to be the inventor of the feed back circuit and the oscillating audion. It was a bitter blow, indeed, to me to see patents for them granted to another claimant. But never once did I doubt but that justice would eventually be given me, that day is now here. My claims have been proven by the last courts, and I am now in possession of the patents which were withheld from me for so long. It is a splendid victory, and I am very happy at the outcome."

THE GROWTH OF CKAC

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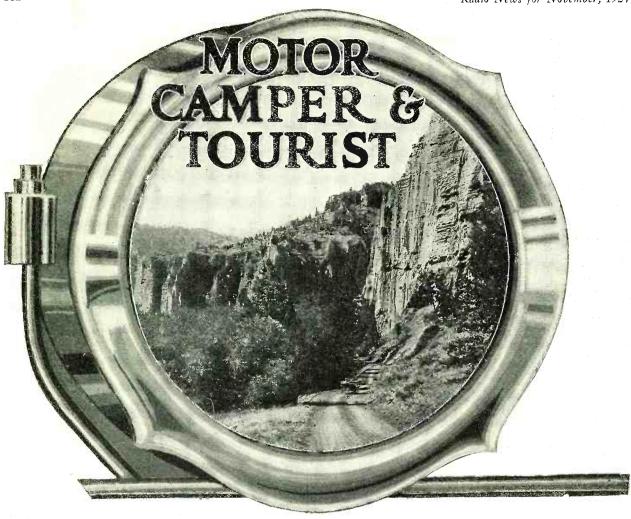
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The Montreal newspapers remained uninterested, especially the French publications, owing to the lack of direct interest radio brought to their readers, unfamiliar with the

English language.

THE BIRTH OF RADIO IN CANADA

One day, however, in April, 1922, Canada's largest daily, and one of the most important French publications in the world, La Presse, came out with a front page article, stating that a contract had been signed with the Marconi Company for the erection of a 500-watt transmitting radio-phone station. The French were jubilant and the local radio business took a 100 per cent. jump, with the prospect of this new station of their own.

Engineers were immediately put to work, towers were erected and a spacious studio built on the roof of the *La Presse* building, and trials were made during the next four months. The official opening of regular scheduled entertainment took place September 30th, when Mary Pickford and Doug-las Fairbanks faced the microphone for the first time. They startled their audience by addressing them in perfect French, acquired

on Parisian boulevards. Although eighty per cent. of the population of the Province of Quebec is of French origin, and speaks French almost exclusively, La Presse, realizing that theirs was the only station of any importance in the Canadian metropolis, made it a bilingual station. All announcements are given in French and English, and, whenever possible, bilingual talks and songs. A noteworthy example of broad-

mindedness.

The success of the station was instantaneous and congratulations poured in from all parts of the country. CKAC became one of the most active of the radio public cutertainers from that date, and since has carried on improvements by many other cities. The winter of 1922 witnessed the increase of power to 1,000 watts, and an all Canadian-made set was used. In the fall of 1923. an extra 1,000 watts were added, with the result that CKAC was heard, favorable conditions prevailing, in Alaska, in Denmark, France, Italy, England, and other European lands.

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After passing through this amplifying apparatus, it goes into the transmitting power amplifiers, whence it is fed through modulators and three oscillators and then into the aerial. The rating of the aerial energy is approximately 25 amperes.

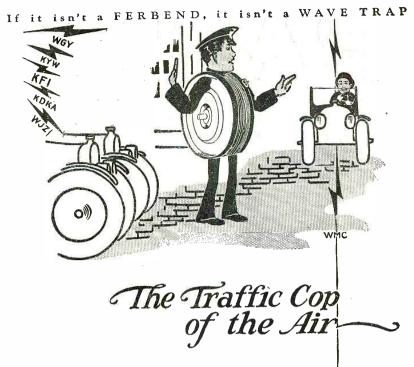
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U. S. INTERESTS TO DEVELOP NATIONAL COMMUNICATION POLICY

Whether or not the United States takes an official part in the international tele-graph and radio conference in Paris next spring, private communication interests in this country are considering the organization of a communication committee. This body is being formed by representatives of the radio, cable telegraph and telephone com-panies operating in the United States in the interest of an efficient American communithe Government, probably through the State and Commerce Departments, by furnishing data and technical advice in preparation for future international conferences on commu-

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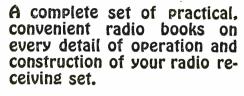
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To date the U. S. Government has not ratified the conventions of the International Telegraph Union formed in 1908, and as a consequence has not been invited to the next convention. On the other hand, practically all private radio, cable and telegraph companies of the States have been asked to communicate suggestions and recommendations for revising the present regulations of this Union, when the next session is held in Paris, probably in April or May, 1925. This they may do through the inter-company committee being organized, in the event the United States does not participate officially or through unofficial observers. In revising international regulations on communications, it would be absurd to suppose that the United States as a country could be left out. If official delegates are not sent, private representatives will be. The voice of North America is essential in revising universal communication regulations.

When the original international convention was drawn up in 1908, radio was, literally, in its infancy, and the only provisions pertaining to radio operation were for ship to shore service; now, however, radio is as much a part of world communications as is cable and telegraph work, which necessitates the rewriting of the conventions.

In view of the fact that the U. S. Delegates to the recent Mexican Conference encountered a lack of interest on the part of the Latin American representatives to proposals designed to provide better service for the peoples of the Americas and for the development of privately owned commercial systems, the formation of a national communities by the North American operating companies seems to promise valuable assistance to the Federal Government in its efforts to promote efficiency on international communication.

The policy of the United States for many years has been definitely opposed to government control or ownership of any communication system where it was possible to have facilities provided and operated by private interests. Following the action of the other American republics at Mexico City aiming at Government control, the State Department here explained that the U. S. delegates found it impossible to co-operate with the Southern governments, and withdrew. The tendency in both Central and South America points unmistakably toward government control and operation of radio, cables, telegraph and telephone systems. So the United States must face the probability of playing a lone hand in any future electrical communication conference in this hemisphere or abroad.

The proposal recently advanced in Europe for an early international conference on this subject makes preparations on the part of this country necessary. Whole-hearted cooperation between the Government and the communication interests will be of prime interest when it comes to laying the cards on the conference table abroad, but indications show that this co-operation will be forthcoming.

Some co-operation abroad for private communication operation may be found. During the last three years there has been evidenced in western Europe a tendency toward entrusting the operation of commercial systems, particularly telephone and radio circuits, to private interests. This is not true in England, however. And unless there is a very decided change on the part of other European Governments from their attitude in previous conferences, the growth of private ownership of communication systems in Europe will not affect the policies heretofore advanced by members of the International Telegraph Union, under whose auspices these conferences are held.

While no announcement has been made by the Administration of this country of its intentions in regard to the proposed Paris conference or its representatives on any of the committees appointed to study the prob-lems arising therefrom, it seems likely that the experts and technical attaches who attended the Mexican conference will continue to work in preparation for any international parley which may be held.

CONFERENCE MAY DESIGNATE BROADCAST MATTER

Is everything suitable for broadcasting? Should there be any censorship over mate-These are questions which are very likely to be raised at the Third National Radio Conference soon to be held in Washington.

Secretary Hoover has announced himself as against any form of censorship, and yet as the Governmental administrator of radio, he is apt to be called upon to decide such questions, when complaints come from listeners-in who disapprove of some sorts of entertainment, the acknowledgment of telegrams. "blue" jokes, and expressions of opinion subject to criticism.

For example: What could be done with an individual who continually cursed and swore in the course of a speech he was making or who chose to interrupt the broadcasting of a sermon with impertinent remarks and possibly obscene ejaculations from his own transmitter?

These things have occurred and may be repeated unless some law can be unearthed or created to prevent such practice. Under present radio laws, it is doubtful if the offender could be handled with anything like justice to the incensed fans or the clergy-

man who was interrupted. There is apparently no law against saying what one pleases on the air. Radio regulations, which were originally promulgated for commercial and amateur radio telegraph transmission, provide that: "No person shall transmit or make a signal containing profane or obscene words or language."
It is understood pretty generally that "transmit" applies to voice transmissions by a radio phone, but it would probably require a court decision to settle this point satisfactorily. is hoped that the broadcasters themselves will voluntarily agree to abide by the telegraph rules as interpreted by the Commerce Department.

Most broadcasters like to acknowledge congratulatory telegrams, which in general has been banned, being considered private, point-to-point service and not strictly broadcasting. But the question of weather a station is not entitled to do this is sure to be asked at the Conference. Some advocate the granting of at least a few minutes dur-ing an evening's program to acknowledge-ments addressed to individuals. Others say this would become a bore to 999 out of a thousand listeners, unless there was some news in it, such as thanking the fan the greatest distance from the station who reported, or acknowledging the first telegram received following a certain number. a practice would certainly be unfortunate unless limited to a few messages. Broadcasters would lose their audiences if it was continued for any length of time.

The last radio conference agreed to refrain from broadcasting advertisements and it is believed further regulations, thought desirable by a majority conference vote, can be enforced by a voluntary agreement to keep the air clean and free from objection-able matter, without any form of Governmental censorship.

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Commerce Department, and the erection of about twenty-five more is under consideration. Not all these high-powered broadcasters are new literally, some of them are applying for transfers from classes A and

The problem for the Bureau of Navigation Radio Section is not decreased by this fact, however. Somehow a dozen new wavelengths will have to be found. In general each of the 56 Class B stations has an exclusive wave-length so as to insure no interference from other broadcasters within a very wide territory. Originally there were 50 separate wave-lengths assigned to B stations, but before long some of the stations on opposite coasts or in the same cities, had to share wave-lengths or time. Later a few were given experimental broadcasters and now the band is exhausted.

How to find a number of exclusive wavelengths for these newcomers is a problem that will probably have to be referred to the National Radio Conference called Sept. 30. It is rumored that some of the higher wave-lengths allocated to amateurs, before the new short wave-lengths were opened to them, may be reassigned to Class A broadcasters, while some of their waves will be transferred to Class B. In all probability the Class C wave of 360 meters, which was the original broadcasting wave, will also be revoked and given to two or three B stations.

The 360 meter wave-length is now used by only 89 Class C stations, all of which it is believed will soon have to transfer to Classes A and B or quit. There is also a possibility of securing a few more wave-lengths, suitable for the use of B broadcasters, from bands in the possession of the Government stations, if the conference should so decide.

ANOTHER WORLD'S LONG DIS-TANCE RECORD

Coincident with the return of the MacMillan North Pole Exploration Expedition to this country, comes the startling news from Australia that MacMillan's radio equipment has broken all records for 200-meter wave long distance transmission. Amateurs with low power transmitters have worked across the Atlantic and have covered great distances in experimental work but it has remained for the little MacMillan transmitter to outdistance the best of these.

Because of the extremely small space available on the MacMillan ship, the Bowdoin, only an extremely low power transmitter of but 100-watt capacity could be installed. In its initial test in the laboratories of the Zenith Radio Corporation of Chicago where it was built, the set gave promise of remarkable performance and through the long year during which MacMillan was trozen in within 11 degrees of the North Pole, communication was maintained with stations all over the United States and Canada

stations all over the United States and Canada and this was deemed excellent performance.

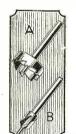
However, little did MacMillan's operator, Donald Mix, realize how far his signals were carrying, when on the 19th of May, at 4:30 P. M., operator W. Cottrell of Coogee, Australia, heard WMP, MacMillan's call letters, distinctly communicating with 6XAD the experimental station of M. the experimental station of Major Lawrence Mott, located at Avalon on the Catalina Islands. There is no question as to the authenticity of the record as the Australian amateur heard the signals sufficiently well to enable him to identify the peculiar 500-cycle self-rectified note, characteristic of the peculiar and unusual type of transmitter with which the MacMillan Expedition was equipped.

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It will be noted that operator Cottrell reports these signals at 4:30 P. M. his time, at which time of course he was in daylight and as mentioned before, the MacMillan Expedition was also in daylight. This feature lends added drama to the achievement as it is well known that radio transmission during daylight is very considerably less than at night.

Captain MacMillan can well be proud, not only of the results of his expedition from the standpoint of exploration in the frozen north, but also from the standpoint of pioneering and exploration in the marvelous field of radio. His record of long distance summer daylight radio transmission with low power should stand for a long time.

AMERICA INCREASING IN RADIO EXPORTS FIELD WITH THE OPENING OF NEW MARKETS.

The United States still leads in the exportation of radio apparatus, and is likely to continue in this position despite restrictions in foreign markets and lack of broadcasting facilities in many countries. Annual exports for 1925 will probably exceed five million dollars in value.

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Exporters from the States show a steady growth in business and it is stated by government statisticians that our manufacturers can always compete abroad on a quality basis. Of course in countries where there are restrictions against foreign apparatus, a serious handicap is encountered, but these market restrictions are being lifted gradually. Australia has just opened her ports to competition, so has South Africa, while Poland appears to be inclined to accept American goods. Another difficulty is the fact that some governments levy a "listening-in" tax, which reduces the number of fans. In South Africa this fee amounts to about \$10.00 a year, and in Australia almost as much is charged for the privilege of operating a first-class receiving set.

In spite of these difficulties in the way of foreign competition, radio exports from the United States have increased steadily month by month this year over the same period last year, with one exception. During July last year, \$443.000 worth of orders went to Sweden, bringing exports to \$682,885, while the figure for this July is 43 per cent. of it.

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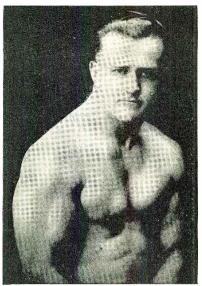
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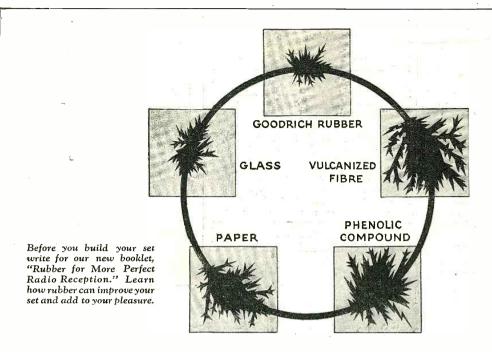
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