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FOUR GIANT PLANTS LINKED FIRST TIME

BROADCASTS PUT ON AIR SIMULTANEOUSLY

WEAF, WGY, KDKA, and KYW, Widely Separated, Join in Experiment

NEW YORK, N. Y.—For the first time in history, four big stations in various parts of the country were linked together and broadcast simultaneously recently when the program of the National Electric Light Association convention here was put on the air by WEAF, WGY, KDKA and KYW. The stations were linked with microphones in the hallway telephone lines. The speaker at the evening meeting was Julius K. Barnes, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, and Anna Case, Metropolitan Grand Opera star, sang.

The engineers who worked on the installation of the lines encountered a serious problem in preparing telephone lines suitable to the handling of high frequency currents. Each of the lines had to be carefully balanced and equalized by means of special networks and other adjusting instruments.

Hear Anna Case at Home

When Anna Case sang her voice was heard by a vast assemblage on the common and in the streets of Flemington, N. J., the century-old town near which the singer spent her early girlhood days.

This was accomplished by means of a mobile public address system which a citizens' committee arranged to bring to the historic county seat of Hunterdon County for the occasion.

A receiver operated by engineers picked up Miss Case's voice, and transmitted it to a big vacuum tube voice amplifier which made her voice audible in even the farthest corners of the park and along the tree-lined streets.



SCULPTOR NO LONGER NEED SEE SUBJECT

Carving by Ether Waves Made Possible by Radio Photo Transmission

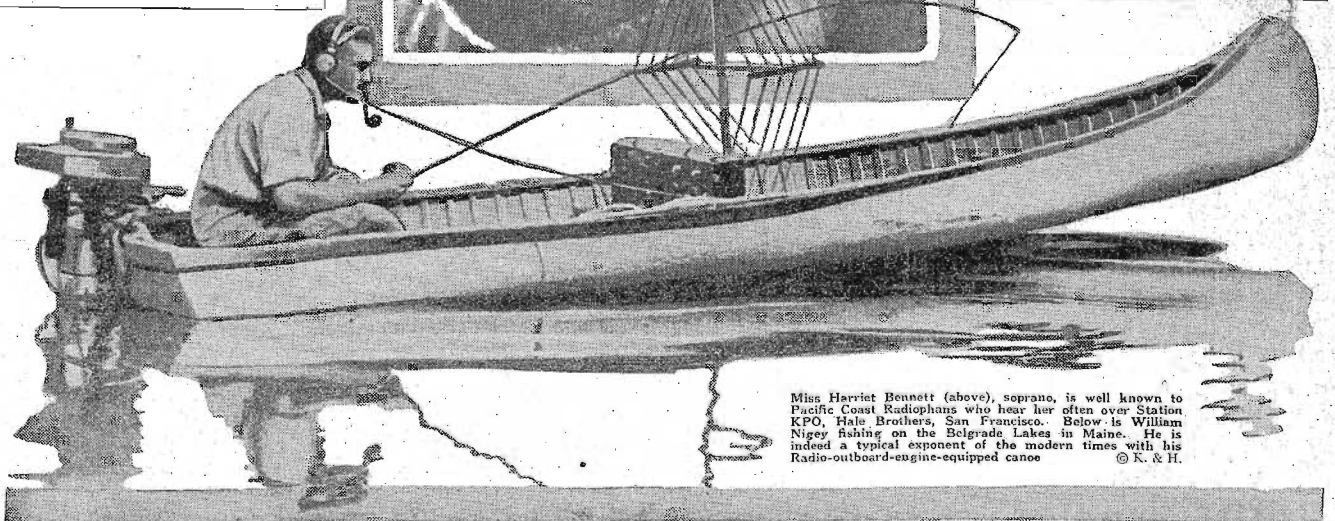
British-Yank Invention of Pose Are Flashed Through Air to Artist Many Miles Distant

By Fred Claire Zumbro

First, pictures by Radio and now "Radio-sculpture"! This remarkable accomplishment is brought about through the inventions of H. M. Edmunds and C. Francis Jenkins. By combining the inventions of these two men it is possible to carve a perfect likeness of a person thousands of miles away. Not a slight artistic likeness is the result, but a mechanically perfect model that will measure correct to the thousandth of an inch.

It is now made possible for a person on shipboard of a trans-Atlantic liner to sit for a few seconds before a camera and be able to call at the studio ashore, upon arrival, and see his own likeness carved in stone, marble or granite cast in bronze. The process requires from two to three days at the most for completion, after the

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Miss Harriet Bennett (above), soprano, is well known to Pacific Coast Radiophans who hear her often over Station KPO, Hale Brothers, San Francisco. Below is William Nigey fishing on the Belgrade Lakes in Maine. He is indeed a typical exponent of the modern times with his Radio-outboard-engine-equipped canoe © K. & H.

INVISIBLE AUDIENCE HONORS ITS CHURCH

KDKA'S AIR CONGREGATION ERECTS BRONZE TABLET

Contributions Reach 4,700 for Memorial to First Chapel to Have Services Broadcast

PITTSBURGH.—The first Radio memorial tablet in the world—donated by and dedicated to the invisible Radio congregation of Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.—was unveiled during the church services of that congregation recently.

Hundreds of men, women and children witnessed the dedication of the bronze tablet to the unseen Radio congregation which is known to be in the area stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean and from Hudson Bay in the north of Canada to the extreme southern part of South America and which was initiated when KDKA, one of the pioneer Radiophone broadcasting stations, began to broadcast Calvary Church's services more than two years ago.

First Radio Minister Present

Rev. Edwin J. van Etten, pastor of the church, who was the first minister in the world to have his services broadcast; Bishop Alexander Mann, of the Pittsburgh Episcopal diocese; H. P. Davis, representing Station KDKA of the Westinghouse Company, which station first broadcast church services, and other prominent Pittsburghers took part in the ceremony.

More than 400 people contributed to the purchase of the tablet. The contributions came in every form of legal tender—silver dimes, stamps, nickels, pennies and checks. A worker in a southern cotton mill sent Dr. van Etten two cotton socks with a nickel in each toe. A sailor from a boat on the Atlantic sent the minister 120 pennies he had won playing penny ante.

Listeners Respond Quickly

The contributions came as a result of Rev. van Etten's idea that his Radio congregation to which he had been preaching since January 2, 1921, might like to contribute to some sort of memorial. Accordingly during the reading of his regular announcement Dr. van Etten addressed directly his unseen hearers and told them of the plan and asked small contributions from such of them as might like to participate.

Responses to the idea are almost instantaneous. An hour after the announcement was broadcast contributions were received from people living in Pittsburgh. People living in the district even walked to the minister's home a few minutes after they had listened in to him and left their contributions, even as he was preaching by Radio.

Calgary Signals Heard Off Japanese Coastline

5,000-Mile Transmission Sets New Canadian Record

CALGARY, ALTA.—What constitutes a record for long distance Radiophone broadcasting in Canada was established by CFCN, the broadcasting station of the W. W. Grant Radio, Ltd., here recently, when it was heard off the coast of Japan, which is approximately 5,000 miles from Calgary, and in another hemisphere.

CFCN signals were heard by L. S. Haire, Radio operator on board the steamship Stuart Dollar, plying between San Francisco and the Orient, when the ship was just out of Yokohama, according to a communication received from Mr. Haire.

Actress in Flag Day Address

NEW YORK.—One of America's most distinguished actresses, Julia Arthur, gave a patriotic recitation, "The Flag," on Flag Day, before Station WEAF's microphone. Miss Arthur is one of America's favorites and gave much of her time during the war to patriotic service.

DEMPSEY MATCH ON CFCN—EVERY PUNCH

CALGARY, ALTA.—The Gibbons-Dempsey world heavyweight championship match at Shelby, Montana, will be broadcast July 4 from Station CFCN of Calgary, owned by W. W. Grant, Ltd. A direct wire will run from the ringside to the powerful station. This plant is the nearest super station in the vicinity and has a working range of over 1,000 miles.

"AL" SMITH CHOOSES AIR AGAINST PRESS

ALBANY, N. Y.—By wire from Albany to Station WGY, Schenectady, Governor Alfred E. Smith reached the ear and mind of the citizens of New York state recently when he gave a report of his stewardship. The report generally reaches the voters through the press. This year Governor Smith talked direct to the people, explaining the financial condition of the state in detail.

MAKES CYCLE RIDING EASIER



Why shouldn't it be easier to ride a bicycle equipped with a portable set. (Note, the spokes should make a good antenna.) After balancing some regenerative sets it should be less difficult to keep one's balance on a cycle. At least Miss Josephine Kierman thinks the plan worth smiling about. © K. & H.

ARMY-NAVY CONCERTS TO BE SENT OVER U.S.

New Washington Plant to Relieve NAA During Summer

WASHINGTON.—Although the broadcasting of the government's band concerts by NAA, Arlington, will cease during the summer months, Radiophans within several hundred miles of Washington will be able to pick up some of the concerts if the plans of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company are carried out.

By June 18, this company hopes to complete its new station here and start

broadcasting the open air public concerts from the White Lot and local parks where the Marine, Navy and Army Bands play almost daily.

Through the aid of a new portable input apparatus recently perfected by the telephone engineers, the company expects to furnish the added electricity necessary to pick up concerts and transmit them by wire to their station for broadcasting. This apparatus is mounted on a motor truck and can be dispatched anywhere in the city where something is to be broadcast.

Important speeches and some of the concerts will be put on a land line to New York and broadcast simultaneously from Station WEAF on a different wave length, it is planned.

RADIOS TREATMENT TO INJURED SAILOR

SEA-AMBULANCE ANSWERS EMERGENCY APPEAL

Vessel Anchored Nine Miles from Land Brings Help by Ether Waves

By L. M. Lamm

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The steamship West Cahous, lying at anchor in Baltimore harbor, nine miles from the city, needed medical help at about 3 A. M. recently and needed it quickly. A member of the crew had fallen into the hold and hurt himself seriously. So the captain of the ship sent a Radio broadcast asking help.

The call was picked up, not in Baltimore, nine miles away, but at Cape May, N. J., about 100 miles due east of Baltimore. As Cape May was separated from the West Cahous by parts of New Jersey and Delaware and by the eastern shore of Maryland, not to mention Delaware and Chesapeake Bays, no direct help from it was possible.

Operator Consults Surgeon

But the operator was on the job. Promptly he consulted the long distance list in the Baltimore telephone directly and called up the residence of the Public Health Service, surgeon in charge of the Marine Hospital in Baltimore, 100 miles to the west. The surgeon, roused from sleep to receive the message, asked him to Radio certain emergency treatment to the West Cahous and to direct the captain to send a boat to a certain pier in Baltimore, where he would find a surgeon waiting to go out to the ship with him. And so, in the middle of the night, in less than an hour, a "Radio-controlled" seagoing ambulance carrying a Public Health Service officer reached the side of the injured sailor and brought him later to the hospital.

PRIVATE PLANTS TO TAKE LAKE STATIONS

Step Necessitated When Navy Quits Nine Plants

CHICAGO.—Radio service will be provided for great lakes shipping as the result of a recent agreement of private broadcasters to handle great lakes traffic. R. H. C. Mathews, Station 92N, division superintendent of the American Radio Relay League, working in co-operation with Station WJAZ, will handle the "code staff" for this territory. The necessity of getting a private broadcaster to handle the lakes traffic was caused by the navy's withdrawal from nine great lakes stations.

In Cleveland, according to an Associated Press report, the Great Lakes Wireless Association was organized by vesselmen having boats equipped with Radio. Through this organization, which is headed by Fred L. Leckie, of Cleveland, the navy station at Duluth will be operated by the association and negotiations are reported for the association to take over eight other navy stations.

Vermont "U" Plant May Be Link in Army Relay

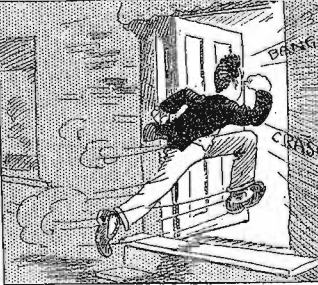
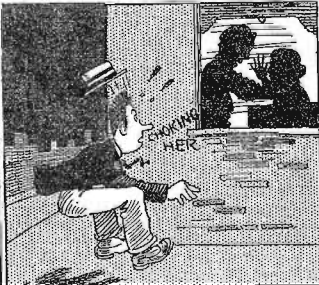
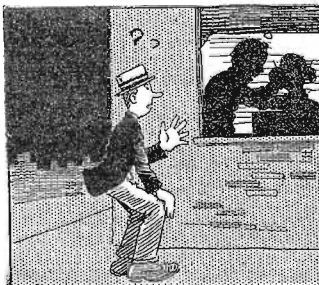
Star Student Station Drafted to Co-operate Officially

BURLINGTON, VT.—Owing to their activity and successful work of the past two years, the University of Vermont Radio station, IARY, has been selected to go through several tests in preparation for co-operating with the army Radio station at Ft. Ethan Allen in receiving and relaying government messages. The station at the university is under the management and operation of the students, and has been heard regularly in England this spring. Two years ago this station was one of the first to be heard in the amateur transatlantic tests to Scotland.

THE ANTENNA BROTHERS

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Undesirable Outside Interference



HEAR FALSE TINKLE OF LIQUOR GLASSES

CANADA PROGRAMS RAISE AWFUL THIRST IN U. S.

Alberta, However, Shatters All Illusions in States—She's Dry Herself!—But She Votes Again

By Jeffrey J. Dingman

CALGARY, ALTA.—Radio is playing a tremendous part in increasing to an almost unendurable stage the thirst of American Radiophans, rendered already severely acute by the Volstead act and ardent prohibition enforcement agents.

Recent broadcasts from CFEN, the station of the W. W. Grant Radio, Ltd., here, have added greatly to the thirst of that part of the American nation which nightly clamps the headset on and tunes in its receiving set to Canada for its thirst. For, come vague hints and aggravating rumors of flowing wine and liquor to be obtained just by crossing the border.

Evidently Radiophans of the United States are suffering from an illusion, for there is just as total prohibition of alcoholic liquors in Alberta at the present time as there is in the United States. However, the people of Alberta are again to vote on the liquor question November 5 and Radiophans of Canada's sister nation across the international line are already making preparations to have their receiving sets in position for that night to hear the big news broadcast from CFEN at Calgary.

Cabaret Broadcast Starts Something
Ever since jazz music from the Plaza Cabaret in Calgary has been broadcast by remote control from CFEN, with letters with the words "prohibition," "liquor," "dry," and the remainder of the well-known vocabulary, has been pouring into the broadcasting station.

In repudiation of rumors to this effect which apparently have become exceedingly common in the United States, it may be stated that absolutely no intoxicating liquors are allowed on the premises of the Plaza cabaret, and only the imaginations of the listeners in are responsible for the false impression which has been gained. Business men of Calgary report that this feature, recently commenced by CFEN would be a considerable factor in attracting a great many tourists from the United States to Canada this year.

Veteran Honorists Put on Army Program at WCAH

COLUMBUS, OHIO.—La Societe des Hommes et Chevaux, the fun organization of the American Legion, broadcast a program recently through Station WCAH, the Entreklin company. The Columbus branch of the order, Am La Volture No. 15, made its Radio debut on this occasion, and presented music and humor redolent of life in the army and navy, featuring bugle calls so familiar to the wearers of the olive drab.

Form Radio Club in Berlin
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RADIO FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FOR BOSTON

City Soon to Have Airphone School for Laddies

BOSTON, MASS.—Although Radio has had an unofficial status in the Boston fire department for some time, most of the firehouses having receiving sets to get the broadcasts and while away the time during hours between alarms, the department is soon to have a school of Radio instruction.

Commissioner Theodore A. Glynn has ordered that such a school be established at once with George A. Fickett, superintendent of fire alarms in charge, and twenty men under instruction at present. When the course is completed, the men of the school will man the Radio fire alarm equipment which will augment the regular signal system, and eventually perhaps, supersede the wire system in directing movements of the fireboats at East Boston and South Boston, which now have Radio equipment.

Copy Navy Code 11,500 Miles

WASHINGTON.—A Radiogram from the naval station at Caviet, P. I., addressed to San Francisco for relay to Washington, was picked up in the Washington Radio Central recently and copied before the San Francisco operator indicated its receipt. Needless to say, it was not relayed to Washington. This message was copied without error over 11,500 miles of sea and land.

Radio for English Travelers

LONDON, ENGL.—The Liverpool Express, a fast train running between Liverpool and London, has been equipped with a powerful receiving set, loud speaker and loop aerial, which are located in a special Radio salon, where the passengers can be amused and interested during the tedious journey.

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ETHER COMPASSES FOR NAVY BLIMPS

Officials Consider Plan to Equip Big "ZR" Ships for Dark and Fog Navigation

WASHINGTON.—Plans for equipping the two new naval rigid airships with Radio compasses so that they can navigate in darkness or in fog, are under consideration. These are the great ZR ships now building.

It is believed that the Radio compass installations can be made satisfactorily, and that this feature will prove a valuable asset for the efficiency and safety of both personnel and material through assisting the accuracy of navigation. The location selected was adjacent to the observation platform located on top of the ship, well forward. A coil has been designed which will enable observations to be made in frequencies extending over a band of from, approximately 600 to sixteen kilocycles. If this installation is made satisfactorily, it will be the first time a Radio compass has been successfully installed upon a lighter-than-air craft.

Give WBAP's "Hired Hand" Miniature of His Cowbell

FORT WORTH, TEX.—G. C. Arnoux, Radio Editor, Star-Telegram, Fort Worth, Texas, alias announcer GCA or "The Hired Hand," who daily wields the cowbell before the microphone of WBAP is proudly displaying a miniature gold cowbell, patterned along the style of the original. This unique token is inscribed "From Gainesville 147-piece Boys' Band, C. C. Shell, Director, to 'The Hired Hand.'" It was presented to the popular announcer by the band which was heard several weeks ago, broadcasting from Station WBAP, and complimentary acknowledgments were received by the Gainesville, Texas, band from nearly every State in the Union.

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LONDON, ENGL.—Radio waves again controlled the immense tide of traffic that rolled into Epsom for the derby recently. From a box in the grandstand one was observed to see just what was happening to the streams of vehicles for twenty miles around. The trek to Epsom began the night before the race and from dawn until the dinette was run there was a steady influx by all roads.

This man was able to see through the eyes of his Radio scouts, some of whom were flying over the course, and others touring the approaches in automobiles. Each was in direct communication with the "master eye."

Col. Laurie of the British air ministry, who was in charge of the radio communication at the course, declared that this was the second time Radio had been so used, and had proved very satisfactory.

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World's Smallest Regenerative Set

How to Construct Vest Pocket 800-Mile Tuner

By Warner Bates

THE world's smallest regenerative set! Much interest has attached to the recent announcement of the construction by Roslyn V. Russell, Niagara Falls, N. Y., of a peanut tube miniature regenerative set which can be carried in the pocket and yet will do all that could be expected of many larger and more complicated outfits. Mr. Russell completed the set during the winter and under favorable conditions listened in on broadcasting stations and amateurs in all but the sixth and seventh Radio inspection districts. A portable set indeed!

Dial Container Is Cabinet

Mr. Russell ordered a Sleeper dial and when it was delivered he found it housed in a wooden box $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches square by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep. On receipt of the box the idea struck Mr. Russell that he could by ingenuity design a receiver to fit in the container.

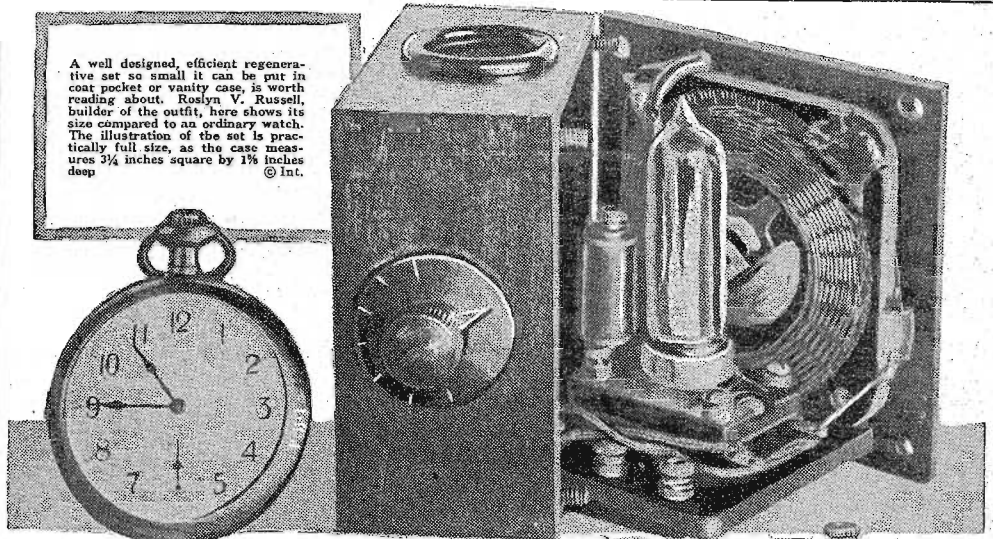
The corners were reinforced by small $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch triangular blocks of wood with holes through their centers through which screws were passed to fasten the panel on the front of the box. A $\frac{1}{8}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hole was cut out of the back to pass the end of the sub panel which carries the three battery binding posts.

The panel is of $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch bakelite, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches square. The sub panel is fastened to the front panel by two 8-32 flat head screws and is $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide by 2 inches deep.

Single Circuit Regenerative

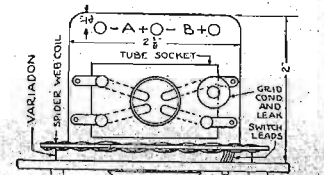
The circuit used is an improved regenerative single circuit using a spider web coil tuned by a vernier variable condenser and a switch on the antenna inductance.

MINIATURE APPARATUS COMPARED TO WATCH



A well designed, efficient regenerative set so small it can be put in coat pocket or vanity case, is worth reading about. Roslyn V. Russell, builder of the outfit, here shows its size compared to an ordinary watch. The illustration of the set is practically full size, as the case measures $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches square by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep. © Int.

Winding and Connecting Spider Web



end of the wire is connected to the grid condenser and leak and the fixed plates of the Variadon. The turns of the inductance after winding were doped with M-R No. 11 varnish. After this had dried thoroughly the pins and former were removed. Figure 4 illustrates clearly the method of winding and of taking taps.

Tube, Socket and Grid Leak
The tube used is a Northern Electric 215-A "peanut" with socket made by the same firm. To get the socket into the case it is necessary to trim the sides until the width is only 1 inch. The socket is mounted on the sub panel and a tubular

grid leak and condenser $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch long by $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch diameter is fastened directly to the grid binding post of the socket.
Mr. Russell made his own grid condenser and leak from a small rolled paper condenser mounted inside a hard rubber tube with brass plugs on each end and with a pencil mark leak extending from one brass plug to another on the outside surface of the hard rubber tube. It is not necessary, however, to follow this practice as very small grid condensers and leaks are available on the market and will serve satisfactorily here.

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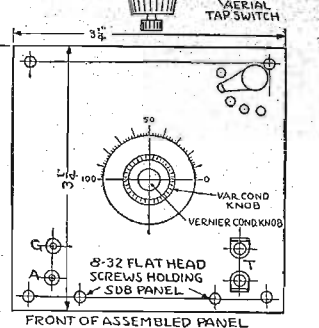
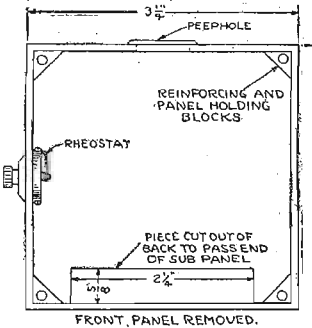
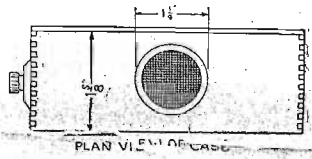


Figure 1

The tickler feedback has fixed coupling. Figure 2 shows the hook-up used and the number of turns in each part of the spider web coil.

As was stated, the secondary is tuned by means of a vernier variable condenser controlled by a vernier dial (small knob in the center) in the center of the panel. The condenser is a .0004 mfd. Variadon

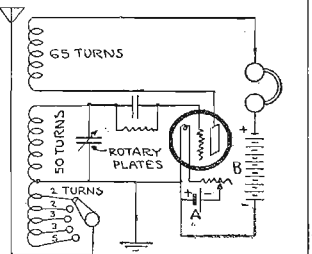


Figure 2

which was cut down from its normal $3\frac{1}{4}$ -inch diameter to a size $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches square without in any way, impairing its efficiency.

The shaft of the Variadon was drilled through the center to take a 1-16-inch brass rod, and a specially shaped brass vernier plate, shown in Figure 3 was soldered to the rod, which in turn was attached to the vernier knob of the dial.

Figure 4). This inductance is wound on a "former" $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. Twenty-seven pins are mounted equidistantly on the edge of the former and the coil is wound with No. 30 single silk covered wire so as to pass through every second pin. The tickler coil is wound first and consists of 65 turns. The wire is then broken and the antenna inductance of 15 turns

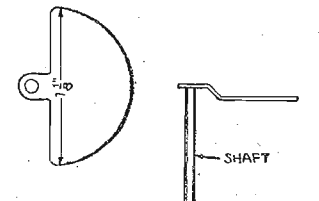


Figure 3

tapped at five points, started. The beginning of the antenna inductance goes to the 5th contact on the aerial tap switch; 5 turns are wound and a tap is brought to the 4th contact; 3 turns are wound and a tap is brought to the 3rd contact; 3 turns are wound and a tap brought to the 2nd contact; 2 turns are wound and a tap brought to the 1st contact, and finally 2 more turns complete the antenna inductance and the last tap is connected to the ground binding post and the Variadon rotating plates.
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"Quality in Radio—No Better Way to Serve," Says Signal Corps Officer

WASHINGTON—There is practically no end to the possibilities of Radio for military use, an officer of the signal corps stated recently, adding that, young men who wish to serve their country can do so in no better way than to become qualified in Radio and to join the National Guard or Signal Reserve Corps of the U. S. Army.

As an instance of the work of former amateurs who served in the signal corps during the war, it is said that 73 percent of the 400 Radio men engaged in intelligence work were ex-amateurs. Not a single "leak" occurred in the service, which intercepted 73,000 enemy messages and recorded 175,000 bearings on enemy Radio stations. The country is greatly indebted to these amateurs for their war work.

Radio Intelligence Work

Although little was known of the work of the Radio intelligence section of the army during or since the war, it was one of the most spectacular. Radio direction finders were placed all along the lines, at a distance of about five miles from the actual front and spaced about twelve miles apart. These receiving sets located the enemy stations in operation, recorded their bearings by means of directional coils, not unlike modern Radio compasses, and forwarded the bearings to headquarters where they were plotted on maps. The reports from many American Radio observers enabled the staff to keep an accurate check on practically all the German stations all the time.

Other receiving stations at army headquarters, intercepted and copied all enemy code messages, and telegraphed them back to general headquarters where code experts worked them out, giving the staff valuable information as to the movements or intentions of the enemy.

German's Make "Faux Pas"

On one occasion, when the Germans were planning a big offensive, the code all along the line was suddenly changed. The old code, known by the Americans for some time, became valueless. But one German officer could decipher a long message sent him in the new code and asked his commander to repeat it in the old one. This was done and as the American intercepting stations copied both messages, the staff of experts at headquarters soon had a fair solution of the new code, which they eventually worked out in its entirety. The repetition of the message in both codes was more than they hoped for, and when the new code was transmitted to the French and British headquarters, the American Radio intelligence service was credited with a big "score" in aiding the Allies in securing advance information.

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SAN FRANCISCO.—Great Britain is using its diplomatic influence at Peking to aid Japan's opposition to the entry of American Radio companies to China, according to Emmett White, attorney, writer and former director of the insular and foreign division of the American Red Cross in China, who arrived from the Orient recently.

It is believed by American residents of Shanghai, says White, that with the completion of six gigantic stations reported to be under construction in England by the British Marconi Company, Great Britain hopes to establish a complete world monopoly of the air, assisted by Japanese stations in China and Manchuria.

The Federal Telegraph Company of this city is keeping the cables and telegraph wires busy with appeals to Washington, urging that the State Department take action on the reported refusal of the de facto government at Peking to live up to the terms of an agreement permitting the installation of Federal Radio stations at six Chinese ports.

Fort Worth Bids for Third Big G. E. Plant

Location in Southern U. S. Held as Inducement

FORT WORTH, TEX.—The tremendous Radio interest in the territory for hundreds of miles around Fort Worth, largely developed through Station WEAP, and the fact that Fort Worth is near the center of the southern half of continental United States, is offered as an inducement in bidding for the third huge broadcasting station which the General Electric Company is planning.

The ordinary service radius of a station of this kind would be more than 1,500 miles. A similar station is now being erected at Oakland, Calif. and the parent station is WGY, Schenectady, N. Y.

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SMALL REGENERATOR

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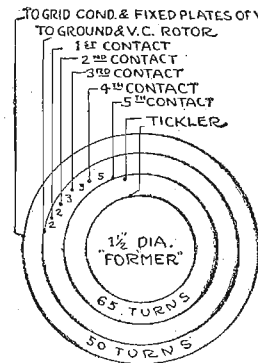


Figure 4

the left side of the case. There being none small enough on the market, the rheostat is made from a piece of 3/8-inch diameter hard rubber rod, 1/4-inch thick, and grooved on its outer edge to take the resistance wire coil. The contact blade is 3/8-inch long and is turned by a 1/4-inch knob and dial 1 1/2-inch in diameter mounted in the center on the left side of the case as shown in Figure 1.

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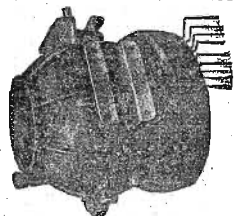
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Front Panel Assemblies

The front view of the assembled panel is shown in Figure 1. The antenna switch is in the upper right corner of the panel, surrounded by five contact points. In describing the winding the contacts were referred to as first, second, third, etc. First means the contact nearest the top, while the fifth contact means the one farthest to the right.

The two lower left binding posts marked G and A are for ground and aerial respectively, while the two lower right binding posts equipped with phone tip clips are for the headset.

It is well to note here that the ground binding post and the aerial switch lever screws go through the screw holes in the Variadon thus serving to fasten the latter to the front panel.

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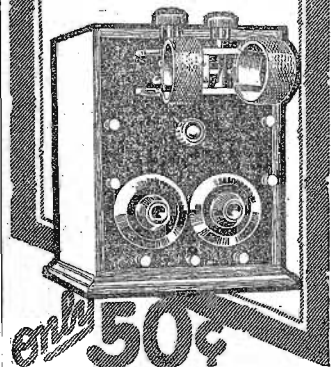
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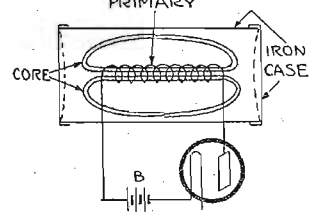
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The Reader's View

Talking Transformers I have just read in the Digest for May 12 an article by a fan who, while presumably sane and sober, heard voices coming out of his box without the use of phones...

This transformer is simply an enclosed type, with a figure 8 core, the shield being of iron in the shape of a cylinder.



You get it now, don't you? The plate current simply magnetizes the core, which attracts and vibrates the circular ends of the case, or drum.

My fellow-lunatic will find that, in all probability, this transformer couples his first and second stages, as the current from the detector tube is probably not powerful enough to vibrate these stiff disks audibly.

Thus, a "dood" speaking transformer can be easily constructed, but the secondary would be useless; that is, the "dood" could not be used as a loud speaker and a transformer at the same time.

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FLEWELLING ANSWERS

(Editor's Note.—This department is written by Mr. Flewelling, the inventor of the famous super circuit. From the questions sent him each week here of Radio Digest, he picks the one considered most informative for all and answers it in this column.)

Variable Condenser Too Large (Submitted by T. Z., Jersey City, N. J.) Question.—My Flewelling set is very selective and pretty loud, but I do not get the steady high pitched whistle when I have tuned in a station because I have to turn down the filament to reduce the whistle in order to bring in the station. Would the 43-plate variable condenser that I am using have any effect on this?

Answer.—Using a 43-plate condenser usually means utter failure with the Flewelling set, because the set tunes so sharply that one is unable to handle such a large sized condenser. Note also that the value given for the coils is such that maximum results are secured by the use of the smaller condensers such as a 7 to 11-plate.

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YOUR vacation, wherever spent, offers a host of Radio possibilities. The man in the cool, northern wilderness, the person sojourning at any one of the small lake resorts, the individual who prefers to rest in the country; in fact, all are realizing the full service which their small receiving set can furnish. News, baseball scores, market reports, music, invisible drama, and the multitude of innovations already made possible by the thoughtfulness of studio directors, are all there for the tuning. With fifty super stations keeping the various sections of the country well supplied with broadcast service, it is indeed a poor set that cannot tune in several plants. Again, a set which can reach only one hundred miles out from a city home, is almost sure to do much better than that when installed in a small country town, out on a farm, at seaside, or in the mountains.

AUTOMOBILE tours have had a great revival in interest since it has been demonstrated that one can keep in touch with the world by Radio, even while speeding along. The popularity of the passenger car has hardly had a slump, but the fact remains that the receiving of broadcasting stations on tour has added a new thrill to the jaded similarity of swallowing the unkind dust of the car just ahead. An aerial around the top of the car, a loop, or even a hastily erected single wire to some nearby tree, plus a compact portable set equipped with dry cell tubes, make an unbeatable combination to fill in the leisure moments when the tourist has just about had his fill of holding the car on the road and wishes to rest. Then, too, the storage battery equipment of the average machine makes it very simple to use one's regular set with the larger tubes.

CAMPING out is a time-honored sport. From the time of the tribes of Israel, and thousands of years before that, the tent has been a shelter accepted by all. Thus we find many lovers of the great outdoors breaking away from the daily routine and making their home in a camp under the canvas spread of a tent where they can hear the bombardment of the rain pitter-patter and the call of the night birds. But add the marvel of the twentieth century to the scene. Easily erected, operated and maintained, a camper's portable set provides that contact and cheer of the busy world, but in the isolation of the wilderness. The tenderfoot may find camping a bore some at times, but Radio will give him the entertainment and news, the lack of which is troubling him. Certainly, your vacation will be with Radio. Why not?



RADIO INDI-GEST

FIRST WALLA WALLA PROGRAM

(Continued from where we were interrupted last week. For this suspicious occasion.)

Article C.—Bambolin Bray, chief head official announcer not emeritus will announce. After announcing all that he has to announce he will not announce any more until there's something more to announce. At present there is nothing to announce except that he will announce. (P.S.—Bambolin Bray, chief head official announcer, uses deaf and dumb sign language in all his announcing when he announces.)



Mr. Wattle Knees, musical director, walking south

Article D.—(Four and one-third coupons and a plugged tinney.) The first act to be broadcast. Le Moqueur and Ellis Broaklewse will terpsichore a synthetic dance before the microphone. (Listen in for this. It's gonna be good.)

Article E.—Community Chorus. All listeners in will sing to the direction of Mr. Wattle Knees, Indigest's extraordinary musical director. Wattle Knees will direct before the microphone with a muffled baton so that no noises will be made to destroy the great vast multitude of noises of our listeners in.

Article F.—Soft shoes dance by Polly W. and Rita M. Silent hobnail army shoes have been ordered from the U. S. Steel Corp. for this momentous moment.



Bambolin Bray head announcer, and bouncer

Article G.—Motion Picture, "Why Wallow in Walla Walla?" Scenario by Alogongula Ponsilis III; Filmed by Spider Webb; Misdirected by Lillian G.

Article H.—A trip through the Walla Walla Museum. A portable microphone will be carried throughout the entire length of this venerable hall so that all exhibits may be heard.

Article I.—Collection taking for \$300,000,000,000 to help pay off the victors in the Stebbins Degenerative Set Contest.

Article J.—None has been set inasmuch as this is the finale. All artists will gather before the microphone, smile and bow for the listeners in after which the antenna will be lowered by Mike and Izzy.

In Quest of the Kanooifs

Part II—In Italy

For days they searched the forests, no Kanooifs could be found. *(Misery, don't prefer me.)*
They hunted high and low for it, all over the ground. *(Simply no luck.)*
"It can't be here," said one of them. "Let's pack our things and go." *(Hurry we're tall things.)*
"Where to? Ah, that's the question." Another said, "I know." *(Wise guy.)*
"We'll go to sunny Italy, where the wild spaghetties grow." *(Oh, no, my Racine.)*
"And the hot Tomale bushes are blooming in a row." *(Pretty flowers.)*
"What about the all-weather air slicks." "We're going to a clime. *(Isn't it warm to-day?)*"
"Where senioritas smoke and dance and drink Italian wine." *(Burn my clothes.)*
They journeyed to a little town, GARLICO was its name. *(Hamburger.)*
An old Italian stronghold which through smell had won its fame. *(Lilies of the alley.)*
And here they met Marconi, a duke of great renown, *(Very apologetic.)*
Who told them that he knew where a Kanooifs could be found. *(Smart feller.)*
He said there was an island in the ocean far away. *(And she wore a yellow ribbon.)*
The name of it and where it was, he did not care to say, *(Oh, she's tall.)*
But he told us when the wind blew West, and the ether waves rolled high, *(Heave to, me lads.)*
To look for it with all our might, and we'll find it bye and bye. *(Hurry go bye-bye, too.)*
We told him that he was a prince, although he claimed not such. *(Not he.)*
And mentioned he had helped us out in general, much too much. *(Big headed.)*
Then we left GARLICO, bound for Egypt, valley of the kings. *(Tut, tut.)*
Now get the next installment and we'll tell you startling things. *(Gee, I'm gonna get it, too.)* —ROZEE.
(Cheer up, only two more parts.)

Mike Rofarand Sez It's a Tight Squeeze

Dear Mr. Gosh: I have frequently heard mention of real, dyed-in-the-wool Radioknuts, and some of them are interesting specimens but have you heard anything to beat this? I have a girl friend who is such a confirmed Radioknut that she refers to her Gossard as her "Variable condenser"! Yours disrespectfully, ELLIS BROAKLEWSE

A-B-C Lessons for Indigest Beginners

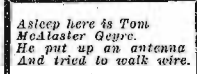
Chapter I—The Antenna Does Which?

BY GOSH

A IS for antenna
Put up to bring in sound,
Sometimes it brings in lightning.
Through your set, down to the ground.

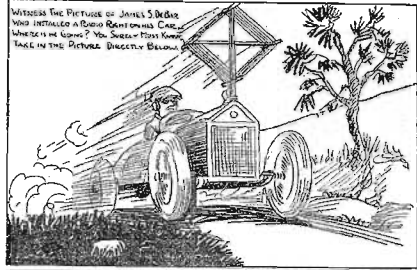
Indigest Plant Mustava Call!

The Walla Walla government has the whole alphabet to choose station calls from as no stations have been assigned calls there up to date. When Indigest established its station on this tropical isle the head gazakufs of the political ring said, "Indi, my most valuable counsel, you can choose any call you please for your station."—Now we put it up to you: Indigest is going to have you call its readers to contribute a name for our plant. Send in your suggestions at once and we are going to pick the best one and award one genuine brass, beveled edge, round switch point to the one who sends in the winner. The picture of this marvelous and magnificent, most inspired prize will appear next week. Watch for it!



Asleep here is Tom Mustaster Geyre. He put up an antenna And tried to walk wire.

Looking Ahead
In Next Week's Issue of Indigest Anticipate Nothing



WITNESS THE PERILS OF JAMES S. DEAR WHO INTERFERED WITH HIS BROTHER'S CALL. WHILE IN THE BOAT? YOU SHOULD HAVE TAKEN IN THE PORTABLE DIRECTOR'S BELONGINGS.

WATTLE KNEES SET A PORTABLE, FAITHFUL AND TRUE. IT MAKES A FINE THING FOR ANY CANOE. THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN LIPS OF PRINCIPLES THESE, ABOUT THE TIME THESE THINGS CAME FROM THE AIR.

Condensed

By DIELECTRIC

The owners of Station GFCN have launched into the business of manufacturing broadcasting sets and have already sold sets for use in Canada, Mexico and South America. Their programs are heard at considerable distances from Calgary and the W. W. Grant Radio, Ltd., is pretty well known in all parts of this country. Soon these Radiophone broadcasters will be talking back to the maker in Spanish.

When President Harding starts out on his trip across country he will have at hand a very powerful set installed in his private car. This is the first time that a broadcasting set of such power has been used on a railway train. It will also mark an epoch in the speechmaking of a head of this nation. Never before has it been possible for the rest of us to hear presidential addresses when hundreds of miles away, but now we may follow him as he speeds across the land stopping to speak at various towns enroute. Radio does it!

Radio control of the movements of ships has been tried with success on more than one occasion; a notable instance of this was the sinking of the Battleship Iowa off Paunama Bay. There was no one on board as the ship was directed to the right or left in giving practice to the American gunners in hitting vessels under steam. More recently the French have tested the use of Radio in directing an airplane under similar conditions—pilotless. From the take-off to landing each move of the plane was actuated by Radio-control devices. It may be found practically to substitute this medium in many lines now dependent solely on the presence of men.

Mississippi has resisted the impulse to join her sister states in the modern method of addressing the world until now. The first station to be licensed is the University of Mississippi, which has decided on programs of college songs and orchestra music. No doubt the alumni of this institution will be pleased to hear from their alma mater, but I am expecting to learn of educational features in the fall that will appeal to hundreds besides.

Not long ago Station WOR had rather an unique feature on its program when Bebe Daniels was interviewed by David A. Balch, editor of Movie Weekly. Miss Daniels was warned that not only Radiophans all over this country would hear her replies to his questions, but that the young lady with pad and pencil in the studio would take down every word to be given later to the readers of his paper. Judging from her answers she had prepared herself for the ordeal and made some pretty good "shots" in reply.

We are coming more and more to realize how very necessary Radio is to obtain a large hearing on any subject at any one time. In a case of distress, such as that recently in Colorado, Texas, an appeal may be made to folks in every state in the Union from a broadcasting station and quickly benefit thereby. A cyclone having struck this Texas town leaving much suffering in its wake, WBAP was asked to broadcast an appeal for funds. They poured in.

Preaching in churches with empty pulpits is becoming a thing of usual occurrence. Folks sit in their regular pews, sing, join in prayer and listen to sermons with no preacher anywhere in sight. When a church in Birmingham, Ala., found themselves without a preacher for the evening service they just made use of the pastor of another church in the city whose message was being broadcast. Another small church in New Jersey used a loudspeaker to fill their pulpit at short notice and it did well for the entire service of a church in New York city was brought to the congregation.

First Steps for Beginners in Radio

Chapter VI—About Crystal Detectors

By Thomas W. Benson, A. M. I. R. E.

FOR several years in the earlier stages of Radio and before the development of broadcasting stations most Radio reception was accomplished with crystal detectors. Although they are scoffed at today for long range work very remarkable records were hung up in other days. Perhaps this was due to the fact that one had to use a crystal and for that reason coaxed the most out of it. Even today it stands superior to the tube for clearness and freedom from noise as one can testify after listening to a reflex set using a crystal detector.

Crystal Detector Action

Just how the crystal detector functions is still a matter for debate but the prevailing theory is that of rectification. The currents induced in the receiving apparatus, are, as we have learned previously, of extremely high frequency. At 400 me-

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fact of this current is to charge the condenser connected across the phones and the potential of the condenser will vary as the amplitude of the current waves.

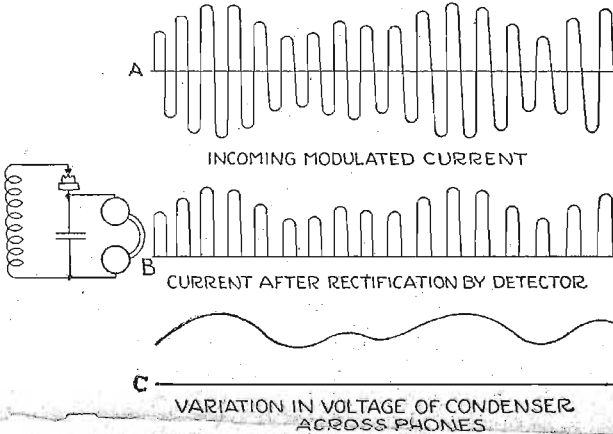


Figure 27—Showing Action of Detector in Radio Receiving Circuit

ters the current has a frequency of 750,000 cycles. If this current was made to act on the diaphragm of a telephone receiver it would vibrate back and forth that many times per second. The human ear, however, cannot respond to frequencies above 18,000 to 20,000 vibrations per second, so these high vibrations would not be heard.

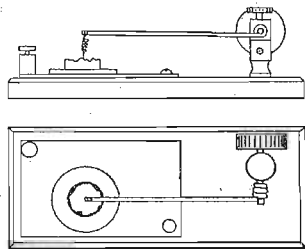


Figure 28—Details of Detector Stand Designed for Use with Galena

A crystal detector connected into the circuit acts to rectify the current, that is, allows the current to flow in only one direction and retards or prevents it from flowing the other half of the cycle.

This may be better understood from Figure 27. At A we have the current induced in the detector circuit showing the modulation of the waves by the microphone at the transmitter. At B is shown the same current after being rectified, that is, with the lower halves of the cycles cut off. The current is now direct but it is pulsating, that is, flows in jerks. The ef-

Thus the voltage of the condenser is shown at C and the changes in voltage represented by the curve cause a movement of the telephone diaphragm in synchronism with the music or words striking the microphone at the sending station.

Materials for the Detector

Many substances have been used for detecting purposes with more or less success and each day sees the birth of some new substance or an old one in a new dress. The two most popular minerals that have been found the most sensitive are galena and iron pyrites. Galena is a natural sulphide of lead, its crystals being cubical in form, having a bright metallic lustre and can be readily split up into regular cubes. Iron pyrites is also a natural ore known sometimes as "Fool's Gold" from its yellowish sheen. It is of a bronze-yellow

color and fractures very unevenly when split.

For Radio work a good piece of galena is superior to iron pyrites but a good piece is rare and to be treasured. Galena is very sensitive to heat and its detecting properties are oftentimes completely destroyed by the heating incurred during its mounting in metal. For that reason the crystal should be obtained loose and held in the cup with a set screw in preference to being set in molten metal.

Holder for Crystal

The type of stand used with galena should be fitted with a fine cat whisker so the contact will be light. And therein lies the disadvantage of this crystal, for to obtain great sensitiveness an extremely light contact is necessary. This is easily jarred out by slight vibrations. A short silver wire makes a very good cat whisker. A form of detector stand easy to construct and particularly suited to galena is shown in Figure 28. It can be made easily by anyone, the standard being a double binding post with a short brass rod through the top hole having a knob

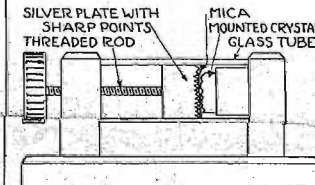


Figure 29—Details of Detector Stand to Obtain Permanent Adjustments with Iron Pyrites

fitted to one end and a stiff wire wrapped around the other end. A small spiral of about No. 30 silver wire soldered to the stiff wire serves as a contact for the crystal. The crystal itself is mounted in a rather thick brass washer and wedged

into place with tinfoil. A brass plate on the base makes contact to the crystal holder and permits the crystal being moved until the most sensitive spot is found.

Experiments have been tried using various substances other than metal wires for contacts. Graphite is said to be superior to either silver or gold cat whiskers. The lead from a hard lead pencil sharpened at one end and attached with a small spring to the arms of the detector stand, shown in Figure 28, makes what is classed the best form of galena detector both as regards sensitiveness and freedom from burning out from static.

Iron Pyrites Detector

Let us now consider the iron pyrites. This crystal is shown in preference by the Radiophans chiefly because it gives good results without much care in adjusting. It permits of more pressure being put on

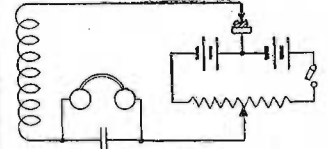


Figure 30—Circuit Employing Potentiometer and Local Battery to Pass Current through Crystal Detector

the cat whisker and hence is not so liable to be jarred out of adjustment. Not being so sensitive to heat it can be mounted in metal without difficulty.

It is not necessary that the stand used with iron pyrites have very delicate contact so any stand on the market can be used with success. However, the form of detector stand, shown in Figure 29, possesses several features to make it worthy of construction by those desiring the most from their crystal sets. With some changes several of the detector stands on the market can be adapted to this principle. It consists simply of a glass or other insulating tube mounted between two brass standards. A crystal of iron pyrites is split in one end as shown and a thin piece of mica placed over the crystal. The contact member is made from silver. A dime may be soldered to a thick brass disk for the purpose and its face cut into fine ridges with a sharp, three-cornered file, making cuts at right angles. The face of the dime is then covered with many fine points.

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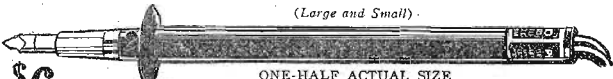
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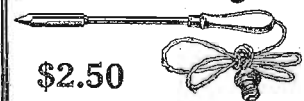
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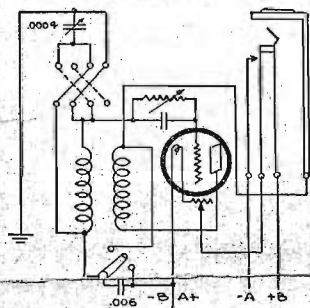
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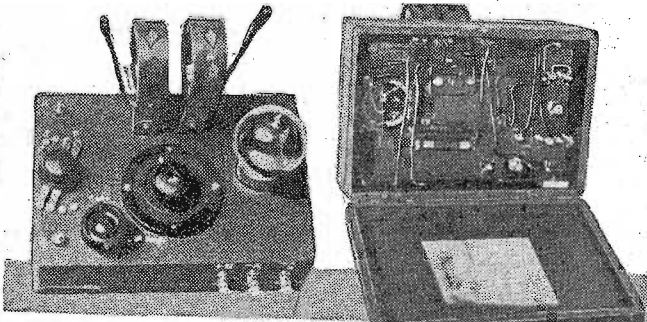
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Grid Leak Resistance

In vacuum tube receiving sets employing grid condenser and leak, it is found in some cases that broadcast signals are received clearly when the set is placed in operation, but suddenly cease after a short interval. Disconnecting the plate

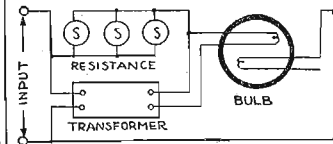
battery and then reconnecting it causes the signals to be resumed for another period and then cease abruptly as before. This condition results from the use of a grid leak having too high a resistance, thus allowing the accumulated charges to choke the tube. Disconnecting the plate battery for a time permits the charge to leak off and allows the set to function for a short interval until the charge builds up and again chokes the tube. The remedy is to draw a few pencil lines across the grid condenser. These lines should make good electrical contact at each end with the terminal posts of the condenser, thus reducing the resistance of the grid leak.

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Part I—Carrying Case and Built-in Loop

By H. J. Marx

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First and foremost—he surely can't cart around a storage battery. But, the advent of dry cell tubes has solved that difficulty.

Aerial Problem

Second, the question of aerials has been a big drawback. There are two ways of solving this problem. One is to use a wire aerial that can be temporarily rigged, and

wood and covered on the outside with fiber. It has the usual assembly of brass corners, straps, clips and locks. The cover has a wooden frame with fiber over it.

Cases of exactly the same size and make may be difficult to obtain. If an approximately similar size is available, the layout of the apparatus can be altered to suit. Undoubtedly a number of fans will want to construct the cabinet or case themselves. In that event the use of finished quartered oak $\frac{3}{8}$ inch thick is suggested. The brass corners and straps can be purchased at 5 and 10 cent stores.

The inside dimensions of the body of the case were $17 \times 12 \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \frac{1}{2}$ inches deep. The body is divided into two sections, one for the set itself and one for the batteries and head receivers.

Need Two Panels

Two panels are required, one measuring

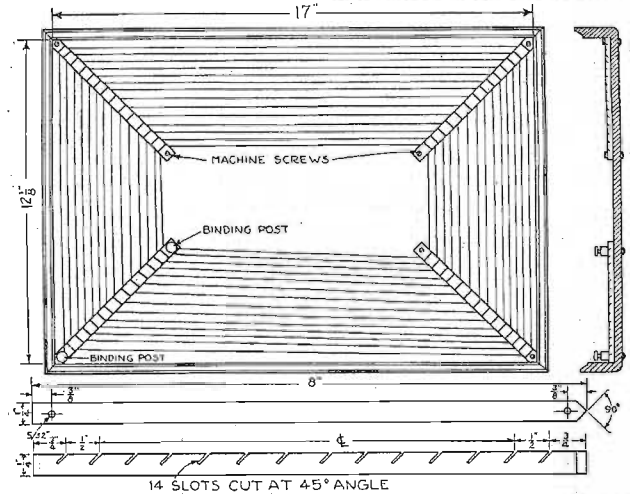
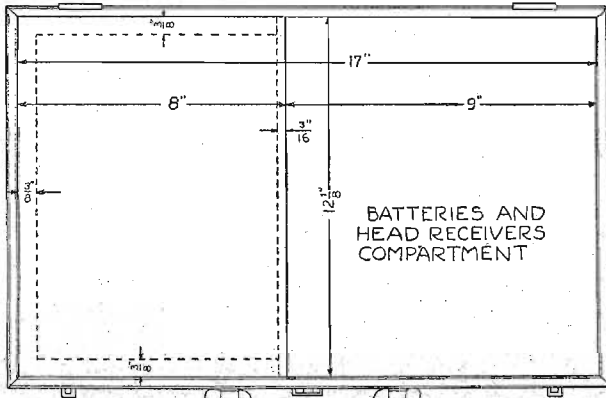
After apparatus space has been accounted for, an ample space $12 \frac{1}{2} \times 9 \times 5 \frac{1}{2}$ inches is left for the batteries and head receivers.

Loop Aerial in Top

The cover of the case has been utilized for the loop aerial. As shown in the il-

The cover is 1 inch deep so that ample room is provided for clearance of the dials and the loop. If properly located the binding posts will not interfere with any of the dials.

The wire used for winding the loop should be No. 18 double silk covered. A



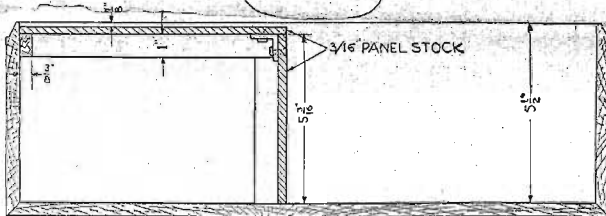
lustration, four strips of fiber or panel stock $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} \times 8$ inches long are slotted to carry the wire. These are fastened at an angle of 45° in the four corners of the cover by means of machine screws and nuts. The one in the lower left side next to the apparatus compartment is fastened by means of the two machine screws running into the binding posts. The start and finish of the loop wire is in these two posts which are later connected to the set itself.

half pound spool will be all that is necessary for the loop.

The layout of the apparatus for the various circuits will be taken up later.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Have a hook to put your telephones on after you have stopped listening in. If laid on the table they might land on the floor.



the other is to use a loop aerial with a type of circuit that will build up the strength of signals sufficiently. Loop aerials always offer the additional attraction that they are less susceptible to interference than the usual straight wire aerial. With loops the value of reflex circuits becomes more apparent.

If everything can be self-contained in a small traveling case—then the question of luggage space has been considerably simplified.

Choice of Three Hook-Ups

In the set to be described everything except the loud speaker is carried in a fiber sample case the inside dimensions of which are $17 \times 12 \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \frac{1}{2}$ inches. Three hook-ups will be placed at the option of reader. These are the two tube, three tube and four tube reflex circuits. These have all been tested and present another interesting little development in reflex design. The four tube circuit has already been assembled in the case to be described, so the fun need have no fears regarding the possibility of enclosing all the apparatus in the limited space available. If properly arranged there is a distinct advantage in compact layouts of reflex circuits; connecting lead lengths are reduced to a minimum.

Description of Fiber Case

The case itself is made up of $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch

$12 \frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times \frac{3}{8}$ inch thick for the top, and one for the side $12 \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{8}$ inches thick. Wooden strips $\frac{3}{8} \times 1$ inch are fastened on the inside of the fiber for supporting the panels. Both top and side panels are used for mounting the instrument. In addition two angles are used for fastening the two panels together. These, with the details for mounting the panel, will be described in detail later.



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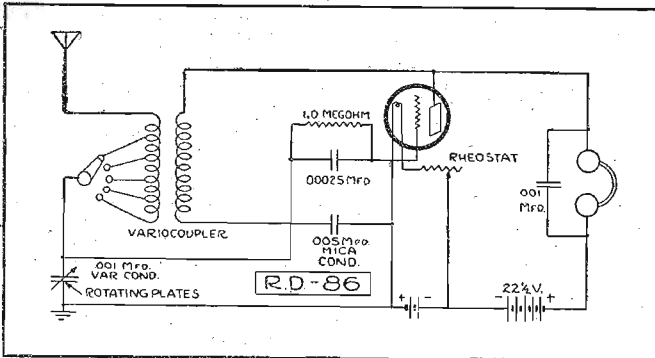
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The circuit is not primarily intended for loop aerial reception although one end can be connected to the antenna post, the other left open, and a regular ground connection is used. When so connected, some very good results are possible. If a straight wire aerial is used, a length of 50 feet can be thrown over a convenient tree. Of course this will not give the best results. If time is available, the wire should be suspended between insulators.

A copper rod driven into moist ground will give sufficient ground connection. This can be improved by soaking the

ground around the rod with salt water. The tuning condenser should have a capacity of .001 microfarad, to cover the increased wave length range. The rotating plates should be connected to the ground side. A blocking condenser of .005 microfarad capacity is inserted in the rotor circuit so as to avoid short circuiting the batteries through the plate circuit. The grid leak can be of the variable type but this is left to the option of the maker. The tube is a detector, although hard tubes such as the C301A can be substituted. In such a case it may be advisable to increase the plate battery voltage. A cushion mounting for the tube socket is recommended as a portable set gets considerable knocking around that does not help preserve the tube filament. The rheostat resistance will depend on the type of tube used. If a UV199, C301A, or UV201A is used a 20 to 25-ohm rheostat is required. Otherwise the standard 5-ohm rheostat is sufficient.

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Into the circuit the screw is run in slowly forcing the points on the silver plate through the mica and making contact with the iron pyrites. When the loudest signals are heard the detector is left adjusted and will continue to function indefinitely. This is as near perfect a fixed detector as it is possible to construct.

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Synthetic Crystals; Clipping Contact.

One method of making these synthetic crystals is to bury two dimes in flowers of sulphur for a week or so. On removing one of the dimes it will be found covered with black silver sulphide and will function as a detector crystal. After using for a week the second dime can be brought into service and the first replaced in the sulphur for renewal. Thus the two are used alternately and will last indefinitely. This is worth trying.

When a metallic wire is used as a contact on the crystal it oxidizes rapidly and poor reception is often blamed on the

crystal when it is the fault of the cat whisker. The obvious cure is to clip the end of the cat whisker when the signal strength falls off so a clean, fresh surface of the metal is presented to the crystal.

An enclosed form of detector is advisable when the apparatus is subject to dust or moisture and not only reduces the oxidizing of the cat whisker, but protects the crystal as well.

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tion. The crystal can be restored to its original sensitive state by washing with pure alcohol or ammonia, scrubbing the surface with an old tooth brush. Allow the crystal to dry without wiping and the crystal will be found as good as ever. When completely insensitive, simply cleaving the surface of the crystal with a knife or cutting pliers will usually uncover more sensitive spots and make the crystal still of value.

Using Battery With Crystal

There is sometimes a slight advantage in using a battery in connection with a crystal detector and for the benefit of those who care to experiment with this arrangement a method of connecting the battery and potentiometer is shown so slight currents may be impressed on the detector by adjusting the potentiometer. Two or four dry cells may be used with a 400-ohm potentiometer, opening the battery circuit while the set is not in use. The method of procedure is to first adjust the detector to maximum sensitiveness with the potentiometer at the center point and then by turning it one way or the other a slight current of the proper potential is applied to the detector.

Use of Condenser

Maximum signal strength can only be obtained when the condenser used across the phones is of a good grade. Use a mica condenser, or better still, one with air as the dielectric. Receivers will work without a condenser but it will be found the phone cords form a small condenser and thus permit reception.

There is still a wide field open for experimenting on crystal detectors or some similar rectifying device. A peculiar fact about any pair of contacts that will rectify high frequency currents, such as galena and silver, iron pyrites and brass, silicon and brass and so on through the list of crystals is that one of the substances has photo-electric properties while the other has not. That is, one of them emits negative electrons under the influence of light, the other does not. Whether this has any bearing on the phenomena of rectification is still an open question, the solution of which may lead to some very important discoveries.

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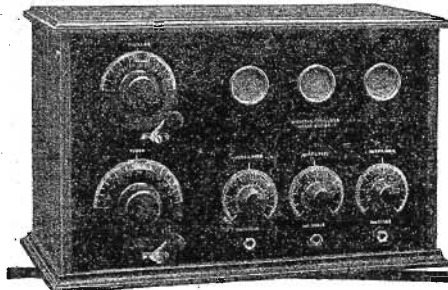
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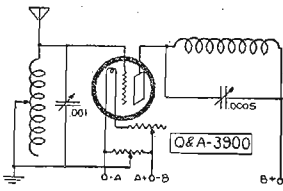
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Questions and Answers

Radio Frequency Amplifier

(3900) HRFI, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.
I have been a reader of your paper for some time and have patiently waited for a Radio frequency hook-up to work on my tube CR No. 9, but so far I have not seen it. Hence this letter.
Could you send me a hook-up of 2 stages that would work on my set, preferably where it will not be necessary to change the set I now have, in fact, one



which would work like the one for the Flewelling you published May 12, 1923, page 13? Would like to have the diagram plainly marked as to capacity of different parts, etc.

A.—Complying with your request we are illustrating on this page a diagram showing method of adding one stage of Radio frequency amplification to Grebe CR No. 9. No changes in present circuit will be required. If desired additional stages of Radio frequency may be added in the usual cascade manner.
Output coil is placed in inductive relation to the tuner on the set. This output coil can be of the honeycomb type 25 to 75 turns, depending on the wave length desired.

Best Broadcast Receiver

(2863) ARL, Reading, Pa.
I wish to thank your Q. and A. department for previous questions answered. They may be interested in knowing that I have found the cause of my A.P. amplifier trouble to lie in the UV-201 tubes. It appears as though the plate current leaks through the tubes, the quantity depending on the degree to which the filaments are lighted. In one case, through the range of off to full brilliancy, the plate voltage dropped from 190 to 170.
What do you consider the best broadcast receiver from the standpoint of selectivity mainly but with as much volume as possible?

The two circuits you seem to be specializing on at present are the Reinartz and Flewelling, and I have read or heard that the Reinartz is not well adapted to phone. In answering this question, however, do not confine your consideration to those two only.

I presume the super-heterodyne is superior at present as the Reinartz and Flewelling, and I have read or heard that the Reinartz is not well adapted to phone. In answering this question, however, do not confine your consideration to those two only.

for but there is some doubt in my mind as to whether the large amount of apparatus and tubes required warrants their use. What is your opinion of a capacitively coupled tuner? I have recently finished calculations for one in which I figure I can obtain a 4-meter variation in the .0006-.00004 mfd. range of UC-1820 condenser, but have not started making same and have no idea what volume to expect. Is it possible to use the Flewelling circuit for longer wave lengths and if so, what coils should be used?

A.—We are gratified to note that you have located difficulty which was disturbing the effectiveness of your circuit.
It is our opinion that the Armstrong three-circuit regenerative receiver is the most consistent and practical, aside from experimental interest. This circuit is hardly comparable with the super-heterodyne, which, however, is more intricate and difficult of operation by less than an expert.

Noting your reference to the Reinartz circuit, advise that it is as well adapted to phone as any other set.
We would not advise a capacitively coupled tuner as being selective. The Flewelling circuit is not adapted for wave lengths over 800 meters.

Variocoupler Winding

(2608) RLT, Columbus, Ohio.
Would you kindly give me information on how to construct a variocoupler for the Flewelling circuit?

I have been following each and every one of his articles and note that he says for everyone to stick to the parts that he uses or the builder might be disappointed. He spoke of a variocoupler with 75 turns for a rotor and 50 for the stator.
As I travel for a construction company I would like to have this set portable, so I can carry it about with me, but with honeycomb coils the set is bulky to assemble for carrying.

Would like to have the size of tube and rotor, number of turns of wire, also size and kind of wire. I also ask you if the Variadon condenser manufactured by Du-Bilier Condenser and Radio Corp. is vernier enough in adjustments sufficient to use with this circuit instead of using the plate condenser?

A.—Answering your inquiry with reference to the variocoupler; use fifty-six turns of number twenty-two wire tinned every seventh turn for the primary and seventy-five turns of number thirty wire for the secondary. Wind on a standard size rotor and stator. Connect in Flewelling circuit in the same manner as the

honeycomb coils, primary as tuning inductances and secondary as tickler.
In our opinion, honeycomb coils would be much less bulky and will certainly be more efficient. Would advise adherence to specifications as nearly as possible. The condenser suggested should serve effectively.

Ground Hum

(2888) JFT, St. Louis, Mo.
I made a socket aerial as per instructions in your magazine of February 24. I think it's just great, outside of one fault that I found with it, which is a loud buzzing sound that is so strong as to prevent me from hearing some of the local broadcasting. I have a crystal set and would appreciate very much if you will kindly inform me as to how I can overcome this annoyance?
A.—The annoyance of hum occasioned can often be overcome by grounding the minus side of the A battery in a tube set, but do not believe that there is any way of eliminating it with a crystal set.

Reinartz Circuit

(2474) JNS, Jacksonville, Fla.
Kindly advise me concerning the Reinartz circuit, on the following points: What covering should the wire have, S. C., D. C., silk, enamel or cotton and enamel? It being difficult to obtain fibre board for winding the spider web coils on, what can be substituted instead?
What kind of insulating enamel gives the best results on these coils, or others? A.—Use DCC wire. Cardboard, very thin wood, old phonograph records may be used for spiderweb coil winding.
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The writer is not exactly familiar with what distance these signals may be picked up so I am not sure whether he is kidding me or kidding himself. I really believe an article in your excellent paper, of which the writer is a subscriber, covering this subject, including the possibilities with present day apparatus of hearing voice and music at great distances would be of interest as there are a great many readers who would appreciate enlightenment on this subject.

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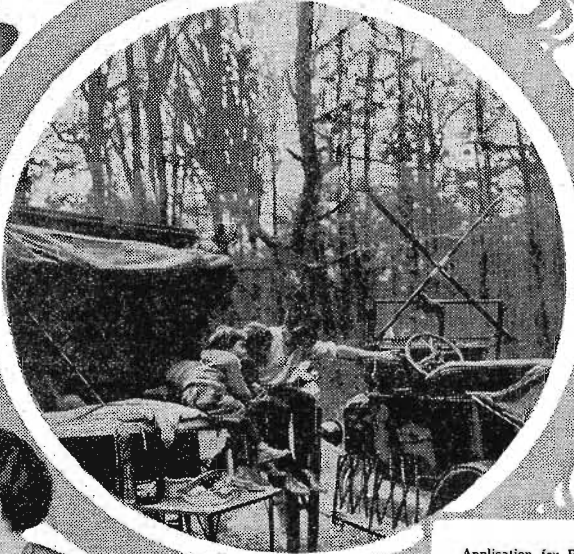
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