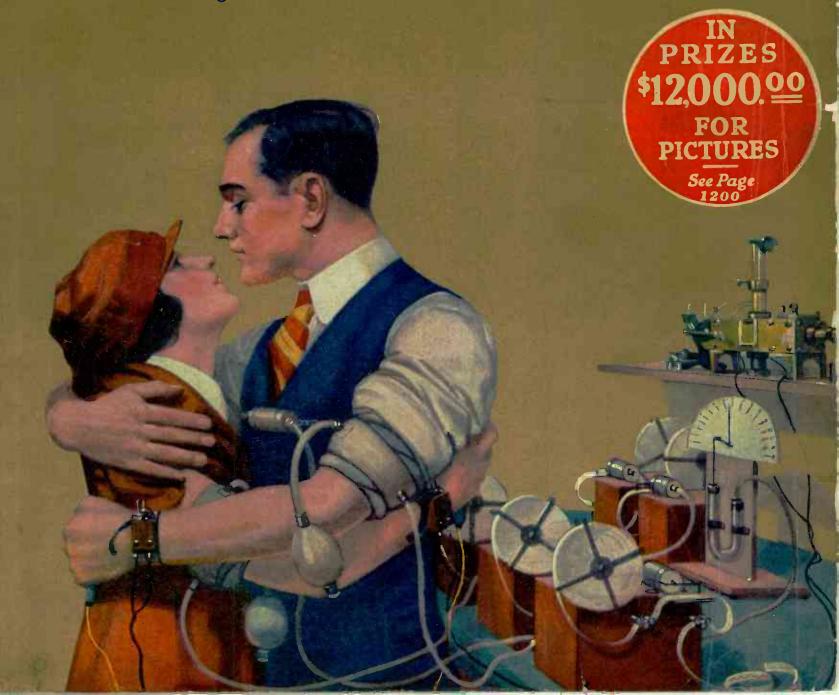
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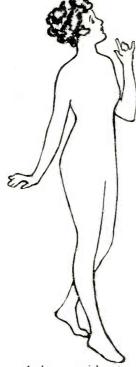
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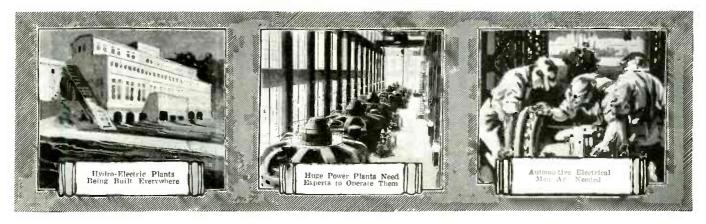
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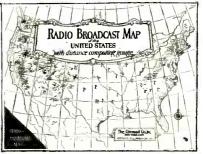
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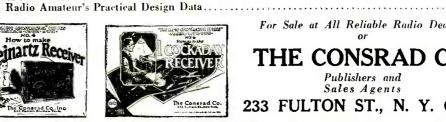
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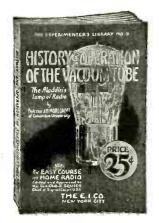
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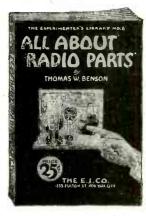
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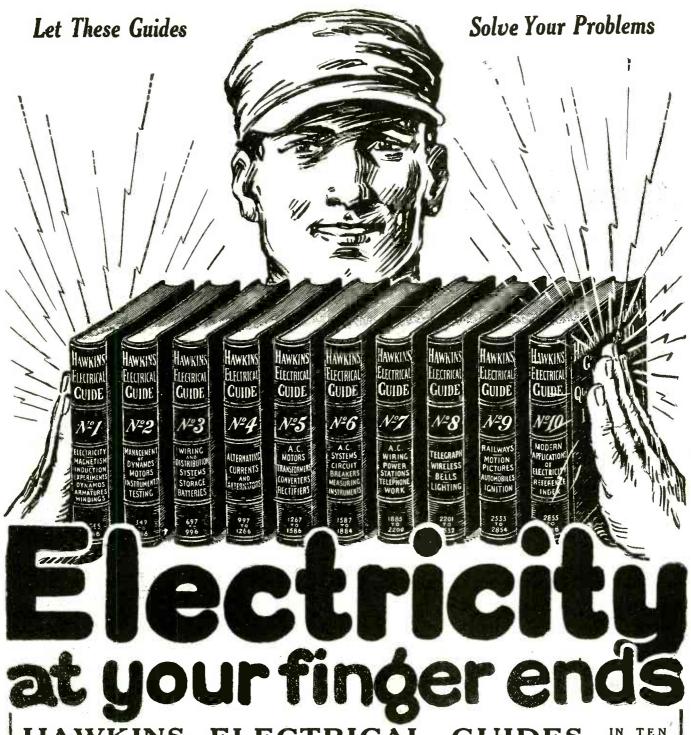
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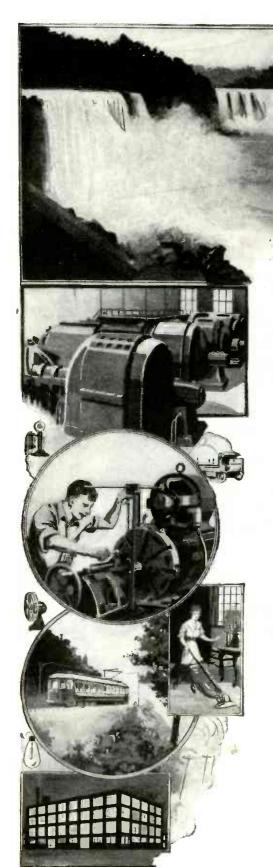
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## Alice In Sound-Land

#### By H. GERNSBACK

HE other day I called on Alice—you know, the same Alice whom you accompanied to Wonderland years ago. She had not changed one bit and was as bright and as inquisitive as ever.

I pulled out from my pocket two attachments, like little earmuffs, made of bright metal and glass and which were to be worn over the ears, not unlike a pair of radio head receivers.

"These," I said to Alice, "are Sonophones, a new invention

of mine that makes all vibrations in the whole world audible to your ears. As you know the human ear can hear sounds only beginning at about 16 vibrations per second running up to slightly above 32,000 per second. Below 16 vibrations such as certain low basso organ pipes, the average human

hamen. ear can hear nothing. Above 32,000

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such as very high pitched whistles which we can produce in certain radio instruments, the same ear hears nothing further. "We will now take a trip into sound-land where we will

hear sounds of the low and high vibrations.

"This sounds interesting," said Alice, who loves puns.

I clamped the sonophones over Alice's ears and a like pair over my own. A slight adjustment brought us down to sound

vibrations as low as two per second. We watched a big eagle over head while he was flying towards The note made by his wings was easily audible; not just a flapping noise, but a real low sort of a hum. But as low vibrations did not hold out much interest for us, I made an adjustment to leave the ordinary sound range far behind and adjusted the sonophone for slightly above 30 million vibrations per second. Here electric vibrations

reign. Suddenly sounds of jazz music came to our ears. Alice

looked at me questioningly.

"What you hear now," I explained, "is radio station KSD of St. Louis, broadcasting. The radio frequency vibrations are translated through the sonophone directly to your ears, without aerial or ground connection nor any radio apparatus whatsoever. These vibrations in ordinary everyday life are always about us, only we do not hear them because our ears do not

respond to these high vibrations." Alice did not believe me, so she took off the head pieces. Supreme quiet reigned and she heard nothing. Convinced, she put on the ear pieces again and heard station KOP of Detroit, Mich.

We then approached a high power electric line. A slight adjustment brought us in tune with the electric frequencies of this line. A high pitched sound was heard, very pleasing to our ears. But commercial electrical vibrations are slow. So we entered the house and I took Alice near to the big steam radiator in the living room. I set the sonoscope to the heat vibrations which go from 70 to 281 trillion vibrations per second. The heat of the radiator gave out a very shrill whistling sound much higher than the electric high tension line and the sounds rose and fell due to the fact that the heat in the radiator was not even. I then adjusted the sonophone for 562 trillion vibra-

tions per second-light vibrationsand bade Alice to step out into the sun light. A tremendous roaring sound was heard immediately. We were now hearing light waves, the sunlight giving the vibrations. "Why is the sound not steady?" queried Alice, "for the sun light surely is

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¶ THAT the more you learn, the less you know.

steady." I explained to her that, due to the sun spots, variations in the strength of the sun light are produced and our atmosphere also changed the light's intensity somewhat. For that reason we hear that peculiar swell such as you hear from a big organ pipe. It was a tremendous sound, great in volume and very pleasing. The sounds were much higher than those of the steam radiator.

> We next took a jump up to one quintillion vibrations, in figures 1,152,921,504,606,846,976. Alice could not understand that there could be so many vibrations per second. I, however, led her into the laboratory and started an X-Ray tube to work. Here we have the highest and fastest vibrations so far known, X-Ray vibrations. The whole room seemed filled with the tremendous high pitch screaming sound that was so high that it became

almost unbearable. I next directed the X-Rays upon a sheet Immediately we heard mixed in with the high screaming sounds tremendous booming noises such as you hear in a naval battle. "Why the loud booming noises?" asked Alice. I hastened to explain that as long as the X-rays were not interfered with we heard the high pitched sounds, but the minute we block the rays by means of lead there are collisions between the rays and the atoms of the lead, causing explosions

which were the noises we heard.

"Are there still higher vibrations?" asked Alice. "Yes," I said, "if you go up to the 62nd octave you will have over 4½ quintillion vibrations, but so far we have not been able to produce them.'

Just then the telephone rang, awakening me from my pleasant dream. I instinctively felt for the sonophones. They had vanished, and with them their secret.

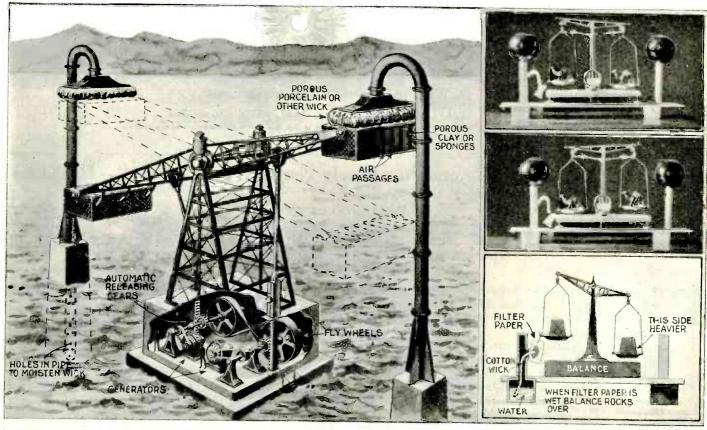
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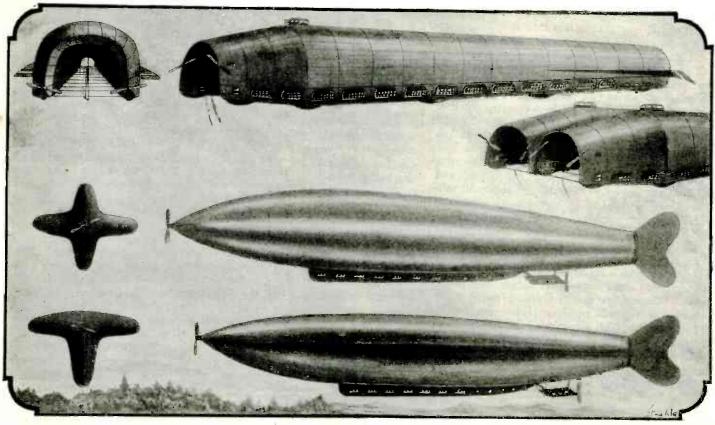
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side absorbs enough water to cause it to over-balance the side now in the down position. The two photographs on the right show a model of the system which actually works. The pendulum rocks back and forth at a rate varying from forty seconds in the summer to one and a half minutes in the winter. Notice in the photos that a small piece of filter paper is attached to one of the beams of the balance,

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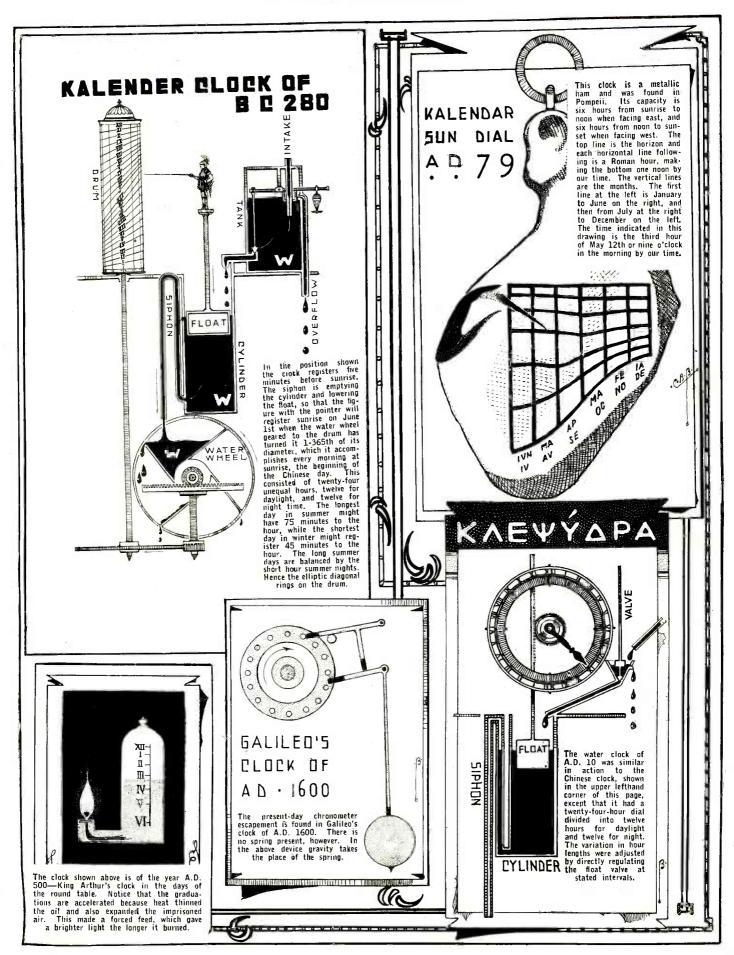


When the lighter-than-air machine is finally adapted to actual freight and passenger service of large extent, it will probably take one of the three forms shown above since the world's most famous aeronautical engineers are agreed that these types are the most

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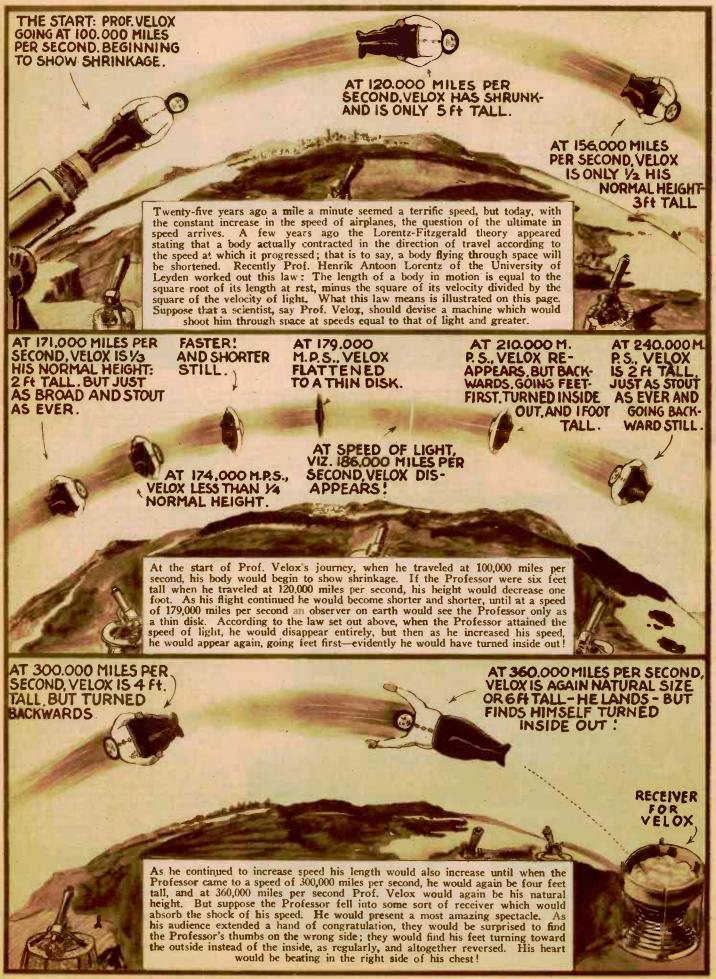
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In the middle of the night they awake to find their entire cavern in flames. The rock, being of a combustible nature, has become ignited from the cooking fire. They dash toward the mouth of the cave and out to the surface of the meteor. Thus robbed of their home they "swim" through the air to the opposite side of the planet. Here they make their home beside a large stream at a point where it enters a low hill. Soon smoke and fumes from the conflagration drift over to their side of the small meteor. Nemo is sud-



denly seized with an idea and taking Nona with him he plunges into the water and follows the bed of the stream into the mountain. Soon they find food and devour it, still under water. At this point they see coming toward them a

party of ten people, four men and six women, who are somewhat human in form, but have four arms like the tentacles of an octopus. Nemo and Nona are captured and tled by them. A large vehicle is seen coming along the bed of the stream and the Marinoids, as Nemo calls his capturers, prostrate themselves. Nemo does not follow suit and the occupant of the vehicle throws a spear at him. He is struck and falls senseless. When Nemo comes to his senses, he and Nosa are taken by the Marinoids to the city called Rax. This city is under water and, unlike the cities of our earth, is built of underwater vegetation.

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After Nemo and Nona have lived with the Marinoids for some few months, Nemo becomes practically indispensable to the ruler or King of the city and is consulted by him on various occasions. The couple lived in the same home with one of the Marinoids, but after their child was born, whom they, named Boy, they were given a home of their own. Soon after this a man named Og insulted Nemo and challenged him to a fight. The fight took place in front of the palace of the ruler and Nemo was defeated because Og had a peculiar property, which was characteristic of the Marinoids, enabling him to send a charge of animal electricity into the body of Nemo, thereby rendering him unconscious. After the fight, Nemo is brought back to consciousness by Nona. He finds, at a later date, that the electricity used was similar to that found in the body of the electric cel, common on the earth. After recovering fully, Nemo starts to look for his recent adversary, but is unable to find him, and he soon learns that Og has left the city.

GO back again in my memories to that year in the underwater Marinoid city of Rax—the year of quiet and peace for Nona and me which followed the birth of our son. Boy, we called him; everyone called him that, for he was the only child of his kind in our world.

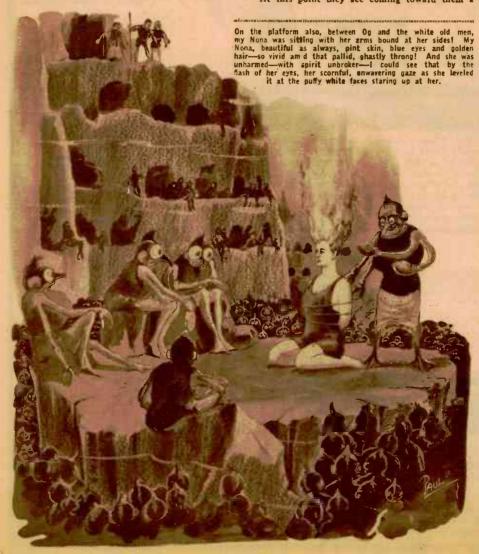
only child of his kind in our world.

It was a wonderful, happy time for us both.

In all the Universe there was never another
like our Boy. So thought Nona and I.

Pink and white, with his laughing blue eyes,
and soft blond hair on his little head, he
would lie cradled in the big white shell that
stood in the center of our living room. The
tiny bits of vegetation which often floated in
the water past his face were his toys to snatch
at and demolish; and Nona, who fed him,
crooned to him, and when he was no more crooned to him, and when he was no more than a month or two old guided his baby flounderings into swimming strokes, was the center of everything around which his infant world revolved.

For myself, almost an outsider with these two, it was enough to watch them playing



together, to see the light of motherhood in my Nona's eyes, and the glory of it on her face

The time—unmarked by daylight or darkness down here in the water—glided by; and for us the passing days meant only that Boy was growing larger, his limbs were lengthening, his neck would now support his head, he could swim and soon he would begin to talk.

on a similar plan. It's like a puzzle—a jigsaw puzzle whose picture remains undefined until you fit the last segment into place.

So it was with these ominous events that now occurred one by one in Rax. (And the absent Og, I may say, was at the bottom of them.) Each in itself seemed relatively unimportant. Yet all were part of a plan of destruction that was menacing us like an unseen sword hung suspended. We awoke to



Thus can happiness exclude one from the world around. Yet it must not be inferred that we lived at home in complete seclusion. There were happy times with our friend Caan and his family—in his home when Boy would lie there asleep and we others would play at a game of floating shells.

And there were other times when I went hunting with the Prince. He seemed to like me—and his friendship I must confess, was to me a great joy and pride. Like many another Prince of your own Earth, Prince Atar was a sportsman. Occasionally, heading a little party of his friends, he and I would hunt together, swimming off toward the Water of Wild Things, where, over the cliffs which bordered the Marinoid domain, strange fearsome creatures would sometimes trespass.

CITY'S WORK

My means of livelihood? Oh yes, I was a worker like the rest. There was no place in Rax for a drone; and Nona and I were by no means guests of the city—no longer than the first month or two. When they gave us our home I was assigned to work with Caan. After each Time of Sleep, we swam out with our baskets into the open spaces beyond the forest which surrounded the city. We would gather up the shell-food that lay on the sea-bottom. It was continually sifting down from above, and what we collected was later gathered and driven in to Rax, to the government store-houses.

Caan's wife worked with us—for women, even though married, were obliged to work for the public good a portion of the time. After Boy was born Nona, too, often joined us—though this was not obligatory, for the care of infant children discharged a woman of the debt of working otherwise.

There is so much that my memory holds to tell you of this strange Marinoid civilization! But you, with your life to live at high speed, would weary of me if I were not careful. You want everything at a glance—and you shall have it.

Let me say then that during this peaceful year there were occurring in Rax a series of mysterious incidents of an exceedingly sinister character—incidents which shortly were to lead us into the most stirring and critical period of Marinoid history. But we did not know this at the time. Life—whereever in the Universe it may be found—runs

a realization of the danger, finally. You shall hear how it was I, who—when the thing at last struck home as a personal tragedy to me—played a leading part in the stirring scenes that followed.

May I ask you first to bear with me a moment more, while I give you a very brief summary of conditions in our Marinoid world? I know you will chafe. A thousand supposedly pressing duties of your own super-civilized life are forcing themselves upon you even at this moment of relaxation. Set them aside, I beg you. They are not nearly so important as you think. If you were to die tonight, leaving all of them undone—your world would go on as placidly as before.

A moment then—and you shall have action and movement to your heart's content.

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The region of the Marinoids was a stretch of water bounded by great rocky cliffs on all sides. It was subterranean water—by which I mean that ascending in it one came at last to a rocky ceiling. We were, at Rax, near the center of this subterranean sea. What was its extent, I cannot say. All measurements, all standards of comparison, were lost to me. In depth—at Rax—it might have been two thousand feet or more from the sea-floor to the ceiling above, which is to say some two or three times the depth of the city itself.

How many entrances there were from the outside world, I do not know. Through one of them Nona and I had come when Caan and his party first encountered us. To the Marinoids, who were not explorers, the idea of a surface to water was inexplicable. They could not conceive of such a thing; they could not understand it when I tried to explain it to them.

There were several Marinoid cities besides Rax, but none nearly so large. And there was—shall I say a rural?—population. In the great forests, Marinoid dwellings were occasionally to be found—isolated huts of sea-weed, clinging like bird-nests to the wavering branches of the trees. And in the open water other scattered families of the more adventurous turn, lived in huge shells from which they had excavated the living tissue—or lived in holes hollowed out of the banks of black ooze.

The boundaries of the Marinoid domain presented themselves as almost perpendicular cliffs—dark, jagged rock, with slabs and banks of black clay, mounds of coral, red, black and white, or a tangle of slimy vegetation. Openings which were caves—a cliffface honeycombed with them. And the ceiling was of similar character.

One of the boundaries—the one nearly opposite to where Nona and I had entered this world—was somewhat different. Here the cliff-face rose to over three thousand feet. But here also, the ceiling was even higher, so that between them there was left an opening a hundred feet or more in height, and a mile, at least, in horizontal width. It was a fearsome opening. Its floor seemed to extend backward and downward. The water in there was black; a thick slimy ooze was under it. And there seemed to be in it the suggestion of a noisome stench that lay beyond.

This was the entrance to another region, of unknown extent—the Water of Wild Things as the Marinoids called it. What might lie in there, none could say. A few had penetrated into it a short distance, and returned with lurid tales which none believed. And others had gone and never come back.

But that there were half-savage humans living there, everyone believed. Og was bred of them, some said; and now that he had voluntarily gone there to live, as rumor had it, so much seemed a certainty.

Strange animals occasionally came from the Water of Wild Things. A sea-monster had come once. But that was in the dim past, remembered only by legend. The monster had all but overcome the cloud of Marinoids who had desperately set upon it.

Such were the conditions under which we, at Rax, were living.

And now I am ready to tell you of that series of incidents which awakened us to our danger. They did not at first concern me personally, and so I paid them little heed. That is a commentary upon your own life, is it not? Soon the thing struck home to me with its tragedy. Ah, then how different it seemed! We can bear the grief of our friend so much more philosophically than our own!

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There was a balloon of white Jelly. It floated past us quite close. It seemed harm'ess and Atar swam beside it. Then suddenly the thing expanded, lost all its form and like a cloud of white mist, enveloped him.

## Dr. Hackensaw's Secrets

By CLEMENT FEZANDIÉ



Doctor Hackensaw had started a Brobdingnagian farm. Trees but a few years old were there, yet they towered higher than the gigantic California redwood trees. Giant animals and plants of many varieties were present.

(Author's Note .- What causes size? Why, in a normal family, will a dwarf occasionally be born; while, in another normal family, a giant will suddenly appear? What causes these exceptions? Every abnormal growth, every monstrosity, has its reason for being, and the function of science is to discover these causes. Once known, we may prevent these growths, or, if we so desire, we may produce giants and dwarfs at will.)

ERE I am again, doctor," cried Silas Rockett gaily entering the laboratory. "My newspaper, 'The New York Daily Growl,' wants some particulars in regard to your giant rabbits."

'What particulars do you want?"

"What particulars do you want?"
"In the first place, is it true that you have live rabbits the size of an ox?"
"Yes, it's perfectly true."
"Next, my editor wants to know how you produced these creatures."
"Ah, Silas; it was no easy job, simple as the matter really is. But I got started on the wrong track. For years I have been seeking to discover why it is that an occasional ing to discover why it is that an occasional giant or dwarf is born, but it was only after long research that I discovered the 'Secret of Size.' Still I finally solved the problems, and I have some specimens of my work at

my country-place in New Jersey that I am sure will interest you."

"The 'Secret of Size'?" echoed Silas.
"What is the Secret?"

Doctor Hackensaw smiled. "That's a thing that has puzzled many a scientist, and all kinds of theories have been advanced to account for abnormally large or small growths. Still, in general, scientific men believe the cause of the occasional production of giants and dwarfs to lie in metabolism. They consider it the effect of anabolism and catabolism.

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"Wh— wh— what?"
"Metabolism. To speak more simply, they consider the question one of nutrition or food. Anabolism is the building up of tissue, and catabolism is its destruction. If an sue, and catabolism is its destruction. If an animal or plant gets a great deal of food, and can assimilate it, it grows to giant size. On the other hand, if it is starved, it remains small,—it is dwarfed."

"Nonsense!" cried Silas Rockett. "Do you mean to tell me that if I fed a baby rabbit and a baby elephant the comments.

rabbit and a baby elephant the same amount of grass, the rabbit would grow to the size of the elephant?"

#### A QUESTION OF ASSIMILATION

"Yes, if it could properly assimilate the food. Otherwise you would merely kill it. The theory of metabolism is the true one, but I did not find it of much assistance. True, we see examples of it every day. The weeds around a manure-heap, for instance, grow taller and ranker than normal;—in fact I have seen such plants grow to three or four times the usual size. A man three or four times the normal size would be a giant eighteen to twenty-four feet high. In the case mentioned, the amount of food seems of itself to be sufficient to produce the excess of growth. On the other hand, there are also well-authenticated cases with regard to dwarfed plants. The Japanese, for instance, achieve considerable success in producing dwarfed trees. They produce dwarf apple-trees about one foot high, perfectly formed in every respect, and bearing real apples! These miniature trees are pro-duced, I am told, by giving the young plant barely food and moisture enough to keep it alive. It thus grows for years and years,

"How about alcohol? I thought animals were stunted by giving them alcohol?"

"Yes, the case is somewhar similar."

"It of the other hand, and warfed."

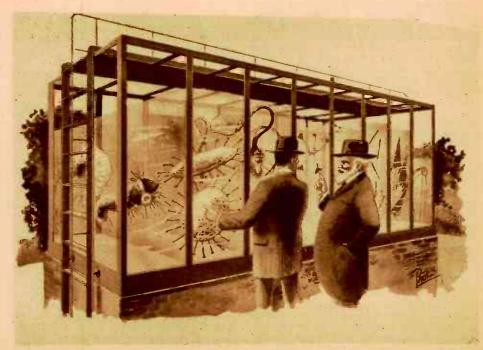
of each cell, the and dwarfed. The theory but it led me nowhere in this direction failed.

Formerly it was a common practice to keep pet dogs small by administering suitable doses of alcohol. This seemed to check the proper assimilation of food and therefore the growth of tissue. Certain scientists have claimed that the pineal gland in the brain, determined the size of the animal, but this theory may be disregarded. Very little is known about the pineal gland, so that it makes a very convenient nucleus to hang any theory on; and all sorts of powers have been attributed to it."

Here Doctor Hackensaw paused for a moment, and then continued: "I had not carried on my experiments long before I became convinced that the question of size was one of nutrition; and yet not quite in the way ordinarily imagined. An experiment I made with dogs led me to view the matter in the proper light. You have probably seen in the proper light. You have probably seen the pet dogs the ladies are so fond of,—the Toy Pomeranians, small enough to be cuddled in one hand. Well, it struck me that, here among dogs, where we have giants like Great Danes and St. Bernards and dwarfs like the Pomeranian, there was a fruitful field for research-work. I accordingly took a fertilized ovum of a Toy Pomeranian, and one of a Collie, and introduced both of these into the womb of an ordinary-sized dog. When she gave birth to the puppies, there were, as I had anticipated, a Pomeranian and a Collie. The former remained small—the latter grew to normal size. Both had received the same normal size. Both had received the same nourishment in the mother—evidently the difference extended further back-it extended

difference extended turther back—it extended as far back as the fertilized egg.

"Here, on the very verge of success, I was non-plussed, and I got off on the wrong track. 'If,' thought I, 'I could change every one of an animal's cells to double or triple their normal size—the animal itself should be two or three times its regular size. And if, on the other hand, I could reduce the size of each cell, the animal itself would be dwarfed. The theory was very plausible, but it led me nowhere. All my experiments



"Those are my pets!" said he. "Those are giant bacteria and bacilli. I have here the disease-germs of cholera, malaria, yellow-fewer and of many other illnesses.

By growing them to this grantic size, I can study them much better than I could through a microscope, and learn their life history and the effects of remedial agencies."

"At this juncture I chanced to read the result of some of the experiments made by Dr. Driesch on fish's eggs, and by Jacques Loeb on the eggs of the sea-urchin. Dr. Driesch cut a fish's egg in two, and succeeded in growing a complete fish from each half-egg:-one egg thus producing two fish!

that would ordinarily produce a male, with a cell that would produce a female, and thus combine the two different cells into a single egg. Again, this method enables me to make marvelous crosses and produce hybrids impossible in nature. I can join the egg-cell of an elephant with that of a mouse, and



"That four-year-old baby giant you see over there, is looking at his twin brother—a four-year-old dwarf held in the salm of its nurse's hand. Yet both were grown from the same egg. Quite a contrast between the two, isn't there —the first child fifteen feet high and his twin brother about five inches in height!" said Dr. Hackensaw.

Jacques Loeb carried the experiment a step further. He took a sea-urchin's egg, raised it until it had reached the sixteen-cell stage, and then cut it into sixteen pieces. He raised each of these cells separately, and thus succeeded in raising sixteen sea-urchins from a single egg that would normally have pro-duced only one animal! But (and here was the ray that threw light on my problem), the sea-urchins, when mature, were smaller than the normal size. They had not had enough capital to start with, and had remained dwarfs. Size is evidently a question of nutrition, but the problem has to be referred back to the egg stage.

#### DWARFS ALSO

"Science has also succeeded in doing the Experimenters have taken very reverse. two separate eggs, joined them together into one, and hatched a single individual out of this double egg. And this individual, as might have been expected, was larger than the normal. Ample capital at the start had

me normal. Ample capital at the start had given it an advantage in the race for life. My problem was solved!"

"You mean to say that you can produce dwarf or giant animals and plants at will?"

"Precisely. To produce a miniature St. Bernard dog for instance, I take a fertilized egg-cell from an ordinary female dog of the species. I grow this ovum in a test tube in a suitable culture-fluid, and keep separating the new cells as they form. In this manner I can, from a single egg-cell, prowant a giant dog, I reverse the process. I take a number of fertilized egg-cells, join them all into one single large cell, and grow this to maturity."

"Is it as simple as all that?"
"Simple! It is exceedingly complex, and many curious problems are involved! example, I can produce a dozen giant dogs from a single egg. I grow this egg to the sixteen-cell stage, then unite these sixteen cells into one large cell and grow this to the sixteen cell stage and so continue indefinitely. This I find most useful when breeding thoroughbred stock. From a single egg from the most perfect animals I can produce a hundred young the same size as the parents, or larger or smaller if desired. I can also produce freak animals. I can join an egg-cell

get a freak animal any size I desire. I can combine a dozen different animals together in this way-in fact I have hybrids of the whale, the rhinoceros, the dog, the cat, the ostrich and the salmon, all joined together into a single animal. It makes the most wonderful combination.

"But to return to the subject in hand, I would say that I have completely mastered the question of size. I am now able to produce chickens as large as ostriches, pigs as large as a rhinoceros, and cows as large as some of the extinct antidiluvian monsters. There is no danger now of our supply ever running short. A ham will last a family for a month, a hen's egg will feed a dinner-party, while one cow will give enough milk to supply a dairy."
"How do you milk your giant cows?"

asked the reporter.

#### SOME PROBLEMS

Doctor Hackensaw smiled reminiscently. "That, Silas, was no easy problem," said he.
"My hired help were all afraid to go near the huge creatures that could crush them to a pulp by inadvertently stepping upon them, and whose twenty-four foot long tail could swish them over like hine-pins. Just think of having to milk a brontosaurus twice a day! Ordinary methods of milking would, of course, be impossible. I have to use a milking machine somewhat like that used in large dairies. I had even to devise special stalls for the beasts, so my men could attend to them without danger from either horns,

hoofs or tail."
"What about your other giant productions?

"My gigantic products are especially use-"My gigantic products are especially useful for furnishing a plentiful supply of tidbits. For instance, my quail are so large that a single individual will supply quail-ontoast sufficient for a banquet. My frog-legs weigh several pounds apiece. The liver from a single goose will make 1728 times as much pâté-de-foie gras as that of an ordinary goose. And so on."

"1728!" echoed Silas. "Isn't that pretty close figuring?"

close figuring?"
"Yes; but you see, I find it convenient, as a rule, to make my products on the scale of a foot to the inch. Consequently an animal is twelve times the usual length, and

its cubical dimensions and weight are 1728 times the normal ones. For my insects I increased this proportion considerably, as I wished large specimens for the purpose of study. A giant fly, a giant mosquito, and a giant spider afforded me much valuable information. Unfortunately the spider got away one day and found its way into an old maid's meeting. They called themselves the 'Click-Clack' Society, on account of the busyness of their knitting needles; but would be nits dubbed them the 'Clack-Clack' Society, or even the 'Cluck-Cluck' Society, claiming their tongues wagged faster than their needles.

Well, my giant spider got in among those elderly spinsters and broke up the meeting. Reliable eye-witnesses declare that the dis-play of hosiery and lingerie on that occasion was more wonderful than any ever before

seen in the town.

"As for my earth-worms; -well my chauf-Pat, came across a bunch of these wriggly giants one day, and declared he had never seen anything like it—at least not since prohibition came into effect."

#### GIANT PLANTS

"How about your giant plants?" asked

Silas.
"The plants gave me considerable trouble. The seeds had the bad habit of getting scattered around, and as they grew into giant plants, this naturally gave the farmer considerable trouble. My most valuable results were obtained with wheat. In this instance I exceeded my twelve to one limit, for my grains of wheat are about the size of musk-melons. A single grain will furnish a good sized family bread for several days.

My giant fruits too are My giant fruits, too, are remarkably handy for the kitchen. My huckleberries and currants are the size of small melons, which makes it easy to extract the pits. My cherries are as large as pumpkins:—it doesn't take long to pick them, but you've got to be careful; as one of them, falling on your head, would make you see more stars than are shown by an ordinary tele-scope. All in all, my fruits are a wonderful success, and you must taste some of them. I meant to start canning them, but have too many demands for the natural fruit.

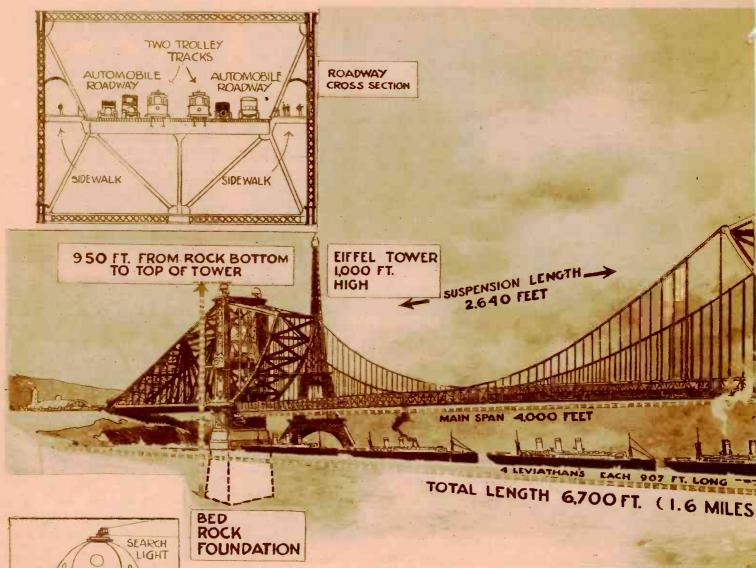
ou mustn't believe, however, that I was our ordinary articles of food. I wanted to go further. I wanted to experiment with those animals and plants which are now too small to be of any use to man, yet which might prove valuable if increased in size. But why am I chattering away here? Just (Continued on Page 1283)



The day following the "New York Daily Growl" appeared with this glaring headline: "Escape of Doctor Hackensaw's Gigantic Animals. Cow. the Size of a Brontosaurus Run-ning Wild in Harlem!"

## World's Greatest Bridge

Monster Span Will Incorporate Cantilever and Suspension





OBSERVATION TOWER SHOWING ELEVATOR

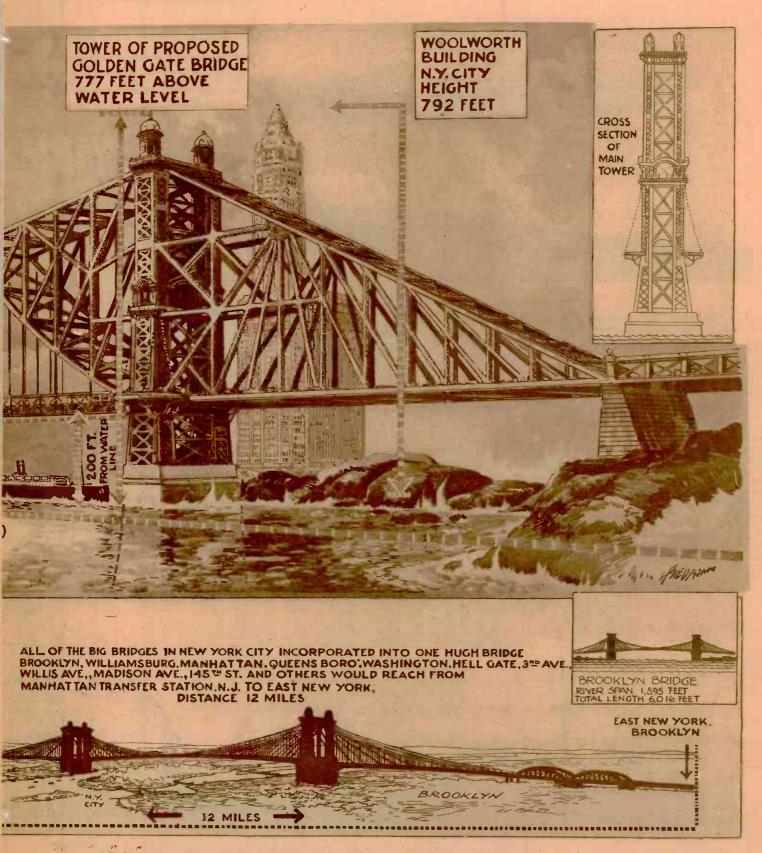
WHAT will be the biggest bridge in both length of span and height of suspension in the world, if it is constructed, will be the contemplated Golden Gate bridge between San Francisco, Cal., and the opposite northern peninsula. The total length of the central span of the bridge from shore to shore will be 6700 feet. At 1345 feet from the shore on each side the water is more than 300 feet deep. This makes the total length of the central span of the bridge 4000 feet. In order to effectively support a carrying structure across this great space it will be necessary to use the central span of the bridge 4000 feet. In order to effectively support a carrying structure across this great space it will be necessary to use both the cantilever method and the suspension method. From the towers which are 777 feet above the water level, the cantilever construction will extend back to the approach and over the water. The cantilever arms will extend 660 feet out into the main span and from the end of these arms suspension cables will be used. The towers upon which the bridge will be suspended, will have a total height of more than 950 feet, making them almost as tall as the Eiffel Tower. The design shown here was worked out by J. B. Strauss, an eminent bridge engineer, who is president of a Chicago bridge company. The reason for the combination of the two systems of suspension, according to Mr. Strauss is that the cantilever type demands too heavy construction for such a long span, incurring an extraordinarily heavy frame in order to support the weight of the bridge itself, aside from the demands made by the weight which the bridge is to

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extraordinarily heavy frame in order to support the weight of the bridge itself, aside from the demands made by the weight which the bridge is to carry. On the other hand, suspension cannot be used alone since the length would give the bridge a great lack of rigidity—which rigidity is spans the length of the one contemplated. The two main cables which would be necessary to support the bridge would be one mile in total length and would weigh approximately 5,250 tons. Their cost would closely approximate two and a half million dollars. The width of the roadway space would be eighty feet; there would be one single deck only. The suspension

### for Golden Gate

Structure to Cost \$17,000,000



In the top illustration above is shown a comparison between the height of the Woolworth Building, the highest structure in New York, and the height of the towers which will support the proposed San Francisco bridge. Elevators will be installed in the towers which will carry observers to galleries which will be built at their tops. This will give a wonderful view of all the San Francisco harbor. A cross-section of the tower showing the method of construction is given in the insert at the top drawing.

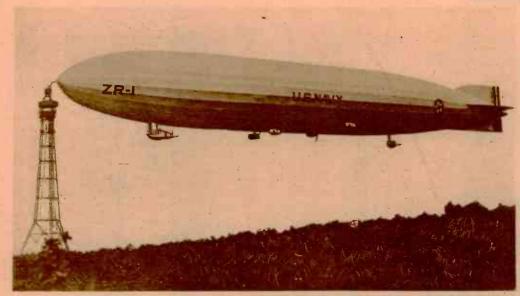
Speaking of bridges, we see graphically illustrated below Mr.

Charles Nevers Holmes' idea of giant New York bridges. The large 12-mile bridge shown incorporates all the New York bridges built in the last 54 years. Were this 12-mile bridge stretched across from New Jersey to Long Island, it would pass clear over Manhattan Island, having one pier built on the Jersey shore; the other would fall toward the center of Brooklyn, while the approaches would carry the total length clear across the width of Brooklyn and well over towards the center of Jersey City. In the inset is shown the comparative size of the famous Brooklyn Bridge.

## Preparations Made For

Huge Tanker Rebuilt as Mooring Vessel

BY GRASER SCHORNSTHEIMER



The contemplated trip of the world's largest airship the Shenandoah to the North Pole, entails much more preparation than the mere plotting of a course and filling the tanks with gasoline. One of the first necessities which had to be met by naval engineers in preparing for this flight was the building of some sort of a movable mooring base. They hit upon the plan of building a mooring mast aboard a vessel. The mast will be very similar to the one now used by the big ship at its base at Lakehurst, N. J. This mast is shown in the illustration at the left. A duplicate of this mast will also be erected at some point probably up near the Arctic Circle in Alaska, which will serve as a starting base for the last leg of the Trans-polar flight. A temporary base with supplies and repair-shop will be built at the same place.

This relief map shows a number of the various proposed routes which may be settled upon by the Naval engineers for the flight. One of the chief reasons for the Transpolar trip is to make discoveries through a large unexplored area which lies between Cape Barrow, Alaska and the Pole. A study of weather conditions, fuel and supply possibilities, will probably be the final factors in the selection of the route finally taken. The flight will end at Spitzbergen where the Patoka, the mooring ship pictured at the bottom of the opposite page, will be stationed to await the dirigible's arrival. The unexplored area on the map has been the subject of a great amount of conjecture. It has been said that a warm continent heated probably from a geyser or a volcanic formation exists in this area.





Here is shown the United States ship Ramapo as she now appears. She was originally built as an oil tanker for the Emergency Fleet

Corporation. She will be rebuilt as a mooring vessel for the Shenandoah. She has a displacement of approximately 17,000 tons.

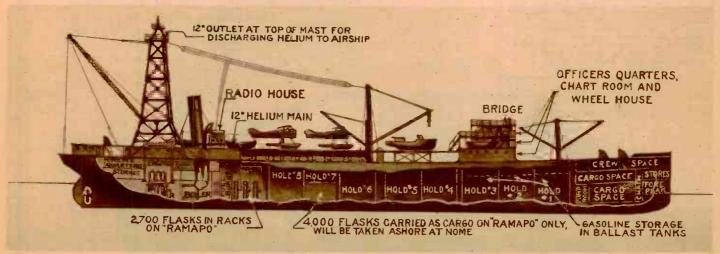
## Shenandoah's Polar Flight

The Discovery of Warm Polar Continent a Probability NAVAL ENGINEER



Above we have a drawing showing how the Patoka will look fitted out for her rôle of mooring vessel for the Shenandoah. The vessel will have a small mooring mast, will have ample storage capacity and carry an emergency supply of helium gas for the use of the

airship. She will also be equipped with a repair shop from which any necessary repairs incurred during the flight may be remedied before she starts on her return voyage. There will also be a sort of airplane hangar aboard the vessel where airplanes will be carried

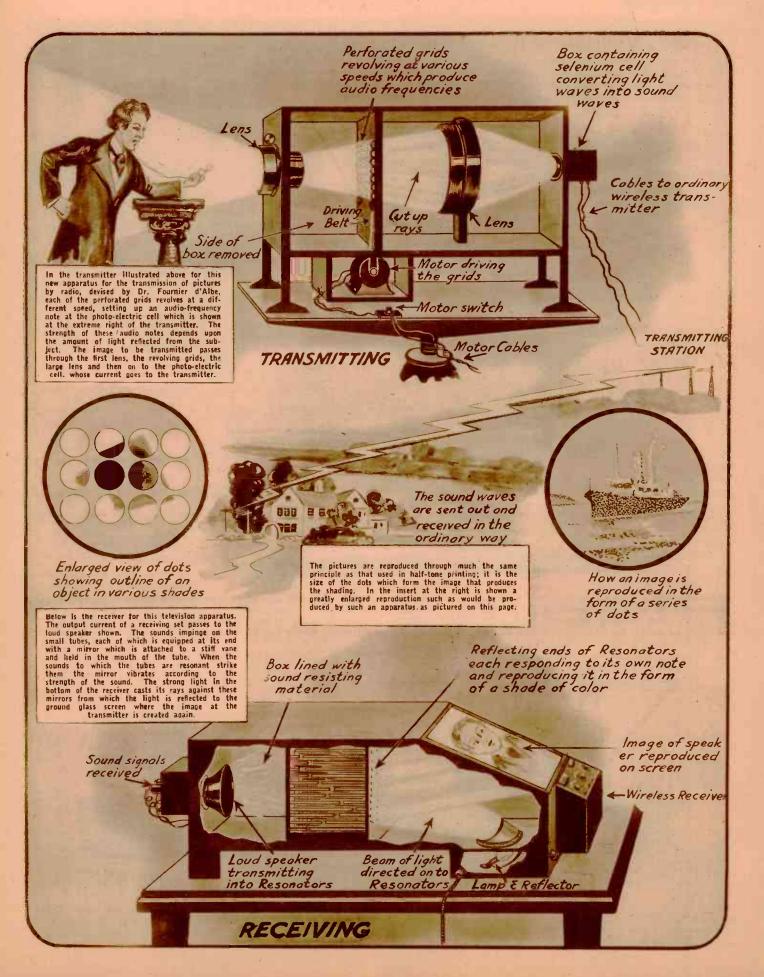


What the cross-section of the Patoka, rebuilt, will look like when she leaves for her trip to Spitzbergen; note that she will run practically empty. One of the outstanding points of construction in this vessel is the installation of the helium storage tanks, aft, and the

installation of piping from the tanks up the mooring mast and to hose so that the giant airship may have her supply of gas replenished with the least possible expenditure of time and trouble. The details of construction of the mooring mast are plainly shown.

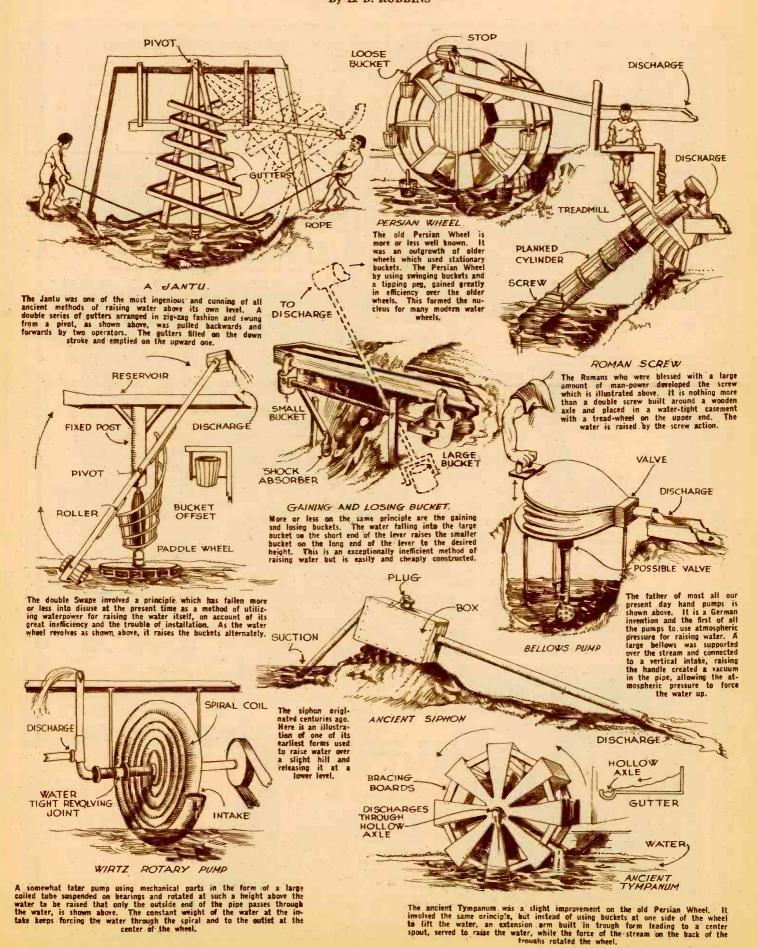
### Vision Via Sound Waves

Audio-Frequencies Act as Carrier Waves



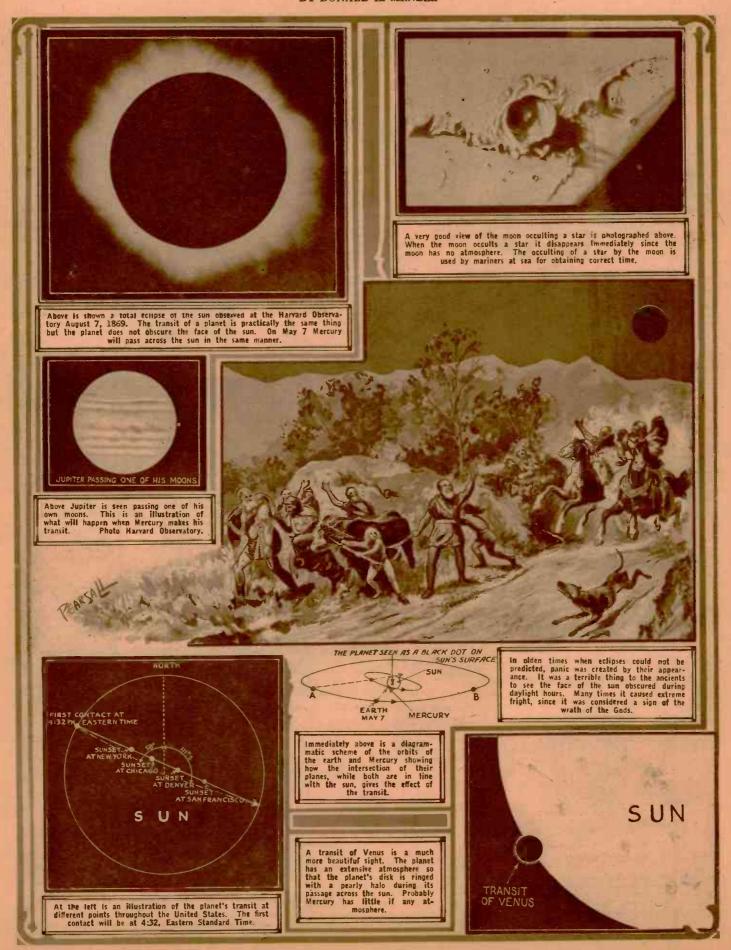
## Ancient Methods of Raising Water

The Forerunners of Our Modern Pumps
By L. B. ROBBINS



## The Transit of Mercury

The Planet Will Pass Between Earth and Sun May 7
BY DONALD H. MENZEL



## Weather Legends and Proverbs



One of the oldest weather lepends is that a red sun has water inside. The condition most favorable to a red setting sun is a large quantity of dust and smoke particles in the air. These gather moisture and the haze so caused results in the sun's redness.

A morning rainbow often leads sailors to took carefully at the barometer. A morning rainbow means that the air is rather humid and rain is likely, for a shower has occurred with but little rise of air and slight cooling, leaving the water particles close to earth.

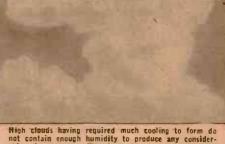
Many farmers will tell you that the number of stars in a moon corona will indicate the number of days before the next rain. The corona itself is caused by diffraction. Water droplets in the air cause the moon's corona.



That twinkling stars are a sure weather indication is one of the most tenacious proverbs known to weather prophets. Stars twinkle because of atmospheric differences caused by foreign substances in the atmosphere. Much dust or foo will cause twinkling.



The cause of fog is the cooling of the surface air to a point below its dewpoint. In summer radiation may cause fog and in winter fogs are caused by an influx of humid air from a body of water. Summer fogs indicate fair weather, winter ones a storm



High clouds having required much cooling to form do not contain enough humidity to produce any considerable rain or snow. Therefore, the old proverb: "High clouds, fine weather": is substantially correct. The woolwack or cumulus indicate fair weather.



Thunder has evoked few proverbs. About the only one is that spring thunder brings a cold wave. There is little foundation for this proverb and its origin has no scientific foundation since thunder showers are usually caused by the unward movement of humid air



Some people, it is said, can "smell rain." This is due to the fact that an approaching storm brings with it a rise in the pressure of the atmosphere of the earth's surface, releasing small amounts of the decaying organic gases which escape into the atmosphere.



Lowering smoke is a well known indicator of foul weather ahead. When the air is excessively humid small particles of moisture gather around the smoke particles as a nucleus and cause it to hear down much-nearer the earth. In dry weather it is free and rises.



Another strange omen which has no scientific foundation is that those afflicted with neuralgic or rheumatic pains suffer their illness more just previous to a storm than at any other time. See "Weather Proverbs and Parodies," by Or. W. J. Humphreys.

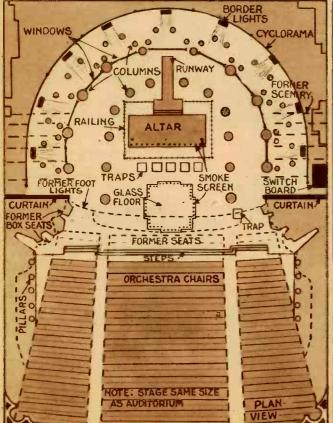


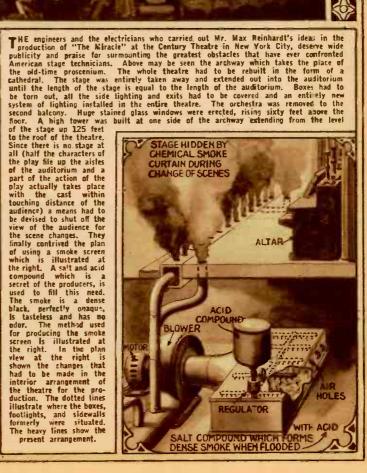
One of the most widely adhered to superstitions is that known as "Groundhog Day." Whence this old idea arose is a much disputed question, as it is quite obvious it has no foundation of any kind, says E. B. Dunn, weather expert.

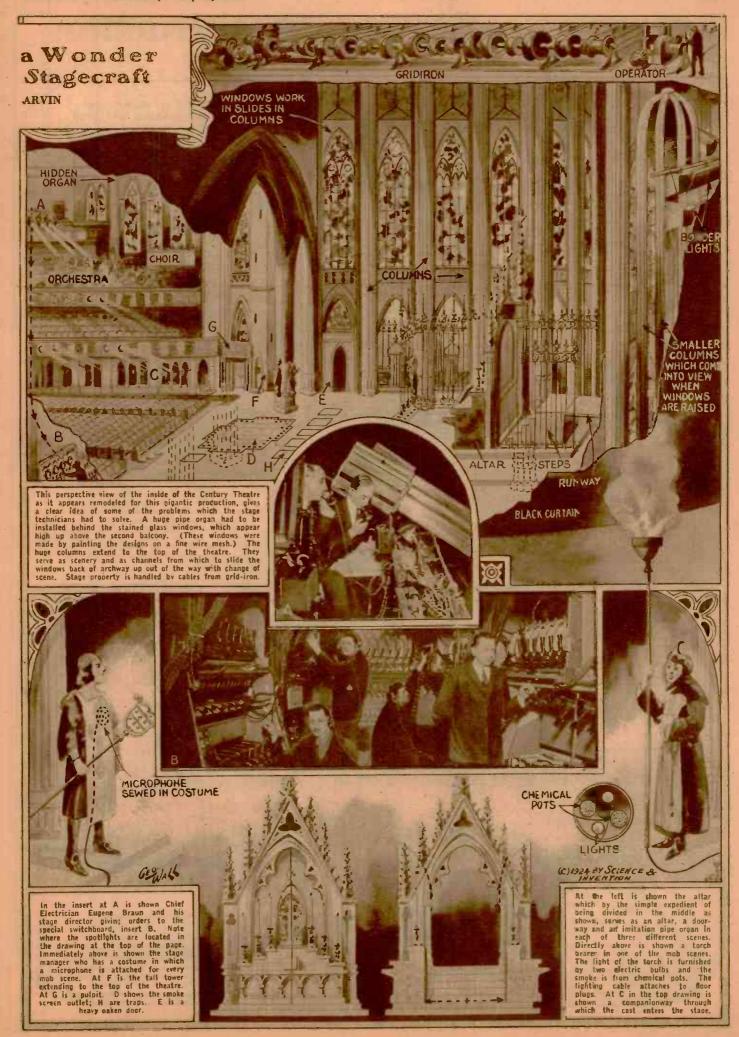


If Saint Swithin's Day is rainy it is supposed to predict a continuation of the rain for forty days—but it never has. The legend runs that plous people attempted to move the body of the Saint on July 15 and that it rained for forty days, preventing them.

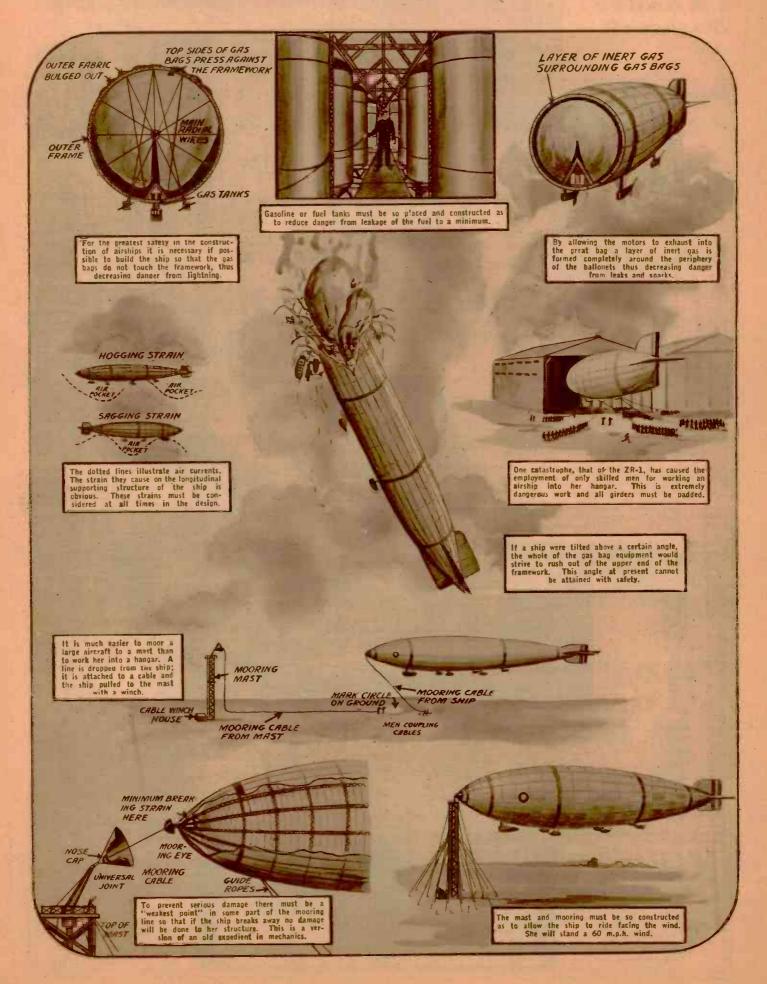






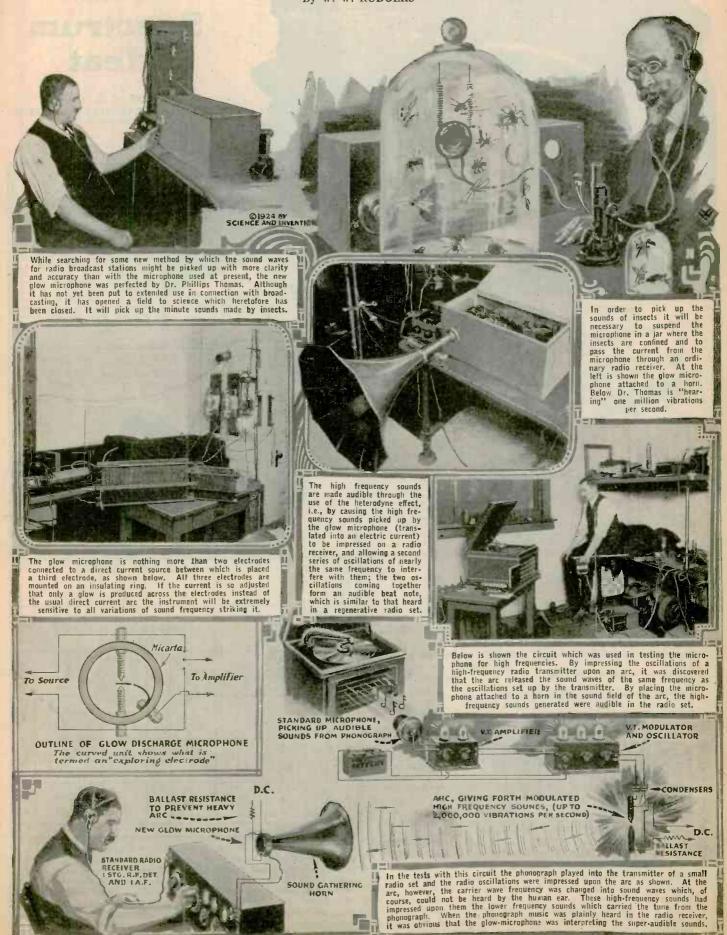


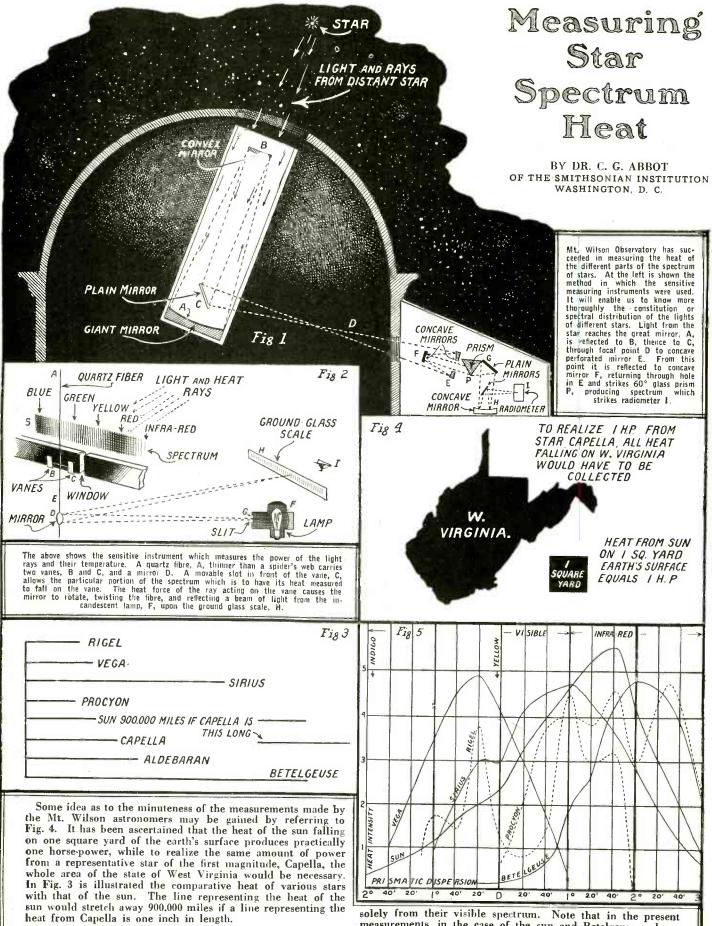
## Problems of Airship Construction



## Insect Sounds Now Audible

New Microphone Sensitive to Ultra Audio-Frequencies
By W. W. RODGERS\*





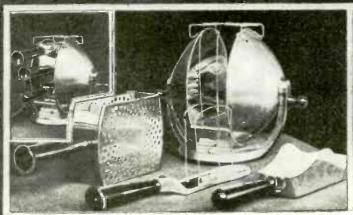
These measurements, of course, are of the heat of the celes-

tial bodies affecting the earth. Some of them it has been well established, are many times hotter than our own sun. Some idea of the importance of these measurements and of the in-

terest they excited in scientific circles, may be gained from the chart at Fig. 5, which shows the heat curves of the stars in both the visible and invisible portions of their spectra. Heretofore the heat and contents of the stars had been judged

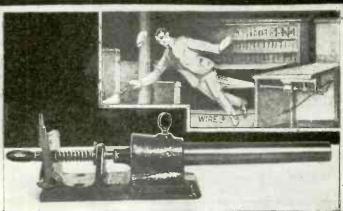
solely from their visible spectrum. Note that in the present measurements, in the case of the sun and Betelgeuse, a large portion of their heat curves fall in the invisible portion of the spectrum. Before the present measurements were made, astronomers long held the opinion that both Vega and Sirius should be considered blue-white hydrogen stars with few lines showing in their photographic spectrum. It was also thought that they were both nearly twice as hot as our sun. The new measurements disclosed that Vega's maximum heat was nearer the violet end of spectrum than that of sun.

# The Month's New Devices

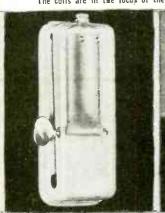


A toaster which works on the same principle as the ordinary electric heater and which can be used for boiling eggs or doing other light cooking is shown above.

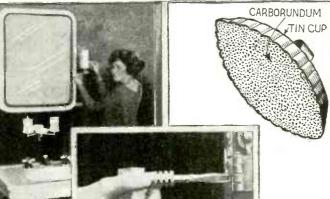
The coils are in the focus of the two parabolic reflectors at the sides.



A burglar gun which, if it does not hit the burglar will at least scare him, is seen. A wire which operates the trigger stretches across a dark spot. The intruder strikes the wire, firing the gun.



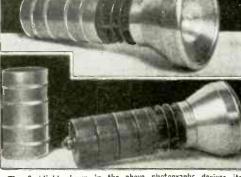
No more will the unhappy householder have to rush out on a cold morning to buy more tooth paste because the old tube has broken. The above device keeps the tube intact.



The pistol grip on the screw driver above allows the most recalcitrant screw to be forced into place with comparative ease.



The handy potato peeler shown above is simply a rough carborundum stone compound placed in a tin receptacle on the back of which is small loop which fits over the finger.



The flashlight shown in the above photographs derives its power from a small dynamo in the handle which is operated from a spring motor. The motor is wound up by rotating the outer sheath of the flashlight three times.



The guard light shown above will be found particularly useful to those who do a large amount of night driving on unfamiliar roads. It is installed under left fender and casts a beam of light 18 inches wide. It has red rear and green forward lights.



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Everyone knows that a disk of the proper weight dropped in a boiling kettle will rattle and ring. Here this knowledge has been applied. It may be dropped in the kettle, and its rattle will call cook's attention, saving dish from boiling over.



The motorist need no longer be late on account of a balky spark plug resisting all efforts of the driver to clean it. The spark plug shown above is built in three separate units and comes entirely apart so that all the units are easily accessible. When assembled it is perfectly gas-tight.



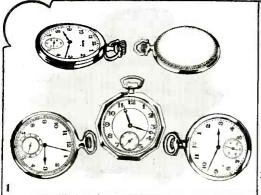


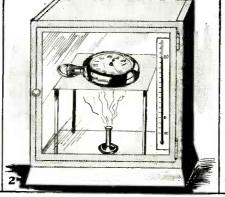
A universal watch which will give the hour in any part of the world and at the same time standard observatory time by the simple expedient of turning a dial under the hour and minute hands, is shown above.

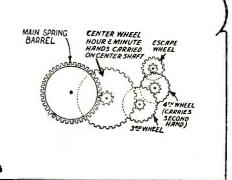
# Timely Talks on Timepieces

No. 1 of a Series. Hints on Maintenance

By SAMUEL BERNARD



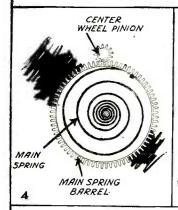


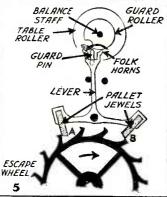


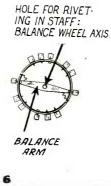
In the better grade of watches great care is taken to test them thoroughly under every conceivable condition in which they may be forced to operate in actual practice. Above is shown one of the very important preliminary tests, that of finding the watch's accuracy in various positions. It is laid face down, face up, and setting in a number of different angles which include all possible positions that the watch may be forced to operate under while it rests in the owner's pocket. Some of these positions prove that there is a maladjustment in some part of the watch which would not otherwise be noted. It is also made to run with the stem in a different position at each angle of test.

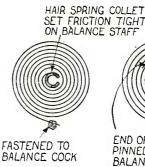
If the timepiece in the pocket of an engineer on a transcontinental train were not carefully adjusted for all changes in temperature, the result would very probably be a screaming headline in the daily press telling of scores of deaths and terrible property losses. All manufacturers of watches which serve where exact time is a necessity, subject their product to the most severe temperature adjustments. As illustrated here each completed watch is placed in a case with a thermometer and is passed through the whole range of temperatures from 40° below zero, Fahrenheit, to 120° above. At a number of temperatures the watch is readjusted.

In the final analysis a watch is nothing more than a train of gears which magnify the speed of the minute and hour hands to an extent where they may be adjusted with more or less ease to the greatest possible accuracy. Above is shown such a train of gears and the method in which the main spring which is the motor that runs the watch, is attached to it. The train adjusts the speed of the minute and hour hands. The small escape wheel governs the entire movement of the train. The fourth wheel just after the escape wheel, carries the second hand and makes one complete revolution to each sixtieth of a revolution of the large center wheel carrying the minute hand.









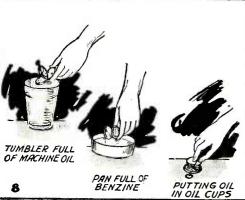


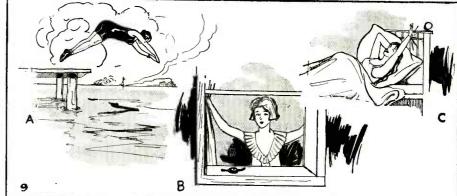
All standard pocket timepieces have a main spring. The outer end of the spring is attached to the harrel which is toothed and is geared to a small pinion on the last wheel of the gear chain which carries the minute eand hour hands. The inner end of the spring is attached to the shaft which works on a ratchet and is connected by a separate chain of gears to the stem of the watch, by means of which the spring is rewound.

The heart of the watch is the escapement movement which is shown above. As the escape wheel rotates the two jeweled arms move the lever to which they are attached first in one direction and then in the other, regulating the speed at which the escapement wheel revolves and thereby regulating the speed of the watch, since the escapement wheel governs the train of gears. The pallet jewels prohibit wear, which would have a very definite effect on the watch's adjustment.

The modern balance wheel is made of two metals similar to a thermostat and is finely balanced with a number of screws around its periphery. The bi-metallic construction of the wheel allows for temperature changes. A reduction in temperature which would cause the balance wheel to contract, and speed up is compensated for by the bi-metallic construction, keeping the speed even.

To the balance wheel shaft is attached a small spring called the "hair spring" which with its tension forces the balance wheel to swing to and fro. In the above illustration is shown the method in which the spring is attached, one end being made fast to the shaft and the other to a small metal block called "the balance cock." which is attached to the frame of the instrument. The end of this spring which is fast to the frame, usually carries an adjustment for tension through which rough adjustments may be made. It is this adjustment that the jeweler moves when you tell him your watch is running too fast or too slow.





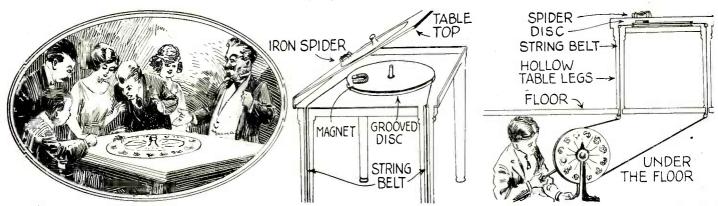
Many a watch is thrown away because it had a salt water bath. To prevent its being ruined the simple process illustrated above may be used. While the watch is still wet or as shortly after the accident as is possible, open the case of the watch both back and front and immerse the whole mechanism in a tumbler of machine oil. Allow the watch to remain in the oil for a few days. After the watch is thoroughly soaked in the heavy oil, remove it and rinse it thoroughly in a pan of benzine which has been strained through chamois. After it has been thoroughly cleaned of the heavy oil by this method, allow it to rest in some undisturbed spot where there is no dust until the benzine is evaporated. Then oil each cup at the top of the bearing shafts and put a very small drop of oil on the two pallet jewels.

Wrist watches are notoriously poor time keepers. Always remove your wrist watch before taking a plunge. Water is very had for marcelle, so it must be infinitely more harmful to the delicately halanced mechanism of a fine wrist watch. Too, it is not the best proposition in the world to allow a wrist watch to lie near an open window or over a hot radiator, or in fact, in any position where it will be subjected to extreme temperatures. The same effect is inflicted on the watch by hitting it with an eight-ounce hammer as slamming it against the brass bed when one takes one's morning stretch. Obviously both methods of mistreatment should be studiously avoided if the watch is to be used as a time-keeper and not merely for ornamental purposes.

# Magic for Everybody

By PROF. JOSEPH DUNNINGER

NO. 13 OF A SERIES



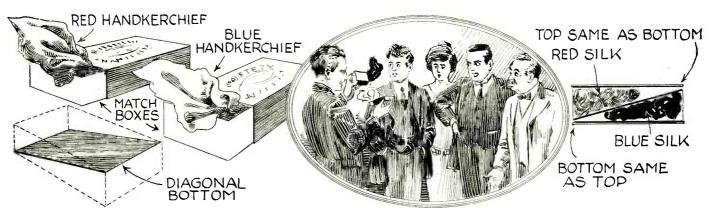
On the table is found a zodiac with its signs painted thereon. The performer places an iron spider upon the wheel and immediately the spider moves around and around on the surface of the zodiac. He tells his audience that the spider is educated and to prove his

statement he asks any of them when they were born. If one of the audience claims they were born in the month of March, the spider promptly stops at the sign for the date mentioned. Its manipulation and the secret of its education is seen above.



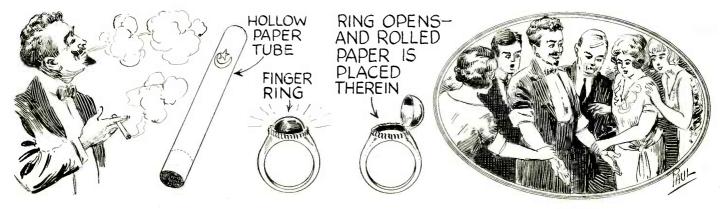
A coin is placed on the table and one of the audience instructed to place it under any of the three cups, while the performer turns his back. On looking at the cups he can tell

instantly under which one the coin rests, thanks to a little hair glued to the coin. If blindfolded the performer looks at the covers from beneath the blindfold.



The magician takes two match boxes out of his pocket. Into one of them he stuffs a small red kerchief; into another a blue handkerchief is placed. Holding one in each hand, he closes the boxes, and on opening them again it will be found that the blue

kerchief is now where the red one was, and vice versa. The match boxes are peculiarly constructed. Each has a diagonal partition with an opening on either side. The performer in closing the boxes, twists them so as to bring the opposite side to the top.



A guff of smoke escapes from the magician's lips. He rolls up his sleeves and requests that two spectators hold his wrists. The lit cigarette is now placed in his hand, one hand rolled upon the other, and presto! the whole cigarette has vanished. The cigarette

is merely a thin paper tube with a small quantity of tobacco at the end. It can consequently be rolled into a very small space and be vanished into a finger ring, the stone of which may be lifted up. The above tricks are very mystifying.

# Everyday Chemistry

By RAYMOND B. WAILES



If starch is present in the filling of a custard pie, a part of the custard filling dissolved in a glass of cold water will turn blue, if a drop or two of tincture of iodine is added to the water. When testing custard filling make sure that it does not contain any crust.

WHAT CAUSES INKING PADS TO ALWAYS REMAIN MOIST?



Ink pads remain moist because the ink contains glycerine and a dye. The glycerine never evaporates. This keeps the pad damp. Your own stamp-pad ink can be made by heating a cup of glycerine in boiling water and stirring in a suitable water-soluble dye. C+O = CO

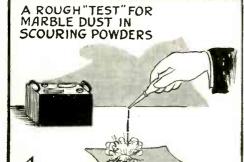
CARBON + OXYGEN GIVES

CARBON MONOXIDE = DEADLY POISON

C+ 20 = CO<sub>2</sub> CARBON + OXYGEN:CARBONDIOXIDE THE GAS IN SODA WATER = PALATABLE

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If one atom of carbon combines with one atom of oxygen it forms a molecule of a deadly gas called carbon monoxide, in symbol CO. By combining one atom of carbon with two atoms of oxygen, carbon dioxide is formed. We taste it in soda water.



To determine whether a scouring powder contains marble-dust, a few drops of acid from a storage battery are permitted to fall upon the powder. Marble dust will cause effervescence if present. It is not an adulterant but gives scouring properties.



Heat alone does not cause varnish and paint to dry. It aids materially, however, by evaporating the solvent. It is the oxygen in the air which combines with certain substances in the paint to form hard semi-elastic bodies, thus hardening the paint and varnishes.



A filac-colored flame, when lighting a cigar, is caused by potassium salts in the tobacco plant. The tobacco plant is rich in these compounds. Often a yellow flame due to sodium masks the lilac-colored one, rendering it invisible.



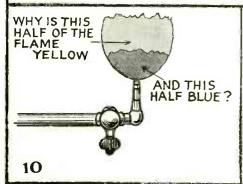
Library naste sometimes seems good enough to eat, due to the presence of various oils, which are added to keep mould and the like from spoiling the paste. Spearmint, oil of cloves, wintergreen and other fungicidal substances are mixed with the paste.



Many of the insect powders on the market today are made of the flowers of pyrethrum plants, the active ingredients of which cause the death of bugs by paralysis. Pyrethrum powder is urged instead of lead and arsenic insecticides which are deadly to man.



Coal will burn to some extent without being ignited if it is finely powdered and placed in a stoppered bottle; it will unite with the oxygen of the air in the bottle. This is really combustion but a flame or light is not emitted. But the same products result.



The inner flame is bluish and is caused by the hydrogen in the gas which burns before the highly carbonaceous gases also found in the gas. These latter require more heat and air to burn them.



Certain chemicals change color when the water of crystallization is removed. They revert to their original color, when it is added. The dress is soaked in a solution of gelatin and cobalt chloride.

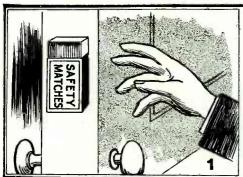


Iron is not the only substance attracted by the magnet. The common metals nickel and cobalt, and liquid oxygen are highly para-magnetic tending to take a position parallel to the axis of a magnet.

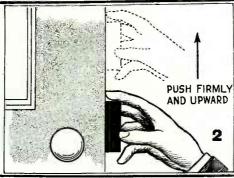
# Easily Performed Match Tricks

Mystifying Stunts Which Entertain

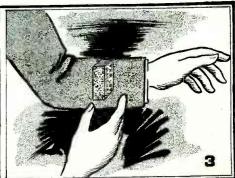
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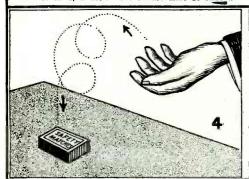
One of the most mystitying stunts which can be performed with a box of safety matches is sticking it to a flat surface seemingly without any support. This stunt is performed with apparatus found around any home. Above, the match box is shown sticking to the end of an open door. The surface must be smooth.



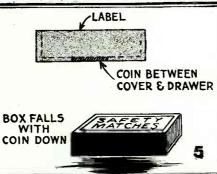
the match box may be stuck to the door simply by pressing it firmly against the wood, and at the same time moving it upward. Several trials may be necessary before you can perform the trick. Either an empty or full box may be used. Press the box from sides and corners, as pressure from the top will not work.



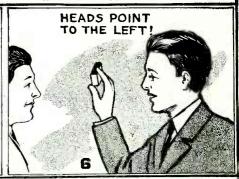
Inis stunt, shown above, is a simple variation of the one shown in the first two illustrations, except that the sanded edge of the box is used instead of its back, and the box is supported from the coat sleeves instead of the door. A box of non-safety matches with a sanded side is required in this stunt.



Hurl a box of safety matches in the air. It lands on the table with the label side up. Repeat the whirl two or three times. The box always falls flat, label side up. The box may be whirled by someone else, and in spite of anything they do, if they actually throw the box into the air, the results will be the same.



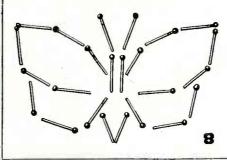
The secret of the trick just described lies in an old, old law. It is performed by virtue of a heavy coin placed in the bottom of the box between the drawer and the case. Preferably a heavy coin should be used. The weight of the coin causes the bottom of the box to fall downward.



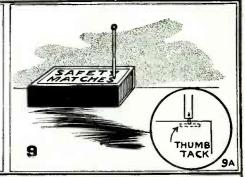
Borrow a box of safety matches from a friend, shuffle it in the hand, be very mysterious, and then tell which way the heads of the matches are pointing. Your results will be much more certain if the box of matches is a full one, since the difference in the weight of head end and tail end performs the trick.



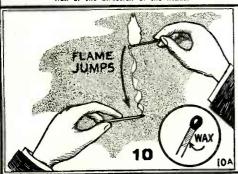
The mystery helps the effect, but the trick itself depends entirely upon the good old law of gravitation. By grasping the box in the center very lightly the added weight of the heads of the matches will force one end of the box lower than the other, thus giving an indication of the direction of the heads.



This stunt is not at all mystifying, but it will add greatly to any impromptu entertainment. Simply take a handful of small safety matches and lay them out on the table in some preconceived design. If the design is viewed through half closed eyes from some distance, its effect will be surprising.



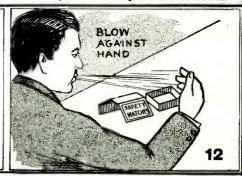
A thumb tack is necessary for the performance of this stunt. It is thrust part way through the cover of a match box as illustrated and a match is made to stand upright after the performer has made a lot of stage business seeking to lead his audience to believe that he is having trouble balancing the match on the box.



Introducing the acrobatic flame. Light two matches, blow one out and as the smoke curls up, hold the flame of the other match above it. Suddenly the flame slides down the curl of smoke and relights the lower match. The lower match must be previously coated with paraffine as an ordinary match will not work.



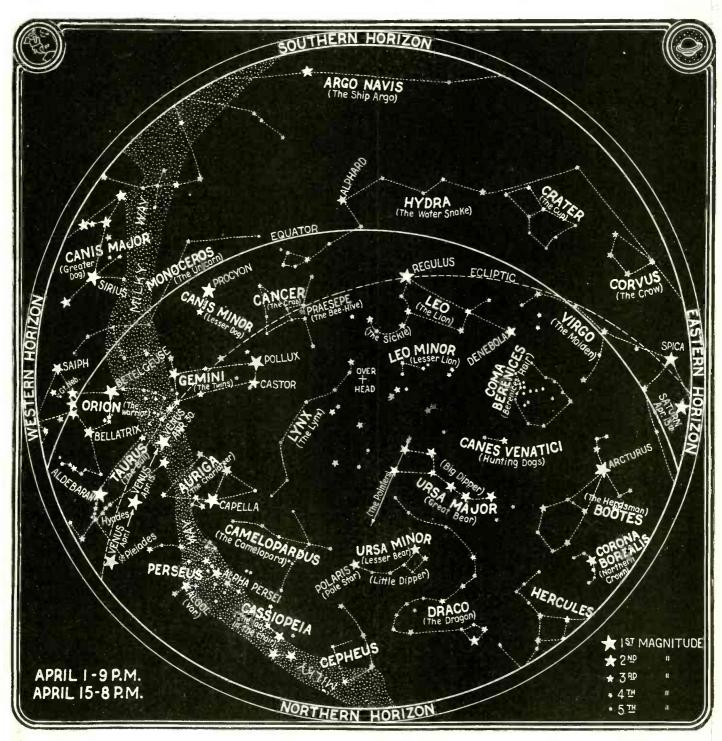
Here is a real puzzle. Break open the cover of a match box and set it so that it forms a sort of tunnel. Place the empty drawer of the box on the opposite side of the cover and then ask one of the audience to bring the drawer through the tunnel without touching it. The tunnel stands between him and the drawer.



The solution of this trick is indeed clever. It is only necessary for the performer to cup his hand in such fashion that it will reflect a stiff breath of air onto the drawer. By this means the wind will act against the drawer forcing it through the tunnel. With a slight amount of practice this may be done with ease.

# The Heavens in April

By ISABEL M. LEWIS, M.A. of the U.S. Naval Observatory



Above is the star map for the month of April. If the chart is held over the head with the "Northern Horizon," north, at nine P. M., April first or eight P. M., April

fifteenth the location of the stars in the heavens will coincide with their position on the map and may easily be found. Saturn is visible April fifteenth.

Py the first of April at nine o'clock in the evening the constellations that we associate with the spring months are well above the eastern horizon and the constellations of winter are fast disappearing from view in the west. Perseus, Taurus and Orion are on or close to the western horizon. Sirius, The Dog-Star, is low in the southwest, Capella in Auriga, in the northwest. Castor and Pollux, in Gemini, and Procyon in Canis Minor, The Lesser Dog, are still high in the western sky and will be the last of the winter groups to disappear. The Milky Way, stretching in a broad band of faint light

from Argo Navis on the southwestern horizon to Cepheus now at the north point of the horizon, is inclined to the western horizon at a low angle and is no longer seen at its best.

Facing due south we see the extensive constellation of Hydra stretching from a point south of Cancer, where a small group of faint stars mark the head, to the southeastern, horizon, a distance of considerably more than ninety degrees. In the southeast, directly above Hydra, are the two small constellations of Crater, The Cup, and Corvus, The Crow, known as the riders of Hydra. They contain no stars brighter than the

third magnitude. Diphda, or Cor Hydrae the brightest star in Hydra and a star of the second magnitude stands very much alone and a little to the west of the meridian at this time.

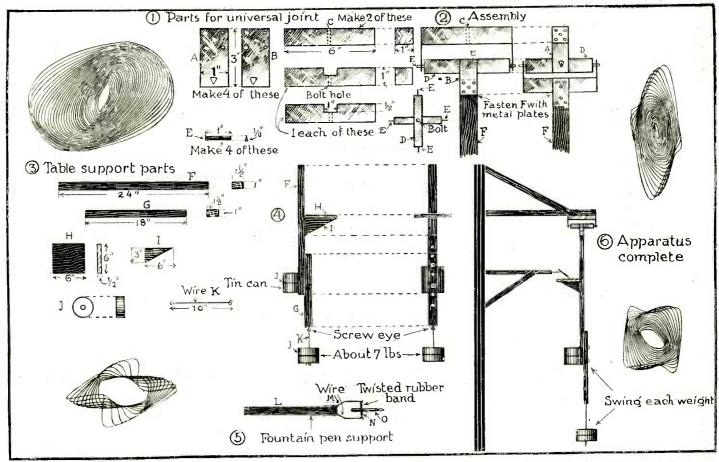
#### THE BIG DIPPER

Turning to the northern heavens we find that Cepheus and Cassiopeia, two circumpolar groups that were conspicuously in view during the fall and winter months, are now close to the northern horizon and are no longer seen to advantage. Their places have been taken by the familiar Big Dipper in the (Continued on page 1258)



# Making A Traceograph

GRAPHS OF DOUBLE SWING PENDULUM INTERESTING STUDY

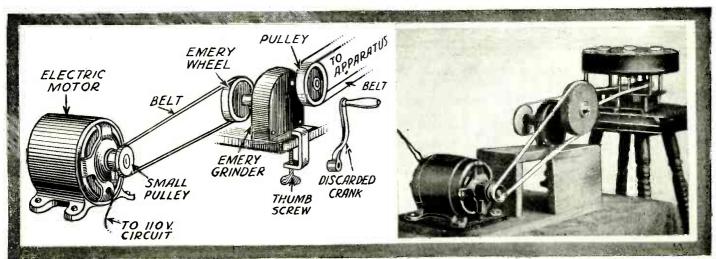


The traceograph, as shown in the above diagram, is very simply made, and the experimenter should find no end of pleasure in operating it after it has been once constructed. It will be seen that there are two weights on the traceograph, both of which are drawn

away from the vertical and released simultaneously. The platform upon which the paper is mounted (H) will swing and the pen (O) will draw various geometrical figures. Several samples of the work will be found on this page.

—Constantine Troy.

# Speed Reduction Gear



A simple way to reduce the speed of an electric motor is to secure an ordinary emery wheel of the hand-driven type, pass a belt around the emery wheel and connect it with

the motor pulley. Remove the crank and substitute a pulley therefor. A belt around this pulley wheel goes to the apparatus. A small motor pulley reduces speed further.

# Nature Effects in the Theatre

Suggestions of Use to Amateur Theatricals

By L. B. ROBBINS



# A Bald Head Wig

Easily Constructed Home-Made Wig

PAINTED FLESH

COLOR



**CUT CROWN OF** OLD DERBY HAT FROM BRIM



TO LOCATE PLACE WATER DISH



TO CUT

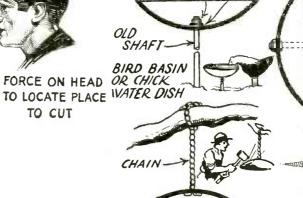


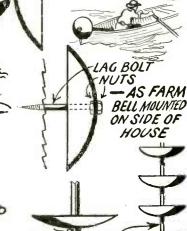
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1/8 ROUND IRON ROD

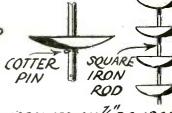
EYE

ROW BOAT



EMERGENCY SHOVEL

SIMPLE FARM BELL



ARRANGED ON 1/8 SQ. IRON ROD AS NAIL & SCREW HOLDERS



RIP OLD HAIR STUFFED CUSHION AND SEW HAIR TO PAINTED FOUNDATION WHERE DESIRED

An exceedingly simple yet effective wig for amateur theatricals giving the effect of a bald head may be readily made by following the illustrations above. First cut the crown from an old derby hat and shape it as shown. Then paint it flesh color and from an old cushion obtain a quantity of hair. This hair can, then be sewed around the base of the wig or fastened in place by means of glue. —Charles T. Allen.

When the discs on the farm harrow become dull they are thrown away. However, they can very readily be put to numerous uses which will render them serviceable. Several suggestions are given above. The discs are in most cases used in their original form without divilling extra holes. In the case of the shovel, some drilling has to be done to accommodate the handle.

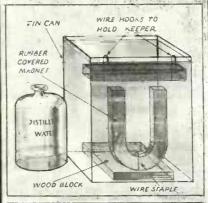
—L. B. Robbins.

Uses for Harrow Discs

Articles Made from Discarded Discs

WASHER

## Magnetic Lines Illustrated



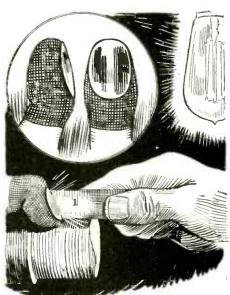
The magnetic lines of force emanating from any form of magnet are elusive things and one often wonders just exactly what they look like. Of course, the old hackneyed method of using irom filings gives some idea of the formation but still the illustration is only in a single plane. In order to satisfy his curiosity as to the exact formation of these lines one resourceful experimenter has produced results which are gratifying in the extreme. The photograph at the left shows the actual formation of lines of force produced by this experimenter's method. The lines show very clearly in the ice.

In order to reproduce the results shown in the photograph above, obtain a fairly large tin can. In the bottom of this can place a permanent magnet in an upright position secured by means of a staple to a wooden block. Place

the magnet's keeper as shown, fill the can with water and allow to freeze. The stresses caused possibly by difference of expansion give an idea of so-called lines of force.

—Clarence Ray.

#### Nail Reflector



Small mirror on elastic thumb stall worn on left thumb to catch and reflect light on scales in dark or shadowed places

When measuring various castings or articles to be shaped on shop machines, there is not always sufficient light directly on the rule or scale to provide easy reading. By wearing a thumb stall with a mirror attached on the left thumb, light may be reflected on the scale.

—Thomas H. Duffy.

# Silhouette Shadow Pictures

Method for Making Shadow Pictures from Photos



#### Weeping Fish

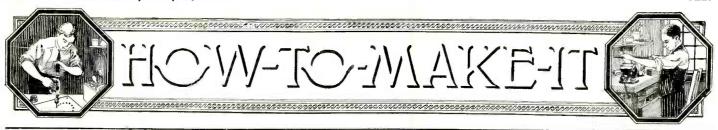


# N OT that weeping fish appear in the annals of natural history. Not quite! At least, they do not appear outside the accounts of Jules Verne or the Baron Munchhausen. But that is no reason why they may not be made. Carve the fish or crocodile out of wood and weight him with shot or small lead slugs so that he will swim instead of float. Then color the body to look fike the original. Then bore a small hole through the pupils of the eyes clear through the body. This done, fill the small hole with crushed water color or other pigment that will dissolve in water. Thrust a small piece of gauze or duck in each end of the hole to keep the color in. When the fish is placed in water the most beautiful streams of tears will come from the eyes and float gent'y to the bottom of the water. —Dr. Albert Neuburger.

#### Bicycle Kink



If bicycle touring with a friend and you suffer a mishan with the front wheel why not simply remove the wheel and set the fork over the back axle of the friend's bi-cycle in the manner shown. forming a tandem?

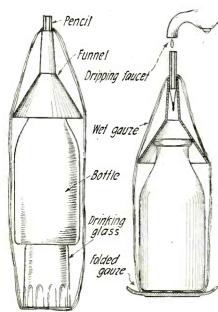


This department will award the following monthly prizes: First prize, \$15.00; second prize, \$10.00; third prize, \$5.00.

The purpose of this department is to stimulate experimenters toward accomplishing new things with old apparatus or old material, and for the most useful, practical and original idea submitted to the Editors of this department a monthly series of prizes will be awarded. For the best idea submitted a prize of \$15.00 is awarded; for the second best idea a \$10.00 prize, and for the third best a prize of \$5.00. The article need not be very elaborate, and rough sketches are sufficient. We will make the mechanical drawings. Use only one side of sheet. Make sketches on separate sheets.

#### Cooler

#### FIRST PRIZE \$15

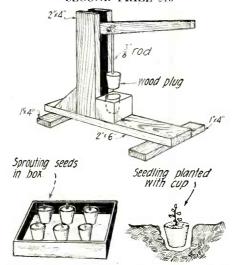


By placing a funnel over a bottle to be cooled, setting the bottle on a tumbler, tying the arrangement together with gauze and allowing water from an ordinary cold water faucet to drip slowly over it, as shown, evaporation will keep the contents of the bottle quite cold.

—J. M. Kendall.

#### Plant Cups

#### SECOND PRIZE \$10

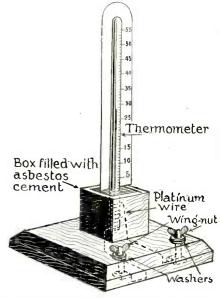


For the early spring gardener the above kink will be found exceptionally useful. Such plants as tomatoes and cabbages which have to be reset, are often retarded in their growth by such resetting. If cups are made of ordinary newspaper print paper with the aid of the form illustrated above, and the seeds of the plant sprouted in the cups, the gardener will be well repaid for his work in constructing the form by the advanced growth of the plant. The block and the plug used to form the cups may be made in any dimensions desirable. Two or three different sized blocks may be used in the same press.

—Dale R. Van Horn.

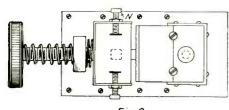
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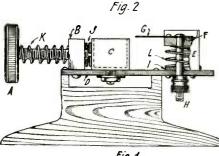
#### THIRD PRIZE \$5



A novel comparative ammeter is illustrated above. It consists of nothing more than a thermometer around whose bulb have been wound a few turns of resistance wire. The bulb and wire are then embedded in a small square container which is filled with asbestos cement. The rise in the thermometer will be directly proportional to the current passed through the resistance. —Simon Cherry.

#### Microtone

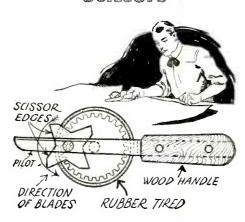






Many experimenters using a microscope will at once see the value of the microtone shown above for slicing specimens. The thickness of the cut is regulated by nut H, which adjusts the height of the safety razor blade G. Specimen is imbedded in wax and held in the cup C. —E. H. Swanson.

#### Scissors



GEARED RUBBER TIRED DRIVE WHEEL

CONE PIECE STEEL FRAME

SMALL GEAR SOLID WITH BLADES

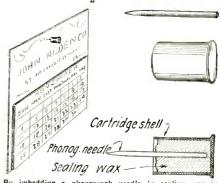
-CAPPED AXLE BEARING IN ONE

SIDE OF ONE PIECE FRAME

From those who do a great deal of cutting, the mechanical scissors illustrated above, will find a happy reception. The rotating blades are geared to the large wheel which has a rubber tire and is fixed to the handle of the machine which is made of an old scissor's blade. As the wheel runs along the counter or table, the blades revolve cutting the heaviest cloth. The fixed blade acts as a guide, feeding the cloth to the rotating blades.

—Thomas H. Duffy.

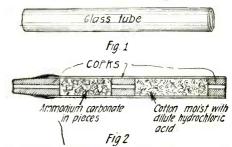
#### Cheap Push Pin



By imbedding a phonograph needle in sealing wax in a small cartridge shell, as illustrated above, a very efficient and very cheap push pin results.

Lewis M. Baldwin.

#### Artificial Cigar



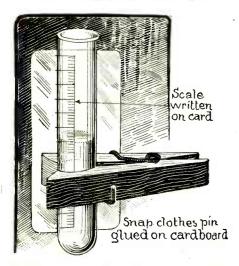
By covering a glass tube with cigar wapper and using corks and chemicals as shown, a harmless artificial cigar is made.

—S. Marchese.



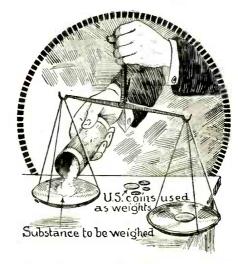
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#### Test Tube Scale



A scale drawn on a white card and glued to a spring clothes-pin as shown above makes a jandy scale for measur-ing the depth of solutions in a test tube.—Carlyle Weiss.

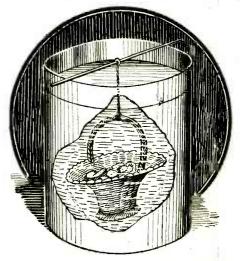
#### Coins As Weights



A nickel weighs 5 grams, a dime 2l/2 grams. a quarter 6l/4 grams, half dollar 12l/2 grams and a silver dollar 26.7 grams. They can be used as shown above.

—Harry R. Lubcke.

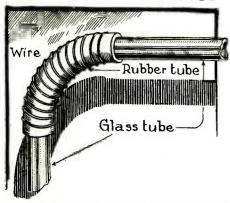
#### Crystal Objects



Dissolve as much alum as possible in boiling water. While still hot place any desired article in the solution as illustrated above. Crystal of alum will form thereon.

—Carolyn H. Gault.

#### Rubber Connector



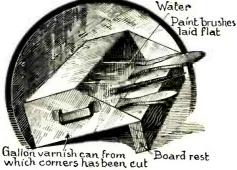
Winding wire around a rubber tube which is used for connecting together two glass tubes in laboratory work will prevent the rubber tubing from flattening out when bent.

—William Tredwelf.

#### Brush Receptacle

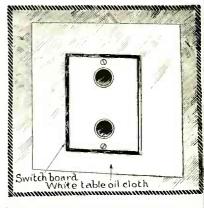


Board rest



A handy receptacle for paint brushes which will keep them in place and preserve them is illustrated above. Water or other preservative liquid is used. —L. B. Robbins.

#### Wall Protector



The wall around a switch very often becomes smudged with finger marks. A piece of white oil cloth placed as shown above will eliminate this trouble. —W. T. Markowski.

#### **Heeping Corn Fresh**



Corn on the cob can be kept fresh for quite a long time by placing it in a bag upside down and tying the mouth of the bag as illustrated above.

—Wm. H. Seitzinger, Reporter No. 3826

#### Preserving Flowers



If 10 to 20 grains of gum camphor are added to the water in which cut flowers are placed and the water is kept cool they will remain fresh for a long time.

—Wm. H. Seitzinger, Reporter No. 3826.

#### Umbrella Repaired



When the thin wire that holds the steel stays of an umbrella breaks, an ordinary paper clip may be used to repair it. Only a pair of pliers are needed.

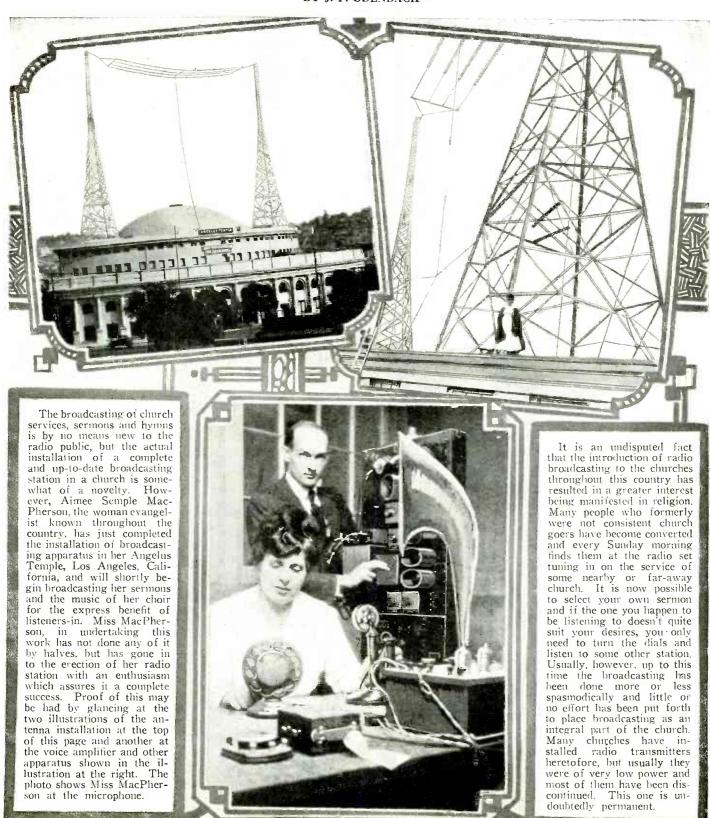
—Robert Lee Bird.



# A Radio Equipped Church

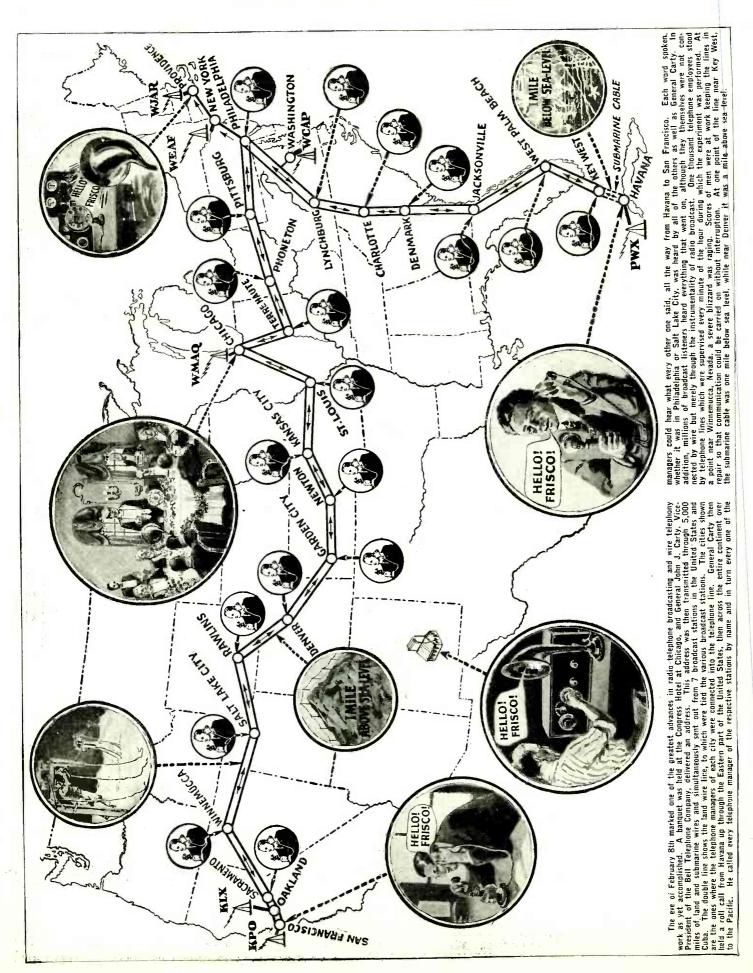
A Complete Broadcasting Station for Religious Work

BY J. F. ODENBACH \*

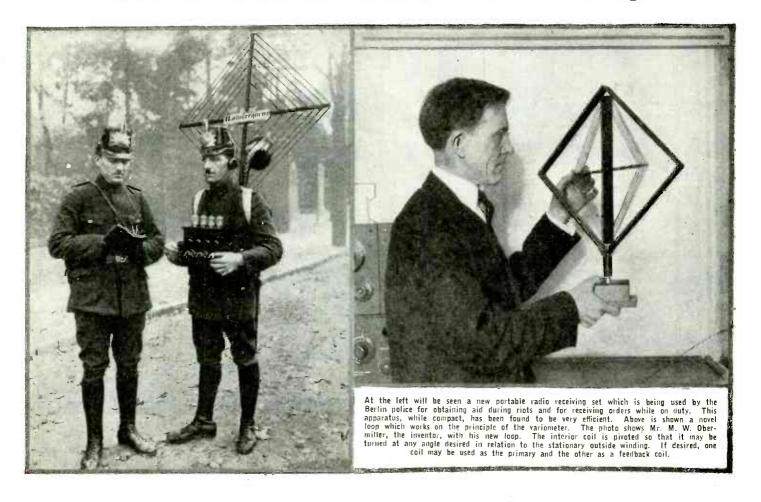


# Simultaneous Broadcasting

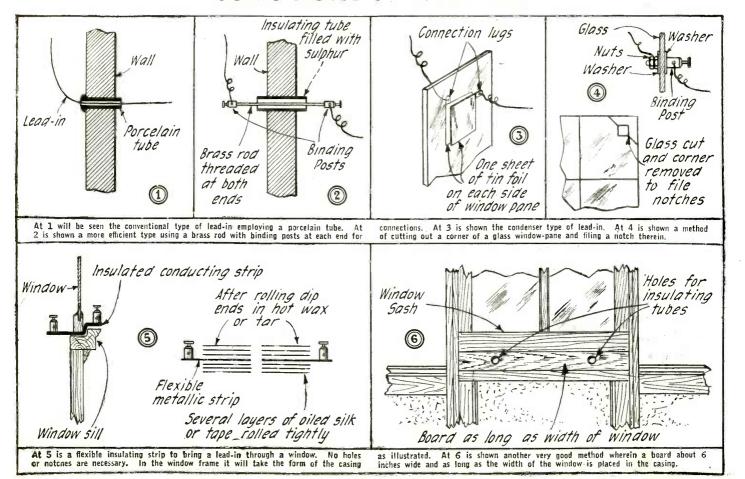
Cuba and San Francisco Linked by Radio and Telephone



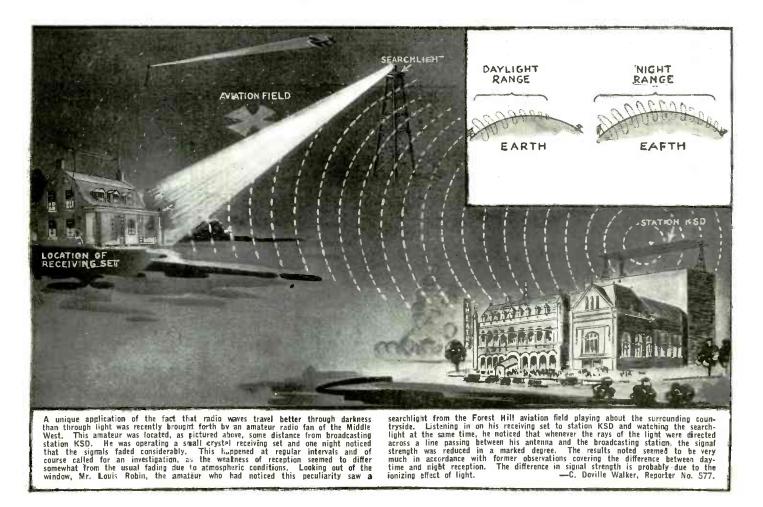
# Portable Radio Set and New Loop



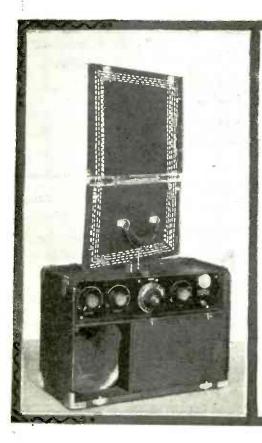
#### Some Notes on Lead-Ins



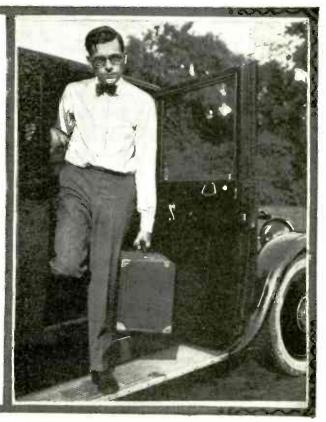
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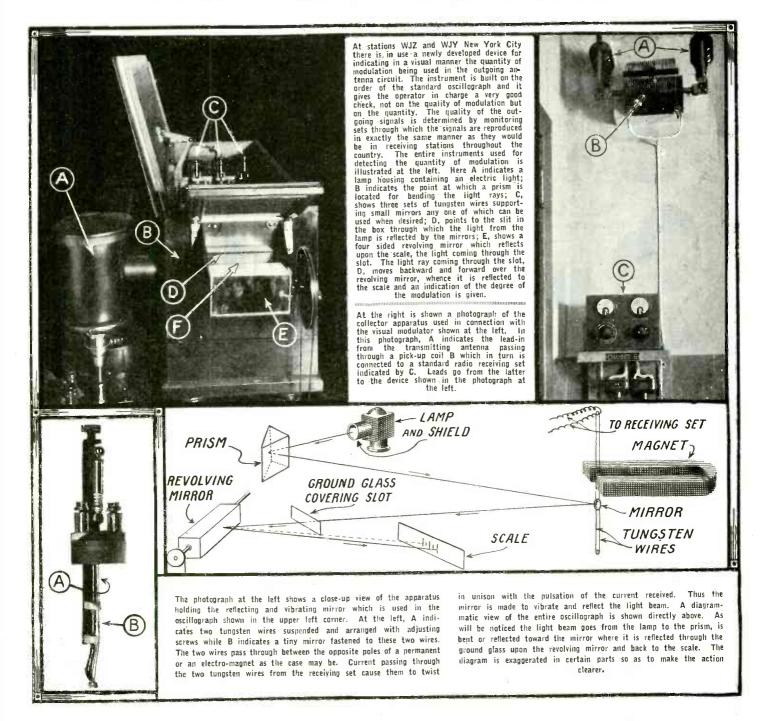
#### SELF-CONTAINED PORTABLE RECEIVER



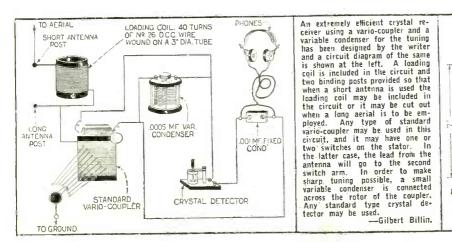
A radio company of the Middle West has recently put on the market one of the most complete and compact self-contained receiving sets which has come to our attention in some time. Most of the portable sets which have been put out of late utilize only one or two or at the most three tubes. However, the manufacturers of this set, called the Operadio, have placed therein six vacuum tubes and use a circuit giving three stages of radio frequency amplification, a vacuum tube detector and two stages of audio frequency amplification. Thus a set capable of operating on a loop antenna and reproducing signals with sufficient strength to operate a loud speaker is obtained. The set is entirely self-contained, including both "A" and "B" batteries, the loop antenna and the loud talker. One of the most novel features of this receiving set and one which to our knowledge has never been brought forth before is the location of the loop aerial. As will be noticed at the left, the loop antenna winding is entirely contained within two sections of the case which are linged together and which when closed form the top and one side of the container or carrying case. A handle is fitted for quick and easy transportation and a plug is provided by means of which the antenna can be placed on the top of the apparatus when ready for use and at the same time connection is also made between the loop antenna and the receiving set. The completed set folded up is shown in the photograph at the right. The wire of the foop is indicated by dotted lines in the photograph at left.

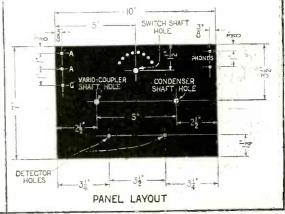


# Your Voice Made Visible

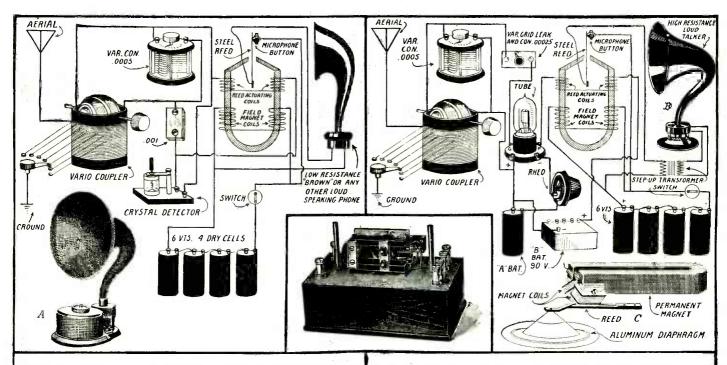


#### Efficient Crystal Receiver





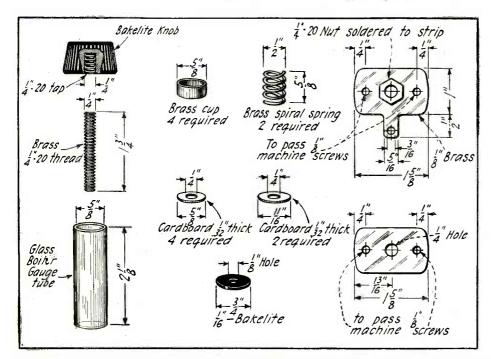
#### A Crystal Set Loud Talker

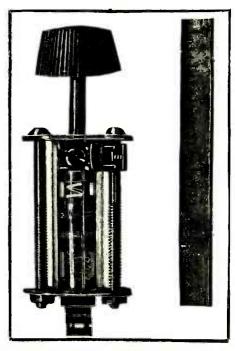


At last a device has been brought out by an English concern which sells for approximately the same price as a two-stage audio frequency amplifier and will allow the operation of a loud speaker with a crystal detector. Contrary to the standard two-stage amplifier, it has very little upkeep cost, it only being necessary to replace the four dry cells used, occasionally. Of course, this same amplifier can be used on a vacuum tube detector with a corresponding increase in receiving range and volume. Both of the circuit diagrams are shown above. This device operates on the principle of an electro-magnet actuating a steel reed. This reed in turn sets up vibrations in a microphone button, which cause a loud speaker to give forth sounds in accordance with the vibrations of the steel reed. On somewhat the same principle as the well-known

Magnavox, the field magnets are energized by the dry cells and other coils are wound on the same magnets as shown for actuating the steel reeds. This microphone relay device is shown in unit form in the insert. At A in the lower left corner of the above illustration is shown the complete unit containing both a loud talker and the microphonic relay. At B is shown a new type of loud speaking receiver manufactured by the same company. The working mechanism of this instrument is shown at C in the lower righthand corner. An aluminum diaphragm in conical form is used, which is excellent reproduction of received signals. In the loud speaking receiver shown at B the germanent magnet illustrated in C forms the base of the instrument and serves to support the magnet coils and the rest of the mechanism.

# Compression Type Rheostat



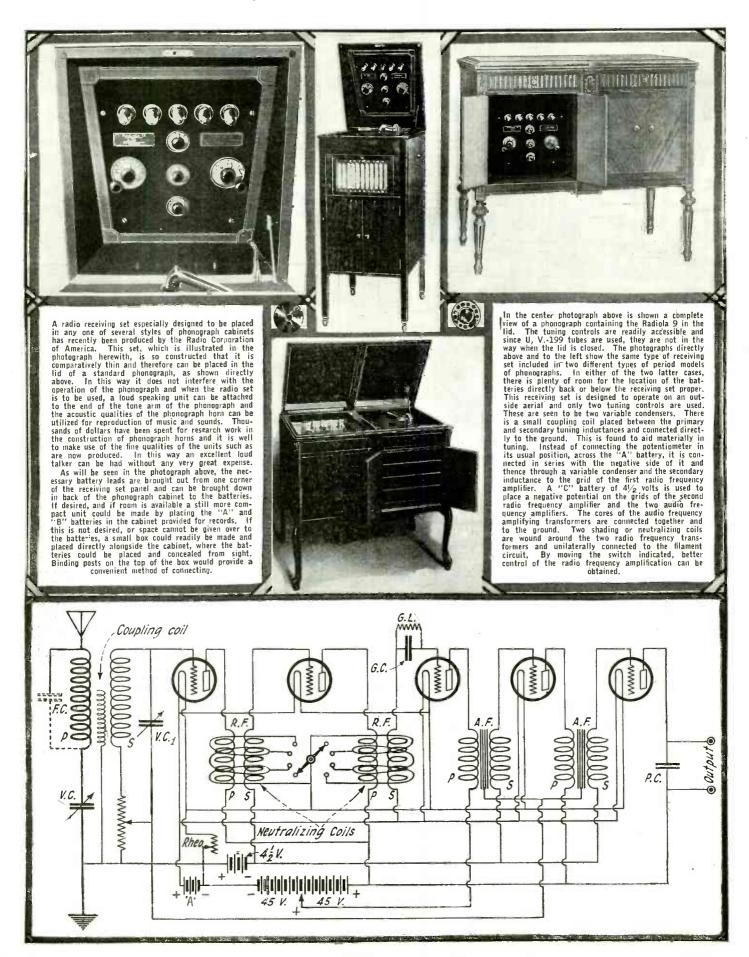


In the operation of detector tubes, which are usually of the gaseous type, it is necessary to have a critical adjustment of the amount of current supplied to the filament. Even in the case of amplifiers it is sometimes advisable to have such a device. A rheostat capable of operating in this manner can readily be made by the amateur from the working drawing and the photograph shown above. The first requisite is a piece of glass boiler gauge tubing or fiber tubing  $\frac{5}{2}$  inch, inside diameter, by  $\frac{2}{2}$  inches long. Next, four brass cups  $\frac{5}{2}$  inch or slightly less in diameter by about  $\frac{1}{16}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch long. Six cardboard washers of the sizes indicated above should then be obtained and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch holes cut in the center of each one. Bakelite discs of the dimension shown will also be necessary.

A threaded brass rod and a knob to fit are then provided. Next, from 1/4-inch brass cut the two end pieces to the dimension shown and solder a nut in the center of one. The assembly is made as follows: Bolt one of the brass cups and a spring binding post to the bottom support, insulating the cup and the nost from the brass strip. Place a spring in the cup and invert another cup over the other end of the spring. Place the glass tubing over the assembly made thus far and pour in a quantity of granulated carbon or a mixture of granulated carbon and copper filings. Add two more carboard discs and another cup. Insert the other spring and the fourth cup. Continue the assembly as shown in the photograph at the right above.

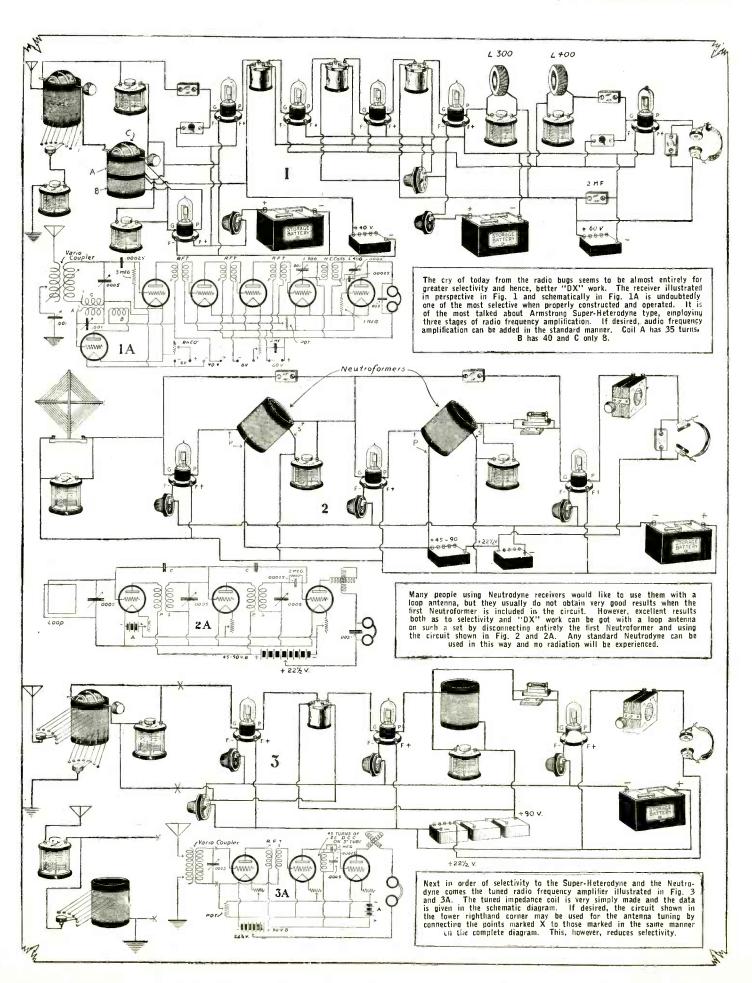
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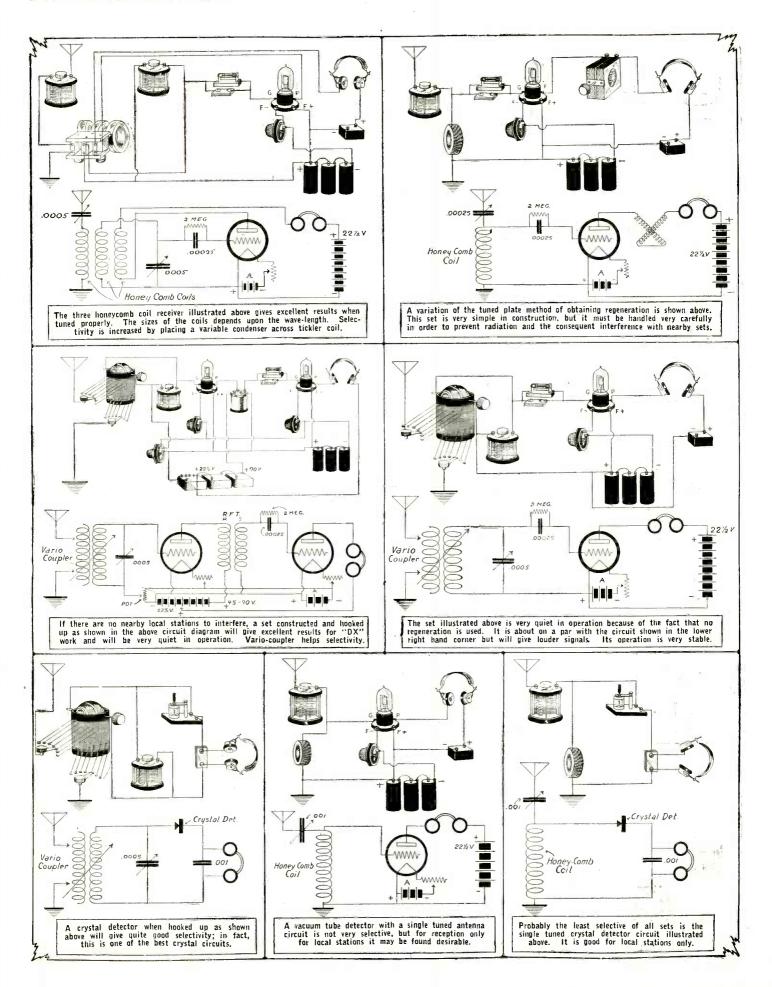
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By A. P. PECK, Associate Member

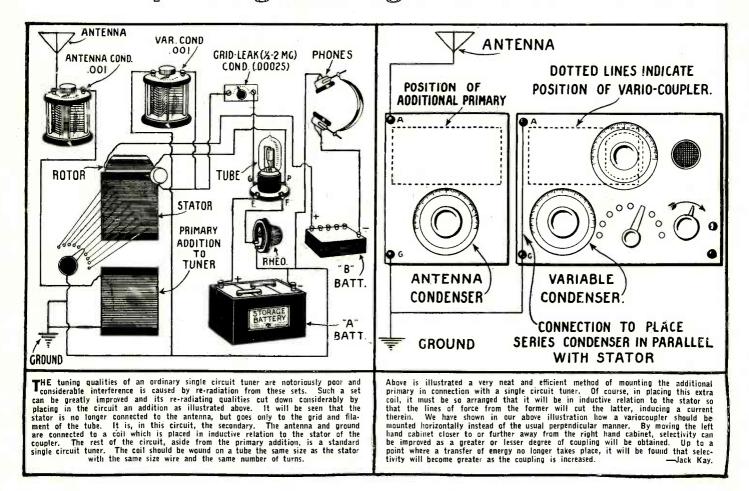


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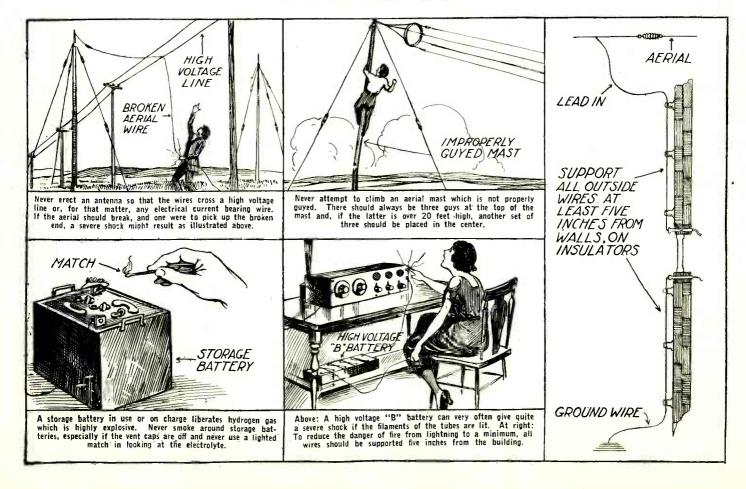
INSTITUTE OF RADIO ENGINEERS



# Improving the Single Circuit Tuner



#### Radio Hazards



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#### NEUTRODYNE CIRCUIT

(239) Richard Jackson, New York City, asks

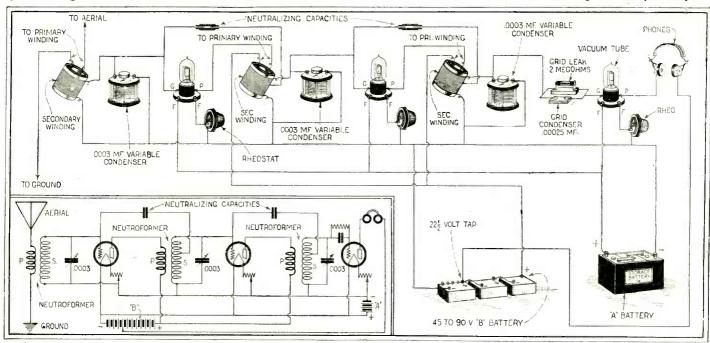
Is it possible to make a Neutrodyne set using only three vacuum tubes?

#### MULTI-WAVE COUPLER SUPPORT

(241) Geo. A. Patterson, Wichita Falls,

Texas, asks:
Q. 1. In reference to the multi-wave Reinartz receiver described in the December

A. 1. A microphone similar in constrution to an ordinary telephone transmitter may be used for this work and we illustrate herewith a cross-section of such a transmitter showing the component parts.



Q. 239. The circuit diagrams above show all the necessary connections for a three tube Neutrodyne receiver using Neutroformers with tapped secondaries. The antenna

circuit is aperiodic while the secondary circuit and the secondaries of the seconu and third Neutroformers are tuned. The two diagrams above both show the same set.

This is entirely possible, but you will not be able to use a loud speaker on the same except possibly for the powerful local stations. Such a set, however, is an excellent "DX" receiver for use with head phones and a circuit diagram with all the data thereon is given in these columns.

#### GROUNDED LOOP

(240) J. H. M. Beaty, Chester, S. C., asks:

What is meant by a grounded loop? A. 1. A grounded loop antenna usually refers to a standard loop which is connected to a ground. By doing this, signal strength will be increased somewhat, but selectivity will be greatly reduced.

Q. 2. If I tap a coil wound on a 3½ inch tube every 10 turns, will a variable condenser with a capacity of .0005 mf. shunted across the coil take care of the tuning between these taps?

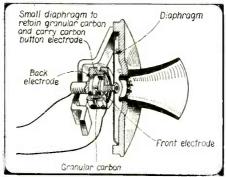
A. 2. Yes. In fact a coil consisting of 40 turns of No. 22 D. C. C. wire on a 3½ inch tube without any taps whatsoever will cover the band of broadcasting wavelengths when shunted by a .0005 mf. variable condenser.

Q. 3. When a coil is to be tuned by means of a parallel condenser, what is the highest capacity that should be used?

A. 3. In placing a condenser in parallel with an inductance coil a capacity of no more than .0005 mf. should be used so as to preserve the correct relationship between the inductance and the capacity. When it is found ductance and the capacity. When it is found that a station cannot be tuned in with the .0005 mf, condenser at maximum, the amount of inductance should be increased.

issue of Science and Invention, what length will the sides of the metal support for the rotor have to be?

A. 1. The length of the sides of the support for the rotor and stator of the multiwave coupler you mention will depend en-tirely upon the size of the coils employed. This could be very readily ascertained by obtaining your two coils, mounting the rod in the rotor and placing it in its relative position to the stator. The measurements can then be taken directly.



Q. 242. Above: A cross-section view of a standard telephone microphone employing carbon granules for varying the current in accordance with the fluctuations of the voice.

#### THE INTERIOR OF A MICRO-PHONE

Bailey, (242) Robert San Francisco, Calif., wants to know

Q. 1. How is the interior of a microphone such as used in radiophone transmission arranged?

#### A. C. HUM

(243) L. R. Forney, Fort Benning, Ga., submits a circuit diagram of his receiving set and states that it gives very good results. He says, however, that he is constantly troubled by a persistent hum which at times almost drowns out the reception.

Q. 1. Can you suggest the cause and

method of eliminating this hum?

A. 1. We believe that your trouble arises not in your receiving set itself, but from induction from nearby power lines. We would suggest that you investigate this and if you find your aerial lead-in passing near a line carrying alternating current, you should cover the former with insulation, place a shield over the insulation and ground the latter. Other than this, there is practically no method of eliminating the hum without the use of quite an elaborate choke coil and con-

denser system.
Q. 2. I have considerable trouble with howling and squealing when the second stage of audio frequency amplification is used. Can you help me toward eliminating this

trouble? A. 2. Regarding the howling obtained in your second stage, we would suggest that you try shunting a .0005 mf. condenser across the secondary of the second audio frequency transformer as well as one with a capacity of .001 mf. across the primary of the first

audio frequency transformer.
Sometimes a two megohin grid leak will give better results than the small fixed condenser across the secondary of the second transformer. Both arrangements should be tried, one at a time.

#### WANTED!!! RADIO ARTICLES

W E want descriptions of new radio ideas which you have worked out in practice. Take photographs of the important parts and make pencil or pen and ink sketches of the hook-ups or mechanical details, et cetera. We are particularly

desirous of obtaining new hook-ups and descriptions of single tube sets, reflex and other types which have proven satisfactory. We want articles on the latest single tube receptors which require a minimum current from the filament battery.—Editor.

# CAPACITIVELY COUPLED RECEIVER

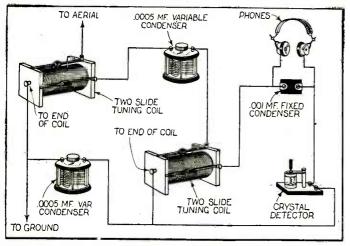
(244) Arthur Greene, Portland, Me., asks:

Q. 1. What is the simplest circuit for use

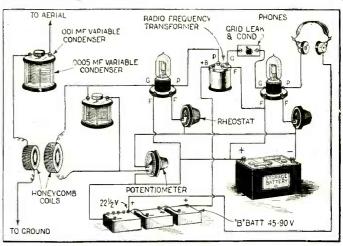
your detector tube, "A" and "B" batteries and phones. You should not have the least trouble in making this type of set work, and you can operate it, and at the same time notice the various characteristics of your detector tube, which are shown during the

A. 1. The circuit for this work appears in these columns.

R. F. WITH TWO CIRCUIT TUNER (247) Ross Kirberg, Ness City, Kansas, asks:



Q. 244. The circuit diagram above shows a capacitively coupled tuner using a crystal detector for rectification. This circuit may be quite sharply tuned.



Q. 247. A two circuit tuner which does not employ regeneration will be made much more sensitive by adding one stage of R. F. as shown above.

with a crystal detector which will come under the head of a capacitively coupled receiving set?

A. I. You will find in these columns a circuit diagram showing how two variable condensers and 2 two-slide tuning coils may be connected to give very good results as a capacitively coupled receiver.

#### POOR RECEPTION

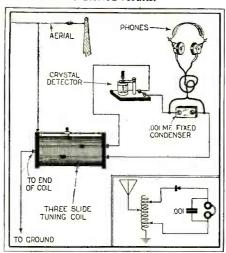
(245) D. C. McBride, Winchester, Tenn., states that he has made a receiving set, but is unable to get any results from the same. He asks our advice on this subject and requests some suggestions as to how to overcome his trouble.

A. I. In the first place, we would suggest that you try reversing the polarity of your "A" battery. Some tubes work best with the negative side of the "B" battery to the positive of the "A" battery, and some with negative to negative.

Another thing is that we would not advise you to use the open circuit jacks which you indicate in your diagram, because when your phone plug is in the jack for the detector tube, you will find that your phones are shunted by the entire resistance of the primary of the amplifying transformer. When the plug is in the first step jack, the phones are in series with the entire resistance of the primary of the second amplifying transformer. In either case the results obtained will be greatly inferior to those obtained when using two-circuit jacks.

In his experience, the editor has always found that when building up a new set it is much better to start with just the tuner and the detector and to addblater one or two steps of amplification. We would advise that if you do not obtain the desired results otherwise, that you try this. Just hook up your variable condenser, variocoupler, variometers, and grid leak and condenser with

operation of the set. You will also be able to learn how to tune this particular type of tuner. After you get this set working well, and have thoroughly mastered the tuning, and adjustment of the detector tube, you are ready to add one step of amplification. Try this for a while, and then add your second step. We are sure that you will, then obtain the desired results.



Q. 246. A three slide tuner will give quite good results when used with a crystal detector as shown above. The selectivity would be improved by placing a variable condenser across the two sliders which are connected to the detector and phones.

#### THREE SLIDE TUNER CIRCUIT

(246) Gilbert Marks, London Mills, Ill., requests:

Q. 1. Can you give me a circuit diagram showing how to connect up a standard three slide tuning coil, a crystal detector and a fixed condenser?

Q. 1. Can you give me a circuit diagram for connecting one stage of radio frequency amplification with a two honeycomb coil tuner?

A. 1. The diagram you request is given in these columns.

#### QUERY ON VARIO-COUPLER

(248) Alex Maderia, Erie, Penn., refers to a circuit diagram published in this magazine in which two connections were shown to the stator of a vario-coupler. He states that he has a coupler, but it is of a different style, having fourteen taps on the primary or stator. The coupler pictured in the magazine had taps every tenth turn only. He asks:

He asks:
Q. 1. How can I hook up to this variocoupler?

A. 1. The connections to your vario-coupler will depend upon the style you have on hand. In all probability, your 14 tap vario-coupler is tapped 7 times in tens, and 7 times in units. If such is the case, you will connect all the tens taps to the points of one 7-point switch, and the units to the points of the other 7-point switch. One switch arm is then connected to the aerial condenser, and the other to the ground.

#### ANTIQUATED TUNING COIL

(249) Norman Peterson, Concord, Calif., describes a tuning coil, wound with bare copper wire and mounted so that it may be revolved. He then proposes to make contact with the wire by turning the coil and having a slider follow the convolutions of wire. He asks:

having a slider follow the convolutions of wire. He asks:

Q. I. Would such a coil be of value?

A. I. The idea you have was used in the original Marconi installations. It makes a very cumbersome apparatus.

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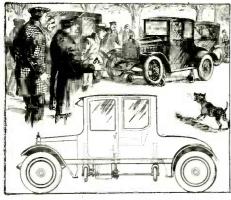
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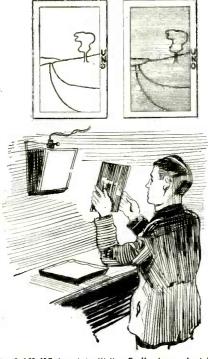


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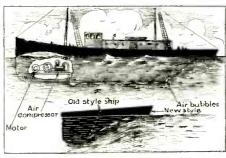
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#### Photographic Gauge



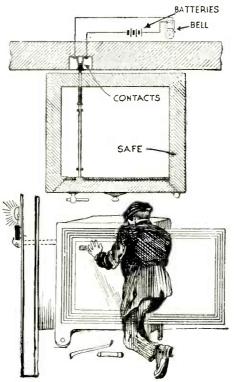
No. 1,469,415 issued to Walter F. Herzberg. In taking pictures it is quite necessary that the development of the negative continue until it has been normally developed, regardless of whether the negative has been under or overexposed. Intensifiers, reducers and such means are used in order to bring out the contrast in the negatives, but the amateur photographer finds it difficult to determine exactly when his negative has been normally developed. The inventor of this system places a series of indices alongside of the negative with the letters U, N and O appearing thereon, representing respectively under-developed, normally developed and over-developed. The letters are treated with chemicals in such a manner that they appear progressively as the development is continued, and therefore, when the solution weakens due to use, the letter N will not appear until development has been carried on long enough to produce a normal negative.

#### Air Propelled Vessel



No. 1,475,393 issued to H. A. J. De B. Nachenius. In those vessels which are propelled by gas or air discharged below the water level, a substantially plain surface forms the stern face of the vessel. As the bubbles pass upward the vessel is, of course, propelled in a forward direction, but due to a wave formation a lot of energy is lost because the air must lift the water above the surface. The stern of the vessel is so curved that the top of its curve conforms with the water level making it impossible to lift the water.

#### Burglar Alarm



No. 1,472,750 issued to James F. Gorman and Frank C. Gorman. Whenever the door of the safe shown above is opened an insulating pin which holds the two contacts open, slips out of position between these contacts. The latter close the circuit to a bell conveniently situated.

#### Aircraft Hangar



No. 1,470,557 issued to Ivan I. Eremeeff. Three houses are mounted on wheels and rails provided. When assembled the hangar resembles a T, having one section for the fuselage and right and left for each set of wings.

#### Psychic Instrument



No. 1,476,158 issued to Grover C. Haffner. In the psychic instrument shown above a board is so mounted that it can easily be tilted. A pointer is mounted on the table in such a manner that when the ouija board is tilted the pointer will move from right to left across the face of the board. In the operation of the device two people sit in front of the board, as indicated in the above sketch. When placing the hands upon the board, it is impossible to maintain it in a relatively fixed position. Consequently the pointer will be found to move whenever the table is tifted in a clockwise direction.

#### Lemon Squeezer



No. 1,469,514 issued to Peter Juergensen. In the illustration shown above a dish is provided with a series of rods which extend upward and are joined by a disk at the top. Through the center of this disk a rod extends. Surrounding the rod a tubular member may be found having a plurality of diverging arms, whose lower portions have inwardly directed arms. This tubular member may be rotated freely. When the knob on top of the device is pushed downward, the pointed arms are caused to embed themselves into the sides of the lemon. When so firmly embedded the hand wheel is rotated. This causes the lemon to turn on a knob-shaped device at the bottom of the dish, whose sides are arranged with ribs or corrugations. The juice from the lemon is thus thoroughly removed without soiling the hands.

# Scientific Humor

#### THE LATEST HIT

DROPPING PARACHUTIST (to himself): "There seems to be something wrong with my patent parachute, but I will hit upon something presently!"—S. II. Harrison.

#### AND SO KOP SPELLS POLICE

TEACHER (conducting first year spelling class): Can any little boy or girl spell a new word for us?

Son of Radio Fan (raising hand): I can

spell Pittsburgh.

TEACHER: How do you spell Pittsburgh? LITTLE BOY: K D K A.—Robert Radsch.

#### SOME NEW HOOK-UPS NEED ONE



AUNT ENNA: "Is Ralph very stupid?"

D. TECKTOR "Stupid! Why he's so dumb he thinks a radio fan is an apparatus used to keep a receiving set from becoming overheated." — Irven K. Rimbey.

#### OF GREAT INTEREST

A number of men were having a discussion as to who was the greatest inventor. Some said Edison, some said Marconi, and some said Morse, while still others said different men were.

Finally, a small German got in a word

and said:

"Vell, chentlemens, dose vas great peoples, but I tell you, de man vot invented interest vas no slouch.—T. H. Buescher.

#### THIS IS STATION E.V.E.

"Radio is one of the first things mentioned in the Bible."

"What do you mean?"

"Well it says there that Adam made a

loud speaker out of a spare part."
"Uh huh! And the loud speaker raised Cain, I suppose."—A. Zimmerman.

#### WATER ON THE BRAIN



During an experiment flight a dirigible was struck by a sudden storm, and wrecked. The friends of a certain professor who had been a passen-

ger were greatly alarmed, "For," they said, "he would naturally forget to pull the release cord of his parachute.

A subsequent report found this to be the

case, but added:

"He had been pondering a question dur-ing the flight and as he fell he became aware that the rain on his head annoyed him. But he reflected that his parachute would serve as an umbrella, pulled the cord, and descended in safety."—W. L. Hastry, Jr.

#### TO BE BOILED IN 'OHM JUICE

Spark: "Think I'll go trouble shootin'."
GAPP: "An' kilowatt?"
Spark: "Oh, some aqueducts, maybe."—

Joseph M. Straughan.

#### LET HIM TRY IT WITH A PIPE OF PEACE

Jones: "I only use smokeless tobacco."
Brown: "What kind is that?"
Jones: "Chewing."—Henry B. Daven-

#### First Prize \$3.00

#### AN ALARMING INVENTION

"What's this new invention of yours?" asked the promoter.
"It's an up-

to-date alarmto-date alarm-clock," replied the inventor. "You will notice that instead of a bell



it has a bugle that blows reveille."-J. J. O'Connell.

#### A CELLEBRATED JOKE

Professor: "Who can tell me what a tissue is?"

STUDENT: "A tissue is a collection of cells all of which are similar."

Professor: "Now illustrate."

PROFESSOR: "Now illustrate."
STUDENT: "A prison!"—Francis Sielski.

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#### "BODY CAPACITY"

"You look worried today, Bill." BILL: "Yes, I took my girl to an ice cream parlor last night and she ate four quarts of ice cream."

SAM: "Well, did that make you go broke

and become worried?"

BILL: "No, I can't solve how a girl can eat so much ice cream."

SAM: "Well, well, you just pick up an arithmetic book and you will find that four quarts equals one gal. (gallon)."—A. J. Losouski.

#### WE'LL CONDENSE THIS JOKE TO 10 CENTS, Editor S. & I.

EDITOR: Say, you'll have to condense this article.

SCIENTIST: It's already of Editor: What's it about? It's already condensed.

Scientist: Steam.—C. S. Garrison.

#### INSULATED

"Oh, I wish I could find some place where I could be cut off entirely from the world."

"Try a telephone booth." — Victor

Trapani.

#### THE CORRECT "HOOK-UP"

One Sunday morning, Mr. Gray felt an urge to do a bit of carpentering in connection with his receiving set. After the family and the good neighbors next door were safely off to church, he got out his tools and had a busy time. When the new shelf was screwed up, the grid-leak over-hauled, and all the connections tightened, he turned up the rheostat and twiddled the dials. From the loud speaker came a solemn, ministerial voice,

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy!"—Mrs. J. W. Swain.

#### AN EVEN DRAW

ANGRY Cus-TOMER: This cigar you sold me re-

fuses to draw.
Is AAC: Vell, mine good friend, did you tink dat I vould furnish you vit a suction pump for only five cents? Daniel C. MacLeod.



#### WHY JOKE EDITORS DIE YOUNG

PROFESSOR: "What proof have you to show that convulsion is contagious?"

STUDENT: "When our baby goes into convulsions my mother gets a fit."

PROF.: "Now, tell me what other name they call a tumor?"

STUDE: "Can't sir."

PROF.: "Correct."

"What kind of organ is the Prof. trachea?"

"A pipe organ." STUDE.:

Prof.: "Have you read any articles on salt?"

STUDE.: "Yes. Lot's."

Prof.: effects?" "Do you know what organ catarrh

"No, sir" (nose, sir) STUDE.: Prof.: "A very good answer."—George

#### A GOOD CATCH

The train jerked to a sudden stop. The brakeman hurried through to the rear end to MA flag. A smart young gent blurted out, "Hey there, brakie, what's the matter? Did one of Henry Ford's



masterpieces park itself on the track?" "No," replied the is not as serious. "replied the brakeman. "The matter as serious. The cow-catcher had a calf."-Neil Miller.

#### A POSITIVE ANSWER

Jiggs: "Are you an amateur photographer?"

JAGGS: "No. Why do you ask?"
JIGGS: "I heard that you got Miss Filmstar's negative last night."—John H. Schalek.

#### RADIO FLATTERY

A radio fan named McSlattery Turned on too much juice from his battery; Then tuned and—Great Scott!

The noises he got Were like Amateur Night in a cattery.— Mrs. J. W. Swain.

#### QUO VADIS?

TEACHER: What's the difference between

an explosion and a collision?

Student: Well, in a collision you're here, and in an explosion where are you?—M. D. Johnson.





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#### SPARK PLUG CONSTRUCTION

(1645) Charles T. Praser, Bronx, N. Y., says:
"A" claims that the center electrode in a spark plug is molded in the porcelain. "B" claims that it is inserted after the porcelain has been molded.
Q. 1. Which is correct?
A. 1. B is correct. The baking temperature for porcelain is so high that the metal electrode would fuse during the process.

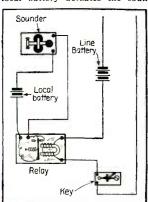
#### TELEGRAPH CIRCUIT

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(1646) A. Dansen, Chicago, Ill., says that he has connected up a telegraph line with a neighbor's house, but the current flowing through the line is so weak that it will not operate a sounder at one end of the line when the key is closed at the other end. He asks:

Q. 1. How can I connect a relay and a local battery in this circuit so that satisfactory results can be obtained?

A. 1. The circuit diagram for this work is given herewith. The relay, capable of working on a small current, closes a local circuit and the local battery actuates the sounder.



When a comparatively long telegraph line is used, the current at the receiving end is very seldom sufficient to operate a standard sounder. In this case, it is necessary to employ a relay, which operates on a low current, to close local battery circuit as shown, at the left.

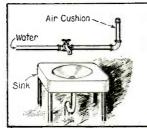
#### A HYDRAULIC QUERY

(1647) Harry Jackson, San Antonio, Texas, says that he has very often noticed that on a water pipe, the pipe itself extends past a faucet for a short distance and turns at right angles, where, after continuing for another short distance the end of the pipe is capped. He asks:

Q. 1. What is the reason for this extra length of pipe?

A. 1. The diagram herewith shows the con-

ditions under discussion. The short right angle arm acts as an air cushion in the following manner. When the faucet is open, the water starts flowing out at a full strength. If now the faucet is suddenly closed, the water tends to keep on flowing and would bump the end of the pipe with



Where high pressure water systems are used it is necessary to have an air cushion in the pipe line as shown at the left. This prevents damage to the pipe as described in the text.

considerable force if the cushion were not provided. The well known "water hammer" works on this principle and even in household installations it has been found that this shock is sometimes sufficient to burst the pipe. For this reason, the air space shown is included in the pipe system so that the cushion will take up enough of the force to prevent breakage of the pipe.

#### Interesting Articles to Appear in April Issue of "Practical Electrics"

Odd Telephones By Clyde J. Fitch Analogies and Others,
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Cable Guided Ocean Liner,
By Raymond F. Yates Copying and Enlarging Machine,
By Roy Hale

#### GRAVITY CELL

(1648) Richard Falk, Wantagh, L. I., asks: Q. 1. Can you give me directions for setting up and operating a gravity cell?

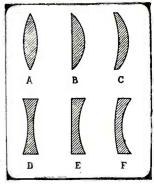
up and operating a gravity cell?

A. 1. To set up a gravity cell, place the copper electrode in the bottom and completely cover it with a saturated solution of copper sulphate in water. It is usually advisable to have a quantity of copper sulphate crystals lying in the bottom of the jar, so as to keep the solution in a state of constant saturation. On top of this solution, which occupies about three-quarters of the jar, is carefully poured a weak solution of zinc sulphate in water, so that the two will only slowly mix. The saturated solution of copper sulphate being denser will remain on the bottom unless agitated, and will only gradually rise to the top. In the zinc sulphate solution suspend the zinc electrode. If the copper sulphate solution reaches the zinc metallic copper is precipitated on it causing local action and polarization.

These batteries deteriorate more quickly if kept

These batteries deteriorate more quickly if kept on an open circuit than if kept in use, and they are, therefore, generally used in closed circuit burglar alarms, telegraphy and other closed circuit work.

At the right will be seen diagrams showing the various types of lenses in common use. The lenses in the illus-tration are all let-tered and the terms used to designate the various lenses are given in the text.



#### LENSES

(1649) K. R. Mitchell, Annadale, S. I., asks:
Q. 1. Kindly illustrate and name six of the common types of lenses.
A. I. We give herewith illustrations of lenses as requested. Lens A is a double convex, B, plane-convex, C, concave-convex or meniscus, D, double concave, E, plane-concave, F, convex concave.

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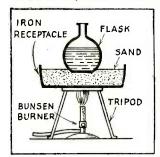
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#### SAND BATH

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Q. 1. Can you give directions for making a sand bath for use in heating chemicals and state the reason for its use?
A. 1. Our illustration herewith shows how a sand bath should be set up. The iron receptacle is supported on a tripod over a Bunsen burner and partly filled with sand. The flask or other container to be heated is imbedded slightly in the sand and the burner lighted. The advantage of a sand bath is that an even heat is supplied to the flask and danger of breaking it from sudden changes of temperature is avoided.



At the left is shown the correct method of setting up a sand bath for use when heating chemicals which must be carefully treated. The uses of the sand bath are given in the text.

#### RECOVERY OF SILVER FROM PHOTO-GRAPHIC NEGATIVES

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(1651) W. J. LaChapelle, San Francisco, Cal., asks the Oracle:

Q. 1. Can the silver contained in the emulsion used on photographic negatives be recovered?

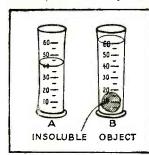
A. 1. It is entirely possible to recover the silver from photographic negatives. The process is as follows: With hot water remove all the emulsion from the film, and dissolve it. Treat the solution with nitric acid, which changes the silver into the form of a nitrate. After gas has stopped coming off from the solution, treat the remaining solution until practically all the solid matter is dissolved. If you find that some of it does not dissolve, you will know that this is probably not silver. Next prepare a saturated solution of common salt. This is added to the solution of common salt. This is added to the solution of common salt. This is added to the solution of common successive and the result heated to the boiling point. A white insoluble precipitate of silver chloride will be formed, and it should be removed by filtering. Add a small quantity of dilute sulphuric acid to the silver chloride placed in a glass vessel, and place therein a small amount of zine in any metallic form. Owing to the electrolytic relations of zine and silver, zine chloride will be formed and the silver will be precipitated in the form of a grayish spongy mass. This can be reduced to lump form by melting it with a blow pipe.

#### VOLUME MEASURED BY DISPLACEMENT

(1652) Jesse Reiss, Chicago, Ill., requests:

Q. 1. How can the volume of an irregularly shaped object which is insoluble in water be determined?

A. 1. If the object is of a small size, and will not be injured by contact with water, the easiest way to attain the desired results is to measure the volume by displacement. Our illustration herewith shows how this can be accomplished. A indicates a graduate filled with water. Note how high the water rises. Now place the object within the graduate, the volume of which is to be determined. The water will rise and the amount of water displaced will be equal to the volume of the



Small insoluble ob-Small insoluble objects may be measured for volume by the displacement method illustrated at the left. The degree of rise of the water in the graduate indicates the volume of the object.

irregular object. This applies only to objects which will sink. In the case of floating objects, they must be forced below the surface. The volume of the submerged portion of the forcing medium must be considered.

#### VALVE GRINDING COMPOUND

(1653) William Fisher, Cheyenne, Wyoming,

asks:
Q. 1. How can a valve grinding compound be made?

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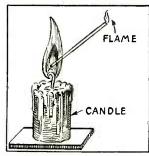
A. 1. Ordinary valve grinding compounds of uniform grades can be purchased so cheaply that it is hardly worth while to attempt to make them. However, if you desire to do some experimenting with them we would advise you to use a mixture of flour of emery and heavy cylinder oil. Two or three different grades of emery may be used, the coarsest for starting the work and the finest for putting a polish on the valve and the valve scat.

#### GAS IN FLAME

(1654) Frank Fischer, Milwaukee, Wis., re-

Q. 1. How can it be demonstrated that there is a certain amount of unburned inflammable gas present in the flame of a candle?

A. 1. If the flame of a lighted candle is examined it will be found that there is a bright yellow outer cone and a darker inner cone. This inner



In the center of a candle flame there is a certain amount of inflammable gas present which is not burned because oxygen cannot get to it through the outer part of the flame. This can be proven as shown at the left.

cone is composed of gas, but cannot burn because air does not reach it through the outer or luminous sheath. If a small metal tube is placed in the flame so that one end of it is in this dark cone and a match is applied to the other end of the tube, a flame will be seen at this end. The unburned gas is conducted through the tube and burns readily at the other end.

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#### AMBER VARNISH

(1655) John F. Farrell, Boston, Mass., asks:
Q. 1. How can amber varnish be made? I have succeeded in dissolving amber in linseed oil, but when I add the turpentine, the mixture boils

but when I add the turpentine, the mixture boils over.

A. I. We do not have any definite data on the making of amber varnish at hand, but you could undoubtedly obtain the results you desire by experimental work. Since you have succeeded in dissolving amber in pure linseed oil by heating, we would advise you to allow the solution to cool to about 100° Fahrenheit. The turpentine should then be added stirring constantly until the mixture becomes of the desired consistency.

When heating the linseed oil and amber, you say that you have trouble with the amber as it scorches. If the heating were done carefully in a vessel contained in a water bath this trouble could very probably be prevented. The heat should be applied gradually and raised slowly.

#### WATER RHEOSTAT

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(1656) Geo. M. Brayton, Tela, Honduras, asks:
Q. 1. What factors govern the amount of current passed by a water rheostat?

A. 1. The amount of current passed by a water resistance is determined to a very great extent by the density of the solution used. The area of the electrodes also enters into the calculation as does the distance between them. Doubling the distance between the electrodes would render the resistance twice as great.
Q. 2. Does the thickness of the sheets used have any effect on the amperage?

A. 2. The thickness of the sheets used as electrodes does not have any appreciable effect on the amperage.

electrodes does not have any appreciable effect on the amperage.

Q. 3. How can the resistance of a water rheostat be calculated?

A. 3. The best way to determine the amount of current passed with any solution is by actual measurement as calculations would fall short or would over-reach the mark due to various impurities introduced into the solution when making it up.

THE D'ARSONVAL GALVANOMETER

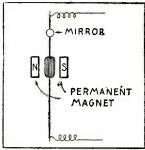
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(1657) Maurice Rolhouzen, San Jose, Caitt., requests:

Q. 1. Upon what principle does a d'Arsonval galvanometer operate?

A. 1. The d'Arsonval galvanometer operates on a principle very similar to the electric motor. The current passing through a coil of wire very delicately suspended, sets up a magnetic field which interacts with the field of a permanent magnet and causes the coil to twist to one side or the other. Our illustration herewith shows a simplified view of such an instrument. A small mirror is mounted on one of the supporting wires. If a current is passed through the coil it will twist either to the right or the left and the mirror will move.

The principle of the d'Arsonval galvanometer is illustrated at the right and described in the text. A mirror is placed on the supporting wire so as to provide a method of indicating the amount of rotation.



By directing a light beam upon the mirror, the exact degree of its rotation can be determined by measuring the angle over which the reflected beam of light passes.

#### WAVE POWER MACHINE

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(1658) Anthony P. Giancano, Brooklyn, New York, asks:

Q. 1. Has a device ever been perfected and patented that will obtain power from ocean waves?

A. 1. There have been hundreds of machines patented which derive power from the ocean waves. However, none of them have become commercially practicable, because of the seemingly insurmountable obstacles to their efficient working. Many of them have been set up and used, but as soon as a storm comes up they have been smashed and washed away.

#### METAL POLISH

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(1659) W. Fauglid, Shelly, Minn., requests:
Q. 1. Can you give me a formula for making a good metal polish with which cloths are to be impregnated and then used on various metals?
A. 1. We are giving you below a formula for a metal polish:
Oil of turpentine, 15 parts.
Oil of stearine, 25 parts.
Jeweler's red or fine rouge, 25 parts.
A fine quality of animal charcoal, 45 parts.
The parts given above are mixed together and alcohol is added until the mixture is of the desired consistency. After the cloths have been soaked in this mixture, the alcohol will evaporate, leaving the cloth in the desired condition.

#### AIR TO DIVERS

(1660) Joseph J. Knapp, Los Angeles, Calif.,

says: Q. 1. face of says:
Q. 1. How do divers working below the surface of the water obtain the necessary air for breathing?
A. 1. There are three usual methods for supplying air to divers. They are illustrated herewith. A shows one of the oldest methods wherein air

OUTLET PUMP ESCAPE VALVE В At the right are illustrated the various methods of supplying air to divers, A—from a pump on the surface. B—from an oxygen tank, C—from a tank of chemical which supplies the exhaled air with oxygen. VALVE OXYGEN BRONZE HELMET TANK L OUTLET VALVE oxygen. C

is supplied to the diver through a long reinforced rubber tube. This tube extends from the diver's helmet to the boat from which he is working and is attached to an air pump. Air is forced down into the helmet under pressure and inhaled by the diver. The carbon dioxide escapes through an outlet valve which is constructed so as not to allow the entrance of water.

B shows the oxygen tank method wherein the diver carries strapped to his back a tank of compressed oxygen. This is then supplied through a valve to the helmet and the air which has been breathed allowed to escape through a valve.

At C in the illustration is shown a method whereby the diver breathes over and over again the same air which he takes down with him. The air is renewed by means of a chemical known as oxylithe which removes the carbon dioxide and replaces the oxygen which has been used. With this latter method the diver can stay under water for a considerable length of time without any inconvenience.

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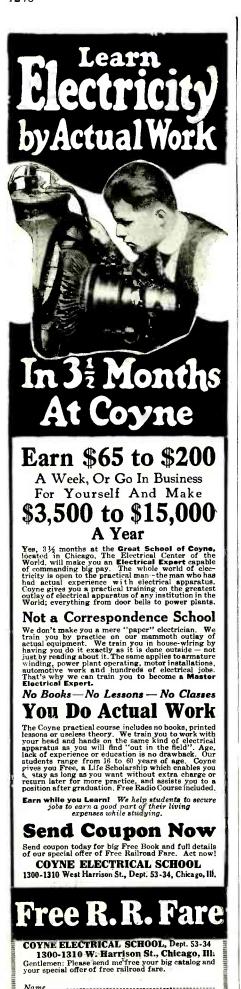
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First Group of figures indicate the power in watts in the antenna of the transmitting station. The second group gives the wave-length.

		Power			Power
Call Letters	Name Location	& Wave Length	Call Letters	Name Location	& Wave Length
KDKA	Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., East Pittsburgh, Pa10	000—326	KFEX	Augsburg Seminary, Minne-	100-261
KDPM	Westinghouse Electric & Mig.	500—270	KFEY	apolis, Minn.  Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Co., Kel-	100 101
KDPT	Southern Electrical Co., San	50-244	KFEZ	logg. Idalio	10-360
KDYL	Diego, Calif. Telegram Publishing Co., Salt	50-360	RIBB	Amer. Society of Mechanical Engineers (F. H. Schubert), St. Louis, Mo.	100-360
KDYM	Lake City, Utah		KFFB	Jenkins Furniture Co., Boise,	
KDYQ	Oregon Institute of Technology, Portland, Ore.	100360	KFFE	Eastern Oregon Radio Co., Pen-	10—240
KDYW	Smith Hughes Machinery Co., Phoenix, Ariz.	20360	KFFO	Dr. E. H. Smith, Hillsboro,	10-360
KDYX	Star Bulletin, Honolulu, Hawaii		KFFQ	Ore. Marksheffel Motor Co., Colo-	5-229
KDZB	Frank E. Siefert, Bakersfield, Calif. Automobile Club of Southern	100—240		rado Springs, Colo Nevada State Journal (Jim	100-360
KDZF	Automobile Club of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.	500-278	KFFR	Kirk), Sparks, Nev	10—226
K DZI	Electric Supply Co., Wenatchee, Wash.	50-360	KFFV	Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa	10-360
. KDZQ	Nichols Academy of Dancing (Hal G Nichols) Denver Colo.	10—360	KFFY	McGraw Co., Omaha, Neb Pincus & Murphey, Alexandria,	
KDZR	Bellingham Publishing Co., Bellingham, Wash.	50-261	KFFZ	Al G. Barnes Amusement Co.,	100-275
KFAD	MCATIBUL Bros. Mercanine Co.,	100-360	KFGC	Dallas, Texas (portable) Louisiana State University, Ba-	20—226
KFAE	State College of Washington, Pullman, Wash.	500—330	KFGD	ton Rouge, La	
KFAF	Western Radio Corporation, Denver, Colo.		KFGH	Chickasha. Okla. Leland Stanford University. (P.	200-248
KFAJ	University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.		KFGJ	Missouri National Guard, 138th	
KFAN	The Electric Shop, Muscow,	50-360	KFGL	Infantry, St. Louis, Mo Arlington Garage, Arlington,	
KFAR	K. Olsen), Hollywood, Calif.,	200—280	KFGQ	Ore. Crary Hardware Co., Boone,	5—234
KFAU	Independent School District of Boise City, Boise High School.		KFGV	Heidbreder Radio Supply Co.,	10-226
KFAW	Boise, Idaho The Radio Den (W. B. Ash-	150—270	KFGX	Utica, Neb	10-224
KFAY	ford). Santa Ana. Calif Virgin's Radio Service (W. J.	10-280	KFGZ	First Presbyterian Church, Orange, Texas Emmanuel Missionary College,	500—250
KFBB	Virgin), Medford, Ore F. A. Buttrey & Co., Havre,	50-283	KFHA	Western State College of Colo-	10-268
KFBC	Mont	50—360 10—278	KFHB	rado, Gunnison. Colo	50—252
KFBE	W. K. Azbill, San Diego, Calif. Reuben H. Horn, San Luis		KFHD	well), Hood River, Ore Utz Radio and Electric Co., St.	5-280
KFBG	Obispo, Calif	10-360	KFHF	Joseph. Mo	100226
KFBK	Kimball-Upson Co., Sacramento,	50—360	KFHH	Shreveport, La. Ambrose A. McCue, Neah Bay,	150-266
KFBL	Leese Bros., Everett, Wash	100—283 10—224	KFHJ	Wash. Fallon & Co., Santa Barbara,	50-261
KFBS	Co., and Chronicle News,	10-360	KFHR	Calif. Star Electric & Radio Co., Seat-	100-360
KFBU	Trinidad. Colo.  The Cathedral (Bishop N. S. Thomas), Laramie, Wyo	50—283	KFHS	tle, Wash. Clifford J. Dow, Lihue. Hawaii Robert W. Nelson, Hutchinson,	50—270 30—275
KFCB	Nielsen Radio Supply Co., Phoc- nix, Ariz.	10-278	KFHX	Kan	150-229
KFCF	Frank A. Moore, Walla Walla,	100-360	KFI	Kan. Earle C. Anthony, Inc., Los Augeles, Calif.	500469
KFCH	Electric Service Station, Inc., Billings, Mont.	10360	KFID	Ross Arbuckle's Garage, Iola, Kan.	20-246
KFCM	Richmond Radio Shop (Frank		KFIF	Benson Polytechnic Institute, Portland, Ore.	100360
KFCP KFCV	Ralph W. Flygare, Ogden, Utah Fred Mahaffey, Jr., Houston,	25—360	KFIL	Windisch Electric Farm Equipment Co., Louisburg, Kan	30234
KFCY	Texas Western Union College, Le	10360	KFIO	North Central High School, Spokane, Wash	50-252
KFCZ	Mars, Iowa	50 <b>—2</b> 52	KFIQ	Yakima Valley Radio Broad- casting Asso., Yakima, Wash.	50-242
KFDA	Omaha, Neh. Adler's Music Store, Baker, Ore.	100—258 5—360	KFIU		10-226
KIDD	St. Michaels Cathedral, Boise,	10-252	KFIX	Juneau. Maska Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,	
KFDH	University of Arizona, Tucson,	150—360	KFIZ	Independence, Mo. Daily Commonwealth and Oscar A. Huelsman, Fond du Lac,	250-240
KFDJ	Oregon Agricultural College,	50—360	WELD	Wis.  Marshall Electrical Co., Mar-	100-273
KFDL	Corvallis, Ore. Knight-Campbell Music Co., Denver. Colo.	5—360	KFJB	shalltown, Iowa	10-248
KFDO		50-248	KFJC	shalltown, Iowa Seattle Post Intelligencer, Seat- tle, Wash.	100-270
KFDR	Mont.  Bullock's Hardware & Sporting Goods (Robert G. Bullock), York, Neb.  Gilbrech & Stinson, Fayetteville.	30-240	KFJF	homa City, Okla	20 252
EEDV	York, Neb.	10360	KFJI	Liberty Theatre (E. E. Marsh), Astoria. Ore.	10-252
KFDV	Ark	200—360	KFJK	Delano Radio & Electric Co., Bristow, Okla. Hardsacg Mfg. Co., Ottumwa,	100—233
KFDX	First Baptist Church, Shreve- port, La. South Dakota State College of	100—360	KFJL	Hardsacg Mfg. Co., Ottumwa, Iowa University of North Dakota,	10-242
KFDY	Agriculture and Mechanic	100—360	KFJM	University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. D Electric Construction Co., Valley	100-280
KFDZ	Harry O. Iverson. Minneapolis.	5—231	KFJQ	Radio Division, Grand Forks,	
KFEC	Minn	50-360	KFJR	No. Dak. Ashley C. Dixon & Son, Stevensville, Mont (near)	5—280 5—253
KFEJ KFEL	Ore	10360	KFJV	Inomas H. Warren, Dexter,	10-224
KFEQ	Colo. I. L. Scroggin, Oak, Neb	50—360 150—360	KFJW	Iowa Le Grand Radio Co., Towanda, Kan	10-226
KFER	Dodge Iowa	20-231	KFJX	Kan. Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls. Iowa	50229
KFEV	Felix-Thompson Radio Shop. Casper, Wyo.	250-203		(Continued on page 1250)	



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KFJZ	Texas National Guard, 112th Cavalry, Fort Worth, Texas.	20-254	КОВ	ture and Mechanic Arts, State	
KFKA	Colorado State Teachers College, Greeley, Colo.	50—248	кор	College, N. M	500360
KFKB	Brinkley-Jones Hospital Associa- tion, Milford, Kan	500—286	КРО	Mich. Hale Bros., San Francisco, Calif.	500—28 <b>6</b> 500—42 <b>3</b>
KFKQ	Conway Radio Laboratories (Ben H. Woodruff), Conway, Ark.		KQP	Apple City Radio Club, Hood River, Ore.	10-360
KFKV	F. F. Gray, Butte, Mont Westinghouse Electric & Mfg.	50—283	KQV	River, Ore.  Doubleday Hill Electric Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.	250-360
KFKZ	Co., Hastings, Neb Nassour Bros. Radio Co., Colo-	500-286	KQW	Chas. D. Herrold, San Jose, Calif.	50—360
KFLA	rado Springs, Colo	10—234 5—28 <b>3</b>	KRE	Berkeley Daily Gazette, Berkeley, Calif.	50-275
KFLB	Signal Electric Mfg. Co., Meno- minee, Mich.	5—248	KSD	Co.), St. Louis, Mo	500—546
KFLD	Paul E. Greenlaw, Franklinton, La.	20-234	KSS	Prest & Dean Radio Co. & Radio Research Society of Long	
KFLE	National Educational Service,	25-268	KTW	Research Society of Long Beach, Calif. First Presbyterian Church, Seat-	20—360
KFLH	Denver, Colo Erickson Radio Co., Salt Lake	Į.	KUO	Examiner Printing Co., San	750—360
KFLP	City, Utah Everette M. Foster, Cedar Rap-	50261	KUS	Francisco, Calif	150—360
KFLQ	ids, Iowa	20—240	KUY	Los Angeles, Calif	100-360
KFLR	Ark	20-261	KWG	Calif. Portable Wireless Telephone	50-256
KFLU	Albuquerque, N. M	100254	KWH	Co., Stockton, Calif Los Angeles Examiner, Los An-	100—360
KFLV	Rio Grande Radio Supply House, San Benito, Tex A. T. Frykman, Rockford, Ill	20-236	KXD	geles, Calif	500—360
KFLW	Missoula Electric Supply Co.,		KYQ	Modesto, Calif. Electric Shop, Honolulu, Hawaii	5—252 20— <b>36</b> 0
KFLX	Missoula, Mont	10—234	KYW	Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.	1000—5 <b>36</b>
KFLY	Fargo Radio Supply Co., Fargo,	10-240	KZM	Preston D. Allen, Oakland, Calif.	50-360
KFLZ	N. D	20—231	KZN	The Desert News, Salt Lake City, Utah	500-360
KFMB	Christian Churches of Little	10-273	KZV	Wenatchee Battery & Motor Co., Wenatchee, Wash Valdemar Jensen, New Orleans,	50-360
KFMQ	Rock, Little Rock, Ark University of Arkansas, Fayette-	254		La	100-268
KFMR	ville, Ark. Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa	100-263	WAAC	Tulane University, New Or- leans, La.	400-360
KFMS	Freimuth Department Store, Du-	400 385		Ohio Mechanics Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio	25360
KFMT	George W. Young, Minneapolis,			Chicago Daily Drover's Journal, Chicago, Ill.	200-286
KFMU	Stevens Bros., San Marcos, Tex.	5—231 20—240		I. R. Nelson Co., Newark,	250-263
KFMW	Carleton College, Northfield,			University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.	50—254
KFMY	Minn. Boy Scouts of America, Long			Omaha Grain Exchange, Omaha,	200360
KFMZ	Beach, Calif. Roswell Broadcasting Club, Roswell, N. Mex.		WABA	Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill. Dr. John B. Lawrence, Harris-	100-266
KFNG	Wooten's Radio Shop, Coldwater, Miss.		WABD	burg, Pa	10266
KFNH	State Teachers College, Spring			Ohio	10-283
KFNJ	field, Mo. Warrensburg Electric Shop, Warrenburg, Mo.	40 014	WABG	ciation, Washington, D. C Arnold Edwards Piano Co.,	
KFQA	Rhodes Company (Dept. Store), Seattle, Wash.			Jacksonville, Fla.  Lake Shore Tire Co., San-	10-275
KFSG	Echo Park Evangelistic Association, Los Angeles, Calif			dusky, Ohio	20-240
KGO	General Electric Co., Oakland,			Bangor Maine	50240
К <b>GB</b>	Tacoma Daily Ledger, Tacoma, Wash.	50-252	WARI.	First Baptist Church, Worcester, Mass.  Connecticut Agricultural Col-	10-252
KGG	ice. Portland, Ore.	50360	WABM	lege, Storrs, Conn	100—283
KGN	Northwestern Radio Mtg. Co.			Radio Equipment Co., Saginaw, Mich.	
KGU	Portland, Ore.  Marion A. Mulrony, Honolulu, Hawaii	300-300	WABN	Ott Radio, Inc., LaCrosse. Wis.	250-244
KGW	Portland Morning Oregonian, Portland, Ore.	500-492	WARP	Lake Ave. Baptist Church. Ro- chester, N. Y. Robert F. Weinig, Dover,	10-252
KGY	St. Martins College, Lacey, Wash.	5258		Ohio	100—266
KHJ	Times Mirror Co., Los Angeles, Calif. Louis Wasmer, Seattle, Wash.	500-395	WABR	Haverford, Pa	50-261
KHQ KJFU	Central I ower Co., Kearney,			Ohio	50270
KIO:	C. O. Gould, Stockton, Calif	5-360	WABT	ark, N. J	50—244 100—252
KJŔ	Northwest Radio Service, Seat- tle, Wash.  Bible Institute of Los Angeles,		WABU		
KJS	Los Angeles, Calif. Warner Bros. Radio Supplies	750—360	WABV	John H. De Witt, Nashville,	20-263
KLS	Co., Oakland, Calit	250 360	WABW	Tenn	
KLX	Tribune Publishing Co., Uak-	250509	WABX	Henry B. Joy, Mount Clemens,	20-234
KLZ	Reynolds Radio Co., Denver,	300-300	WABY	John Magaldi, Jr., Philadelphia,	
KMJ	San Joaquin Lt. & Power Corp. Fresno, Calif	50-2/3	WABZ	Coliseum Place Baptist Church.	50—242 50—263
KMO	Wash.	10-360	WBAA		
KNT	Grays Harbor Radio Co. (Wal- ter Hemrich), Aberdeen		WBAD	fayette, Ind. Sterling Electric Co. Minne apolis. Minn.	
KNV	Wash. Radio Supply Co., Los Angeles			(Continued from page 1252)	
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W BAO	catur, Ill. 50—3 Wortham-Carter Publishing Co.	360 WDAU	Slocum & Kilburn, New Bed- ford, Mass.	10036
WB/b	Wortham-Carter Publishing Co. (Star-Telegram), Fort Worth,	WDAY	Radio Equipment Corp., Fargo,	
WBAV	Texas	176 WDBC		50-24
WBAX	Ohio	890 WDM	Pa. The Church of the Covenant.	
WBAY	Barre, l'a 20—.		Washington, D. C	5023 1027
WBBA	Newark Radio Laboratories.	WEAR.	Frank D. Fallain, Police Building, Flint, Mich.	1028
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WBBF	Georgia School of Technology,	WISAI	Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.	500-28
WBBG	Atlanta, Ga 500-2 Irving Vermilya, Mattapoisett,		Vermillion, S. D.	200—28
WBBH	Mass	240 WEAN	University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. D. Borough of North Plainfield (W. Gibson Buttfield), North Plainfield, N. J.	
WBBI	Mich. 50—4 Indianapolis Radio Club, Indian-	246 WEAN	Plainfield, N. J	100—25 100—27
WBBJ	apolis, Ind	WEAO	The Ohio State University, Co-	
	Beach, Fla			100-36
	burgh, Pa 10-2		lishing Co., Baltimore, Md	50-36
	Grace Covenant Church, Rich- mond, Va 10—2	283 WEAU		
WBBM	Frank Atlass Produce Co., Lincoln, Ill 200—	226 WEAY	City, Iowa	100-36
WBBN	A. B. Blake, Wilmington, N. C. 10—2 Michigan Limestone & Chemical	WEB	Texas Benwood Co., St. Louis, Mo	500-36
WBBP	Co., Rogers, Mich 500—2	250 WEV	Hurlburt-Still Electrical Co.,	
WBBQ	key, Mich 10—2	252	Houston, Texas St. Louis University, St. Louis,	5036
WBBR	Peoples Pulpit Association, Rossville, N. Y. 500— T. & H. Radio Company, Anthony, Kan. 100—7	WFAA	Mo. The Dallas News. The Dallas Journal, Dallas, Texas Carl F. Woese, Syracuse, N. Y.	100-26
WBL	T & H Radio Company, An-	WFAB	Carl F. Woese. Syracuse. N. Y.	500—47 100—23
WBS	D. W. May (Inc.), Newark,	160	Poughkeensie N V.	20—36
WBT	Southern Radio Corp., Char-	WFAII	Electric Supply Co., Port Ar- thur, Texas	
<b>VBZ</b>	Vestinghouse Electric & Mfg.	, 27 VV F ()	Co., Ashville, N. C.,	5036
WCAD	Co., Springfield, Mass1000—3 St. Lawrence University, Can-	WEAM	Times Publishing Co., St. Cloud, Minn.	20-36
WCAE	Kaufman & Baer Co., Pitts-	11 1 1111	Hutchinson Electric Service Co., Hutchinson, Minn.	100-36
WCAG	burgh, Pa	WFAQ	Missouri Wesleyan College, Cameron, Mo.	
WCAH	Entrekin Electric Co., Colum-	WFAT	New Colombus College, Sloux	10-36
WCAJ	Nebraska Wesleyan University,	WFAV	Fall, S. D. University of Nebraska, Dept.	5025
WCAK	University Place. Neb 500-3 Alfred P. Daniel, Asst. Division	60 WFI	E. E., Lincoln, Nehr Strawbridge & Clothier, Phila-	
	Mgr. A. R. R. L., Houston, Texas	MGAL	delphia, Pa. Lancaster Elec. Supply & Const.	500—39
NCAL	St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn 500-3	60 WGAN		10—24 50—36
WCAM	Villanova College, Villanova, Pa	60 (40.10)	Glenwood Radio Corp. (W. G. Patterson), Shreveport, La	150-36
WCAO	The Sanders and Stayman Co., Baltimore, Md. 50-3	WGAN	The South Bend Tribune,	100—26
WCAP	Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., Washington, D. C. 500—4	69 WGI	South Bend, Ind	250-36
VCAR	Alamo Radio Electric Co., San	West	Corn Medford Hillside Mose	500-36
VCAS	Antonio, Texas	WGR	Thomas F. J. Howlette, Philadelphia, Pa.  Federal Telephone and Telegraph Co., Buffalo, N. Y.	500-36
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VCAT	South Dakota State School of Mines, Rapid City, S. D 100-2 Durham & Co., Philadelphia.		Interstate Electric Co., New Orleans, La. General Electric Co., Schenec-	10024
NCAU	Pa	286	tady, N. 1	000-38
WCAV	J. C. Dice Electric Co., Little Rock, Ark	60 WHA	University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.	50036
VCAX	Rock, Ark. 20—3 University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt. 50—3 Kesselman O'Driscoll Co., Milwaukee, Wis. 250—2 Carthage College, Carthage, Ill. 50—2	60 WHAA	City, Iowa	100-28
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VCX	The Detroit Free Press, De-	WHAP	Otta & Kuhns, Decatur, Ill	50-360
VDAE	troit, Mich	17 WHAR	Paramount Radio & Electric Co. (W. H. A. Paulus), At-	10 ==
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# The Heavens In April

By ISABEL M. LEWIS, M.A.

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constellation of Ursa Major, the Greater Bear, and by the inconspicuous groups of Lynx and Camelopardus. After being hidden from view for the greater part of the winter by trees, houses or other obstructions that cut off our view of an object when it lies close to the horizon, the Big Dipper is now swinging around to a high position above the pole and will be seen to the best advantage from now on through the spring and summer. In speaking of the Big Dipper it is well to bear in mind that it is but a part of the constellation of Ursa Major. To the west and south of the Dipper are a number of stars of the third and fourth magnitude that belong to the constellation of Ursa Major. In fact they mark the head and forepaws of the bear. The seven stars of the Dipper mark the back and the ridiculously long tail of the creature who differs in this respect from all others of his kind, unless we except the Lesser Bear of similar form which lies near by with the tip of the tail marked by the pole-star, Polaris,

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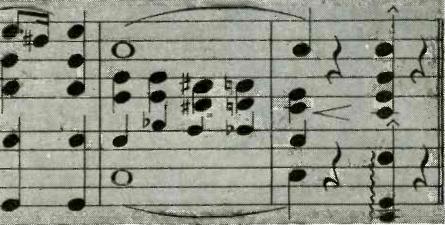
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## The Heavens in April

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The North American Indians, we are told. also saw in this constellation a bear, but the three stars of the tail were to them the hunter and his dogs. Although this con-stellation seems to have been known universally in all ages and all lands as The Bear, it has also been known, particularly in England, as The Wain, and frequently as The Plow, the three stars in the handle of the Dipper representing in this case the Plow-Oxen. Among the Romans it was often referred to as The Seven Plow-Oxen. In early England it was Arthur's Wain and later Charles' Wain and, today, usually The Wain or The Plow.

#### A DOUBLE STAR

The middle star in the handle of the dipper, Mizar, and its nearby Alcor, a star of the fourth magnitude, is a well-known naked eye double star that is popularly known as the horse and his rider. In Germany Alcor is Hans, the wagoner, and in England, Jack on the middle horse. Anyone with fairly good eyesight should have no difficulty in making out this fairly bright companion of Mizar. To the Arabs the ability to separate the two stars was a test of eyesight.

Close to the meridian at this time and a little to the southeast of the zenith is Leo. one of the most conspicuous of the spring groups. It can be easily recognized by its characteristic Sickle. The star at the end of the handle is the first-magnitude star Regulus, or as it has been popularly called. Cor Leonis. It is one of the white, hydrogen stars and its distance from the earth is about fifty light years. Some distance to the east of Regulus is the second-magnitude star Denebola, which marks the tip of the lion's tail. This star makes with Arcturus, the orange-hued giant star now visible in the northeast, and with the beautiful white star Spica in Virgo, in the southeast, a huge equilateral triangle the appearance of which may be taken as an ouncing the arrival of spring.

## THE PLANETS VISIBLE

The planet Venus is now setting about nine P. M. the first of the month and is a most beautiful and conspicuous object in the western sky in the early evening hours. It reaches its greatest eastern elongation on the twenty-second of April, when its angular distance from the sun is a little over fortyfive degrees. It will be in the constellation of Taurus throughout the month and its position is indicated on the chart for the first, middle and last of the month. It is still increasing in brightness and will not reach its greatest brilliancy until the latter part of May.

Mercury will reach its greatest elongation east of the sun on the sixteenth of April It will then be about twenty degrees east of the sun and should be visible in the northwest for a short time immediately after sunset as a bright star of the first magnitude.

Mars is in the constellation of Sagittarius the first of the month and passes into Capri-cornus before the end of April. It is still visible in the east in the early morning hours and on the thirteenth of the month is on the meridian at sunrise.

Jupiter is in the constellation of Scorpio a little to the east of Antares. It now rises before midnight but is not visible at the time

for which the chart is given.
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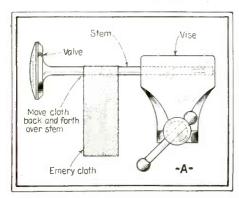


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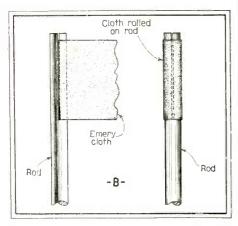
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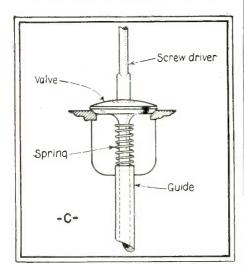
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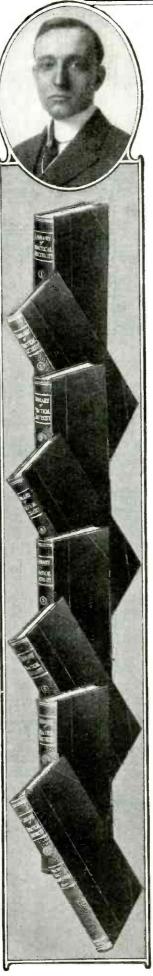
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The next operation is to clean out the guides. Use a good tool for this as shown above. Split a thin rod down the center and wind a piece of emery cloth around it; but first insert the cloth in the slit so that it will not slip. Place the tool in the guide and work it back and forth until all of the carbon is removed from the guide; after this is completed the valve is ready for grinding.



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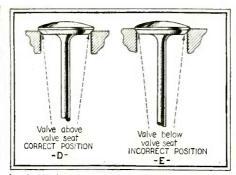
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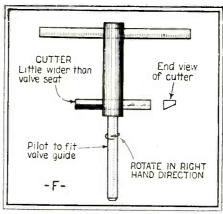
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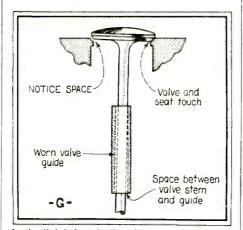
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A valve in its correct position will stand a little above the seat as shown in sketch D but excessive grinding will often bring the valve below the top of the seat as shown at E.

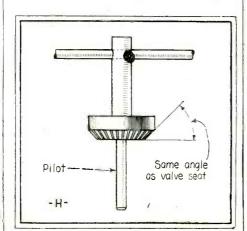


If this is the case then the top of the seat must be recessed until the valve again stands above the seat. A tool for this is shown in sketch F. When making this tool be sure that the pilot fits the valve guide snugly.



A valve that is loose in the guide, or one whose face is not true with the seat will allow the valve to touch on one side of the seat first and then drop over on to the other side; this causes a clicking noise which is hard to locate.

Sketch G shows this condition.



There is another reason why valve guides should be a good fit. Sometimes the seat will become badly lined and need truing up, and for this purpose a valve re-seating tool should be used. Sketch H.

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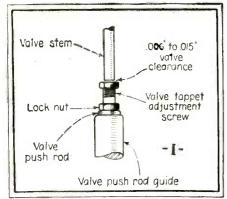
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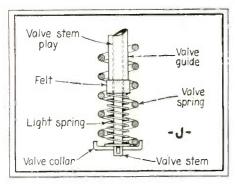
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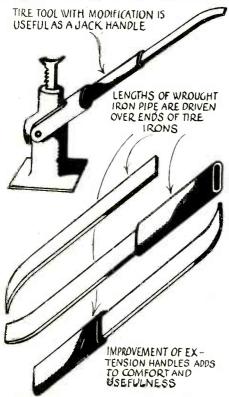


After the valves are replaced they must be adjusted for clearance, that is, space allowed between the push rod and valve stem to allow for expansion, so that the valve will close when hot. A feeler gauge should be used for this purpose. Sketch 1. First rotate the crankshaft until the piston is on top of the compression stroke, and then set the tappet or push rod until a feeler gauge of .006 inch will pass between the stem and tappet. To find the top of compression stroke, watch the intake valve open and close and then bring the piston to the top of that stroke. If a piece of wire is inserted in the spark plug hole the piston can be felt when it comes to the top.



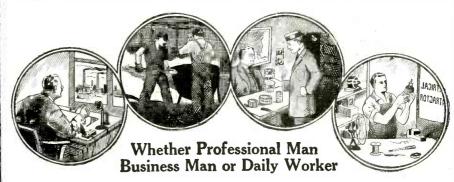
Air leaks at the intake valves will cause an engine to run poorly and at low speed. A method is shown how to stop this in sketch J. Place a piece of felt at the bottom of the guide with a spring to hold it in place. Where both valve and guide and stem are worn it is best to replace them, or where the guide cannot be taken out over size valve stems should be fitted.

## Tire Tool Handle Uses



A length of wrought iron pipe forced over a tire tool as a handle will increase the use of the tool to a great extent. Here are shown several uses to which such an improved accessory may be applied.  $\qquad \qquad -G_a \ A. \ Luers.$ 

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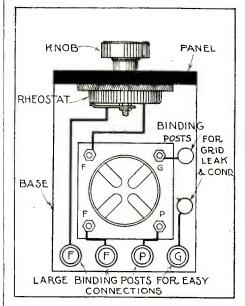
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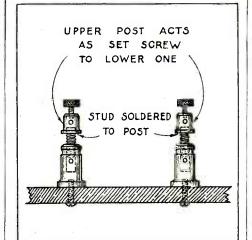
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—Leroy Western, Reporter No. 15.

## DOUBLE BINDING POSTS



Double binding posts can quickly be made from two single posts by cutting off the head of the thumb screw of one and soldering the stud to the base of the other one. The two posts are then assembled as shown above. Make connections to the bottom one first and then to the top one.

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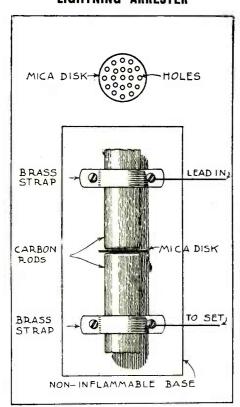
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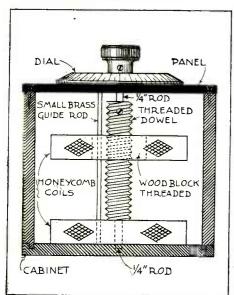
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A simple yet efficient lightning arrester may easily be made from two carbons taken from dry cells, a mica disk, and two strips of brass. Holes are drilled through the mica disk at intervals as shown at the top of the above illustration. The disk is then placed between the ends of the copper rods which are fastened to a non-inflammable base by means of the two brass strips and four screws. The carbons should touch the mica disk on each side. The connections to this arrester should be made in the same manner as any standard type and it is preferable to use it in connection with a lightning switch. The wire marked "lead-in," should also go to the set, while that marked "to set," should go to the ground.

—Roy Dooley.

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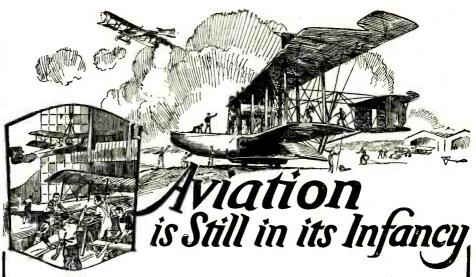


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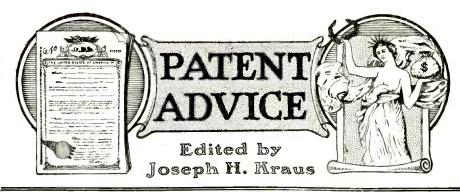
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#### LOCK NUT

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(788) Thomas George White, Seattle, Wash, has designed a rather complicated lock-nut and bolt combination.

A. Do you think any one would purchase your lock-nut arrangement considering cost of its manufacture? It is a very simple matter to drill two or three holes through a bolt and pass a cotter key through it. With a nut this forms a lock-nut that is quite efficient. Assuming even that your device is superior to the one just mentioned, do you realize what it means to cut a longitudinal groove into each individual bolt to construct the nut as shown? The nut you show is a special type. To construct a key to fit the slot and to tap out the end of the bolt for the reception of a screw which is to hold the key in place would incur another enormous expense. Would you, as a manufacturer, undertake the construction of a device of this nature, when you know that a device which will perform the same duty can be constructed in three complete operations?

The ordinary bolt and nut with an ordinary lock washer may be employed effectively to perform the work of your complicated invention and cost much less.

We most emphatically advise against applying for a patent on this idea because you will find that you cannot effect a sale, try as hard as you will.

#### ELECTRIC DOOR ALARM

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(789) Leslie White, Montrose, Colo., has designed an attachment to be fitted into an ordinary door lock converting it into an electric alarm sounding device without destroying its effectiveness as a lock.

A. The device you have originated is very elaborate in comparison with other devices serving a similar purpose. The writer has seen attachments which could be built for 10c, and could be marketed for less than \$1.00, which will do the same work as your system and may be installed with much less trouble. We would surely not advise you to apply for a patent on the system you have advanced, as it is, in reality, not an attachement but a new lock. The process of drilling holes through the metal casing of a lock after removing it from the door, placing the contact springs in place, aligning them and drilling holes through the door for the wire and inserting insulating bushings is entirely too complicated. This is not the kind of work to which the ordinary housewife is suited and your system should be developed for her, not for the electrician. The latter can install locks of this nature and has them always on hand.

## DEMOUNTABLE TIRE RIM

(790) W. G. Walsh, Canso, Nova Scotia, quests our advice on a demountable rim for

(790) W. G. Walsh, Canso, Nova Scotia, requests our advice on a demountable rim for automobiles.

A. It is quite possible that your invention is patentable, but we doubt very much if it would be worth while to patent it. Present day demountable rims are practically standardized. In view of the fact that your rim does not show any marked improvement over other rims, we fail to see why the present rim should be supplanted. A demountable rim is a very hard object to place upon the market unless you have

good financial backing. Consequently we would advise against applying for patent. Bear in mind that we do not desire to condenn the idea, but like most inventions of this class, this device would present no possibility of a return for the original investment.

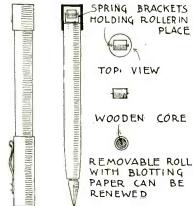
#### BLOTTING ATTACHMENT FOR FOUNTAIN PENS

PENS

(791) R. W. Wensko, Lakewood, Ohio, has designed a hlotter for fountain pens in which a small roller made of blotting paper is placed at the end of the cap of a pen. This is to be replaced when saturated with ink.

A. Although at first glance your idea of a small blotting attachment at the end of a fountain pen may have appeared to be a very practical suggestion to yourself, you will note that the roller at the end of this pen would be very small indeed. Being of such a diminutive size, the roller would become clogged with ink in a very short time. It is very difficult also to turn this pen over and roll it along the writing. The rollers as described by you will also be quite expensive, costing much more than a group of blotters.

We frankly believe that this device holds no commercial value whatever, and would not suggest applying for a patent.



A blotting roller for a fountain pen is impractical on account of its diminutive size.

## ANNULLING GRAVITY

(792) B. J. I. Cahigh, Oakland, Calif., asks any one has ever built a machine which will

(792) B. J. I. Cahigh, Oakland, Calif., asks if any one has ever built a machine which will annul gravity.

A. There have been several attempts made to build small machines to annul gravity. One of these in which high frequency currents actually suspended small silver balls was described in this journal. No attempt has been made to build a large machine. We frankly believe that such a device is possible, but the cost of building it together with the cost of experiments bringing it to practicality would be prohibitive. The antigravitation railway, designed by Mr. Emile Bachelet, uses alternating currents to produce similar action. If you will make your letter a little more explanatory, we will be glad to give you further advice upon this subject.

#### VARIO-COUPLER WITH DEAD END SWITCH

(793) F. Fox, Redondo Beach, Calif., requests our advice on a vario-coupler with a fanswitch thereon, the purpose of which is to eliminate dead end losses.

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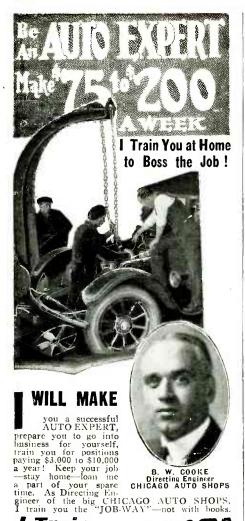
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## Patent Advice

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A. Your idea of a vario-coupler does not present any radical departures from or any valuable advantage over other vario-couplers found upon the market, except that there are no deadend losses in the same. Nevertheless, vario-couplers today have but relatively few turns of wire upon their primaries, and consequently a dead-end switch is not necessary. Your coil presents many difficulties in panel mounting as well as in additional cost of contact points and sector switch, without giving results worth this additional expense.

#### SELF-WINDING CLOCKS

SELF-WINDING CLOCKS

(794) Paul L. Delp, Kuztom Pa., requests our advice on a clock which will be wound up by an electric motor when the spring runs down.

A. You have discovered nothing new at all in your system of wiring an ordinary clock in such manner that the moment the spring runs down or its power is nearly exhausted, it is rewound again by an electric motor. This system is as old as the proverbial hills, and is used on many of the large clocks, as well as on many small ones. The power clocks found in the large buildings of New York are all wound by electric motors as are the clocks installed in most offices and buildings. Two dry cells in these latter clocks operate the motor to wind the spring.

#### PATENT APPLIED FOR!

(795) Arthur H. Esbig, New York City, asks whether he can market a device with the words "patent applied for" or "patent pending," and which of the two terms he should use.

A. Any individual who has filed a patent in the Patent Office, can go ahead and manufacture this article. labeling it "Patent Applied For," and if the serial number has been granted he can label the device "Patent Pending." Any other manufacturer could also make this article at the same time, knowing full well that he was copying the original design. By tedious processes of law this second manufacturer could be restrained from manufacturing the article, and after the patent is granted, suit could be brought against the second party for back royalties. If the second party meanwhile goes out of business or is bankrupt, the first party can recover nothing. If the second party will also enter a similar design for patenting, interference cases may spring up which will result in court action to clear up the matter, costing the first and second party a great deal of money before either one or the other is forced to terms.

### PRODUCING DEAFNESS

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(796) Charles Fornen, Gainesville, Florida, has stated that he often desired a device which would make him deaf at will, particularly when a cat howls or a trombone starts to play. He has accordingly designed a vacuum cup to be fitted into the ear and asks our advice regarding same. A. Referring to your suggestion of an apliance to produce deafness at will, we would advise that even though the device may be patentable, and seems to vou seemingly practical, it will find no market whatever. Neither you nor I would care to have rubber cups pushed into the cars and then released, forming a vacuum which is applied to a very sensitive organ, where the possibility of creating head noises, rupturing the ear drum, and causing other damages is great. The device would be very uncomfortable and rather messy in operation. It is doubtful if the device would work as sounds are not all conveyed through the ears, and even attempting to stop up the ears by holding the fingers in them will not effect the propagation of sound, or completely destroy its record in the brain.

#### FARM ELECTRIC LAMP

(797) R. Farnsworth, Rigley, Idaho, has submitted a design for a farm electric table lamp constructed as shown herewith. He asks our

constructed as snown netering.

A. Your idea of an electric home light used particularly for farms is of no value whatever, The cost of construction is so great, and the commercial possibilities so small that we do not suggest applying for a patent, nor do we believe that you could even procure a patent upon the suggestion. You have complicated matters to such an extent that the cost of replacement as well as the fussing with them renders their adoption very unlikely. the fussi unlikely.

#### HAT PINS

(798) F. George, Dark Harbor, Maine, requests our opinion of a hat pin, the design of which is made clear in the answer.

A. We would not suggest patenting any type of hat pin. They are obsolete, passé as it were, and we doubt if they will ever come back. A slight dent at the end of a hat pin will not secure it. Spiral shaft will render it difficult to push the pin through the hair, and to remove the same expeditiously. We would advise you to try your inventive ability, which you have shown to be quite acute, along other lines. Utilitarian devices

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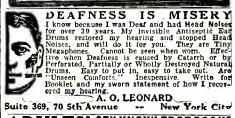
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#### BOTTLE CAP

(799) B. M. Gritz. Adams. Mass., requests our advice on a bottle cap with a lip which will enable the same to be removed with the fingers.

A. Referring to the attachment to a bottle stopper we are of the opinion that such a device, although slightly practical, is not by any means marketable. Such a bottle stopper requires different types of machines for clamping the same around the head of the bottle. In addition to that, it is expensive to manufacture. This is its greatest drawback, and inasmuch as a cheaper article, which performs this service equally well may be found upon the market, we would strongly advise against applying for a patent upon it.

## Scientific Mating

By H. GERNSBACK

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the individuals, physical or sex attraction is lacking.

Second, we have a Sympathetic test between the two individuals. In the upper left hand is shown an attendant drawing blood from the hand of the young man or from any other part of the body. The young any other part of the body. The young woman is seen to be equipped with the same apparatus heretofore indicated except that the electrical sphygmograph is not employed. Consequently, muscular contractions and sudden inhalations due to the excitement with the attendant muscular relaxations for sympathy, are recorded on a tape. Unless a certain maximum is reached, it would show that the sympathetic reaction of the girl is not sufficient. The same tests must, of course, be made with the girl in order to give a similar reaction check on the man.

Third, probably more marriages wrecked by unpleasant Body odors than from any other cause. A bad bodily odor or a bad mouth odor may turn love into dislike. In the upper right hand illustration, we have shown where the candidates are made to breathe each other's body odors -not a pleasant performance, but very necessary, if we would not be prudish. It is better to find out these things before we are married than when it is too late.

Fourth, Nervous disorders have wrecked large percentage of marriages. The two a large percentage of marriages. mating individuals should under no circumstances be extremely nervous. If the man is calm and the woman very nervous or vice versa, no great harm is done, because Nature tends to equalize opposing forces. The mischief begins when both individuals are extremely nervous. It can then be predicted with certainty that their married life will not work out satisfactorily. In the lower right illustration, we have shown how both individuals are equipped with the same apparatus before described. Then unknown to them, a sudden loud noise, such as the firing of a revolver, is produced. The nervous reaction of the two candidates can be checked up nicely on a tape, and if same reaction, marriage both show the should not take place.

Of course, there are many other tests which can be suggested to complete the testing of the marriage candidates, but the four cited here are probably the fundamental ones and therefore the most impor-

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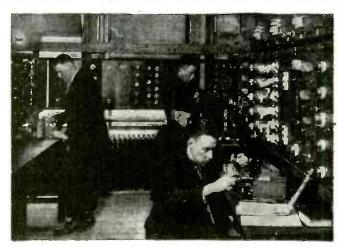
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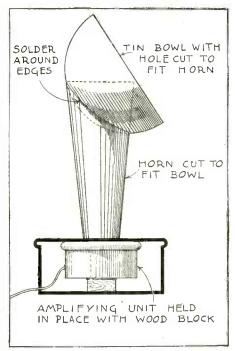


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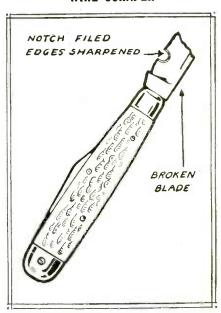
## A LOUD TALKER HORN



An excellent loud talker horn may be made from the parts of an old automobile horn. A large bowl made of rather heavy gauge metal, so that it will not vibrate excessively, is first obtained and an oval shaped hole cut in its bottom. It will be noted that the less the horn tends to vibrate, the better will be the quality of music and speech reproduced. The upper end of the horn is then cut to fit the hole in the base of the bowl. A little grinding and cutting will be required here until an exact fit is obtained. The edges of the joint are then soldered. The entire unit may then be painted black so as to present a good appearance. An amplifying unit of any of the well made types is then placed within the part of the horn which formerly held the operating mechanism. The diaphragm of the original horn must, of course, be removed. The amplifying unit is held in place by means of a wood block which is of such a size that the cap of the phone will be held rigidly against the base of the horn. The leads from the phone are to be brought out through a hole in the base.

—Glen F. Stillwell.

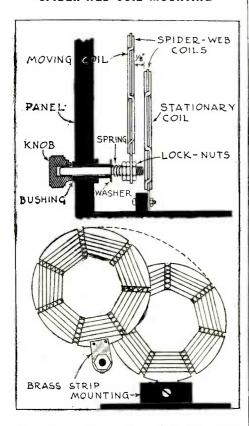
## WIRE SCRAPER



Many are the nicks which have been put in a perfectly good pocket knife blade by scraping the insulation from wires. Very often a blade is broken in this process. If this happens, the broken blade may still be made to give very good service by grinding a notch in it and filling the edges sharp, as shown above. Even in a knife without a broken blade, such a notch could be placed near the base of one of the blades without interfering with its original purpose. By using this filed notch in connection with the thumb, insulation can be quickly and easily scraped from wire. The sharpened edges of the knife blade will be saved from damage.

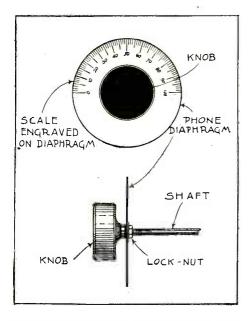
—Stanley Robinett.

#### SPIDER-WEB COIL MOUNTING



When spider-web coils are to be mounted back of a panel, the procedure outlined above may be followed. One of the coils is mounted on a block in a stationary position. The other one has fastened to it a piece of fairly heavy brass strip. A hole is drilled in the end of the strip and a short length of brass rod fastened thereto by means of lock nuts. This brass rod passes through a bushing in the panel and a knob is fastened on the outer end. A spring inserted between the lock nuts and a washer on the end of the bushing serves to keep the spider-web coil in the position in which it is set and prevents the possibility of the horizontal distance between the coils varying. —James Williams.

### CHEAP DIALS



Old phone diaphragms which have become bent or dented and are no longer useful in their original purposes can be made useful as small dials for rheostats or potentionneters. A scale may be engraved on the diaphragm with a sharp nædle and a hole drilled through the center of the dial. The shaft is then passed through and a knob screwed on the outside. A lock nut drawn up on the back of the diaphragm holds the unit rigidly. These dials will present even a better appearance if they are enameled white and the graduations put on with black paint.



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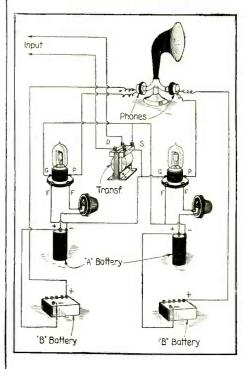
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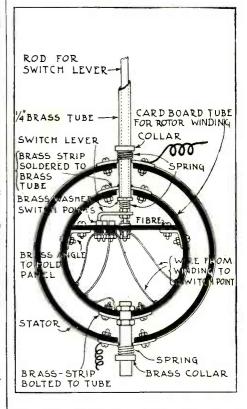
## **PUSH-PULL AMPLIFIER**



Those desiring a push-pull amplifier without going to the expense of buying two push-pull transformers may use this circuit with excellent results. In this circuit dry cell tubes are recommended, as separate "A" and "B" batteries are required. One amplifying transformer of any standard make may be used, connected as shown. It will be noted that when one grid is negatively charged, the other is positively charged, thus giving the true push-pull effect. As one loud speaking phone is required for each tube, those having a pair of loud speaking phones may use it to advantage by connecting the phones as shown and attaching them both to one horn.

—C. Fitch.

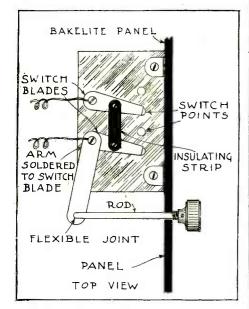
## ROTOR MOUNTING



In some circuits it is very desirable to have a tapped rotor. This may readily be accomplished by following the drawing given above. A small panel is placed within the rotor and a switch arm is arranged so that it can be controlled by means of the rod passing through the brass tube which latter serves to turn the rotor. The illustration above shows all the necessary details for the construction of this useful addition to any radio set.

—Herbert C. Leonard.

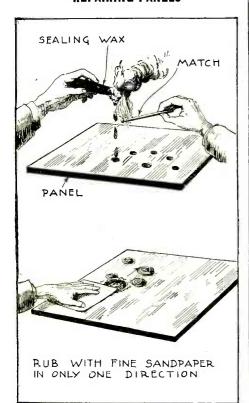
## D. P. D. T. SWITCH



A simplified double-pole double-throw switch which can be operated from the front of the panel is shown above. The motion for changing the switch is very simple, it being only necessary to push or pull the knob. This switch could be used very readily in connection with the method of "Increasing Capacity," which was described in the Radio Wrinkle Column on page 945 of the January issue. The two switch blades and the arm are cut from stiff spring brass and the arm soldered to one of the blades. If possible, the arm and one of the blades should be cut from the same piece of material, as a stronger joint will result. A hole is then drilled in the other end of the arm and a piece of brass rod bent to fit therein. This rod extends through the panel and has a knob fastened to the other end

-T. L. Stalker.

## REPAIRING PANELS



Very often it is desired to use a panel for a certain instrument which has holes drilled in it which cannot be used. If left in this condition, the appearance of the instrument will be spoiled. Therefore, a piece of sealing wax is obtained of the same color as the panel and heated. The drops are allowed to fall into the holes on the panel, which is placed on a smooth surface. The panel can then be finished off with a piece of fine sandpaper, rubbing only in one direction. If the process is gone through correctly, a neat job will result. —Bud Mulkeyn.

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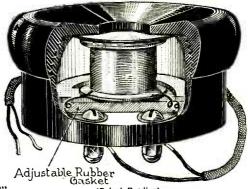
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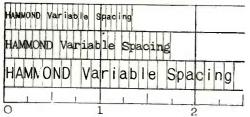


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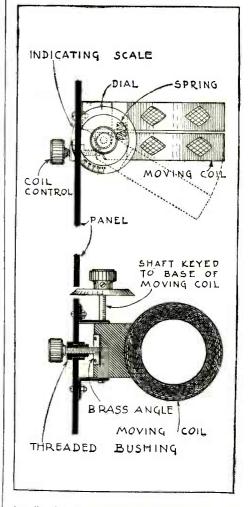
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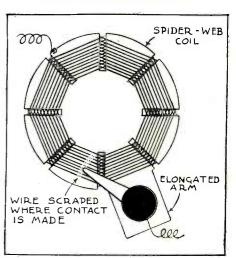


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A well-made and accurate control for honeycomb coils which are mounted in back of the panel is illustrated above. An indicating dial is also arranged so as to show the position of the movable coil. The movable coil is mounted on a wooden block and a shaft, which passes through two brackets. The shaft is placed in position and fastened with a set screw. A brass angle is then screwed to the side of the block. The entire assembly is made as shown in the two illustrations above. Screwing the small know in or out, varies the angle between the two coils. As the dial turns, a number is visible outside the panel, indicating the position of the movable coil. —F. R. Thresh.

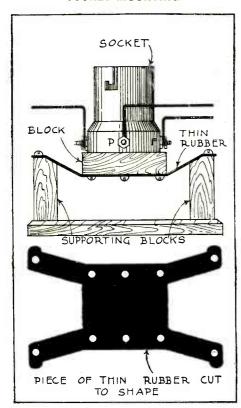
#### VARIABLE SPIDER-WEB COIL



A receiving set using spider-web coils is not always as flexible as might be desired. This can readily be remedied by mounting a switch arm on an elongated vane of the coil. The end of the arm makes contact with the wire in a path where the insulation is removed. One connection is made to the end of the coil and the other to the switch arm. The remaining end of the winding has no connection.

—K: Anderson.

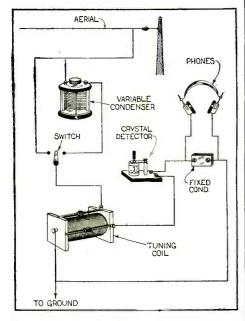
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Particularly with the new types of vacuum tubes operating on one or three dry cells, the microphonic action is noticeable. This takes the form of loud noises and sounds similar to bells in the phones when the table or receiving set is tapped or jarred. Sometimes the sensitiveness of the tubes is so great that the vibrations caused by a person walking in the same room will cause annoying sounds in the phones. This can very often be eliminated, or, at least, reduced to a considerable extent, by mounting the socket in such a mounting is illustrated above. A piece of rubber of the correct size is cut from an old inner tube in the shape shown at the bottom of the above illustration. The four ends are then fastened to supporting blocks and the socket fastened to the center. If necessary, the socket may be supported by another wood block.

—John Rulison.

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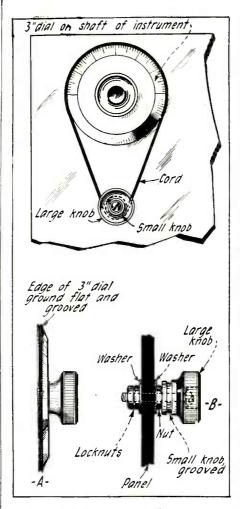
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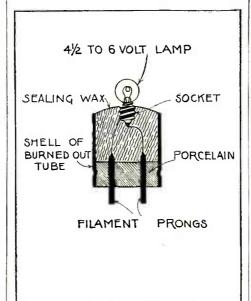
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To make this simple and efficient vernier first remove the dial from the instrument and grind the edge flat. Then run a fairly deep groove all the way around the edge, as shown at A. Mount two knobs as shown at B, directly below the dial. Assemble the instrument on the panel and place the two knobs as shown above. Run a belt or cord around the two pulleys thus formed. The small knob will give a very fine variation.

—W. D. Chandler.

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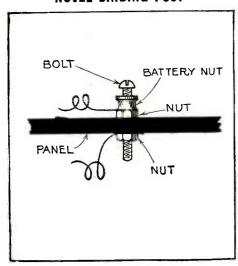
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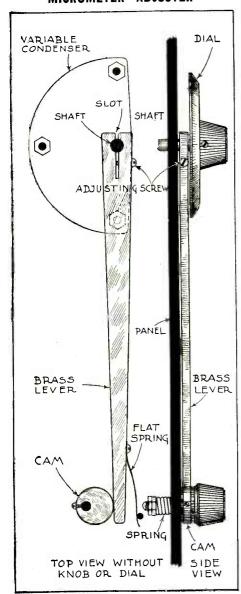
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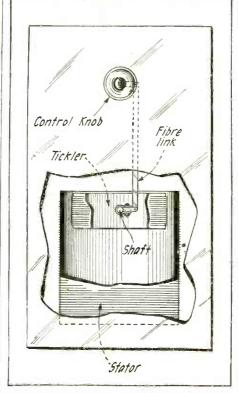


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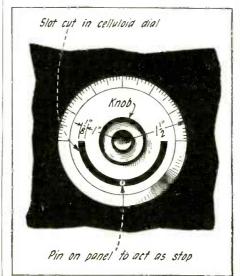
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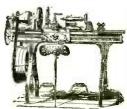
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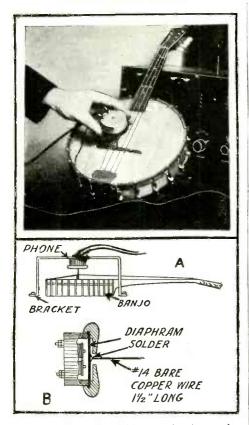


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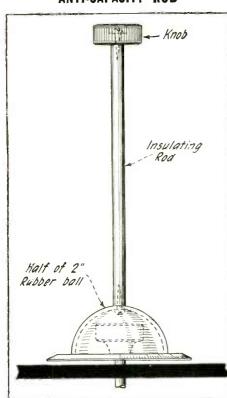
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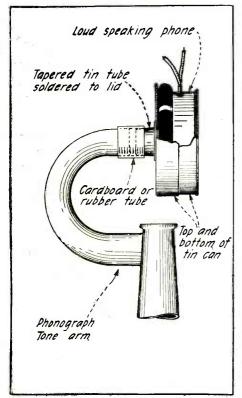
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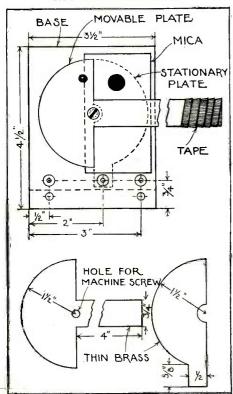
#### PHONOGRAPH ATTACHMENT



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—D. J. Oyer.

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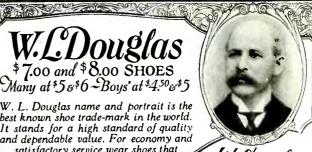
A simple experimental variable condenser may be constructed as shown above. Cut one movable plate and one stationary plate as shown. Mount the latter on a base and cover with mica. Mount the stationary plate as shown and wind the end of the handle with tape for insulation.

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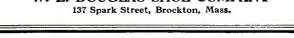
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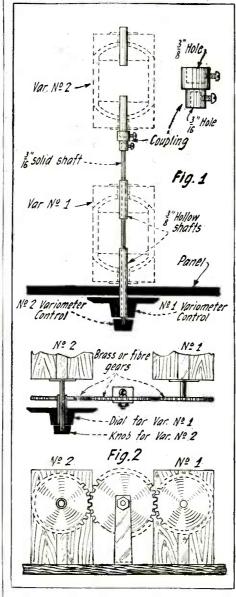
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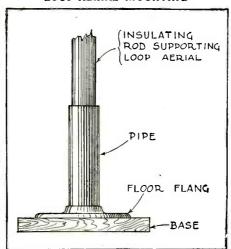
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## Dr. Hackensaw's Secrets

By CLEMENT FEZANDIÉ

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step into my airplane, and in less than half an hour we shall be at my Jersey farm, and there, in five minutes, you will get a better idea of my giants and dwarfs than you would from whole volumes of talk.

The menagerie was indeed an interesting place. Some thirty miles from New York City, Doctor Hackensaw had started a Brobdingnagian farm. Trees but a few Brobbingnagian farm. Trees but a few years old were there, yet they towered higher than the gigantic California redwood trees. The grass of the pasturage was the height of ordinary corn. Giant animals and plants of many varieties were present, and there were numerous outlandish-looking species which the reporter did not recognize, they being enlargements of insects and of microscopic animalcules.

Here, too, was an aquarium with sardines as large as salmon, and salmon as large as small whales; while, on the other hand, a diminutive sperm whale was about the size of a minnow.

MICROBES

"What in the world are those?" asked Silas, pointing to a row of tanks in which certain nondescript species were floating in a peculiar liquid.

Doctor Hackensaw chuckled. "Those are my pets!" said he. "Those are giant bacteria and bacilli. I have here the disease-germs of cholera, malaria, yellow-fever and of many other illnesses. By growing them to this gigantic size, I can study them much better than I could through a microscope, and learn their life history and the effects of remedial agencies. Many a fact have I learned that will be of the greatest use in medicine, as well as in the arts; for you must know that microbes play a most important rôle in the industrial arts: -in fact, life itself would not be possible without them. I am gradually accumulating giant specimens of the most important species, and I confidently expect to revolutionize many branches of science by the knowledge I thus

"Then too, since each part of the animal is increased in proper proportion, I am enabled to study the anatomy of the various organs, the red blood corpuscles and the phagocytes that attack the disease germs; the various tissues, the glands and their secretions: and the poisons and antitoxins and the serums I can likewise study the changes produced by disease-in short an entirely new world is opened up to scientific investigation.

'How about your dwarfs?"

"They are not so useful, and I have made comparatively few of them. That fouryear-old baby giant you see over there, is looking at his twin brother—a four-year-old dwarf held in the palm of its nurse's hand. Yet both were grown from the same egg. Quite a contrast between the two, isn't there the first child fifteen feet high and his twin brother about five inches in height! If I had made him a little smaller I could carry him around in my pocket and pass him through a keyhole whenever I wanted to know what was in a locked room. He would be an invaluable assistant for a gang of criminals. Behind him you will see a bull-moose, small enough to fit into a coffee-cup, but just as savage as if he were full size. See how he comes butting at my shoe!" And with the words, the doctor stooped down and picked up the frantic animal in his hand, and exhibited it, kicking and struggling, before he set it down again.



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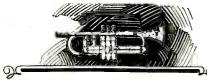
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The day following the one on which the above conversation took place, the New York Daily Growl appeared with the following glaring headlines:

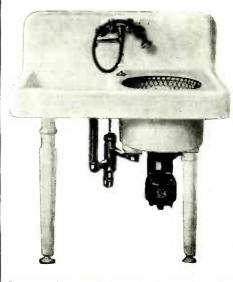
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The fact of the matter was that the giant cow had broken loose and had butted down the wall of the enclosure; and giant rabbits, chickens, dogs and what not, had made their escape and were terrifying women and children in the suburbs.

Men with shot-guns and pitch-forks chased the intruders, and the police, too, took a hand. But it was not till a regiment of soldiers organized a systematic hunt for the fugitives, that the last of the giant beasts was slain.

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## The Man On the Meteor

PART IV By RAY CUMMINGS

(Continued from page 1203)

The first of these incidents in Rax came when Boy was about two months old. young virgin, the daughter of one of Caan's workers, disappeared. She was a girl somewhat younger than Nona. She was beautiful, in Marinoid iashion. To you, all these Marinoids must seem grotesque-unhuman perhaps. But beauty is not universally standardized—only locally. We admire our own kind. Your natives of Zanzibar think their own black-skinned, thick-lipped belles the most beautiful on Earth. And as I have said once before, in the Marinoid world the Marinoid women were the standard of beauty. Nona, so different, was the exception, the abnormality.

This girl who disappeared had been with one of Caan's scattered parties working on the sea-bottom, gathering shell-food. She had wandered away from the others, and when the time came to return to Rax, she was missing. We thought she might have

become ill and gone home.

But she was not at home-nor could she be found anywhere in the city. Even this did not arouse much interest, except to her own immediate family. It was thought that some young Marinoid man had taken her for mate. According to custom the couple might readily have disappeared for a time—gone out together to live in the forest to escape work until their first period of love was past.

But there seemed no young man unaccounted for-and the girl did not return. Even so, the incident would have been forbut soon another young girl dis-

appeared.

There were perhaps thirty who vanished during that year. They were not all from the workers outside the city. We had long since ceased to take women with us; and those who lived in the forests and the mudbanks came crowding into Rax-and to the other cities nearby.

We knew very soon, of course, that our Marinoid women were being stolen. And there was one crowning incident that at last

made us understand.

It was at what you would call midnight, when the city was asleep. Caan and I, on a belated errand, were swimming down one of the vertical streets. The place was deserted; the street was empty; the lights at intervals on the side walls of the houses illustrated. mined the water with a green, diffused glow —like lights in a thick fog at night on your Earth. The windows along the street for the most part stood open. Everywhere was heavy silence, with only the swish of the water as Caan and I swam through it.

A green figure in the horizontal street below us attracted our attention. It seemed to be a man swathed in a green cloak of seaweed. He saw us coming, and darting up to the street light which hung nearby, he flung something over it.

The light was obliterated; shadows fell over everything.

#### THE KIDNAPPERS

Caan and I were startled; we hung poised, just above the cross-street so that we could see along it in both directions. There were lights at distant corners. We heard a low but penetrating cry from near at hand. signal! Other figures in the distance darted up through the water and put out the lights. The entire street was in darkness.

Caan and I whirled downward, shouting. Through the window of a house, we saw the stiffened body of a woman come floating. "How I Became Popular Overnight!"

"They used to avoid me when I asked for a dance. Some said they were tired, others had previous engagements. Even the poorest dancers preferred to sit against the wall rather than dance with me. But I didn't 'wake up' until a partner left me standing alone in the middle of the floor.

"That night I went home feeling pretty lonesome and mighty blue. As a social success I was a first-class failure. At first I wouldn't believe that you could teach by mail because I always had the idea that one must go to a dancing class to learn. But I figured I could risk ten conts—especially since you guaranteed to teach me.

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There was light enough for us to see her white face and arms—a woman unconscious, shocked into insensibility as we later learned, by a bolt of animal electricity from her abductor.

Her body floated from the window as though pushed from behind. In the darkness, green-swathed forms seized it-forms which were barely discernible as blurs in the dark water-seized it and began rapidly towing it away.

Caan and I were after them. Our cries were arousing the city. Voices confused questions—came from within the houses. igures appeared; the street behind us was in a turmoil.

The woman's body with its almost invisible assailants was moving forward rapidly. Lines of white as the highly acrated water was stirred, radiated out V-shaped from its rapid progress.

But Caan and I, unburdened, could swim the faster. We overtook the invaders. There was a struggle in the darkness. A bolt of electricity went through me, but I recovered from it. Caan was shouting in hot anger as he struck at the green shapes that were attacking him.

The water all about us was lashed into white. It caught and reflected the light from a suddenly illumined window near at hand. found myself gripping Og! "You!"

But my voice seemed to inspire him to frenzied effort. He jerked away from me-was gone into the shadows.

Caan was now shouting triumphantly. He had dispersed his adversaries. The woman's white body—neglected—had sunk to the floor of the street. We swam down to her, chafed her arms and neck until at last she recovered consciousness.

The street was relighted. The houses were emptying themselves of their frightened inmates. A crowd gathered around us with confused startled questioning.

But Og and all his cohorts had escaped An hour later, when I returned home, Boy was lying in the hollow white shell which was his cradle, crying lustily. And Nonamy Nona-was gone!

The hours that followed were a confused horror and despair to me. Yet there seemed no one but myself and Caan who considered this disaster more vital than those which had preceded it. At last we knew that the young women of Rax were being stolenfrom under our very eyes-from the heart of the city, in the silence of the Time of Sleep. We knew now also, that they were being taken into the dread Water of Wild Things. Og's presence proved that. Og had gone to live with the fabled humans, half-savage, that legend said lived with the mousters of that strange dark region. And now Og had come back—and had been caught in the very act of an abduction. It was all clear now. And all we had to do was to guard our women—to watch carefully the entrance to the Water of Wild Things, that nothing, human or savage, could come out of it to trespass on the Marinoid domain.

#### RESCUE PLANNED

Thus ran the sentiment of the city; and the King, making a speech from the parapet of his palace roof-top, assured us in flowing phrases that the danger now was past. No marauders could come from the Water of Wild Things now that we were on the alert to stop them. He, our Monarch, assured us of that. Our women in future, were secure.

Had Nona been safe at my side, no doubt I should have applauded these sentiments as did most of the other onlookers. But Nona was not at my side. She was gone-into that horrible unknown region from whence none The King said Marinoid women returned. now were safe! What was that to me, with my Nona gone?

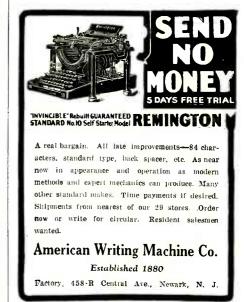


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There were no artificial weapons available in Rax save of one type—that slim hunting spear made of fish-bone—the spear with which the King's attendant had struck me down when first I was being brought to Rax. These spears were all the Prince and I had had for our hunting expeditions.

Other weapons? The Marinoids had had them in times gone by. But once—a lifetime before—civil war had broken out between two of the Marinoid cities; and when it was over all weapons save the simple spear, were abolished. There seemed no need of weapons. There was practically no wild life in Marinoid waters. The monster that had once come to devour them was a fable out of the distant past. And so they lived on in a false security—that security of disarmament which is so fatuous—making themselves defenceless so that they would not be tempted to fight; and forgetting that their very defencelessness must prove an irresistible temptation for some enemy to attack them!

We organized our meager, pitiful little rescue party. Led by Caan and me—with Caan's wife to care for Boy while we were gone—there was no more than fifty of us in total. Then, quite without warning, Prince Atar signified his intention of joining us—commanding us in person.

Can you guess the joy it brought to my heart? Our Prince, disregarding even the commands of his father, was coming with

Atar—for so I called him now in the intimacy which had come between us—was younger than myself. A slim, clear-featured youth, with a boyish smile, but eyes which had in them the look of one born to command. And Caan—a man past the zenith of his life, whose arms were no longer limber with youth but with a body strong and sturdy nevertheless. With these two to help me I felt that I could conquer whatever strange creatures we might encounter—and get my Nona back.

Our party was no more than together, when Atar announced we were making a mistake. There were fifty of us, practically unarmed. We were too large a party to go anywhere in secret; we would, by our very numbers be but provoking an attack.

#### THE PRINCE'S PLAN

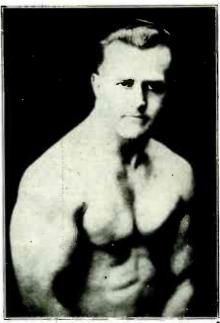
Atar's plan, in brief, was that he. Caan and myself, should slip quietly into the Water of Wild Things and see what conditions were there. Then, perhaps without ever having been seen or forcing an encounter, we could return and plan an expedition in greater force—a force sufficiently great to insure success.

To me, whose one and only desire was to follow Nona and get her back, the Prince's words seemed rational indeed. What did I care for the safety of those other Marinoid girls who had been stolen?

The Prince, nevertheless, was right from every angle, and so it was decided that we three should go alone.

I shall never forget the scene as the Prince parted from his mother on the roof-top of the Palace. We were going to what everyone considered almost certain death. We would go, and they would never see or hear from us again.

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"Goodbye, Atar," she said; and her glance included Caan and me. "We will wait and hope-for you to come back.

Her arm brushed his sleek head as he rose and turned away. We departed; and her brave, inscrutable smile followed us, as between those silent, solemn ranks of spectators we slowly swam along the streets and out of the city.

And presently, with tumultuously beating hearts, we three with only our slender spears, were approaching that dread black opening which marked the entrance to the Water of Wild Things.

We entered the opening, swimming in a roup with Atar leading. It was already group with Atar leading. new territory for us. Our hunting expeditions had never taken us even as far as this; we were always content to remain in Marinoid waters. As we advanced, the rocky ceiling overhead was closing down on us, until soon there was no more than twice the length of our bodies between it and the floor.

On both sides the dark water stretched out as far as we could see into blackness also. We were descending now at an angle of perhaps forty-five degrees.

We had gone what you would call a mile possibly, when we came suddenly to a tangle of coral—a barrier that reached from floor to ceiling. I call it coral. It might have been a petrified vegetation. An all but im-penetrable thicket—white like the frosted underbrush of your Northern winter forests it seemed to bar our further progress.

We stopped; consulted, and swam to the left and right. But the tangle extended in both directions to the edges of the mile-wide passageway.

"It is this," said Atar, "which keeps our own region free of monsters. They cannot easily pass a barrier like this." He was smiling at Caan and me. "To this, perhaps,

we owe our safety." Caan was poking at the thicket, and we

found after a moment that we could with difficulty force our way through it.

The realization that Atar's words brought us was at once reassuring and alarming. If no creatures of the wild could pass this barrier, what then might lie on its other side?

Caan, older and more poised than either Atar or me, was wasting no time on such

thoughts.
"Come," he said. "Here we can get through."

The white underbrush must have extended for several hundred feet back and downward. We forced our bodies through it, seeking small orifices, bending aside the twigs, or breaking them off for they were very brittle.

We were an hour or more getting through. A few small bottle-shaped fish with protruding, ball-like eyes on the sides of the head, lurked here and there. They watched us curiously—unafraid, almost resentful it seemed, with their sidelong glances and their hasteless movements to avoid us. But we paid them little heed, for such as they often wandered into Marinoid waters and were easily killed with our spears.

The tangle of white underbrush gave way at last into open water. Again we saw the ceiling and floor close together-the same narrow slit sloping sharply downward.

With the white underbrush gone, the water seemed darker-so dark that we could hardly see each other a few lengths away. It was warmer too-unpleasantly warm; and to our nostrils came the taint of that stench now unmistakable.

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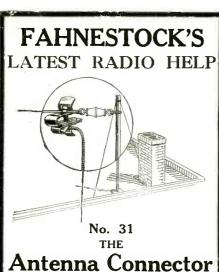
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what seemed an interminable time when abruptly the floor beneath us dropped away into a perpendicular cliff. Simultaneously into a perpendicular cliff. Simultaneously the ceiling had heightened—disappeared into the watery shadows. We found ourselves poised with a vast void of ink before us. It might have been illimitable for all we could see of its boundaries. And empty! There was nothing but blackness-but it was that pregnant blackness that seems, not empty but merely to conceal.

"We must go down," said Atar. I could hear that he was trying to keep his voice steady. "They would live—down on the sea-bottom."

We descended along the side of the perpendicular cliff. A thousand feet? Three thousand? I cannot say. The water grew steadily warmer until its heat began seriously to oppress us. The thought came to me suddealy that we were well into the bowels of my meteor; its internal fires, now very close perhaps, were heating the water. My meteor! How remote the outside world—the outer surface—the Heavens—Saturn—the stars and the vast, unfathomable distances of the Stellar Universe—seemed to me now! had been born out there somewhere. It was the first time in ages that such a memory had crossed my mind.

"Look!" cried Caan softly.

We huddled together against that black cliff-face. Below us in the void, a glowing point of light was moving. It seemed miles away; but it was no more than twenty or thirty feet, for as it approached we saw it was a long, sinuous thing with an illuminated head-a head that glowed phosphorescent, luridly green.

We held our breaths. The thing went past us—quietly, without seeming to notice us. It was a ribbon-like thing thirty feet long, two feet high, and no more than a few inches thick. A pallid white ribbon of puffy slime, frayed and tattered at its edges, it undulated gruesomely from end to end. In a moment it was gone, into that void of ink from whence it had come.

Again we descended. Other creatures passed us-headless things of black with illuminated parasites clinging to them; great fishes, star-shaped, with a brilliant green head in the center and each point of the star as long as our bodies; fishes, or were they animals? that were all head, it seemed.

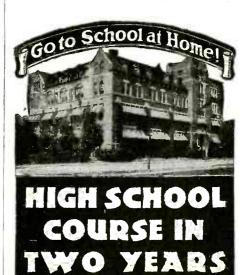
We took heart, for none seemed to notice us. But there was a balloon of white jelly. It floated past us quite close. It was larger than any one of us. It seemed harmless and Atar swam beside it. Then suddenly the thing expanded, lost all its form and like a cloud of white mist, enveloped him. screamed and we rushed to his rescue,

In an instant we were all three plunged into a confused, frantic horror for which I can find no words. Like thick white glue that was sticky, yet slimy, this almost imponderable stuff fought with us! Fought, I say—for it was using an intelligence against us! We floundered, flailing the water with frantic arms and legs. A noisome stench from the gluey stuff sickened us; the feel of it made our flesh crawl and the gorge rise in our throats. It was uncannily flimsy stuff. We could tear it into shreds, fling it away; but always it came back, to weld itself together. There was an intelligence in it! Not a centralized power of thought, like a brain, but an instinct for battle that must have been inherent in every smallest fibre of

We escaped at last. How, I do not know. Perhaps the thing wearied of us. And as we struggled away exhausted, with its horrible gluey particles which we had breathed in choking our lungs—we saw it floating off, ragged but still balloon-like, its original shape almost unimpaired.

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cataclysm of nature had tossed it about. Banks of black ooze, a hundred feet high, were honeycombed with holes: valleys were beside them-valleys bristling with stalactites of black and white coral which stood up like pointed spears to impale the unwary trespasser. And there were miniature volcaniclooking peaks-cone-shaped. From one of them a stream of water almost hot, was issuing.

Frequently now, we saw lights: and all of them were the naturally lighted heads and bodies of swimming creatures. They moved about lazily, confidently, ignoring us; and we knew that when they were hungry they would feed, either upon others smaller of their kind-or upon us.

Over this tumbled, broken sea-bottomwhere occasionally a giant crab or something of the kind would scuttle from a shadow into one of the deeper shadowed holes—we swam at an altitude of about fifty feet. We carried no light; and our bodies were shrouded in green-black cloaks. We still held our spears—poor, useless, futile things! Yet, as Atar said, they might not be useless against humans. And it was the humans, with their greater intelligence, that we now feared most. Conditions of life here in the Water of Wild Things, now became plain to us. These wild creatures were for the most part inoffensive up to the point of satisfying their own need of food. They fed upon each other and thus reduced their number. The humans, in open battle with them, were doubtless helpless. But the humans had the intelligence to hide—to escape. And the creatures of the wild did not bother unduly to pursue them.

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"See there!" cried Caan softly. "Is that perhaps a place where humans live?"

Below us, in the distance ahead, were a number of tiny pin-points of light. even as Caan spoke, a human figure passed near us—a figure swimming swiftly downward with a fugitive, frightened speed. It seemed to hold a sort of lantern in one of its hands outstretched-a small, shrouded light to guide it through the darkness. It did not see us, and in a moment it had passed downward into the shadows. But the moving point of its light remained visible.

"Come!" urged Caan softly. "That will show us the way. Hurry!"

We swam downward, following the point of light.

#### VI

The light ahead of us winked like a willo'-the-wisp as intervening branches of coral, the edge of a mud-bank, or perhaps the body of some living creature, momentarily blotted We were close to the bottom now. Along here it was a rolling, but fairly even bank of ooze, with grotesque squat plants growing in it.

The light could not have been more than a few hundred feet in advance of us; in its glow we could sometimes see the outlines of the human figure carrying it. We did not dare speak aloud now; we swam with that speed and silence which only one who lives in the water can attain.

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an opening which ran diagonally down into a slimy bank of mud. And we saw, too, that the points of steady light which had first attracted our attention were the reflected glow of illumination from somewhere beneath the sea floor.

Silently we slipped into the cave-mouth. The moving light was down there; then

abruptly it disappeared.
"Wait!" whispered Caan. "Go slower!" We advanced, cautiously—and came again to a hedge of coral which impeded our passage. But this barrier we saw at once was artificial. It was the crude dorwaycreated by human intelligence and industrywhich barred the creatures of the wild from entering. We threaded our way through it. Any one of those sea-monsters could have battered it down had he known his strength.

But such a knowledge is given only to Man. Beyond the barrier the dim glow of a diffused green light became visible. edged cautiously forward, turned a corner,

came suddenly to a ledge, and stoppedbreathless, with wildly beating hearts.

We were looking down from near the ceiling of a cave. The water filling it was lighted with a pale green radiance, that lent ghastly, wavering unreality to the scene. The cave might have been several hundred feet in width-nearly circular-and shallow, a hundred feet perhaps from floor to ceiling. The opposite wall to us was plainly visible It was gouged out with niches in ranks and tiers—shallow ledges like the houses of your ancient, most primitive "Cliff-dwellers." We could see little family groups squatting on many of them-humans, not unlike the Marinoids in form-men, and women, and children.

But it was none of this that caused our hearts to leap so wildly. The floor of this community house was at the moment crowded with human figures. The figure we had followed in was swimming downward to join them. On a raised platform—a shelf of ooze at the side and bottom of the cave several old men were sitting. They were not Marinoids—but they seemed to differ principally in the eyes, which were much larger and more vacant, and in the pallid, ghastly whiteness of the puffy flesh of their bodies.

On the same platform, stood Og! He was gazing down at the throng of people before him—haranguing them. His voice reached us—not Marinoid words, but enough like them-a corruption-to make them intelligible to us.

All this we saw at a brief glance. the crowning thing: On the platform also, between Og and the white old men, my Nona was sitting with her arms bound at her sides! My Nona, beautiful as always, pink skin, blue eyes and golden hair—so vivid amid that pallid, ghastly throng! And she was unharmed—with spirit unbroken—I could see that by the flash of her eyes, her scornful, unwavering gaze as she leveled it at the puffy white faces staring up at her.
My Nona!

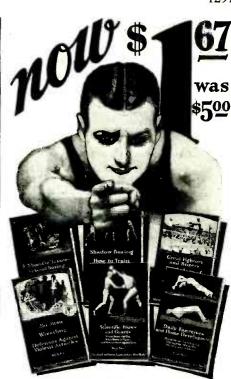
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Are you, my reader, wearied of me? Perhaps you are, and I am a proud old man who will force his words upon no one. perhaps can anticipate what further adventures befell me in this dark and curious world. And what, after all, is their culmination to you! To me they are glorious memories of the deeds of my youth-and age lives upon its memories, as you know. To you, these memories of mine, mean what? A chance to laugh—to ridicule?

I am too sensitive perhaps. Mayhap I do

you an injustice. That some of you, indeed, ask me earnestly to tell you of my past, is gratifying, and I thank you for it. I will tell you more if you really wish it—tell you as best I may, the plain and simple truth of my queer and clouded life. Or, if you prefer, I will have done—lock it in my heart and limit again for most limit again. live it over for myself alone.

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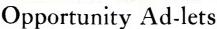


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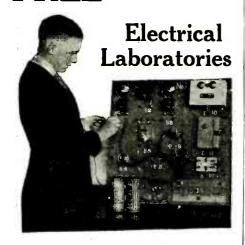
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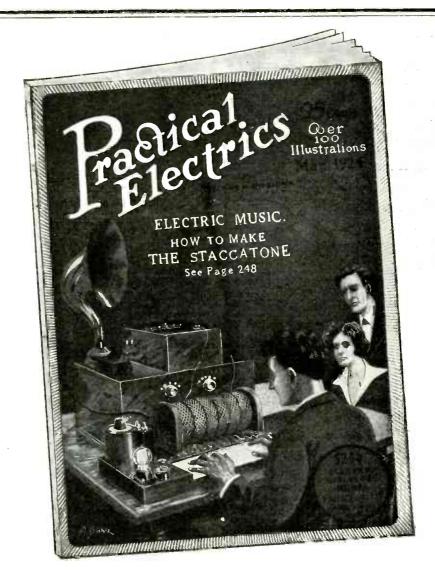
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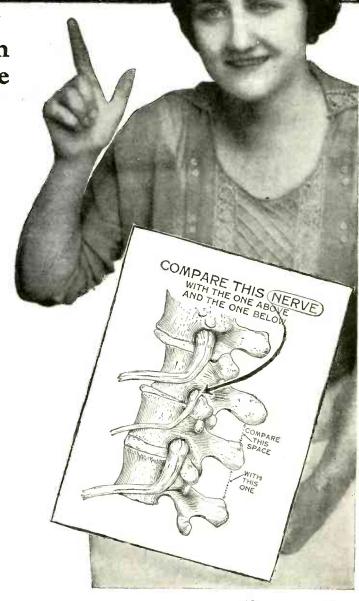
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