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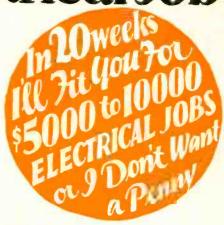
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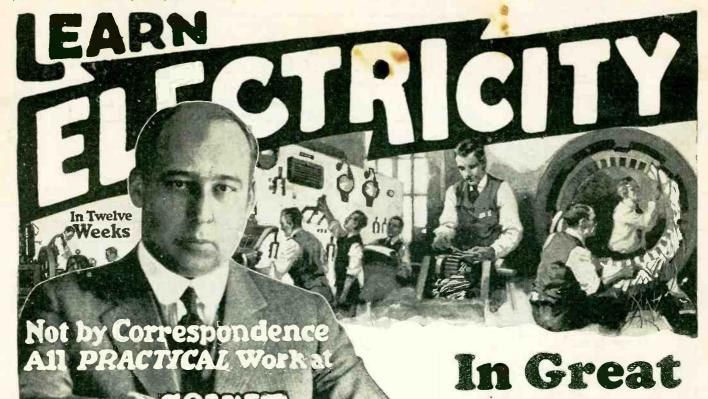


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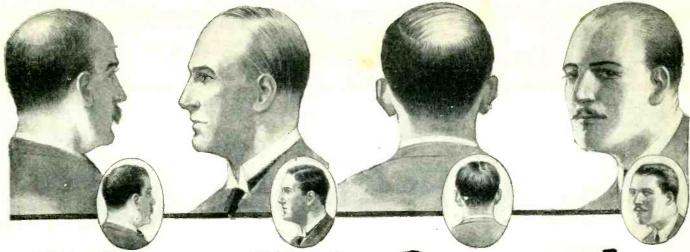
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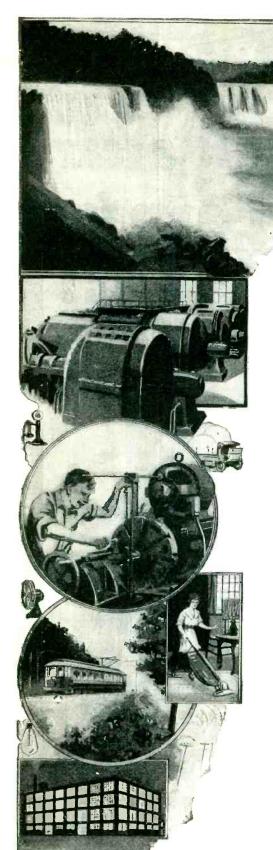
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Radio and the Student By HUGO GERNSBACK

RECENT newspaper report quotes a well-known college professor as saying that Radio is acting as a detriment to school studies. The professor ventured to say that he had observed that a great many students, as well as younger boys still in school, were neglecting their studies due to radio. We have heard arguments against ra-

dio, but this one is so novel and the eminent professor is so serious about this contention that we find it necessary

length.

I BELIEVE THAT:

Radio will be one of the great assets of humanity.

The professor makes the contention that the students sit up all night long

to discuss the matter at

trying to receive long distance messages or otherwise fritter away their time, becoming unfit for their work the next day. He recommends to parents that all radio apparatus should be kept under lock and key while there is a young

boy in the house.

To begin with, it is perfectly true that boys do sit up at times until the wee hours in the morning, trying to receive cherished DX stations. It is also true that they occasionally spend a good deal of time constructing sets, but the good professor forgets that they do not do this night after night, but rather do it occasionally. And, after all, night study, whether it be radio, or

geometry, seems to be about in the same class. The good professor will not deny that when he was a youngster he burned the midnight oil more than once. And what is the difference whether you study radio and sit up with it, or

study arithmetic, or Latin?

Personally, we make the contention that, if anything, radio should be the preferred study, for the following reasons: To begin with, there is nothing that sharpens the wits of a young man as does radio. It

I BELIEVE THAT:

Radio, by bringing nations into closer relations, will prevent many wars of the future.

takes real brains and good training to construct a set yourself and operate it. Almost any one can read a book and study it, but not every one can master the intricacies of radio circuits. Not only does radio give the student an electrical and mechanical education that later will prove most valuable to him, but, on the other hand, it will

also give the student a manual training that later on may

prove a big asset.

A radio set builder must be a carpenter, an electrician, a metal worker, a tinsmith, and a radio engineer, all rolled into one. We know of no study

where more varied acquirements are involved

than in radio.

Suppose a student does sit up into the early hours of the morning with his set. At least he derives a benefit from doing so, much more so, to our minds, than spending the same amount

> of time in studying Latin, that may never do him much good in later years, unless he aspires to become an attorney or a doctor. One thing the DX radio aspirant learns and that is geography.

> Some of the greatest minds in the radio industry today are those who had the tenacity of purpose and backbone to sit up all night long, experimenting with radio, which gave them an education which they could never have ob-

tained in any other way.

While we do not recommend young men to dispense with sleeping, spending night after night with their sets, still we do say that an occasional nocturnal effort of this kind is rather to

be encouraged than otherwise.

The crime of the world is idleness. The boy devoted to radio will be all astir and his new mental activity will make him a better student than ever of arithmetic and of the whole school curriculum.

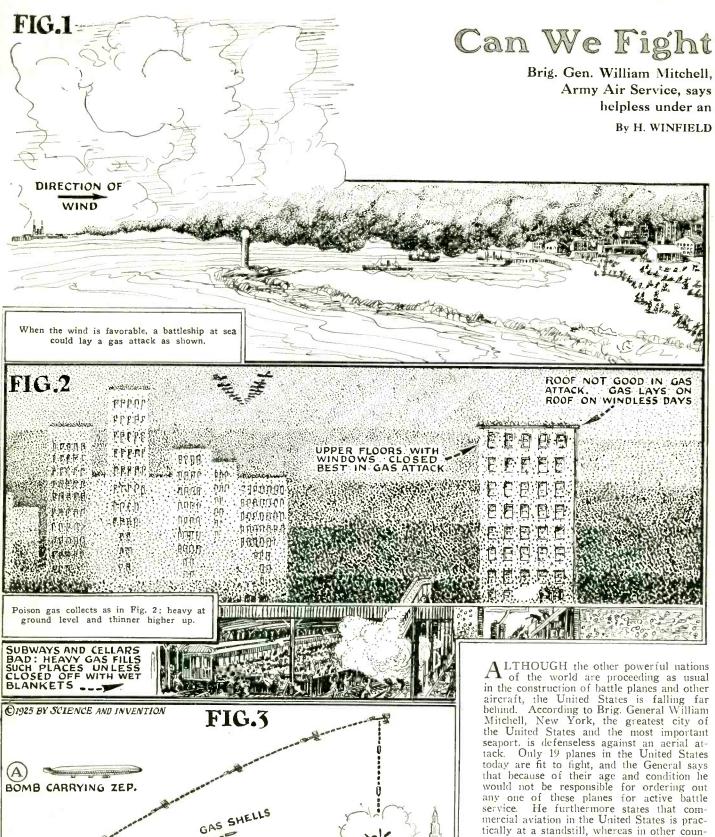
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AIRPLANE

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Various agencies could be used by enemy powers for attacking United States cities with gas. These are shown above and consist of airplanes and Zeppelins carrying gas-bombs. battleships firing gas-containing shells and submarine evolving clouds of gas to be carried shoreward by favorable winds. Any of these agencies could quickly make even the largest cities uninhabitable.

in the construction of battle planes and other in the construction of battle planes and other aircraft, the United States is falling far behind. According to Brig. General William Mitchell, New York, the greatest city of the United States and the most important seaport, is defenseless against an aerial attack. Only 19 planes in the United States today are fit to fight, and the General says that because of their age and condition he would not be responsible for ordering out would not be responsible for ordering out would not be responsible for ordering out any one of these planes for active battle service. He furthermore states that commercial aviation in the United States is practically at a standstill, whereas in other countries that branch of aerial navigation is progressing with leaps and bounds.

In the particular case of New York City, there of large bottle planes could cariother.

a fleet of large battle planes could quickly annihilate every living being. As shown in Fig. 2, gas could be spread over the entire city by any of the methods indicated in Fig. 3. The gas would settle in the cellars and subways and would penetrate every building. Every line of transportation would be completely tied up, and as New York City is entirely surrounded by water, the millions of inhabitants could not leave the city quickly enough to prevent enormous loss of life Our aerial defense needs stimulating.

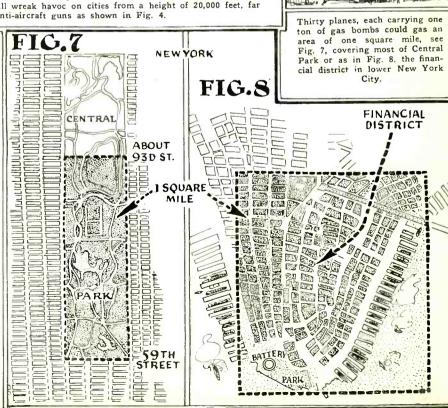
SUBMARINES THROW

ING GAS, - CARRIED SHOREWARD BY WIND

ENEMY BOMBERS. 20,000 FT. (OUT OF RANGE) War Gas Attacks? Assistant Chief of the that we would be aerial gas attack. FIG.4 SECOR FIG.5 ARTILLERY ALSO WILL FIRE SHELLS CONTAINING ALL THESE ELEMENTS DISEASE GERMS SPREAD BY BLIGHT GERMS TO DESTROY ANTHRAX AND DEMOLITION AND OTHER GERMS TO SLAY HORSES SPREAD BY SHELL AND BOMB POISON BOMBS CRO PS TREES AND CATTLE THE MASTER WARRIOR OF NEXT WAR 10,000 13,000 FT. BURSTING SHRAPNEL BOMBS Undoubtedly the master warriors of the next war will be giant aerial bombers capable of carrying several BARRAGE tons of gas-bombs and other death-dealing projectiles. Various types of these shells and their purpose are illustrated in the above drawing, Fig. 5. Even the animals will not be spared in the next war. They will be given special attention in the form of germ bombs. FIG.6 GAS BOMBS --DIRECTION OF PLAIN WIND The wind diffuses and weakens the In the event of a poison gas attack, an open plain is the safest place. Giant bombers of the future will wreak havoc on cities from a height of 20,000 feet, far above the present range of anti-aircraft guns as shown in Fig. 4. gas as in Fig. 6.

UNDOUBTEDLY the next war is going to be one fought in the main with poisons and aircraft. Foreign powers have in the recent past made and are still making far-reaching experiments with various types of poison gases. Furthermore, one foreign nation has at least two thousand five hundred airplanes in active peace-time service and possibly four thousand eight hundred other planes in reserve. Contrast this with our nineteen battleplanes and our very few serviceable observation planes. Suppose that the above-mentioned foreign power were to declare war on us and establish an air base on o. near this continent. Two thousand of her planes, each carrying a quarter of a ton of gas, could drop five hundred tons of death-dealing material. Such a fleet of planes could wipe out any of the large cities of this country in record time. And the tragic part of this whole story is that the inhabitants of a city would probably have no knowledge that an attack was being made until they felt the effects of the gas. This would be particularly true in the case of gas bombs dropped outside of city limits, so that the clouds of poisonous material shall be blown toward the habitations by wind.

The effectiveness of gases is increased by the fact that they hug the ground and penetrate cellars, subways and coal mines.





By L. SCHUMACHER

Above: The layout of the roof in this newly designed hotel for single men and women. An open air gymnasium and swimming pool are provided. Note skylights for studios.

COLLAPSIBLE BED, DRESSEM TYPE WITH SLIDING TRAYS FOR TYPEWRITER ETC.

COLLAPSIBLE BED, TABLE-TYPE

An interior view of proposed bachelors' hotel may be seen on this page and gives a very good idea of the compact yet dignified arrangement of the fixtures and various luxurious appointments. A large well-lighted reception hall is provided on every floor. Each "suite" consists of a room ten feet square into which space is built every convenience that a person living alone could desire. At one end of the room is found a wardrobe, a complete kitchenette occupying a space only $2' \times 2\frac{1}{2}'$, a lavatory $2\frac{1}{2}' \times 2\frac{1}{2}'$ and a shower bath $2\frac{1}{2}' \times 3'$. The floor of the latter is tiled and sloped towards the wall where an outlet pipe is provided for allowing the water to run off. The wash basin is hinged so that it may be swung over the toilet and drained. A complete ventilation system is installed in the walls and the kitchenette is so arranged that vapors arising therefrom are removed the kitchenette is so arranged that vapors arising therefrom are removed through the ventilator. Plumbing costs are reduced by installing the equip-

ment for adjoining rooms against the same wall,

DRAWING VAPOR AND AIR FROM BATH, WASH-

PLUMBING COST CUT TO MINIMUM BY SETTING EQUIPMENT IN PAIRS

CUPBOARD

STUDIO NORTH SKYLIGHT

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WASH ROOM
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OPENING BASIN STOPPER

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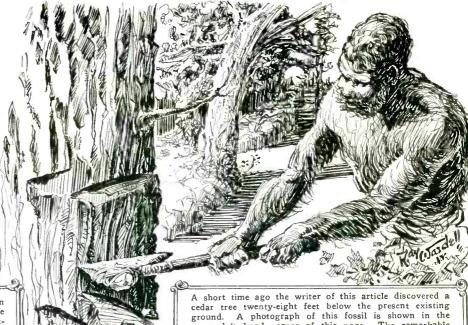
The bed, dresser and desk are all combined in this one room apartment and the details of the same may be seen in the insert at the left above. The methods of folding this combination are all indicated. The various articles of furniture in this hotel may be made either of wood or of enameled pressed steel in various artistic effects.

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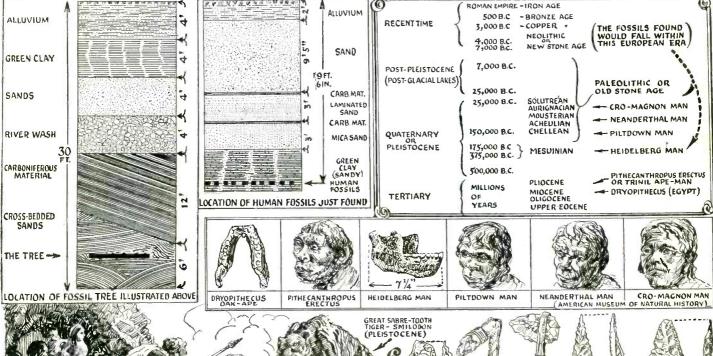
Axe Marks 25,000 Years Old

By JOHN R. HOWARD, Reporter No. 5058



The eyes of the entire scientific world have been turned toward Los Angeles as the finding of five prehistoric remains of man have shown this section of the United States to have been inhabited 25,000 years ago. These fossils are as old as those of the Aurignac race of Europe and were found in the quicksand of the Pleistocene period. The drawing below shows the location of the fossil tree.

A short time ago the writer of this article discovered a cedar tree twenty-eight feet below the present existing ground. A photograph of this fossil is shown in the upper left hand corner of this page. The remarkable part of the photograph is that it bears unmistakable evidence of implement marks, which were made as illustrated above. Below is a diagram of the periods of man showing in which European eras the American fossils would fall.



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On this page are also shown the development of the face of man and the development of man's weapons. At the time when this tree was alive the animals shown here also roamed the plains.

BISON

SWRINGE FOR COLORS

MIRROR

The Battle of the Colors By A. P. PECK

NE of the most brilliant effects that has ever been produced on any stage is that presented by Max Teuber in The Vanities. Mr. Teuber is the only originator of chemical optical stage effects in the world today. Our cover illustration gives some idea of the beautiful effects produced on a translucent screen by the color-battle projector illustrated in the upper right-hand corner of this page. The various other apparatus beside the color projector is used in connection with other parts of Mr. Teuber's production and are illustrated in use below. The projector at the extreme left produces an effect of water waves.

Our center illustration shows how the battle of colors is projected on the screen. Usually one projector, but occasionally two are brought into play. A light from an incandescent bulb or other source is concentrated through lenses and reflected by mirrors through a glass bottom receptacle to another mirror set at an angle which throws the light upon the back of the screen

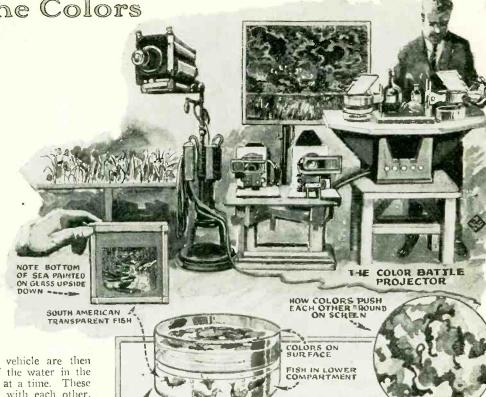
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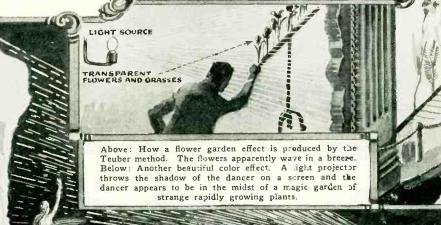
Mixtures of aniline dyes and some oily vehicle are then ejected from syringes upon the surface of the water in the container as shown, one color being placed at a time. These colors when freshly prepared do not mix with each other, but perform weird gyrations on the surface of the water, thrusting each other aside and producing a veritable battle. At the left of our center illustration is shown how fish may be projected on the screen in combination with the color battle. These fish are also used as shown in a square glass tank on the face of which is painted a sub-sea scene. This tank is placed in front of a projector and a beautiful effect produced on the screen.

Another beautiful effect is the shadow of a dancing girl projected on a translucent screen. The use of chemicals as shown in the lower right-hand corner of this page shows the dancer moving through a garden of rapidly growing plants. The "plants" are produced by solid chemicals falling through

liquids and leaving a trail of color behind.

TRANSLUCENT SCREEN

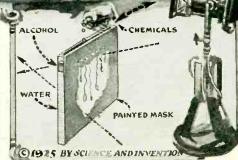




MIRROR



Right: How the rapidly growing effect is produced. A square glass tank on the face of which is painted a mask is placed in front of a projector as at the extreme right. A layer of pure alcohol is on top of the water and when water or alcohol-soluble aniline crystals are dropped in the tank, they sink to the bottom. leaving an arborescent trail of color after them. The use of a lens inverts the reproduction on the screen and the colors appear to grow from the bottom to the top. Left: How the battle of colors may be reproduced with anilines in alcohol or terpentine.



Outdoor Scenes Duplicated In Studio

By HARRY VAN DEMARK

L ARGE motion picture producers to-day save considerable expense by duplicating great outdoor scenes in the studio. Under the old plan, the company was transported to the location and brought back to the studio for interior work. Now, however, the art directors, designers and creators, photograph a possible scene of location and reproduce it in detail in the studio where powerful lighting effects may be obtained. This development in settings for motion pictures started only a lew years ago, it having been found that backgrounds more neutral and less ernate than they used to be give better composition and lend themselves to more artistic treatment.



Typica. English cottages constructed on Long Island for a recent photor by are shown above.



The car above is reproduced in detail and is an exact duplicate of the ralway system at Monte Carlo.

Ready to shoot a Chinese caral constructed in a gigantic tank in the studio.

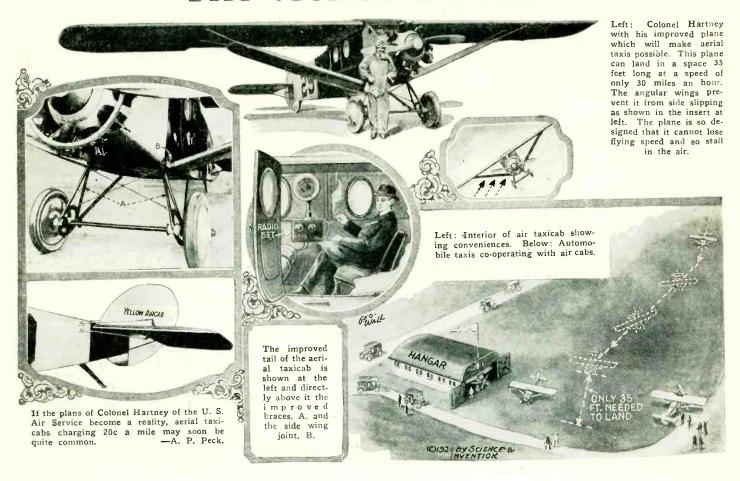


At the left one may see the members of the research department of a large motion picture concern taking photographs of various spots in the South Sea Islands. The one here illustrated is a sort of a wayside inn where dancing takes place and liquors are served to travelers. The still photographs are then developed and the duplicate scene is faithfully constructed by the art director after all atmosphere and props have been built in accordance with specifications.

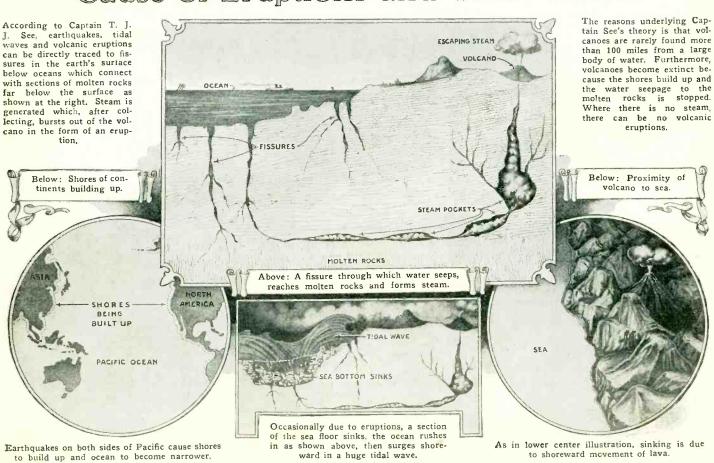


The scene as il looks in the movies.

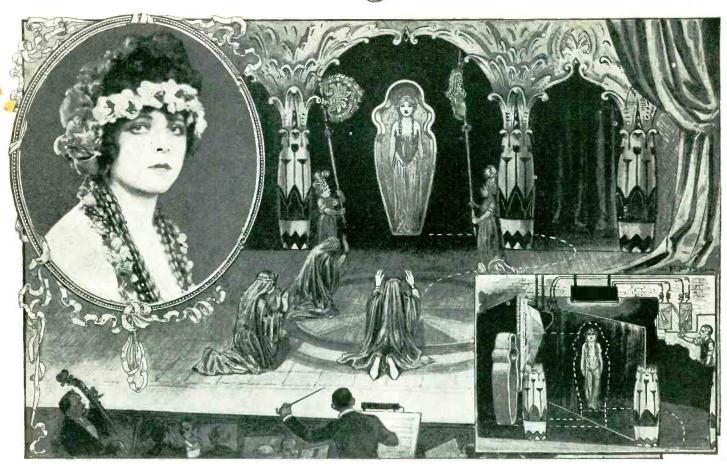
The Aerial Taxicab



Cause of Eruptions and Tidal Waves



Mummy Changes to Dancer



A VERY beautiful illusion is found in Miss Crystal Spencer's dancing act. Miss Spencer who specializes in classical East Indian and Hawaiian dances is not seen as the curtain rises. In the center of the stage a large mummy case holding a mummy is in evidence. The body tightly wrapped in bandages now gradually vanishes and slowly its features change to those of a dancing girl. She comes to life, goes through her act and then takes her place in the empty mummy case again, in which she disappears. On the other hand, for a slight change in effect she may be seen in the mummy case or sarcophagus which gradually disappears, and she remains standing in front of a dark velvet background.

This latter version of the illusion is shown in the figure at the lower right-hand corner of the above illustration. It will be seen that a plate of sheet glass passes diagonally from one of the pillars of the back setting to the black curtain at an angle of forty-five degrees. On one side of this mirror is the sarcophagus concealed from the audience but really in front of the plate glass. When the sarcophagus is illuminated, its reflection upon the plate glass acting as a mirror because of the black backdrop. Miss Spencer occupies the position in back of the plate glass, but she cannot be seen because that side of the apparatus is not illuminated. Gradually the lights illuminating the sarcophagus dim,

while those in back of the plate glass illuminating the dancer are brought up to full brilliancy. The effect is that the object in back of the plate glass has been transformed from the one in front of the plate glass, be that what it may. It can be a mummy or a case, or a combination of the two, or the case can be placed in back of the plate glass, so the mummy itself will appear in front of it. The dotted lines in the diagram indicate the route taken by the dancer in coming to the center of the stage to complete her act. In returning, the lights are dimmed in the opposite direction and the dancer fades from view. The photo of Miss Spencer is shown in the insert above. It is a development of Pepper's ghost.

At Last—the Umbrella Hat





The attachment for straw hats shown here is a great protection in rainy or very hot weather.

—L. Schumacher.

There are several sty'es of these paper or oiled skin hat attachments. They are extremely light and afford ample protection.



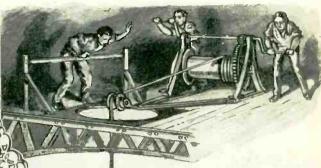


The device slips over the straw hat and is held extended by thin bamboo sticks. It can be folded and put in the pocket.

"The Phantom

By J. KELLEY

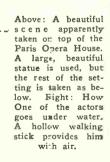




The enormous size of the sets for the production may be seen in the above photograph.



Above: Chandelier apparently falls. Really, it is lowered by a rope.





One of the highest paid actors on the American screen played the principal rôle in this picture. In the scene illustrated above a "double" took his place.

Scene painted on glass furnishes effect of distance.

6 Above: A grotes que scene apparently taken n a corture chamber.

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Above: A except moment in the picture. A head floats along passageway. This scene is taken as at left, body belonging to head being clothed in black.

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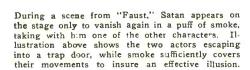
THE movie-going public has so long been fooled with miniature sets by various producers that it is quite refreshing to view some of the tremendous scenes in "The Phantom of the Opera," Universal's latest picture. Practically all of the scenes in this production were made full size. The entire Opera House in Paris was completely reproduced, structural steel framework being used. Under the original Opera House there are five cellars, many parts of which were reproduced by Universal. The Phantom in the story is reputed to live in these cellars. He threatens destruction if some of his wishes are not carried out and as a result, the enormous chandelier as in Fig. 2 crashes to the floor, killing hundreds. In reality, the chandelier is lowered slowly by a rope, while the camera is turned very slow.y. When projected at normal speed, the result is astoundirg.

Throughout the entire picture enormous settings predominate. Note the statuary in Figs. 3, 4 and 9 and the complete Opera House interior as in Fig. 2. Due credit must be given the producing company for its pioneering work along this line. Uncoubtedly, miniatures will soon be passé in favor of more realistic full sized sets.



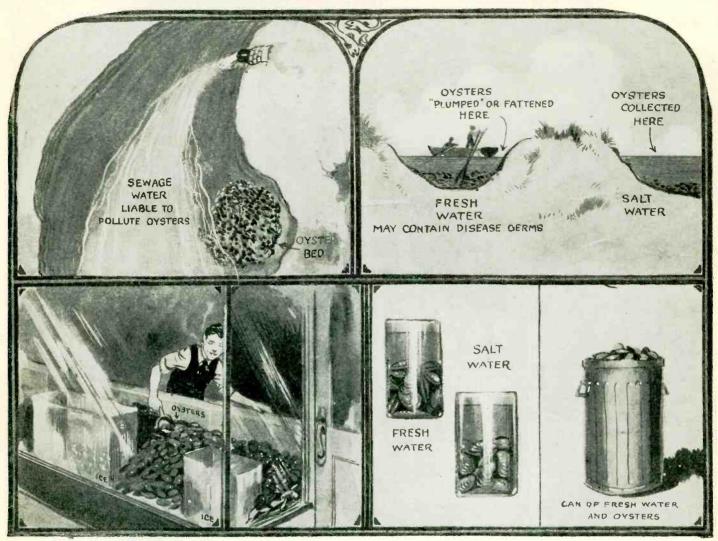


Above: Some of the full sized statuary used in this picture. Many skilled artists were used for satisfactorily reproducing famous works of art. Below and left, Fig. 10: A scene in another torture chamber under the Opera House. Intense heat and optical illusions caused by mirrors soon tend to drive anyone insane who may be confined therein by the Phantom.





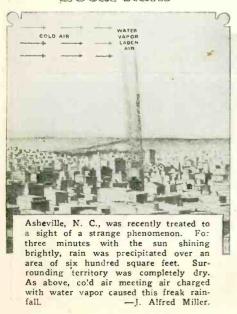
Why Some Oysters Are Diseased



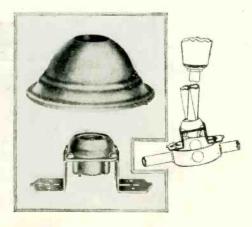
In recent months there has been a general alarm spread over this coun-In recent months there has been a general alarm spread over this country relative to the consumption of oysters which may have been interested with disease germs. A few facts regarding the methods in which oysters may collect these germs will not be amiss. The upper lefthand illustration shows a birdseye view of a river in a cove of which is situated an oyster bed. If sewage water empties into this river and spreads out, there is great danger of the oysters becoming infected. A common practice of oyster growers is to fatten the bivalves in fresh water after collecting them from their native salt water. Such a process causes the oyster to swell and often to become "sick." Eat-

ing such an oyster is liable to make the consumer ill. The lower lefthand illustration shows a common scene of a restaurant window dis-playing live oysters and ice. If impure lake ice is used, water from the ice is liable to enter the molluscs and contaminate them. A home experiment showing how oysters are plumped is shown above. Leave a few in salt water and a few more in fresh water. After 10 to 12 a few in salt water and a few more in fresh water. After 10 to 12 hours, when opened, those in the fresh water will be found much fatter than the others. This artificial fatness is abnormal. Oysters left in cans containing fresh water, presumably to keep them in good condition, causes trouble due to unnatural fattening.

Local Rain

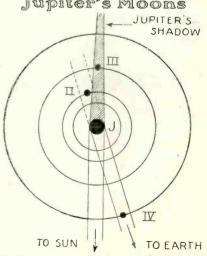


Plumb Fixtures



Fittings for use where every outlet box cannot be set straight and where vibrations are frequent have been produced and are illustrated above. The device can be aligned so that the fixture will hang plumb while shock absorbers take up vibrations.—Allen P. Child.

Jupiter's Moons

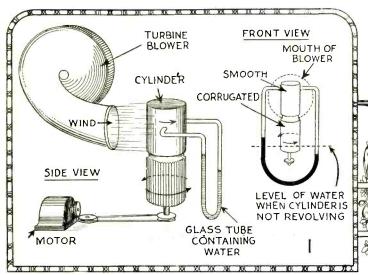


Jupiter has four moons, but they are not always visible. Drawing shows three positions where one or more satellites could not be seen. They would be either in front or in back of Jupiter or in that planet's shadow.

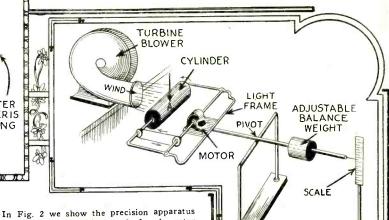
—Ada Weber, M.A.

Our Tests With Flettner Rotors

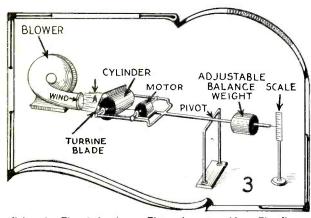
By PROF. HAROLD F. RICHARDS, Ph. D.



Measurements made with the apparatus shown in Fig. 1 prove that rough or corrugated rotors would be far more effective than the smooth cylinders Flettner has used. Revolving the cylinder in the path of an air current, the pressure produced by the reaction of the wind on the film of air which the cylinder drags around with it was indicated by the displacement of water in the Pitot tube. Experiments showed that by reversing the cylinders, the force on the corrugated surface was 4.5 times as great as on smooth cylinder.

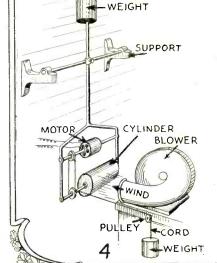


By fastening the blade of an air turbine to the rotor, but not revolving the latter, the efficacy of turbine drive was determined. The downward force was greatest when blades were inclined to the vertical at an angle of 34° giving a pressure of 4.27 lbs. per sq. ft. of the projected area with a wind speed of 46.6 M. P. H.



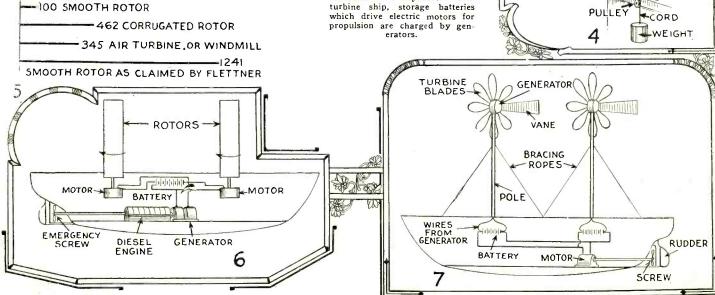
Below in Fig. 6 is shown Flettner's rotor ship. The lines and numbers on the chart below show relative pulling powers. The first three are based on our experiments, while the fourth is from data made public by Flettner. The discrepancy between lines 1 and 4 seems to indicate that the merits of the rotor ship have been greatly exaggerated, although the flanges on Flettner's rotors are said by authorities to greatly increase efficiency.

which tested the claims made for the rotor ship. The cylinder revolved at a surface speed of 59.5 miles per hour and the speed of the wind was 46.6 M. P. H. At beginning of test the frame was balanced horizontally. wind was turned on, the rotor was forced down and the bal-ance weight moved to the right to bring the pointer back to its original position. Then the wind and rotor were stopped. The cylinder rose and a weight was added at A to restore balance. weight measures the deflecting force of the wind. With smooth rotor pressure was 5.15 pounds, while with corrugated rotor it was 23.2 pounds per square foot of longitudinal cross-section of cylinder. Pressure on rotor in direction of wind was found as in Fig. 4. The appa-ratus was suspended as a pendu'um with roter at rest and in path of wind. By means of the weight, sufficient force was ap-plied to counteract wind and was found to be 6.44 pounds per square foot of projected area.
The air turbine ship in Fig. 7
has advantages over the rotor although the latter gives slightly more propulsive for same wind exposure.



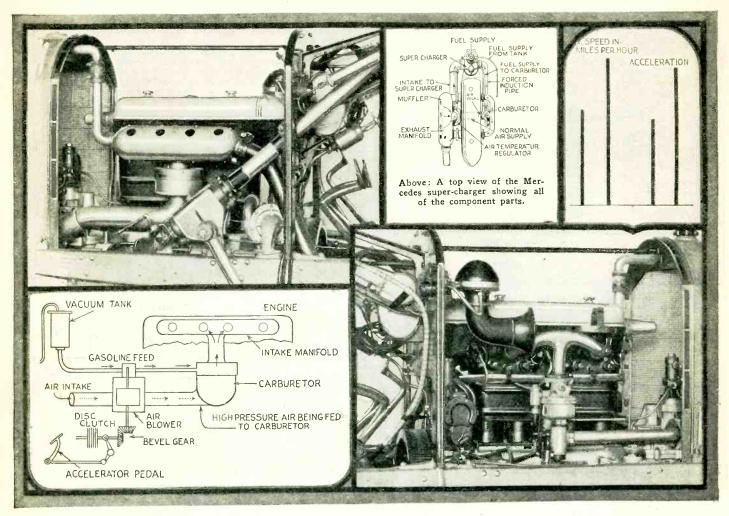
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Super-Charger for Automobiles

By J. H. W. KERSTON, Automotive Engineer

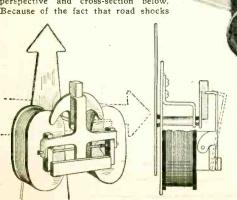


The manufacturers of the Mercedes car have installed on the engine of their machine a super-charger working on the same principle as that employed in airplane engines for use in attaining high altitudes. The principle here is used so as to make it possible to fill the cylinders with more gasoline than is ordinarily possible and so obtain higher speeds and faster acceleration. Multiple carburetors have been tried with indifferent success. The super-charger illustrated above has given more positive and efficient results. A blower forces warm air from the exhaust manifold covering, through the carburetor and into the engine.

When the bevel gears are meshed by the accelerator pedal, this blower starts operating and at the same time a gasoline pump forces more gasoline into the carburetor than would normally be supplied. At lower speeds, the gasoline merely flows through the pump and is not forced. At this time, the bevel gears are not meshed. The illustration in the upper right-hand corner shows the effect of the use of a supercharger. If at a speed of fifty miles an hour, the super-charger is put into use, the speed immediately increases about 30%. In acceleration tests, a car using a super-charger will pick up about 30% faster than without it.

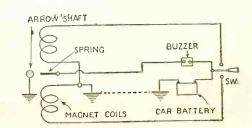
Efficient Automobile Signal

A novel type of automobile signal has been designed by an American genius and is illustrated in action on the right. A white arrow electrically operated indicates the direction in which the car is to turn. The mechanism of this device is shown in perspective and cross-section below. Because of the fact that road shocks



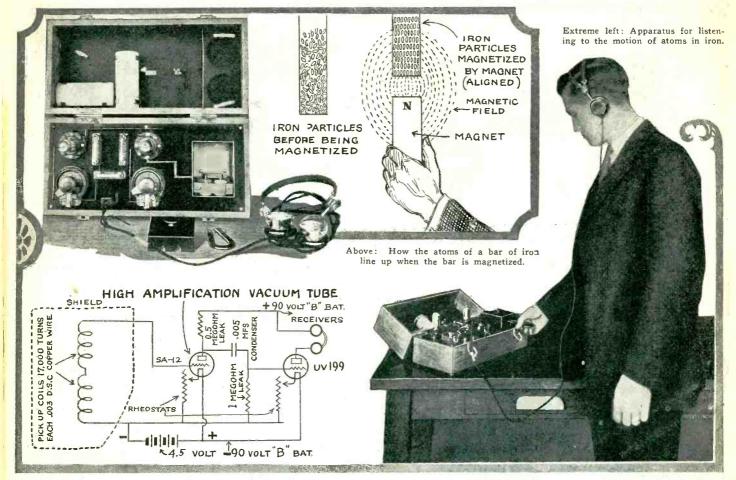
The circuit showing the connections of this new automobile signal is given at the right. A switch conveniently located on the steering column closes the circuit of one or the other of the magnets, depending upon the desires of the operator. A magnet is energized which draws an armature down, operating the arrow. At the same time the spring illustrated at the left is released and a buzzer starts operating, indicating the signal is working. Also, the stop light is illuminated,

caused the initial models of the signals to vibrate and also because playfully inclined boys could swing the arrow of these devices and thereby cause the buzzer to operate, the improved models have incorporated therein a locking system actuated by the same magnets that cause the arrow to swing. This is shown in detail in the lower left-hand corner. The magnets attract the armature to the dotted line position, releasing the arrow.



Hearing Iron Atoms Move

Vacuum Tube Amplifier Makes This Possible.



The phenomenon of magnetism is no longer a silent one. With a new device produced in the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Co., the change which takes place in a piece of iron when it becomes magnetized may be made audible. This device is an outgrowth of the idea advanced by a German scientist, Dr. H. Barkhausen. In essence, the apparatus consists of a cascade vacuum-tube amplifier, connected to a coil of wire in the manner illustrated above. When a bar of iron is placed

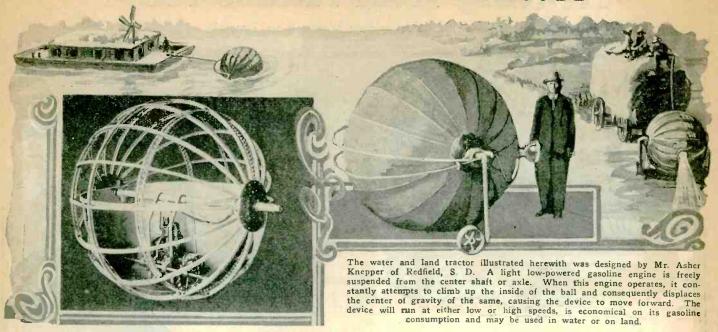
in or near the coil, it becomes magnetized and a loud roar may be heard in the headphones, presumably as the atoms or particles constituting the bar re-arrange their position as shown in our illustration. This theory is supported by the fact that when the iron bar is first placed in the pick-up coil, a loud roar is heard. If then the bar is removed and immediately replaced before it loses its magnetism, only a very slight sound will be heard as few of the particles have had time to become disarranged.

Device Locates Life Boats

Utilizes Sound Waves Projected Through Water.



Water and Land Tractor

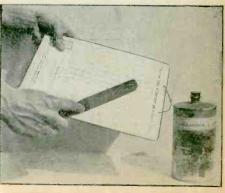


Telescope and Eye Distance Gauge





Protect Maps



Protect maps and charts and make them washable by coating with collodion spread on with a knife or use celluloid scraps dissolved in amyl-acetate.

—R. B. Wailes.

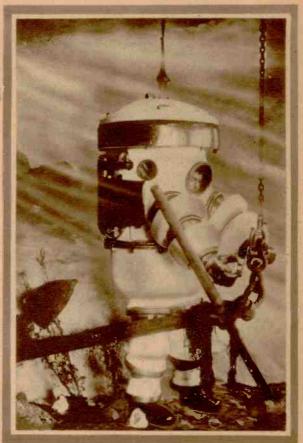
Oddities in the News



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If an automobile were as much targer than the average car as this lamp is bigger than the ordinary automobile lamp, it would be as long as seven Pullman sleepers.

Below is a photo of a German sub-sea armor which permits the diver to work five hundred and twenty-five feet below sea level for two hours at a time. These figures are from tests claimed to have been made. The diver works at atmospheric pressure.



The machine shown at the left takes X-ray pictures of pearls. If smooth gradations appear aborders is of good quality, whereas the cultured pearl shows characteristic spots.

The inventor is holding the camera and pearl.

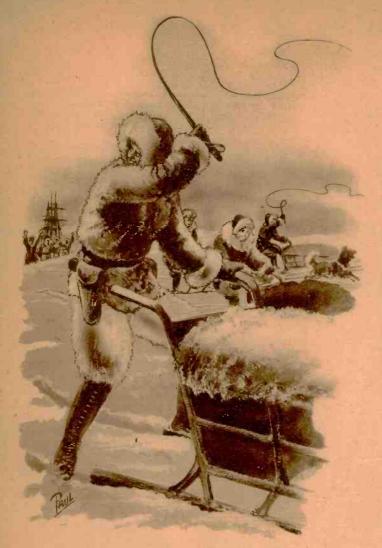


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The Otophone above is a new invention for the deaf. The device is essentially a microphone which is connected to the input side of a two-stage vacuum tube amplifying circuit carried in a small hand grip. This grip also contains the necessary batteries. The sound being amplified is conveyed to the bony structure of the skull, and in the above photo this is done through the agency of the hat.

The photo at the left shows a novel monorall car which can travel at a speed of eighty miles an hour. It is planned to use this in the new tube which is to be built under the river Tyne in England, linking the towns of North and South Shield. The power is obtained from the wheels and the rail overhead. The gyroscope may be seen underslung in the center of the car.



The Living Death, By JOHN MARTIN LEAHY

SYNOPSIS

Captain Livingstone, an Antarctic explorer, communicates with Darwin Frontenae, a famous scientist who has conducted vesearch work involving methods of inducing hibernations in mammals. To Darwin Frontenae and Bond McQuestion, a reporter, the Captain recounts a weird tale of discoveries in the Antarctic. He tells how a land of palm trees and Justinious flowers was found far south of the Antarctic circle and how during part of their exploration trip, several of the members of the party were killed by an invisible "Thing," During further explorations, a cave was discovered and in the floor, which consisted of a thick coating of tie, they found encased the body of a beautiful girl. The Captain formed the opinion that this girl was not dead, but was in a state of suspended animation. Proceeding further into the cave the explorers discovered a huge stone doorway guarded by a tremendous carved figure of a harpie. They could not open the door and so retraced their steps and started back toward their ship. On the way, the only remaining member of the party, with the exception of the Captain, fell into a crewasse and was followed by his sled carrying on it photographic records of the trip, and destroying the Captain's evidence of his findings. The story so interested Frontenae and McQuestion that they decide to accompany the Captain on a return trip. They take with them 102 dogs which dogs are artificially "killed" by Frontenae and placed in a refrigerator on board ship. The ship leaves port well equipped, although in the mind of McQuestion, the first mate is not to be trusted. After they become encased in the ice as far south as they can go, the Captain, while walking over the surface of the ice is suddenly attacked by a killer whale that breaks through the ice and the Captain is killed.

Just before establishing their depot on land, the dogs are reanimated with no disastrous effects. Three trips of exploration are made from the central depot and on each one facts are discovered that confirm the Captain's story. Fronte

Well did I know, however, and that from bitter experi-ence, how fickle, treacherous, heartless the Parcae really are. But that unpleasant thought, of course, I kept to myself. Well, we shook hands all around. "Mush!" cried Louis Louisi-ana, cracking his long whip. And we were off!

SEVENTH INSTALLMENT CHAPTER XXII

We Find "Her"

URING the return journey came our first experience with the dreaded blizzard of the Antarctic. It burst upon us in the early hours of the morning, and it did not subside till near midnight. It was rather snug in our tent, occupied by Frontenac, Nunatak and my self, and in the other tent, too; but I found the inaction pretty trying. It is anything but pleasant to sit on (or in) one's sleeping-bag for hours at a stretch whilst storm-demons howl like spectral maniacs and pull and tug at your shelter.

The only thing one can do in such circumstances is to read or write. As for writing, I brought my journal entries forward, right up to the moment. As for reading, it so chanced that there was but a single volume at hand—Narrative of A. Gordon Pym. For two hours or so I perused its grisly pages, then tossed the little red volume over to Nunatak and wished him joy. It so chanced (I assure you it was an accident) that the book came down right on Nunatak's nose, but Louis Louisiana didn't mind a little thing like that

As for Frontenac, he was writing, writing, Goodness only knows what he was always writing about.

As is usual, the thermometer rose during the blizzard-from minus 30° to minus 10° When we turned out the next morning, the weather, though the sun was not risen yet, was smiling brightly upon us. Nunatak was of the opinion, however, that her smile was 'kinda vampish.'

And Nunarak was right. For, in the early afternoon, the slev, the snowscape and the

gloomy mountains began to turn dark and sinister, and ere long we were again in the midst of a tearing blizzard.

On the succeeding morning, however, the weather had cleared, and we were under way at an early hour. We were now some hundred and twenty miles from the hut—which, by the way, was situated in latitude 77° 45′. Nothing worthy of note, however, occurred during the remainder of that journey—though some extraordinary mirage effects were seen. Our surroundings at times assumed so strange and fantastic an aspect that one fancied he was looking upon the work of some viewless cosmic magician.

In the Antarctic things are certainly not always what they seem. And in this, I believe, lies the explanation of those supposed discoveries there of lands and mountains that never existed where they were seen.



The sleeper there in her bed of cloudy crystal, the men clustered together before the ice and looking in upon her in wonder and in awe.

Amundsen gives a striking instance of the strange effects produced by atmospheric anomalies in those regions.

"I remember," he says, "our astonishment on the return journey [from the Pole] on finding the whole landscape completely trans-If it had not been for Mount Helmer Hanssen, it would have been difficult for us to know where we were. The atmosphere in those regions may play the most awkward tricks.

We were learning that.

Right glad were we when we drew up at the hut—glad that the work was done and gladder still that we had done so well.

On the 26th of April the sun left us, to be seen no more for four months. At midday, though, he came up very close to the horizon, and there was then (if the sky was not overcast) a strong glow along the sky-line in that direction, and the rays would light up the lofty heights of Mount Theodore Roosevelt and Mount Woodrow Wil-But the sun was rapidly increasing his northern declination, and soon even those awsome heights were no longer touched by his rays at noon. Twilight now reigned throughout most of the twenty-four hours; for a brief interval around midnight there was darkness, the sun, at the noon of night, being twenty-seven or twenty-eight degrees below the sensible horizon and some degrees farther, of course, below the apparent one.

The long, long night had come; but it

must not be imagined that we had settled down to a life of idleness and boredom. Far from it. Much was to be done, and we were doing much. Frontenac had things on a routine basis. There was none of that pernicious system of depending upon volunteers-pernicious in that the willing ones do more than their share, whilst the slackers

grin up their sleeves.

It is a regrettable fact, but none the less is it a fact because it is regrettable, that it is almost impossible to gather together a body of men, however inconsiderable in size, without finding when the test comes that you have a shieker amongst them; and fortunate is that leader who finds that he has no more than one.

Such individuals, I was sorry to discover, we had with us; but Darwin Frontenac saw to it that the shirkers did not shirk. member of the expedition had his routine work to do, and that work was done.

I say every member, but there was one

exception, and that single exception was Professor Archimedes Bukink. He was the only one of us who was monarch of his hours. He could spend them studying the flaming of the wondrous aurora australis-first seen on March the 25th—counting the hairs on the legs of some microscopic habitant of Summer Haven or doing whatever his heart listed. And my opinion of the worthy Bukink, as I watched him, began to go up a few pegs. There were some busy men there at Summer Haven, but the busiest man of them all, I do verily believe, was Archimedes Bukink.

"I am mighty glad, Bond," Frontenac once said to me, "that we didn't head straight for

"Why?"

"Because, amongst other things, I grieve to find that in several instances my judgment of the men was lamentably at fault. we set out on our march straightway, Rustad would have been one of the party.

"I have wondered about that myself."

"The remark," said Darwin Frontenac, "is a supererogatory one, but I can't help saying that Rustad has proved himself utterly unworthy his place in the expedition, to say nothing of being a member of the southern party. His true place is upon a soap-box.

"Mistakes may be made," he went on, "without anything awful ensuing; we have made them, and undoubtedly we shall make more. But there must be no mistake with regard to the personnel of the southern

party.

This was the first time I had heard him speak so gravely, and needless to say it gave me something to think about. I had all along regarded in a very sober light that adven-ture for which we were now so impatiently waiting; it was only at this moment, how-ever, that I began to realize how very seri-ously it was regarded by Darwin Frontenac himself.

The days passed, some of them swiftly enough, some of them dragging. came weeks, months. And then at last, on the 19th of August, there was the sun peeping above the northern skyline at noon! To see this great event, we had ascended to the summit of one of the hills, whence was to be had a view of the distant sea-horizon, in this case ice-horizon, for the sea was completely frozen over. Only the edge of the great glowing disk was visible, and that but



for a very few moments. Great was our

rejoicing, notwithstanding.

The sun had returned! He was rapidly decreasing his northern declination, at rate (roughly) of a degree in every three that start for which we had so long been waiting (whilst preparing) was not far A few weeks, and we would be outh—south, towards Sleeping away now. Beauty and the Gardens of Paradise.

Paradise? There seemed, at any rate to

me, something of mockery in that name which Captain Livingstone had chosen.

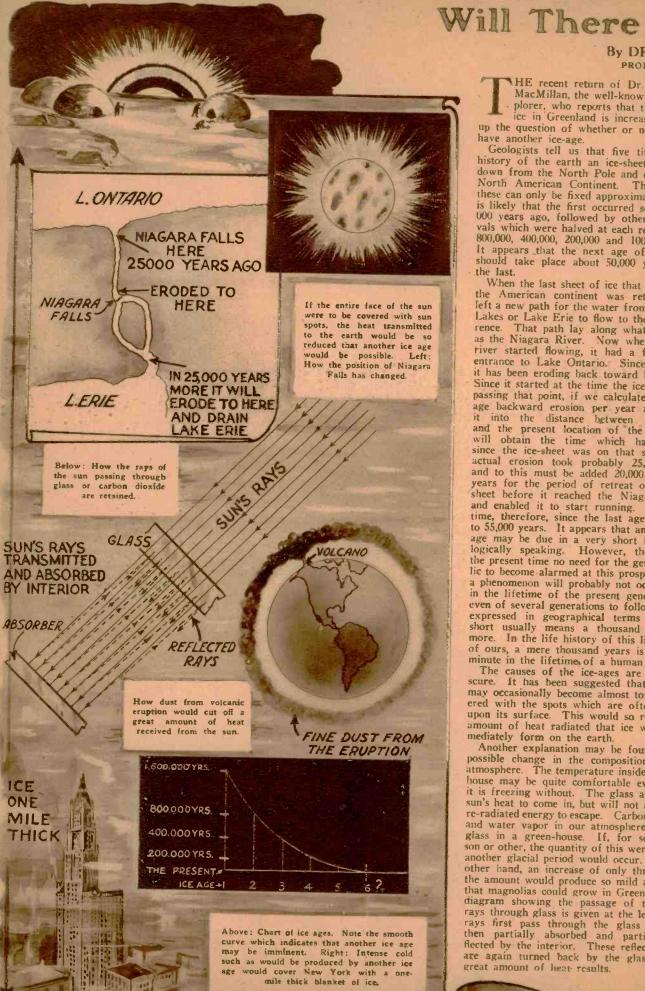
Paradise? I prayed God, deep in my heart, that it would not prove abhorent to us

as hell's foulest corner.

Came at last the day—the 14th of Septem-This was an early start, but Frontenac was anxious to get to the valley of the palmtrees at the earliest date possible, so as to have time for a thorough exploration of that strange region (unless, indeed, it should prove of greater extent than we had reason (Continued on page 1240.)

"Look, look!" he cried. "There it comes! See What did I tell vou? The creature was now visible - a quasi-human, fearsome human, fearsome figure. "Stand to-gether, men," came a hollow voice, that of Hansen. "This is no man!
'T is something from hell itself!"





By DR. GENE

PROFESSOR OF

HE recent return of Dr. Donald B: MacMillan, the well-known arctic explorer, who reports that the depth of ice in Greenland is increasing, brings up the question of whether or not we shall

have another ice-age.
Geologists tell us that five times in the history of the earth an ice-sheet has crept down from the North Pole and covered the North American Continent. The dates of these can only be fixed approximately, but it is likely that the first occurred some 1,600,-000 years ago, followed by others at intervals which were halved at each recurrence— 800,000, 400,000, 200,000 and 100,000 years. It appears that the next age of glaciation should take place about 50,000 years after

When the last sheet of ice that overspread the American continent was retreating, it left a new path for the water from the Great Lakes or Lake Erie to flow to the St. Law-rence. That path lay along what is known as the Niagara River. Now when this new river started flowing, it had a fall at the entrance to Lake Ontario. Since that time it has been eroding back toward Lake Erie. Since it started at the time the ice-sheet was passing that point, if we calculate the average backward erosion per year and divide it into the distance between this point and the present location of the falls, we will obtain the time which has elapsed since the ice-sheet was on that spot. The actual erosion took probably 25,000 years and to this must be added 20,000 to 30,000 years for the period of retreat of the ice-sheet before it reached the Niagara River and enabled it to start running. The total passing that point, if we calculate the averand enabled it to start running. The total time, therefore, since the last age is 45,000 to 55,000 years. It appears that another iceage may be due in a very short time, geo-logically speaking. However, there is at the present time no need for the general pub-lic to become alarmed at this prospect. Such a phenomenon will probably not occur within the lifetime of the present generation or even of several generations to follow. expressed in geographical terms as being short usually means a thousand years or more. In the life history of this little earth of ours, a mere thousand years is but as a

minute in the lifetime of a human being.

The causes of the ice-ages are very obscure. It has been suggested that our sun may occasionally become almost totally covered with the spots which are often visible upon its surface. This would so reduce the amount of heat radiated that ice would im-

mediately form on the earth.

Another explanation may be found in the possible change in the composition of our atmosphere. The temperature inside a greenhouse may be quite comfortable even when it is freezing without. The glass allows the sun's heat to come in, but will not allow the re-radiated energy to escape. Carbon dioxide and water vapor in our atmosphere act like glass in a green-house. If, for some reason or other, the quantity of this were halved. another glacial period would occur. On the other hand, an increase of only three times the amount would produce so mild a climate that magnolias could grow in Greenland. A that magnonias could grow in Greenland. A diagram showing the passage of the sun's rays through glass is given at the left. The rays first pass through the glass and are then partially absorbed and partially reflected by the interior. These reflected rays are again turned back by the glass and a great amount of hear results. great amount of heat results.

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Another Ice Age

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ASTRONOMY

INE volcanic dust suspended in the atmosphere would form a cloud through which the sun could not easily shine nuch dust, even from a small emption, has used a marked local effect in temperature ven on opposite sides of the earth from the volcano. There is a possibility that an extended eruption of a large volcano might have glaciation. The illustration on the apposite page shows how a tremendous neanic eruption, which by the way is not nearly impossible, could cause a blanket of olcanic dust to be thrown around the earth and distributed in our atmosphere. Such a blanket would, of course, cut off a great amount of heat from the sun and consemently produce the effect mentioned.

\ suggestion, often made, but with little foundation, is that the earth's axis may have shifted its position, causing the North Pole to lie nearer the center of the ice-capped region. It is more difficult, however, to find force capable of moving the pole than it is to explain the ice-age on other grounds. In view of recently learned and deduced acts, this suggestion may be dismissed in lavor of more probable reasons for ice ages.

me of our illustrations herewith shows the effect of the ocean's currents on the dis-ribution of ice. It will be noticed that the inbution of ice. It will be noticed that the full Stream so alleviates the climate that the olar ice-cap (shaded portion) extends only half as far from the pole in the direction the warm current as it does on the other de. If the course of the Gulf Stream were hanged to flow up to the coast of America. he climate of Greenland would approximate that of England, while the British Isles would be no warmer than Labrador and in ill probability the side of the polar cap nearest to Greenland would recede still fur-ther toward the pole. Thus we can see that he warm currents in the sea have a great effect upon the temperature of the surround-

Attention should be called to the fact that man has existed throughout this time, as some human remains have been found in de-posits between the last glacial periods. There s some evidence that the last glaciation may have been very rapid. Several specimens of nammoths, caught in the drift, were frozen, and their flesh so preserved by this natural eleigeration that if is reported on one occasion that it was eaten by the dogs of the party. This is illustrated in the lower rightand corner of this page. The explorers onnected with a northern expedition were lard out to keep their sledge dogs away from he remains of the mammoth so that the animal's body could be exhumed from its natual resting place and preserved in its en-irety for future study and exhibition. The flesh of this particular mammoth was as well preserved by the action of the ice as if it

had been freshly killed.

be evidence is complete that the North Pole was, at one time, almost a tropical region brals and plant fossils are found in Greenrmed by uxuriant growths, have been and in Spitzhergen, as indicated herewith al is even found in Grantland, at a disance-of about 500 miles from the pole. It a well-known fact that coal deposits are rmed by the decay of vegetable matter which in turn is covered over by soil and so more-sed. Coal deposits indicate former

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Doctor Hackensaw's Secrets

By CLEMENT FEZANDIÉ

No. 38. The Mystery of the Radio Cipher Machine.



"There!" cried Doctor Hackensaw, pointing tri-umphantly to the machine. "Did you ever see chine. "Did you ever see anything neater or more compact? It can be switched on or off to the wireless set in an instant and will send a message that my correspondent can hear with the greatest ease, but that is absolutely insudible for any Jutely inaudible for any-

S this Doctor Hackensaw?"

"That's my name. What can I do for you to-day, sir?"

"My name is Julius McMasher, and I am head-clerk in the Constantinople office of a large New York electrical firm."

Doctor Hackensaw glanced at the handsome goung man who stood before him. In spite of a slight touch of effeminacy, the young fellow, with his black mustache and dashand the doctor mentally decided that the young man was appropriately named. He, however, said nothing, and McMasher con-

"I have spent ten years in Constantinople and speak Turkish like a native. But as affairs over there seem to be looking pretty squally at present, I wish to take some precaution. I especially wish to be able to communicate secretly by wireless with friends I have in Athens and in Malta. I was told that you had invented a device that was not very expensive, and that could be attached

to any wireless set and would absolutely ensure the secrecy of any message sent."

"Yes, that is true," replied the doctor.

"I was also told that the device was such that it could be used with a hundred or more different correspondents and yet that each of them could only catch the messages

intended for him, but was utterly powerless to read the messages sent to the other correspondents. The thing doesn't seem possible, but that is what I heard."

"The thing is true, nevertheless. My instrument is so constructed that no one can receive the message unless you wish him to, and yet he can switch in at a moment's notice when you wish him to-at least, if he is

"May I see the machine?"

"I will show it to you with pleasure. Walk this way, please."

So saying the doctor led the young fellow into an adjoining room devoted exclusively to wireless apparatus, and taking from a stand a small wheel, he exhibited it to

his visitor.

The device consists of a broad-rimmed wheel, revolving vertically. On the broad rim of the wheel are twenty rows of ten

keys in each row. Each key when pressed down pushes down a brush similar to the brushes used on dynamos. The operator when sending a message uses ten different wave-lengths. The idea is to rapidly change the wave-length used, twenty times at each revolution of the wheel. To accomplish this, the operator presses down one key in each of the twenty rows. As the wheel revolves, each brush pressed down comes in turn in contact with one of ten contacts connected each with a separate wire, each of the ten wires leading from different points of the transmitting coil, so as to send its own wavelength. Your correspondent has a similar wheel which revolves synchronously with yours. If he presses down the same twenty keys that you do, his wave-length will change exactly as yours does, being always in tune, while no outsider can possibly catch the mes-

"There!" cried Doctor Hackensaw, pointing triumphantly to the machine.

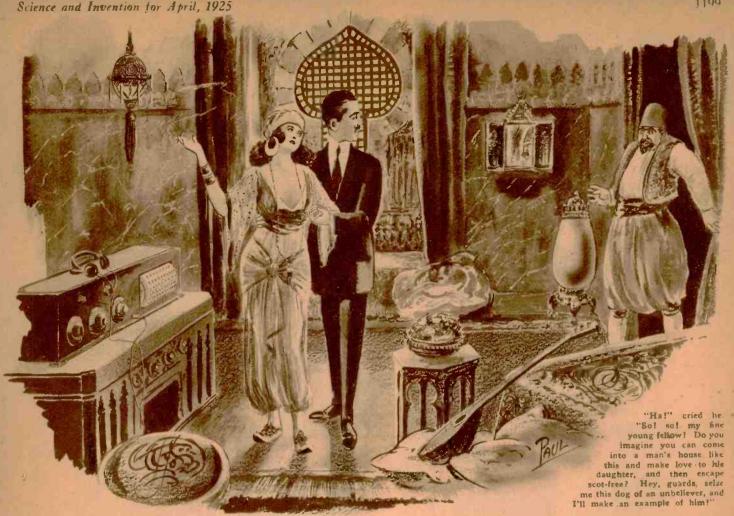
ever see anything neater or more compact? It can be switched on or off to the wireless set in an instant and will send a message that my correspondent can hear with the greatest ease, but that is absolutely inaudible for anyone else!"

"How does it work?" asked young Mc-Masher, interested.

"As you will see, the device consists of a wheel with a broad rim. Through suitable holes in the rim there pass twenty rows of ten keys each—the keys in each row bearing the numbers 1 to 10. My sending set is arranged to send any one of ten different wave-lengths and the pressing down of the proper key decides which wave-length will be transmitted. The idea of the machine is be transmitted. The idea of the machine is to rapidly change my wave-length as I am sending the message, thus making it impossible for anyone to listen in unless he has a wheel just like this one and revolving synchronously with it; and unless he has the same key pressed down in each row.







"Let us suppose, for instance, that you and I have decided on the following twenty num-

bers:
9, 2, 7, 3, 4, 0, 6, 5, 8, 1, 2, 5, 8, 3, 4, 0, 7, 9.6, 1
I press down key 9 in the first row, key 2
in the second row, key 7 in the third row
and so on until I have all twenty keys prop erly placed. You do the same on your wheel and we start both wheels turning together at the same speed. Then I start sending and

speak my message into the instrument. The wave-length keeps changing but as your wave-length is always the same as mine, you hear every word easily, while an outsider finds it impossible to tune in. He hears nothing at all but occasionaly meaningless sounds.

"Why can't he try different combinations until he gets the right one?

Doctor Hackensaw smiled. "With twenty rows of keys and ten keys in each row, he would have to try 10° different combinations before he struck the right one, or in other words 100,000,000,-000,000,000,000 different combinations. Now to try these hundred quadrillion different combinations would take him more than one life-time. Besides I recom-mended changing the com-

> She took off the garment, and letting down one end so Julius could grasp it, she passgrasp it, she paned the other end around the hinge of the trap-door of the trap-door for support. So busily were the pair engaged that the y neither of them noticed that the girl's father had appeared in the doorway.

bination each time just before sending the message. You and your correspondent cast have a code-word for each number, so by telephoning twenty words he can change his keys in a minute and the order of the wave length will be completely changed.

As you see the apparatus is simplicity itself, I have furnished it to several broad cast stations who wish to charge for their entertainments. Only their customers are provided with the code numbers, and hence no one else can listen in to their program. This may seem rather hard on the general public, but will really improve the quality of the broadcasting, for the entertainers who receive pay for their productions can afford to give their customers first-class perform-ances. There would be the same difference as between a free show and a good theatri-

cal performance that you have to pay for."
"Doctor, it's great!" cried the young man enthusiastically. "I'll take a dozen of these on some big orders from me if they work all right in practice."

"They'll work all right—never fear," re-

plied Doctor Hackensaw, confidently.

CHAPTER II

Julius McMasher was back in Constantinople and was busily engaged setting up a wireless set, when the door of the show-

wireless set, when the door of the showroom opened and a richly dressed, though
heavily veiled, Turkish lady, accompanied by
an attendant, came in, and asked to see the
various styles of wireless apparatus.

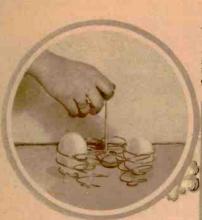
"Here Julius!" cried the manager. "This
lady looks like one of the big bugs. As you're
the handsomest man here, I'll let you try to
make the sale. She's certainly one of the
'Five Hundred.'

"Lulius all hows and smiles stepped for-

Julius, all bows and smiles, stepped for ward to meet the lady, and understanding that she wished a wireless set, he showed her all the latest models and explained the (Continued on page 1238)

WAXING PADS

This Month's Latest Devices



The device illustrated below is an electric razor. Not only does it shave, but it can be made to give a massage as well. It was recently demonstrated at the New York Electrical Show. At the left is shown an ingenious egg holder which is made entirely of wire heavily galvanized so that it will not rust. It has six compartments to hold one egg each, and from one to six eggs at a time can be boiled. This basket will prevent smashing eggs or burning the fingers.—J. B. Roswick.



The push pins

The floor waxer and polisher illustrated above operates as it is pushed across a floor. The waxing pads and brushes reciprocate while in operation.

—J. W. Von Stein.



The idea illustrated below is a four in one ar opener. It can be made to take small, medium and large sized jar tops and can be used to open bottles.

—J. B. Roswick.



The skillet pictured below is so constructed that it heats uniformly over its entire surface. The top plate is of aluminum, and the bottom is galvanized steel. Between he two is a layer of chamfered copper.



Each side of the raincoat illustrated Each side of the raincoat illustrated above holds one leg of a pair of rubber trousers. On wet days the man wearing the coat unhooks the trouser legs from the coat, steps into them, and then fastens the legs to the coat by means of suspenders.

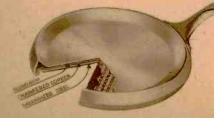


The hot jar carrier illustrated here is made of galvanized wire and two wooden handles. -J. B. Roswick.



An instructive drawing game is shown above. A sheet of thin paper is mounted over a movable disk, and the white spaces are filled an with crayon or pencil,

—J. W. Von Stein.

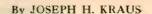


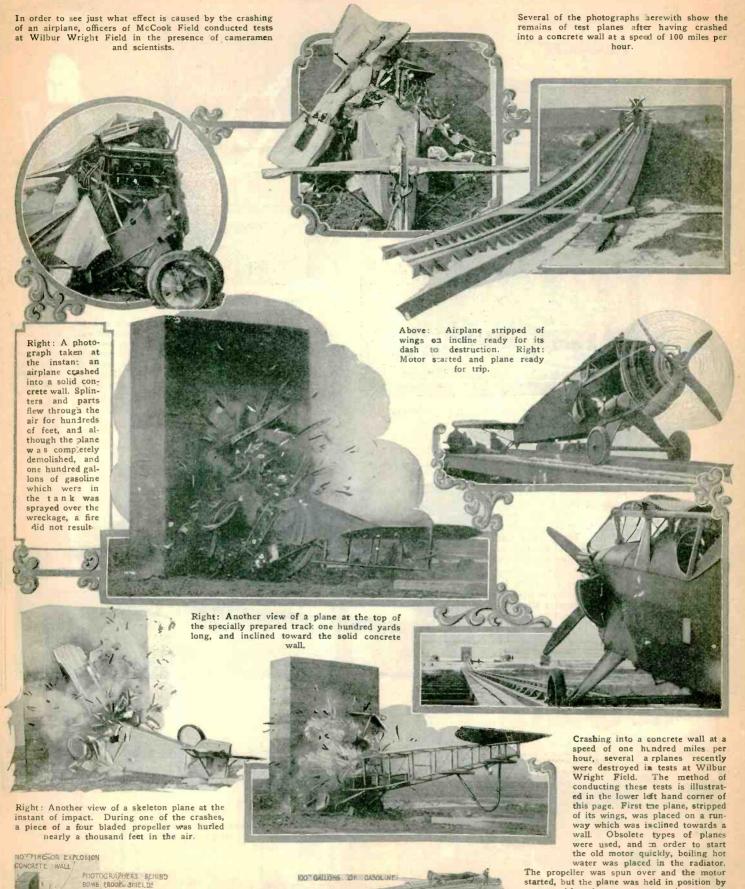
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J W Von Stein.



Smashing Airplanes for Tests

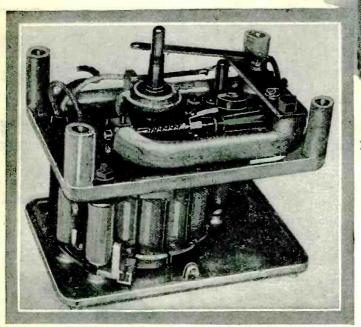


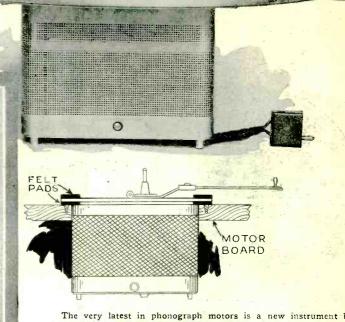


water was placed in the radiator. The propeller was spun over and the motor started, but the plane was held in position by a rope. After the motor was running smoothly and was thoroughly warmed up, one assistant pulled a cord, opening the throttle wide, while another man cut the restraining rope with an axe. The plane, at full throttle and on a down grade, raced toward the concrete wall at one hundred miles per hour and was completely destroyed, but did not catch fire.

A'RPLANE STRIPPED OF WINGS ENGINE RUNNING

Electric Phonograph Motor

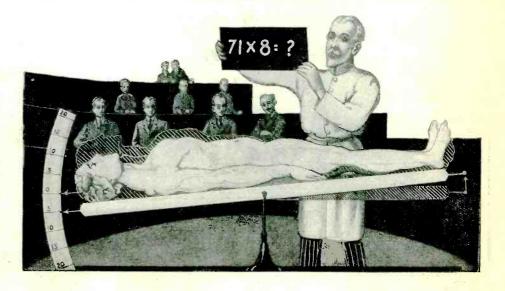


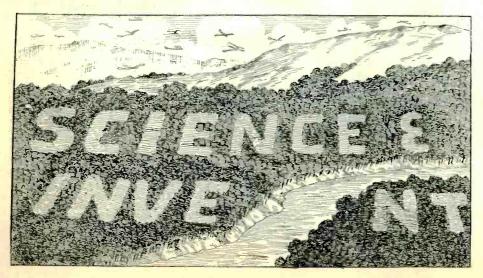


The very latest in phonograph motors is a new instrument being manufactured by a New York concern, which aside from being built on the same principles as the ordinary electric motor, runs at a constant speed of approximately seventy revolutions per minute. There is no gearing or belts of any kind, the shaft of the motor being directly connected to the phonograph turn-table. The motor is so wired that changes of ten volts in the supply does not affect the speed.

Thought Needs Blood

That an extra supply of blood is needed, when the brain works, has been very graphically shown by some German physicians and recorded in Kosmos. The patient was placed upon the pivoted table and brought to a balance. Then while resting peacefully he was suddenly confronted with a problem and asked for the solution of it. Immediately the mental energy began to be applied to the problem, the table showed a tilt indicating added weight at the head end. The only possible explanation for this change in weight is that an extra amount of blood rushes from the remainder of the body to the brain for assistance in the mental processes, thus increasing the weight.



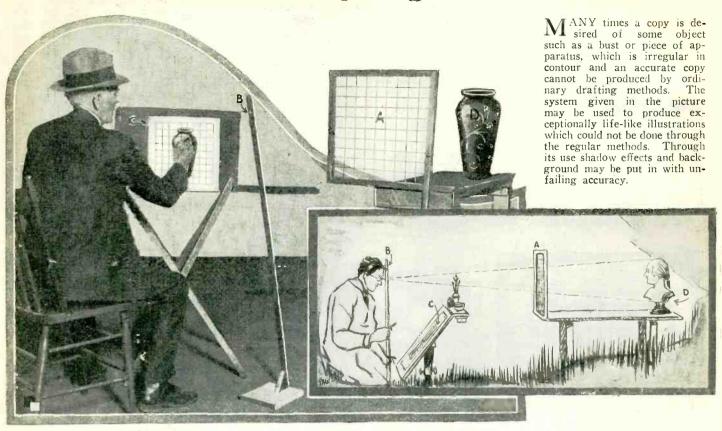


Advertising of the Future

With the constant popularization and increase in aerial navigation, much thought is being given to the possibilities of advertising for the benefit of passengers of airplanes. The sketch at the left, the idea of Hubert Slouka, shows one of the many possibilities which will at once make themselves obvious. In this instance the product will be advertised—usually just its name—will be cut out of a wooded area. The contrast between the dark green wooded portions and the lighter cleared area will give ample contrast to the inscription written.

-Hubert Slouka.

Artist's Copying Device

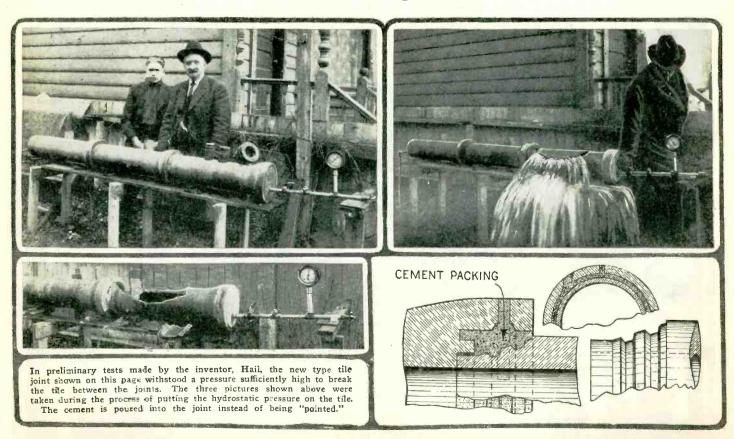


The screen A, is nothing more or less than a rectangular frame crossed by a number of threads stretched across it at given intervals. One set horizontal and one vertical, and parallel in each set. The standard B, provides a peep hole against which the artist places his eye and through which he observes

the article being copied. The paper C, upon which he is making the copy, is lined off in squares proportional to those of the screen. By adjusting the size of the squares on the copying paper, the picture may be enlarged or made smaller than the original.

—C. T. Stone.

New Tile Joint



Almost all the previous difficulties in making tile joints have been eliminated in the new form of tile shown above. The spigot end has toothed projections,

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which the cement grips. The cement packing is poured in through a hole in the top of the bell end. The joint is extremely solid. —Gustav Hail.



A nasal douche utilizing a partial vacuum-producing pump is illustrated at left. Medicated solutions can be used effectively.

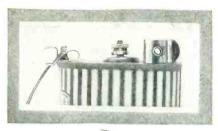


Right: A new type of private mouthpiece for telephone. Whispers will be transmitted using this mouthpiece. Below: binding post uses regulation screws.



A new type of portable electric fan has been recently placed on the market that carries its own current supply. A small electric battery fits in the handle and drives the motor. This device is illustrated above. Left: A short strip of spring steel wire is designed to be placed over the door knob and slipped through the key as shown. This prevents the removal of the key and prevents picking of the lock.

—Otto Halmer.





Above: The Neatrik, a new device for holding the watch securely in the watch pocket of a pair of trousers. Left: An automobile lock which is built into and is an integral part of the gear shift lever.



To determine the amount of liquid in a can of fruit or vegetables, the device illustrated above has been designed. The top is removed from the can and the circular disc of the device drilled with holes, placed on the material. It sinks until it rests on the solid material.

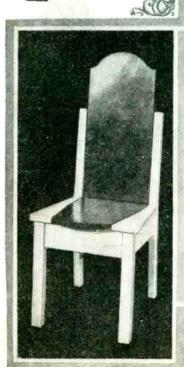
—N. C. McLoud.

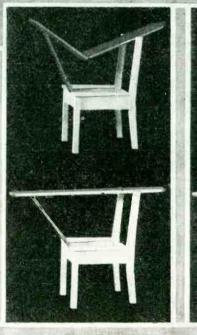


Right: A rubber insert in a hammer abs o r b s shocks o f blows.

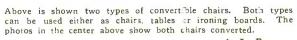


Left: A very compact yet complete first-aid kit specially designed for the use of motorists, campers and others where space is limited.

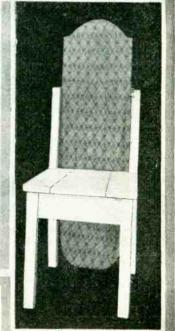






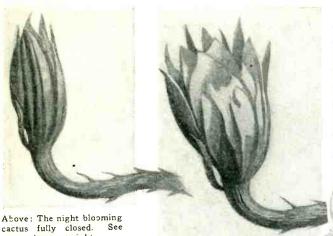






Studies of the Plant World

By S. LEONARD BASTIN







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Above: Four more seconds have passed in the life of the cactus flower and now we see it fully opened in all its glory. Eight seconds from bud to full bloom is almost a record for flowers.

Do plant roots grow down to avoid sunlight? The mirror in the above photo would tend to prove that such is not the case.





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Left: A grass mat. Grass seed is sewn thickly on a strip of burlap and freely watered. After the roots take hold, the mat may be•moved.

A FLOWERPOT GARDEN

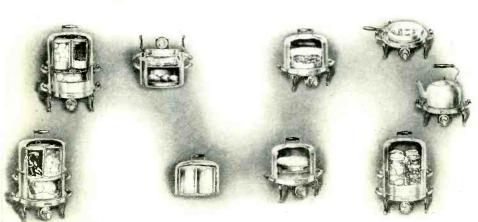
A SMALL garden that will provide much pleasure to its owner and that will take up a minimum of room may be made from a flower pot as shown in the photographs at the left. A large pot is selected and several two-inch holes are bored in the sides as shown, leaving about the same distance between the holes. They may be made with an ordinary wood bit, exercising a little care in the process so as not to break the pot or chip it badly.

Now secure some good, rich, fine soil and a few small stones. Place a layer of the stones on the bottom of the pot to insure good drainage and fill the remainder with the soil. Then the bulbs may be planted as shown, some in the top of the pot and some of them in the holes mentioned above. For early spring planting, crocuses are the best.

Electric Fireless Cooker

The

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Above: The various uses to which a new fireless cooker employing electricity for heating can be used. From right to left, top row; roasting meat and cooking three vegetables; broiling steak and warming potatoes; stewing and frying. Right center: boiling. Lower left to right; pot roasting and cooking three vegetables; warming vegetables; baking and cold pack canning.

—J. W. Von Stein.

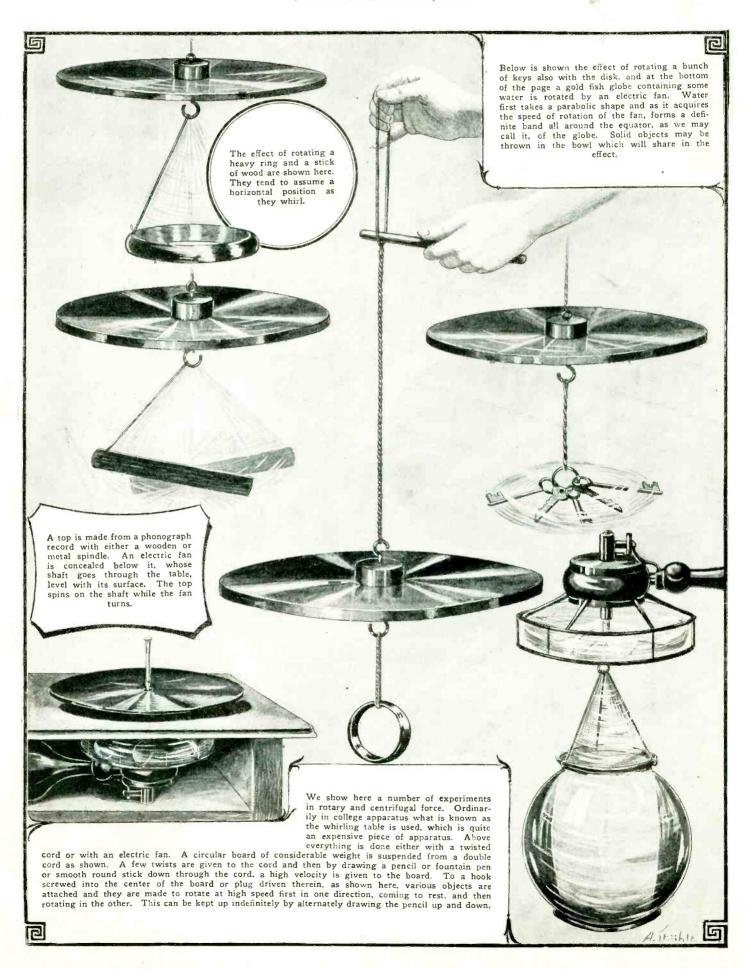
Gasoline Saver

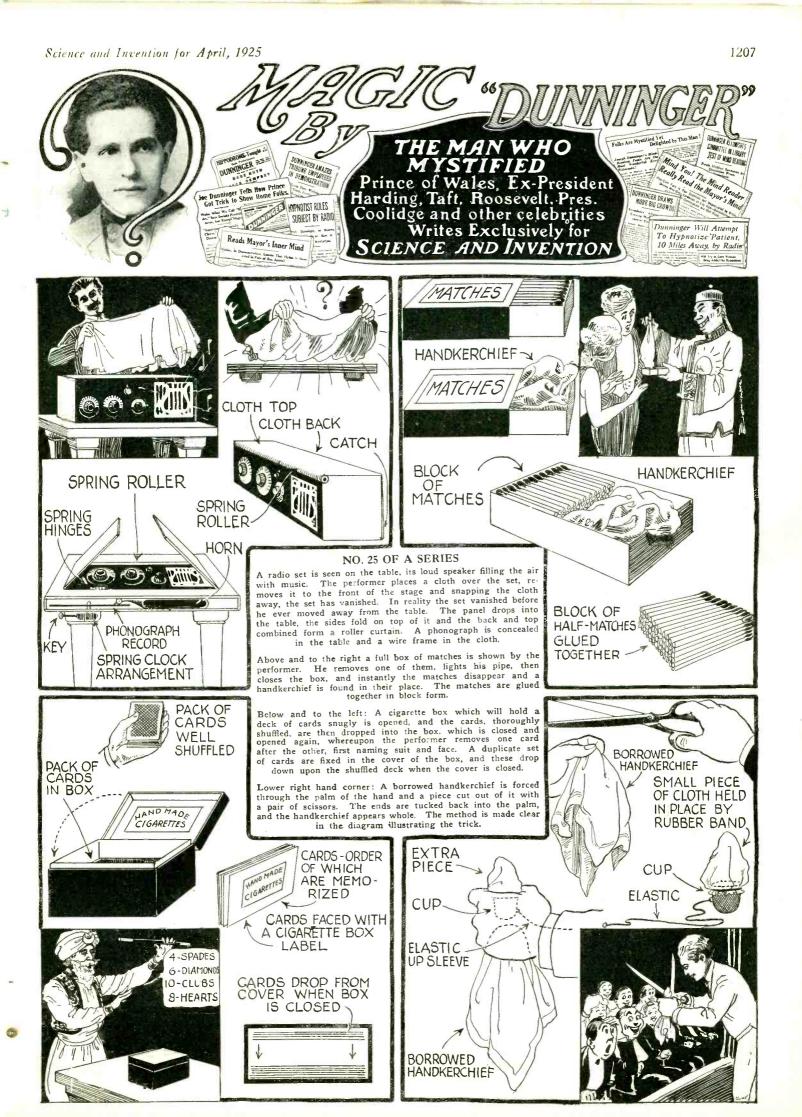


The automobile accessory illustrated above heats the vaporized gasoline before it enters the cylinders, causing more complete combustion.

Odds and Ends of Physics

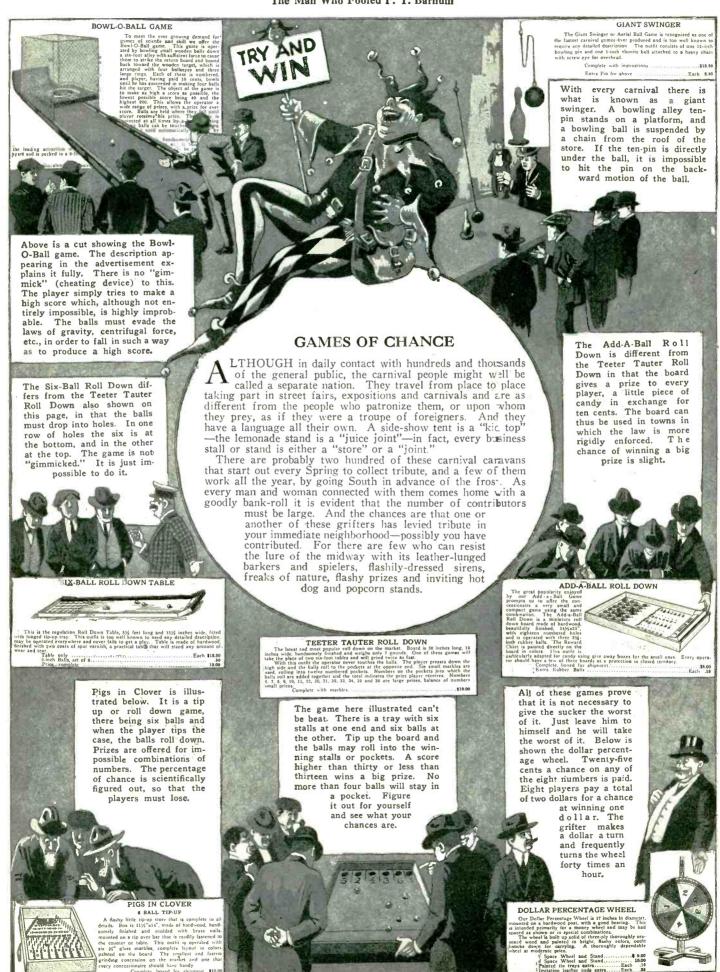
By T. O'CONOR SLOANE, Ph.D.





More Gambler's Tricks Exposed

By MARK MELLEN
The Man Who Fooled P. T. Barnum



H. R. H. Prince of Wales Astounded





Portable Bed-Room Outfit

By G. H. WAETJEN

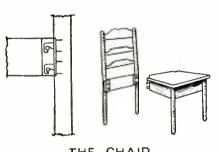
- THE ROOM OPENED UP -CLOTHES-CLOSET WASH - CABINET BED (ACCOMODATING 4 PERSONS) NIGHT - TABLE TABLE CHAIRS

TABLE

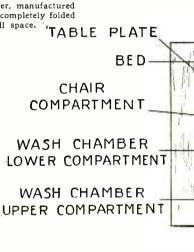
FEET

THE FOLDING ROOM OPENED, READY TO LIVE IN.

The illustration directly above shows what appears to be an The illustration directly above shows what appears to be an old fashioned bed-room suite constructed from solid oak and complete in every detail. This suite, however, manufactured by an Austrian concern, is capable of being completely folded and fitted together in a very small space. TABLE PLATE

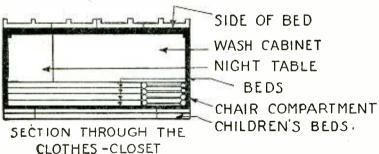


THE CHAIR





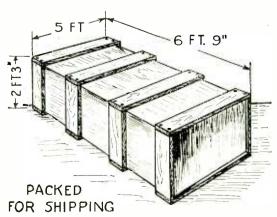
SHOWING FURNITURE INSIDE



Above is shown how all of the furniture comprising this bed-room

Above is shown how all of the furniture comprising this bed-from suite fits into the clothes closet after having been disassembled. The illustration to the left indicates the method of fastening the parts of the various pieces of furniture together. When assembled, the articles are very rigid and look exactly like ordinary furniture.

A side section view of the clothes closet is shown above. Note how each section of each piece of furniture fits in a definite place. The entire suite when so folded and packed for shipment occupies the dimensions given below.



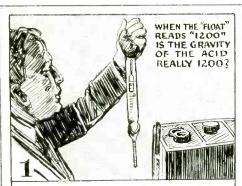
THE WHOLE ROOM ENCLOSED IN THESE DIMENSIONS



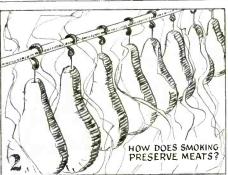
When guests arrive, sleeping space for two additional people may be provided by the auxiliary beds that are enclosed within the regular bed as shown above. This extra bed is only four inches smaller than the other.

Everyday Chemistry

By RAYMOND B. WAILES



A hydrometer reading of 1200 means 1.200 or that solution is one and two-tenths as heavy as water. Eliminating the decimal point makes the scale somewhat easier to read.



Various tarry products, among them being creosote, are distilled from woody materials when burned in insufficient air and they have a germicidal effect on meats.



No one. Aspirin is a distinct chemical product just as sugar or salt, and is the same regardless of who makes it. It is not a mixture or blend that requires skill.



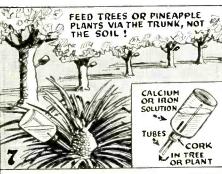
Iron is found in impure clay, but the characteristic metal which is there and in great quantities is aluminum. Commercially, aluminum is usually obtained from the mineral bauxite.



The carbon in India drawing ink is in a "colloidal" or unfilterable form. The particles are so small that they are actually suspended in the liquid, and therefore do not settle.

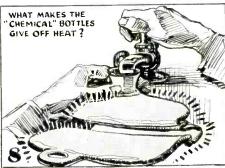


Barium carbonate or powdered witherite, a mineral, makes one of the best rat poisons. The material is very cheap when purchased at chemical supply houses and is easily used.

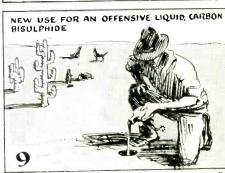


Instead of fertilizing the soil, certain species of trees can be fed through the trunk and in the case of pineapple plants through the leaves.

Mixture of fertilizers and water is used.



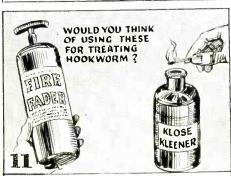
Because metallic iron powder, a bit of salt and manganese dioxide when moistened become chemically active. The iron rusts and gives off heat, while the salts hasten the reaction.



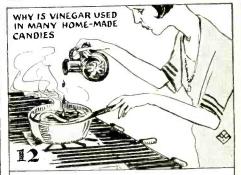
Carbon disulphide is a liquid which gives off a nauseating odor due to impurities contained in the commercial product. Several drops of this liquid poured into rat holes which are then piugged will elimitate the animals.



British engineers have found that tires filled with inert nitrogen gas seem to stand up longer than air filled tires. Possibly the air "does" get stale or leak out.



Carbon tetrachloride which is used in both non-inflammable cleaning fluids and fire extinguishers is being employed with success in combating book worm disease.

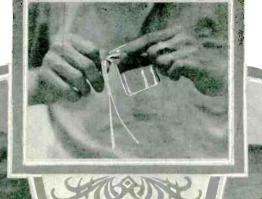


Because acids such as that in vinegar convert cane sugar into invert sugar, which is creamy in consistency when near hardness and aids the appearance of candy.

Surface Tension-Capillary Attraction-Cohesion

Capillary attraction. Use two pencils which have been cleaned from grease and wet them with water. If placed side by side, one will support the other as shown below. Water holds them together by its surface tension.

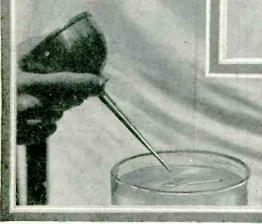
Two strips of paper bent as shown at the left will immediately come together and form a single strip if several drops of water are poured between their faces. Here again, surface tension is the cause.



Right: Capillary attraction will cause water to rise between glass plates in a hyperbola.



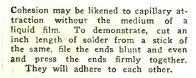
Due to surface tension, a bit of camphor will propel a light toy boat as above.

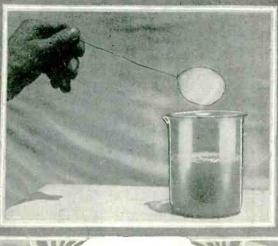


Left: Float a match on water. A drop of oil placed near it will cause the match to move due to surface tension. Right: Capillary attraction causes water to rise higher in a small tube than in one of larger bore. Dip the tubes in water and then almost

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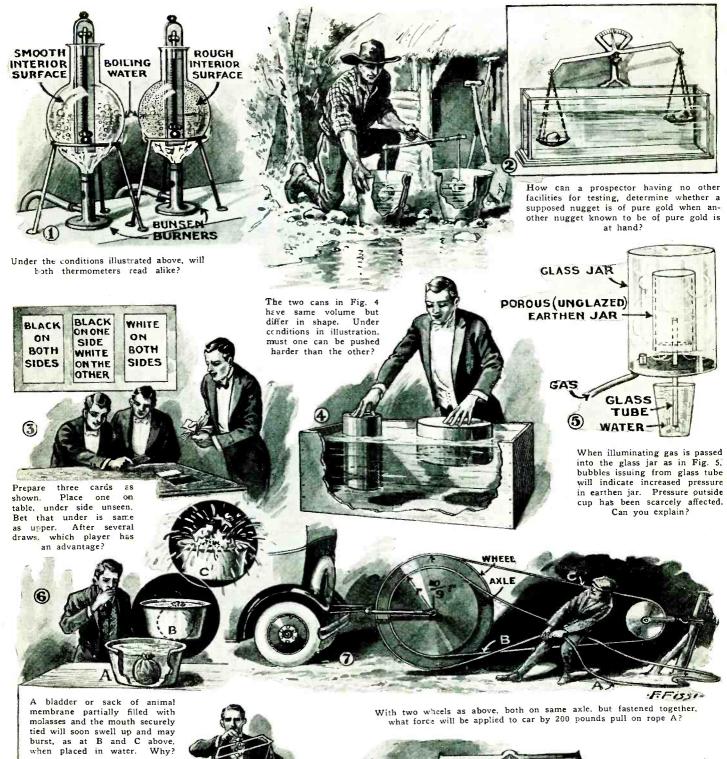


A soap film will form across a ring of wire when the latter is dipped into soapy water and withdrawn. The surface tension between the water and the wire causes this formation, the force occurring around the entire ring. The wire might also be in square formation.

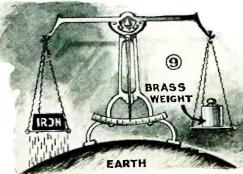
Oil will spread on the Oil will spread on the surface of galena but water will not. Pulverized ore is separated from sand by whirling it in a container with oil and water. Upon standing, oil will rise to top carrying ore with it. ing ore with it.
-Raymond B. Wailes.

Scientific Problems and Puzzles

By ERNEST K. CHAPIN



By a scale, it can be shown that calcium chloride in air will gain weight in a few minutes while crystals of green vitriol will lose. Why?



Assume a large scale as illustrated at left in Fig. 9.
A block of iron is balanced by a brass weight. Will it be found that the magnetic field of the earth will make the iron object greater in weight than the brass one?

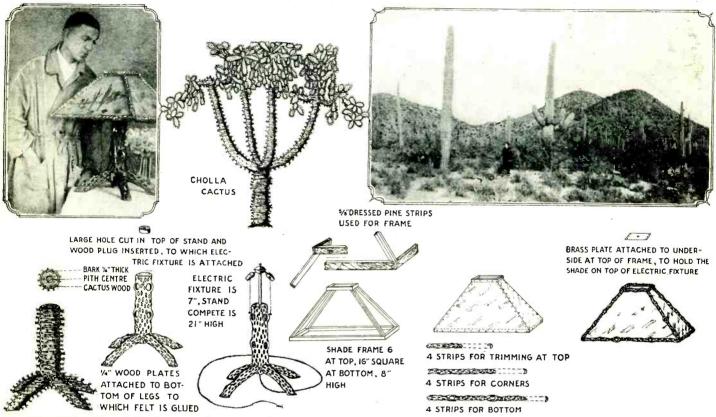
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THE CONSTRUCTOR



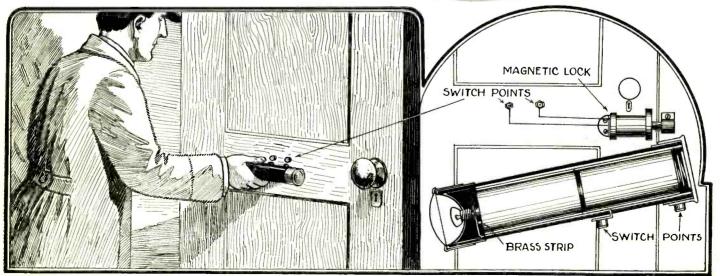
Making Cactus Lamps



The above photographs and drawings show how the Cholla cactus can be made into a very beautiful and novel lamp. In the upper left-hand corner is a photo of the finished lamp, made by the author. Parchment paper stretched across the corners of the shade frame and then painted with natural scenery, some of which is shown in the upper right-hand photograph, makes a very effective and attractive lamp. First, a piece of cactus is cut off as illustrated in the top center diagram. The bark is then entirely removed but care must

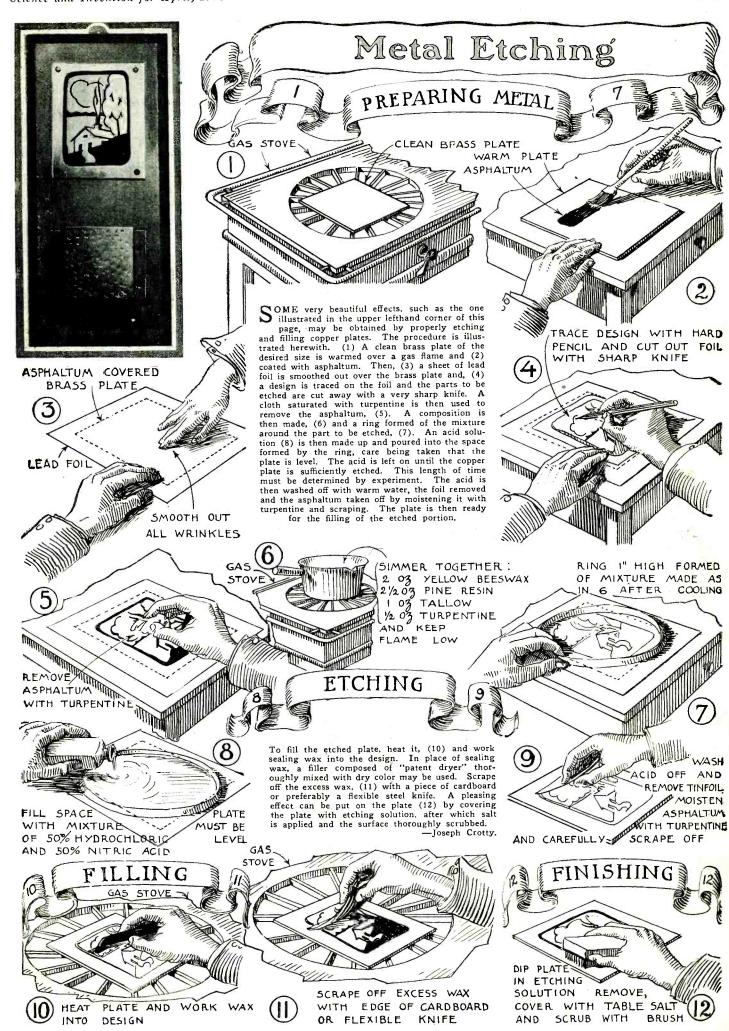
be exercised, so that the spines do not get into the skin. When the bark comes off, the wood appears to be very knotty. After all of the pith has been removed the wood is full of holes. The top of the frame is now hollowed out and plugged for the electric light fixture. The stand is stained and rubbed down. Meanwhile a frame is constructed as indicated in the diagram, and covered with parchment and painted. The edges of this frame are fitted with cactus trimmings and the whole makes a picturesque lamp.—Byron W. Sieg.

Magnetic Door Locks

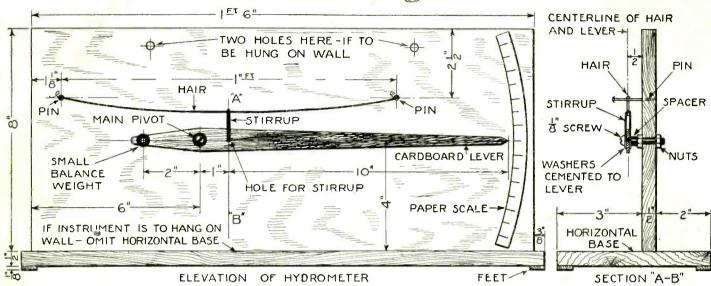


By fitting a flashlight with two switch points, as illustrated at the right, and constructing a magnetically operated lock, the experimenter will have produced something rather unique; the door cannot possibly be opened by any-

one unacquainted with the secret. Pressing the switch points upon two others mounted on the door, operates the solenoid and causes the bolt to be drawn into it, thus opening the door.—Philippe A. Judd, Reporter No. 7297.



A Sensitive Hygrometer

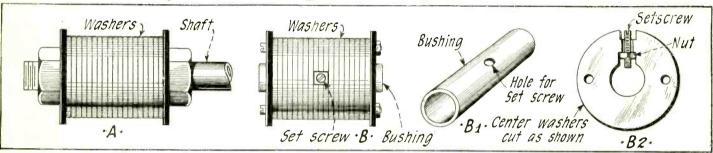


A hygrometer that will indicate quite accurately the degree of moisture contained in the air may be constructed as shown above. A human hair constitutes the expanding element, but it must first be hoiled in water for ten minutes to increase its sensitiveness to moisture. A stirrup connects

the hair with the indicating lever. A paper scale completes the device. The fact that the hair is essentially horizontal gives the apparatus extreme delicacy as a minute change of length in the hair is greatly enlarged in effect.

—C. A. Oldroyd.

Emergency Pulleys

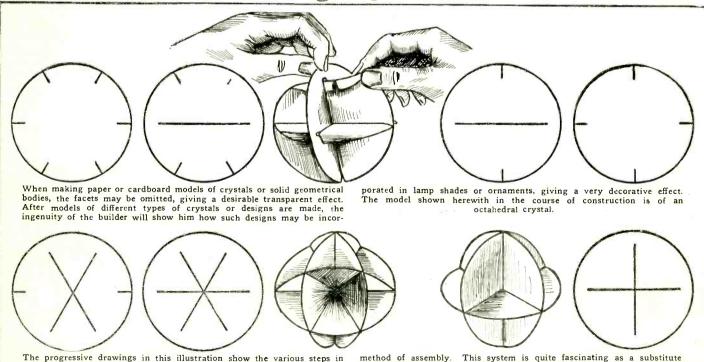


When a pulley is needed in a hurry and one of the required size is not at hand, washers may be used to build up an emergency makeshift which will give good results. Where a shaft is threaded at the end, the type illustrated at A may be used. Where the pulley has to be slipped over a shaft, the type illustrated at B must be employed. A bushing is necessary as in

B1 and the center washers are cut as in B2, allowing the use of a set screw. By using fibre washers, which are procurable everywhere, a most substantial pulley of any desired width may be readily built up for belts of any kind.

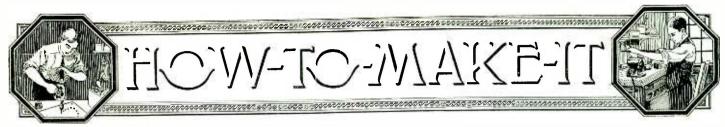
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Interesting Paper Models

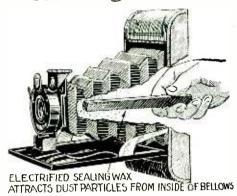


The progressive drawings in this illustration show the various steps in making the model of an octahedral crystal. The heavy lines indicate the points where cuts must be made. These should preferably be made with a sharp thin bladed knife. The illustration at the top center shows the

method of assembly. This system is quite fascinating as a substitute for cross-word puzzles and for one interested in crystallography will be instructive and susceptible of considerable development.—A. Gruntal.



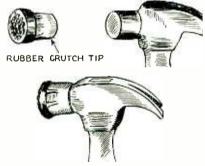
Cleaning Camera



The interior of a camera often accumulates dust and fine particles of material which are liable to collect on the lens. This is particuliable to collect on the lens. This is particularly true in the case of small hand-cameras where the bellows is opened and closed frequently, thereby stirring up the dust. To remove this material, electrify a stick of sealing wax by rubbing it with a piece of flannel and hold it in the bellows as shown above, moving it around.

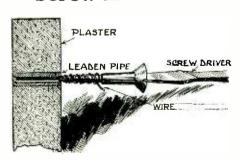
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Rubber Mallet



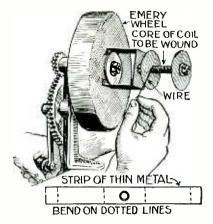
When a rubber mallet is required for a certain job and a regulation one is not at hand, a substitute may be made as illustrated above. A rubber crutch tip is procured and placed over the end of a standard hammer as shown. The rubber must usually be stretched when relacing the tip on a hammer and this tension p'acing the tip on a hammer and this tension holds the tip in position. —Adolph Lonk.

Screw in Plaster



Ordinary wood screws may be made to hold in plaster by first drilling a hole, driving a section of lead pipe therein and then turning in the screw p-epared with a wire as shown above. Author please send address.

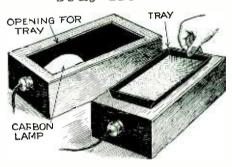
Coil Winder



The gearing of an ordinary emery wheel can be utilized to advantage in constructing a coil winder. A strip of metal for supporting the core is bent and drilled as shown above. the nut holding the emery wheel to the shaft is loosened, and the ends of the metal strip The nut is then

—Charles Craft. slipped under the washer. tightened.

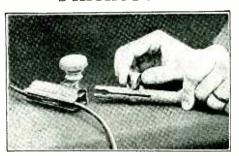
Tray Heater



In coid weather, developing trays in photographic work become so low in temperature that the developer is very slow in action. A heater made as above will remedy this. A carbon filament lamp is mounted in a cigar box, in the top of which an opening is cut as shown. The tray is placed over this opening and the heat from the lamp heats the chemicals.

—L. B. Robbins.

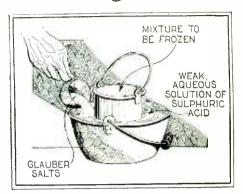
Pinchcocks



Emergency pinchcocks may be quickly and easily made from clothespins and letter clips as illustrated above. Adjusting screws equipped with wing nuts allow exact regulation of the pressure on the rubber tubing.

—C. A. Oldroyd, Rep. No. 4433.

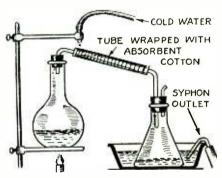
Freezing Mixture



The mixture to be frozen is placed in a pail which in turn is placed within a large bucket as shown in the above illustration. A cold weak water solution of sulphuric acid is poured into water solution or surpruric acid is poured into the outer container and a half cup full of Glauber's salts added. It is possible to freeze ice cream using this method.

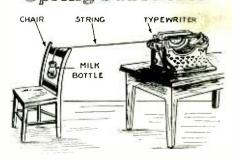
Philippe A. Judd, Rep. No. 7297.

Condenser



An easily made and quickly constructed con-An easily moderner for distillation purposes and denser for distillation purposes and denser for distillation purposes and denser for distillation purposes. A bent glass tube conducts the vapors which are cooled and condensed in their passage. The conducting tube is wrapped with absorbent cotton or cloth and cold water allowed to drip upon it. The cooling action of the water the vapors. —Carlyle Weiss.

Spring Substitute



When the carriage spring of a typewriter breaks at a time when it is most needed, a substitute may be arranged as shown. The weight of the milk bottle operates the carriage as would the spring.—A. P. D'Ambra.



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Water Pan



WAILE PAN

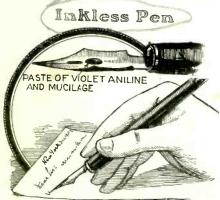
An ingenious device for supplying chickens with fresh water may be made from an old bottle and a pan. A stake is driven in the ground and two iron bands placed so as to hold the bottle in the position illustrated. Fill pan and bottle with water. Invert the bottle over the pan with the mouth immersed. Fresh water will flow into the pan when required.—Herbert E. Morris, Rep. No. 9363.

Furniture Polish



For polishing out scratches in furniture, mix equal parts of the above illustrated liquids. Use only a few drops and apply with flannel. For high polish, repeat several times and then finish with a dry piece of silk.

—C. A. Oldroyd, Rep. No. 4433.



If a paste of violet aniline dye and mucilage is made up and a small bit of it placed on the nib of a pen as shown, writing can be done by merely dipping the pen in water. Never wipe the pen off after use, but merely allow it to dry. A pen so treated will give long service. service. -J. Samachson, Rep. No. 10061.

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Cord Tightener

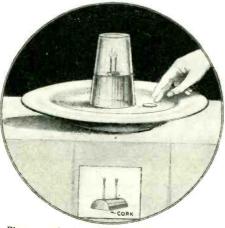


Very often electric drop lights are hung in position and it is found necessary change the length of the cord by which the light is hung. An oval shaped holder is cut from any stiff material. A dia-mond s h a p e d opening is then cut in the card as shown, making the shown, making the corners quite sharp. A loop is then made in the cord and drawn through the opening of the card. The cord will catch in the corners as shown.

—Everette A. Peterson.

Peterson.

Coin Trick

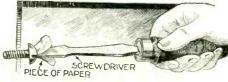


Place a coin in a dish of water and challenge anyone to remove it without wetting the fingers. This can be done by inserting two matches in a cork as shown above, floating the cork on the surface of the water and then lighting the matches. If a glass is now placed over the burning matches, and held in position for a few seconds, it will be found that all the water in the dish will be forced up into the glass. The coin will be left dry and can easily be removed.

—Dr. Albert Neuburger.

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Driving Screw



If a piece of newspaper is folded as shown above, and p'aced between the edge of the screw-driver and the slot in the screw, the latter will be held to the driver in such a way that the screw may be started in difficult places where the fingers cannot hold it.

—M. G. Sperry.

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Card Holder REPORTER CARD NO.13307.

Two strips of celluloid are cut to the shape Two strips of celluloid are cut to the shape shown above. Lugs are cut in the larger one, leaving all material attached. A reporter's card is then placed in the center and covered with the smaller strip. The flaps hold it in place and keep the card clean.

— R. Krieg, Rep. No. 13307.

SLOTS CUT IN 1/4

Duplicator



For duplicating drawings, erect a sheet of glass and place the drawing and blank paper as shown. Looking through the glass at an as shown. Looking through the glass at an angle, a reflection will be seen and exact copy of the original can quickly and easily be drawn on the blank paper.—E. W. Kinner.

CollapsibleTubeKink



For squeezing the material out of a collapsible The bottom edge of the tube is placed in the slot of the can opener and the latter twisted. The tube will rell up neat'y and squeeze out all of the material contained therein.

-Leland B. Clark.

Readers Forum

INFINITE DWARFS AND GIANTS

Editor, Science and Invention:
There is a large question-mark on the inside of my head in regard to the structure of matter. Organic and inorganic matter, according to the electron theory, the fundamental of all matter is the same, one or more negative charges of electricity held in bondage by a positive charge.

I have read all available literature on the subject for the last year or so, and the striking similarity of the atom to our solar system has produced the question-mark mentioned, and it opens up such an enormous field of speculation or imagination, that I am mired! Inasmuch as I have never seen a theoretical treatise on the matter in question, I am desirous of starting same.

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The subject is too deep for the layman to do more than wonder, but I can't help but do that. The atom containing its nucleus and electrons as a miniature universe, is immensely thrilling, and it looks to me that such being the case, the electron is not the smallest particle of matter as is supposed, but is probably habitat of thousands of forms of life which may be the generators or germs of all life. And our universe with its sun and planets is possibly only an atom of matter, matter formed by it and the hundreds of other universes indicated by the Milky Way. If such is the case, it relegates poor little man to a very unimportant position in the scheme of things unless by evolutionary methods we continue to the higher plane of matter as we have from the tiny electrons. But if there is another stage or higher continuation of matter solidied by the universes, perchance another form of life much larger than we—as we are the electron—and with a life span in proportion, as our span of life is to that of the amoeba, for example, exists.

The argument against that is of course that such a high organism would manipulate matter as we do but what if they do? Would we know the difference any more than a germ of life in the electron would know when steel was melted or powder exploded, or mercury transmuted into gold? I expect we would know should our earth go hurtling through space to another universe. But probably that explains comets and various other solar phenomena.

L. W. Hunt, Harrisburg, Ill.

L. W. Hunt, Harrisburg, Ill. (This same theory was the basis of a story which we recently featured, entitled, "Around the Universe," in which the earth was an "atom" and all the stars and planets other "atoms," making an ultimate structure infinitely great. Several stories by Clement Fezandié featured the other view of the subject just mentioned, namely, the possibility of life on the minute atoms. The suggestion is not in itself new.—Editor.)

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Editor, Science and Invention:
Referring to the articles by Mr. John C. Henderson, member of the American Chemical Society, in the August, 1920, issue of Science and Invention. All the articles were worthy of serious thought on the part of amateur chemical enthusiasts, and I advise any of them who may read this to refer to their old copies of Science and Invention and read them. I notice that the suggestion was endorsed by the editors in a note immediately after the article. I did not realize the importance of the articles at that time, having become interested in chemistry some time later, but having read it over recently I would like to express my ideas on the subject. As chemistry is such a great and growing industry, there must be many interested experimenters in this line. If they were banded together, would it not be a great help and inspiration to those who have not had such help as they would receive from their fellow experimenters in an organization of this sort? The work of the society, encouraging the study of chemistry, as Mr. Henderson suggests, would be a great help to the industry in future years. Such a society, as Mr. Henderson says, would surely promote the interests of the amateur chemists and eventually that of the whole industry. I should think that almost every amateur experimenter, chemical or otherwise, would take Science and Invention, and, therefore, any help from this magazine, as Mr. Henderson proposes, would reach many interested experimenters. I should like to see the article published again in an effort to awaken interest among the amateur chemists.

JOHN E. CUMMINGS, JR., Wyoming, R. I. (There are many chemical experiments being published in the Experimenters Magazine, which you will find advertised elsewhere in this publication. This is an ideal publication for amateur experimenters. For those desiring articles of a non-technical nature we suggest such publication. For the sake of those who are not fortunate consipto have an August, 1920, issue of Science and in

SCIENCE AND INVENTION desires to hear from its readers. It solicits comments of general scientific interest, and will appreciate opinions on science subjects. The arguments pro and con will be aired on this page. This magazine also relishes criticisms, and will present them in both palatable and unpalatable forms. So if you have anything to say, this is the place to say it in. Please limit your letters to 500 words and address your letters to Editor—The Readers Forum, c/o Science and Invention Magazine, 53 Park Place, New York City.

surpius time and energy. The writer wishes to suggest a line of work in a field which would not be thus affected in case of war, and one which offers a splendid opportunity for patriotic service, namely, the field of chemistry.

"Due to German supremacy in the chemical industry, this country was, before the war, dependent upon Germany for a large proportion of the chemical products needed in its industries, and when the German markets were closed to us, many of these industries were seriously affected. We must secure chemical independence from Germany as well as make the world "safe for democracy." The war of arms, in which we strove to destroy Germany's military supremacy, has brought about a war of brains in which we must combat her chemical supremacy. Every experimenter in the country should get a working knowledge of the principles of general chemistry, and, if possible, of analytical and industrial chemistry, as well, in order that he may be prepared to play his part in the struggle to free the United States from its dependence upon any foreign country for chemical products.

"The writer, therefore, suggests that a national society be formed to promote the study of chemistry, and that Science and Invention sponsor the movement and act as the official publication of the society. Science and Invention is the best fitted magazine in this country for such a task. Its work in organizing the amateur wireless operators

The Experimenter

has come back! If you are one of the one hundred thousand readers of the old ELECTRICAL EXPERIMENTER, you will no doubt be glad to hear that the EXPERIMENTER is coming back BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER. PRACTICAL ELECTRICS has been changed into an entirely new kind of magazine entitled

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Hugo Gernsback Editor

of the country, and in building up the greatest amateur wireless association in the world, is well known, and it has a splendid reputation for supplying the latest and most authoritative wireless and electrical news to its readers. It is already publishing a large number of chemical articles, and it would be but a step from this work to the organization of a national society for young chemists, a sort of Junior American Chemical Society.

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"The object of the society would be to encourage the study of chemistry, to bring all the chemical experimenters into one great organization, to enable local societies to be formed of experimenters who live in the same locality, and to build up a market for chemical supplies for amateurs, so that the supply houses will be justified in carrying large stocks of supplies, and in selling

them cheaply. This last point is very important. When the wireless game was new, and there were but a few wireless experimenters, the demand for amateur wireless materials and instruments was so small that supply houses carried very incomplete lines, and were forced to charge almost prohibitive prices to make any profit at all. As more and more experimenters became interested in wireless, and as they became better organized, the demand for instruments and materials became so great that the supply houses were able to carry a much more varied line and sell it chapter. This movement went on until a great variety of equipment was available at very reasonable prices, and the study of wireless was within the reach of almost everyone.

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"The same thing will be true of the study of chemistry. If a large number of experimenters take up the study, organize and make known their wants, the supply houses will begin to carry large lines of chemical equipment and reagents at low prices, and this action in turn will encourage more experimenters to take up the work, until a great organization will be built up which will be of immense service to the country in developing chemists to meet the ever growing need."

And such a movement is still in order.—Editor.)

John C. Henderson,

(Member American Chemical Society),

Akron, Ohio.

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Editor, Science and Invention:

I read the letter about spiritualism in the January issue of Science and Invention Magazine, and would like to comment on the same.

I positively know that there are such things as spirit or psychic phenomena. Until recently we have had at our house a medium who is a very dear friend of ours, and who has repeatedly given scances. Things happened that absolutely could not be duplicated by any mortal. We only permitted members of our family, to be present. The medium would sew his hands through the finger tips to the person sitting next to him and have his shoes nailed to the floor.

Some of the manifestations were beautiful lights, trumpet talk, raps and occasionally we would all be presented with a flower. The medium would always be in a dead trance. Sometimes he would be thrown to the floor with force enough to cause injury to a person under normal circumstances.

Having heard of spirit photography, I decided more as a joke than anything else to take some "spirit" pictures. I took down a picture from the wall of a sister who had passed away. With a box camera I took a time exposure of the photograph, and developed it. Upon first examination I could see nothing unusual. When I took the picture home my folks recognized four faces on the photograph. These faces have grown plainer on the photograph every day, and are more clear now than when they were first taken. I am inclosing the picture for your examination. On another occasion after a scance I took a fresh plate and laid it under the bed. The next morning I developed it. This photo shows a light spot.

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Can you offer an explanation of these things? I am a boy of sixteen and until recently did not believe in spiritualism.

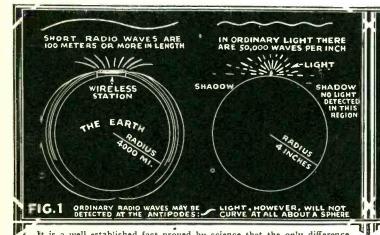
WILL J. REHKLAU, Monroe, Mich.

(If you will take a picture of a girl whose hair is fluffed, you will find that in the picture a number of faces can be made out in the hair. You have often observed the clouds as they go rolling by, molding themselves into various fantastic shapes, forms and figures. Sometimes the clouds will appear to be human beings; at other times gigantic animals. These effects are entirely natural and do not take on human being-like shapes because of any occult powers. The cloud shapes and their association in our minds with objects familiar to us are due entirely to machinations of the mind, and we believe that they appear humanlike because our mind naturally theorizes. The same is true of the first spirit picture you took. Careful scrutiny does not revealed the presence of faces. By deliberately looking for an effect in the photo, one could even see a hobopobim. The second photo showing the light area is merely produced in the development, various fantastic and grotesque shapes will be produced, some even resembling human beings, but we can assure you there is no psychic force at stake. We will make the following assertion, although we know that it will not please you. The medium who is sitting for you is a deliberate out-and-out fraud, and we are willing to prove it by offering him his railway fare to New York City, and in addition offer him any of the various prizes which we have listed while here in New York City, and in addition offer him any of the various prizes which we have listed while here in New York City, and in selections while likewice publish the exposé describing how he does his tricks, if we catch him in trickery.—Editor.)

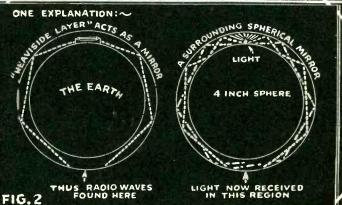


The Larmor vs. Heaviside Theory

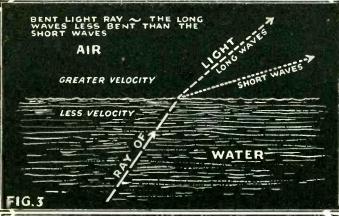
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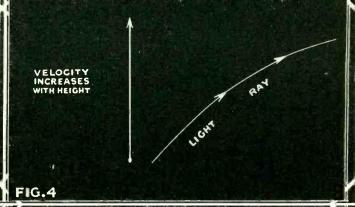
It is a well established fact proved by science that the only difference between light and radio waves is in their lengths. Light travels in straight lines while radio waves which ought to follow the same laws, are bent entirely around and can be received at the antipodes.



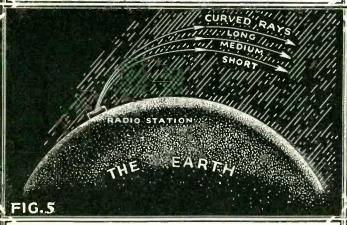
Heaviside claimed that the reason for the bending of the waves is due to am ionized layer about 100 miles above the surface of the earth which acts as a reflector. Similarly, in harmonious analogy, a spherical mirror will reflect light completely. Note the diagrams.



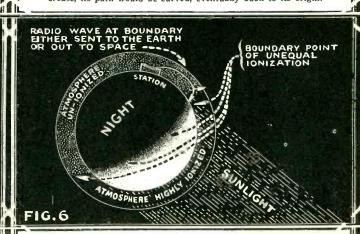
Light is also bent by refraction, a well-known phenomenon which takes place when it passes from a lighter to a denser medium and vice-versa. Sir Joseph Larmor contends that the Heaviside layer, if it exists, would act to absorb the radio waves and to damp them out quickly.



Enstein, whose remarkable work on the theory of relativity is one of the great achievements of modern times, shows that if we replaced the air by some hypothetical medium, so that the velocity of light would increase, its path would be curved, eventually back to its origin.

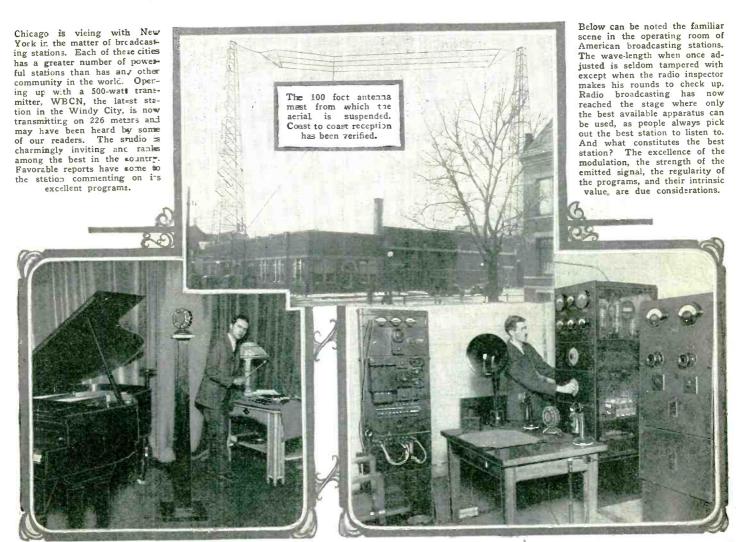


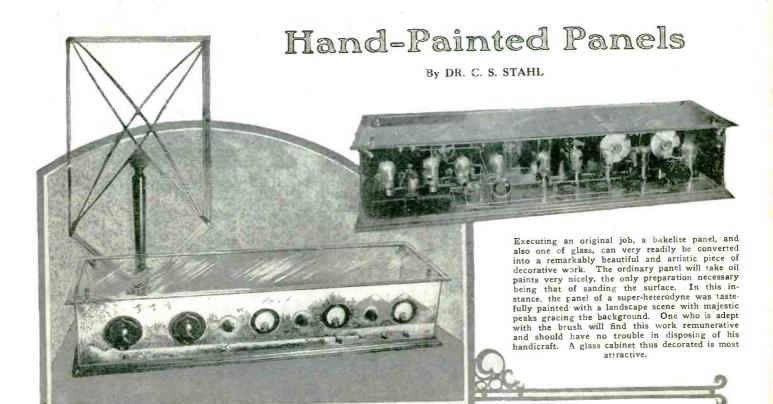
Larmor shows that a layer of electrons exists about 50 miles above the certh and produces the same effect as such hypothetical medium. As with light, the shorter radio waves are bent more than the long and thus lie nearer the earth's surface.



Therefore, due to the lesser absorption it is seen why short waves carry further. It also accounts for the well-known fact that North and South transmission is better than East and West. The boundary line of unequal ionization acts as a barrier.

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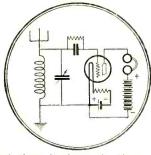


Single Control Receivers

PART I

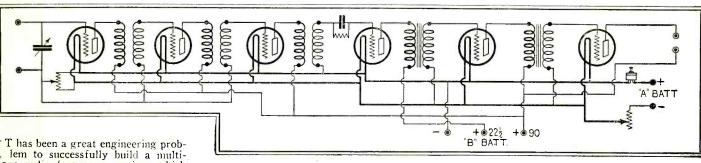
By LEON L. ADELMAN, A.M., I.R.E.

A six tube receiver employing UV-199 tubes is shown here. It uses one tuning control and a stabilizer. This latter, a potentiometer has nothing to do with the tuning, being used to control the volume and clarity of the incoming program. The circuit used is that of three stages of transformer coupled radio frequency amplification (tuned input), detector and two audio.



Depicted above is shown the single control one-tube set. Receivers of this type have the disadvantage of limited selectivity.

THERE is a decided tendency on the part of the public at large, and this applies to those who have as yet not purchased a receiving set, to keep on waiting for the ultimate to appear on the market. In other words, they are skeptical about the present day receiver and its potentialities. Just why this is evident in the radio field is hard to conjecture. Surely, one does not delay the purchase of an automobile simply because 1960, or so, may witness a radical improvement. That would be utter folly. And yet, it is safe to say that many people, through sheer misunderstanding, are losing the great wealth of joy and happiness and entertainment which is being broadcast daily by hundreds of stations which do so entirely without recompense. Their recompense lies in the number of approval cards and demand for reception stamps which they receive. Whether you are satisfied with the program depends largely upon your receiving set.



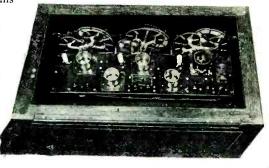
I has been a great engineering problem to successfully build a multistage radio frequency receiver which could be controlled by a single dial. Work along these lines has untiringly been carried forth for many years. Slowly, as though it were part of the painful process of evolution, advance has truly been made to accomplish this end.

And what is or are the main difficulties that lie in the way? Briefly, they are as follows. The design of a radio frequency transformer which can amplify with the same high efficiency over the entire broadcast wave-lengths; the problem of converting this into a tuned system which will regenerate the signal beautifully, that is, to build it up to maximum intensity, and still prevent oscillation in any part of the circuit; the necessity of producing a circuit which is selective and which is free from interference; and finally, but mainly, a set whose performance is dependable, are all factors which go to make up the successful radio set.

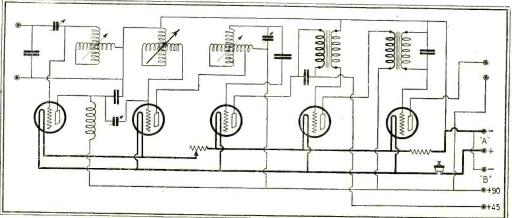
To date, by the use of low-loss parts, the tuned radio frequency transformer problem has been overcome. The disposition of the various inductances and capacities have solved the disagreeable features that accompany excessive inductive and capacitative feed-back. Selectivity has been attained by correct design and dependability by judicious application of well-known principles.

If you don't own a radio set now, by all means get one as soon as possible. You will have no regrets, as it is always possible to exchange it for another one at a trifling cost.

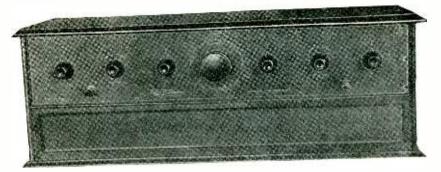
Below is shown an interior view of a recently devised receiver which employs a variometer tuning arrangement geared together mechanically. One vernier dial is effective in sharp tuning.





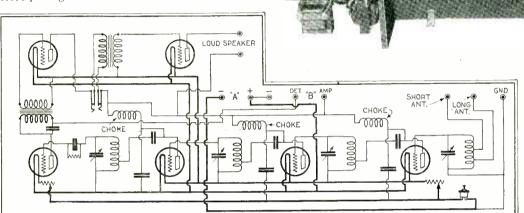


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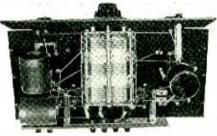


SENSITIVITY, selectivity, quality of reproduction and ease of control are prime requisites of the modern receiving set. Lacking in any of these essentials, it is safe to admit that a receiver should be relegated to the junk heap. A carefully constructed and well designed outfit will not cause radiation and thus interfere with others in the neighborhood. The set should be compact, of pleasing appearance and in order to fulfill its obligation as a part of the furniture, should be of the same finish. Price should not be a deterrent but rather a determining factor to be used as a guide in accordance with one's discretion—and pocketbook.

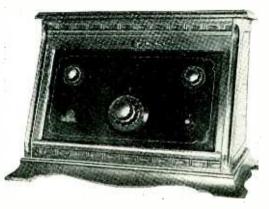
I N due deference to the manufacturer and to his product, the set which you are using, take time to learn all about it before condemning it immediately after installation. The respective battery connections and other wiring should be carefully checked over to ascertain correctness. Tubes, if not previously tested, should be questioned as to their operating ability and be subjected to a rigid test at the store where they were purchased. Antenna insulators, perfect ground connection, no broken wire connections and the possibility of a defective loud speaker should be considered before placing the blame on the set.



Tuned radio frequency amplification has long been known as an excellent medium for increased selectivity and distance-getting ability. Using three such stages, the marufacturer of the receiver shown above, has provided one master control and a vernier "refiner" for each step. As can be readily seen, a mechanical gearing arrangement simultaneously adjusts the wave-length for the entire circuit. A novel feature of the set is that it is equipped with a kilo-cycle scale which allows referring to one's wave-length chart for accurate setting of the dials.

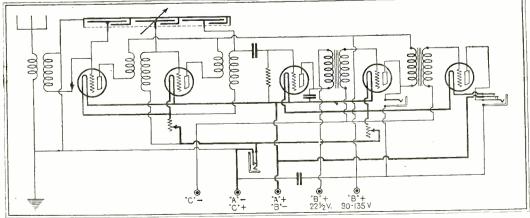


Above: Showing the interior of a single control set in which the main feature is that of a three gang grounded-rotor condenser. This allows of capacitative feed-back, provision being made in the circuit for preventing undesirable squealing. A vernier dial fulfills all that may be expected and the set works very nicely. Two rheostats and a filament switch are incorporated on the panel which is of the sloping type and presents a good appearance.



Below: The wiring diagram of the receiver utilizing a triple condenser operating on one shaft.

Note simplicity of detail.



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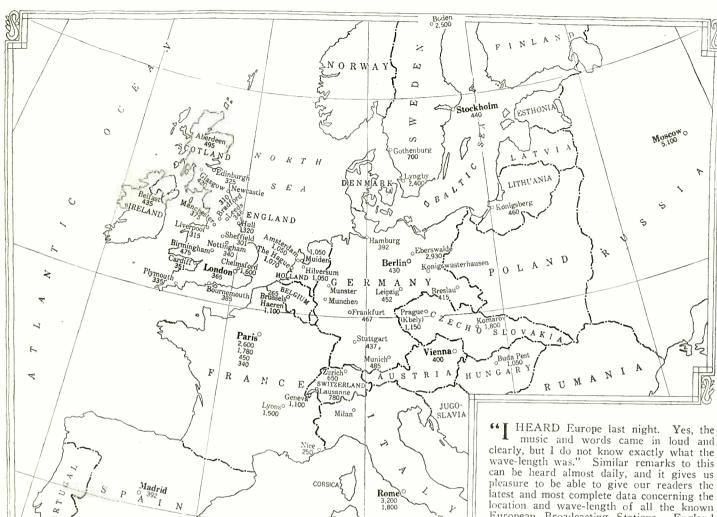
STATISTICS show that the radio market is far from being saturated. The yearly turn-over has not reached its maximum. It is rapidly approaching that stage, however, because of the standardization now being

effected.
Towards this end, standardization, the single control receiver is being evolved. Electromagnetically shielded inductances and electrostatically shielded capacities constructed in a manner which eliminates the absorption of energy, with its inevitable losses, have found a wide use in bringing the present day receiver to its high standard of perfection. Grounded rotor condensers, having a minimum of high quality insulation, and plates of metal having a low resistivity and which cannot warp easily, are essential to

condenser-tuned receivers. More and more, the manufacturer is beginning to realize the absolute necessity of the most thorough and rigorous tests applied in his laboratory before placing his receiver on the market. He has come to the realization that the public is willing to pay for a real worth-while instrument which will fully satisfy any reasonable demand made from it.

But to obtain a reliable, good-working and beautiful radio set at a moderate price, without sacrificing material quality, has resolved itself into the mere problem of quantity production—a worthy compliment to American manufacturers who far excel in this endeavor.

European Broadcast Map



In England, there exists a tax on receiving apparatus. France and Germany both have very stringent rules regarding the reception of radio broadcasting. In the latter country, it is necessary to file an application with the Police Department in order to procure a license for receiving! Some countries forbid entirely the use of radio apparatus. America leads in radio broadcasting.

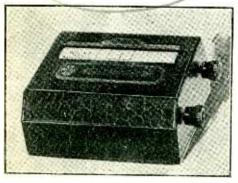
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clearly, but I do not know exactly what the wave-length was." Similar remarks to this can be heard almost daily, and it gives us pleasure to be able to give our readers the latest and most complete data concerning the location and wave-length of all the known European Broadcasting Stations. England alone has nineteen powerful stations transmitting on wave-lengths ranging from 301 to 1600 meters. It is possible that the near future will witness a chain of ultra power-ful stations circling the globe and bringing the remote corners of the earth together. This does not necessarily imply that super-

broadcasting stations will replace our smaller ones, but means that another epoch will be established which will aid in extending aimable worldly relations.

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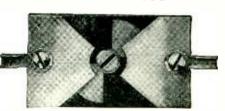


A very handy device which constitutes a complete station recorder and chart having the stations listed alphabetically on a set of rollers, has recently been placed on the market. The chart is so arranged that the dial readings can be marked down for the corresponding station. Two small knobs protruding from the side, facilitate quick adjustment.

Phonograph Unit



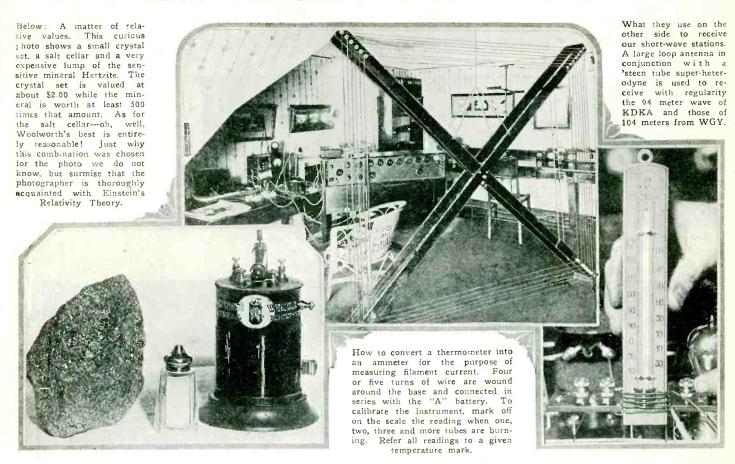
Neutralizer



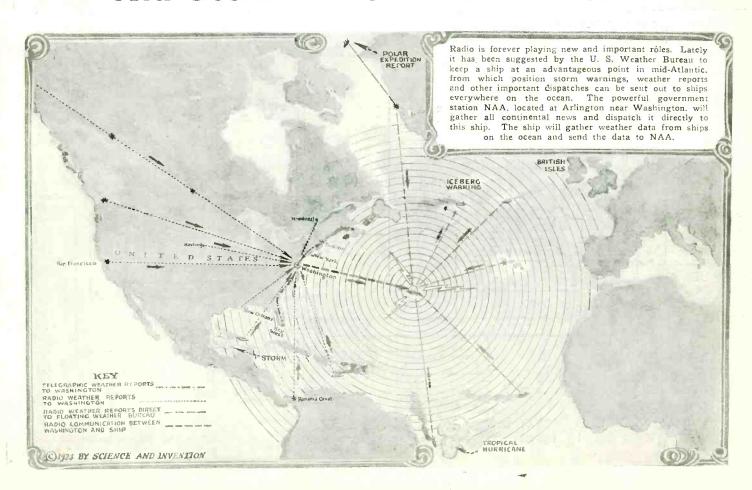
A novel type of neutralizing condenser has been evolved with the view in mind of a compact and low-loss device to meet the requirements of the rapidly advancing field of radio science. Its features can be clearly understood by the above photo which shows it to be entirely different from the average. Mica insulation is used.

Those who wish to use their phonograph in conjunction with the radio set, will find this new unit to be a very excellent reproducer. Simply by placing the reproducing needle on the device, excellent results in the way of tonal quality can be obtained. Name of manufacturer will be given on request.

Radio Odds and Ends



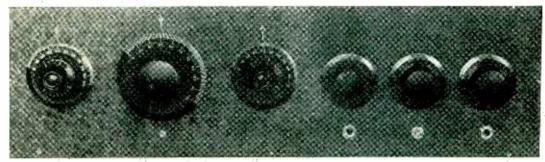
Mid-Ocean Radio Weather Bureau



A Four Tube Distance Getter

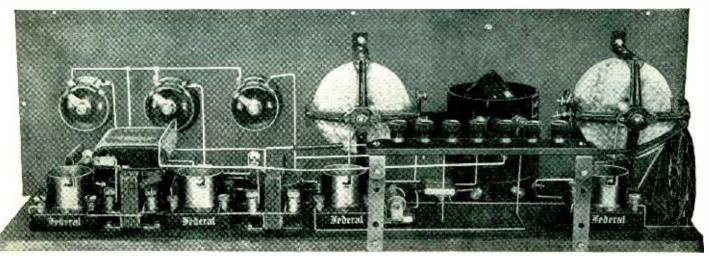
By SIDNEY E. FINKELSTEIN, A. M., I. R. E.

One Stage of Tuned R. F., Regenerative Detector and Two Stage A. F. Amplifier



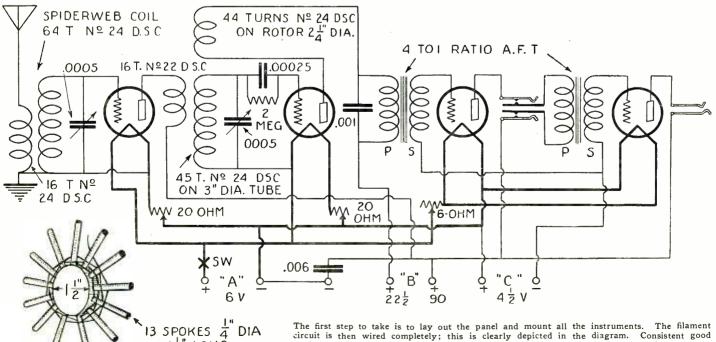
Note the pleasing appearance of the grained panel and the symmetrical lay-out of the apparatus. While six controls are shown, only two are required for tuning, with an optional dial for regeneration.

The one who has completed his first single tube regenerative receiver and who wishes to add to its distance-getting ability and volume, will do well to follow the suggestions incorporated in this article. A 7 x 24 panel accommodates all the instruments without crowding and allows ample room for doing a neat wiring job which is necessary for good results. Vernier dials are used with the two tuning condensers.



Simplicity is the keynote of this set. The list of parts becomes apparent upon casual observation. Two .0005 variable condensers, four standard sockets, three rheostats, one vario-coupler and spider-web coil, three fixed condensers, one grid leak, two audio frequency transformers, two jacks. one filament switch and the necessary binding posts, complete this re-

ceiver. As will be seen in the photo, most of the connections go to binding posts, thus, requiring a very minimum of soldered connections, as soldering goes to make the assembling of a radio set a disagreeable job. Material of recognized quality is used in its construction. This has much to do with the production of really satisfactory sets.



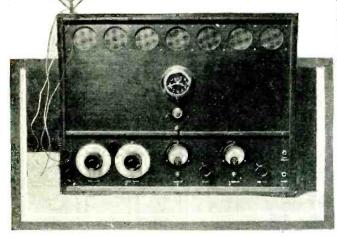
DETAIL OF SPIDERWEB COIL

The first step to take is to lay out the panel and mount all the instruments. The filament circuit is then wired completely; this is clearly depicted in the diagram. Consistent good work in wiring the rest of the circuit, keeping in mind the importance of making the connections as short as possible yet spacing them apart so as not to introduce undesirable losses, will, when one's work is completed, give the results to be desired. If wanted, although, it is not necessary, a double circuit jack can be placed in the detector circuit.

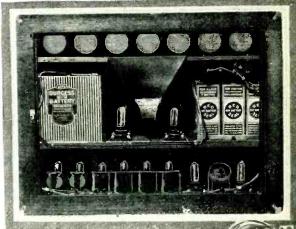
The Ritz Super-Het

By CHARLES CAESAR RITZ

UV-199 Portable Receiver Without a Peer

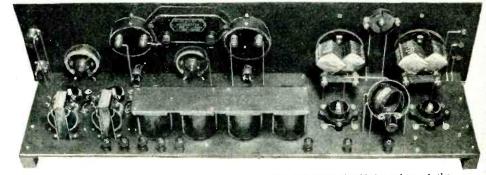


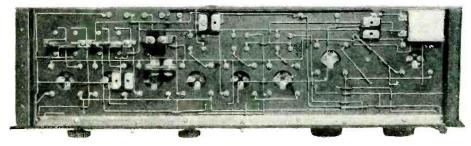
Our readers will remember the exceptionaly good article on the "Ritz Super-Neutrodyne" published in cur columns a few months ago. During this time Mr. Ritz has been laboriously at work and has perfected a receiver which a series of tests have proved it to be, without a doubt, the best set of home-made construction we have ever as yet seen.—Ed.



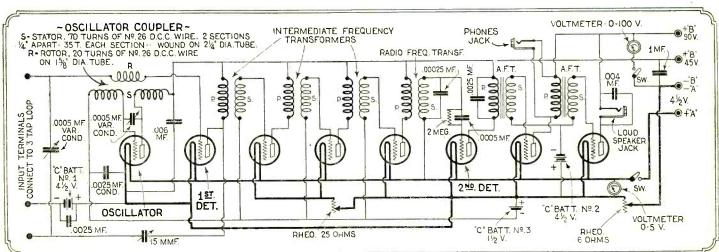
The cabinet containing the set is 38 inches long by 28 inches high and is 8 inches deep. Of course, it is not portable in the sense of the word to the extent that it can be carried around by hand, but is for automobile use in travel.

This receiver, the result of patient research, has as its outstanding features: maximum sensitivity, maximum selectivity, minimum size without reduced efficiency, minimum number of controls, maximum stability during operation and most important of all employs a circuit which is easy to wire and when once built does not necessitate considerable adjustment, matching of tubes, nor gives undesirable and exasperating trouble. Deviation from given dimensions is allowable, although it is imperative that the specified parts be used. The receiver is perfectly balanced in all circuits and even a slight change in the value of such a small thing as a fixed condenser will be quite noticeable in the results attained. A panel 36 by 8 accommodates the receiver proper. Note clean-cut workmanship and self-contained batteries and the loud speaker.



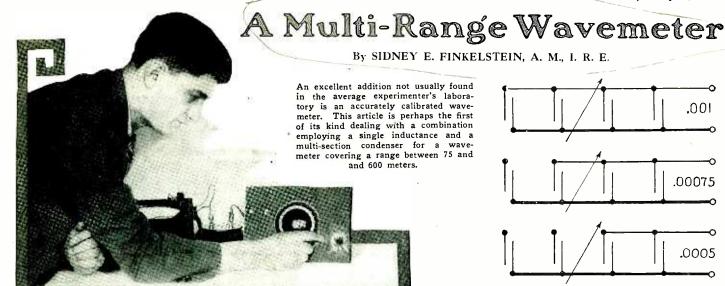


Especial note should be taken of the wiring which is brought out on the base sub-panel and very carefully soldered. The intermediate frequency transformers are racked together upside down, so that the leads to them become short. Four spare tubes are carried in the space near the loud speaker horn and are available in case of emergency. Six dry cells are connected in series-parallel, giving the proper filament voltage to operate the eight UV-199s.



For best results, it was found that a loop having a center tap and composed of 15 turns 2½ feet square works remarkably well, Pacific Coast stations being heard every night during the week regardless of the weather conditions. 45,000 cycle transformers give best results in the intermediate

frequency stages and as will be seen in the diagram, their output is tuned. This is very important and far superior to tuning the input. (This article has been obtained exclusively by SCIENCE AND INVENTION and is recommended to the attention and appreciation of our readers.—Ed.)

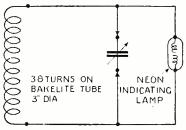


HE problem of having a wavemeter which would respond accurately over a range covering from 500,000 to 4,000,000 cycles has always been met with the use of at least two inductive pick-up coils together with a single condenser. Departing from such precedent, this meter was evolved with the view in mind of having a single inductance in combination with a variable capacity of such a value that the resultant device would efficiently cover this large range. photo above shows the author measuring the frequency of an oscillator with the neon tube glowing brilliantly. As seen in the photo to the right, quick changes can be made in the capacity of the condenser by simply changing the clip leads.

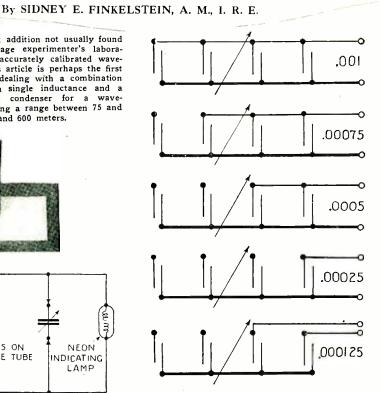
Graphs are made covering the more important values of the condenser. In all, eight different values can be obtained from the four-section condenser, but it is inadvisable to use

a capacity lower than .000125 mf. This is because of the predominant value of the induc-tance which when connected tance which when connected to so small a capacity affords practically no change in wave-length. In order to obtain a very accurate check on the frequency, the meter should be calibrated alongside a standard.

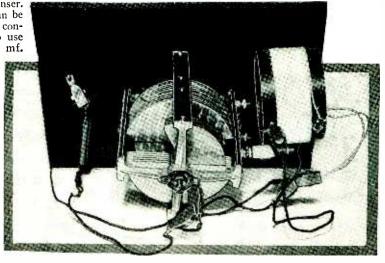
The wavemeter will act very nicely as an absorption circuit for use as a wave trap. The pick-up coil is placed in close inductive re-lation to the antenna circuit inductance and the condenser is adjusted until the interfering station is eliminated.



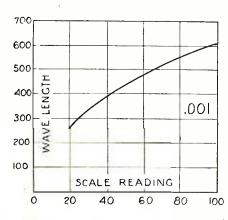
The wavemeter circuit with a neon indicating lamp which glows when resonance occurs.



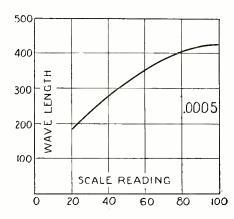
above diagram shows the different capacity values which can be obtained by connecting together the four sections of the multiple condenser.



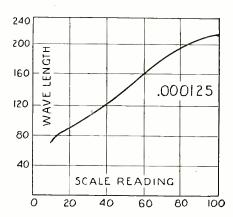
The instrument is mounted on a panel 10 by 7. The inductance consists of 38 turns of No. 22 D.C.C. wire wound on a Bakelite Tube 3 inches in diameter. It is mounted on the panel using two one-inch dowel pins to keep it spaced there-from. The neon tube is of the ordinary automobile variety which is used in testing the ignition. The dial is provided with a vernier which allows a very fine adjustment. To check up the wave-length of a transthe check up the wave-length of a transmitting station, it is necessary that the pick-up coil be in close proximity to the oscillator inductance. It should then be taken slowly out of the field until the lamp glows very faintly. This indicates reson-



The above graph represents the inductance in combination with the total capacity of the condenser, .001 mf., covering a range from 260 to 610 meters wave-length.



When using a capacity of .0005 with the inductance, the wave-length range is from 190 to 425 meters. Above this value, the com-bination does not give an accurate reading.

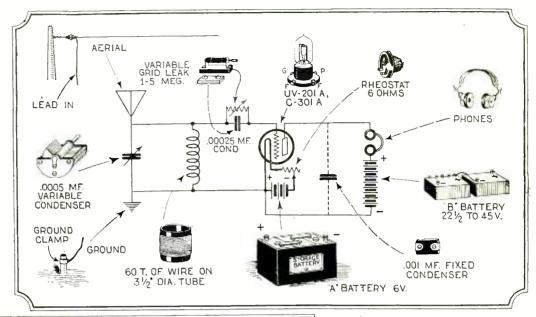


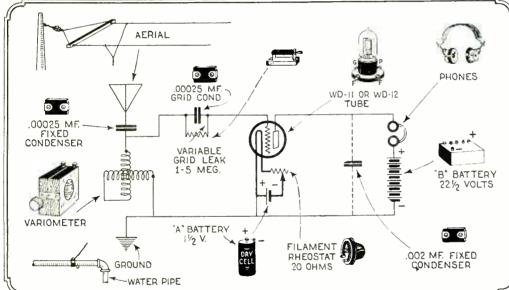
The transmitting amateur will be very much interested in the above graph since it efficiently covers a very important range on the shorter waves of 70 to 215 meters.

A Page for the Novice

PART III

The three element vacuum tube in its simplest hook-up is shown on the right. Analyzing the circuit, the antenna awire abcut 100 feet long and suspended from insulators at least 25 feet from the ground, collects the radio frequency waves radiated through space from the transmitting station. The ground connection completes the circuit. Tuning is accomplished by means of the variable condenser placed across the induction coil which, in the last analysis, is merely a concentrated form of antenna. In other words, it would be feasible, if the mechanical arrangement would allow, to use a single wire which could be recled in and out to correspond with the wave-length range desired to be received. Such a wire would have to be several times longer than the average now being employed, approximately 1,000 feet long for a 450 meter wave. It will be noted that three different methods of tuning are used, and that three different typrs of tubes are incorporated in the circuits. If desired, the tubes can be interchanged, remembering to alter the filament circuit accordingly.

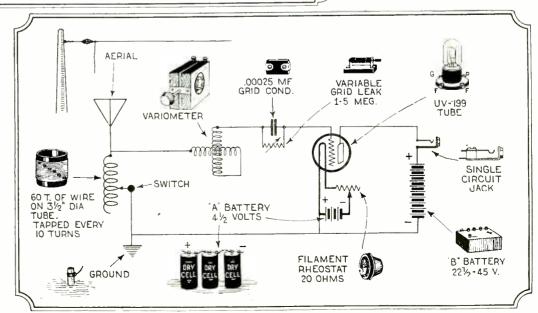




In the diagram at the left can be seen a series fixed condenser in the aerial circuit. This is to cut down the wavelength which is caused by using too long an aerial Its interposition does not affect distant reception or signal strength. In fact, it is best to use a long aerial which collects more energy and to place a series condenser either of the fixed or variable type in the antenna or ground leads. However, this cannot always be consumated because if situated in a location where there are a number of stations, interference is bound to result. By interference is meant the reception of several or more stations at one time without being able to tune them out at will. It is surprising to note what added advantage the use of a variable grid lead brings when attempting to tune in distant stations. After years of experiment and research, the present day tube has been brought to the point where a variable grid condenser is not a prime necessity. Scmetimes, it is advisable to place a by-pass condenser across the phones and "B" battery, as an increase in signal strength will occur.

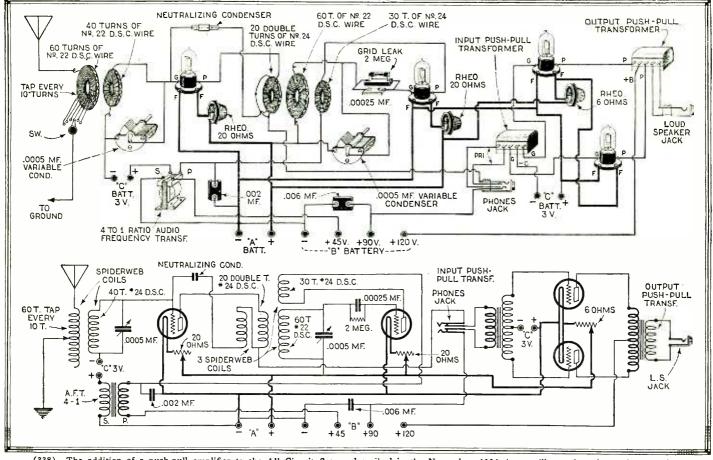
The rectifying properties of the three element tube are well known, so it will not be necessary to enumerate them here. Stress is placed, however, on the fact that unless the grid return, as it is known, is connected to the positive side of the "A" battery, the full efficiency of the tube as a detector is not realized. What are known as the characteristics of the vacuum tube are directly responsible for this condition. Briefly, the tube is operated at the bend or "knee" of the curve at which place the best rectifying action takes place. In this connection, the "B" battery voltage must be taken into consideration and varied until the incoming signal becomes as loud as possible without producing distortion. The circuits shown on this page are of the non-regenerative type. They will cause no howling or squealing. The volume obtainable from them is not as loud as can be rea'ized from the use of a regenerative set. In the next issue will be shown how to add regeneration to these receivers. It is advisable to memorize the parts of these simple circuits so as to differentiate between antenna, secondary—or grid—plate—and filament-circuits.

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In this Department we publish questions and answers which we feel are of interest to the novice and amateur. Letters addressed to this Department cannot be answered free. A charge of 25c. is made for all questions where a personal answer is desired.



The addition of a push-pull amplifier to the All Circuit Set as described in the November, 1924, issue will greatly enhance its reproductive qualities. This circuit is an entirely new one which is rapidly meeting with favor by all who have constructed it.

ALL CIRCUIT SET

(338)Albertus King, Syracuse, Neb., asks:

Q. 1. "Being very much interested in the set described by Miss L. Port in the November issue, I built it and have received some

very wonderful results. Will you kindly publish the diagram of the circuit to which is added a push-pull amplifier?"

A. 1. We are pleased to note that you are also getting good results from your "All Circuit Set." We have received a large number of replies from those who have constructed the receiver, praising its good quali-The above diagram is, therefore, published with the idea in mind to give those who are somewhat hazy as to its exact construction a more concise explanation of the various details. The addition of the pushpull amplifier does not in any way alter the rest of the circuit. The arrangement conrest of the circuit. The arrangement consists of a tuned neutralized stage of radio frequency amplification, regenerative detector, reflexed stage of audio frequency and finally the push-pull amplifier which affords excellent clarity and sufficient volume.

Spider-web coils are used throughout merely because they do not take up as much room as the solenoid type of inductance and because their field is more concentrated. Preferably, fibre or bakelite forms about 3½ to 4 inches in diameter and having 17 segments each, should be used. A small brass hinge fastened to one of the spokes allows a variable support. A cam and spring arrangement affords the controlling mechanism which varies the coupling between coils. The neutralizing coil should be fixed in relation to the secondary coil, while the tickler feed-back coil in the detector circuit should be variable in coupling to it.

It is best to use UV-201A or C-301A tubes with this circuit, dry cell tubes giving inferior results. A panel 7 by 21 inches will accommodate the parts very nicely.

TUBES

Martin Solitar, Oshkosh, Wis., wishes to find out:

Whether the "silver" coating on the inside of a tube affects its operation or is a means of determining its value.

A. 1. So many people are under the impression that an unsolved mystery lies in the use of the silvered coating used on the inside of a tube, that they are prone to believe if the coating is not completely de-posited there is something wrong with it. This is far from being the case, the so-called silver deposit being a film of condensed mag-

In the process of evacuation, which is in itself a very difficult task in view of the fact that even the best air pumps cannot remove sufficient gas, a small piece of me-

tallic magnesium is affixed to the plate of the tube. The plate is then heated using high frequency induction currents. Volatilization of the magnesium takes place, the metallic vapor absorbing the remaining gases, and upon cooling, condensing on the surface of the tube. The condensation does not obey any fixed law as to where most of the deposit will occur, hence its irregularity.

CRYSTAL DETECTOR

(340) Alfred O'Hara, Spokane, Wash., wishes to know:

O. 1. The exact theory concerning the rectification property of crystal detectors.

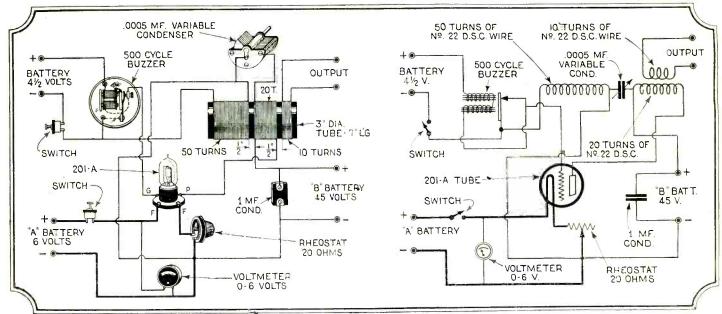
A. 1. Although the true action of crystal detectors is a complicated matter, for practical purposes, it is sufficient to regard them as unilateral conductors. This is for the reason that they have a greater resistance to current flowing through them in one direction than to current flowing in the other. Thus, for instance, when an alternating electromotive force is impressed on a crystal detector, more current flows in one direction than in the opposite, and if a direct current meter be inserted in the circuit, it will operate.

The resistance of ordinary crystal detectors is in the order of 1,000 to 10,000 ohms when current is passing in their "low-resistance" direction. The resistance in the opposite direction is about 10 times as great.

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 like articles on new single tube receptors. We will pay good prices for your ideas. -Editor.



A laboratory is not complete without a calibrated oscillator. Full constructional details are given so that the experimenter can readily build one for himself. The list of material is evident from the picture diagram, a shielded box being used to contain it. (341)

LABORATORY OSCILLATOR

(341) Harry Bertman, Bronx, N. Y., desires:

Q. 1. Information on the construction of a laboratory type oscillator, in which the radio frequency oscillations are modulated by a 500-cycle buzzer.

A. 1. For the numerous purposes to which an oscillator of the type depicted in the above diagram can be put, we are sure that many of our readers will appreciate the constructional data so as to build one for them-

To contain the apparatus, a box 16 inches square and 6 inches deep, lined throughout with sheet copper or tinfoil, will suffice. Even the bakelite panel must be thoroughly shielded, provision being made to carefully insulate the wiring against short circuit. The two meters can be mounted flush with the panel or left out entirely.

The first step after the completion of the device is to calibrate it. This should be done very carefully with a standard wavemeter, using the well-known click method. It will be seen that the wave-length range is from 200 to 600 meters, using the constants given. A separate battery is required to operate the buzzer.

The oscillator can, after a fashion, be used as a small transmitter, the amateur always remembering to keep the wave-length below 200 meters. Of course, it is readily observed that the transmitted signal is of the I. C W. type, a key being submitted for the switch in the buzzer circuit.

The real value of the oscillator lies in its adaptability as a means of aiding in the neutralizing and calibration of receiving sets. This is readily accomplished by coupling the exploring coil to the input transformer—antenna circuit—and, having adjusted the oscillator for a certain wave-length, procedure is carried on by tuning the set to resonance and adjusting it to eliminate all The outfit is known sometimes as squealing. a driver circuit.

PROGRESS OF RADIO

(342) William J. Fink, Washington, D. C., asks:

Q. 1. Will you kindly give me information regarding the date upon which radio was first used practically as a recognized means of communication?

A. 1. December 12th, 1901, witnessed Marconi's first attempt at trans-Atlantic radio communication. Listening in near St. Johns, N. F., he was able to pick up the now famous letter "S" broadcast from the 50-kilowatt spark station at Poldhu, located on the southwest tip of England.

It may be, perhaps, interesting to relate some of the experiences which Marconi encountered when he arrived for the preliminary tests.

On December 10 of the same year, four days after his arrival with two assistants, a wireless receiving station was set up and hexagonal kite made of bamboo and silk was sent aloft over the Grand Banks to hold the antenna wire high in the air. Due to a strong wind which prevailed at the time, the wire snapped and the kite was lost out at sea. Undismayed, Marconi next tried a 14-foot hydrogen balloon, but again the wire broke and tangled up on the ground as the balloon disappeared in a fog.

Undaunted, on the morning of the memorable December 12, another kite was successfully raised to an elevation of 400 feet and at noon the English station, more than 2,000 miles away, was distinctly heard sending the letter "S".

Several days elapsed in which confirmation of the signals was made and, thoroughly satisfied that trans-oceanic transmission and reception was possible, Marconi gave a statement to the press that messages could be sent through space without the use of wires or cables, but also included the rather discouraging remark that this mode of conveying intelligence would have little practical value.

At that time, 24 years ago, but one antenna was to be found in this country with which to pick up the powerful Poldhu station's signal. And now another series of tests were recently carried out with English broadcasting stations in which many hundreds of American radio fans plainly heard programs broadcast from the British Isles. There are now thousands of homes throughout the United States with antennae on their roofs through whose use, joy and pleasure Marconi worked under much are received. greater difficulties than we with our multitube super-sensitive receivers and depended upon the erratic action of the old-fashioned coherer; the average broadcast listener of today using a simple crystal detector receiving set is incomparably ahead of the coherer days of 1901. Indeed, in comparison with Marconi's first experiments the simplest sets of today are almost miraculous.

Whereas the commercial trans-Atlantic stations of today use as high as 250 kilowatts of energy, the famous letter "S" was successfully transmitted with but one-fifth this power.

The last figures from official sources show that there are at present approximately 600 radio broadcasting stations in this country alone. Of this number, there are less than a dozen using 1,000 watts of power, about 100 using between 500 and 1,000 watts, while the remainder are composed of stations using as low as a single 5-watter.

DeForest and Fessenden-Read Their Biographies

In the October issue of Radio News a biography of Dr. Lee eForest, inventor of the Audion, was begun. This biography DeForest, inventor of the Audion, was begun. This biography will run for 12 months in Radio News and we hope all SCIENCE

AND INVENTION readers will read this important work by the Prof. Reginald A. Fessenden's biography famous inventor. began in the January number.

ARTICLES APPEARING IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF "RADIO NEWS" Underground Radio.

By S. R. Winters.

The Latest in Tuned Radio Frequency.

By Arthur Reed. About Radio Losses.

By John L. Reinartz.

By Wilfred Taylor. Building Compact Super-Heterodynes.

By D. J. Hall.

The Eclipse and Radio Reception.

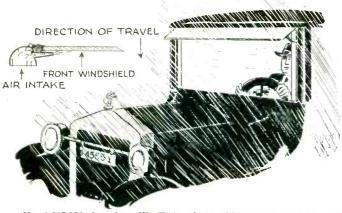
By G. C. B. Rowe.
The Grid as Traffic Regulator.

By Sir Oliver Lodge.
The Effect of the Atmosphere on Radio Waves.
By Prof. J. M. Guinchant.

A Year's Work Below Forty Meters.

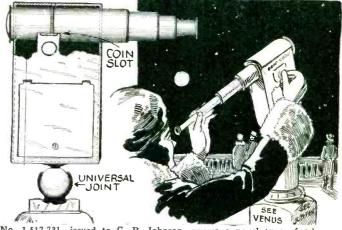


Windshield Cleaner



No. 1,517,365, issued to W. Kleine deals with a novel type of windshield cleaner which uses no mechanical or electrical means for keeping the windshield of an automobile clear of rain and snow. intakes such as illustrated in the insert above are mounted, one on either side of the windshield. The draught of air thus forced across the glass prevents the accumulation of snow or moisture thereon.

Automatic Telescope



No. 1,517,731, issued to C. R. Johnson, covers a novel type of telescope through which a person may view various distant objects by merely inserting a coin in a slot and pressing a button. The coin releases the button which, when pressure is applied, forces to one side a slide which normally obscures the view through the telescope, enabling the patron to look through the instrument. A suitable pivoted base is provided.

Cigarette Holder



No. 1,517,934, issued to C. E. Anderson, protects a novel type of cigarette holder designed for use by those who do not desire to have their fingers stained by the tar of cigarettes. The device is in the form of a finger ring which fits on the first index finger and to which is fastened a clip for holding a cig-arette in the desired position. This should interest the modern woman.



This new patent covers in detail a device for testing small dry cells and batteries such as are used in flashlights. A sliding contact member touches the carbon or positive pole of the battery, while a stationary contact connects with the zinc or negative pole. A sliding contact on the movable block connects he point on that block with different larges. the point on that block with different lamps located on the end of the board. These contacts are so placed that a battery of a certain strength will energize a bulb of its own voltage.

WANTED

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Cable Support



No. 1,516,781, issued to O. F. Nylen, de-No. 1,516,781, issued to O. F. Nylen, describes a movable clamp for holding the cable connecting electrical instruments in such a manner that the cable cannot become sharply bent and thereby possibly broken. The device consisting of an arm and two clamps is illustrated in detail above. It is of great value in connection with instruments which are constantly being moved about as is an electric pressing iron.

Automobile Trunk



No. 1,514,885, issued to F. A. Bigler, relates No. 1,514,885, issued to Ir. A. Bigler, relates to an improved trunk to be mounted on the rear of automobiles. This container is provided with a compartment at one end in which tools for use on the car are to be stored. The remainder of the trunk is devoted to the carrying of various travelling necessities. A double purpose is thus served by a single container.

Electric Razor



No. 1,504.311, issued to C. F. Bailey describes a new type of rotary electric razor. A small motor is contained in the handle through which a series of gears rotates a cylindrical blade. The slots in this blade are sharpened on one edge and so designed as to remove the hair without danger of cutting the skin.

Scientific Humor

A MATCHLESS MAID

TEACHER: "Willie, can you tell me how

matches are made?"

WILLIE: "No, Ma'am. But I don't blame you for wanting to know."

TEACHER: "Why, what do you mean?"

WILLIE: "Why, Mother says you've been trying to make one for over a year. Earl Ballantyne, Reporter No. 17042.

IS IT 20,000 FEET IN THE AIR?



In the "Liberty," Dec. 13, 1924, may be seen the following sen-tence—From the Czecho - Slovaki-

an:
"And yet those are the odds of aerial guns everywhere in the war

departments of the world today against twenty thousand foot airplanes." Gosh! but ain't science wonderful.—Conrad Philbreck.

ANY RELATION OF THE ORANG OUTANG?

Two young girls were watching the kanga-

roo cavorting about his pen at the Park Zoo. One of them asked, "What is that animal?"

Her friend replied, "Oh, that is one of them Australian Boomerangs."—Jack L. Baker.

DEWEY PLUGGED A CAVITE (CAVITY)

JACK: "Gee, you might think a dentist was a civil engineer."

JILL: "Well, he may do a certain amount of bridge-work, but he's not so civil about it."-I. H. Rothenberg.

SOME JOKES ARE PETRIFIED

TEACHER OF ANCIENT HISTORY: "Why do we call the first period of civilization the stone age?"

John: "Because it existed such a long

time ago that it has become petrified."-Clarence Tibbs, Reporter No. 17,314.

QUITE A COME-DOWN



Medical Pro-fessor: "What is the first thing you would do if a patient of yours were blown into the air by an explosion?"

MEDICAL STU-DENT: "Wait for him to come down."—H. Earl

Ballantyne, Reporter No. 17042.

WITHIN THE LAW

Office Grouch: "There is only one way to make aviation safe."
HIS FRIEND: "Yeh; what's that?"
Office Grouch: "Have some good law-

yers prove that the law of gravitation is unconstitutional."—Jack L. Baker.

A SLIPPERY SUBJECT

JACK: "I read that they are grafting rub-

JACK: I read that they are grarting rube ber-plants in banana trees."

JIM: "What for?"

JACK: "To make non-skid banana peels."

—Peter G, Nickles.

MY STARS

Son: "Dad, did you ever ride on stars?"
DAD: "No, Sonny, why did you think so?"
Son: "You told yesterday about people hitchin' wagons to 'em."—Wm. Dreyinin.

First Prize \$3.00 A FAIR CONCLUSION



Professor: "And what has chemistry given us?"

STUDE: "Most of our blondes." — Abe Maves, Reporter No. 17592.

HE WAS POSITIVE

Judge Spark is a human dynamo. He electrified the courtroom in his opening speech.

Tut: "What's he doing now?"
Nut: "Charging the jury."—Frank Smith.

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DID IT FRACTURE HIS CRANIUM?

AMERICAN: "Yeh, my poor friend Pat was killed by a revolving crane."
ENGLISHMAN: "My, wot fierce birds you have in America."—Paul A. Flanagan.

A CHIMNEY POT HAT OR A JACK POT?

Dealer to Prospective Buyer: "Can I sell you one of these new style plugs?"

Customer: "No, I haven't the jack."— Robert H. Lyman.

APPLIED CHEMISTRY

TEACHER TO FLAPPER: "What is the symbol for platinum?'

FLAPPER: "Engagement ring!"—Hilda Carroll.



KEEP US AWAKE

AUNT: "Wonder what makes me sleepy when I listen in?"

Anna: "Probably the ether. Stanley Rider, Jr.

THE SELL WAS ON DARIUS

The Freshman Science Class had been dis-

cussing the gravity, or Daniell's cell.
"Now," said the Professor, "can anyone give me another name for the Daniell cell?"

All was quiet for a moment, then a voice from the back of the room replied: "The Lion's Den."-Julia M. Sharp.

THE FAST SET



The engine room woke up.
"Say," said
Steam, "that's a
fly wheel you've been running around with." "Well," said the

Governor, slowly, is that any call for you to pop off?"

"Pouff, pouff," broke in Smokestack, "don't come to blows! Of course, he's a fly wheel, but anyone knows that the Governor

can hold him down. Let him chase 'round with him, who cares?"

"I run 'round with him too, and he doesn't hurt me." said the belt, feeling himself slipping.
"Yeah, Belt's stuck on him," said the

Resin.

"Who-o-o-ee! so that's it," said the whistle sarcastically. "Not worth gettin' steamed about! I'm tired—toot, toot;" and with this he pulled the crown sheet about him and went to sleep.

"Oil right, oil right!" said the Fly Wheel hastily, "I'll promise to cut out this fast life"; and the quarrel ended.—C. S. Garri-

SOMETIMES A PLUG HAS TO PULL IT

BILL: "Say do you know an easy way to find the horse-power of a car?"
JONES: "No. How?"
BILL: "Just lift the hood and count the "plugs."—Robert E. Conrath.

IS MARRIAGE A SAFETY MATCH?



TEACHER: "What are safety matches?"

STUDENT: "Safety matches are matches that can be used on all occasions, like investigating a gas leak, etc."—Willeak, etc."—Wil-liam D. Hoy, Reporter No. 16951.

CAN'T YOU INVENT ANOTHER?

YANK: "Compose a sentence containing the word 'invention'."
DUTCH: "Mine neighbor's son, Chon,

clapped at mine door. I say, 'Come in.' Vell, in vent Chon."—Abe Maves, Reporter No. 17592.

SUCH IS LIFE

In many parts of Mexico, hot and cold springs are found side by side. One can see native women boiling clothes in a hot spring, rubbing them on a flat rock, and rinsing them in a clear, cold spring.

A visitor watched this process for some time and then said:

"I suppose the natives think Old Mother Nature pretty generous, eh?"
"No, senor," replied his host, "There is much grumbling because she supplies no soap,"—John IV. Skeen.





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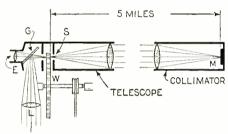
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VELOCITY OF LIGHT

(1817) O. 1. Bernard Steinmetz inquires as to the different methods used in determining the velocity of light.

A. 1. The earliest attempts to solve the problem of the velocity of light were made at the Florentine Academy by Galileo. His method was to place a light on a distant hill, uncovering the light for an instant and measuring the interval of time elapsing for the return flash. This experiment did not prove anything because the distance between the two stations was not great enough to detect any appreciable time.



The above illustration shows Fizeau's purely physical method of measuring the velocity of light. This indicated a speed of 186,900 miles per second, quite accurate considering the method used.

In 1676, Roemer, a Danish astronomer, found that it took light a measurable amount of time to pass from one point to another. Every time it revolves around the planet, the first satellite of Jupiter passes into the planet, the first satellite of Jupiter passes into the planet's shadow and disappears or is eclipsed. Cassini several years before Roemer's discovery, had carefully determined the periodic time of the satellite and had prepared tables showing when the eclipses were slated to take place for several years ahead. Upon comparison of these tables with the recorded times of observed eclipses, Roemer found that they were observed sooner than predicted when the earth was on the side of its orbit nearest to Jupiter, and later than predicted when it was on the opposite side. His conclusion was that the discrepancy was due to the velocity of light. His observations indicated that light requires sixteen minutes to cross the whole of the earth's orbit or approximately 8 minutes to go from the sun to the earth. In exact terms, 489 seconds was found to be the time required to traverse the 92.900,000 miles between the sun and earth, thus making the velocity of light 186.600 miles per second.

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It was not until 1727 that further work was done to calculate the velocity of light. The English astronomer, Bradley, discovered that the stars in any given part of the heavens were apparently displaced from their mean positions by an exceedingly small amount which depended upon the position of the earth in its orbit. This phenomenon, which is known as aberration, was explained upon observation that the position of a flag on a small boat depended upon the velocity and direction of motion of the boat as well as on the wind. He finally concluded that the apparent direction in which light comes to the earth from a star must be affected by the velocity of the earth just as the apparent direction of a breeze to a man in a boat depends on the motion of the boat.

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When the earth is moving directly toward or away from a star, there is no evidence of dis-placement or aberration, while at the same time

stars in directions at right angles to that of the earth's motion have maximum displacement. It is thus at once seen that the apparent position of the star changes slightly as the earth moves from one part of its orbit to another, so that by careful determinations of its apparent position by careful determinations of its apparent position made during an entire year, the maximum displacement or aberration constant may be determined. This aberration constant from recent observations has been found to be 20.492". As it is well known that the mean velocity of the earth in its orbit is 18.51 miles per second, the velocity of light can be determined from the relation: tan (20.492") equals 18.51 divided by V. The result gives 186,400 miles per second as the velocity of light.

In 1849, Fizeau, following a method of measurement which did not involve astronomical means,

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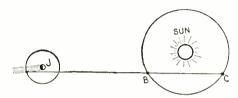
and was a purely physical one, evolved a device which gave approximately 186.900 miles as the velocity of light. Using a telescope and collimator set up at a distance of 8.633 kilometers (more than five miles) apart, a beam of sunlight (L) sent through an opening in the side of the telescope was reflected by a small oblique plate of glass (G) so that it passed directly out through the lens of the telescope to the distant collimator. The collimator consisted of a lens and a mirror placed at its focal point and was so adjusted that the beam of light was reflected directly back into the telescope again. This light passed through the plate of glass (G) and was received by the eye at (E). Thus, the light came to the eye (E) after traveling to the distant mirror (M) and back again.

In the telescope at (S) a small opening, which was alternately opened and closed by the teeth of a cogged wheel (W), lay in the path of the light. Rotating the wheel slowly, the light from (L) passed through a gap between two teeth, to the distant mirror and back again through the same opening to the eye at (E). Fizcau's apparatus consisted of a wheel having 720 teeth making 12.6 revolutions per second. At this speed, the light was completely eclipsed, in other words, was absolutely cut off. An increase or decrease in the speed allowed the light to be

again observed. By this method, it was found that it took light one second to travel 313,000 that it it kilometers

that it took ight one second to travel 515,000 kilometers.

Foucault's method was devised and carried out in 1850. The essential features of his apparatus consisted of concentrating a beam of sunlight through a narrow slit and passing it through an inclined plate of glass from which it passed through a lens to a mirror revolving about 800 times per second, the light from which was focused upon a concave mirror whose center of curvature was exactly at the center of the rotating mirror. Reflection took place from the inclined plate of glass and by placing the eye near it, a certain angular displacement could be noticed. By this means, he was able to determine the velocity of light to be less in water than in air, a



An astronomical method of measuring the speed of light is illustrated above. This was used by Roemer in 1676.

result of the greatest significance in determining the nature of light. More recently, Michelson has done some very excellent work in determining the nature and velocity of light and we would advise our readers to read of his researches. See article in our next issue.

MAGNETO TACHOMETER

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(1818) Rufus Osbahr, Hazleton, Penna., wants to know:

Q. 1. Kindly give me some information on the magneto tachometer?

A. 1. The magneto tachometer consists of a magneto generator used in conjunction with an electrical indicating instrument. The magneto is a direct current generator having a permanent magnet field and a revolving armature provided with a commutator. The entire magneto circuit is designed so as to procure uniform flux conditions in the air gap, while the armature is constructed to have unusual mechanical strength. The commutator and brushes are definitely adjusted in position and require no further attention, except at long intervals. Ball bearings support the armature which permit extremely free rotation. The magneto tachometer gives very accurate readings of speeds and can be used on machines having a speed between 1,000 and 2,500 revolutions per minute. In case the speed is higher, proper ratio pulleys, gears or chain drive should be used to reduce the speed. The chief advantages of this type of tachometer are its accuracy of reading which is of the highest order; its compactness and easy application and the fact that it can be used to transmit the required information to any reasonably remote point, because it is only necessary to keep the electrical resistance of the connecting leads or cables nearly constant or within prescribed limits. In a test recently conducted with the standard magneto tachometer which was run continuously for 700 days without giving the commutator or brushes any attention whatsoever and without lubricating the bearings, the greatest variation in electro-motive force was found to be bu 0.25 of 1%. This is truly a remarkable performance, the speed of rotation being 2,000 revolutions per minute.

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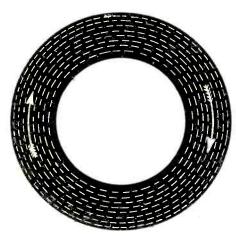
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RING MAGNET

(1819) Q. 1. Gerald Farrar, Columbus, Ohio, wishes to know where the poles of a ring magnet are situated.

A. 1. It is possible to magnetize a uniform ring of iron or steel by means of an electric current so that the lines of force are circles practically entirely within the substance of the ring. In such a case, there are no poles in the magnet, as ordinarily understood, because there are no places where the lines of force enter or leave the ring. Such a magnet has slight, if any, external field of force and would have little or no polarity effect on a magnet needle near it. However, in case it is broken in halves, it will show four poles as in every other pair of magnets.



A ring of steel may be permanently magne-The lines of force in this case are circular in form and are illustrated above.

TANTALUM

(1820) Martin Nelson, Rochester, N. Y., requires information concerning tantalum, its properties and

uses.

A. 1. Tantalum of a purity of not less than 99.8% has a steel blue color when unpolished and a nearly platinum white color when polished. The steel blue color of the unpolished metal is probably due to a thin film of oxide on the surface.

Tantalum has a melting point of about 2850° C. Tungsten is the only metal which has a higher melting point.

The specific gravity of the worked metal is 16.6. The metal is characterized by toughness and by

The specific gravity of the worked metal is 16.6. The metal is characterized by toughness and by great ductility and malleability, and may be submitted to the various mechanical working operations as ordinarily applied to the more common metals. The tensile strength of the drawn wire may reach 130,000 pounds per square inch.

The linear coefficient of expansion is more than that of molybdenum or tungsten and only slightly less than that of platinum.

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The electrical resistance is quite high, being about eight times that of copper and about three times that of tungsten.

Of all metals, tantalum is one of the most resistant to wet chemical corrosion and in this respect it is the equal of platinum or gold. It is, however, subject to oxidation when heated in the air, the surface becoming blue at a temperature of about 400° C and nearly black at a somewhat higher temperature. If heated to a higher temperature, the metal gradually burns to a white oxide.

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Tantalum also combines at elevated temperatures with hydrogen or nitrogen. It will absorb seven hundred and forty times its own volume of hydrogen, producing a definite compound known as tantalum hydride which is a course-grained brittle compound.

While pure tantalum is soft and ductile it becomes harder when it has absorbed gases and may become brittle if the quantity of absorbed gas becomes too great.

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Tantalum burns when heated in chlorine gas, producing the volatile pentachloride. Aqueous solutions containing chlorine, however, have no action on the metal. Tests made with sheets of tantalum in which the sheets were immersed either wholly or partly exposed to the air in the following reagents, showed no gain or loss in weight at the end of fifty days:

Concentrated sulphuric acid Dilute sulphuric acid Concentrated hydrochloric acid Dilute hydrochloric acid Aqua Regia Glacial acetic acid 10% acetic acid
10% formic acid
12% formic acid
12% oxalic acid
85% phosphoric acid
10% phosphoric acid

5% carbolic acid
15% tannic acid
20% sodium acetate solution
10% iodine solution
Citric acid solution
10% potassium hydroxide solution

In a similar test in which the sheet was immersed

In a similar test in which the sheet was immersed in 33% potassium hydroxide solution for one hundred and twenty days the metal showed a discoloration but there was practically no change in weight. The only chemical reagent so far examined, which at ordinary temperatures attacks this metal appreciably, is hydrofluoric acid, but when both the metal and acid are pure this action is very slow. A mixture of hydrotluoric and nitric acid will attack the metal rapidly, causing it to go into solution as tantalum fluoride. In the case of high boiling point acids or solutions, a slight action may develop at the boiling point; for instance, concentrated sulphuric acid appears to attack the metal very slowly at its boiling point. The same would apply in the case of other concentrated solutions of the causic alkalies at the boiling points of these solutions.

The following resumé includes uses to which the metal has already been put and uses which its peculiar properties might suggest. In considering the uses for this metal, the main points to be considered are its high melting point, its resistance to chemical corrosion; its tendency to absorb gases when heated and the fact that it oxidizes when heated in air, to a red hear. Among the uses for this metal may be mentioned the following:

Dental instruments and dental spatulas
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Pen points Filament wire for incandescent lamps or thermio-nic tubes

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SOLAR HEATER

(1821) Irving N. Cox asks: Is it possible to utilize a system wherein traveling reflectors follow the course of the sun and reflect its heat on tanks of water to generate steam to be used for driving turbines connected to generators?

A. 1. While your idea is practical and will work, there seems to be very little inclination on the part of practical engineers to utilize this form of power as long as the coal mines and oil wells hold out. The idea has been published several times in various forms and is being employed to a small extent in different parts of the world.

Q. 2. Can power be obtained by using chimney flues or tall smoke stacks and utilizing the powerful force resulting from the drafts set up?

A. 1. Generally speaking, your second idea of employing the power from the combination of the wind and drafts in tall stacks, is feasible. Most of the power developed would come from the wind but little power would result from the attempt to use the drafts caused by the rising chimney gases.

CLAY FOR PAPER

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(1822) Gerald E. Davis, Bangor, Maine, states: It is generally understood that foreign clays are better than American clays for use as fillers in the manufacture of paper. Is this assumption true?

A. 1. That American clays compare favorably with foreign clays as fillers in making paper is the conclusion drawn from an investigation of clays for this purpose made by the Bureau of Standards of the Department of Commerce. The amount of clay retained in the paper, and in general the quality of the paper, were found to be the same for both American and foreign clays. A slight advantage for the foreign clays was shown by the color and grit tests, but the Bureau does not consider it sufficient to justify the consideration of only these properties in selecting clays.

Most of the tests were made in the experimental paper mill at the Bureau of Standards, although duplicate tests of parts of the work were made in a commercial mill. Eight representative clays were used, and the study included a comparison of the amount of clay retained in the finished paper, the quality of the paper produced, and those properties of the clay, such as grit, that might affect the paper manufacturing process. Good agreement was found between the results in the experimental mill and those in the commercial mill.

Clays have long been used as fillers in making paper, their purpose being to increase its opaqueness and to improve the printing quality of the surface. Paper makers in general have favored clays from foreign sources, believing that American clays produced inferior paper. The present investigation was made with a view to ascertaining whether or not this belief were true.

Q. 2. Does oil paint applied to the surface of fresh lime plaster has a decided tendency to hinder the setting of such plaster is one of the conclusions drawn from a series of tests made by the Commerce Department's Bureau of Standards. The setting of the plaster results from the absorption of carbon dioxide from the air and the resulting change of t

bonate.

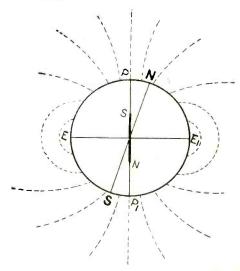
This absorption of carbon dioxide is very greatly hampered by the paint film, the Burcau finds. It is retarded, but not seriously, by a finish coat, and takes place more rapidly in lean mortars than in rich. The combination of a finish coat with a film of oil paint on top of it was subsequently tried, and was found to prevent the absorption of carbon dioxide almost entirely, cubes of plaster in this way showing no appreciable penetration of carbon dioxide after a period of six months.

TERRESTRIAL MAGNETISM

(1823) Q. 1. David McCarthy, Vancouver, B. C., desires us to print a diagram showing the poles and magnetic lines of force as understood to surround the earth.

A. 1. As a foreword, it is brought to your attention that the magnetic and geographical poles of the earth do not coincide. The diagram shows what is the probable form of the lines of magnetic force around the earth. The direction of these lines of force is known only at the earth's surface. What the magnetic condition of the interior of the earth may be is a matter entirely unknown. By the use of the magnetic needle, the resultant force of the angles of declination and deviation is plotted.

Of course, when we speak of the magnetic north pole, and call the pole of a bar magnet pointing towards it, a north pole, it really is a south (north seeking) pole. Convention, however, assures us that we are not wrong in using the universal terminology.



Magnetic lines of force surrounding the earth.

The magnetic north and south poles are designated by P and P1. Line S-N indicates position of compass needle.

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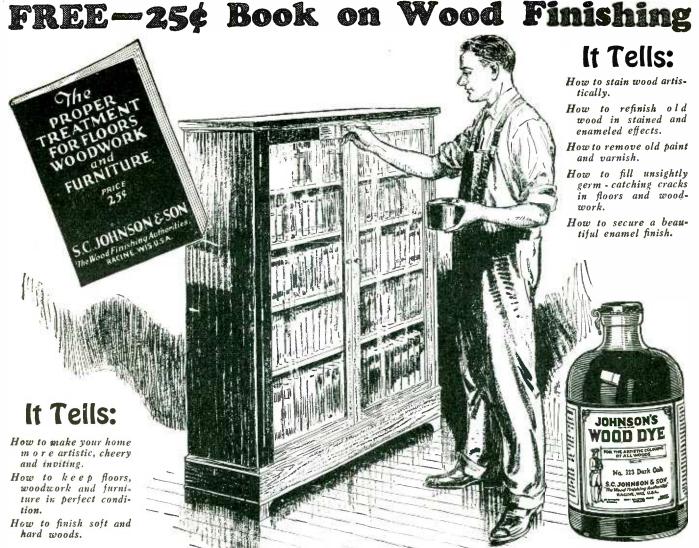
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method of working them. Then, seeing that her glance had fallen on one of Doctor Hackensaw's wireless cipher machines, he explained to her how this device could be used to send secret messages.

As he spoke, the young woman became intensely excited and threw back her veil in order to get a better view of the apparatus. Julius looked up at her, and was amazed to perceive one of the most beautiful women he had ever set eyes on. For a moment their glances met, and then the young lady carefully readjusted her veil again.

But she had smiled at him and Julius saw the smile with a thrill of pleasure.

He took the greatest pains to explain to her in detail the working of the cipher machine, and as she ordered two sets, he gave her a practical lesson then and there. making her change the combinations and work the set herself so as to be sure that she understood his directions.

She made one stipulation-it was that Julius should call her up every day at noon and speak a few words to her in order to insure that the apparatus was working properly. It is needless to say that young Mc-Masher, always ready for an adventure, readily gave the required promise.

He had explained to her about the tuning-. In Doctor Hackensaw's first experiment, it was necessary before sending a message to tune in each of the ten different wave-lengths separately in order to be sure that each wave-length of the receiving set would correspond exactly with the corresponding wave-length of the sending set. In his improved apparatus, however, the machines were so accurately made that one single tuning sufficed to bring all ten wavelengths in perfect accord with the ten of the other set.

For a week or so, regularly, every day at noon, Julius exchanged secret messages with his beautiful client. At first the messages related principally to the working of the apparatus, but it soon drifted into conversations on general topics. It must be confessed that Julius flirted outrageously with the lady, yet she didn't seem to mind, but answered his lone messages with peals of silvery laughter.

And then one day came a message that made Julius's heart beat high. She told him her set was not working very well and she would like him to come and fix it. As men were not allowed to come into the harem, he was to meet her attendant at the Mosque of St. Sophia, and the attendant would see to conducting him to the lady's palace and smuggling him in. "Above all things be very prudent!" she said; and then she switched off, while he vainly tried to obtain further particulars.

Sharp at the appointed time young Mc-Masher found himself at the door of the The attendant was waiting, yet appeared not to notice him, but as she walked past him, she whispered:

'Follow me quietly at a distance!"

The affair was beginning to assume all the appearance of the regulation Oriental intrigue, but Julius was ripe for any adventure. He waited until the messenger had gone some distance and then followed her unobtrusively.

It was not a very long journey. Julius saw his guide enter the door of a very fine mansion, and as the door was left open. he followed in, and found the attendant waiting for him. She led him through one apartment after another furnished with true Oriental splendor and at last introduced him into the chamber where the wireless apparatus was installed.
"Your excellency," said the servant, "here

is the gentleman."

Evidently Julius's fair customer was a lady of the highest rank. This time she was unveiled, and as she rose from the divan to greet him, Julius perceived that she was even more beautiful than he had imagined. Never before had he seen such a houri.

To avoid showing his embarrassment, Julius approached the wireless set to examine it, but she hastily plucked him by the sleeve and drew him back.

"Hush!" she said. "You must not make

any noise, or my father may hear you. He has returned unexpectedly and is in his room. Perhaps, however, you can discover the trouble without switching on the current. If not, you must return to-morrow.

Julius leaned over and examined the instrument, but everything appeared in perfect condition. The young lady stood beside him, watching him, and insensibly Julius's arm began stealing gently around her waist. She did not appear to notice it, so Julius, growing bolder, pressed her to him. Their eyes met, and she yielded gracefully. Her lips and his met in one long sweet kiss, and then she allowed her head to sink upon his shoulder.

They were disturbed by a sudden noise, and looking up Aïssa, for that was the young lady's name, or Ayesha, as it is usually Anglicized, perceived her father glaring at her with a glare of 110 Othello-power volt-

age.
"Ha!" cried he. "So! so! my fine young fellow! Do you imagine you can come into a man's house like this and make love to his daughter, and then escape scot-free? Not if I know myself! Hey, guards, come here! Seize me this dog of an unbeliever, and I'll make an example of him!"
"Quick Julius!" cried the girl. "I will

try to hold my father while you escape by the other door. He won't hurt me, but he would kill you if he got hold of you now!"

There was no time to lose, so Julius with a bound flung open the rear door and scrambled downstairs. He heard voices behind him, and his pursuers were so close upon him that in his hurry he went down one flight too many and found himself in the cellars.

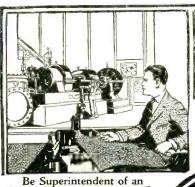
There was no possibility of repairing the error, and it seemed hopeless to seek a hiding place here. Nevertheless, it was his only hope, so he entered one of the cellars and perceiving a trap-door in the floor, he lifted it up and was delighted to see a sheet

of water a few feet below him.
"The Bosphorus!" he cried gleefully. "I am saved!" For he understood at once that this must be the famous sheet of water that washes the walls of the residences of many of the wealthy inhabitants of Constantinople. Julius was a good swimmer and escape seemed now assured, for it would be mere child's play to swim in the dark to some boat or to some deserted part of the city.

Without a moment's hesitation, therefore,

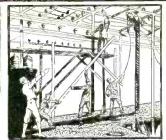
he plunged into the water, pulling down the trap-door behind him. He then started out swimming, but had not gone ten feet when he came to an obstruction-a row of piles planted close together so as to form a wall.

Nothing daunted, Julius swam along this wall, but imagine his consternation when he found himself back at his starting point without having found a single opening in (Continued on page 1240)



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the wall. He was, in fact, in a submerged prison, and strange tales came back to his mind—tales of the gay wives of sultans who would lure their sweethearts to visit them in their palace, and when tired of them, would guard against indiscretions by throwing the unfortunate men into just such flooded prisons as this one. When drowned, the bodies could be thrown into the Bosphorus and the men would appear to have met a natural death by drowning.

A second tour of the chamber convinced Julius of the fact that there was no outlet, and by diving he found the depth of the water to be between ten and fifteen feet.

On the other hand it was impossible to reach the trap-door to open it again. He tried several times to spring up from the water, but the trap-door was far beyond his reach. He seemed destined to drown here like a rat in a trap. He could swim around for a few hours-but after that? He shuddered as he thought of the eventuality.

Just as he had given up all hope, the trapdoor was stealthily opened and a face peered

through.
"Julius, is that you?" came the sweet voice

"Julius, is that your came the sweet voice of Aissa in a whisper.

"Yes, darling," he cried overjoyed. "Can you get a piece of rope to help me out?"

"There is no time," she replied. "But take hold of the end of my haik. It is very strong and will do as well as a rope."

With the words she took off the garment, and letting down one end so Julius could

and letting down one end so Julius could grasp it, she passed the other end around the hinge of the trap-door for support. Julius, with this aid, was easily able to lift himself far enough to grasp the sides of

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knees before her stern parent, but with an oath he caught her by the hair and hurled her down the hole right on top of her lover. Then he slammed the trap-door down and the sound of a key turning in the lock informed Julius that the trap-door was padlocked and that all hope of escape in that direction was cut off.

Julius, thrown back into the water, had some difficulty in disengaging himself from the girl who had clung to him in affright. Luckily her haik was still hanging from the trap-door, so Julius made her cling to it while he made a third tour of exploration around his prison.

For the first time in his life Julius wished he had never seen a wireless apparatus, and he cursed himself for a fool for ever having tried to send secret messages by wire-

But his was not a nature to give up tamely. Perhaps some outlet existed under the water? This, however, proved a vain hope, but as Julius felt inch by inch around the walls of his prison, he came to a corner where one of the wooden piles appeared to have rotted at the top.

Young McMasher was a muscular fellow, and clearing away the rotten wood with his fingers and aiding himself with his jackknife he, with considerable trouble, succeeded in making an opening large enough to barely allow the passage of his body. Then he returned for Aïssa who was pretty nearly exhausted.

By great good luck the passage made led into the open Bosphorus, and Julius had no trouble in swimming with the girl to a safe spot for landing.

It would take too long to recount how Julius smuggled the girl on board an ocean liner, but when the steamer sailed that after-noon, it carried with it a pair of loving hearts thankful for having escaped from the many dangers that menaced them.

Por neither Julius nor his charming wife

or made use of a wireless cipher ma-

The LIVIUS Death By JOHN MARTIN LEAHY

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to believe it), and the return to Summer Haven whilst it was still possible to take the Multnomah through the pack.

In our plans there must needs be ample allowance made for delays, and even then

there was no telling. No man living could say what might occur. It was a case where what seemed to be time enough might easily prove a time all to short, indeed. leaving these things aside, the ice conditions in that sea through which the Multnomah would have to force her way are the most terrible to be found anywhere in the Antarctic. The possibility of spending another winter, and it was a possibility that we must not blink, was not a pleasant one certainly to contemplate. And there was the possibility, too, that we might get away from Summer Haven only to find (supposing our return a late one) the Multnomah beset.

So we must, at all hazard, get an early start for the Gardens of Paradise and be on the return march as soon as was consistent with the full achievement of our pur-

Well, we had done all that it was humanly possible to do. Now was the time for action -to see what the Fates had in store for us.

The sun rose above the white eastern hills that morning about twenty minutes past seven. I do not know that I have ever seen a sunrise more lovely than that was. All the colors of the rainbow were in the sky and shone again the placid waters of Summer Haven.

"A happy omen!" said I to Frontenac, waving a hand in the direction of that prismatic wonder.

"Yes," he smiled. "The Parcae are, so to speak, smiling upon us, Bond."

I nodded at this pleasant conceit of his.

Well did I know, however, and that from bitter experience, how flickle, treacherous, heartless the Parcae really are. But that unpleasant thought, of course, I kept to my-

Well, we shook hands all around.

"Mush!" cried Louis Louisiana, cracking his long whip.

And we were off!

There were seven of us-Frontenac himself, Louis Louisiana, Wilbur Addison, Richardson Watson, Ole Loomis and myself. Hansen,

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The Living Death

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At first Frontenac had planned to take a larger party than this.

"Would need more men-many rifles."

Such were the words of Wilkie, written even as his doom was coming upon him. he could only have set down what that thing was which he saw!

Much deliberation had we had upon the matter—Frontenac, Nunatak and myself—and the result had been Frontenac's decision (which Nunatak and I, all things considered, thought a wise one) that the southern party should be small.

As is usual in such cases, however, there was much to be said on both sides. element of doubt and uncertainty would rear its head no matter which decision was reached. When it came to the march itself, the advantages were, of course, altogether on the side of the small party. But, when on the side of the small party. But, when one thought of the Gardens of Paradise and the horror that lurked there-well, matters then assumed a very different aspect, indeed.

Seven men! Captain Livingstone's band had consisted of five (including himself) and its fate had been one awful to contemplate. We should have but two men more; but here entered a factor—and a very important one, too—that at first sight, if the eye were kept on numbers alone, might be overlooked. Forewarned is forearmed. And we had been forewarned. We did not, its true, know what that horror was there in the palm-trees, but we knew that that horror was there, and we would be on the lookout for it and prepared to meet it when it came; whereas Captain Livingstone and his men had never dreamed of the existence of that monster with the enormous claw or of any-

thing like it.
"That knowledge alone," said Darwin
Frontenac, "doubles our band. Seven men pared to receive it when it comes are equal to at least fourteen who are walking right into a trap, so to speak. Though there will be only seven of us, we will, as compared with poor Livingstone's party, number four-teen men."
"That is very true," Nunatak nodded.

"And I was just thinkin' what a wonderful sayin' there'll be thataway in grub."

"In grub?"
"In grub," quoth Louis Louisiana, "though we'll number fourteen men, and maybe more, there'll only be seven tunnies to feed."
"Quite so," Frontenac nodded. "And each

"Quite so," Frontenac nodded. "And each of us will be well armed, which was not the case with the others."

"Only seven of us," Nunatak interposed.
"Too bad the other seven of us can't tote shootin'-contraptions."

"Each man," Frontenac went on, "will have a rifle and two revolvers. And it is

have a rifle and two revolvers. And it is upon those revolvers, I fancy, that we shall depend when moving through the gloom of the trees. The revolver, of course, is a better weapon at close quarters than the rifle. That thing with the claw, you'll remember, Bond, dropped so suddenly upon them that they couldn't fire even one single shot with

the rifle."

"I remember that. And perhaps it would have been the same thing had the weapon been a revolver."

"Not if each man had had such a weapon."
"You know," I said. "one of the strangest things about that horrible business is why not one of them could get in a single shot."
"I wish," Darwin Frontenac answered, "that that was the only strange thing

"that that was the only strange thing about it."

He had given the men a careful and de-

tailed account of all that had happened there in the Gardens of Paradise and had ended with a few hints relative to the grisly possibilities that awaited us. This, however, had not produced the faintest sign of the most fleeting hesitation. His words, on the contrary, only made those brave fellows more than ever anxious to go.

Of Sleeping Beauty he had not uttered a

single syllable.

There were six sleds; in other words, each man (except Frontenac) had his sled and team of dogs. Each sled—and load, that is weighed about 900 pounds. There were 90 dogs, 15 in each team. And on one of those sleds we would bring back a stranger load than any vehicle made by man had ever carried—Sleeping Beauty in her coffin of ice.

Coffin! Why, each sled, even now, what with the black provision cases, had an un-

pleasant semblance to a coffin.

As for instruments, the principal ones were the following: Four thermometers, three aneroids, three hypsometers, five chronometer-watches, two sextants, three artificial horizons and one cinematograph-camera.

That day we made 17 miles and had, I believe, 17 dog fights. I had never seen creatures so surcharged with life as those ani-

mals were.

"As full of pep," quoth Numatak, "as ninety sticks of dynamite."

And his remark, forsooth, was a most

apposite one.

But it won't last," the musher added, newhat ruefully. "It'll be taken out of somewhat ruefully. "It'll be taken out of them, and then we'll wisht that they was peppy once more."

Swiftly now day followed day, and steadily we moved on, deeper and deeper into this terrible region. Though I say steadily, I would not be understood as meaning that there was no interruption whatever in our progress. Once, in fact, we were held campbound for two days by a blizzard. Other delays were met with, too, though slight ones. In no instance besides the one just mentioned did we lose so much as a single day, which, all things considered, was really a remarkable run of luck.

Our camp at the end of the march on the 11th of October was, by dead reckoning (the sky had been overcast for 48 hours) exactly on the parallel of latitude 84°. were now at the southern edge of that great plain of which Captain Livingstone had spoken and were about to enter the mountains again. Strange thoughts and feelings came to me as I stood and gazed away into those tumbled masses before us. According to Captain Livingstone, Sleeping Beauty lay in latitude 84° 25'—in other words, she was distant now only 25 geographical miles.

I suppose that Frontenac must have known what I thought and felt, for he came and stood beside me and, after a few moments, during which he, too, gazed away to the

southward, he said:
"A good day's march would take us to her, Bond."
"That's what I was thinking. I have my doubts, though, that tomorrow's march will be 25 miles."

"I have mine, too. But it won't be long now before we see her."

"Good God," I exclaimed, "what a hor-

rible place to lie in from century to century, from age to age and age again!"

"Yes," said Darwin Frontenac; "a porrible

one, truly."

And I thought that, as he stood there gazing at that frozen, terrible waste of snow (Continued on page 1246)

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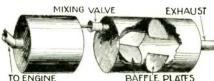
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(880) Howard W. Richards, Toledo, Ohio, has conceived a new type of muffler for use in connection with internal combustion engines, said muffler designed to combine oxygen with the carbon monoxide of the exhaust, producing carbon dioxide, a gas not injurious to human beings. He wants to know whether or not the device is practical.

A. 1. Your proposed device for mixing oxygen with carbon monoxide will not operate in the way you mention, because of the fact that carbon monoxide and oxygen will not combine to form carbon dioxide, except in the presence of extreme heat, or an open flame. The heat of the engine exhaust is by no means sufficient to bring about this union.

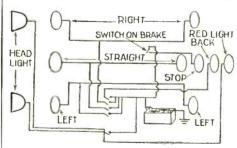


The above illustrated muffler will not mix oxygen with carbon monoxide, thereby evolving a harmless gas, carbon dioxide.

AUTOMOBILE SIGNAL

(881) Joseph H. Furey, Berniser. Pa., submits a design of a system of automobile signal lights upon which he asks our advice. The circuit of the system is given in these columns.

A. 1. We would not advise you to attempt to



There are entirely too many switches on the above illustrated automobile traffic signal.

prosecute your idea at all. It is extremely old and very inefficient. It is entirely too complicated for use on automobiles because of the multiplicity of switches or buttons. The only feature in it that is of any value at all is the stop-light actuated by the foot brake, but this device in itself is completely covered by patents. We would advise you to entirely abandon your idea.

COLLAPSIBLE SAWHORSE

(882) H. Nixon, Los Angeles, Calif., submits a design of a folding sawhorse, and asks our opinion on the patentability of the same.

A. 1. There is no doubt but that the sawhorse you have designed is patentable, and it seems to present marketing possibilities. It is absolutely necessary that the device be rigid and quite stationary. We would advise that you have a search made on this idea.

INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

(883) H. E. Fisher, Montreal, P. Q., Canada, submits a design for a new type of internal combustion engine which is supposed to make the entire unit operate at a higher temperature than the present day type of engine, the excess heat being made to perform further work. We wish to advise Mr. Fisher herewith that our personal answer to him was returned because of the fact that the address he gave us in his first communication was not the correct one. Therefore, we are using these columns to convey our opinion to him.

A. 1. Devices of the nature you mention have been tried in many different ways, but have never been successful. The same would be found with yours.

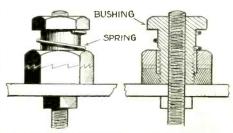
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we do not believe that any device of the nature you suggest would add to the efficiency of the engine, but would in fact detract from the same.

LOCK NUT

(884) J. E. Styert, Detroit, Mich., asks our opinion on the complicated lock nut which he has designed, and which we are illustrating herewith.

A. 1. Referring to your lock nut, we would advise that the system is entirely too complicated for exploitation and would certainly not advise you to attempt to secure a patent upon the same, because we doubt that it could ever be made nonular.



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and rock, the poor girl, for the first time, became an object other than one of mere scientific interest. And, when he spoke, I saw my thought become a certitude.

"Poor little kid!" is what he said.

During the whole of the following day, the going was very difficult, but we succeeded in making good 14 miles of southing. This was according to dead reckoning, for we had not yet succeeded in getting a single glimpse of the sun. The next morning, however, he broke through the dark curtain and soon was scattering the clouds in all directions. A meridian altitude gave our latitude as 84° 21′. By dead reckoning, it was 84° 17′, which speaks well indeed for the accuracy of our sled-meters.

Only four miles now from Sleeping Beauty.

And by two o'clock we had reached the

Keen and eager were the looks which Frontenac and I sent as we opened that gorge in the mountains. The others, wholly unconscious of the interest that was attached to this place, continued steadily on, the negotiation of the difficult route engrossing their attention.

Frontenac and I halted.

"There it is, Bond!" said he, pointing, then raising the binoculars to his eyes. "There's the cavern mouth, though pretty well filled, it appears, with snow."

For some time we stood there looking and wondering, then pushed on after the others. A half mile or so beyond the place, a level spot, comparatively speaking, was reached, when we halted and made camp—a proceed-

ing, it was patent, that puzzled the others.
Frontenac, however, offered not a single

syllable of explanation.

Straightway he, Nunatak and myself headed for the cavern, the musher carrying a spade. It was plain that that spade intrigued Nunatak, but not a word of explanation was vouchsafed him, whilst he did not suffer curiosity to elicit from him the slightest query.

As we were drawing near, he suddenly

stopped and stood, peering up.
"Looks mighty like a cave up there," he observed.

"That's what it is," Frontenac told him, "probably the most wonderful cavern in all the world."

Nunatak made no response.

The next moment we had started up. Frontenac was the first to reach the entrance; a few seconds, though, and I was beside him.

"Not a sign of her, Bond," he said, in a

low voice.
"It's the snow—the snow!" I exclaimed excitedly.

"Of course."

He turned his head and looked down. "The spade, Nunatak," he said. "Hur

up with that spade!"
"Ain't I hurryin'?" came the aggrieved answer of the musher. "Do you think, boss,

that I'm a spider? "I uster to think," he went on, "that I was a musher; but the way you fellows sailed up this here place showed me that I

was a turtle. If it hadn't been for these crampons, I'd sure enough have broke my neck." Frontenac and I had started to scoop off

the snow with our mittened hands. A few moments, though, and Nunatak was nearing I reached down for the spade; as the top. (Continued on page 1248)

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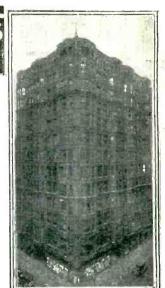
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I straightened up, it was seized by Frontenac, who began to remove the snow with feverish haste, careful, though, not to dig

At this Nunatak could no longer restrain his curiosity-which, indeed, had suddenly become something very like astonishment. "What," he exclaimed, "are you lookin'

for?"

Scarcely had the last word left the musher's lips when an exclamation broke from Darwin Frontenac.

I bent forward to see, my heart beating heavily.

Frontenac dropped the spade and began to dust the snow from the ice with his mitts. Suddenly he paused-exclaimed againpointed.

"Look!" he cried. "Look, Bond! There she is!"

CHAPTER XXIII THE SUDDEN VOICE

I had already seen her-or, rather, her head and shoulders, for that was all of the sleeper that, as yet, was visible.

Frontenac dropped to his knees, put his head close to the ice-front and peered in at the girl's face.

Nunatak thrust himself forward to see, his swift movement threatening for a moment to destroy my equilibrium and precipi-tate me off the spot.

The next instant an exclamation of wonder and horror burst from his lips.
"What awful thing is this?" the musher

cried.

To that neither of us made any response. Darwin Frontenac raised his head and

turned his look up to me.

"Her eyes," he said. "Look at her eyes, Bond.

I bent forward and looked—looked straight into the eyes of the sleeper. They were no more than eight inches from the edge of the ice. They were wide open; the long dark lashes were as natural as though it were air and not this paleocrystic ice that incased them, and the pupils were extraordinarily dilated. The iris seemed blue, but whether that was the actual color or not, I could not tell.

"It is horrible!" I said, shuddering. "Horrible!"

"It is wonderful, Bond!" said Darwin Frontenac, bending forward once more. "It

"It is wonderful!"

"I'd say," came the voice of Nunatak, "that McQuestion is right; 'tis an awful sight to see. And 'tis a mystery, too; how on earth did this poor creature get here?"

"She," I told him, "has been here always."

"Always?"

"Always?"
"Ever," I explained, "since the snow and ice fell upon the Antarctic.'

He stared at me for some moments. "What you talkin' about, McQuestion?" he exclaimed.

"I know what I am talking about. Look at her dress; it is almost tropical. She has been here for thousands upon thousands of years. No man living can say how long this poor girl has been lying here—here in her coffin of ice."
"Coffin!"

The next instant Nunatak's hand had

closed on my arm with convulsive strength.
"A coffin!" he cried. "McQuestion, tell
me this: Do you think that she is like them
poor dogs was before he woke them?"

I nodded.
"The probability," I told him, "points in that direction."

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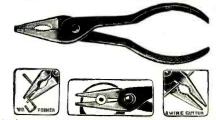
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He turned his look to Darwin Frontenac, who had arisen and was once more removing snow, so as to obtain a view of the sleeper's whole person.
"And," the musher said, "you are goin'

to wake her up, boss-wake her up just like you did them poor dogs?"

Frontenac paused, and for a moment or two looked at the other with a curious, abstracted expression on his lean face. "Such Louis, is my hope," he said. "Yes, I am going to awake her."

"Well?"

"Well?"

"Even you, boss, can't waken dead people. This purty darlin', her heart is still and frozen; the poor girl is dead."

"She may be, Louis, and she may not be. No one can tell that—now."

"I can, boss."

"A man," Darwin Frontenac added, "can only balance probabilities and base his be-

only balance probabilities and base his belief on the result. That is what I have done, and my belief is that the girl, though entombed in this mass of solid ice, is not

entombed in this mass of solutions a corpse."

"She's dead!" said Louis Louisiana. "You awoke them huskies, but you'll never awake this sleeper, boss."

"That," Frontenac answered, a wan smile passing athwart his features, "is just what you said about those dogs, because they lay there stiff and frozen."

"I guess you're right, boss," said Louis Louisiana.

He turned slowly and sank down upon the ice at Sleeping Beauty's feet. "Great Lord," he said, "what will it be

next?'

Soon Frontenac had finished. He stood there leaning on his spade and looking down

on the sleeper.
"What you goin' to do?" queried the musher. "Goin' to cut——?"

He broke off and, turning quickly around, peered into the dark mouth of the cavern, "What's the matter?" I asked,

"I thought that I heard somethin'—in there."

"What?"

"I dunno what. It sounded like a voice."
"A voice?" said Darwin Frontenac.

He laughed.

"Probably an echo of your own."

"I suppose so," the musher said. "That must have been what it was-that or just plain imagination.

"But, as I was about to say," he added. "are you goin' to cut out a block of this ice, a block with the girl inside of it, and take her up to the Multnomah?"

"Just so. We'll disturb nothing here, though, until we come back from the Gardens of Paradise."

"That's as I figgered it. You'll take her to the Multnomah, and then you'll awake her—ii she ain't dead."

"I'll awake her," said Frontenac, "when we get back to Seattle. There are, of course, other reasons why I would never awake this girl here in the Antarctic; but most surely I would never do it unless there was a woman at hand."

"Of course," Nunatak nodded; "I was

unthoughtful there."

Frontenac smiled wanly.

"It wasn't the only point, Louis, on which you were unthoughtful."

He sent his look into the cavern. A few moments, and he turned to Nunatak and

"Louis, I wish you to return to camp and





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get those two lanterns. You wondered, I believe, why we were taking along those lanterns."

"I did, boss; but I see now why you brought them."

"And bring that twine, also, Louis. There are two miles of it on that spool."
"Aye, aye, boss. Anything else?"
"Yes; ask the others if they care to come

and see the sleeper—and the inside of this cavern.

Louis Louisiana sent a curious look into the low, dark entrance.

"Somethin' in there, boss?"

"Of course. God only knows what.
There's a door in there."

"A door! Goin' to open it, boss?"

Frontenac laughed.

"According to the descriptions given by Captain Livingstone, we'd have to have drill or dynamite to see what is beyond that

"Then we ain't goin' to see what's behind it."

"And," Frontenac added, "see that none of the dogs follow; fasten them up, every one of them."

"Great poodles, boss! What's the idee?" Darwin Frontenac moved a hand toward

the sleeper.
"There's no telling. If they saw her, they

might dig her out."

"I was untoughtful again. 'Twouldn't be puppy-play, that," said the musher; "but they might do it all the same—dig her out and strip her bones, even though she is froze like a rock."

"We'll take no chances, Louis."
"That all, boss?"
"All, I believe," nodded Frontenac.

The musher turned to descend.
"Just a minute, Nunatak," I said. "I want to get a couple of photographs."
These taken, Louis Louisiana started forth-

with for the camp.

Frontenac lapsed into brooding silence. I moved up to the ice once more, dropped on my knees and gazed in upon that lovely, awful face-so plain and yet with a strange mistiness about it, so to speak, something like the image upon the ground glass when the focusing of the camera is not quite perfect. And, as I knelt there and looked upon the sleeper, strange, weird, fantastic thoughts and feelings came to me. I could not keep the tears from my eyes. And those words of the man who had found her echoed and reechoed through gloomy, awful corridors in my braid:
"Perhaps you—both of you—will love her,

Frontenac laid a hand on my shoulder. I raised my head; his look was upon the sleeper's face, a strange, indescribable ex-"Poor little kid!" he said.
At length came Nunatak and the others.

The scene rises before me as I write as vivid as though it had been yesterday—the sleeper there in her bed of cloudy crystal, the men clustered together before the ice and looking in upon her in wonder and in awe.

"Well," said Frontenac, at last, "now that you all have seen her, we will cover her with snow again, then enter the cave. There is a door in that cavern, a massive door of solid rock. We know no more than that, save that the cavern is an extensive one. A full exploration, with the limited time at our disposal, is, in all probability, out of the question."

We were a long time in finding the door, over which that awful carven harpy holds eternal guard; and much we marveled that Captain Livingstone and Hampden had ever succeeded in finding their way out of this terrible labyrinth.

But at last we stood before that mysterious door. What was beyond it?

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And that terrible figure up above, more striking by far than the great sphinx of Egypt-why had those men of that dim, nebulous past carved that frightful monster there?

It was a strange scene truly, and one to give a man some eerie thoughts and feelings. There was the mysterious door, the Gorgon figure above it, works of an antiquity so remote that even the imagination grew weary as it moved through those gloomy vistas which—vista beyond vista, and on and on, age to age succeedingstretched back toward it; and there, standing before this handiwork of an unknown people, we seven men of the modern world, scekers after strange things, enigmas, horrors.

Well, this was one of them-one of all three.

The lanterns cast deep shadows, shadows that assumed monstrous proportions as they stretched away to involve themselves in that Stygian gloom.

Sometimes (as one of the lanterns, or both of them, moved) the shadows would sway, quiver, glide this way and that, rush over floor, lofty vault or walls like disembodied, nameless things.

To show how wierdly and powerfully the scene affected the mind, I felt myself think-ing of the men who had designed these things, of those whose hands had fashioned that harpy out of the living limestone rock, pierced the wall and closed the entrance with that massive door of granite—wondered if their spirits ever visited this spot, lingered and watched in this cavern of Erebus. And, so powerful was this thought, I found myself glancing into the shadows and blackness, as though seeking spectral forms and eyes.

We went up to the door and pressed upon it; we might as well have pressed against

the wall on either side.

"Funny thing, it seems to me," said Louis

Louisiana. "What," queried Frontenac, "is a strange

thing?"

"That there is so little dust hereabouts this door, boss—considerin', that is, that these things have been here for millions of years." "Millions? You mean thousands of years,

Louis."

"Well, thousands, then. Thousands or millions—I don't see as it makes much difference either ways."

"You forget Captain Livingstone and

"You forget Captain Livingstone and Hampden. See all the dust they removed from the entrance."

"Oh, I ain't forgot that, boss. And here's 'nother thing: I was wonderin'—"

"I was wonderin', boss, if somebody-I mean some thing-hasn't been here before

us."
"Livingstone and Hampden were here be-

fore us."

"That ain't what I meant, boss. I meant before us but after Cap Livingstone."

Darwin Frontenac turned quickly, turned

so that he stood squarely facing the musher. "What do you mean?" he demanded.

The next instant, however, Frontenac's expression, his whole manner, changed; he laughed a little, as though ashanied of a momentary weakness.

"Maybe you think that I'm pelton, boss; but how do you explain that?"

The musher was pointing toward a mark on the cavern floor. Frontenac stepped forward and bent over the impression. The rest of us, too, moved toward the spot.

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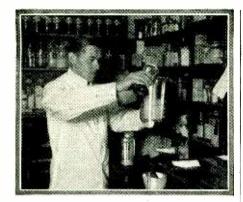
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"Well," queried Nunatak, and there was a tone of triumph in his voice, "what is your explanation, boss?" "what is

"A very simple one, Louis; this mark was left by the foot of Captain Livingstone or Hampden.'

"No, no!" said the musher. "Look at it close, boss. It's different!"

He appealed to me. I bent over it. Surely Frontenac was right. But, as I continued to gaze upon that blurred impression, a doubt crept into my mind. I called myself a fool, though, for even permitting that doubt to enter my brain, to say nothing of letting it linger there. Some man, some thing here linger there. Some man, some thing here after Captain Livingstone and his companion! Why, the thought was preposterous. How, in the name of reason, could any—?

Came a sudden sound behind us-a hollow, horrible voice.

CHAPTER XXIV

"AH-CONE-CAWN-GA"

We straightened up and whirled to the direction whence had come that sudden, mysterious, horrible sound. For a few seconds, what with the strong light we had had in our eyes, nothing was visible there in the dense darkness.

"Good God," exclaimed Loomis in accents of horror, and his words came in echoes from the gloomy walls as though spectral beings had rolled them back in fell mockery and fiendish gloating, "what was that?"

"Surely," came the quiet voice of Darwin rontenac, "it was a human being that Frontenac, "it was a human being that spoke."

"If so," Nunatak said, "such a human as no man of us ever heard before."

The next instant he gave a sharp exclamation and began stabbing the air with a crooked finger.

"Look, look!" he cried. "There it comes! See it! What did I tell you?"

The creature was now visible-a quasihuman, fearsome figure.

"Stand together, men," came a hollow voice, that of Hansen. "This is no man! 'Tis something from hell itself!"

The creature's visage could be made out now, though indistinctly—a death's head in which eyes burned with a fierce, smoky, smoldering fire.

"Tis a human being, boys," said Darwin Frontenac, "a man like ourselves—a man, though, from hell itself."

There could no longer be any doubt, and each of us, I believe, was more relieved than he would have cared to acknowledge: was a human being-such a man, though, as I never had seen in all my life.

He was naked save for a ragged cloth about the loins. A kind of moccasin-now, however, worn and cut to ribbons—incased his feet. His head hung forward, swaying, as he advanced, from side to side with a reptilian motion. The cheeks were hollow, the eyes sunk deep in the sockets; face and body were horrible with dust and gore; the skin was drawn tight over the bones, rendering his appearance skeletal, fearful.

Straight toward us he came—this swaying skeleton that yet was living. His lips were drawn back from the teeth in a fixed and frightful grin. He kept muttering and mumbling—the sounds seeming to issue not from the mouth, but through the very walls of the chest.

On he came until he was within a dozen Then he halted and made to feet of us. raise his right hand on high, his wild, burning eyes fixed on Darwin Frontenac, that horrible voice, now raised to a high pitch, sounding all the while.

But of a sudden the hand was arrested. It began to sink; the fierce light left his eyes; the grinning face seemed to set in a corpselike rigidity, and the man came pitching forward into the arms of Frontenac.







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we turned him onto his back.

"Sheer exhaustion," said Darwin, his hand over the man's heart, "and starvation."

"Memaloose?" asked Nunatak.

"No; the heart still beats, though sluggishly."
"One thing," Nunatak said, "he has been spared the horrors of thirst. He must have got water, else he could never have come to this pass. He would have been dead long

Frontenac pointed to a skin bag (or bottle) at the man's side, carried by a strap

passing over the right shoulder.
"A third full," he said, prodding the bagwhich gave forth a gurgling sound as it

moved—with his finger.

"Funny," said Nunatak, "that he didn't eat the skin. I guess he preferred starvation to thirst. But where did he get the water?"

Frontenac took up the bag, removed the stopper and wet the man's forehead.

"He has been badly wounded here," said

"He has been badly wounded here," said Frontenac, indicating the right side of the head. "Must have got it in a fall."
"And there," I said, pointing to the victim's right side. "Clean through the ribs."
"And them ain't the only places," Nunatak remarked. "He is bruised and cut from the top of his head clean to the soles of his feet."

"Poor fellow!" said Frontenac. "Tis a

wonder that he's alive."
"I fear me," said Nunatak, "that he ain't goin' to be alive very long."

"I fear that, too, Louis. But food may do wonders. So go back at once to the camp—thanks to this string, you can go straight to the entrance and in to us again so go back to camp, Louis, and bring-

Frontenac paused and turned his look from the musher's face to that of the Antarctican. The eyelids were twitching, the lips writhing back in that horrible grin and the left hand began a spasmodic twitching.

"Coming to," said Watson.
"Or," Nunatak observed, "about to quit

this here old Vale of Sorrer."

The eyes of the victim opened. I now saw, for the first time, that those eyes were blue-a bright, wonderful cerulean; yes, wonderful even through that horror which filled them.

He began to speak, his look fixed on the

face of Darwin Frontenac.

"He is repeating something," Frontenac said. "Listen to that."

We listened for some moments to that

strange verbal repetition.
"What is it?" Frontenac asked.
"Ah-cone-cawn-ga," I told him.

The others nodded.
"That," concurred Nunatak, "is the very word that he's sayin'."

"Or," Frontenac suggested, "words."
"Ah-cone-cawn-ga!" said the Antarctican

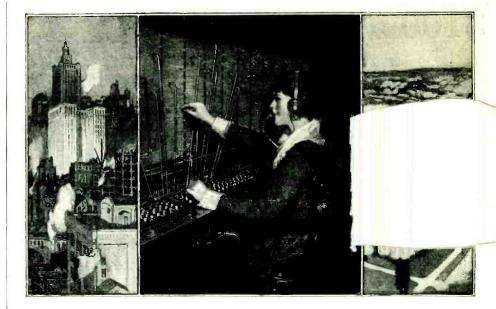
once more, for the first time looking me in

"If," Nunatak exclaimed, "he could only tell us!"

The victim suddenly raised himself into a sitting position; almost as suddenly, though, he collapsed back into Frontenac's arms. It was patent that the man's will was in a grim struggle. He raised his skeleton arm and pointed, his lips moving in what, for a moment, I thought was a smile—yes, a joy-ful smile. The next moment, however, I believed it to be a look of fear and horror. I raised my eyes in the direction indicated by his skeleton finger, and a shiver ran through me as they lighted upon that monster above the door.
"Ah-cone-cawn-ga!" said the Antarctican.

The hand dropped to the floor as though the arm had been snipped from the body; the head sank forward, then rolled sidewise in horrible fashion as Frontenac let the corpse sink down to the cavern floor.

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Liquids have a tendency to superheat, that is, to get hotter than the vapor that issues from them at the boiling point. This is especially true of liquids in vessels with smooth sides. A dish with rough sides or one containing objects with more or less rough surfaces seems to afford less chance for superheating, for the bubbles of steam form readily wherever there are points or projections, and, with the consequent liberation of heat energy in the steam, the temperature of the liquid is, maintained nearer the true boiling point than is the case with vessels having a roughened interior.

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Since there are two cards that are alike on both top and hottom, while there is only one card that is different on one surface than on the other, it is evident that, on the average, the former type of card (WW or BB) would appear twice as often as the single oppositely faced (WB) card. Hence the advantage lies with the one who bets that the under surface of any drawn card is like the top.

THE DIFFERENTIAL PULLEY SYSTEM

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Let X be the tension of each of the ropes, B and C, when a force of 200 lbs, is applied to A. Then, considering the moments tending to turn the wheel and axle around, we have $200 \times 10.9 \text{ r} + \text{Xr} = \text{X} \times 10.9 \text{ r}$ or X = 2.000 lbs, tension in ropes B and C. But since the pull on the car is equal to the sum of the tensions on the ropes, it will equal 2.000 + 2.000 + 200 or 4.200 lbs.

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Suspend the object and the nugget of gold from opposite ends of a bar and balance the bar on a knife edge. Then lower the bar until both the gold and the object in question are completely submerged in water. If the har still balances the object is pure gold, for the moments due to the buoyant force of the water will be the same on each side of the knife edge. If the bar becomes unbalanced by the water it will show that the object is not pure gold.

AN EXPERIMENT IN DIFFUSION

The porus jar which separates the air within it from the air and gas around it will let both gases pass through quite readily. However, the gas from the outside gets in faster than air on the inside gets out because the gas molecules move with greater rapidity than the molecules of air. The result is a temporary increase in pressure within the iar.

CALCIUM CHLORIDE AND IRON SULPHATE

Calcium chloride will apparently increase in weight when exposed to the air because it absorbs water readily from its surroundings. On the other hand, iron sulphate tends to lose water and hence gets lighter.

OSMOSIS

The experiment with the sac of molasses in water is similar in some ways to the one on diffusion described above. In this case the bladder (or other animal membrane) which keeps the molasses and water apart while apparently water-proof will actually let water slowly pass through. It will also let molasses pass through but not as readily. Hence the water gets into the sac faster than the molasses gets out and thus increases the pressure within the sac.

WEIGHT OF IRON OBJECT

Iron objects in the earth's magnetic field soon become more or less magnetized themselves. A "north seeking" pole appears in the lower and northern end and a "south seeking" pole at the upper and southern end. (In this connection try testing the top and bottom of various iron objects, such as radiators, hitching posts, etc., with a compass.) If the intensity of the earth's magnetic field were greater at one pole of the object than at the other the object would be urged downward and northward, or upward and southward, depending on which pole was in a region of greater field intensity. But for objects of ordinary size, the earth's field is constant and hence there is no net force tending to move the object up or down, north or south and, therefore, no magnetic force affecting its weight.

BUOYANCY PROBLEM

By Archimedes' principle, an object more or less submerged in a liquid is buoyed up by a force equal to the weight of the liquid displaced. Since the volumes of the two objects are the equal in this case it might seem that the displacement would be equal for both and, therefore, the buoyant force would he the same for both. But since the open end of the longer can is forced to a lower depth than is the open end of the shorter can, it is evident that air within the former is more compressed than the air in the latter, less water is displaced by it, and hence it requires less force to submerge the longer can.



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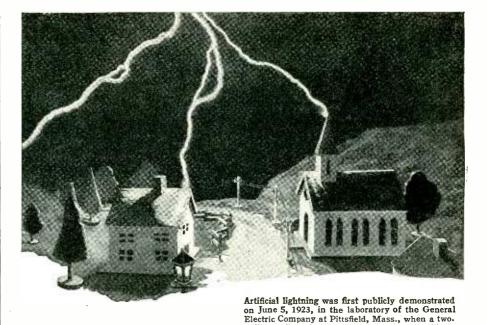
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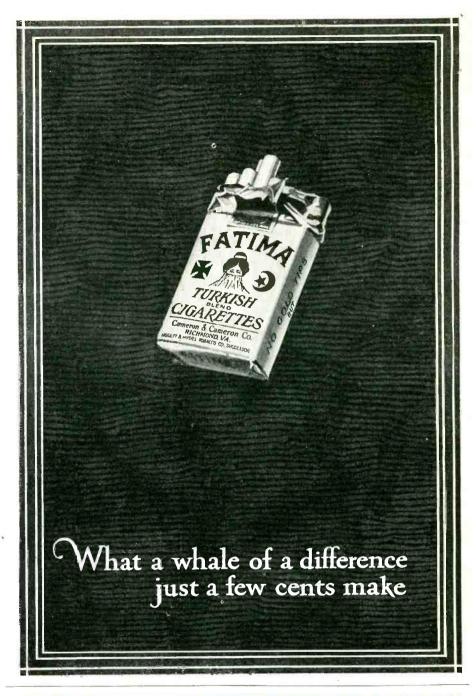
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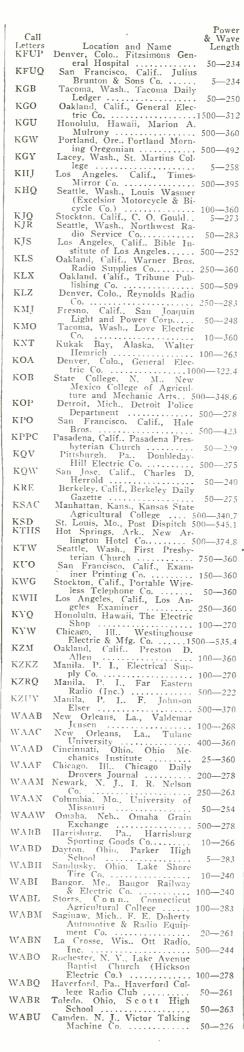
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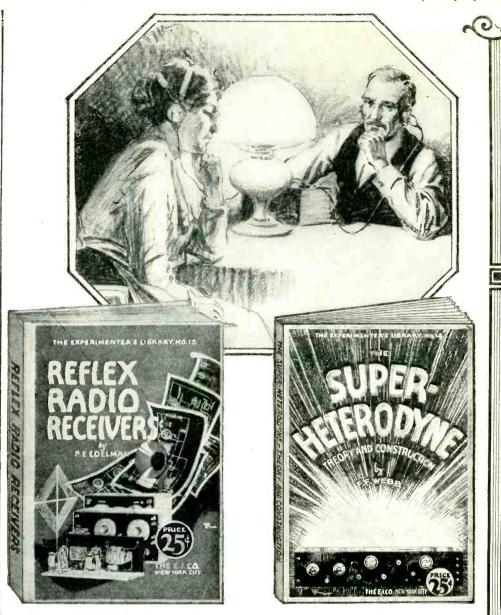
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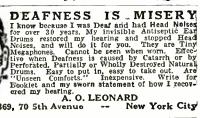
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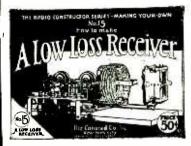
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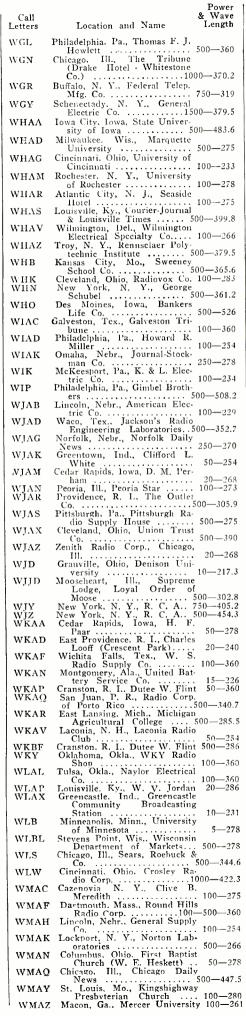
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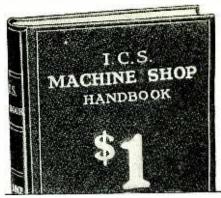
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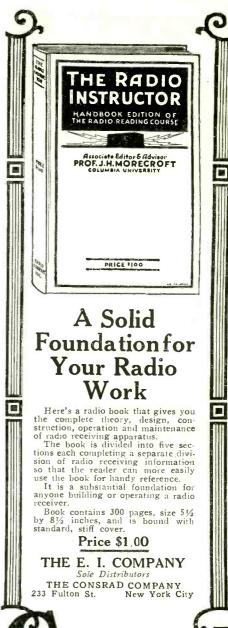
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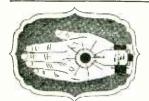
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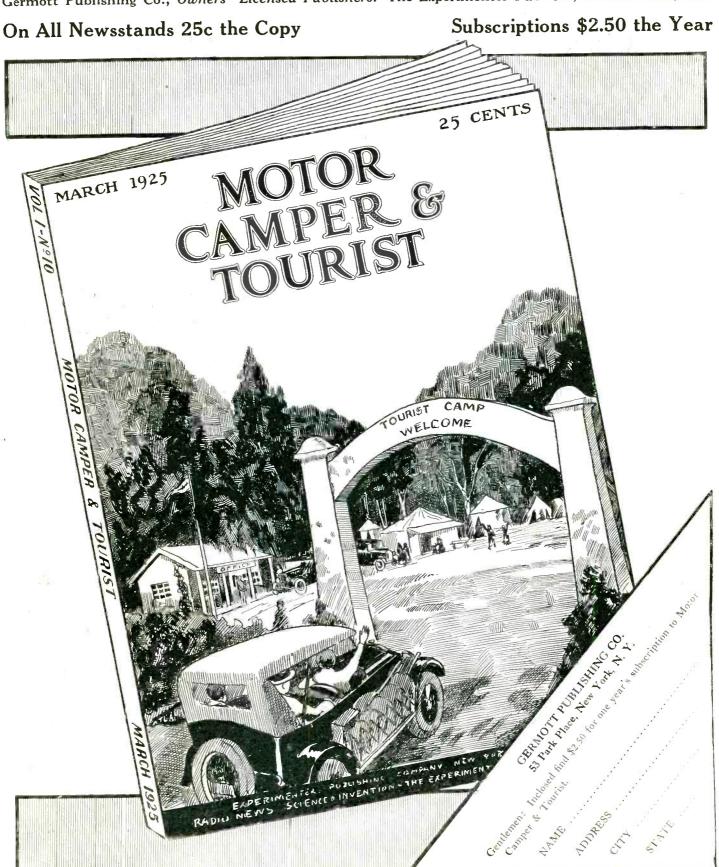
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