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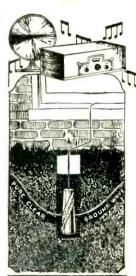
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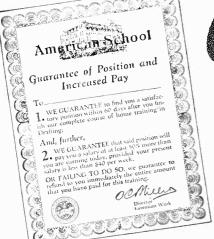
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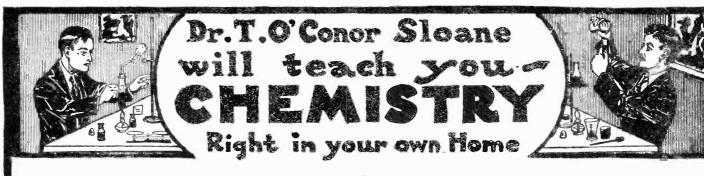
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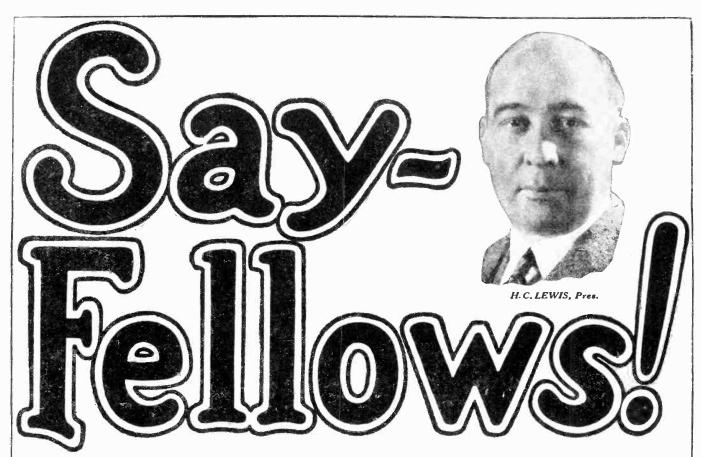
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upon religious and churchlike settings.

Practically always the room where the scance is held must be in total darkness, while the observers are asked to hold hands; not to cross their legs and other equally childish nonsense. So far, it has been impossible to get a medium to perform in daylight, or in a reasonably subdued light. It is true, that some of the mediums perform in a very dim light, but this condition is most unsatisfactory; the room might just as well be in total darkness, because at no time is there sufficient illumination to really make a careful investigation of what takes place. Very few mediums, if any, ever will gation of what takes place. Very few mediums, it any, ever will consent to perform in the laboratory, properly equipped with scientific apparatus, under conditions that make it possible to conduct a real scientific investigation. Practically all mediums insist upon having with them their managers or their "interpreters"; and under

naving with them their managers or their interpreters; and under such conditions, almost anything is possible.

The favorite tactics of most mediums is to wear out the investigators by long waits, and it sometimes takes hours to produce any phenomena at all. Under such conditions, the investigators are wearied, and their senses have been dulled to such an extent, that frequently the medium is enabled to produce "phenomena," which he or she would find impossible to accomplish in relatively good light. There is no arguing with the medium to perform in daylight, because you will be told that the spiritual influences that come from beyond the grave insist upon darkness! What can the scientific in-

beyond the grave insist upon darkness! What can the scientific investigator do against such palpable nonsense?

It would seem to be plain logic, that every medium should be only too glad to submit to scientific laboratory tests if his phenomena were genuine; because if they were, spiritualism certainly would greatly gain and would have nothing to lose. It would then become an accepted science, like the other physical sciences, but there seems to be no immediate prospect of accomplishing anything like this, because spiritualism must have its manners. because spiritualism must have its mummery.

That some of the greatest spiritualistic mediums have been caught in actual fraud, as for instance, the famous Madame Palladino, means nothing to all the other mediums. Here the argument is, that in the first place. Palladino was not exposed; and second, if she were, there certainly are other mediums who are positively not fakers and who have not been caught in trickery.

So again, you get nowhere. On the other hand, I wish to make So again, you get nowhere. On the other hand, I wish to make it plain right here, that I do not accuse the average medium of conscious fraud. Indeed, I believe that most of them are perfectly honest, and act in good faith. It seems to be true, however, that every sincere medium goes into a trance, which is hypnotic in its effect, and in such a trance, ALL of the faculties of the medium are raised to the nth degree, and he or she is enabled to do things. that they could never do while in their waking moments. such an auto-hypnotic or self-imposed trance, which is only another

form of an exalted sleep-the medium becomes an automaton; remember that a distorted but sub-conscious mind is always a most tricky thing, and almost anything can and will happen.

You may never have fallen into a spiritualistic trance, but every body will understand that even during ordinary sleep, it is we known that we do things of which we have no consciousness. We scratch our faces; we turn and toss about; we even walk in our sleep, as somnambulists do, and perform other remarkable things of which we are totally unconscious after we awaken. Yet, we are not called jakers, but we understand that phenomena such as those which take place while we are asleep are not of a supernatural kind but are perfectly natural and are based upon good physical science. nothing mysterious here.

The same thing is the case when a person is hypnotized; during such a state, which is nothing but a trance, the human being can be made to perform the most incredible feats, of which practically none will be remembered after the subject has been restored to con-

sciousness.

Of course, every medium will deny this and will insist that whatever manifestations occur, come from beyond the border line of the spirit world, and that during the trance, the body of the medium is

spirit world, and that during the trance, the body of the medium is possessed by the spirit or spirits of the departed. As a matter of fact, no medium could possibly work and produce any phenomena at all, if he or she did not believe implicitly in that doctrine. Without question, it is this belief, that makes them carry on their work.

It spiritualism was reduced to a natural every-day plane, where practically everybody was free to produce the same phenomena, spiritualism would lose all its fascination for a certain class of people, who ought to know better. Then spiritualism would sink to an every-day, common-place practice, and no one would pay any greater attention to it, than they do to the mysteries of a gasoline engine or attention to it, than they do to the mysteries of a gasoline engine or the wonders of an X-ray machine, and which, by the way, are far more wonderful than any spiritualistic manifestation.

When I say that I believe that a spiritualistic medium in a trance actually does produce manifestations, I am fully aware of the import of this statement. Just because certain phenomena cannot be immediately explained, does not necessarily mean that they are supernatural. Even ectoplasm can be explained in a perfectly natural manner. Some few scientists who actually have seen the clusive ectoplasm, claim that it is nothing but a regurgitation of m. zus is agree from the mouth or nose under stress of an auto-hypnotic transe that exclusive can and does prochase assume the charge of a trance; that ecotplasm can, and does, perhaps, assume the shape of a head or a human figure is not at all impossible. You can throw down a silk handkerchief a dozen times, and it will assume different shapes every time. Then under an uncertain light, you can translate the certain shapes for something else, if only you believe sufficiently in the phenomena; and ectoplasm certainly, if it ever has been produced, would fall into the same class.

All the other phenomena and so-called supernatural effects can be produced and explained by perfectly natural means, and we have actually done so many times. Any good magician can do much better than the best medium, and can actually produce better phenomena and more interesting ones, under far more difficult conditions than

the average medium can show us.

But I am not at all hopeful that this settles the controversy one way or another. Those who believe in spiritualism, will—as usual—attack me most violently, and I will be told that I have not the slightest idea of what I am talking about. But then, I am used to this, and do not mind it any longer.



The first séance given by Nino at Mrs. Houdini's home. Even though Nino was securely bound, the parted curtains clearly indicate he was able to raise his hands as high as his face. Mrs. Houdini and Mr. Dunninger are holding hands across the front of the table

OUR SPIRITUALISTIC INVESTIGATIONS

Report on Nino Pecoraro, a Medium, Who Aspired to the \$31,000.00 Awards

By JOSEPH H. KRAUS

N Thursday, April 26, an internationally-known medium, Nino Pecorara, appeared at the offices of SCIENCE AND INVENTION Magazine, at 230 Fifth Avenue, New York City, in what was to be a demonstration of spiritualistic phenomena, in competition for the \$21,000.00 prize contest which has been oftered for genuine phenomena ever since 1923. He arrived with his manager, Mr. C. E. Davenport, and an interpreter. Awaiting his reception were newspaper reporters of all the papers in and about New York, and photographers and artists on the staffs of those papers. Mrs. Harry Houdini was also present with her manager, Mr. C. Williams, who was prepared to again amounce the offer of an additional \$10,00.00 to be wing to the staffs and proposed the offer of an additional \$10,00.00 to be

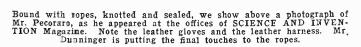
given to the medium who would bring through the ten words of a message upon which both Mr. and Mrs. Houdini had agreed before his death and which would be the first message to actually come through? and thus guarantee the authenticity of the sender. Mr. Pecorara had once tried to bring this message through, when he appeared at Mrs. Houdinis home. Present at both this previous seance and the one held on the night in question, was Mr. Joseph Dunninger, whose Magic Department is well known to all of the readers of this magazine. Mr. Dunninger is chairman of the Science and Invention Magazine Investigating Committee for Psychical Research. The editorial staff of Science and Invention Magazine was also present.

Nino retired into ar. anteroom, where his clothes were thoroughly examined by a committee composed of newspaper reporters, so as to make sure that he brought no concealed instruments into the cabinet with him. After being dressed in a collarless shirt, trousers, socks and shoes he came into the séance room, in which was gathered the audience to which we previously referred. His hands were covered with two leather gloves, previously examined, and the gloves were then sewed to his shirt by two reporters. A leather harness was then strapped around his chest, as the photographs indicate, and Mr. Pecorara was tied to a chair by Mr. James Cannon, representing the Daily News; Mr. Charles Roland, of the Herald-Tribune, and Mr. Hal Coffman, of the N. Y. Evening Journal.

MEDIUM SUSPICIOUS

THE ropes were tied to the chair, and the knots were sealed with scaling-wax and a signet ring impression left thereon. On several occasions Nino requested the individuals who had been tying him not to tie him so tightly. It was explained at this time that when Nino passed into a trance, his convulsive muscular reactions might break one or two of the seals, but they would not be destroyed to such an extent to excite any suspicion that they had been opened. Nino, bound in his chair, was then picked up and placed in the corner of the room, across which a black curtain had been stretched. On being put in the corner of the room, Nino suddenly observed the door of a practically invisible closet built directly

onlockers only, not to me auture whatever, nor to medium in any way. I photograph him unless and to do everything that either the me This promise very moment medium requiredom) to the seance. In net, made by across the continuous the purpose of wax hands or opposite end was a pyrex g modeling classmoothed dow



into the wall. His actions concerning what was behind the door were of so suspicious a nature, that it was necessary to open the closet and prove to him that no one was lurking behind the walnut door.

Then followed two short introductions by Mr. H. Gernsback and Mr. Dunninger. In this, Mr. Gernsback warned the reporters who were present that they must not take as complete evidence anything which they see at this scance. The Science and Invention investigating committee was sitting and observing, and all pledged themselves to be onlookers only, not to make any tests of any nature whatever, nor to interfere with the medium in any way. They agreed not to photograph him unless he gave the signal, and to do everything that was suggested by

either the medium or his guides. This promise was kept from the very moment of tying (when the medium requested a little more freedom) to the termination of the séance. In front of the cabinet, made by stretching a curtain across the corner of the room, there was a table measuring about $2\frac{1}{2}$ ' x 5'. On this table there were two pails of identical nature, one of which contained hot paraffin and another water. This was for the purpose of producing "spirit" wax hands or molds. Nearer the opposite end of the table there was a pyrex glass dish, filled with modeling clay which had been smoothed down so as to give a perfectly flat surface. This was for fingerprints or other spirit impressions. Near the middle of the table a tambourine was to be found. At the left end of the table, facing the cabinet, Mr. H. Gernsback was seated, and opposite to him was Mr. Dunninger and the writer. Mr. H. Win-field Secor sat in front of the field Secor sat in front of the table, with several newspaper men beside him. This position was maintained for the first part of the séance, until the control requested that the Editor, Mr. Dunninger and Mrs. Houdini occurred seats directly in front of cupy seats directly in front of the table. In accordance with our promise to do what was desired, this shift was accomplished, thus leaving Mr. Gernsback at one end of the table and the writer directly opposite. Both M. Gernsback and the writer could view the curtain from the side, but the only part of this curtain which, if it moved, could be seen, was the lower half foot, (Continued on page 202)



With ropes tied and scaled, and using substantially the same harness employed by Nino, Mr. Dunninger is being inspected by Mrs. Houdini and Mr. Davenport. Ten minutes after he entered the cabinet, bound in this fashion, phenomena occurred.

illuminated by a dim red light from a lamp on a table six feet in front of the cabinet and reflected from the floor of the room.

At 7:20, the curtains were drawn, and ten minutes later, the acting control of the medium, Eusapia Palladino, started to talk in a mannish falsetto voice. There was no question in any one's mind but that it came from behind the curtain and that it was produced by the vocal chords of Nino. The acting control requested that the lights be turned on so that we could examine the medium again.

It must be remembered that while the room was not totally dark (there being a red lamp lit at all times) the curtain and the space immediately in front of it was as pitch dark as could be. Hence, in order to ob-serve the medium, it was absolutely necessary that the room be lighted. The examination revealed no material change, other than that the medium's hands, formerly tied to his chest, had managed to slip their bonds

to such an extent, that they were both resting beneath the cords, but still tied, crossing his lap. Nino was in a semi-cataleptic state induced by a self-hypnosis.

The lights were turned on and off several times; during the entire scance, some voices were produced, which implied nothing spiritual whatever, but which voices continued to give the spectators positive assurance that phenomena would be presented. A voice frequently heard was that of the famous medium, now deceased, Eusapia Palladino, who spoke in Italian, and her words, messages or orders were translated by the interpreter. other voice was said to be that of the medium's brother; a third, that of the medium himself, and the fourth, the voice of Harry Houdini. The committee as a whole was quite unfamiliar with these various voices, but some of them could have recognized Houdini's voice, if it came through dini's voice was far from natural, and was not at all recognized by Mrs. Houdini. All the voices

Our Spiritualistic

sounded like the medium himself. Mr. Dunninger and Mrs. Houdini were re-Dunninger quested to stand and hold hands, and the photographers were told to get ready. At the signal of 3, the flashlight picture was to be taken.

PAPER FLUTTERS

A T 9:05, a piece of paper on which four names had previously been written was picked up from the table and carried through the curtain. At the signal, given by the spirit guide, the photographers were permitted to photograph the scene, when the paper was being rapidly moved through the air, by what was sup-posed to be spiritual power. This picture is reproduced in this publication. It was taken by a New York Evening Journal photographer.

THE MEDIUM'S HAND?

I T will be observed that the hand of the medium is clearly discernible in this

photograph. Consciously or sub-consciously, the medium was able to slip out of his bonds to such an extent that he could green this passer. The extent that he could grasp this paper. The flashlight was probably too rapid for him, because it shows the medium's hand in clear detail. We wish to impress here that the part of the picture of the hand and the paper here shown has not been retouched in any way whatever. The details, which always lose something through reproduction, are perfectly clear.

NO FURTHER MANIFESTATION

M ADAME PALLADINO repeatedly assured the audience that there would be more phenomena. She promised wax hands, impressions in the plate, table raps, tambourine sounds; she promised to materialize the spirit of Houdini and produce his handwriting on the sheet of paper. Not one of these repeated promises was kept. The only manifestation that was produced in five hours was the piece of paper waved around in the air and a pencil being accidentally dropped on the floor. Hope ran high,

There were no further manifestations, so at Mr. Davenport's suggestion, the meeting was terminated at 9:28. The newspaper men were sadly disappointed. After five hours, they expected to see more than a paper flashing in the air. Phenomena were repeatedly promised by the medium and by the various spirit guides. The newspaper the various spirit guides. The newspaper authorities were unanimous in their verdict that on this particular occasion the spirits had completely fooled them by their unwillingness to produce results, even as they had on the previous occasion at Mrs. Houdini's

on the previous occasion at Mrs. Houding's thome. Newspaper clippings surrounding the photograph of the manifestation (?) attest to the news' reactions.

The spectators further agreed, that the following Thursday, at the same time, they would be willing to view "Dunninger's" doing some of the so-called spiritualistic phenomena by perfectly natural and exceptification. nomena by perfectly natural and scientific means, held under similar conditions and circumstances, which "Dunninger" agreed to demonstrate.

Nino's bonds were examined at the termination of the scance and several seals were found to have been broken. It might also be interesting to point out that while Nino claimed he did not at any time try to escape from his rope ties, a photograph taken of him while at Mrs. Houdin's home shows clearly, that even though apparently securely fastened to the chair, he was able to raise his hands as high as his face. And there is no question but that the hand was released in this case. This photo forms an interesting illustration in this article.

Had this first séance produced anything of value, Science and Invention would then have requested Nino to sit again in the magazine's laboratory, with the special in-struments that would have been devised for the purpose of testing the reactions. It is do before one can possibly suggest scientific means of measurement or control. It was unanimously agreed by the witnesses and by the committeemen that this demonstration was a fizzle as far as spiritualistic phenomena were concerned.

HOW OUR SENSES FOOL US

I T was during the first half of the séance that Mr. H. Gernsback asked this writer, who was seated at the opposite end of the table, whether he saw a hand move across the table. The annove was that no eyel hand was

swer was that no such hand was seen. Bear in mind that this occurred quite some time before the paper had been removed from the paper had been removed from the table. Subsequently, the editor-in-chief, in a conference with the other members of the staff, informed us that the eyes certainly do fool a person when he is in the dark or in semi-darkness. Mr. Gernsback could see, according to his own admission, the reflection on the tambourine and the reflection on the edge of the cans containing the paraffin and water, but his eyes would become so fatigued by constantly staring at these objects in the very dimly lighted room that they finally disappeared. It was necessary for him to close his eyes or shift his gaze to a different object, in order to make the one that had vanished come hack to complete visibility again. back to complete visibility again.

As the paper was being lifted, Mr. Gernsback pointed out that a pencil had fallen to the floor. This actually occurred, but the



Dunninger materializing the ghost of Harry Houdini. This is a flash-light photograph taken during the séance. Observe the likeness to the great magician. Left to right: Mr. C. E. Davenport, Mr. H. Gernsback, and Mrs. Houdini. On the table stand the two pails, one containing paraffin and the other water. Note the paper on which a signature later appeared. It is fully four feet from the cabinet.



This photograph shows a piece of paper being wafted around in the air by natural forces. It indicates that Mr. Dunninger is doing the trick even better than the medium performed the operation, in that the hand cannot be observed. The photo shows something phenomenal. On the curtain, a

head can be made out. An enlarged view of this head appears in the upper right-hand corner. This is a freak condition due to the reflection of the flashlight on the curtain's background. Many a medium would attribute the result to "spiritual force." Left to right: Mr. H. Gernsback, Mr. Davenport and Mrs. Houdini.

reason it happened was because the spirit or whatever it was, could not find the pencil on the table. This writer had long since discovered that an object can be located in

the dark if on a table by purely a sense of direction and muscular control.

IN THE DARK

FOR example, if a person should fix in his mind the position of objects lying on the table, and the room is suddenly darkened, that person can still reach for the object and will undoubtedly find it very readily. A room illuminated by a faint red light seems to be enveloped in stygian blackness the instant any overhead lights are extinguished. At this point a medium can easily and quickly grasp for an object on the table and produce his manifestations, without being afraid in the least that he will be caught in the act. Giv-

will be caught in the act. Giving the medium every credit for reasonable doubt, the medium could reach the table, grasp the pencil, and sign a name to the paper before the spectators in the room became accustomed to the red light; and before they were able to distinguish objects in the

séance room. Accordingly, every time the main lights were turned out, this writer changed the position of the pencil. This made it necessary for the medium (if the

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\$10,000.00 is now offered through this publication by Mrs. Houdini for the ten-word message which Houdini promised to deliver

TOTAL: \$31,000.00 for spirit manifestations.

medium is operating fraudulently) to grope in the darkness for a pencil, with a possible chance that the pencil would be knocked off the table; but in any event a positive assurance that by the time the pencil was found, the medium would have been observed.

If an ectoplasmic or spirit hand came forward to grasp the pencil, it would make no difference how long it took to find it. There is no reason why the ectoplasmic hand

should rush back behind its black curtain, when no one in the room would have made an attempt to grasp it, and when the medium was given every possible opportunity of demonstrating his power.

But the point which the writer wishes to bring out is that in spite of the fact that he shifted the pencil every time the room was thrown into darkness again, after being first flooded with light, not one person in that entire room observed that the pencil was shifted.

THE MEDIUM'S LETTER

O N April 28, Nino Pecoraro sent the following letter to Mr. Dunninger and the press:
"I am writing this letter to

you both as a protest against the grossly unfair treatment I received at your hands and those of the Press in judging the results of the séance held at the editorial rooms of Science and Invention on Thursday, April (Continued on page 262)

IT'S ALL BUNK

IDE shows come and side shows go, and the BUNK goes on forever! Pure bunk; for although some of the "strange, strange people" on exhibition are actually freaks, the greater percentage of side show acts are nothing more nor less than plain applesauce!

THE SWORD LADDER

O NE of the many acts performed by these side show mongers is The Sword Ladder. In this effect, the performer, bare-footed, ascends and descends a ladder of swords; the sharpness of the swords being demonstrated beforehand with the usual hair-cutting test. And—it's all bunk! The swords are keen enough at the hilt and at the extreme tip, but the center portions

are so dulled that the performer can ascend and descend in perfect safety. Even rather sharp swords are comparatively safe to hardened feet, if the performer takes care not to slip sideways.

THE PETRIFIED LADY

D ID you ever see the Petrified Lady? According to the side show barker, she is a real human being who has gradually who has gradually turned to almost solid rock, Petrified! Yet she breathes quite naturally, and froths at the mouth octains the mouth octains the mouth octains the second to the second sionally for the benefit of the cash customers. The secret of this bit of chicanery is absurdly sim-ple. The

figure is merely a life-like wax figure, made to breathe and spit by means of ingenious electrical mechanism which is controlled from underneath her "death bed." The cloth chest moves up and down by a sort of bellows action.

FAKE SIAMESE TWINS

A NOTHER common fake is The Siamese Twins. There are real Siamese Twins, it is true, and an interesting report on them appeared in the March issue of this publication, but those are not the ones that probably live in your memory. The ones you saw were undoubtedly a fake; simply and easily made by fastening two ordinary twins or girls who looked nearly alike together by means of a double belt of flesh-colored rubber.

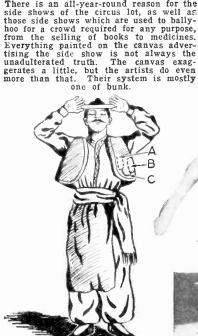
THE STRONG MAN

THE Strong Man is another standardized side show act. One of his specialties is the famous "rock breaking test." In this he allows a huge rock to be broken on his unprotented electrons of the standard control of the standard standard control of the standard standa tected chest, an assistant using a large sledge hammer for this purpose. It looks wonderful to the layman,

Did you ever hold a brick in your hands and break it with two or three light taps with a hammer? Did it hurt your hand Of course not! The inertia and density of the brick absorbed all shock long before the blow reached your hand. The brick cannot transmit the force of the blow instantly. It works the same on a larger scale—the blows, though quite powerful, are absorbed by the large rock, and their force reduced to a minimum.

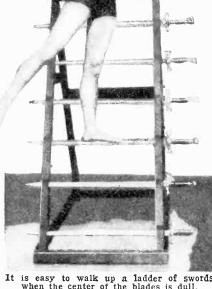
Another popular trick of the mod-ern Hercules is the famous "Nail Driving" effect. In this demonstra-tion, the disciple of Samson drives several large spikes through a double thickness of two inch planking, using nothing but his hand, wrapped in a handkerchief, for driving power.

The feat has every appearance of

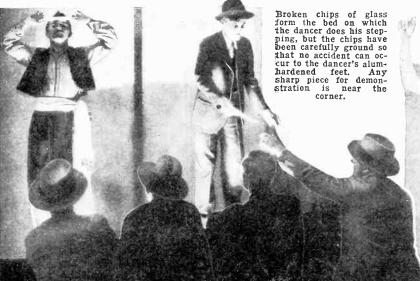


There is an all-year-round reason for the

A is a holder for the test tube, B, a tank of gas, and C, a rubber tube connecting the two. The gas is a developer for a fortune, written in sympathetic



It is easy to walk up a ladder of swords when the center of the blades is dull.



How the mystic tells fortunes is revealed by the two photographs above and the diagram on this page. A piece of paper is torn from a pad. This piece is apparently blank when superficially examined. The mystic then rolls the paper into a tube, and places this into a test tube which he holds between his fingers and against his forchead. When the paper comes out, a fortune appears thereon. The proud possessor has paic 10c for a demonstration of a simple chemical stunt. The gas in the test tube "develops" the sympathetic ink writing.



How an Unsuspecting Public is Being Bamboozled by Fraud and Trickery

By SAM BROWN

being the real thing, and, in many cases the strong man actually does the effect legitimately. The less powerfully endowed Samson, however, resorts to trickery in order to make this performance possible. The boards through which he drives the spikes are prepared in the manner shown in the diagram, beside the photographic illustration so that a moderate smash is all that is necessary to send the spike completely through the weakened plank. The edge of the faked joint is made quite indetectable through the application of beeswax and fine sawdust.

THE GLASS DANCER

THE Glass Dancer is a feature which is parallel to The Sword Ladder. In this number, the performer dances in a bed of broken glass without injury. It looks dangerous; but the glass is really quite dull; not at all sharp enough to cut the alum-soaked feet of the performer. The sharp pieces of glass that are removed and demonstrated to the audience, are taken from a corner, where they never can fall under the dancers foot

THE FORTUNE TELLER

AMRAH, The Hindoo Fortune Teller is another lot of hooey! He places plain, white sheets of paper in a test tube, and—Lo!—the spectator's fortune appears on the blank sheet! Of course, the chemist made Amrah's stunt possible. The fortunes are previously written on the blank sheets of paper with sympathetic ink. When this ink comes in contact with the proper chemical

Some strong men use "regular" lumber for this nail-driving experiment; others hollow out a portion of the wood, as the diagram at the right indicates. agent, the invisible writing is developed and the fortune appears. The diagram on the lefthand page shows how the fortune teller secretly gets the chemical gas into the test tube without detection—the tube is merely dropped into his pocket when not in use, and a gentle arm pressure forces the gas from a bag into the glass tube.

THE HANDCUFF KING

A ND, of course, the Handcuff King. In one of his numbers, he allows himself to be handcuffed and then nailed in a heavily-constructed and seemingly unprepared chest. The committee then places the chest with its human cargo behind the curtain, and a few minutes later—Lo!—there stands our hero, out of the chest and the hand-

Yes, stones are actually broken on the chest, but anyone who can hold the stone can permit of having the experiment tried on him. The strong manex periences but cuffs, although both of these are found in the same condition as at the beginning of the experiment. Easy pickings for the Handcuff King! The chest is his own and a periences but very little shock from the blow of the hammer, the force of which is disside panel is not nailed into place, but merely wedged into the opening and held sipated by the mass of the stone. in place with two



These Slamese twins can be easily separated. As a matter of fact, they are always separate, except when on exhibition, when a flesh-colored elastic bandage joins them, as the photograph indicates.

concealed pins. To effect his escape, the "Wonder Man" need only crawl out through this faked panel and then replace it in its original position.

And what about the handcuffs? Easy! Most ordinary handcuffs—Bean, Romer, Tower, Premier—are controlled by a single.

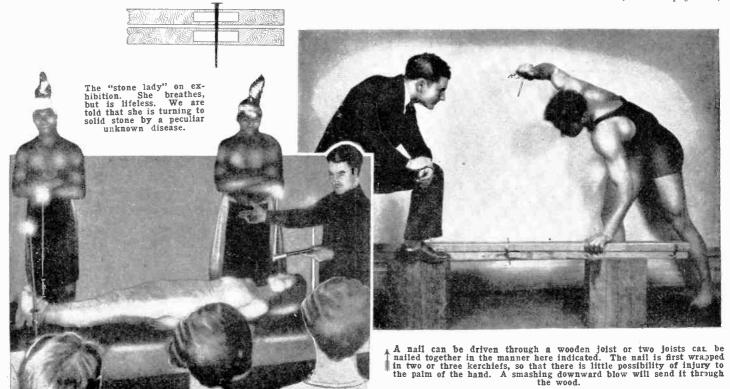
At the left, the stone lady is found to be made of wax, and the undulating chest movements, indicating breathing, are performed by bellows located under the croth.

action lock which can be as easily opened with a pick made from a piece of watch spring as they can with the regulation keys. This pick the performer has tied around his waist, and

once inside the chest he proceeds to use it to effect his escape.

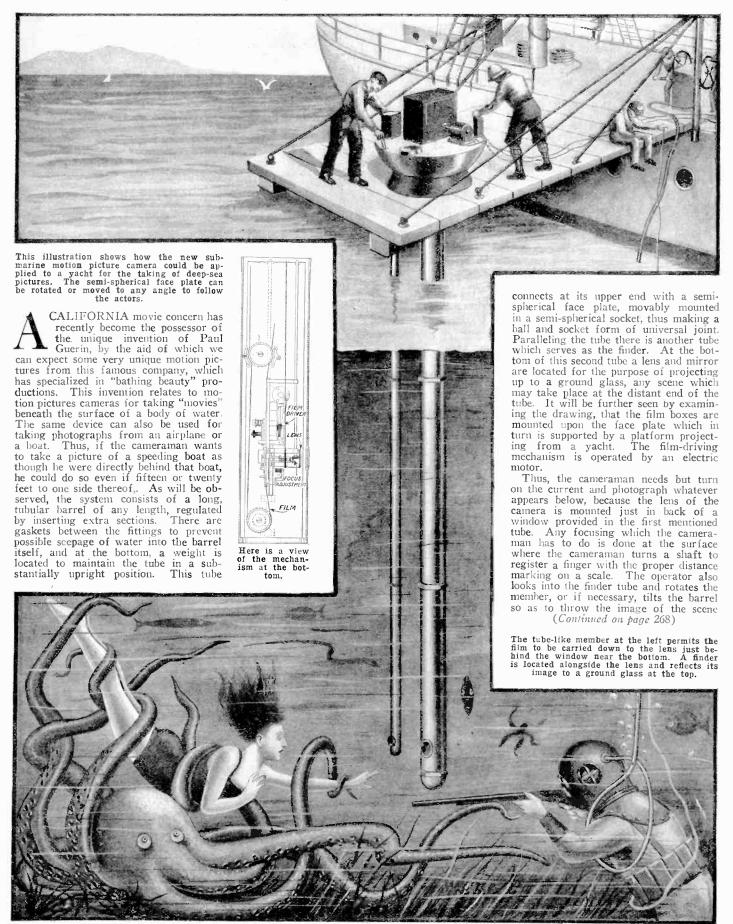
THE PERPETUAL MERMAID

GRIM, in his colorful book of fairy tales, tells of (Cont. on page 265)



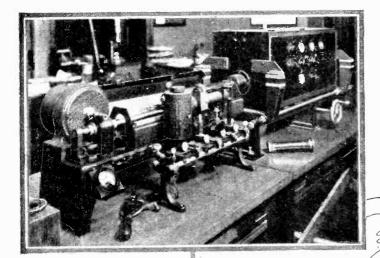
Deep-Sea Motion Picture Camera

The Film Boxes Are at the Surface, But a Tube Carries the Film to the Lens Located Near the Bottom By H. WINFIELD SECOR

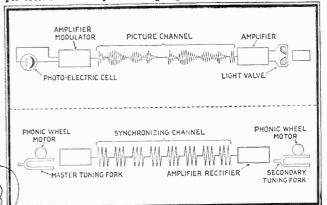


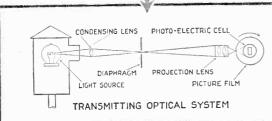
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Below is a schematic representation of the picture and synchronizing currents. The picture is sent on a carrier frequency of 1,300 cycles per second and the synchronizing impulses at 400 cycles per second.





Above is a photograph of the transmitter and a simplified drawing of the optical system used. By means of this arrangement, a small spot of light is projected upon the picture.

—Photos courtesy American Telephone and Telegraph Co., Telephoto Dept.

M OVING pictures by wire are now made possible by recent developments of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., as was demonstrated recently when a movie strip of Vilma Banky was sent from Chicago to New York and exhibited at the Embassy Theatre within a few hours' time. Three sections of the film were pasted side by side in order to make a picture approximately 5" x 7", for rapid transmission. The speed of transmission for a picture of this size going through telephone circuits is about seven minutes. The photographic processes at both ends, however, are actually the most tedious. Therefore, about an hour or more is required before the finished product is ready for delivery.

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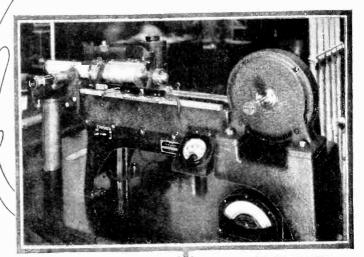
The principle involved is not as complicated as it would seem. A 5" x 7" transparent positive is mounted on a drum which revolves and at the same time moves slowly from side to side. Its lateral speed is one-hundredth of an inch per revolution, and determines the number

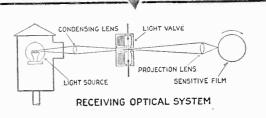
of vertical rows of impressions made. spot of light is focused through the revolving positive which is being transmitted and falls upon a photo-electric cell. This cell ialls upon a photo-electric cell. passes a current which varies as the intensity of the light which plays upon it. when solid black appears on the positive, it shuts off the light and a very small current flows through the cell. Where the positive is transparent, considerable light passes through the cell and a large current flows. This fluctuating current is amplified and then passed through the telephone lines to the receiving point. Here it is again amplified and used to control what is known as a "light valve." This is a magnetically operated shutter of extreme sensitivity which controls the beam of light passing through it. This beam plays upon a cylinder of the same diameter and revolving at the same speed as that at the transmitting end.

On the cylinder is an unexposed photographic film which becomes the negative from which the prints are made. The motors used in the transmitting and receiving apparatus must be perfectly synchronized. This is accomplished by means of synchronizing impulses which are super-imposed upon the line which carries the picture currents. In order to do this, the picture is sent on a



Above is an unretouched picture of a movie strip of Vilma Banky which was sent from Chicago to New York over wire recently. Three strips were pasted side by





The receiver and receiving end optical system appear above. Incoming current passes through the light valve, varying the aperture and thus the light intensity.

carrier frequency of 1,300 cycles per second, and the synchronizing impulses on a lower frequency carrier of 400 cycles per second. Both of these lie in the range of frequencies transmitted by any telephone circuit. The two currents are kept separated by a system of electrical filters at the sending and receiving ends, so that while the current on the line consists of a mixture of the two modulated frequencies, the appropriate parts of the receiver receive only one carrier frequency each. The means employed for synchronization in the present apparatus consists of impulse or phonic wheel motors controlled by electrically-driven tuning forks. This makes it possible to produce an accurate copy of the original picture by keeping the two cylinders rotating at a uniform rate. Both of the cylinders are 6 inches in circumference and revolve 1½ times per second. Twenty-six hundred images are flashed over the wire circuits each second. All electrically-transmitted pictures have, as a result of the scanning process at the receiving and transmitting ends, a certain amount of structure. The movie strip shown here shows the fineness and character of this structure upon which the detail depends.



A Brand New Means for Entertaining By HUGO GERNSBACK

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N the June issue of Science and Invention, I disclosed a brand new means for entertaining, three mechanical devices, which we have termed for lack of a better name "Phoney Inventions." As I explained in that issue, the test of one of these foolish inventions should be to positively produce a laugh when it is demonstrated. If it does not do so, it does not fall in the classification of "Phoney Inventions."

As I also explained in the June issue, these ridiculous inventions are used particularly during gatherings, dinner parties, and amateur theatricals, and if mirth-provoking enough, they will give rise to a lot of innocent and harmless fun.

YOU CAN'T SLEEP WITH THIS BOOK

I N this last instalment, I have shown three further inventions, which were actually gotten up by me sometime ago, all of which

PIN SWITCH

SOUTH

BAGES

BATTERIES

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CONNECTIONS

The diagram above explains the principal part of the construction of the "Phoney Invention" book. Note the position of the buzzer and batteries. Also observe how the pin extends from the back of the book and aids in closing the contact through the switch.

NDER this heading we shall continue the department known as "Phoney Inventions." This is a brand new means for entertaining your friends. It is exceedingly useful for home parties and club gatherings. Anyone handy with tools can make a Phoney Invention. The principle of this new entertainment is to have a ridiculous device that gives unexpected results or that is otherwise mirth-provoking. Anyone can make one of these contraptions in his spare time.

Science and Invention will pay \$5.00 for every Phoney Invention submitted to this department and accepted for publication. full description of the invention, with drawings and photographs accompanying the same will be published in this Department. If photographs cannot be supplied, the device may be sent to the Editors for their inspection, after which it will be returned to the maker. Address all correspondence to Editor, Phoney Inventions.

With this book you cannot possibly fall asleep. The instant that it is allowed to rest on any object, it buzzes loudly until again lifted.

having proved quite successful from the standpoint of creating a great deal of amusement.

The first one, described in these pages, is an innocent-looking book. You produce this book and explain to your audience that the trouble with authors nowadays is that it is difficult to provide a book that holds the reader's interest throughout; and sooner or later, he will fall asleep over the average book when the plot unthickens or unloosens.

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The photograph above shows the internal construction of the "Phoney Invention" book. The latter half of the volume has been cut out so as to compactly contain two batteries, a buzzer and a switch. The instant that the book is rested on the surface of any object, or when the book is laid down, the switch closes the circuit through the batteries and the buzzer awakes the sleeper with a start.

. That positively cannot happen with the present invention, for it is impossible to fall asleep over it or with it. You then proceed to demonstrate how impossible it is to actually fall asleep. You begin to close your eyes, your arms relax and the book descends on your lap and comes down on your leg—when lo and behold, a loud noise is suddenly heard, and you wake up with a start.

The secret is within the book, and the illustrations show this. A pin contact goes through the back cover, which makes the usual contact. There is also a buzzer and two flashlight cells, all

contained within the book. The instant the contact is established, the buzzer goes off with a loud sound, which causes you to raise the book. The instant the weight is relieved, the contact is broken and the book becomes silent once more.

The best way to duplicate this effect is for you to get an old book, for which you have no further use, and which should be some sort of a dry volume on Economics or some other subject of a technical nature, which can be bought cheap enough in a second-hand store. All you have to do then, is to carve out the inside, as shown in the illustrations, which can be done with a safety razor or an ordinary sharp knife. The leaves are then glued together, so the rear part of the book cannot be opened.

rear part of the book cannot be opened.

Most of the room is required, of course, for the battery and the buzzer. About twenty pages or so are left in the front of the book, which leaves are not touched. One page is then glued down to cover up the buzzer and the battery and you will be surprised to see how innocent looking the book is after the work is completed. Of course, you will have to destroy one page if you

open it up and renew the battery, but there are enough pages left anyhow. If this "Phoney Invention" is brought before your friends with a fair amount of good "patter," it will never fail to produce a big laugh.

REFRIGERATED MUSICAL SOUP SPOON

HE next invention might be called "The Refrigerated Musical Spoon." Here is an invention that has long been wanted.

prised that no one has thought of it before, but then all great inventions are terrifically simple. Just think of the safety pin, the rubber eraser at the end of your pencil, et cetera.

We all know the

The inventor cracked his brain to solve the soup spoon problem. It will be observed that there is a special container on the spoon to hold ice. This is for the purpose of cooling the soup and preventing that "burned tongue" feeling. In order to dispel the noise of the soup while it is being eaten, a music box is fitted on the handle of the spoon. The resultant sounds may or may not be harmonious.

The above photograph shows the phoney inventions soup spoon. The cylindrical box contains a small Swiss music box apparatus. The upright container is for cracked ice. Note the trip projecting from the handle of the soup spoon. The music box further serves to balance the spoon when it is full of soup.

Something has always been decidedly wrong with soups as far as is known, even in the days of Adam (providing he ate soup). The trouble is, of course, that soup is usually so hot that it burns your mouth, and not only that, but it makes a lot of noise while you All this is now overcome by this illustrious invention. An

ordinary soup spoon is provided at one end with a metal receptacle, in which cracked ice is placed. This is soldered to the spoon. On the handle end, there is a small miniature music

box, which can be obtained in novelty shops. You provide the spoon with ice, and then demonstrate it to your friends during dinner. The ice cools the soup spoon sufficiently to cool even the hottest soup; at the same time, while you lift the spoon up to your mouth, you press a little trigger and the music starts. This effectually hides the "music" which you usually produce while you eat the soup

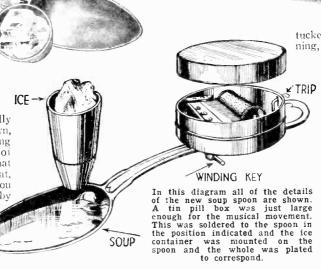
The combination is most charming and I see a great future for it. I admit it's a bit cumbersome and you have to be careful when you clean the spoon, because with the music box attached to it, you cannot immerse it in hot water; that might silence it forever, so you will have to give it special attention. All in all, this invention never fails to produce a good laugh and great merriment.

COLLAR BUTTON YOU CAN'T LOSE

THE final invention, also shown here, is T HE final invention, also shown one which every man has been looking for, for countless ages. I am greatly sur-

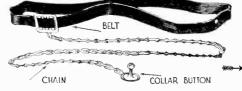


A photograph of the phoney invention collar button which positively cannot get lost. It is shown in use at the right.



elusive collar button. Inventors have tried to produce one that can't be lost. We all know they have not succeeded. Recently,

SOUP



A "Phoney Inventions" collar button is being put into a shirt. The belt encircles the body. Inasmuch as the chain is soldered to the buckle and the button to the chain, it is impossible to lose this collar button.

an inventor suggested the use of fly paper at the end of the flat end of the collar button, but the suggestion was not taken seriously by anyone. Another one suggested the use of a small radio inside of the collar button so if it did get lost, it would send out its own S.O.S. That was perhaps the cleverest invention of all. There was, however, only just one hitch to it, and that is there was no radio apparatus quite so small to put inside a collar button, so that idea had

to be given up.

Knowing all these defects, I finally produced a collar button to which there is no objection, and that POSITIVELY cannot be lost. As a matter of fact, the most difficult thing about this particular collar button is that it will take a great effort to lose it, and as I stated before, the invention is ridiculously simple. It comprises, as the illustration shows: A collar button, to which is attached four feet of strong brass chain. The end of this chain is attached to a rubber elastic belt, which goes around the waist. That belt is important, because without it, you might possibly lose the chain and the collar button, but once it is anchored safely amidships, as shown in our illustrations, there is no chance for this. Of course, the chain is worn underneath the shirt, and

tucked neatly out of the way. In the evening, you unbuckle the harness and you are all set for the next day. If the button does fall down, the chain goes with it and so does the belt, but you need not worry, because it is too large

to be lost. As the illustrations show, the collar button is of the ordinary variety. A good brass chain is soldered to the back of it, and the other end of the chain goes to the belt. If this invention is produced before your friends with "patter" similar to that just mentioned, it will never fail to produce a great laugh. Of course, the idea is to make a long, important sounding talk before you actually produce the collar button, and it is also a good idea to take off your collar and give a demonstration of how it works in practice.

I hope that these examples have set our readers to thinking, and I hope that we shall publish many of these "Phoney Inventions" during the coming year.

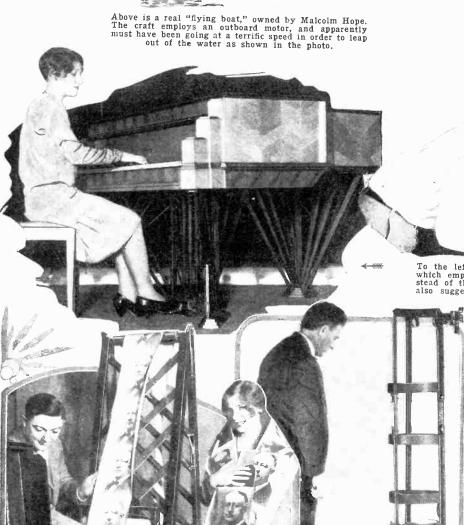


A 'Phoney Inventions' collar button is shown above being soldered to a chain which is long enough to reach a buckle; the buckle in turn, being fitted to a belt.

Scientific

A Photographic Picturization

It is almost impossible to keep up with the rapid strides taken in the field of science. This is truly a scientific age.



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To the left is a view of a new model piano which employs a delicate tracery of spars instead of the conventional legs. The designer also suggests the elimination of the conventional piano case.

The above photo shows Dr. William R. Whitney, in the laboratory of the General Electric Co. He is the inventor of a machine which will read books aloud. The device will undoubtedly be a great boon to the blind.



George H. Lutz is shown above with a new mirror for telescopes made of a special metal alloy four times as hard as steel. One of the principal advantages of the new reflector is its durability, whereas the silvered mirrors now in use must be removed every few months.

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A new German invention, a collapsible rubber life-boat, is shown above. The boat will hold twenty persons, and is propelled by a four horsepower motor, as well as being fitted with a mast, sails and oars. It may be inflated by a pump or bellows. Herman Meyer, the inventor, is shown operating the bellows.

The world's largest all-metal monoplane is shown here. It has a wing span of 150 feet, weighs 15 tons, and has tires 7 ft. 6 in. high. It is so large that it can only enter a hangar sideways on small trucks.

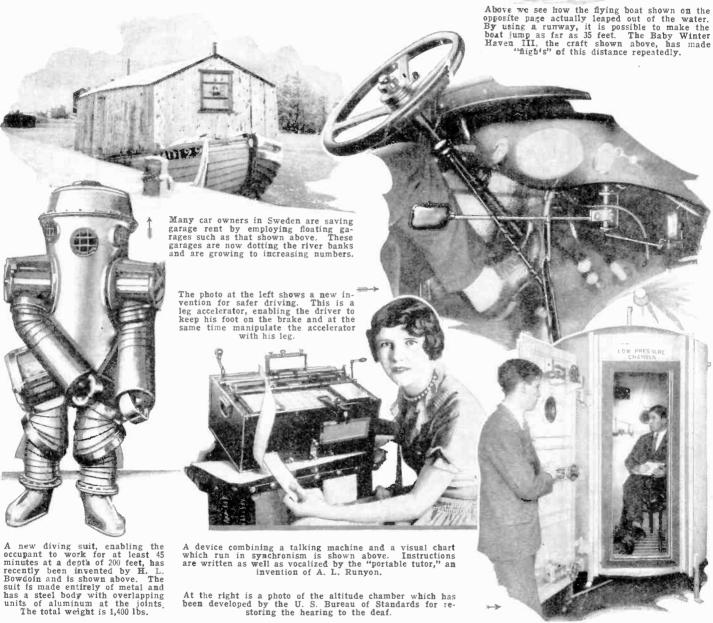
A new machine which is capable of making quantities of photographic prints in a short time is now being used in preparing thousands of pictures of "Al" Smith for his coming sampaign.

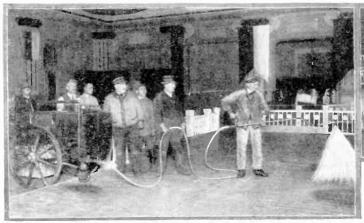
Progress

of Modern Scientific Advances

On these pages we can portray but a few of the advances made in many different fields.









The above photo shows a summer ide-rink made of artificial ice in Berlin, Germany. This is the first one of its kind, and is produced chemically, as shown at the les, where workmen are spraying the artificial surface over the rink.

OU may be different from all other human beings in the wide world. You may, but the chances are, that you are Your habits and even your methods of thought will be quite similar, say to that of Bill your neighbor across the street, or Timpken, the fellow next door who is always wanting to borrow something.

The fact of the matter is that human

beings, when you average them up, are surprisingly alike. And human impulses are fairly constant. When equipped with a knowledge of all items entering into a situation, you yourself could forecast precisely how a man would react under any given set

of circumstances.

Business has learned this truth and utilizes it in a profitable way. Individuals are learning to use it for their pleasure as well as their profit. Perhaps the chief reason that insurance companies are so wealthy is because they accurately judge the future course

of events. They know that under certain conditions -age, climate, occupation - just how many men and women will be seriously ill during the year. They also know the number that will have disastrous fires, and



the number who will be struck down on the streets. They know that out of all the buildings insured a certain definite number will be struck by lightning.

THOSE HAVING NUMBER NINE SHOES

YET there is nothing uncanny about their figures. They have successfully interpreted the law of averages.

If you are going into the millinery business you would be told by manufacturers that you should place in stock but a small percentage of women's hats that are large and a great number that are small. If you sell ready-made clothing, you will be told to secure a definite percentage of stout sizes. If you are going to sell shoes and doubt the advice given you by the manufacturers you might play a little game by way of testing this law of averages.
Stop five hun-

dred people on the street and ask them the size of their shoes. Then go to another city or take up your location on another street and ask five hundred more. Your answer is in the back of the book.



It will check up with the advice of the shoe manufacturers and the two streets will give you practically the same results. All because, by the law of averages, each five hundred will include the same percentage of people wearing number nine shoes.

To get a working understanding of the

To get a working understanding of the law of averages for your own purposes, for your own home, you begin by keeping records. It is certain that the accurate knowledge possessed by life insurance companies is all a matter of accurate records. It may be that Lloyd's will take a risk as to the weather on a certain day when a championship fight or a football game is to be held out of doors. The promoter is obliged to choose a holiday in order to attract the largest crowd. Next he goes to his insurance broker and takes out a policy covering his loss should it rain. The insur-ance company in turn asks the United States Weather Bureau for data covering some fifty years of records as to the state of the weather, say, on the first of November. On

The Strangest

Utilizing the Law of Averages Is One of the Modern

the basis of the records, the insurance company is bound to win in the long run. protected by the law of averages.

SPEAKING OF THE WEATHER

AND speaking of the weather. What A is apparently more fickle? "Every time you plan an outing it rains!" you say? Perhaps it is because your law of averages is unconsciously operating in connection with the days which you choose. However, it is far more likely that the records of the Weather Bureau can tell you what your chances are for a clear, pleasant day and the law of averages will be right.

The Weather Bureau of every city in the United States is being constantly used in order to help business. Recently a great company making electric fans sent to all its agents throughout the United States elaborate charts which were based on forty

vears' records. Using this information the dealers were told just when to advertise fans-even to the day of the week and the month. They were advised when to buy stock and how many days of the year fans could



be easily sold in their particular city. was all based on weather conditions-humid-

Newspaper publishers are showing an uncanny understanding of the law of averages as compared with the weather. They have learned, for instance, that a newsboy will sell one hundred and forty-nine papers on a clear Sunday morning; when, however, the weather promises to be disagreeable and cloudy they will print more, for the same boy will sell two hundred and eleven. Thus the weather report means more than a mere announcement each day.

There are the department stores. They have a sale planned which must attract a certain number of people in order to dispose of a certain quantity of goods. "But what of a certain quantity of goods. "But what about the weather?" asks the manager of the advertising director. The Weather Bureau will be consulted and past store records while the particular advertisement stands ready to be run on last minute orders.

Then, strange as it may seem, it is not a hard rainy day that worries the management so much as a stormy or threatening morning.

In fact, according to the law of averages, Mrs. Jones will sally forth on a fair morning to buy through the lure of the newspaper bait. Should she, however, encoun-ter a shower along about noon, by this same law



of averages, the store management knows that she will decide to stay in town, eat her lunch, and because she has nothing else to do she will buy more merchandise. day had continued clear, she would have hurried home to her mending or visiting.

WEATHER THAT MEANS PROFIT

I N St. Louis, Missouri, there is a well known hardware firm that is constantly making practical use of the law of averages.

By UTHAI

For example, each day they take the little stacks of sales slips that come in by mail from the men on the road and weigh them. Thus they know, without further study, the average amount of money the sales repre-Each ounce of the little slips means so many dollars. One slip may be for a bill of goods amounting to the thousands, and the next may cover a quarter's worth of nails. A computation of the slips have proved the accuracy of their experience. The results vary but a few cents.

Another concern asks their men to send in information and daily reports on the weather, temperature, rainfall, and so on—as well as information regarding crops. They even arrange to get such information

from England.

O you know—that the "law of averages" may spell all the difference between success and failure, in any business you may undertake? The author of the present article tells you how the law can be applied to your business or profession. Retail stores are located by mathematics today-not by guess.

It is true that a rainy March and April in any section of the United States means that there will be a large demand ior scythes and sickles and lawn mowers in June. Under the law of



averages a spe-cific number of men out of each thousand will buy lawnmowers, but the number who buy new ones depends upon how luxuriant the grass grows. A dry Spring and sales on garden hose thus have a definite relation. In the Treasury Department at Washing-

ton there is a man who plays with the law of averages and obtains answers to questions which affect the whole United States.

This man is Joseph S. McCoy, who is listed merely as an actuary, yet, although not in the public eye he takes a set of figures and another group of numbers and puts them together according to the law of averages and so finds out what you and your reighbors will do as regards income taxes, tariff and many other things.

When the Underwood Tariff Bill was being drawn, McCoy was called upon to

tell as to the way that people would pay

the various amounts.

It was McCoy who estimated with accuracy how much money would thus be secured and whether a certain item could be made to bear a ten per cent or a thirty per cent

HE COUNTED THE POPULATION NINE YEARS BEFORE

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m AXES}$ were not all. Congressmen also wanted to know what the population of

of All Laws

Methods of Success in Crowded Fields of Business

V. WILCOX

the United States would be in 1910. They asked in 1901. And when the Census Bureau had counted them it was found that McCoy using the law of averages nine years previously came within one per cent of the

The way that McCoy did these things as apparently simple. He would take a was apparently simple. pad of paper and standing on the street corner count the number of pedestrians and the number of automobiles and compare these with the population of the city and by taking in the variable factors producing prosperity he was able to estimate accurately the number of automobiles in the United States.

Congress asked McCoy regarding the number of men who belonged to clubs when

THE simple arithmetical "law of averages" enabled an expert to foretell to within one per cent, the population of the United States, nine years before it was actually counted! You can apply this simple law to your business ventures or projects and determine the chances of success beforehand.

a tax on clubs was being considered. He was also asked regarding the people who go to the movies. His answer to these was simple. He asked every man that he met as to how many clubs he belonged, if any, and he asked his wife how often she went to a movie and he asked her to ask her friends. Thus by

friends. Thus by counting on human nature in Washington he was able by using the law of averages to know about what the women in Kansas and California would do. His estimate as to those who daily



go to the movies was twelve million. Some of the motion picture producers at first disputed his figures but when they checked up by their own records they admitted that he had obtained an accurate estimate. Yet McCoy found out by casual conversation plus the law of averages!

For example, a great chain of ten cent stores or drug stores are not set haphazardly about cities. Far from it. First come those who count the number of people who go by the corner and whether they are men or women. In this way it was discovered that a room on one side of the street might be a loss while on the opposite side the same merchandise would sell easily. In fact, the cost of the storeroom is generally adjusted according to the number and class of people which passed its doors.

The ten cent stores and the chain drug stores can tell from year to year what their losses will be as judged by the weather. A high wind will mean so much, and rain will mean so much more.

There was Holt who wanted to run a candy store but his capital would not permit him to pick his location aimlessly. He into the shopping district of his city and found a locality where the women pedestrians were more numerous than the men. He counted the traffic and found the average number of persons passing each day, 15,557—9307 women and 6250 men.

He had learned from previous investiga-

tion that the grade of candy he expected to sell would attract to his store two and nine-tenths women out of every hundred passing, and one and five-tenths men. There-

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fore he might expect each day 269.9 women buy-ers and 93.75 men, or a total of 353 persons in his store.

Holt proceeded to choose a vacant store 1500 feet from any other candy shop. That distance from

competition would mean an average purchase of about 35 cents. Multiply the numchase of about 35 cents. Multiply the number of persons expected to enter his store by 35 cents and he had the average expected daily receipts—\$123.55. On such a basis, allowing 300 business days to the year, the

annual gross income should be \$37,065.00.

It was such factors as these that made his business a success for in actual operation Holt kept well within his figures which he had thus used as a basis to guide him. Incidentally he knew better than the owner of the rented room the value of the location and thus was not compelled to guess.

WOMEN MORE CARELESS!

A CCORDING to the law of averages, women are more careless in guarding their property in public than men, but in shouldering responsibility for negligence shouldering responsibility for negligence men are the most reasonable. So say the statistics!

A superintendent of the lost article department of a street railway company of Washington, who has handled thousands of articles of varying value during sixteen years of service, has compiled such records.

The lost article department is interesting in itself as showing with what degree care-lessness will operate. The walls of the rooms are marked off with spaces for sixty days and a glance will show just the sort of weather experienced here on these days. Let the day be rainy and the particular section is packed with umbrellas, the next day there will be fewer and on a clear day none Women's umbrellas greatly preat all.

Next come women's gloves, and because most women cannot tell where they left their gloves more of these are uncalled for

than umbrellas. Third, there are found various articles of clothing. Yet, of all the articles left, the newly purchased ones seldom are picked up because people are more careful of the new than of the old. As on street



cars so with automobiles. Insurance companies show that the older the automobile the more likely it is to be stolen. The new

car is almost certain to be locked and watched but the older one promotes disregard.

WHAT PEOPLE TALK ABOUT

THE chief topics of conversation for men and women certainly forecast domi-nating interests. Many lines of business have prospered consciously and unconsciously through a correct utilization of these trends.

While it is not always the case that people talk only about that which is to them of uppermost interest, it may rightly be assumed that the majority of people are considerably interested in the topic which they choose for beginning the conversation. Given the results for classes of people, the law of averages gives valuable trends.

It is this law of averages that has taken much of the guess work and the element of chance from business. Some phases of the law are increasingly valuable as the years pass by. A study of the law in its relation to home affairs and tastes is always

stimulating.
Recently two psychologists of the Ohio State University tabulated some five hundred conversations with a view to learning the chief interests of men and women, particularly those who live in cities. The conversations tabulated were of people in restaurants, at games, in theater lobbies, in front of store windows, in barber shops, at church doors, in clubs, and on the streets. These conversations were tabulated under ten headings, business and money, women, clothes and decoration, sports and other amusements, study, health, self, and weather. New York and Columbus, Ohio, were the cities chosen.

The results showed that East or West the favorite topic of conversation for men was business. Talk in which business was the chief topic scored 49 per cent in Columbus and 48 per cent in New York. Sports and



amusements came second, with a frequency of 15 per cent in Columbus and 14 per cent in New York. The third topic of conversation that stood out in a preeminent degree for men was talk about other men—12 per cent in Columbus and 13 per cent in New

The chief interest of men might well be summed up in a fragment frequently noted: There wasn't a bank in town that would end us a nickel in those days. . . ." There lend us a nickel in those days. . . followed the story of some personal success against odds real or apparent.

With women the results could be visualized by another fragment: "And when I wouldn't give him a date he..." For with women, the leading and favorite topic was found to be men, followed closely by clothes. For men, 22 per cent, and for clothes, 19 per cent. The third topic was other women at about 15 per cent. at about 15 per cent.

After a tabulation of these, the percentage of conversational topics as between men and women and between women and men was The favorite for a woman with a man was something about amusements. That is, she most frequently talked about the motion picture that she had seen or the play that she wanted to see or some sporting event. Secondly, she talked frankly about clothes and thirdly about herself and other

SUBJECTS TO TALK ABOUT

T HE men, perhaps recognizing women's interest in amusements, conversed about these in the majority of instances when they talked with feminine companions. Secondly they reverted to their apparently chief in-

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Synthetic Diamonds

French Genius Explains How His



Paris Correspondent of

"Synthesis of the diamond? Yes, perhaps,

Am I near it, or am I far from it? I myself do not know.
"I have built all my apparatus hitherto at my own expense, and to carry out under the necessary conditions my work, I would require three ultra-pressure apparatus with an assistant in charge of each. I am waiting for the French public to help me. I can't do everything by myself.

"Will capitalists take a hand? In France millions are found for constructing pleasure resorts, which increases."

resorts, which inspires scientists with deep

"But we can speak of apparatus invented for producing ultra-pressure which will be the furnishings essential to future laboratories to which savants, such as MM. C Matignon, Georges Claude, A. Blondel, Guil-

let, have given their moral support.

"These apparatus have been invented to permit the verification of the hypotheses founded on the action of very high pressures, hypotheses which hitherto have been impos-

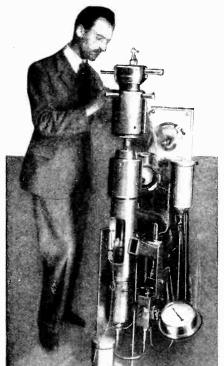
sible to control. ULTRA-PRES-SURES AND SCIENCE

"Ultra - pres-sures," M. Bas-set told us, 'double the extent of physical methods placed at our command for acting directly on the mo-lecular structure of bodies, im-posing on their physical properties great modi-

fications, changing their appearance totally, and their physical and chemical characteristics.

It is easy to realize the great importance represented by ultra-pressures for the greater part of natural sciences, and particularly for





Mr. James Basset is shown above watching an experiment with his ultra high-pressure apparatus.

T can be well ac-knowledged that after the experiments of Moissant the synthesis of the diamond has made no progress and without disputing the sci-entific value of the work of the illustrious savant, we may ask if, using the compression of solidified cast iron, the fragments of graphite placed in the mass during its fusion, pressure and temperature being assumed to be suificient for the success of

the operation, the crystals obtained were not those of pure crystallized carbon.

It seemed evident if not absolutely demonstrated, that the synthesis of the diamond would only be effected by the combined action of these two forces. Now it is possible actually to reach in a practical way temperatures of three thousand degrees, but no apparatus has as yet succeeded in producing a pressure above two thousand five hundred kilograms per square centimeter (35,200 lbs. per sq. in) during the time sufficient for and under the conditions permitting a systematic

experimentation.

There also is lacking the means of producing a sustained pressure of about 40,000 lbs. per square inch, which caused a young French savant, M. James Basset, to carry out researches in this domain. A recent communication to the Academy of Sciences inmunication to the Academy of Sciences in-forms us that he has solved the problem by means of an apparatus which enables him to obtain, in a chamber with steel walls, pressures of twenty thousand kilograms per square centimeter (284,000 lbs. per square inch) and to maintain them as long as an experiment can require and utilizing at the same time enormously high temperatures.

We have paid a visit to the inventor who did not tell us how he conducted the experiments for the synthesis of the diamond, but gladly spoke of his ultra-pressure apparatus, and explained to us what industrial and scientific consequences ultra-pressures could bring about. Mr. Basset reminded us of the interesting work at very high pressures carried out by another savant, M. Bridgman,

in another scientific domain. "Why do we want to speak of the synthesis of the diamond?" he said to us. "It is not brought to success; my researches are well on their way, but it would be premature on my part to publish anything whatever on this subject."

And the conversation took another course. Here the inventor changing the subject, spoke to us of the torpedo invented by Esnault Pelterie for transversing interplanetary distances. "A curious conception to be realized, but with very limited possible

Below: 3 is an electric fur-nace, 4 a cru-cible furnace, 5 a tube fur-nace, and 6 the heating arc arrangement. Details of the ultra high-pressure ap-paratus are shown in the photo below. melancholy. shown in the photo below. The apparatus has been taken apart in order to show its construction. Note the principal body of the press.

application," Mr. Basset maintains, "because assuming that the torpedo could leave the earth, and complete the desired voyage, we would never know what happened, because if the impossibility of having a traveler go with it to be always lost along with his

"It is a projectile which would slowly rise from the earth by its own force, would take up a progressive increasing rate of speed, acted on by the terrestrial magnetic field up to the limit of this field between the earth and the moon, and would continue its voyage until it reached our satellite, driven for the rest of the way by the magnetic field thereof.

"After having reached the surface of the moon, he could get back to earth by its own forces. This is possible in the actual state of science."

But as if he wanted to make me forget at once the question of the synthetic diamond, he spoke of his theory of matter, of the speed of light; he showed that the vacuum is only a senseless idea, a word absolutely and really a "vacuous" one.

Then the savant put a question to me:

"Do you believe that the speed of light is always a constant? Are not Einstein and our modern physicists in error?"

I heard without answering—for the thought of the artificial diamond inspired me with patience.

With this devil of a man you get further and further from that which you would like to know.

projectile.
"I have found something better," he added.



Above is a view of a high-pressure press which has burst apart at 30,800 pounds pressure. The walls are 1% inches thick.

Now Possible

Ultra High-Pressure Apparatus Works

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Science and Invention

physics and chemistry, the rational, complete and at last possible exploration of this new domain. We find, in fact, physical condi-tions of pressure and temperature realized now, which it has been hitherto impossible to obtain, and which nature alone could operate with in the depths of the earth.

"Under the influence of ultra-pressure,

the chemical affinities are modified to a great extent. The chemistry of gas which has been so developed by ordinary high pressures can now give further results in quan-

tity by applying ultra-pressures.
"Mineralogy has in ultra-pressures an unhoped for power for realizing in the laboratory innumerable syntheses under exact experimental conditions, and to bring about thus all the natural crystallizations in which pressure plays an important rôle. Our own researches are only a small part of what has to be studied in the different applications

of ultra-pressures.

"In physics the study of the general properties of bodies acted on by ultra-pressure, presents an interest of the first order, enabling us to push to an extreme degree the abling us to push to an extreme degree the verification of all sorts of laws developed at ordinary pressure. This will certainly bring about the discovery of the many anomalies of properties. The influence of pressure determines, for example, the curious periodic functions of the physical state, which will permit us to get to the depths of which will permit us to get to the depths of the constitution of matter, and when we do know it, will perhaps enable us some day to utilize the prodigious power which appertains to it.

"Natural science has to study the action of ultra-pressure on the vegetable and animal cell, and the work could be pushed on

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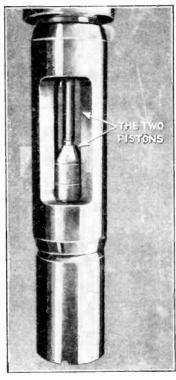
cross-sectional view of the apparatus apears above. The letters are referred to in the text.

to the study of the entrancing enigma of

life.
"Medicine and micro-biology themselves find in ultra-pressure a new factor for modifying the properties of the substances which they employ, treatment at ultra-pressures being able to completely transform the action. The use of this new process constitutes a specialty in the new method of sterilization in the cold, perhaps to present a considerable interest in some lines.

HOW THE APPARATUS IS CONSTRUCTED

T HE general principle is easy to understand from the diagrams which accompany the text illustrating the way ultrapressure is obtained.



Above are the pistons of the primary compression press and the ultra pressure press.

The pump, A, compresses to one thousand kilograms per square centimeter (14,220 lbs. per square inch) in an auxiliary reservoir, per square inch) in an auxiliary reservoir, B, forming an accumulator, a liquid to supply the primary press cylinder, C, by special valves with pointed plugs, D and E. The pressure gauge, M, gives the pressure in the primary press cylinder, C.

The generator of high pressures comprises a principal press, F, mounted in perfect center over the press. C.

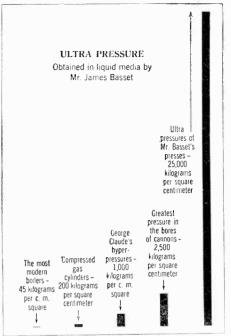
prises a principal press, P, mounted in perfect center over the press, C.

The piston, G, of the press, C, carries a base end, H, on which a secondary piston, J, rests, made of extremely hard steel, which centers itself in the body, K, of the principal press, F.

This last is composed of a succession of cores of increasing diameters of special steel which has been subjected to a series of mechanical and heat treatments, enabling it to resist the enormous strains which the

apparatus has to endure.

The end of the piston, J, is terminated by a special joint, securing absolute tightness, and permitting the piston to be displaced in the core, K. The perfection of the sliding the core, K. The perfection of the sliding joints is such that the pressures employed can be maintained for several days without



The above graph shows the comparative values of normal and ultra pressures. An apparatus similar to that shown in the photos gives pressures of 213,000 pounds per square inch. 1 kilogram is 2.2 lbs., and 1 sq. in. equals 6.45 sq. cm.

its being necessary to touch the apparatus for compensating losses which are absolutely

The relation of the squares of the diameters of the pistons, J and G, gives the ratios of the pressures in the chambers, K

What we show refers to an apparatus for working with liquid media; for working with gas, special arrangements are used for introducing in the chamber, K, the gas compressed to a higher degree of pressure in an apparatus analogous to that which we have described, so as to produce two stages of ultra-pressure.

The experiment-chamber, L, is mounted on top of the apparatus, and is especially arranged for receiving crucibles for chemical reaction, electric furnaces, or any par-ticular arrangements required for these ex-periments. The two chambers, K and L, periments. are connected by a tubulure, O, formed by special concentric tubes.

The hole through which communication is maintained is only seven-tenths of a millimeter in diameter (about 1/32 inch), while the exterior diameter of the tube is thirty-two millimeters (11/4 inches).

An apparatus similar to that which our photographs represent gives permanent pressures of fifteen thousand kilograms per square centimeter (213,000 lbs. per square inch) but in the principal press it can reach twenty-five thousand kilograms per square centimeter (352,000 lbs. per square inch).

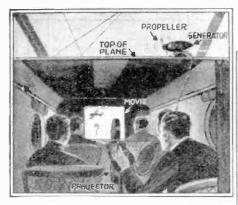
One of our photographs shows the body of one of the first presses that was built, and which burst at fourteen thousand kiloand which burst at fourteen thousand killograms (30,800 lbs.), the limit of the resistance of the metal exceeded two hundred and fifty kilograms per square centimeter (3,550 lbs. per square inch); the thickness of the walls was forty-five millimeters (134 inches). This represents, for the section of the second state of the second tion which burst, a strain of four thousand tons, for an apparatus where the pump cylinder was only of twelve millimeters (15/32 inch) internal diameter.

We reproduce, with the permission of the inventor, views of some cross section diagrams of a crucible furnace for experiments with ultra-pressures. They are enclosed in steel tubes from which they are insulated electrically, and calorifically.

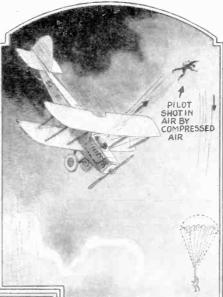
It will be seen that the researches concerning (Continued on page 260)

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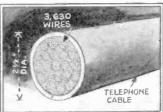
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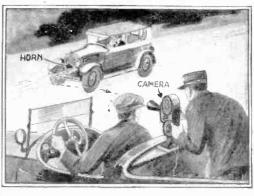
Passengers flying from London to Paris may now witness motion picture programs en route. A small projector is mounted in the plane and it receives its current from a generator driven by the customary air propeller located on the wing. Such motion picture apparatus could give instructions to passengers for strapping parachutes on their person and the proper methods of leaving a plane in emergency.



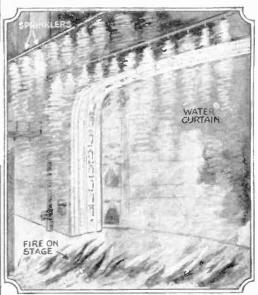
In October this year, the International Air Traffic Exposition at Cologne will disclose a new German device for shooting pilots from airplane cockpits. The pilot's seat, with a parachute attached, is placed on a compressed air chamber, the power from which will huri a man 20 or 30 feet when a lever is pulled.



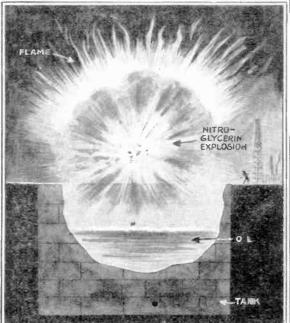
The largest phone cable in the world is to be put into use at Springfield, Mass. This will be capable of serving 7,272 subscribers on four-party lines. This cable is 50 per cent larger than those previously used.



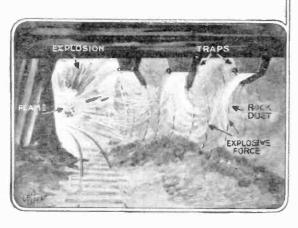
The Paris police force classifies noises as agreeable, almost harmonious, tolerable and intolerable. Instead of using the ears to judge the degrees and qualities in harmony in the noise of automobiles, they use a camera which transforms the sound vibrations into a wavy record of light on a moving film. The record settles court disputes.



Two of Stockholm's best known playhouses, the Svenska Teatern and the Oestermalms Teatern, having recently been demolished by fires, caused the authorities to spur action for making the remaining theatres fireproof. Part of this fireproofing is accomplished by installing water curtains. Sprinklers are placed clear across the stage and extend from immediately behind the proscenium arch to the back wall.

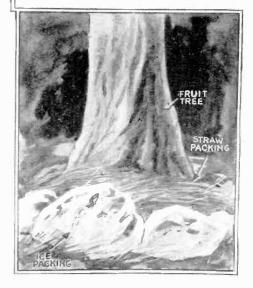


Fighting oll-well fires with nitro-glycerine is the work done by "Tex" Thornton who, single-handed, has blown out more than 300 oil-well fires in the last five years. The fire fighter uses 30 quarts or more of nitro-glycerine which is placed in a shell between the top of the casing and the flame. The flame begins from 15 to 20 feet from the mouth of a well. If successful, the fire is blown out.



Many fruit growers frequently meet with a difficulty which has been solved by Dr. T. B. Bass, of Abilene, Texas. His fruit trees bloomed and then a late frost would come along and kill all possibility of a crop of fruit. So the doctor set about fooling his fruit trees. He was going to take no chances with a late frost. Hundred pound cakes of ice were packed around the base of the tree. This ice was then covered with straw to prevent too rapid loss. Thus the fruit trees do not know that spring is here.

The use of rock dust as a preventive for mine disasters was demonstrated by the U. S. Bureau of Mines a short time ago. In an experimental pit, 400 feet back from the mouth, 800 pounds of fine coal dust was distributed and ignited by a blow-out shot of black blasting powder. Rock dust suspended on traps is released by the explosive force traveling a split second in advance of the flame, spreads a choking cloud on the flame. Water is futile in a mine fire, the fire must be suffocated.



Super-Power Cathode Ray Tube

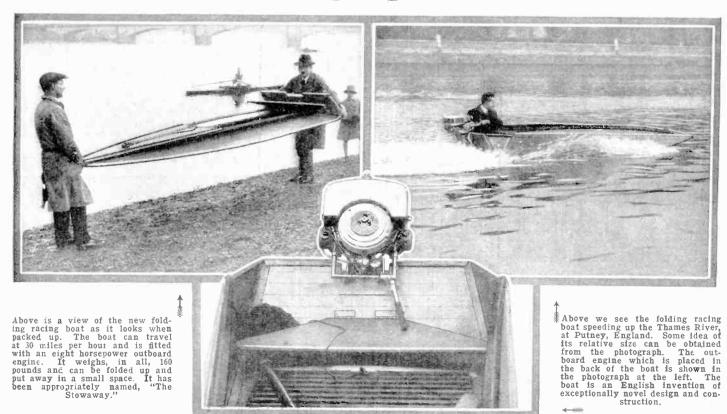
Below is a photograph of a three-section high-voltage cathode ray tube. The new Coolidge tube which is shown above, is a sort of three-in-one arrangement of the first tube, developed by Dr. Coolidge, which operated as 300,000 volts. The tube is 95 in. long and has 3 bulbs each 12 in. in diameter. The glass tube is shielded with a copper tube, so that the electrons cannot strike the glass and cause punctures. The electrons expelled from the tube travel about 350,000 times faster than a shot from an army rifle.

The discharge from the tabe appears as a purplish haze, as the electrons are shot forth at the rate of 175,000 miles per second.

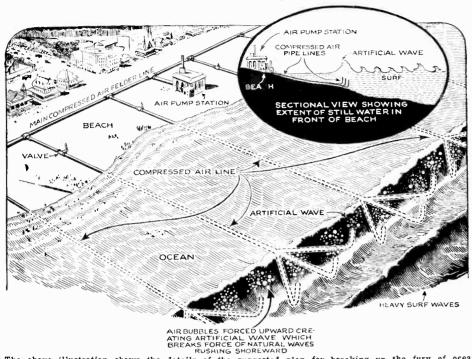
The Coolidge 900,000 volt cathode ray tube is shown above. Chester Moore, left, and L. E. Dempster, assistant to Dr. W. D. Coolidge, are shown getting the tube ready for operation, in the General Electric Research Laboratory.

A SUPER-POWER cathode ray tube operating at 900,000 volts, has recently been developed by Dr. W. D. Coolidge, in the laboratories of the General Electric Co., at Schenectady, New York. The tube is built according to the mult sectional system, and the window from which the electrons are emitted is of thin metal foil about one 10,000th of an inch in thickness. A heater tungsten filament furnishes the supply of heater tungsten filament turnishes the supply or elections. The development of this tube offers an alluring view of many scientific possibilities. Further knowledge of radiation laws, of the atomic nucleus and application in therapeutics will probably develop. The 900,000 volt tube will produce as many electrons in a second as a ton of radium. It is expected that a high voltage constructed along the positive ray tube can be constructed along the general lines of the multi-sectional cathode ray

A Folding Speed Boat



Science Calms Ocean Waves

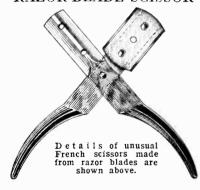


A PLAN whereby the inroads of the sea during storms would be checked by high-pressure air blasts, is now being considered by the New Jersey Board of Commerce and Navigation. In Asbury Park and vicinity much damage is done each year by the tremendous surf. The scheme consists of running several pipes out into the ocean about 1,200 feet, and forcing compressed air through them. The air, which rises up to the surface at the seaward end of the pipe, would form an artificial wave or wall of water, which would break up the incoming waves. Valves located at intervals in each branch of the compressed air line would be used to control the air. Phillip Brasher, of Princeton University, has conceived this plan for controlling the fury of the ocean storms.

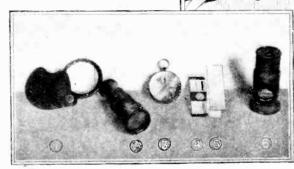
OPTICAL KIT

The above illustration shows the details of the suggested plan for breaking up the fury of ocean storms. Artificial waves are created by compressed air blasts. The insert shows a sectional view of the beach.

RAZOR-BLADE SCISSOR



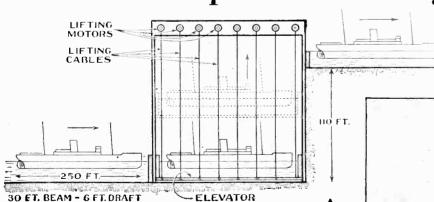
A N optical kit, containing a pocket magnifying glass, telescope, compass, prepared slides, blank slides, and a powerful microscope, has recently been brought out by a Rochester manufacturer. The various instruments included in this kit may be seen in the photo at the right.—Name of manufacturer supplied upon request.



Above we see the microscope in use. At the left is a photograph showing the various instruments.

Above—1 is a magnifying glass; 2, a telescope; 3, compass; 4 and 5, slides, and 6, the microscope.

New "Ship Elevator" Largest in World



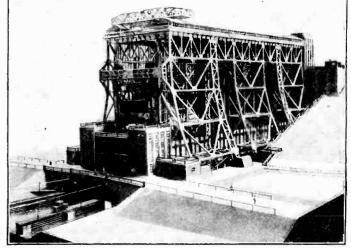
The above illustration shows how the new ship elevator would raise a boat 110 feet.

The photograph at the right shows a view of the model of a proposed ship

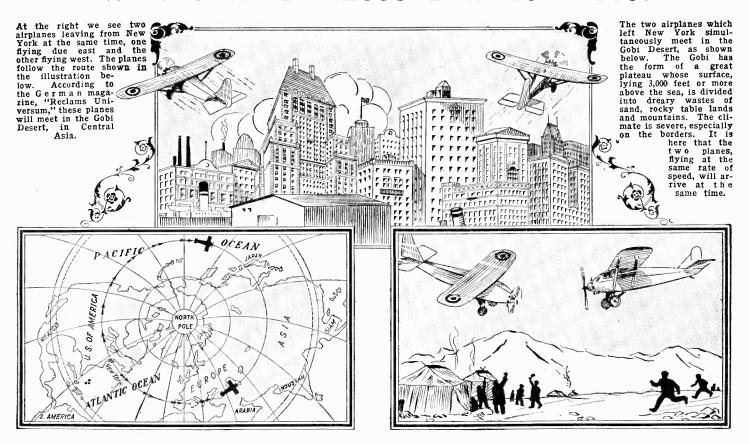
The photograph at the right shows a view of the model of a proposed ship elevator. The elevator will be capable of lifting ships 250 feet long.****>

A NEW ship elevator has recently been proposed in Berlin, Germany. This huge structure will raise boats 110 feet from the lower level to the top, taking ships 250 feet long, 6 feet draft, and with a beam of 30 feet, yielding up to 1,000 tons displacement. It is claimed that this immense structure can be completed in a few years. The photo reproduced here shows a view of the model made by the inventor. The drawing illustrates just how the lifting is accomplished. A large elevator is connected to a number of lifting motors, by heavy cables. The ship is allowed to float into the

elevator, which contains water, the lifting motors are started and the tank is pulled to the top, carrying up the floating ship. An elevator of this sort can be used for putting ships in drydocks or in canals, thus doing away with the canal locks, which are necessary at the present time.



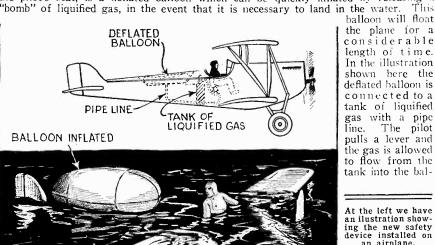
Where Will These Planes Meet?



TWO airplanes leave New York at the same time, nying at the same rate of speed, one winging its way due east and the other west. These planes follow the course shown in the map appearing above. Where will these planes meet? Strange as it may seem, they will arrive at the same time over the Gobi Desert. This great waste is situated in central Asia and lies 3,000 feet above the sea. This dreary section of the country is inhabited by Mongolian, Tartar, and other similar races of people.

New Airplane Safety Device

THE U. S. Navy has developed a new device as a means for saving the lives of airmen forced down on open water. Attached to the top of the fuselage, behind the pilot's seat, is a deflated balloon which can be quickly inflated by releasing a "bomb" of liquified gas, in the event that it is necessary to land in the water. balloon will float

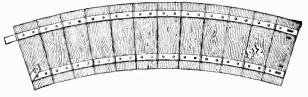


At the left we have an ilustration show-ing the new safety device installed on an airplane.

The pilot

pected that this new safety first device will save the lives of many airmen forced down on open

A Novel Folding Barrel







The details of the unique folding barrel are shown in the illustration above. Each stave is hinged to the adjoining one by means of a flat strap hinge.

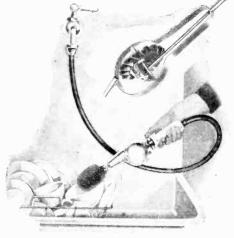
HE folding barrel shown above is the inven-Title folding barrer shown above is the anti-tion of Mr. Ralph Aversa and is unusual in many respects. It can be used for the shipment of perishable vegetables and the like, and may be folded up into a small space when not in use. secret lies in the fact that it is built in two sections, which are held together with hinges. The staves themselves are also hinged together. The barrel can be completely assembled or taken apart in a few minutes' time and when folded up, occupies very little space. The inventor claims that the new barrel will gradually replace the crates and usual types of barrels now used in shipping market commodities. Another advantage of the barrel is the fact that it can be filled and unpacked easily and more quickly than the old style barrel.

New Telephone Transmitter

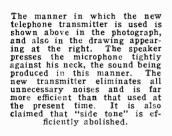
Dish Washing Aid



The photograph at the left shows a new type of telephone transmitter or microphone recently exhibited at the British Shipping and Engineering Exposition, in London. The receiver and mouthpiece are similar to the French type of hand telephone but, instead of speaking into the mouthpiece, it is held firmly against the neck.



A new help for the housewife has recently been put on the market in the form of a dish washer. The device is fitted with a water motor which rotates the brush, at the same time water is forced out the end. It comes complete with a handy grip and a long length of rubber tubing fitted with a metal end for attaching to the faucet.—Name of manufacturer supplied upon request.

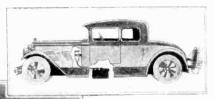


Sure-Catch Fish Hook

An improved fish hook is shown here. It consists of two hooks fastened together like a pair of pliers, and when in a normal position one of them is held away from the bait hook. Once a slight pull is given the lower hook by the fish, the other instantly drops and holds the fish securely. The stronger the fish pulls, the more tightly he is held. The device is an invention of M. L. Stevenson. —Geo. Solkover.

Battery Filler

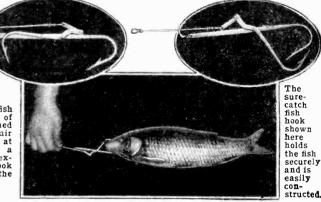
The battery filler installed is shown at the right.



At the left is a photograph of the automatic battery filler which fills the battery with fresh distilled water, and keeps the level of the water in the cells at exactly the right height. The device fastens to the dash and will fit any car or any make of battery. A durable glass container holds the distilled water.

A new automatic battery filler, simple, fool-proof and quite moderate in cost, has recently been put on the market by a Pennsylvania manufacturer. The filler will fit any make of car and any battery. The entrance of the distilled water into the battery is controlled by capillary attraction. When the water in the battery cells reaches a level where more water is needed, the capillary attraction arms drop down to the wells of the feed line carrying the water to the battery. When the cells have sufficient water, the supply is automatically cut off. Name of manufacturer supplied upon request.

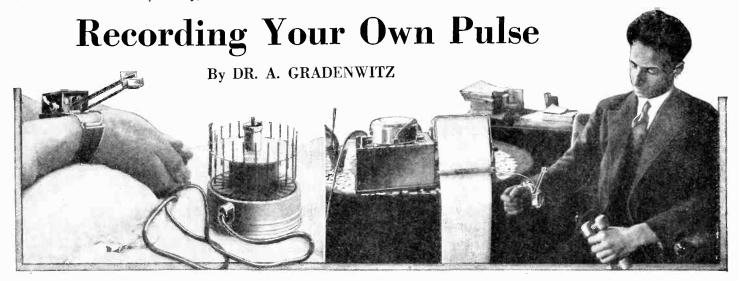
An improved fish hook, consisting of two hooks fastened together like a pair of pliers, is shown at the right. Once a slight pull is exerted, the top hook drops, clinching the fish securely.



A Strange Electrocution



An actress in the Follie Bergère was electrocuted recently when her dress, which was covered with sequins, came in contact with a live wire, and passed 200 volts through her body.



The pulse recorder is shown above attached to the wrist of the patient.

The pulse recorder is shown above in operation. Note the paper chart.

HE idea of recording the rhythm of our heartbeats and pulse is not new in itself, but though much good work has, for instance, been done in connection with electro-cardiograms, these not only require

Details of the device are shown here. A is the pulse control contact, D the battery, S the exciter coil, E the wrist, B the point of maximum pulse motion, M one of the twenty-four pendulums hung with F, K, and C is the conductor supplying the current

a most complicated experimental outfit, taking up a room of its own, but as a rule only allow fluctuations of the pulse during short intervals to be ascertained.

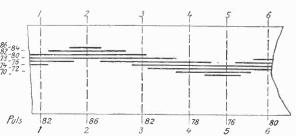
At a recent meeting of the Berlin Medical Society its president, Professor F. Kraus, one of Germany's most celebrated physi-

cians, demonstrated an apparatus invented by Dr. R. Goldschmidt, late Professor of the Darmstadt Engineering College, and which he had been testing on a large scale in the largest hospital of the City of Berlin. What

this apparatus achieves is actually marvelous, and the way it does it seems to be even more noteworthy. The pulse resonator, in fact, enables the pulse to be watched and its frequency recorded automatically for any length of time without any inconvenience to the patient thus examined. A record thus taken reveals some surprising facts, viz., that the normal pulse by no means keeps at a constant level, but changes 4 to 5 times per minute between two fixed fre-

quencies. The difference between these limits as a rule is 4 to 8 beats, though it may rise to as many as 10 to 15. Only in exceptional cases will this range be reduced to zero, thus giving rise to what is termed a "rigid" pulse, which may be a symptom of great temporary fatigue and exhaustion,

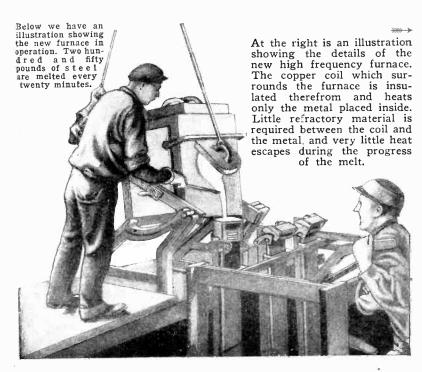
though smoking a cigar or a lively conversation will often prove an excellent antidote. The same rigidity is often due to the influence of narcotics or to the effect of exhausting diseases.

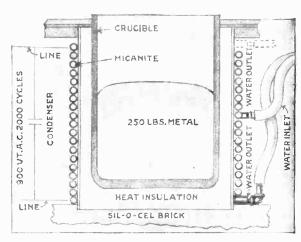


Above we have a pulse record showing the occurrence of the beats and also the number of beats per minute.

The principle of resonance, that is to say, the very principle often used in radio, is the very basis of the new apparatus. The pulse is made to give out mechanical waves, which in turn will strike a series of resonators tuned to all pulse frequencies occurring in (Continued on page 282)

Metal Melts Without Flame





THE high frequency furnace shown here consists of a crucible surrounded by a copper coil which heats the metal placed inside by electrical induction. As the heat is only generated in the contents of the crucible, the metal is said "to melt itself," being vigorously stirred meanwhile by the electrical current flowing through it. Nine hundred volts of alternating current at 2,000 cycles is used, and is derived from a motor-generator rated at 150 KVA. Water flows through the copper coil surrounding the furnace and the temperature of the inductor is thus kept below 50° Centigrade.—Illustrations courtesy Ajax Electrothermic Corp.

Automatic Movie Film Developer



THE tremendous growth of the film industry has caused much highly-specialized machinery to be developed. Among the many large concerns who realize the advantages obtained by maintaining research laboratories, is the Universal Pictures Corporation. As a result of this experimental work a new machine has been perfected which is the latest addition to the list of automatic machines now used by the motion picture industry.

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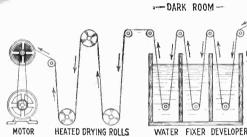
The machine described here, is the result of the work of Roy Hunter and Robert Pierce. These film experts were in charge of the development work carried on in the company's laboratories for several months. This machine has attracted wide attention and it is expected to displace the methods

Another view of new film developing and fixing machine, which handles entire reels without cutting.

OIL FILTERED AIR (DUST FREE)

Roy Hunter, one of the inventors, watching the newly-invented film developing machine sending out the completed motion picture film, which is wound on reels by the machine.

The new method of developing motion picture negatives by machine. The negative starts on the spool at the right and passes through three compartments of the tank containing respectively, developer, fixer and water; then passes onto drying cylinders and then out to the reels.



now in use. The operation is entirely automatic. The undeveloped negative is run over chamois pulleys, through a tank containing three compartments holding developer, fixer and water.

When it has come out of the last bath it is passed over warmed rollers for drying. The air in this room is filtered through oil to remove all dust, and no person is allowed to enter unless wearing dust-proof garments, which are donned in a special adjoining dust-proof room.

The new method makes it possible to develop scenes of any length, since all film is passed through in a continuous ribbon, whereas, formerly, scenes of more than 200 feet had to be broken up for the old developing racks.

Obsolete method of drying films.

This is the obsolete method of developing motion picture film. Scenes of more than 200 feet must be broken for developing.



From Coal to Light

IT is interesting to follow the chemical energy in coal as it goes through the transformations necessary to produce light from an electric lamp. By chemical energy

of coal, we refer to the energy in the form of heat which is generated when the coal is burned. The chemical energy in the coal is transformed seven times before a portion of the energy may be obtained in the form of light. At each of these transformations some of the energy is wasted, with a resulting low over-all efficiency. The ordinary

electric power-house which uses coal for fuel wastes about nine-tenths of the chemical energy in the coal, before the energy is transformed into electricity.

CHEMICAL CALORIFIC ELASTIC KINETIC ELECTRIC RADIANT ENERGY ENERGY ENERGY

BOILER STEAM ENGINE

Stages in transformation of coal energy into light.

If electric power-houses wasted none of the chemical energy in the coal consumed, one pound of coal would run a two and onehalf horsepower device for about an hour. Expressing this energy

Expressing this energy in another way, it would be sufficient to raise a one-ton weight to a height of about one mile providing, of course, that a machine could be made to utilize all the energ without waste.

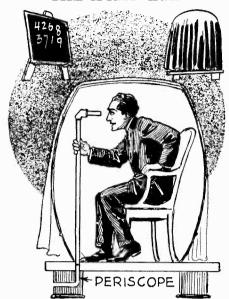
Every step is accompanied by a loss. The modern incandescent lamp has four times the efficiency of the carbon filament lamp.

MAGIC

By "DUNNINGER"

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THE X-RAY EYE



The magician is seated on a platform covered with a metal barrel, previously examined, and then with a cloth. In spite of this, the wizard reads sets of numbers and totals up columns of figures. The periscope aids him in this work.

THE wizard takes a position on a small platform. A metal barrel carefully examined is then placed over him and the barrel is draped with cloth, to further assure the audience that it is quite impossible for the entertainer to see anything that is taking place about him. A blackboard is then arranged and figures are written upon it by anyone in the audience. Notwithstanding all this preparation, the wizard calls aloud the total of rows of figures that are written on the blackboard, and any or all figures which may be pointed out at random by a freely chosen spectator.

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Explanation: This apparent second sight is performed by the aid of a telescopic periscope concealed beforehand in the performer's clothing. He need merely adjust it to a hole in the base of the platform while beneath the cover of the barrel. Anything written on the blackboard is reflected to his eye by the mirrors at the bottom and top of the periscope. Note that a portion of this periscope is a permanent part of the base.

NEW VANISHING HANDKERCHIEF

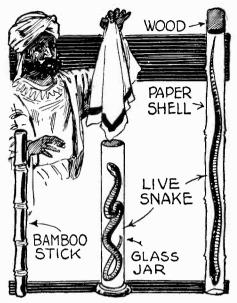
THE magician takes a small silk hand-kerchief of brilliant color and fine texture and places it on the tip of his magic wand. Forming his fingers fist fashion, he proceeds to push the handkerchief slowly into his closed hand. As the wand emerges from the opposite end of the hand, it will be found that the handkerchief is no longer over the end, and when the magician slowly opens his hand, the kerchief will have been found to have completely disappeared. Insofar as the effect is concerned, the trick is not entirely new, but the modus operandi is distinctive.

Explanation: In this effect, a small weight fitted with a barbless fishhook, slides easily within the wand. When placing the kerchief at the end of the wand, it can quickly be hooked to the weight and, of course, under cover of the hand, the handkerchief is pulled down into the metal wand.



A silk kerchief, having been placed over the end of a wand, disappears apparently within the hand; actually the weight in the metal wand pulls the kerchief down into it.

A HINDU MYSTERY



With the aid of a paper shell made in the form of an imitation bamboo stick, the stick can be apparently converted into a snake; the bamboo disappears under cover of the cloth.

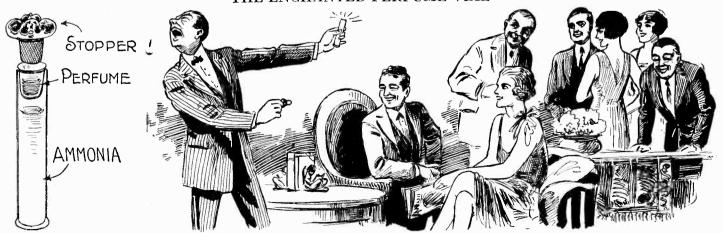
In the land of the Far East, it has frequently been said that a Hindu can throw his cane on the ground and convert it into a snake. Some writers claim that the snake is paralyzed by holding it just in back of the head and exerting considerable pressure there. However, here is a trick which has also originated in the East. A bamboo stick is tapped against the side of a long glass jar. The stick is then placed in the jar, and the whole covered with a cloth. On removing the cloth, a snake will be found, the bamboo stick having disappeared.

Explanation: This effect is performed by

Explanation: This effect is performed by a paper imitation bamboo shell, in which the snake is placed. A wooden plug is mounted in the end so that when the shell taps the glass jar, a genuine ring will be produced. On removing the cloth, the paper shell is crumbled with the cloth, and both are tossed aside. In this way the paper tube can be vanished without in any way exciting suspicion. Of course, the snake glides out of

the open end of the tube.

THE ENCHANTED PERFUME VIAL



I N this effect, the conjurer exhibits a small vial of highly-scented fine Oriental perfume. He permits many of those in the room to smell of its contents, and to enjoy its rare fragrance. Placing the stopper in the vial, he puts it carefully aside. Inasmuch as several of the company have been overlooked, someone is sure to remark about it. On uncorking the

bottle, this party will find that the fragrant perfume has changed to ammonia or some unpleasant smelling fluid. As the diagram indicates, the vial has a secret cup which holds a small quantity of perfume. When the stopper is placed firmly down in the neck, this vial will be removed with the next attempt to uncork the bottle. For safety, use dilute ammonia.

Author of "THE MOON POOL", "THE FACE IN THE ABYSS" etc.

(Tenth Installment)

Synopsis

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Dr. Louis Thornton is traveling through Tibet with his Chinese servant-cook, Chiu Ming, and two ponies that carried the impedimenta. They come upon a white man water introduces himself as Richard Keene Drake. Drake's father had been very friendly with Thornton. The three decide to carry on and come upon Martin Ventonor, a geologist, and Ruth, his sister. The latter are guarding themselves against hundreds of soldiers who belong to an age at least twenty centuries back. While escaping they are attacked and would have been exterminated, were it not for the timely intervention of Norhaia, a tall, beautiful, metallic-haired woman, whose control over lightning and over heavy metallic blocks was phenomenal. These blocks, at her command, would make a bridge for her to walk on or form themselves into battling monsters to protect her or obey her every whim. Chiu Ming is killed in the battle, the survivors leaving with Norhala. Ruth and Norhala get on one of the blocks. The others stand upon a second composed of four smaller ones joined together by their own peculiar super-normal power. The platforms speed through space at a terrific rate, arriving eventually in the court of the Metal Emerical carriving and the court of the Metal Emerical carriving and the court of the Metal Emerical carriving eventually in the court of the Metal Emerical carriving eventually in the court of the Metal Emerical carriving and the court of the Metal Emerical carriving eventually in the court of the Metal Emerical carriving eventually in the court of the Metal Emerical carriving eventually in the court of the Metal Emerical carriving eventually in the court of the Metal Emerical carriving eventually in the court of the Metal Emerical carriving eventually in the court of the Metal Emerical carriving eventually in the court of the Metal Emerical carriving eventually in the court of the Metal Emerical carriving eventual the carriving eventual t

peror. Angered by the influence of Norhala over Ruth. Ventnor raises his rifle and fires at the red ruby-like object he believes to be the brain of the metal monster. He is struck down by a lance of green flame and rendered unconscious. The metal monster gives Norhala the entire company to serve as her toys. She takes them to her home, where she informs Yuruk, her ape-like eunuch attendant, they are not to be harmed. Ventnor talks, then lapses into unconsciousness again. Ruth, after telling about the strange power that holds her euslaved, goes to sleep. Drake and Thornton discourse on the metal intelligences, and come to the conclusion that they are guided by some sort of group consciousness, and that they move by super-rapid molecular "steps!" Yuruk, because of jealousy, informs Drake of the way back to the city, which Ventnor, in a semiconscious state, told them was their only hope. Yuruk claims that though the inhabitants of the city were hostile, it is much safer to escape. Leaving Ruth with Ventnor, Thornton and Drake decided to skip away from Norhala. They informed Ruth that Yuruk has learned the meaning of the pistol. After rather spectacular adventures, they come upon the Metal City, where geometrical and intangible forms

are seemingly endowed with super-intelligence. The city saw and was alive. Norhala appears unexpectedly and is just as quickly blotted out from sight. They observe the metal hordes and make the acquaintance of the Metal Emperor, to be subsequently brushed out of his presence, after which they glide away rapidly. Thornton and Drake finally come upon the birth chamber of the Metal Horde, a surprising sight. The corridor closed and pushed the adventurers off a precipitous cliff. Falling fast, they see Norhala appear. The metal cubes save the two men from destruction. Norhala tells Thornton and Drake that Ruth and Ventnor have been taken captive by Cherkis' men. Norhala causes the Horde to form a mighty metal dragon, which moves forward to Ruszark, the City of Cherkis. Norhala demands the surrender of the maid and the man.

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the man.

By means of the long metal tentacles at Norhala's command, Ruth and Ventnor are snatched off the ground, after Cherkis had allowed them to appear. Kulun was also licked up by the tentacle, but he was killed a moment later. Norhala has her vengeance and destroys Ruszark and all its people. Later she destroys Cherkis—the scene closes with the dead body of Cherkis being consumed by birds of prey.

CHAPTER XXVII THE DRUMS OF DESTINY

LOWLY we withdrew, lingeringly, as though the brooding eyes of Norhala were not yet sated with destruction.

Of human life, of green life, of any kind there was none. Man and life of any kind there was none. Man and tree, woman and flower, babe and bud, palace, temple and home—Norhala had stamped them flat. She had crushed them within the rock even as she had promised.

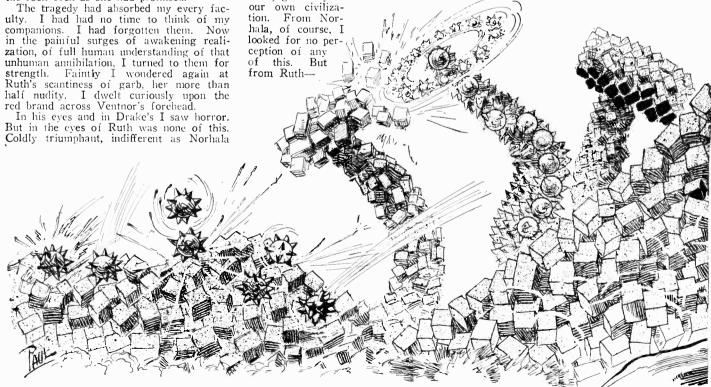
The tragedy had absorbed my every faculty. I had had no time to think of my companions. I had forgotten them. Now in the painful surges of awakening reali-

herself, she scanned the waste that less than an hour since had been a place of beauty

I felt a shock of revulsion. those who had been destroyed so ruthlessly could not all have been evil. Yet mother and blossoming maid, youth and oldster, all the pageant of humanity within the great walls were now but stains within the stone. According to their different lights, it came to me, there had been in Ruszark no greater number of the wicked than one could find in any great city of

My reaction grew. The pity long with-held linked with a burning anger against this woman who had been the directing soul of that catastrophe.

My gaze fell again upon the red brand on Ventnor's forehead. I saw that it was a deep indentation as though a thong had been twisted there, biting to the bone. There been twisted there, biting to the bone. There was dried blood on the edges, a double ring of swollen white flesh rimming the cincture. It was the mark of-torture.



"Martin!" I cried. "That ring? What

did they do to you?"

"They awakened me with that," he answered, quietly. "I suppose I ought to be grateful—although their intentions were not

grateful—atthough their intentions were not exactly—philanthropic—
"They tortured him." Ruth's voice was bitter. She spoke in Persian—for Norhala's benefit I thought then, not guessing the deeper reason. "They tortured him. They gave him agony until he—returned. And they are mixed him other arguings that would

gave him agony until he—returned. And they promised him other agonies that would make him pray for death.

"And me—me"—she raised little clenched hands—"They led me through the city, and the people mocked me. They took me before that swine Norhala has punished—and stripped me before him—like a slave. Be-

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EMERGENCY PLUG FOR CORE HOLE IN ENGINE CASTING

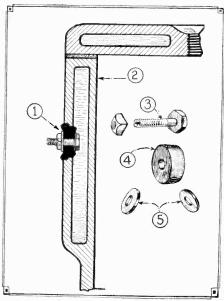
An expedient for patching one of the core holes in an engine, in the absence of an expanding metal plate such as is used for this opening, is shown in the attached sketch.

This means was devised by a motorist, who through reason of an overheated engine lost one of the plates, while on a tour. Through use of it, he was enabled to complete the trip after only a few minutes delay, necessary to make up the fitting.

As is shown, the plug is made up from a circular rubber disc, with two washers and a small bolt to compress the rubber.

In this instance the rubber was obtained from one of the axle bumpers of the car, however, any soft rubber is convertible to this use.

This expedient is worth remembering, inasmuch as the core plates are sometimes pushed out through formation of ice or due to overheating of an engine.



In the above illustration, 1 is an emergency plug for core hole in engine casting; 2 shows section through engine; 3, bolt; 4, rubber disc, and 5, washers.

HOSE FIXTURE FOR CLEANING THE RADIATOR

For avoidance of overheating, nothing quite equals a clean radiator and cooling system.

A means for washing out the radiator, without extra effort or loss of considerable time, can be made following the detachable fixture shown in the attached sketch.

This is a hose connecting device, with an inflow pipe diverting the water through the coils of the radiator and an outflow pipe for the muddy water carrying off the obstructing sediment.

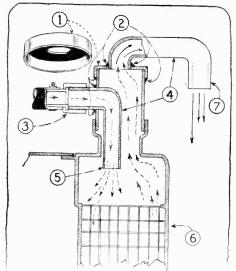
The fixture can be made up of brass or steel tubing, with a connection for the usual wash hose. The inflow pipe is about three quarters of an inch in diameter, and the outflow pipe an inch and a quarter in diameter.

flow pipe an inch and a quarter in diameter.

The body is made with threads to fit the radiator spout, the only other detail of importance being a screw connection for the hose.

To use this flusher, the part is screwed into the radiator spout, the hose nozzle is removed and the hose is screwed on and the water is turned on.

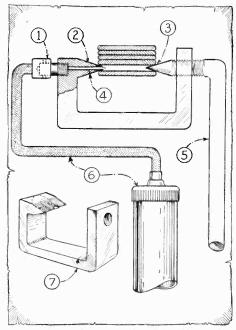
One owner who has used this type of home-made fixture, finds entire freedom from overheating, through occasional use of the flusher to clean out sediment and scale.



Radiator washing device: Above, 1, is a cap; 2 shows connection soldered or brazed; 3, hose connection; 4, brass tubing; 5, inflow pipe; 6, radiator, and 7, outflow pipe.

USE OF GREASE GUN FOR LUBRICATING SPRINGS

The writer recently observed one car owner using a homemade spring greaser, operated in conjunction with a high pressure grease gun for lubricating the springs of his car.



Spring expander and lubricator: Above, 1, grease fitting; 2, spring separator; 3, shows how tool is applied to spring; 4, grease duct; 5, screw to open spring leaves; 6, grease gun and hose, and 7, body of tool.

DO YOU KNOW-

gasoline line connections, which are normally hard to make tight, can be made leakproof with liquid glue, which will dissolve in water but not in gasoline. This is serviceable after overhauling the carburetor or vacuum tank.

The sketch shows in detail the parts and construction of this useful device, which is worth duplicating.

A simple forged steel body is made up of a piece three-quarter inch thick by two inches wide. This is drilled and tapped for a high pressure grease nipple. A length of cold rolled steel is threaded, pointed and bent, to serve as a spring opener.

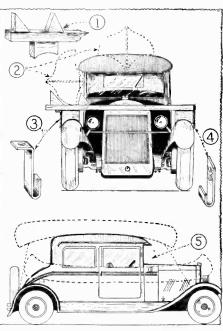
bent, to serve as a spring opener.

With this device the spring is opened without other tools. The gun is attached and a shot of grease is placed directly between the spring leaves.

tween the spring leaves.

The tool should be made wide enough to accommodate the spring leaves, with an inch to spare. If the car is replaced by another with heavier springs, the tool can be retained for use with the new car.

BRACKETS TO CARRY A CANOE ON THE CAR

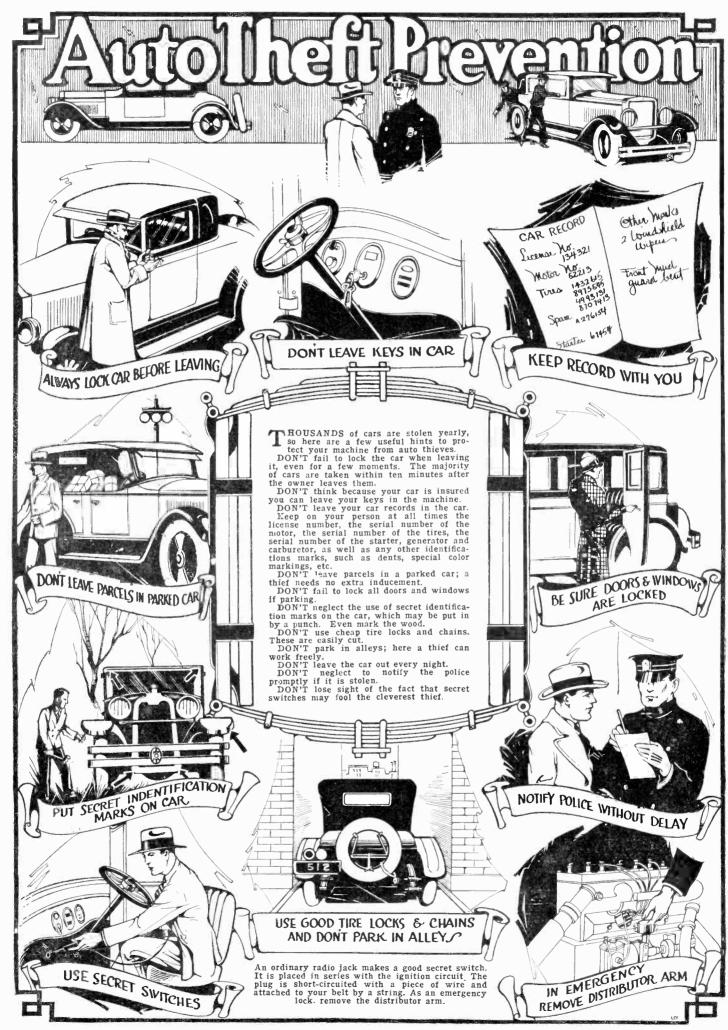


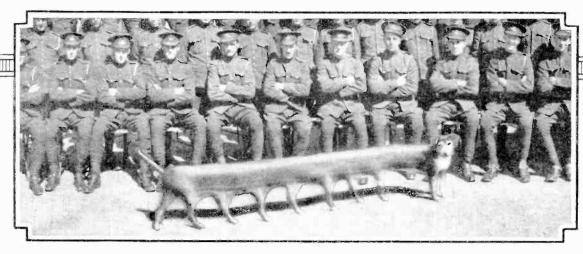
Canoe carrier: 1, shows the details of the bracket; 2, how canoe is carried; 3 and 4, clamps; 5, shows a side view of car with two ways of carrying the canoe. Straps should be used at each end to hold the canoe in position.

The motorist who desires to take his canoe to the lake or river over each week-end, will find the brackets shown in the attached sketch both simple to make up and serviceable in use.

Brackets similar to these have been used by one motorist for two seasons, and the owner has enjoyed the satisfaction of carrying his canoe out on these trips, without damage to the car or the boat.

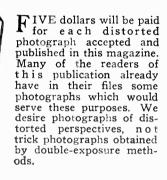
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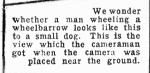


The dog illustrated in the above photograph is the company mascot of No. 7 Draft, "C" Battery, R. C. H. A., of Kingston, Ontario. You may think this is a very curious natural anomaly, but the ten-legged dog here

shown is very ordinary. It so happened that at the time this picture was taken, the dog moved along at approximately the same speed that the panoram camera moved; hence this rather curious result.



There were no signs of rain on the day when this photograph of the Brooklyn Bridge was taken, yet note the remarkable reflection, apparently on the roadway.



St. Patrick's Cathedral is one of the architectural beauties of New York City, yet it does not look exactly like this from a distance.

The photograph at the left is not a freak of Nature. This is the way the cameraman distorted the image of the cow, when he placed his camera too close to "Bossy," and also a little to one side.

A photograph of Frank S. "Skyscraper" Jaynes, Los Angeles' tallest policeman, who stands 6 feet, 9 inches. This view is a "worm's eye" view.

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DISTORTED PERSPECTIVES

Photography Can Be Made Even More Amusing By Employing Principles Here Outlined



If a camera is held close to a person's foot as that person is walking, or taking an exceptionally long stride, a rather peculiar and in fact, ludicrous result follows.

HILE we have all seen photographs that were distorted because the legs or the hands were too near the camera, and while we know that this is a fault sometimes found, not only among amateur photographers, but also among professionals, little has been done toward specializing in distorted photography. Here and there an organization has made a set of mirrors with which distorted motion pictures were taken, or a few amateurs have attempted to photograph the distortions appearing in the curved mirrors at some of the amusement resorts. On these pages we show not only the method for the taking of distorted pictures, but some very fine examples of this work.

In order to further the interest of amateur and professional photographers along the lines of distorted photographs and in order further not to make them feel that any distorted views which they may take are totally worthless, this publication will pay \$5.00 for each distorted photograph accepted

and published in this magazine.

Referring now more particularly to the photographs on the opposite page and the manner in which they were taken, it might be mentioned that in the top photo of the accompanying mascot of No. 7 Draft, "C" Battery, R. C. H. A., of Kingston, Ohio, the picture, as usual, was taken with a panoramic camera. The lens barrel in a camera of this nature swings so as to take in the entire scene. It so happened that the mascot also decided to get his picture in the scene as long as possible and in his trying to keep pace with the lens, the curious result indicated on the opposite page was produced.



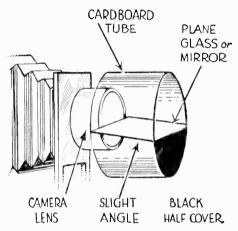
If you want to get a good picture of a tall building, do not get very close to it. The closer you are and the greater the angle at which the camera is held, the more distorted will the photograph appear.

Use Your Camera to Take Distorted Perspective Photos

Send these pictures to the editor of this publication. \$5.00 will be paid for each one accepted and published.

DISTORTED MAN AND WHEEL-BARROW

N the opposite page the reader will see a photograph of a man pushing a wheel-barrow, but he is so grotesque, that one wonders how a camera could possibly belie the perspective to the extent there in-dicated. There is a diagram on this page, upper left, showing how this was done. The



Photographs of persons or buildings can be taken in such a way as to produce the most perfect reflection imaginable. An example of a photograph taken in this manner is indicated on the opposite page.

camera was held near the foot of the subject and the picture was then snapped. The closer the camera is to the foot, the larger will this appear, so several experiments will have to be made before the result here in-dicated will be attained. It is well, in cases of this nature, to prevent the possibility of spoiling films or plates, to view the object to be photographed through the ground glass or in the finder.

DISTORTED BUILDING

THE closer one gets to a building, and the greater the angle at which the camera is being held, the more will the side walls of the building apparently converge. Columns of buildings that are absolutely vertical would thus appear to be tapered very greatly. Observe how the steeples of the church seem to be directed inward. photograph was taken in the manner indicated on this page. No attempt was made to secure the result here shown, the purpose being to show up the architectural beauty.

REFLECTION PHOTOGRAPHS

PERFECT reflections are photographically obtained by employing a very simple device invented by a New York cameraman. This consists of a tube arranged to be fitted over the lens. The tube itself is of a diameter greater than the lens, so that no part of it will about when the sixture is being taken. will show when the picture is being taken. An ordinary piece of glass is placed in the center of the tube, so that the front edge of

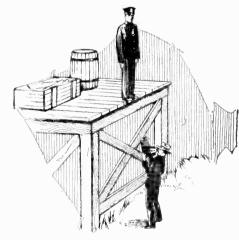


The circus would pay quite a sum of money for a cow with a head as big as the one shown in the picture on the opposite page. The photograph was taken by having the camera close to the cow, as here illustrated.

it is a little lower than the back edge or the end fitted against the lens. It will thus be seen that the glass rests in the tube at a slight angle. The bottom half of the tube is then completely covered with a piece of black paper. Any photograph of a building now taken will show a perfect reflection of the lower half of that building, in what is apparently a lake set in front of the building. Even an automobile on the roadway photographed with the aid of this device seems to be apparently running on a crystal clear lake, and producing a reflection of itself in the body of water on which it is running.
There is a photograph of the Brooklyn Bridge shown on the opposite page. It would be impossible to secure a reflection of this portion of the bridge, unless atmospheric conditions were absolutely perfect and the roadway were flooded with a downpour of rain or a thin sheet of ice. Yet, by the pedestrian, one can see that no such event has taken place. The photograph was taken on a clear, calm day.

In building up an apparatus of this nature it is advisable to regulate the position of the glass in front of the lens, viewing the scene at the ground glass while doing so.

The distorted cow and the photograph of the distorted officer were taken as the diagrams on this page indicate. In the first, the camera was placed a little to one side of the cow's head; in the second, the photo was taken from beneath the boardwalk or some other suitable structure.



Look at Los Angeles traffic officer on the opposite page and then at the illustration above, and you will see how a picture of this nature can be taken.

Can You Answer These Questions

(Form your own answer before turning to page indicated)

1. How do you think spiritualistic mediums remove objects from a table in front of the "cabinet," and cause other physical phenomena to occur. (See page 200.)

How does the strong man in the circus side show drive large nails through planks with his hand? How do the side-show performers walk up a ladder of swords, dance on broken glass, etc.? (See page 204.)

3. What method would you employ to photograph the undersea battle between an octopus and a bather, such as the encounter portrayed on our front cover? (See page 206.)

4. Do you understand how a motion-picture film was transmitted over a telephone wire between Chicago and New York, and shortly thereafter the reconstructed movie flashed on the screen of a New York theatre? (See page

5. Do you know that the law of averages may mean all the difference between success and failure in any business venture—from starting a tea room to operating a large hotel? (See page 212.)

6. How is it possible to produce a pressure of 200,000 pounds

per square inch in a small apparatus for laboratory ex-

periments? (See page 214.)
What scheme would you employ to prevent fruit trees from budding too early in the spring, thus making them liable to damage by frost? (See page 216.)

How would you apply compressed air in order to break up wave action along the sea coast, when it becomes dangerous to hotel and other property? (See page 218.) By means of what simple device, costing but a few cents,

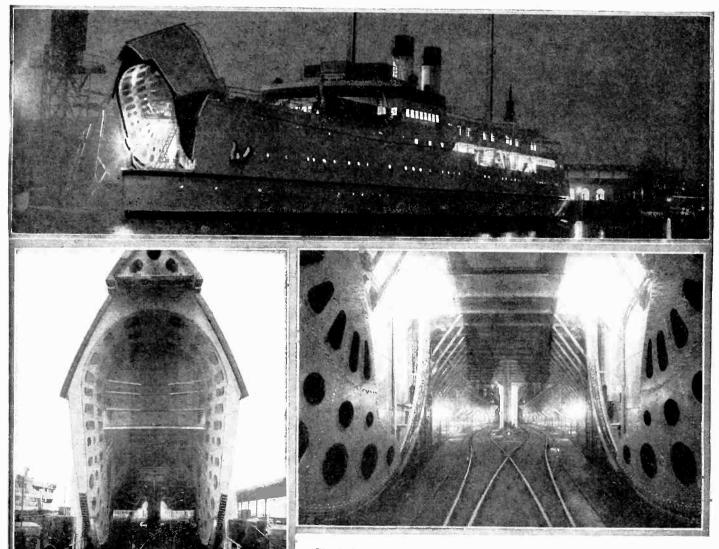
would you attempt to make photos of imitation water reflection scenes, and other startling photographic effects; all with an ordinary camera? (See page 228.)

Describe the simplest form of electric furnace for home laboratory experiments. (See page 234.)

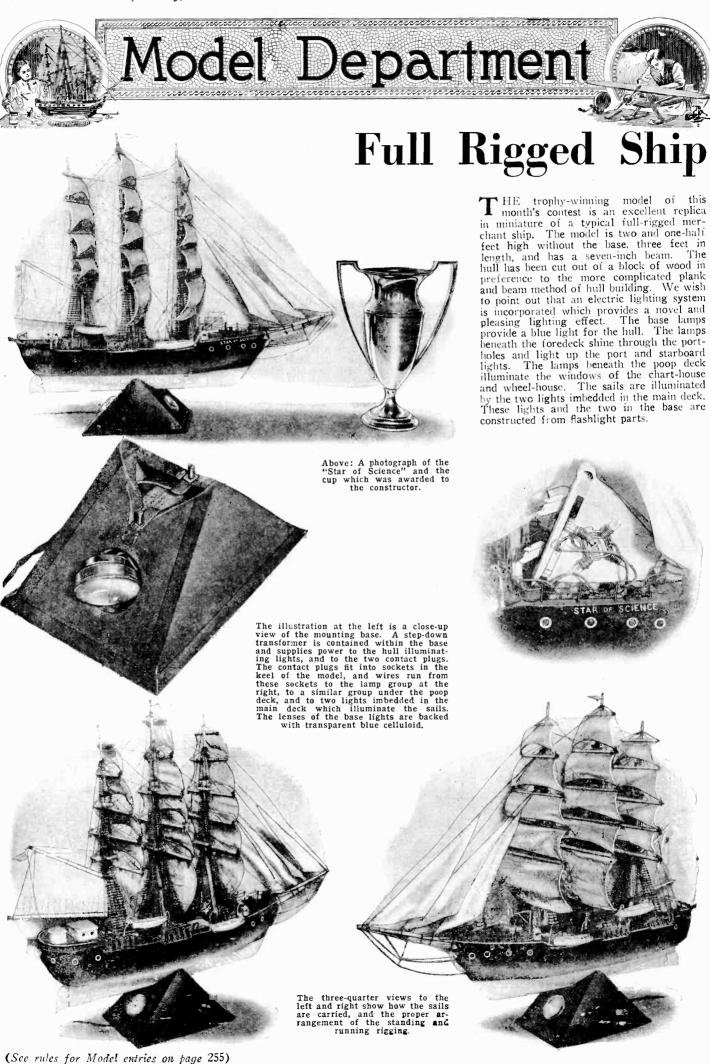
11. Do you know how to make home-made fireworks simply and safely? (See page 235.)

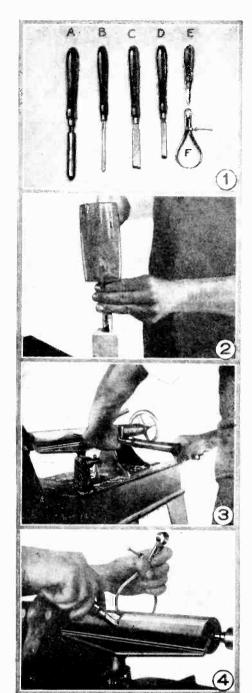
Can you explain how it is possible for the human voice to be "scrambled," for transmission over a telephone or radio circuit, and finally to be "unscrambled" and reproduced perfectly at the far end of the circuit? (See page

Giant Ferry-Boat Hauls Trains



The S. S. Schwerin, the newest and most up-to-date of all German railroad ferries, is of most peculiar construction, as may be seen from the above three photos. Its bow is constructed like a huge law and is raised to admit an entire train. It may then be closed, in order to hold its cargo safely in position. The boat transports forty freight cars and twenty passenger cars between Germany and Copenhagen.





In photograph No. 1 at the top of this column, there are a few tools which are indicated for wood-turning. More tools will be added to this group as they are needed. A, shows a large gouge; B, a small gouge; C, is a large skew chisel; D, a small skew chisel; E, is what is known as a parting tool; and F, a pair of outside calipers.

Photograph 2 shows the method of centering stock and setting the spur center. A wood mallet is used for this purpose.

In photograph 3 we see the operation known as a roughing cut. Note particularly the position of the hands and the tool. The work is handled from the center outward toward both ends.

In order to size to diameter, the method indicated in photograph 4 is used. The calipers being adjusted to the predetermined diameter, the parting tool is used until the proper depth has been secured.

The illustration at the right shows some of the first lessons in wood turning. Dimensions are given and the position of the tools clearly indicated.

Wood Turning

This is the First of a Series of Articles Dealing with

By H. L.

THE LATHE

OR the man who enjoys tools and working with tools, there is nothing that can take the place of the home workshop for recreation, and as an avocation which may prove to be very profitable. In this day of cheap and accessible power the home shop, no matter where its location, can easily be equipped with power machines at relatively small cost.

Perhaps the most interesting of all wood-working machines is the lathe. It comes down to us in very crude form from ancient times, when early craftsmen, wishing to fashion other materials than the plastic clay with which they worked, evolved the turning lathe somewhat after the form of the potters'

wheel, which preceded it.

In later times we have a period in which wood-turning flourished, and many are the antiques of turned mahogany and walnut of our own early American days that fairly make our mouths water with desire, as we see them in shop and home. Early craftsmen made up for imperfections in machines by amazing skill and patience, and the power used was that commonly known as "elbow grease." But modern artisans, working with modern machines, can accomplish fully as beautiful results with much less labor and in a shorter time than our grandfathers ever dreamed possible.

EVERY HOME WORKSHOP NEEDS A LATHE

THE home workshop without a lathe is incomplete. One can purchase a small lathe at very moderate cost or with sufficient ingenuity, one can be built from a junk sewing machine. Perhaps, sometime it will be our privilege to present the construction of such a machine to the readers of Science and Invention.

There are already many owners of lathes, however, who are following very craftsman-

like methods in turning, and so in this, and following articles, an attempt will be made to present in the clearest manner possible, correct methods for doing ordinary turning, with attractive designs for useful articles, followed in the later numbers with some "fancy" turning.

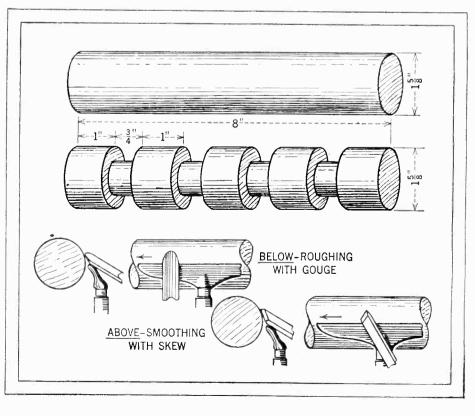
Practice does the trick. It is well to take the exercises given in this article and practice until perfection is attained. Turning tools are tricky; unless, and until, skill of manipulation masters them. Nervousness and uncertainty will make them do all sorts of curious things; and a little unsteadiness will probably mean a chunk torn out of a rapidly revolving piece of wood. Just remember in beginning work on a lathe, that although it may look dangerous, there is very little chance to get even a slight hurt, and it is without question the safest of woodworking machines.

Like all other tools, it must be kept in good condition for successful operation. Keep in mind that a good grade of oil, applied at regular intervals to the bearing surface of the lathe, and sharp tools, will go a long way toward making a skillful artisan.

LATHE TOOLS

A FEW suggestions, then, as to tools and their care may be in order. Few tools are necessary, but they should be good ones. To start with, one should have ½" and 1" turning gouges; ½" and 1" skew chisels; a parting tool; outside calipers; and a slip stone, which should be kept on the lathe or near at hand for frequent use.

In sharpening the tools an emery wheel is almost essential. A small stone may be purchased and mounted with a screw collar to revolve on the lathe. All of the tools should be ground and whetted to razor-like edges; being careful to keep the chisel edges straight and at the correct angle. Remove



For The Amateur

the Art of Wood-Turning in Its Various Branches

WEATHERBY

all burr or wire edges from inside of gouges with the slip stone.

Having sharpened the tools we are now ready for work. Cut a piece of 17% x 17% stock to 10" in length. Any wood will be satisfactory, but poplar or other closegrained, medium soft wood will answer the purpose better for beginner's use, than harder or softer woods. With try square or rule, lay off diagonals on the two ends of the piece, then removing the live or spur center from the lathe, and using a mallet, drive the center into the wood far enough for the spurs to catch and hold.

FIRST OPERATIONS

PLACE the material in the lathe, and turn the stationary or dead center tight against the center of the opposite end of the material, or until the cup cuts into the wood. Loosen very slightly and place a drop of oil at this end on the cup center to reduce friction. Lock in place and we are ready for the actual turning.

The lathe, of course, should be of variable speed, and we should start with the slow speed for roughing off the outside corners of the block. The illustration shows the correct method for holding the gouge. Care should be taken to hold the handle of this tool low and the cutting edge should be held at a slight angle to throw the shavings away from the operator's face. The tee-rest should be adjusted so that the top will be on a line with the centers and close to the stock. Now putting the lathe into motion, and with the large gouge held as illustrated, rough off the square corners, turning the gouge over as we work from the center of the block, first in one direction and then in the other.

FINISHING OPERATION

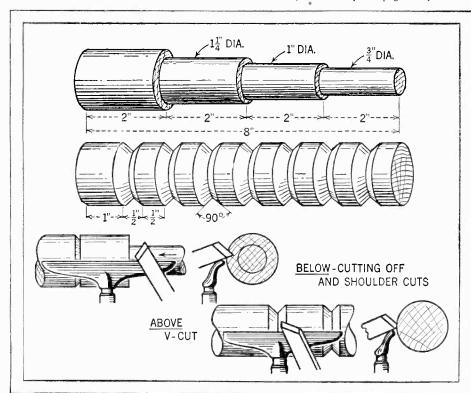
W iTH this roughing off finished, we are ready for the more difficult operation of smoothing down to cylinder dimensions,

using the large skew chisel. First, move the tee-rest nearer to stock, and with the parting tool and outside calipers set to 15%", held as illustrated, cut down to dimensions in two or three places. Shift the lathe to high speed, and with the skew chisel held as shown, being careful that the point does not catch and "hang up" in the wood, smooth down to the bottom of the grooves made by the parting tool. In this operation, hold the chisel so that the center of the cutting edge does the cutting. Avoid scraping with this tool.

Following this, we are ready to cut our cylinder off to length. Placing a rule on the tee-rest and with the block in motion, measure off and mark with a pencil, the length of 8". Either the parting tool or the small skew chisel may be used in cutting off, but for this exercise we will use the chisel. Turning the chisel so that the edge is supported on the tee-rest, with the point of the chisel down, shove it into the revolving cylinder at right angles on the pencil line to a depth of about ½8". Now, turn the chisel at an angle cutting in and down to the depth of the grove, forming a V with the inside vertical. Rough off the unused end with the gouge and repeat the process of cutting until an approach is made to the center, or a spindle about the size of a lead pencil is left at both ends. Care must be taken to keep the ends square and smooth; and also not to allow tools to come into contact with the live center. Sufficient room should be allowed on this end to prevent such an event happening.

The final cutting may be done with a back saw, or the cylinder may be cut off entirely on the lathe if care is taken; cutting a little at a time at each end until a very small diameter is left, and finally cutting through on the live center end, leaving the other end attached by a small neck which can easily be cut off with a knife.

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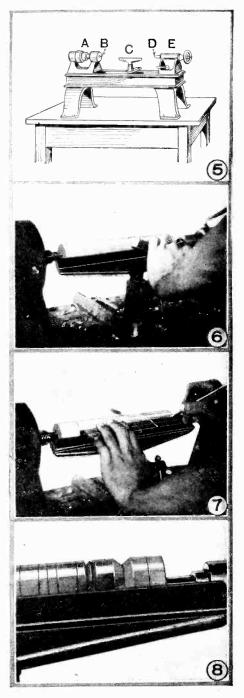


Illustration 5, at the top of this column, shows a small bench lathe. The letters refer to the following parts: A is the head stock; B, the live center; C, is known as the T rest; D, is the dead center; and E, the tail stock. These parts can be quickly and easily memorized, so that the novice will understand which portion of the lathe is referred to when any of these terms are mentioned.

Photograph 6 is an indication of a plain finish cut. In this, a large skew chisel is employed, the center part of the skew chisel being used as the cutting edge. Again the work is done in both directions, starting at the center, and working out therefrom.

When measuring a piece to length, for cutting off, the work should always be in motion. The method of doing this is clearly illustrated in Fig. 7, where the ruler is held on the T rest.

Photograph 8 shows a V-cut. One of them is completed, and the second has been started. Wood turns toward tool.

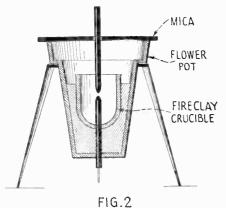
The illustration at the left shows how V-cuts are made and the tool held for the purpose, and gives several other wood-turning principles.



Home-Made Arc Furnaces

By ROBERT L. LEWIS

GREAT deal of interesting work and experimentation can be carried on by the experimenter if he has a high-temperature electric arc furnace. Little difficulty should be experienced in building such a furnace, since the necessary materials are not hard to obtain. The carbon electrodes may be arc-light carbons secured from the local power company, or from some supply house. Some types of radio batteries have long, thin electrodes, which are suitable if carefully removed from worn-out cells. Fireclay is obtained from any large supply house or, since it is used in every foundry, it may be procured there.



A simple carbon arc furnace with crucible for holding the metal is illustrated above. The interior is lined with graphite.

The simple carbon arc furnace can be made in several shapes, sizes and forms, depending upon the use of the furnace, the materials used, etc. For fusion and reduction of metals, types 1,

2 or 3 may be used (see illustration). In types 1 and 2 the metal is placed in the small crucible, which is made of either graphite, alundum or fireclay. In type 3 the metal is contained within the furnace itself, and the molten metal is drawn off at the carbon tap hole. Carbon is used, so that the metal will not adhere to it. Types 1 and 3 are made of fireclay, water glass and shredded asbestos. It is best to use a wooden box for a form. After packing the mixture into the box in the desired size and shape (the inside should be relatively small, for the less the volume heated the greater the efficiency) it is set above a furnace to dry slowly. To withstand the heat the rough inside is given a coating of graphite cement, made of graphite (or ground-up battery

carbons) and fireclay; 3 parts of graphite to 1½ of fireclay. This, also, is allowed to dry slowly.

For making calcium carbide, carborundum, or any compound of carbon, the triple-series carbon resistance furnace (No. 4) is used.

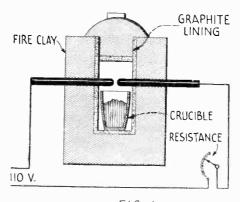


FIG 1

Above is another type of furnace made with a flower pot. The crucible shown may be made either of graphite, alundum or fireclay.

This furnace can be made as above, by a wood form, or of fireclay slabs (they need not be coated with graphite), held together by thin sheet metal. Three carbons on each side are used, as shown.

WORKING WITH FURNACES

A working with metals in arc furnaces 1. 2 and 3, the difficulty will be in the rapid oxidation of the metal, caused by the ozone which is usually generated by the arc. To remedy this an excess of powdered charcoal must be used to unite with oxygen, forming carbon dioxide. Borax can also be used to fuse and cover the metals in the neutral atmosphere. Nearly all the metallic oxides can be reduced to their respective metals in furnace 1 or 2. Aluminum oxide (the white precipitate formed when ammonium hydroxide is added to strong alum solution) may

unslaked lime to a powder in a mortar, next grind 16 ounces of coke or electric-light carbons to a fine powder (this can be done in an old coffee grinder, then sifted through a flour sieve). Four or 5 ounces should be ied to the furnace at one time, the rest put away in air-tight cans. It will take about 20 minutes with a $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch arc. Carborundum can also be experimented with by using about 8 ounces of the following: sand, 12 ounces; coke dust, 6 ounces; sawdust, $\frac{3}{4}$ -ounce; salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ -ounce.

ounce; salt, ¼-ounce.
Of course suitable resistance must be used.
The best is the sliding contact rheostat, so

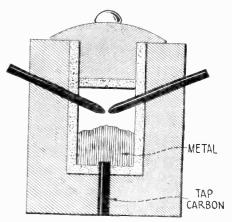


FIG. 3

In the type of furnace shown above, the metal is drawn off at the carbon tap hole.

that the arc is not extinguished. Thirty-ampere fuses should also be used, but above all, wear smoked glasses when looking at the arc.

FIRECLAY SLABS (3) CARBONS ARC BRICKS RES IHO V. HOOK-UP USING RESISTANCE VOLT & AMMETER

be reduced to aluminum by introducing an intimate mixture of the oxide and graphite into the series resistance furnace 4. Iron oxide, cupric oxide, etc., may be reduced in a like manner. To make calcium carbide in the series furnace: reduce 18 ounces of good

REMOVING STOPPERS

Reagent bottles holding caustic alkalies, alkaline carbonates, etc., very frequently become fixed, and the usual method has been to tap the stopper with a wooden block or apply heat to the neck, often with disastrous results. This method may be tried. Freeze the stopper so as to cause a contraction of the stopper from the neck. The bottles which were used for experiment had failed to open under the heat and tapping, and were bad cases of fixed stoppers. The bottles held sodium carbonate that had formed sodium silicate, an excellent coment, and so were firmly fixed. They were inverted in a mixture of crushed ice and calcium chloride—taking care that the freezing solution did not touch the lips of the bot-

tles. After standing twenty minutes, the stoppers were removed without the slightest exertion. This is the new best and safest way to remove stoppers from bromine bottles and other corrosive chemicals.—Contributed by F. A. Jusaites,

Home-Made Fireworks

By E. R. HAMBURGER, Ph.D.

HIZ BANG! Another Fourth of July is ushered in with all the traditional fun and excitement of crackers popping, pinwheels whirl-

Any sort of measuring device can be employed in the making of fireworks, but the same measure should be used for all chemicals.



ing, rockets rising, and magnificent scenic effects in colored flames. Do any of us stop to realize that these celebrations, which in our twentieth century are accepted in

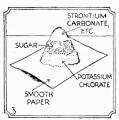


In order to assure accuracy, all measurements are level. They are leveled by scraping off the surscraping off the sur-plus with a knife.

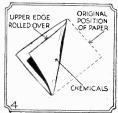
such a matter of fact fashion, date back thousands and thousands of years to ancient Chinese civilization.

For, inasmuch as the earliest records of

Never mix the chemicals with any sort of stirring rod. Pile them up on a piece of paper, as shown in this illustration.



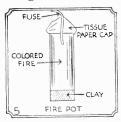
fireworks are found in Chinese writings, it is commonly believed that they were the first inventors and exploiters of pyrotechny (the art of fireworks). Generation after generation, they have gone on making fire-crackers.



The chemicals are mixed by grasping a corner of the paper and rolling this over as this diagram shows. Repeat with the other corners.

To the Chinese, fire-crackers are appropriate to almost every occasion. They often play a conspicuous part in hospital rites. They crackle merrily at wedding celebrations and

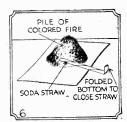
This diagram illustrates the construction of a fire pot. It may be constructed several weeks before it is to be used.



They make noisy every day of Mandarins centuries back have been entertained by spectacular effects in colored fire, or by innumerable scenic dis-

Moreover, in China, fireworks are believed to ward off evil, and to woo good influences. Indeed, the coarse bamboo paper used in their manufacture is purposely colored red because this hue attracts good fortune, according to the Chinese superstition. In passing it is interesting to note that today, besides consuming an enormous amount of fire-crackers berseli, China annually exports over \$3,000,000 worth.

Perhaps the simplest form of fireworks is the colored fire. Bengal lights, firepots, and the flares used for signal purposes during the world war are all variations of this type. They have been used in displays by the ancient Romans, in the middle ages in Italy, and later in France and England. At the time of the crusades it was the custom in Italy to celebrate the various feast days by vivid pictures in flame of some sacred story appropriate to the saint whom it was desired to honor. Huge figures of



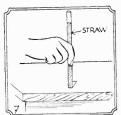
A good way to make colored fires is to use ordinary soda straws, fold the bot-tom over and fill as shown.

gigantic size were erected on movable platforms so that their positions could be shifted by means of ropes and pulleys to suit the action of the drama. The figures were so equipped that fire might issue from the mouth or eyes or nostrils, and that the blades of swords, spears, battle axes or other weapons which were brandished might be of living flame. In addition, the scene was decorated by a system of pipes, arranged so that either balls of colored fire, or streams of flame were thrown out.

COLORED FIRES

T is well within the power of the amateur I chemist to make these colored fires in his home laboratory. The chemical principles are quite simple. All fireworks contain a salt which decomposes readily to produce oxygen, some combustible material

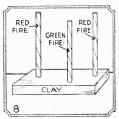
After pushing the straw into the colored fire chemical, it is then tapped to compact the substance within.



which will combine with this oxygen, and in so doing will burn, and the substances which give the individual fireworks its characteristic, which may be a salt to color the flame. In the colored fires which we shall make, the source of oxygen is potassium chlorate, and the combustible material sugar. Strontium salts will color the flame red; copper salts blue, and sodium salts yellow.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS

B EFORE giving directions for the preparation of any particular firework, there is one caution which I would like to impress upon my reader. Remember that you are dealing with highly explosive materials. Before they can be used they must be ground to a very fine powder. Under no conditions should more than one chemical be ground together. Always use a porcelain mortar and peetle and never metal, for the latter and pestle, and never metal, for the latter generates too much heat. It is safer, if possible, to purchase chemicals already powdered. Again, let me repeat: NEVER GRIND TWO OR MORE CHEMICALS TOGETHER, CLEAN MORTAR CARE-



The straws can be imbedded in clay as here shown. Do not put them too close, as the smoke of one interfere

FULLY BEFORE GRINDING A NEW CHEMICAL. Prepare materials imme-Prepare materials immediately before using, thus eliminating any danger of spontaneous combustion, or of

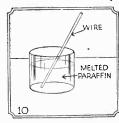
Powdered iron, when mixed with gun powder, produces brilliant sparks. The sparks are due to the burning bits of metal.



dampness settling in.

MEASUREMENTS BY VOLUME

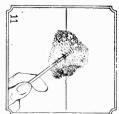
S INCE few home laboratories boast of a balance, measurements will be given by volume rather than by weight. Always level



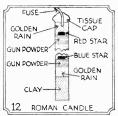
Sparklers are pro-duced by first dip-ping a piece of wire in melted paraffin as here illustrated.

the top of your measure. Chemicals should be mixed as follows: As each chemical is measured, dump in a pile in the center of a large square sheet of paper, one chemical

The rod is then rolled in a fountain mixture. The chemicals are held to the urface of the rod by he paraffin coating.



on top of the other. Grasp the paper diagonally, and roll over and over from one corner to the other. In this manner the par-ticles of material are rolled one with the



The illustration at the left indicates the construction of Roman candles. Note that there is ample space around the stars.

other. Repeat in the opposite direction. Repeat several times, never rolling the paper twice in succession in the same direction.

A FIREPOT

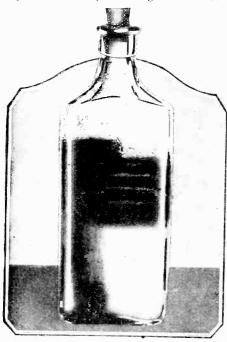
O make a firepot, first prepare the paper Continued on page 252)

Some Chemical Experiments with Light

These Simple, Yet Very Puzzling Phenomena, Will Prove Instructive and Entertaining

By RAYMOND B. WAILES

HE chemical experimenter should not think that experimenting with actino chemistry, or the chemistry of light is costly, due to the fact that silver salts are used. Some of the commoner metals, such as copper and iron, and many organic chemicals, even sugar under cer-

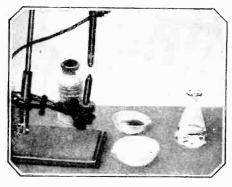


How the gelatine-lead acetate gel looks, after diffusion has proceeded.

tain conditions, can be used in various combinations which are affected by light.

One of the most simplest experiments showing the chemical decomposition of a substance under the action of light rays is that of the breaking down of ammonium thiocyanate when exposed to the light from an arc lamp. This chemical, easily soluble in water, when insolated, or when exposed to the radiations from the carbon arc, changes from a colorless or water-white solution to one of a reddish color, so red at times that it can frequently be mistaken for red ink.

One of the photographs shows how the solution should be exposed to the rays. The arc produces some ultra-violet rays, or at least, some rays which are so short in wave length that the decomposition of this easily procurable chemical is effected. Fresh solu-



The electric carbon arc is a good substitute for sunlight in many photo-chemical experiments.

tions should be used. During the decomposition a gas is evolved and the solution turns red. The solution will turn red even if it is contained in a glass vessel such as a bottle. This indicates that some of the wave lengths of light a trifle longer than those in the ultra-violet region are at work, for it is well known that glass absorbs ultra-violet radiations. It is believed that the products of the reaction are ammonium cyanide and colloidal sulphur, the small particles of the latter causing a dispersion of light and thus the solution appears red. If the red solution stands for a while the color fades. It is thought that the small particles of sulphur coalesce or combine to form larger ones and thus the red color ceases to appear.

If a 1% agar-agar or 4% gelatin solution is made and 1% lead acetate added and the mixture is poured into a bottle it will gel or set solid when cold. Now if a solution of potassium bichromate is poured on top of this white gel and allowed to stand for a week or two, the dichromate will diffuse downward into the gel and cause a precipitate of lead chromate to form, which is yellow. Viewing the gel now shows that bands or different shaded layers are present in the gel. If half of the bottle is painted black with stove pipe enamel, asphaltum or tar so that one-half is not illuminated while the diffusion takes

place, the portion so darkened fails to produce the bands. Ordinary cooking gelatin can be used in this experiment.

A 2% solution of sugar (sucrose) in water suffers no change when isolated or exposed to sunlight. However if 25cc of this solution are taken and when it 25cc of this solution are taken and about 2cc of a 2% solution of uranium nitrate or acetate are added, the solution will become colored violet or green when exposed to sunlight, Aldehydes are among the products formed. It would seem at first sight that the action of the uranium compounds is catalytic, but this is probably not the case.

Realgar, or red arsenic sulphide, a basis for several of the war-time smoke screens, will undergo decomposition when exposed to light. The change here is from orange red to reddish vellow, with the formation of arsenic trioxide and another sulphide of arsenic.

Iodoform dissolved in chloroform changes from a water white liquid to a brownish one when exposed to light. The change here is caused by the liberation of iodine, which dissolves in the choloroform. If the solution is removed from the light it will still decompose. It a drop or two of this decomposed solution is added to a fresh solution of iodoform in chloroform, the

fresh solution will undergo decomposition.
Sugar can be decomposed by light, using substances other than uranium salts. If sodium tungstate and hydrochloric acid are added to a sugar solution, decomposition will occur with the formation of a blue solution, when exposed to the light.

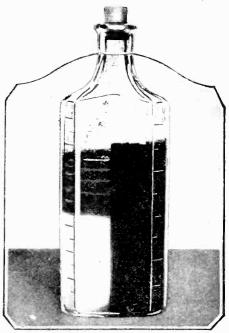
Silver chloride, AgC1, shaken with benzene in the light, will become discolored, but in the home significant contents of the home significant contents.

if the benzene is not employed and the silver chloride is exposed alone, the discoloration will occur but will not proceed as rapidly as when the benzene is used. The reason for this is that the light decomposes the silver chloride and the benzene combines with the chlorine as fast as it is formed and it is well known that removing one of the products of a reaction speeds up its

The effect of light upon the rate of settl-

ing of suspensions of clay and other substances has been studied and it has been noted that such suspensions settle out faster when exposed to light than when kept in

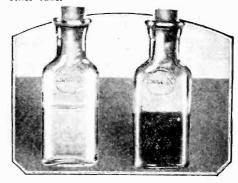
Sulphur dissolves in carbon disulphide. If such a solution is made and filtered and some is placed in each of three test tubes, one



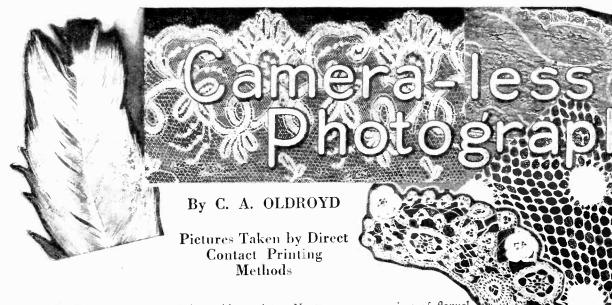
Scraping away part of the paint shows that the gel underneath which was not exposed to the light did not develop the layers.

test tube being immersed in a copper sulphate solution, another in a potassium di-chromate solution and the remaining tube unshielded, all three tubes being placed in a strong light, the unshielded tube and the tube immersed in the copper sulphate solution will show a cloudiness due to the formation of amorphous sulphur which has precipitated out of solution. The dark colored dichromate acts as an absorber for certain of the radiations composing light and hence the tube within it is not affected.

In exposing solutions to the light it is always best to use a control tube kept in the dark for a color standard. This is best done by thoroughly mixing the solution to be tested for light decomposition and pouring half of the solution into two tubes, keeping one tube in the dark, and exposing the other tube.



Bottle of iodoform dissolved in chloro-Right: The change which has occurred after exposing to the light.



HEY must have been taken with an exceptionally good camera and lens," remarked a friend of the writer's when he was shown some nature-prints, similar to the examples given on this page; and yet—no camera had been used at all!

From suitable small, flat objects, as for instance, lace, leaves, feathers, small insects, moss, and numerous others, perfect reproductions can be quickly made by anyone who is familiar with gaslight or contact printing.

Briefly, this method consists in discarding the camera altogether and making a silhouette or shadow print directly from the article in question. The work is best done at night, or else in a darkened room.

The only equipment needed is a printing irame fitted with a clear glass plate meas-

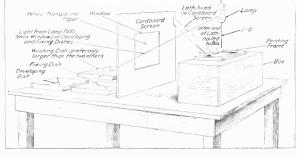
plate. Next may come a piece of flamel or other soft material cut to fit the printing frame. This prevents pressure marks on the paper, in case the feather is forced against the paper with too much force.

the paper, in case the feather is forced against the paper with too much force.

The printing frame back is now closed, we may have to ease off the springs a little since we have a greater thickness in the frame than it was built for. Now expose the frame to the light, placing it about a foot from the lamp. To bring the printing frame closer to the lamp, a box can be placed on the table as shown. For a start, try an exposure of thirty seconds, with a little experience the correct exposure can be easily gauged, or use small strips a half inch wide for the first tests.

It only remains to develop the print at the darkened left hand side of the table. Place the print in the developer, the picture

The illustration at the right shows a suggested workbench layout to be used when making cameraless photographs. With this method, the camera is discarded and a shadow print is made from the article.



As will be seen at the left, the only equipment necessary is a printing frame, some gaslight paper, three photographic trays and the usual developing and fixing chemicals. The work-table is best divided into two sections as shown.

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uring either 7 by 5 in. or 5 by 4 in., some sheets of gaslight or contact printing paper, three photographic dishes large enough for the paper handled, and the usual developing and fixing chemicals.

To carry out the work in comfort, we

To carry out the work in comfort, we can divide our work table into two sections, as shown in the illustration. The right hand side serves for printing, at the left is the developing section. We cannot place the paper in the printing frame in the full glare of the electric lamp, the left hand side of the table is therefore darkened by a large cardboard screen. This can be held in position by a wood strip, the other end of which is either clamped to the table or nailed to the box carrying the printing frame.

A window measuring about ten by eight

A window measuring about ten by eight inches is cut in this screen and a sheet of yellow transparent paper pasted over the opening. We now have a safe light which illuminates our developing section. The window must be cut at such a height that the light from the lamp falls on the dishes. We now make our first nature print; on

We now make our first nature print; on the clear glass plate in the printing frame we place the subject to be printed, for instance, a feather. Over it we place a sheet of printing paper, film side towards the glass will gradually appear and be completely developed in a minute or so. Transfer the print to the washing dish, in which it should be left merely a second, and finally into the fixing bath.

the fixing bath.

The fixed print can now be inspected in brighter light, if the result looks flat, and shows but little detail, the exposure has been too short.

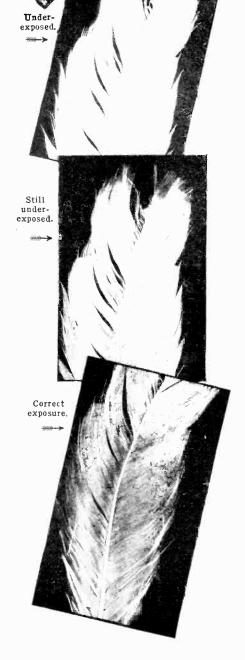
Expose twice as long for your next attempt, if it should resemble the second feather illustration at the right, the object will require a still longer exposure. Double the time of exposure once more, and you will obtain a faithful picture of the object which shows the finest details as in the last picture.

last picture.

The only difficulty in nature-printing is the correct exposure, and this can be mastered after a few tests. Then any object can be printed with some measure of certainty of obtaining a good result.

The world around us offers an endless variety of suitable subjects, small insects and butterfly wings can be reproduced with a wealth oi detail, the delicate tracery of crystals recorded, and a thousand and one subjects nature-printed.

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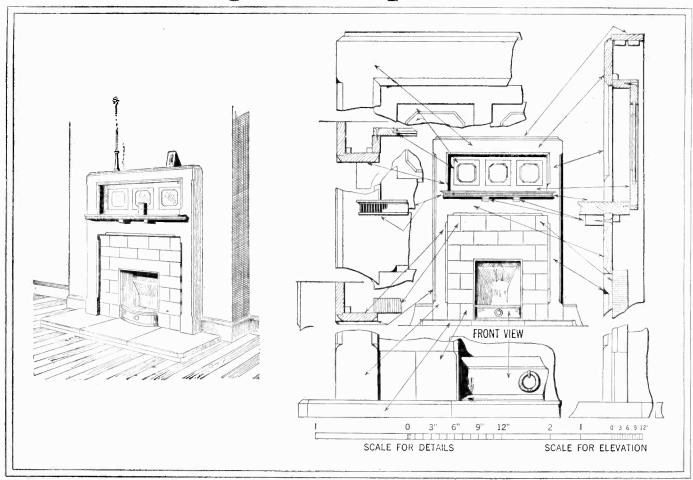




The Constructor



Making A Fireplace Suite



Details for the home-made fireplace suite are given above.

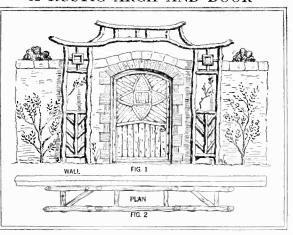
T HE fireplace suite which is illustrated above has been designed for construction in oak. It is provided with an artistic surround and firebrick back. The hearth is raised so that a curb is not absolutely necessary but can, of course, be provided by the builder. The construction should be

clear from the scale drawings and working details, while the general effect is illustrated in the perspective sketch. Wood mantelpieces should be constructed of properly seasoned timber. The panels should be stained and if necessary, polished before assembly. The back should be painted be-

fore fixing, which should not take place before the walls of the building are dry. The overall size of the fireplace moulding is about one inch wider and one-half inch higher than the net size of the wood opening. The wood-work may be finished with wax.—I. J. Lovett.

A RUSTIC ARCH AND DOOR

THE illustration shows a design of a rustic arch with an overlay of rustic wood for improving the appearance of a garden doorway. The dimensions will be governed by the individual requirements. They may, however, be kept in similar proportion with regard to height and width. For durability, elm or oak is the best kind of wood to use. This wood is sometimes rather irregular, but this feature can be utilized when curved pieces are required. The posts are about 5 in. in diameter and 9 in higher than the top of the wall. About 1½ ft. should be allowed for projecting underground and to prevent premature decay their ends should be charred over a fire and coated with tar or a creosote preparation. The arch may be either double or single, with the latter there is less stability.

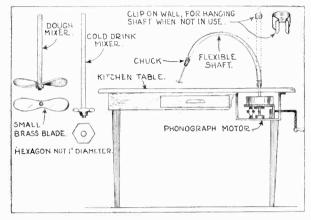


Above, Fig. 1 shows the completed arch and door and Fig. 2 gives a plan view.

The attractive overlay of rustic wood on the door is made of wood which has been cut lengthwise or halved. The bark should be removed so that the work may be varnished when complete. Ten suitably curved pieces are required for the upper panel; otherwise the remainder of the lengths used should be as straight as possible. Cork bark is employed for filling the center portion of the upper panel, and avoids the monotony of too many strips of rustic sections. The panels between the pair of posts next to the wall can be omitted if desired, or can be varied in pattern. No special joints are necessary beyond the hollowing of the ends of pieces that abut on a circular surface, as for instance, between rails and posts.—I. J. Lovett.



MECHANICAL MIXER

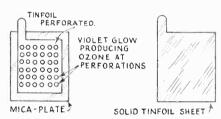


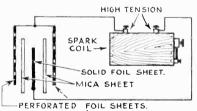
Details of the mechanical mixer for the kitchen are given above. An old phonograph motor is used to supply the power.

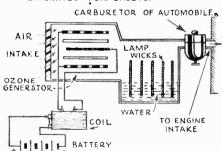
USEFUL kitchen mixer is shown at the leit. phonograph motor fastened to the kitchen table with the extended crank-handle as shown, provides the rotary motion. A short length of flexible shafting is fastened to the motor and protrudes through the top of the At the other end of the shafting a small chuck is attached, so that various mixing tools may be fastened to the shaft. Mixing tools can be made from brass rods as illustrated. When not in use, the flexible shaft is hung on the wall by means of a small clip. The mixing tools being detachable are easily cleaned The mixing tools being with hot water.-Herman R. Wallin.

OZONE GENERATOR

A N improved ozone generator is made from a series of mica and foil sheets connected to a spark coil as shown. The two outer tinfoil sheets, which are perforated, produce the ozone. A device of this nature



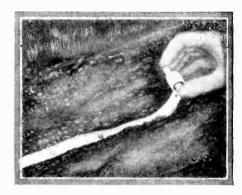




Details an ddiagram of connections for the ozone generator appear in the above drawing.

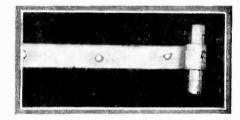
can be used on an automobile to provide better carburetion. A tank fitted with lamp wicks insures a supply of moisture. A solid tinfoil sheet is placed between two sheets of mica and then two perforated sheets of tinfoil attached to mica plates are placed outside of these as illustrated.—II, J. McPartland.

SEED TAPES



A trench is dug in the ground and the tape unrolled in the manner shown here.

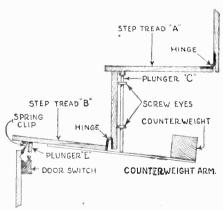
Bulb growers in Holland have adapted a system of sowing the seeds of plants on tapes. Seeds are glued at regular intervals on a paper strip. The seeds are thus rapidly sown at equal distances and at a regular



Above is a photograph of one of the seed tapes with a small wooden roller used for unrolling.

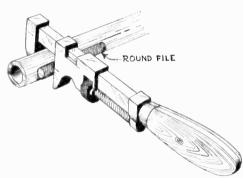
depth. The paper tape soon rots away and in no way interferes with the growing of the seedling. During winter months the amateur gardener can make these seed tapes for spring planting.—S. Leonard Bastin.

TREAD SWITCH



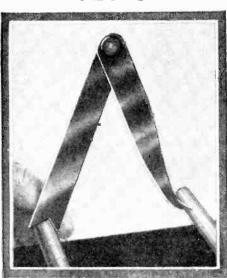
An automatic tread switch is mrustrated above and can be easily installed on the attic or cellar stairs. Two successive stair treads are hinged on the risers. The lower tread is counterbalanced and a plunger rod placed at the front part of the upper tread bears against the counterbalance arm as shown. At the front edge of the lower step tread is placed a door switch.—Edwin C. Schroeter.

PIPE WRENCH



A monkey-wrench and a round file make a good pipe wrench. The jaws must be loose enough to let the file roll up into place when pressure is applied.—Edward Waldo.

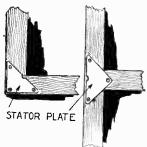
PARALLEL MEASUREMENT CALIPERS



Calipers made with a V-leg, as shown, facilitate measuring the distances between bars or shafts and determining whether they are parallel. One can easily tell when both legs are touching the extreme diameters.—H. Moore.



HOME-MADE BRACES

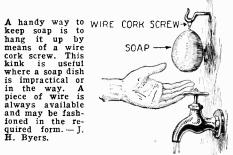


Old variable condenser plates can be used for corner plates and braces when cut to the shape shown at the left. If placed on both sides of a wooden frame, they give a neat appearance to the work, and at the same time are serviceable. at the same time are serviceable. These braces can be used to good advantage on home - made win-

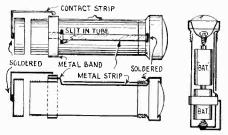
dow screens .- Charles R. Cameron.

SOAP HANGER

in the way. A piece of wire is always available and may be fashioned in the required form. — J. H. Byers.



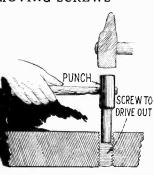
REPAIRING FLASHLIGHTS



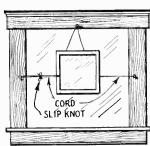
It often happens due to corrosion that the connecting metal strip going to the switch is eaten away, or through some other cause the switch becomes inoperative. If this happens, the switch can be repaired in the manner shown above. The contact is broken as soon as the pressure of the finger is removed from the metal strip.—T. F. Maher.

REMOVING SCREWS

Screws vs may removed be removed by employing a cylindrical-ended punch with a flat point. This should be struck with a sledge hammer, and if properly done, the threads will be stripped from the screw, leaving the hole in good condition. — V. A. Lyman. b e by

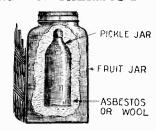


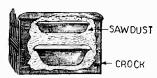
ADJUSTABLE MIRROR



A small mirror can be made adjustable by using a loop cord fastened to either side of the frame, one end passing in back of the mirror. One of the loops is provided with a slip knot, as shown. When not in use the loop may be detached from the mirror and allowed to hang behind the curtains.—C. E. Rectanus.

EMERGENCY THERMOS BOTTLE





In order to keep food or drink warm over a period of time, the method illustrated above may be employed. The jar containing the food is placed within a large container with sawdust or asbestos paper packed around it.—J. G. Villepigue.

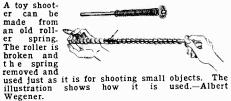
CALL BELL



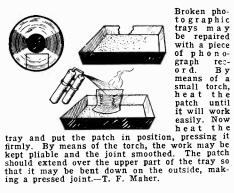
An old acetylene or oxygen cylinder tank makes a fine call bell at camp or on the farm. On clear days its note can be heard for a mile.—H. R. Wallin.

SPRING "SHOOTER"

A toy shoot-er can be made from an old roll-



REPAIRING PHOTOGRAPHIC TRAYS



Broken photo graphic trays may be repaired with a piece of phonograph record. By rec-By of a

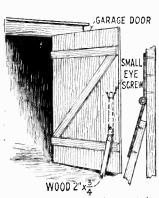
SCREW CONTAINER

An old muffin pan makes an admirable container for screws, nuts, washers, binding posts, nails, tacks, and the like. Around the workshop it will be use-An old muffin



will be use-ful in keep-ing these small parts separated and at hand always.—Peter D. Adams.

DOOR DROP



tom of the door. When not in up by a wire loop.—A. J. Wolke.

A very handy prop for keeping garage and cellar doors opened is illustrated here. The prop is hinged to the door and if the door has no back ston one door has no back stop one can be fas-tened to either side. The hinge will have to be bent as shown above. The prop should extend about six inches be-iow the bct-in use it is held

Readers Forum

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 criticans, and will present them, whether

caustic or not. So if you have anything to say, this is the place to say it. Please limit your letters to 500 words or less, and address your letters to Editor—The Readers Forum, c/o Science and Invention Magazine, 230 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

RAYING THE BLOOD

Editor, Science and Invention:

For quite a number of years it has, of course, been possible to transfuse blood from one individual to another, providing the blood characteristics of the donor and recipient were compatible. It seems only reasonable to suppose that we could go a step only reasonable to suppose that we could go a step further by sidetracking the blood of an individual and returning the blood directly back to the circu-latory system of that same individual. In doing so, it would very likely be advantageous to interpose it would very likely be advantageous to interpose a small, dilated quartz tube, which could be rayed with ultra-violet and other rays as the blood is passing through it. But at least two difficulties arise, such as keeping out the air and keeping the blood from clotting; theoretically, if the tube was primed with saline solution, containing some anti-coagulating substance, and if the inside of the tube were thinly oiled or waxed, the experiment should be a success, providing the oiling or waxing did not interfere with the passage of the rays through the blood stream.

Experiments on dogs, and possibly, on other ani-

through the blood stream.

Experiments on dogs, and possibly, on other animals, would, of course, have to be done and the blood examined before and afterwards, as to the quality and quantity of its known constituents. Two intravenous needles or canulas could be inserted into a vein and the tourniquet applied first above the needles and when the title is in readiness the

into a vem and the turniquet applied asst above the needles, and when the tube is in readiness, the tourniquet could be placed between these so that the circulation would be side-tracked, so to speak. As ultra-violet rays are known to be bactericidal, vitamin-producing and so essential to the mainte-nance of perfect health, and since these rays readily nance of perfect health, and since these rays readily penetrate quartz, but not glass, it seems perfectly reasonable to suppose that their direct use as a therapeutic measure would be quite beneficial in treating so-called "Diseases of the Blood" and, possibly, other diseases as well, especially those diseases known or suspected to be caused by mild infections; it seems possible that some or all of the infections; it seems possible that some or all of the true anemias are caused by mildly infectious microorganisms. On the other hand, if the rays were applied with much strength, the amoebic-like, white blood corpuscles might be destroyed or weakened to an alarming degree. Ultra-violet rays may not destroy pathogenic micro-organisms, but this proposed treatment may weaken them sufficiently directly or indirectly so that the white blood cells and other defences of the body may be enabled to restore the body processes back to normal. Also, if the use of these rays actually destroys bacteria in the blood, it may not be judicious to administer prolonged treatments as, when the germs are killed, prolonged treatments as, when the germs are killed, their toxins may be liberated into the blood stream proper, resulting possibly, in a severe toxemia. Furthermore, some solution could be applied to the

tube for ionization treatment.

Because sunlight shows in the spectrum character-Because sunlight shows in the spectrum characteristic light and dark lines, indicative of elements, known to this earth, the sun's rays may prove to be ideal for the direct treatment of some diseases, which are in evidence by abnormal findings in the blood. But the solar treatment must be tried out only in highly elevated parts of the country, since it is known that the atmosphere of a city especially, due to its density, smoke and other impurities, is practically impenetrable to ultra-violet and, possibly, to other known and unknown rays. Also, it is well to bear in mind the statement that under ordinary circumstances, in the open, ordinary bac-

ordinary circumstances, in the open, ordinary bacteria are all dead in less than twelve hours.

Submitting this vitally important inquiry for discussion in the Readers Forum Department of discussion in the Readers Forum Department your intensely interesting magazine, I remain, W. J. White, Detroit, Mich.

Detroit, Mich.

(There would be less difficulty doing what you suggest than there would be in conducting a blood transfusion operation.

In September, 1921, the editors of SCIENCE AND INVENTION carried on several experiments in the purifying of blood, after removing it from the body and treating it electrically and chemically. The results which we obtained were promising enough to warrant further experimenpromising enough to warrant further experimentation. To the best of our knowledge, nothing formising enugate to the best of our knowledge, nothing further has been done along this line, although our own experiments were given wide publicity at the time. Not only did we suggest the use of ultra-violet rays, and special quartz chambers for killing bacilli, but included in the suggestions chambers divided by animal membrane for the removal of urea through osmetic action; the adremoval of urea through osmetic action; the administration of food and the addition of antitoxins, serums, and antigens. Experiments were conducted on animals.

Quoting from the article we find the following: "There are several different arrangements which can be used, particularly owing to the fact that the dosage of ultra-violet rays here produced by mercury vapor lamps, fitted with quartz tubes), cannot be made very strong, as these and X-rays have an unroward effect on the corpuscles of the body; the ultra-violet on the white corpuscles, and the X-rays on the red cells. . . ."

We are glad, however, to once more bring this very interesting and fascinating subject into the discussion.—EDITOR.)

THE RESTORO

Editor, Science and Invention:

I am a reader of your Science and Invention, which I consider the best magazine of its type published. I have been following up your articles on the Ionaco and other frauds.

AZING STORIES IN OUR JULY ISSUE:

JULY ISSUE:

VANDALS FROM
THE MOON, by
Marius. The steamship imitates the fish in its manner
of locomotion, the airplane
imitates the bird in its locomotion through the air. But no engineer
seems to have ever thought of duplicating the snake motion for propelling heavy
bodies. Yet it is perfectly plausible, and
the author of this story may prove to be
a prophet some day. It is certainly an
interesting and original idea and furnishes
excellent material in a unique interplanetary tale, this time dealing with the
moon people who visit our planet.
THE INVISIBLE MAN, By H. G. Wells.
(A Serial in Two Parts) Part II. In the
concluding chapters of this story, the
harassed and harassing invisible man
finally reaches an old scientist friend of
his, to whom he relates his experiments,
his unexpected success and his subsequent
experiences. But you don't need to be a
dyed-in-the-wool scientist to become thoroughly absorbed in this detail or in the
story of their subsequent experiences.
You will enjoy it no matter how much
science you know or don't know.
BARON MUNCHHAUSEN'S SCIENTIFIC
ADVENTURES, by Hugo Gernsback. (The

BARON MUNCHHAUSEN'S SCIENTIFIC ADVENTURES, by Hugo Gernsback. (The three parts in this issue conclude this series.) What will our descendants do ages from now, when their air supply dwindles down to nothing? According to our very remarkable friend, the Baron, the Martians have already solved this problem by their marvelous invention of air plants, with which they generate their own air. The Baron tells us also, how the Martian canals were built, and, lest we think them always serious and scientific, we are permitted a glimpse into their lighter moments and learn something of the kinds of amusement in which they indulge.

And others.

There is now one of these penny-catchers, in this small town (population 25.000). This is the "Restoro Health Institute of Indiana." This company also maintains a branch office in Laporte, Ind. (population 15,000).

I hope that the editors of Science and Invention will do their best to rid our cities of these "horse-collar" peddlers.

NED L. REGLEIN,

Michigan City, Ind.
(The Restoro, a pamphlet of which you enclosed in your communication, is substantially the same as the Ionaco. Its action on the human organism is as powerful as the Ionaco, which you will remember we considered to be negligible.— EDITOR.)

BODY CHEMICAL ELEMENTS

Editor, Science and Invention:

To close an argument, will you please state the number of chemical elements known to be contained in the human body?

Mrs. B. N. HICKETHIER,

Chicago III

Chicago, Ill.

(The elements found in the human body are generally in combined forms. There are traces of

bromine, copper and lead. Arsenic is present to the extent of a little more than three one-hunthe extent of a little more than three one-nun-dredths of a grain; aluminum, about 15½ grains; manganesc, 46¼ grains; silicon, 46¼ grains; iron, 77 grains; magnesium, 1¾ ounces; potassium nitrate, 2¾ ounces; sulphur, 3½ ounces; fluorine, 3½ ounces; sodium chloride, 8¾ ounces; phos-phorus, 28¼ ounces; calcium carbonate, 3½ pounds; ammonia, 4¼ quarts; carbon, 44 pounds,

and water, 84 pounds.

The approximately exact quantities of these various substances in a man weighing 200 pounds can be found in the September, 1922, issue of this magazine.-EDITOR.)

ETHER AND REALITY

Editor, Science and Invention:
With Sir Oliver Lodge as a guide, I recently made a trip through "Ether and Reality."
What a lot he had to tell about ether!
It is the connecting link of the material and the spiritual worlds (VII);
A substance with ascertainable physical properties (VIII):

erties (VIII):

Absolutely cold (5);

Absolutely cold (5);
Other than matter (5);
Its pressure is probably a million times greater than that of the atmosphere (28);
It conveys light (41);

It is the vehicle of gravitation and cohesion

(44);

It has an electric property corresponding to elasticity and a negative property corresponding to density (57);

It is incompressible; the densest substance known (98);
Among its functions are gravitation, cohesion,

light, radiation, electricity, magnetism (137); Its first function is to weld atoms together by cohesion (154);

Its second function is to transmit vibrations from one piece of matter to another (154),

Now wouldn't that jar you? These properties and some others developed elsewhere suggest this concise summary: Ether is perfectly dense, perfectly rigid, perfectly elastic, perfectly continuous, perfectly weightless, perfectly frictionless and perfectly ridiculous.

Although Newcomb died in 1909, long ere Sir Oliver's explanation of the mysteries, yet enough of it drifted about in Newcomb's day to make the judicious grieve. Is that why Simon put the quotes around "aether?"

In order to make way for "quanta," I have read that Planck had to deny the continuity of the "ether," and J. J. Thomson came to the same result from electro-magnetic phenomena. Berthoud declares Fresnel's ether had to be equipped with properties so contradictory as to make it a physical monety resident to Mayuell and the cal monstrosity. According to Maxwell and the Einsteiners, it is something else again. Steinmetz said that electro-dynamics developed without needing the hypothetical ether.

I throw a ball to you. There isn't any medium required to transmit it. Despite Sir Oliver's claims, does gravity require any medium to transmit it? The rushing electric current has momentum and overshoots the mark, he says. Evidently then that does not require a medium to transmit it.

The sun, the earth, other planets and their satellites rush along at miles per second through space, space that Sir Oliver says is filled by ether, the densest substance known. And yet, and yet—not only are we unable to detect any friction, but that "densest substance known" does not even strip off the light, gaseous atmosphere of the earth!

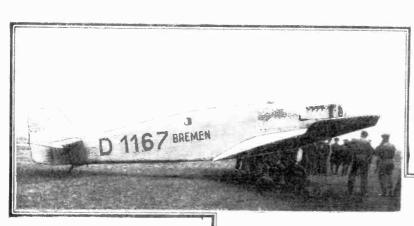
In describing ether as a transmitter of force, In describing ether as a transmitter of torce, Lodge is much concerned to show the impossibility of contact. So he has the ether transmit the energy from one body to another. Fire a projectile into a steel plate. Heat appears. Say it is due to contact of the projectile or the projectile-particles with the plate or the plate-particles. Now is it any simpler or more intelligible to insert, as Lodge does, a hypothetical ether to convey or transmit the energy from one to the other? His explanation, it seems to me, is decidely worse than the condition to be explained.

Here's a gem. "Sound waves travel in water four times as quickly as in air. But in the ether waves travel a million times as quickly: hence the ratio of elasticity to density in the ether must be enormous." See page 52.

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Radio Story of the "Bremen"



At the right is a photo of Stuart Davis, of Manchester, New Hampshire, who was the first in the United States to pick up the message of the "Bremen's" safe landing.



The photo above shows the "Bremen" before taking off, just after it had landed from a test flight at Baldonnel Field in Ireland. The plane is of allmetal construction and was built in Germany by the Junkers Airplane Corp. This monoplane carried the three aviators on the first east-to-west flight, from Ireland to Greenely Island, where they were forced down by sleet, heavy winds and lack of fuel.

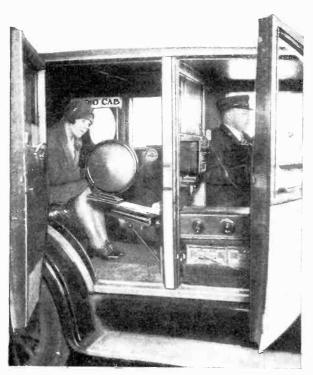
The photos above depict what may be called the radio story of the "Bremen" flight. The station at Point Armour was the first to send out the message on the eventful day of the plane's ar-

rival. In the circle is Stuart Davis, who owns and operates a radio station at Manchester, New Hampshire. He was the first to receive the message from Point Armour, and flashed it out again

At the left is the lighthouse and radio station at Point Armour, which was the first to flash the news that the "Bremen" fliers were safe. A message of the fliers' arrival was carried from Greenely Island to this point, a distance approximately 15 miles.

to an anxiously waiting world. Although the Bremen was equipped with every possible aid to navigation, no radio equipment was taken on the flight. A great object was to save weight.

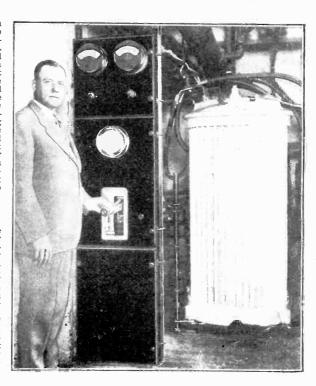
A Radio Taxi



At the left is a photograph of a radio taxicab used in Caldwell, New Jersey. The radio set and batteries have been installed in the front seat, next to the driver. A loud speaker of the cone type is placed in the passenger compartment, thus providing entertainment for the patrons. The musical cab has been a great success. A nother taxicab company in Maplewood, New Jersey, is also equipping their cars with radio sets.

The picture at the right shows the new equipment used during the past winter at t he Arlington Radio Station, to prevent the formation of sleet and ice on the antenna. By means of the transformer seen in the background, a current of about 800 amperes is sent through the antenna, converting it into a huge heating element, melting the ice.

Sleet Remover



Fireboats Directed By Radio

Alarms and Orders Now Sent and Received Via the Air

"The S.S. President Roosevelt," which went to the rescue of the foundered British freighter "Antinoe," returned to New York harbor and was given a noisy and enthusiastic greeting. While the ship was in port, the captain and men who manned the life boats received honors. Many fire boats and ships turned out to welcome the heroes. The "John Purroy Mitchel" participated in the welcome. This fireboat is shown at the right with her many streams of water spraying into the air. The "J. P. Mitchel" is equipped with the latest fire-fighting apparatured of the strength of the s

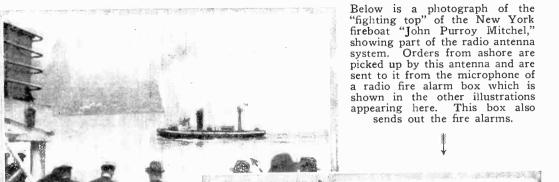
ratus, including a complete radio installation for receiving orders and fire alarms. The New York Fire Department is testing out the radio equipped fireboats and the New York Harbor fire fighting forces will now be controlled by radio. The photographs appearing here show a number of views of the equipment used at the present time with the fireboats.

The radio installation has already proved its worth and the complete New York Harbor fire-fighting forces are soon to be controlled by radio. To send a signal it is merely necessary to pull down a lever placed on the front of the radio fire-alarm box. This simple operation immediately sends out the fire alarm, as well as placing a microphone in a position for use when giving additional directions.

FIRE ALARM

PULL

Above we see how the new radio fire alarm box is opened immediately by simply pulling a lever downward. This operation automatically sends a fire alarm and, at the same time, places the microphone in a position for use. Thus, the alarm is sounded and the position of the fire is sent to all fireboats within the vicinity in a few moments' time.



The photograph at the left shows a view of one corner of the radio installation on the "John Purroy Mitchel" of New York. A radic operator will stay at his post to receive orders from the shore while the boat is fighting harbor blazes. Firemen on the shore are able to grasp the situation easier than those upon the immediate scene of the conflagration and can thus send valuable directions to the "fighters."

The picture at the left shows an interior view of the radio fire alarm box. Once the door of the box has been opened and the alarm so sounded, the microphone can be used for communication from the land to the fireboats engaged in fight-ing the fire. The microphone is of the type which is used in all present day radio broadcasting stations. Part of the alarm Jstem may be seen attached to the rear of the front door of the fire boy.



The alarm and microphone are housed within a metal box, which is painted in the conventional red color.

A New Electric Set

"Local-Distance" Switch and Single Control Are Outstanding Features

Below is a front view of the receiver, showing the neat arrangement of controls and artistic finish of the front panel.

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NEW all-electric set of advanced design, of heavy aluminum with four reinforcing ribs which add to its rigidity. The mounting frame forms the base of the cabinet and is finished to match the cabinet. Mahogany veneer is used for the body of the cabinet, while the front panel is of stump walnut, artistically finished in attractive design. This may

be seen in the photo at the left. Two sections of the panel are cut out to allow for an oblong in laid bronze-metal control board on which are mounted the tuning control, antenna compensator, volume control and switches. Above this may be viewed an illuminated drum, graduated in kilocycles. A sharply tapered type of variable resistance shunted across the primary of the R.F. input transformer gives a smooth, gradual control of the input, affecting the intensity of the output. Since it controls the R.F. input to the detector tube, there is no chance of the detector tube overloading.

A NEW all electric set of advanced design, embodying many unique radio developments, has recently been made available to the public by one of the pioneer set manufacturers in the east. The new A.C. six consists of four major units, the receiver itself, power unit, chassis and cabinet. Three stages of radio frequency amplification employing binocular coils, space-wound with Litz wire, are used. A type 171-A power tube is placed in the last audio stage. Four straight line frequency condensers are used for tuning. Filament, plate and grid voltages are supplied by the power unit. The tubes supplied are: three radio frequency tubes of the 226 type, detector tube of the 227 type, the A.C. tube in the first audio stage and a 171-A in the last audio. For rectification a type 280 tube is employed. The operating cost of the power unit is very low, being only one-half cent per hour when the rate is ten cents a kilowatt hour. The two power transformers are impregnated with a special compound to eliminate any mechanical hum. All connections between the power unit and the set are made with a colored cable.

Below is a front view showing tuning control and binocular coils. Note shielded power unit. Above is a top view of the receiver with the cabinet recation, employing binocular coils, are used. The coils are space-wound with Litz (stranded) wire.

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NE of the outstanding features of the receiver is the "local-distance" switch. This ingenious device gives the listener exceedingly flexible control of the set. The unit functions so as to obtain, when in the "local" position, a wider frequency band. In the "distance" position the selectivity of the receiver becomes as high as can be permitted without cutting off side bands. Here

the set becomes very sensitive and selective, enabling the reception of distant stations with a minimum of local interference. It it interesting to note that all controls are of the horizontal type and operate from left to right and vice-versa. To provide for matching various sizes of antennas to the set, a variable inductance coil has been included in the circuit. Once set

the set, a variable inductance coil has been included in the circuit. Once set, with the average antenna and ground, it needs no further adjustment. However, if a long aerial or an exceptionally short one is used, this control makes it possible to compensate the inductance and capacity of the first stage with those of the succeeding R.F. stages, allowing for a wide variation of antenna systems.

Name of manufacturer furnished upon request

SECRET RADIO TELEPHONY

Synthetic Languages Made Electrically, Provide Secrecy in Communication

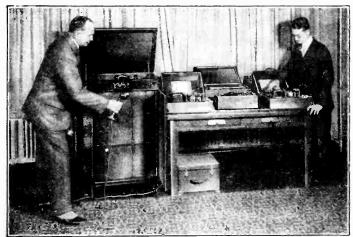


Photo Courtesy Bell Telephone Laboratories.

The above photo shows Mr. S. P. Grace and L. W. Davee demonstrating the method of using the speech inversion apparatus. On the table may be seen the modulator and demodulator.

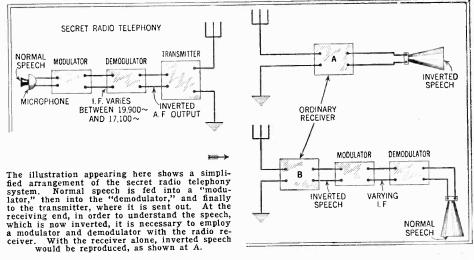
RANS-ATLANTIC radio telephony is now finding a steady and increasing use, and the service will probably be extended within the next year.

Already the daily period has been extended from 4½ hours to 10½ hours. The first year's experiment may be taken as a prophecy that telephoning between America and Europe will soon become as commonplace as telephoning throughout this country. From January 7th, the first day of service, to December 20th, there were 2.173 calls, nine-tenths of which were completed. It will readily be seen that this means of communication is on the increase, but there is one factor which undoubtedly prevented many from adopting it. The radio caves dropper who owned a receiver capable of tuning to high wavelengths could easily

duced on a loud speaker as a succession of sounds which apparently have no relation to the original normal speech. These new sounds, however, may again be converted into English by passing them through an "electrical translator," which is further described herewith.

HOW THE WORDS ARE SCRAMBLED

SOMEWHAT briefly, the apparatus works as follows: Normal speech coming from the microphone is fed into a modulating apparatus where the inverting or modulating frequency acts similar to a lens when it inverts the image of an object; causing the top to appear at the bottom, and the bottom at the top. The apparatus now developed uses 3,000 cycles as the inverting point although there are frequency components in ordinary speech above this value, they are eliminated by filters. Before the speech passes into the inverting apparatus, it must go through the filter, but this does not affect the quality to any great extent. Thus, the speech range is kept within a band extending from 100 to 2,900 cycles. With the 3,000-cycle inverting apparatus, the resulting speech also occupies this band, but in reverse order, as shown in the illustration. The voice of a person talking in low tones is delivered from the apparatus as a high-pitched sound, with a lower grunt occasionally, due to overtones in the original speech frequency. Thus as an example, Mr. S. P. Grace showed that the words Illinois Telephone Association issued from the inverting apparatus in something that sounded like "Oyaneon Playafiend Acecilofin."



tuning to high wavelengths could easily listen in on all conversations, perhaps using the knowledge he received.

However, thanks to the Bell Telephone Labs., a method of protecting conversation from outside ears has been perfected, and

IN FREQUENCY
100 400 1500 2000 2900
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Above we see just how the various speech frequencies are changed so that an incoming frequency of 100 cycles is changed to one of 2,900 cycles, and the 2,900-cycle sound is changed or inverted to one of 100 cycles per second. It is interesting to note that the 1,500-cycle frequency enters and leaves the apparatus at the same value.

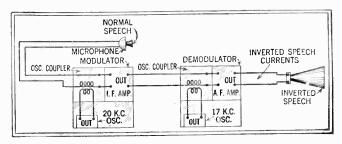
there is little question that it will be installed in the near future on all radio telephones now used commercially for paid calls. To accomplish this, a special apparatus has been devised which inverts normal speech, so that for every frequency a new one is produced, whose frequency is equal to some selected constant frequency, minus the original frequency. The result is an unintelligible series of discordant sounds. By using the inverting apparatus, English spoken before a microphone may be repro-

At the right we have an illustration showing in simplified manner the operation of the modulator and demodulator and how they are connected to the microphone. The modulator makes use of a 20-kilocycle oscillator, and the demodulator a 17-kilocycle oscillator. For the sake of simplicity speech filters have been omitted.

This process can be reversed, the "inverted" speech may be imitated before a microphone and translated back into English. In the inverting process there is practically no loss of quality, as was demonstrated when phonograph records of inverted speech were played near the microphone and reinverted to normal speech.

APPARATUS USED.

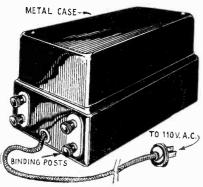
In the actual apparatus used today, two modulating steps are employed, one at 20 and the other at 17 kilocycles. This gives the same result that would be obtained from a single modulation at 3 kilocycles. In the process of modulating certain distorting frequency components are introduced which are difficult to filter out when the modulating and modulated frequencies are closely alike. This would be the case when a speech band of from 1 to 2,900 cycles modulated a 3,000-cycle frequency. By allowing the speech or voice band to first modulate a 20-kilocycle frequency, the distorting frequencies are eliminated. This results in an upper and lower side band, the upper one being filtered out and the lower then modulated by a 17-kilocycle frequency. This again gives two side bands, of which the upper is filtered, leaving the lower band. This band is in the same range (Continued on page 259)



NEW RADIO DEVICES

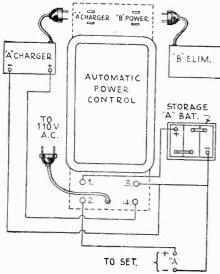
Accessories Recently Developed Which Will Be of Value with Any Radio Set

AUTOMATIC RELAY



A view of the automatic relay appears above. This unit is housed in a black metal case with four binding posts on the front and two sockets on the back, for plugging in the "A" battery charger and the "B" eliminator.

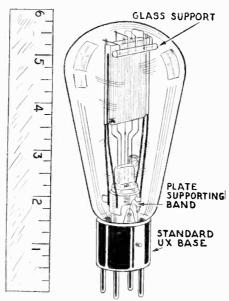
A N automatic power control or relay has recently been developed by a prominent Chicago radio manufacturer. This power control automatically cuts out the charger and automatically cuts in the "B" eliminator when the filaments of the tubes in the set are turned on. When the set is turned off, the "B" eleminator is cut out and the "A" charger automatically cut in for charging the battery. In addition to doing this, the relay serves a most important function; it is adjusted to cut out the "A" battery charger when the storage battery becomes fully charged. The device can be used with sets having four to seven 201A-type tubes, or the equivalent in current consumption, which is one to one and three-quarter amperes. more than eight tubes are used, it is only necessary to remove a thin resistance wire connecting two posts directly under the cover and to place a heavy resistance wire in its place. These two sizes of resistance wire are furnished with the relay. If 199-type tubes or less than four 201A-type tubes, or the equivalent in current consumption, are used, the resistance wire connecting the binding posts should be removed. The voltbinding posts should be removed. The von-age drop is less than 2 volts on all sets using up to eleven 201A-type tubes. As will be seen from the wiring diagram, the automatic relay is easily installed, the "A" battery charger and "B" eliminator being plugged in as indicated.



Above is the wiring diagram of the automatic power control, showing how it is used with the radio receiver and "A" and "B" power supply.

NEW POWER TUBE

NE of the largest radio corporations in the country has developed a new power tube larger than any which were available before. The tube is known as the type 250. It is intended for use only as a power amplifier or transmitting tube. filament rating is 1.25 amperes at 7½ volts, which is the same as that for 210-type tubes. The filament, however, is of the coated-rib-bon type, such as that used in the 281-type rectifier. As the filament operates at a dull red heat, the low operating temperature and increased size of the filament results in minimum hum when operated from an A.C. supply. This power tube is of the low-mu type, amplification factor being 3.8. The maximum plate voltage is 450 and the negative grid bias when using this voltage should be 84 volts. The maximum undistorted output is 4,650 milliwatts when using maximum plate voltage. When used as a transmitting tube, the 250 is rated at 25 watts, as compared to the 7½-watt rating of the 210. Following is a table of characteristics for the 250 tube:

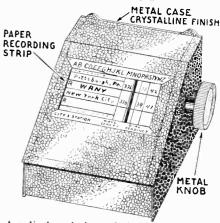


The 250 power tube is illustrated above, and when used as a power amplifier will supply tremendous undistorted output.

Plate Voltage	250	300	350	400	450
Negative Grid Bias Voltage	45	54	63	70	84
Plate Current (milliamperes)					
Plate Resistance (ohms).2 Voltage Amp. Factor	3.8				
Max. Undistorted Output (milliwatts)	900	1,500	2,350	3,250	4,650

A low resistance output choke with a condenser, or a transformer capable of handling the heavy plate current of the 250 without saturation of the core or overheating, must be provided for this tube, to prevent excessive voltage drop in the plate circuit and to protect loud-speaker windings. The 250 tube is not particularly suited for use in a push-pull output system on account of the extremely high signal voltage which is necessary to operate it at anywhere near its maximum output. If more power is desired than a signal tube is capable of delivering, two of them may be connected in parallel, with the result that the power output is doubled.

RADIO LOG

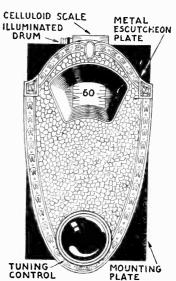


A radio log of clever design appears above. The paper recording strip is turned by means of a metal knob, as shown.

A NEW radio log, made by a New Jersey concern, has recently appeared on the market. This is housed in a metal case having a crystalline finish. Dial readings for all broadcasting stations can be logged in two ways, either alphabetically by cities or by the second letter of the call letters. A red diagonal line in conjunction with the alphabet nameplate furnish a quick indexing feature, enabling the operator to immediately find the station desired. The diagonal line moves across the alphabet plate, pointing to the various letters on the plate which correspond to the letters on the paper recording strip.

DRUM DIAL

A MASSACHUSETTS radio manufacturer is now producing an illuminated drum dial of pleasing design. It is equipped with a metal mounting plate and an antique silver escutcheon plate. The drum is turned by means of a bakelite knob situated near the base of the escutcheon plate, a number of pulleys and a cord being used for the control. Springs attached to the ends of the cord take up any slack and keep it tight at all times. The dial and escutcheon plate mount together, with the panel between.



The new drum dial is shown above and provides positive tuning without backlash or slipping. The celluloid scale is illuminated by a small dial light.

RADIO ORACLE

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 50c. is made for all questions where a personal answer is desired.

SCRATCH FILTER

(629) R. Lindsay Wickes, New Haven, Conn., asks:

Q. 1. Will you please give data for constructing a scratch filter to be used with a phonograph

satisfactory scratch filter consists of a 1,500 turn honeycomb coil connected in series with a .008-mf. condenser. This series combination is placed across the first audio frequency transformer primary, or across the pick-up. If a honeycomb coil of this size is not available, 1,800 turns of No. 28 D.C.C. wire may be wound on a form 2 inches in diameter and 1 inch wide, or, an 85 millihenry choke may be used in place of the honeycomb coil.

RADIO DEFINITIONS

(630) J. B. McKnight, San Diego, Calif., asks: Q. 1. Kindly give me the correct technical definitions of the following radio terms: sensitivity, selectivity and fidelity.

A. 1. The Institute of Radio Engineers has

A. 1. The Institute of Radio Engineers has compiled the following definitions: Sensitivity is the degree in which a radio receiving set responds to signals of the frequency to which it is tuned. Selectivity is the degree to which a radio receiving Selectivity is the degree to which a ratho receiving set is capable of differentiating between signals of different wave frequencies. Fidelity is the characteristic of a system or a portion of a system, by virtue of which it accurately reproduces at its output, the modulation of the signal which is impressed upon it. As applied to a radio receiving set, fidelity is measured by the accuracy of reproduction at the output terminals of the modulation of the received wave. The term fidelity is therefore used to describe the faithfulness of the reproduction of a sound.

RECEIVER DIAGRAM

(631) S. Somerset, Buffalo, New York, asks:
Q. 1. Will you kindly publish a diagram of the six-tube Argus electric radio receiver of the cabinet type using 199-type tubes and 210 power tube.
A. 1. On this page you will find the hook-up of this electric set. Five 199-tubes are used with a 210 power tube in the last audio stage. For rectification, two half-wave rectifiers of the 281-type are employed. The eliminator which is incorporated in the receiver somplies all the tubes type are employed. The eliminator which is in-corporated in the receiver supplies all the tubes

with the necessary A and B power. An electrolytic condenser is used in the eliminator as shown, and a power rheostat placed in series with the primary of the eliminator transformer, controls the input voltage from the line. A small switch is provided within the receiver, so that the audio amplifier may be used with a phonograph pick-up when desired. Volume is controlled by means of a 500,000 variable resistance placed across the first The sensitivity con-notentiometer. Proaudio transformer secondary. The sensitivit trol consists of a 1,000 ohm potentiometer. vision is made for the use of either a long or short antenna. Generally no antenna is required. the light lines providing sufficient pick-up of energy If no aerial is used, a wire should be connected from the red binding post to either the long or short antenna posts.

GASEOUS RECTIFIER

I. Kerensky, Carter, So. Dak., writes: What is the action which takes place in (632) I. Q. 1. V

a gaseous rectifier. How is it possible to prevent the current from flowing equally in both directions?

A. 1. When potential is applied to the gaseous rectifier, the gas atoms become ionized. Each atom now positively charged is attracted to the cathode or negative element from which it picks up another electron and returns to its original state, only to be re-ionized by collision with other atoms, and to be re-ionized by collision with other atoms, and again to pick up an electron from the cathode. The electrons which are lost seek the positive terminal of the tube and hence a flow of electrons occurs from the cathode to anode through the external circuit. If the anode and cathode are of the same dimensions, the current will flow equally well in both directions. However, by making one electrode small in comparison with the other, the positively charged atoms may readily strike one electrode and pick up electrons, while with the potential in the opposite direction their ability to strike the small electrode and secure the necessary electron is greatly diminished. The atoms in their attempt to do this collect around the small elecattempt to do this collect around the small electrode and build up a positive charge which tends to repel the other atoms. A few however, do strike the small electrode and cause a back or reverse current to flow. This back current, how-ever, is now reduced to a negligible factor. In the full-wave rectifiers of this type, the two anodes are in the form of pins or points with one large cathode. The two anodes are so constructed that

alternately one and then the other passes current, resulting in full-wave rectification.

Q. 2. What determines the life of a gaseous

rectifier?

A. 2. The life of a gaseous rectifier depends upon several things. The purity of the gas employed, the amount of gas introduced into the tube or gas pressure, the removal of impurities from the materials of the rectifier, all play an important part in the tube's life. The surface of the electrodes are also guarded against being ripped apart by the bombardment of the gas atoms. The applied voltages and the current passed also help to determine the life of the tube.

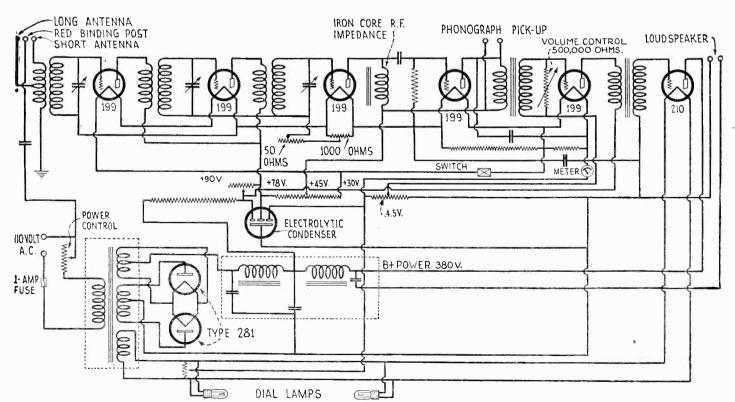
GETTING LOW NOTES

(633) L. Grisby, Des Moines, Iowa, writes:

Q. 1. I have a receiver in which three stages of resistance coupling are used and am operating this with a good cone speaker. While the tone quality seems to be good at times a rumble on low notes is heard. There seems to be a resonance point in the output system in the neighborhood of, 70 cycles. Will you kindly tell me the simplest was to remedy this nuisance?

A. 1. One of the simplest methods of clearing

A. I. One of the simplest methods of clearing up this difficulty which is doubtlessly known to many radio fans, is to remove the coupling resistor from the second audio stage. In its place connect from the second audio stage. In its place connect an old audio frequency transformer primary or an iron core impedance. This same thing is done in large broadcasting stations where the process of balancing the scale of frequencies is known as "equalization." With outside pick-ups, certain frequencies are transmitted with less fidelity than the process of these area beautiful the same others, and these are boosted in much the same manner as mentioned here. The average cone speaker in comparison with the average horn usuamplifiers also favor the low notes, but these amplifiers usually have a distinct cut-off at high frequencies. Your combination is one which favors the low frequencies, very often producing a rattle on low notes. The high notes have been boosted by substituting an iron core impedance in place of the resistance. It is probable that the response curve of the audio amplifier has been leveled out somewhat. Taking out the coupling resistance and substituting a comparatively low inductance choke coil will always increase the amplification of the higher register more than that of the low register.



Above is the circuit diagram of the all-electric receiver which uses five 199-type tubes and one 210 power tube in the last audio stage.

A small switch is provided so that the audio amplifier can be used with a phonograph pick-up. Tip jacks for pick-up are on sub-panel.

Scientific Humor

PROGRESS

SL(M: "How are you getting along with your Physical Culture Exercises?"

SLAM: "I have got so I can touch my knees without bending the floor."

-Leslie Carpenter.

CORE-RECT

BILL: "What did Newton do with the

apple that fell on his head?"

Bell: "Wound a wire around it and sent a current of electricity through to see if he could magnetize the core."-Leslie Carpenter.

FOR BACK SEAT DRIVERS



Auto Manu-FACTURER: "What's the idea of having the steering wheel in the rear seat on the new models?"

DESIGNER: "That leaves more room up front for the accessories."

-D. L. Cotie.

A FLAT STORY

"Look out for your balloon tires, mister."

"Why, what's the matter?"
"There's a fork in the road ahead."—
Leonard Keiser, Jr., Rep. No. 27,612.

THAT IS PROGRESS

"Do you think John Hopkins is getting anywhere with his bacteriological experi-

"Is he?" Why, he's just discovered a new disease that can be cured by Listerine."-Gleason Pease.

ISN'T THAT CORRECT?

Sam: "Why did they arrest Dr. Blank?"
Bo: "Oh, he had a patient with a scalp wound, so he put a torniquet around his neck."—Fred Eastman.

SHE HAS HIM PANTING



VISITOR: "Sen-ny, what's the noise upstairs?" SONNY: "Maw

is dragging Paw's pants over the floor."

VISITOR: "That shouldn't make much noise!"

SONNY: "I know, but Paw is in 'em.

-Ed. Simon.

UN-CRANE-Y FIRST PRIZE \$3.00



AMERICAN:
"Yes, my
brother was killed by a revolving crane.

ENGLISH-MAN: "My, what lierce birds you have America! in Kohler, Jr.

WHEN MUSHROOMS ARE EDIBLE

BOTANIST: "Sleep all right?"
WIFE: "Splendidly."
BOTANIST: "Not sick at all—no pains." BOTANIST: "Not sick at all—no pains?" WIFE: "Why, of course not, dear." BOTANIST: "Hurrah, then, I've discovered

another species of mushroom that isn't poisonous."—Maurice Blank.

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WHERE DEATH MEANS LIFE



It was a deathbed scene, and the director was not satisfied with the hero's acting. "Come on," he cried, "put more life in your dying!" -Ed. Simon.

ECONOMY FIRST

"Shall I have your lunch brought up to you here on deck, dear?" asked the husband of his seasick wife.

"No, love; have it thrown straight over-

board; it will save time and trouble."-Stanley Stanbery.

SOME CUT-UP

SOCIETY MOTHER (languidly): "Well,

nurse, how is baby today?"

Nurse: "He cut two teeth this morning."

Mother (still more languidly): "That was careless of you, nurse! You ought not to let a young baby play with a knife.

SCREEN TITLE

Everyone thought he was nutty in trying to prepare for a rainy day by endeavoring to cross an umbrella with a homing pigeon! -Henry A. Courtney.

TURN OFF THE WATER

"Gold mining," said the engineering professor. "by hydraulic methods is practically unknown in America at the

present day."
"Not by a long shot," said the cynical student. Have you ever

seen a sympathetic chorus girl at work?" -D. L. Cotie.



BOTH RISE

"When water becomes ice," asked the acher, "What is the great change that teacher, "Wltakes place?"

"The greatest change, sir," said the student, "Is the change in price." -Joseph Baum.

VERY SERIOUS MALADY

"Hey. Bill."

"What is it?"

"Your doctor is out here with a flat tire." "Diagnose the case as flatulency of the perimeter and charge him accordingly. That's the way he does business."—Albert F. Williams.

NOT A DIRTY TRICK

"What are you crying for, my lad?"
"Father's in-

vented a new soap substitute and every time a customer comes in I get washed as an advertisement? Fred Kohler, Jr.



SCIENTY SIMON, Scientist



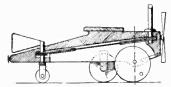






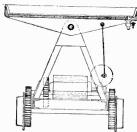


CHILD'S TOY



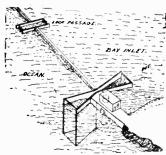
No. 1,666,378, issued to John E Harner. The toy shown above is propelled by the weight of the child and the swaying of the body to shift the weight. A front wheel is eccentrically mounted and constitutes the driver. This wheel is caused to rotate under the weight of the driver and a shifting of the weight by a to-and-fro movement of the body. The invention provides for the toy to be made in the shape of a flying machine, mounted upon wheels, the rider sitting astraddle of the body.

PRODUCING A SILVER COATING ON GLASS



No. 1,648,504, issued to Luitpold Offenbacher. The apparatus shown here provides for silver coating sheets of glass, and comprises an oval track, a heated drying chamber, and a movable frame which runs on the track. A tub is provided on the table to receive the silver solution. Means is provided for imparting a see-saw motion to the table, so an even coating is obtained.

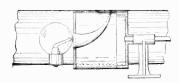
CREATING A HYDRAULIC HEAD



No. 1,623,369, issued to Henry Till. This invention provides a method of producing a hydraulic head in a body of water by creating a depression in its surface between two points along the line of flow. The water runs into the zone of depression from a higher level and is carried away by the stream. This hydraulic head may be used in the generation of power through water turbines and the like.

LIGHT CONCENTRAT-ING DEVICE

No. 1,663,308, issued to Charles Francis Jenkins. The device shown here consists of a light source which projects a beam through an aperture in a channel in a rotating cylinder. A light sensitive film is located in front of the small end of the aperture. A funnel-shaped channel is used for directing the light. With this invention a light beam of high intensity in a concentrated form can be applied to a given surface, covering the whole surface by repeated journeys across it, and with as little time loss as possible.



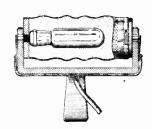
PHONIC DIAPHRAGM

No. 1,604,637, issued to Justin L. Fearing. The loud speaker shown here is a large, direct-acting conical diaphragm adapted for horizontal mounting. The speaker supports the unit and is therefore of the inertia type. An adjusting screw is provided for varying the distance between the diaphragm and the pole pieces.

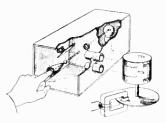


MEDICINAL ROLLER

No. 1,664,006, issued to Jacob H. Weber. The device shown below is used for therapeutic treatments, and consists of a hollow perforated roller mounted on supporting arms. A heating unit is contained within the roller and space is provided for holding salt or other medicinal substances. The roller is passed over the patient's body.



VIBRATION RECORDER



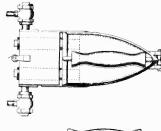
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Hall. This vibration recorder provides a means for producing a zone of parallel light rays, a spherical mirror and a means for conveying vibrations to the mirror. The light beams are further projected outside of the apparatus, where a drum containing a photo-sensitive paper is revolving at constant speed, so as to obtain a record of the vibrations. Tremors of the human body may thus be recorded.

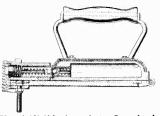
FIRE EXTINGUISHER



No. 1,663,678, issued to Robert W. Byerly. The extinguisher shown above comprises a metal container and a spring secured to the container, in order to maintain the liquid under pressure. All or part of the container is made of flexible sheet metal, so that variations in the volume of the container may be obtained as well as variations in the pressure.

STEAM-HEATED SADIRON

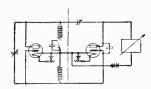




No. 1,660,396, issued to Joseph A. Revill. This invention provides a means for applying steam to an iron which has a hollow steam chamber fitted with valves and inlet and outlet passages. The iron can be heated with the steam and then disconnected from the steam supply while in use. Two views of the iron are shown above. The valves used employ springs for keeping them in a closed position.

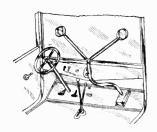
RADIO SIGNALING SYSTEM

No. 1,650,701, issued to John F. Farrington. The signaling system shown here uses an oscillation generator of constant frequency. A variable impedance load is connected to the amplifier and a tuned circuit is provided for establishing the frequency of the oscillations. A balancing condenser is connected between the load and tuned circuit to prevent variations in the load impedance from altering the frequency of oscillations.



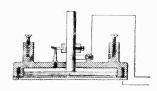
CLEAR VISION DEVICE

No. 1,663,500, issued to Edward A. Kroh. The windshield cleaner shown here has a member for conducting heated air to the windshield. The air is projected upon selected spots of the windshield, keeping them free from water, snow, and the like. Two such frame members are provided and are connected together, so as to receive heated air from the manifold or from the radiator of the automobile.



VARIABLE CONDENSER

VARIABLE CONDENSER
No. 1,652,376, issued to Jack D
Sartakoff. The condenser shown
below has two plates between
which both air and a solid substance are used as dielectrics. The
solid substance also precludes any
contact between the plates. The
dielectric is permanently secured
to one of the plates to insure uniformity of operation. When one
of the plates is rotated, a threaded
connection moves them toward or
away from one another, thus
changing the capacity. The plates
are placed within an insulated casing, thus excluding moisture and
dust. A great range of capacities
can be covered by this condenser
and the frequency has unusually
straight-line characteristics.



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ELECTRIC ORGAN

(2258) C. R. Brittle, Cristobal, Canal Zone,

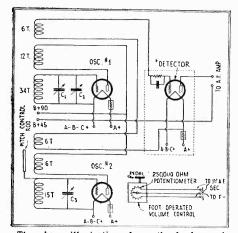
asks: Q. 1. Please publish a diagram of an electric organ such as that used by Prof. Theremin. Give constructional details if possible.

constructional details if possible.

A. 1. On this page you will find a diagram of an electric organ which will work satisfactorily. It will be noted that the volume control does not involve the use of a quartz crystal frequency regulator such as Prof. Theremin employed. These crystals are expensive and the exact manner in which they were employed in the electric organ is not entirely understood. Prof. Theremin's organ involved two circuits coupled in opposition, which served to create a given volume which could be varied in strength without changing the pitch, by a change in capacity in the loop aerial, as brought about by movements of the left hand.

To avoid complications and make the organ easy to construct, a foot operated volume control

To avoid complications and make the organ easy to construct, a foot operated volume control is shown. The oscillator coils are wound with No. 22 enameled wire on a 3 inch form. The space between each turn equal to the diameter of the wire. Condenser C1 has a capacity of



The above illustration shows the hook-up of an electric organ of simple design which may be constructed by the experimenter.

.0005-mf., C2 is a small vernier condenser, and C3 has a capacity of .00015-mf. When the device is ready for operation, the condenser C2 should be set at about half the maximum capacity and C1 varied about its mid-point until a note is heard. Then, C1 is adjusted by means of a vernier until zero beat is obtained when the operators hand is at its greatest distance from the pitch control rod. If it is found that the highest audible frequencies cannot be obtained by bringing the hand close to the rod, it will be necessary to readjust the oscillator to a higher frequency. This can be accomplished by diminishing the capacity of C1. Do not adjust the oscillators to too high a frequency, as movements of the hand towards or away from the rod will change the pitch too rapidly and the control of the pitch will be too critical. The pitch control rod may vary from one to two feet in length and from one half to one inch in diameter. Prof. Thermin's instrument included apparatus and switches for controlling the percentage of generated harmonics. This additional anaparatus has been omitted in the diagram. percentage of generated harmonics. This additional apparatus has been omitted in the diagram for the sake of simplicity and ease of construction.

SUPERCHARGERS

(2259) F. C. Nelson, Deland, Florida, asks: Q. 1. Will you please give me some information regarding superchargers, their merits and if they may be used on all types of motor vehicles.

Superchargers are now used successfully g cars and airplanes. They can be conon racing cars and airplanes. They can be considered practical for private cars, motor coaches, and trucks. If superchargers are installed, considerably smaller engines can be used, as the supercharger pressure will take care of the higher velocity and distribution of the mixture at the higher engine speeds when excess power is required. While testing a car equipped with a supercharger it was found to accelerate more rapidly than other cars. The supercharger increases the power output per cubic inch of piston displacement. It is estimated that with an efficient engine and superestimated that with an efficient engine and super-charger, the average car ought to develop about 25 per cent more power. Research work on a supercharged passenger car showed an increase of 18 to 20 per cent in power at 3,000 R.P.M. Q. 2. Also give some information regarding modern lacquer automobile finishes.

A. 2. Discovery of a method of producing cellu-A. 2. Discovery of a method of producing cellulose-nitrate lacquers in a highly concentrated form, of low viscosity, without impairing their film strength makes possible the giving of as much protection with one coat of the present automobile finishing material, as with three or four coats of the earlier lacquers said Dr. G. C. Given, research chemical engineer of E. I. dul'out de Nemours & Co., at a recent meeting of the Automotive Engineers. A film of only 8 to 15 thousandths of an inch in thickness of the modern lacquers, suffices to give complete protection to the underlying gineers. A film of only 8 to 15 thousandths of an inch in thickness of the modern lacquers, suffices to give complete protection to the underlying metal. The modern lacquer consists of a solution of pyroxylin, plasticizer and resin or gum, into which a suitable pigment or combination of pigments has been ground. The material used to dissolve these ingredients is a mixture of solvent and non-solvent, or diluent, in proper ratio. When a lacquer dries, the solvents and non-solvents evaporate, leaving a film consisting of the solid ingredients. In the older oil-type paint and varnish finishes the oil takes up oxygen slowly from the air and is thereby changed from a liquid to a solid. Therefore it is said that a lacquer dries by evaporation and a paint by oxidation. The qualities of durability are all influenced by the composition of the lacquer. Too low a ratio of pyroxylin to other clear ingredients will produce a finish that will either craze or check. Too high a ratio will impair the adhesion. The kind of pigment used and the proportion of pigment as compared with the non-pigment solids also have a marked effect on the durability. Actual long-time outdoor exposure of the finished lacquer seems to be the only sure method of testing for this smality. High-grade lacquer finishes are being to be the only sure method of testing for this quality. High-grade lacquer finishes are being applied at present with only three minutes drying between coats at 125 degrees Fahrenheit, according to Dr. Given. After the last coat is applied it is advisable to dry for about fifteen minutes at the advisable to dry for about fitteen minutes at the same temperature before the sanding operation. Adequate ventilation is necessary for the drying chamber, as lacquers dry by evaporation and inhalation of the air contaminated with the vapors is very unsanitary.

RECORDING PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

(2260) R. Saunders, Houston, Teaxas, writes:

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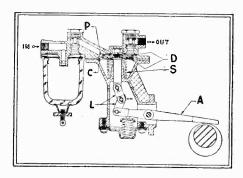
A. 1. Blank records made especially for home recording purposes are available as well as special recording needles. An ordinary phonograph electric pick-up could be used to vibrate the stylus. This unit should be energized by the power output of a high-grade transformer coupled audio amplifier or its equivalent. The input to the amplifier may be speech or music supplied through the detector tabe of an ordinary radio receiver or a microphone input transformer. When using a microphone, the microphone input transformer must be used in place of the usual audio frequency transformer in most cases, as the ordinary microphone has a much lower impedance than the detector tube.

FUEL PUMP SUBSTITUTE FOR VACUUM TANK

(2261) P. C. Rocanda, Lewiston, Maine, writes: Q. 1. Will you kindly publish a diagram of a fuel supply system showing the new diaphragm pump as used in airplane engines.

pump as used in airplane engines.

A. I. On this page you will find illustrated a fuel system using the diaphragm pulsating pump. The diaphragm itself consists of several layers of specially treated flexible cloth material which is impervious to gasoline and benzol. The cloth material, C, is held between two metal discs, D, and is pushed upward by a spring, S. The diaphragm in its upward position almost fills the pump chamber, P, so that in its downward movements, a vacuum is obtained. Repeated one-quarter inch movement of the diaphragm will not wear out the flexible material for a great length of time. Extreme movement of the diaphragm occurs only when the carburetor is empty. When full this



A fuel pump substitute for the vacuum tank is illustrated above. This pump is of the diaphragm pulsating type and is now being used on airplane and automobile engines.

movement is greatly diminished. In practically all normal conditions when the engine is running, all normal conditions when the engine is running, the diaphragm is pulsating in a movement of only a few thousandths of an inch. This reduced range of action does not wear it out except very slowly. The movement is controlled by the linkage, L, because when the diaphragm is in the depressed position, due to sufficient fuel in the carburetor, the reciprocal movement of the lever, A, will merely cause a movement of the linkage, L, to the right, as shown by the arrow. These pumps can be as shown by the arrow. These pumps can be used with automobile as well as airplane engines. They eliminate the old vacuum tank.

RUST PREVENTION

(2262) C. E. Wiltsey, Caldwell, N. J., asks: Ω . 1. Will you publish a formula for a solution which can be applied to iron or steel in order to prevent rust?

A. 1. The following solution is recommended former prevention:

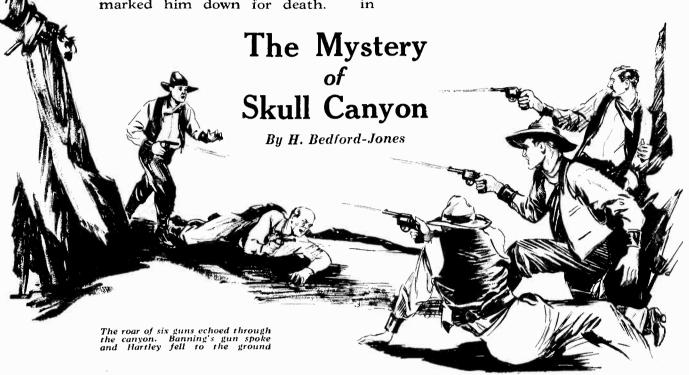
Bismuth chloride 1 part
Mercury bichloride 2 parts
Copper chloride 1 part
Hydrochloric acid 6 parts
5 parts Alcohol 5 parts Water sufficient to make 64 parts.

Mix. As in all such processes a great deal de-Mix. As in all such processes a great deal depends upon having the article to be treated absolutely clean and free from grease. Unless this is the case uniform results are impossible. The liquid may be applied with a swab, or a brush, but if the object is small enough to dip into the liquid better results may be obtained than in any other way. The covering thus put on is said to be lasting, and a sure protection against oxidation.

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into a tube about 5%-inch internal diameter, and about 3 inches long. Plug one end with ½-inch of clay. Fill with colored fire, insert

fuse, and cap with tissue paper.

If preferred, instead of preparing a special case, ordinary soda straws may be used. To fill, close one end by folding over. Fill by inserting the open end into the pile of chemicals, and tapping to make the powder settle at the bottom.

To make a fuse, prepare a concentrated solution of potassium nitrate by dissolving about a teaspoon of the salt in half a glass of water. In this solution soak a piece of soft twine. Remove, and allow to dry thoroughly. The fuse is then ready for use. Frequently an untreated string will prove every bit as satisfactory.

RED FIRE

T O make Red Fire, mix 10 measures of powdered potassium chlorate, 8 measures of granulated white sugar, and 5 measures of strontium carbonate. If more convenient, strontium nitrate can be substituted for the strontium carbonate. Mix, as described above, by rolling in a sheet of paper. A measure can be any measure of volume, such as a teaspoon, cup, scoop, etc.

A beautiful purple-blue flame with an inner red cone is obtained from Blue Fire, which consists of 15 measures of powdered potassium chlorate, 12 measures of granulated white sugar, 4 measures of powdered copper sulphate, and 7 measures of powdered calomel. Mix as already directed.

YELLOW FIRE

PERHAPS Yellow Fire is desired. To make this, mix 5 measures of powdered potassium chlorate, 4 measures of granulated white sugar, and 4 measures of pow-dered washing soda. Before using the washing soda, expose to the air for a few days in order to remove all water of crystallization.

If green is your favorite color, a beautiful shade is obtained from Green Fire. Mix in the usual fashion 5 measures of powdered barium chlorate with 4 measures of granulated white sugar, and ignite.

These various colored fires can be ignited in succession, thus providing a fascinating panorama of colored flames. Although it is more workman-like to pile each mixture in a case or "firepot," it is not essential. The Red, or Blue, or Green Fire, as fancy distates, can be placed in a shallow tin pan and ignited, out of doors, of course, and at night. Those readers who are artistically inclined can form interesting patterns by filling a number of soda straws with different colors, and arranging in a clay or earth block. Ignite quickly by attaching a match to a long stick, and STEP BACK AT A SAFE DISTANCE. In arranging the color design, be careful not to place one straw in front of another, inasmuch as a cloud of smoke is given off, which would mask any design behind it.

ROCKETS

T HE oldest forms of fireworks are undoubtedly the humble cracker and rocket, the mixture in both consisting essentially of gun-powder. Tradition states that the of gun-powder. Tradition states that the rocket was originally devised ages ago by priests who represented it to be the living spirit of flame, which, at the priestly command, mounted from earth to heaven by its own power as the messenger of the fire god.

Before the development of modern warfare attempts had been made to use rockets as effective weapons. We are all familiar with the "rocket's red glare" of the Revolu-tionary War, as expressed in the Star-Shaugled Raymer. The Hindus also used Spangled Banner. The Hindus also used rockets as incendiary agents in a mutiny against England. As ammunition, however, rockets were rather ineffectual. Today they are used, not only as fireworks, but as signaling devices, both in war, and by ships in distress at sea.

Although the ingredients which fill the case of a rocket are the same, both with respect to kind and proportions as those comprising gun-powder, the filling is not gunpowder, inasmuch as the ingredients are less intimately mixed. As a result, instead of the mass exploding instantly, as with gun-powder, only the exposed mass burns violently. In burning, a large amount of gas is generated. This gas escapes at the base of the rocket. Here the recoil or reaction produced by the rush of gases and paartially consumed matter projects the rocket forward. The principle involved is illustrated in the recoil of a gun. Sky-rockets have sticks attached, so that the path of the rocket in flight is directed, and a cap which contains stars, etc. The latter opens in flight.

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In order to obtain the greatest possible reaction from the burning composition, the case is "choked," i.e., constricted so that the fire issues in the form of a jet. Obviously, this constriction reduces the burning surthis constriction reduces the burning surface. In order, therefore, to increase the latter as far as possible, a hollow opening is arranged throughout the center of the rocket case. This peculiar arrangement makes it impossible for the inexperienced experimenter to duplicate a rocket with any degree of success.

SPARKLERS

HE scintillating effects found in spark-I lers and fountains are due to the burning of particles of metals. The very method by which the Chinese obtained their fire drew attention to the fact that bits of metal gave forth brilliant sparks while burning. for their source of fire was the rubbing of iron pyrites on a bit of flint. Naturally, particles of pyrites would fall into the fire. Pyrotechnists of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries give elaborate directions for the preparation of powdered iron to be added to gun-powder, forming the composition known by the poetic name of "golden rain." In the nineteenth century a new era was started with the introduction of magnesium in fireworks in 1865, and of aluminum in 1894.

A fascinating fountain may be prepared as follows: Prepare a "firepot" case, as already described (or the composition may be burned in a pile on a tin plate). Fill with the following mixture: 5 measures of power and potassium chlorate. 4 measures of dered potassium chlorate, 4 measures of

granulated white sugar, and 4 measures of powdered aluminum. Mix thoroughly in the usual manner and ignite either by means of a fuse, or directly by a match. Brilliant streams of white stars are thrown off in a fountain effect.

To make sparklers, take a wire, coat with melted paraffin, allow the latter to cool a trifle, and roll in the above fountain mixture before the paraffin has had time to harden.

ROMAN CANDLES

ROMAN candles probably originated in England about 1600. They are, in reality, a modified rocket. In preparing a Roman candle the case is filled with a series of repetitions of the following: first, Roman candle fuse, or "golden rain," then a colored star, and lastly, the blowing charge, or gunpowder. The fuse burns with a fountain effect, and, when exhausted, lights the star, flashes around the latter (for the star is grantler than the goas) and first the housing. smaller than the case) and fires the blowing charge, which in turn propels the star from the case, simultaneously igniting the next layer of fuse. The action is repeated till the case is exhausted.

It is rather difficult to duplicate a Roman candle, inasmuch as success depends to a large extent upon an intimate mixing of the ingredients, and upon the qualities of the charcoal used. Prepare a case of heavy paper or cardboard about a foot or more long, depending upon the number of stars used. The internal diameter should be about 1/2-inch. Close one end of the case with 3 inches of clay, ramming it in. this end as a handle by which the candle is held while in action. Pour in a 1-inch layer of "golden rain" fire, followed by ½-inch layer of gun-powder. Then add a star. Continue till the case is filled, ramming very lightly. The last layer sho rain," resting above a star. sue paper and insert a fuse. The last layer should be "golden Cap with tis-

GOLDEN RAIN

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O prepare "golden rain," mix thoroughly, as described above, 2 measures of powdered potassium nitrate, 3 measures of powdered charcoal, and 1 measure of powdered sulphur. Under no conditions should the ingredients be ground together.

To prepare gun-powder, mix thoroughly, in the usual manner 28 measures of potas-

in the usual manner, 28 measures of potassium nitrate, 15 measures of powdered char-coal, and 6.5 measures of powdered sulphur. Do not attempt to grind the ingredients together.

COLORED STARS

T O prepare colored stars, take any of the colored fire mixtures, and form into a thick paste with the smallest amount of shellac possible. Do not use water. Cut or mold into shape, and allow to dry. Rememmold into shape, and allow to dry. Remember to make the stars narrower than the inner diameter of the case, so that the "golden rain" can flash around the star and ignite the gun-powder. If the inner diameter of the case is ½-inch, a star ¼-inch thick and 5/16 of an inch in diameter should prove to be of a satisfactory size. A glance at the diagram will indicate more clearly the exact

structure of a Roman candle.

In conclusion, I would like to quote Faber's conception of the development of fireworks: "Many varieties of substances possess a lively tendency, under suitable conditions, to combine with oxygen, and to do this with such violence as to yield products that are both hot and luminous to an in-tense degree. This is the manner in which fire generally comes into being. In the matter of ordinary burning, the dependence for a sufficient supply of oxygen is upon the air. But there exist certain solid substances containing oxygen in combination with other elements, from which substances the elements may be released so readily, and to such an extent as to result in combustion of extraordinary energy.

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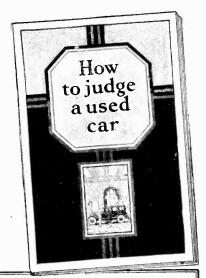
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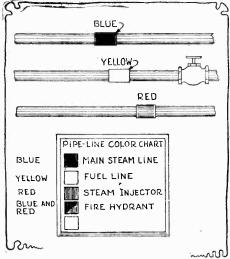
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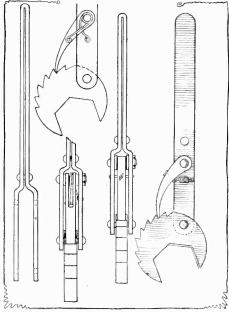
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The couplings and valves of the different pipe systems are painted with the identifying color indicated on the chart.

In large plants and factories where a great number of pipe-lines are used it is almost impossible to trace any particular pipe-line for necessary repairs, as all lines are generally painted the same color. The color chart should be hung in a conspicuous place, and when a failure occurs a repair can be made without loss of time due to difficult tracing.—H. R. Wallin.

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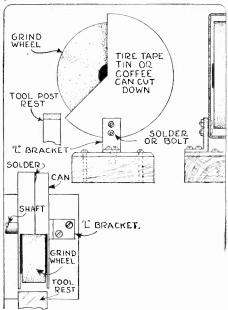


The illustrations above show two slightly different types of construction of this wrench.

This wrench might be called a "dire emergency" wrench, as its peculiar construction is advantageous only in those cases where the ordinary "S" wrench cannot make even a one-sixth turn. This wrench will tighten any nut, even in those cases where the wrench handle can only be swung through an arc of about 15 degrees.—Contributor, please send name.

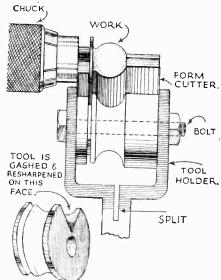
GRINDSTONE CATCH BOX

T is highly desirable to use a catch box and hood, such as described here, for the sake of cleanliness, and for the more important feature of safety. An empty tin box of the type used as a container for electricians' tape serves as the hood of this grinding wheel filing catcher. A sector is cut from the lid of the container, and a similar sector is cut from the can. The sector made from the lid of the can is cut away at its center so that the shaft of the grinding wheel can pass through it.—R. B. Wailes.



The views of the catch box shows the sim-plicity of its construction.

LATHE TOOL



The lower illustration is the special cutting tool, the other view shows the tool in action.

The construction of this tool is such that it may easily be resharpened without chang-ing the shape of the cutting edge. The tool has a remarkably long life, as about three-fourths of the tool steel must be ground away before discarding the tool.—G. A. Luers.

Wood-Turning for the Amateur

By H. L. WEATHERBY (Continued from page 233)

With the experience acquired in shaping this simple cylinder, try the two following exercises, which involve exactly the same processes and are called "shoulder cut" exercises. Care must be taken to keep the shoulders square and the surfaces smooth. Do not use sandpaper, and master the skew

The V-cut, or the final exercise in this group, is fashioned in the same manner that we use in cutting the ends. Using the point of the small skew, at right angles to the reof the small skew, at right angles to the revolving cylinder, cut in on the center lines to a depth of about ½". Now turning the skew chisel at an angle, and pivoting on the tee-rest, cut in from both sides toward the center of the cut. Repeat this operation until a 90-degree V is formed, having smooth sides. Try the pivot movement until skill on this operation is attained; always skill on this operation is attained; always keeping the point of the chisel pointed toward the center of the block.

Next month we will take up concave and convex cuts; after which we will be ready for some applications of our practice work

in some articles of furniture.

To summarize: 1—Get good tools, and then keep them sharp. A good workman cannot do good work with dull tools. 2— Center stock and place in lathe. 3—Start at slow speed. 4—Rough off with gouge. 5—Increase speed of lathe and with parting tool mark to his dispector. tool, mark to big diameter. 6—Smooth to bottom of marks and avoid scraping. 7—Cut to length, and last but by no means least: Keep on trying until skill is acquired on these or similar exercises.

RULES FOR MODEL CONTEST

(Continued from page 231)

1. A handsome trophy cup engraved with your name, will be awarded as the prize for the best model submitted during the month. The decision of the judges will be final and will be based on: A—novelty of construction; B—workmanship; C—operating efficiency of the model as related to the efficiency of the device which the model simulates, and D—the care exercised in design and in submitting to us sketches and other details covering the model.

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2. Models of all kinds may be entered. They may be working models or not, according to the subject that is being handled.

3. Models may be made of any available material, preferably something that is cheap and easily obtainable.

4. Models must be submitted in all cases. Good photographs are also highly desirable and where the maker does not desire the model to be taken apart, legible drawings with all dimensions covering parts that are not accessible must be submitted.

5. Models should be securely crated and protected against drainage in shipment and sent to us by parcel post, express or freight prepaid. Models will be returned when requested.

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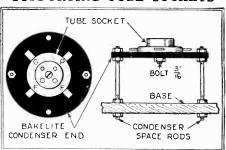
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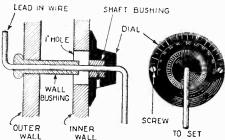
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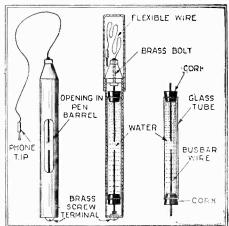
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LEAD-IN BUSHING



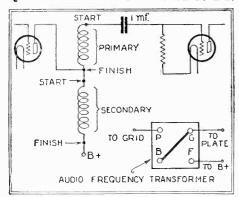
A very neat and efficient lead-in bushing can be made as indicated in the above drawing. The outer wall is bored to receive an ordinary porcelain wall bushing. Directly opposite 'his hole, a one inch hole is bored in the inner wall. An old dial is then drilled through the knob as indicated. Two holes for wood screws are also provided. The dial is then put into place over the large hole and fixed there with wood screws. The lead-in wire is then brought through the dial and the set screw on the dial tightened to hold it fast.—E. F. Shawver, 5QU, Rep. 24229.

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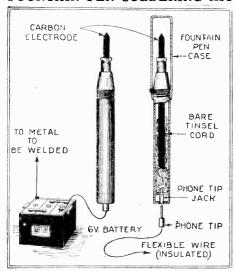
A handy polarity indicator can be made from an old fountain pen. The insides of the pen are removed and an oblong hole is cut in the barrel as shown. A glass tube is then obtained which will fit within the barrel snugly. A cork is pushed into each end of this tube and two lengths of bus-bar wire are forced through the corks with their ends separated about one-eighth inch. The glass tube is filled with water to which a pinch of salt has been added. When the two wires of this tube are held to the terminals of a battery, bubbles will form around the negative electrode.—Herman R. W:llin

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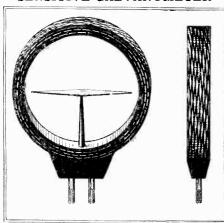
FOUNTAIN PEN SOLDERING KIT



A very handy welding outfit suitable for radio work can be made from an old fountain pen as shown in the illustration. The penpoint is removed and a small carbon rod or soft lead from a pencil is pushed into this opening. A length of flexible cord is fitted with a phone tip and a phone tip jack is placed in one end of the pen. The barrel of the pen is filled with tinsel cord which makes contact with the carbon rod.

—Herman R. Wallin.

SENSITIVE GALVANOMETER



An extremely sensitive galvanometer which will indicate minute currents can be constructed as shown in the above illustration. A needle, such as that used on small compasses, is pivoted on a support and is placed in the center of a honeycomb coil. The coil should be a large one having about 1,000 to 1,500 turns. If a smaller size coil is used, the device will not be so sensitive.



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Secret Radio Telephony

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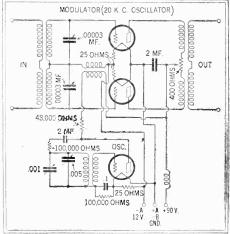
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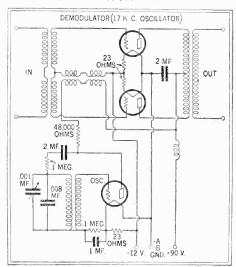
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With the development of this new apparatus, secret radio telephony seems practical and there is no reason why it should not be put to use in the near future. In order to make use of the inverted speech as a means for secret communication, both transmitter and receiver must be equipped with modulating and demodulating devices, such as those shown in the accompanying illustra-The schematic diagrams of both the tions. modulator and the demodulator, showing the hook-up now used, have been reproduced here. The synthetic speech which issues from the secert radio transmitter is wholly unintelligible to one listening over a receiver not equipped with the translating apparatus as illustrated at A. However, a receiver which has been equipped with modulator and demodulator will convert this gibberish to normal speech. While at present, the sys-tem for inverting speech has only been demonstrated, valuable inventions will follow.



Above is the hook-up of the modulator using a 20 kilocycle oscillator. Speech is first fed into the modulator and then goes to the demodulator, the hook-up of which is shown below.



The democulator is shown in the above illustration. Note that a 17 kilocycle oscillator is employed.



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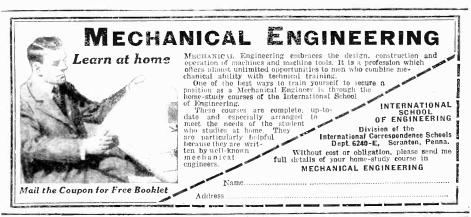
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At the left is a view of the new life-saving suit as it appears when worn. This is a German invention for saving those trapped in sub-

marines.

NEW

At the right we see one of the suits demonstrated. The suits are water - tight and buoyant and when the surface is reached, the breathing apparatus can be released. released.



A new life-saving device, which consists of a diving suit built upon an entirely new principle, has recently been invented in Ger-



When a submarine is disabled, a telephone buoy is released and pushed to the surface by compressed air. The above illustration shows the crew leaving a trapped submarine by means of a cable carried by the buoy.

This was made in order to save the lives of those which were trapped in sub-The suit is water-tight and buoyant. When the surface is reached, the breathing apparatus is released and the men can thus remain floating for a long time, until help arrives. Besides this, provision is made for a telephone buoy to be released from the craft, thus providing a means of communication

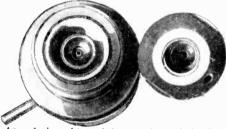
SYNTHETIC DIAMONDS NOW POSSIBLE

By LUCIEN FOURNIER

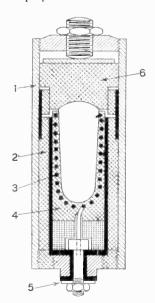
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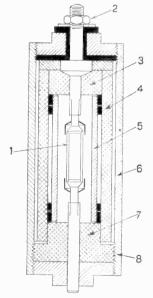
the synthesis of the diamond have already been the object of very exhaustive studies relative to the permanent production of ultra-pressures. The problem, in which all the scientists of the world are interested, seems to be the object of a particularly exhaustive study.

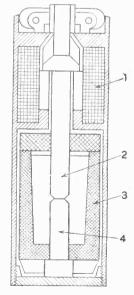
Perhaps the industrial diamond will come out of these experiments; but their interest centers above all in the many researches with ultra-pressures which Mr. James Basset proposes to undertake,



An end view of two of the experimental chambers.







Above, the drawing at the left shows at 1 the exterior tubing; 2 the heat insulation; 3, the heating coil; 4, crucible; 5, circuit terminal; and 6, refractory stopper. The center illustration shows the heating tube at 1; circuit terminal at 2; 3, refractory stopper; 4 and 5, refractory jackets; 6 and 8, exterior tubing; and 7, refractory stopper. The illustration at the extreme right shows resistance coil at 1; the electrodes at 2 and 4; and refractory crucible at 3.

Motor Hints

Conducted by GEORGE A. LUERS (Continued from page 226)

In construction, these brackets consist of two lengths of wooden strips dressed, two by four inches. Each length is fitted with two curved rests to seat on the fenders.
The left ends are fitted with two wedge shaped supports, in which the canoe is cradled.

Hook, are made up of strips of iron, three-sixteenth inch thick by one inch wide, the length being made to fit the curved edge of the fender.

One bracket is placed just forward of the radiator and the other just behind the Trunk straps are used to stay the canoe on the brackets.

Felt pads are used between the brackets and the fenders and also on the wedge shaped members, supporting the canoe.

AUTOMOBILE HEADLIGHTS

The necessary attention requires only a few minutes of time perhaps on two or three occasions each year. The headlights can be made to give good clear illumination, can be fixed against flickering of the lamp, and provision can be made for removal of the lamp rim for bulb renewals.

The attached sketch illustrates the simple details of care necessary for the prevention of headlight difficulties.

A light film of grease around the lamp rim allows of ready removal of this part. It prevents the rusted condition, which frequently necessitates breakage of the glass to remove the burned bulb.

A light film of grease on the rear lamp socket connection avoids corrosion of this terminal and also prevents entrance of mois-

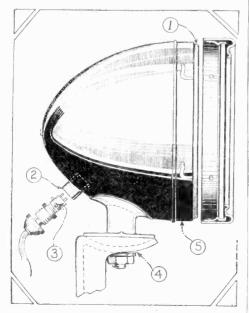
ture to tarnish the reflector.

The felt gasket between the glass reflector and case should not be allowed to drop out of position. Keep this in place to insure a scal at all times for the reflector. If the glass is broken, do not drive the car until the reflector is protected with a piece of heavy cardboard or similar arrangement. The adjusting bolt in the lamp support

should be drawn up tight at all times to pre-

vent damaging vibration.

The terminal screws in the lamp connector should be tight. Grease these screws to prevent rusting and tighten two or three times each year.



Above 1, is a gasket to prevent reflector from tarnishing, 2, points to grease on lamp connection, 3, points to terminal screws which should be made tight, 4, shows lamp support which should be solid, and 5 indicates a grease film on rim seat.



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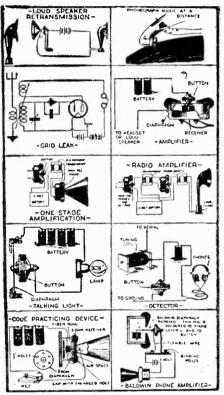
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OUR SPIRITUALISTIC INVESTIGATIONS By JOSEPH H. KRAUS

(Continued from page 203)

26th; 1928, and as a challenge to you, that you, with all your trickery notwithstanding, are unable to produce any of the phenomena which I am able to produce under the strictest test conditions.

"The following are the terms of my challenge: You are to be tied lightly, that is, arms and legs to chair. I am to be tied with as much rope and as many knots as your committee may deem necessary, sealed, etc., and roped to chair. An honest and impartial committee must examine our bodies, clothing, etc., before being tied. We must BOTH be placed behind curtains previously examined by the impartial committee, and in FULL LIGHT I defy you to produce the phenomena which I shall produce. "I am particularly desirous of impressing on you that this challenge has nothing what the challenge has nothing what the product of the product of

ever to do with any prize money offered by you, Science and Invention or any one else. This challenge is for the sole purpose of proving once and for all that I am neither a conscious nor a subconscious fraud; that the phenomena I produce are of a genuinely psychic nature; that they have nothing to do with trickery and that it is impossible for any one to duplicate, all conditions being the same, unless he or she be similarly psychically endowed as I am.

"Copies of this letter are being sent to

the press. "I hope to receive your prompt reply." Yours truly, Nino Pecoraro.

To this he received the following reply: "Your challenge to me to reproduce your so-called phenomenal experiments in spiritualism, is exceedingly humorous. Permit me to remind you that you have had two séances prepared for you, each extending over a period of approximately five hours, and in this combined period of time of ten hours, you have produced absolutely nothing that could not be duplicated by any six-yearthat could not be duplicated by any six-year-old child, under similar so-called test con-ditions, as you presented them. In both in-stances, you promised to produce spirit forms, messages, and spirit wax hands, and after putting the committee to the trouble of preparing all of this for you, and inviting of preparing at of this for you, and notting the ladics and gentlemen of the Press, you only succeeded in presenting an exhibition, which your own manager, of his own volition, proclaimed DISAPPOINTING AND DISGUSTING.

"I have already consented to duplicate the few little effects that you did present, such as pulling in the paper, dropping the pencil. as pulling in the paper, dropping the pencil, etc., while you were apparently bound, and do not therefore think that in fairness to all concerned, you could expect committees to be arranged for you, and to sit through another ten hours on the strength of your promises, such as you have previously made, and FAILED UTTERLY to fulfil.

"IF YOU ARE A GENUINE MEDIUM AND CAN PRODUCE PHENOMENA, WHY DID YOU NOT DO SO DURING ANY OF THESE TESTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED FOR YOU? YOU PROMISE EVERYTHING, AND PRODUCE PRACTICALLY

AND PRODUCE PRACTICALLY NOTHING

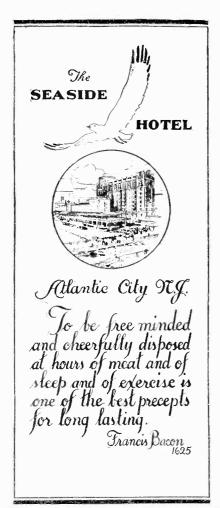
"I regret that you consider my judgment It is however strange that my judgment, that of the entire committee, the entire press representation, and your own manager, is unanimous."

Very truly yours,
Joseph Dunninger, Chairman Science and Invention Committee for Psychical Investigation.

"DUNNINGER'S SEANCE" YIELDS RESULTS N order to demonstrate his ability to do things which no medium could do, and in order to show newspaper men how some mediums operate, Mr. Dunninger, chairman of the Science and Invention Spiritualistic Committee, presented a number of seemingly supernatural phenomena strictly by scientific and natural means. As with Nino, leather gloves were sewed to Dunninger's shirt sleeves by news reporters, and his clothes were previously examined by another committee and found free of any possible piece of apparatus. The curtains had likewise undergone careful inspection by The curtains had the same impartial group. Dunninger was tied to the chair, and the knots of the rope sealed. He was placed into his cabinet and within two minutes the phenomena commenced, not in the form of voice, but in the form of actual manifestations. In order to give you an idea of the setting, the following was done. Before entering the cabinet, two white cards, each bearing a signature of one of the press on either side thereof were tied together, after being found per-fectly blank. After being tied, they were scaled; then they were put in a metal strong box and this box was tied and sealed, and placed 8 feet away from the front of the This metal strong box, by spirit cabinet. the way, was purchased by one of the edi-tors, but a few minutes before the scance started. Two slates, each also bearing a signature of one of the press representatives were tied face to face and then sealed. Knots were tied in a double rope and a necklace of pearls was tied into the knots. The ends of the rope were then placed over the wire holding the cabinet drapes. Here again the rope was tied and the knots scaled. One of the members of the press was then requested to pick out any name in the telephone book, which in New York City contains approximately 610,400 names. The name chosen was Hyman, and it was this name which reas later found on the card. A piece of paper with the names of four members oi the committee was placed on the table. can of paraffin and a can of water was likewise put in position. Modeling clay was placed 20 feet from the cabinet.

THE MANIFESTATIONS

THE manifestations in order were as follows. A star first appeared which moved out of the cabinet and fully 3 feet in Thereafter, the "spirit" front of it. Houdini was actually materialized, and one of the photographs for this article shows that "spirit." A wax hand was produced, that "spirit." A wax hand was produced, with a wrist opening approximately three-quarters of an inch in diameter. An impression was found in the wax when it was examined by a committee. The ropes were untied and the endless necklace removed therefrom. The piece of paper was picked off the table and the name 'Houdin' was or the table and the hand Ironam was veritten thereon, when the lights were turned on again. A message from Houdini:—"I still live, but only in the memory of the thousands I have mystified on earth—Harry Houdini," and a message from Rudolph Valouting appeared on the slates when they Valentino appeared on the slates when they were opened by newspaper men. The seals were cut on the strong box, the box unlocked and the name Hyman appeared on the card. The wax on being examined, was found to contain the impression of two fingers, which were not those of Mr. Dunninger. When the spirit cabinet was opened, Dunninger was found in position with every knot still sealed. He used identically the same harness that was used by Nino Pecoraro and Mr. Davenport, his manager, who





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was present at the second séance, examined everything and proclaimed Dunninger to be a better "medium" than Nino Pecoraro.

However, the editors know that all of Mr. Dunninger's effects were produced purely by scientific means, and have nothing whatever to do with spiritual phenomena. Mrs. Houdini proclaimed that the materialization of her late husband was the best that she had ever witnessed, and she assured the audience that Houdini's signature was reproduced in better style than she had ever previously witnessed it.

A SPIRIT HEAD?

SPIRITUALISTS will say that Mr. Dunninger is a medium; that he is afraid to admit it. As a further argument in their behalf, we would like to point out the enlargement of the head in the photograph showing the fluttering paper. Here on the curtain one sees a perfect likeness of a head.

This we wish to assure our readers is not a spirit; it is just a peculiar reflection of the flashlight on the curtains. The actual photograph shows several other forms beside Photographs of this nature are frequently used as evidence of the production of spirit forms. Sometimes as many as 75 or 100 pictures have to be taken before any result is obtained. Naturally in 75 to 100 pictures, some freak result should be obtained, which will give a likeness of the human face, even as the clouds shape themselves into grotesque forms and frequently resemble anything from horses to birds

Up to the present time, the editors of this publication have not seen any spiritual manifestations which could be declared bonafide! Other mediums will undoubtedly try for the award and further announcements will be Heretofore most of those whom we have investigated did not produce phenomena of sufficient value to even merit the atten-

tion of our readers.

We do not question the honesty of the various mediums because they evidently operate in good faith. Whether consciously or subconsciously they are fraudulent, is the thing which must be judged at the termination of an investigation. There is no doubt but that many of them go into a genuine trance and in this trance they may not be accountable for what they do, nor is it always possible that the medium recol-lects what he or she did while under the influence of this self-inflicted trance state. The editors are perfectly agreeable to let any medium operate, without exercising any control over that medium whatever. statements to the effect that scientific observers impose all sorts of restrictions on mediums are purely figments of imagination or deliberate falsehoods. Science is just as determined in discovering the intricacies and whys and wherefores of spirit phenomena as it is in discovering the reasons for any other physical or chemical reaction.

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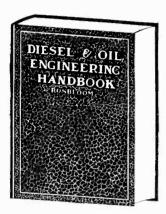
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Book Review

PLANT AUTOGRAPHS AND THEIR REVELATIONS, by Sir Jagadis Chunder Bose. Stiff cloth covers, 5½" x 8", illustrated, 230 pages. Published by The Macmillan Co., New York City. Price, \$2.50

\$2.50. This interesting work comes from the land of mystics, as we may term the Orient, and the author in his preface speaks of the nebulous boundary between the realms of the living and non-living. It is an elaborate study of the motions of plants. Some interesting illustrations show how curves or graphs are traced with adequate apparatus by these motions. One finds that the author's imagination serves him in excellent stead, for an unimaginative scientist is a very poor investigator. He studies the effects of wounds on plant motions and investigates motor paralysis in them, and through the pages plants and animals seem to be brought very close together. The book is nicely illustrated. One picture shows the Bose Institute, where Professor Bose has free rein given him for his investigations.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND THEIR EN-

MOTOR VEHICLES AND THEIR ENGINES, by Edward S. Fraser and Ralph B. Jones. Leather covers, 53/4" x 9", profusely illustrated, 428 pages. Published by D. Van Nostrand Co., New York City. Price, \$3.00.

Sometimes it would seem as if the day for books on the subjects of automobiles was nearly past, but this is far from true. The old "hit and miss" system of construction and operation has largely gone into the discard and turning over the pages of this book, one realizes how much exact science is involved in the modern motor vehicle. The Van Nostrand Publishing Company are doing good work in this field and this is only one of a number of valuable books which they have published on the subject. It is so full and so good that it cannot be reviewed within the limits of our space. And anyone who wants to be the intelligent and understanding owner and operator of a car will find this book of extreme interest. We especially would recommend as an illustration of the treatment, the description which it gives of starting systems, especially of the Bendix drive. The flexible cover suggests that it is for use.

AUTOMOBILE IDENTIFICATION, by Sergt. John Brennan. Leather covers, 5" x 7½", profusely illustrated, 174 pages. Published by Scientific American Publishing Co., New York City. Price, \$2.50. The identification of criminals by finger-prints is a well-known branch of study of the police detectives. In this little manual, automobiles come in for study, and the most elaborate series of identification marks of the many automobiles of the country are here put in shape for the use of the police. It seems that there is an auto school of police reserve, and a motorcycle school, and an aviation school in the city of New York, and the author of this book, Sergeant John F. Brennon is an instructor in automobile identification in these departments. The object of the book is to prevent the stealing of cars and, of course, to trace cars which have been used by criminals. The police pay attention, now, to brakes, so there is a short treatise on these. Finally, the traffic regulations for the city of Greater New York are given in detail.

ELEKTRISCHES FERNSEHEN FERN-KINEMATOGRAPHIE UND BILD-FERNUBERTRAGUNG, by W. Friedel. Stiff cloth covers, 6" x 8¾", profusely illustrated, 174 pages. Published by Ver-lag Von Hermann Meusser, Berlin, Germany.

many.

The somewhat lengthy title of this book tells us that it is devoted to three principal subjects, electric television, the telecinema, and electrical transmission of pictures. These three subjects all come largely in the same line of work and curiously enough the last named one, it is fair to say, is the first one which has been satisfactorily solved. The transmission of pictures across the ocean or across the continent, New York to London, or San Francisco to New York, is now an accomplished fact and can be repeated at any time, but we have yet to wait for the time to come when we will see in the telephone booth the face of the person speaking to us. This book of nearly two hundred pages gives a very nice account of the present status of these allied arts, and it is done in a very clear way as regards the make-up of the book. The print and illustrations are worthy of the excellent treatment of the subject.

DAS NEUE UNIVERFUM. Stiff cloth covers, 6½" x 9½", illustrated, 478 pages. Published by Union Deutsche Berlagsgefellfchaft, Stuttgart, Germany. Price, The best tribute we can pay to this familiar annual is to say that it is so good and complete that it hardly can be reviewed. It covers every subject of science, and this year appears to be more beautifully illustrated than ever. Those of our readers who are conversant with German will enjoy it extremely. Many familiar pictures will be found in it for it draws upon the world at large for its subjects. It has such an extraordinary collection of interesting material it can hardly be reviewed, and the profuse illustrations will enable even those not familiar with its language to enjoy turning over its pages.

AIRMEN AND AIRCRAFT, by Henry

AIRMEN AND AIRCRAFT, by Henry H. Arnold. Stiff cloth covers, 534" x 834", illustrated, 208 pages. Published by The Ronald Press Co., New York City. Price,

Ronald Press Co., New York City. Price, \$3.50.

This book covers balloons and airplanes and is made quite interesting, because it starts really with the history, or even with the mythology and legend of flying. It seems that as far back as 1742 an attempt was made to fly across the Seine River towards the Tuilleries. The early attempts are briefly treated. Perhaps more space could have been given to these chapters in the early history of the science. It was on December 17th, 1903, that the Wright brothers made four successful power-driven flights in an airplane, and on that very day after the flights were ended a gust of wind overturned and wrecked the craft. An amusing incident of the early trials is that during the Wright's experiments, which were conducted in the early morning or late in the afternoon when there was the least wind, a man was observed to drive up to the scene and keep his wagon and horses by the roadside until the flights were completed and then he would shake his head and drive back to Dayton, the city identified with the Wright's invention. The man was an undertaker and it is said that his vehicle was a hearse. The book makes excellent reading, although not missing in technicalities, and it gives elaborate data in the appendices on nomenclature, on qualifications for flying and on the army and navy courses of instructions in the art.

AEROSTATICS, by Edward P. Warner,

AEROSTATICS, by Edward P. Warner, M.S. Stiff cloth covers, 5½" x 8½", illustrated, 108 pages. Published by The Ronald Press Co., New York City. Price,

This book, too mathematical to lend itself to a review, falls into the Ronald Aeronautic Library, published in New York, and here we have the higher mathematics, applied to the lighter than air craft, which have only just begun to play their adequate part in aerial travel. The development has only begun; it is in its early stages and the future will bring out far different airships than the present.

the present.

THE RISE OF MODERN PHYSICS, by Henry Crew. Published by the Williams & Wilkins Co., Baltimore, U. S. A. The list price of the book is \$5.00.

This 356-page volume presents the fascinating story of the discovery of natural laws. Twenty-five portraits of the greatest physicists are included, besides several line drawings, copied from the works of these scientists of the past. The book is written in twelve chapters and is well indexed. An idea of the contents is indicated by these chapter titles: Greek and Roman Science; Physics in the Middle Ages—Science in the Hands of the Clergy; Refraction, Dispersion and the Nature of Light; From Volta to Oersted; Electro-magnetism. This history of physics closes with a chapter on the rise of modern spectroscopy. Although this book is a popular sketch, the numerous quotations from the works of the famous scientists will appeal to the engineer and layman alike, as these scientists express themselves in simple words and in profound detail.

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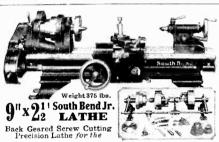
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It's All Bunk By SAM BROWN

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the beautiful mermaids of the sea. mermaids of Grim's, it appears, only came to the surface of the water at the witching hour, and then they stayed but for a short time. But... the modern mermaid! How different! Eight hours a day. Seven days a week. Straight salary. No holidays. All day long she sits on a hard, hard rock, perfectly days until the audience looking at our fectly dry, while the audience, looking at our heroine through a water-filled glass tank which is directly in front of her, imagines that she is under water, and wonder vaguely how on earth any person could stay in such a position so long

So it goes! Away back in the last century, Barnum put on exhibition the "Horse With His Tail Where His Head Should Be." It was a truthful statement. The exhibit was merely a horse standing in a stall with his tail in the feed-box instead of his head. People flocked to see the strange quadruped. That was eighty years ago. Last summer an

That was eighty years ago. Last summer an enterprising carnival sideshow did a turnaway business with the same bit of "hooey!" In fact, the list is endless. Occasionally a real freak flashes across the sideshow horizon, but the majority of these acts are pure bunk. Nevertheless, they are entertaining and amusing; they give the average spectator an intangible feeling of having seen something out of the ordinary. And that's a lot!

REAL DIVING ACT

A S an added feature, the majority of s.de-shows now carry their "free acis." These are the "ballyhoo" for the big show which follows. The performances are usually of the daredevil, eye-opener type; something to attract the crowd. And they do! Imagine a gasoline-soaked figure, afire, plunging downward eighty feet into a ten-foot tank of water! A real thriller! Not much bunk about it, either! An eighty-foot dive is no fun under any circumstances, and when you consider that the diver has only a light suit of asbestos and rubber to protect him from the flames, which is very little if he misses the tank—oh, well, it's a great life.

Readers Forum

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As shown by New(on $V = \sqrt{\frac{e}{d}}$ Therefore, it Sir Oliver be right and Sir Ike's formula hold good, observe the deduction: Sound waves should travel much faster in ether than in air or water; yet, as a matter of cold fact, based on experimental evidence, sound waves will not travel at all in Sir Oliver's "ether-filled" vacuum(!)

Would it be heaven or services to suggest repulsive.

Would it be heresy or sacrilege to suggest gently that, eminent though he be, he nevertheless is

talking through his hat?
"People have invented a medium, the ether, for the express purpose of transmitting light-waves. But all we really know is that the waves are transnitted; the ether is purely hypothetical and does not really add anything to our knowledge."— Bertrand Russell.

A Bertrand for an Oliver! RICHARD P. LOCKNER, Philadelphia, Pa.

(Now what did we do to start all this? (Now what did we do to start all this? Will someone please come to the Editor's assistance. Might it be that this is all part of a publicity campaign for Bertrand Russel? If not, we must surely appreciate the views expounded by Mr. Lockner in his communication. He is a deep thinker and does not accept as fact all the hypothetical trash that one finds in some books.— EDITOR.)

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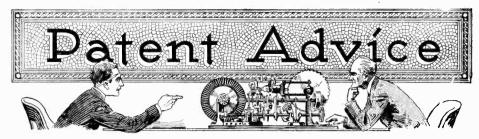
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COLORED LICENSE PLATES

(1097) E. M. Perry, Cincinnati, Ohio, suggests an idea for making new styles of automobile license plates, in which various insignias such as crosses, triangles, etc., of different colors would appear on the plate proper. The plates themselves are likewise to be of various colors. He requests our opinion.

He requests our opinion.

A. 1. The suggestion which you advance for automobile license plates is of little consequence. In a city like New York there would be thousands of different colors and differentiation between the various shades would be difficult, while the cost of plates would also be greater. It would be hard to tell the difference between a plate for one year and a plate of the next. would be hard to tell the difference between a plate for one year and a plate of the next year. Coincidentally, the color-blind people would find it difficult to make out the colors of all the insignias. The number system is, in our, opinion, by far the best.

SUBMARINE DEVICE

(1098) Anthony Caruso, Fort Lee, N. J., asks some general questions concerning the saving of men entrapped in submarines by a mechanism, the nature of which is not made clear in his query.

A. 1. The chances are that any invention for

A. 1. The chances are that any invention for saving men entrapped in a submarine will not meet with a market, why then go to the trouble and expense of patenting such an idea? There are today several thousand systems which are supposed to be practical. It is safe to say that not one of them will ever be put into actual practice, and every one of the inventors will have a patent, with which he can do nothing. Unless you are non-appreciative of financial reimbursement, we suggest no further action.

AIRPLANE GAS CONTROL

(1099) Robert L. Chase, Somerville, Mass., requests our opinion of a gas control, placed directly on the joy-stick of an airplane.

A. 1. Perhaps your idea for an airplane control would be more suitable than the one now in use, but we see no purpose for it. It is just as easy to have the gas control on the dashboard because that control is not constantly being manipulated. In your present type, the slight movement of the hand in either direction may be the means of stopping the airplane or causing it to speed up rapidly, even when such a speed is not desired. An airplane continues to run along at a fairly constant speed over long stretches of time, and the control is no more necessary than in the case of an automobile on some motor parkway or beach where, after the throttle is once opened, it can remain there until the time comes to stop the engine.

We hold that a patent on such an article would

We hold that a patent on such an article would be of no financial benefit to you.

THE "INVENTIONS PURCHASED" CONCERNS

(1100) Howard B. Van de Water, Baldwin, I., asks whether the business of various concerns who advertise that they purchase inven-tions or sell them for the inventor is legitimate. tions or sell them for the inventor is legitimate. He wants to know why it is that they requested a fee for listing his invention. He also asks several other questions made clear in the answer. A. 1. There are quite a number of concerns in the United States that advertise inventions for sale, and then if some inventor who reads

their literature decides that he is going to place their literature decides that he is going to place the matter in their hands, he receives a letter asking for a check for \$20.00 or \$25.00. This money goes to pay first, the cost of advertising of that invention in various newspapers and periodicals, second, the cost of overhead for the firm; third, the salaries of the members of that

firm; and secretarial expenses.

But the business is perfectly legitimate. These companies usually do not take out a patent for the inventor unless there seems to be a positive assurance of sale. They do not even like to handle unpatented articles because there is no

nancie unparented articles because there is no guarantee that such unparented articles can be effectively sold.

If you have an article that is worth while patenting, by all means secure such a patent. If it is not worth while, why spend money to advertise its sale.

BOTTLE CAP

(1101) John S. Oberg, Sacramento, Calif., has designed a cap for bottles which is removed by tearing it from the bottle. He asks our opinion on the suggestion.

A. 1. We do not see that the bottle cap advanced by you is any material improvement over bottle caps now on the market. It is even doubtful if you could protect the idea.

There are breakable bottle caps on the market today fitted with a finger and grooved clear across, so as to permit complete breakage and easy removal. Your groove extends but halfway across or a little more. A second groove is so arranged that one can tear the cap. There is really no necessity for the second groove if the plate rests against the side of the bottle as you indicated. indicated.

While there is always room for a new of bottle cap, it should be as simple as others and much more so than the one indicated by and much more so than the one indicated by you; it should be easily applied and capable of being quickly and perfectly removed with the exertion of but little strength. There is also room on the market today for a bottle cap which can be removed and replaced, but which must fit very tightly. We would not consider the particular device you have made worth the expense of application for patenting.

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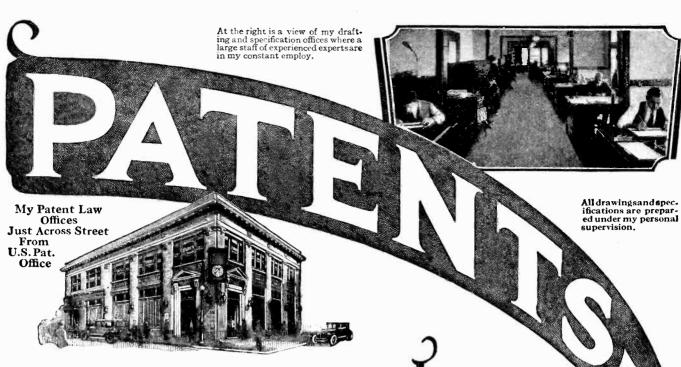
(1102) Eugene F. Peliola, Rugby, N. D., asks whether he should patent a typewriter attachment, producing horizontal and vertical lines, and also whether he should protect an alarm clock with a variable volume of the awakening sound signal. He also asks a question concerning whether our records are considered.

whether our reports are confidential.

A. 1. There is nothing new or remarkable in A. 1. There is nothing new or remarkable in your suggestion for making vertical or horizontal lines with the aid of an attachment for a type-writer. Attempts to do this have been numerous but none of them has met with a successful market. A patent search will reveal many existing devices, covering this same subject.

Neither do we suggest any further action along the line of an alarm clock in which the intensity of the sound can be varied. This principle is not new.

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The Strangest of All Laws By UTHAI VINCENT WILCOX

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terest and talked business or money. They

further seemed to talk to women considerably about themselves -at least to the extent of 17 per cent, which was even more than they talked about themselves to other men.

It is evident that the various

occupations of the individuals concerned would have a bearing on any useful deduc-These scientists classified the social tions. status of those listed, but the results on the whole showed less change than might be expected. The business people talked about business and money in 70 per cent of the cases, and the industrial workers in 43 per cent. In each case business easily led all other interests listed.

Alert business men who are, in their own sphere, practical psychologists, have found in the results of those investigations an opportunity to profit, also in some cases a vindication of methods of approach. They know, as any popular hostess knows in-stinctively, that subject for talk—topics of conversation—are matters of habit. However, they are, as well, focal points of fundamental interest in turning conversation

into profitable channels.

We may instance a man who receives annually a salary that might well be the envy of a whole group of congressmen. He has noted in a small book for a period of years, his most successful methods of approaches as they relate to conversation—talk. By tabulating these he has worked out a system that by the general law of averages is sure to bring him a large measure of success. He adds to this his own shrewd knowledge of how to turn the topic of first expressed interest to that of ultimate, financial interest.

There is, likewise, a women who has become very successful in collecting money for worthy charitable purposes. She comes in contact with both men and women. By such studies as she has done in recognizing chief topics of general and specific interest similar to the results of the Ohio psychologists she has been able to surpass all of her associates in adroitness of approach, which, she says, is nothing more than a flavoring of tact added to the law of conversational averages.

Deep-Sea Motion Picture Camera

By H. WINFIELD SECOR (Continued from page 206)

upon the ground glass. The usual type of shutter is found down at the bottom of the mechanism, which it is not necessary here to describe.

In the scene here illustrated, a large imitation octopus has apparently coiled two of its arms about a fair diving beauty who, unfortunately, got too close to this deep-sea denizen. Of course, we must have the usual denizen. Of course, we must have the usual hero rushing to the scene of the rescue, which he conveniently does in a diver's suit. Presently the gun will send its bullet into the monster's body, which in keeping with the facts, will slowly uncurl and at the same of interest and a state of the same of interest and a state of the same of interest and a state of the same of the s time exude a mass of inky black fluid.





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The Metal Emperor By A. MERRITT

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"It is done," she said, "And it was well done. Now you and I shall dwell together in the peace—beloved. Or if there be those in the world from which you came that you would have slain, then you and I will go forth with our companies and stamp them out-even as I did these.

My heart stopped beating-for from the depths of Ruth's eyes shining shadows were rising, wraiths answering Norhala's calling. And, as they rose, steadily they drew life from the clear radiance summoning them drew closer to the semblance of that spirit which Norhala's vengeance had banished, but that had now returned to its twin thrones in Norhala's eyes.

And at last it was twin sister of Norhala who looked from the face of Ruth!

"Sister," she whispered. "Little sister. These men you shall have as long as it pleases you—to do with as you will. Or if it is your wish they shall go back to their world, and I will guard them to its gates. But you and I, little sister, we will dwell together—in the peace. Shall it not be so?"

With no faltering, with no glance toward us three—lover, brother, old friend—Ruth crept closer to her, rested her head upon Norhala's breast.

"It shall be so," she murmured. "Sister—it shall be so. Norhala—I am tired. Norhala—I have seen enough of men!"

An ecstasy of tenderness, a flame of unearthly rapture, trembled over the woman's face.

"Ruth!" cried Drake-and sprang toward them. She paid no heed, and even as he leaped he was caught and whirled back against us.

"Wait," said Ventnor, and caught him by the arm as he strove against the force that held him. "Wait! No use—now."

There was a curious understanding in his voice—a curious sympathy, too, in the patient gaze that dwelt upon his sister and the woman who held her.

"Wait!" exclaimed Drake. "Wait-when the damned witch is stealing her away

Again he threw himself forward, recoiled as though swept back by an arm, fell against us and was clasped and held by Ventnor. And as he struggled the Thing we rode halted. Back into it like metal waves rushed ments of the city. We were lifted. We rode high. Between us and the woman and girl a cleft appeared. It widened into a rift. It was as though Norhala had decreed it as a symbol of this her second victory. Had set it between us as a barrier.

Wider grew the rift. Except for the bridge of our voices, it separated us from Ruth as though we had stood upon another world. Higher we rose. The three of us now upon the flat top of a tower upon whose counterpart, fifty feet away and facing the homeward path, Ruth and Norhala stood with white arms interlaced.

The serpent shape flashed toward us. vanished beneath, merging into that which bore us.

Then, slowly, we began to move. glided to the chasm blasted in the cliff wall. The shadow of those walls fell upon us. As one we looked back. As one we searched out the patch of blue with the black blot at its breast.

We found it—then the precipices hid it. We streamed through the chasm, through the cañon and the tunnels—speaking no



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word, Drake's eyes fixed with bitter hatred upon Norhala, Ventuor brooding upon her always with that strange understanding. We passed between the walls of the further cleft, and stood for an instant at the brink

of the green forest.

There came to us as through immeasurable distances a faint, sustained thrumming—like the tattoo of countless muffled drums. The Thing that carried us trembled. The sound died away and the Thing quieted. It resumed its steady, effortless striding through the crowding trees, but now with

none of that speed with which it had come, spurred forward by Norhala's hate.

Ventnor stirred and broke the silence. I saw how wasted was his body, how sharpened his face, purged not only by suffering but by, it came to me, some strange, new knowledge.

"No use, Drake," he said dreamily. "All this is now on the knees of the gods. And

this is now on the knees of the gods. And whether those gods be humanity's or whether they be—Gods of Metal—I do not know.
"But this I do know—only one way or another can the balance fall. And if it be one way, then you and we shall have Ruth back. And if it be the other way—then there will be little need for us to care. For man will be done."

"What do you mean?" I whispered.
"It is the crisis," he answered. "We can

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do nothing, Louis, nothing. Whatever it

do nothing, Louis, nothing. Whatever it is that is to be comes forth now from the womb of Destiny."

Again there came that distant rolling—louder. Again the Thing trembled.

"The drums," whispered Ventnor. "The drums of destiny! What is it they are heralding? A new birth of Earth and the passing of man? A new child to whom shall be given dominion—nay, to whom has been given dominion?"

The drumming died. About us was only

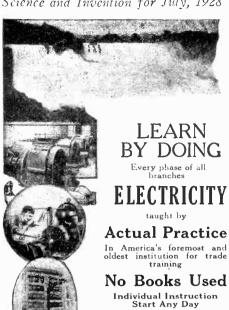
The drumming died. About us was only the swishing, the sighing, of the falling trees. Motionless stood Norhala, and mo-

tionless Ruth.
"Whence did—they—come?" the eyes beneath the red brand were clear and quiet. "Whence did they come—these Things that carry us and that strode like destroying angels over Cherkis's city. Are they spawn of Earth—as we are? Or are they foster children—changelings from another star? "These creatures which, while many, still

These creatures which, while many, sind are one—which, when one, still are many! Whence did they come? What are they?" He looked down upon the cubes that held us. Their hosts of tiny eyes shone up at

him, mockingly-as though they had heard and understood.
"I do not forget," he went on. "At least

I do not forget, ne went on. At least I do not forget all of what I saw during that time when I seemed to be only a thinking atom outside space—as I told you, or



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thought I told you, speaking with incredible effort through lips eternities away from me,

the atom, who strove to open them.

"There were three—visions, revelations know not what to call them. And though all seemed real, one only of two can be true, and the third-that may sometime be true, but surely is not yet."

CHAPTER XXVIII THE GATHERING STORM

T HROUGH the air came a louder drum roll. It swelled to a crescendo; abruptly ceased. Norhala raised her head; listened.

"I saw a world, a vast world, Thornton, said Ventuor, "marching stately through space. It was no globe—it was a world of many facets, of smooth and polished planes. A huge blue jewel world, dimly luminous. A crystal world cut out from aether. A geometric thought of the Great Cause, of God if you will, made material. And it was airless, waterless, sunless.

"I drew closer to it. And then I saw that over every facet patterns were traced, gigantic symmetrical designs, mathematical hieroglyphs. In them I read unthinkable calculations, formulas of interwoven unitarity of the state of the same of the sam verses, arithmetical progressions of armies of stars, pandects of the motions of the

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"The faceted world was like a cosmic abacist, tallying, as it marched, the errors of the infinite.

"The patterned symbols constantly changed form. I drew nearer—the symbols were alive. They were, in untold numbers these!"

He pointed to that which carried us. "I was swept back and looked again upon it from afar. And a notion came to me fantasy it was, of course, yet built, I know, around a nucleus of strange truth. It was"—his tone was half apologetic—"it was that this jeweled world was ridden by some mathematic god, driving it through space, noting occasionally with amused tolerance the very bad arithmetic of another Deity the reverse of mathematical—a more or less haphagard Deity, the god in fact of us and haphazard Deity, the god, in fact, of us and

the things we call living. "It had no mission. It wasn't at all out to do any reforming. It wasn't in the least concerned in rectifying any of the inaccuracies of the other. Only now and then it took note of the deplorable differences





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A thrill of amazement passed through me. Fantasy all this might be but—how if so, had he gotten that last thought? He had not seen as we had the orgy in the hall of the

seen, as we had, the orgy in the hall of the cones, the prodigious feeding there upon

That passed. I saw vast caverns filled orbs of many colored lights, they grew. It

came to me that they were reaching out toward sunlight and the open. They burst into it—into yellow, glowing sunlight. Ours? I do not know. And that picture passed." His voice deepened.

"There came a third vision. I saw our Earth—I knew, Louis, indisputably, unmis-I saw our takably that it was our earth. But its roll-



In that wide ring, girdling the shimmering structure like a circled sanctuary, were but three forms. One was the wondrous Disc of jeweled fires I have called the Metal Emperor. The second was the sullen fired cruciform shape of the Keeper.

The third was Norhala.

She stood at the side of that weird master of hers—or was it, after all, the lover?

ing hills were leveled, its mountains were ground and shaped into cold and polished

symbols—geometric, fashioned.

"The seas were fettered, gleaming like immense jewels in patterned settings of crystal shores. The very Polar ice was chiseled. On the ordered plains were traced the hieroglyphs of the faceted world. And on all Earth, Thornton, there was no green life, no city, no trace of men. On this Earth that had been ours were only—These. "Visions" he said. "Don't think that I

accept them in their entirety. Part truth, part illusion-the groping mind dazzled with

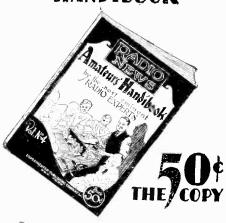
part illusion—the groping mind dazzied with light of unfamiliar truths and making pictures from half light and whole shadow to help it understand.

"But still—some truth in them. How much I do not know. But this I do know—that last vision was of a cataclysm whose leading many man from this year, instant."

beginnings we face this very instant."

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of Destroying Shapes trampling it flat—and then the dreadful desolate mount.

And suddenly I saw that mount as Earththe city as all Earth's cities—its gardens and groves as all Earth's fields and forests -and the vanished people of Cherkis seemed to expand into all humanity!

The crums again burst forth-no longer muffled nor faint. They roared. They seemed to pelt the air and drop upon us. They beat about our ears with thunderous rhythm, like covered caverns drummed upon with trunks of giant trees.

The drumming steadily grew louder, more vehement, defiant and deafening. Under our feet a mighty pulse began to throb, accelerating to the rhythm of that clamorous roll.

Norhala drew herself up, sharply and stood listening and alert. Under my feet, the throbbing turned to an uneasy churna ferment.

"Drums!" muttered Drake. "They're no drums. It's drum fire. It's like a dozen Marnes, a dozen Verduns."

"Drums!" whispered Ventnor. "They are

drums. The drums of Destiny!"
Louder grew the roaring. That which bore us halted. The tower that upheld Ruth and Norhala swayed. It bent over the gap between us, and touched the top on which we rode. Maid and woman were plucked

up, and swiftly they were set beside us.

There was a shrill, keen wailing—louder than ever I had heard the Things utter, an earthquake trembling, a maelstrom swirl-

ing, a swift sinking.

The bulk beneath us split. Up before us arose a stupendous, stepped pyramid, little smaller than that which Cheops built to throw its shadow across the Nile. Into it streamed, and over it clicked, score upon score of the cubes, building it higher and higher.

It lurched forward, and away from us From Norhala came a single cry-resonant, blaring like a wrathful trumpet. runaway shape halted, hesitated, and seemed about to return. An abrupt rattle of the drumming crashed out peremptory, commanding. The shape darted forward and raced away.

Great eyes wide and filled with incredulous wonder, a stunned disbelief. Norhala for an instant faltered. Then out of her white throat, through her red lips, pelted a

tempest of staccato buglings.
What was left of the Thing leaped and flew forward.

In the distance was the sapphire spark of Norhala's home. Not far from it now was the fleeting pyramid. And it came to me again that it was strange that within that rushing shape was neither globe nor pyramid. A sapphire spark grew to a glim-mering azure marble. Steadily we gained. Never for an instant ceased that scourging hail of notes from Norhala, and never for an instant lessened the clamor that seemed to try to smother them.

The marble became a ball, and then a great globe. The Thing we pursued lifted itself into a prodigious pillar. The pillar's base thrust out stilts. It stepped over the blue dome of Norhala's house.

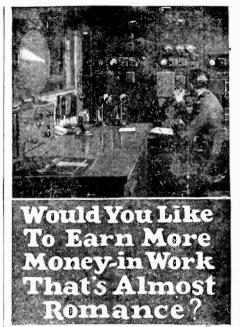
The blue bubble was close, and now it arved below us. We were set gently becurved below us. We were set gently before its door. I looked up at the chimera that had carried us.

Throughout it was awful movement. Its units writhed within it.

And nowhere in its seething mass could I see a single cube!

A half score of globes and pyramids swirled out of it and ranged themselves between Norhala and the seething Things. It rushed toward the cannon mouth of the Pit and was lost to sight in the mists.

Upon Norhala's face as she watched it go was dismay, uncertainty that held in it something indescribably pitiful. She tightened her grasp upon dreaming Ruth, and motioned us to pass within. We went simotioned us to pass within.



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She came behind us, followed by three of the great globes, a pair of the She halted beside a pile of tetrahedrons. the silken stuffs. Ruth's eyes dwelt upon hers, trustfully.

"I am afraid!" whispered Norhala.

"Afraid—for you."
"She looked down upon her, the galaxies

of stars in her eyes all soft and tremulous. "I am afraid, little sister," she whispered again. "Not yet can you go as I do—among the fires." She hesitated. "Rest here until I return. I leave these to guard and obey..."

She motioned to the five shapes. They drew themselves around the girl. Norhala kissed her.

"Sleep till I return," she murmured.

She swept from the chamber, with never a glance for us three. There was a little wailing chorus without, fast dying into

Spheres and pyramids twinkled at us, guarding the silken pile whereon Ruth lay

Down upon the blue globe burst a clangour like that of hollow metal worlds, beaten and shricking.

CHAPTER XXIX THE PASSING OF NORHALA

FOR many minutes we stood silent, in the r shadowy chamber, listening, each absorbed in his own thoughts. The drumming was

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continuous. Sometimes it faded into a background for clattering storms as of thousands of machine guns, thousands of riveters at work at once upon a thousand metal frameworks. Sometimes it was submerged beneath splitting crashes as of meeting meteors of hollow steel.

But always the drumming persisted, rhyth-

mic, thunderous.

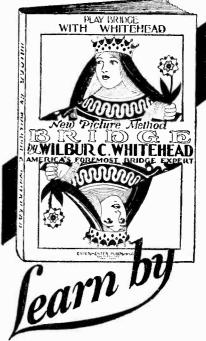
Through it all Ruth slept, undisturbed; the two great pyramids erect behind her, watchful; a globe at her feet, a globe at her

head, the third sphere poised between her and us, and, like the pyramids—watchiul.

Ventuor stepped by the sential globe and bent over the tranced girl. Sphere nor pyramid stirred, but like a palpable thing one felt their watchfulness. He listened to her heart, caught up a wrist and took note of her pulse. He drew a deep breath, stood upright, nodded reassuringly, and rejoined us.

The blue bower trembled under a gust of sound. Ruth stirred, her brows knitted and her hands clenched. The sphere that stood in front of her spun on its axis, swept up to the globe at her head, and glided from it to the globe at her feet—as though whispering.

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him—elation.
"Norhala!" he whispered. "She is seeing with Norhala's eyes, is feeling what Norhala feels. It's not going well with—That—out there. If we dared leave Ruth—could only see—"

Ruth leaped to her feet. She cried out-a golden bugling that might have been Norwrathful notes. Instantly the hala's own two pyramids flamed open and became two gleaming stars that bathed her in their violet radiance. Beneath their upper tips the blasting ovals glittered—menacingly.

The girl glared at us. More brilliant grew the glittering ovals, as though their lightnings trembled on her lips.
"Ruth!" called Ventnor.

A shadow softened the hard brilliancy of the brown eyes. In them something struggled to arise, fighting its way to the surface like some drowning human thing. It sank back. Upon her face dropped a cloud of heartbreak, appalling woe.

There stared upon us a same naked and hopeless and—terrible.

The central She screamed once more. The central globe swam to her. It raised her upon its back, and glided to the doorway. She stood upon it, poised like some youthful, anguished Victory. Standing so upon that enigmatic orb on bare slender feet, one sweet breast bare, hands upraised, virginally archaic, there was nothing about her of the Ruth

we knew.

"Ruth!" cried Drake. Despair as great as that upon her face was in his voice. He sprang before the globe that held her and

barred its way.

For an instant the sphere paused-and in that instant the human soul of the girl rushed back.
"No!" she cried. "No!"

A call issued from the white lips-stumb-A call issued from the white lips—stumbling, uncertain, as though she who sent if forth wondered whence it sprang. The angry stars closed. The three globes spun—doubting, puzzled. Again she called—a tremulous, halting cadence. She was lifted, and dropped gently to her feet.

For an instant globes and pyramids whirled and danced before her. Then sped away through the portal.

away through the portal. Ruth swayed, sobbing.

She ran to the doorway. She fled through We sprang after her. Rods ahead her white body flashed, speeding toward the Pit. Like fleet-footed Atalanta she fled—and far, far behind us was the blue bower, the misty barrier of the veils close, when Drake with a last desperate burst, reached her side and gripped her.

The two fell, rolling upon the smooth roadway. Silently she fought, biting, tear-

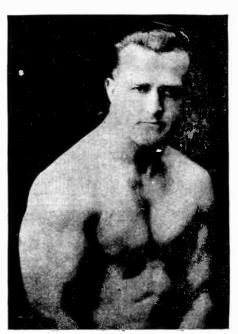
ing at Drake, struggling to escape.

"Quick!" gasped Ventuor, stretching out an arm to me. "Cut off the sleeve. Quick!"

Unquestioning, I drew my knife and ripped the garment at the shoulder. He snatched the sleeve and knelt at Ruth's head. He crumpled an end of the cloth and thrust it roughly into her mouth. He fied it fast,

gagging her. "Hold her," he ordered Drake; and with sob of relief sprang up. The girl's eyes

blazed at him, filled with hate.
"Cut that other sleeve," he said. when I had done so he knelt again, pinned Ruth down with a knee at her throat, turned her over and knotted her hands behind her. She ceased struggling. Gently, he drew up



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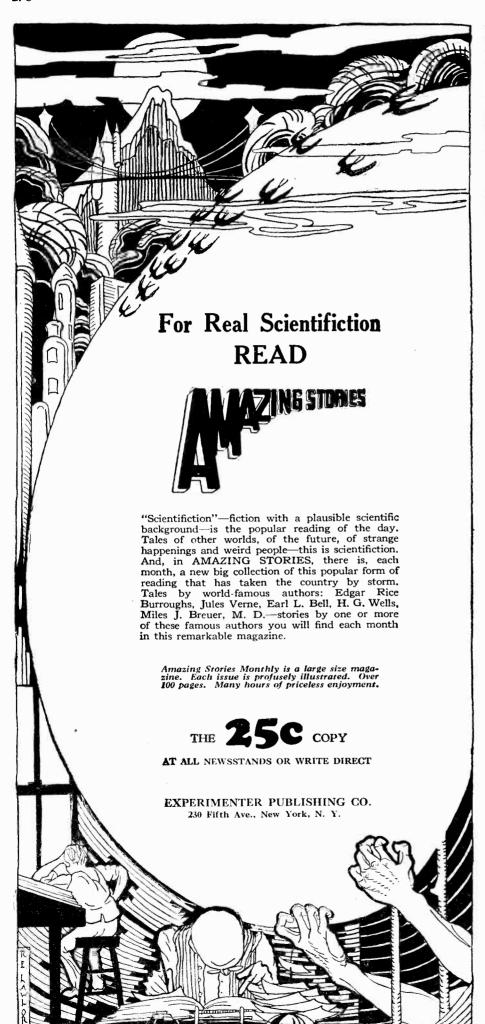
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the curly head and swung her up on her

back.
"Hold her feet." He nodded to Drake, who caught the slender bare ankles in his hands.

She lay there, helpless.

"Too little Ruth, and too much Norhala!" said Ventnor, looking up at me.

"If she'd only thought to cry out as she ran. She could have brought a regiment of those Things down to blast us. And would—if she had thought. That's why I gagged her. We don't dare trust to Ruth coming back. And you don't think that is Ruth, do you?"

He pointed to the pallid face, the glaring

eyes from which cold fires flamed.
"No, you don't!" He thrust out a foot, caught Drake by the shoulder. "Damn it, Drake—don't you understand?"

For suddenly Ruth's eyes had softened. She had turned them on Drake pitifully

appealingly-and he had loosed her ankles and was leaning forward as though to draw

away the band that covered her lips.
"Your gun," whispered Ventnor to me.
Before I could move he had snatched the automatic from my holster and had covered

Drake with it.

"Drake," he said, "stay where you are.
If you move another inch I'll shoot you—
by God, I will!"

Drake halted.

"But it's hurting her," he muttered. Ruth's eyes still soit and pleading, dwelt upon him.

"Hurting her!" exclaimed Ventuor. "Man—she's my sister. I know what I'm doing. Can't you see? Can't you see how little Ruth is in that body there—how little of the girl you love? How or why I don't know—but that it so I do know. Drake—how forgetter have Verbel. have you forgotten how Norhala beguiled Cherkis? I want my sister back. I'm helping her to get back. Now let be. I know what I'm doing. Look at her."

We looked. In Ruth's face was nothing of Ruth! There was the same cold awe-some wrath that had rested upon Norhala as she watched Cherkis weep over the eating up of his city. Then swittly came a large of the color ing up of his city. Then swiftly came a change—like the sudden smoothing out of the rushing waves of a hill-locked, windlashed lake.

The face was again Ruth's—and Ruth's one. The eyes were Ruth's eyes—supalone.

plicating, adjuring.
"Ruth!" Ventnor cried. "While you can hear—am I not right?"

She nodded vigorously, sternly. She was lost, hidden once more beneath that phantom Norhala.
"You see!" he turned to us grimly. We

bowed our heads.

A shattering shaft of light flashed upon the veils, almost piercing them. An avalanche of sound passed high above us.

"We've got to see," whispered Ventnor. "We've got to see, winspered venture."
"We've got to get through and see what's happening. Win or lose—we've got to know. Cut off your sleeve, as I did," he motioned to Drake. "Tie her ankles. We'll carry her.

It was done. Ruth's light body swinging between brother and lover, we moved forward. We passed into the mists and crept cautiously through their dead silences.

We passed out of them and fell back from a searing chaos of light, a chaotic tunult. From the slackened grip of Ventnor and Drake the body of the girl dropped while we three stood blinded, dearened. She twisted and rolled toward the brink. Ventnor threw himself upon her and held her fast.

Crawling on our knees and dragging Ruth with us, we crept back. We stopped when the thickness of the mists allowed us still to see through them, yet interposed a cur-taining which, though tenuous, dimmed the intolerable brilliancy that filled the Pit, and muffled its din to a degree to be borne.





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We looked upon a mighty whirlpool miles upon miles wide. It was swept with surges whose racing crests were smiting incandescences. It was threaded with spindrift of lightnings. It was trodden by dervish mists of flame thrust through with forests of lances of living light. It cast a cadent spray high to the heavens.

Over it those heavens glittered as though they were a shield held by fearful gods. Through the maelstrom staggered a mountainous bulk, like a leviathan of pale blue metal caught in the cratered tide of some volcano. A huge ark of metal breasting a deluge of flame.

And the drumming we had heard as of hollow beaten metal worlds, the shouting tenipests of cannonading, was the breaking of these incandescent crests, the falling of the lightning spindrift, the rhythmic impact of the lanced rays upon this glimmering mountain, reeling and trembling as they struck it.

The reeling mountain was—the City!

It was the mass of the Metal Horde itself, guarded by and stormed by, its own legions. It was the Metal Horde tearing, rending, fighting for, battling against itself.

Mile high, as when I had first beheld it, was the colossal bulk that held the great heart of the cones; that held too the smaller hearts of the lesser cones, the workshops, the birth chamber and manifold other mys teries unguessed and unseen. But by a full fourth its base had been shrunken.

Ranged in double line along the side turned toward us were hundreds of Shapes that in their immensity bore down upon and oppressed the consciousness with a nightmare weight.

Rectangular, upon their outlines no spike of pyramid, no curve of globe showing, uncompromisingly ponderous, they upthrust. Upon the tops of the first rank were enormous masses, sledge shaped—like those metal fists that had battered down the walls of Cherkis's city, but to them as the human hand is to the paw of the dinosaur. As though the tower of the Woolworth Building in New York should be drawn up to twice its height, be widened by a half, be multi-plied by hundreds, and then upon their tops be set horizontally, as hammer heads, tow-ers a third as great.

Animate, flexible, they beat down with their prodigious mallets, smashing them from side to side. Behind them stood a second row, high as they and as angular. From them extended scores of girdered arms. These were thickly studded with the flaming cruciform shapes, the opened cubes gleaming with their angry flares of reds and smoky vellows. From the tentacles of many swung immense shields like those which ringed the great hall of the cones.

And as the sledges beat down, over them poured from the crosses a flood of crimson lightnings. Out of the concave depths of the shields whipped lashes of blinding flame. With ropes of fire they knowed those opposing shapes that the sledges smote and the sullen crimson levins blasted.

Now I could see the shapes that attacked. Grotesque, spined and tusked, spiked and antlered, wenned and breasted, they strove against the sledge-headed, smiting, multi-armed and blasting square towers. High as they and as huge as they, in

dozens of shifting forms they battled.

Spheres and pyramids against the cubes! More than a mile from the stumbling City they stood ranged like sharpshooters, a host of bristling-legged pillars. Upon their tops spun gigantic, flashing wheels. Out of the centers of these wheels shot radiant lances, hosts of spears of intense violet light. The radiance they volleyed was not continuous, the javelined rays shot out in rhythmic flights, each flying fast upon the shafts of the others.

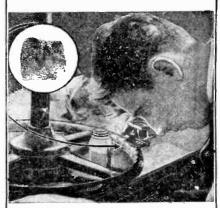
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pierced and splintered against the walls. Gouts of molten flame dropped down these The City's side bled fire.

With the crashing of broadsides of massed batteries the sledges smashed down upon the besieger. Under the impact globes and pyramids were shattered into blazing fragments, rocket-bursts of blue and azure and violet flame, flames rainbowed and irised.

The hammer ends split, flew apart, and were scattered. They became falling showers of yellow and scarlet meteors. But always other cubes swarmed out, repairing the broken smiting tips. And always where a tusked and cornute shape had been battered down and disintegrated, another arose, as huge and as formidable, pouring forth upon the squared tower its lightnings, tear-ing at it with colossal spiked and hooked claws, beating at it with incredible spiked and globular fists that were like the clenched hands of some metal Atlas

As the striving shapes swayed and wrestled, gave way or thrust forward, staggered or fell, so too the City stumbled and swayed, advanced and retreated.

Unceasingly, the hail of radiant lances poured from the spinning wheels.

There arose a prodigious wailing, an

unearthly, thin screaming. About the bases of the defenders flashed blinding bursts of incandescence, like those which had her-alded the flight of the Flying Thing drop-ping before Norhala's house. Unlike them, ping before Norhala's house. Unlike them, they held no dazzling sapphire brilliancies. They were ochreous, suffused with ver-million. From the jountains of gushing light leaped thousands of gigantic pillars, unimaginable projectiles hurled from the flaming mouths of titanic mortars.

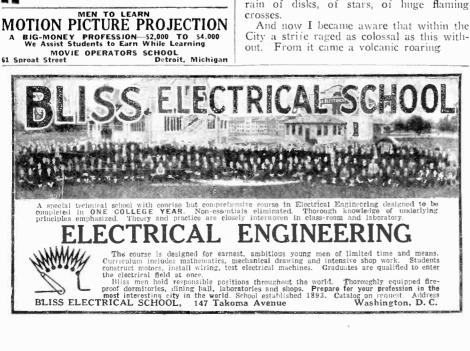
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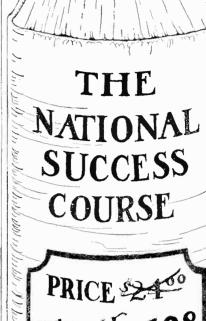
But not all. There were those that tore great gaps in the horned giants, wounds that instantly were healed with globes and pyramids seething out from the Cyclopean trunk. Ever the projectiles flashed and flew as though from some inexhaustible store; and ever uprose that prodigious barrage against the smiting rays.

Now from the ranks of the besiegers soared clouds of horned dragons, immense cylinders of clustered spheres studded with the clinging tetrahedrons. They aimed themselves, and they struck the cubed projectiles head on.

Bristling dragon and hurtling pillar struck and fused, or burst with an intolerable flashing. They fell—cube and sphere and pyramid—some half opened, some fully, in a rain of disks, of stars, of huge flaming crosses.

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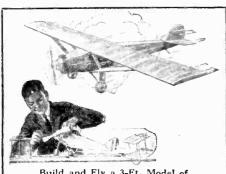
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In the wall of the City appeared a shining crack, from top to bottom it ran. widened into a rift from which a flood of radiance gushed. Out of this rift poured a torrent of horned globes.

The rift closed upon them, catching those still emerging in a vise. It crunched them. Plain through the turmoil came a dreadful bursting roar.

Down from the closing jaws of the vise dripped a stream of fragments that flashed and flickered—and died. In the wall was now no trace of breach,

A hurricane of radiant lances swept it. Under them a mile wide section of that living scarp split away and dropped like an avalanche. Its fall revealed great spaces, Its fall revealed great spaces, huge vaults and chambers filled with war-ring lightnings. Out from them bellowed thunders. Swiftly, from each side of the gap, a metal curtaining of the cubes swept and joined them. Again the wall was whole.

I turned my eyes from the City, and swept

them over the valley. Everywhere, in tow-ers, in writhing coils, in whipping flails, in waves that smote and crashed, in countless forms, the Metal Horde battled. Here were columned isles against which metal billows rushed and were broken; here were metal comets that met and crashed high above the mad turmoil.

From streaming silent veil to veil-north and south, east and west, the Horde was slaying itself beneath the tempests of its lightnings.

The tortured hulk of the City lurched and swept toward us. Before it blotted the Pit from our eyes I saw that the crystal spans upon the river of jade were gone, and that the wondrous jeweled ribbons of its banks were broken.

Closer came the reeling City. I fumbled for my lenses and focused them upon it. Now I saw that where the radiant lances struck they—killed. The blocks blackened under them and became lusterless. The sparkling of the tiny eyes-went out. The metal carapaces crumbled.

Down dropped the bristling shapes that wrestled with the squared towers. rose again in a single monstrous wave to overwhelm them. Before they could strike the City had swept closer and had hidden them from me.

Again I raised the glasses. They brought the metal scarp not fifty feet away. Within it the hosts of tiny eyes glittered, no longer mocking nor malicious. Insane!

Nearer drew the City—nearer.

A thousand feet away it checked its move-ment, and seemed to draw itself together. Then like the roar of a falling world the whole side facing us slid down to the valley's floor.

Hundreds of feet through must have been the fallen mass—within it who knows what chambers filled with mysteries? Yes, thousands of feet thick it must have been, for the debris of it splintered and splashed to the very edge of the ledge on which we crouched, and heaped it with dimming fragments of the bodies that had formed it.

We looked into a thousand vaults, a thousand spaces. There came another avalanche roaring.

Before us opened the crater of the cones. Through the torn gap I saw them, clustering undisturbed about the base of that one slender, coroneted spire, rising serene and unshaken from the lightnings. But the shields that bad rimmed the crater were

Ventnor snatched the glasses, and held them to his eyes.

"God!" I read his lips though I could not hear the words. "Look!"

Though the glass, the great hall leaped into full view apparently only a few yards away. It was a caldron of chameleon flame. It seethed with the Horde battling over the remaining walls and the floor. But around the crystal base of the cones was an open zone into which none broke.



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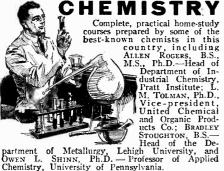


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In that wide ring, girdling the shimmering structure like a circled sanctuary, were but three forms. One was the wondrous Disc of jeweled fires I have called the Metal Emperor. The second was the sullen fired cruciform shape of the Keeper.

The third was Norhala!

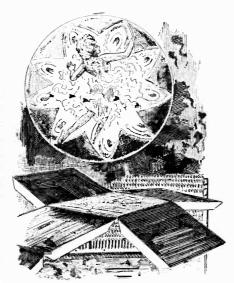
She stood at the side of that weird master of hers-or was it after all the lover? Between them and the Keeper's planes gleamed the tablet of countless rods which controlled

the activities of the cones.
Plain was Norhala—so close that almost it seemed, I could reach out and touch her. Her hair streamed and billowed, her face was a mask of wrath and despair. Her great eyes blazed upon the Keeper. Her exquisite body was bare, stripped of every shred of silken covering.

From streaming tresses to white feet an oval of pulsing golden light nimbused her.
For all their stillness, their immobility,

it came to me that Emperor and Keeper were at grapple, locked in death grip. Clearly too it came to me that in this duel was epitomized all the vast conflict that raged around them.

But with what unknown powers was that duel being fought? Disc and Cross cast no lightnings. They battled with no visible



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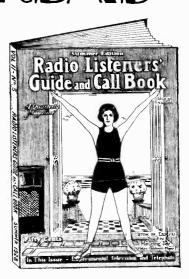
Only the great planes of the weapons. Keeper of the Cones smoked and smoldered with their sullen flares of ochres and of scarlets, while over all the face of the Metal Emperor the cold and irised fires raced and shone, beating with a rhythm incredibly rapid. Its core of incandescent ruby blazed. Its sapphire ovals were pools of living, lucent radiance.

There was a splitting roar arising above the clamor, deafening us even in the shelter of the veils of silence. On each side of the crater, masses of the City dropped away. Fleetingly I was aware of scores of smaller pits from which uprose lesser replicas of the Coned Mount, lesser hives of the Horde's energy

Neither Emperor nor Keeper moved.

I strained forward, to the very thinnest edge of the curtainings. Between Disc and Cross was forming a fine black mist. It hung like a black shroud. It was transparent, spun of minute translucent ebon corpuscles. It shook and wavered now toward Emperor, now toward Keeper of the Cones.

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I sensed a keying up of force within the two, and knew that each was striving to cast that hanging mist upon the other like a net.

Abruptly the Disc flashed forth, blindingly. As though caught upon a blast the black shroud flew toward the Cross and enveloped it! And as the mist covered and clung the Cross's flares dimmed. They were snuffed out

The Keeper fell!

Upon Norhala's face flamed wild triumph. The outstretched planes of the Keeper swept up as though in torment. Its fires flared and licked through the clinging blackness. It writhed half upright. It threw itself forward. It crashed down prostrate upon the tablet which only its tentacles could manipulate.

From Norhala's face the triumph fled. On

its heels rushed stark, incredulous horror.
The cones shuddered. From them came
a single mighty throb of force—like a prodigious heart-beat. Under that pulse the Disc staggered, spun—and, spinning, swept Norhala from her feet and swung her close to its flashing rose. A second mightier throb pulsed from the Cones.

A spasm shook the Disc-a paroxysm. Its fires faded; then flared out again, bathing the floating, unearthly figure of Norhala

with their iridescences.

Her body writhed as though it shared the agony of the Shape that held her. Her head twisted. The great eyes, pools of uncomprehending, unbelieving horror, stared into mine-

With a spasmodic, infinitely dreadful movement the Disc closed-and closed upon

Norhala was gone-was shut within it! She was crushed to the pent fires of its crystal heart!

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actual practice. The following comparison, derived from radio engineering will serve to illustrate this: Supposing several broadcast receiving sets to be tuned, say, to wavelengths of 520, 515, 510, 505, 500, 595 and 490 meters, respectively, on a receiving circuit tuned to Berlin's standard wave length of 505 meters will respond to the waves coming from Berlin, all the remaining being quiet. In fact, a series of such receiving circuits will enable the length of waves emitted by any given radio station, i. e., their frequency, to be found out.

The "pulse wave" receiver or indicator is

a series of minute pendulums tuned to variable frequencies and hung up around the circumference of a disc in the field of an electro-magnet. The exciter coil is placed in the center and a dry cell battery of the type used in electric pocket lamps is enclosed in the socket. This serves to excite the magnet coil at rhythmic intervals, merely by having the pulse, through a contact device,

close the electric circuit.

The contact device serving to control the circuit in accordance with the pulse rhythm is fixed to the wrist by means of a rubber and two contact levers arranged to turn around pivots in the frame. The lower or primary level and contact plate is applied to the pulse itself and is moved up and down by the same. It carries at its end a minute window made of platinum wire on the one side and of some insulating material on the other. The second lever, penetrates through the window and moves with very little play, the window and moves with very little play, being carried along by the primary lever and touching the metallic and insulating sides of the frame alternately as this goes up and down. The contact device is connected to the indicator by a flexible shaft.

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by the rhythmic movement of the pulse, the pendulums will, for short intervals, receive a magnetic impulse and thus be made to perform oscillations of variable amplitudes. The pendulum happening to be in resonance with the pulse rhythm will have the largest amplitude, though even some of the remainampittude, though even some of the remaining pendulums, viz., those close to it, will be set moving. If, for instance, the pendulum tuned to 80 pulse-beats per minute, is made to perform a maximum deflection, even the 78, 76, 74 and 72 pendulums will partly share in this movement, whereas the 82, 84, etc., pendulums will be eiters impublished. pendulums will be either immobile or reduced to very slight fluctuations. This should make visual reading of the instrument particularly easy.

Fig. 1 is a schematical view illustrating

Fig. 1 is a schematical view illustrating the functioning of the apparatus. A is the pulse control contact between the primary and secondary levers, D the dry cell battery, S the exciter coil of the magnet core W, and M one of the 24 pendulums hung up with F, K. C is the conductor supplying the current, E the wrist, B the point of maximum rules motion. maximum pulse motion.

Apart from this most simple type of apparatus which is destined for visual reading and which can readily be carried by the fingers of one hand, there has been developed a more elaborate type which records the pulse automatically and which would seem to be particularly suited for purposes of diagnosis and analysis. This apparatus comprises the same fixture attached to the wrist and, facing the 24 small pendulums, a set of 24 contacts insulated from one another and which are arranged at such distances apart as to be touched only by pendulums performing a maximum deflection. (Continued on page 285) One of

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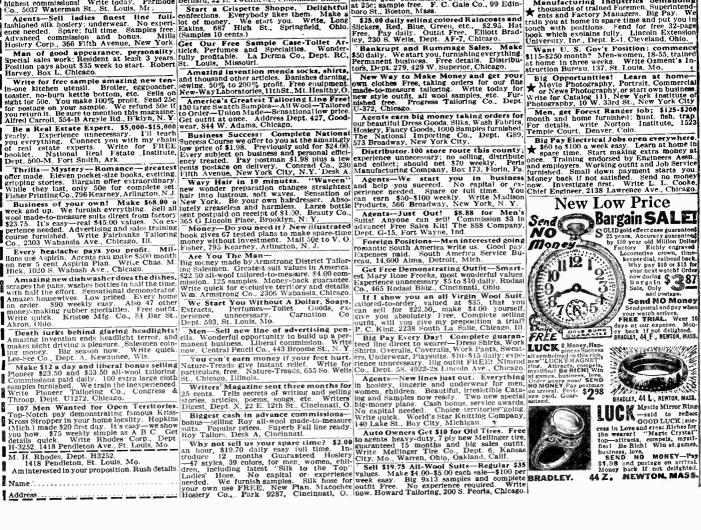
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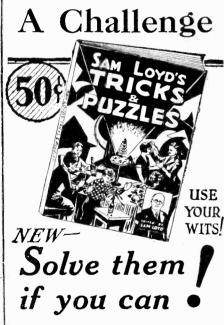
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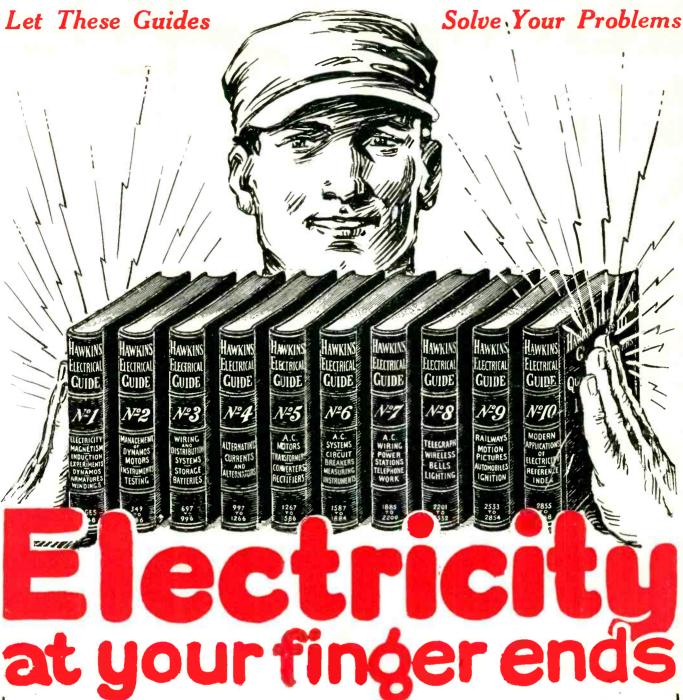
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