

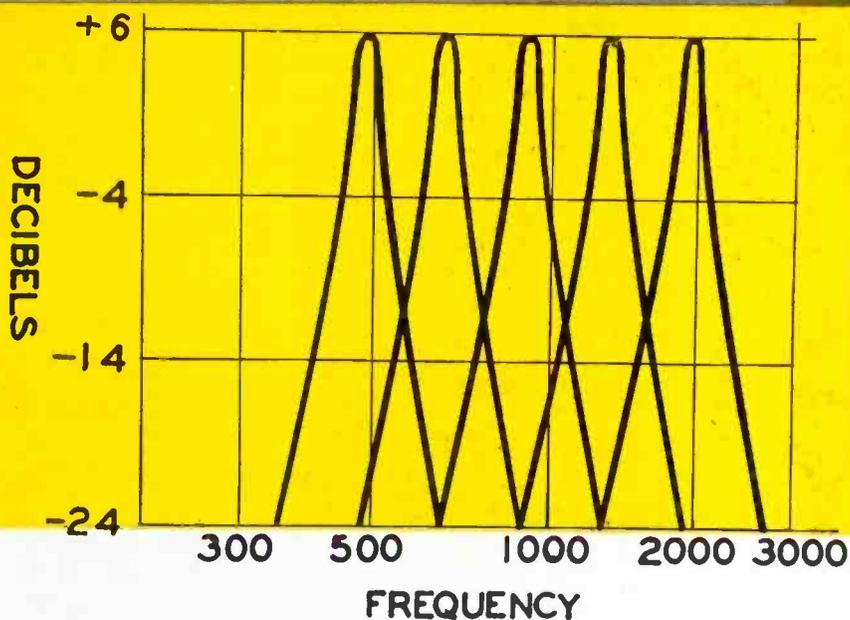
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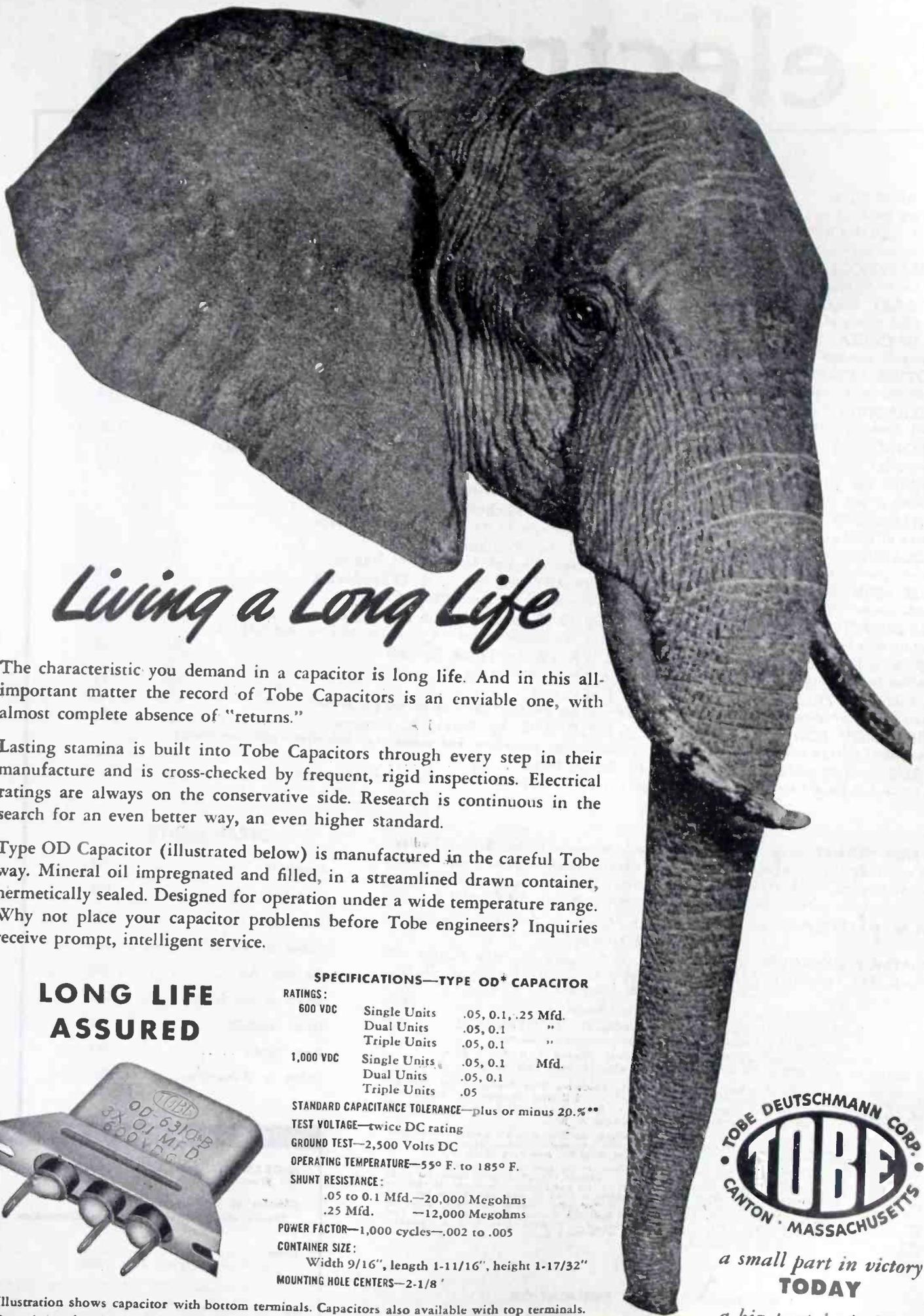
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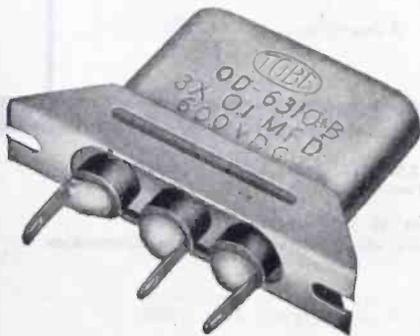
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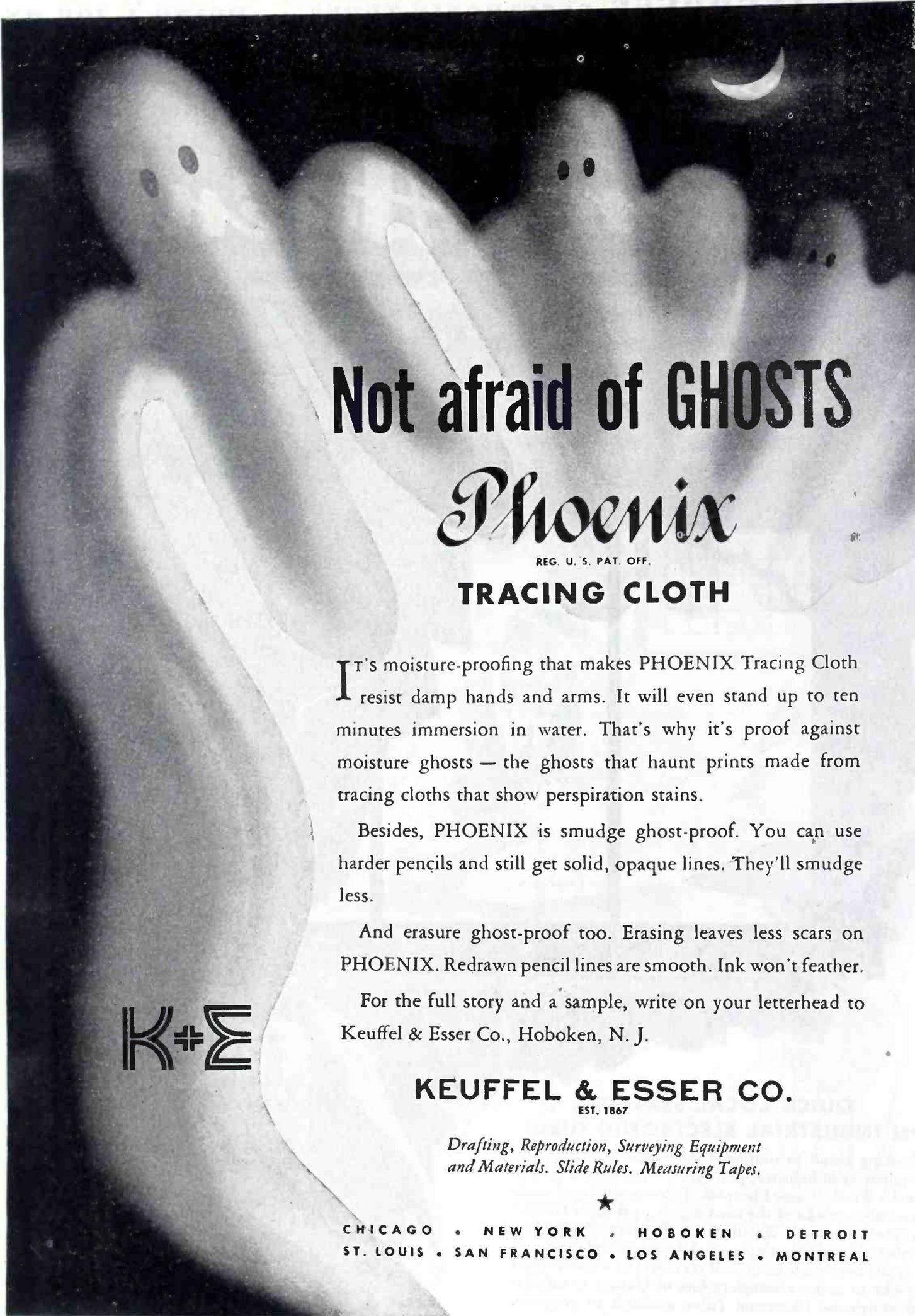
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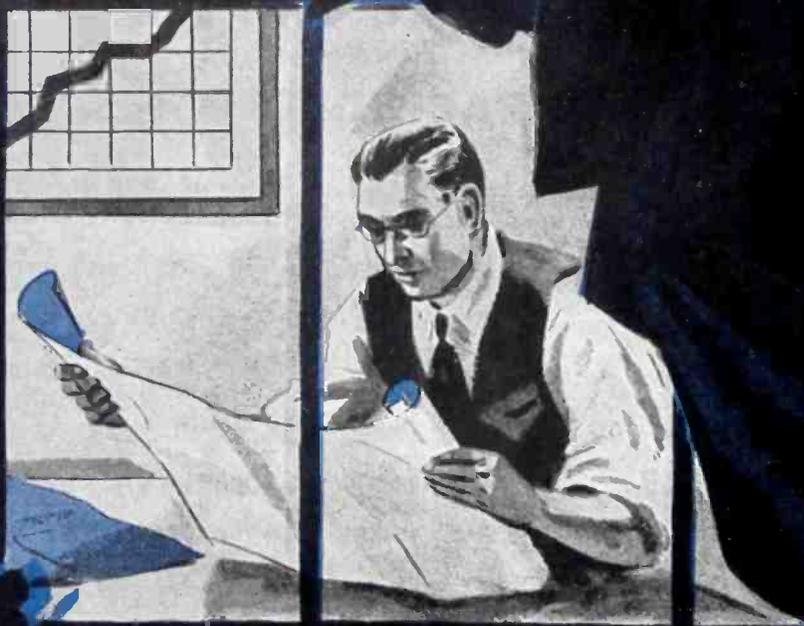
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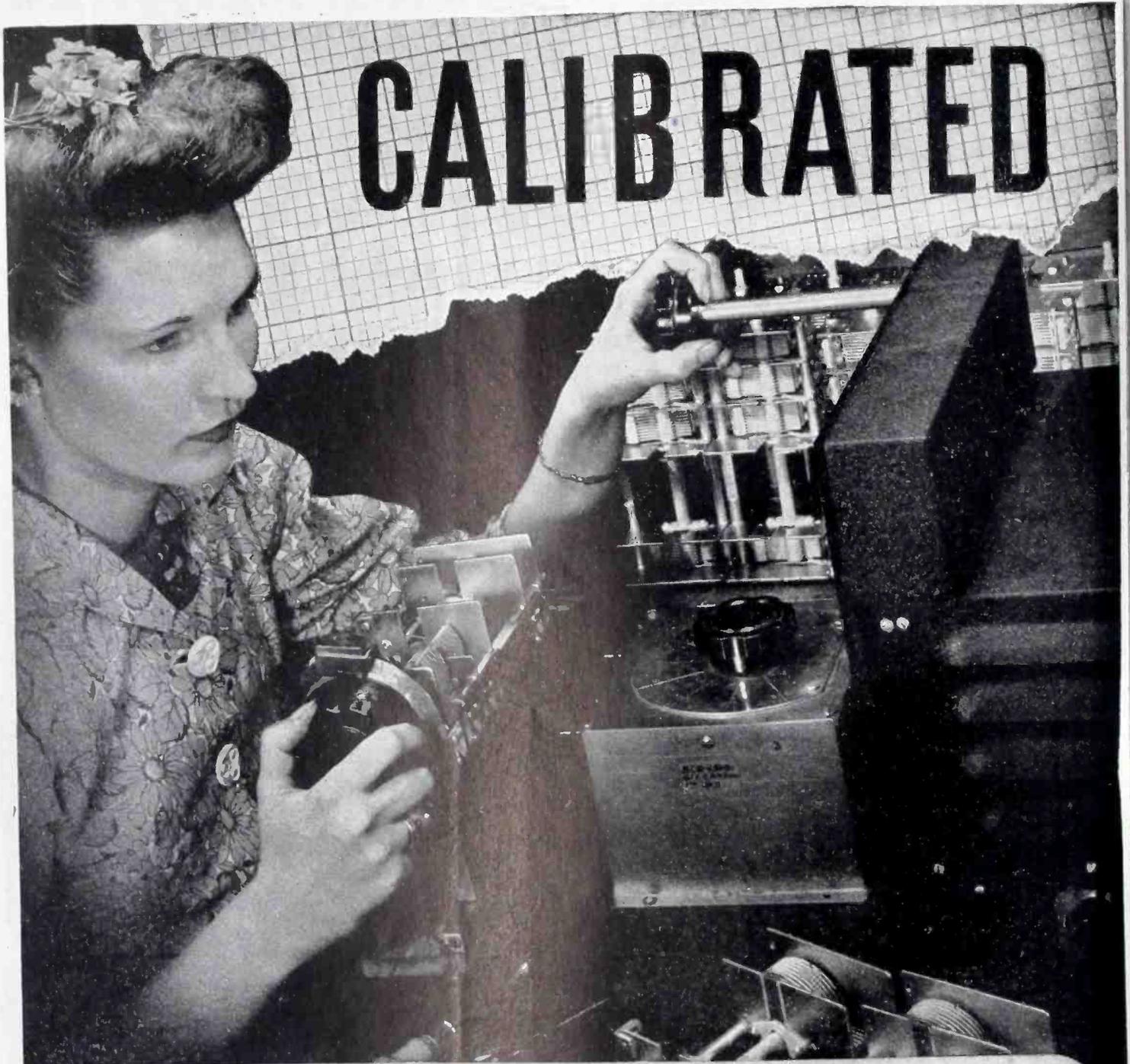
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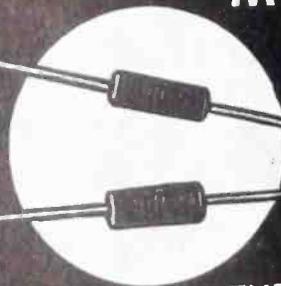
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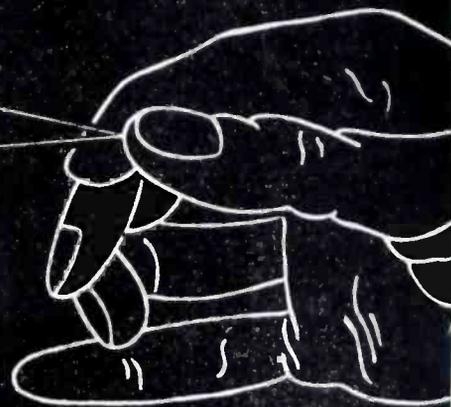
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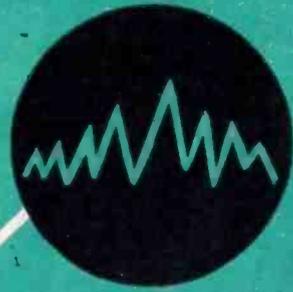
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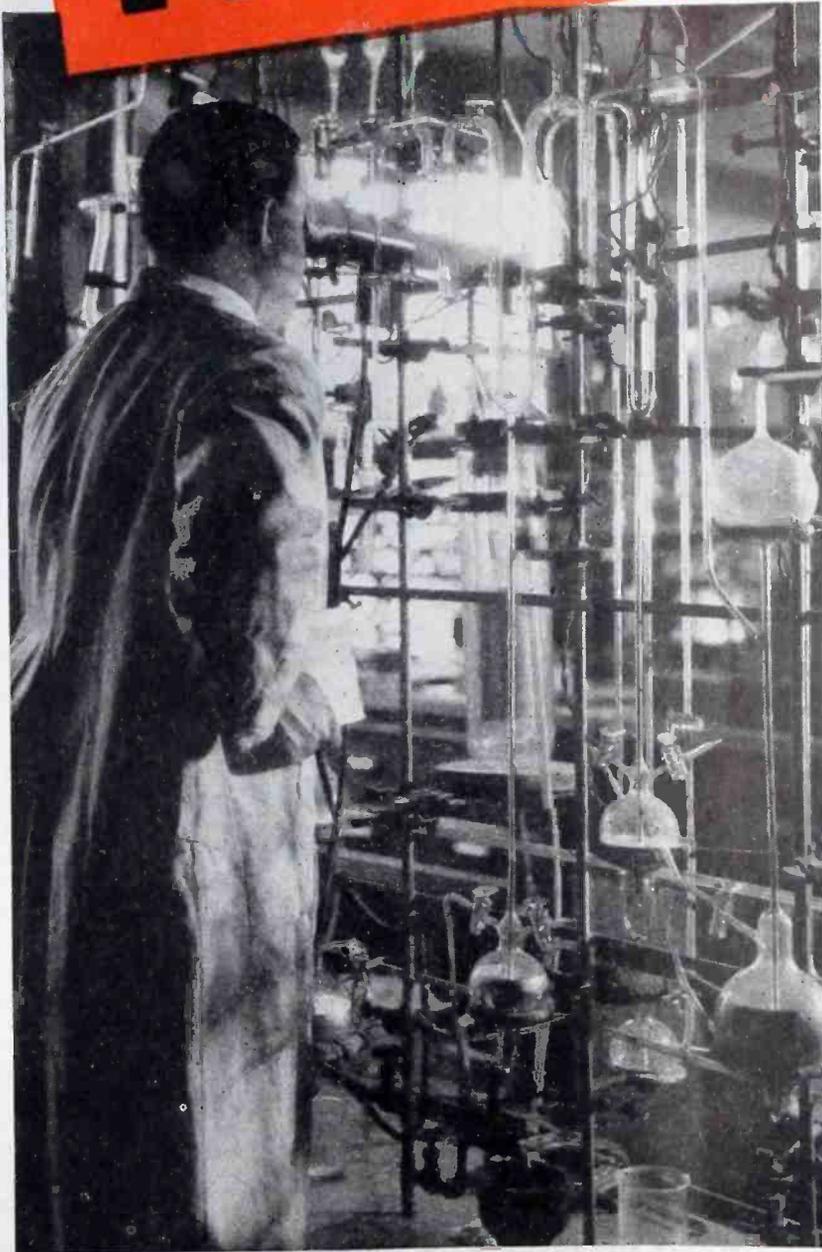
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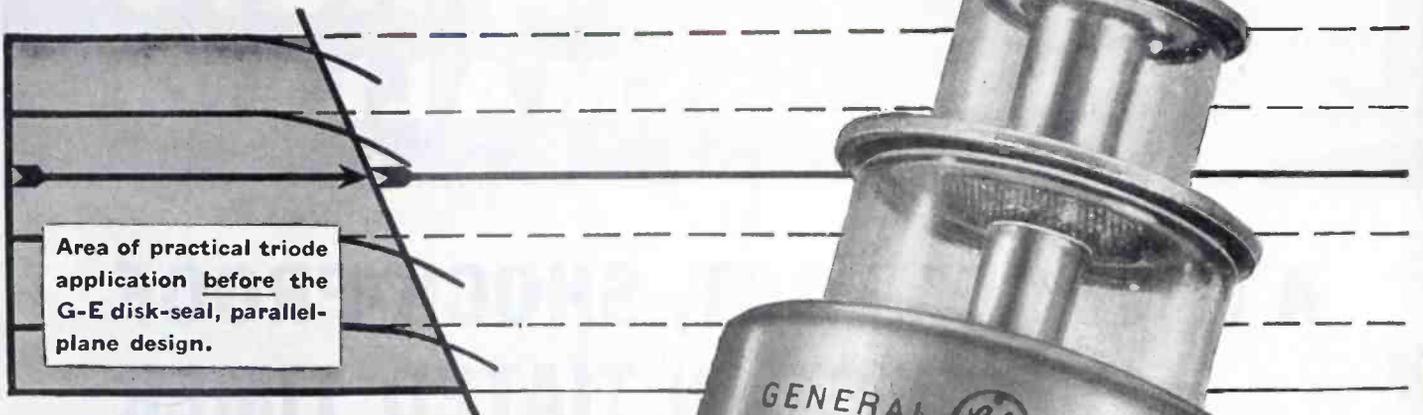
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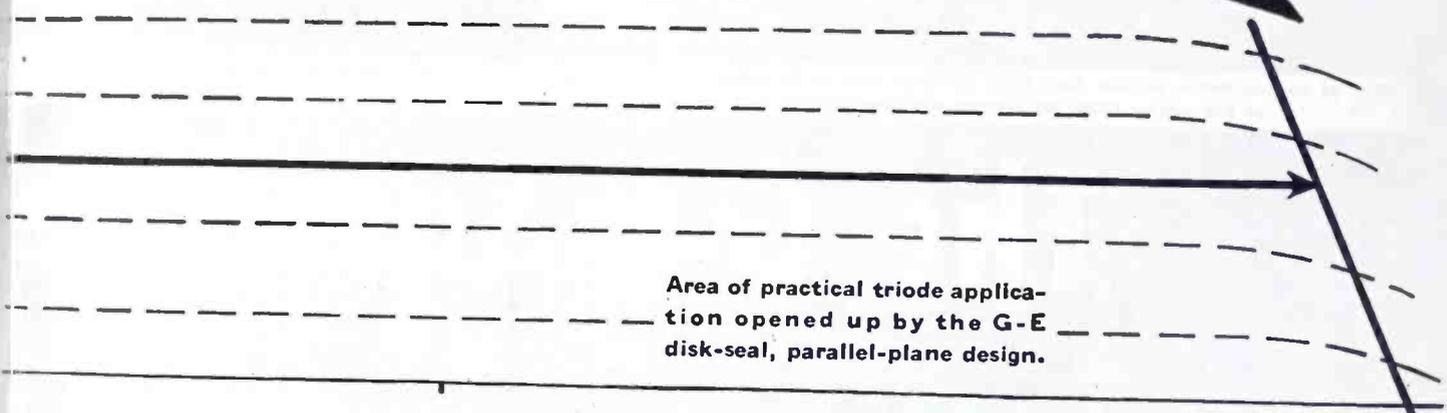


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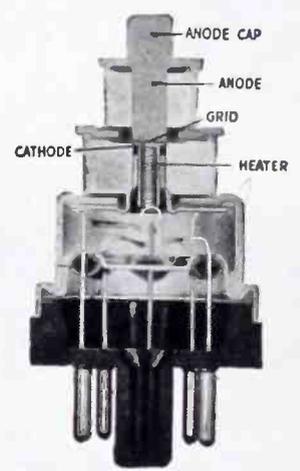
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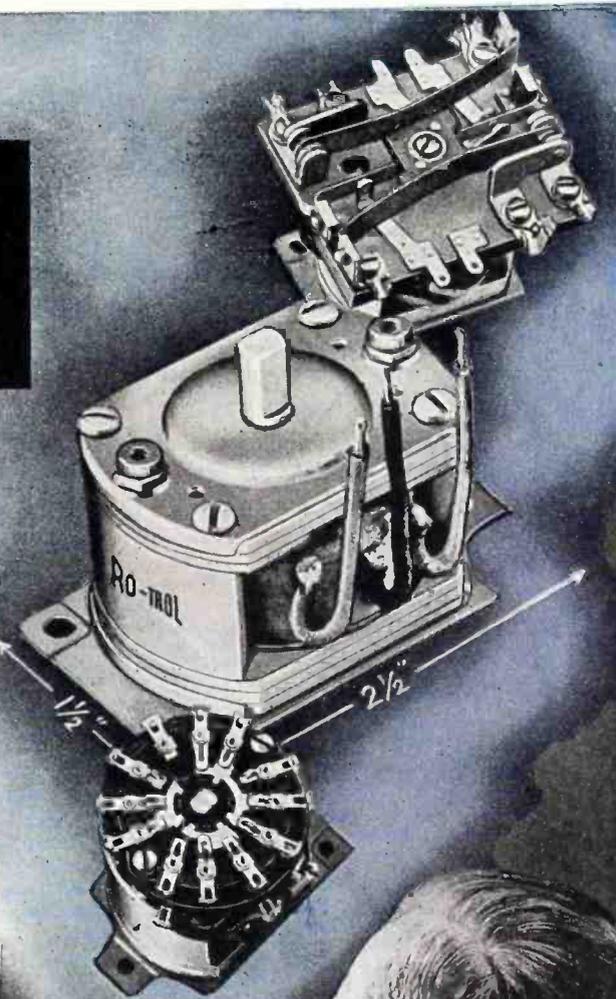
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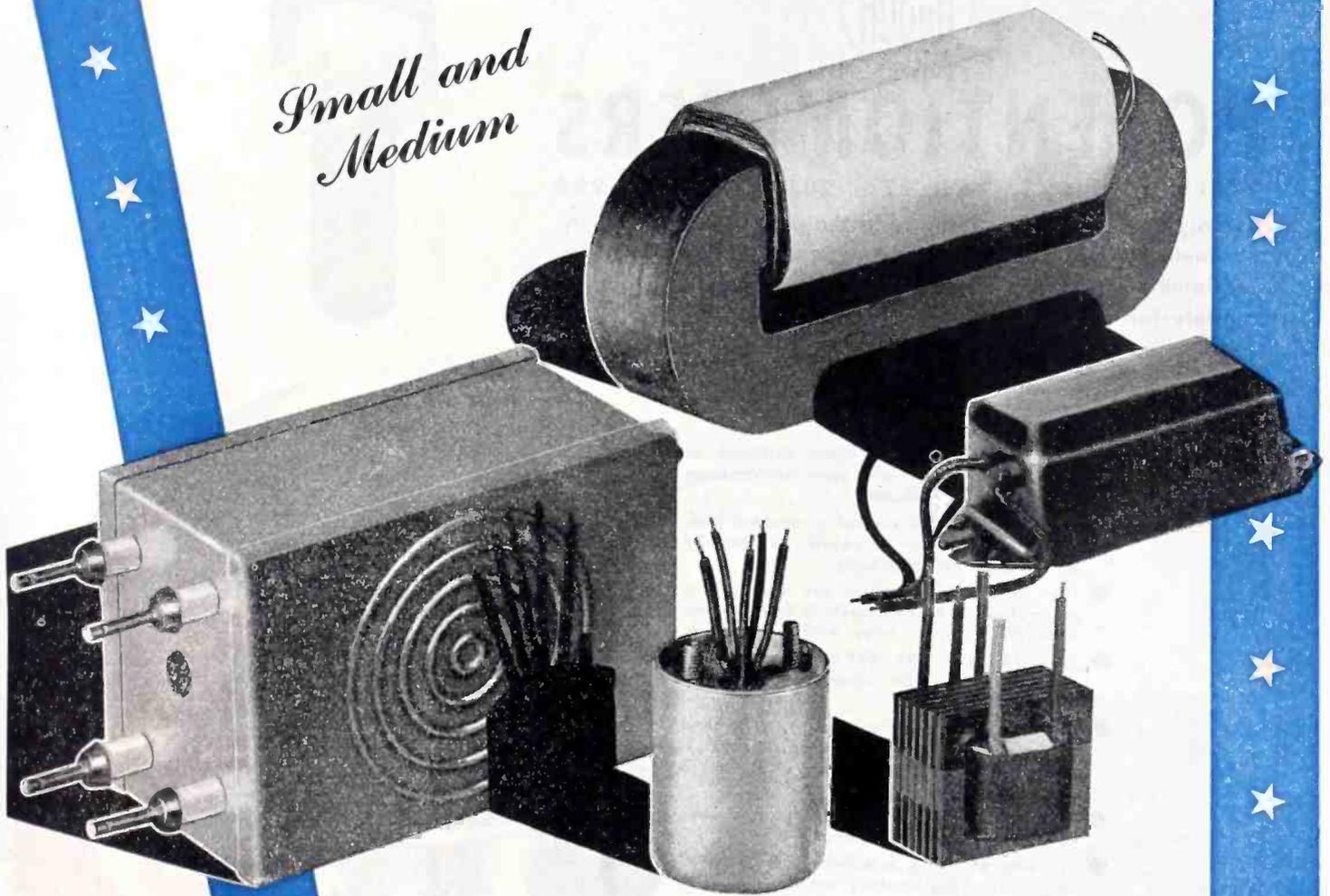
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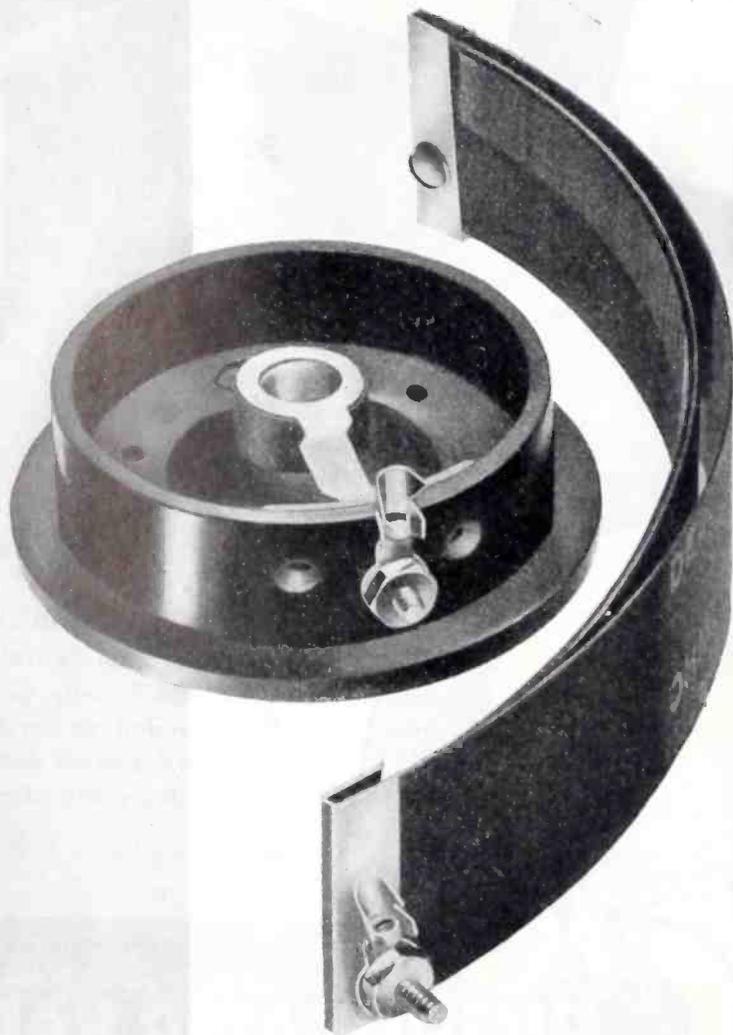
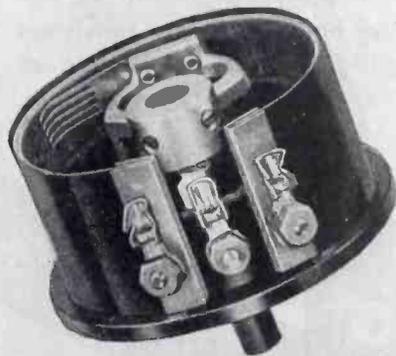


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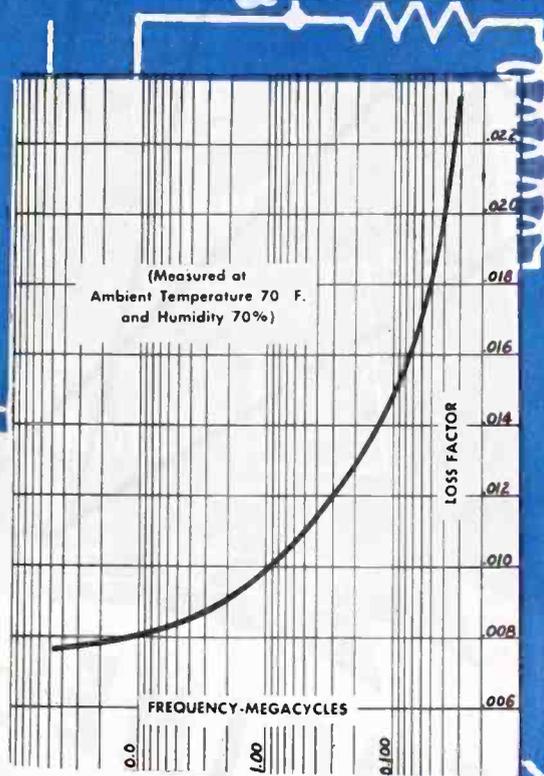
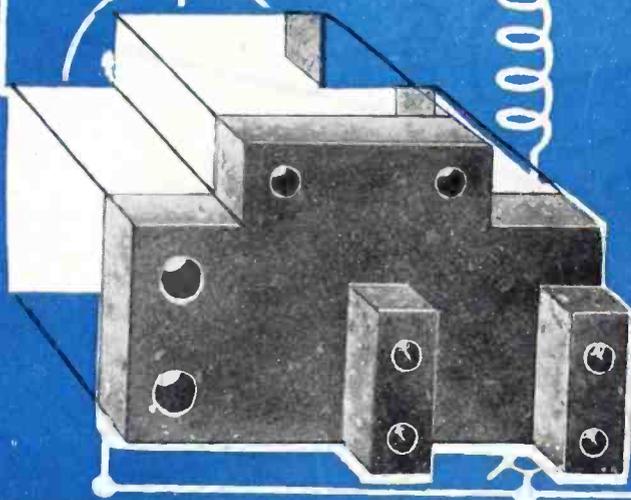
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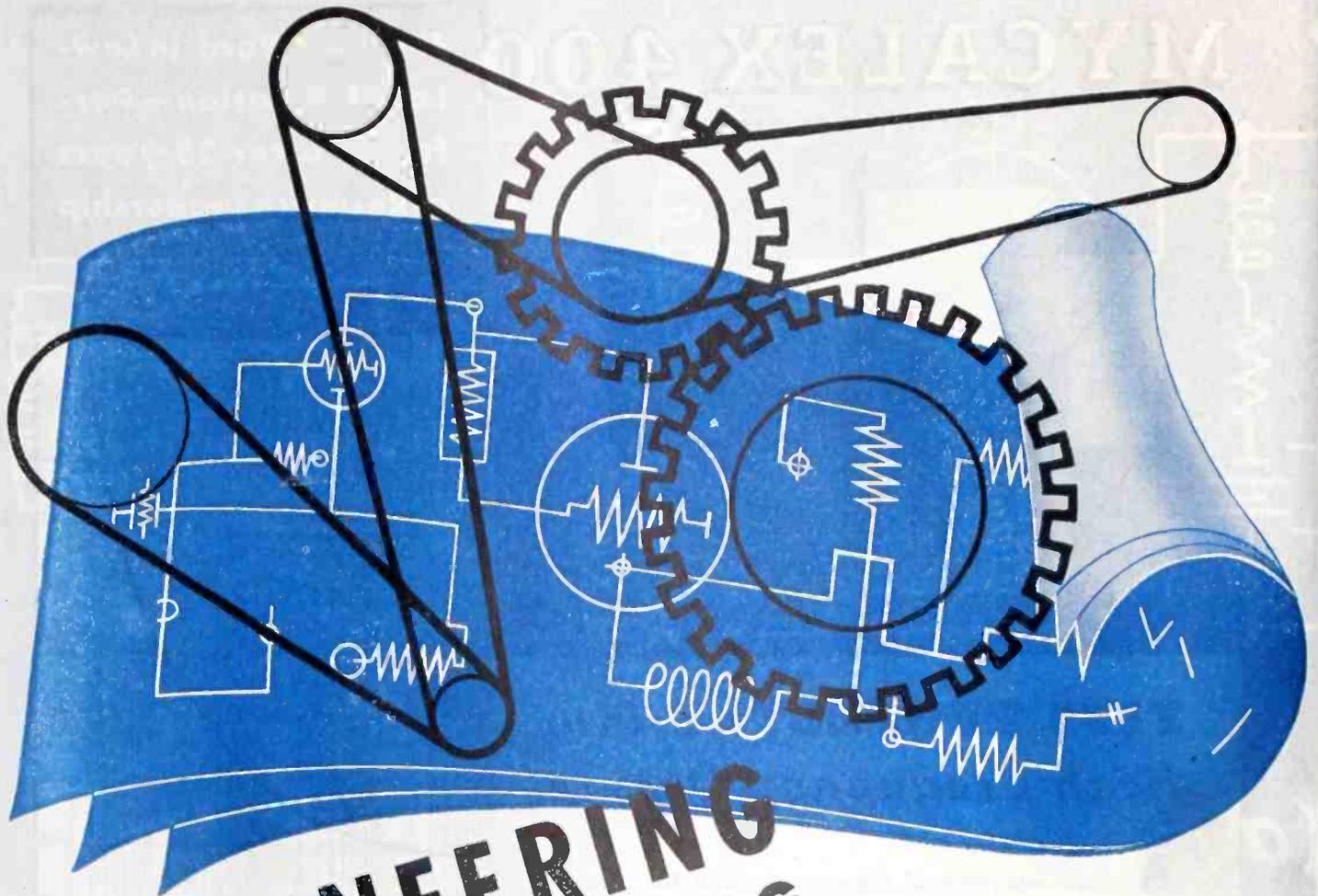


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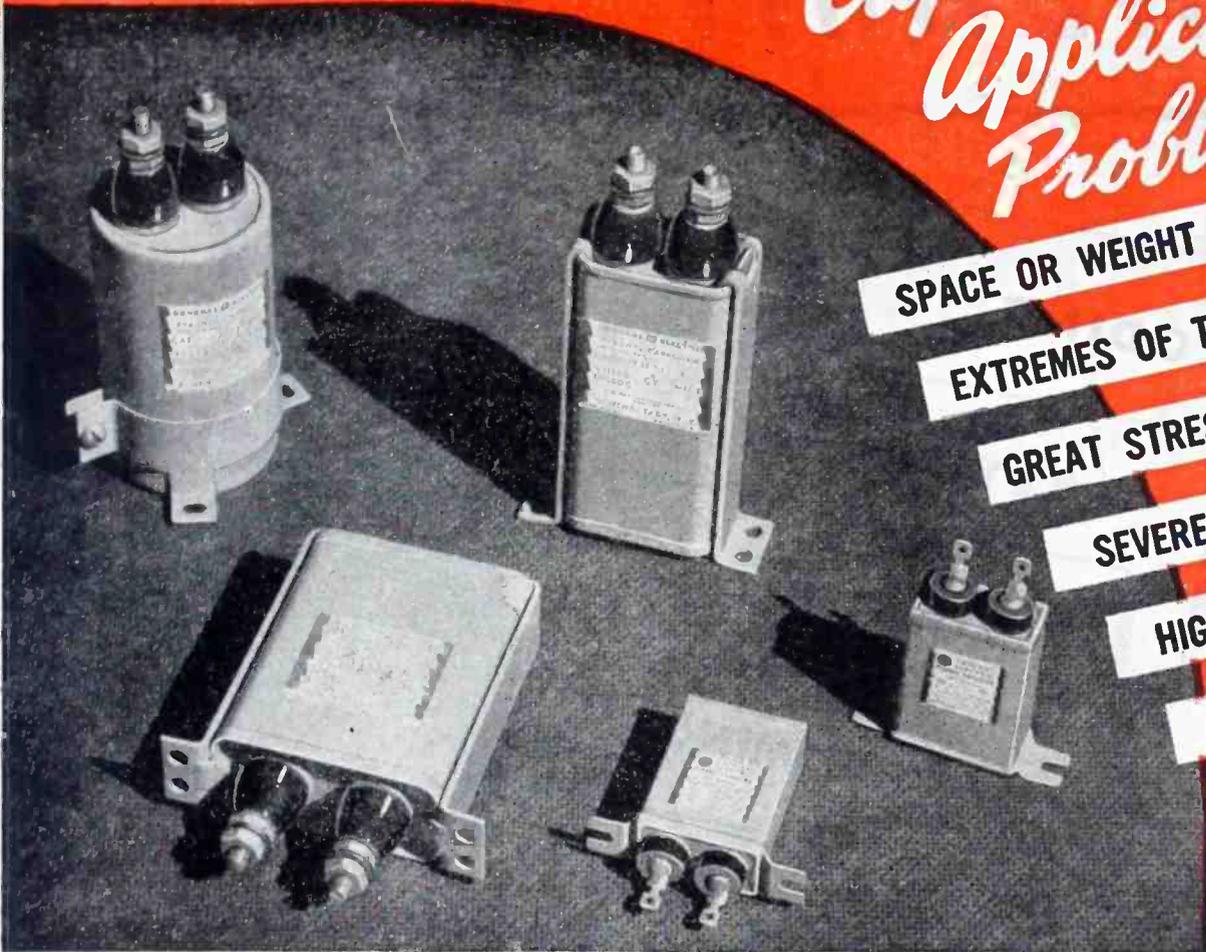
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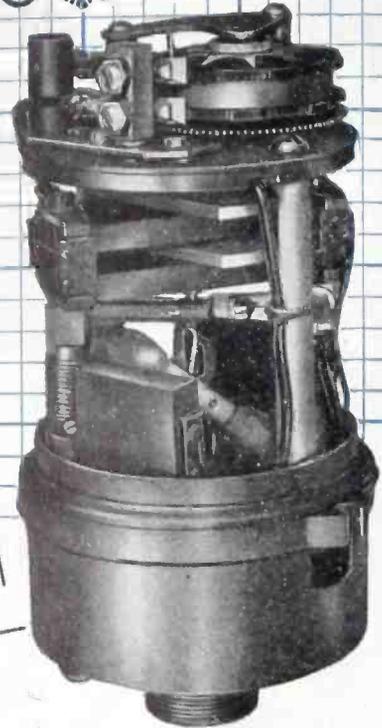
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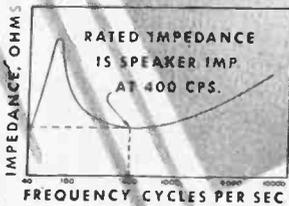


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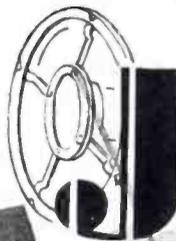
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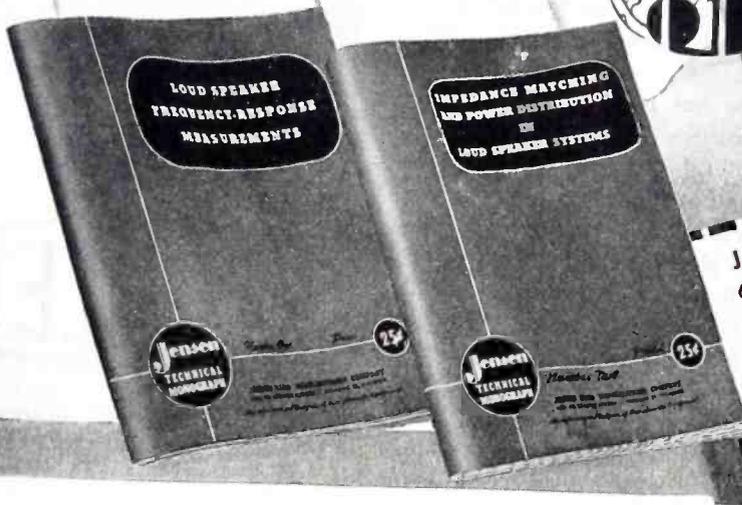


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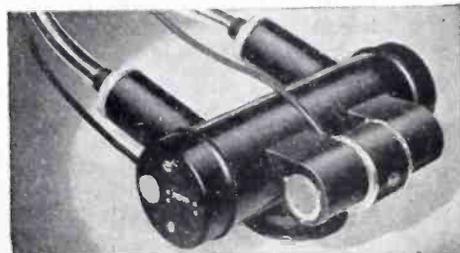
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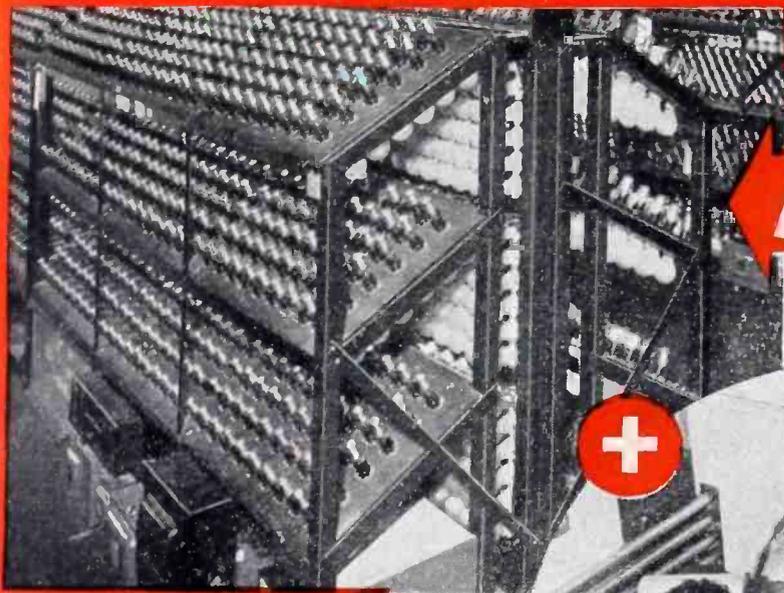
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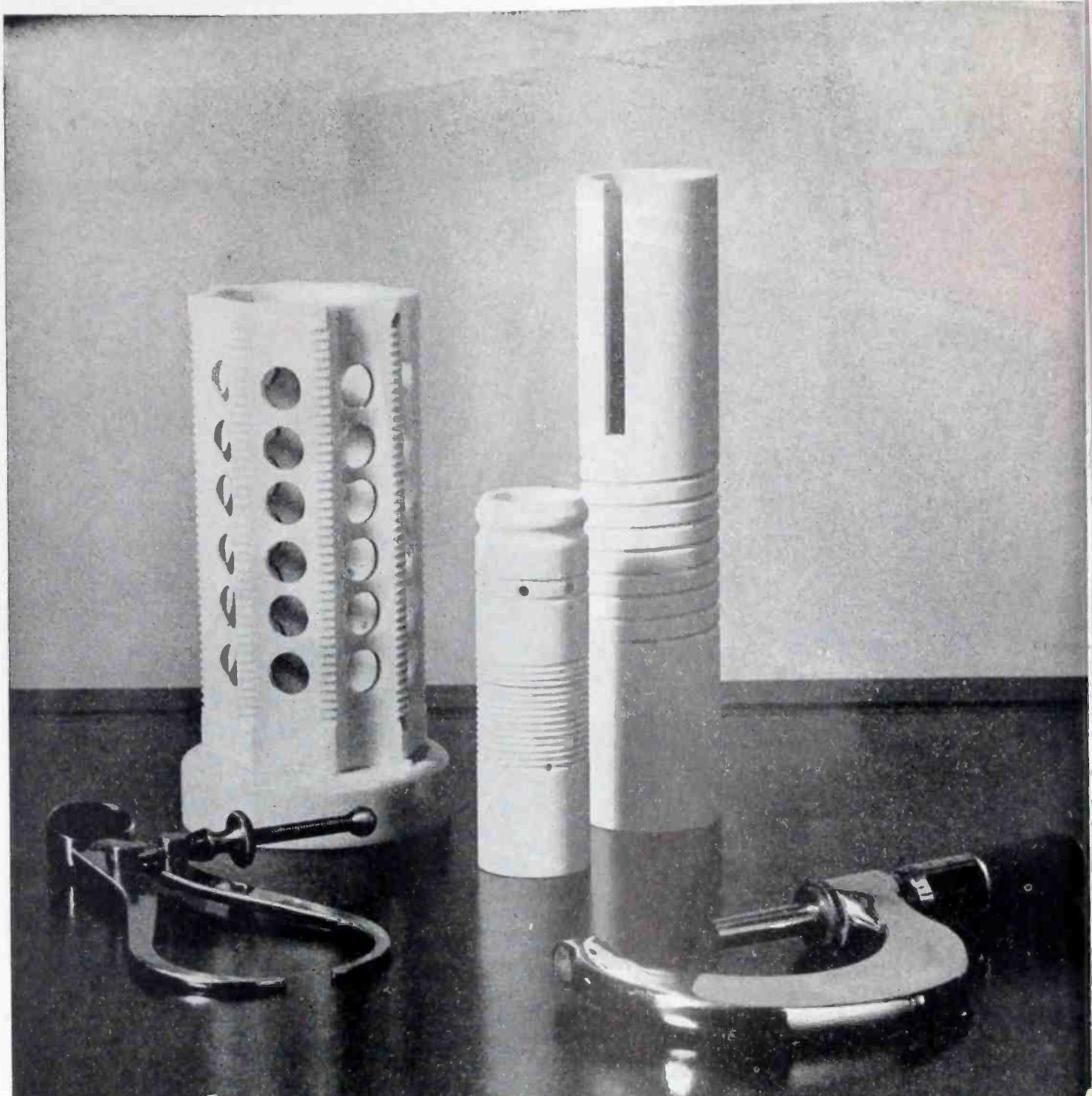
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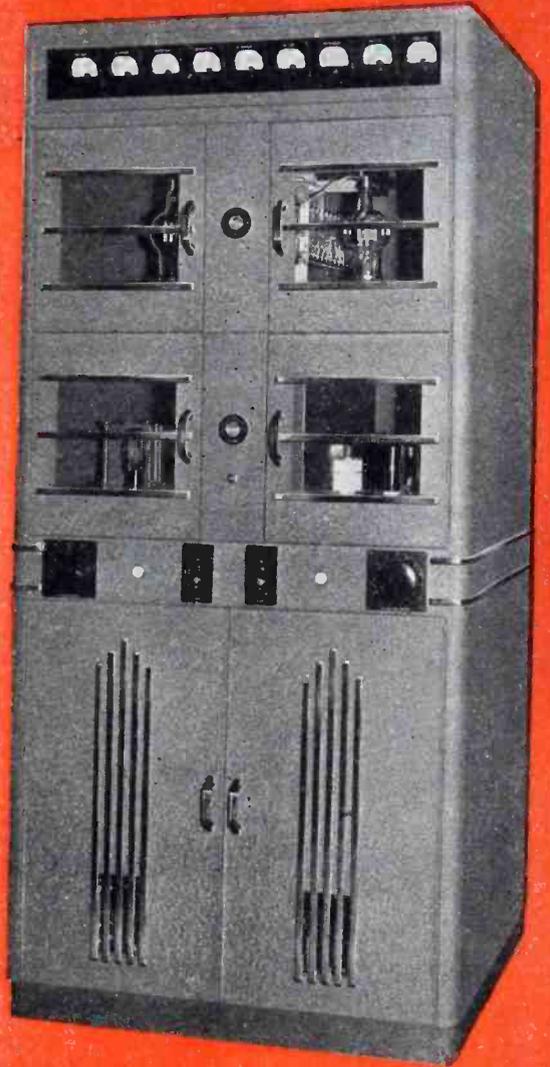
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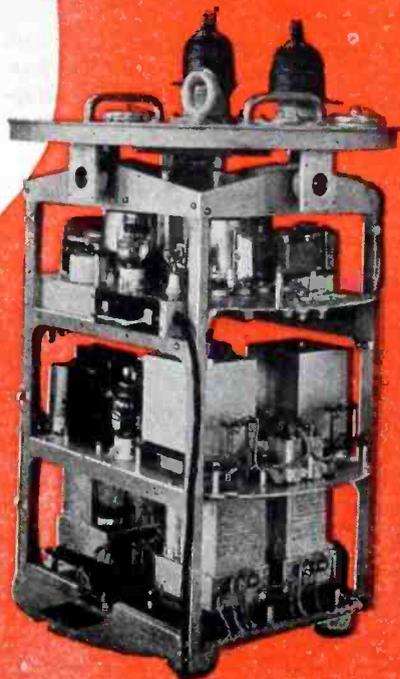
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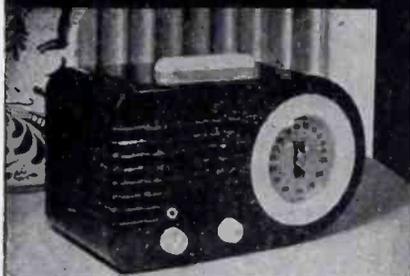
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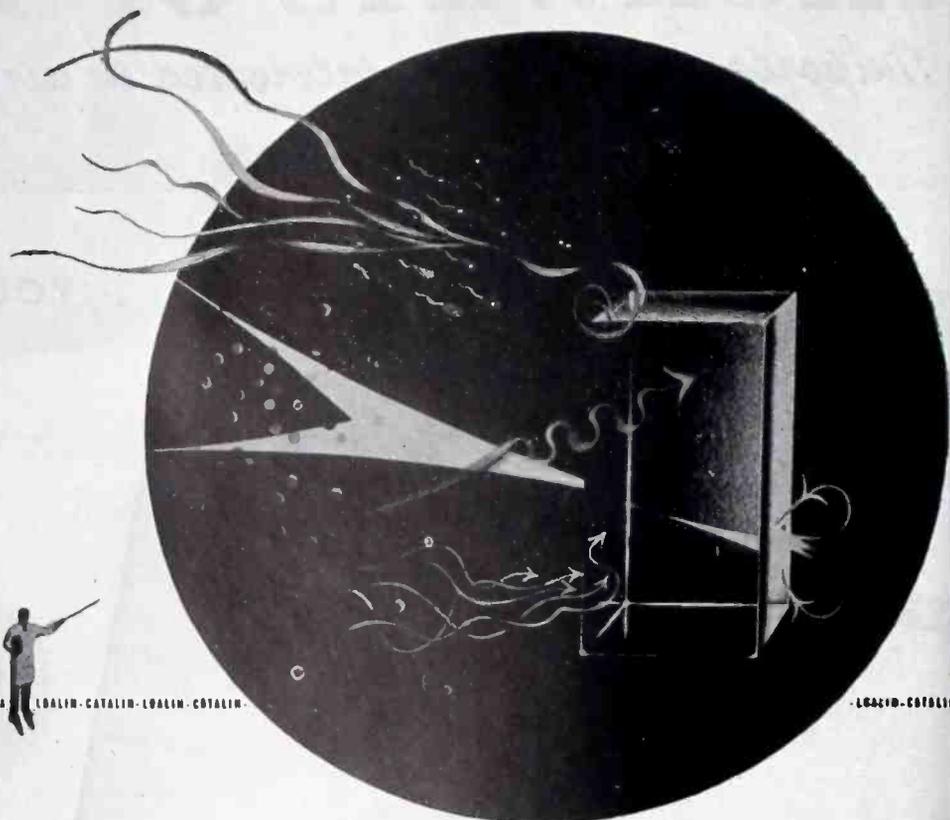
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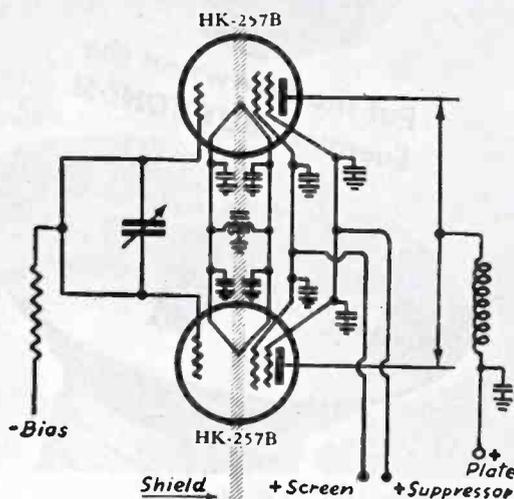
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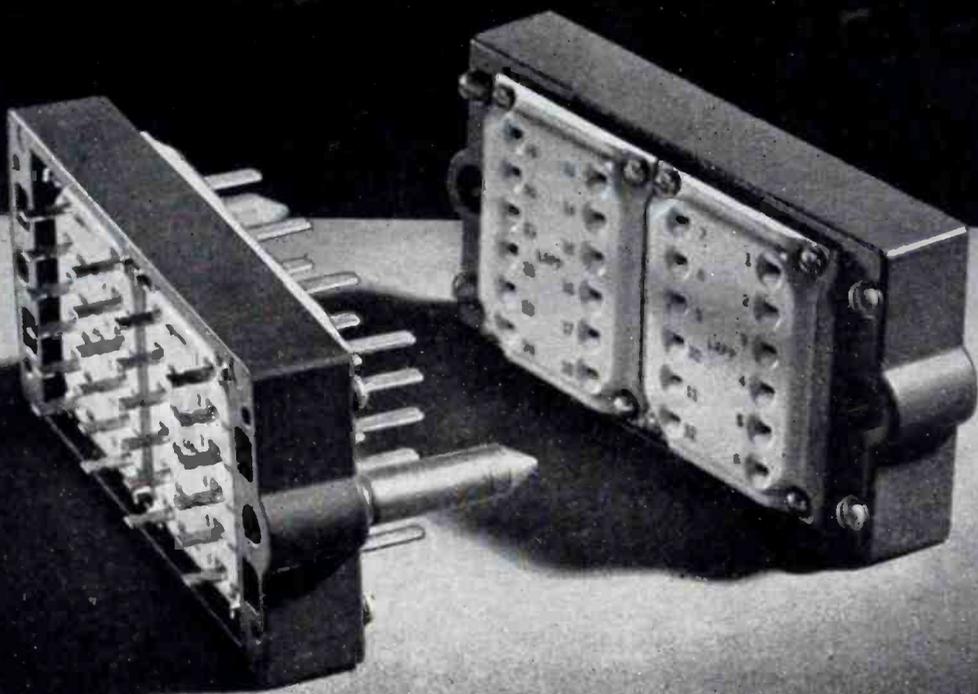
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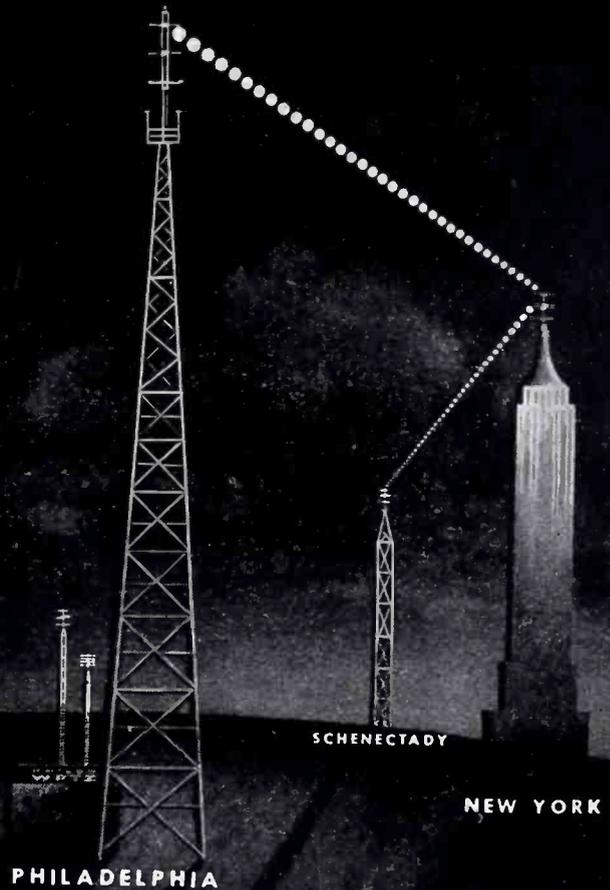
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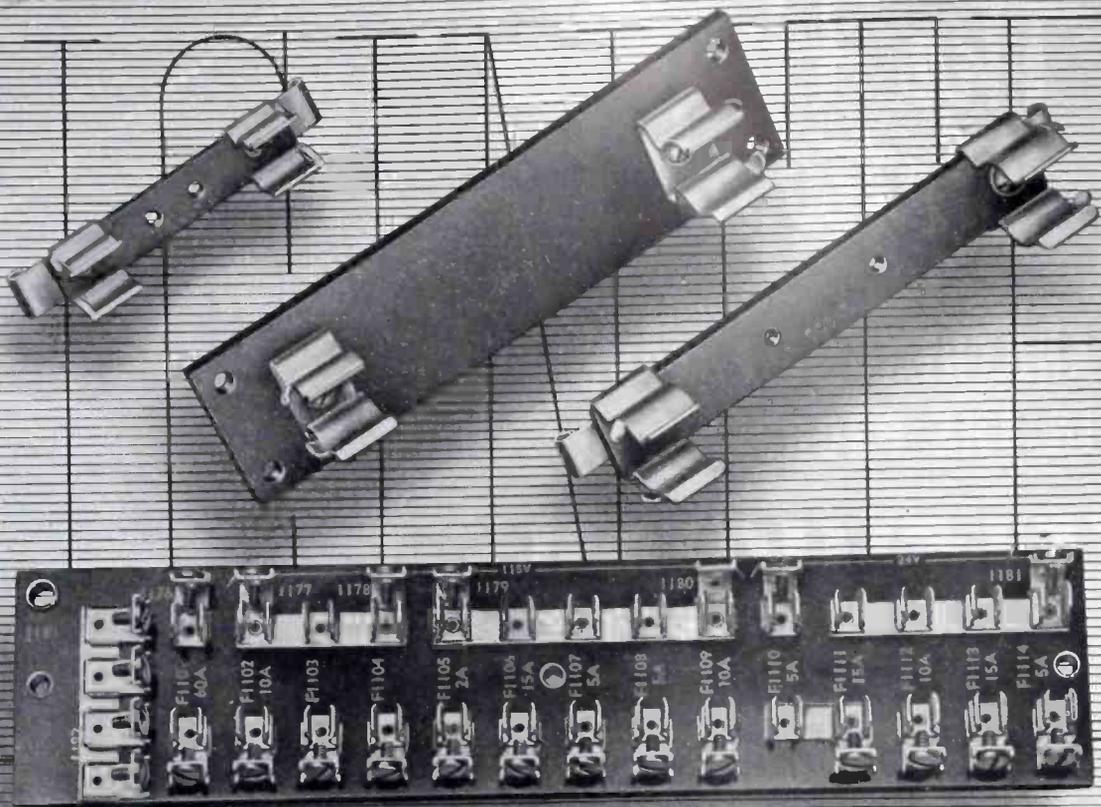
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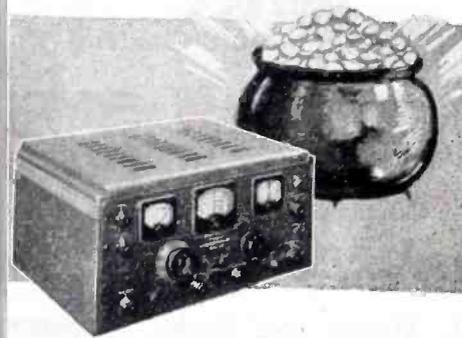
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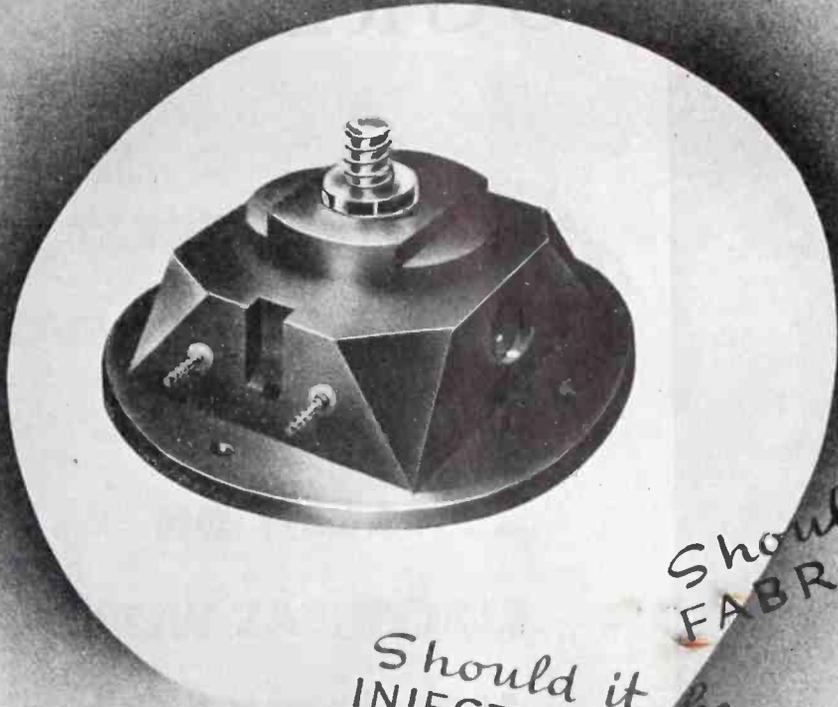
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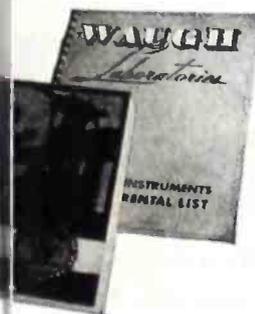
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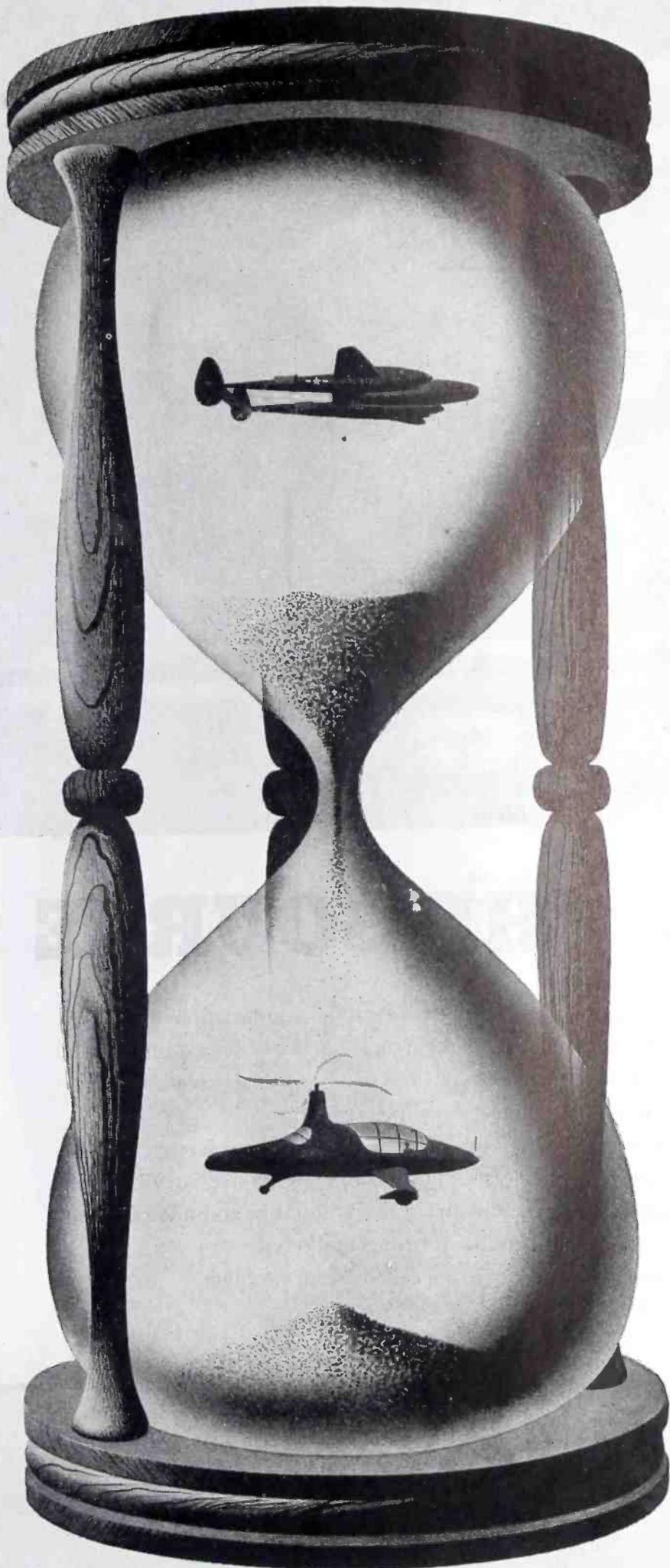
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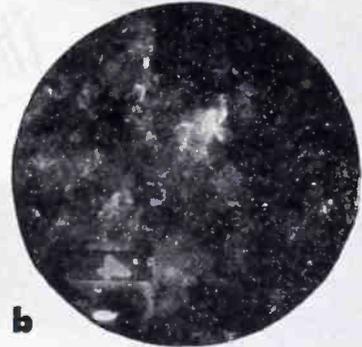
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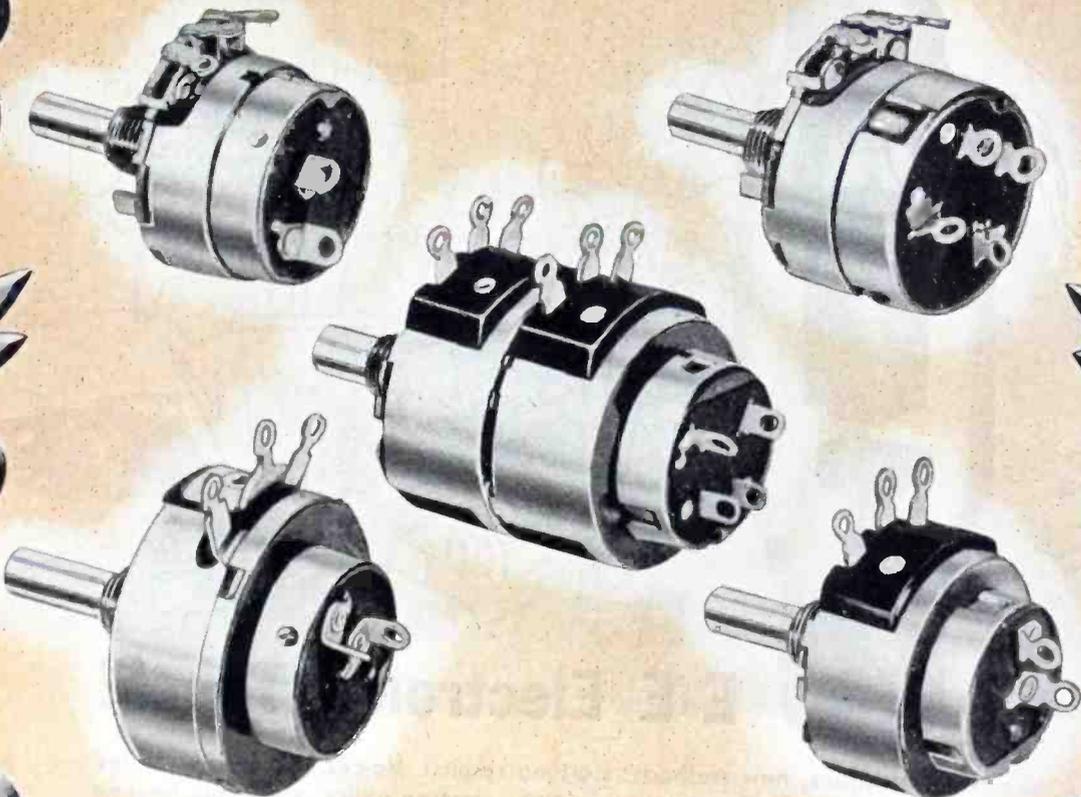


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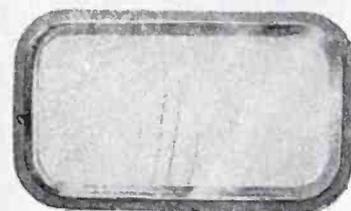
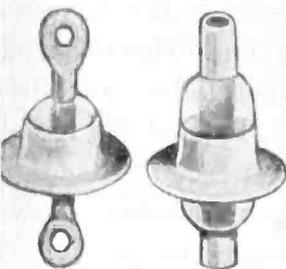
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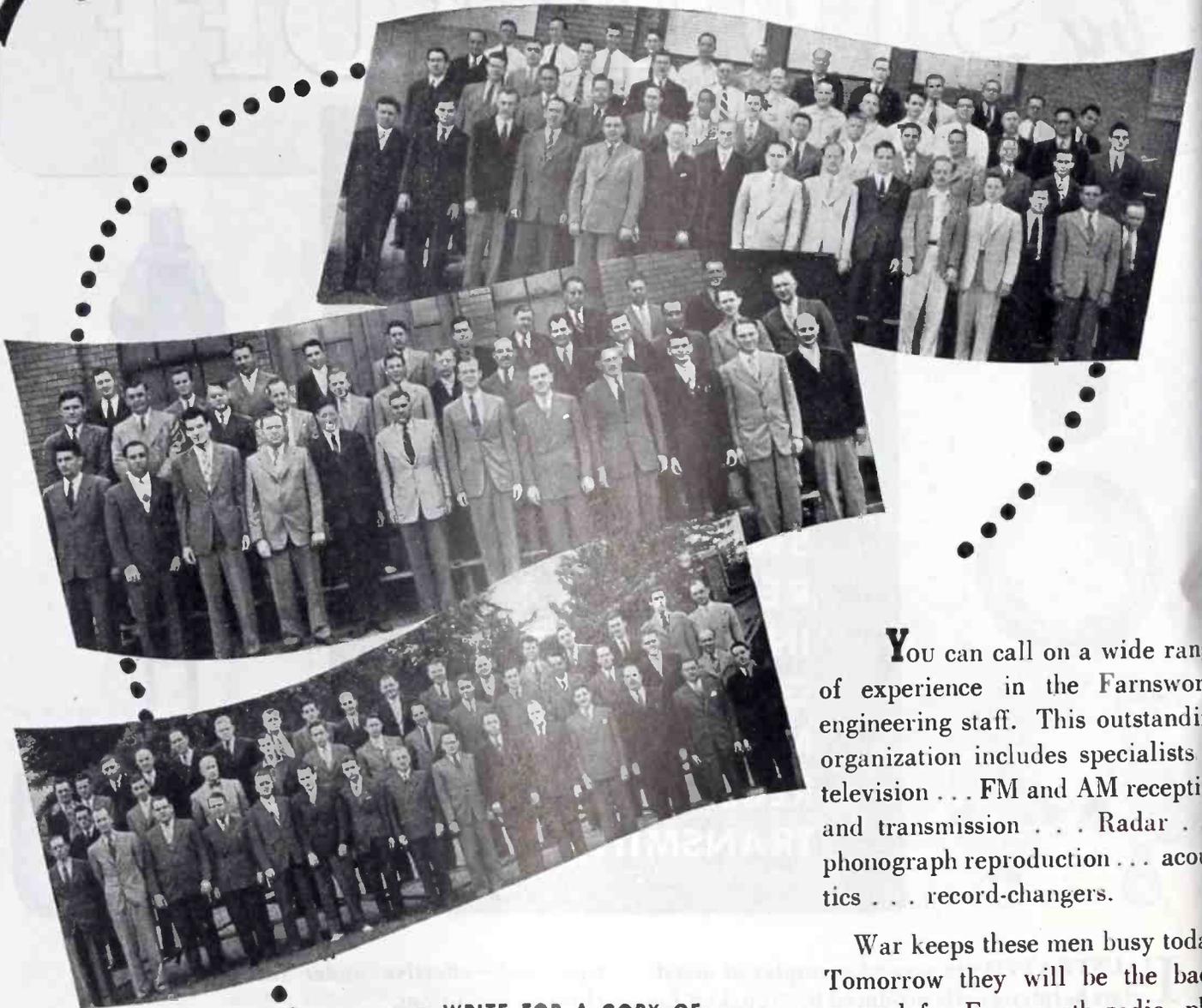


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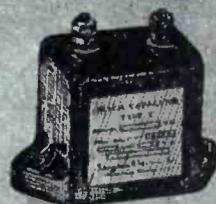
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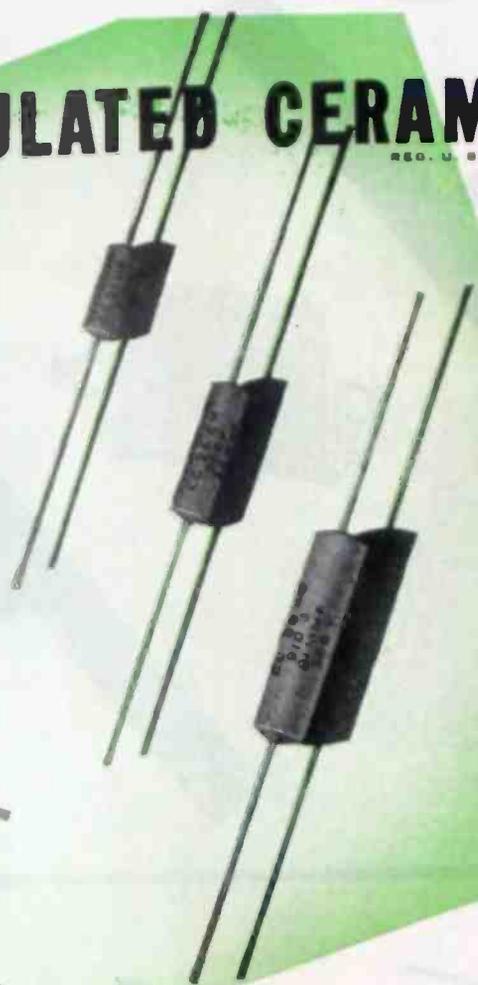
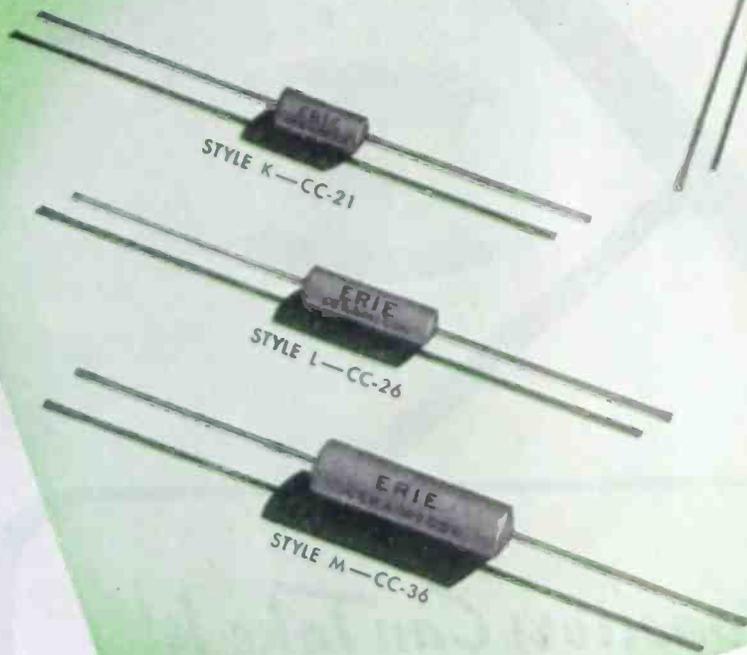
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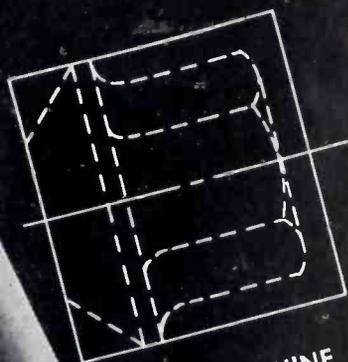
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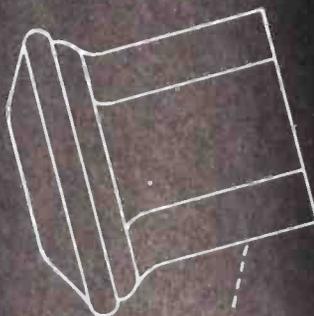
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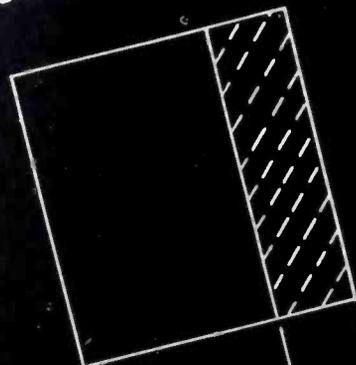
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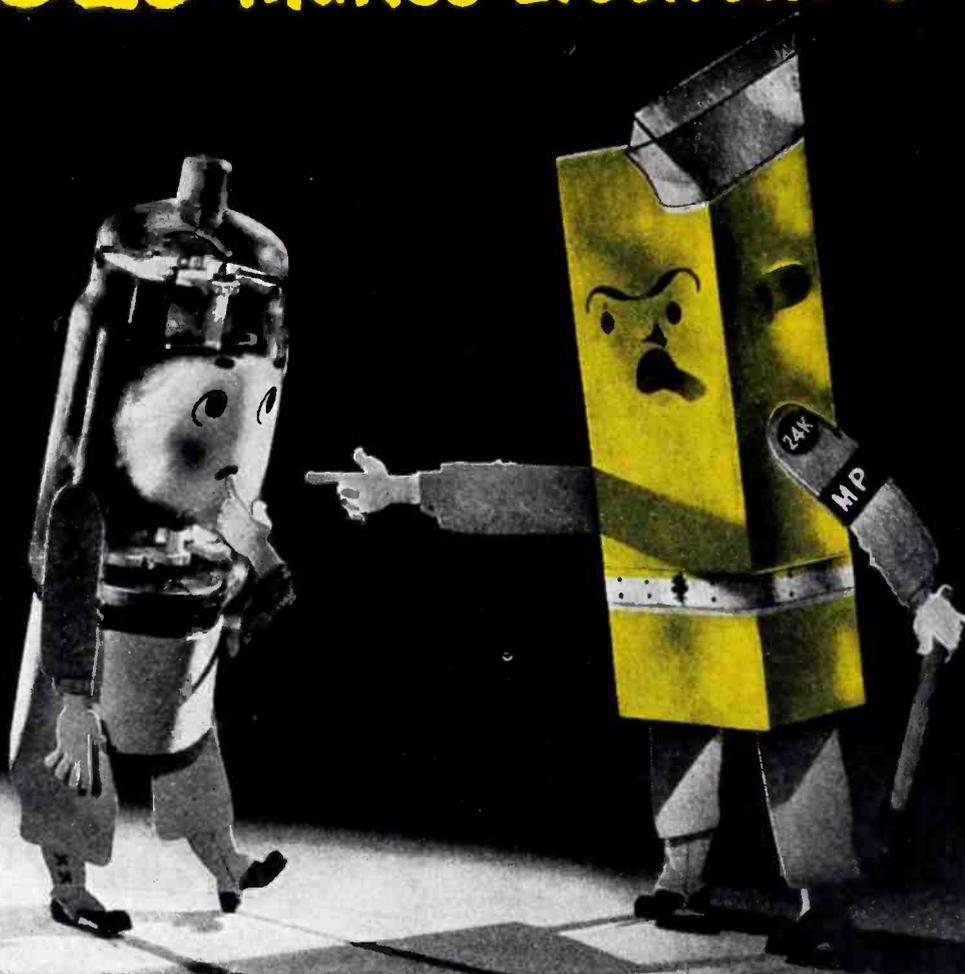
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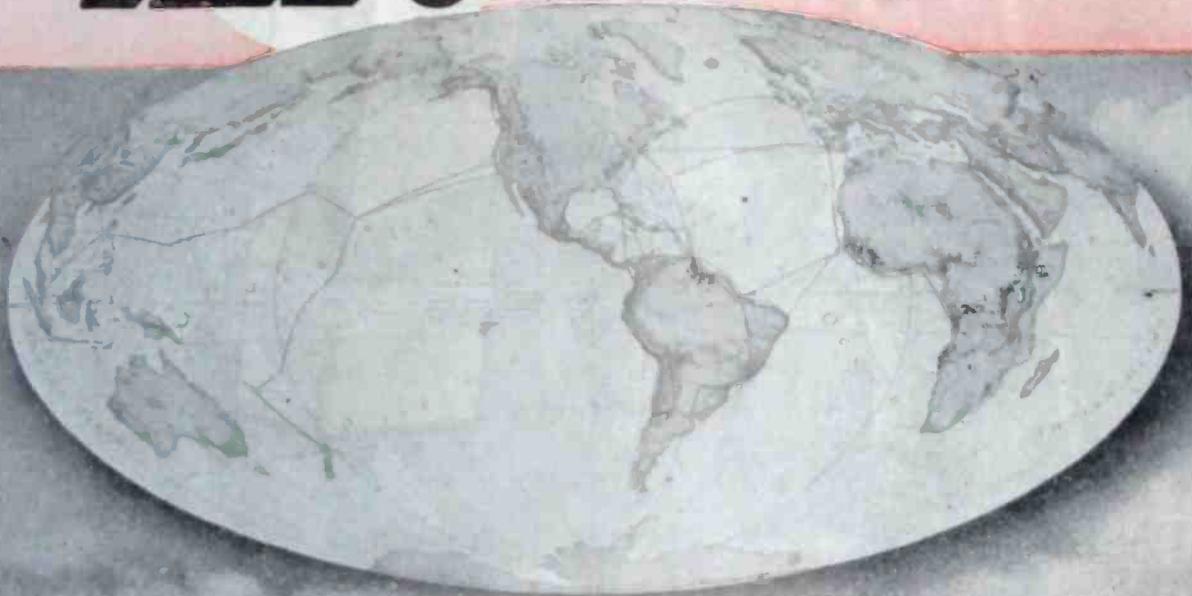
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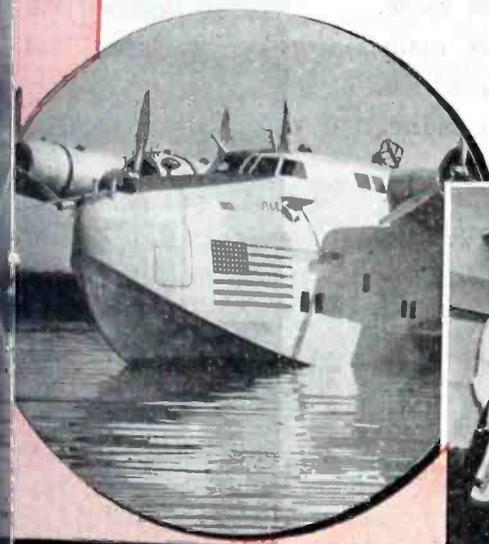
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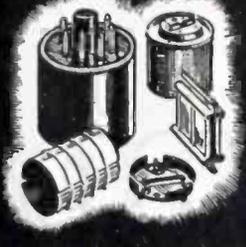
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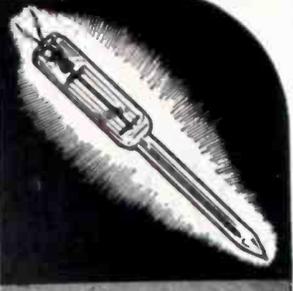
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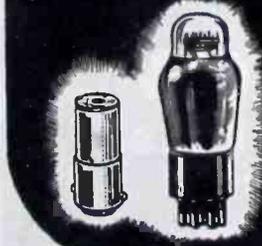
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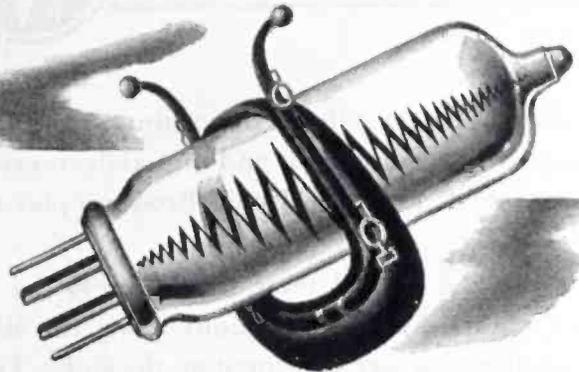


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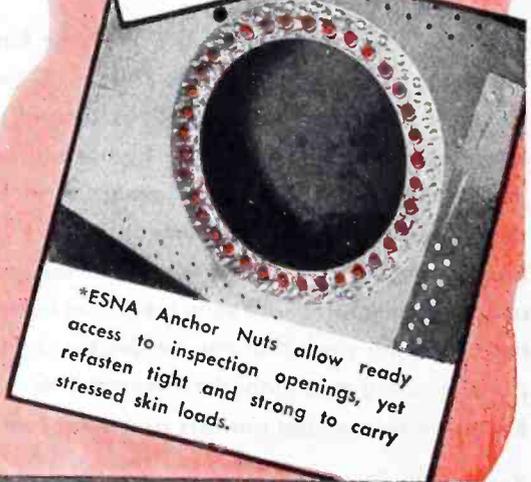
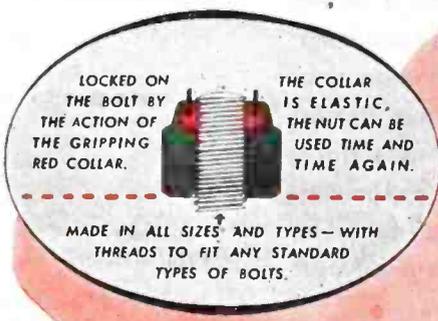
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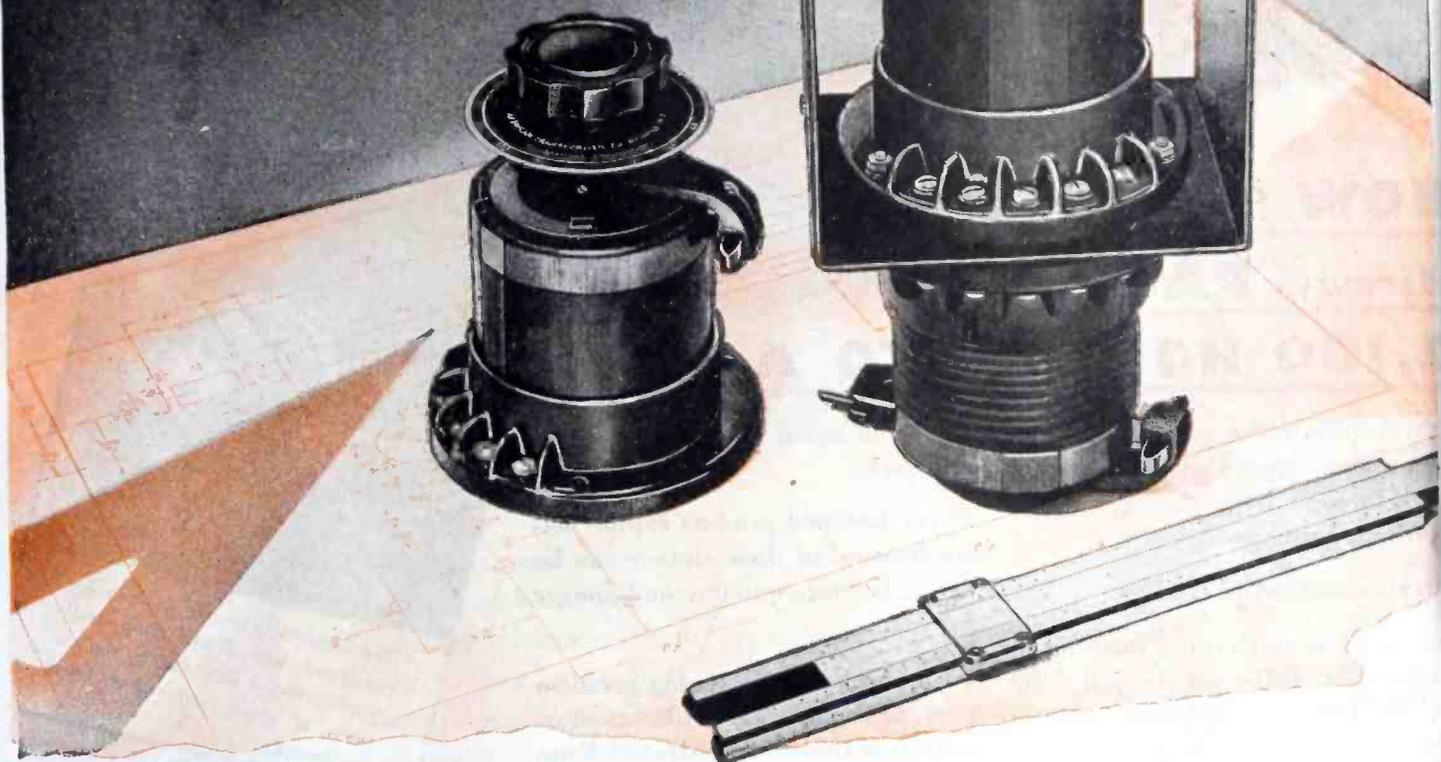
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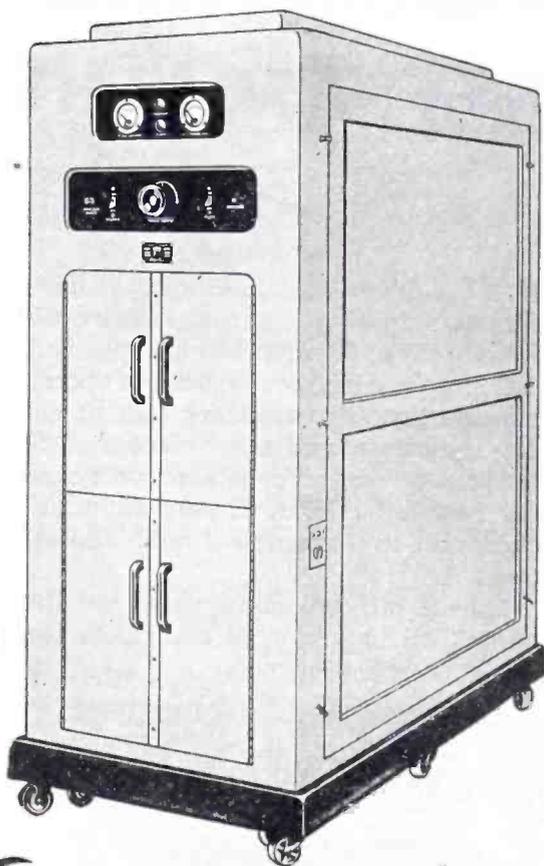
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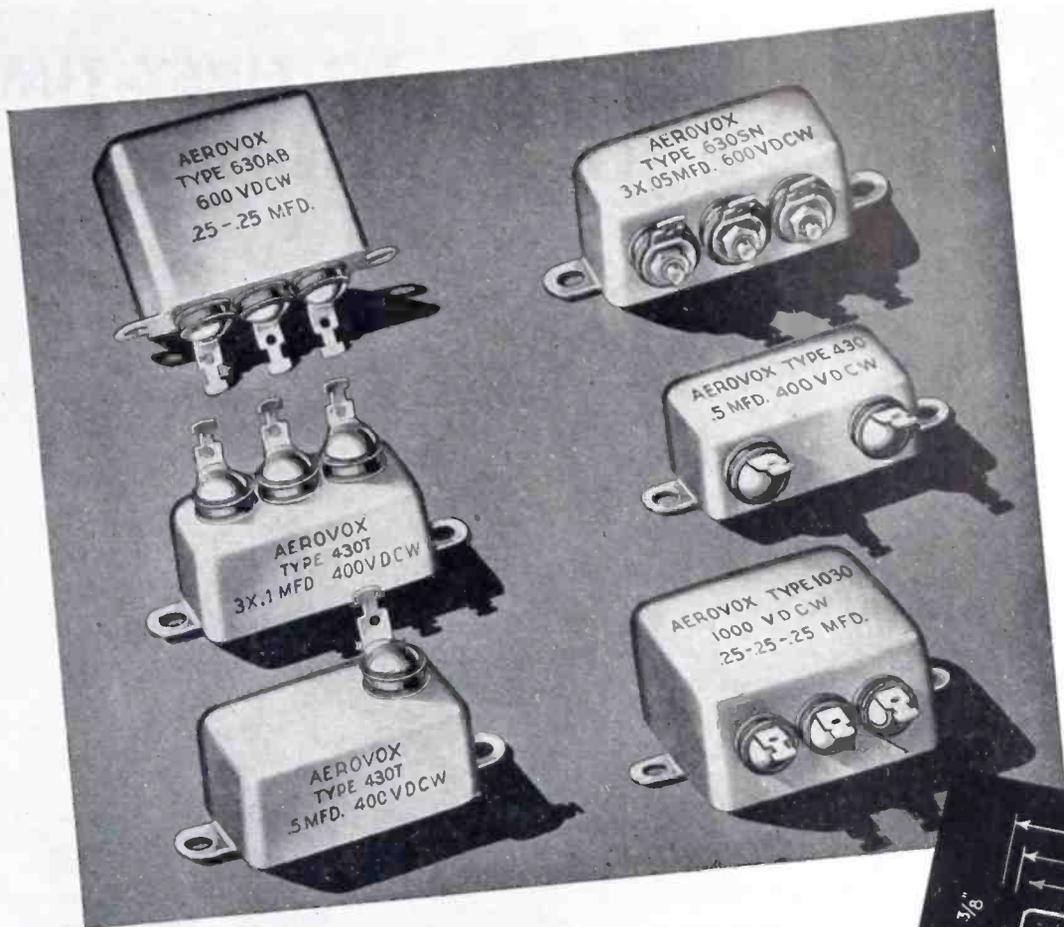


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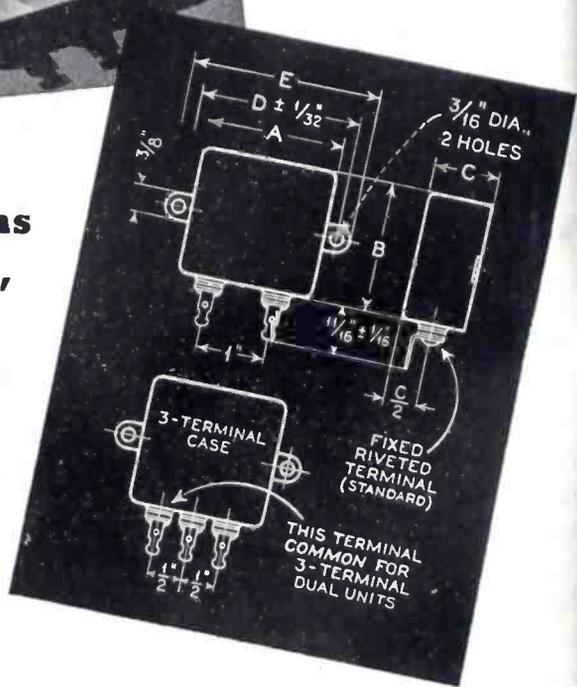
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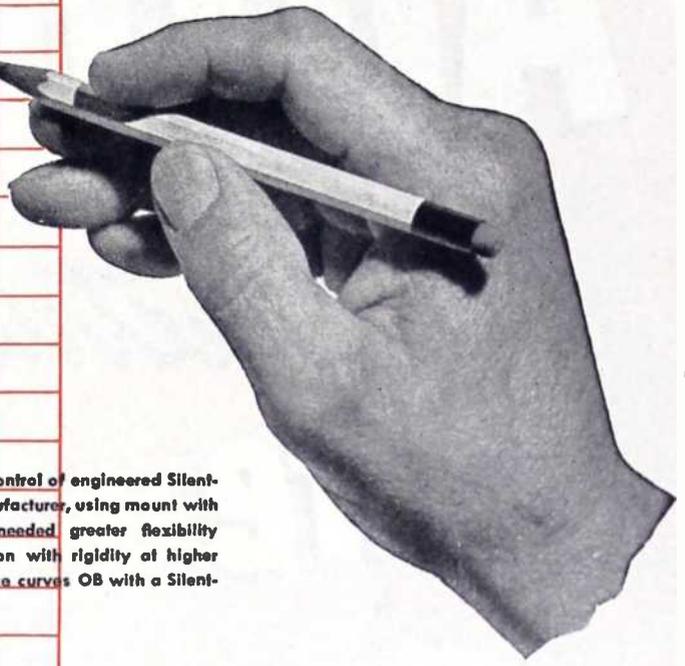
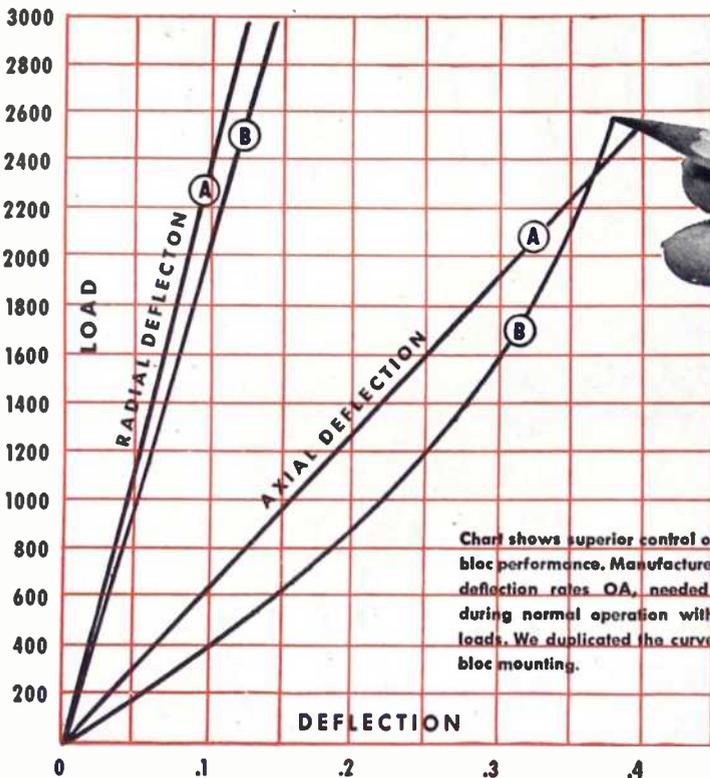
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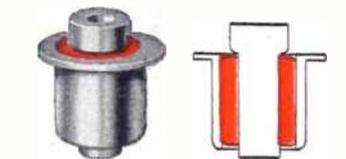
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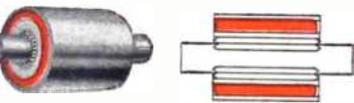
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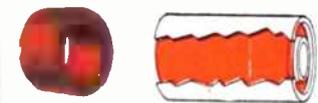
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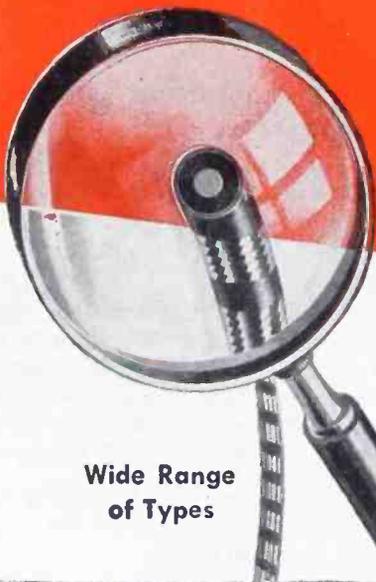


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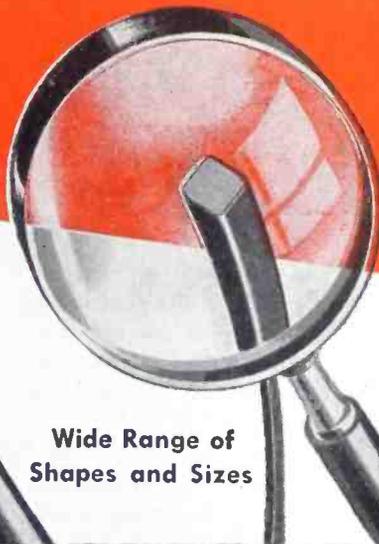
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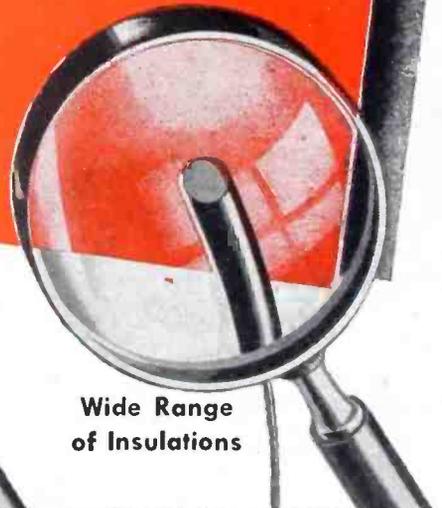
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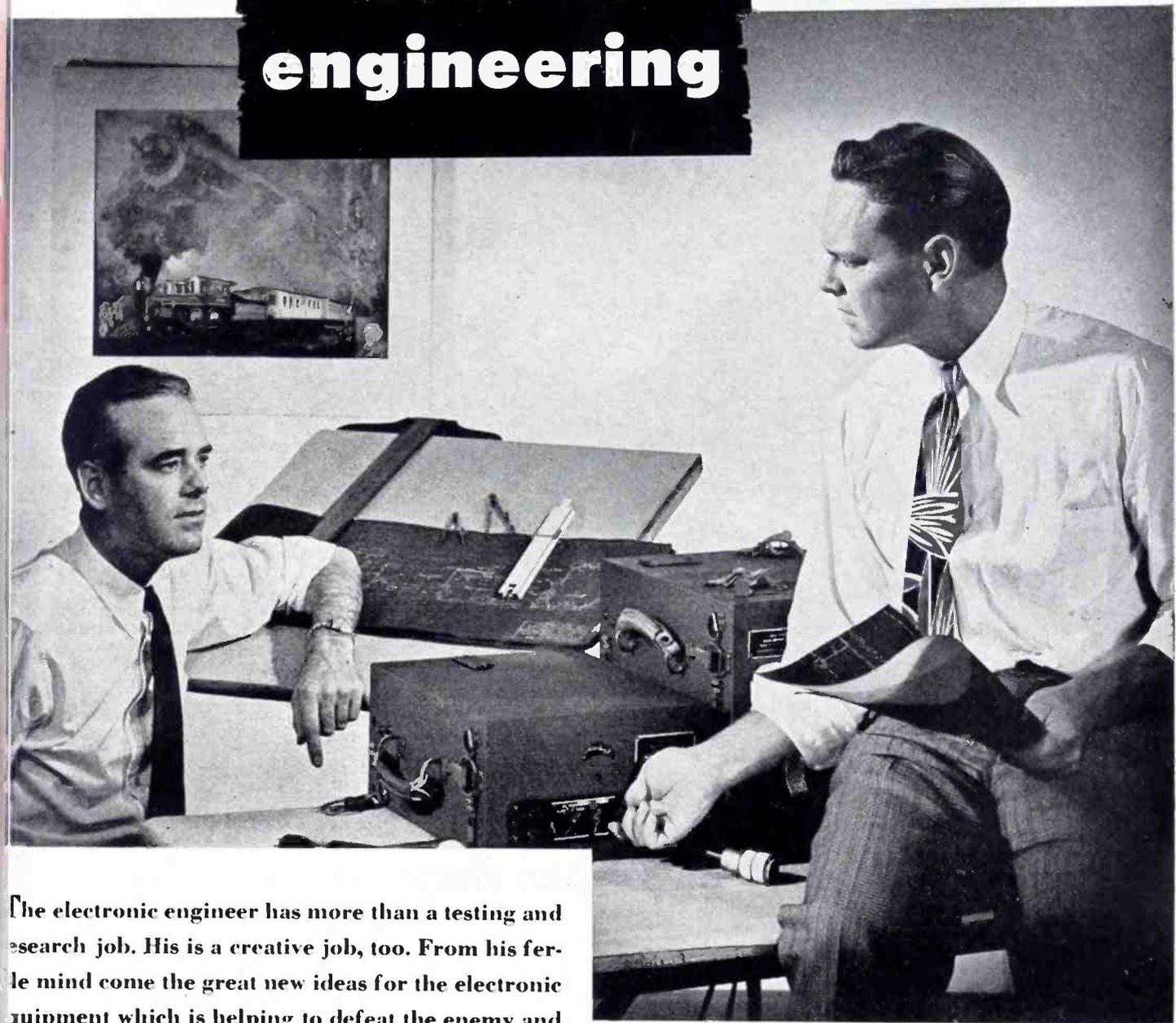
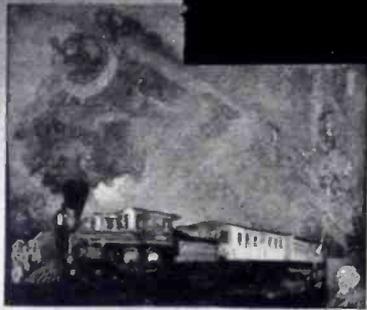
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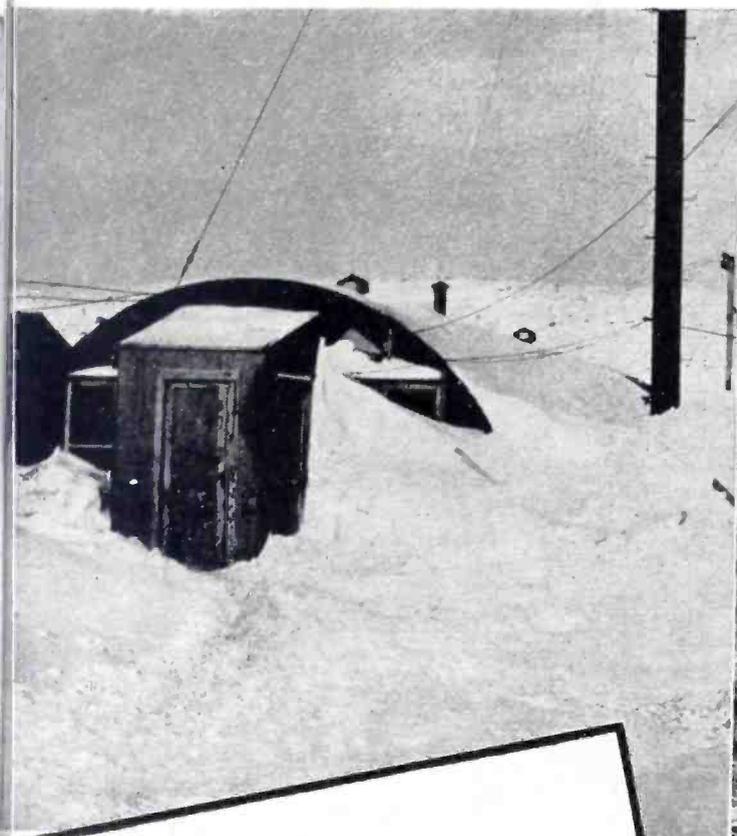
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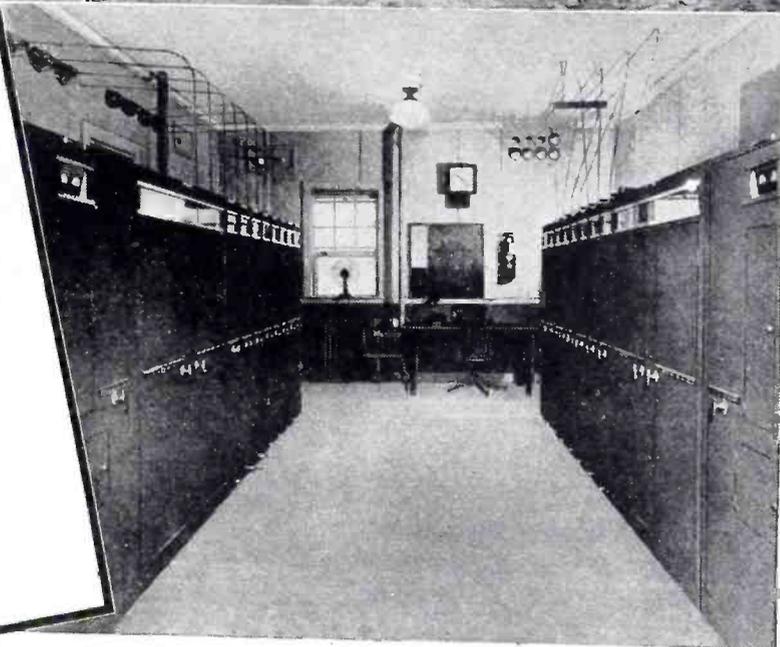
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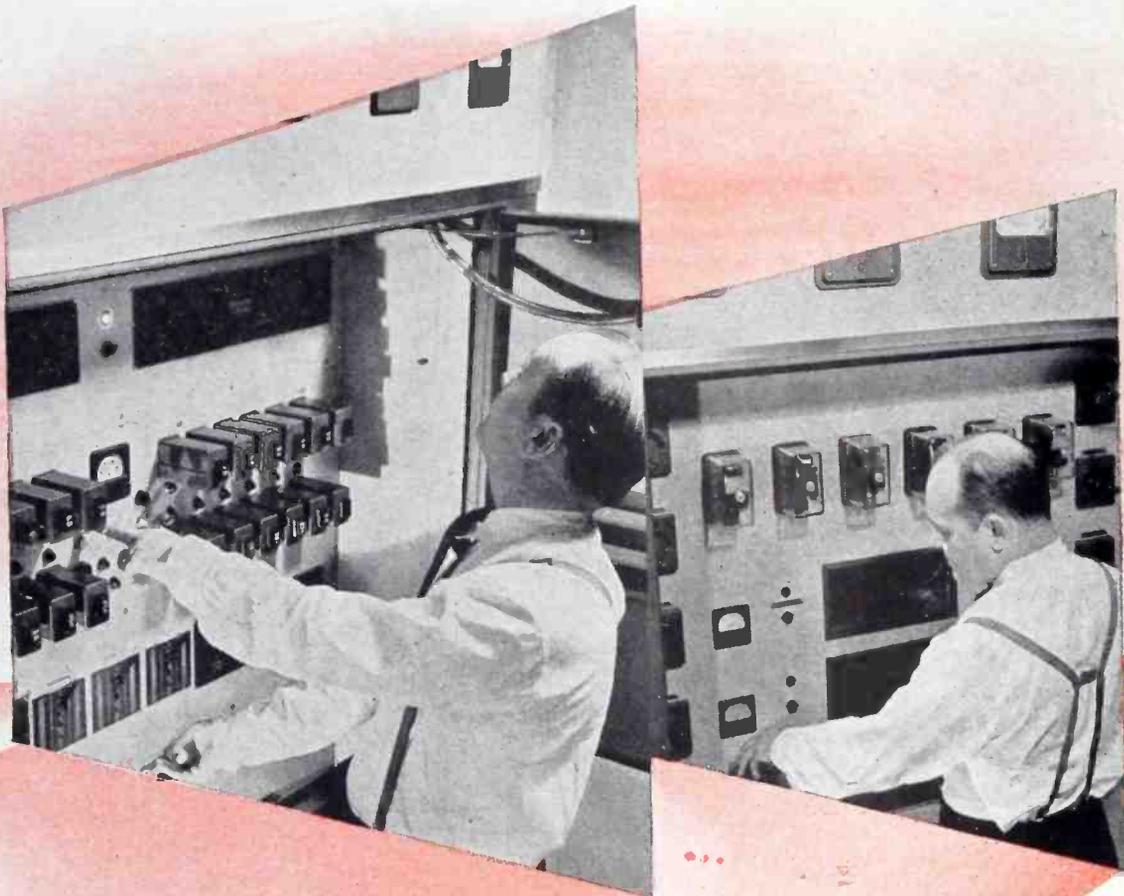
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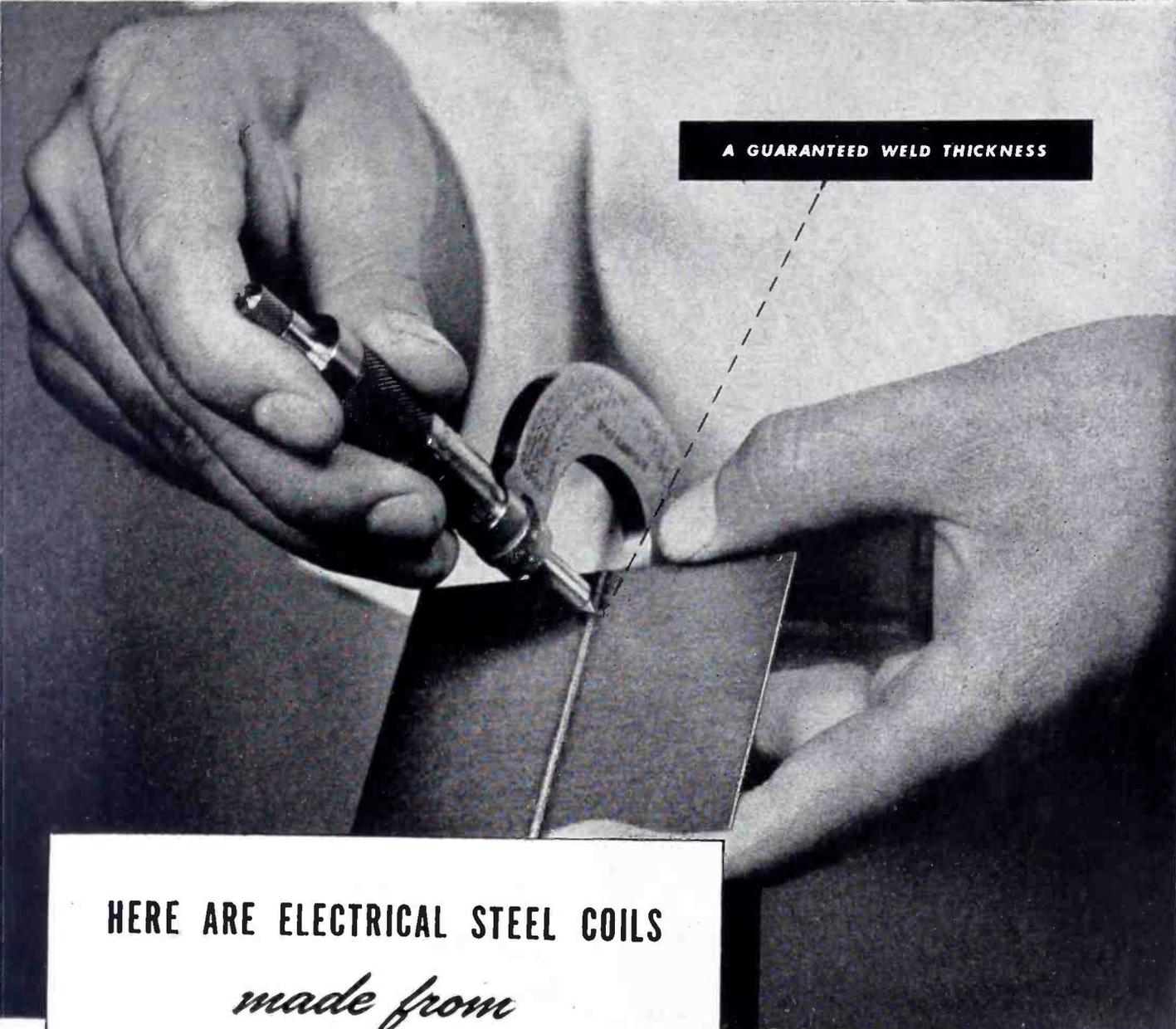
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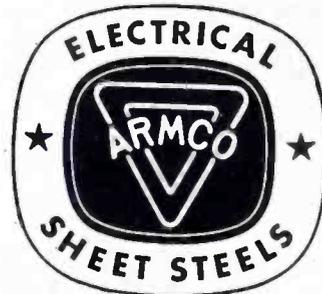
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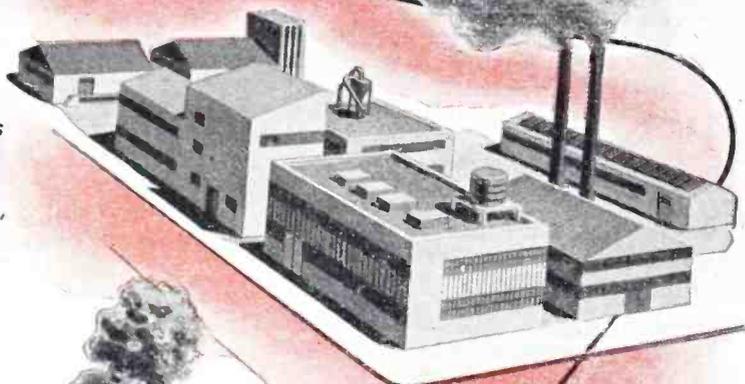
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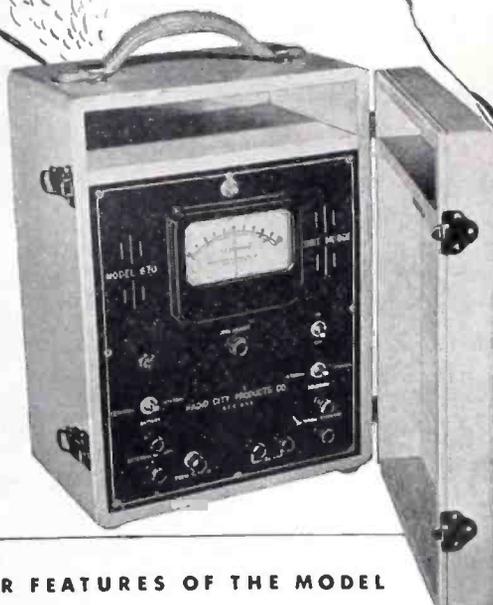
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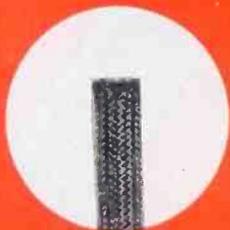
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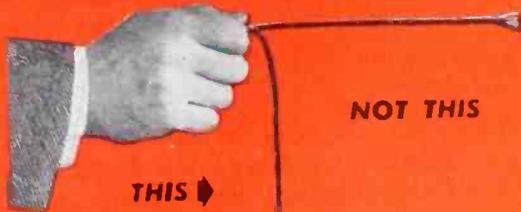


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What is this country's foreign trade program to be after the war?

No intelligent appraisal of all the factors any longer can allow us to postpone considering the issue merely because, in the past, foreign trade absorbed barely eight per cent of our production.

Actually, a whole new set of conditions was injected into the picture by the first World War; but we persisted in ignoring these new factors.

Almost overnight, the United States was transformed from the largest debtor nation in the world to the second largest creditor nation. At the same time, we made faster technological progress than any other nation. Thus we created the need for more dollar exchange on the part of the rest of the world and simultaneously made it harder for other nations to earn dollars.

Today, as another, far vaster war is approaching its end, those changed circumstances are magnified. America has new responsibilities—to itself, and to the world.

Our war-inflated industrial capacity cannot be allowed to drop back to prewar levels without causing a domestic crisis which we dare not permit.

And, because so much of the world is geared to the American industrial machine, we can no longer contemplate calmly the repercussions of a largely self-sufficient trade program or of an unplanned foreign trade program. Either would inevitably set the stage for the next world war.

If we are going to prepare ourselves intelligently to cope with this new problem, we must acknowledge certain basic principles.

World trade cannot be rebuilt simply by attempting to restore prewar flows of goods. The war has so completely changed the economic fiber of many countries that it is necessary to develop new trade relationships. The East Indies, for example, may find the demand for their rubber considerably reduced; the United States may, to a large extent, have to cease exporting cotton; Japan will need to find new substitutes for much of its exports of silk; the British will need new markets to replace the income which they formerly derived from their large overseas investments.

We cannot expand markets for our goods, at home or abroad, unless we find ways of buying more supplies

from more people at home or abroad, so that they will have more dollars to spend.

And we probably cannot create increasing buying power abroad without first exporting more of our technical skills—our engineers, our production and management men—to build new markets for our own specialties.

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What is needed to rebuild the world's economic system?

1. Most basic of all, of course, are stable governments which command popular support. In the absence of strong governments, currency stability cannot be achieved.
2. Most war-stricken countries, for a year or two, will need rehabilitation loans, because they will require far more raw materials, equipment, and live stock than they can pay for out of current production.
3. Loans, however, are only a stop-gap, though often a necessary one. Far more important than rehabilitation loans will be the creation of better opportunities for war-stricken countries to sell to the rest of the world, particularly to the United States, South America, South Africa, and India. The ravages of war do not completely destroy the ability of a country to sell. Indeed, it is surprising what large supplies of certain commodities war-torn countries have on hand even before devastated industries have been restored. The invading troops in Normandy found shoes almost non-existent, but they found footwear more plentiful than in Britain.

Better opportunities for war-stricken countries to sell would create opportunities for them to buy the things they will require to restore scattered industries and depleted farms, and would help those countries to get rid of the exchange controls which are now universal. So long as a country is able to expand its exports only slowly and painfully, and is dependent upon foreign loans to prevent the depreciation of its currency, so long will it carefully preserve exchange controls and other restrictions in imports. That is why large advances, either through an International Monetary Fund or an International Investment Bank, can make only limited contribution to the removal of trade restrictions.

4. Permanent monetary and credit arrangements are needed to protect nations against temporary pressure upon their currencies, to permit necessary changes in exchange rates to be made in an orderly manner, and to assure that governments never again will repeat the "beggar-my-neighbor" policies of 1931 and 1932.
5. Finally, the world needs a reversal of the trend toward economic self-sufficiency, which received a strong impetus from the first World War and an even stronger one from the great depression of the Thirties. This does not mean that the efforts of many raw-material producing countries to diversify their industries should be stopped. During the late Nineteenth Century and the first part

this century, the international specialization of production was carried too far, with the result that many countries became dependent for a large part of their standard of living upon the export of one or two raw materials—coffee, sugar, rubber, silk, wheat, wool, and meat. Between the two World Wars, however, the pendulum swung much too far in the direction of self-sufficiency. Some densely populated industrial countries of Europe (Italy, France, and Germany) even attempted to become self-sufficient in wheat, fats, and sugar. So limited are the natural resources and technical skills of most countries that each one finds many things which it can produce only at prohibitive costs. Between the extreme specialization of the late Nineteenth Century and the more recent trend toward extreme self-sufficiency, a happy medium should be sought.

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What role should the United States play in reconstructing the world's international economic system?

There are those who suggest that the United States be a more or less permanent Santa Claus. They believe that an excess of exports could be financed only by "loans"—loans that would eventually turn into gifts, after producing bitter controversy over why the "debtor" country did not meet its obligations. The persons who assert that full employment can be provided only by an excess of exports are in effect saying that our economy cannot become self-supporting. That is a confession of economic defeatism which a young and vigorous nation should not be willing to make.

*The most immediate contribution which the United States can make to world reconstruction is to make itself prosperous.*

Prosperity here means a large demand by our industries for imports. The more we import, the easier will it be for foreign countries to meet their large and urgent needs for goods. In 1939, with a gross national product of \$100 billion, our imports were \$3 billion. After the war, with 55 million people employed and a gross national product of \$155 billion, our imports would be about \$7 billion or \$8 billion.

Not only should the United States make itself prosperous, but it should keep itself prosperous. So important is the United States in the world economy that a depression here is bound to produce a disastrous drop in the price of raw materials throughout the world and to throw most countries into an economic tailspin.

The United States should support the principle of a large fund to protect the exchanges of the world from temporary pressure. We should not permit differences over the details to prevent its establishment in ample time to be available during the critical period when our-stricken countries will need goods far in excess of their immediate ability to pay for them. Some arrangement, even though imperfect in details, will be infinitely superior to no arrangement.

Finally, the United States should take the lead in taking down barriers to trade. We are the logical country to do this, partly because of our immense domestic market, and partly because for most of the last twenty-five years this country has been able to sell our countries more goods than they have been able to sell to us. One of the greatest contributions which the United States could make to a sound and expanding world economy would be to bring our imports, as far as practicable, up to our exports. In other words, the United States, in the long run, should be hard to

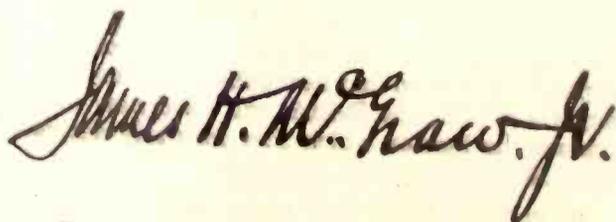
borrow from but easy to sell to. The United States should implement this policy (1) by continuing the negotiation of reciprocal reductions in duty, and (2) by accepting exchange rates which make foreign currencies cheaper in dollars than they were in 1939. So great will be the world's need for goods that we can be sure that any dollar exchange earned by sales to us will be converted into American-made goods and will lead to larger exports.

Time was when the United States obtained about eight per cent of its standard of living by sending goods abroad and bringing back other goods. Before the war, however, we were getting less than five per cent of our living by international trade. If, after the war, we were gradually to raise the proportion of our standard of living obtained by trading with other countries to ten per cent of domestic production, our imports would be about \$15 billion or \$16 billion a year. Our people would be able to buy many things which they now cannot afford, and scores of countries which export raw materials and luxury products would feel the stimulus of rapidly expanding markets. Their expanded demand for road building machinery, mining machinery, machine tools, agricultural implements, locomotives, railroad cars, electrical equipment, trucks, automobiles, and a multitude of products of our factories would create a million or more additional jobs in our factories.

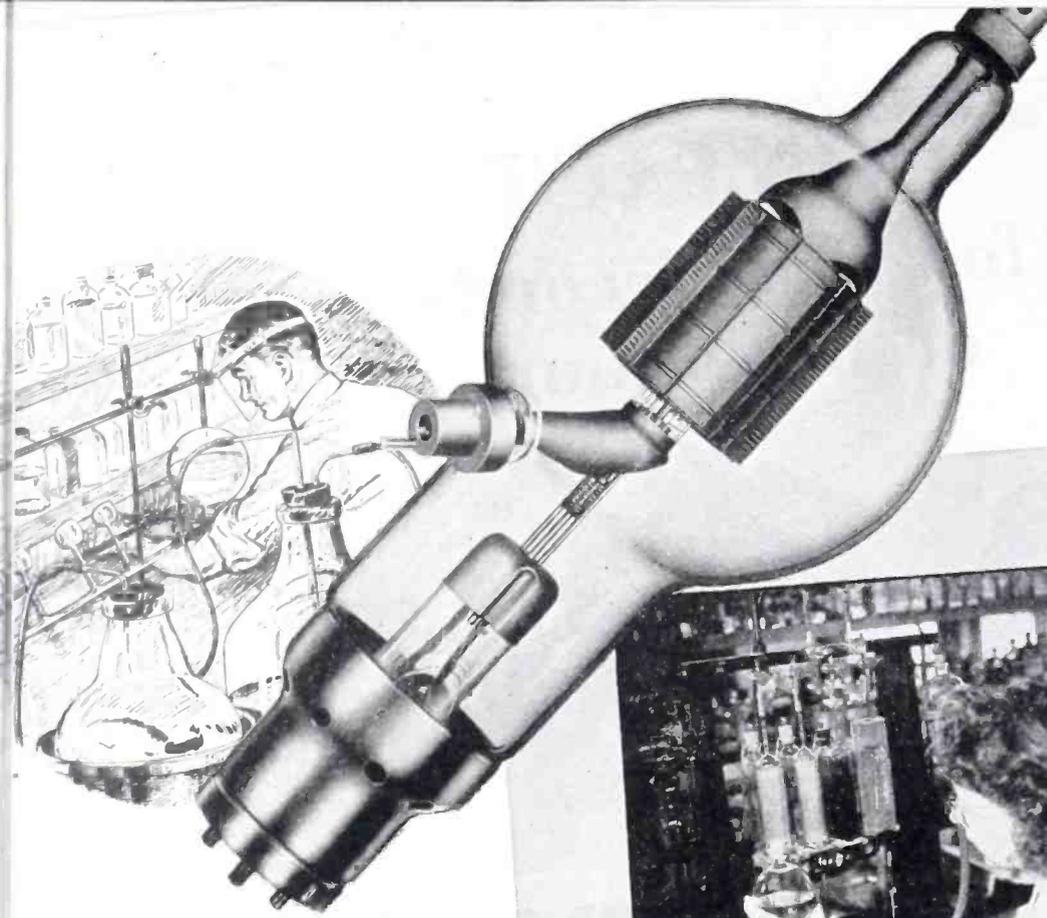
Although the United States would raise its standard of living by increasing its imports and its exports, it should honestly face the fact that the resulting shifts in production and employment would temporarily be painful for some people. The increase in imports would be in commodities which other countries can produce for less than the cost at which much of our output is produced—such as sugar, wool, copper, some fats and oils, wines, winter vegetables and fruits. The increase in our exports would come from those industries in which our superiority is greatest—particularly the manufacturing industries. Finally it would be advantageous, to the country as a whole, to shift a million or two workers from agriculture, where they earn about 60 cents an hour at best, to manufacturing, where they earn better than 80 cents an hour.

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The very fact that in economic matters the rest of the world is dependent upon the United States, exposes our country to great demands and to envy and misunderstanding. The United States must be willing to help the rest of the world, but its help should take the form of assisting other countries to help themselves. Never in all history has one country had such an opportunity to give the world a rising standard of living, to foster conditions under which peace flourishes. What greater tragedy could there be than to make the sacrifices which we are now making and fail to seize this chance to create a world of hope and opportunity in which the spirit of goodwill among nations is able to flourish.



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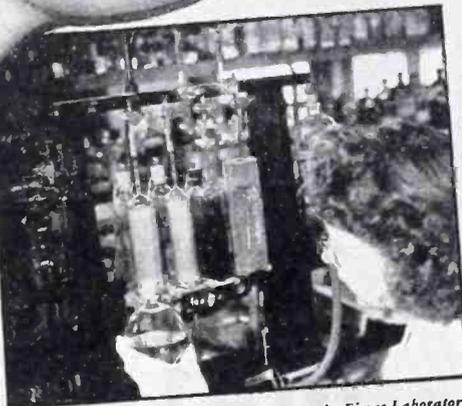
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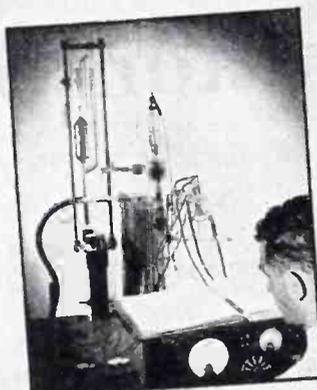
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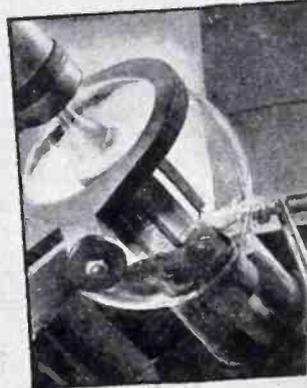
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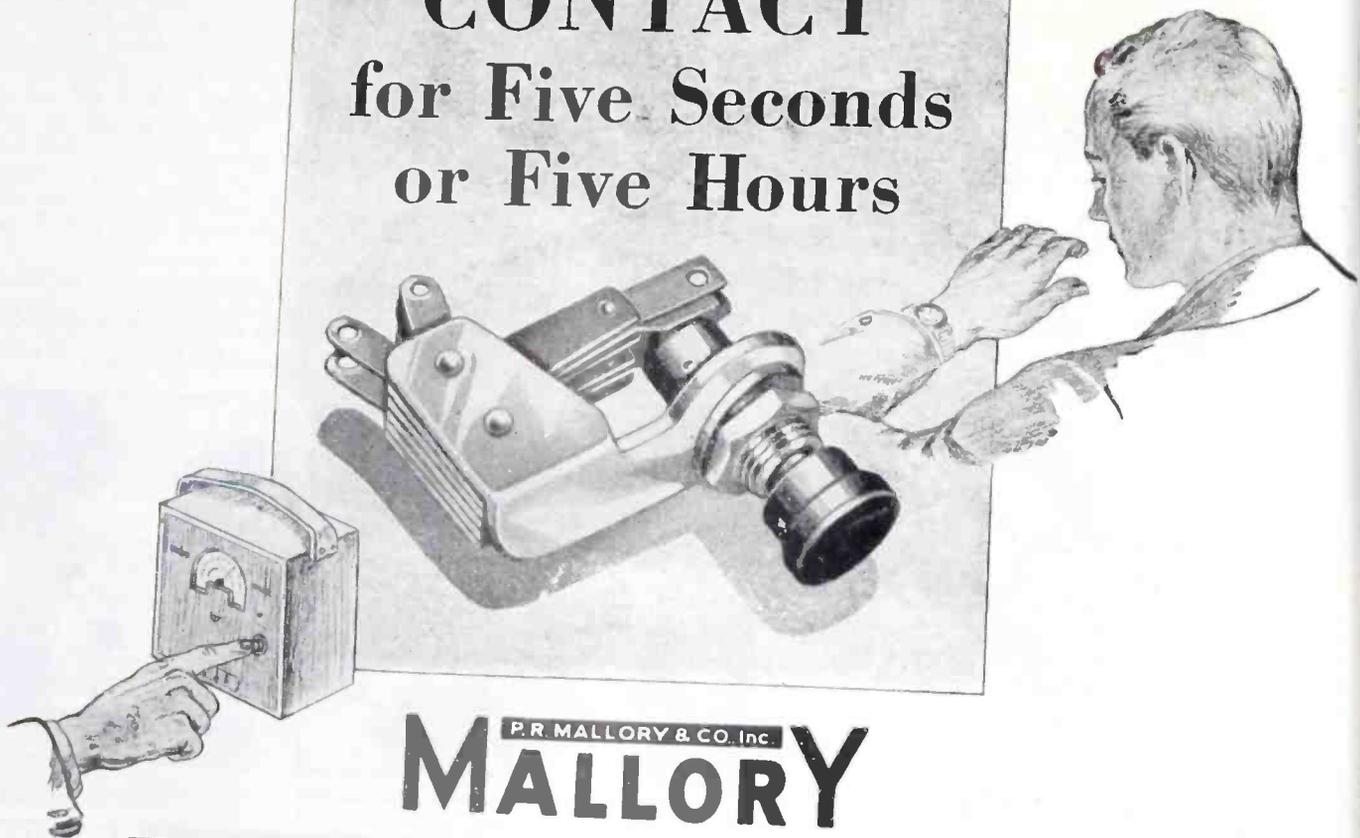
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# CROSS TALK

*"An alert Navy must have appropriations from Congress for extensive research in time of peace. Research before a war is the only research which will do us any good on the day the enemy strikes."*

James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, *Saturday Evening Post*, June 24, 1944.

► **RESEARCH . . .** It is an unfortunate fact that a very great deal of the research which is now bearing us such good fruit in the war was started almost too late. In some branches of the armed services, forward-looking research had practically ceased, either due to lack of foresight or imagination, or due to the fact that Congress would not provide the funds for it. After every war, the people lull themselves to sleep with the happy hopes that no further war-like expenditures will be necessary, and, therefore, no more taxes need be collected for preparation for future conflicts.

Admiral Mahan, in his well known treatises on naval history, cites chapter and verse to show that after every war in which this country is engaged there arises a clamor to stop all warlike activities, to get back to "normal" and to stop spending money so that the people can make more of it.

As soon as peace seems close, watch for an outcry to lower taxes, to stop the expense of further research. Watch for all of the age-old arguments which a people, tired of war, eternally advance for going back to sleep. Remember that savings made by stopping research are only illusory; that money saved before a war is

spent many fold after a war starts; that abundant research prior to a war may prevent it entirely.

► **STANDARDIZATION . . .** Some people make fetish of the business of standardization. Certainly the subject can be worked so hard that the potential benefits are not secured. Yet the recent happy conclusion of the conflict in the symbols used for electronic components leads one to hope that additional benefits could be secured by some standardization of the components themselves.

The vast number of different types of electro components is a great waste of manufacturing effort, a waste of storage space, a great burden on radio service agencies and a great trouble to manufacturers and users of radio sets.

Most of the different types of components vary from each other in minor degree only; a very great number of them could be eliminated. It is true that the designer who uses the components would have many types to choose from—but it is a fair assumption that he, too, would find his problems simplified, not multiplied, by standardization of this kind.

# British Columbia's

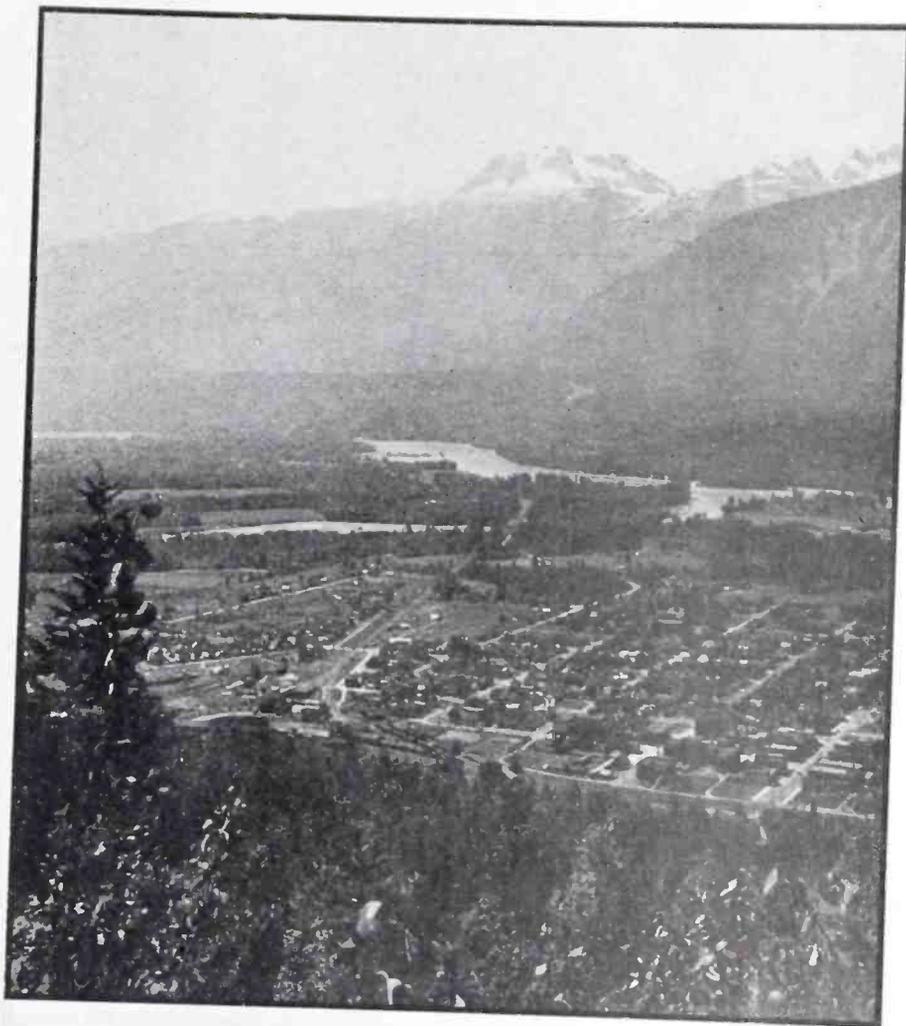


FIG. 1—Revelstoke, B. C., showing the nature of the terrain which renders broadcast service difficult in this Canadian province

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mind, a test unit was set up with the following objects in view:

(1) To determine the minimum power required to serve a community of from 500 to 5000 population.

(2) To determine the improvement in coverage obtainable by utilizing the carrying effect of nearby copper circuits.

(3) To determine whether or not it would be possible to feed limited power into local copper circuits without creating interference on telephone and carrier-telegraph circuits.

North Bend, a small railway town on the banks of the Fraser River at a point known as the "Gateway to the Cariboo", was chosen as a test site. In view of the nature of the tests to be conducted, the site had much to recommend it. The town is on a narrow ledge between a mountain and the river and on the other side of the river a similar condition prevails. The nearest center of population to the south is at Yale, about twenty-three miles airline, and the nearest center of population to the north is at Lytton, twenty-five miles airline. (A Canadian Pacific Communications repeater station, carrying CBC network service, is located in North Bend and the strongest daytime signal on the broadcast band was somewhat less than 1.0 microvolt-per-meter.)

A Marconi TR50P shortwave transmitter, converted for use on 840 kc and operated under experimental license VE9BC, was installed in the local telegraph repeater station as shown in Fig. 3. The ground lead from the trans-

strategically these might be located. While the use of short-wave transmitters offered a partial solution, the wide angle of transmission required and the distances involved were deciding factors in limiting this means of transmission to auxiliary service. The method finally adopted utilizes numerous low-power transmitters operating on standard broadcast channels. Some of the power from these transmitters is fed into existing wire lines serving the remote valleys and this is the most important feature of the system.

#### Initial Test Results

Everyone who has made field-strength measurements knows that telephone, telegraph and power circuits act as carrying conductors for radio waves. With this in

THE MOUNTAINS which have made British Columbia so attractive to the tourist and so rich in minerals, present many difficult problems to engineers. Among these is the very real problem of providing satisfactory radio reception for scattered groups of listeners residing in remote valleys among several mountain ranges which divide the province. To the extremely rapid attenuation of the ground wave associated with rocky terrain must be added the adverse effects of radio shadows and reflections from high mountains as those pictured in Fig. 1 and 2. To these conditions, it soon became evident that adequate coverage could not be provided by one or two high-powered transmitters, regardless of how

# Broadcast Relay System

Remote valleys in rugged western Canada are difficult to serve by conventional broadcast methods. The problem is solved by installing 25-watt transmitters in local telegraph and telephone offices through which network audio flows and feeding part of the r-f output of these transmitters back into the wire lines, which serve as carrier conductors

mitter was connected to the common equipment ground. The antenna consisted of an inverted L with a flat top 120 ft long, running slightly above and approximately parallel with the telegraph lines.

During field-test periods power output was maintained at 16.2 watts. Peak program modulation was held at 60 percent except during station breaks, at which times the transmitter was switched to icw and the output raised to 20 watts. Even during the latter periods local and distant repeater operators were unable to detect

any trace of interference on telephone, telegraph or carrier-telegraph channels.

It was not possible to make many field-strength measurements at the time, but readings on signals radiated directly by the antenna and not aided by telegraph line carrier characteristics indicated approximately 100 microvolts-per-meter at points five miles away from the transmitter. On the other hand, due to the carrying effect of the telegraph circuits, the signal at points up to 500 feet from these circuits and 15 miles from the transmitter gave read-

ings of 300 microvolts-per-meter or more. The signal radiated by the telegraph lines, which could be followed up and down the right-of-way for approximately 40 miles, transferred to local circuits at Yale and Lytton, providing a useable signal even at these points although both are well outside the normal ground-wave service area.

## Practical Application

The financial failure and closure of the privately owned station in Revelstoke, in the late fall of 1940, and subsequent requests from listeners in that area for continued



FIG. 2—(above) Relief map of British Columbia. Circles indicate the location of low-power relay stations radiating a portion of their r-f output into telephone, telegraph and power lines as discussed in this article. Triangles show other stations of the CBC and squares identify private commercial stations associated with the network. 1—CBR-CBRX, Vancouver; 2—CFPR, Prince Rupert; 3—CBRG, Prince George; 4—CBRQ, Quesnel; 5—CBRL, Williams Lake; 6—CBRN, North Bend; 7—CBRA, Revelstoke; 8—CBRM, Creston; 9—CBRK, Kimberley; 10—CBRR, Cranbrook; 11—CBRF, Fernie; 12—CJVI, Victoria; 13—CJOR-CKWX, Vancouver; 14—CHWK, Chilliwack; 15—CFJC, Kamloops; 16—CKOV, Kelowna; 17—CJAT, Trail; 18—CKLN, Nelson

FIG. 3—(below) The experimental low-power relay station, installed in a telegraph repeater office at North Bend. It is now in permanent use



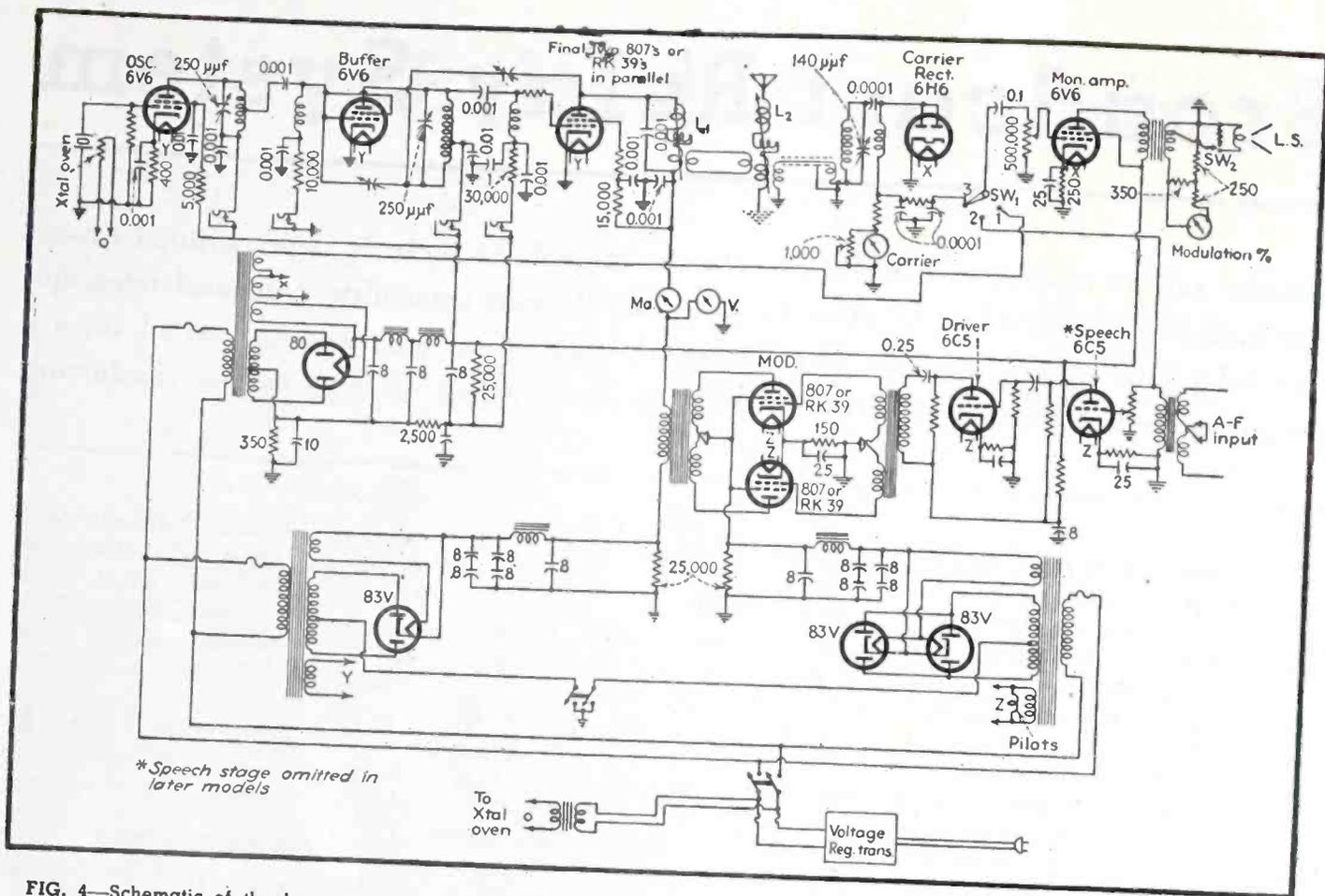


FIG. 4—Schematic of the low-power relay transmitter finally developed for use at a number of locations in British Columbia. The r-f portion of the unit may be seen at the upper left; the

associated monitor and its amplifier appear at the upper right, with the modulator and speech amplifier diagrammed below the monitor. Other circuits are power supplies

service, presented an immediate opportunity for the CBC Engineering Division to put the foregoing experience to practical test. On October 22nd, 1940, the first "Low-Power Relay Transmitter", operating under the call CBRA, was installed and placed in operation on a sixteen-hour-a-day schedule. In the beginning the converted Marconi unit, with some other refinements such as temperature control of the crystal oscillator, was used. Although the transmitter was designed for intermittent service it stood up well. However, because many service points were demanding improved service, the development of a special transmitter unit which would work into various antennas on erratic local power supplies was undertaken. The requirements were as follows:

- (1) The power output should be between 20 and 25 watts.
- (2) The tube line-up should be simple and efficient as possible.

- (3) The antenna-tuning unit should be relatively free from failure due to static or lightning.

- (4) The unit should give long and reliable service on fluctuating or poorly regulated power supply.

- (5) A minimum of meters consistent with reliable operation should be used.

- (6) Meters should be provided to measure the audio input level, antenna current, percentage modulation, final amplifier plate voltage and final amplifier plate current.

- (7) The unit should incorporate a monitor, with provisions to switch the input to either the audio line or the rectified r-f carrier.

- (8) As the unit would in many cases be operated by relatively inexperienced personnel, a minimum of adjustable controls should appear on the exposed panel and the operation should be limited to throwing switches on and off and reading the meters.

- (9) As an aid to servicing, it

was proposed to fuse each major circuit separately and to construct the unit so that individual chassis units could be readily removed when required.

- (10) The antenna coupling unit and final amplifier tank should be designed to permit efficient coupling with a minimum of harmonic radiation.

- (11) Frequency response should be equal to, or better than, that of the network, or  $\pm 2$  db from 100 to 5000 cycles.

- (12) The audio input should be arranged for bridging across a 600-ohm line and the input amplifier should have sufficient gain to permit 100 percent modulation peaks to be attained on line levels as low as -10 to -20 db.

- (13) Last, but most important, all components should be operated well below their rated capacity.

As no equipment meeting all these requirements was available on the market, arrangements were made to cooperate with a local

radio manufacturer, Vancouver Radio Laboratories, Ltd., on the design of suitable units. (A number of equipment photos included here were supplied by the Laboratories.) This arrangement proved very satisfactory as the local plant already had considerable experience in the construction of transmitting units to be used in remote districts where long life with a minimum of service were essential factors. The resulting design is shown schematically in Fig. 4.

Requirements 1 and 2 were met by the use of two 807's or RK39's operated in parallel with 390 volts on the plates, as the modulated r-f amplifier, and two similar tubes, operating with 400 volts on the plates, as class-B modulators.

Requirement 3 was met by the use of inductive tuning in the antenna tuning unit and by the use of a three-turn lightning choke, with horn gap to ground on the antenna side of the choke. This choke is installed outside, at the point where the lead-in bus enters the building. A typical antenna installation is shown in Fig. 5.

Requirement 4 was met by the use of a Thordarson 350-watt voltage-regulating transformer between the local power outlet and the 110 volt a-c input to the transmitter.

Items 5 and 6 were met by the use of four meters. Instead of reading antenna current directly, a 0 to 1 ma d-c milliammeter reading rectified carrier is used to indicate normal antenna current and at the same time provide a means of maintaining proper current for the operation of the percentage-modulation indicating meter. A 0 db at six milliwatt volume-indicating meter provides both input audio and percentage modulation readings. The rather novel circuit used is discussed more fully later. Final amplifier plate voltage and current meters provide the other essential readings.

Item 7 was incorporated with the input and output V. I. meter circuit.

Item 8 was met by the use of meter jacks and screwdriver-operated controls which are normally concealed and protected by a dress panel.

Item 10 was met by the use of a

0.001 fixed-mica tank capacitor in the modulated amplifier stage and loose link-coupling between the final amplifier tank coil and the antenna tuning unit.

Items 11 and 12 were met by the use of high-quality audio components and by the addition of a single stage of audio amplification before the class-B driver stage.

#### Transmitter Design Details

The transmitters are made up of three units, as pictured in Fig. 6. The top section contains the speech amplifier, modulator, crystal oscillator, buffer and modulated r-f amplifier, shown in greater detail in Fig. 7. The oscillator and buffer tank coils are mounted in a shield can on top of this chassis, while the final amplifier tank coil and the antenna loading coil are mounted on the inside of the top of the cabinet.

Referring again to Fig. 4, the r-f section of the transmitter consists of a 6V6 crystal oscillator very loosely coupled to a 6V6 operating as a high- $\mu$  triode buffer. The buffer is capacitance-coupled to two 807's or RK39's connected in parallel and operating as a class-C modulated amplifier. A 0.001- $\mu$ f fixed-mica capacitor is

connected across the final amplifier tank coil and the circuit is tuned to resonance by means of taps and a rotor in the  $L_1$  coil form.

The antenna circuit is resonated by means of a tapped inductance and a rotor in the  $L_2$  coil form. The tank circuit and the antenna circuit are coupled by means of a link which has fixed coupling at the tank coil end and an adjustable sliding coupling at the antenna tuning coil end.

The oscillator and buffer plate circuits are tuned by means of variable capacitors. The tuning knobs are mounted on the front of the top chassis but are normally concealed by the dress panel. Four jacks are provided on the top chassis for test-metering the oscillator plate, buffer grid, buffer plate and final amplifier grid circuits.

The speech equipment consists of a 6C5 audio amplifier, 6C5 driver and two 807's or RK39's in push-pull as modulators. The input transformer is 10,000 ohms bridging, and the balanced primary terminal and center-tap leads are brought out to the rear.

The center unit contains a 6H6 carrier rectifier and 6V6 amplifier. Four meters are mounted on the

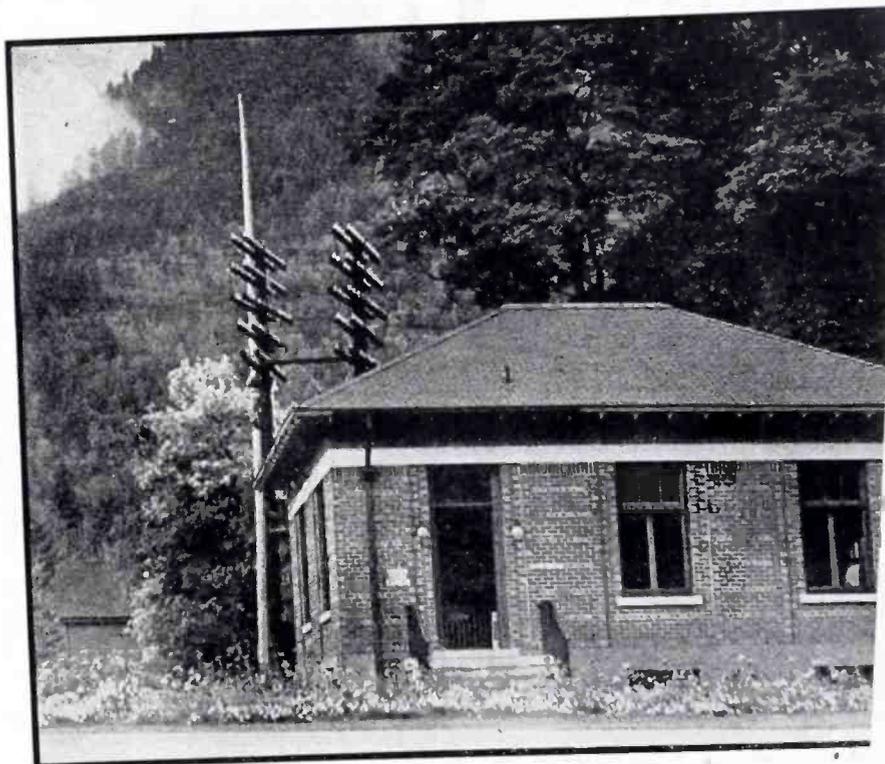


FIG. 5—The telegraph station at North Bend, in which the broadcast relay transmitter using the call-letters CBRN is installed. The tall white pole to the left of the building supports one end of the antenna, which runs immediately above and parallel to the telegraph wires which appear below.

control panel: carrier meter, volume indicator, milliammeter and voltmeter. The latter two are used to read the input to the final amplifier. Also on this panel are mounted the coarse and fine controls used to set the carrier meter to read mid-scale, the filament "off-on" switch, the plate voltage "off-on" switch, a meter switch and the 6V6 amplifier gain control.

The meter switch *SW*<sub>1</sub> permits the V. I. meter to be connected to (1) the calibrating voltage, (2) the input from the audio network or (3) to read percentage modulation. With loudspeaker switch *SW*<sub>2</sub> "on", the meter switch also permits oral monitoring either off the network or off the air.

When the meter switch is in "calibrate" position the V. I. meter-amplifier is connected across a fixed a-c calibrating voltage which, due to the fact that a primary voltage-regulating transformer is used, is reasonably constant. This reading will indicate whether or not there has been any change in the original adjustment or gain of the amplifier. If the V. I. reads other than zero in the calibrate position the amplifier

gain control is reset so that the meter reads 0 db. When these readings and adjustments are being made the loudspeaker switch must be in the "off" position. This substitutes a resistive load in place of the voice coil. With the switch set in the "modulation" position and the transmitter turned on and modulated 100 percent at 1000 cycles, the coupling of the sampling coil in the antenna tuning inductance is varied until the V. I. meter reads 0 db (100 percent modulation). The coarse and fine carrier-meter adjustments are then set so that the carrier meter reads 0.5 ma (mid-scale). Thereafter, if the V. I. reads 0 db when the meter switch is set on the calibrate position, the meter will indicate the approximate input level in db when the switch is set to "Input" and will indicate 100 percent modulation when the switch is set in the "modulation" position and the meter reads "0 db".

Three separate power supplies are mounted on the bottom unit. One power unit supplies the heaters on the middle unit and B voltages to the crystal oscillator, buffer and monitor amplifier. The

second power unit furnishes the heater power for all of the r-f tubes and B voltage for the class-C amplifier. The third power unit supplies the heaters of the audio tubes and furnishes the B voltage for the modulator tubes.

A separate transformer, which remains energized at all times, supplies the power for the crystal heating unit.

#### Typical Installations

The first of the new units was installed in Revelstoke in July, 1942, as noted in an earlier paragraph. This was followed by installations at North Bend in September, 1942, in the East Kootenay area at Fernie, Cranbrook, Kimberley and Creston in December, 1942, and in the Cariboo area at Williams Lake, Quesnel and Prince George in August, 1943. In addition to the units installed in B. C., three units have been shipped to eastern Canada and are now in service in Sioux Lookout and Nakina, Ontario, and in Edmunston, New Brunswick.

Station CBRF, operating on 940 kc at Fernie, is installed in the Canadian Pacific Railway's communication office in the Fernie railway station. The antenna is an inverted L running NE and SW, parallel with the telegraph lines and railway tracks. The flat top is 112 ft long and 50 ft high. The lead-in runs NW from the SW end of the antenna and is 78 ft long. The ground system is buried in and around the station garden plot. It consists of 500 ft of No. 10 bare copper wire buried under the antenna in the form of three parallel wires cross-connected at the center and at both ends. Each of these wires is securely fastened and soldered to the transmitter ground lead, which is a No. 6 rubber-covered flexible stranded copper cable. The lightning ground lead consists of a similar cable connected to a six-foot ground rod.

As no equipment rack space is available at this point the transmitter is installed on a small table designed to accommodate the transmitter and the voltage-regulating transformer.

As all transmitters are tuned to frequency and neutralized before shipping, the field installation con-

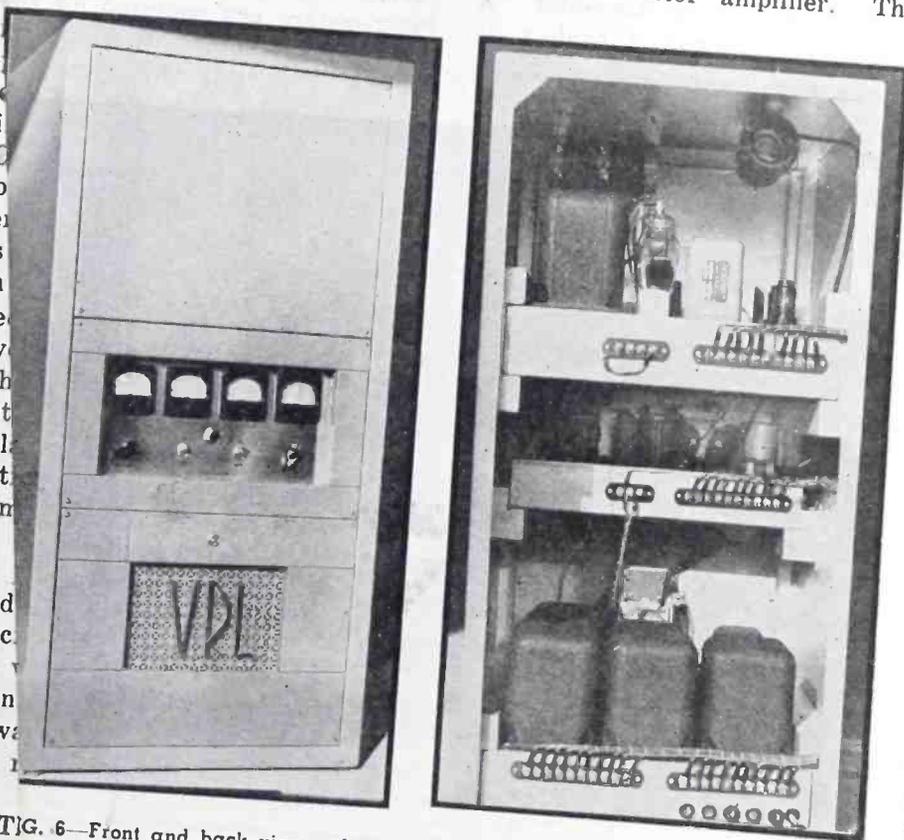


FIG. 6—Front and back views of the transmitter design finally adopted. Because these transmitters are operated by men in telegraph offices and others relatively unfamiliar with such equipment, controls to which they have access are limited. Other adjustments, and meter jacks for use by servicemen and CBC engineers, are concealed behind dress strips on the front panel

ts of bringing the antenna, ground, audio and power leads to the transmitter unit and connecting them to the proper terminals. When this has been done the equipment is turned on and the antenna circuit is tuned to resonance. The output is then adjusted by means of the variable-link coupling and, when properly adjusted, tone from an audio oscillator is fed to the input at the normal peak program level at that point and the balance of the adjustments are made so that all meters read correctly. During the installation a cathode-ray oscilloscope and standard impedance and distortion-measuring sets are used to assure normal operation.

The operators, who are usually members of the telegraph repeater staff, are instructed in the general operation of the equipment and are shown how to detect defective tubes and replace fuses. They are required to check the transmitter at least four times a day and enter all readings on a log sheet which is provided. For the first few weeks these logs sheets are forwarded to the CBC regional engineer's office once a week, but if the unit operates normally during the trial period the operators are requested to submit log sheets every two weeks. On receipt of these logs the average readings for each 10th day of operation are entered on a special sheet and in this way there is a permanent record which shows the gradual failure of tubes, etc. If no abnormal readings or actual off-air periods are noted the units are checked three to four times a year. The checking is very thorough and is similar in most respects to the check made during the original installation.

In order to avoid long rush-trips for service a single unit which has been in service, arrangements have been made with a selected radio serviceman in each locality to handle emergency calls. This man is supplied with a maintenance manual and up-to-date service data sheets. The men selected for this work are ex-amateurs, commercial diophone and code operators, qualified radio servicemen or motion picture projectionists. Except for emergency and temporary repairs parts are supplied by the CBC and spare tubes, fuses, etc., form a

part of each installation. This method of emergency servicing has proved quite satisfactory in the few cases where it has been required.

Another installation of particular interest is that at North Bend, where local 110-volt a-c power is not available during the day. At this point the transmitter operates, for a part of the broadcast period, on one of the 130-volt repeater storage batteries. The voltage is dropped to 115 volts by means of a series resistor and is converted to 115 volts a-c by means of a type 233 Electronic Labs., Inc. vibrator-converter. As the frequency of the local power is fairly constant and as the battery-charging time-cycle is short, the voltage-regulating transformer was eliminated at this point. When operating on batteries the direct current drain varies from 3.1 (start) to 2.8 (finish) amperes. The normal a-c input to other units averages 248 watts, but the addition of the voltage-regulating transformer naturally increases the input slightly.

#### Program Pickup Facilities

As these units were designed for operation in the smaller communities and as no associated local studio facilities have been provided, the standard practice is to bridge the transmitter audio input across the CBC's Trans-Canada program circuit. At the termination of a branch network circuit, or where the transmitter is fed from a separate amplifier, a 500-ohm non-inductive resistor is connected across the audio input terminals of the transmitter or this resistor and a 500-0-500 pad having the required loss is used to terminate the circuit. In all cases a 1:1 isolating transformer is connected between the network feed and the audio input to the transmitter. The use of this transformer, together with a separate ground for the r-f output of the transmitter, effectively prevents stray r-f fields.

Connected in this manner, these network satellite transmitters carry all programs on the CBC's Trans-Canada network in the Province in which they are located. Call letters are assigned by the addition of a letter to the call letters of the predominant station in the Province.

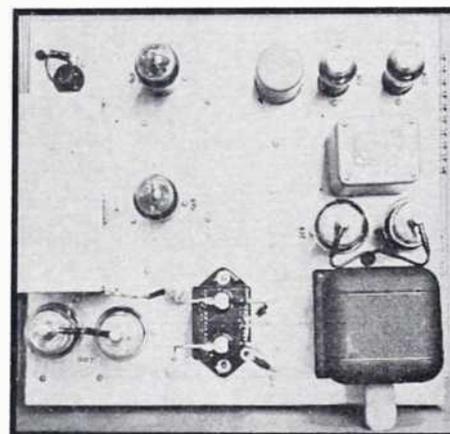
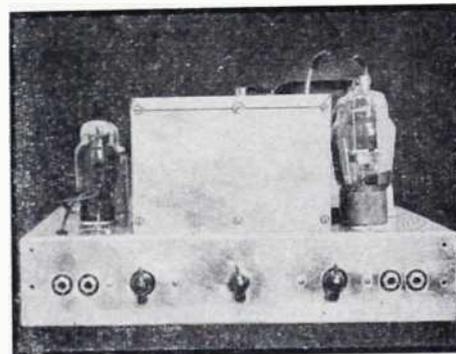


FIG. 7—Front and top views of the r-f and a-f chassis forming the top deck of the CBC low-power broadcast relay transmitter

In British Columbia the predominant station is CBR, hence the network satellite transmitters are assigned calls CBRA, CBRG, etc.

#### Improvements in Future Units

It requires long periods of service to show where improvements can be made and in the case of existing and new units the following conversions will be made:

(a) Oil-type filter capacitors will be installed to replace all high-voltage electrolytic units.

(b) All toggle switches will be replaced by switches which will handle considerably heavier loads. (The primary power switch sometimes fails in service although operated within the rated load. The contact resistance of the loudspeaker off-on switch increases with use until it becomes appreciable in relation to the relatively low impedance of the voice coil or resistive load).

(c) The loudspeaker unit will be fitted with a volume control.

(d) The first audio amplifier stage will be deleted, as the amplification provided by this stage is not normally required.

In addition to these changes,  
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# AUTOMATIC Of Stills

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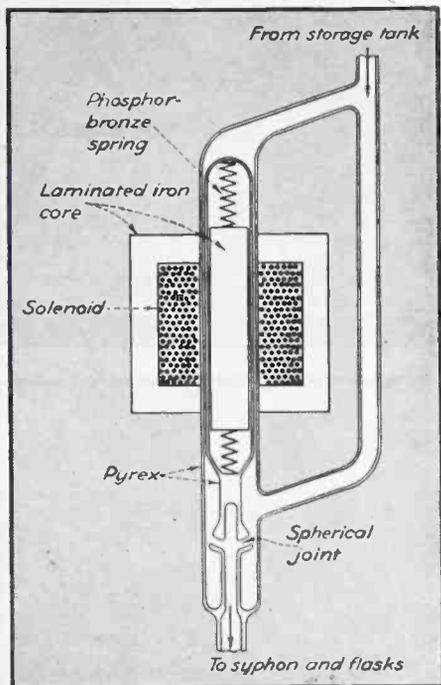


FIG. 1—Electromagnetic valve used to control the flow of water to the boiling flasks

SOME MATERIALS used in the field of electronics, such as phosphors, electron-emitting coatings and photosensitive surfaces, are of the impurity-sensitive type. The presence of one part in a million of a given impurity may alter some specific property by several orders of magnitude. It follows that any chemical research concerned with such materials will require reagents of the highest purity.

Since water is used in large quantities for almost all chemical manipulations, it is essential that a sufficient supply of very pure water be available. Three distillations will serve to produce water suitable for most uses. Our requirement of approximately 10 gallons per day of double-distilled water and five gallons per day of triple-distilled water makes it desirable that some sort of continuous system be employed which will operate with very little attention.

In the Laboratories, the primary distillation takes place in a conventional commercial still which feeds its product into a large glass-lined storage tank. From there the water is fed by gravity to the second stage of distillation. The second and third distillations are carried out in all-Pyrex stills, completely protected against airborne

dust. The two glass stills are connected in series, the first being run at a rate approximately twice that of the second. Thus the first glass still delivers water directly to the boiling flask of the second, and the excess beyond that required to maintain a constant level passes through an overflow to double-distilled water storage. The second glass still delivers to triple-distilled water storage.

Two such combinations are in use and a fifth still is available to augment the double-distilled water production whenever it becomes necessary.

## The Control Problem

The problem of automatic control comprises two phases: control of electric heater current, and control of the water level in the glass boil-

ing-flasks. As the heater power never exceeds seven kw at 110 v, an ordinary electromagnetic switch capable of controlling the heater current. Control of the water level, however, is a more difficult matter. To meet the requirements of an all-glass system well protected against air-borne contaminants, a special type of valve and level indicator is required.

An electromagnetic valve designed by Ralph H. Plumlee and constructed as shown in Fig. 1 proved satisfactory. The valve of the vertical-lift type utilizing spherical ground-glass joint as seal and plunger. A soft-iron laminated core is sealed inside the glass stem which extends into the center of a surrounding solenoid. Energization of the solenoid lifts the plunger permitting water to flow. When n

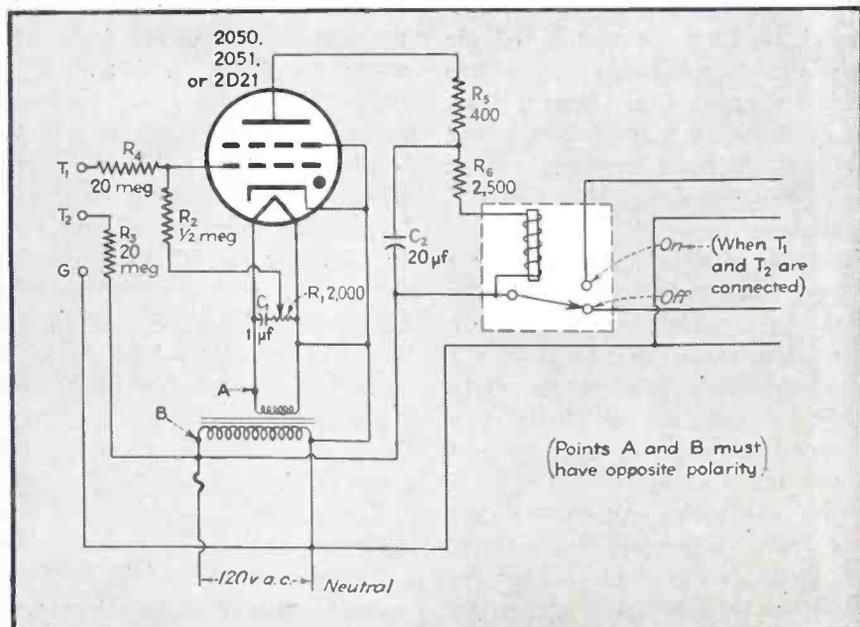


FIG. 2—Circuit of the electronic relay which operates the valve illustrated in Fig. 1 and an electromagnetic switch controlling current-flow to electric heaters beneath the boiling flasks

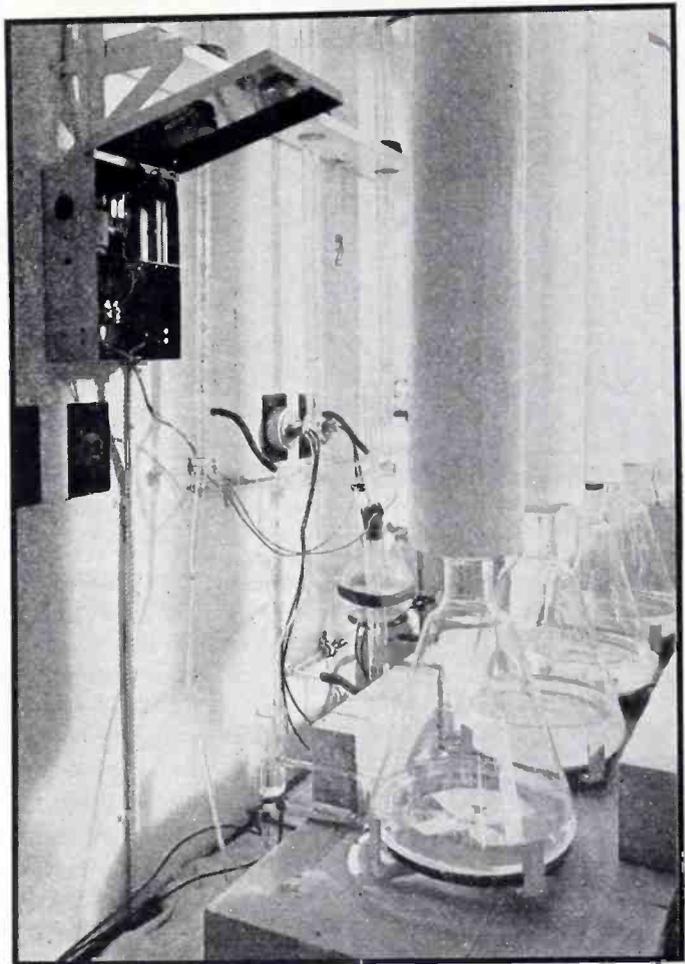
# CONTROL

Current flowing through water between two electrodes sealed in the system operates an electronic relay. The relay operates an electromagnetic valve in the feed line and a switch through which power is delivered to the boiling-flask heaters

current is flowing through the solenoid the weight of the core and stem is sufficient to close the valve.

An attempt to use a glass float and mechanically operated level control proved unsatisfactory. This method was unreliable and made it difficult to provide suitable sealing of the system. Various electronic methods of control were considered, including photoelectric cells, radio-frequency devices, and conductivity circuits. The latter seemed to offer the simplest approach.

Electrically heated stills designed for laboratory use, with insulating brick removed to show the flasks. The electronic control unit may be seen on the wall at the upper left



## The Electronic Solution

Although stills use single-distilled water having a low conductivity it was felt that a sensitive relay might be employed which would operate under these conditions. A commercially available electronic relay of the hard-tube

type was tried and, although it could be made to operate on the low currents available, it was not suitable for reliable, continuous operation because of the need for constant readjustment. It was felt that

a more positive type making use of a gas tube could be constructed.

The action of the unit finally put in use and shown schematically in Fig. 2 is quite simple. When the circuit between  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  is open the gas tetrode is maintained non-conducting during the positive swing of the plate by applying to the grid through  $R_2$  the negative swing from the filament-supply winding of the transformer. The phase is advanced slightly by the capacitance coupling to potentiometer  $R_1$  in order to compensate for the lag introduced by the transformer. The exact amount of phase advance required is determined by individual transformer characteristics.

Tripping of the unit is accomplished by imposing on the grid a sufficiently large voltage in phase with the a-c line (or plate) voltage. This occurs when  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are connected together. The resistance of this connection (single-distilled water conductivity) may be as high as 60 megohms. Protective resistors  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  may be increased up to

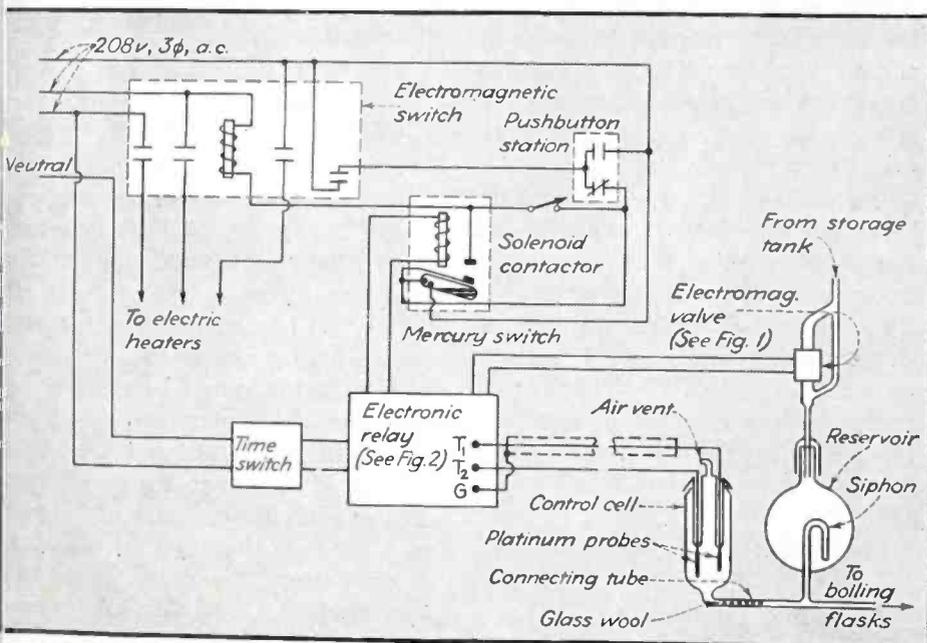


FIG. 3—Schematic of the complete still-control scheme, showing how platinum probes immersed in distilled water within the system provide the necessary conductivity path for operation of the electronic relay

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# SECONDARY

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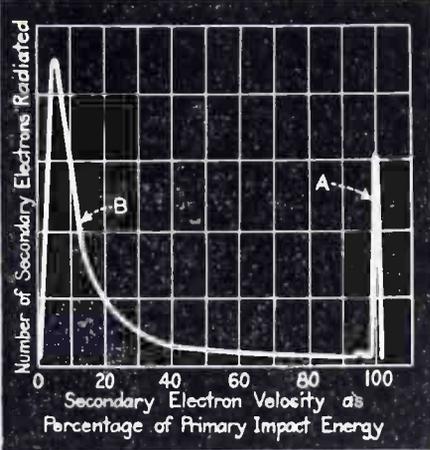


FIG. 1—Energy distribution of secondary electrons produced by the impact of primary electrons having a kinetic energy of 155 volts. The general shape of this curve holds between 20 to 10,000 volts

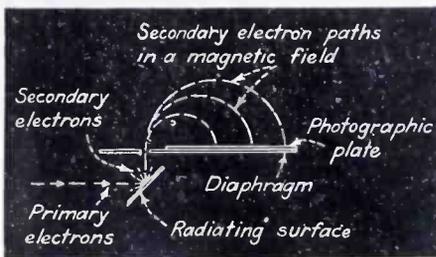


FIG. 2—Photographic method of determining the velocity distribution of secondary electrons. A magnetic field is assumed to exist in the space above the diaphragm, with a direction normal to the plane of the paper

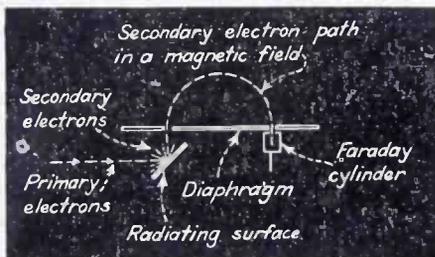


FIG. 3—Another method of arriving at the velocity distribution of secondary electrons. The magnetic field in this case is variable

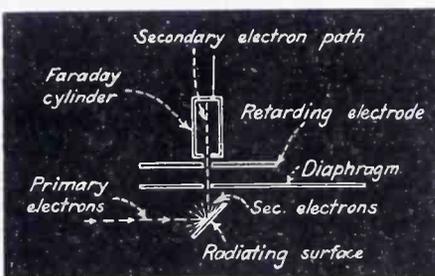


FIG. 4—The retarding potential method of arriving at the velocity distribution of secondary electrons radiated in a specific direction

WHEN AN ELECTRON current strikes an electrode surface, or, indeed, any surface, an emission of secondary electrons is produced. There is no known substance in which this effect does not occur. In fact, there is no substance which is known to act as a perfect absorber of any electrons which may impact onto it.

In electronic tubes, secondary radiation is sometimes useful, and sometimes undesirable. The phenomenon is complex, and information about it is scattered in various treatises many of which are commonly read only by those interested in pure physics. Most of these publications deal with the characteristics of secondary radiation, not from any interest in it for engineering purposes, but as a part of investigations into atomic structure.

This paper includes a survey of the existing information on secondary radiation and is presented from the engineering standpoint. It includes references to the original papers.

In most treatises on secondary radiation the electron energies are expressed in volts. The velocity,  $v$ , in centimeters per second of an electron which has fallen through an electrostatic potential of  $V$  volts is  $v = 5.95 \times 10^8 \sqrt{V}$ . The kinetic energy of the electron is  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$  and is therefore proportional to the voltage  $V$ .

## Energy Distribution of Secondary Electrons

In many publications on electronic engineering, as distinct from treatises on the physics of secondary electrons, it is sometimes stated that secondary electrons are radi-

ated almost entirely at energies very low compared with the primary impact energy. This is not so.

A typical curve of energy distribution of secondary electrons is shown in Fig. 1. In this graph the number of secondary electrons radiated is plotted against the velocity (energy) with which the secondary electrons are shot out from a radiating surface. These secondary electron energies are plotted as a percentage of the primary impact energy. The primary impact energy is 155 volts. It will be observed that an appreciable number of secondaries are radiated at energies about equal to the primary impact energy, although there are a larger number radiated at very low velocities. Very thorough researches have been made during the last two decades into this question of secondary radiation energy distribution.<sup>1-12</sup>

## Methods of Determining Energy Distribution Curve

The general kind of energy distribution of the secondary electrons shown in Fig. 1 appears to hold over quite a wide range of primary impact velocities (20 to 10,000 volts).<sup>2</sup> It has been confirmed very carefully for most of the pure metals, and is known to hold in general for the other materials employed in radio tubes.

This kind of secondary electron energy distribution does not appear to depend on the angle of incidence of the primary beam onto the emitting surface,<sup>13, 14</sup> nor does it appear to depend on the angle of emergence of the secondary electrons, though this point does not appear to have been quite so conclusively demon-

# ELECTRON RADIATION

A thorough survey of existing American, British and other information on the subject, arranged for maximum usefulness to electronic engineers engaged in designing electron multipliers, dynatrons, beam tetrodes, pentodes and other tubes in which secondary electrons resulting from electron bombardment are either utilized or suppressed

strated by workers in this field.

In Fig. 2 an electron gun is arranged to produce a beam of primary electrons at a known velocity. The primary electrons are arranged to collide with a surface which then radiates secondary electrons. Some of the secondary electrons can pass through an aperture in a diaphragm into a space in which there exists a homogeneous magnetic field in the direction normal to the plane of the paper. It is a well known property of such a magnetic field that electrons traveling into it as shown will tend to describe circles the radii of which are given by

$$r = 3.37 \sqrt{V_s/B} \quad (1)$$

where  $B$  is the magnetic flux density, and  $V_s$  is the secondary electron energy in volts.

A photographic plate is positioned as shown. The number of electrons of any given velocity reaching the plate will be indicated by blackening at the appropriate place. This method, however, is not very practicable, because the sensitivity of a photographic plate is rather low.

A Faraday cylinder, which has the property of trapping electrons and the secondaries they produce, can be substituted for the photographic plate as in Fig. 3. By varying the magnetic field, the number of secondary electrons of each velocity may be found.

Another method, shown in Fig. 4, does not use a magnetic field, but instead, employs a retarding potential to sort out the secondary electrons in terms of their energies. The primary electrons hit a secondary radiator at a known energy,

and secondary electrons pass through a diaphragm into a Faraday cylinder. The amount which are able to enter depends upon the potential of a retarding electrode positioned as shown and upon the initial energies of the secondaries themselves.

The arrangement of Fig. 5 enables the energies to be obtained for the secondary electrons at all angles. The primary electron beam strikes a radiating surface which is at the center point of a collecting sphere. A retarding potential is applied to this sphere, and the number of electrons reaching it is measured as a function of this potential.

In the arrangements of Fig. 4 and 5, the energy distribution curve is obtained by differentiation of the curve of current to the Faraday cylinder or collection sphere as a function of the retarding potential.

## Interpretation of Curve

The general results of all these methods agree. The particular curve shown in Fig. 1 is given by Rudberg<sup>1</sup> and is obtained by the magnetic method.

It is generally agreed that the energy distribution curve of Fig. 1 may be interpreted as follows: Peak A represents that portion of the emergent electrons which retains the full primary energy. At secondary electron velocities between about 98 and 50 percent of the primary velocity, the number of secondary electrons radiated does not change much with the secondary electron velocity. Large quantities of secondary electrons are emitted with low velocities, as indi-

cated by peak B, but the number emitted drops rapidly as secondary velocity approaches zero (at secondary energies of the order of tenths of a volt and less).

Peak A of the curve is produced by electrons which emerge after being elastically reflected. They result from diffraction unaccompanied by loss of energy to the atoms which are being bombarded by the primary electrons. All other parts of the curve are produced by secondary electrons which have been deflected by repeated collision accompanied by considerable energy loss.

Those secondaries contributing to parts of the curve other than A are usually referred to as emitted or true secondary electrons. Those contributing to part A of the curve are usually referred to as reflected electrons. For this reason the phenomenon as a whole is usually referred to as secondary radiation, and the words emitted and reflected are reserved for the special meanings set out.

## Action at Low Impact Velocities

With primary impact velocities below about 10 volts it has been found that the energy distribution of Fig. 1 does not hold. The secondary radiation consists almost entirely of reflected electrons which retain the full primary energy, so that the whole of the radiation is contained in a peak like A on Fig. 1.

The percentage of emitted secondary electrons to reflected secondary electrons increases steadily up to primary velocities of the order of 1000 volts, after which it falls once again. As previously mentioned, however, the general shape

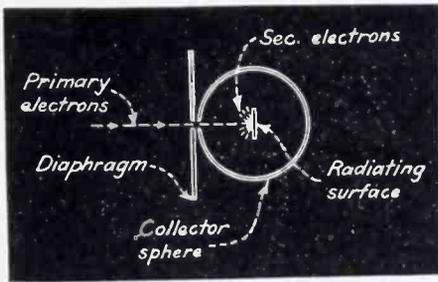


FIG. 5—The retarding potential method of arriving at the velocity distribution of secondary electrons emitted and reflected from a radiating surface

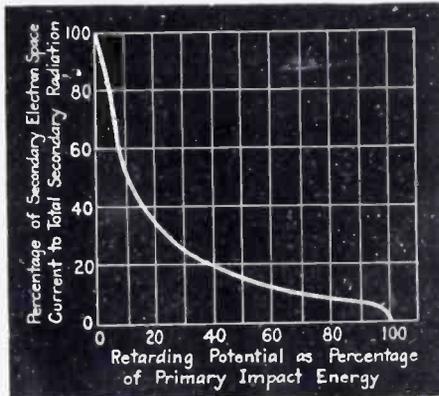


FIG. 6—Ratio of secondary electron current travelling to a collector and the total secondary radiation, plotted as a function of the retarding potential between the radiator and the collector

of Fig. 1 holds between about 20 and 10,000 volts.

#### Space Potential Considerations

It is important to realize that under electrostatic conditions the velocity of each of the secondary electrons at any point in space will be determined by the space potential  $V$  of that point. It follows that an electron emitted at a velocity which corresponds to a voltage  $V$ , will be brought to rest at any point in space where a negative space potential  $-V$  numerically equals  $V$ . This is the principle by which secondary electrons are sorted into their respective velocities (or energies) by means of the retarding electrode or collecting sphere of Fig. 4 and 5 respectively. A potential which is arranged in this way to stop secondary electrons is generally referred to as a retarding potential.

Figure 6, which is obtained by integration of Fig. 1, shows the ratio of secondary electron current to any collector (such as the collector sphere in Fig. 5) to the total secondary radiation current as a

function of the retarding potential. This potential is expressed as a percentage of the impact energy in volts.

In pentodes and beam tetrodes, the prevention of the flow of secondary electrons is one of the primary objects of the tube design. With reference to Fig. 5, it will be realized that if the collector sphere is at a potential (with respect to the cathode) which is 90 percent of the impact potential of the radiator (also measured in volts with respect to the cathode), then a retarding potential of 10 percent will exist between the collector sphere and the radiator. Figure 6 shows that under this condition the secondary radiation current flowing to the collector electrode will be 54 percent of the total secondary radiation from the radiator.

All this, of course, assumes quasi-steady-state conditions as regards voltage, (i.e., that the voltage does not vary rapidly with time), and that no appreciable space charge due to the primary or secondary electrons exists in the space between the emitter and the collector sphere. The physics measurements quoted in this paper are all made under static conditions, and care has been taken to avoid space charge effects, but these effects must not be forgotten when applying the information to practical

TABLE I. MAXIMUM TOTAL SECONDARY RADIATION COEFFICIENTS

Secondary emitter	Max. value of sec. radiation coeff.	Primary impact velocity (volts) at which max. of sec. radiation coeff. occurs
Caesium (compound layer).....	8.5	400-600
Rubidium (compound layer).....	5.75	700
Beryllium.....	5.4	600
Calcium.....	4.95	520
Barium.....	2.72	530
Potassium (compound layer).....	2.5	600
Aluminum.....	2.4	400
Silicon.....	1.63	380
Platinum.....	1.52	1000
Silver.....	1.47	800
Gold.....	1.45	780
Tungsten.....	1.33	625
Nickel.....	1.3	500
Tantalum.....	1.3	625
Copper.....	1.27	600
Iron.....	1.27	400
Molybdenum.....	1.27	375
Niobium.....	1.17	400
Carbon (lampblack).....	0.6-1	...

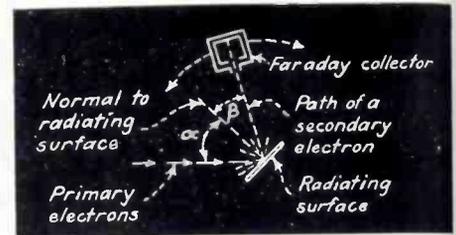


FIG. 7—Use of an angularly adjustable collector to measure the secondary radiation coefficient of both reflected and emitted electrons as a function of the angle of emission to the normal

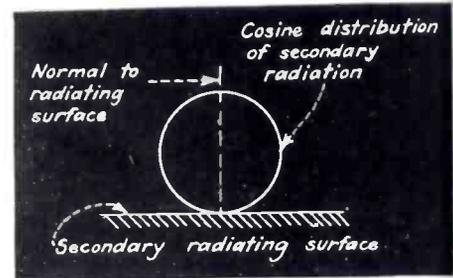


FIG. 8—Distribution of secondary electrons as a function of the angle  $\beta$  of secondary radiation

radio tubes. Such tubes when in operation are very seldom free from space charge effects.

Some relationship exists between the secondary energy distribution curve and the material of the emitter. This has been found by Sherman<sup>15</sup> to be in agreement with the atomic properties of the material. At voltages of the order of 8000 volts, however, Stehberger<sup>22</sup> failed to find any such connection. The answer to this question is rather vague at present.

#### Angular Distribution of Secondary Radiation

The relative amount of secondary radiation at various angles from a surface may be determined by apparatus such as that illustrated in Fig. 7. The Faraday collector is rotatable with respect to the radiating surface. The angle of incidence of the primary electrons to the normal of this surface is indicated by  $\alpha$  and the angle of secondary radiation by  $\beta$ . The number of secondary electrons per unit angle may thus be determined.

Measurements of angular distribution have been carried out by a number of workers.<sup>21, 22, 23, 24, 25</sup> While there is some experimental evidence<sup>23</sup> of optical reflection of the primary electrons (i.e.,  $\alpha = \beta$ ), the

idence of this effect is by no means generally accepted. At present it seems reasonable to assume a cosine distribution of secondary radiation, as shown in Fig. 8; that the intensity of the secondary radiation varies as  $\cos \beta$ , and this distribution is virtually independent of  $\alpha$ . The maximum value of the secondary radiation varies, however, with  $\alpha$ . This effect is discussed in greater detail later.

#### Total Secondary Radiation Coefficient

The arrangement of Fig. 5 may easily be used for measuring the total radiation of secondary electrons if the collector sphere is at a slightly higher potential than the emitting surface. This measurement is in fact a summation of the curve of Fig. 1, and gives the ratio between the total number of secondary electrons and the total number of primary electrons striking the emitter. This ratio is generally referred to as the total secondary radiation coefficient. It must always be remembered, when interpreting values of this ratio, that in some cases a velocity distribution must be assumed. In the case of impact energies between about 10 eV up to the order of 10,000 volts, this distribution would be that of Fig. 1.

In practical electronic devices the total ratio of secondary electron current to a given electrode near the emitter to the primary electron current will depend (among other things) upon this velocity distribution. Not all the secondary electrons necessarily contribute to the secondary electron current. The total secondary radiation coefficient plotted against the primary electron impact energy was one of the characteristics to be investigated by the earliest work-

#### Secondary Radiation Coefficient of Pure Metals and Carbon

Typical measurements of the total secondary radiation coefficient are shown in Fig. 9A and 9B. These curves have been confirmed by many investigators. The curves rise to a maximum and then fall as the primary impact velocity increases still further. The maximum value of coefficient obtained lies be-

tween about 1.2 and 5.5 in the case of pure metals. Its highest value is of the order of 8 to 11 for compound surfaces of caesium of the kinds used in secondary electron multipliers and the like. Not many substances have coefficients of less than unity. That for carbon varies between 0.6 and 1.0.

Provided that the metal surfaces are clean and are completely degassed, the secondary radiation coefficient is found to be about the same by many different investigators.<sup>31-39</sup>

Table I (from Kollath<sup>40</sup>) shows typical values of the maximum secondary radiation coefficient, and the values of primary impact energy at which it occurs, for a number of substances.

#### Secondary Radiation Coefficient of Evaporated Layers

Copeland<sup>32, 35, 41</sup> has obtained interesting results by evaporating various substances onto a metal foundation. Evaporating caesium onto gold increased the secondary radiation coefficient of the combination several times over that of gold alone. He also investigated other combinations of layers and foundations. The results appear to be explainable in terms of the degree of penetration of the primary electrons

through the surface layer, and the varying absorption of the secondary electrons by the different substances used.

#### Secondary Electron Coefficient of Composite Surfaces

It was found<sup>35</sup> that composite materials have a high secondary radiation coefficient. For instance, evaporated deposits of calcium onto gold, and lithium onto tantalum, produce coefficients of the order of

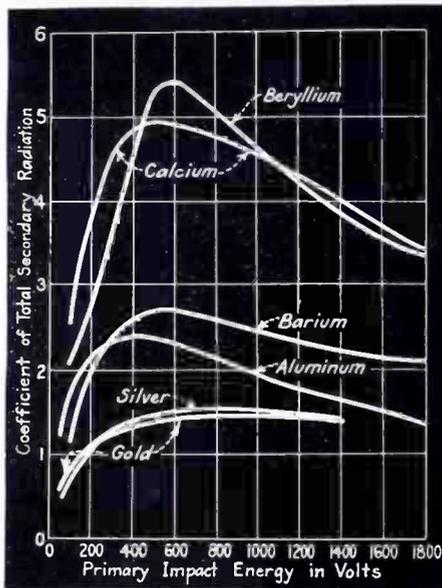


FIG. 9B—Coefficient of total secondary radiation as a function of primary impact energy for various substances

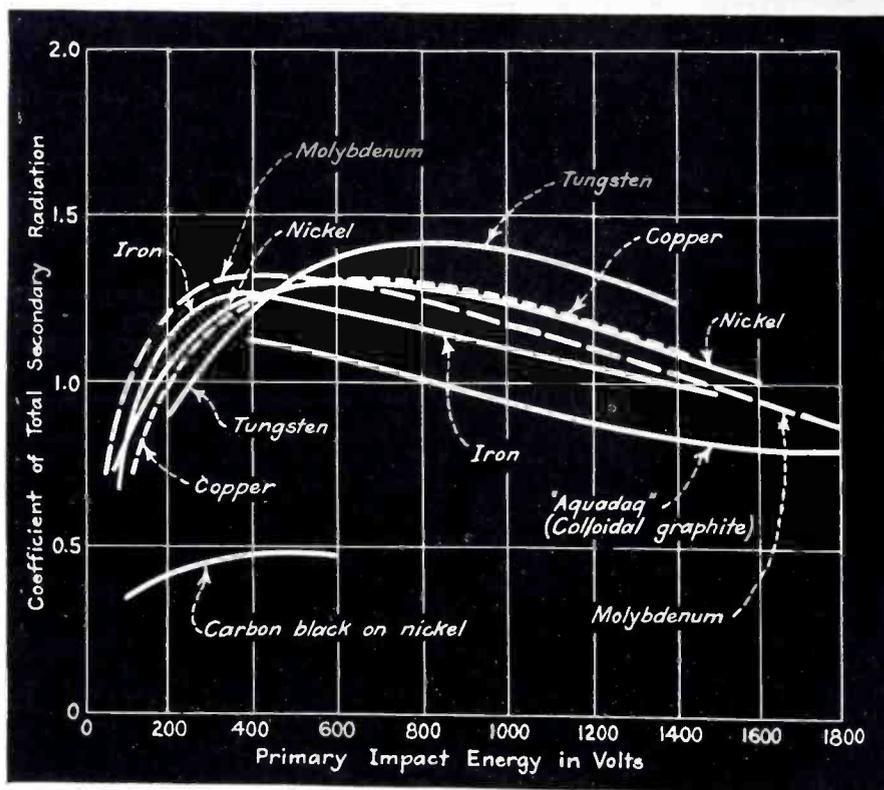


FIG. 9A—Coefficient of total secondary radiation as a function of primary impact energy in volts for the materials commonly used in vacuum tubes

4 to 5. It was observed that calcium and lithium belong to the alkaline-earth group of metals. They have low work functions and they have a high thermionic and photoelectric emission. An investigation of caesium/caesium-oxide/silver was a natural step, and high secondary electron coefficients resulted. It was discovered, however, that neither a low work function nor a high photoelectric sensitivity is the only factor concerned in producing a high secondary electron coefficient. Typical results for composite surfaces on silver are shown in Fig. 10.

The following table is given by Weiss<sup>2</sup> for various values of the maximum secondary radiation coefficient for caesium/caesium oxide deposits on various metal foundations.

The processing of the layer produced is of great importance. The deposit used as the composite surface is probably of the order of monoatomic thickness.

In detail, the production of secondary electron emissive surfaces is, like the production of coated thermionic cathodes, largely an empirical process.

#### Secondary Radiation Coefficient of Insulators

There is comparatively little information in this matter, but it seems<sup>34, 46</sup> that secondary emission from insulators consists largely of electrons that have a low velocity compared with the primary electron velocity. The cosine law of distribution appears to hold, and the coefficient can exceed unity. There is, however, a difference with regard to the angle of incidence of the primary electrons impacting the radiator. In the case of conductors, the secondary radiation coefficient increases continuously with the angle of incidence, but in insulators this is not so. The coefficient increases up to a critical angle of incidence in either direction from 0 deg, beyond which the coefficient drops sharply and then again increases, as shown in Fig. 11.

This critical angle has been found to be evident only at certain levels of primary impact velocity in the range from 1300 to 3000 volts. The critical angle increases with increasing voltage, and eventually vanishes. It is also affected by tem-

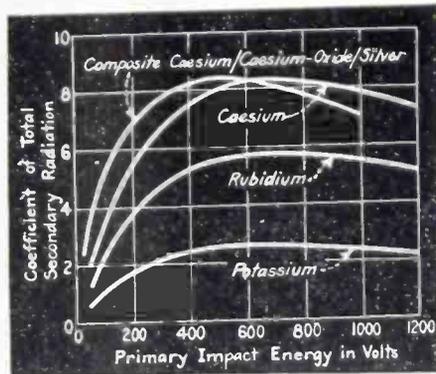


FIG. 10—Coefficient of total secondary radiation as a function of primary energy in volts for pure metals and a composite oxidized layer on silver

perature. For example, a critical angle which is 35°C at room temperature falls to 15°C at the temperature of liquid air. It vanishes at 150°C. At this and higher temperatures, the phenomenon is the same for insulators as for conductors.<sup>24, 49, 64-69</sup>

Explanations<sup>24, 51, 52</sup> assume that a surface layer of negative space charge is produced on the insulator and affects the emission of secondary electrons. An insulating surface does not necessarily have a negative charge, however. The charge will depend upon the conditions of the experiment and upon the secondary radiation coefficient of the material.

#### Variation of Secondary Radiation Coefficient With Primary Angle of Incidence

In general, at low primary impact energies (up to about 100 volts or so), the secondary radiation coefficient is the same for all angles of incidence.

TABLE II. MAXIMUM SECONDARY RADIATION COEFFICIENT FOR CAESIUM LAYERS ON VARIOUS METAL FOUNDATIONS

Metal	Max. value of sec. radiation coeff.	Primary Impact energy (volts) at which max. of sec. radiation coeff. occurs
Silver.....	8-11	600
Magnesium.....	6.8-7.5	700
Tantalum.....	4.1-5.5	600
Zinc.....	4.5-5.4	600
Nickel.....	4.6-5.2	550
Aluminum.....	4.4-4.7	600
Copper.....	3.5-4.0	600
Tungsten.....	3.8-3.9	600
Lead.....	2.3-3.3	650
Molybdenum.....	2.5-3.1	500
Iron.....	1.9-2.7	500
Gold.....	2.3-	600

At higher voltages this is not so. A typical result due to Müller<sup>4</sup> is for a primary impact energy of 2500 volts, and is shown in Fig. 12. It is interesting to note (Kollath<sup>5</sup>) that if the coefficients for various metals are plotted in order of increase of coefficient with incidence, they will then be arranged more or less in descending order of their specific gravities. The secondary radiation coefficient, as a function of the angle of primary incidence to the normal, rises with decreasing specific gravity.<sup>53-58</sup> The results previously described apply to angles of incidence in the neighborhood of the normal unless otherwise specified.

#### Secondary Emission at High Primary Impact Velocities

Primary impact energies have been investigated which are very much greater than the few thousand volts to which the previous remarks have been confined, but high-voltage results differ little. The velocity distribution curve of Fig. 1 is affected only insofar as peak A increases in relative area (that is, the reflected electrons increase in number).<sup>59, 21, 59, 57, 58</sup>

The secondary radiation coefficient as a whole falls with increasing primary impact energies. The increased penetration of the primary electrons of high velocity into the metal results in the secondary electrons being reabsorbed in the surface layers of the material. This fall in secondary radiation coefficient is to some extent counteracted by primary electrons which emerge in a direction different from the normal to the surface, and cause secondary electrons to be emitted from the surface layer of the material. In fact, this latter effect predominates in producing secondary radiation at very high values of primary impact velocity.<sup>21</sup> The angular distribution of the radiation follows the cosine law.

Consideration of the depth at which emission is produced is of considerable importance where radiation is obtained from both sides of a thin foil through which primary electrons are arranged to pass.<sup>3</sup>

Many investigators<sup>7, 16, 59-63</sup> have shown that the structure of the radiating surface has considerable effect on the coefficient. No effect on

It is noted by Hayakawa<sup>61</sup> at the magnetic transformation points of ferro-magnetic materials, but sudden changes have been shown to occur at the points of allotropic modification of the surface structure. An abrupt variation in the secondary radiation coefficient of iron at the Curie point has, on the other hand, been recorded by another worker.<sup>62</sup>

#### Further Investigation Needed

According to Rao<sup>63</sup>, a nickel monocrystal gives a lower secondary radiation coefficient than an ordinary polycrystalline nickel surface. An opposite result is obtained by H. E. Farnsworth<sup>7</sup> with respect to copper. His result appears to agree with the experimental fact that the secondary radiation coefficient of finely precipitated carbon or platinum black has a particularly low coefficient of secondary radiation.

Further investigation seems to be needed. In the meantime it seems that either monocrystal surfaces of different materials have different effects on the coefficient, or that there is perhaps some optimum size of crystal which gives a maximum coefficient.

#### Effect of Temperature on Secondary Electron Coefficient

As far as can be ascertained there is no temperature effect. According to Kollath<sup>40</sup> this point might, however, be worth further investigation, particularly with regard to the complex surface coatings now commonly used in commercial practice.

#### Effect of Gas on Secondary Radiation Coefficient

All materials contain a certain amount of gas before they have been heat treated by the usual valve (tube) manufacturing processes which are necessary to produce a high vacuum. Occluded gas has a considerable effect on the secondary radiation coefficient, and until the radiator is completely degassed repeatable results are not obtained. Measurements on the effect of gas have been made by Farnsworth,<sup>7</sup> Jarnecke,<sup>20</sup> and Ahearn.<sup>61</sup> In general, the presence of gas increases the secondary radiation coefficient. Often several times.

#### Mechanism of Secondary Electron Radiation

The quantitative analysis of the atomic mechanism of the phenomenon is in a very rudimentary state. In fact, a survey of the subject reduces itself largely to an unsatisfactory recital of disjointed experimental facts rather than to a coherent statement of theory. Kollath's paper<sup>40</sup> gives an excellent outline of the situation up to 1937. The relationship between secondary radiation phenomenon and the atomic structures of various metals gives no very conclusive result, nor has the work function any very useful relationship, though there has been shown to be some proportionality between the secondary radiation coefficient and this quantity. The depth of penetration of the primary electrons has been estimated, and Becker<sup>11</sup> arrives at a calculated depth of penetration of about 30 Angstrom units (about 15 to 20 atomic layers) at primary impact velocities of the order of 500 volts.

#### Emission Time of Secondary Electrons

As far as the author is aware, no measurements or computations of this quantity have yet been made. It may prove, however, to be very important in view of the increasing use of extremely high frequencies in electronics. So far, the only conclusion appears to be—and this is a unanimous one<sup>66-72</sup>—that the time of emission is less than  $10^{-9}$  second. This is as much as several times the periodic time at the highest radio frequencies now being brought into use. Modern ultra-high-frequency technique might en-

able the time to be measured. A suggestion due to Kollath<sup>40</sup> involves comparing the times of arrival of electrically reflected primary electrons with those of secondary electrons. Experimental difficulties, appear, however, to be considerable.

#### Secondary Emission Transit Times

In view of the initial velocity spectrum (Fig. 1) common to all secondary radiation (the fact that secondary electrons are not all emitted at the same velocity), secondary electrons traveling from the emitter to another electrode do so with differing transit times. This effect is of substantial importance to the operation of vacuum tubes at very high frequencies, and is dealt with later in this paper.

#### SECONDARY RADIATION IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

In electronic engineering, secondary radiation is sometimes found to interfere with the desired operation of the radio tube in which it occurs. Sometimes, on the other hand, it is utilized as an essential part of the mechanism of operation

#### The Dynatron Valve

In a tetrode valve, when the screen grid is at a higher potential than the anode, secondary radiation from the anode may travel to the screen grid and produce a negative resistance characteristic in the anode circuit over a range of anode voltages. Hence the valve can be made to generate oscillations. This effect was first described by Hull.<sup>73</sup> In considering these results with

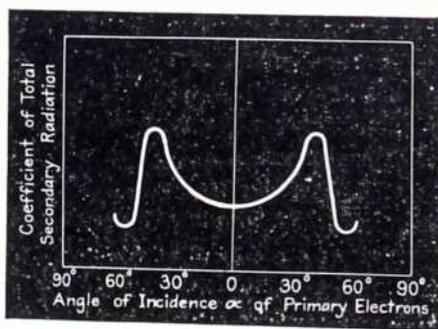


FIG. 11—Coefficient of total secondary radiation from an insulator as a function of the angle of incidence of the primary electrons. A critical angle of incidence will be observed

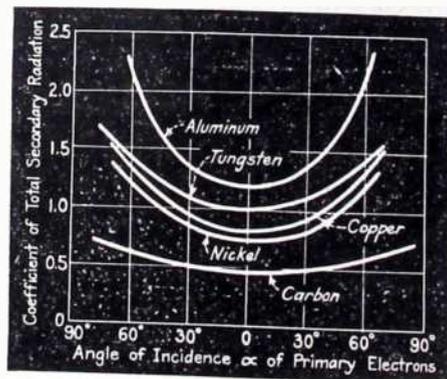


FIG. 12—Coefficient of total secondary radiation from various conductors as a function of the angle of incidence  $\alpha$  of the primary electrons. The primary impact energy is 2500 volts

respect to modern radio techniques due regard must be paid to secondary radiation transit angle effects.

### Secondary Electron Multipliers

Secondary electron multipliers<sup>74</sup> of both the magnetic and electrostatic types are so well known that it is unnecessary to describe them in detail. In multipliers, the primary electrons strike an emissive surface which is of such a kind as to produce a high ratio (usually between 8 and 11) of total secondary radiation coefficient. Secondary electrons thus radiated are caught by another plate from which further secondaries are again radiated. This process is repeated several times in order to produce a very high total magnification of the original primary electron beam current.

The primary electron beam can be controlled by either photoelectric effects<sup>75</sup> or by voltage control. Greater importance appears to attach to the amplification of photoelectric currents than to voltage control, as the limitations of the latter type cause it to be rather specialized in application.<sup>76</sup> An interesting and comparatively recent example of voltage control has been described by Wagner and Ferris.<sup>77</sup> Control of the primary electrons in secondary multipliers by deflecting them instead of using a control grid appears to have been first described by Hopkins.<sup>78</sup> The composite caesium/caesium-oxide/silver curve in Fig. 10 shows the ratio of secondary emission current to primary current obtained from one of the radiating surfaces in a multiplier.

Since secondary electrons are not emitted with a single velocity, but with a spectrum of velocities, the transit angle between the radiators in the multiplier also has no single value.

In Fig. 13, the ordinates represent the relative number of secondary electrons emitted at each of various relative overall transit angles of the secondary electrons in a 3-stage electron multiplier. The relative overall transit angle is expressed as a fraction of the transit angle which would exist if the secondary electrons were emitted with zero velocity. It will be observed that the transit angles of the indi-

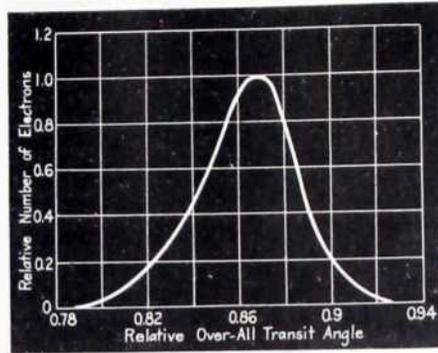


FIG. 13—Variation of transit angle of secondary electrons in a secondary electron multiplier. This variation is due to the distribution of secondary electron energies illustrated in Fig. 1. Note that this graph ignores peak A of Fig. 1

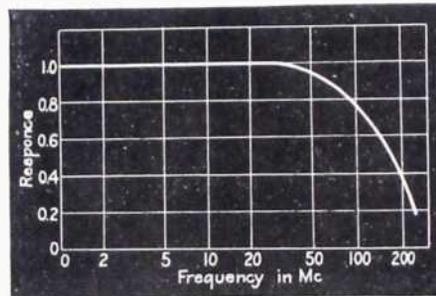


FIG. 14—Frequency response of an electron multiplier, showing fall-off at very high frequencies due to the transit angle effect illustrated in Fig. 13

vidual secondary electrons vary over a wide range. Furthermore, secondary electrons are radiated from different parts of the radiator, and have to travel along paths of different lengths to reach the next electrode.

The result of these combined effects has been shown by Malter<sup>79</sup> to produce a high-frequency cut-off in the response of the multiplier as a whole. The resulting frequency cut-off of a typical multiplier is shown in Fig. 14.

### Farnsworth Multipactor

Another application of secondary electron multiplication involves the utilization of transit time to produce high-frequency oscillations. This idea was first put forward by Philo T. Farnsworth.<sup>79</sup>

### Reduction of Screen Grid Current

In many screen-grid radio tubes the anode is maintained during operation at a potential higher than that of the screen grid. Secondary radiation of quite a considerable amount is produced at the points of impact upon the screen grid of the

primary electrons which constitute the space current. The secondary electrons travel from the screen grid to the anode and so decrease the screen grid current, and increase the anode current, very considerably. This results in an increase in the static transconductance of the tube. It must not be forgotten that due to the varying transit angles of the secondary electrons, this increase will not hold at very high frequencies. The phenomena produced will be somewhat similar to that exemplified above with respect to secondary electron multipliers. There seems to be no published information in this matter.

### Secondary Radiation from Cathodes

In certain tubes—notably the magnetron—the cathode may be bombarded by primary electrons which return to it at considerable velocities. By adding to the emission, the resulting secondary radiation may have an appreciable effect on the operating characteristics of the valve.

### The Pentode

In the great majority of electronic tubes, secondary radiation is a nuisance and elaborate steps have to be taken to prevent it from interfering with the operation of the tubes. It will be clear from Fig. 5 and the associated text, however, that attempts to prevent the radiation of secondary electrons from the electrodes of radio tubes are foredoomed to failure. In fact, quite early engineering experiments confirmed this.<sup>80</sup>

Since secondary radiation itself cannot be prevented, the only remaining thing to do is to prevent the secondary electrons traveling from one electrode to another. This is the idea behind the pentode.

It is almost unnecessary to describe this well-known tube in detail.<sup>81</sup> The traverse of secondary electrons from the anode to the screen grid when the anode is at a lower potential than the screen grid during operation is prevented partly by the use of a retarding potential. A grid (called the suppressor grid) is interposed between the screen grid and the anode and is maintained at a low potential.

Primary electrons pass through the spaces between the suppressor grid wires. A retarding potential exists between these spaces and tends to reduce the secondary radiation current from the anode to the screen grid to a fraction of the primary electron current (see Fig. 4 and 6). At the same time, due to the cosine law of distribution (Fig. 8), only a small number of secondary electrons are directed towards the gaps in the suppressor grid. This results in a still further reduction of the total secondary electron current.

A further effect which tends to reduce the adverse flow of secondary electrons is the addition to the retarding potential caused by space charge effects. Both primary and secondary electrons contribute to the space charge potential. The combination of all these effects (and possibly others) operates in a very complex manner, and the author is not aware of a satisfactory quantitative theory, but pentode valves can be readily designed by empirical means.

Remembering that the potential between the spaces between the wires of the suppressor grid cannot be zero (the primary electrons themselves would be prevented from arriving at the anode), it is untrue to say that the operation of a pentode is explained merely by the interposition of a retarding potential between the anode and screen grid. A retarding potential which did not reduce the potential between the wires of the suppressor grid to zero would still leave a considerable amount of secondaries flowing. This is clear from Fig. 6. Curve A in Fig. 15 shows the familiar dynatron characteristic which is produced in the absence of a suppressor grid. Curve B shows the characteristic found in a pentode, and curve C shows the type of characteristic that might perhaps be expected if a suppressor grid retarding potential alone were the only operative factor in preventing the flow of secondary electrons.

### Secondary Electron Traps

Due to the cosine distribution of secondary radiation (Fig. 8), if a beam of primary electrons enters an enclosed metal cavity (at a posi-

tive potential) through a small aperture as in Fig. 16, only a very small part of the resulting secondary radiation will succeed in leaving the cavity. This is the principle of the Faraday cylinder previously referred to (Fig. 3, 4, and 7). Attempts have been made and suggested<sup>80</sup> to utilize such cylinders as the anodes or collector electrodes of practical radio tubes. Since in such radio tubes the effective anode area for the collection of primary electrons must usually be considerably greater than the small aperture illustrated in Fig. 16, these attempts have not been very successful as far as the author is aware.

### Critical-Distance Beam Tetrodes

In 1931 the author, working on the production of the then novel idea of producing beams of electrons of appreciable fractions of an ampere at a few hundred volts, found that if the space current in a dynatron type of tetrode is confined into a beam, an optimum value exists for the distance of the anode from the screen grid (accelerating

grid; he named this distance the critical distance) at which the passage of secondary electrons from the anode to the accelerating grid is prevented. The anode characteristic then obtained is of the kind illustrated in Fig. 17.<sup>80-82</sup> The sharp knee at the lefthand side of the curve is characteristic of this type of tube and results in a considerably lower distortion level<sup>82, 83</sup> than the more rounded knee of the pentode (Fig. 15).

Tubes of this kind were made in 1931 and were put on the market in England by a commercial firm in 1935. They came into wide use, under the name of beam tetrode when this tube was first marketed (in America) in 1936; yet, like the pentode (the invention of which dates from 1926), there is again no satisfactory published theory. The straight part of the anode characteristic of this valve (Fig. 17) can only be accounted for by the reduction of the traverse of secondary radiation to a very small fraction indeed of the total radiation. By reference to Fig. 6, it will be seen that this appears to infer a retarding potential virtually equal to the primary impact velocity itself.

Attempts have been made to explain this critical-distance characteristic in terms of the potential minimum produced by space charge,<sup>80, 83</sup> but the author has shown<sup>80</sup> that the magnitude of the retarding potentials predicted by this theory is not sufficient (by a factor of several times) to prevent the occurrence of the dynatron kink in the anode characteristics. Moreover, the problem is not merely one of preventing the passage of secondary radiation at one set of values of anode current, anode voltage, and screen voltage. It is, on the contrary, that of maintaining a flat working surface of the characteristic over a wide variation area (Fig. 17). A purely space-charge retarding potential theory leads to no such range of working currents and voltages.

A complete formulation of the problem must include the effects of the formation of the primary electrons into a beam (without which the effect seems not to take place in practice), the variation of the density of this beam with control grid voltage, the energies of the

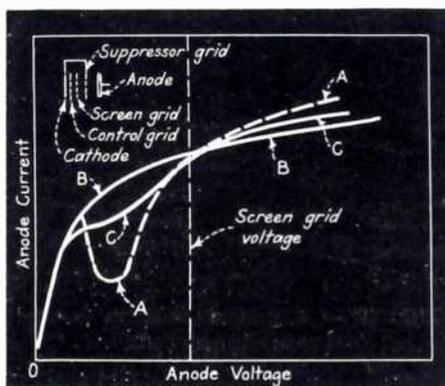


FIG. 15—Curve A is the anode characteristic of a dynatron valve. Curve B is that of a pentode. Curve C is the approximation to the kind of curve that might be expected if a suppressor grid is assumed to operate solely by producing a retarding potential

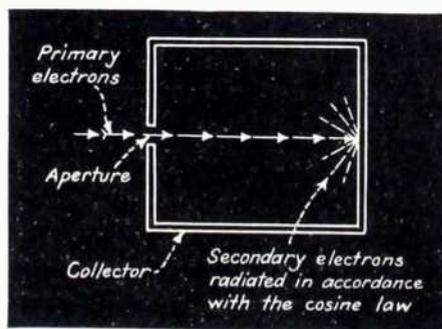


FIG. 16—A Faraday cylinder or electron trap

secondary\* electrons, the angular distribution of the secondary radiation, the end effects, and the depression of space potential due to the presence of low-potential conductors near the screen grid-anode space. (An approximate theory of the beam tetrode can, however, be produced to take these factors into consideration, and the author hopes to present it in due course when war-time matters permit.)

It has been pointed out by the author some time ago<sup>88</sup> that if the accelerating voltage is higher than a few hundred volts, the critical-distance effect is not produced satisfactorily. This appears to have a relationship to the increase in the area of peak A in the secondary radiation energy distribution curve (Fig. 1) at the higher primary impact velocities.

#### Secondary Emission from Grids

Grids and other electrodes in electronic tubes which are struck by electrons will emit secondaries which, particularly in tubes where optical images are to be formed, may be very undesirable. Such effects may be minimized, though not eliminated, by treating the surfaces involved. Coating with carbon black or like methods are used (Fig. 9A).

#### Secondary Radiation from Insulated Electrodes and Insulators in Vacuum Tubes

If an insulated conductor is positioned in the path of a beam of primary electrons, its potential will depend upon the impact energy of the primary electrons and upon the secondary electron coefficient of the conductor.

For instance, referring (Fig. 9A) to the curve for nickel, it will be seen that it becomes unity at a primary impact velocity of approximately 1750 volts. The initial potential of a clean insulated electrode made of nickel will, in the absence of a flow of primary electrons, be that of the space in which it is situated. If this potential, and the impact energy of the primary electrons upon the nickel electrode are both above 1750 volts, then, from Fig. 9A, the total secondary radiation coefficient will be less than unity. The insulated nickel electrode will therefore charge

negatively until its potential reaches 1750 volts, when the secondary radiation coefficient is unity, and the number of electrons leaving the electrode will be equal to those reaching it. This, of course, assumes space-charge-free conditions, and assumes further that all the secondary electrons emitted by the nickel are collected by other electrodes in the tube.

If, again, the space potential of the insulated nickel electrode and the initial energy are between about 160 and 1750 volts, then, from Fig. 9A, the secondary radiation coefficient will be greater than unity, and the electrode will tend to charge positively until an equilibrium potential of about 1750 volts is again reached.

If, however, the space potential and the primary impact energy are below 160 volts, then, from Fig. 9A, the total secondary radiation coefficient is less than zero. The insulated electrode will charge up negatively until it reaches zero po-

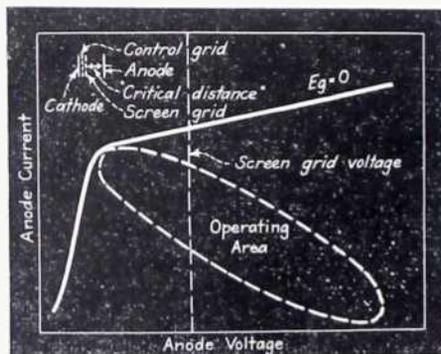


FIG. 17 — A critical-distance beam-tetrode characteristic

tential, at which no primary electrons strike it. Therefore, in general, an insulated conductor upon which electrons impinge tends to take up either a potential tending to zero, or a high positive potential. It has been suggested to employ this effect to maintain a suppressor grid in a pentode at the order of zero potential. Clearly, if the electrode is contaminated, or otherwise has a greater secondary radiation coefficient than the pure material (and this may very easily occur in a practical radio tube), the impact potential at which the total secondary radiation coefficient is unity may well become very high.

The equilibrium potentials of insulators (such as the glass walls

of a vacuum tube) due to secondary radiation may vary discontinuously and profoundly affect the space potential in the tube as a whole, and therefore in many instances upset the operation of the device. In the absence of more information on the secondary radiation coefficients of insulators, and because of the complicated nature of their behavior, it is not possible to state any useful theory. In radio tubes care is taken to minimize the results of bulb charging. This is done by causing the electrode assembly to be self-shielding (i.e., semi-enclosed as far as the operative part of the electron beam is concerned) or by putting a conductive film (such as colloidal graphite) on the walls of the glass envelope and connecting it to a suitable part of the electrode system. This is found to be necessary in cathode-ray oscilloscope tubes where the beam is not enclosed by the metal electrodes.

#### Conclusion

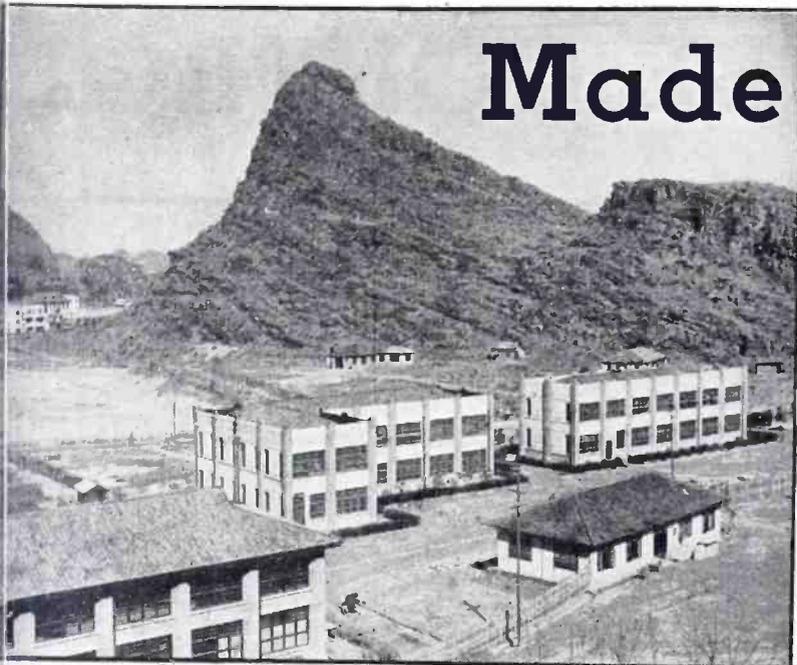
It is remarkable, considering the extreme importance of secondary radiation in electronic engineering, that there are so many gaps in the published information and theory. The author would appreciate any additions or corrections to this paper.

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# Made in CHINA



In this rugged terrain near Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi Province, native workers make radio equipment used by the Chinese Army and Government-operated broadcast stations. Known as the Central Radio Works, the plant is operated by the National Resources Commission. Note parking lot



Components are assembled as above where capacitors and vacuum tubes receive the dextrous attention of Chinese employees. Below, a worker finishes up the wiring on a transmitter, while a coolie, right, forms the local version of a conveyor line in transporting units around the plant



# PHOTOTUBE CONTROL

Flow rates as constant as  $\pm \frac{1}{4}$  percent are achieved by a system which combines a rotameter for light-source interruption with phototubes, amplifiers, and thyratrons to control a motor-driven regulating valve

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**R**OTAMETERS are simple instruments which accurately indicate the rate of flow of liquid or gas in a pipe line. They are widely used in chemical process, power, and

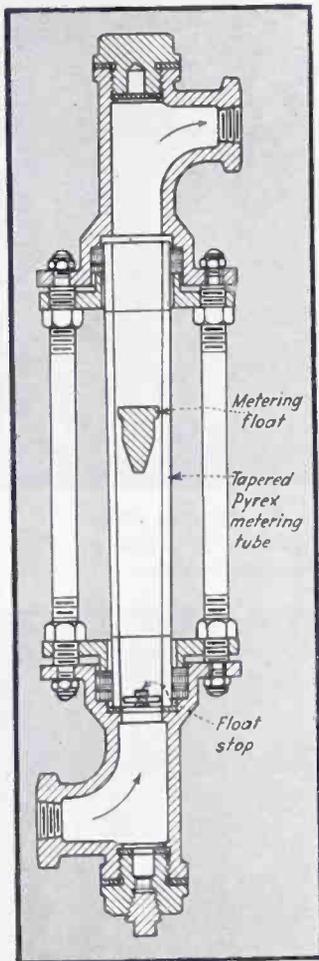


FIG. 1—Construction of a rotameter is shown in this sectional drawing. Position of the float depends on differential pressure which is automatically maintained constant by variations in the annular opening between float and tube as the float rises and falls. Flow-rate indication is linear

other industries. The instrument, shown in Fig. 1, usually consists of a vertical, transparent, tapered, glass tube and a metering element inserted inside the tube. The small end of the tube is at the lower portion, and the metering element, variously shaped depending upon fluid requirements, is free to move up or down along the axis of the tube. The position assumed by this element directly indicates flow rate. The gas or liquid being metered flows from the bottom to the top of the tube.

Theory underlying the operation of this type of flow indicator is based on the flow equation,  $Q = CA\sqrt{2gh}$ , where  $h$  is a constant by virtue of the constant net weight of the metering element (commonly

called the float or rotor), and  $A$  is a variable due to the taper of the tube. The force counter to the float weight is the head differential induced by the fluid flowing through the annular aperture between the outside diameter of the float, and the inside diameter of the tube. Thus the rate of flow varies directly as annular area and the calibration of the instrument is linear.

In other words, forces on the float are in balance; weight of the float minus buoyancy equals area of the top of the float, times differential pressure. If the flow rate increases the differential across the float will increase, and the float will rise to a new position to maintain a fixed differential pressure across it. Rate of flow is accurately measured

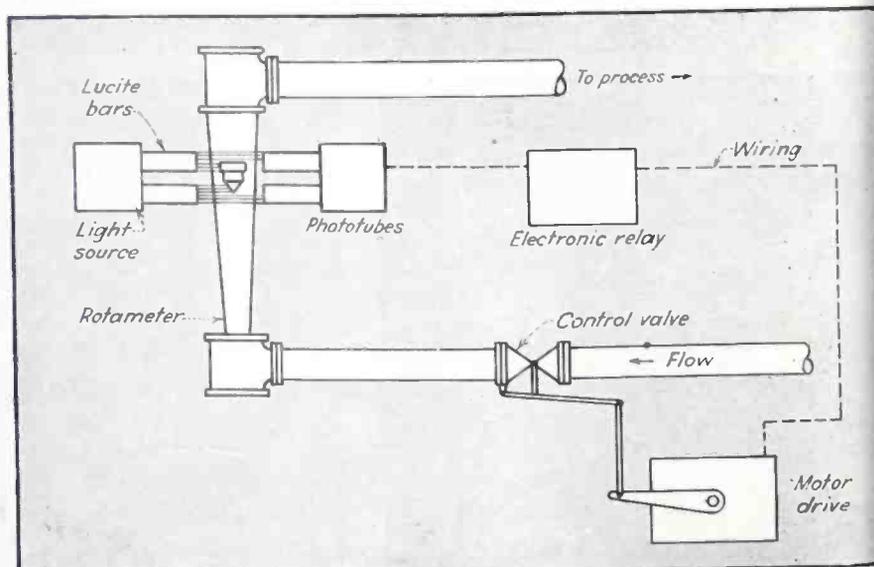
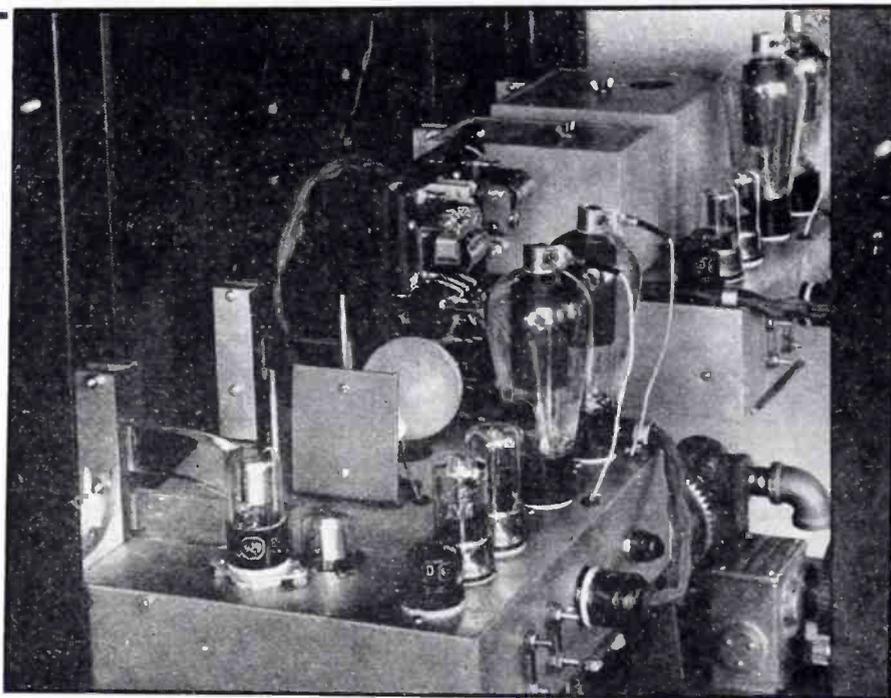
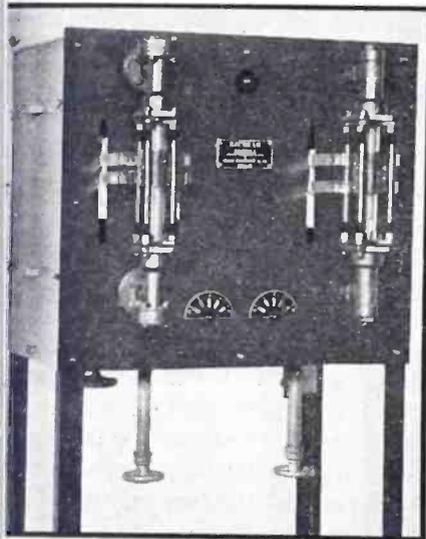


FIG. 2—Block diagram shows general operation of the flow-control unit. Provisions are incorporated to cancel out effects of line-voltage fluctuation and changes in color of the controlled fluid

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FIG. 3—The complete unit. Elevating handwheels are below and hand-automatic controls are on the front panel of the controller. Plastic light-transmission bars project through slots on either side of the rotameter tubes



Close-up of electronic control unit. Covers have been removed from chassis in the foreground to reveal plastic bars which transmit light from the source to the rotameter glass and back to the phototubes

throughout the entire tube range to the variable orifice (fixed differential) principle, and is not limited to a narrow range such as is the case in the fixed orifice type of flow meters.

## Self-supervised Operation

For the past ten years, there has been a demand for automatic control applied to rotameters. Brooke Engineering Co. developed a control for this type of meter several years ago. The control operated on the induction principle such as is commonly used in other types of instruments. The float had an iron rod which hung down inside a center-tapped coil, mounted below the rotameter. This coil was electrically balanced against a similar, remote coil having an iron rod that could be positioned by hand.

Differences in balance of the two coils when the float moved out of the preset balance, were fed into an electronic relay which caused a motor to operate. This, in turn, opened or closed a valve to correct the flow rate. This type of control was not

entirely satisfactory, due to the fact that its sensitivity was only plus or minus 1 percent, and phase shifts caused unstable operation if the control point was not near the center of the coil. Also, it could not be used on small sizes of rotameters, because the magnetic effect of the coil on the iron rod attached to the float was so great as to affect the sensitivity and accuracy of the rotameter.

About a year ago, a large refinery had a process in which they wished to maintain the flow rate of a fluid to  $\pm\frac{1}{4}$  percent and it was decided to use a fully compensated electronic relay, receiving its signals from phototubes. This system had been in successful operation for many years, measuring the smoke density of large industrial boilers and adjusting the air supply to maintain a fixed smoke color at the boiler outlet.

For the rotameter application, it was decided to use two light beams, one shining across the top of the float, and the other across the bottom of the float. Each light beam

was applied to a phototube, and the outputs of the phototube amplifiers were electrically balanced against each other to cancel out the effects of voltage changes and color deviation of the liquid.

If the float in the rotameter moved due to a change in flow, one phototube received more light and the other, less light. This unbalance caused a thyatron to operate a motor with compensation and with full torque at all times. This motor changed a control valve in the correct direction to restore the float to the set value within  $\pm\frac{1}{4}$  mm (0.0098 in.)

## Disposition of Parts

Arrangement of the various pieces of equipment is shown in Fig. 2. The rotameter is mounted on a stand, in front of a panel as in Fig. 3. The electronic relay, with its light source common to both beams, and its phototubes, amplifiers, thyatrons, and allied equipment, is mounted behind the panel, as in Fig. 4. Lucite or Plexiglass bars are used to transmit the light

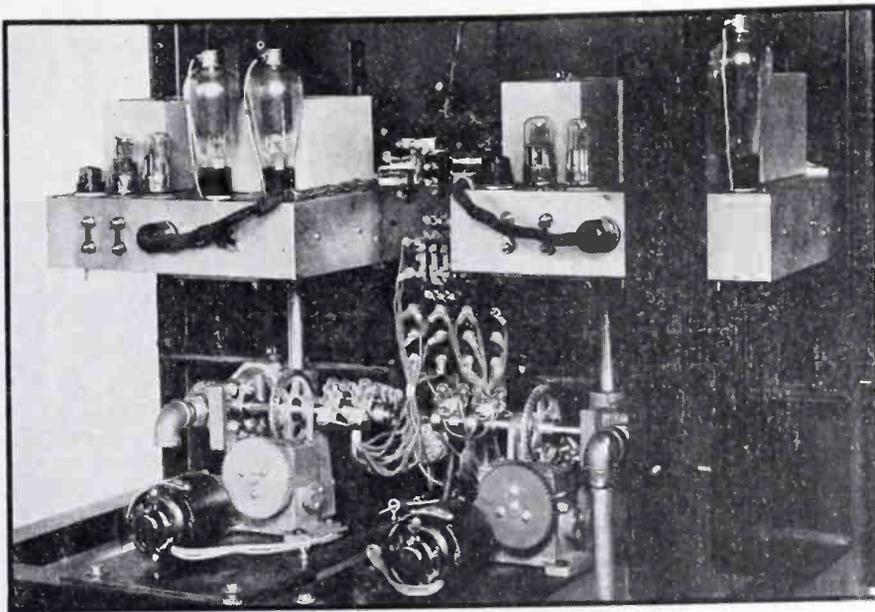


FIG. 4—In a rear view, motor drives and control valves appear below the electronic relays. Mercoid units mounted on the valve shafts include limit switches and extras which can be used to operate relays on terminal panel for automatic shut-down feature

out to the rotameter and back to the phototubes. The electronic relay is mounted on an elevator assembly which permits the operator to raise or lower the entire assembly to change the rotameter control setting. The unit is also supplied with a switch which permits the operator to remove the control from "automatic", and to raise or lower the flow to any desired value.

In addition to the compensated controlling action, described later, other features may be included in the electrical circuit when required. For example, automatic shut-down if any of the fluids in the process cease flowing or go beyond predetermined values, or if tubes or light source fail.

In most cases, a lock-in circuit must be employed to return the float within the range of the light beam if the characteristics of flow are such that an occasional surge in the fluid will raise or lower the float out of the light beam. This lock-in feature is most important. Essentially, it consists of electromagnetic relays which are actuated by the phototube amplifiers just before the float leaves the light beam. The lock-in feature discerns which way the float moved and operates the motor at full speed to return the float to the light beams where the thyatron can come into operation.

Referring to the circuit diagram

in Fig. 5, when the output of  $V_1$  goes beyond a predetermined limit, as set by  $R_{11}$ , a type 2050 thyatron in the lock-in circuit fires to energize a relay. When energized, this relay disconnects the cathode of an opposing 2050 so that it cannot operate, and puts a high positive voltage on the grid of the thyatron  $V_1$  to run the motor at full speed. The lock-in circuit does not come into play until the float is about ready to leave the light beam.

The electronic relay employed converts impulses from a pair of phototubes into signals sufficiently large to run a reversible motor. Net movement of the motor is proportional to the signal and the motor has full torque at all times. The electronic relay provides electrical compensation by means of a circuit which varies the thyatron grid voltage by charging and discharging a capacitor at variable rates. Such compensation is similar in results to mechanical throttling and reset but is accomplished electrically without the use of relays, open contacts, or moving parts.

The light source is a 120 v bulb directed through two pieces of Lucite or Plexiglass to form two light beams shining across the rotameter. They are spaced so that when the float is in balance, one half of each light beam is blocked out and the other half of the beam passes

through the fluid and metering tube to other bars of Lucite, and thence to the phototubes. The phototubes are of the high-vacuum type and are not appreciably affected by voltage changes.

#### Circuit Details

Direct-current bias for the phototubes, amplifiers, and thyatrons is furnished by the 6H6 rectifier. One half of the tube acts as an ordinary high-voltage half-wave rectifier, taking voltage drop across a load resistor, while the other half utilizes the drop across the tube, giving low voltage. Both plate outputs are filtered. Resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  provide grid bias for  $V_3$  and  $V_4$ , while  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  provide a-c grid-to-cathode return.

Phototubes  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are so connected to their amplifiers  $V_3$  and  $V_4$ , that the more light received by the phototubes, the lower the amplifier plate output. With this arrangement, it is possible to keep a nearly constant plate output of the amplifiers with a variable voltage. For instance, if the voltage falls, the light source dims, plate voltage of  $V_3$  and  $V_4$  drops, and the phototubes decrease the negative grid voltage of the amplifiers, thereby increasing plate output to approximately the same value as at the higher voltage. This will take care of line voltage changes in the order of  $\pm 5$  v at 115 v. For greater changes of voltage the plate outputs of  $V_3$  and  $V_4$  will vary up or down together, but since these plate outputs are balanced against each other in  $T$ , it will not affect the control. With the amplifier plates balanced against each other, color changes of the liquid in the rotameter will also cancel out.

The plate of  $V_3$  is connected to one half of the primary of push-pull transformer  $T$ , and the plate of  $V_4$  is connected to the other half. Assuming the float is in neutral, light on  $V_1$  equals light on  $V_2$ , plate outputs of  $V_3$  and  $V_4$  will be equal and cancel each other in the primary of  $T$ , and there will be no voltage developed in the secondary. If the float moves down from the neutral position,  $V_1$  receives more light, and  $V_2$  less light, therefore the grid of  $V_3$  will become more negative, and the grid of  $V_4$  less negative. The plate output of  $V_3$  will become

...rater and that of  $V_3$  less, causing voltage to be developed in the secondary of  $T$ . Since the primary voltage is pulsating half wave, an e-voltage will be developed in the secondary.

...fixed, negative d-c bias of approximately 10 v is maintained on grids of  $V_6$  and  $V_7$  by the rectifier when the float is in balance. If float falls, as assumed above, the positive half of the a-c voltage developed in one half of the secondary reduces the negative grid voltage to approximately 2 v and  $V_7$  fires in the motor in a direction which changes the valve to restore float to neutral. Note that the phase of tubes  $V_6$  and  $V_7$  is 180 degrees out of phase with the emission of  $V_3$  and  $V_4$ .

### Anti-Hunt Compensation

It can readily be seen that if the motor were to run at full speed until the float reached its neutral position hunting would occur. To induce compensation  $C_5$  is used in the following manner. When  $V_7$  starts to run the motor, its plate becomes approximately 70 v negative. This negative voltage, in addition to running the motor, charges through  $R_{11}$ ,  $R_{10}$ , and  $R_9$ , to put a

high negative voltage on the grid of  $V_7$  to stop it from firing. Then,  $C_3$  discharges through  $R_9$ ,  $R_{10}$ ,  $R_{11}$ , and the motor. Thyatron  $V_7$  cannot fire again until  $C_3$  discharges.

While the motor is not running, the float has a chance to come to rest. If its point of rest is not the neutral position, a signal from  $T$  will again cause the motor to run. If the float moves a great distance from neutral, a strong signal will be developed by  $T$ , and the motor will have to run a long time before  $C_3$  is charged with a high enough voltage to overcome the effect of the secondary voltage of  $T$ . The motor will then have a long time delay. If the signal from  $T$  is weak, the motor will only be energized a short time to charge  $C_3$  a small amount, and the time of delay will be short. In other words, the net rate of movement of the control valve will be proportional to the amount the float moves from neutral.

Capacitor and resistor values are so chosen that if the float moves a great distance, the motor will run at full speed without interruptions. As the float approaches neutral, the motor begins to step at a speed proportional to the distance from neu-

tral. Capacitor-resistor combinations  $C_4$ - $R_5$  and  $C_5$ - $R_7$  also have a somewhat compensating effect but on a relatively small scale.

If the float had moved in a direction to fire  $V_6$ , a negative feedback voltage would have been induced in the motor field not being used. This induced voltage would be equal to the voltage running the motor, and would cause compensation as described above.

By this system the motor always has full torque, regardless of how close the float is to balance. This is extremely important for highly sensitive controls,—otherwise, should the valve stick, the torque delivered by the motor near the neutral point would not be sufficient to restore the float to its original balance point. This is often a limiting factor in many control devices.

Successful field operation of 64 of these units for several months has demonstrated that an extremely accurate control can be applied to devices where it is necessary to maintain a movable body in a fixed position. If greater sensitivity is required, concentrated light beams can be employed. By this method, a slight change in float movement will cause a greater signal change.

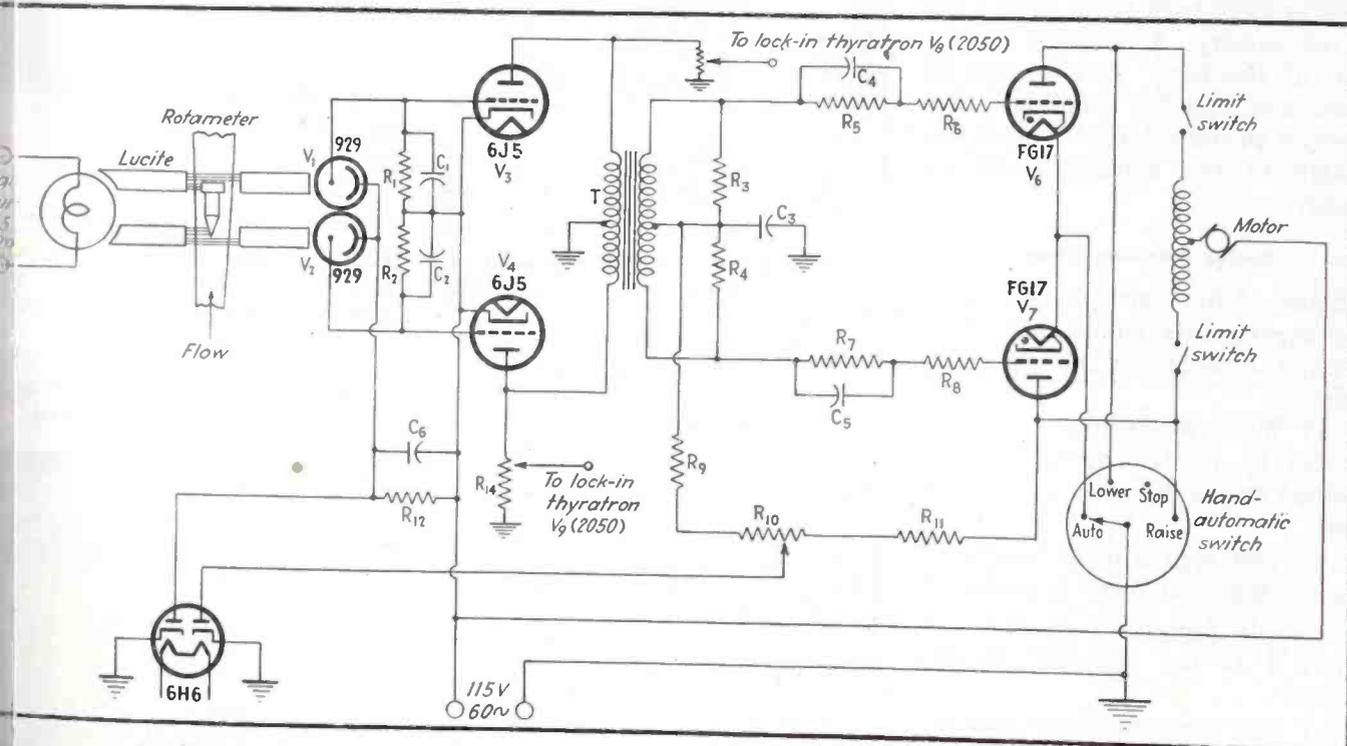


Fig. 5—Basic circuit of electronic relay includes a pair of thyatrons which can be replaced with FG57 type where large motor is required for valve operation. Light source,

shown as directly connected to the line, is sometimes put in series with the filaments of the rectifier and amplifier tubes for long operating life at reduced voltage

# A Generator of Damped

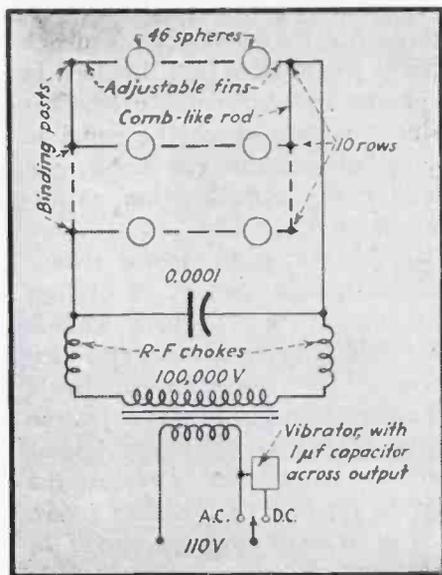


FIG. 1—Schematic of the generator

**A**PPARATUS which has for its purpose the production of power at extremely high frequencies is usually associated with radio transmission but that described here was designed for use in the field of biology.

The generation of damped electromagnetic waves by means of spark discharges between metallic spheres dates back to the beginning of the century. A complete discussion of the early work is out of place here, and for hypotheses and theories on the subject we refer the reader to the appended bibliography.

### Design Considerations

Some of the conclusions of earlier experiments which were kept in mind in designing the apparatus follow:

(a) When a metallic sphere is excited by electric sparks, highly damped trains of waves are generated.

(b) The approximate length of the fundamental wave is given by Thomson's formula  $\lambda = 2\pi d/\sqrt{3}$ , where  $d$  is the diameter of the sphere.

(c) The surface of the spheres must be and must remain highly polished, otherwise the discharge ceases to be oscillatory and becomes aperiodic.

Spark discharges between 460 series-paralleled metallic spheres develop  $\frac{1}{2}$  watt of power at 7,000 Mc for the irradiation and stimulation of cells in biological studies

(d) The energy of the electromagnetic waves generated by discharges between small spheres is of the order of  $10^{-8}$  watt.

In order to utilize these conclusions in a practical way a large number of metallic spheres were fixed in a non-conducting frame, individually insulated, and at convenient terminals high voltage was applied. (The excitation of the spheres may be in parallel, in series or in series-parallel. The last disposition was preferable.)

Figure 1 shows a schematic arrangement of the circuit of the apparatus. It follows the theory of the spark-gap circuit once widely used in radiotelegraphy with damped waves, except for the fact that in this instance the spheres oscillate and radiate at the same time.

### Description of Apparatus

The apparatus, shown in Fig. 2, is mounted on top of a cabinet in which a transformer is housed. Two

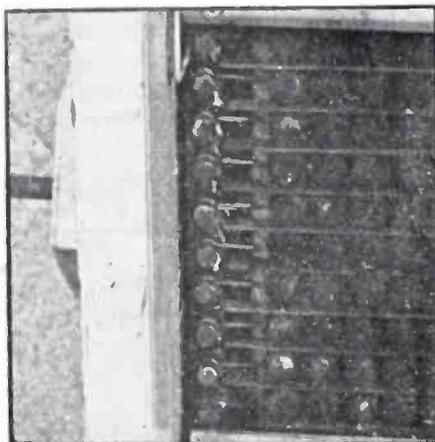


FIG. 3—Close-up of the left edge of the unit, showing how binding-posts which may be seen in a vertical line are used to permit adjustment of fins

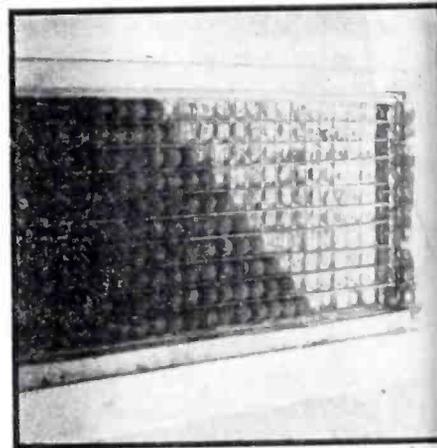


FIG. 5—Partial view of the unit, with some spheres removed to show how treated wooden strips provide horizontal spacing

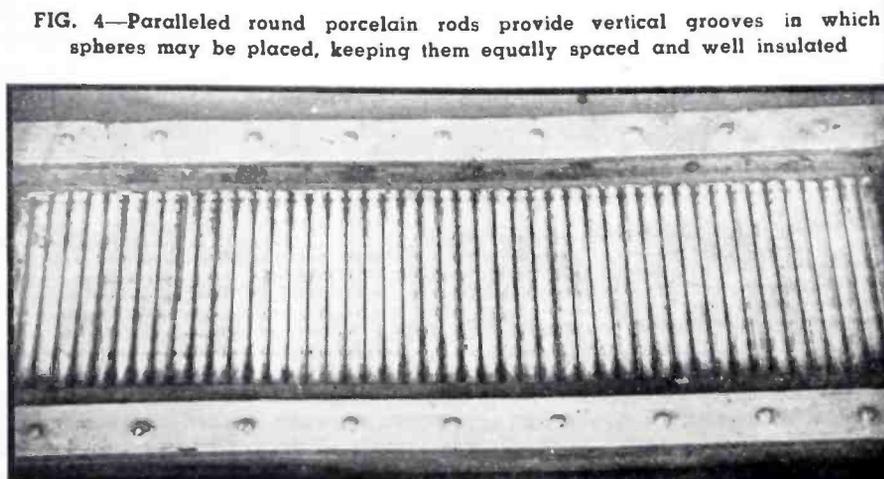


FIG. 4—Paralleled round porcelain rods provide vertical grooves in which spheres may be placed, keeping them equally spaced and well insulated

# Microwaves

By ANGELO MONTANI

Adjustable arms at the sides support a cylindrical-parabolic reflector in which the radiating element is positioned.

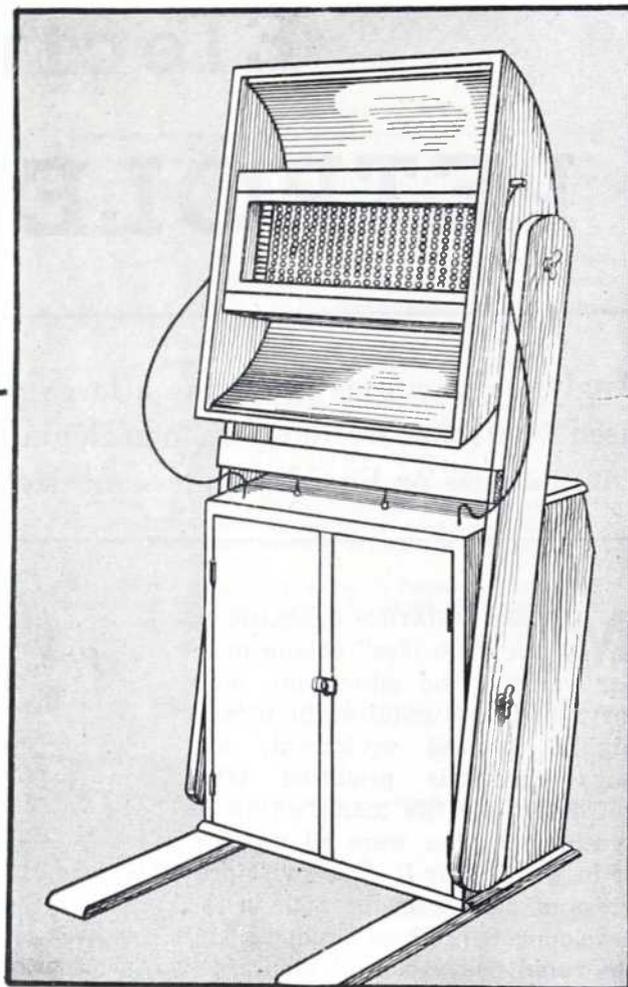
The transformer used was taken from an old x-ray machine, and is rated at 100,000 v r.m.s., 500 w. Its terminals are connected through high-frequency chokes to two comb-like rods, each of which has ten adjustable "fins." The rods are equipped with binding-posts which permit adjustment of the fins. A set of binding-posts associated with one of these rods may be seen in a vertical line in Fig. 3.

Ten parallel rows of metallic spheres, each row having 46 spheres in series, constitute the generating and radiating element. The spheres are plain metallic balls such as those used in ball bearings, plated with platinum to prevent as long as possible rusting due to one produced by the sparks.

To obtain individual insulation for each sphere straight porcelain rods, 47 in all, were assembled against a flat wooden back to constitute a corrugated surface having 10 grooves, in each of which 10 spheres could be located in a vertical row, as shown in Fig. 4. With this disposition every sphere is horizontally spaced the same amount from the spheres to the left and right, which is important for an even distribution of sparks. Horizontally between each row of spheres long strips of treated wood were inserted as shown in Fig. 5. To hold the 460 spheres against the porcelain rods a sheet of flat glass is provided to cover the entire surface of the radiant element.

The diameter of the spheres is 43.4 mm, and therefore the fundamental wavelength is approximately 43.4 mm. The power radi-

FIG. 2—The complete generator, consisting of a metallic-sphere spark-discharge unit and sheet-metal parabolic reflector to concentrate radiation. The cabinet on which the generator-radiator is mounted contains the high-voltage supply transformer



ated by the whole system of 460 spheres at the fundamental wavelength is around  $\frac{1}{2}$  watt. (Assuming that the power of the harmonic waves decreases according to the square of the number of their natural sequence, the power of the tenth harmonic, or 4.3 mm, would be  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 10^{-4}$  w, and the power of the one hundredth harmonic, or 0.43 mm, would be  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 10^{-6}$  w.)

## Purpose of Apparatus

The purpose of the apparatus was to make available in the biological field those radiations which fall between the centimeter waves and the heat rays, and to find out if such radiations might be of use in therapy.

Living things are made up of billions of individual "cells." These cells generally vary in size  $10^{-3}$  cm and  $10^{-4}$  cm, and are larger in vegetables and smaller in viruses. If we want to stimulate a cell we can do so by irradiating it with waves of the same order of magnitude, since under these conditions at least partial resonance may be expected.

Rays shorter than light excite the electrons of the atoms which form the cells, no matter where those electrons are. They may belong to a neuron or to a rock. On the other hand, short waves as used in diathermy cause in the tissue as a whole variable charges which, associated with the osmotic and capillary phenomena, alter the circulation of the liquids of the body. In both instances, the cellular metabolism that ensues is not a specific direct reaction of the cells to the radiation, but a derived effect. Cells in tissues represent a tridimensional grating, and with waves of proper dimensions it may be possible in the future to institute a new kind of spectroscopy of the living tissues and determine if there exists a kind of selective absorption peculiar to every type of cell.

## Biological Use

Between March and June, 1941, six biological experiments were performed with the above apparatus

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## SUMMARY OF ANALYTICAL METHODS USED IN PETROLEUM PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH

Method	Principal Use in Petroleum Industry	Remarks
Mass Spectrometry	Determination of low molecular weight hydrocarbons, such as analysis of the petroleum "gas cut."	Principally useful for mass-production analysis of routine gas samples. Instrument time is $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour per sample but calculating time may require several hours. Extended range, high speed, pen and ink electronic recorders and automatic calculators are needed.
Infrared Absorption and Raman Spectrography	Determination of molecular components and identification of functional groups within molecules, such as analysis of aviation gasoline after fractional distillation or determination of mercaptans (S-H) in gasoline base stock.	Sample may be a gas, liquid or solid but must not contain more than about six molecular components if complete identification is desired. Most infrared samples must not contain water and Raman samples must not contain much fluorescent material. The electronics industry could greatly increase the usefulness of either method by supplying completely electronic detecting and recording circuits.
Ultraviolet Absorption Spectroscopy	Determination of aromatic and conjugated olefinic compounds, such as toluene in paraffinic base or butadiene for synthetic rubber manufacture.	Electronic detecting and recording systems are available in this field. A not-too-expensive instrument which automatically scans the entire spectrum is needed.
Emission Spectrography	Determination of metals and metalloids, such as analysis of catalysts for trace metals.	Good for rapid qualitative survey of sample or for quantitative determination of metals present in low concentration. The adaptation of electronic detecting and recording systems to replace the photographic emulsion would be very useful in most cases.
X-ray and Electron Diffraction	Determination of compound identity of crystalline materials; aids in the investigation of crystal structure and structure of colloidal or amorphous materials.	X-ray tubes and generating systems are designed to meet present requirements but electronic detection and recording is much needed in the x-ray diffraction field.
X-ray Microradiography	Tool to supplement useful metallurgical microscopy.	
Electron Micrography	Extends the range of ordinary microscopy so that smaller objects can be seen, and increases detail due to its great depth of focus.	A "reflecting" electron microscope seems to be the next step in this field.

s needed for the complete analysis. The application of the same principles to continuously recording units operating from plant streams is equally practicable. However, such equipment may often be quite complex and expensive in first cost.

### The Frequency Spectrum

Most uniform oscillatory wave motion belongs to the electromagnetic spectrum which is shown schematically in Fig. 1. Sound, electrons, some nuclear rays, reciprocating mechanical motion, etc., are not electromagnetic in character and their wavelength or frequency regions can be shown only approximately. The radio spectrum is now well known up to about 1000 Mc,<sup>2</sup> but from here on to 1,000,000 Mc lies a relatively unexplored region which promises to be very important in the future.

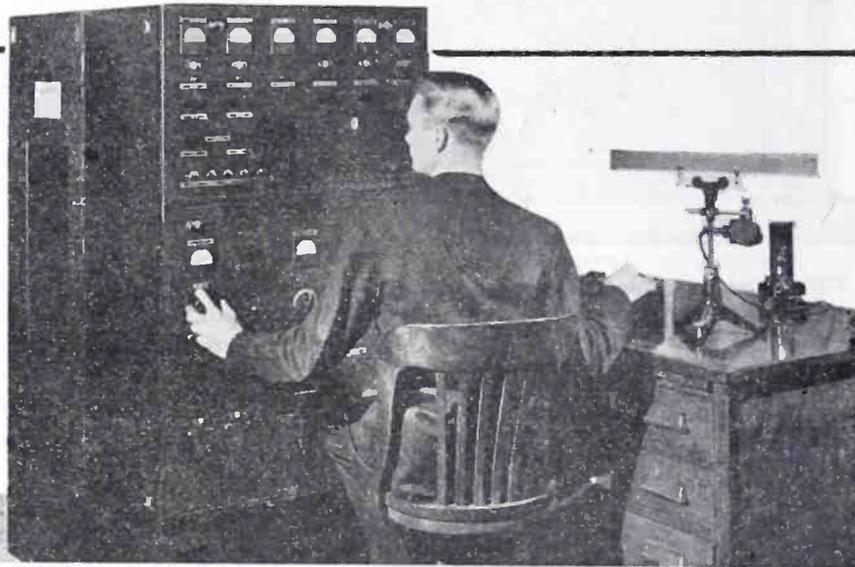
The infrared region is somewhat arbitrarily said to begin at about 1,000,000 Mc or 300 microns, but the region from 300 to 30 microns is largely only of academic interest at present. The region from 30 microns (300,000 Angstroms) to 0.03 Angstrom is that in which the analytical methods described in this paper operate. In the shortest wavelengths are found hard x-rays and gamma rays. In the past

two or three years gamma rays have been used to "log" oil wells and determine where oil-bearing strata might occur even though metal casing has already been set within the well.

With the advent of the cyclotron and similar atom smashers, nuclear rays have been used in numerous novel experiments involving radioactive "tracers". Atoms of a specific element can be "tagged" by making them artificially radioactive and then followed throughout the course of a reaction by following the progress of the radioactive atoms.

Cosmic rays, the most penetrating radiation known, are generated outside the earth's atmosphere. They have been found to discharge electrosopes after penetrating 18 feet of lead. Day and night we are subject to bombardment by cosmic rays.

The energy per quantum of electromagnetic radiation varies directly with the frequency, as shown in Table I. It is instructive to inspect briefly this energy variation, for this in part dictates the troubles encountered in detecting the radiation and dictates the energy available for photochemical reac-



Westinghouse mass spectrometer used for separating molecules of synthetic rubbers and oils according to their mass. Molecules of each mass in turn are made to enter a collector, and the resulting ion current is amplified and read with the galvanometer on the desk

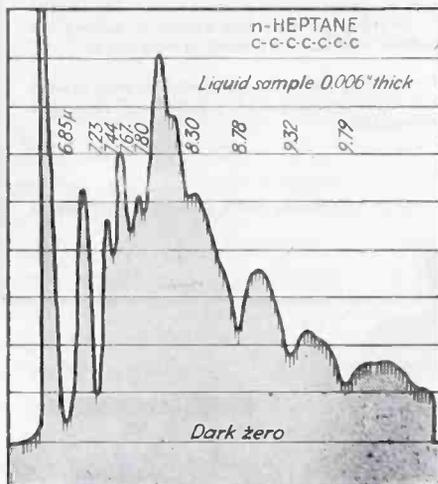
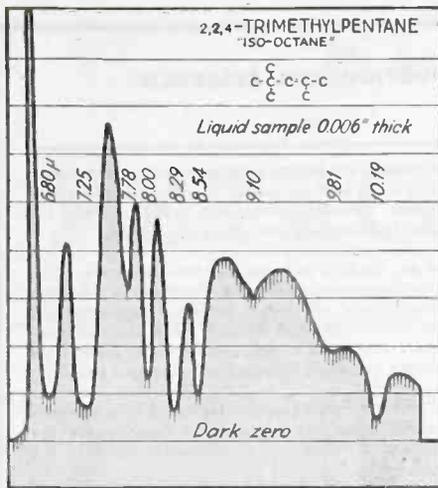


FIG. 2—Infrared absorption spectra obtained automatically with an infrared spectrograph covering the wavelength region from 7 to 10 microns, for two hydrocarbons that are difficult to separate by distillation. Characteristic absorption peaks provide positive identification of gas or liquid samples

tion. Thus, the short wavelength radiation such as x-rays and ultraviolet rays readily enters into photochemical reactions. Ultraviolet and visible radiation readily activates photoelectric surfaces. The long-wavelength infrared and radio waves in general cannot enter into photochemical reactions because the energy per quantum of radiation is too small. Radiation of wavelength longer than about 2 microns cannot expel photoelectrons from photoactive surfaces which would be stable at room temperature.

#### Mass Spectrometry

The newest of the new analytical tools applied to petroleum problems is the mass spectrometer. Commercial instruments are capable of routine refinery control work to provide accurate petroleum gas analy-

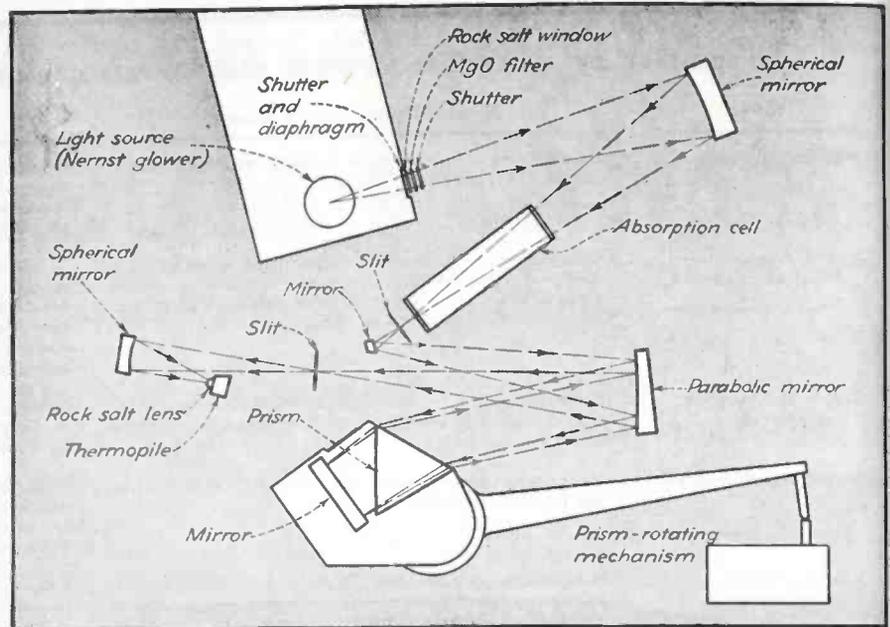


FIG. 3—Optical arrangement of infrared spectrophotometer made by National Technical Laboratories. The gaseous sample to be analyzed is placed in the absorption cell. The thermopile (or thermocouple) output is read on a sensitive galvanometer mounted in a draft and vibration-proof housing

ses in amazingly short times on samples so small that their size is dictated by sample handling techniques in collecting and transporting the sample rather than the amount required for analysis. Mass spectrometry finds its greatest usefulness within the petroleum industry<sup>3,4</sup> as a method that replaces tedious low-temperature fractional distillation and accompanying techniques for the control of refinery gaseous streams.

In the rapid spectrometric methods devised to analyze the petroleum "gas cut", the instrument time required is about  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour per sample and results from the data obtained can be calculated in from a few minutes to several hours depending upon the problem. This method soon proves its value when one realizes that other methods require from 4 hours to several days to do the same job. Usually the results from the mass spectrometer are more accurate and the method is less subject to operator errors.

The mass spectrometer is so named from certain similarities it possesses to an optical spectrometer. The latter separates light into its various component wavelengths by the dispersion obtained in passing light through prisms or gratings. The mass spectrometer separates gas molecules according to their mass by ionizing the gas, accelerating these ions, and de-

flecting them in a magnetic field. Gas from the sample is made to pass through several tiny orifices, so that a constant flow occurs into the spectrometer tube in which a high vacuum is maintained by continuous pumping. Electrons from a heated filament are accelerated by passing through a potential gradient and fall on the entering gas stream, causing ionization and dissociation of some of the gas molecules. The molecules not thus excited are drawn out of the system by the exhaust pump. The ions and ion fragments thus formed are urged toward a slit in a plate by a small potential difference and then are accelerated to very high velocity by an electrode arrangement similar to that in an electron gun. The resulting high-velocity ions are directed into a magnetic field. Only certain ions having the correct mass-to-charge ratio will travel through the center of the analyzer tube and ultimately lose their charge to the ion collector from whence their current is amplified and measured.

By variation of the accelerating potential and/or the magnetic field, such an instrument can be made to determine the relative abundance of various weight ions. This data can be converted to the relative abundance of the various molecules in the initial sample by comparing the unknown mass spectrum with

the mass spectra of known pure hydrocarbons, since the unknown mass spectrum can be considered as a summation or superposition of the mass spectra of all the components of the sample.

#### Infrared Absorption

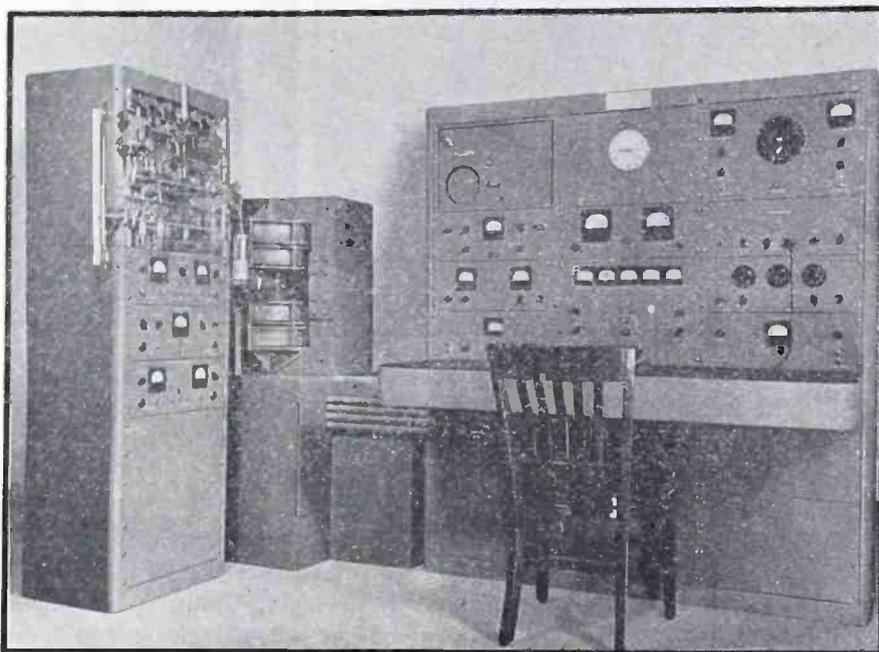
At the present time the mass spectrometer is used in the petroleum industry primarily to determine the molecular composition of complex mixtures of gaseous materials. Other spectroscopic methods are generally used to determine the composition of liquid or higher-molecular-weight samples and certain rather simple gas mixtures. For example, in high-octane aviation gasoline, it is well known that certain types of molecules are desirable and others undesirable. But many of both the good and bad molecules are very much alike in all their physical properties and often cannot be isolated by even the best fractional distillation techniques. Thus, n-heptane has zero octane number and isooctane has 100 octane number. Present-day aviation airplanes would be impossible if such n-heptane was present in the fuel, but n-heptane and isooctane can be separated by distillation, if at all, only by very laborious procedures. Infrared spectroscopy<sup>8, 9, 10</sup> readily differentiates between these hydrocarbons, as is illustrated in Fig. 2.

All this is possible because the frequency of the 1-to-30 micron infrared region corresponds to the vibration frequencies of atoms or groups of atoms in hydrocarbon molecules. As long as any molecule is not at absolute zero, the atoms within the molecule are constantly vibrating about their positions of equilibrium. For example, a hydrogen atom vibrates against a carbon atom in aliphatic hydrocarbons with a frequency corresponding to a wavelength of 3.4 microns. This vibration is a simple stretching vibration wherein the frequency of oscillation is, to a first approximation, determined by the mass of the vibrating atoms and the valence forces which bind them together. A physical analogy is the resonance vibration of two spheres of given weights connected by a spring. If the tension of the spring is increased the resonance vibration will

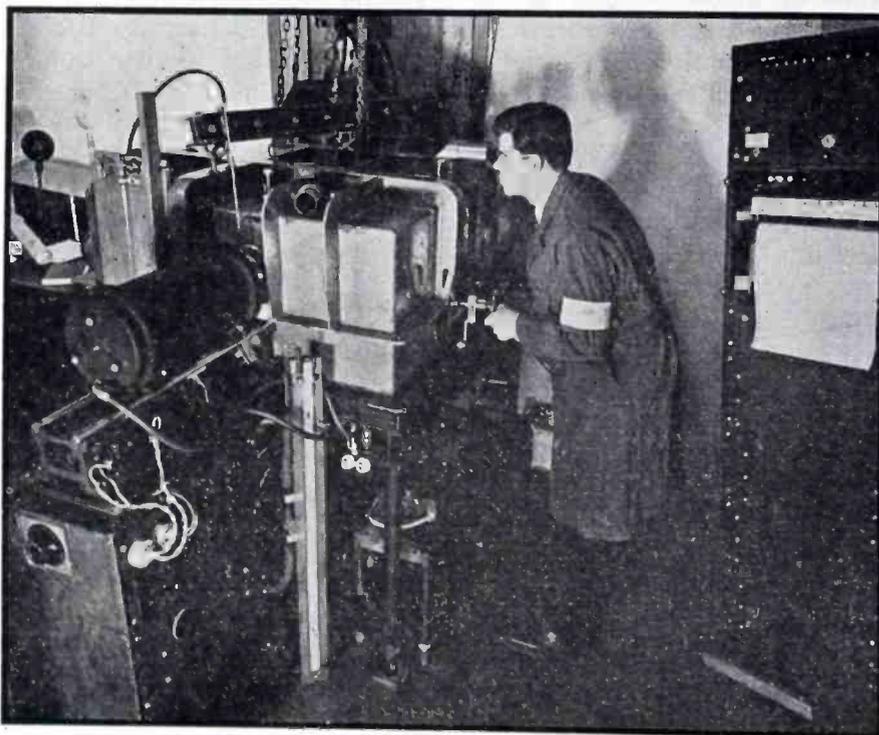
occur at a faster frequency and this happens in molecules also. In ethane,  $H_3C-CH_3$ , the carbon atoms are connected by a single bond and vibrate against each other at  $993\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . In ethylene,  $H_2C=CH_2$ , the carbons are connected by a double bond or stronger spring. The vibra-

tion is more rapid, at a frequency of  $1623\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . [ $1\text{ cm}^{-1} = 1/\lambda\text{ (cm)}$ .]

The vibrations just described are all simple stretching vibrations. Atoms also may vibrate in such a fashion that angular motion occurs and such vibrations are called deformation or bending vibrations.



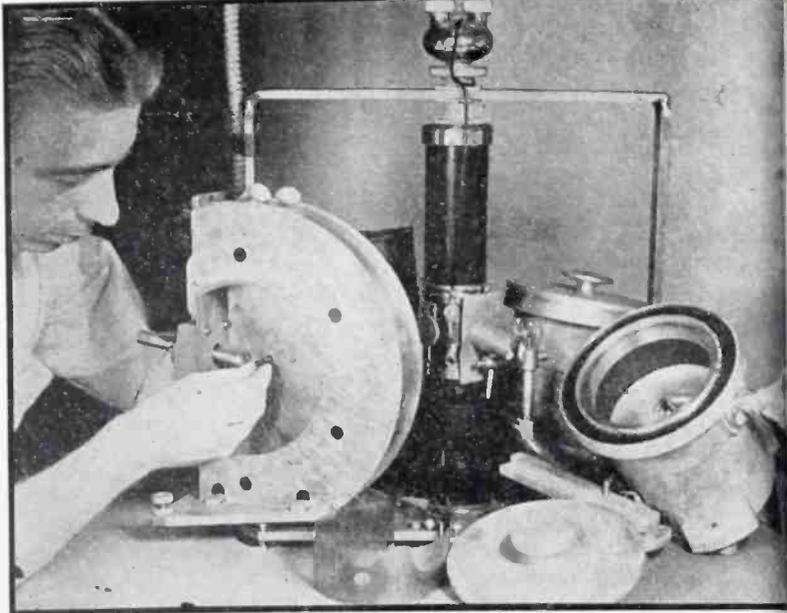
In this mass spectrometer made by Consolidated Engineering Corp., several cabinets full of electronic equipment are needed to provide an automatic record showing how many ions of each mass are present in a gas. From left to right, the cabinets contain gas introduction systems and vacuum gauges; the magnet, with the mass spectrometer tube between the pole pieces; and the power supplies, ion current amplifier, recording oscillograph and automatic mass scanning device



Infrared spectrograph used in Socony-Vacuum Laboratories. The spectrograph proper is in a metal housing to permit evacuation for removal of water vapor and carbon dioxide. On the rack at the right is the pen and ink recorder that traces out the spectrum of the material being analyzed



This Leeds and Northrup recording microphotometer can be used to measure the optical density of each spectral line on a photographic plate produced by an emission spectrograph



Operator is placing a sample on a spindle in the center of a large-diameter cylindrical x-ray diffraction camera. Smaller cameras, a pinhole camera and a Philips-Metalix x-ray tube used as a source of radiation for these cameras can also be seen

For example, an H-C-H or CH<sub>2</sub> group in aliphatic hydro-carbons has a strong deformation vibration at 1,460 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Atomic groups may rotate with respect to one another, thus yielding still another type of motion having a characteristic frequency. Many combinations of the above types occur to yield combination frequencies. Any molecular vibration which is accompanied by a change of dipole moment is "infrared active" and will absorb, by resonance, radiation corresponding to the frequency of vibration.

#### Raman Spectroscopy

Raman spectroscopy<sup>5, 6</sup> supplies essentially the same information concerning molecular composition

as infrared absorption studies but accomplishes the task in a different manner. In Raman spectrography, light of characteristic and usually visible wavelength, such as that from a mercury discharge tube, is allowed to illuminate the sample. Light originating in the sample at a direction perpendicular to the incident beam is dispersed in a large-aperture spectrograph and the resulting spectrum photographed and examined. This scattered and/or re-emitted light coming from the sample contains light of frequencies corresponding to that of the incident beam plus or minus the frequencies of various vibrating groups within the sample, and thus can be used to identify the parent

molecules. Samples for Raman investigation must be well fractionated just as with infrared.

The photographic process complicates quantitative interpretation of Raman spectra, and a direct-reading, automatic-recording detecting system for the visible light emanating from a Raman spectrograph would greatly enhance its industrial usefulness. Multiplier phototubes have already been successfully applied to this problem<sup>7</sup>.

#### Experimental Difficulties with Infrared Spectroscopy

Infrared spectroscopy is used and present in the petroleum industry to a much greater extent than Raman, even though the experimental difficulties in infrared work constitute a formidable list. To mention a few, ordinary optical materials will not transmit infrared radiation in the wavelength region used and prisms and windows of sodium chloride, potassium bromide and lithium fluoride are used in conjunction with front-surfaced mirrors.

These are now available in large perfect crystals of synthetic manufacture but the chloride and bromide are readily attacked by water vapor and must be handled accordingly in use. Gratings are not useful for general survey work because overlapping orders of spectra

TABLE I. Quantum Energy of Some Electromagnetic Radiations

WAVELENGTH		APPROXIMATE COLOR	ENERGY		
Angstroms	Microns		per quantum (ergs)	per einstein* (kilo-cal.)	relative
300,000	30	Infrared	0.066 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	0.95	0.33
100,000	10	Vibration infrared	0.196 "	2.85	1
10,000	1	Photographic infrared	1.96 "	28.5	10
7,000	0.7	Red	2.81 "	40.7	14.3
6,200	0.62	Orange	3.17 "	45.9	16.2
5,800	0.58	Yellow	3.39 "	49.1	17.2
5,300	0.53	Green	3.71 "	53.8	18.9
4,700	0.47	Blue	4.18 "	60.5	21.3
4,200	0.42	Violet	4.68 "	67.8	23.8
3,000	0.30	Ultraviolet	6.55 "	94.8	33.3
1,000		Vacuum Ultraviolet	19.6 "	285	100
100		Long X-rays	196 "	2,850	1,000
1		X-rays	19,600 "	285,000	100,000
0.1		Gamma Rays	196,000 "	2,850,000	1,000,000

\* The einstein is similar to the faraday or chemical equivalent of electrical energy.

re difficult to identify in this region. Even the water vapor and carbon dioxide in the air must be eliminated from the optical path through the instrument or a correction made. The optical arrangement of one such instrument is shown in Fig. 3.

The radiation involved in spectroscopy is of very low inherent energy, as shown in Table I. It cannot be photographed at wavelengths longer than 12,000 Å or 1.2 microns, and will not actuate photo electric cells above about 1.7 microns. It can only be detected by tiny thermocouples, bolometers, radiometers, etc. Such instruments must detect temperature changes with a limit of error equal to, or less than, 0.0005 deg C. The most commonly used detector is the thermocouple.

The microvolt output of the thermocouple must develop about full-scale deflection on the recording instrument used. Since the usual resistance is only about 15 ohms and the period about 1 second, electronic amplification is difficult. Sensitive galvanometers with their accompanying vibration troubles must be relied upon. The authors know of at least one case where, in the past few months, a thermocouple has been made with sufficiently small mass so that its period is faster than 1 second and electronic amplification of the thermocouple output has become possible. The spectrograph in use at the Socony-Vacuum Laboratories uses a bolometer as a detector. Electronic amplification is used and results to date indicate that this combination marks an important step forward.

#### Ultraviolet Absorption Spectroscopy

The readily accessible ultraviolet region of the spectrum from 2,000 Å up to the visible region also displays phenomena related to the structure of molecules. Molecules which contain resonating groups, such as diolefins which contain conjugated unsaturated carbon groups, exhibit selective absorption of ultraviolet light.

Of particular interest to the petroleum industry, aromatic hydrocarbons<sup>11</sup> and drying oils and resins<sup>12</sup> yield characteristic ultraviolet absorption spectra by means of which such molecules can be identified. Saturated hydrocarbons do not

absorb appreciably in this region. Thus, the identity and concentration of some aromatic compounds (those which may be present in gasoline) can be determined without separation from the paraffinic hydrocarbons.

An analysis has been reported

wherein straight-run or saturated naphtha is split into five fractions over the range of 125–150 deg C and these fractions analyzed for ethylbenzene and the three xylenes with an accuracy better than that of any other available procedure. More  
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In this emission spectrograph, the samples to be analyzed are burned in an electric arc or spark in the hood at the right. The light emitted is broken into its spectrum by a quartz prism, and the spectrum is recorded on film



At the right are four evacuable powder cameras in position around the x-ray tube of an x-ray diffraction unit. High-voltage equipment is under the table, enclosed by metal screening. The operator is adjusting the intensity of the x-ray beam. This unit was built in Socony-Vacuum Laboratories about six years ago, but complete and versatile commercial equipment is now available

# INFLUENCE OF FEEDBACK

Analysis of the use of negative feedback to reduce source impedance in amplifier stages and transmission lines, as required in video design and other applications where high-frequency response must be improved or loudspeaker "hangover" must be eliminated

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**I**NVERSE FEEDBACK is widely used in amplifiers today to stabilize gain, improve frequency response, and reduce distortion. One other extremely valuable feature of negative feedback is the apparent reduction of source impedance it may cause; this is not only important in itself, but may also serve as a basis for analyzing all the other features of feedback.

## Impedance Consideration

Let us then derive a formula for the variation in source impedance with feedback. The gain of a feedback amplifier is

$$\alpha' = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha\beta} \quad (1)$$

where  $\alpha'$  = gain with feedback,  $\alpha$  = gain without feedback, and  $\beta$  = ratio of feedback voltage to output voltage, or the fraction of output voltage fed back (negative for degeneration).

As the load impedance approaches infinity the equation

$$\alpha = \frac{-\mu Z_L}{Z_L + R_P} \quad (2)$$

approaches the value  $\alpha = -\mu$ , and  $\alpha'$  approaches the value  $-\mu/(1 + \mu\beta)$ , where  $\mu$  = amplification factor of the tube,  $R_P$  = plate resistance of the tube, and  $Z_L$  = load impedance.

In Fig. 1, which is the equivalent circuit of an amplifier stage, one method of finding the source impedance would be to connect a load of such value that the voltage at  $T_1 T_2$  measured exactly half the value it would have if the load impedance were infinite, in which case  $Z_L$  would equal  $R_P$ . Practically, this would mean choosing a value of  $Z_L$  such that  $\alpha = -\mu/2$ . The same reasoning holds true for an amplifier with feedback, where  $R_P = Z_L$  when

$$\alpha' = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-\mu}{1 + \mu\beta} \right) \quad (3)$$

Substituting Eq. (2) in Eq. (1),

$$\alpha' = \frac{\frac{-\mu Z_L}{Z_L + R_P}}{1 + \frac{\beta\mu Z_L}{Z_L + R_P}} \quad (4)$$

To find the apparent plate impedance we need only substitute the value of  $\alpha'$  given by Eq. (3) in Eq. (4) and solve for  $Z_L$ , which will be the value of load impedance required to make  $\alpha'$  equal one half its maximum value, and will therefore also be the source impedance of the amplifier:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{-\mu}{1 + \mu\beta} \right) = \frac{\frac{-\mu Z_L}{Z_L + R_P}}{1 + \frac{\beta\mu Z_L}{Z_L + R_P}}$$

Solving for  $Z_L$ ,

$$Z_L = R_P' = \frac{R_P}{1 + \mu\beta} \quad (5)$$

(In this equation  $\mu$  must be negative. Strictly speaking, it should always be, because of the 180 deg phase reversal in an amplifier stage).

From this formula it can be seen that negative feedback in effect reduces the plate resistance of a tube, and in a practical case can make a pentode or beam power tube have a source impedance as low as that of a triode, or lower.

It is well known that pentode and beam power output stages have poor frequency response and appreciable distortion. These defects are manifested mainly in two ways.

## Defects of Pentode and Beam Tubes

First, the speaker tends to have "hangover"; that is, the cone and voice coil assembly tends to vibrate at its own natural period when a transient or a steep wave front signal is applied, and the amplifier's output will be far above normal when a signal is applied whose frequency is equal or close to the mechanical resonant frequency of the speaker. This does not occur in a triode because the low-impedance source shunts the speaker's counter emf and effectively damps the vibration. A pentode or beam tube with enough feedback to approximate a triode's plate resistance will behave similarly.

The second effect is a response which rises with increasing frequency; this happens because the primary inductance of the output transformer presents an appreciable (and, of course, varying) load to the tube throughout the audio spectrum. In a triode stage the

FIG. 1—Equivalent circuit of an amplifier stage connected to a load

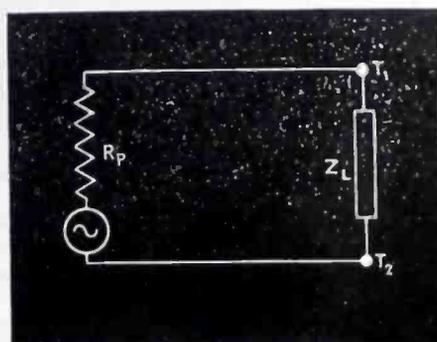
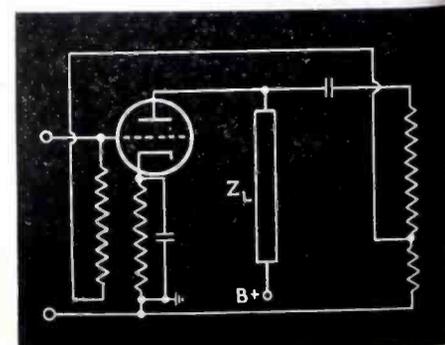


FIG. 2—Voltage feedback circuit using a portion of the output voltage



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transformer primary's inductive reactance is high compared to the tube's plate resistance except at the very lowest audio frequencies, and as a fairly uniform response is obtained. As in the first case, feedback will enable a beam power or pentode tube to give similar performance.

Pentode voltage amplifiers can be feedback advantageously also, and it will lessen the effect of the output capacitance of the next tube and therefore improve the high-frequency response.

In general, it may be said that reverse feedback will improve the operation of any tetrode or pentode amplifier whose load contains shunt reactive components.

## Current Feedback Circuit

The foregoing discussion and derivation assume that  $\beta$  is constant regardless of changes in load impedance. This is true in the circuit of Fig. 2 or in any circuit where a portion of the output voltage is fed back. If we consider Fig. 3, however, we see a network in which a voltage is fed back which depends on the output current rather than the output voltage, and  $\beta$  is not constant but depends on  $Z_L$ . In this case  $\beta$  is determined by the ratio of the voltage drop across  $R_F$  to the voltage drop across  $Z_L$ . Therefore,

$$\beta = -\frac{i_F R_F}{i_F Z_L} = -\frac{R_F}{Z_L} \quad (6)$$

The circuit of Fig. 3, Eq. (2) becomes

$$\alpha = \frac{-\mu Z_L}{Z_L + R_F + R_P} \quad (7)$$

Eq. (4) becomes

$$\alpha = \frac{\frac{-\mu Z_L}{Z_L + R_F + R_P}}{1 + \frac{\beta \mu Z_L}{Z_L + R_F + R_P}} \quad (8)$$

Substituting Eq. (6) in Eq. (8),

$$\alpha' = \frac{\frac{-\mu Z_L}{Z_L + R_F + R_P}}{1 - \frac{\mu R_F}{Z_L + R_F + R_P}}$$

Simplifying,

$$\alpha' = \frac{-\mu Z_L}{Z_L + R_F + (1 - \mu) R_P} \quad (9)$$

Eq. (9) is identical with Eq. (2) except that  $\alpha$  becomes  $\alpha'$  and  $R_P$  becomes  $[R_P + (1 - \mu)R_P]$ . Our formula for apparent source impedance, considering  $\mu$  negative as in Eq. (5), is

$$R'_P = R_P + (1 - \mu) R_P \quad (10)$$

Thus in Fig. 3 or in any current feedback circuit, the tube's plate resistance is increased, and hence the output current tends to be stabilized, rather than the output voltage as in a voltage feedback circuit. Current feedback will not improve frequency response because if the load impedance varies with frequency  $\beta$  will also vary. For this type of feedback Eq. (1) becomes

$$\alpha' = \frac{a}{1 + a R_F / Z_L}$$

Current feedback is especially undesirable in power amplifiers for it tends to stabilize the output transformer's magnetizing current (i.e., make it sinusoidal), and thus produce a distorted output voltage.

## Phase Inverter

The circuit in Fig. 4 represents a phase inverter network which utilizes feedback. Half the load re-

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## Load in Cathode Circuit

Figure 5 is an interesting application of voltage feedback. The entire load is placed in the cathode circuit, so that  $\beta = -1$ , and from Eq. (5)  $R'_P$  very nearly equals  $R_P/\mu$  or  $1/G_M$ . This circuit is useful where a very low source impedance is required, as for instance in certain video applications.

## Conclusions

A significant fact to remember is that by using Eq. (5) and the circuits in Fig. 2 and Fig. 5 it is possible to match any tube to any load whose value is equal to or greater than  $1/G_M$ .

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FIG. 3—Current feedback circuit using drop in cathode resistor

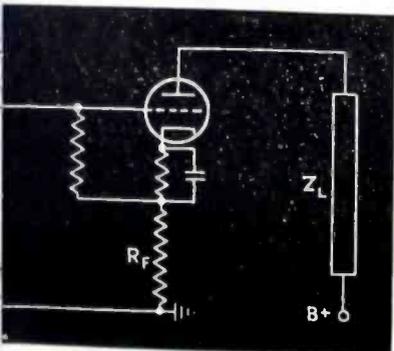


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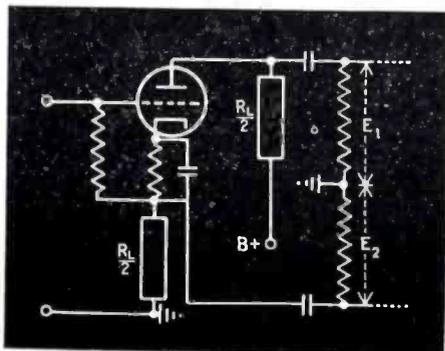
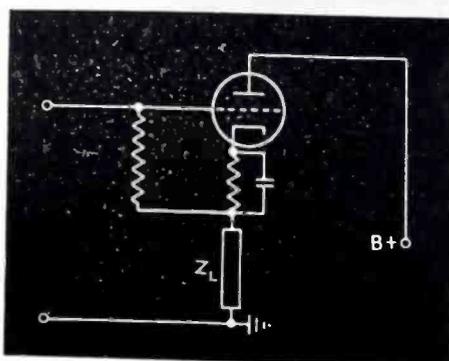
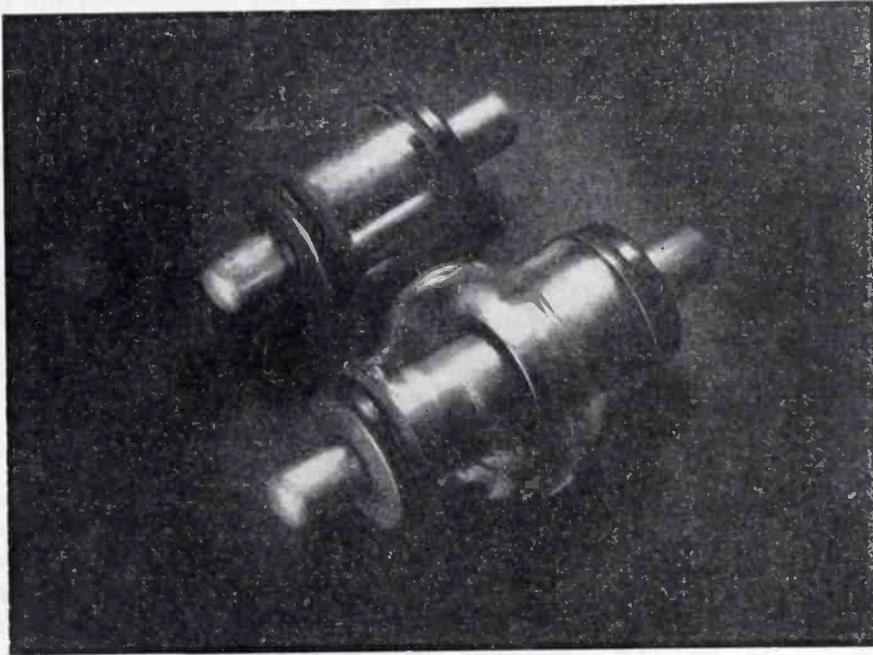


FIG. 5—Cathode-loaded circuit with extremely low source impedance



# Gas-Filled and

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**I**N MODERN RADIO and electronic apparatus, the conventional air capacitor is often suitable because its power losses are ordinarily so small as to be almost unmeasurable. However, both air and solid dielectrics have certain limitations, many of which can be obviated by the use of vacuum or gas-filled capacitors.

#### Vacuum Capacitors

Electrodes of vacuum capacitors are coaxial cylinders or bell-shaped plates sealed in evacuated glass envelopes, with leads brought out to metal end-cups. Capacitive edge effects are minimized by the coaxial construction, and, because electrostatic field strength has an essen-

tially constant value at all points on the polished surfaces, a uniformly high breakdown voltage is achieved. Electrode spacing is of the order of 0.06 in., height of the cylindrical plate being less than an inch in a typical 50- $\mu\mu\text{f}$  unit.

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Air pressure within a typical vacuum capacitor is as low as can be obtained by pumping alone—or less than one micron of mercury. When flashover occurs, the plates, as described by George H. Floyd, General Electric Co., have a tend-

ency to clean up, rather than to corrode or become pitted, because of the extreme scarcity of oxygen and other gases within the envelope. Fixed vacuum capacitors are available in sizes ranging from 3 to 250  $\mu\mu\text{f}$ , with ratings varying from 5,000 v to 35,000 v peak. In practice, these ratings are extended where necessary by use of series-parallel combinations, forming an unusually compact capacitor bank for very high voltages. A typical 50- $\mu\mu\text{f}$  unit has an overall length of 3-5/16 in., a diameter of 1-5/8 in., and a rating of 7,500 v. peak. Manufacturers of vacuum capacitors include: Eitel-McCullough, General Electric, General Electronics, and Jennings Radio Mfg.

#### Electrical Characteristics

Breakdown of a gaseous dielectric does not occur until the potential is great enough to cause collision ionization. The breakdown rating of an air gap within a glass envelope decreases, as air is exhausted, until a certain barometric pressure is reached. Down to this point, the mean free electron path is being lengthened, and the mobility of gaseous ions is increasing, aiding ionization.<sup>1</sup> After this point, further exhaustion of air results in a sharp increase of dielectric strength because ionization is now actually hampered by a scarcity of gas molecules. Sparking potential then depends mostly upon the number of gas particles between the plates.<sup>2</sup>

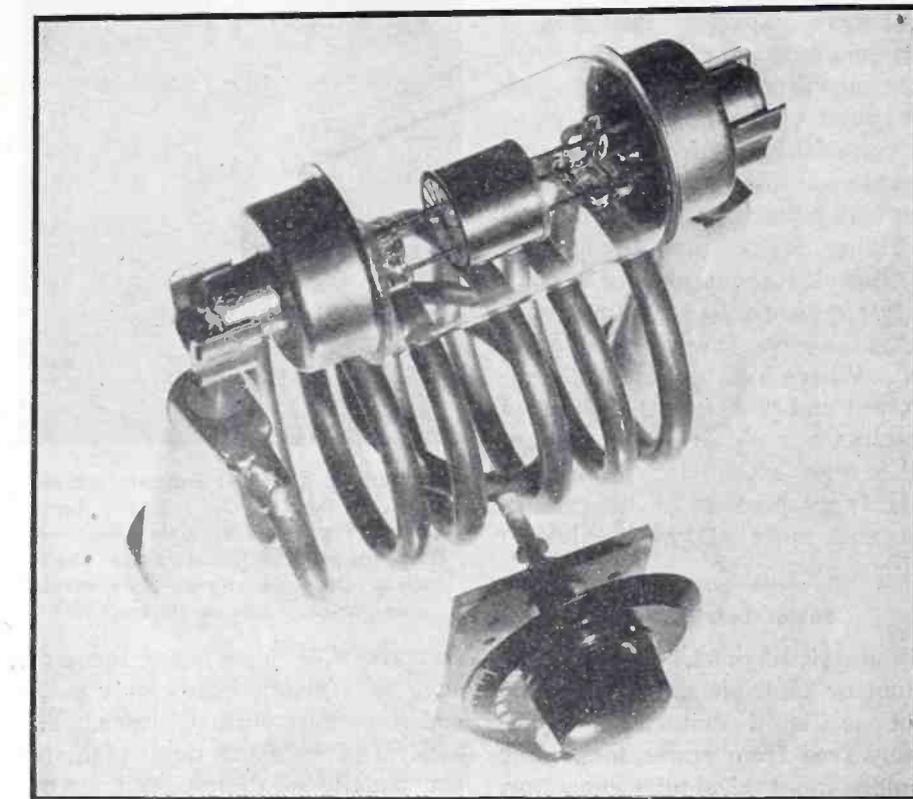
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ely at very low or at very high pressures, where sparking potential depends to a considerable extent on surface condition and material of the electrodes.<sup>3</sup>

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Boiled down to its essential fact, molecular theory holds that a gas will ionize most readily when a certain minimum number of gas molecules exists between the electrodes. When this number is decreased, electrons cannot pass from one electrode to the other readily, because of the scarcity of gas particles which



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break-down gradients can be reached with short electrode spacings and low atmospheric pressures. Millikan succeeded in obtaining breakdown ratings as high as 600,000 v. per mm in high vacuum. Air at normal pressure (76 cm of mercury) and 25 deg. C is rated at about 3,000 v. per mm., (Townsend) assuming a uniform electrostatic field. Certain grades of good mica, 3 mm thick, are rated at 58,000 v. per mm.<sup>4</sup> and polymerized styrene of the same thickness, about 2,400 v. per mm.

## Altitude Reduces Breakdown Voltage

As shown in Fig. 2, flashover ratings of air capacitors decrease with a rise in altitude. Also, an increase of humidity causes a thin film of moisture to form on the plates and spacing insulators of a typical air capacitor, thus appreciably affecting the flash-over voltage. This humidity-voltage variation may be as much as 7 percent in practice.<sup>5</sup> Corona losses, too, become an important consideration as the decreasing breakdown rating approaches applied voltage in an

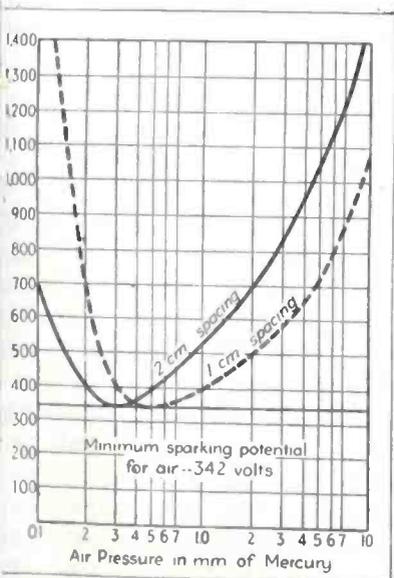


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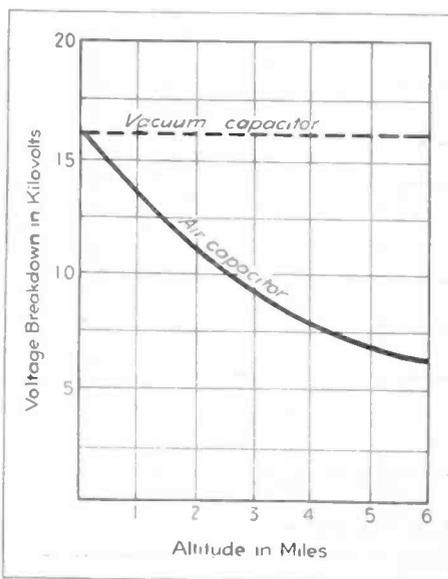


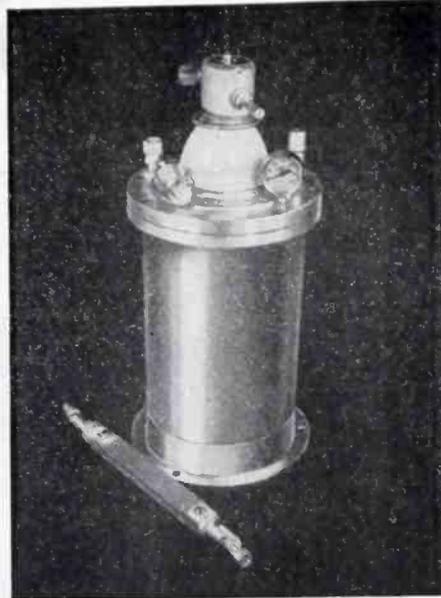
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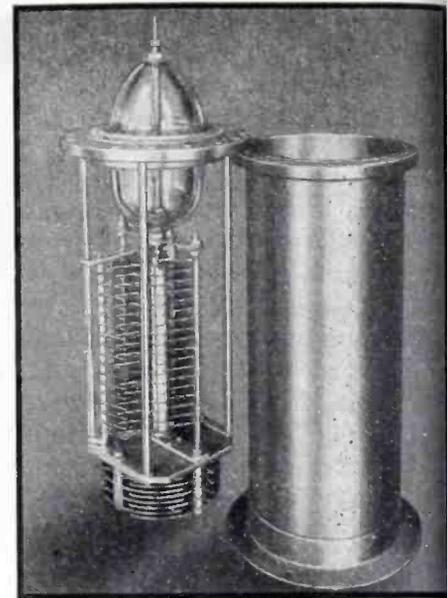
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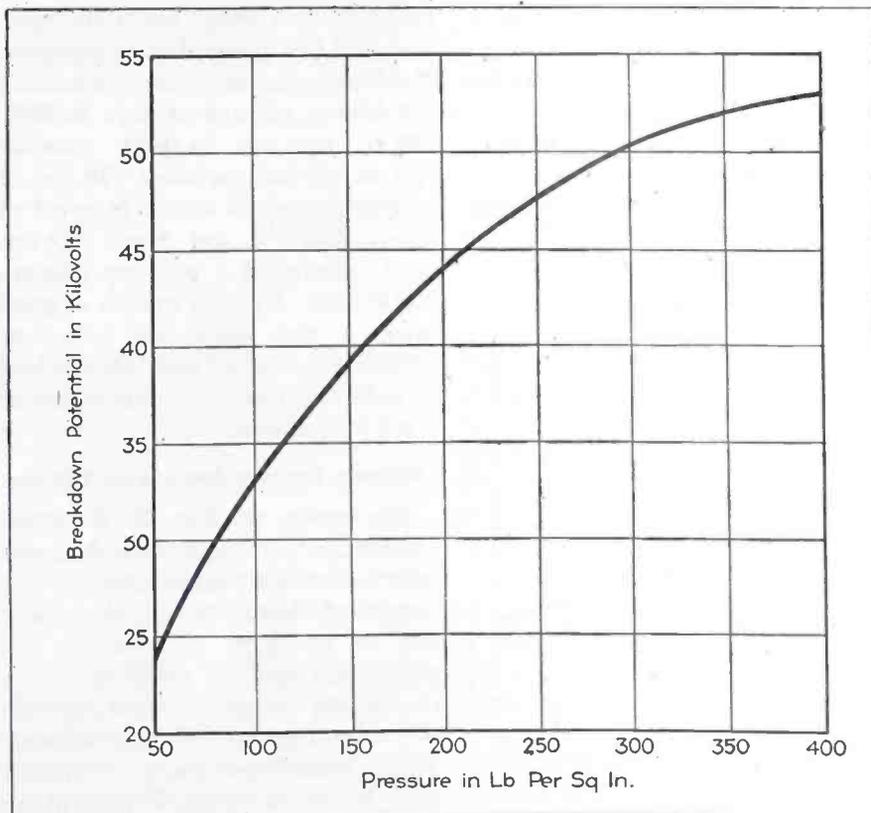


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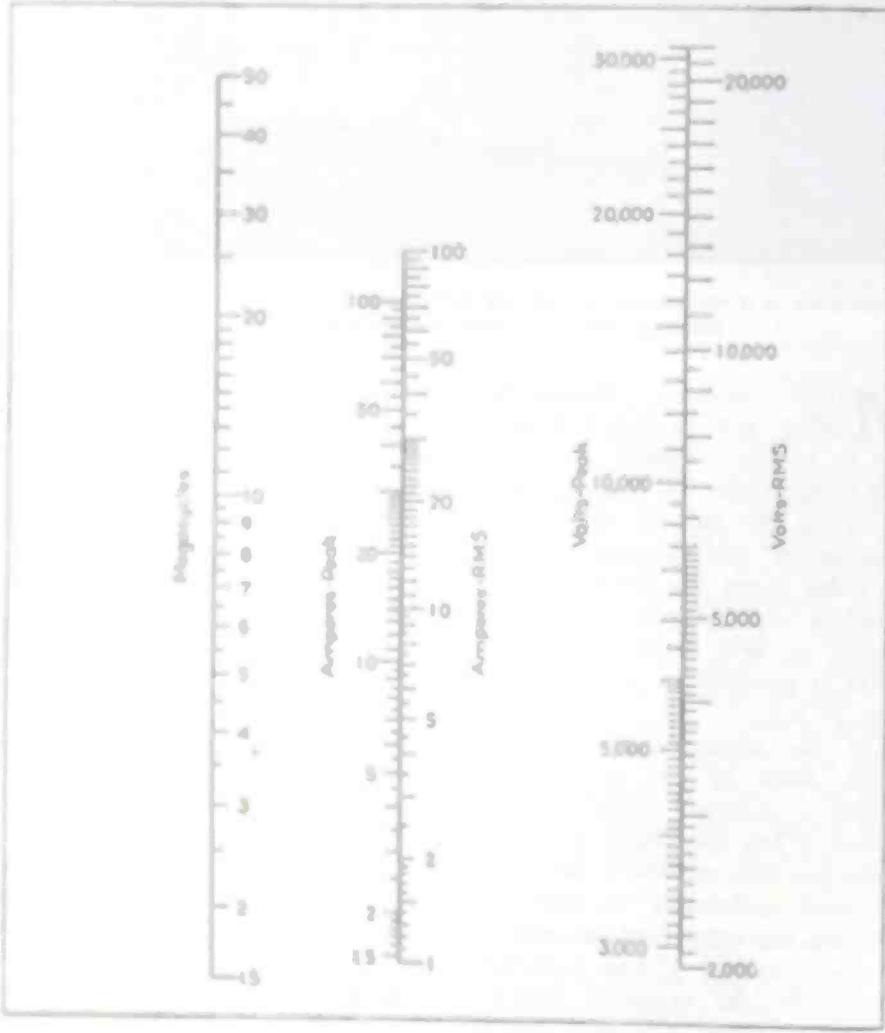
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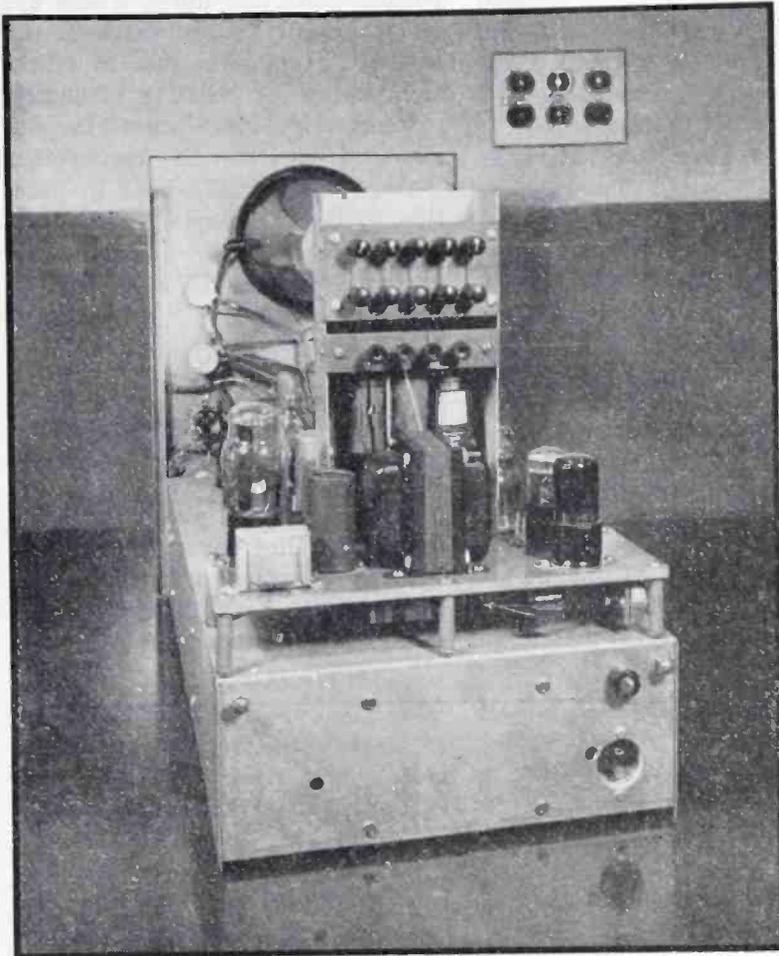
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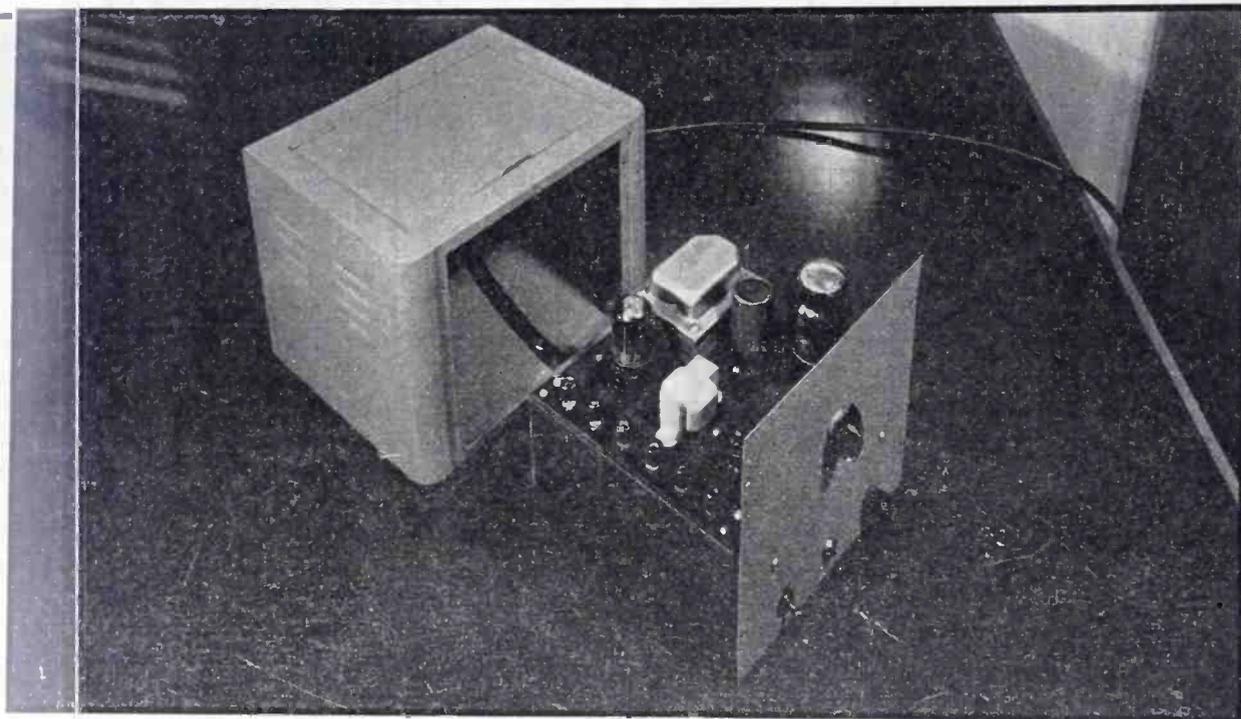
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## Filmlogging Problem

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From a practical point of view, however, there is a serious handicap standing in the way of an easy solution, due to the following condition: when operating a cathode-ray tube, the average potential of the deflection plates should be near the anode potential. This condition is ordinarily met by placing the anode of the cathode-ray tube at or near ground potential, which

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## Operation of Trigger Circuit

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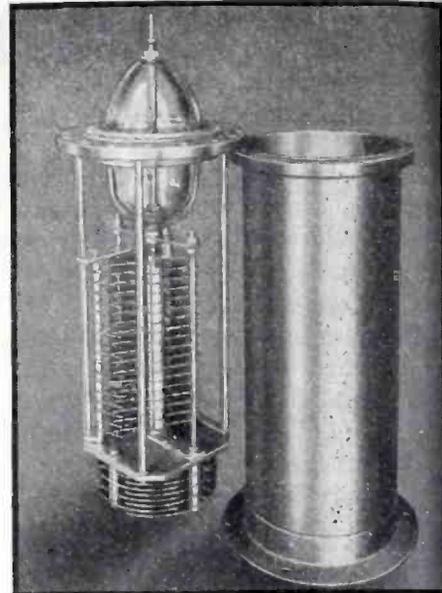
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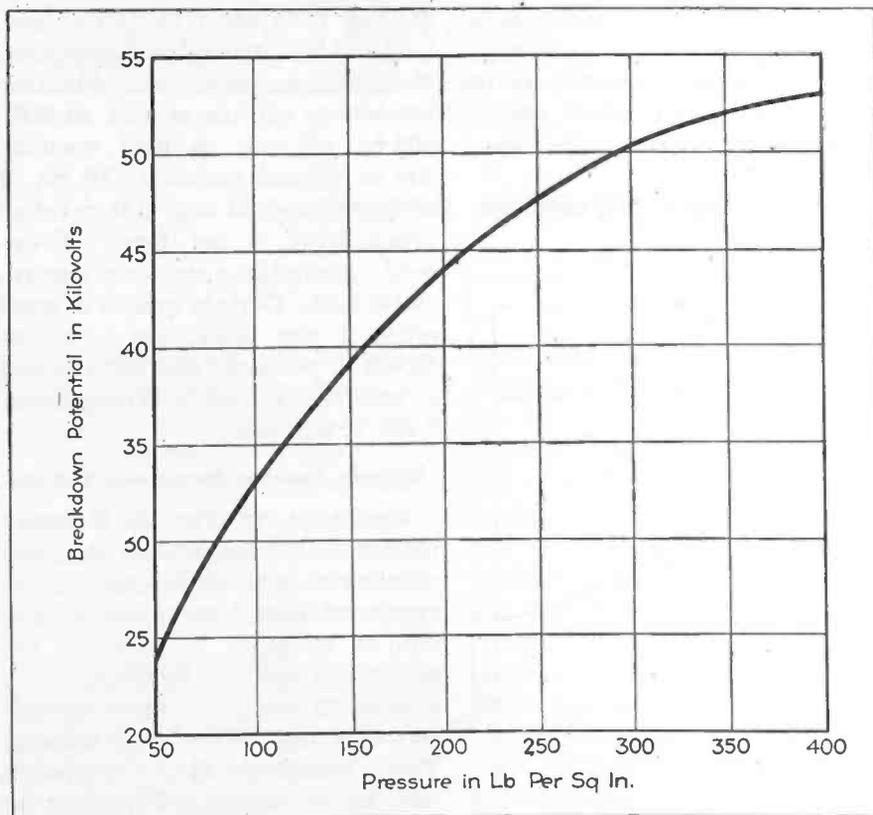


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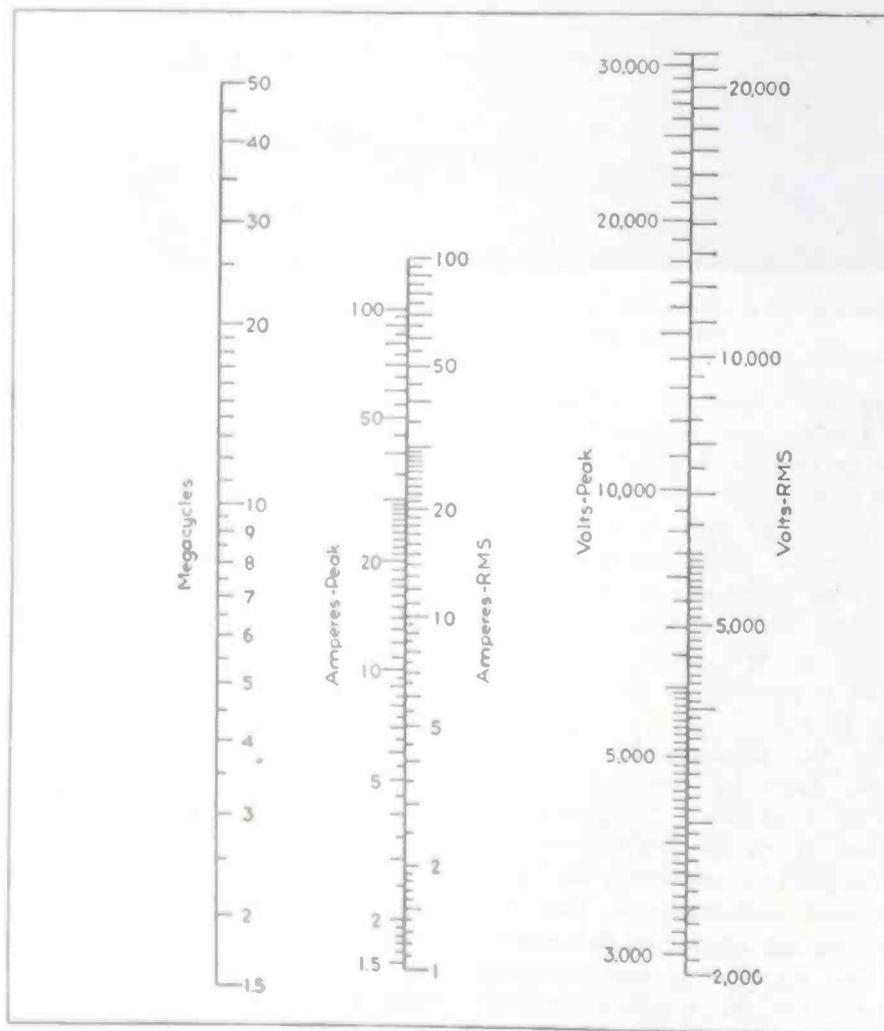
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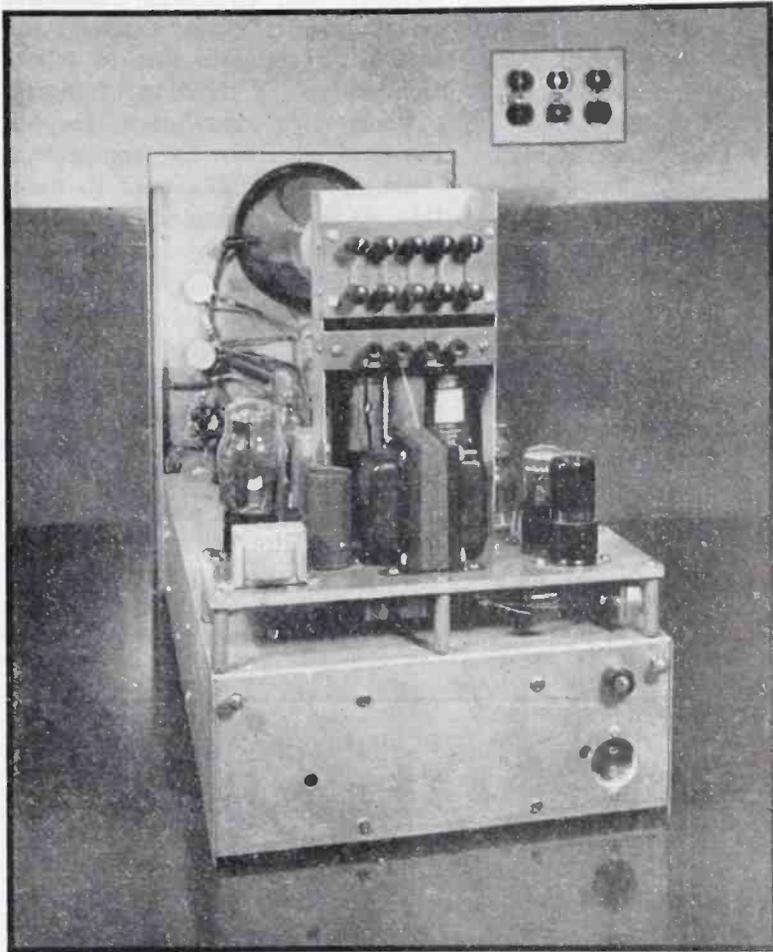
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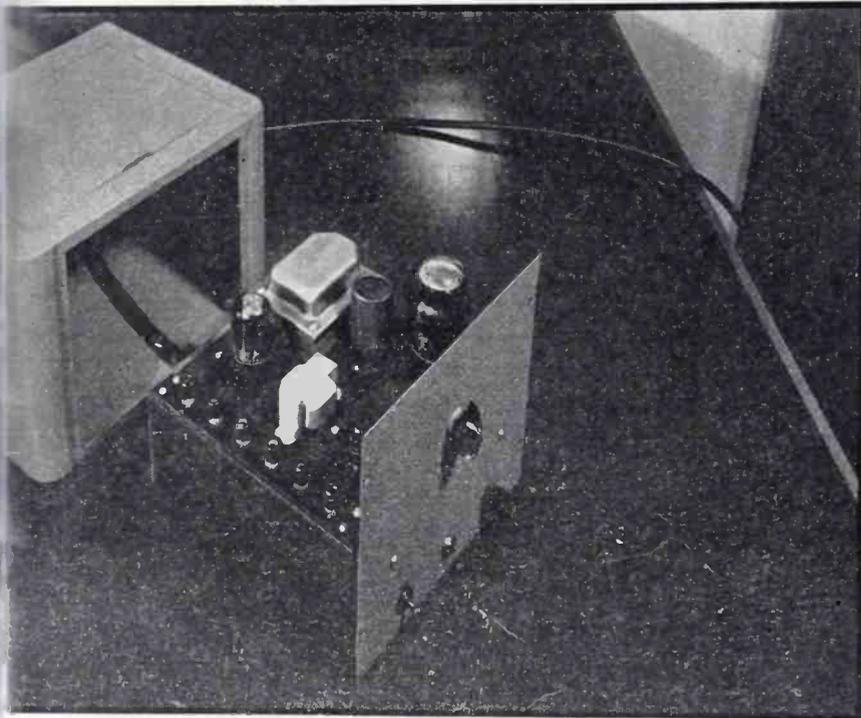
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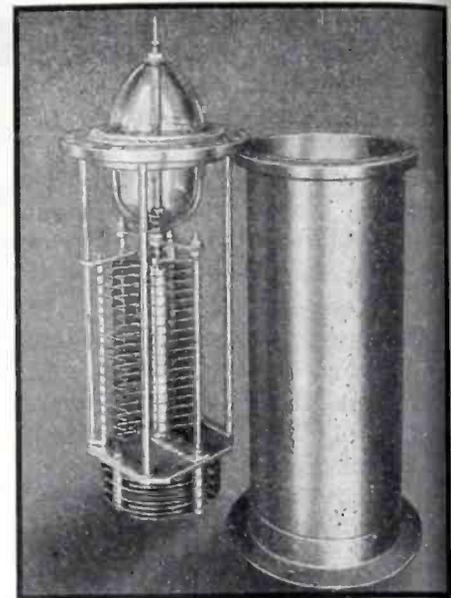
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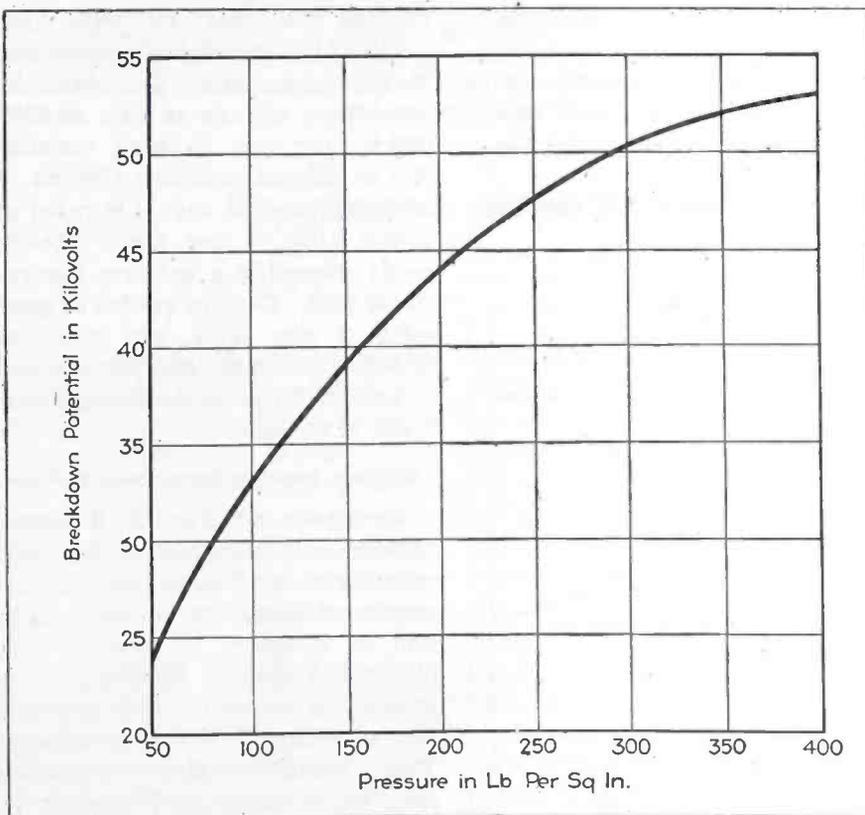


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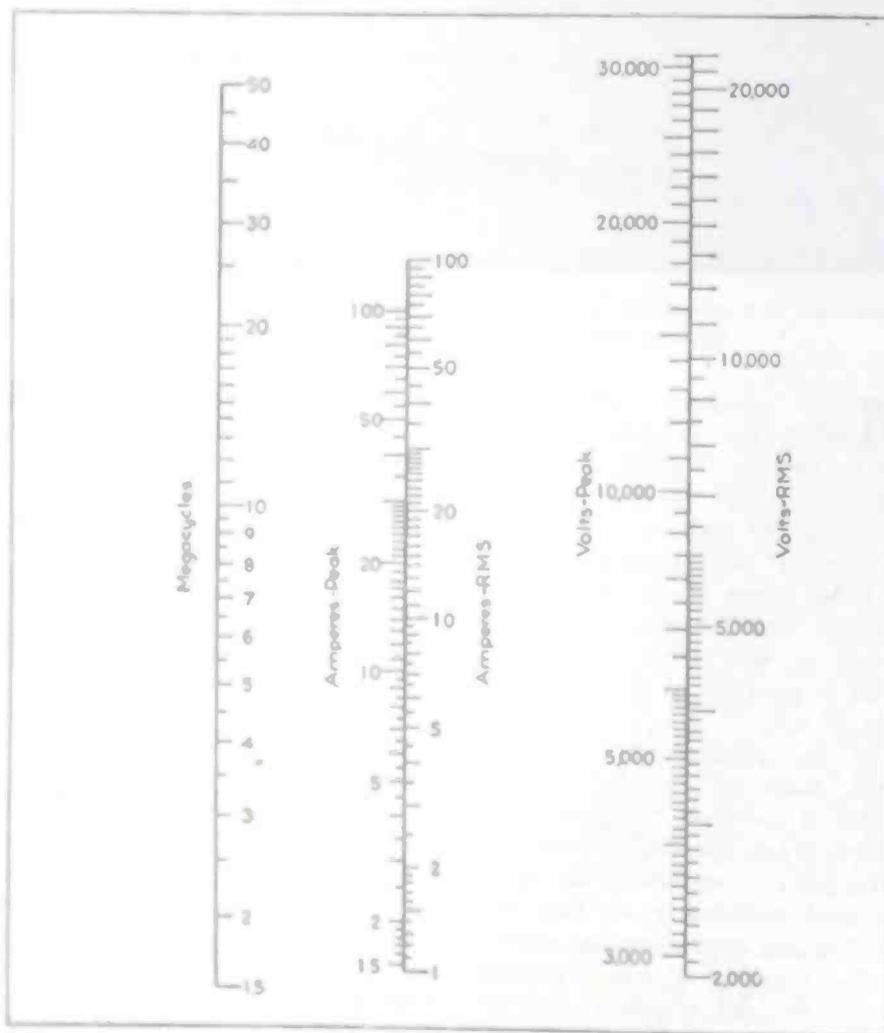
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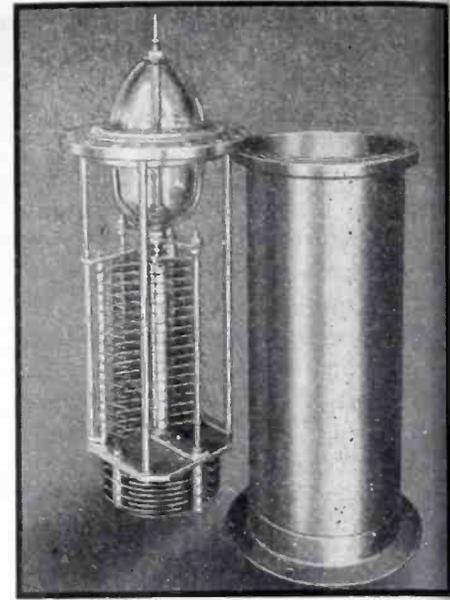
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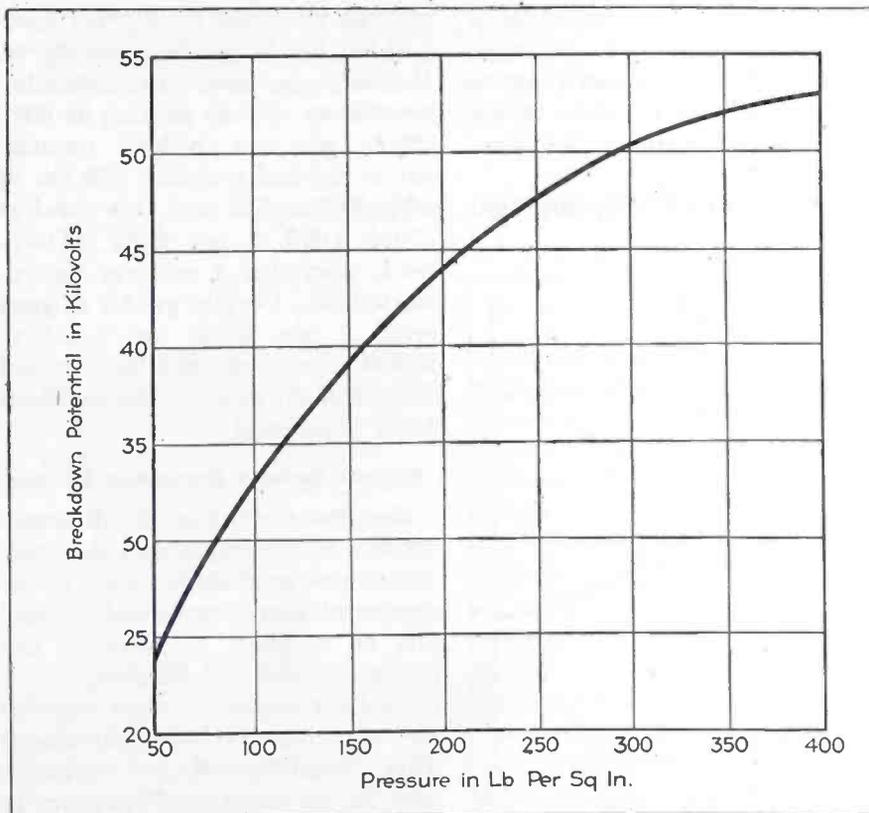


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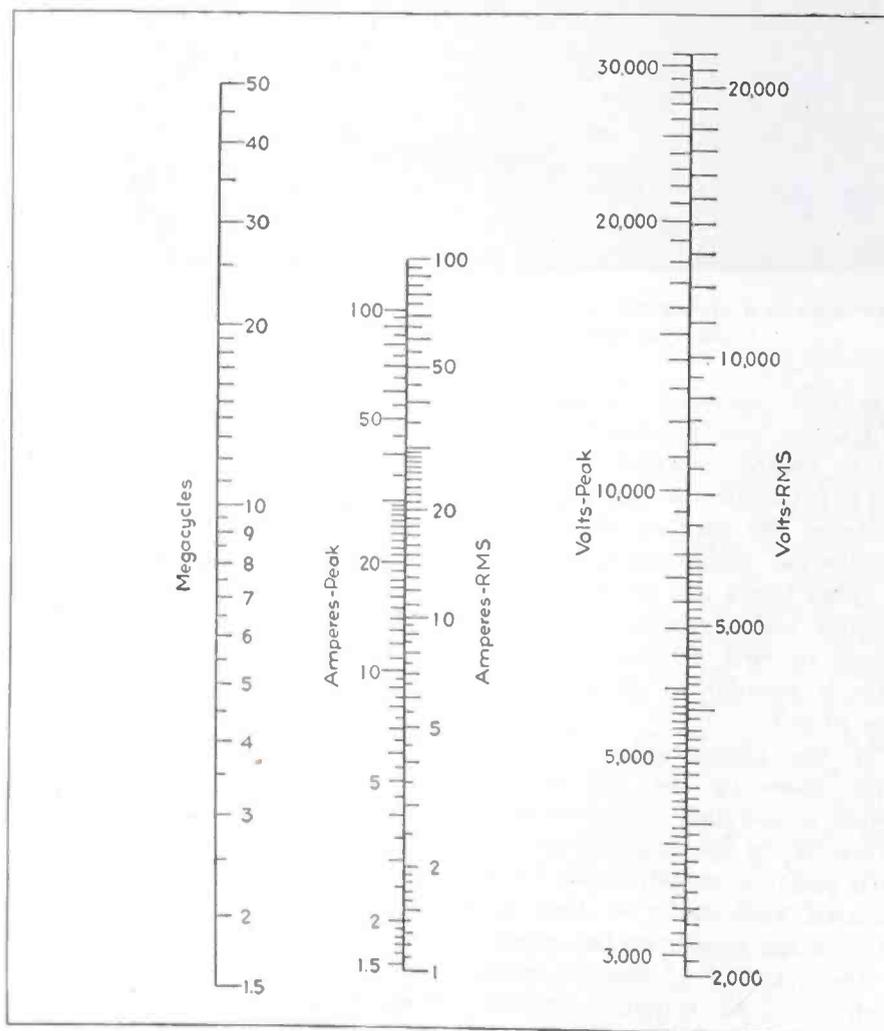
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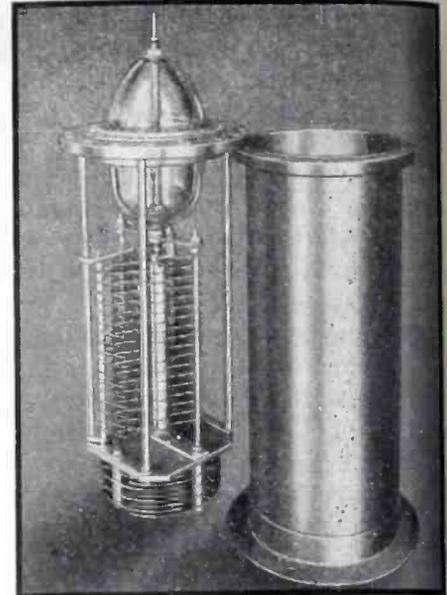
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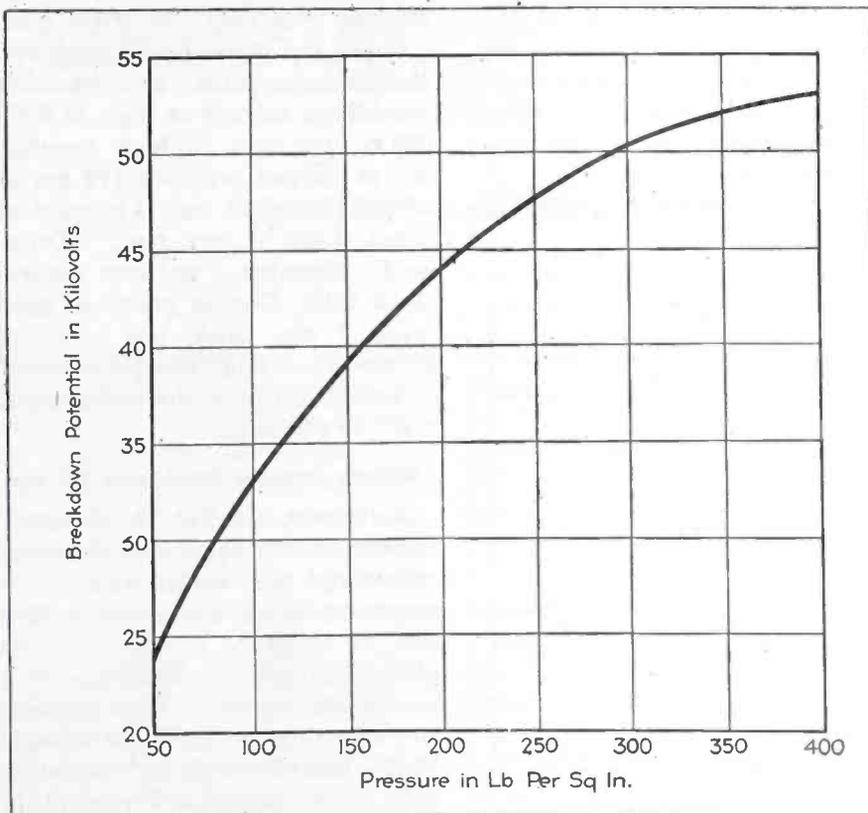


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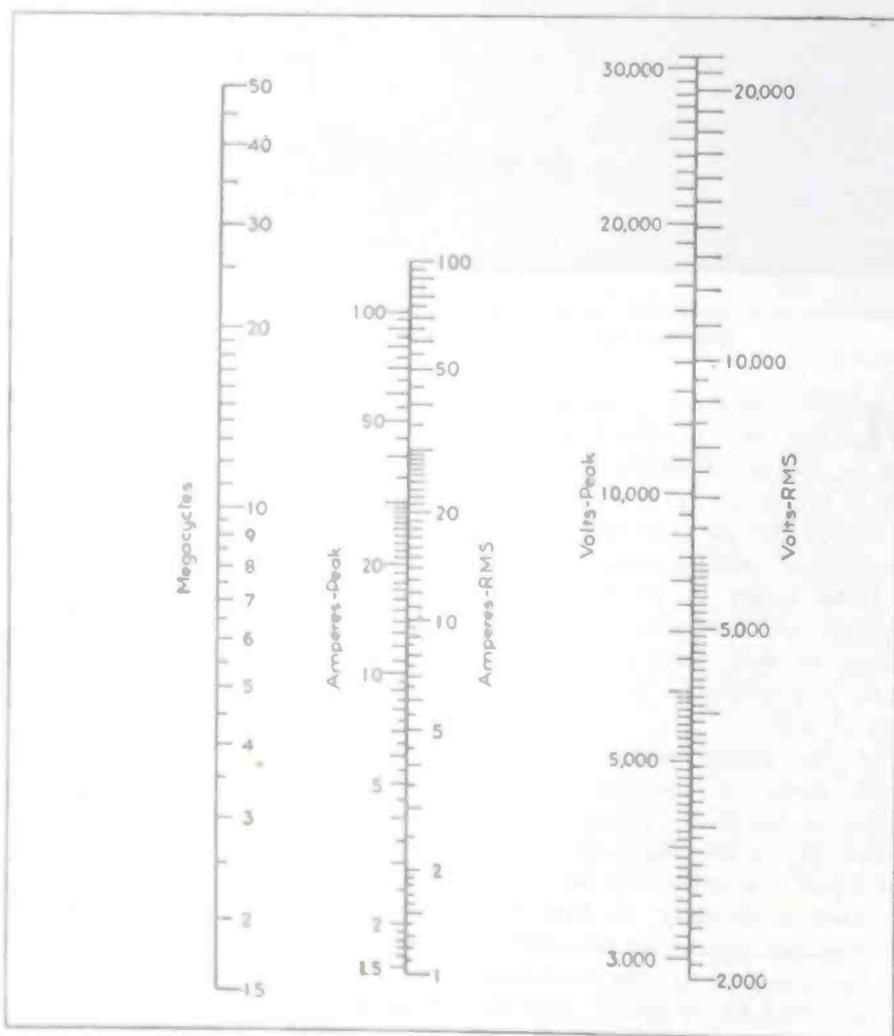
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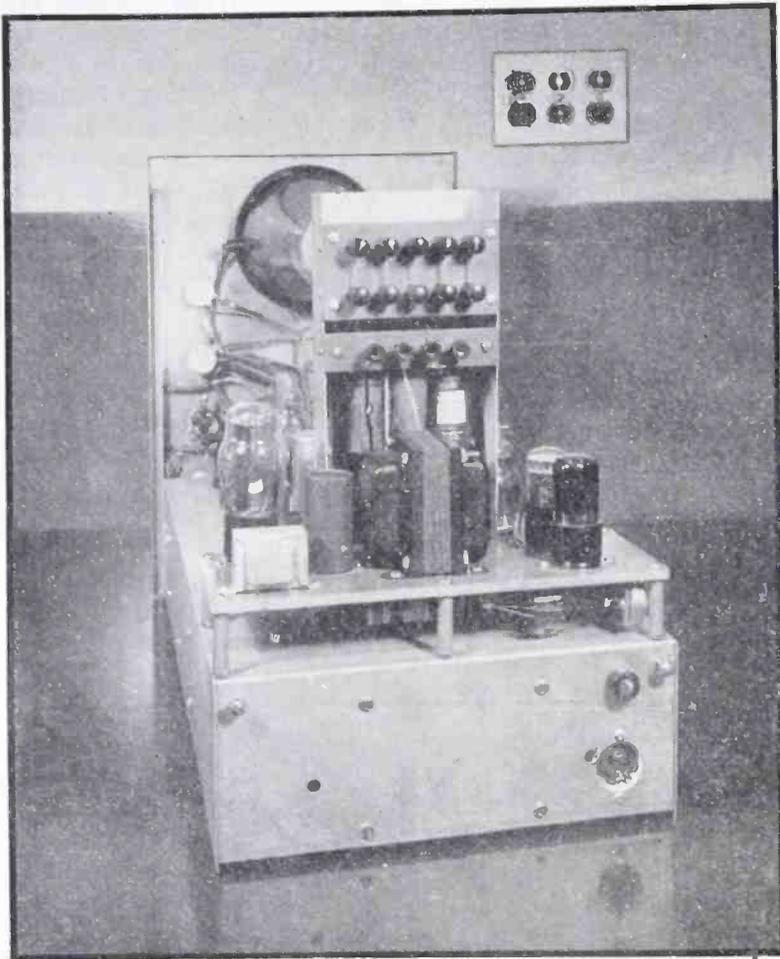
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# Beam Blanking



Rear view of a commercial cathode-ray oscilloscope in which the beam-blanking circuit has been incorporated

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First, even with the beam biased so as not to strike the screen, there are scattered electrons striking the screen, leading to a reasonably strong background illumination. If for any reason the camera shutter has to be opened an appreciable time before the expected transient begins, an undesirable amount of fogging of the film takes place.

Secondly, if it is desired to obtain a picture of the complete transient, then it is of course necessary to adjust the rate of the single sweep to such a value that the time taken by one sweep is equal to the total time of the transient. The resulting oscillogram can therefore not be any longer than a single sweep. It is quite obvious that considerable detail of the transient may become lost in the picture due to the need of compressing it into a single sweep.

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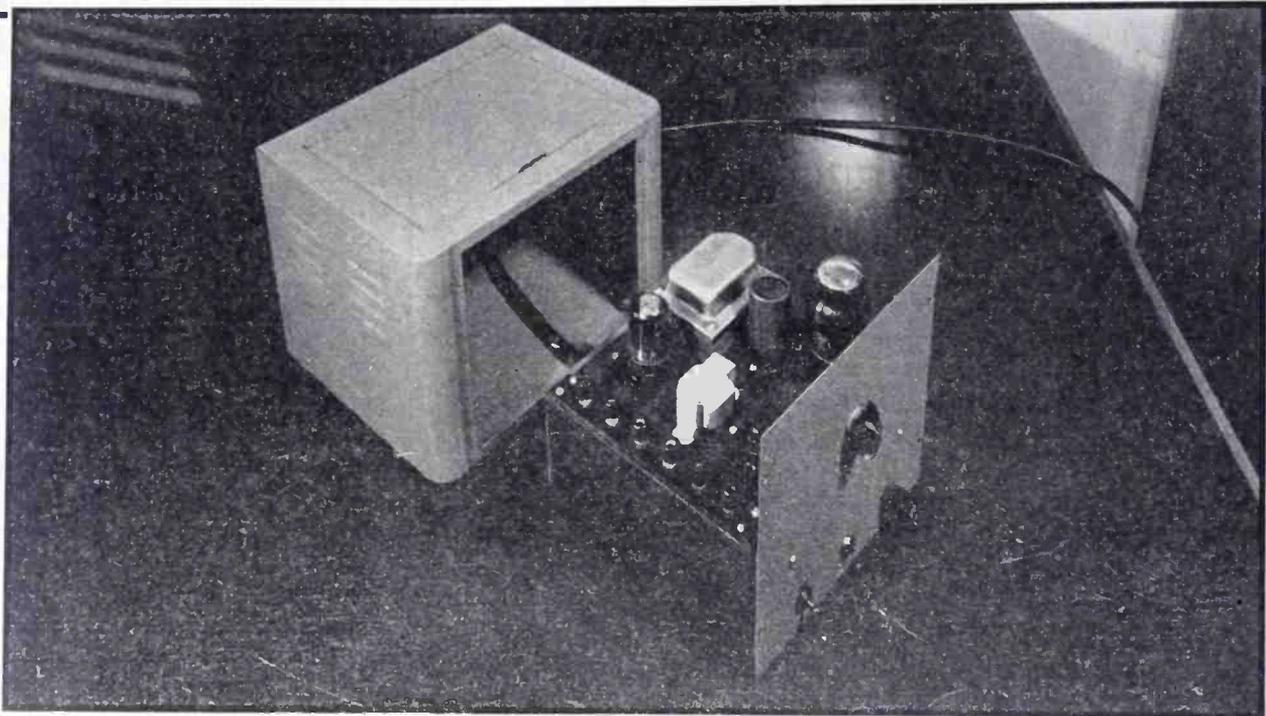
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An example of a transient as it would appear with a single sweep appears in Fig. 1(a), while Fig. 1(b) shows this same transient spread over five sweeps. Corresponding segments in the two traces are similarly marked.

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# Circuit for Oscilloscopes



Complete beam-blanking equipment built as a separate unit for use with any oscilloscope

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## Film-Fogging Problem

It is entirely feasible to obtain the desired result by designing an electronic circuit that will make the beam repeat itself for a definite number of cycles, but this still does not remove the possibility of fogging. Therefore a more desirable solution would be one in which the beam operates continuously, and the beam is released only for the required exposure. In principle, this is a rather simple procedure; all that has to do is to keep the grid of the cathode-ray tube sufficiently negative to cause cut-off of the beam, and reduce this negative bias to the proper value for the time of exposure.

From a practical point of view, however, there is a serious handicap standing in the way of an easy solution, due to the following condition: when operating a cathode-ray tube, the average potential of the deflection plates should be near the anode potential. This condition is ordinarily met by placing the anode of the cathode-ray tube at or near ground potential, which

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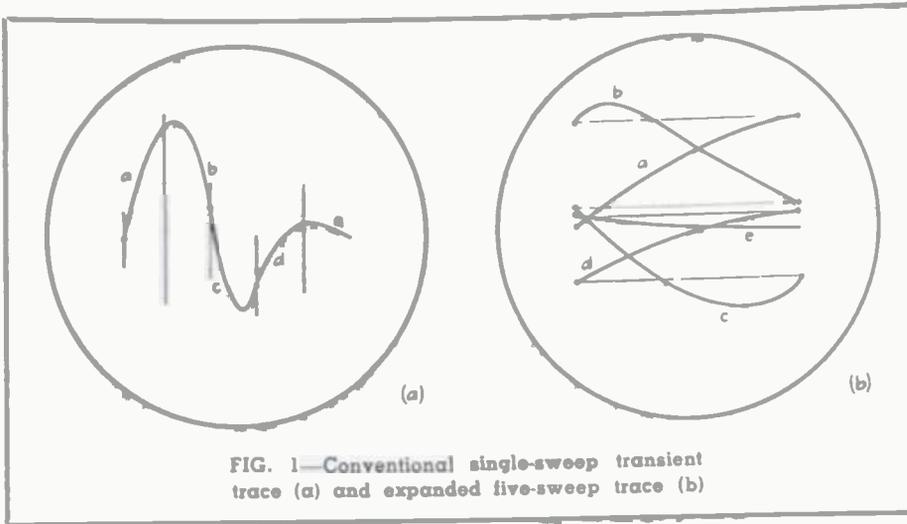


FIG. 1—Conventional single-sweep transient trace (a) and expanded five-sweep trace (b)

section of the tube is conducting, the other section is automatically biased to cut-off. Consequently, either one or the other section is conducting, but never both at the same time. An impulse transmitted to the grid of one section, in such a direction as to change the state in which it is at that instant, will therefore cause the circuit to go from one condition to the other.

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#### Production of Dotting Signal

The left-hand section of the double diode is used to provide the "Z" or dotting signal. It is seen that the application of the proper type of signal (preferably of a square-wave shape in order to avoid defocussing during the duration of the dot) through blocking capacitor  $C_1$  causes an alternating current to flow through resistor  $R_4$ , which (during its negative half-wave) will cause a current flow through the left-hand section of the double diode, thus periodically biasing the grid of the cathode-ray tube.

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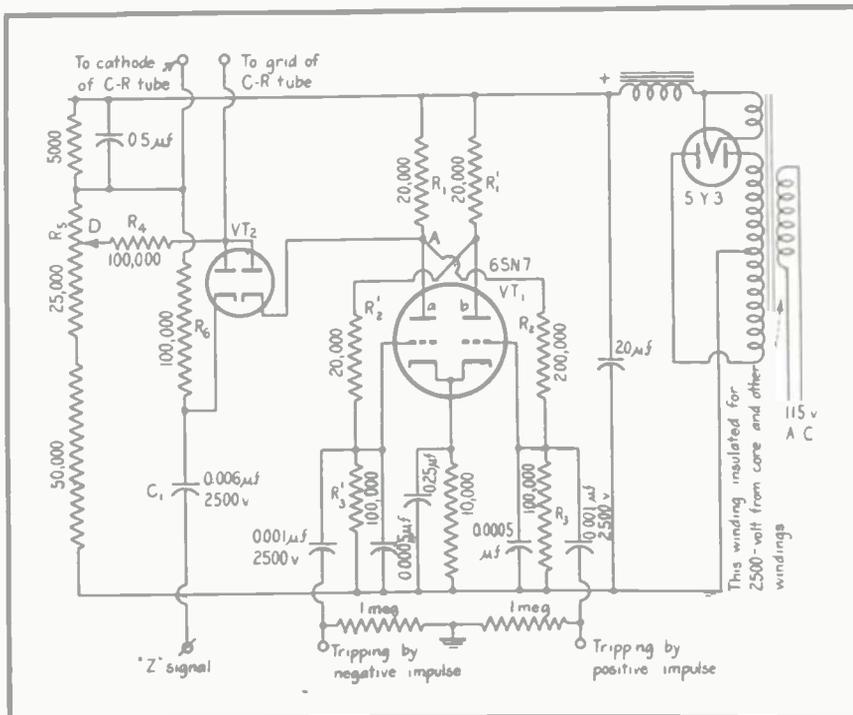


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# REMOTE MONITOR

## for Directional Broadcasting

Direct measurement of the null point in the radiation pattern from a directional antenna system is accomplished with a modified receiver which gives a continuous microammeter reading at the transmitter

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GREATER USE of directional antenna systems by broadcast stations has increased the importance of means for measuring and keeping a check on the radiation patterns.

Instruments for indicating biasing in the several elements of directional arrays have been specially devised for the purpose and built in as permanent parts of the transmitters. This measures the means by which the desired result is produced, but is not a check on the radiation pattern itself, or what is of most

importance, the strength of the signal radiated in the minimum signal or null-point direction.

A means of checking signal intensity directly provides an indication of the signal radiated toward the channel-sharing station with which interference must be avoided.

### Unit in Continuous Service

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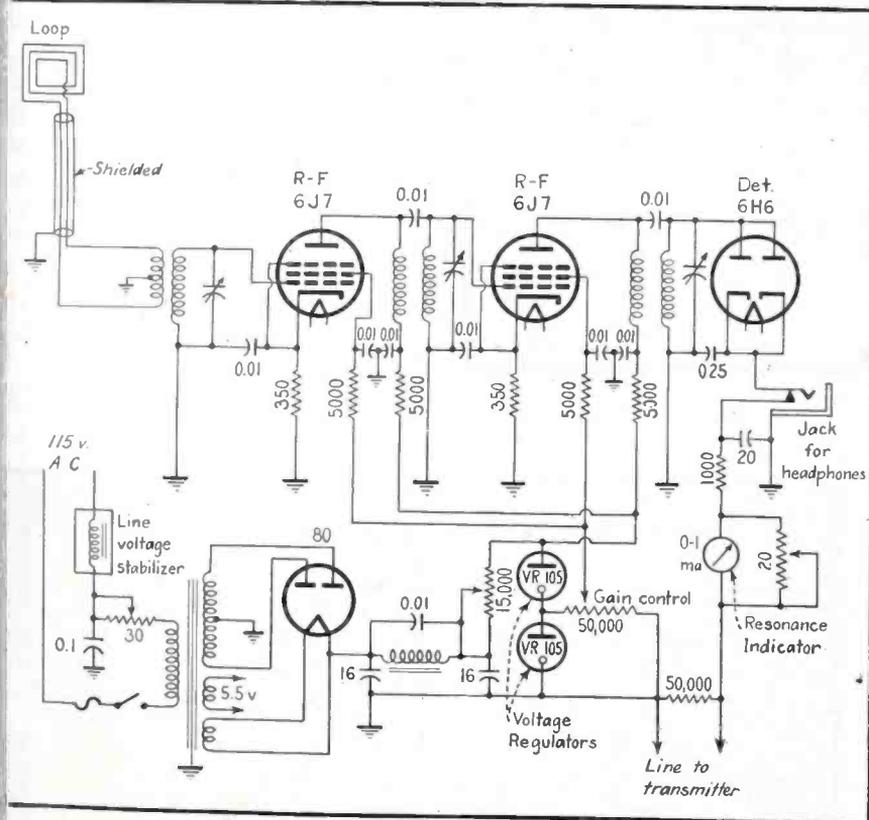
Mounted on a pole, the remote monitoring unit receives a signal from the antenna array to the right of the pole in the background and 1½ miles away. Receiver diode current goes back to the transmitter by phone line

power to be installed before the war. Operating on 710 kc, KMPC shares the channel with KIRO, Seattle, Wash., 960 miles away.

At a distance of 1½ miles from the three 300 ft towers which make up the directional array, a simple type of monitoring receiver is installed on a 25 ft pole, surmounted by a loop antenna. The receiver operates continuously, energized from a 115-v line on the pole. The dc developed in the diode detector of the receiver is sent over a telephone line back to the transmitter, where it actuates a microammeter on the operator's console.

Steady deflection of this meter affords a constant and directly

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Circuit of the remote monitor. The 30-ohm rheostat in the power-transformer primary circuit reduces the line voltage to extend service life

# SINGLE-INDUCTOR

Advantages over tuned interstage transformers in wide-band r-f and video amplifiers are discussed, performance is analyzed, expressions are set up for total voltage gain, bandwidth and skirt steepness ratio, and design curves are given for band widths up to 5 Mc

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**O**F THE MANY METHODS of coupling between stages of tuned amplifiers, probably the simplest is the common single-inductor coupling network. While the single inductor does not possess the versatility of the tuned trans-

former or of other more elaborate coupling networks, neither does it entail the complexity of design, manufacture, and alignment of other types of coupling.

Consideration of the characteristics of the single-inductor coupling

network is made under conditions where the center frequency and bandwidth requirements are such that the single inductor exhibits its most useful features. The scope of application for this treatment of the single inductor is limited by only a few basic restrictions. In Fig. 1 is shown a schematic circuit for use of the single inductor in a coupling network. Variations of this circuit are of course possible, but they will not change the basic behavior of the network.

Figure 2 gives the fundamental equivalent network involving the inductor. The output capacitance of the preceding tube, the input capacitance of the following tube, and the distributed capacitance of the inductor and circuit are considered as a single shunt capacitor with respect to the inductor in the equivalent circuit.

In the analysis of the network, it

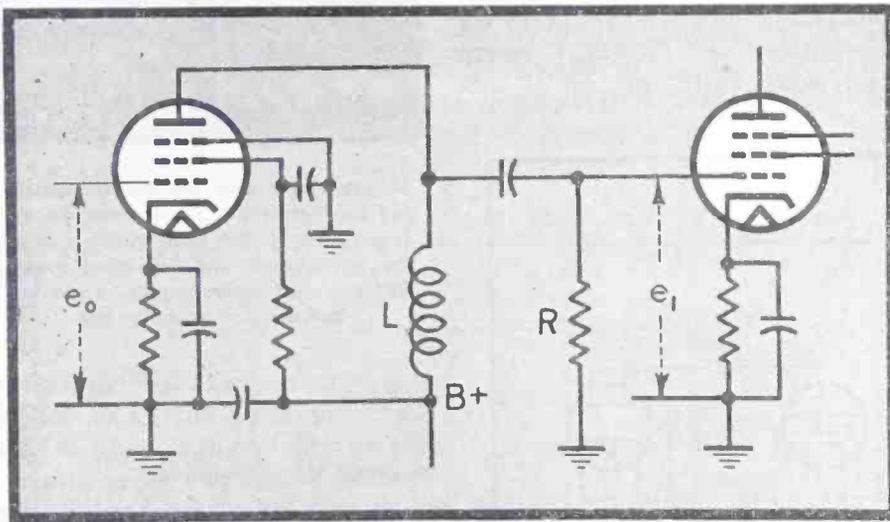
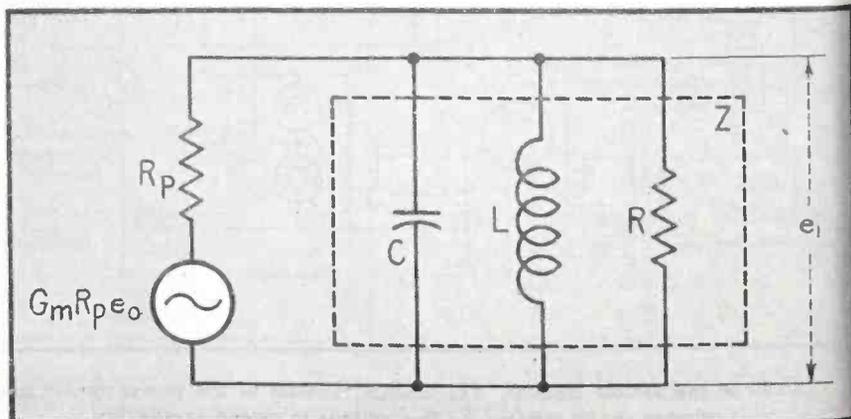


FIG. 1—Circuit using single inductor  $L$  in coupling network

FIG. 2—Equivalent circuit of amplifier stage using a single-inductor coupling network



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assumed as a first restriction that the inductor has a sufficiently high  $Q$  so that its effective inherent resistance is large compared to the size of the damping resistor placed in the coupling network. As a second restriction, the plate resistance of the preceding tube is considered to be very large compared to the damping resistor. The first restriction is merely for the purpose of analysis so that the damping action in the network can be considered as being due solely to the damped shunt resistor. The second restriction limits the use of this analysis to those applications where the bandwidth requirements are such that the necessary damping resistor will be small compared to the effective plate resistance of the tube. This last condition does place a severe limitation on the usefulness of this work, because the great majority of all radio modulation applications will fall within this range.

## Total Voltage Gain for $N$ Stages

An examination of the equivalent circuit of Fig. 2 shows that the stage gain for a single stage is given by the expression

$$V.G. = \frac{e_1}{e_0} = \frac{g_m R_p Z}{R_p + Z} \quad (1.10)$$

With the above-discussed second restriction that  $R$  is small com-

pared to  $R_p$ , and since  $Z$  can never be greater than  $R$ , then for this treatment  $Z$  will be small compared to  $R_p$  and we will have for one stage of amplification

$$V.G. = e_1/e_0 \approx g_m Z \quad (1.11)$$

For  $N$  identical stages, as in Fig. 3, the total gain at any frequency,  $\Gamma_f$ , will be

$$\Gamma_f = (g_m Z)^N \quad (1.20)$$

From the equivalent circuit,  $Z$  can be expressed by

$$Z = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R} + j\left(\omega C - \frac{1}{\omega L}\right)} \quad (1.30)$$

It is apparent that  $Z$  is a maximum and equals  $R$  when  $\omega C = 1/\omega L$ . If we let  $\omega = \omega_0$  when  $Z = R$  (at resonance), then  $\omega_0 C = 1/\omega_0 L$  or  $L = 1/\omega_0^2 C$ , we have

$$Z = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R} + j\left(\omega C - \frac{\omega_0^2 C}{\omega}\right)} \quad (1.31)$$

and the total gain will be

$$\Gamma_f = (g_m Z)^N = g_m^N \left[ \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R} + j\left(\omega C - \frac{\omega_0^2 C}{\omega}\right)} \right]^N \quad (1.21)$$

At resonance,

$$\Gamma_{f_0} = (g_m R)^N \quad (1.22)$$

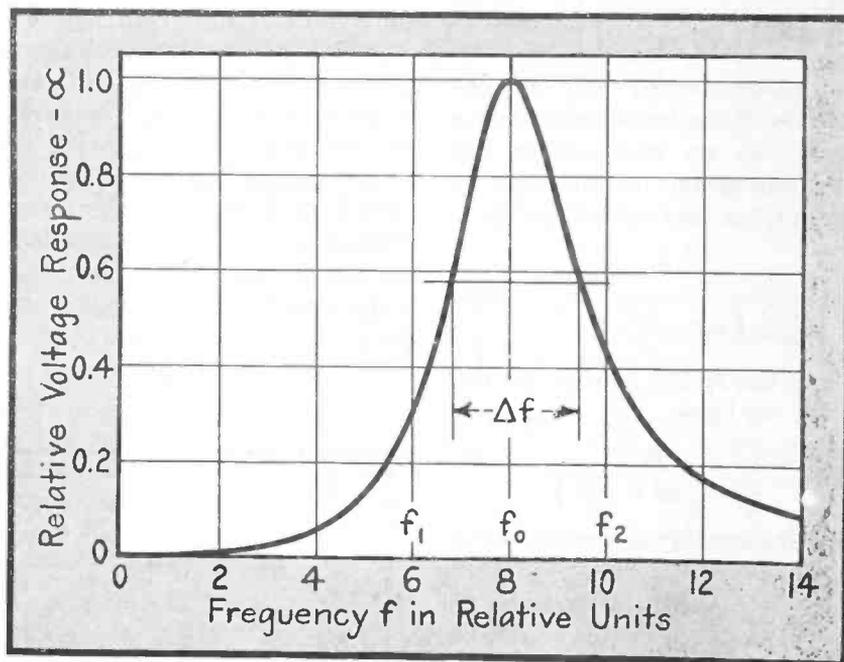


FIG. 3—Use of single-inductor coupling networks (represented by equivalent impedance  $Z$ ) in  $N$  identical stages

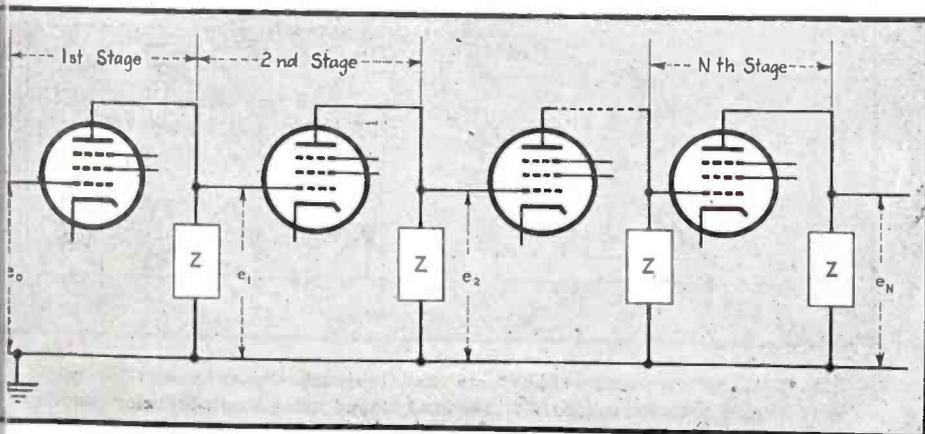


FIG. 4—Voltage response characteristic of an amplifier stage using a single-inductor coupling network, showing significance of band width for any specific value of relative voltage response off the resonant frequency

We can now advantageously express the total voltage gain at any frequency as a fraction,  $\alpha$ , of the total voltage gain at resonance, thus:

$$\Gamma_f = \alpha \Gamma_{f_0} = \alpha (g_m R)^N \quad (1.23)$$

With this expression for the total voltage gain at any frequency expressed as a function of some of the known constants of the network and the determinable factor,  $\alpha$ , we have a useful means for predicting the behavior of any single-inductor type tuned amplifier.

#### General Bandwidth for $N$ Stages

Since the total gain and the bandwidth are the two basic requirements for any tuned amplifier, it is necessary that an expression be obtained relating these quantities to the known constants of the network.

From Eq. (1.21) and (1.23) for total voltage gain,

$$\Gamma_f = \alpha (g_m R)^N = g_m^N \left[ \frac{1}{R + j(\omega C - \frac{\omega_0^2 C}{\omega})} \right]^N \quad (2.10)$$

We are interested only in the magnitude of the impedance at any frequency so we may reduce the complex expression on the right to a real number and cancel out  $g_m^N$ , thus

$$\alpha^N R^N = \left[ \frac{1}{R^2 + (\omega C - \frac{\omega_0^2 C}{\omega})^2} \right]^{N/2} \quad (2.20)$$

Taking the  $N/2$ th root of the expression, we have

$$\alpha^{N/2} R^2 = \frac{1}{R^2 + (\omega C - \frac{\omega_0^2 C}{\omega})^2} \quad (2.21)$$

Rearranging terms results in the relation

$$(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 = \frac{\omega^2 (1 - \alpha^{2/N})}{\alpha^{2/N} R^2 C^2} \quad (2.22)$$

and since  $\omega = 2\pi f$  we can write

$$(f^2 - f_0^2)^2 = \frac{f^2 (1 - \alpha^{2/N})}{4\pi^2 \alpha^{2/N} R^2 C^2} \quad (2.23)$$

then

$$f^2 - f_0^2 = \pm \frac{f \sqrt{1 - \alpha^{2/N}}}{2\pi \alpha^{1/N} R C} \quad (2.24)$$

From Fig. 4 it is seen that for any relative voltage response,  $\alpha$ , there are two values of  $f$ . These frequencies will be designated  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ ; since they must be positive real numbers, we have for the solutions of Eq. (2.24)

$$f_2^2 - f_0^2 = \frac{f_2 \sqrt{1 - \alpha^{2/N}}}{2\pi \alpha^{1/N} R C} \quad (2.25)$$

and

$$f_1^2 - f_0^2 = \frac{-f_1 \sqrt{1 - \alpha^{2/N}}}{2\pi \alpha^{1/N} R C} \quad (2.26)$$

Eliminating  $f_0$  from the above equations and using the notation for general bandwidth,  $\Delta f = f_2 - f_1$ , we have

$$f_2^2 - f_1^2 = (f_2 + f_1) \frac{\sqrt{1 - \alpha^{2/N}}}{2\pi \alpha^{1/N} R C} \quad (2.27)$$

Then, since  $f_2^2 - f_1^2 = (f_2 + f_1)(f_2 - f_1)$ ,

$$\Delta f = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \alpha^{2/N}}}{2\pi \alpha^{1/N} R C} \quad (2.30)$$

For convenience of analysis, this expression for general bandwidth can be given most simply as

$$\Delta f = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \alpha^{2/N}}}{2\pi R C} \quad (2.31)$$

This relationship shows the functional variation of the bandwidth of the amplifier with respect to the circuit constants and the relative voltage response ratio at which the bandwidth is considered. It shows that if  $R$  and  $C$  are fixed, both the bandwidth at any given relative response,  $\alpha$ , and the total voltage gain (since  $\Gamma_f = \alpha (g_m R)^N$ ) will remain constant regardless of the value of the inductance,  $L$ , employed. Thus it is seen that any inductance variation will change only the resonant frequency and will have no effect on the bandwidth or total gain.

An important relationship exists between the high and low fre-

quencies,  $f_2$  and  $f_1$ , for any relative response,  $\alpha$ , and the resonant frequency,  $f_0$ , of the coupling network. Dividing Eq. (2.25) by (2.26), we obtain

$$\frac{f_2^2 - f_0^2}{f_1^2 - f_0^2} = -\frac{f_2}{f_1} \quad (3.10)$$

Solving this for  $f_0^2$  gives

$$f_0^2 = f_1 f_2 \quad (3.11)$$

This establishes the well-known formulation that the resonant frequency is the geometric mean of the high and low response frequencies at any relative response of the amplifier. It follows that the response of an amplifier is thus geometric with respect to its resonant frequency, and a linear frequency plot of the amplifier characteristic will appear asymmetrical. For this reason a logarithmic frequency scale is usually employed so that the characteristic will appear symmetrical.

#### Skirt Steepness Ratio

An interesting characteristic of the behavior of  $N$  stages of a single-inductor coupling network can be drawn from a consideration of the expression in Eq. (2.31) for  $\Delta f$ . The quality of an amplifier is partially determined by its response to near signals relative to its desired bandwidth response. This characteristic is important in the signal-to-noise ratio of the amplifier since the total area under the response curve contributes to noise energy,

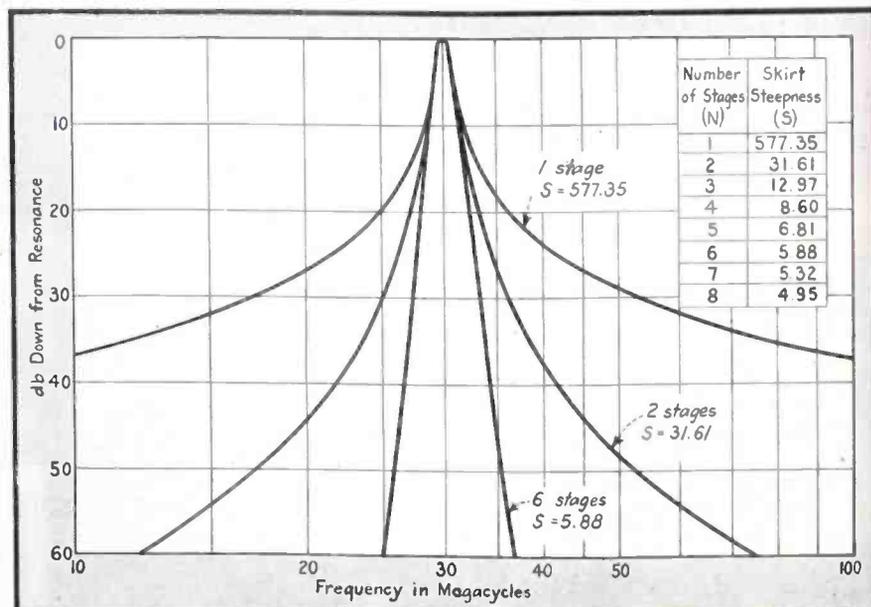


FIG. 5—Skirt steepness ratio values and response characteristics for amplifiers having different numbers of identical stages using single-inductor coupling

only an area proportional to signal bandwidth contributes to signal energy. This degree of selectivity is expressed as a factor, skirt steepness  $S$ , which is defined as the ratio of the bandwidth at  $-60$  db response to the bandwidth at  $-6$  db response. This ratio is seen to be an inverse index of the selectivity of rejection of the amplifier in that as the ratio becomes smaller, the response to near signals will be less. From Eq. 2.31 for  $S$  and since for  $-60$  db response  $0.001$  and for  $-6$  db response  $0.5$ , we have

$$S = \frac{P_{\Delta f_{-60db}}}{P_{\Delta f_{-6db}}} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{(0.001)^{2/N} - 1}}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{(0.5)^{2/N} - 1}}} \quad (4.10)$$

It is seen from this expression that the skirt steepness is dependent only upon the number of stages and not upon any of the other characteristics of the amplifier. The skirt steepness  $S$ , for amplifiers of from one to eight stages is given in Table 5, along with representative response characteristics of amplifiers with different numbers of stages. A logarithmic frequency scale is used as discussed above in order to obtain symmetrical curves. The three response characteristics presented are all down 6 db at a bandwidth of 2 Mc with a center frequency of 30 Mc. The difference between the characteristics is due to the number of stages used in each.

It is seen that a very great improvement in skirt steepness is obtained in going from one stage to a greater number of stages. The more desirable characteristic of the response of six stages compared to that of two stages is evident from the curves. This added increase in the rejection of signals is so pronounced that in many applications the use of additional stages will be justified even though the required total gain could be obtained with a fewer number of stages.

#### Effective Bandwidth for $N$ Stages

The effective bandwidth of a resonant response characteristic is defined as the bandwidth of an assumed rectangular response of equal area to the response of the actual network at resonance and

of area equal to its total integrated power response. In order to apply this definition it is necessary to treat the power gain of  $N$  stages. This is proportional to the square of the total voltage gain. From Eq. (1.22) for  $\Gamma_{f_0}$  we can write for the power gain at resonance:

$$\text{Total power gain at } f_0 = P_{f_0} = K \Gamma_{f_0}^2 = K (g_m R)^{2N} \quad (5.10)$$

where  $K$  is the impedance proportionality constant for the particular general circuit under consideration. From this we have, in a manner similar to Eq. (1.23),

$$\text{Total power gain at } f = P_f = \beta P_{f_0} = K \beta (g_m R)^{2N} \quad (5.11)$$

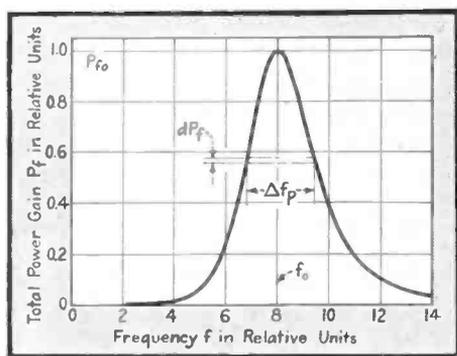


FIG. 6—Example of power response characteristic, the area of which is utilized in determining the effective bandwidth of a stage using a single-inductor coupling network

where  $\beta$  is the fractional power response factor of the total power gain at resonance. It is seen that  $\beta$  is the factor corresponding to  $\alpha$  in Eq. (1.23) for voltage response.

Since we are interested in obtaining a relationship in terms of the maximum power response and the bandwidth, we can write

$$K \beta (g_m R)^{2N} = K g_m^{2N} \left[ \frac{1}{R^2 + j \left( \omega C - \frac{\omega_0^2 C}{\omega} \right)} \right]^{2N} \quad (5.20)$$

This becomes

$$\beta R^{2N} = \left[ \frac{1}{R^2 + j \left( \omega C - \frac{\omega_0^2 C}{\omega} \right)} \right]^{2N} \quad (5.21)$$

Reducing the right side of the expression to a real number, since we are interested only in the absolute magnitude, and taking the square root of both sides of the equation gives

$$\beta^{1/2} R^N = \left[ \frac{1}{R^2 + \left( \omega C - \frac{\omega_0^2 C}{\omega} \right)^2} \right]^{N/2} \quad (5.22)$$

Comparison of this form of the equation with the similar form ob-

tained in the consideration of general bandwidth in Eq. (2.20), gives us immediately the form of the solution. We see that  $\alpha$  in Eq. (2.20) will be replaced by  $\beta^{1/2}$ . Using the notation  $\Delta f_P$  to indicate the bandwidth with respect to the power response curve, we have

$$\Delta f_P = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\beta^{1/2N} - 1}}}{2\pi RC} \quad (5.30)$$

This equation now gives the necessary expression for completing the evaluation of the defined effective bandwidth. We may now write the defining integral for the total area under the power response curve. We shall take the equation for  $\Delta f_P$ , which is the expressed bandwidth at any relative response  $P_f$ , and integrate with respect to  $dP_f$  over the range of zero to  $P_{f_0}$ , which is the maximum power response. This will give the total area under the curve, an example of which is given in Fig. 6.

$$\text{Area under power curve} = \int_0^{P_{f_0}} \Delta f_P dP_f \quad (5.40)$$

Applying the definition for effective bandwidth and noting it as  $\Delta f_e$ , we can write

$$\Delta f_e = \frac{\int_0^{P_{f_0}} \Delta f_P dP_f}{P_{f_0}} \quad (5.50)$$

Using Eq. (5.10), (5.11), and (5.30), we can substitute in Eq. (5.50) as follows:

$$\Delta f_e = \frac{\int_0^{P_{f_0}} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\beta^{1/2N} - 1}}}{2\pi RC} d[K \beta (g_m R)^{2N}]}{K (g_m R)^{2N}} \quad (5.51)$$

Noting in Eq. (5.51) that the variable of relative response is  $\beta$ , we can perform the indicated differentiation, simplify the expression, and evaluate the new limits of integration for  $\beta$ . This gives

$$\Delta f_e = \frac{1}{2\pi RC} \int_0^1 \sqrt{\frac{1}{\beta^{1/2N} - 1}} d\beta \quad (5.52)$$

which is the definite integral expression for the effective bandwidth.

The above equation does not lend itself readily to integration, so we shall use a convenient substitution to reduce the expression to an easily integrated form. Letting  $\beta = \cos^{2N} \phi$ ,

$$d\beta = -2N \cos^{2N-1} \phi \sin \phi d\phi$$

and the equation becomes

TABLE I. AMPLIFIER DATA

Number of Stages (N)	A <sub>e</sub>	A <sub>o</sub>
1	0.25000	0.15915
2	0.12500	0.10243
3	0.09375	0.08114
4	0.07813	0.06923
5	0.06836	0.06137
6	0.06152	0.05570
7	0.05640	0.05135
8	0.05236	0.04788

$$\Delta f_e = \frac{-N}{\pi RC} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 \phi \cos^{2(N-1)} \phi d\phi \quad (5.53)$$

The solution of this integral is direct, but for ease of general expression it is necessary to exclude the case of the single-stage amplifier. For this case  $N = 1$  and the integral becomes

$$\Delta f_e = \frac{-1}{\pi RC} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 \phi d\phi \quad (5.54)$$

The solution to this is immediate and for one stage we have

$$\Delta f_e = 1/4RC \quad (5.55)$$

For more than one stage, the solution of the expression is obtained in the form of a series product. This is because the integration of the  $N$ th power of a trigonometric function is a repeated integral of reduced power. The general solution for the effective bandwidth for more than one stage is

$$\Delta f_e = \frac{N}{16 RC} \prod_{a=4}^{a=2(N-1)} \left( \frac{a-1}{a+2} \right) \quad (5.56)$$

The above expression is seen to give the effective bandwidth of the amplifier in terms of the number of stages and the circuit constants  $R$  and  $C$ . The equation can be written

$$\Delta f_e = A_e/RC \quad (5.57)$$

where

$$A_e = \frac{N}{16} \prod_{a=4}^{a=2(N-1)} \left( \frac{a-1}{a+2} \right) \quad (5.60)$$

Now we can evaluate  $A_e$  for any number of stages and tabulate it. Then for a particular amplifier,  $C$  will be fixed by the circuit layout and type of tube used, but  $R$  must be chosen to satisfy the bandwidth requirement.

Table I gives the value of  $A_e$  for amplifiers of from one to eight stages. This is seen to be extremely useful for the above-discussed application. Also tabulated in Table I are the values of  $A_o$ , which is the constant of bandwidth from Eq.

(2.31) for general bandwidth, in which bandwidth is taken as the  $-3$  db response width. For this case we have

$$\Delta f = A_o/RC \quad (5.70)$$

where

$$A_o = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha^{2/N}} - 1}}{2\pi} \quad (5.71)$$

These values were computed directly by setting  $\alpha = 0.707$  and evaluating  $A_o$  for values of  $N$  from one through eight.

An examination of the two columns in Table I shows that as the number of stages increases, the constants become more nearly equal. This consideration leads to a desirable fact concerning the db down from maximum response at the effective bandwidth of a curve.

Letting  $\Delta f_e$  equal  $\Delta f_p$  we can solve for the relative power re-

TABLE II. AMPLIFIER RESPONSE

Number of Stages (N)	DB down at $\Delta f_e$
1.....	5.399
2.....	4.163
3.....	3.886
4.....	3.757
5.....	3.683
6.....	3.633
7.....	3.605
8.....	3.570

sponse  $\beta$  at the effective bandwidth for any value of  $N$ . From Eq. (5.30) and (5.57) we have

$$\frac{A_e}{RC} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\beta^{1/N}} - 1}}{2\pi RC}$$

The general expression for  $\beta$  in terms of  $A_e$  becomes

$$\beta = \left[ \frac{1}{1 + (2\pi A_e)^2} \right]^N \quad (5.80)$$

The db down at the effective bandwidth, in terms of  $A_e$  for  $N$  stages, is then

$$\text{db} = 10N \log_{10} [1 + (2\pi A_e)^2] \quad (5.90)$$

Table II gives the db down response of the amplifier characteristic at the effective bandwidth for one through eight stages. These values are in the anticipated agreement deduced from the values of Table I; that is, as the number of stages increases, the values of effective bandwidth and the 3 db down characteristic become more nearly equal.

The above-considered characteristics of the behavior of the single-

inductor coupling network all give valuable yet simple equations for obtaining the design constants of an amplifier for a given set of conditions.

Composite Total Voltage Gain and Effective Bandwidth Behavior for  $N$  Stages

A composite relationship can be obtained for the complete behavior of  $N$  stages of single-inductor networks in which the total voltage gain,  $\Gamma_{r_o}$ , is functional with respect to the effective bandwidth,  $\Delta f_e$ , and the element constants of the networks. This relationship gives the complete design requirements for any amplifier using the two fundamental requirements of total voltage gain and effective bandwidth desired.

From Eq. (1.22) for total gain and Eq. (5.57) for effective bandwidth, we have

$$\Gamma_{r_o} = \left( \frac{g_m A_e}{\Delta f_e C} \right)^N \quad (6.10)$$

We see that  $\Gamma_{r_o}$  is expressed in terms of the effective bandwidth desired,  $\Delta f_e$ , the effective bandwidth constant  $A_e$  (which is known and constant for any number of stages), the  $g_m$  of the tube, and the capacitance of the circuit. Thus for some independently chosen value of  $g_m$  and with  $C$  fixed by the circuit layout and type of tube used, we have  $\Gamma_{r_o}$  expressible in terms of the bandwidth desired and the number of stages.

For purposes of generalization in order to compute the desired family of curves we will arbitrarily assign reasonable values to  $g_m$  and  $C$ . Letting  $g_m + 5000 \mu\text{mhos}$  and  $C = 25 \mu\text{mf}$ , we have

$$\Gamma'_{r_o} = \left( \frac{200 A_e}{\Delta f_e} \right)^N \quad (6.11)$$

where  $\Delta f_e$  is expressed in megacycles. Figure 7 is a plot of this equation over the entire practical range of application, with  $\Delta f_e$  covering from 0.5 to 5.0 megacycles and from one through eight stages considered. With this figure one can obtain immediately the number of stages required for a particular set of design requirements.

For any other values of  $g_m$  and  $C$  in an amplifier the total gain that will be obtained is

$$\Gamma_s = \Gamma'_{r_o} \left( \frac{g_{mz}}{5000} / \frac{C_z}{25} \right)^N \quad (6.20)$$

here

$$\Gamma_s = (g_m R_s)^n \quad (6.21)$$

Thus the family of curves given in Fig. 7 is perfectly general with the above equation.

With the desired total gain fixed for an amplifier and with the value of  $g_m$  established to obtain that gain with the determined number of stages, the necessary value of shunt resistance  $R_s$  is obtained from eq. (6.21) for  $\Gamma_s$ , thus

$$R_s = \frac{\Gamma_s^{1/n}}{g_m} \quad (6.20)$$

**Example of Use of Design Curves**

In order to demonstrate the extreme simplicity of application of the design curves given in Fig. 7 an example will be presented.

Assume that an amplifier is desired to have a total voltage gain of 10,000 and an effective bandwidth of 2.0 Mc. The resonant frequency is not involved in the determination of either the number of stages or the shunt resistor  $R_s$ , as discussed above. First, observation of Fig. 7 shows that for the conditions required the amplifier will have either 4 or 5 stages, with variations in  $C$  and  $g_m$  fixing the final choice. Four stages gives insufficient gain for the operational conditions of  $C = 25 \mu\mu\text{f}$  and  $g_m = 500 \mu\text{mhos}$  that were chosen for Fig. 7, while five stages gives too much gain for these conditions. Now assuming that the circuit layout is such that we will have  $22 \mu\mu\text{f}$  capacitance instead of  $25 \mu\mu\text{f}$  as indicated in Fig. 7, we see from the equation for  $\Gamma_s$ , that this will raise the total gain.

Let us take the two cases of 4 and 5 stages and compute what the operating  $g_m$ , and the required shunt resistor  $R_s$ , will be for our problem. For 4 stages, from Fig. 7 we have

$$\Gamma_s = 10,000 = 3730 \left( \frac{g_m}{5000} \sqrt{\frac{22}{25}} \right)^4$$

Solving, we have

$$g_m = 5000 \times \frac{22}{25} \left( \frac{10,000}{3730} \right)^{1/4} = 5640 \mu\text{mhos}$$

Therefore,

$$R_s = \frac{(10,000)^{1/4}}{5640 \times 10^{-4}} = \frac{10}{0.00564} = 1773 \text{ ohms.}$$

We see that to get exactly the conditions set down for the amplifier of the problem when four stages

are used, the operating  $g_m$  of the tubes would be raised slightly above the value used in Fig. 7. Finding this value, we can compute the value of  $R_s$ .

Now taking our amplifier to have five stages, we obtain from Fig. 7

$$\Gamma_s = 10,000 = 15,100 \left( \frac{g_m}{5000} \sqrt{\frac{22}{25}} \right)^5$$

Solving, we have

$$g_m = 5000 \times \frac{22}{25} \left( \frac{10,000}{15,100} \right)^{1/5} = 4055 \mu\text{mhos}$$

therefore,

$$R_s = \frac{(10,000)^{1/5}}{4055 \times 10^{-4}} = \frac{6.3095}{0.004055} = 1554 \text{ ohms.}$$

For five stages we see that the operating  $g_m$  of the tubes is reduced below that assumed for Fig. 7.  $R_s$  is then computed as in the previous case using the new  $g_m$ .

From the above solution to the problem we see that the curves of Fig. 7 are completely definitive of the behavior of the general single-inductor coupling network and that for any particular amplifier the consideration of only the capacitance  $C$  that will be involved in the circuit need be determined. Then the operating  $g_m$  for the tubes and the required value of  $R_s$  can be determined directly.

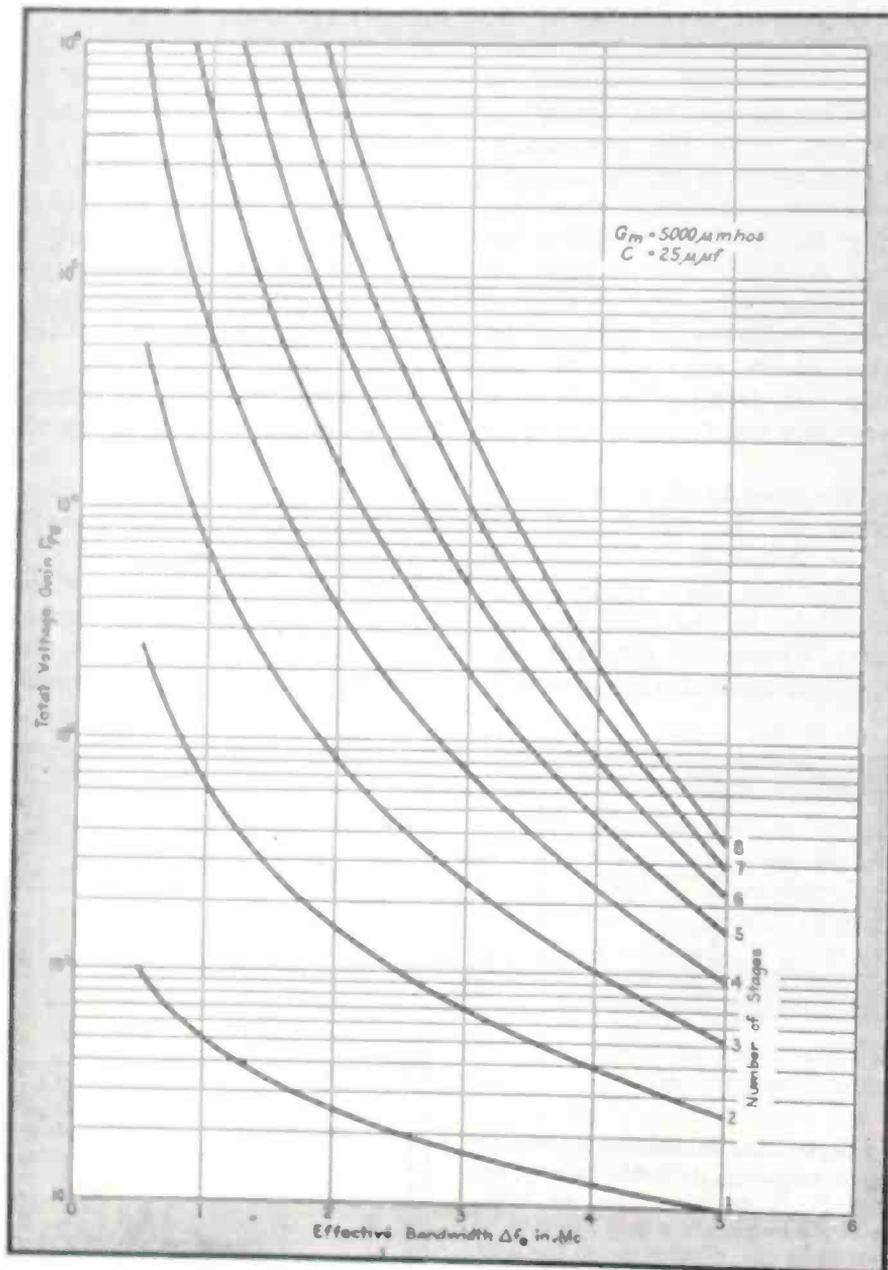


FIG. 7—Design curves for determining the number of amplifier stages required to meet a particular set of design requirements when using single-inductor coupling networks in wide-band amplifiers

# Impedance Measurements

This discussion describes the test equipment and procedures for determining capacitance and inductance, as well as the natural frequency, distributed capacitance, resistance, and Q of inductors, by oscilloscopic observation of square-wave decay rates. Results of actual measurements are given, showing accuracy

**I**NTEREST in square waves has centered around their utility in indicating the transient reaction and wide-band response of circuits. In addition, square waves can be used to measure impedances by the following method. It employs a minimum of calibrated equipment, is simple in circuit and operation, rapid and, with the precautions described below, is highly accurate.

Advantages of square waves for testing lie in their multiple-frequency content. For example, in determining resonant frequency of a circuit, square-wave response indicates where the resonant frequency lies irrespective of what square-wave test frequency is being used.

On the other hand, the sine-wave response of the circuit will not give an indication until the test frequency has been adjusted approximately to the resonant frequency. Where the resonant frequency is altogether unknown, posi-

tive indication obtained from a square wave of any frequency eliminates the time-consuming necessity of hunting for the unknown frequency as in sine-wave testing.<sup>1</sup>

## Apparatus Requirements

Equipment needed for square-wave impedance measurements includes a square-wave generator of known frequency, a calibrated or standard impedance, and a cathode-ray oscilloscope. Either the square-wave frequency or the calibrated impedance must be variable (preferably the frequency if it must be one and not the other), but the range over which measurements can be made is greatly extended if both are made variable. Output impedance of the square-wave generator should be at most one-tenth the smallest impedance

to be measured. If it is not low enough a cathode follower<sup>2</sup> can be added, as in Fig. 1. The input impedance of the oscilloscope should be at least ten times larger than the largest impedance to be measured. As will be shown, this impedance can be as high as the grid input of a vacuum tube. If inductance or capacitance is to be measured, the calibrated impedance is a resistance. To measure resistance a calibrated capacitor is the more useful although an inductor can be used if necessary.

Consider the circuit of Fig. 2(a). It can be shown by operational analysis that if the generator provides a square wave of frequency  $F = 1/(2\pi RC)$ , the voltage developed across  $R$  is of the form in Fig. 2(b). This voltage across  $R$  decays during a half cycle to 0.043 of its initial value. An oscilloscope across  $R$  is used to observe this decay of resistor voltage.

When the square-wave frequency

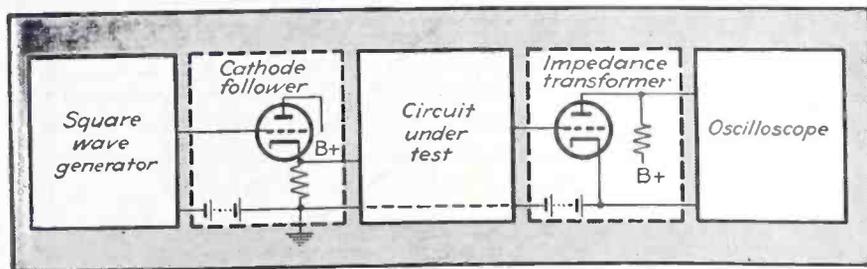
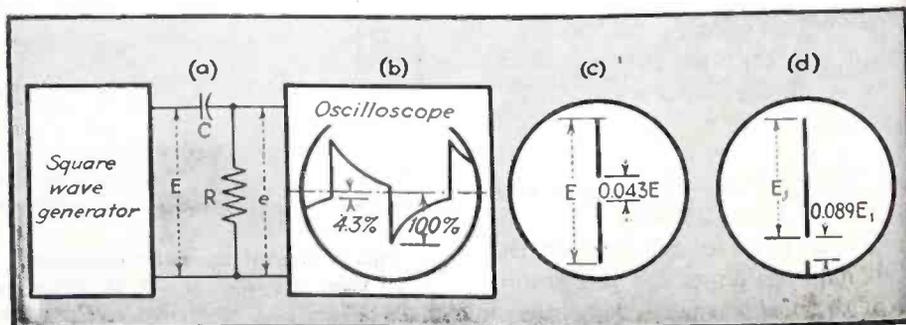


FIG. 1 (left)—Cathode follower decreases output impedance of generator while impedance transformer increases input impedance of oscilloscope in the general set-up of equipment used for square-wave testing

FIG. 2 (right)—Circuit response to a square wave of frequency  $1/(2\pi RC)$  follows the law  $e = Ee^{-t/RC}$  decaying from an initial value of 100 percent to a final value of 4.3 percent as at (b). Without sweep the trace appears as in (c). Moving the trace off center (d) increases the accuracy



# With Square Waves

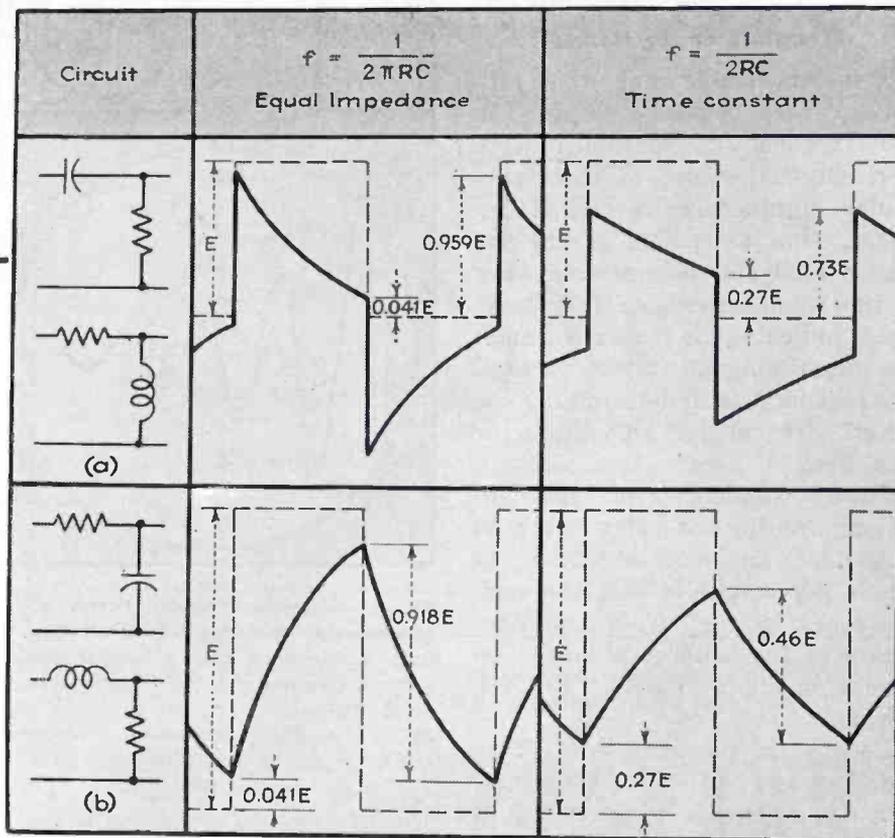
Fig. 3—High-pass (a) and low-pass (b) circuit outputs and inputs are compared for square-wave frequencies of equal impedance and time-constant conditions

the resistance, as the case may have been adjusted so that the output voltage decays to 4.3 percent of its maximum value, the impedance  $X_c$  equals the resistance  $R$ ,  $C = 1/(2\pi fR)$ . If the square-wave frequency is that frequency at which information is required, the measurement directly gives  $X_c = R$ . Because of this relation, the technique is referred to as equal-impedance measurement.

That the specified condition has been reached can readily be observed from the scale on the face of the oscilloscope. If the time base of the oscilloscope is used and it is the frequency which is being varied, it is necessary simultaneously to adjust the sweep rate of the oscilloscope. The oscilloscope trace will be as shown in Fig. 2(b). However, if no sweep is used—just vertical deflection—the trace will be as shown in Fig. 2(c). In addition, the trace can be located on the oscilloscope screen by means of the vertical centering control so as to eliminate most of the lower half of the trace, thereby taking full advantage of the screen size as illustrated in Fig. 2(d).

If resistance is to be measured, a calibrated capacitor is inserted in the circuit. Capacitance is given by  $C = 1/(2\pi fR)$ .

If inductance is to be measured, the procedure is the same except that the voltage developed across the inductor is applied to the oscilloscope. To make use of the voltage developed across the resistor in measuring inductance, it is necessary to compare it with the applied square-wave voltage in order to observe the equal-impedance condition of Fig. 3(b). This procedure requires an arrangement such as an electronic switch. It has given



less reliable results than the preceding method—doubtless because of this added complication. Inductance is given by  $L = R/(2\pi f)$ .

### Time Constant Method

An alternative to the preceding is to use a square wave with a repetition period of  $2T$  where  $T$  is the time constant of the  $RL$  or  $RC$  circuit under study. That is, the period of a half cycle of the square wave is adjusted to equal the time constant of the circuit, with the result that by the end of each half cycle the output wave has fallen to 36.8 percent of its initial value. See Fig. 3(a). Capacitance is given by  $C = 1/(2\pi fR)$ , and inductance by  $L = R/(2f)$ .

This choice of repetition rate has the advantage of interrupting the decay voltage at a point of greater slope than in the equal-impedance method. Dimensions of the image on the oscilloscope are more sensitive to changes in circuit parameters and hence, as a measuring

method, the time-constant repetition rate has an advantage. However, the amplitude of the initial output voltage, as well as the final decay value, changes rapidly with circuit changes—which is not the case if frequencies near the equal-impedance frequency are in use.

Aside from being a source of annoyance during adjustments—it can be compensated for by continuous manipulation of the oscilloscope gain—this is no drawback. As a matter of technique the equal-impedance method may be preferred; it is quicker. But for higher accuracy, justifiable only if the precautions described previously are observed, the time constant method is superior.

With a particular set of equipment, the two methods can be used interchangeably to extend the range over which measurements can be made. For example, if the high-frequency response of the equipment is limited and the calibrated resistance fixed, use of the time

constant method will permit measuring capacitors  $\pi$  times as large as could be measured by the equal-impedance rate.

#### Extensions of the Method

It is conceivable that other repetition rates could be used. The two frequencies mentioned have been chosen because of their particular significance in circuit analysis. One extension of the response analysis to a square wave of the equal-impedance frequency, which indicates the reason for making measurements at this particular frequency, is in determining the cut-off frequencies of filters or amplifiers.

Cut-off frequencies of communication circuits are often taken in sinusoidal analysis as those at which the output is half the mid-frequency power. This condition occurs at the equal-impedance frequency in simple  $RL$  and  $RC$  networks.

Because of the cascading of impedances and the use of compensation networks, the decay curves of communication circuits will no longer be simple exponentials, as in Fig. 3. However, the square-wave frequency at which the output decays to 4.3 percent of its initial value can still be taken as the low cut-off frequency. Thus the equal-impedance method can be used to measure low cut-off frequencies of complex circuits. A similar extension of the method can be made to measure high cut-off frequencies.

Caution must be used in making this extension because it is the deviation from the exponential curve which reveals most about communication circuits. This method only considers the information obtainable from the end points of the circuit response to square waves. Similar use can, with reservations, be made of the time constant method, and to measure high-frequency cutoff.

#### Measurement of Q Factor

Inductors, because of their distributed capacitances, have self-resonant frequencies above which they behave as capacitors. In choosing chokes and transformers, it is necessary to know not only their inductances, but also the frequency ranges over which they are

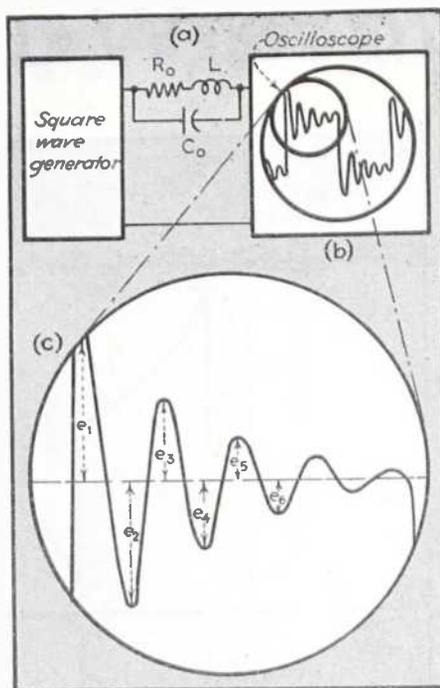


FIG. 4—Equivalent inductor circuit (a) and square-wave response (b) enlarged in (c) from which come values for determining: Natural frequency  $f_0 = nF$ , where  $n$  is the number of cycles per cycle of square wave and  $F$  is the square-wave frequency;

$$R_0 = 2Lf_0 \log_e(e_3/e_5); \quad C_0 = 1/[(2\pi f_0)^2 L]; \quad \text{and} \\ Q_0 = \pi / \log_e(e_3/e_5)$$

inductive. By square-wave measurement, the self-resonant frequency of an inductor and its resonant  $Q$  can be determined.

The reactance of the inductor is measured by the previous technique. The inductor is then connected between the high sides of the square-wave generator and the oscilloscope; the low sides of the instruments are directly connected as in Fig. 4(a).

When excited by the multiple-frequency transient of the square wave, the inductor oscillates at its natural period with the result that there is a damped sine wave superimposed on the square wave which is being applied to the oscilloscope through the inductor, Fig. 4(b). The number of oscillations per cycle of the square wave, times the square-wave frequency, gives the natural frequency ( $f_0$ ) of the inductor.

The square-wave frequency should be adjusted so that a whole number of cycles appears on each cycle of the square wave because counting fractions is difficult. Also, the square-wave frequency should be considerably lower (one-tenth is a convenient ratio) than the natural

frequency of the inductor. This is partly because, as the square-wave frequency approaches the self-resonant frequency of the inductor, it forces the oscillations to the extent of changing their frequency, and partly because, with but a few cycles of oscillation per cycle of square wave, errors in estimating fractions or in observing when there are none, increase.

There is no gain in using a square-wave frequency lower than one-twentieth  $f_0$  because of the large number of cycles-per-square-wave which must then be counted. The half period of the lowest square wave that can be used must be no longer than the oscillation decay time of the self-resonant inductor.

The rate of decay of the oscillation is used to measure the a-c resistance of the inductor at its natural frequency. Because the impedance of the inductor at its resonant frequency is more dependent upon the  $Q$  of the inductor in this range than it is upon the simple inductance, the coil resistance at the natural frequency ( $R_0$ ) is of greater significance at the upper frequency limit of usability.

This method is illustrated in Fig. 4(c). Transformers can be treated as combinations of self and mutual inductances, each having its own natural frequency and apparent a-c resistance. Critical damping can be quickly determined by this same method. Resonant circuits of all types can likewise be measured.

#### Neutralizing Impedance Effects

The input impedance of the oscilloscope reduces the shunt-arm impedance while the output impedance of the square-wave generator increases the series-arm impedance of the test circuit. Rather than attempt to correct analytically for these impedances, which can well be complex, it is better to remove their effect, especially since to do so is easy.

Reducing the output impedance of the square-wave generator by means of a cathode follower has been discussed. If the output impedance of the square-wave generator has a d-c path, as it will if a cathode follower is used, all the foregoing circuits provide d-c grid returns. Therefore, an impedance

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# Microsecond PULSE GENERATOR

Results of investigation to reduce deionization time of thyratrons used in a circuit providing pulse-type signals of variable duration at high repetition rates

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ALTHOUGH THE thyratron gas tube has been in common use for some time as a switching or timing device, it has generally been assumed that its repetition rate had definite limitations due to the deionization time of the tube. Several investigators, however, have noted that deionization time does not necessarily limit the operational frequency under all circumstances and modes of operation.

In the course of some development work, a source of pulse-type signals of variable duration and variable repetition rate was required. Manufacturer's data indicated that the ionization time for

typical thyratrons varied between 1 and 50 microseconds, and the deionization time did not exceed 1000 microseconds. Since the break-down or ionization time was well within the requirements, it appeared as though the deionization time would be the pertinent factor. One reference stated that this time varied directly with the gas pressure, inversely as the  $3/2$  power of the grid voltage, and directly as the 0.7 power of the anode current. It was also stated that as a grid-controlled rectifier the device could not be operated above 5000 cycles.

Obviously, little can be done about the gas pressure, which is fixed at the time of manufacture. The other two factors indicate that large grid voltages and low anode currents should be used to get short deionization times.

The basic test circuit arrangement utilized a thyratron to discharge a capacitor which was recharged from a d-c source through a limiting resistor, as in Fig. 1.

Results for an FG-57 thyratron with 60-cps excitation on the grid are given in Table 1, and show that the duration of the pulse is determined solely by the capacitance of the discharging capacitor. After the capacitor value has been

lowered to a point where the capacitor can charge to the applied direct voltage, the amplitude of the pulse is proportional to the size of the capacitor.

The pulses were viewed on the screen of a cathode-ray oscilloscope with a super-imposed transparent reference lattice. Pulse duration was evaluated, with any given setting of the sweep, by means of a sine wave of known frequency from an R-C oscillator. The frequency was adjusted until a half sine wave occupied the same number of divisions on the horizontal scale as did the pulse. Knowing the frequency, the time duration of a half cycle could be readily found.

The values for pulse duration in Table 1 include the points from which the pulse trace leaves the horizontal axis and returns to it. In the case of the 9.4-microsecond pulse the 63 percent and 37 percent points were less than 1 microsecond apart.

Repetition rates between 60 and 400 per second were found practical with smaller tubes such as the 884. Adequate shielding from stray fields and from light is recommended for the gas tubes, especially the more sensitive types such as the 2050, 2051 and 2D21.

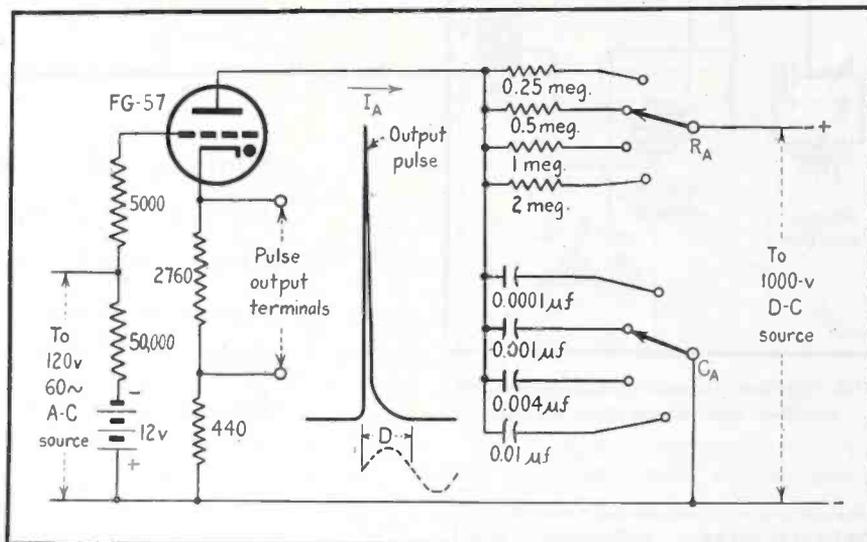


FIG. 1—Circuit used to generate pulses at high repetition rates (up to 400 per sec.), with waveform of output pulse. Performance data is in Table I

TABLE I. TEST DATA

$C_A$ in $\mu f$	$R_A$ in meg.	$I_A(d-c)$ in ma.	Pulse Duration in $\mu sec$	Pulse Peak Voltage in Volts
0.01	0.25	2.3	130.	751
0.01	0.5	1.6	130.	676
0.01	1	0.9	130.	525
0.01	2	0.05	130.	375
0.004	0.25	2.2	97.5	751
0.004	0.5	1.5	97.5	751
0.004	1	0.8	97.5	638
0.004	2	0.05	97.5	488
0.001	0.25	0.04	18.7	488
0.001	0.5	1.2	18.7	488
0.001	1	0.6	18.7	488
0.001	2	0.3	18.7	488
0.0005	0.25	1.9*	13.1	300
0.0005	0.5	1.2*	13.1	300
0.0005	1	0.5*	13.1	300
0.0005	2	0.3*	13.1	300
0.0001	0.25	2.2*	9.4	150
0.0001	0.5	1.2*	9.4	150
0.0001	1	0.6*	9.4	150
0.0001	2	0.3*	9.4	150

\* The a-c grid voltage was changed from 120 to 115 volts for the last eight sets of readings.

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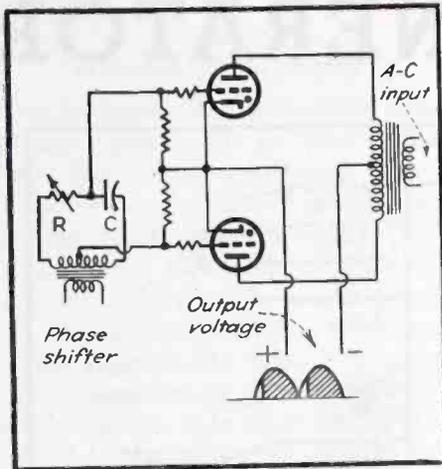


FIG. 1—Basic circuit of grid-controlled rectifier with phase-shift control

Analysis of voltage waves in single-phase thyatron rectifier circuits with inductive-input filters, taking into account the variations in harmonic content with conduction angle. Basic equations are developed into a practical design procedure, and examples are given

**S**INGLE-PHASE full-wave rectifiers employing gas triodes (thyatrons) have been used in numerous applications where accurate and smooth control of the direct-current output is required. In some of these applications adequate filtering is necessary to reduce the output ripple voltage below some specified value. The usual filter design equations used in the case of the high-vacuum or gas-diode rectifiers are not suitable because the magnitudes of the harmonic components to be filtered vary with the conduction angle of the tube.

Grid-controlled gas-tube rectifiers are usually controlled by means of a phase-shifting circuit that controls the point on the anode voltage wave at which the tube starts to conduct.

### Rectifier with Resistance Load and No Filter

In Fig. 1 is shown a typical grid-controlled rectifier and phase-shifting circuit for controlling the conduction angle, with an illustration of the type of output voltage wave to be expected for a given angle of delay if the load is pure resistance. The action of the gas triodes and phase shifter circuit will not be discussed further as this is usually dealt with in most texts on electronics, but rather, an analysis of the voltage waves and the design of filters for these waves

will be considered in this paper.

In Fig. 2 is shown a typical output voltage wave in which the firing of the tube has been delayed for an angle  $\phi$  and tube conduction takes place through an angle  $\theta = \pi - \phi$  if the arc drop is assumed negligible. This recurring wave may be expressed by a Fourier series in the usual manner:

$$e = E_{dc} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin nx \quad (1)$$

where

$$E_{dc} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx \quad (2)$$

$$A_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx \quad (3)$$

and

$$B_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx \quad (4)$$

In the case of the wave shown in Fig. 2,  $f(x) \Big|_0^{\phi} = 0$  and  $f(x) \Big|_{\phi}^{\pi} = E_{max} \sin x$  where  $x = \omega t$  and  $E_{max}$  is the crest

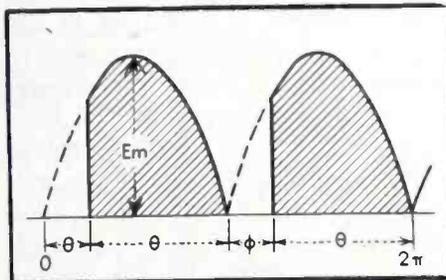


FIG. 2—Wave form for grid-controlled rectifier with no filter

value of the transformer voltage from one end to center tap. In determining the coefficients  $A_n$ ,  $B_n$  and  $E_{dc}$  it will be necessary to integrate only through the limits from  $\phi$  to  $\pi$  and multiply the result by two since the half-cycles are identical. Then

$$E_{dc} = \frac{E_{max}}{\pi} \int_{\phi}^{\pi} \sin x dx = \frac{E_{max}}{\pi} (1 + \cos \phi) \quad (5)$$

The direct current component of the voltage wave thus varies from zero to the value  $2E_{max}/\pi$  as the delay angle is varied from  $\pi$  to zero. Figure 3 shows how the ratio  $E_{dc}/E_{max}$  varies with  $\phi$ .

Since it is usually necessary to know only the magnitude of the harmonic terms present, a complete Fourier series for the wave is not necessary. Inspection of Eq. (1) will show that the  $n$ th harmonic is given by  $(A_n \cos nx + B_n \sin nx)$ , and therefore the magnitude of the  $n$ th harmonic voltage is  $E_{n max} = A_n + j B_n$ . Substituting Eq. (3) and (4) in Eq. (6),

$$E_{n max} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) (\cos nx + j \sin nx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) e^{jnx} dx \quad (7)$$

Putting in for  $f(x)$  its value for the particular wave under study and changing the limits, we get

$$E_{n max} = \frac{2 E_{max}}{\pi} \int_{\phi}^{\pi} \sin x e^{jnx} dx = \frac{-2 E_{max}}{\pi} \left[ \frac{e^{jnx} (\cos x - jn \sin x)}{1 - n^2} \right]_{\phi}^{\pi} \quad (8)$$

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# Controlled Rectifiers

By applying the principle of symmetry to the wave, it may be seen that  $f(x) = f(\pi + x)$ , for which it can be shown that no odd harmonics can exist. If  $n$  is given only even values, the limits substituted and the resulting equation expanded, the following expression for the rest value of the  $n$ th harmonic voltage results:

$$E_{n \max} = \frac{2 E_{\max}}{\pi (1 - n^2)} \sqrt{(1 + \cos \phi \cos n\phi + n \sin \phi \sin n\phi)^2 + (n \sin \phi \cos n\phi - \cos \phi \sin n\phi)^2} \quad (9)$$

Figure 3 shows the variation of the second and fourth harmonic terms with the angle  $\phi$ . It must be stressed that the curve shown in Fig. 3 can be used only with a non-reactive load as the presence of a filter changes the output voltage wave of the rectifier considerably. This fact is commonly overlooked, as has been pointed out by M. B. Stout.

## Rectifier with Inductive-Input Filter

It was noticed in Fig. 2 that current flows for only a portion of each half-cycle if the load is non-inductive. If a series inductance is added, the current will tend to flow for a longer period of time but with a corresponding decrease in the peak value. If the inductance is made large enough, current will flow through the load circuit continuously. A critical value of inductance  $L_{cr}$  may be defined as that value which will just prevent the current from dropping to zero at any portion of the cycle.

If a grid-controlled rectifier with delayed firing angle has an inductive-input filter (Fig. 4) with the value of the inductance less than critical, damped oscillatory waves are set up as shown in Fig. 5(a), and the circuit in general becomes very unstable. This type of opera-

tion is very undesirable and should be avoided by making  $L > L_{cr}$  for all values of load current and delay angle.

If  $L > L_{cr}$ , the tube that is conducting will continue to conduct until the second tube fires, even though the anode potential swings negative with respect to the transformer center-tap over a portion of the cycle as shown in Fig. 5(b). This effect is produced by the induced emf of the input filter choke.

Since for this case the tube drop is constant throughout the whole cycle, it will not enter into the calculation of the harmonic terms and can be subtracted from the direct-current component.

A study of the wave in Fig. 5(b) will show that  $f(x) = E_{\max} \sin x - E_D$

Substituting this in Eq. (2) gives

$$E_{dc} = \frac{E_{\max}}{\pi} \int_{\phi}^{\pi+\phi} \sin x dx - \frac{E_D}{\pi} \int_{\phi}^{\pi+\phi} dx = \frac{2 E_{\max}}{\pi} \cos \phi - E_D \quad (10)$$

A plot of Eq. (10), neglecting tube drop, is shown in Fig. 6. It is seen that the complete range of output voltage may be covered with only a 90-deg variation of delay angle. Values from this curve should be multiplied by  $E_{dc}/(E_D + E_{dc})$  to correct for tube drop.

Substituting  $f(x)$  into Eq. (7) gives for the  $n$ th harmonic

$$E_{n \max} = \frac{2 E_{\max}}{\pi} \int_{\phi}^{\pi+\phi} \sin x e^{jn\phi} dx \quad (11)$$

which when integrated, limits substituted, and reduced as before (with  $n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$ ) gives

$$E_{n \max} = \frac{4 E_{\max}}{(1 - n^2)} \sqrt{(\cos \phi \cos n\phi + n \sin \phi \sin n\phi)^2 + (\cos \phi \sin n\phi - n \sin \phi \cos n\phi)^2} \quad (12)$$

Since any filter designed to reduce the second harmonic voltage

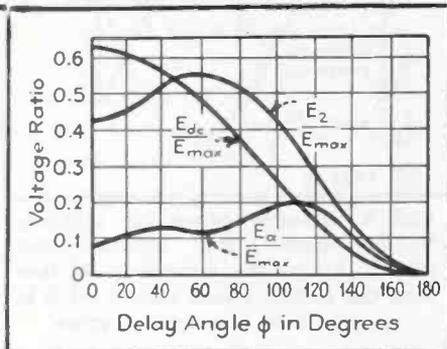


FIG. 3—Output components of a grid-controlled rectifier with no filter

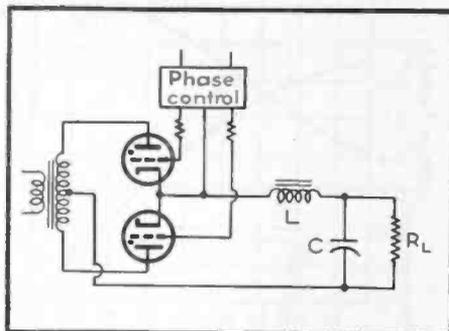


FIG. 4—Grid-controlled rectifier circuit with inductive-input filter

to a specified value will be at least four times more effective for the next higher harmonic, it is necessary to consider only the second harmonic in the design of the filter. Figure 6 shows the variation of the second harmonic voltage at the input to the filter with the delay angle  $\phi$ .

The usual procedure for determining the critical value of inductance required in single-phase full-wave diode rectifier circuits is to neglect all the harmonic terms except the second and solve the resulting equivalent circuit for the direct and alternating components of current through the input choke. The critical value of inductance  $L_{cr}$  which will just keep a current flow at all times through the choke can then be determined from the critical condition of  $I_{dc} = I_{ac \max}$ . This solution<sup>2</sup> gives  $L_{cr} = R_T/1130$  for a 60-cycle impressed voltage, where  $R_T$  is the total d-c resistance that the direct component of cur-

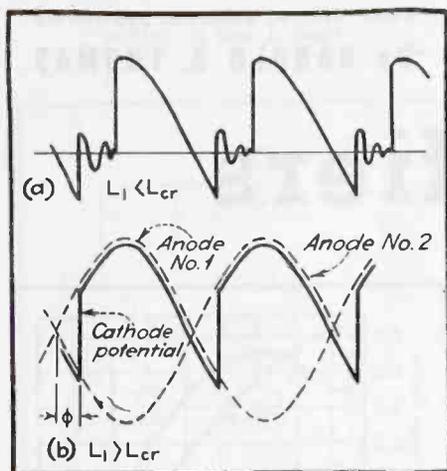


FIG. 5—Voltage waves for grid-controlled rectifier with inductive-input filter. At (a) the inductance is less than the critical value, and at (b) it is greater than the critical value

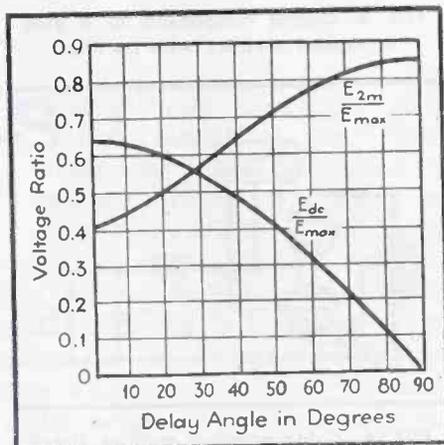


FIG. 6—Output components of grid-controlled rectifier with inductive-input filter

rent must flow through. This equation is correct within about 10 percent for the diode rectifiers except when operating at low voltages, but will give an error of from 25 to 50 percent, depending on the delay angle, for the grid-controlled rectifier. The correct value of critical inductance for grid-controlled rectifiers for different firing angles has been determined in an analysis by Overbeck.<sup>3</sup> The results of this investigation are shown in the curve of  $L_{cr}/R_T$  versus  $\phi$  in Fig. 7. The values of  $L_{cr}/R_T$  should be multiplied by  $(E_D/E_{dc}) + 1$  to correct for tube drop.

As mentioned before, the a-c voltages of higher order are not only much smaller initially than the second harmonic but also are attenuated by the filter to a much higher degree, and therefore the percent output ripple voltage of the filter may be defined as the rms value of the second harmonic output voltage

expressed as a percentage of the d-c output voltage. Then

$$\% \text{ Ripple} = 100 \times E_2/E_{dc \text{ output}} \quad (13)$$

$$E_2 = 4 E_{max} K_\phi S/3\pi\sqrt{2} \quad (14)$$

where

$$K_\phi = \frac{\sqrt{(\cos \phi \cos n\phi + n \sin \phi \sin n\phi)^2 + (\cos \phi \sin n\phi - n \sin \phi \cos n\phi)^2}}{2}$$

and  $S$ , the smoothing factor of the filter, is in accordance with the usual filter design equation

$$S = \frac{1}{(2\omega)^{2a} (L_1 L_2 L_3 \dots L_n) (C_1 C_2 C_3 \dots C_n)} \quad (15)$$

$\omega$  being  $2\pi$  times the original supply frequency and  $a$  the number of sections in the filter.

The direct output voltage is the direct input voltage to the filter minus the voltage drop in the filter:

$$E_{dc \text{ out}} = \left( \frac{2 E_{max}}{\pi} \cos \phi - E_D \right) - I_{dc} R_f \quad (16)$$

and

$$I_{dc} = \frac{\left( \frac{2 E_{max}}{\pi} \cos \phi - E_D \right)}{R_L + R_f} \quad (17)$$

where  $R_L$  is the resistance of the load and  $R_f$  is the filter resistance. Substituting Eq. (17) into (16), then substituting the resulting equation along with Eq. (14) into (13) gives

$$\% \text{ Ripple} = \frac{4 E_{max} K_\phi S \times 100}{3\pi\sqrt{2} \left( \frac{2 E_{max}}{\pi} \cos \phi - E_D \right) \left( 1 - \frac{R_f}{R_L + R_f} \right)} \quad (18)$$

In the case of rectifiers for voltages of the order of a few hundred volts or more and for delay angles up to 60 or 70 deg (larger angles than this are impractical),  $E_D$  in Eq. (18) may be neglected. Further, since  $R_L \gg R_f$ , the quantity  $1 - R_f/(R_L + R_f)$  of Eq. (18) will be approximately equal to 1 (this approximation can be corrected for later), then Eq. (18) can be reduced to

$$\% \text{ Ripple} \cong \frac{\sqrt{2} K_\phi S \times 100}{3 \cos \phi} \quad (19)$$

For a single-section filter at 60 cps, Eq. (19) can be expressed as

$$\% \text{ Ripple} \times L_1 C_1 \times 10^{-2} = 0.831 K_\phi / \cos \phi \quad (20)$$

and for a two-section filter

$$\% \text{ Ripple} \times L_1 L_2 C_1 C_2 \times 10^{-2} = 1.46 K_\phi / \cos \phi \quad (21)$$

A plot of Eq. (20) and (21) which may be used for design purposes is shown in Fig. 7. If the d-c resistance  $R_f$  of the filter chokes is not small compared to  $R_L$ , then the

values of percent ripple ( $L_1 C_1$ ) should be multiplied by  $(R_L + R_f)/R_L$ .

### Practical Design Procedure

Ordinarily in the design of rectifier and filter systems the output voltage, current rating, and percent ripple that can be tolerated are specified by the use to which the rectifier is to be put, and it is the problem of the designer to choose circuit elements that will allow the specifications to be met in the most economical way. Unfortunately, when starting with the output or load requirements some cut-and-try calculations may be necessary, though the use of the curves in Fig. 6 and 7 will reduce the amount of work quite appreciably. Also, single-phase rectifiers are used only on relatively low-power installations where high accuracy in the design is not usually necessary.

While the equations predict that the output voltage can be varied from a maximum value down to zero, it is obvious from a study of Fig. 6 and 7 that it would require an infinite filter to do so if low percentage ripple is to be maintained. Practical limits on the maximum delay angle range between 60 to 70 deg. At 70 deg the output voltage will be reduced to about 34 percent of the value with zero delay.

The use of a swinging choke for the input inductance will reduce the cost of the filter considerably. Also, since the percent ripple increases with delay angle, the required  $LC$  product should be calculated for the largest delay angle. The following examples illustrate the design procedure for a typical rectifier.

### Examples

Assume the load requirements are such that the load voltage is to vary between 500 and 1000 volts with a maximum percent ripple of 0.5 percent, and that the load current is to vary between 100 and 500 milliamperes. Neglecting tube and filter voltage drop as a first approximation, we find from Fig. 6 that  $E_{dc}/E_{max} = 0.636$  (for  $\phi = 0$ ), or  $E_{max} = 1000/0.636 = 1570$  volts. From Eq. (10),  $\cos \phi_{max} = 500\pi/2 \times 1570 = 0.5$ , and  $\phi_{max} = 60^\circ$ .

From Fig. 7, for  $\phi = 0$ ,  $(L_{cr}/R_T) \times 10^3 = 0.88$ . Since  $R_T = 1000/$

$10 \times 10^{-3} = 10,000$  ohms, then  $L_{cr} = 3.8$  henrys. For  $\phi = 60^\circ$ ,  $(L_{cr}/R_T) \times 10^3 = 4.4$ . Here  $R_T = 500/10 \times 10^{-3} = 5000$  ohms, and  $L_{cr} = 500 \times 4.4 \times 10^{-3} = 22$  henrys. Hence the input inductance should have a minimum inductance of 22 henrys at a current of 100 milliamperes.

The amount of filtering necessary should always be calculated for the maximum delay angle. From Fig. 7, for  $\phi = 60^\circ$ , percent ripple  $\times (L_2 C_1 C_2) \times 10^{-2} = 5.26$ . For 0.5 percent ripple,  $(L_1 L_2 C_1 C_2) = 1052$ . If  $L_1$  is a swinging choke having 25 henrys at 100 milliamperes and 6 henrys at 500 milliamperes, and if  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are  $4 \mu\text{f}$  each, then  $L_2 = 102/6 \times 4 \times 4 = 11$  henrys. In this case a single-section filter would have proved impractical because of the large values of  $L$  and  $C$  required.

Since the inductance values of the chokes are now known, their resistances may be determined from the choke design. Typical values for the above chokes rated at 500 milliamperes would be about 75 ohms each. Hence the voltage drop in the filter would be  $2 \times 75 \times 0.5 = 75$  volts. Assuming the tube drop is 0 volts, the actual transformer voltage required would be  $(1000 + 75 + 10)/0.636\sqrt{2} = 1205$  volts effective each side of center-tap.

In the above example the effect of ignition voltage on minimum delay angle and two other corrections mentioned earlier in the discussion were not considered because of their small effect. However, in the case of low-voltage high-current rectifiers, these corrections would have to be made and so for the purpose of illustration they will be calculated for the above rectifier.

As will be noticed from Fig. 5(b) that the cathode-anode potential difference is equal to twice the transformer voltage at the instant of firing, and hence the minimum value of  $\phi$  is the value that will make twice the instantaneous transformer voltage equal to the ignition voltage of the tube. If FG-17 type thyratron tubes are used in the above application, the ignition potential will be approximately 40 volts. Hence  $40 = 2E_{max} \sin \phi_{min}$ , and from Eq. (10) (include the filter drop which was determined from the first approximate design),  $1000 + 75 + 10 \times 2 \times 75 = (2E_{max}/\pi) (\cos \phi_{min})$

$-10$ . Therefore  $\tan \phi_{min} = 40/1085\pi = 0.00172$ , or  $\phi_{min} = 1^\circ$  and  $E_{max} = 1085\pi/2 \cos 1^\circ = 1705$  volts. Also,  $E = 1705/\sqrt{2} = 1205$  volts, which is the full-load voltage rating of the transformer secondary from end to center-tap.

To calculate  $\phi_{max}$  from Eq. (10),  $500 + 0.5 \times 2 \times 75 + 10 = (2 \times 1705/\pi) \cos \phi_{max}$ , from which  $\phi_{max} = 57.2^\circ$ . Then from Fig. 7, applying corrections,  $(L_{cr}/R_T) \times 10^3 = 4.24 (1 + 10/500) = 4.33$ , and  $R_T = (500/100 \times 10^{-3}) + 150 = 5150$  ohms. Therefore  $L_{cr} = 4.33 \times 10^{-3} \times 5150 = 22.3$  henrys. Also from Fig. 7 for  $\phi_{max} = 57.2^\circ$ , percent ripple  $\times (L_1 L_2 C_1 C_2) \times 10^{-2} = 4.7 (R_L + R_F)/R_L$ , and  $(R_L + R_F)/R_L = (1000 + 150)/1000$  since this correction should be calculated for the lowest load resistance possible for  $\phi_{max}$ , i.e., for  $R_L = 500/0.5 = 1000$  ohms. Then  $L_1 L_2 C_1 C_2 = 1080$  for 0.5 percent ripple.

As before, if  $L_1$  is a 25-6 henry

swinging choke and  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are each  $4 \mu\text{f}$ , then  $L_2 = 1080/6 \times 4 \times 4 = 11.25$  henrys.

It can be seen that in this example the more exact calculation gave practically the same solution as the approximate design based upon the curves with no corrections except that for the transformer voltage. In low-voltage power supplies, however, it would be well to make an approximate solution from the curves, find the approximate value of  $R_F$  and then recalculate the values as was done above.

The curves and design procedure have been checked experimentally and were found to be correct within the limits of experimental error.

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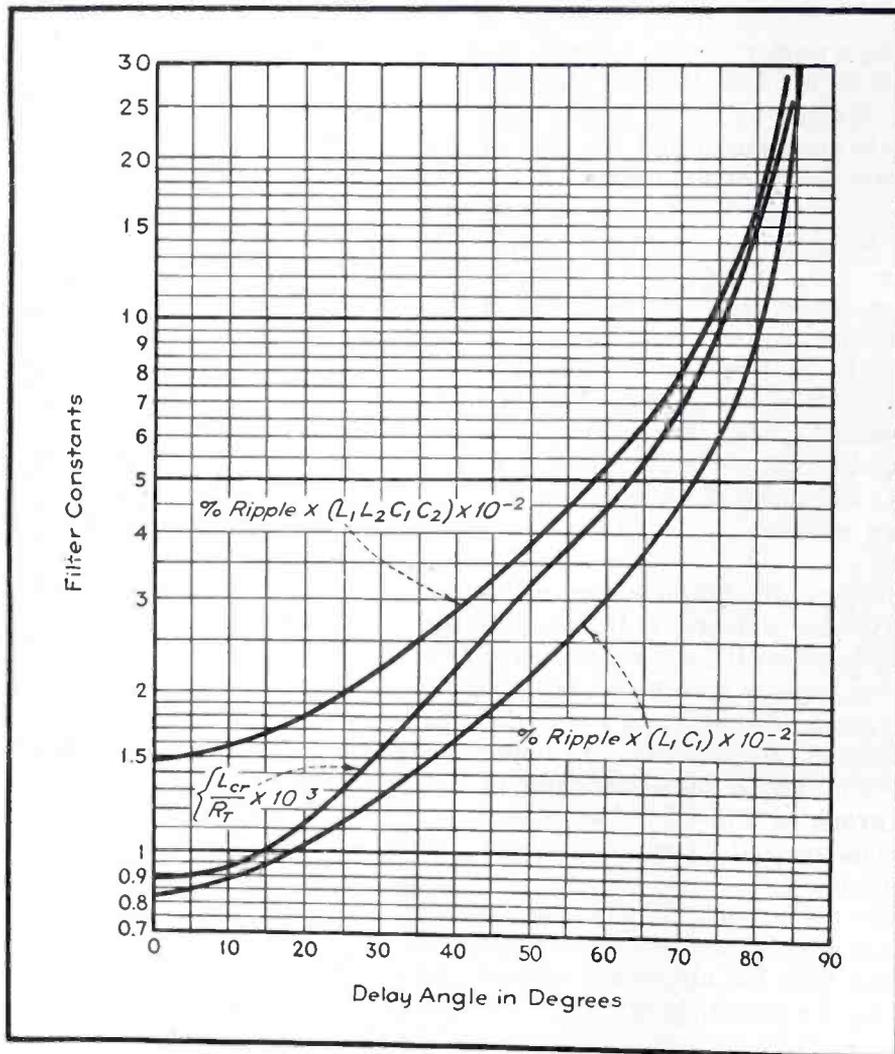


FIG. 7—Curves for determining filter constants for grid-controlled rectifiers

# Voltage / db

## CONVERSION DEVICE

Linear polar-coordinate graphs are readily interpreted. Plotted data need not be normalized and the size of the time-saver is flexible. An antenna radiation problem is worked out as an example

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**P**OLAR-COORDINATE GRAPHS following any fixed  $E^n$  law may be readily interpreted in terms of db by means of the two-piece transparent plastic conversion device illustrated.

The function of piece (a) is to set up a proportionality between the db scale of piece (b) and the plotted graph. Thus the graph need not be normalized and the size of the two parts of the conversion device is immaterial so long as they are large enough to fit the graph. Piece (a) can be made up readily by ruling squares (any convenient size) on a transparent sheet. For piece (b), the scale shown here can be transferred to a strip of similar material. Two successive photographic negatives of an ink drawing will yield an excellent transparency, often called an "Ozolid transparency."

Suppose, for example, that a linear-voltage antenna radiation pattern (such as the one shown here) drawn to polar coordinates is to be converted. Piece (a) of the device is oriented by centering its upper left-hand corner over the center of the graph with the aid of a pin, and is then rotated to any convenient position.

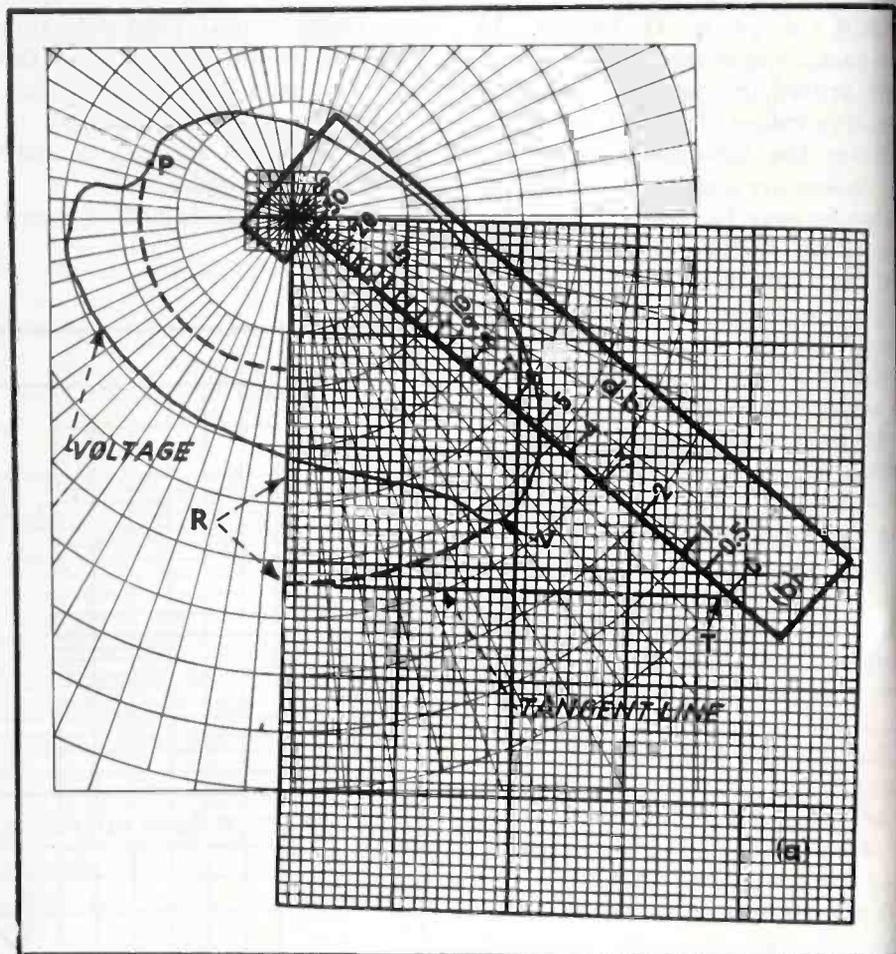
The vector of maximum amplitude is selected as a reference point  $V$  and, with the aid of the nearest arc on the graph, is traced to one edge of piece (a) as shown at  $R$ . This edge of piece (a) is now a

fixed reference line. At the reference line the arc is tangent to a horizontal line on piece (a).

With piece (a) held in position as described above, piece (b) is oriented by centering its infinity calibration ( $\infty$ ) over the center of the graph, again with the aid of the pin, and then rotating piece (b) until 0 db intersects the tangent line at point  $T$ .

The db equivalent of any voltage

point on the graph may now be read on the db scale of piece (b). As shown here, for instance, the db equivalent of point  $P$  is determined by following an arc to the vertical reference line  $R$ , following a horizontal tangent line from that point to the calibrated edge of piece (b) and reading  $-7.5$  db. The same curve plotted in power would yield for the point  $P$ ,  $-3.75$  db, obtained by dividing the answer by 2.





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# INDUSTRIAL CONTROL

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## Dielectric Heating of Tire Cord Sets Twist

TWIST-SETTING of textile yarns with electronic heating is being accomplished by Industrial Rayon Corp. in a new process invented by the company's technical staff.

The twist of the rayon tire cord is set by submitting packages of the cord to dielectric heating. Heat generated in the cord is distributed so uniformly that spools or cones containing 18 pounds or more of rayon tire cord may be effectively treated. Such giant cones are used in the weftless method of tire construction.

The process is completed in a matter of minutes and results in the production of a cord in which the twist is uniformly set. Control of the moisture content of the cord may be facilitated by wrapping the cones of cord in moistureproof paper before processing.

The equipment originally installed for this process has been in operation at Industrial Rayon's

Cleveland plant for more than eight months and includes high frequency power generating units having outputs of approximately 22,500 BTU per hour each. They were furnished by the Girdler Corp., through its Thermex Division, and each unit is capable of handling several thousand pounds of packaged tire cord in a 24 hour period. Additional high-frequency twist-setting units are to be installed in two other plants.

Patent applications covering the use of high-frequency heating for twist-setting of textile products generally, including tire cord, have been assigned to Industrial Rayon. The new process is also being used by The B. F. Goodrich Company, under license from Industrial Rayon, in connection with production of rayon tire cord. Radio Corporation of America supplied the high frequency power units used by Goodrich.

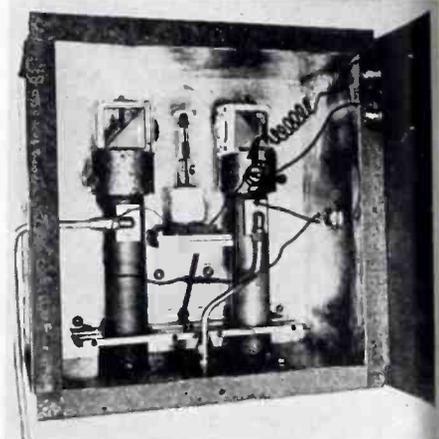


Factory layout of dielectric heating equipment used for setting the twist of rayon tire cord. The 18-lb spools of cord are wrapped in moistureproof paper for control of moisture. The operator at the right is removing plywood covers that were placed over the spools during passage through the heating chambers

## Rapid Gas Analysis for Vapor Control

MANY INDUSTRIES are concerned with the problem of controlling contaminated atmospheres. Elaborate air-conditioning systems, special section hoods, etc., are employed in plants to draw off vapors and gases and in many instances workers wear gas masks during certain operations. In spite of these precautions, it is usually necessary to make periodic checks of the air in various parts of the plant to determine whether the concentration of the volatile substance is being held within the safety level.

Most gas analyzers require 15 minutes or more to take an air sample and show only the average concentration of the gas during that period of time. With this technique, momentary high peaks escape



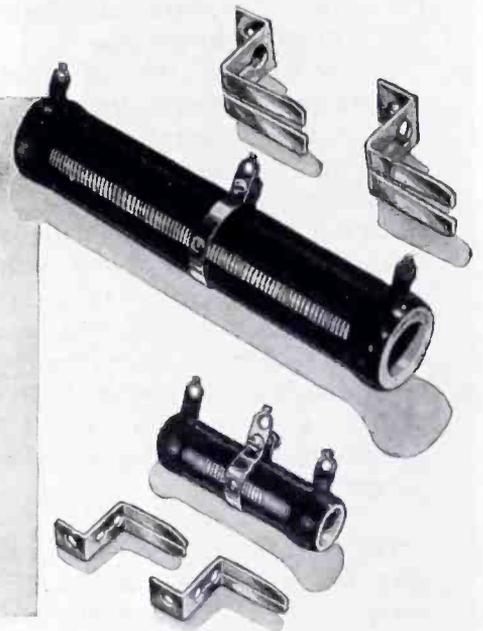
The carbon disulfide analyzer contains a mercury lamp with glass envelope removed and mounted so that its radiation is reflected down absorption tubes to photocells. The contaminated air is also supplied to one tube, then passed through activated charcoal and fed to the second tube for comparison

observation. An electronic instrument developed at E. I. du Pont de Nemours can run continuous samples and give direct and instantaneous readings. This permits accurate second-by-second observation of the vapor level in each step of a manufacturing process.

V. F. Hanson, of the Electrochemicals Department of the du Pont Company, designed the original instrument. A modified model, intended particularly for carbon disulfide analysis, has been developed by Dr. Shirleigh Silverman, assisted by Dr. J. W. Ballou and W. H. Warhus, all of the Rayon

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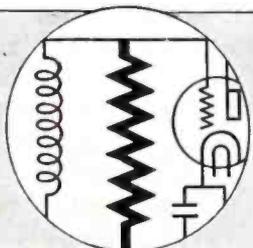


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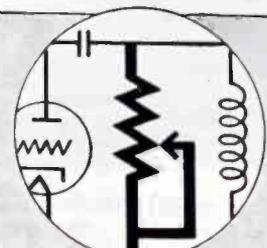


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Technical Division of the company. The Mine Safety Appliance Co. is planning to manufacture instruments of this general type.

Operation of the ultraviolet photometer is based on the phenomenon of light absorption by gases. Most gases absorb light of some particular wavelength, in effect casting a shadow where that particular wavelength line would otherwise have fallen. In a spectrum that shadow is known as an absorption line. Carbon disulfide, for example, strongly absorbs light having a wavelength of 3132 Angstrom units, in the ultraviolet range.

#### Comparison System

The instrument is so constructed that the air to be analyzed is pumped through several small chambers, which filter out dust, oil and moisture, and thence into a pair of parallel tubes, about 31 inches long. The contaminated air runs into the first tube and then through a canister of activated charcoal which removes carbon disulfide, and passes purified air into the second tube. This permits a continuous comparison of the



Engineers in the Du Pont plant check on the efficiency of a large suction hose used to draw off fumes during a production process. The intake hose of the analyzer is held at the operator's nose level

purified with the contaminated air and very minute differences may be detected.

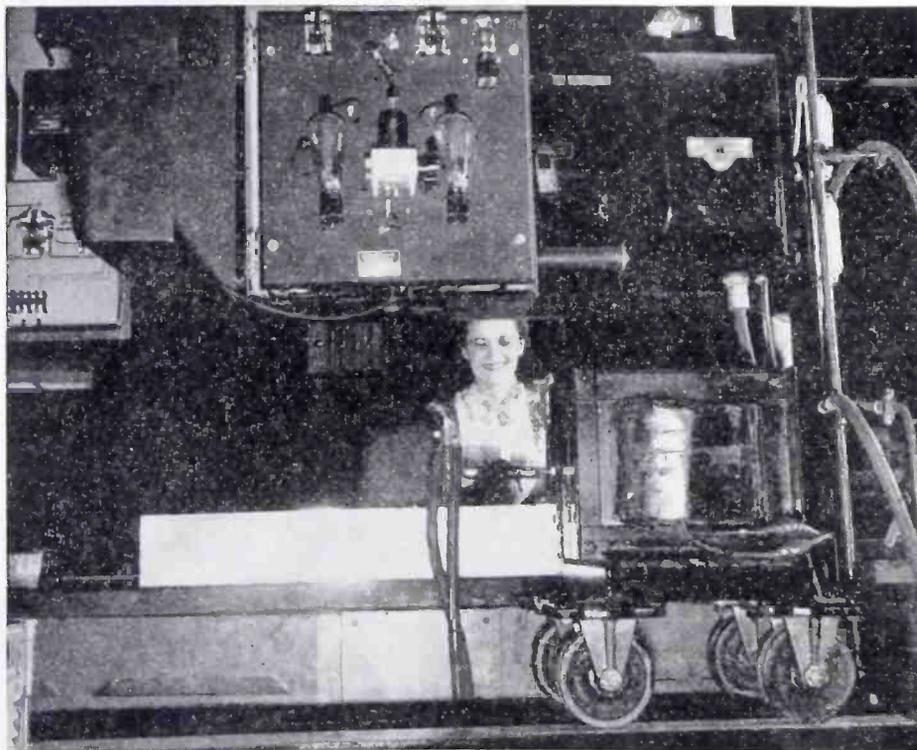
Rays of ultraviolet light from a mercury lamp pass through the two tubes and fall upon a sodium phototube mounted at the opposite end of each tube. A vacuum-tube amplifier follows the phototubes and actuates a microammeter for readings.

Filters in the optical system have been so selected that about 60 per-

cent of the photometric response of the cell is due to light of 3132 Angstrom units in wavelength, the light which carbon disulfide absorbs. No other atmospheric element has been found in plants where this instrument is used that absorbs either this band of light or the 3650 Angstrom unit band which accounts for most of the remainder of the photocell's response. One part of carbon disulfide in a million parts of air will produce an absorption of 0.02 percent.

In one test, 61 readings were made during the nine minutes required to open, dump and clean out a large vessel in which material was treated with carbon disulfide. During most of the operation the concentration of gas remained below 20 parts per million and older methods of analysis, which could give only the average for this entire time interval, would show no danger points. However, the ultraviolet photometer revealed that the concentration rose to 60 parts per million at one moment and to 40 at another. The ventilating equipment was therefore modified in order to eliminate these peaks.

## Magnetic Inspection of Bolts and Castings



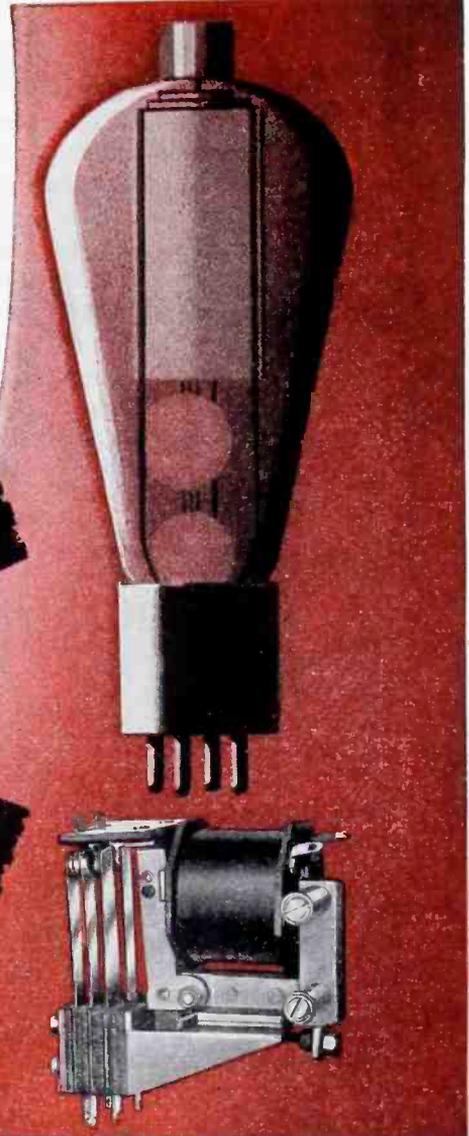
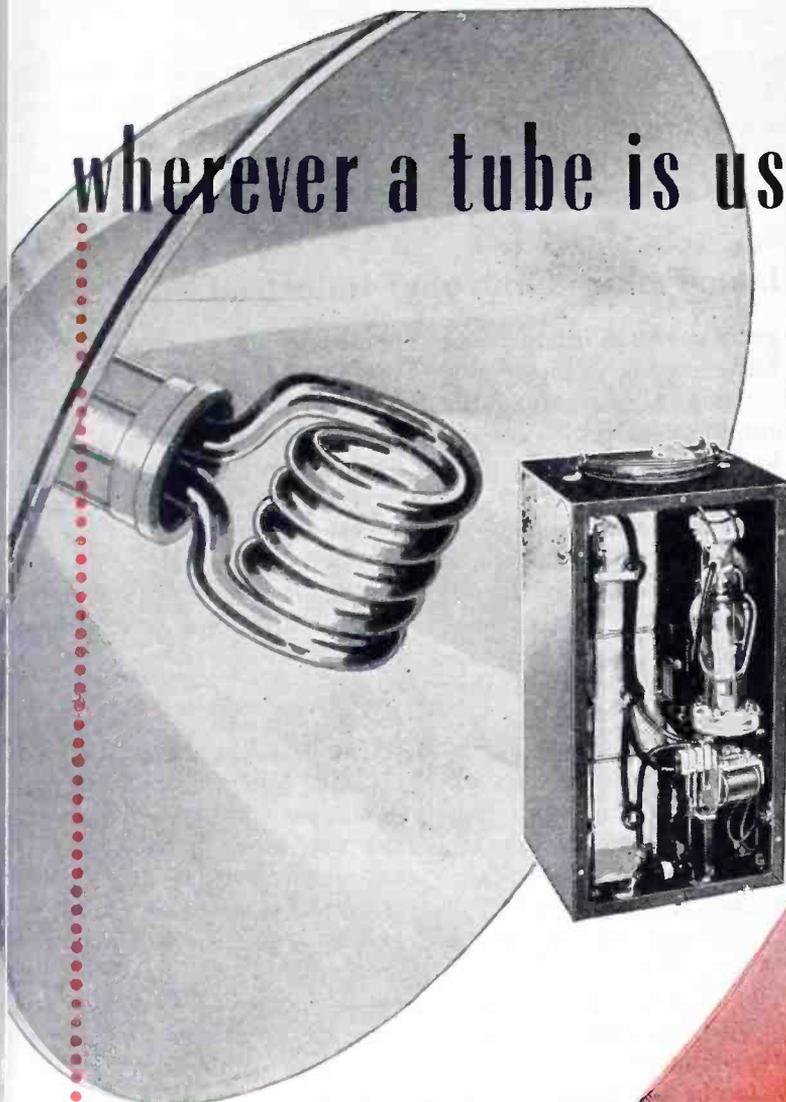
The tubes on the panel control a current impulse of 40,000 amperes for magnetizing bolts and castings. The transformer is mounted on trucks to permit short lead lengths to the test positions

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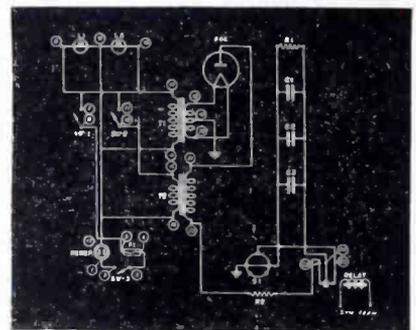
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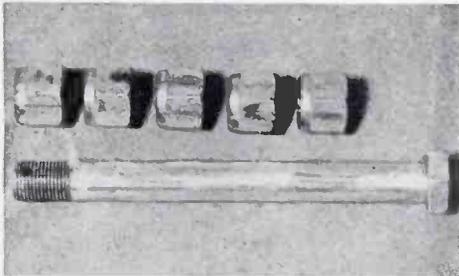
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Cracks and flaws in nuts and bolts made visible by the action of heavy current from vacuum-tube rectifiers through the part under test. Iron oxide collects at the crack

amperage. By the use of thyratrons and ignitrons, a current impulse of 40,000 amperes is available which provides deeper penetration and greater concentration of the oxide-iron particles. The estimated yearly maintenance cost of the electronic equipment is \$50, principally

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With the vacuum tube power supply as a source of current, the hazard of fire is completely eliminated as there are no electric arcs.

Another advantage is the elimination of lost motion due to periodic shut downs previously experienced during battery changeover and charging periods.

## Flame-Failure Control of Industrial Furnaces

IF THE FLAME FAILS in furnaces fired by pulverized coal, oil or gas, electronic flame-failure safeguards can prevent the development of explosion hazards. In its simplest form, the equipment shuts off the fuel supply and attracts the operator's attention by a signal. Such systems may be modified by the addition of various interlocks, furnace purges, automatic ignition, re-lights, timers, alarms, and other devices.

Operation of the equipment depends upon detecting a flame's existence by a phototube or an electrode, or both. Furnaces burning pulverized coal or oil, in which flame luminosity is light yellow, or brighter, generally use the phototube detector. Ordinarily a blue flame, such as gas burners make, requires an electrode detector which is a conductor of electricity with a resistance of from 1 to 100 megohms.

At flame failure, the resulting change in the current through the

phototube or electrode exposed to the flame is amplified by electronic tubes to the desired value. The circuit of one of the simplest forms of flame-failure safeguards is shown in Fig. 1. This system, made by Wheelco Instruments Co., is used on an oil-fired furnace with push button opening of the fuel valve and manual lighting of the flame with torch.

### Photoelectric System

The diagram shows no-flame conditions, when, for example, the flameguard has been energized but the fuel valve is still closed. The operation of the circuit can be traced by assuming transformer instantaneous polarity as shown. Secondary  $S_1$  supplies current to heat the cathodes of the twin vacuum tube  $T$ . Transformer secondaries  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  complete a circuit from cathode  $C$  to anode  $A$ , secondary  $S_1$ , resistor  $R_1$ , and secondary  $S_2$ . Until there is a flame, phototube  $P$  is inactive and there is no potential on

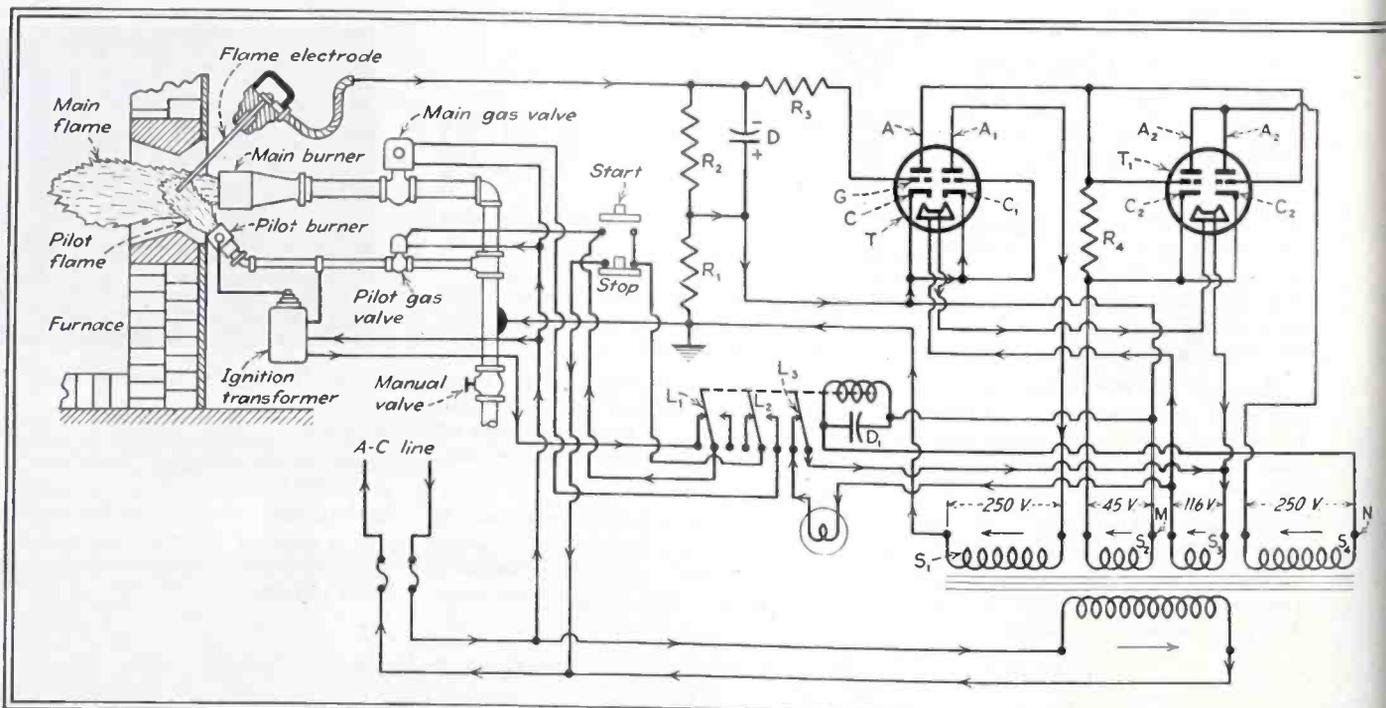
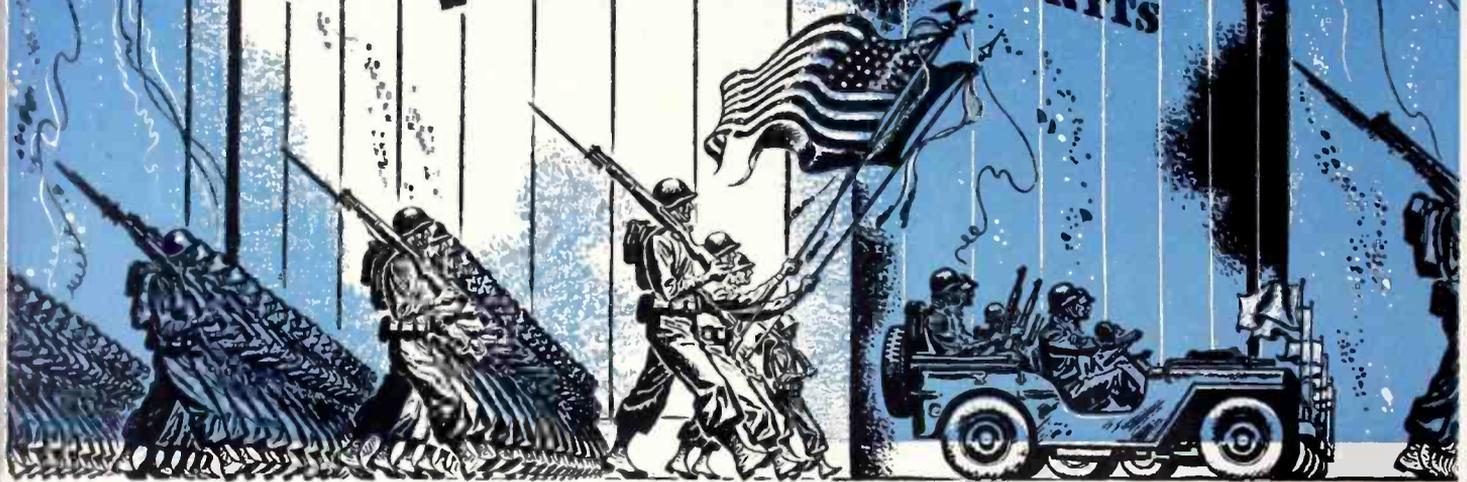


FIG. 2—Circuit of a flame protection system for a gas-fired furnace. Actuated by a flame electrode and electronic amplifier are a solenoid-operated pilot valve, main gas valve, and automatic ignition. The electronic amplifier controls the working units of both the fuel and ignition systems

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grid  $G$ , consequently current can flow between cathode  $C$  and anode  $A$ .

The voltage drop across resistor  $R_1$  puts a negative potential on grid  $G$ . How this potential is produced can be easily seen by considering secondary  $S_3$  alone. If a connection were made between grid  $G_1$  and cathode  $C_1$ , current from  $S_3$  would flow from grid  $G_1$  to cathode  $C_1$ , then from  $C$  to  $A$ , and back to  $S_3$ .

In the absence of the connection between  $G_1$  and  $C_1$ , there exists a negative potential equal to that of secondary  $S_3$ , and this side of the tube cannot conduct. As a result the relay coil remains dead, a circuit for this coil being through secondary  $S_2$ , cathode  $C_1$ , anode  $A_1$ , secondary  $S_1$ , and back to the relay, but it is blocked by grid  $G_1$ .

Relay contacts, therefore, remain closed in the position shown, and the pilot light is energized through contact  $L_1$  to show a no-flame condition.

#### Valve Open

Closing the pushbutton connects the fuel-valve-opening coil across the line. This valve opens and when the fuel is burning with sufficient flame the phototube conducts on the reverse transformer polarity from that in the diagram. This circuit is from terminal  $N$  of secondary  $S_2$ , the relay coil, resistor  $R_2$  to ground through the phototube resistors  $R_3$  and  $R_4$ , back to  $S_2$ . The anode of the phototube connects between  $R_3$  and

$R_5$ , which puts a negative potential on grid  $G$  equal to the voltage drop across  $R_3$  and  $R_4$ , and charges capacitor  $D$ .

When the polarity of the transformer reverses, capacitor  $D$  discharges through resistors  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ , and  $R_5$ , and maintains the negative potential on grid  $G$  to block the circuit between cathode  $C$  and anode  $A$ . Blocking the circuit removes the potential on  $G_1$ , and the right-hand side of the tube completes the relay-coil circuit.

This circuit is from  $S_2$  through cathode  $C_1$ , anode  $A_1$ , secondary  $S_1$ , the relay coil, and back to  $S_2$ . Energizing the relay coil causes it to open contact  $L_1$ , to extinguish the pilot light and close contact  $L_2$ , to short-circuit the pushbutton and put the fuel-valve coil circuit directly across the line. When the pilot light goes out the operator knows the burner has been lighted and he releases the pushbutton.

#### Flame Failure

If for any reason the flame fails, the phototube becomes inoperative and removes the negative potential from grid  $G$ . Current can again flow from cathode  $C$  to anode  $A$  to give grid  $G_1$  a negative potential and block the right-hand side of this tube, as previously explained. Since the circuit is blocked between  $C_1$  and  $A_1$ , the relay coil deenergizes, to open contact  $L_2$  and close  $L_1$ . The former opens the fuel-valve-coil circuit, and this valve closes to shut

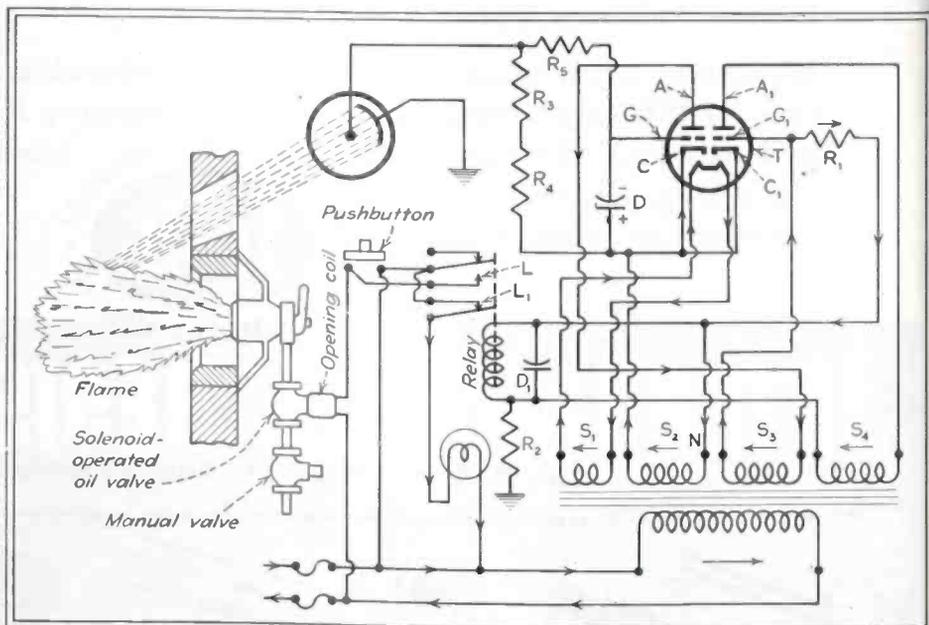
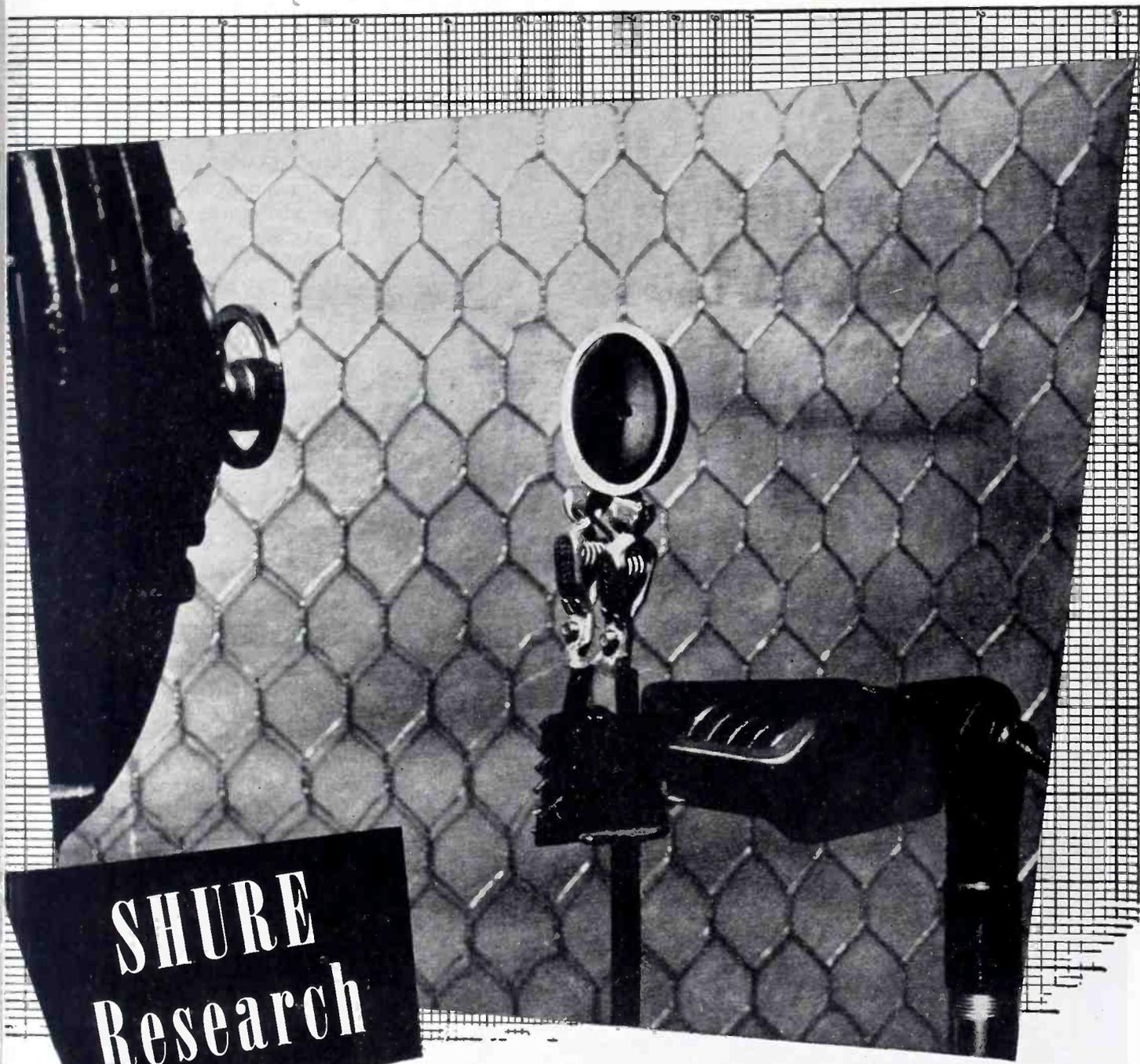


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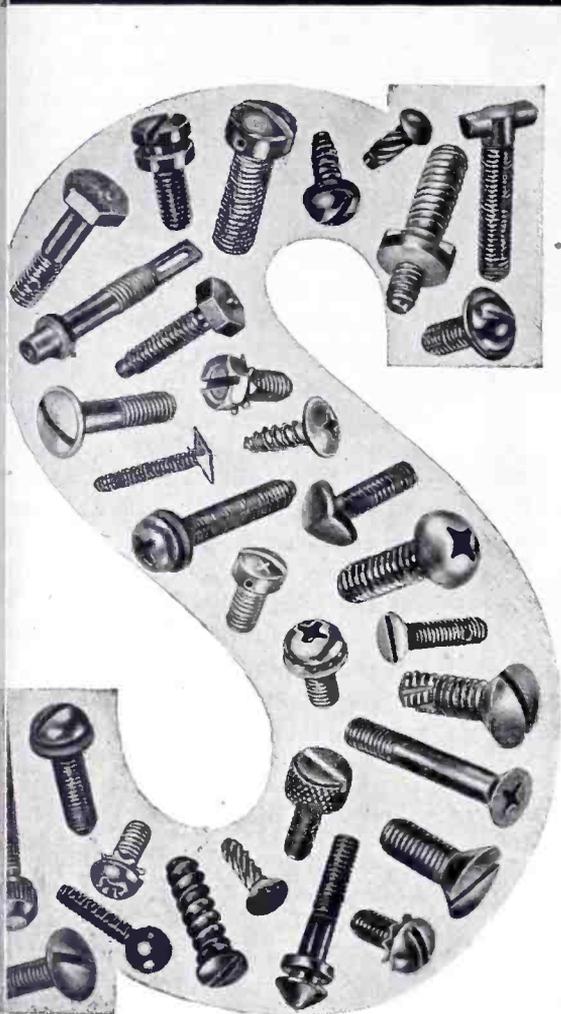
#### *Flame Conduction Type*

Figure 2, a gas-burning system developed recently by Brown Instrument Co., includes a flame-electrode, main gas burner, pilot burner and automatic ignition. The control part of the system uses two twin vacuum tubes,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . Assume no-flame conditions with the line switch closed. The cathodes of the two tubes are heated and the pilot light energized from the transformer secondary  $S_1$ , as indicated by the arrowheads. Secondary  $S_1$  completes a circuit through resistor  $R_1$ , cathode  $C_1$  and anode  $A_1$  of tube  $T_1$ , back to  $S_1$ . Under this condition grid  $G$  does not have a negative potential and this side of the tube conducts when the polarity of secondary  $S_2$  is the reverse of that shown. This circuit is from terminal  $M$  of secondary  $S_2$  to cathode  $C_1$ , anode  $A_1$ , through resistor  $R_1$ , back to  $S_2$ . Voltage drop across  $R_1$  puts a negative potential on the grids of tube  $T_1$  to block the relay-coil circuit. This circuit, when not blocked, is from terminal  $N$  of secondary  $S_1$ , through the relay coil, secondary  $S_2$ , cathodes  $C_2$ , anodes  $A_2$ , back to  $S_1$ .

#### *Ignition of Pilot*

Closing the start button completes the circuit from the line through the ignition coil, contact  $L_1$ , start and stop buttons, back to the line, as indicated. A circuit is also completed through the pilot-valve coil, the start and stop buttons, to the line. The pilot valve opens and the ignition system lights the pilot flame and it contacts the electrode. Then a circuit is completed from secondary  $S_1$  through the flame, the flame electrode, re-

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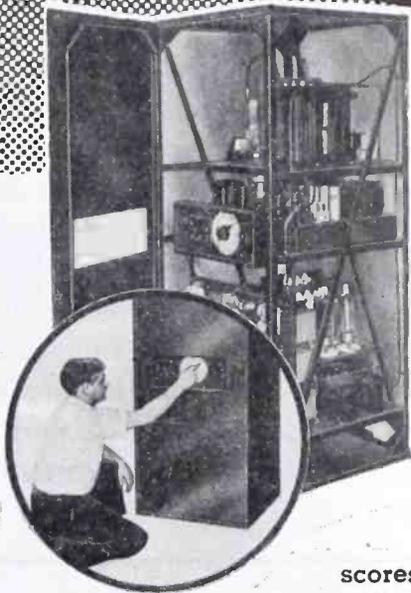


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Grid  $G$  connects, through resistor  $R_3$ , between the electrode and resistor  $R_2$  which puts a negative potential on this grid to block the circuit from cathode  $C$  to anode  $A$ . Capacitor  $D$  is also charged and when the polarity of the transformer reverses, the capacitor discharges through resistor  $R_3$  and maintains a negative potential on grid  $G$  to block the circuit through  $R_4$  and  $S_2$ .

Absence of current through  $R_4$  removes the negative potential from the grids of tube  $T_1$ , and the relay coil is energized. The circuit for this coil is through secondary  $S_2$ , cathodes  $C_2$ , anodes  $A_2$ , secondary  $S_1$  and the relay coil. Energizing this coil opens contacts  $L_1$  and  $L_3$  and closes contact  $L_2$ . Opening contacts  $L_1$  and  $L_3$  opens the pilot-lamp and ignition-coil circuits, but the pilot valve is held open by the circuit through the pushbutton. When the pilot light goes dark, it denotes that the pilot flame has been established and has contacted the electrode.

#### Main Flame

Closing contact  $L_2$  completes the main gas-valve coil circuit from the right-hand side of the line, through the main gas-valve coil, contact  $L_2$ , the stop button, then to the left-hand side of the line. This valve opens and the operator holds the start button closed, releasing it when the main burner ignites. The main valve circuit remains closed through contact  $L_2$  and the stop button. As long as the flame contacts the electrode, the relay holds its contacts closed to the flame position.

Should the flame fail for any reason, it will remove the negative potential from grid  $G$ . This tube will again complete the circuit for secondary  $S_2$  through resistor  $R_4$ , to make the grid of  $T_1$  negative and block the relay coil circuit. Its contacts then return to the start position and break the main gas-valve-coil circuit through contact  $L_2$ , after which the valve closes. The system then remains in a safe no-flame position until the start button is pressed, when the operations just described repeat.

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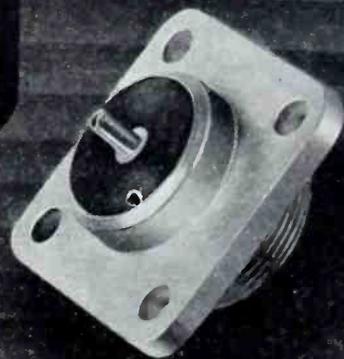
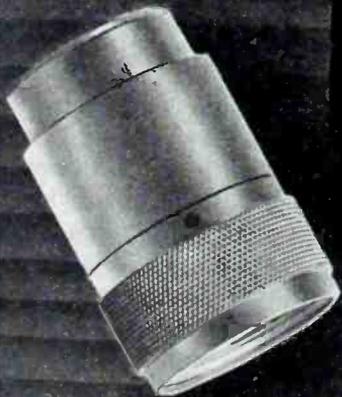
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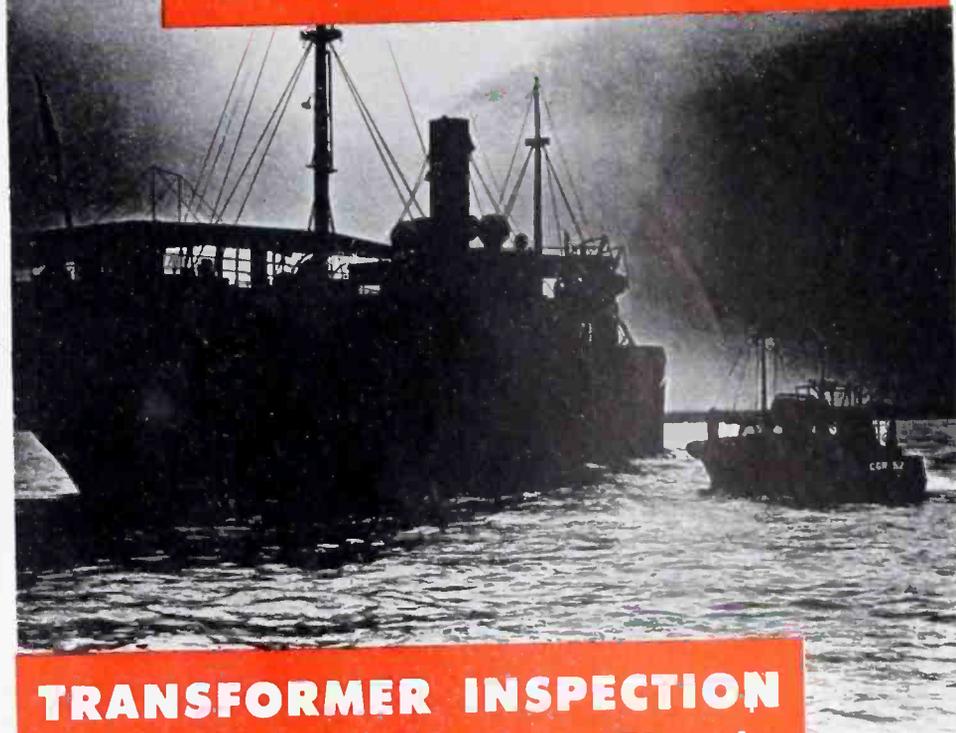
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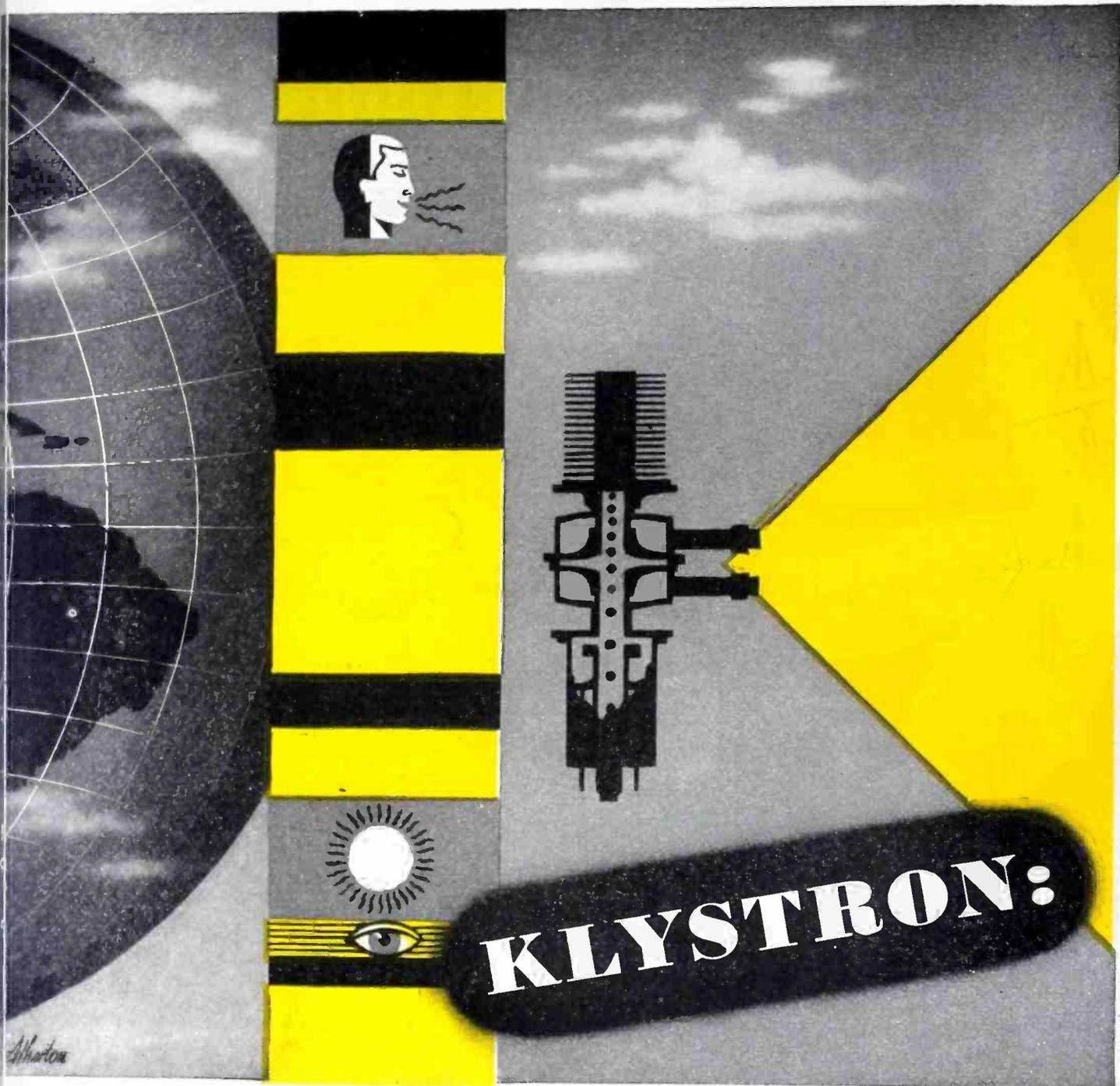
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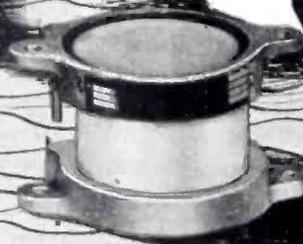
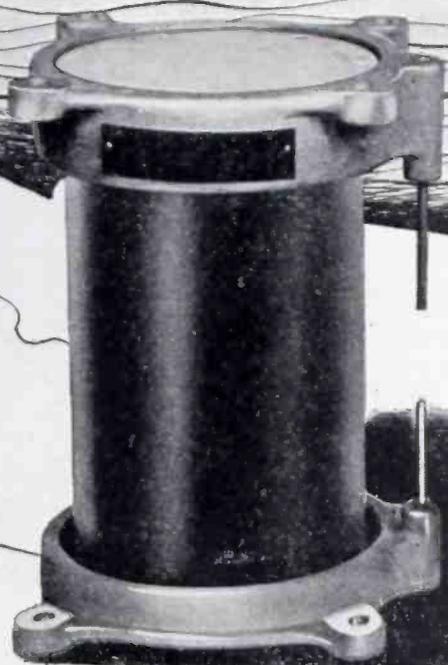
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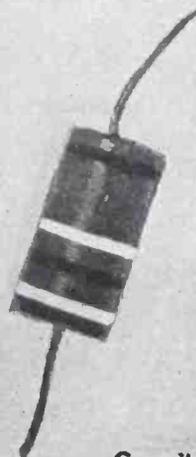
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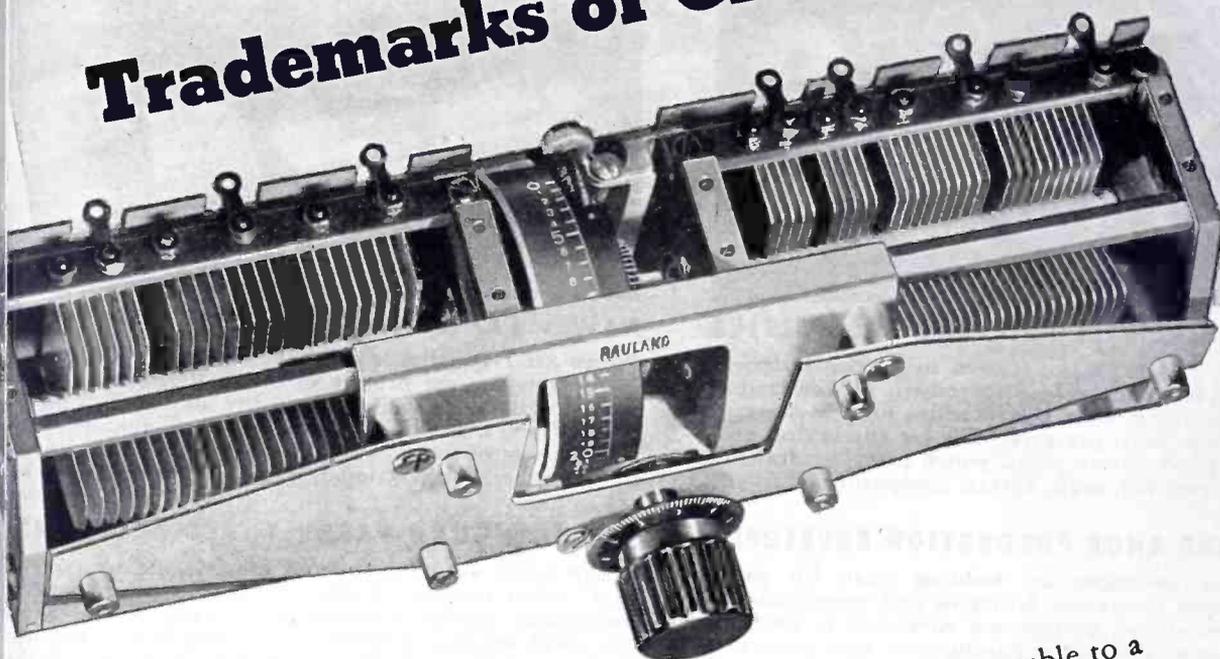
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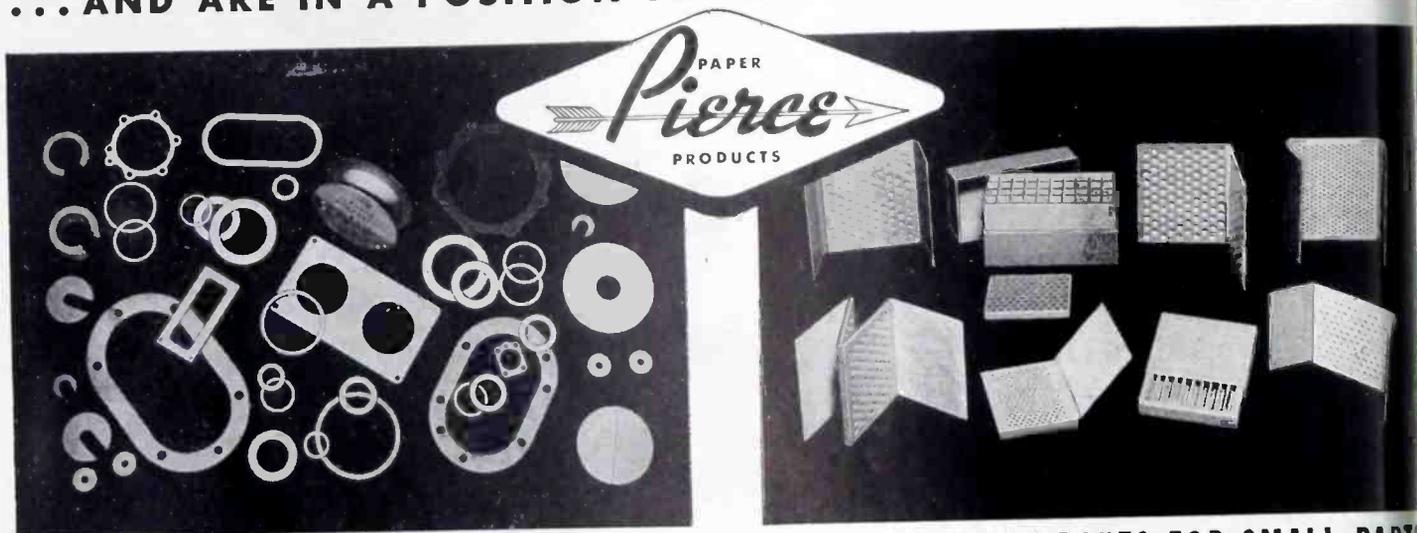
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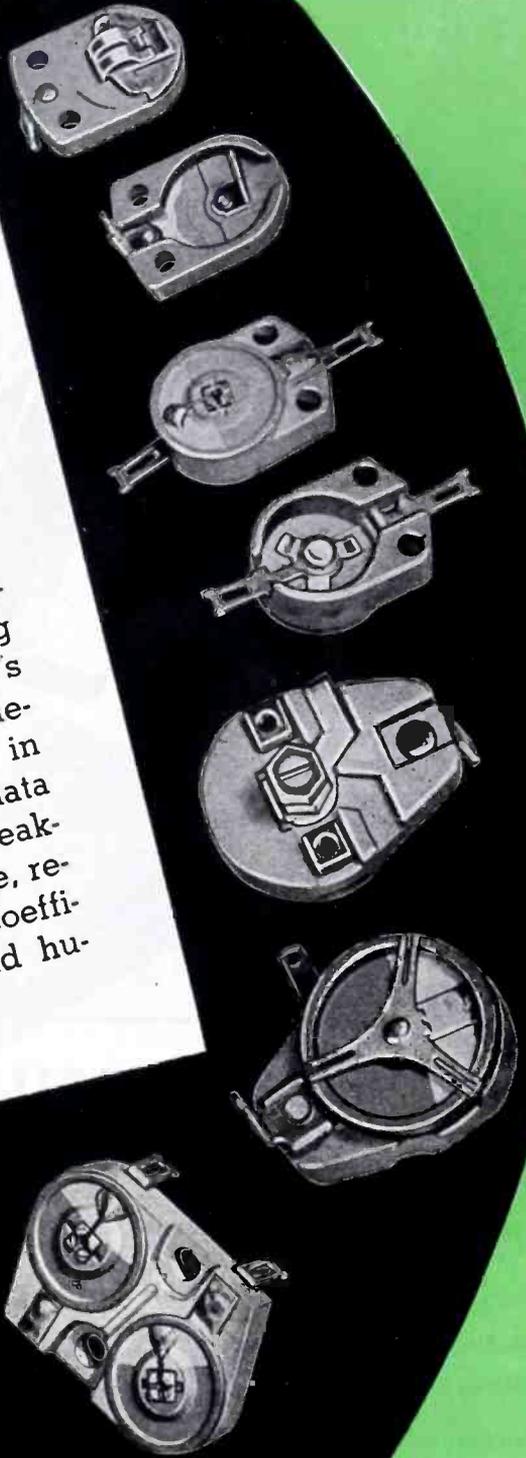
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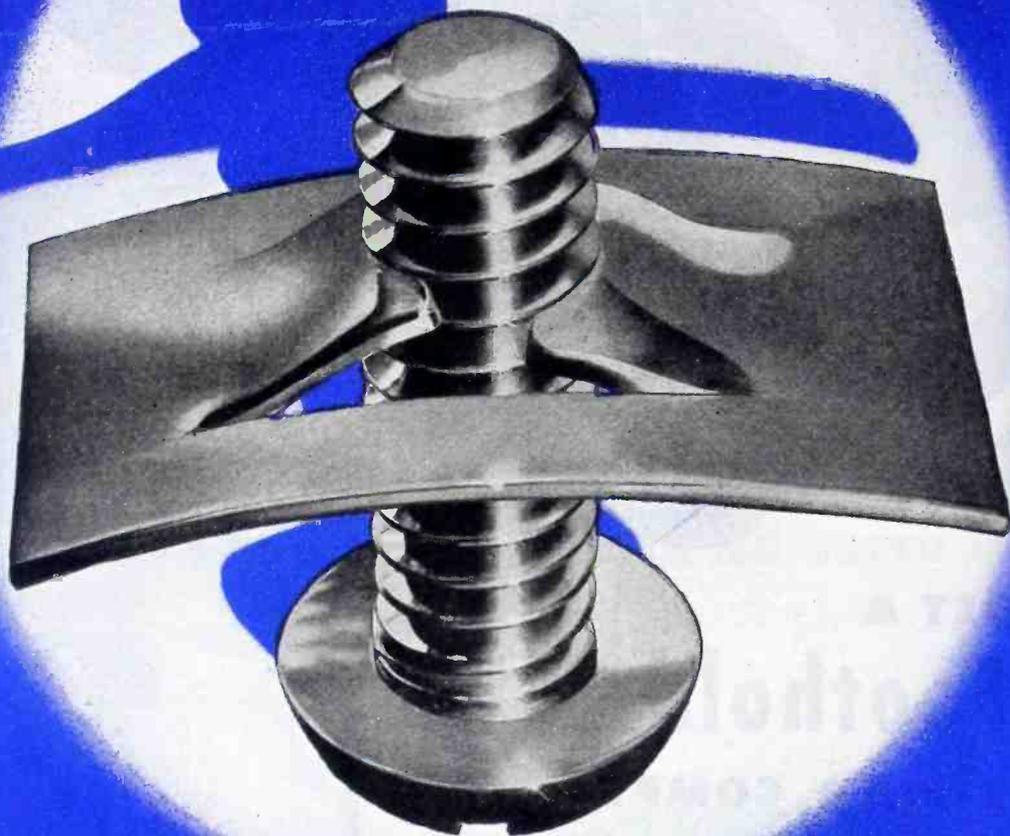
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"A second limitation is sensitivity. Radiographic penetrameters are based on 2 percent sensitivity, although on good radiographic work, flaws on the order of 1 percent can be shown. While some excellent sensitivity claims have been made on the part of reliable observers, we prefer to state that the fluoroscope is practical for sensitivities of 5 percent and a little better, at this time.

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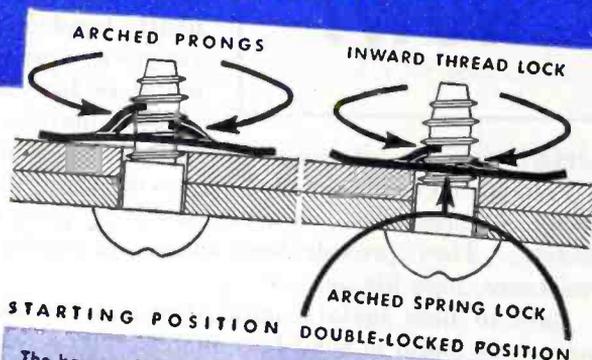
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quired, other means must be used.

"Fourthly, the degree of success with fluoroscopy depends on personal factors to a greater degree than is the case with radiography.

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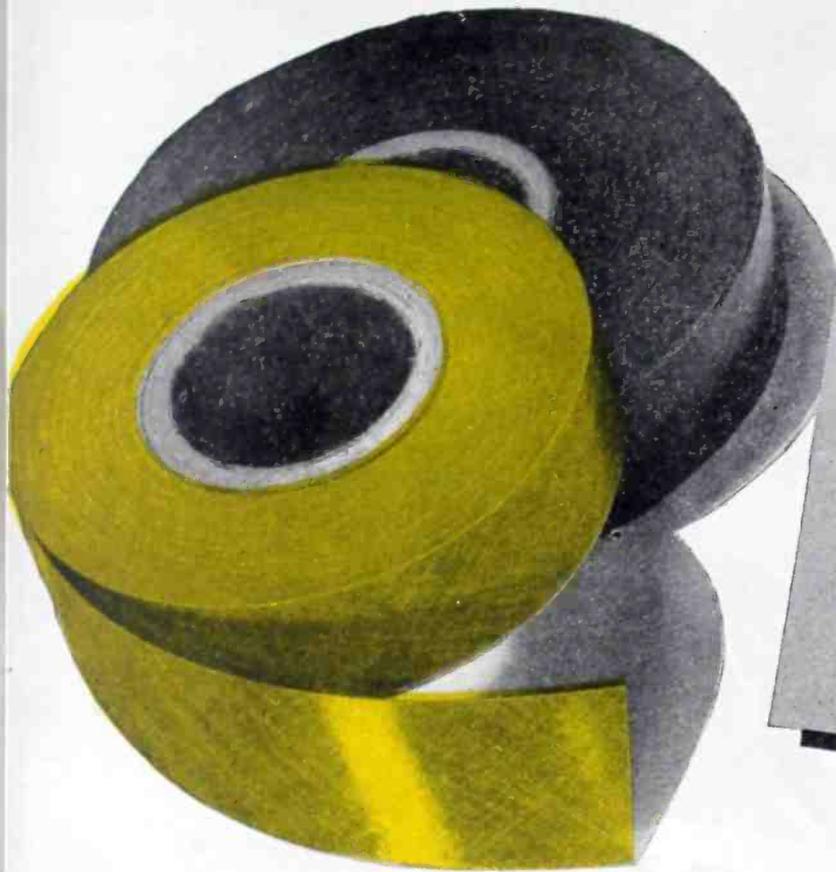
"These limitations have been listed in order to make it clear that fluoroscopy must not be considered a complete substitution for radiography. In the final analysis, the fluoroscope has definite advantages of time and cost and also has certain exclusive advantages of its own. For example, a radiograph provides a picture in only one plane, but in a fluoroscope the part can be rotated which provides a third dimension to definitely fix the location of the defects. Also, certain types of defects, such as cracks and fissures will only appear on a film if the part is so placed that the plane of the crack lines up with the direction of the x-ray beam. The chances are very slim indeed of being able to place a part on film in exactly such a position, but in a fluoroscope the part can be twisted and turned until—suddenly—there it is.

"On most applications, fluoroscopy will find its greatest value as a supplement to radiography rather than to be used alone. That is, the ultimate in an inspection set up—that lends itself to fluoroscopy at all—is a combination layout arranged to provide ready change-over from one to the other without sacrificing any of the advantages of either.

### Needs

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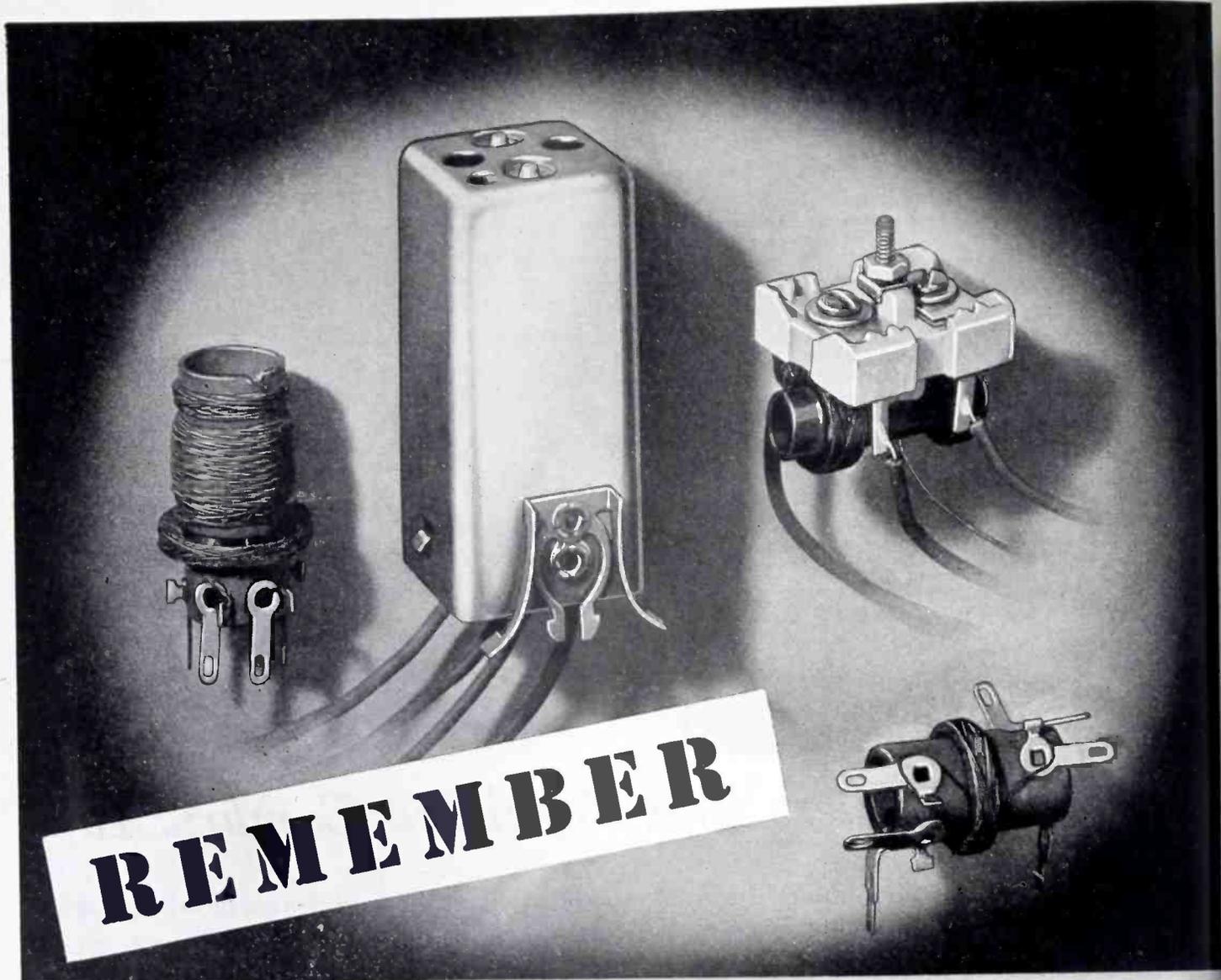
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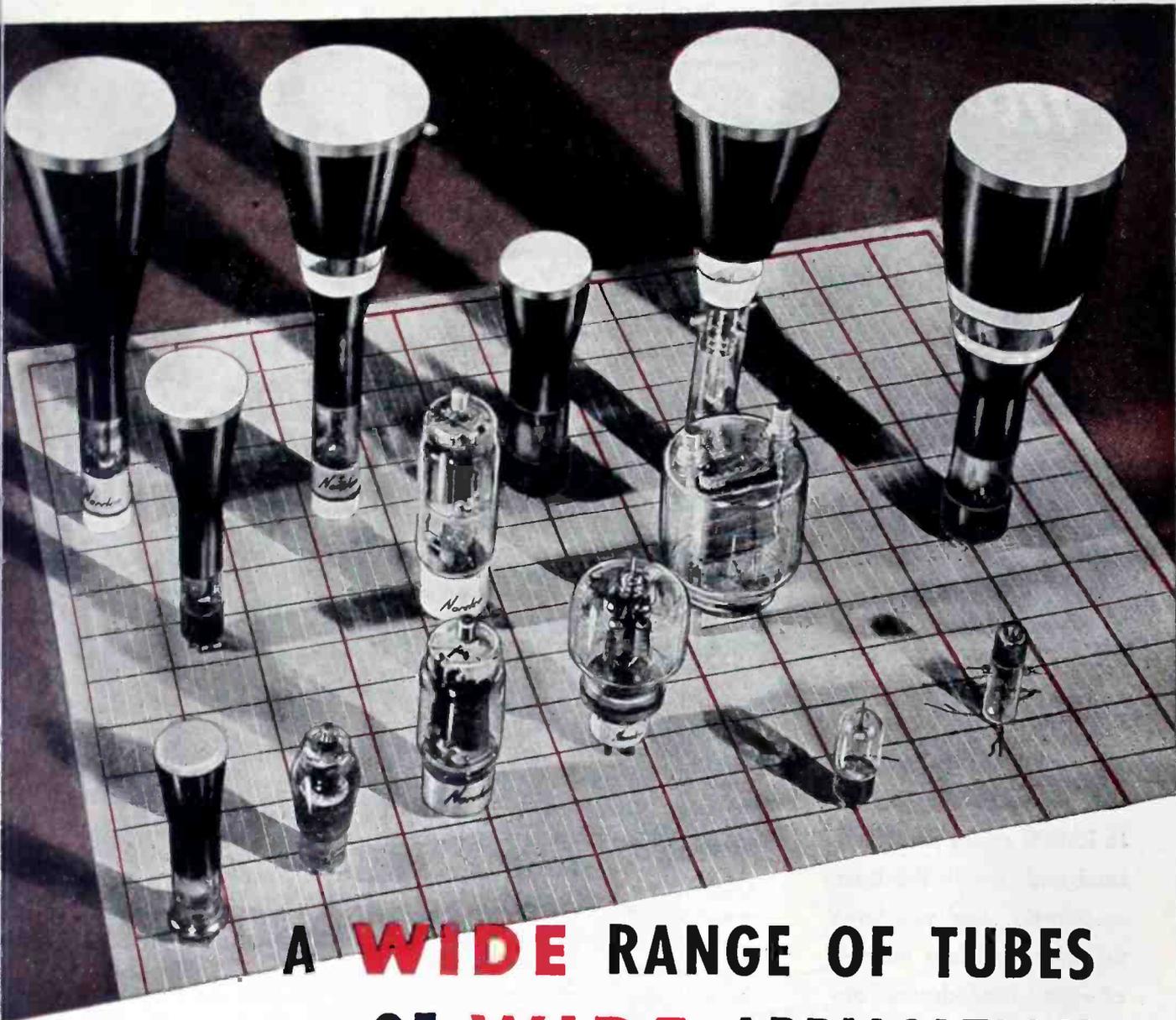
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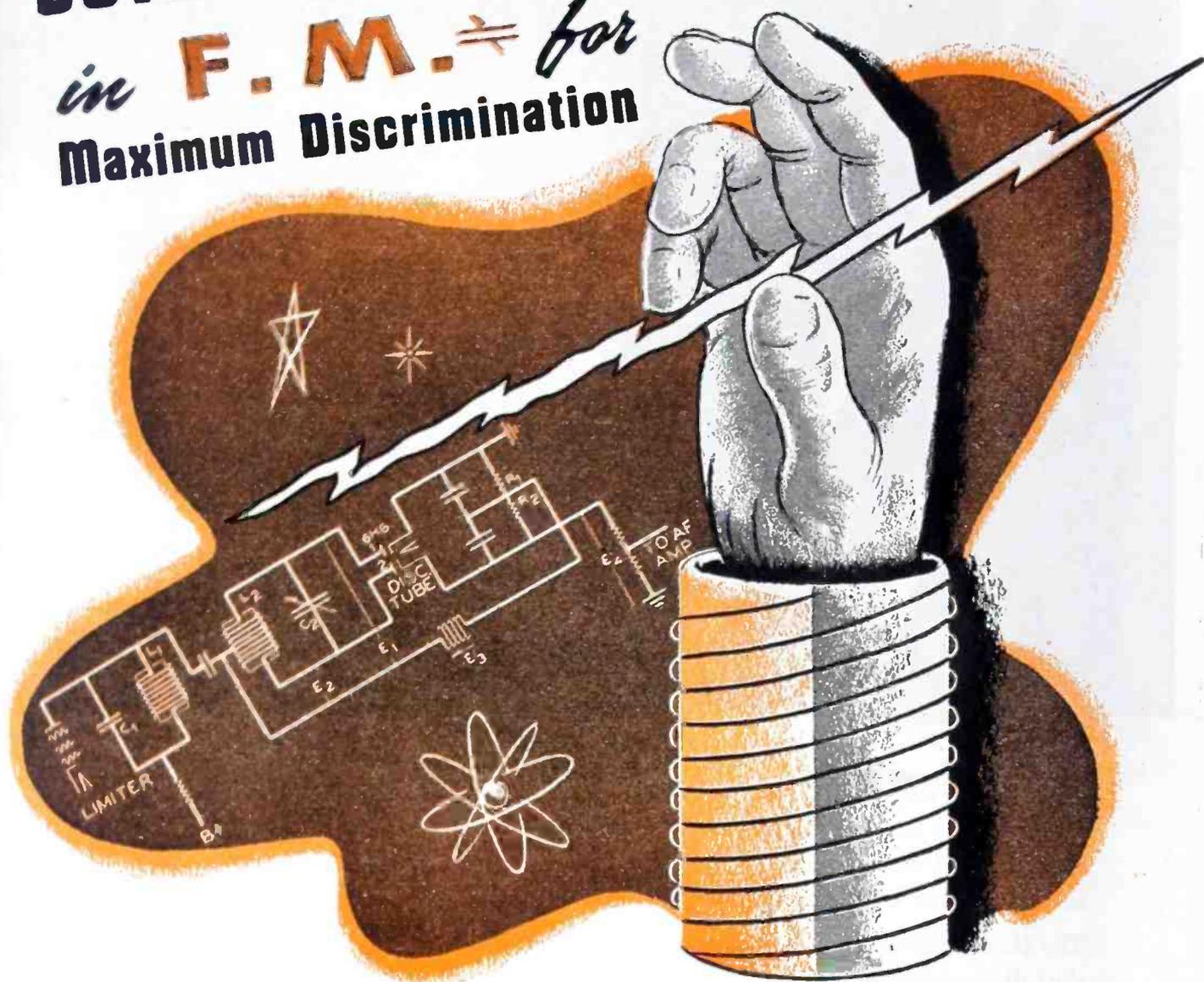
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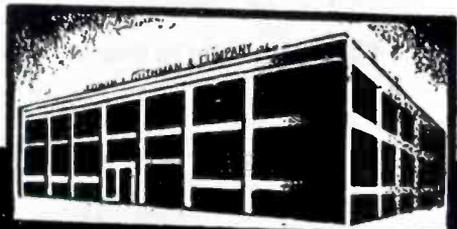
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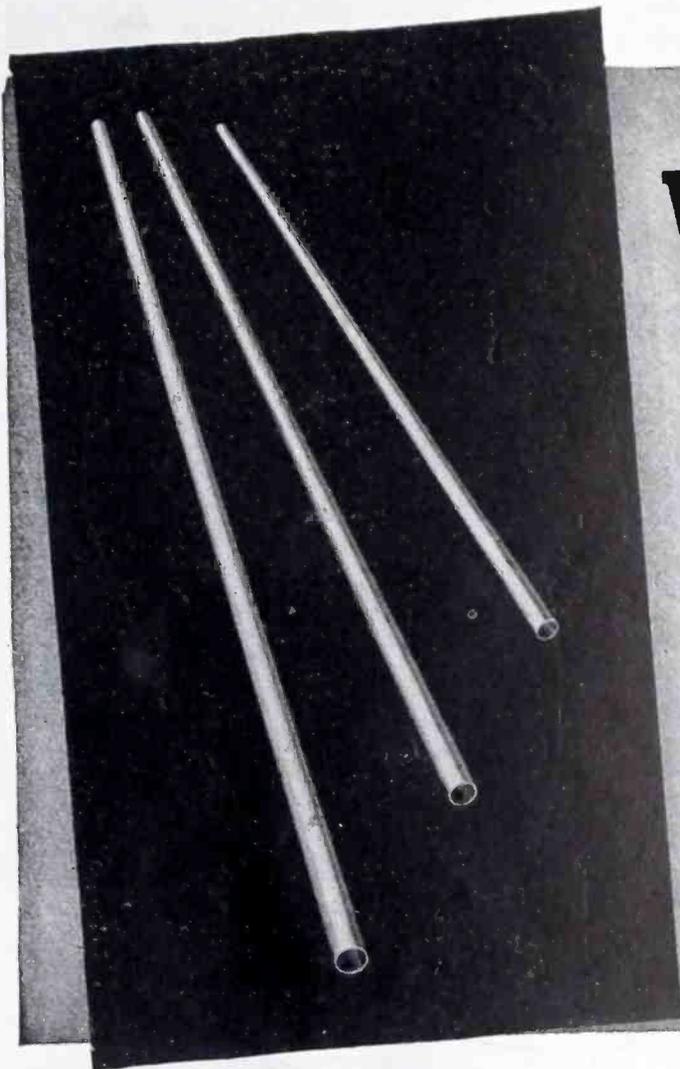
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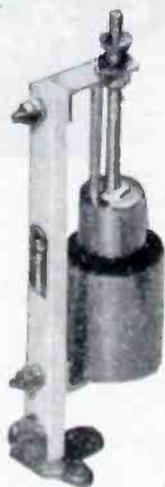
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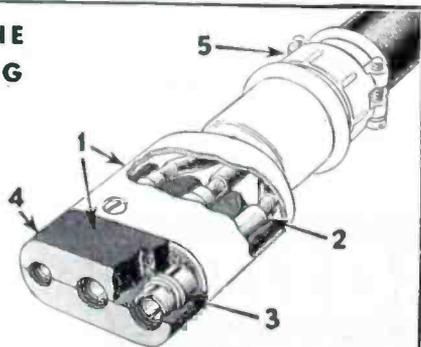
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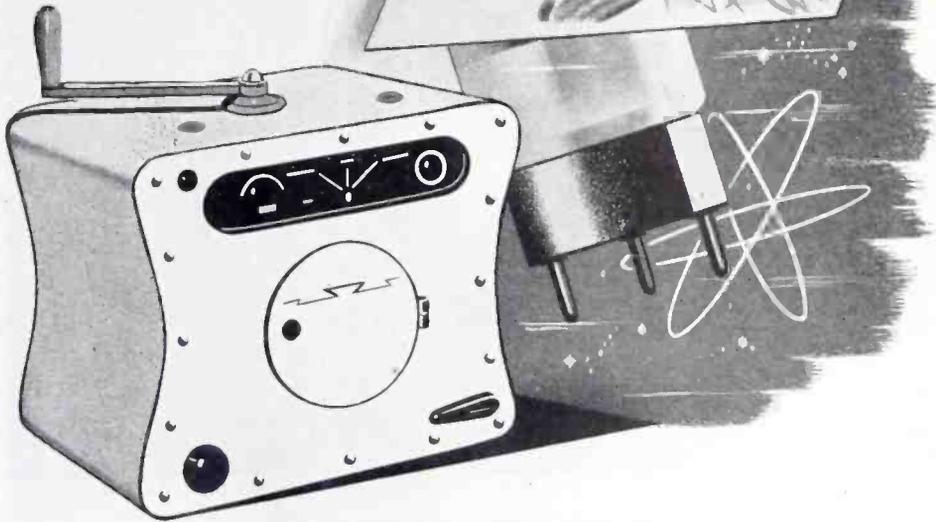
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## Multi-Channel Radio Link

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RADIO LINKS as extensions of land telephone lines are not new. There is one between Boston and Cape Cod that has been in service for a number of years, and there is the more recent installation between Crisfield and two of the islands in Chesapeake Bay. These installations use single-channel links; their radio circuits carry only single conversations.

Over a new radio link between Norfolk and Cape Charles, in southeastern Virginia, as many as twelve conversations may be transmitted simultaneously. Whereas the earlier radio links transmitted the frequencies from 200 to 3000 cycles comprising a single voice channel, the new link transmits twelve voice channels which have been modulated to form a group from 12,000 to 60,000 cycles.

Telephone communication from Norfolk and other points south and west of Chesapeake Bay has had to pass through Washington and Baltimore over some 400 miles of land line to reach Cape Charles. This situation has now been changed by the installation of the radio link. Not only is the circuit reduced to less than a tenth of its former length, but the traffic over the Baltimore and Washington routes is lightened.

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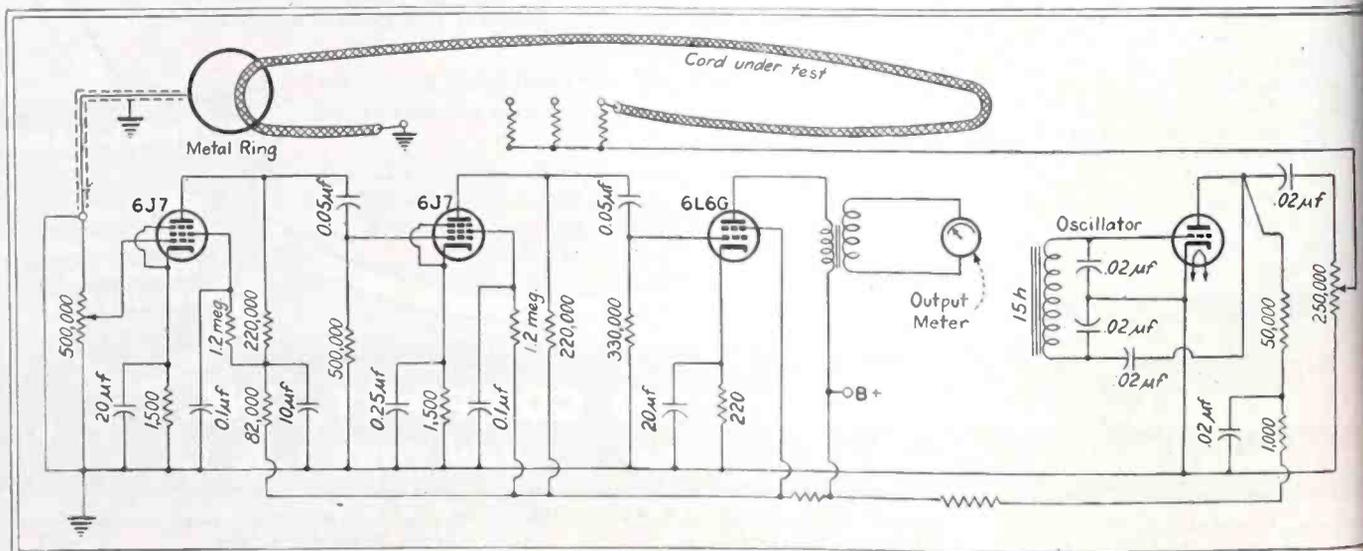
The circuit of the unit is shown in the diagram. One electronic tube is connected as a self-excited oscillator operating on a frequency of about 400 cycles. The output of the oscillator is applied to the cord.

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The metal pickup ring is mounted inside an assembly of fiber insulation material that surrounds the cable during use of the instrument. A short shielded lead is provided for connecting the ring to the amplifier. The ring is mounted on top of the test unit.

Input and output potentiometers are provided to permit adjustment of the circuit so that the meter reading occurs at a convenient portion of the scale when a good cable of the type to be tested is inserted in the ring. Additional provision for this purpose is the use of different values of resistance in the output circuit. Besides the output terminals shown in the diagram, made and female receptacles for the cable plugs used in the Vultee plant are contained in the tester.



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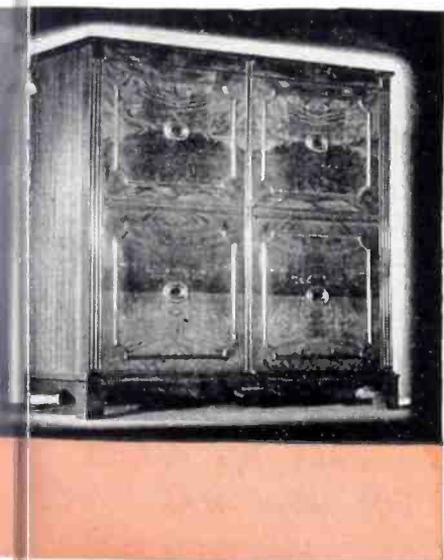
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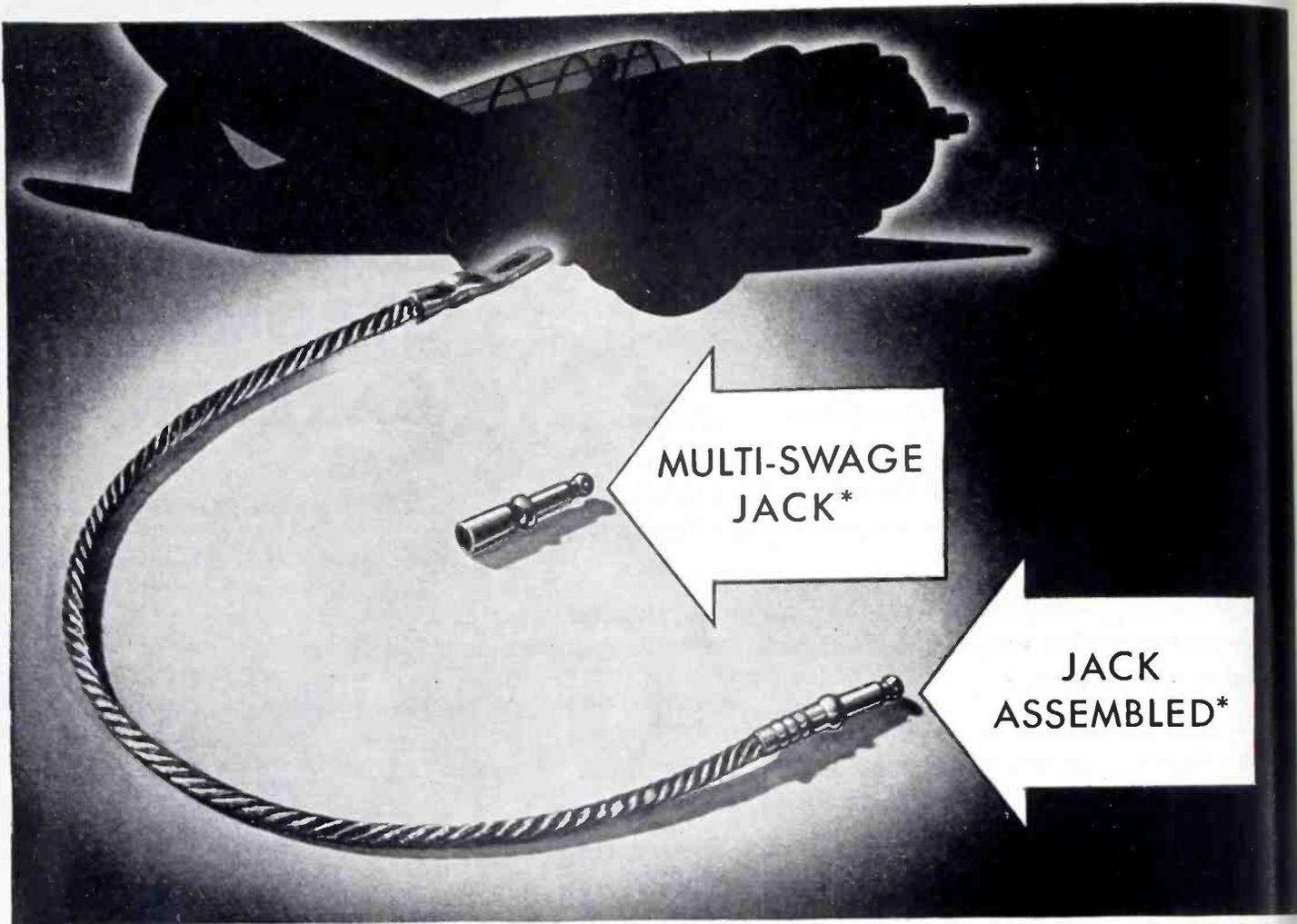
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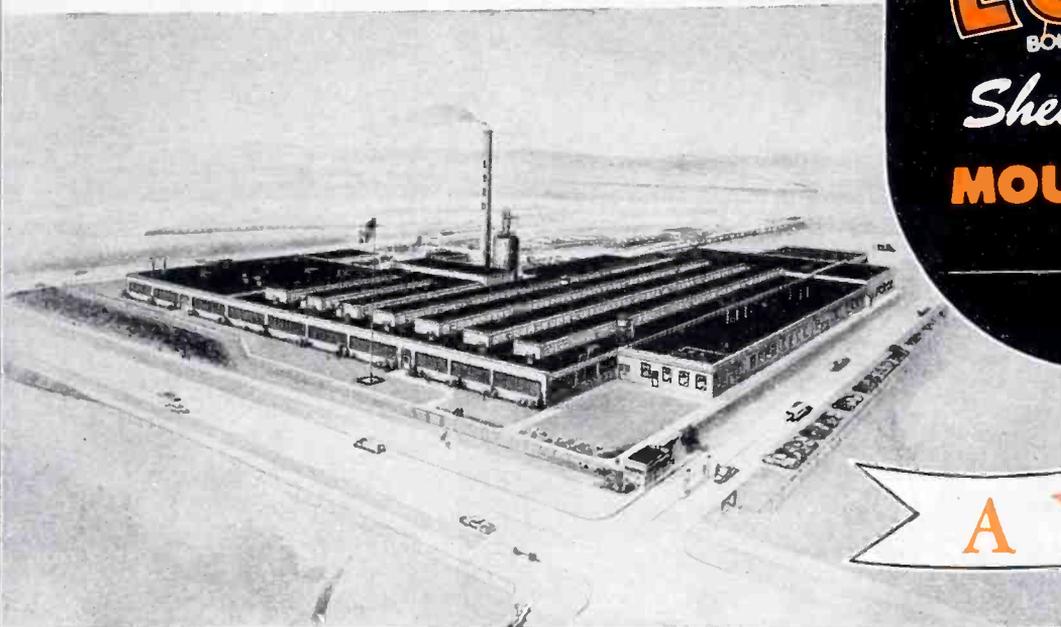
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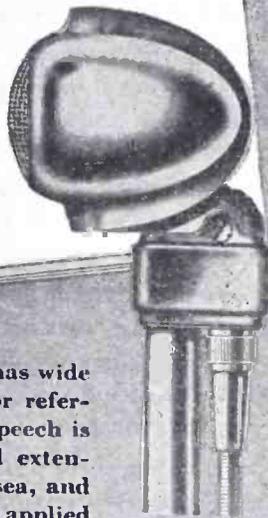
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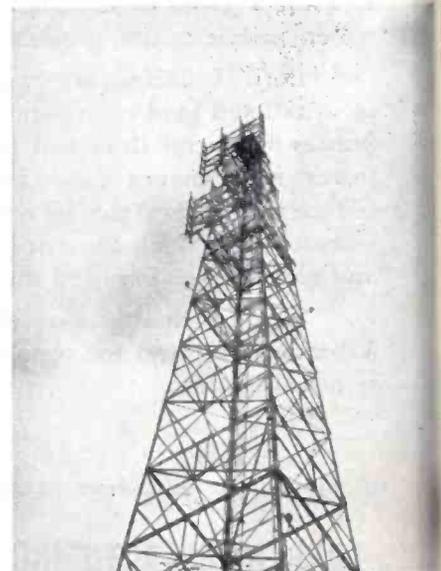
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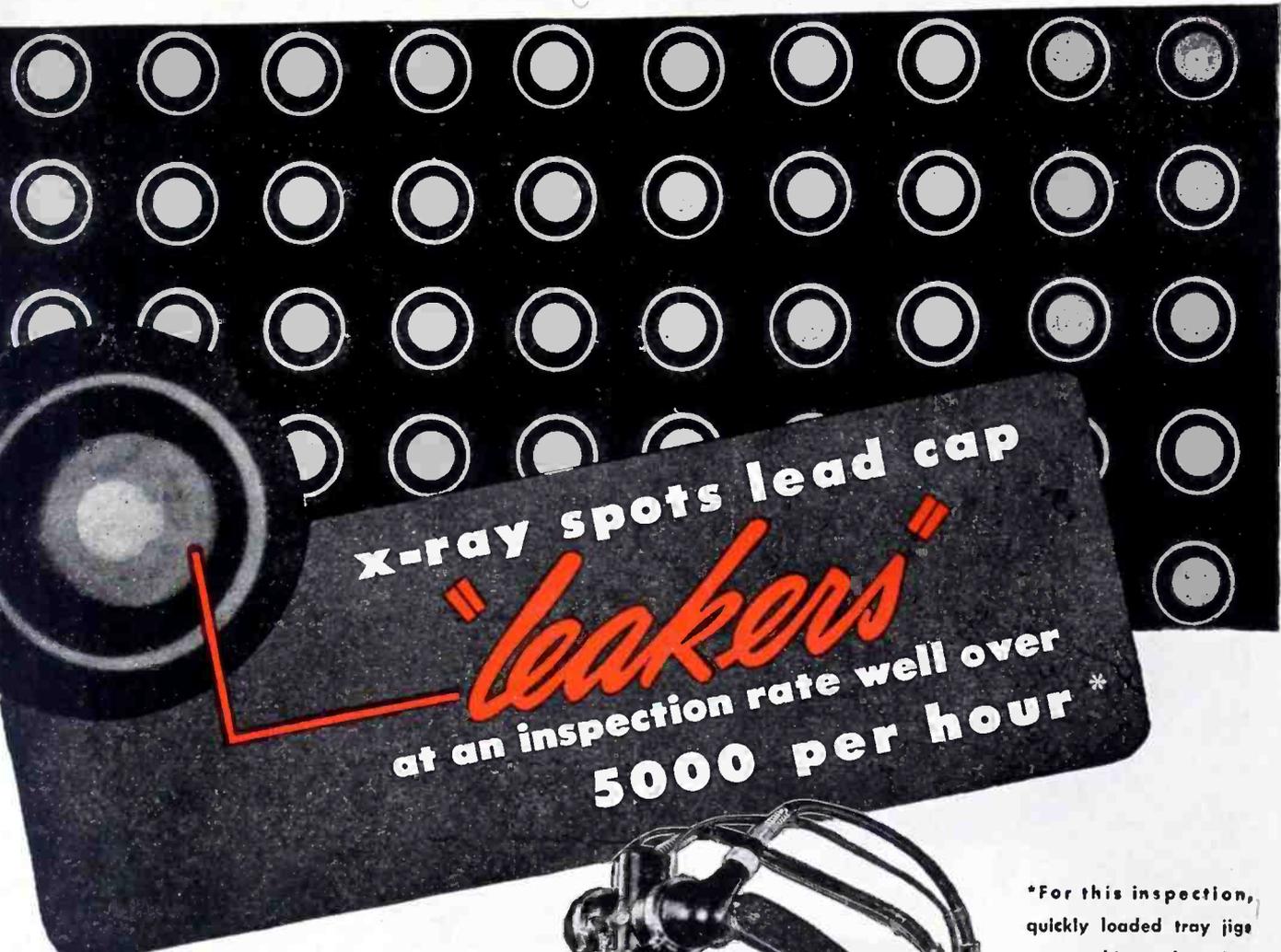
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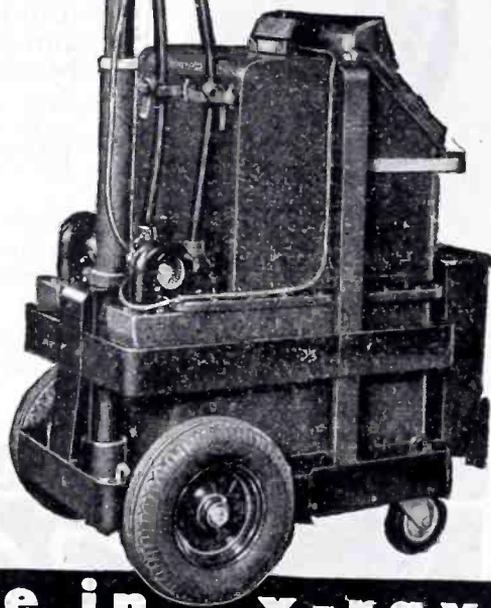
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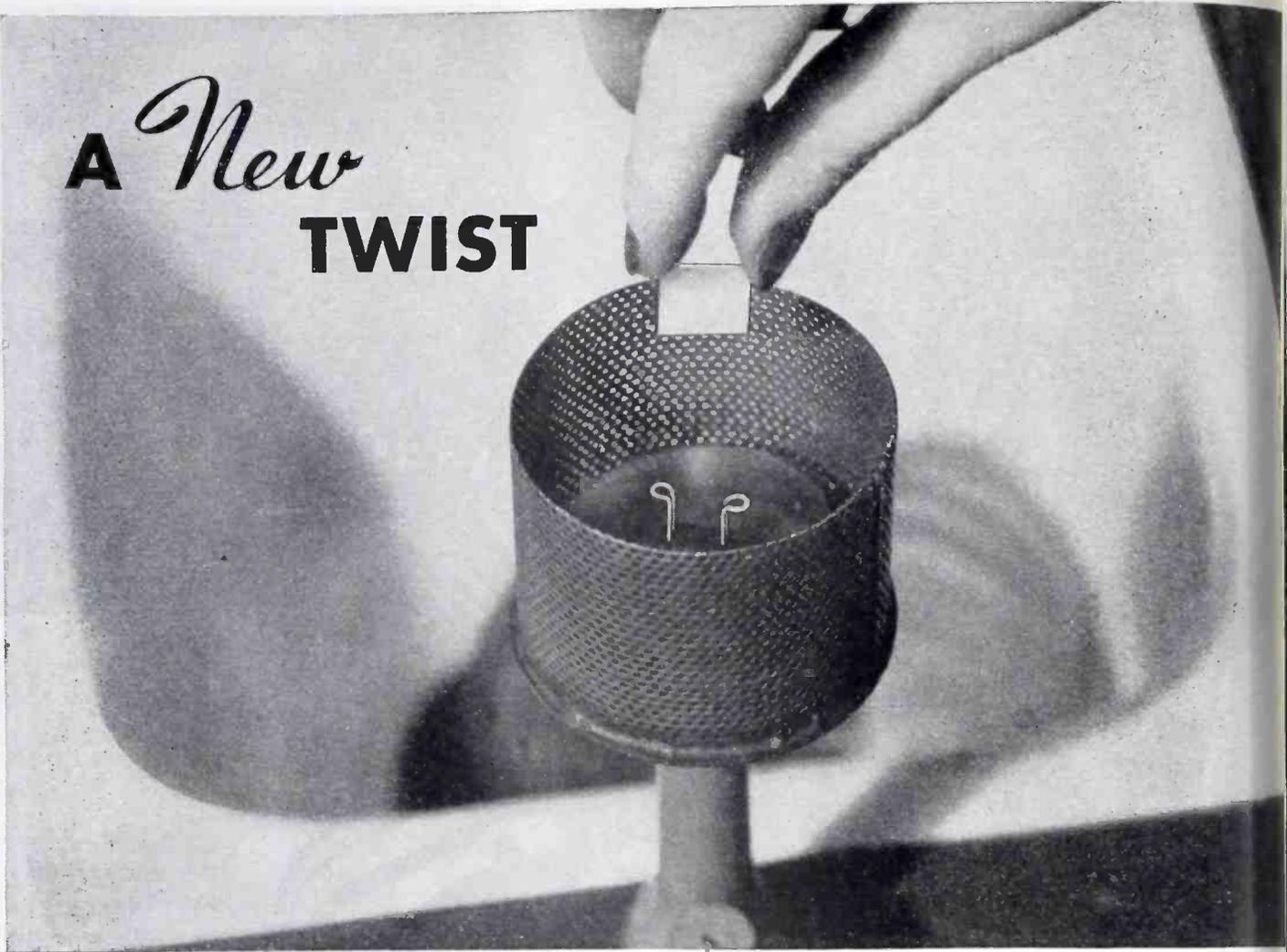


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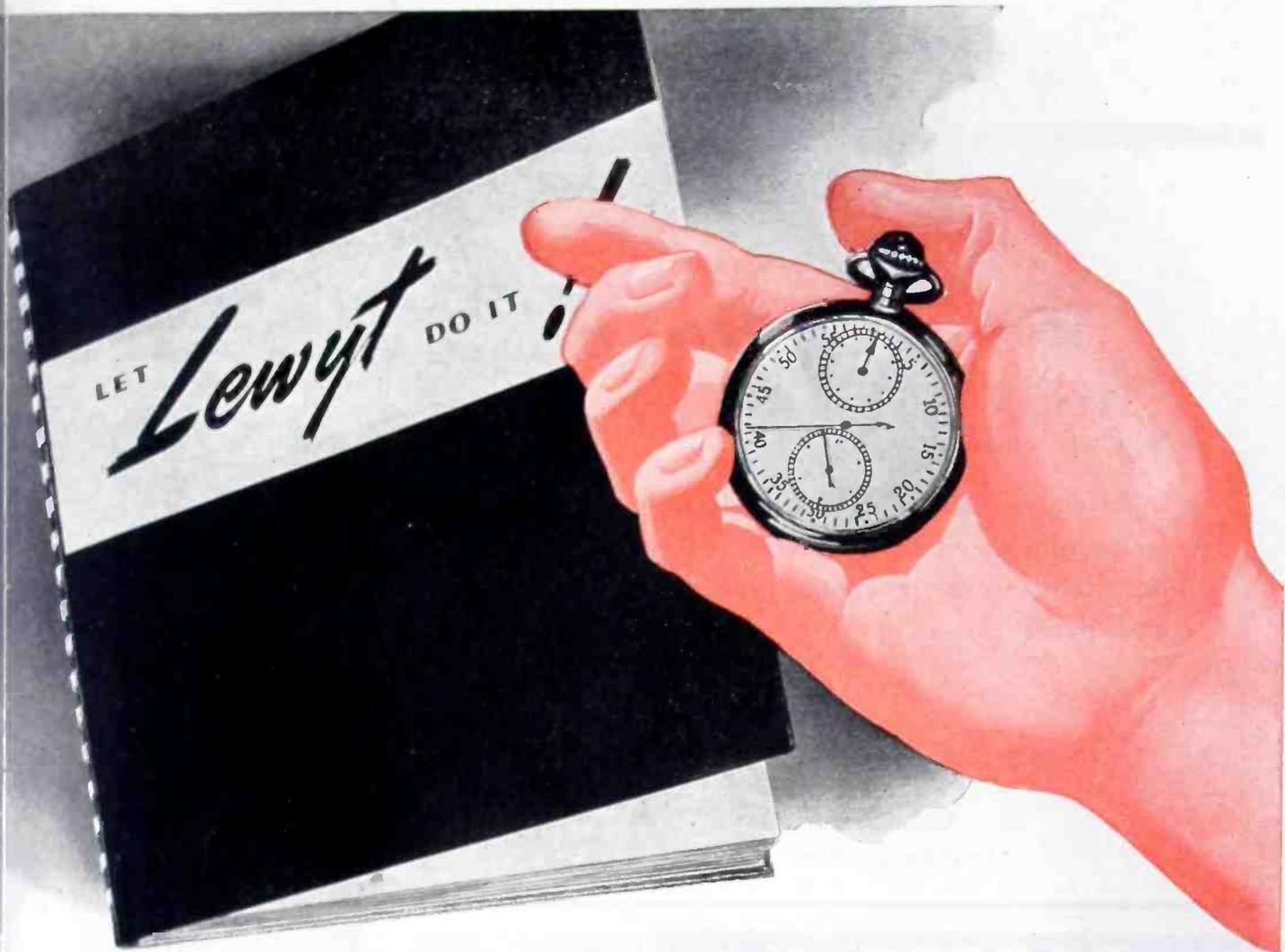


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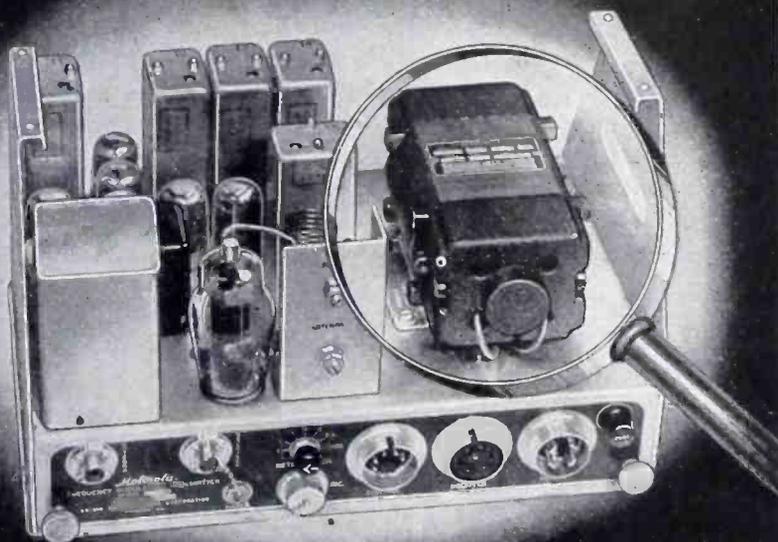


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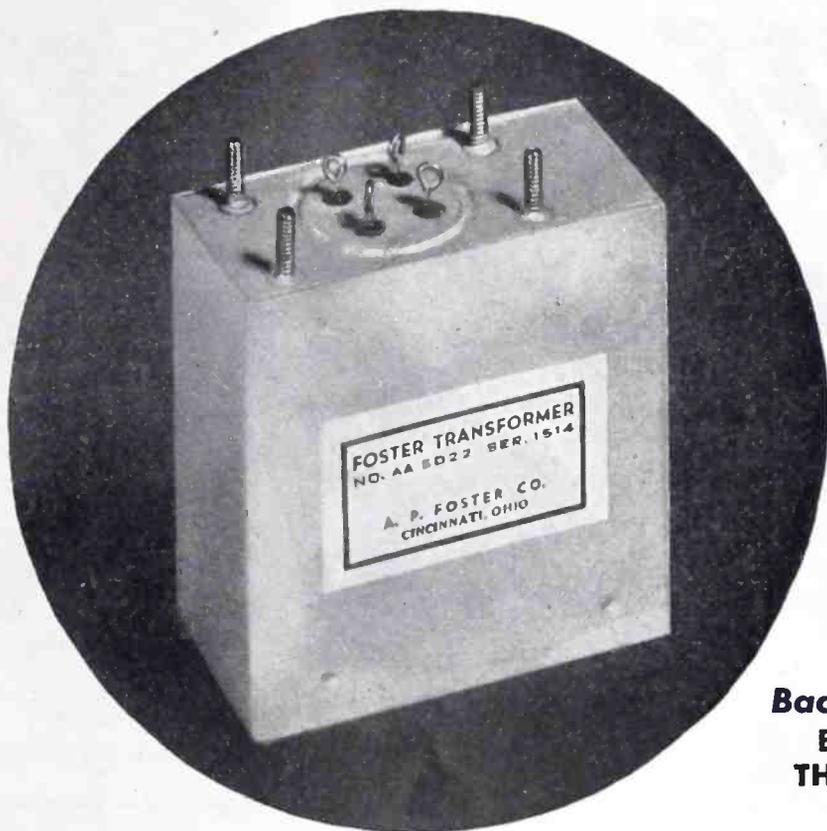
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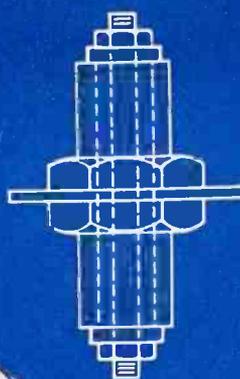
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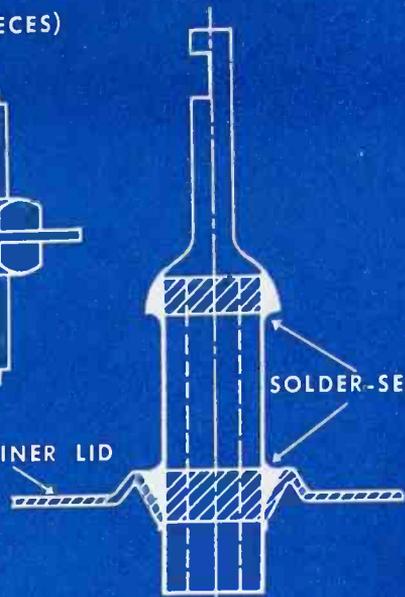


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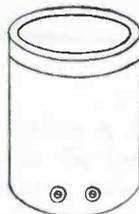
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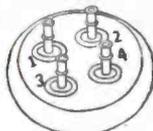
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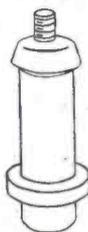
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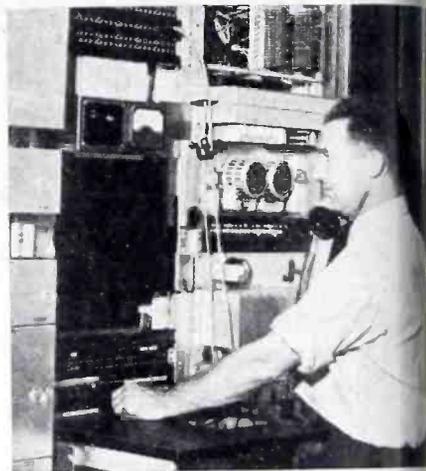
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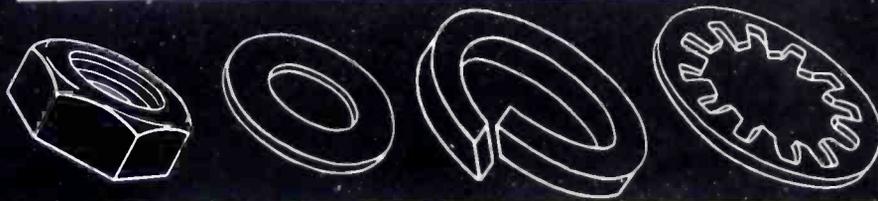
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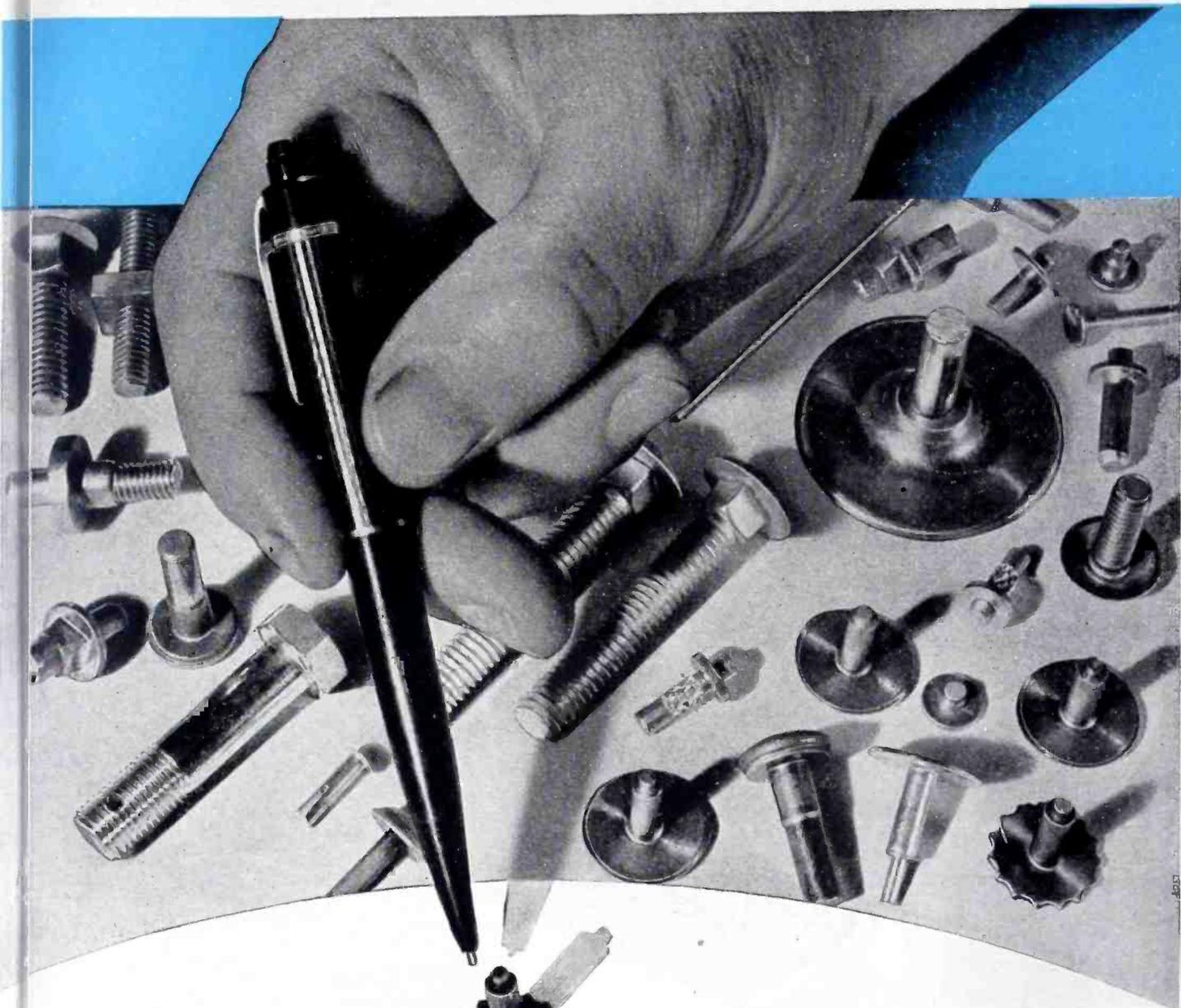
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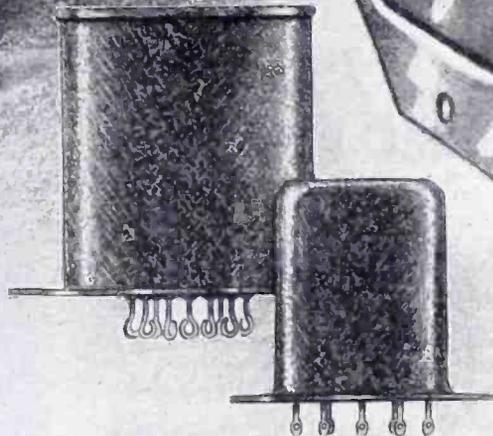
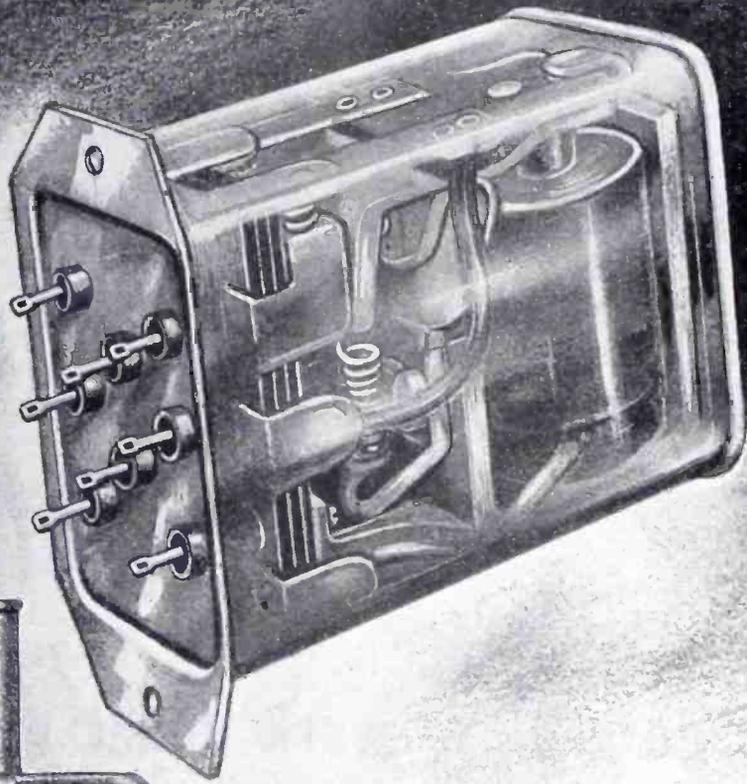
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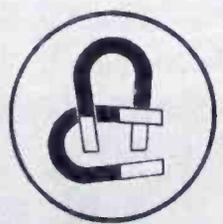
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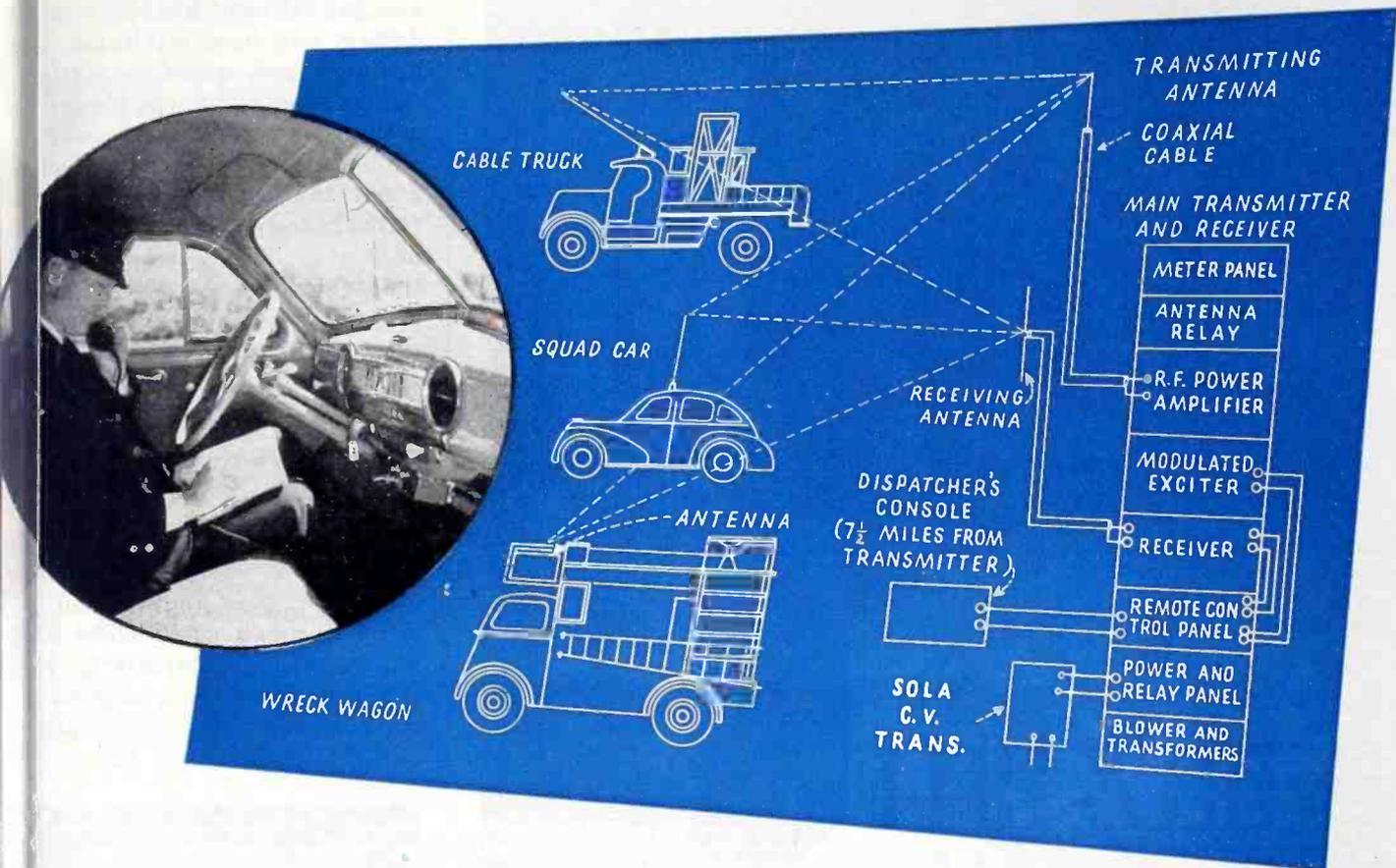
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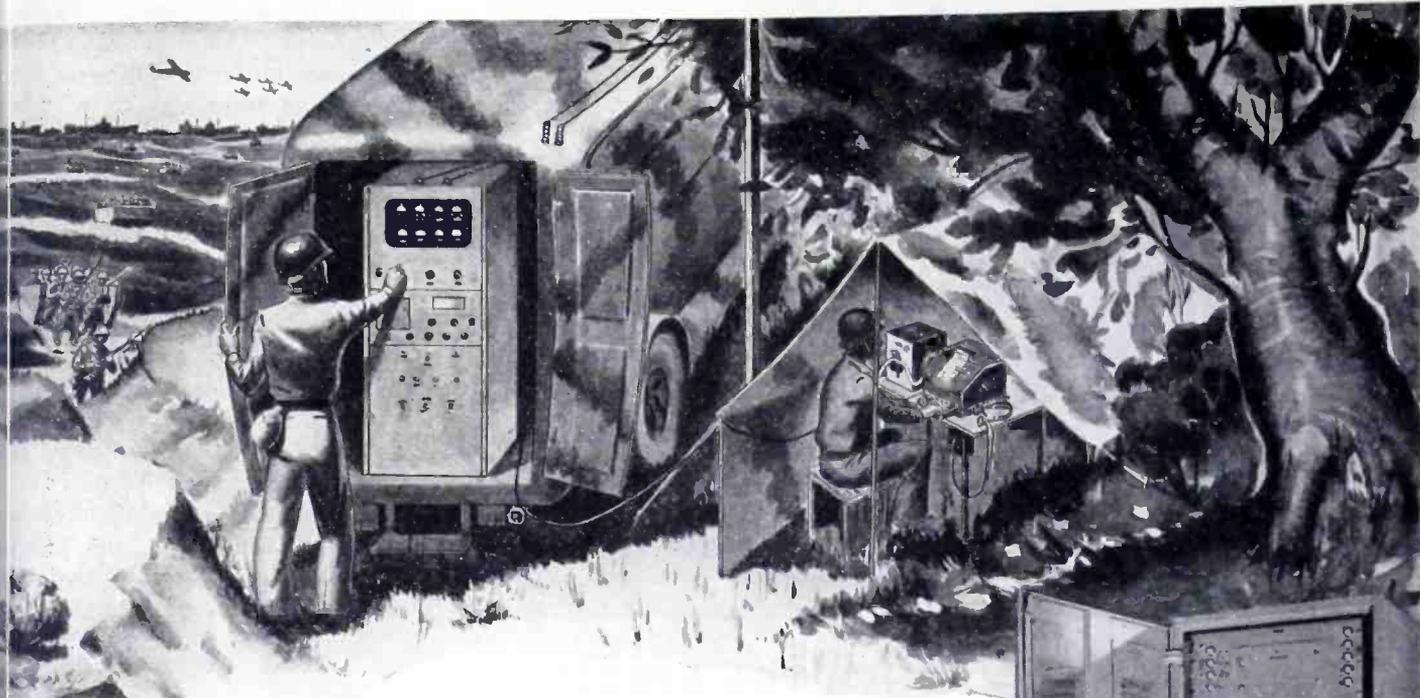
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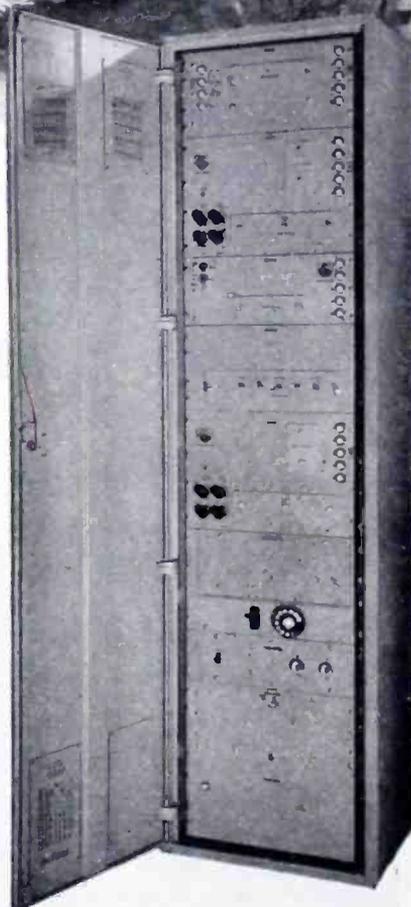
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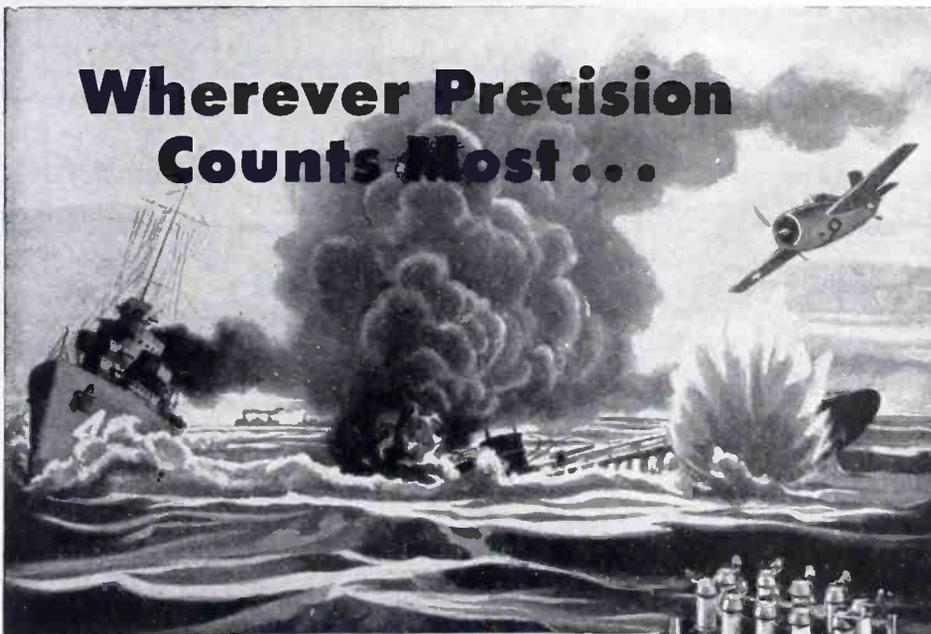
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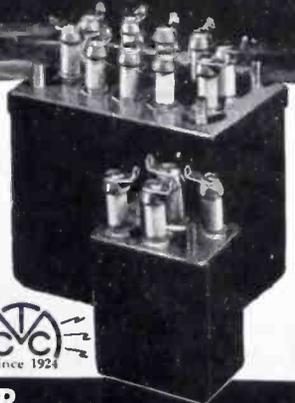
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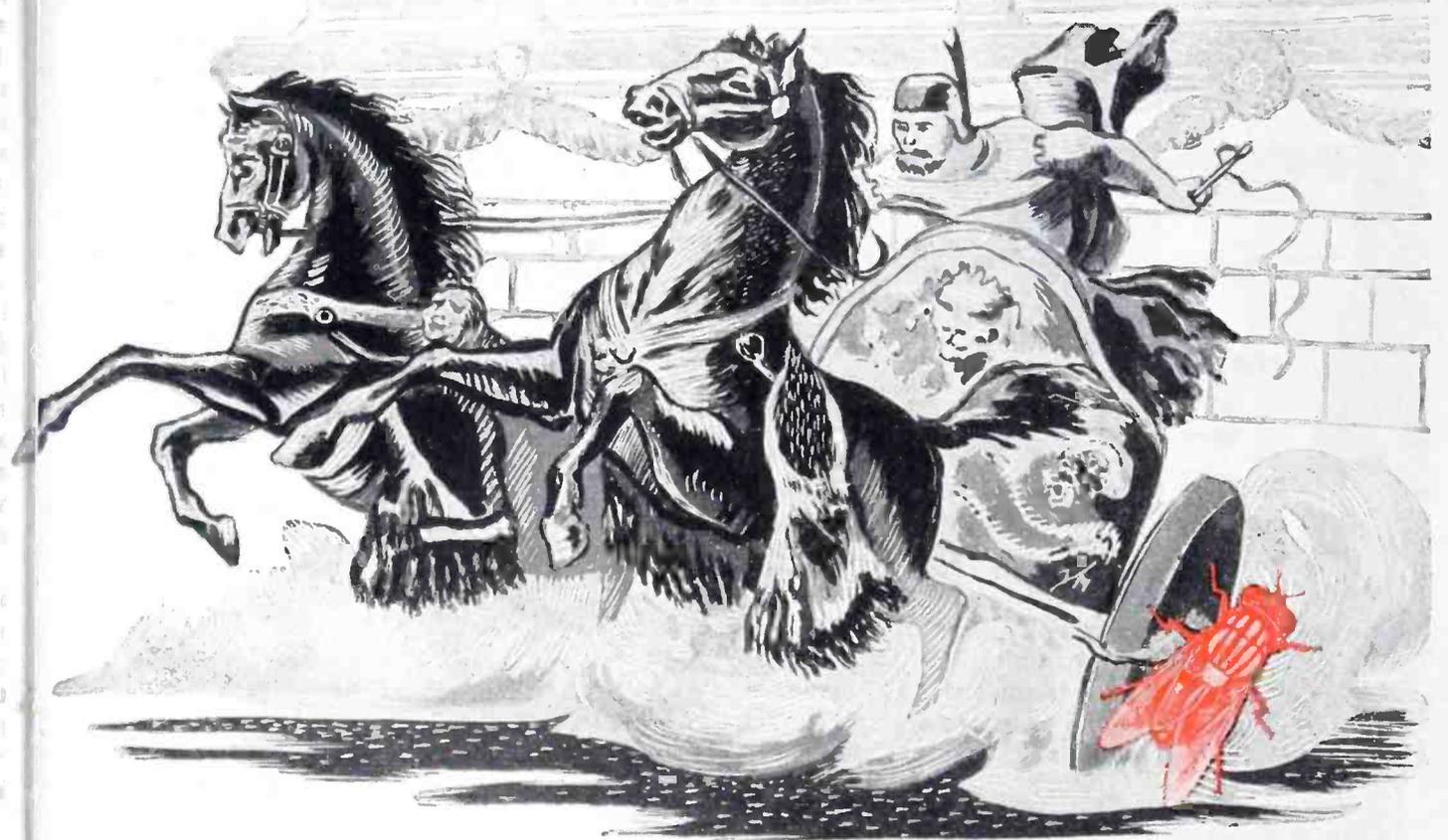
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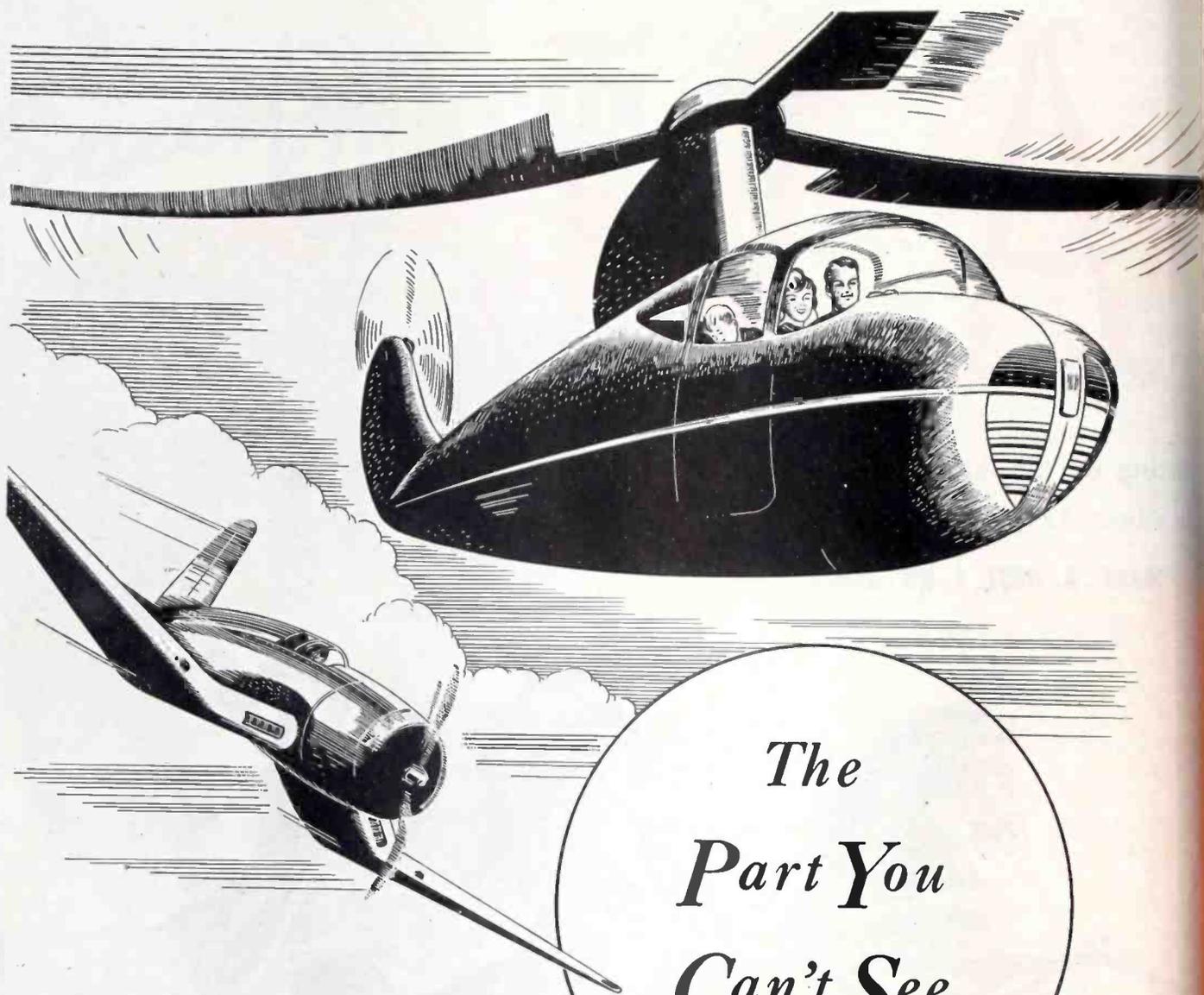
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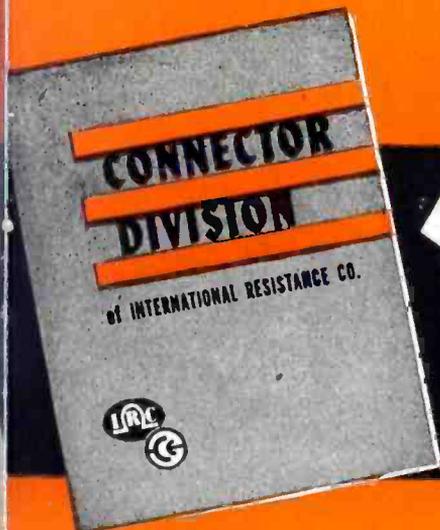


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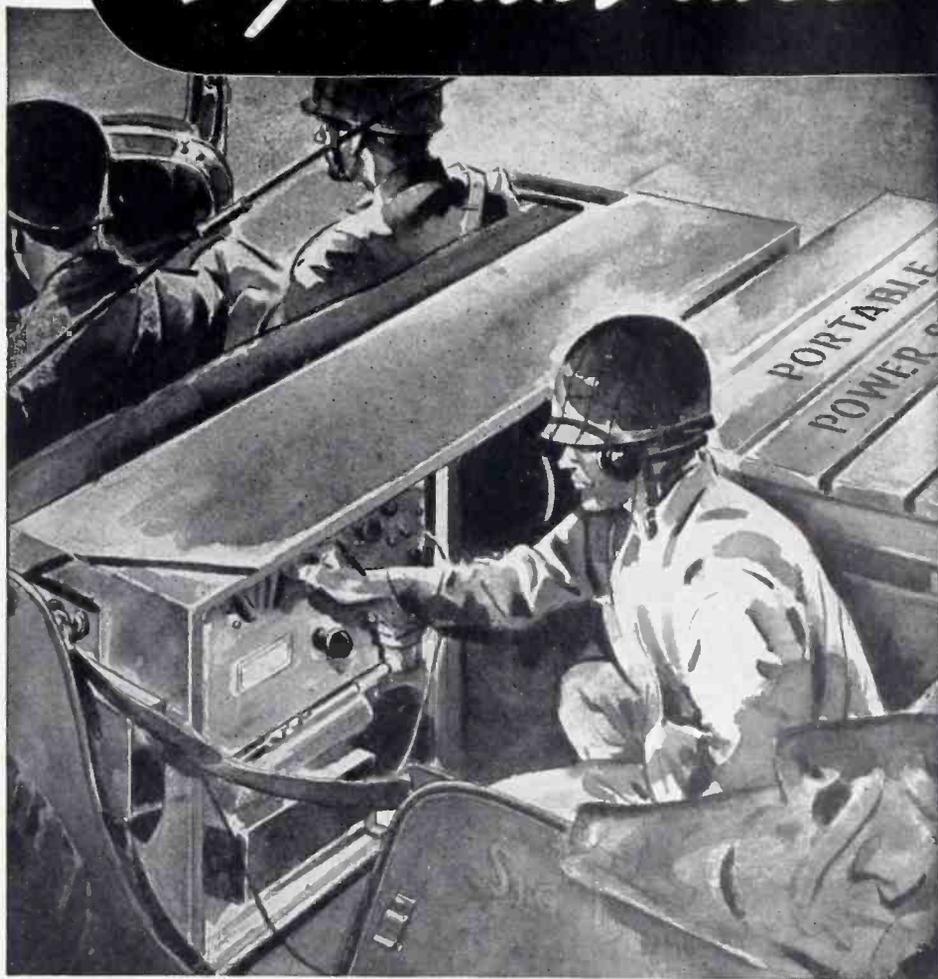


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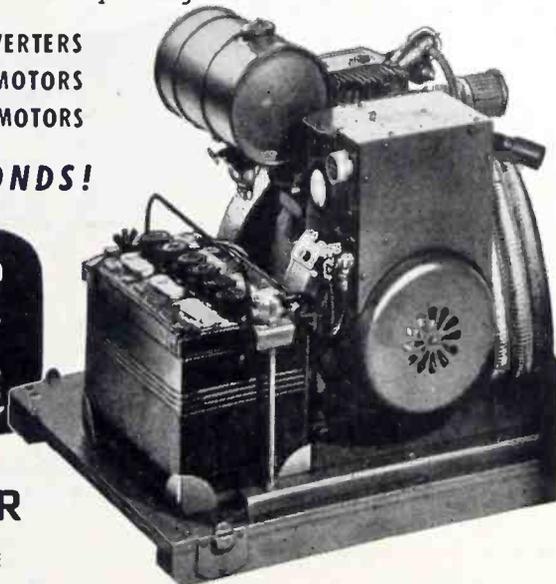
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heating a mica unit will change its capacitance permanently; the change generally decreases the value about 5 percent, but occasionally the decrease may be as much as 20 percent.

For efficient operation in the tropics, paper capacitors should be of the metal-clad, hermetically sealed type. Ordinary paper cardboard-cased types are unsuitable for use in the wet tropics because they quickly develop excessive leakage resistance. White paper tubes which are properly wax-impregnated will keep out moisture, the solid wax and seal used in many early types are not adequate to protect the dielectric of the capacitor.

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Paper labels encourage the growth of mold and the accumulation of moisture. It is better to mark the value with paint or ink.

## Resistors

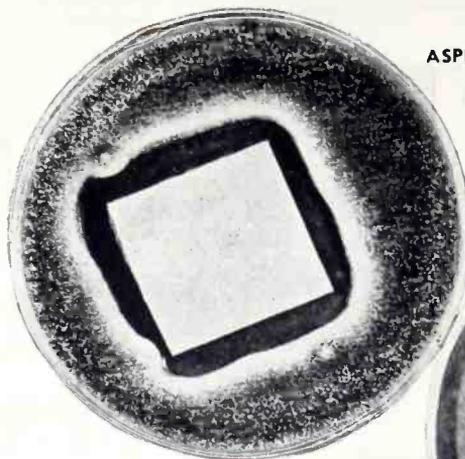
Resistance values of carbon-type resistors which are not hermetically sealed usually increase slowly with time and eventually the resistors become open. Resistors of the type which are encased in molded material can be treated effectively with impregnating compounds.

To ensure good operation and to prevent breakdowns, resistors carrying current should have a wattage rating at least four times that called for under normal conditions.

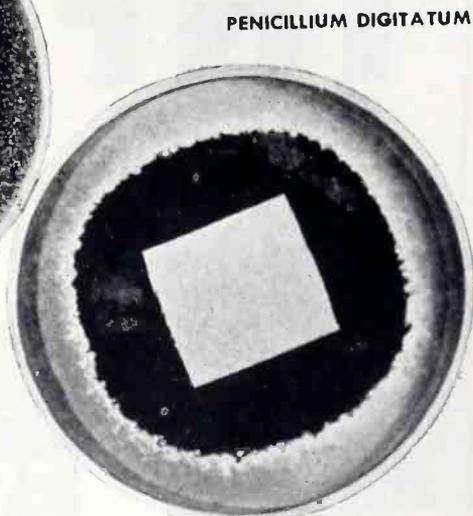
Wire-wound resistors on glazed ceramic bases hold up better than wire-wound types built on organic materials which are very susceptible to fungus growth. Failure in wire-wound resistors are generally caused by corrosion and by other factors which affect fine wire coils in general. Practically all low-wattage resistors can be impregnated successfully with a sealing compound. Here again paper labels should be avoided.

Carbon-type potentiometers operating in the tropics have a tendency to become noisy and to develop dead spots. Frequent cleaning and drying is thus re-

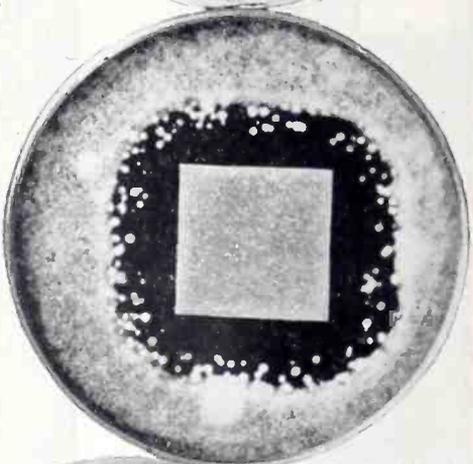
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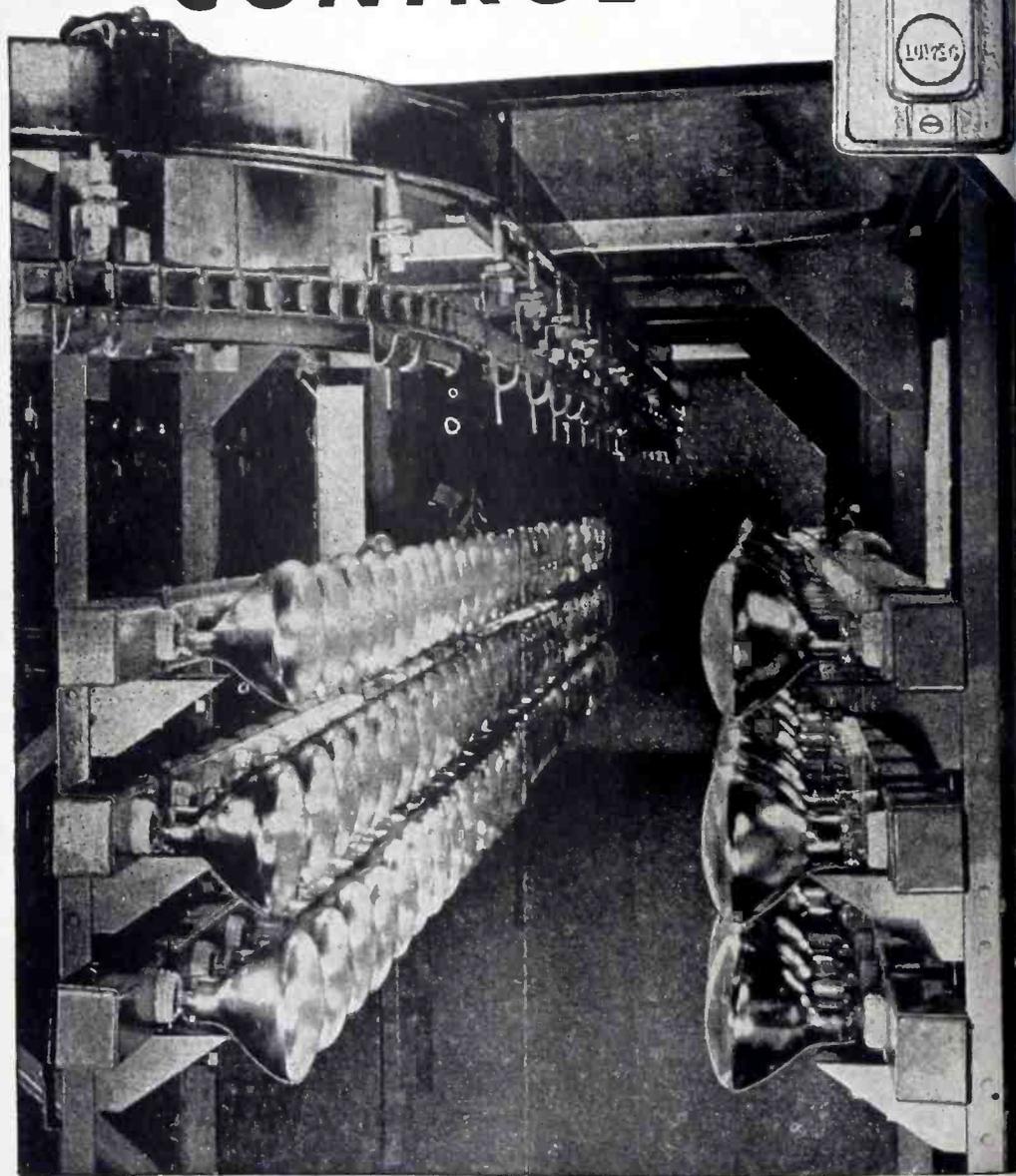
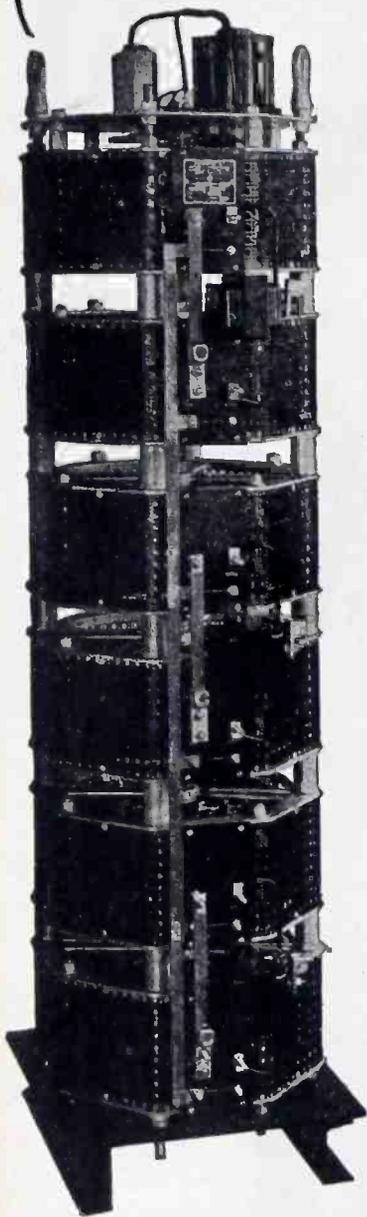


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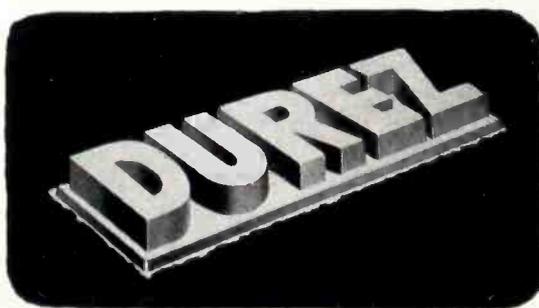
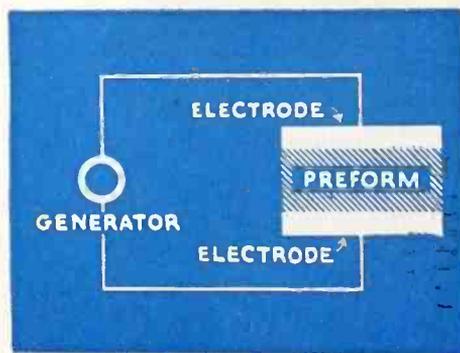
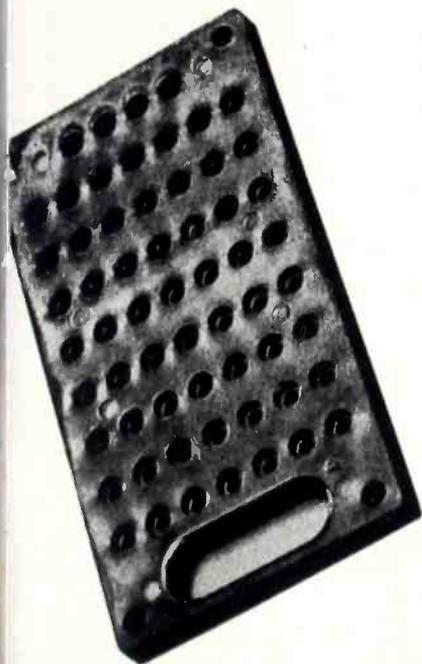
The illustration at left serves as an excellent example of the successful application of high frequency preheating in the production of a molded plastic part. The item pictured is a terminal board for military use which was molded from a preform of high-impact macerated-fabric-type Durez phenolic molding compound.

The basic operation of all high frequency preheating is shown in the simple diagram at right (notice the preform in position between the high frequency electrodes). Since the preform is never a perfect non-conductor, some leakage takes place through it. This leakage current manifests itself in the form of heat and thus the preheating of the preform takes place quickly and thoroughly. This method of preheating is particularly valuable when the preforms are of unusually thick, heavy duty material.

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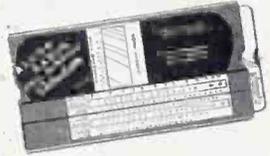
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quired. Provision of adequate ventilation is another help; units without covers often exhibit better operation and longer life. Wire-wound potentiometers used in current-carrying circuits suffer corrosion of the winding and of the sliding arm. Potentiometers of this type must be cleaned periodically. Filling with white vaseline improves their operation and prevents failure.

*Insulators*

In the damp heat of the tropics ordinary sheet fibers and material which absorb moisture will warp and yield. This characteristic together with differential expansion, will result in misalignment of component assemblies and will cause changes in circuit constants.

For use in the wet tropics, insulating materials in sheet, block or molded form should be of phenolic composition which resists moisture. Acrylate and methacrylate resins are fair insulators and may be used in low-frequency circuits where a very high dielectric constant is not required, or where it will not be subject to extreme heat. Since this material generally can be obtained easily around airfields in scrap form it is often used to replace defective insulation.

Whenever plastic insulating material is cut or drilled, the edges of all holes and cut surfaces should be buffed and then sprayed or brushed with insulating varnish or lacquer. This treatment will prevent moisture absorption and prevent the support of fungus growth.

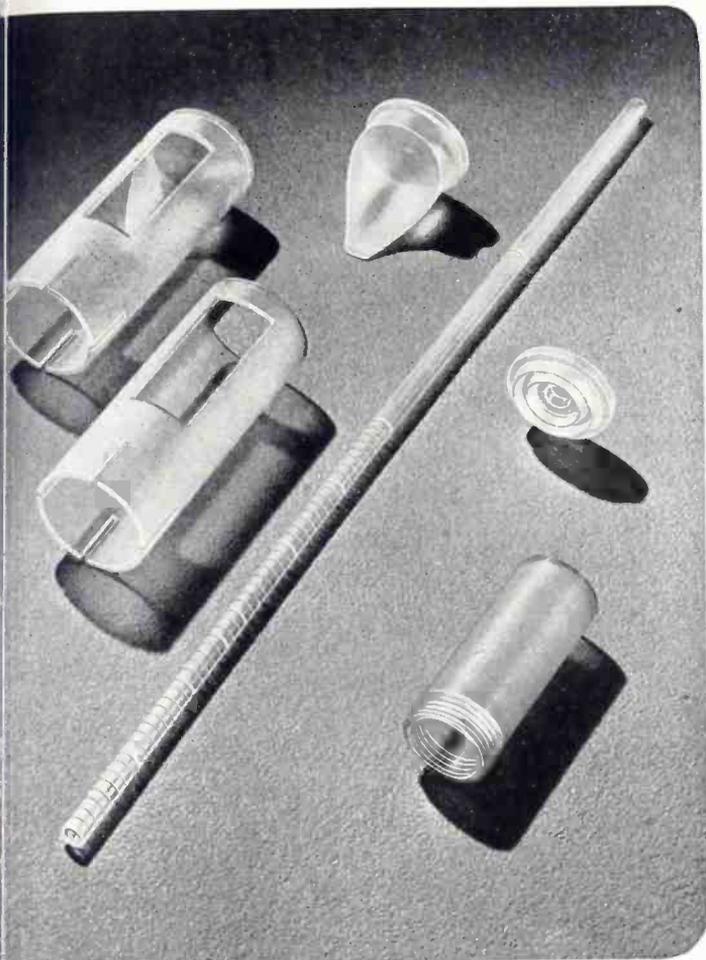
*Wiring*

The use of hook-up wire having rubber or cotton insulation should be avoided. Cotton braiding, even if waxed, will absorb moisture. If an organic wax is used, fungus growth will attack it. Even non-susceptible wax impregnation disappears in time and decomposition of the cotton will eventually result. Hook-up wire with Neoprene insulation in place of rubber, and wire with Celanese or Fiberglass insulation in place of cotton, are suitable.

When high-impedance leads are involved, surface wiring is more satisfactory than wiring laced into harness cables. If wires must be laced into forms, the lacing

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All surfaces should be carefully wiped, to prevent chips being clamped between the metal clamping surface and the polystyrene to be held. Covering the clamping surface with a thin rubber strip will aid in spreading the pressure over a large area.

Before constructing a jig, study the piece so that clamping pressures will not be concentrated at some remote point by previously machined holes or slots.

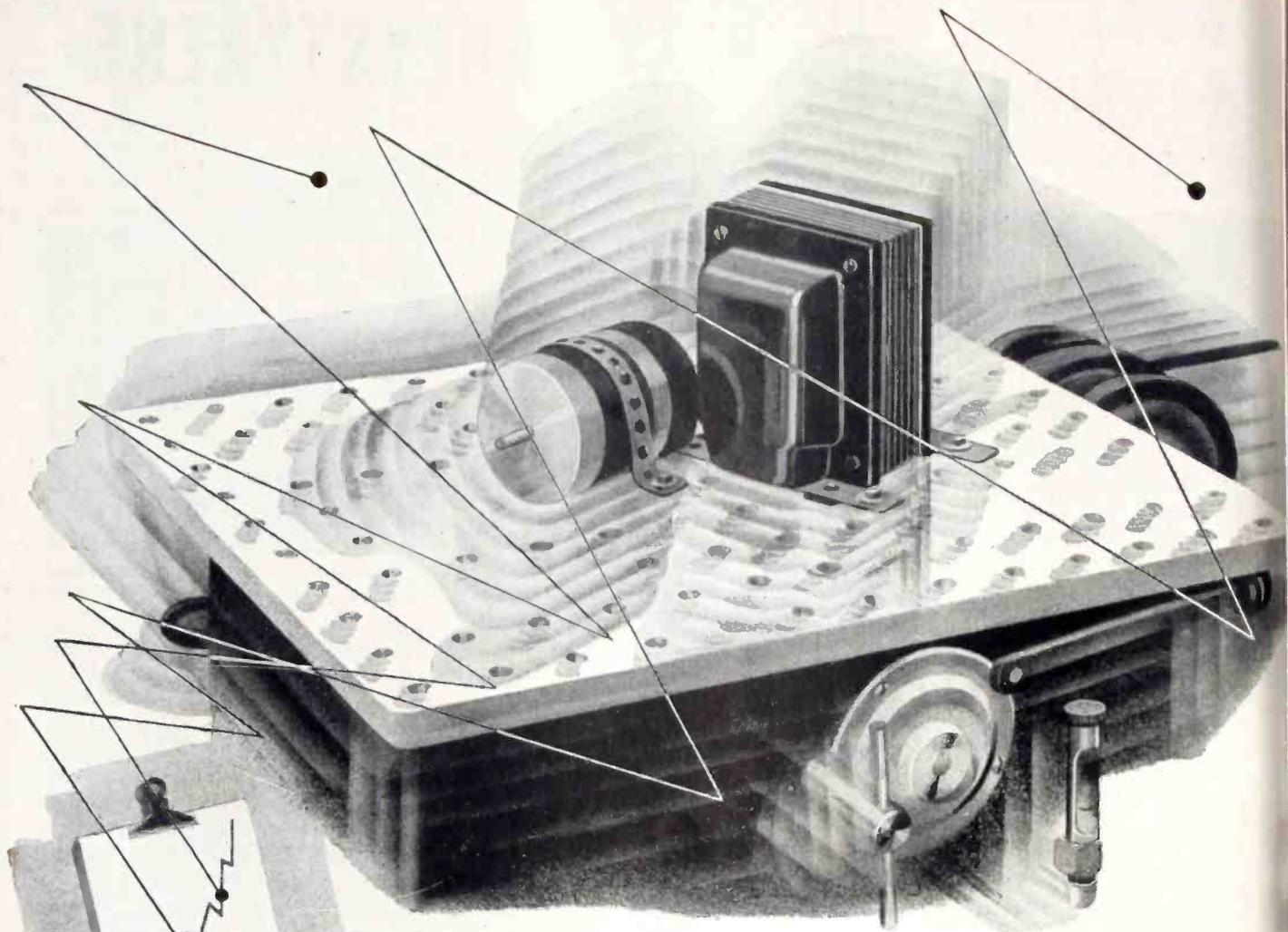
Steel is 70 times as stiff as polystyrene. Steel parts, such as automatic chucks or collets, which must close to a definite position should be set very carefully, to avoid crushing. For the same reason, machining at the outer end of a long overhang must be done so that stress concentration at the outboard end of the collet will not damage the next piece machined.

Hand-fed drills on semi-automatic lathes, especially when  $\frac{1}{8}$ " diameter or less, should be mounted in a spring retained holder, so they will yield rather than be forced into the work if the operator overfeeds it.

In general, "crazing" due to cold flow, which can be caused by ignoring these cautions, can be prevented by properly planned sequence, well sharpened and properly shaped tools, and the avoidance of overfeeding. Bumping parts with heavy materials and rough handling of large pieces should also be avoided.

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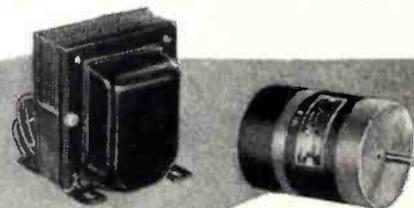
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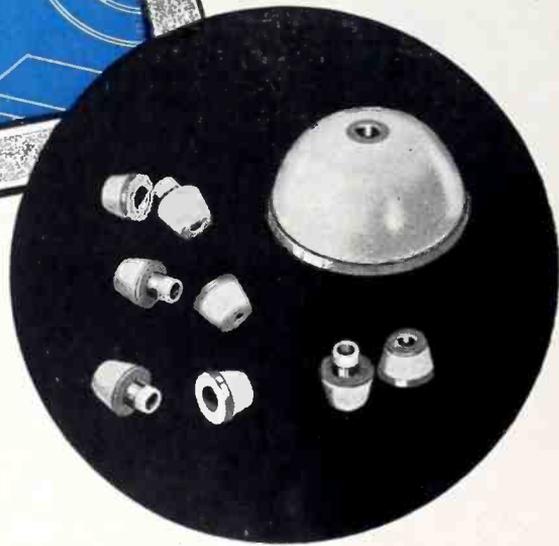
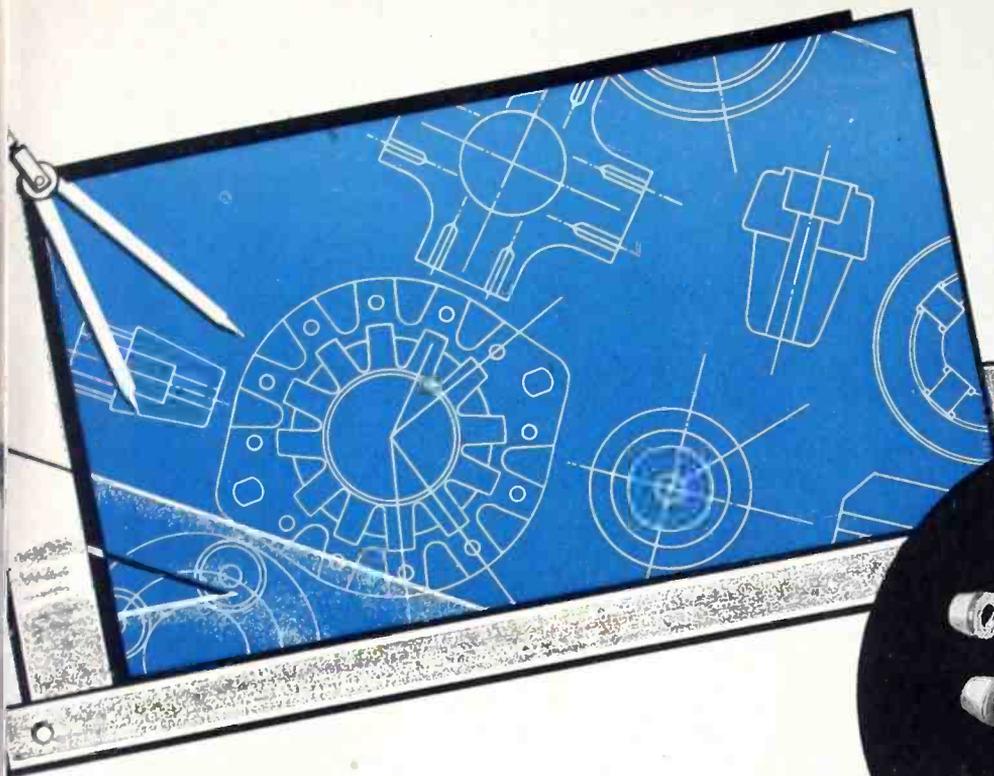


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materials should be waterproof and inorganic in makeup so that it will not support fungus growth. Bindings should not be drawn more tightly than is required to support the form.

In general, solid wire will hold up better than stranded wire for surface wiring. When dressing wire at terminals, care should be taken not to bend sharply, stretch, dress and redress lacquered or varnished wire unnecessarily; otherwise, the coating may crack and the insulation will absorb moisture. Wiring should be as straight as possible; bunching or knotting must be avoided. Fungus growth is heaviest where wires are crowded.

### Plugs

Condensation attacks plugs; moisture gets inside, runs down on cables and is often the cause of failure due to electrolysis and final shorting of leads. Holes could be provided in the bottom part of the plug to drain off water.

### Batteries

Dry cell batteries have a very short life in the wet tropics. Satisfactory service has been obtained from those in which both inner and outer cases are well impregnated with wax or sprayed with a moistureproof coating.

Batteries which are mounted in cases should be well screened and separated from metal surfaces by a liner of high-quality moisture-resistant insulation. The battery case should not be allowed to come in contact with metal at any point, even though the battery case appears to be well-impregnated with wax. This precaution is especially important where fairly high wattages are used.

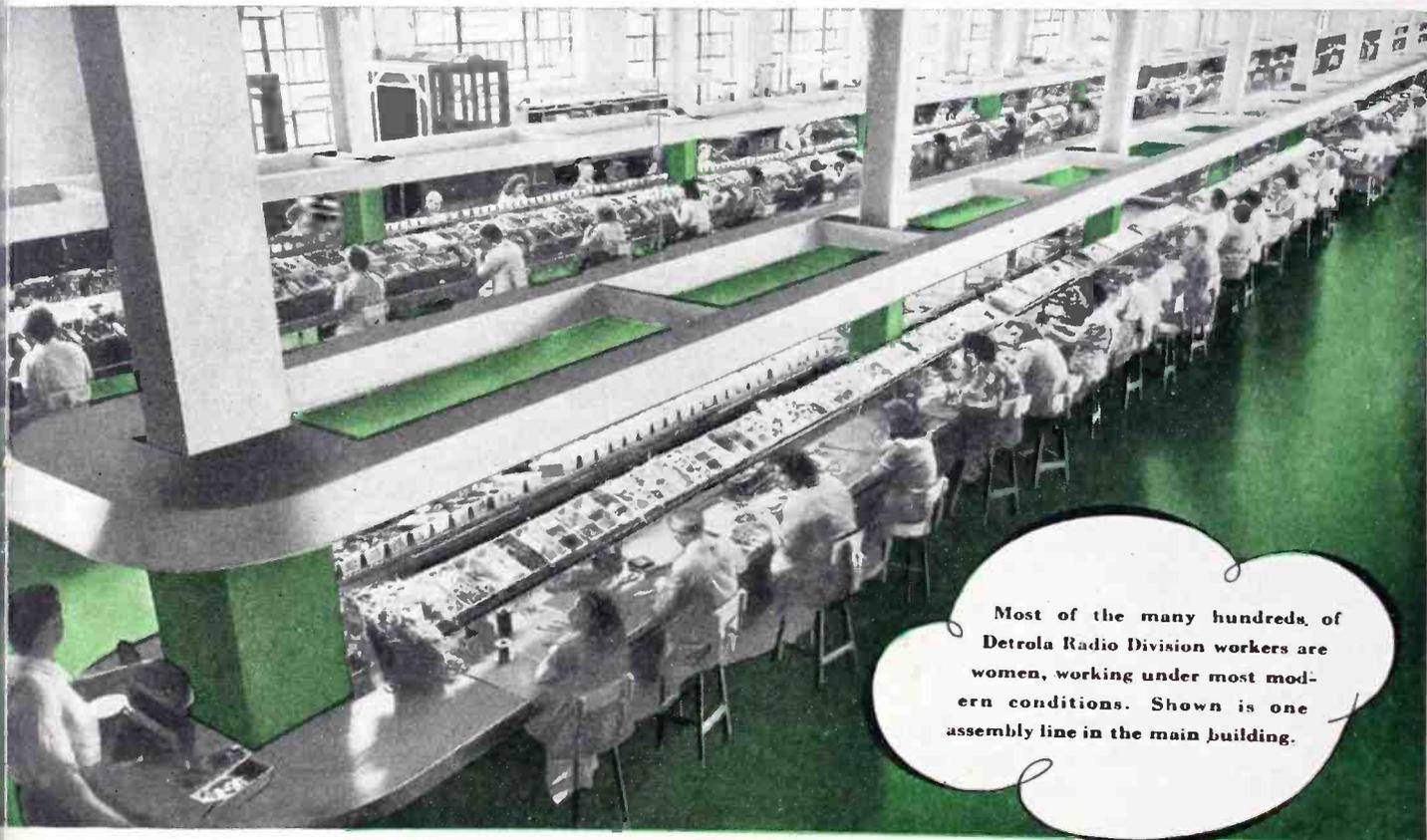
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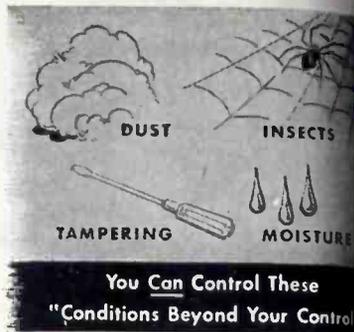
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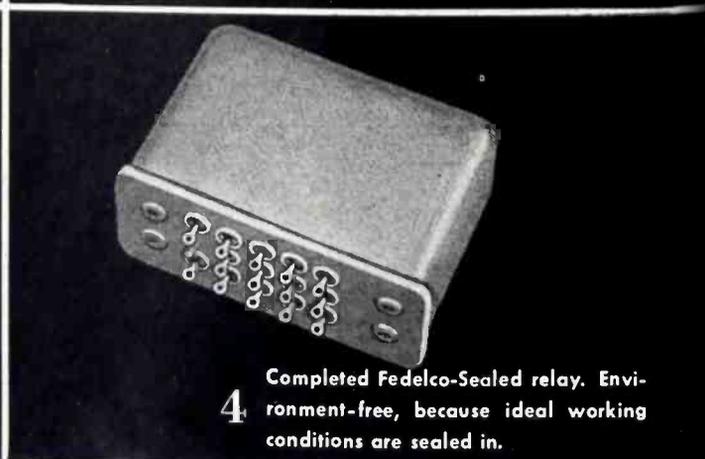
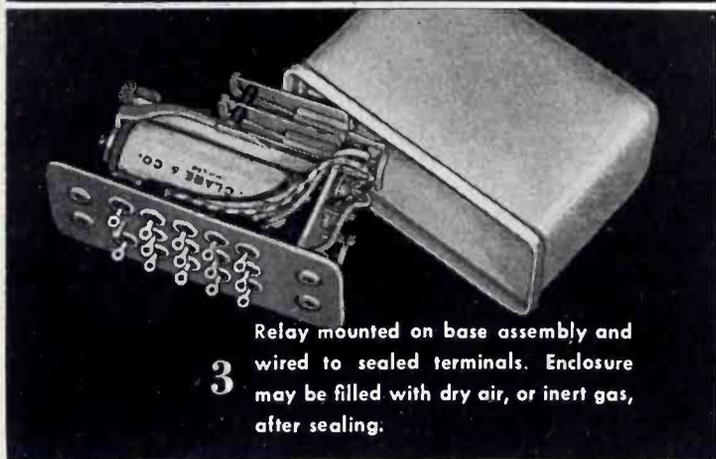
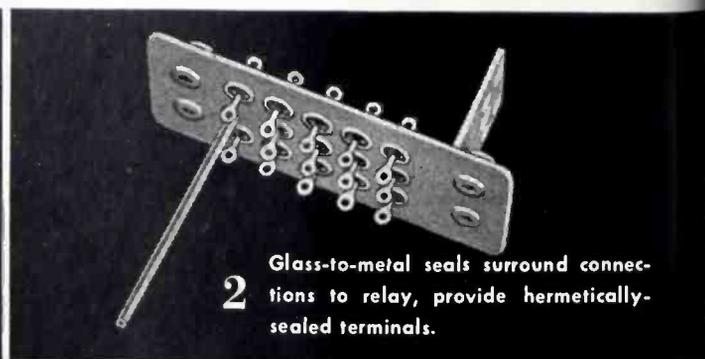
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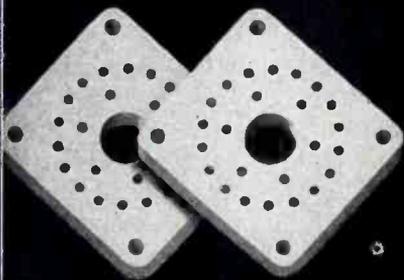
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arc-over will occur and the armature winding will burn out.

Occasionally, the insulation will test satisfactorily during a late inspection if the equipment dries out, but failures will recur whenever the same conditions of previous failure exist. The best way to eliminate such failure is to replace the insulation and to rearrange the high-voltage lead so that it is kept away from the dynamotor case and other areas of ground potential.

### Test Instruments

In panel-type meters, corrosion attacks the leads to coils, especially near newly soldered joints. It also attacks the pivots and armatures in meters which are not properly sealed.

Varnish or lacquer must be used to seal test instruments after they have been opened for repairs or for any other reason. Meter glass should be sealed to the case, and other openings, such as screw holes and terminals need attention. Edges of the back panel require sealing with tape and varnishing over. The zero-setting adjustment screw is often a big source of trouble because it allows moisture to get in. After each readjustment, it must be painted over with varnish or lacquer.

Even after applying these measures, test instruments will still fail under conditions of high humidity. It has been found practical to keep ohmmeters and other test instruments in heated storage boxes with batteries removed when the instruments are not in use.

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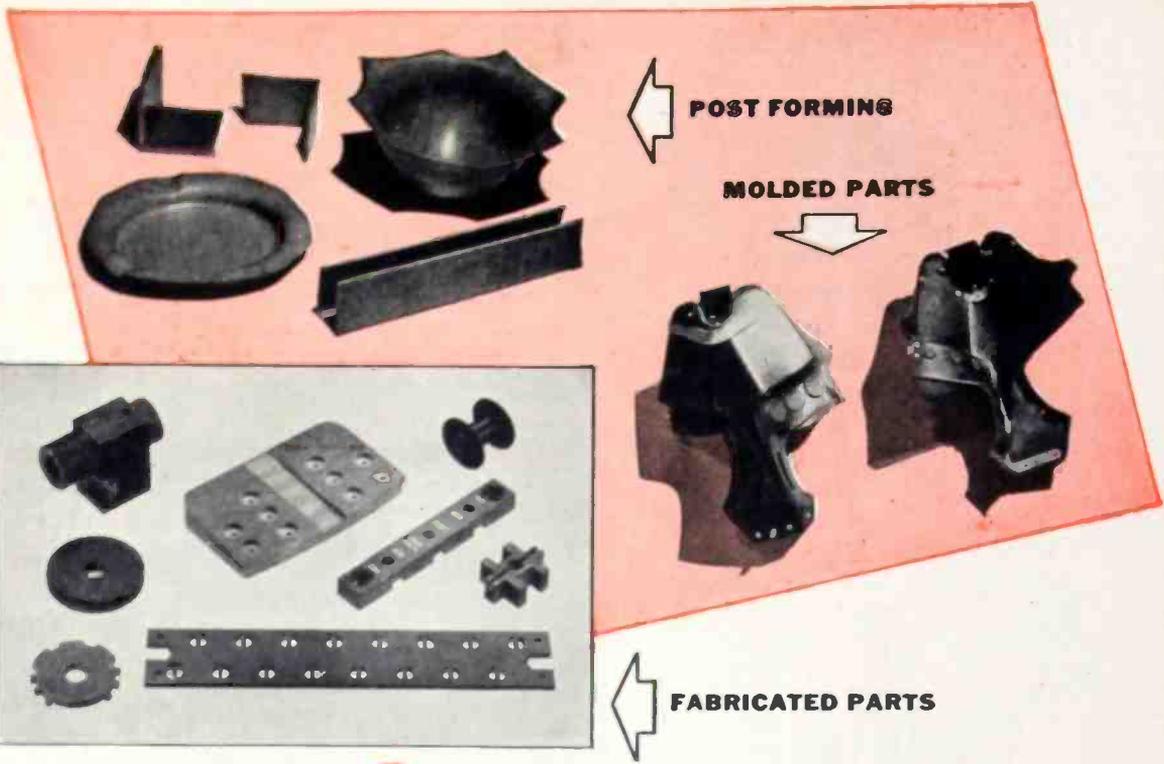
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THE DEVICE whose circuit is shown in the diagram is essentially a detonation or knock indicator which was especially designed to indicate the intensity of the knock occurring in an automobile engine when determining the octane number of a gasoline. The conventional sound level meter and sound analyzer cannot be used for this purpose because of the transient nature of the sound.

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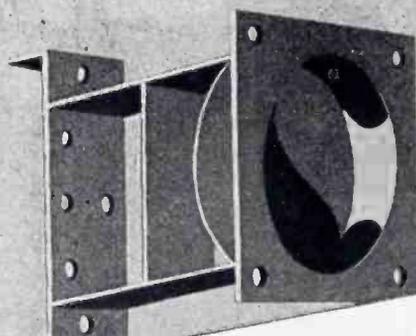
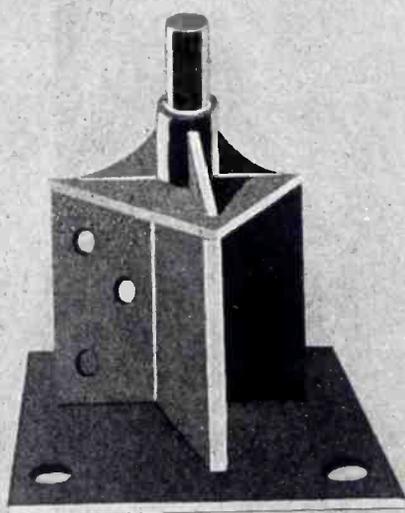
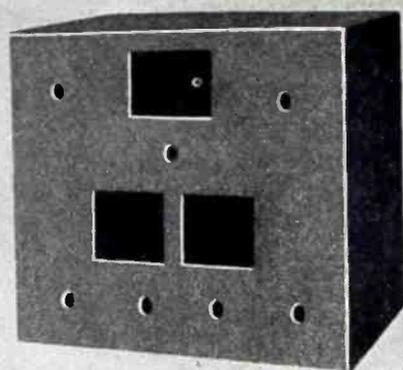
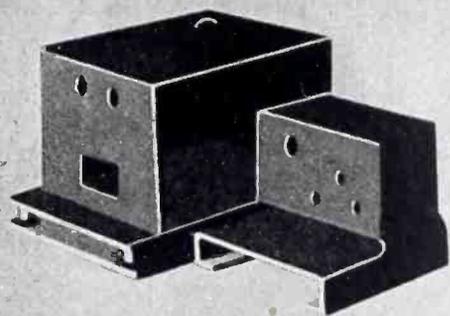
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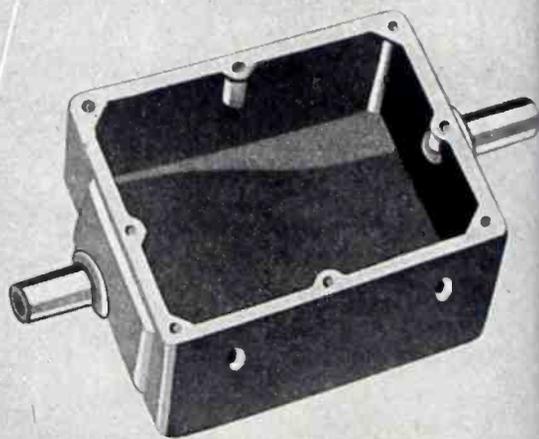
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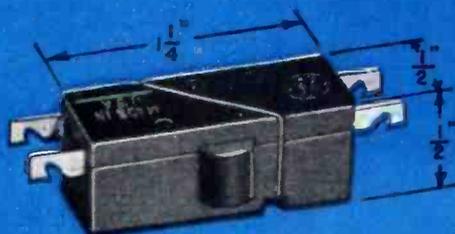


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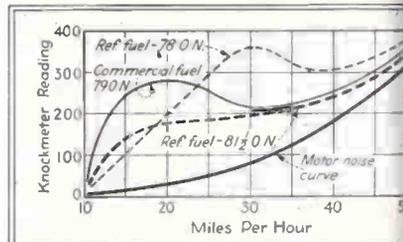
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recurs at varying time intervals. Also, the sound intensity tends to vary with each recurrence. This instrument is used as a comparator for indicating the relative knock intensities produced by two different fuels, instead of measuring the knock intensity of each fuel on an energy scale.

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The sounds of knock and other engine noises are picked up by a microphone which is mounted in the engine compartment. The microphone is sensitive to all sounds between 40 and 10,000 cycles per second occurring in the engine which includes the transient sounds of knock or detonation. The electrical output of the microphone



Typical knockmeter curves of unknown and reference fuels during acceleration of a 1939 Oldsmobile automobile.

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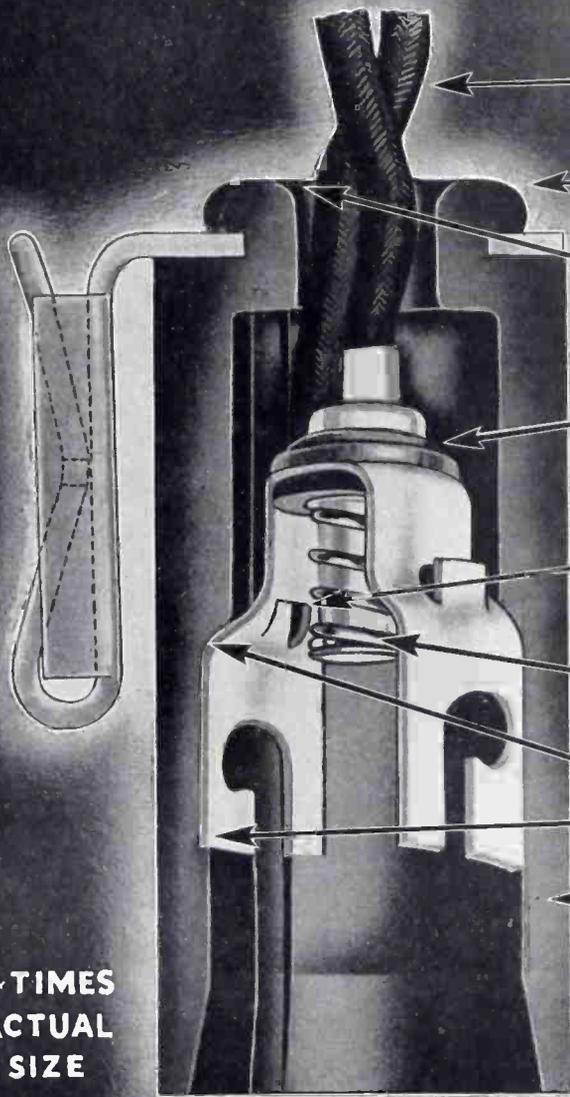


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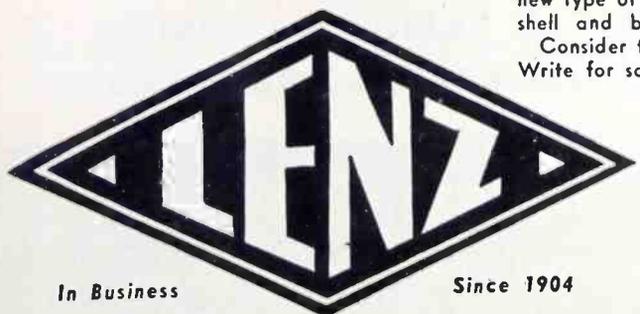
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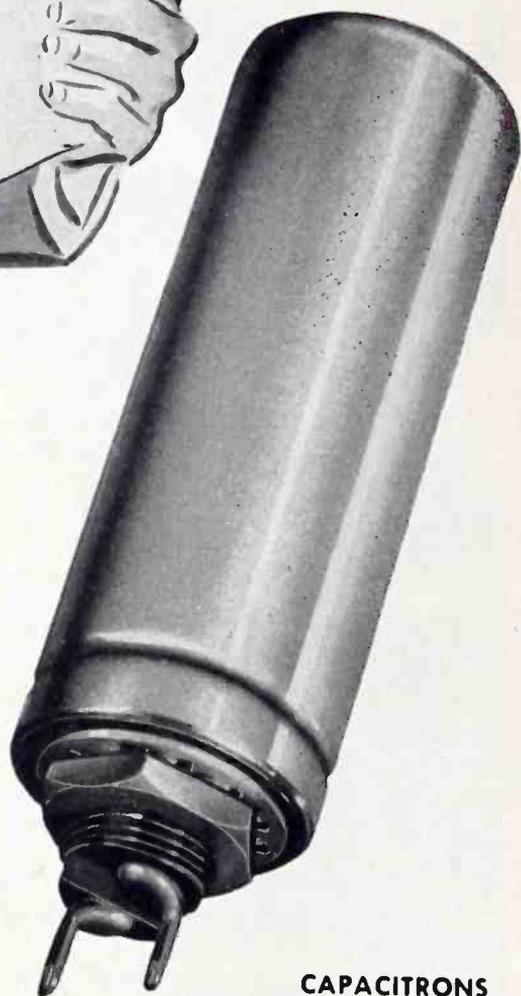
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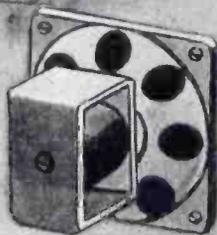
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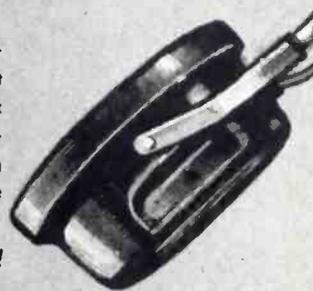
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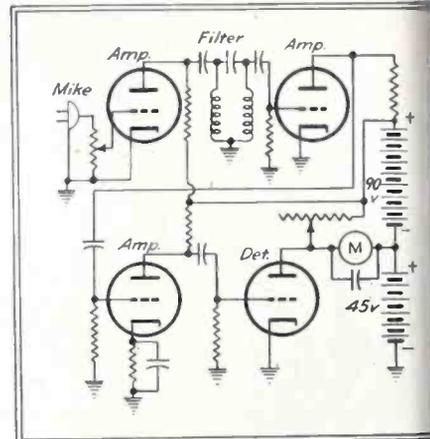
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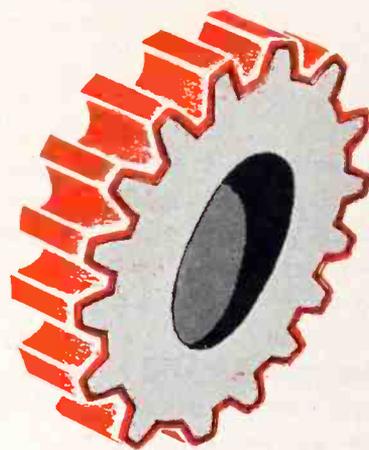
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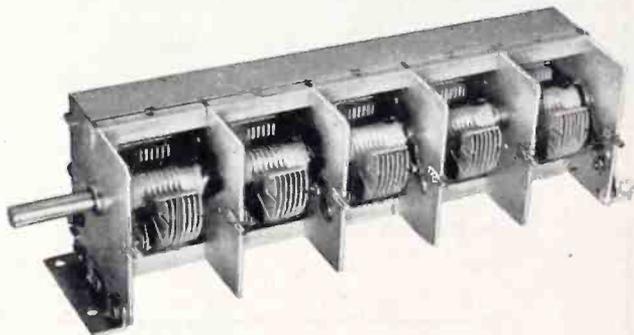
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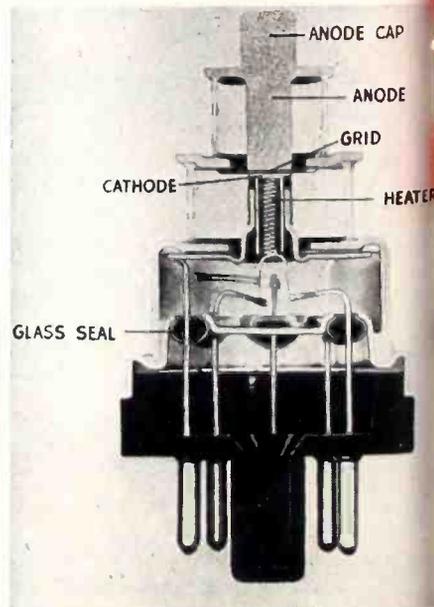
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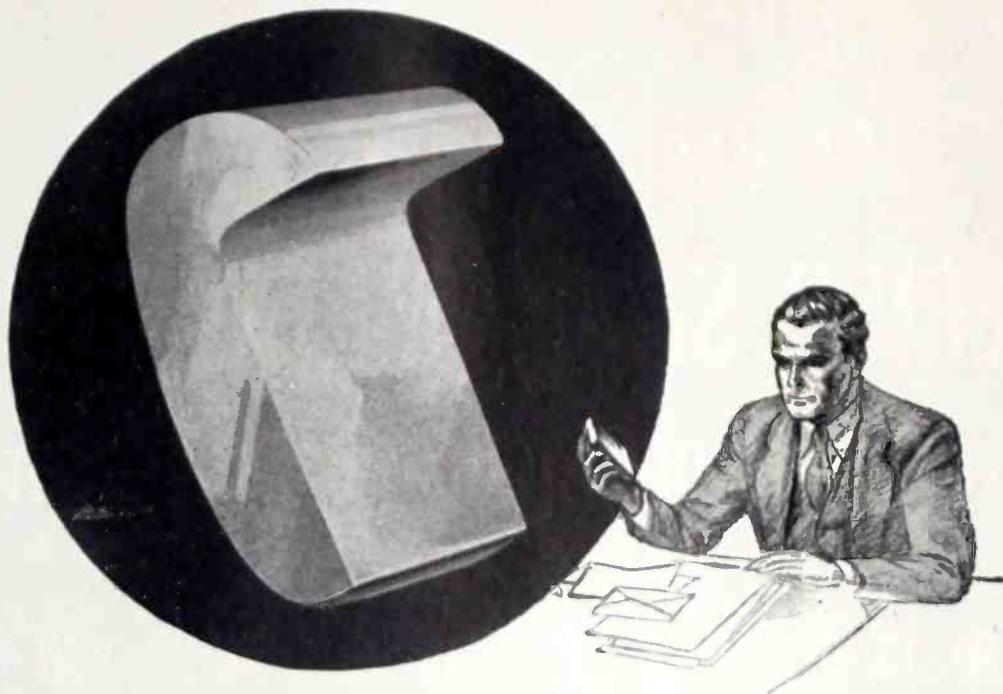


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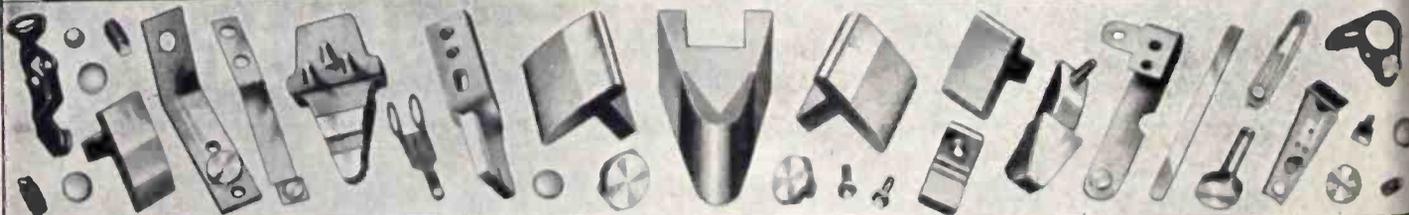
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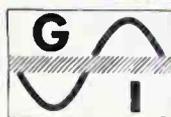
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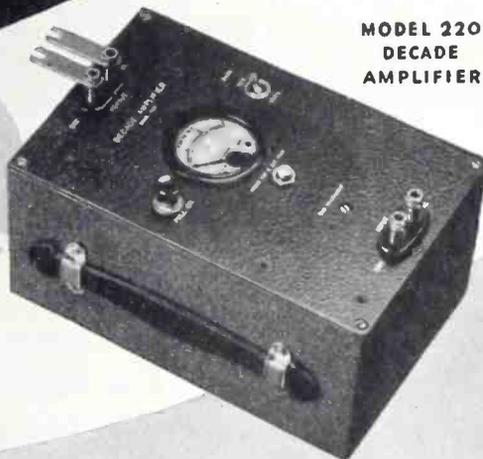


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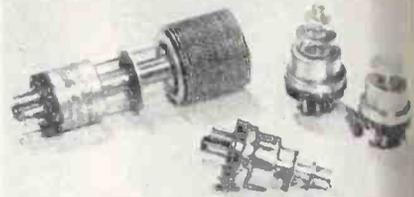
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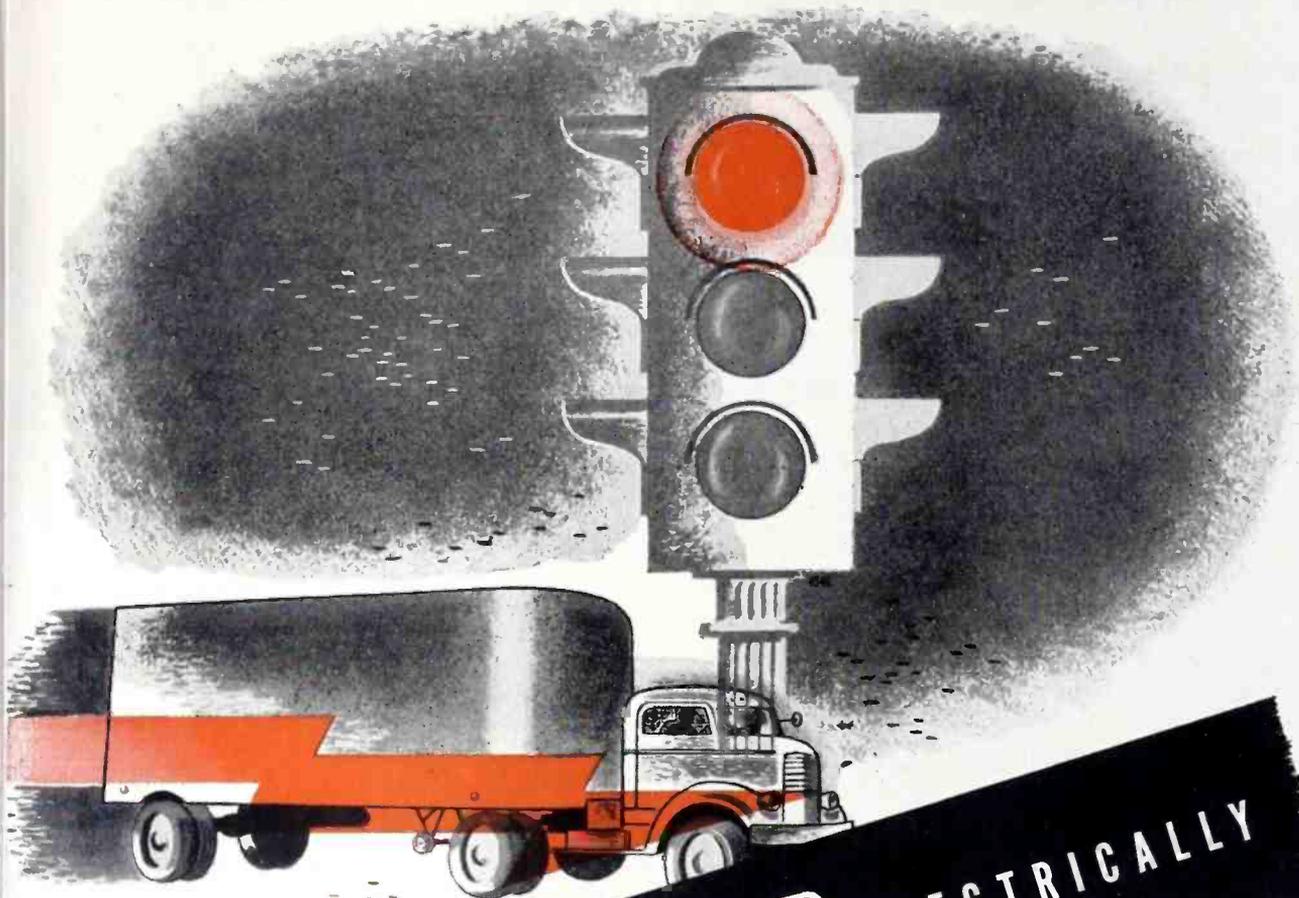
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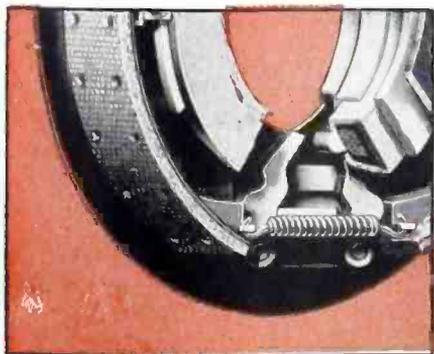
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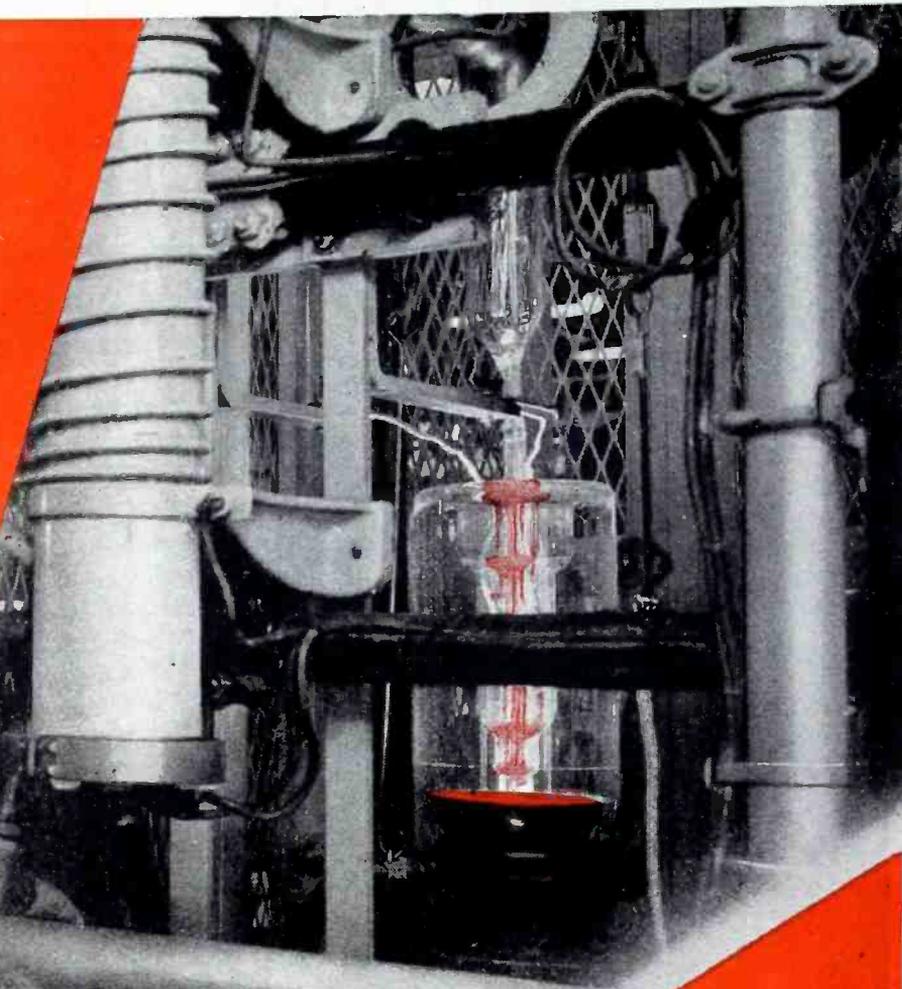
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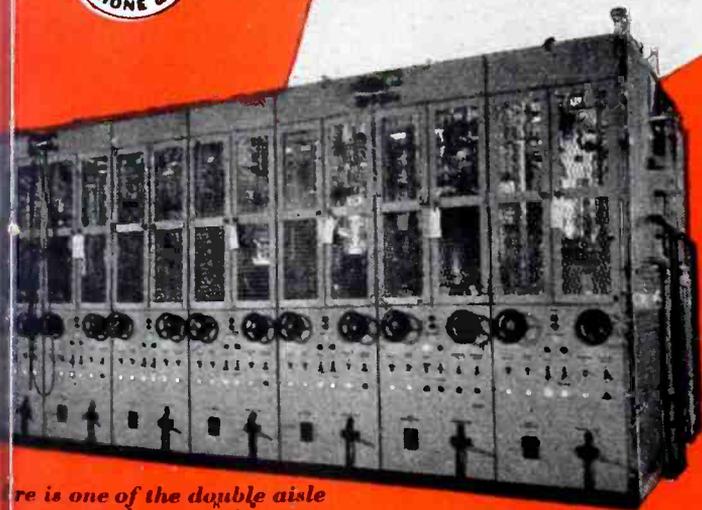


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twice the values indicated. The optimum value is determined by the current requirements of the control cell connected between  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  and its maximum resistance. In any event, the sensitivity is influenced by the potentiometer setting.

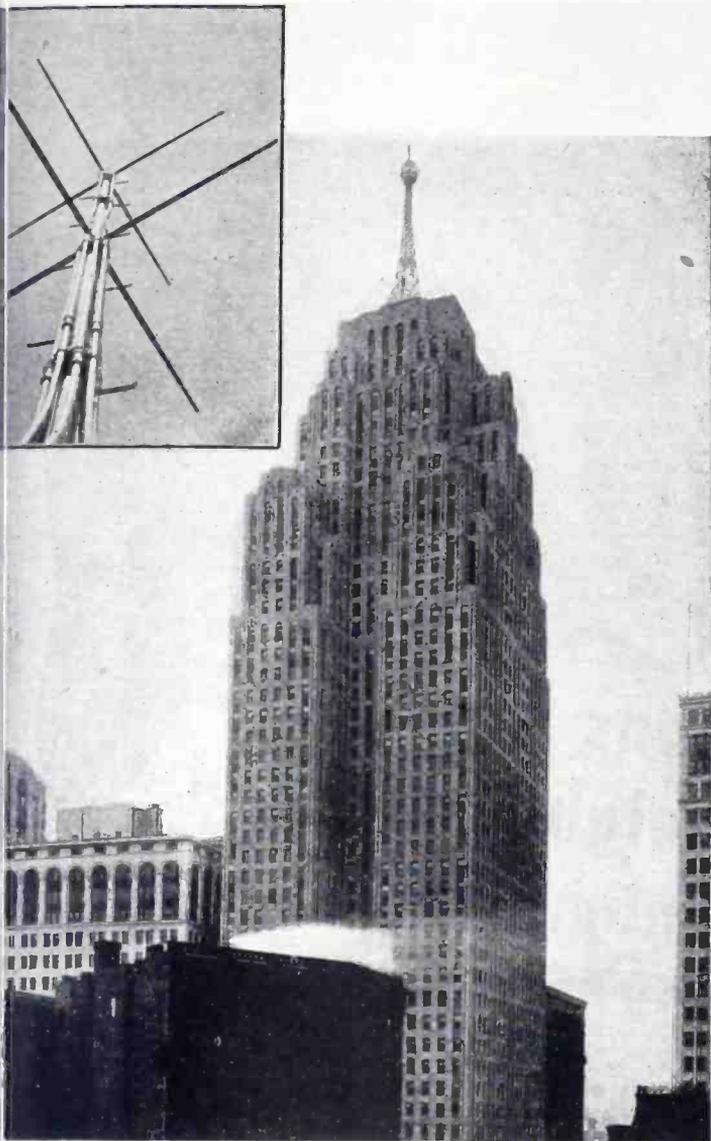
When adjusting the unit, should the gas tetrode fail to conduct with the potentiometer set for maximum bias and  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  connected together through the control cell having its electrodes immersed in single-distilled water, the bias is reduced until conduction does take place. In the event that the tetrode conducts with the control circuit open and with the potentiometer set for maximum bias the value of  $C_2$  is increased. A shield for the lead connecting the grid and the control cell has been found necessary in applications where considerable sensitivity is required.

Limiting resistor  $R_s$  is selected to limit the surge current to the rated value. The two resistors,  $R_s$  and  $R_1$  limit the average current to that required for reliable operation of the plate circuit relay. Capacitor  $C_1$  must be of sufficient capacitance to smooth the relay current for noiseless operation. Where variable conditions are present in the control cell, relay chatter can be reduced by increasing the value of  $C_2$  as much as space factors permit.

The circuit described has the usual advantage over similar hard tube circuits in that the gas tetrode will close the plate circuit relay with no uncertainty if it closes it at all, regardless of some abnormal behavior of the control cell. The circuit described has been in operation without a single failure for nearly one year. No adjustments beyond those made during the original installation have been required.

### Some System Refinements

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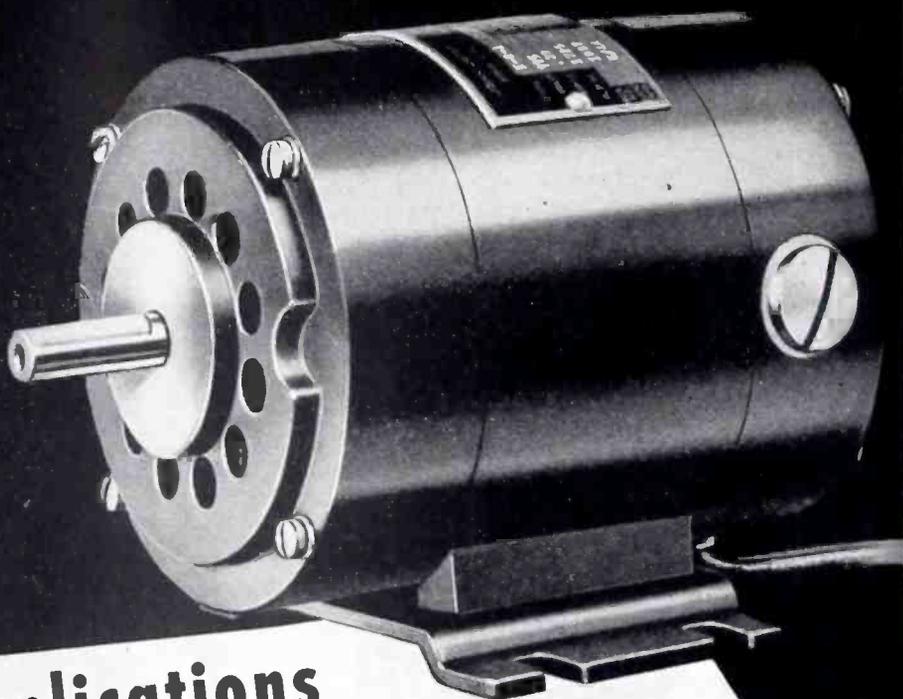
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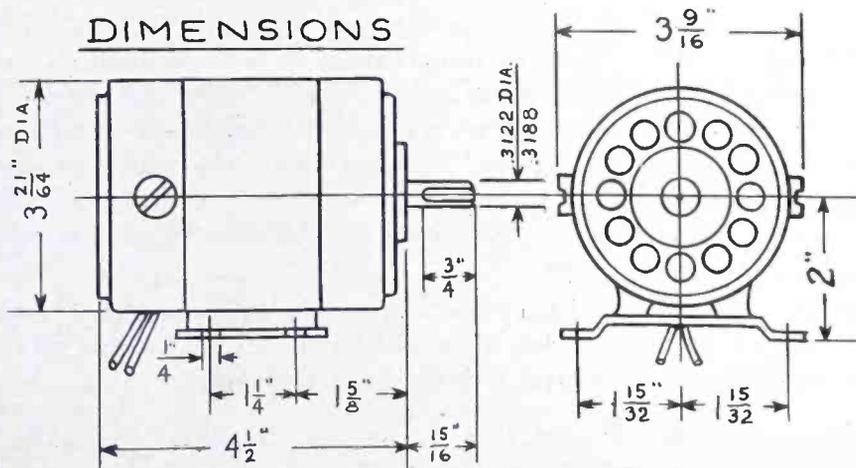
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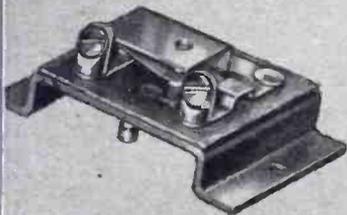
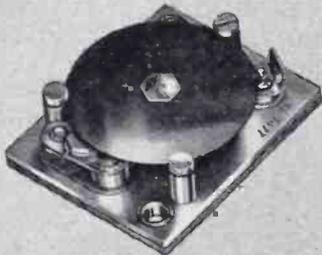
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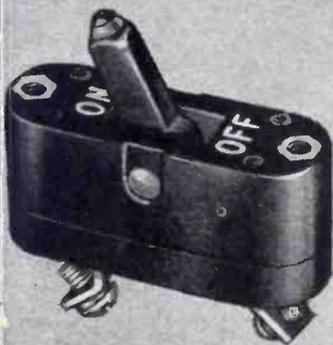
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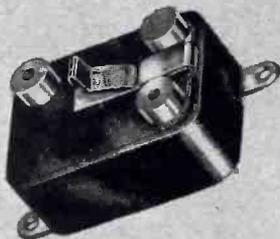
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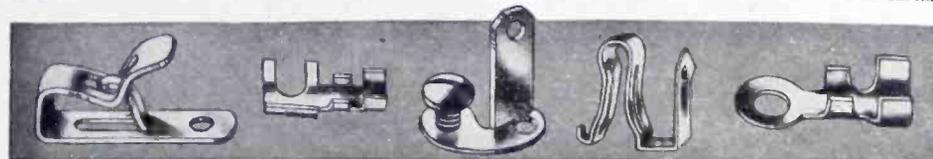
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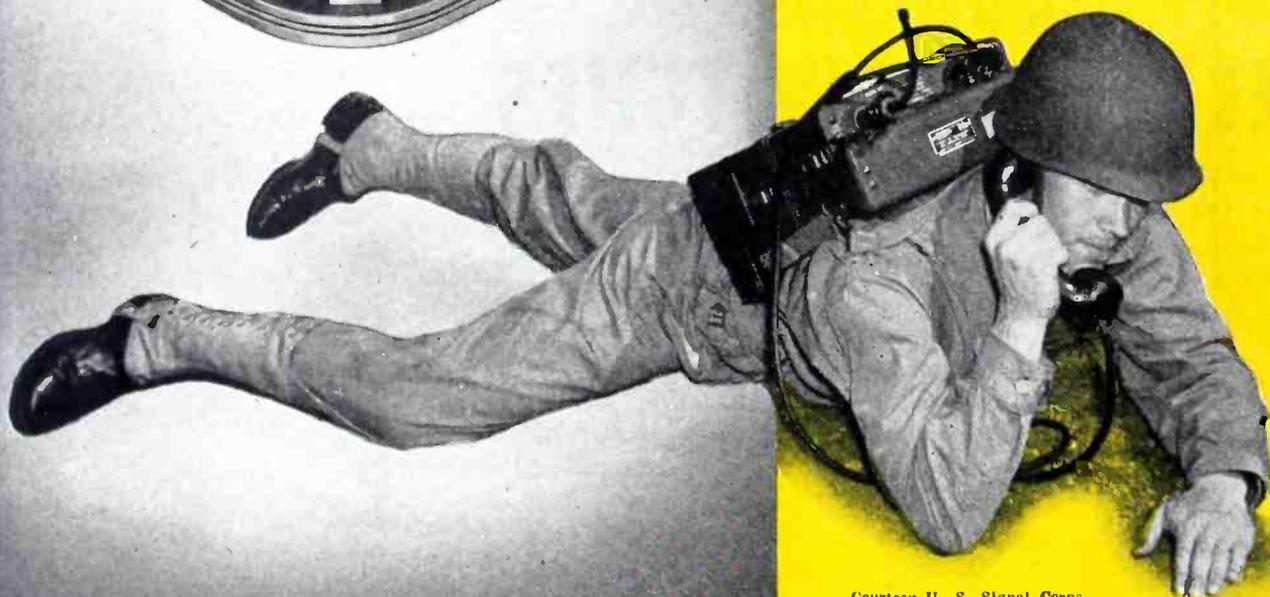
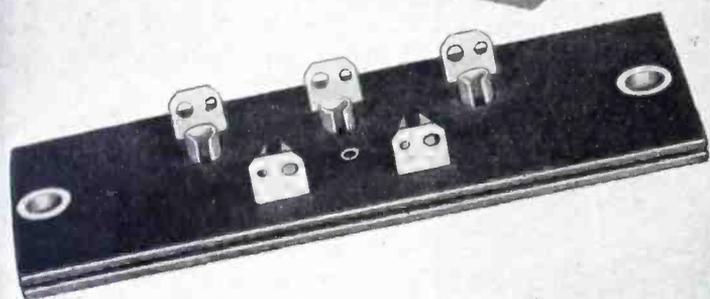
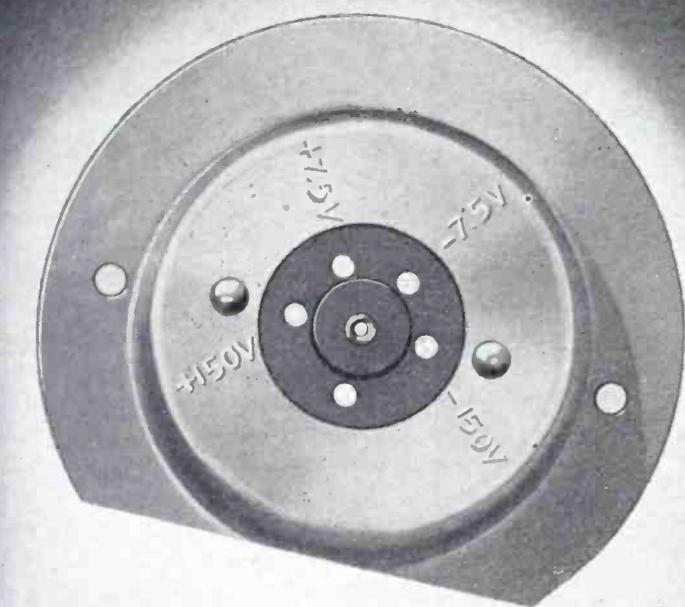
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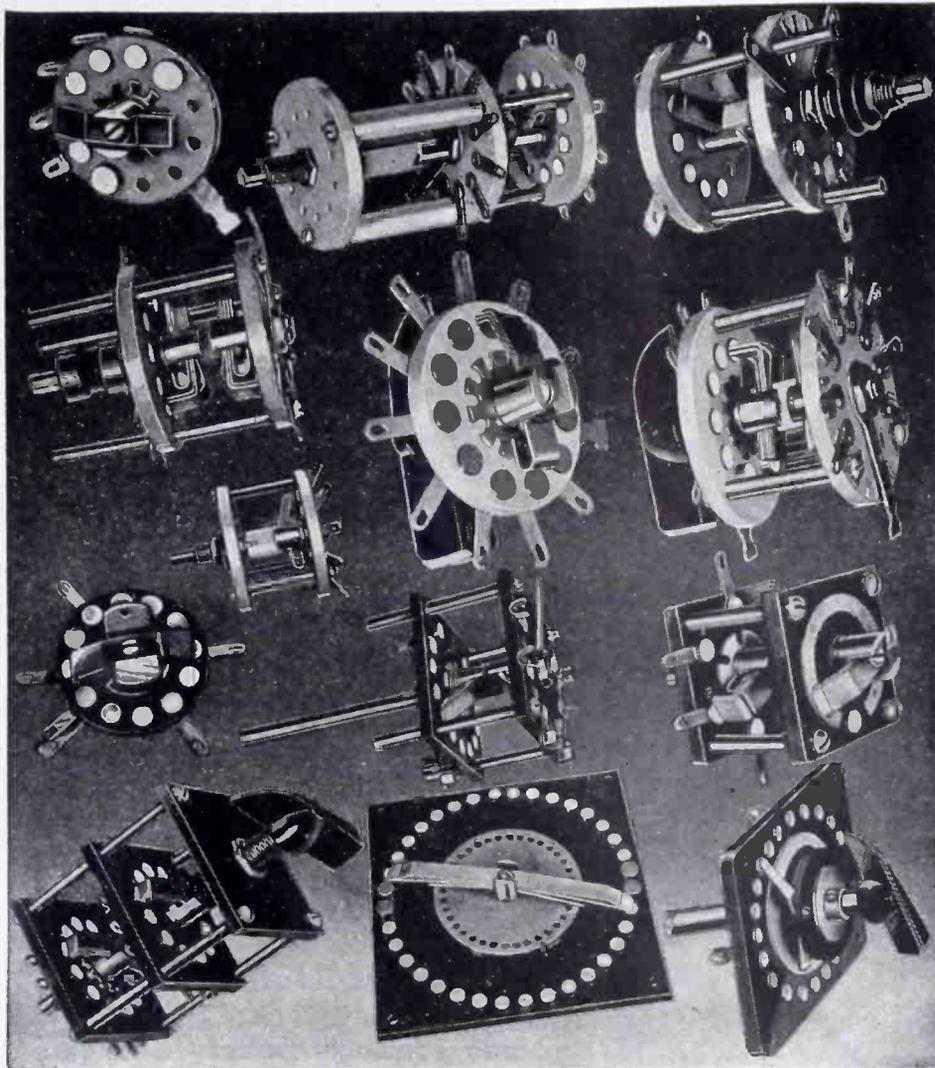
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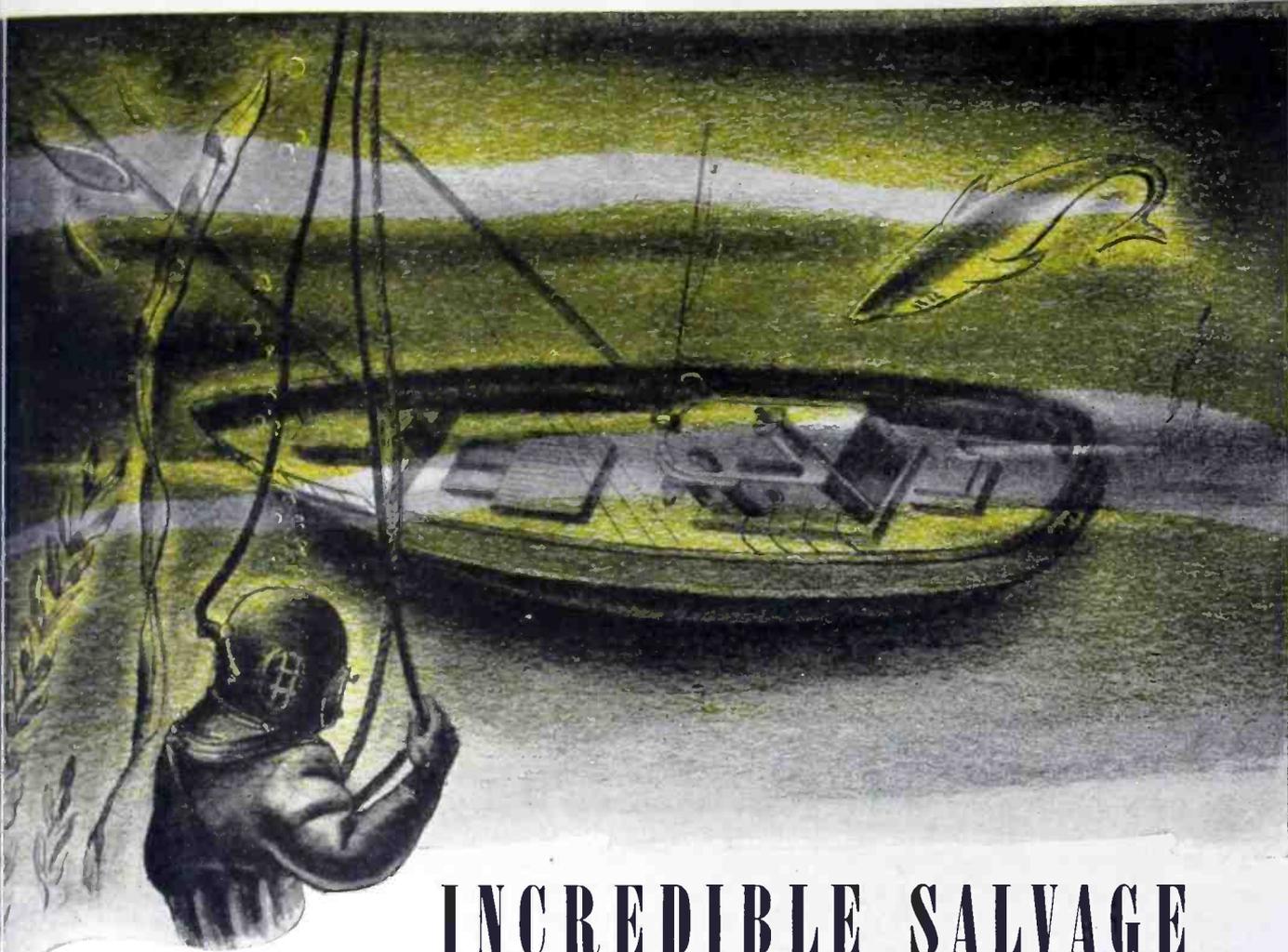
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## New Rotating Slide Rule with 24 Scales on Slider

A ROTATING SLIDE RULE that permits a wide range of applications by electronic and electrical engineers has been invented by Lt. Jerry Ailinger, communications officer of the Boston Fire Alarm Headquarters. Called the "Rota-Vec-Trig," the new rule is designated as a log-log, vector and trigonometric slide rule.

In appearance, the instrument resembles the ordinary slide rule, but contains 24 scales on its slider, compared to a maximum of eight on usual rules. All 24 scales operate against each side of the body. The 24 scales are grouped four to each face of a rotating hexagon axially mounted in the slider, and are instantly interchangeable by means of a milled wheel protruding slightly from the rule face. The selected scale locks in place when the plane of the scale is flush with the rule surface.

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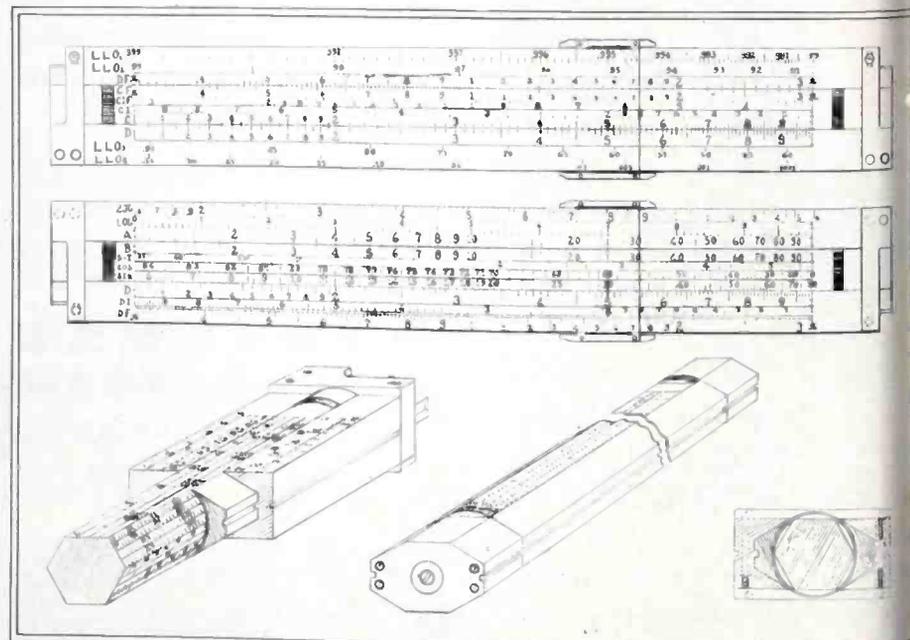
for greater accuracy, referred to the D scale, which give the value of negative powers ( $e^{-n}$ ) with a single setting. Besides folded and inverted scales on both body and slide, provision is made, when desired, for scales representing hyperbolic functions, also special scales for navigators, surveyors, chemists and other specialists.

## Automatic Amplitude Control for Variable-Frequency Oscillators

ADJUSTMENT OF THE FREQUENCY of oscillators by varying the capacitance or inductance of the tuned circuit is common practice but without some stabilizing means the amplitude of the oscillation usually varies, sometimes considerably, as the frequency is changed. Means of stabilization have been suggested in the past, such as the use of a diode shunted across the tuned circuit, but while such arrangements produce some improvement, the degree of stabilization obtained is insufficient for many purposes.

A review of the diode method and a new improved system are described by M. M. Levy in the *Journal of the British Institution of Radio Engineers* (9 Bedford Square, London, W. C. 1) for March-May, 1944.

In Fig. 1 is shown the tuned circuit of an oscillator connected to a



Several views of the new slide rule and its assemblies. At lower left is a section of the body of the rule, rotatable slide and housing. A cross-section is at lower right.

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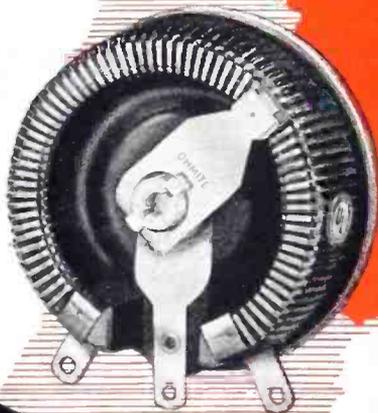
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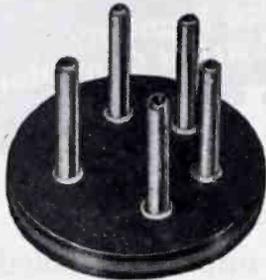


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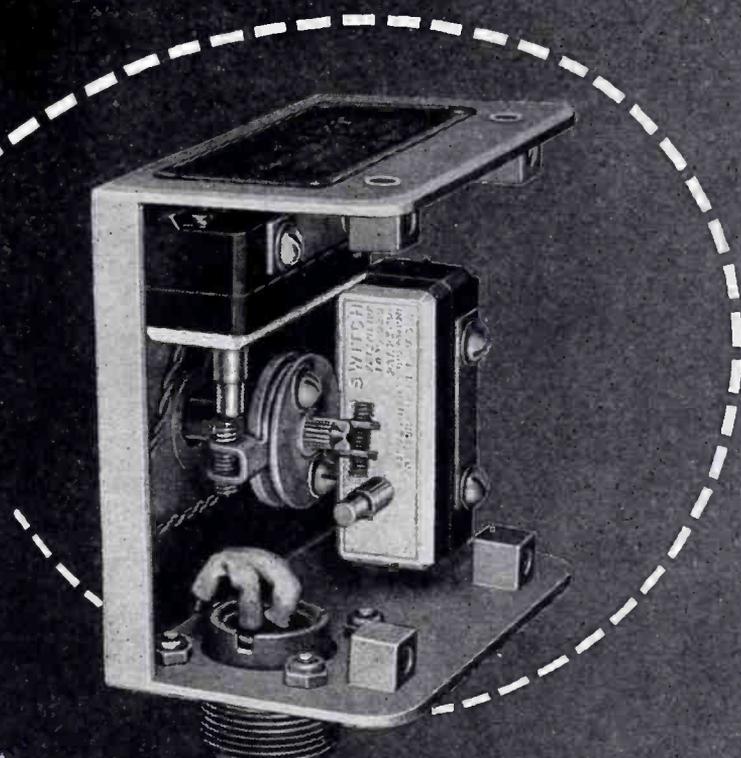
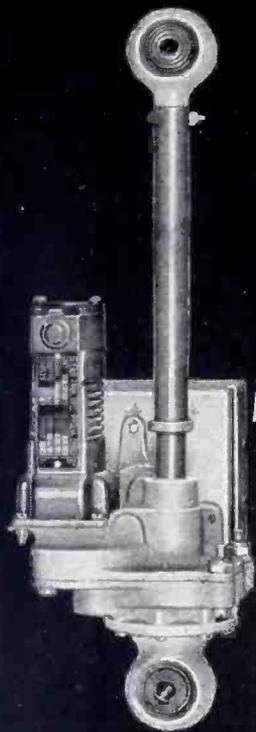
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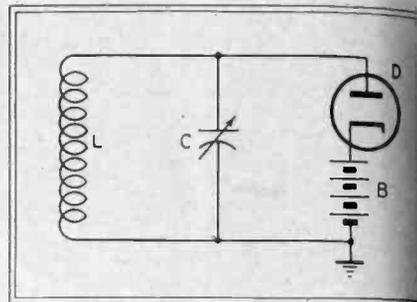


Fig. 1—Circuit illustrating the principle of stabilization of oscillator output amplitude by means of a diode

stabilizing diode *D*. The cathode of the diode is made positive by a battery *B* or other suitable means, and the biasing voltage is chosen to be slightly less than the desired maximum voltage to be generated in the tuned circuit. If the amplitude of the oscillations should tend to increase when the frequency is changed, the diode *D* will become conducting for the peaks of the positive half waves and will act as a load on the tuned circuits which increases as the amplitude increases. It therefore tends to limit the amplitude of the oscillation. However, experience shows that this stabilizing control is not very great and considerable amplitude variations still occur.

### Use of Triode

The effectiveness of the control is greatly increased by using the circuit of Fig. 2 which uses a triode to shunt the tuned circuit instead of a diode and which applies to the control grid the amplified and rectified variations of the oscillating voltage by means of the detector amplifier connected as shown. This can be most easily appreciated in the following way. Let  $v$  be variation in the amplitude of the oscillating voltage. This will be detected and amplified and will be

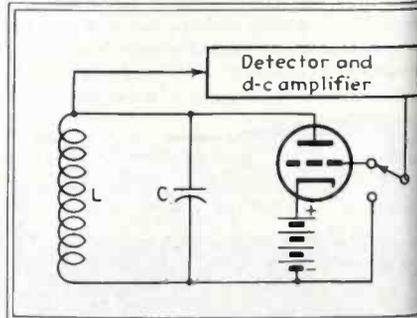


Fig. 2—Addition of an amplifier to a triode permits variations of the oscillator voltage to be detected, amplified and transmitted to the grid of the triode

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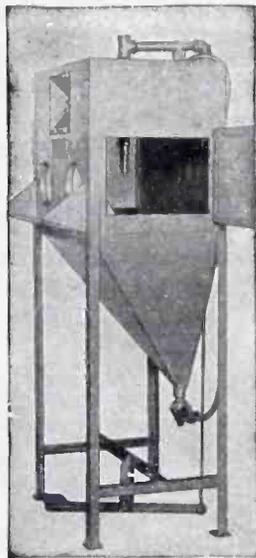
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multiplied by some factor  $\mu_1$  coming  $\mu_1 v$ . This voltage is applied to the grid of the tube and produces the same damping effect on the tuned circuit as another voltage applied to the plate and equal  $\mu_1 v$  multiplied by another factor  $\mu_2$ , thus  $P = \mu_1 \mu_2 v$ . It is evident that a much greater load will be placed on the tuned circuit for the same value of  $v$  with the arrangement of Fig. 3 than with that of Fig. 1, and accordingly a much more effective stabilizing control is obtained. Many standard triode valves have an amplification factor  $\mu_2$  as high as 10 and  $\mu_1$  may easily be made equal to 10. A multiplication of 500 is thus obtained. The result can provide a circuit in which the variation of the whole frequency band is less than 0.05 db.

### Practical Circuit

Figure 3 shows a simplified diagram of a practical stabilizing circuit in which the variations of a high-frequency oscillating voltage are detected by a conveniently biased triode  $D$ , and amplified by a direct-current amplifier  $VT-1$ .

The cathode of the diode is given a positive bias by battery  $B_1$ , the voltage of which should be just slightly less than the minimum

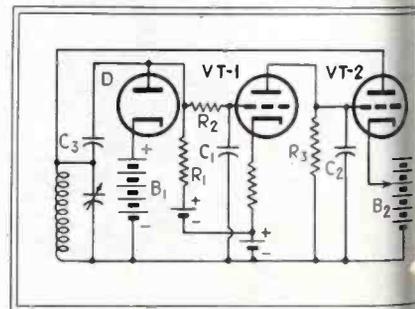
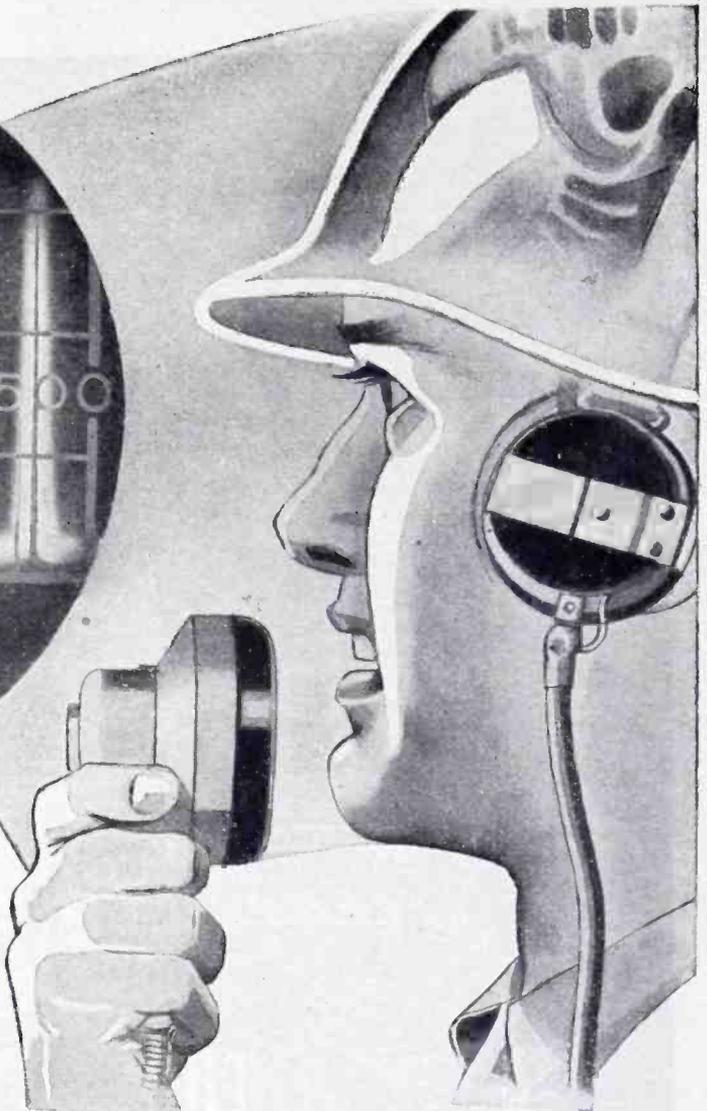
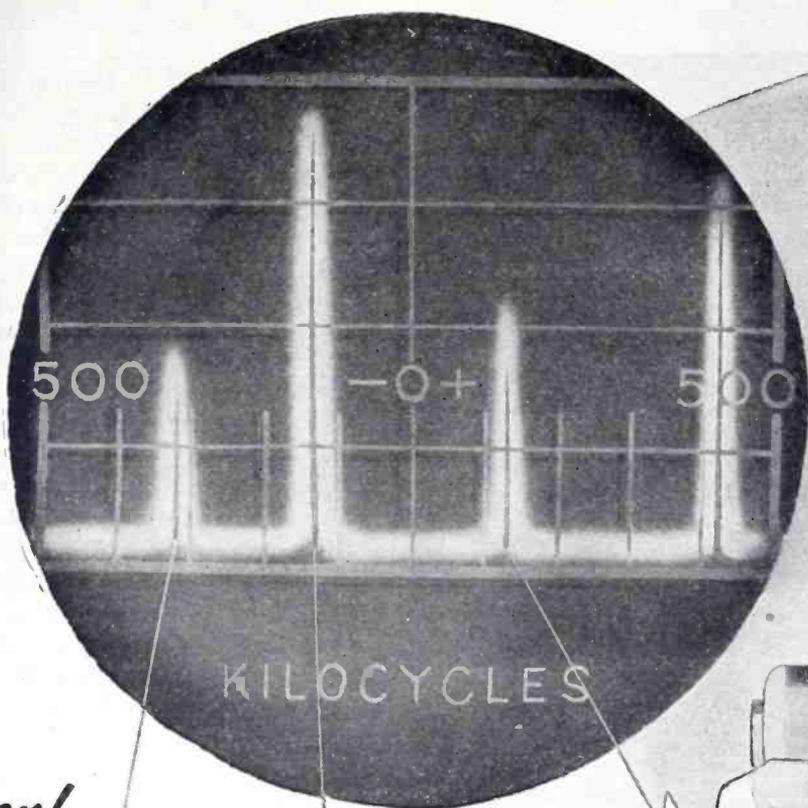


Fig. 3—Output voltage of the diode is amplified by  $VT-2$  and applied to  $VT-1$  operating as an amplitude limiter.

amplitude of the uncontrolled oscillating voltage in the tuned circuit taken over the whole frequency range of interest. The diode will accordingly tend to produce a rectified output voltage in the load resistance,  $R_L$ , proportioned to the excess amplitude. This voltage is smoothed in the circuit comprising the resistance  $R_2$  and capacitor  $C_2$  and applied to tube  $VT-1$  arranged as a direct current amplifier, producing an amplified continuous voltage across the load resistance  $R_L$  shunted by the bypass capacitor  $C_1$ .



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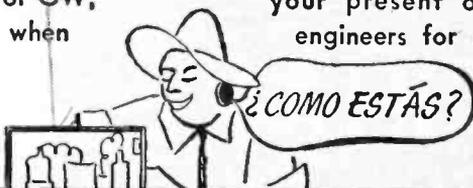
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The cathode of tube VT-2 is biased positively by suitable means shown as a battery  $B_2$ , the voltage of which should be adjusted in order that the current flows in VT-2 only during the positive peaks of the oscillating voltage. When the adjustment is correct, the oscillating waveform becomes sinusoidal with a very small percentage of harmonics.

*Another Circuit*

The circuit of a practical arrangement with which the method has been tested is shown in Fig. 4. This circuit is slightly different from the circuit of Fig. 3. There is no diode, the grid-cathode portion of VT-1 being used as a diode, and there is no battery  $B_1$ . Only a small fraction of the oscillating voltage is transmitted to the grid of VT-2 by means of the potentiometer divider  $C_2$ . The sensitivity is much smaller than the circuit of Fig. 3, but is still sufficient to give a perfect stabilization. Tube VT-3 is used also as an electronic voltmeter, and the oscillating voltage across  $C_2$  is indicated on the meter  $M$ .

Adjustment for the best control is easy. The bias of the cathode of valve VT-3 should be adjusted until maximum stabilization is obtained. If the cathode should be given a positive potential greater than the maximum oscillating peak voltage, there will be no control at all as the tube will always have an infinite impedance. By making the cathode progressively more negative, the control increases until some point is reached at which the load on the tuned circuit, at the peaks, becomes so great that the control is maximum and the amplitude of the oscillating voltage starts to decrease rapidly. The best operating point will be just before this occurs. With the circuit as described and as adjusted in the man-



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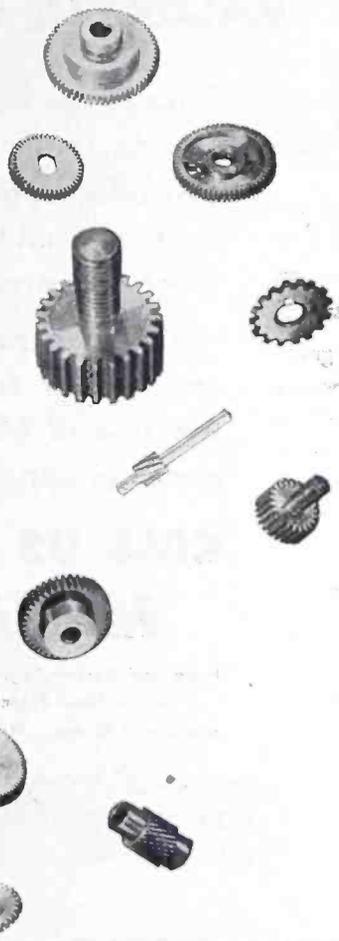
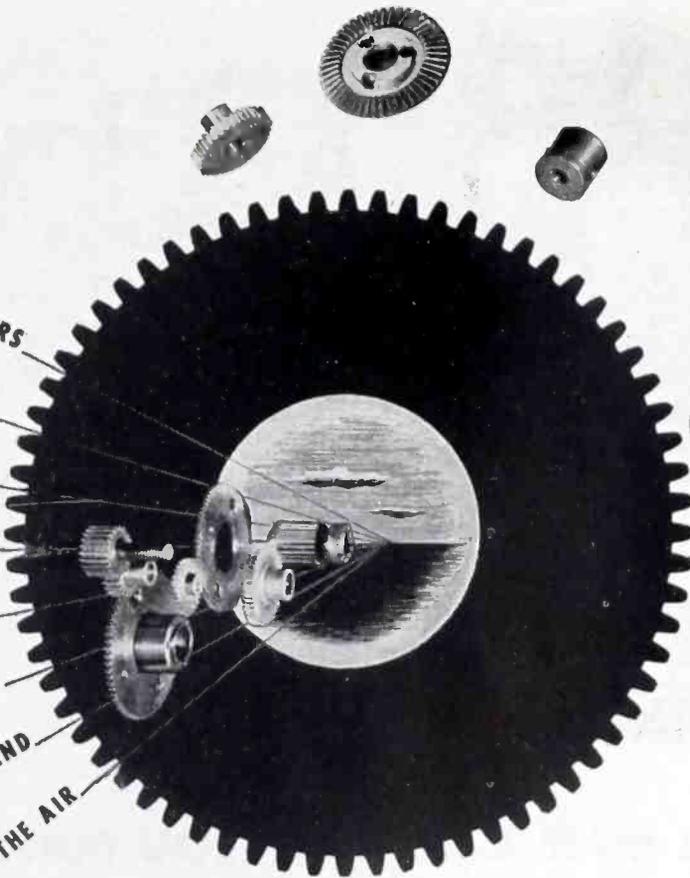
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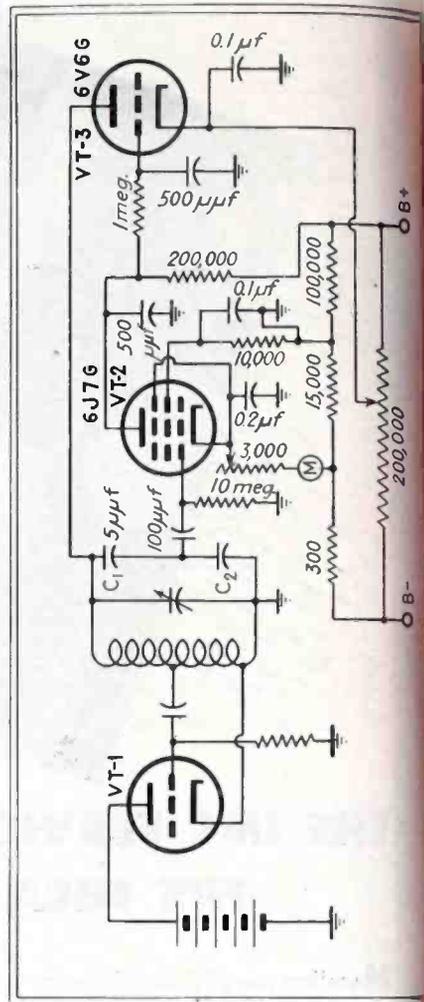


Fig. 4—Practical circuit used to hold output voltage constant on a multirange oscillator covering frequencies from 30 kc to 9 Mc. One grid and the cathode of VT-2 form the detector

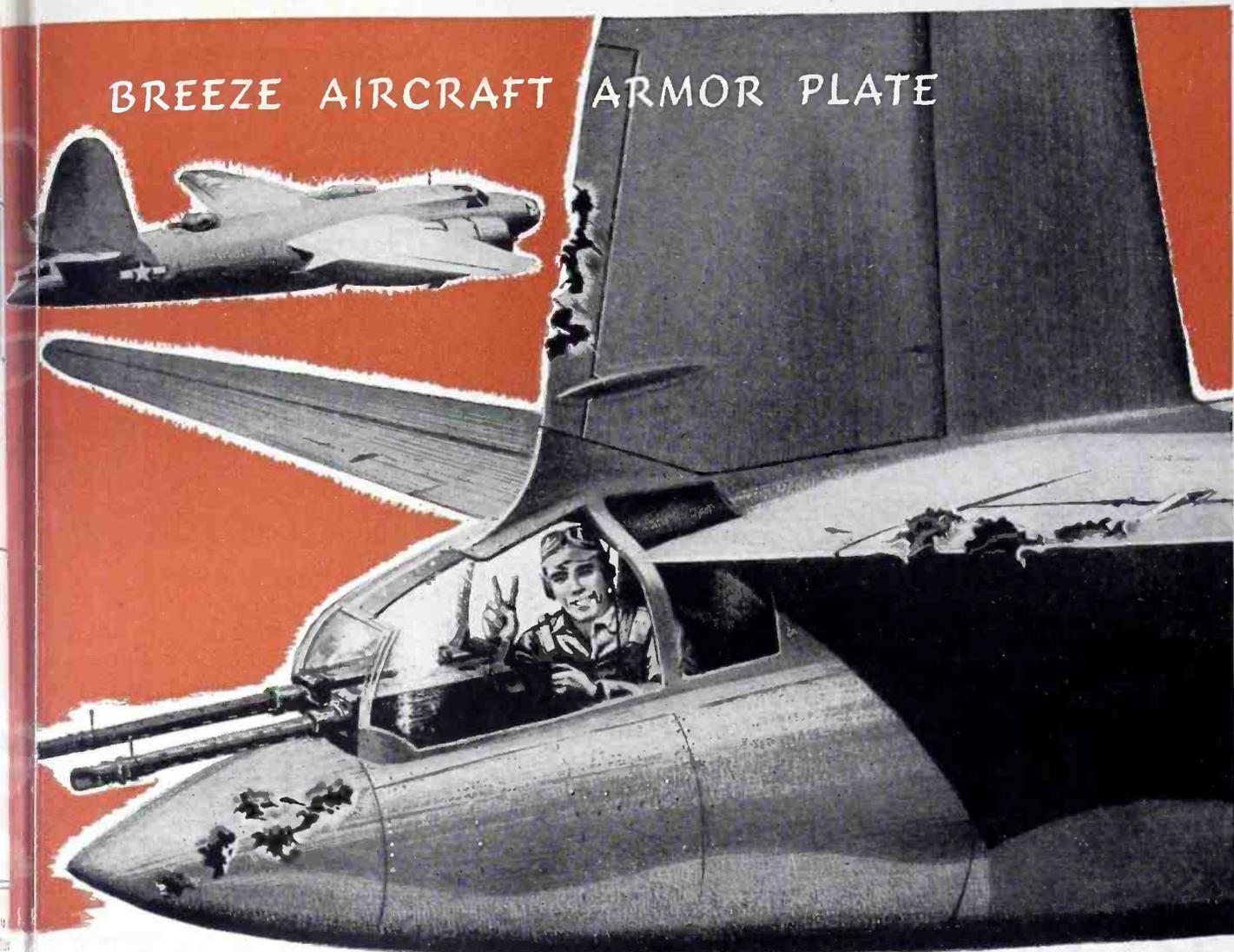
ner just explained, it is possible to maintain the oscillating voltage constant within about one percent when it would vary by perhaps 200 percent without any control.

The circuit of Fig. 4 has been tried with five different coils in order to cover the frequency band from 30 kc to 9 Mc, and for each coil the stabilization was found perfect.

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### Electronics in AIEE

MORE PAPERS on electronic subjects were presented at the summer technical meeting of AIEE in St. Louis during June than have been given at meetings in the past. Among these with electronic significance, are by N. D. Kenney and Perry H. Wire referred to design and testing of coaxial cables.

The first part of the paper presented a discussion of the variation of transmission line parameters, both basic and working, as a function of construction and frequency. The and approximate formulas were given for computing cable properties, with notes on applicability and limitations as well as practical methods of test.

Simplification of the analytical expressions for rectifier behavior was the objective of a paper by E. Christensen and C. C. Herskind of General Electric and C. H. Wilf of Princeton University. The paper gives the methods used in analyzing rectifier circuits, illustrates the application of new circuit concepts, provides standard procedure for analysis of rectifier circuits, gives a standard form for the presentation of rectifier characteristics, and presents a comprehensive set of characteristic curves for the delta double-y rectifier.

Design and tests of a mercury-vapor rectifier with exciter anodes was summarized by H. Winograd of Alis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. He described the application to electrochemical service of a 12-tank Exoron unit rated at 5,000 amp., 650 vts d.c.

### Control for Welding

Improved electronic control for capacitor-discharge resistance welding was presented by H. J. Bichsel and E. T. Hughes of Westinghouse. This paper describes a capacitor-

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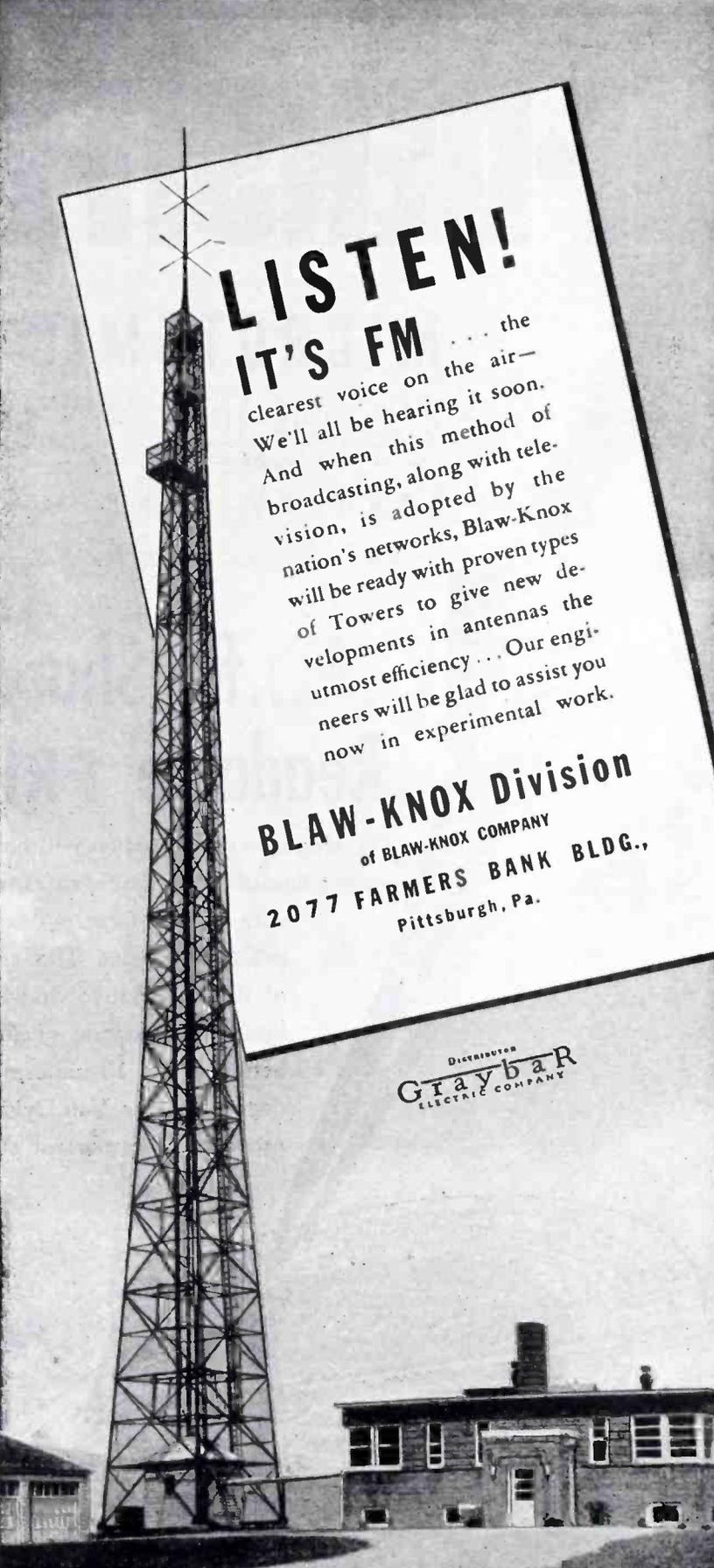
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Fundamentals of hearing-aid design were covered by W. D. Penn. He showed that frequency-selective amplification is usually beneficial and described a method of obtaining this type of action, with mathematical analysis to support the conclusion. Means of computing acoustical amplification were also described.

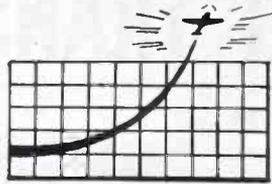
By combining the advantages of electronic tubes and symmetrical component filters, a new carrier relay results in a marked simplification over previous systems. It was described by T. R. Halman and A. F. Drompp of Detroit Edison Co. and S. L. Goldsboro and H. W. Lensner of Westinghouse. Not only has the number of relays been reduced but the number of operating elements per relay as well.

In an aircraft engine torque meter described by F. W. Godsey, Jr. and C. F. Langer of Westinghouse, resistance strainage elements and vacuum tube amplifiers are combined. The paper included an extensive survey of methods for measuring torque.

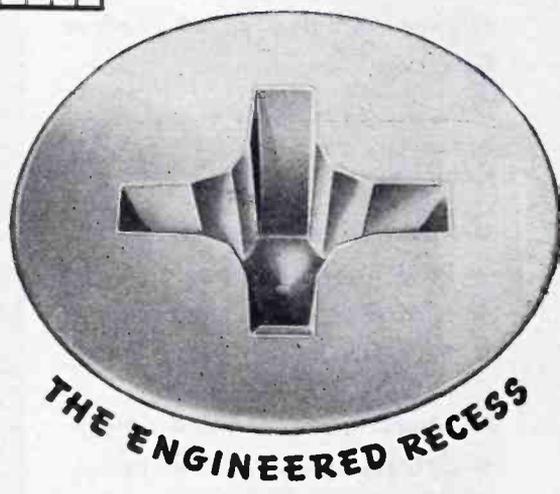
### *Electronic Frequency Conversion*

In a symposium devoted to the subject of electronic power conversion, one paper referred to the installation of a 20,000-kw electronic converter to exchange power between 25 and 60 cycles. The converter was described by F. W. Cramer of Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. and L. W. Morton and A. G. Darling of GE.

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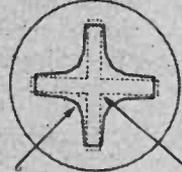
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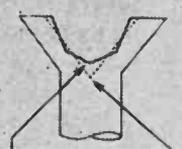
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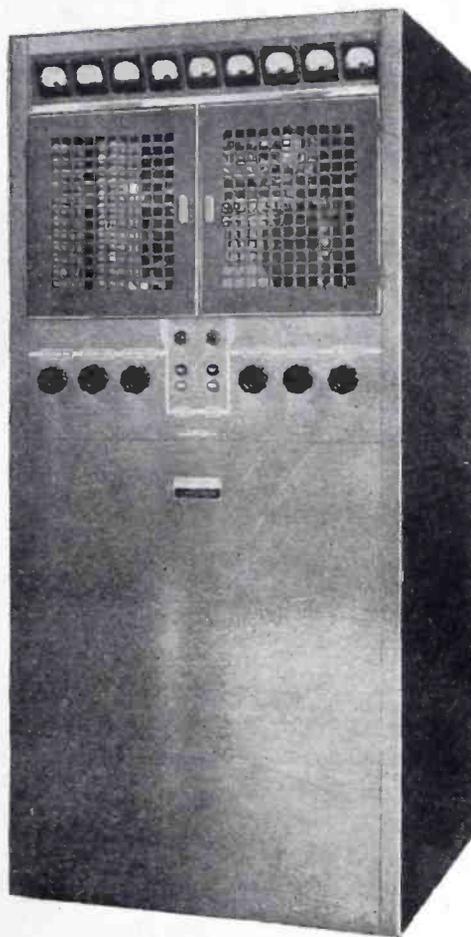
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fyng elements under conditions of unbalance were considered by E. F. Christensen and M. M. Morack of GE. Effects of such unbalances on circuit duty and rectifier capacity were indicated.

Measurement of dielectric properties at uhf by the resonant cavity method was considered by C. N. Works, T. W. Dakin, and F. G. Boggs of Westinghouse. In this method a reentrant cylindrical cavity is adapted to measure the dielectric constant and power factor of small disks, samples, and insulating material. Methods of measurements, mechanical details, and electric coupling and detecting circuits employ technique common to uhf. Because the cavity has a value of Q higher than 2,000, it is much more sensitive to low power-factors of samples than any conventional coil- and capacitor-resonant circuit

### Furnace Regulation

Electronic motor control for regulating arc furnaces was covered in a paper by J. E. Reilly and C. E. Valentine of Westinghouse. The method has proved successful on many applications where a wide range of speed control and quick response are desired. Many combinations of acceleration and speed range can be obtained with a minimum of apparatus and almost instantaneous response. In the electronic system, the field is held constant and the armature voltage is varied to give the desired speed. Moving parts are eliminated from gear ahead of the motor.

### D-F IN FCC CAR



A mobile direction finder used by the FCC to trace outlaw stations is explained to Congressmen Hart and Wigglesworth by J. B. Lewis (right), monitoring officer in charge of the mobile unit

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As a result of these many operations, costs and production time increased sharply.

The Tolerton Lumber Company, applying electronic heating to speed the setting of the glue, found that edge-glued joints could be "set" in 2 minutes; that 8 scarf joints could be "set" simultaneously—in about 10 minutes; and that a 6" x 6" x 16½' beam could be laminated from several planks in about 20 minutes by electronic heat (former time in hot-platen press was 4 hours).

The aircraft spars are cut from these 16-foot beams.

Tolerton uses an RCA 15-kw electronic generator.

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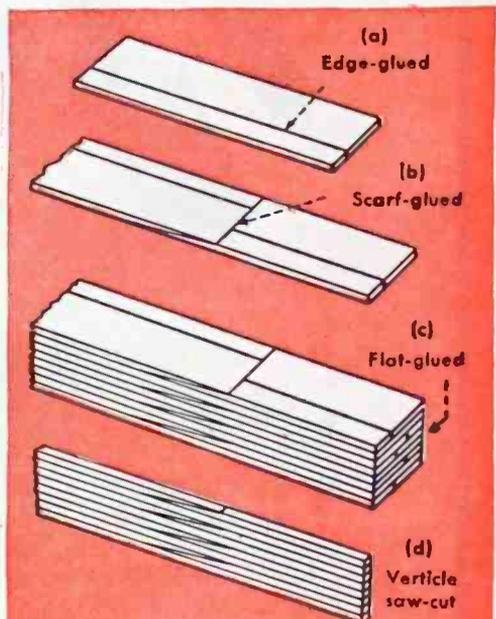
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Steps in the construction of the spars: (a) edge-gluing to obtain 6-inch width, (b) scarf-gluing to obtain 16½-foot length, (c) laminating to obtain 6-inch by 6-inch by 16½-foot beam, (d) beam cut to obtain edge-grain laminated spars ¾ inch by 6 inches by 16½ feet.



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## Remote Amplifier

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visible indication of field intensity in the null point of the radiation pattern. In contrast to a method in which a reading must be taken periodically by a comparison or balancing method, this continuous indication will give immediate warning of an increase in the signal in the unwanted direction and could of course be readily adapted to operate a relay sounding an alarm.

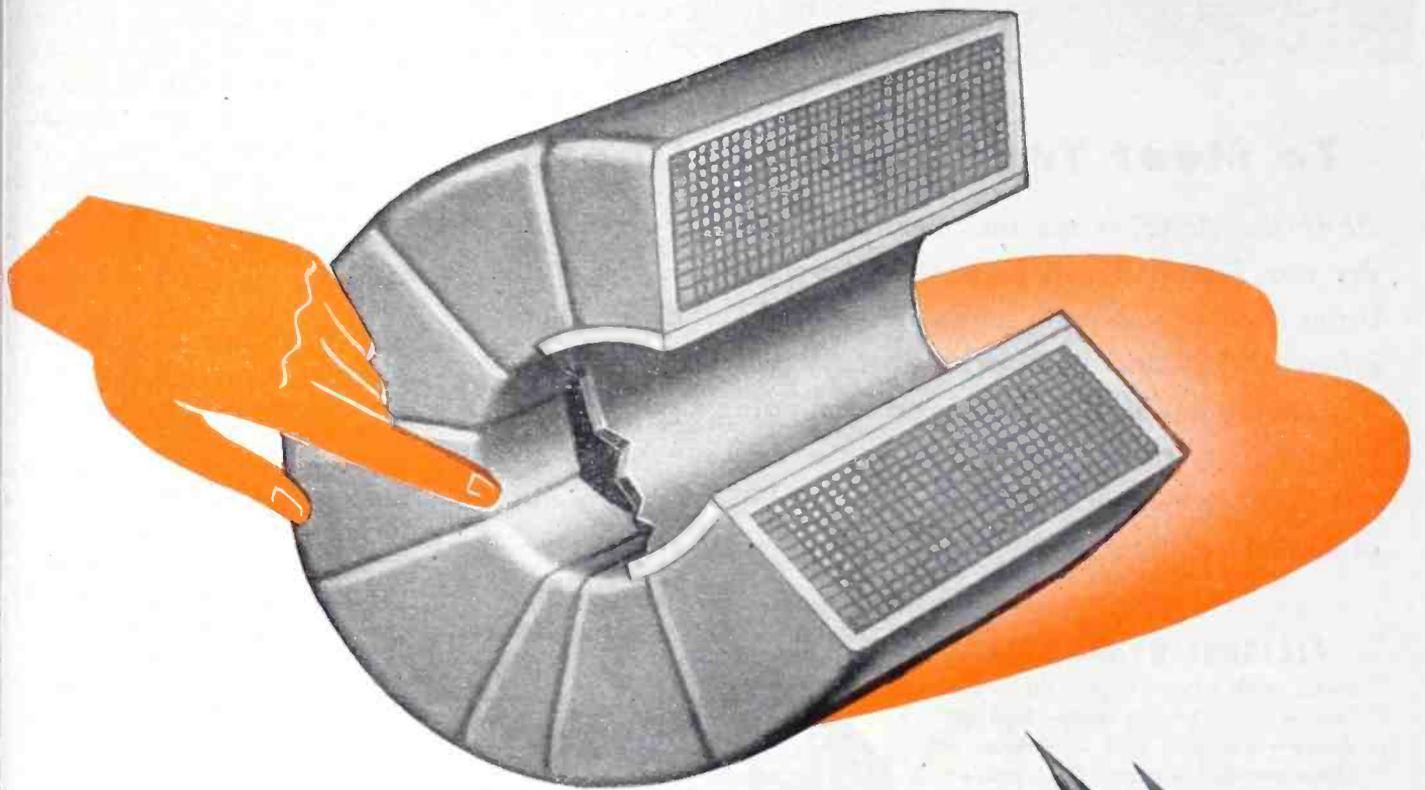
### Regulation of Voltages

Development of the remote monitor system involved dealing with several variables which affect its indications. Voltage variations were taken care of by a regulator in the line, and by gas-tube voltage-regulators in the receive high-voltage supply.

Fluctuations in the receiver itself caused most of the trouble encountered. These were found to be due to frequency drift of the local oscillator of the superheterodyne type receiver originally used which caused it to become detuned sufficiently to reduce the detector current. Attempts to deal with this particular variation by means of temperature-compensating capacitors were less successful than the adoption of a triode type receiver such as the one shown schematically.

Extreme changes in ambient temperature occur in the semi-desert valley location of the transmitter. Because of the d-c indication method used, changes in resistance of the telephone line were anticipated as a factor which might have to be dealt with. On a typical hot summer day, temperature ranges from 64 to 102 deg F, between 4 a.m. and 4 p.m. Measurements of the resistance of the line, totaling as a loop 11,485 ft, showed a change within this temperature range of about 14 ohms in the total resistance of 413 ohms at the low temperature point. This variation in line resistance is sufficient to cause only a barely noticeable change in the reading of the microammeter. The system is otherwise stable enough

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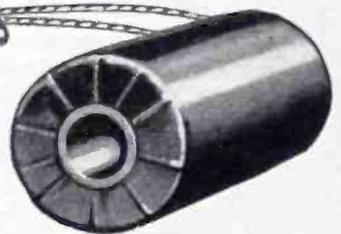
The winding usually consists of a standard paper section coil, varnished where desired. The balance of the construction is markedly different from ordinary practice.

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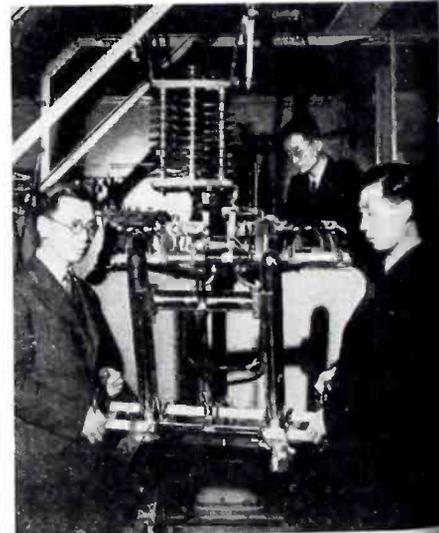
### Accuracy of the System

The 6H6 rectifier current which goes over the telephone line is about 220 microamperes, and is read on a 500-microampere full-scale meter. This current remains within plus or minus five microamperes, which is roughly equivalent to a field intensity change of 0.75 mv/m in the normal 31 mv/m area at the center of the null point at the remote monitoring location 1½ miles from the antenna of the transmitter. The stability and hence accuracy of indication on a relative basis, which is all that is important for this type of application, is thus within approximately 1 part in 30, or about 3 percent.

At another field measurement point 4½ miles from the antenna, the signal in the null point is equivalent to only 28 watts of transmitter power. In the direction of maximum radiation, approximately southward over Los Angeles and its environs, the field intensity is equivalent to a power of 38 kw.

This remote monitor was devised by Major Lloyd C. Sigmon, formerly chief engineer of KMPC, who also installed the transmitter and directional antenna system.

### ELECTRONICS FOR CHINA



Two Chinese engineers remove the anode coil from a high-power broadcast transmitter made in England for China, while the third examines a band-change unit mounted on a turntable. Young Chinese are being trained in Britain for postwar reconstruction in their own country



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# NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

**Conventions to come; Canadian radio; Electronic Conference program; D. C. Bias, words from Washington; television and electronic instruction; transmission facilities; military communications**

## Radio on Maneuvers with the Airborne Artillery

THROWING OUT RADIOS and other equipment to float down on color-coded parachutes, 500 men of the 541st Parachute Infantry Regiment and the 467th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion dropped near Camp MacArthur, Long Island, recently to show visiting Army and Navy dignitaries and reporters how an air strip is captured by airborne forces.

From bomb-racks on the C-47 transports which brought the paratroopers in, so-called daisy chains of 75-mm pack howitzer parts were released. Each demountable piece of the gun is provided with its own parachute but all the parts of a single gun are tied together with a long streamer of cord which keeps them from separating on the descent and facilitates finding the individual bundles on the ground. Colored lights on the bundles also aid in detection and identification of dropped equipment after dark.

Each battery of artillery includes four transmitter-receivers, each with two standard channels, crystal-controlled. Channel A is the basic use channel with B as a standby. Battery commanders are kept in touch with battalion command through a separate radio net which is tuned to a K channel. Besides the crystals in the transceivers, a large supply of additional units are carried along for frequency change-over.

In actual combat, one-man sets in the 300 series are used but for these exercises, type BC-659-A combinations made by Galvin Mfg. Corp., were dropped. Requiring a two-man team, they consist of radio and batteries in separate containers which are coupled together mechanically with trunk-type hasps and electrically with plugs and cables. The telescopic antenna is demount-

able and carried in clips on top of the radio cabinet.

Although normal communication is carried on with a push-to-talk, hand-held microphone and a speaker in the panel, provisions exist for earphones at points close to enemy lines where silence must be maintained. For use at a forward observation post where the operator wishes to conceal the antenna mast by placing the set on lower ground, microphone and earphone extensions permit remote operation.

Equipment bundles include form-fitting protective pads of mattress-like construction, but one zealous crew had borrowed the sofa cushions from their day room for extra security against damage. In spite of the standard precautions, one of the units suffered considerable physical distortion but operated perfectly. Another, with no outward sign of injury, went dead after a few minutes of use.

## Book of Electronic Standards

IN A BOUND COMPILATION of results of the standardization program in WPB's radio and radar division, 21 American war standards for electronic components are brought together in a single, convenient reference.

Because the standards were developed in cooperation between the armed forces and industry, they satisfy the extremely critical requirements of the armed forces without going beyond the capabilities of industry regarding large scale production. Thus it is anticipated that besides constituting a sound basis for war standardization, they may also serve as a nucleus for postwar development.

Contents include ceramic insulat-

ing materials, fixed mica-dielectric capacitors, meter resistors, glass-bonded mica insulators, fixed composition resistors, glass insulators, wire-wound resistors, crystal units, fixed ceramic-dielectric capacitors, dynamotors, porcelain radio insulators, toggle switches, fixed paper-dielectric capacitors, method of noise-testing fixed composition resistors, electrical indicating instruments, shock-testing mechanism for indicating instruments, external r-f thermocouple converters, external ammeter shunts, and fixed molded paper-dielectric capacitors.

## Search for Scientists

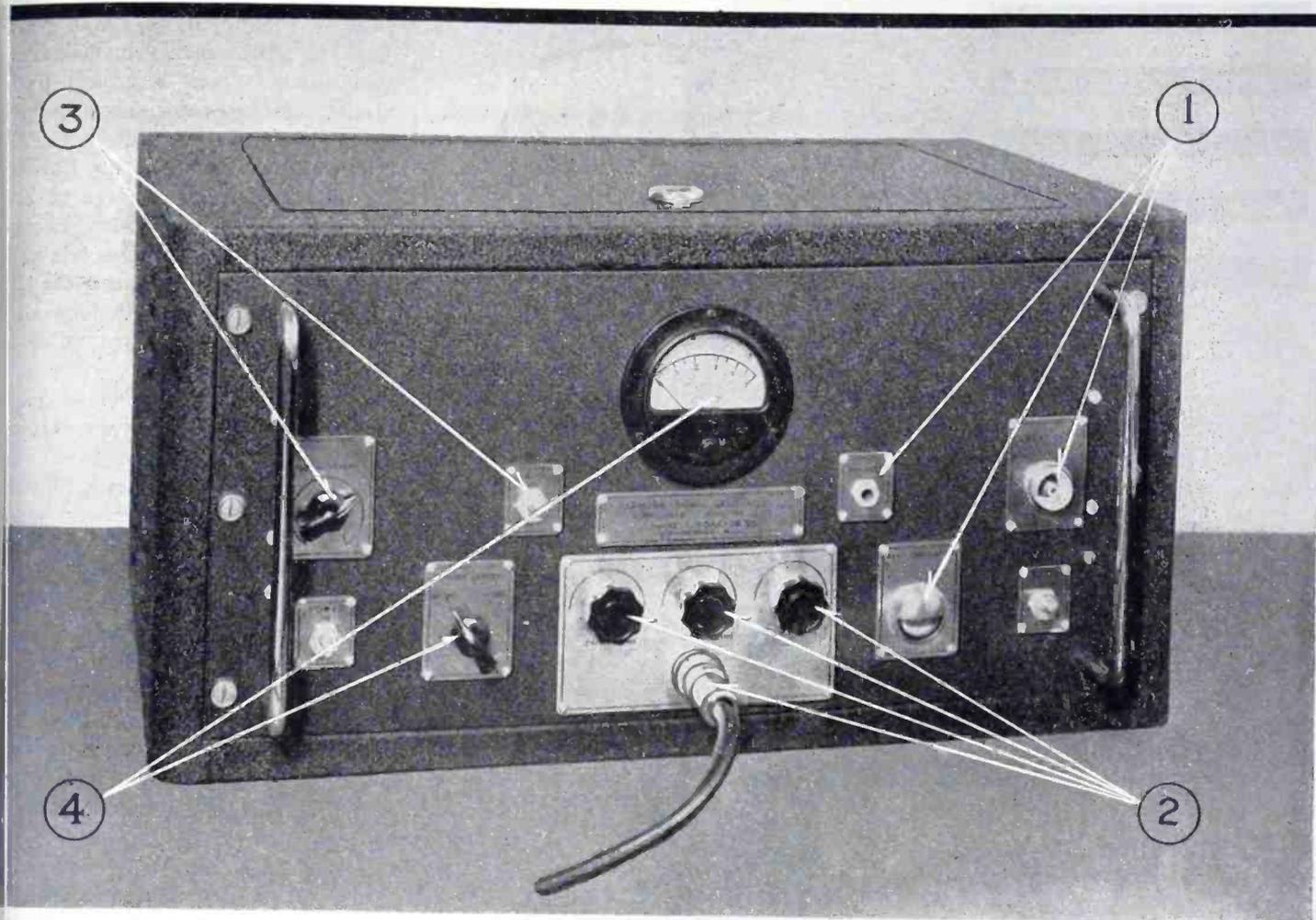
REQUESTS FROM INDUSTRIAL and government laboratories, for research personnel; from colleges, for teachers; and from industrial establishments, for miscellaneous scientifically trained persons, are reaching the office of scientific personnel of the National Research Council in large numbers. The supply of able scientists has never seemed so small in relation to the demand.

One of the functions of this office is to assist in the recruitment of scientists for positions in war-supporting activities. Since it is in touch with demands from all types of activities, it is in a position to refer an able scientist to employers engaged in urgent work. Demand is particularly heavy for people trained in electronic and communication engineering, in physics, and in mathematics. Individuals who are or may become available should write to Dr. M. H. Trytten, director, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington 25, D. C.

## Convention Coverage by Television

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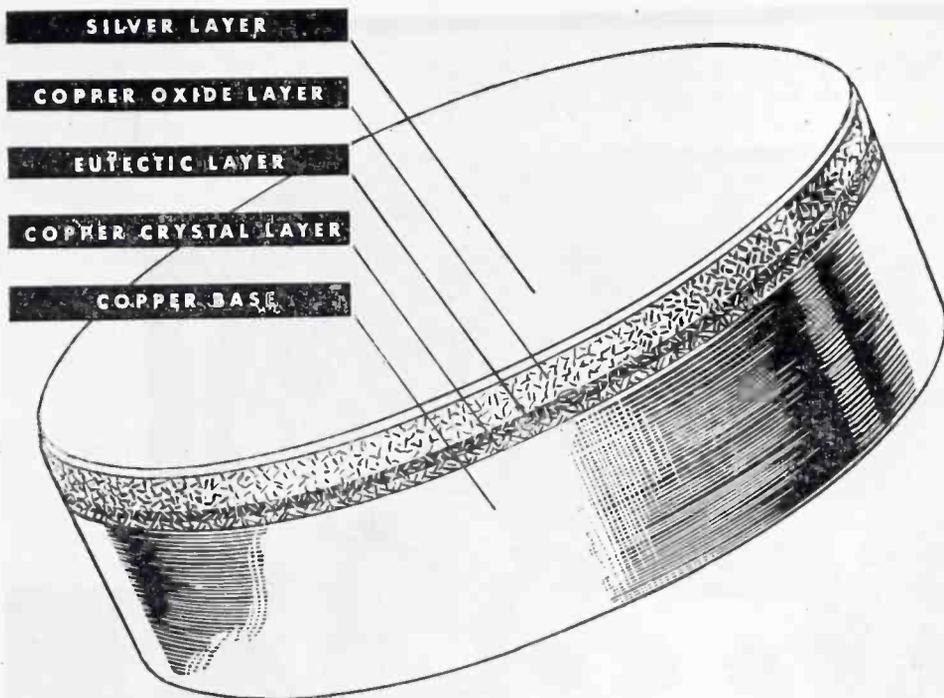


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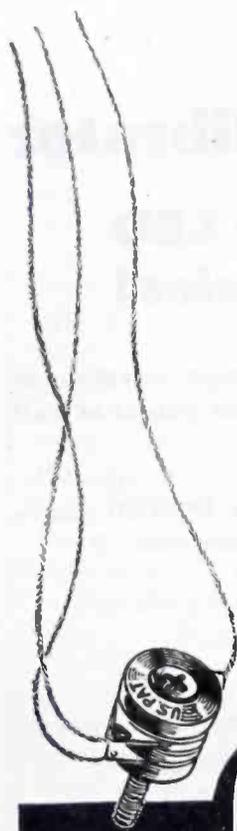
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Sept. 11. Symposium on Fluorescence and Luminescence, New York, N. Y. **American Chemical Society**, James T. Grady, 609 Journalism Bldg., Columbia University, New York 27, N. Y.

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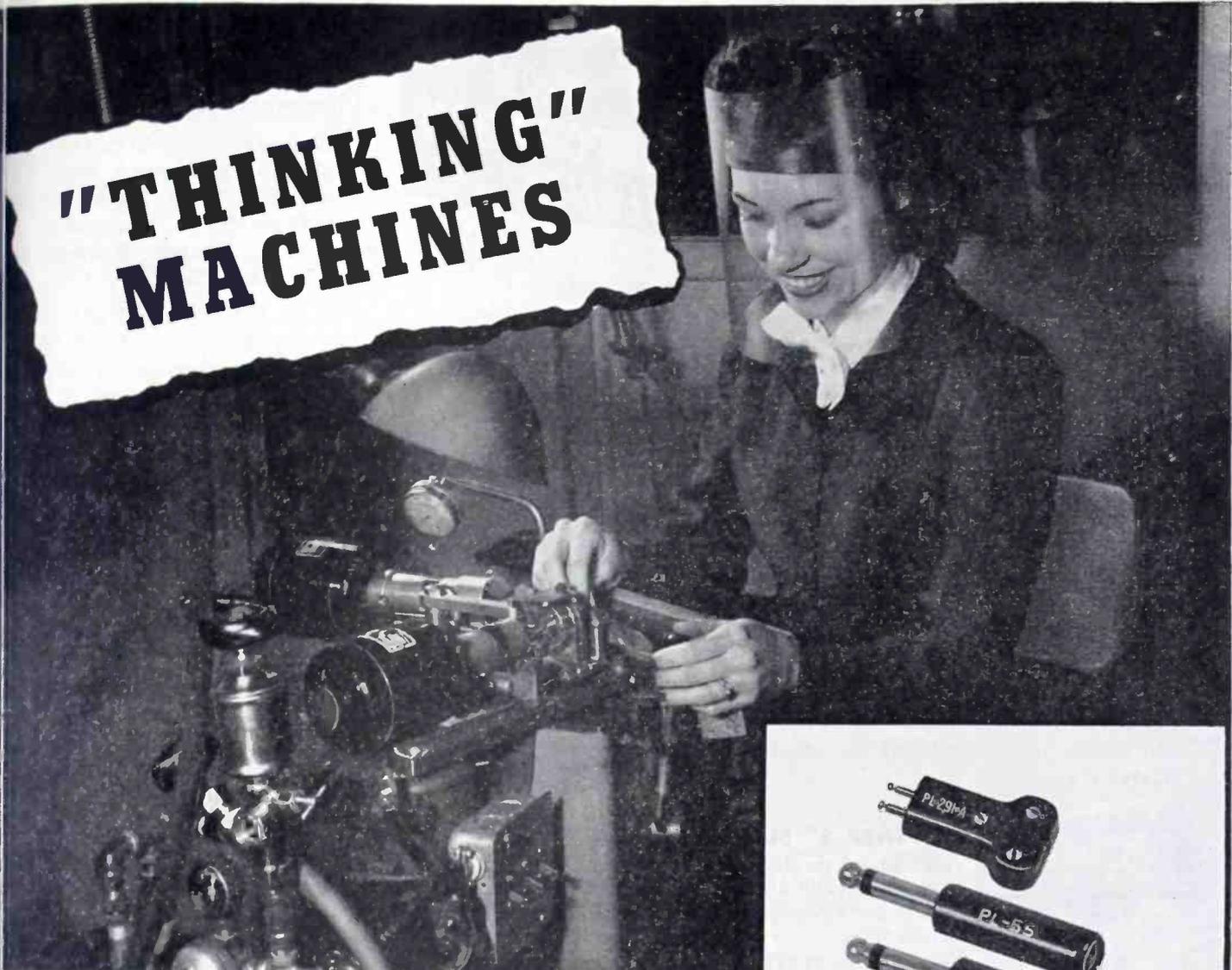
Sept. 14. Regular Meeting, New York, N. Y. **Radio Club of America**, Milton B. Sleeper, corresponding secretary, 11 West 42 St., New York 18, N. Y.

Sept. 18-20. Eleventh Annual National Conference, Toledo, Ohio. **Associated Police Communication Officers**, Sgt. C. H. Knudel, chairman, 720 Jefferson Ave., Toledo 2, Ohio.

Oct. 2-5. Forty-Ninth Annual meeting, Boston, Mass. **International Municipal Signal Association**, Irwin Shulsinger, secretary, 8 East 41 St., New York, N. Y.

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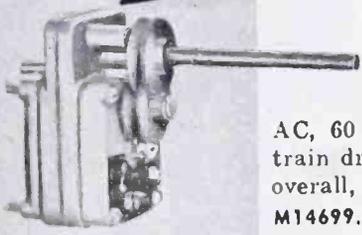
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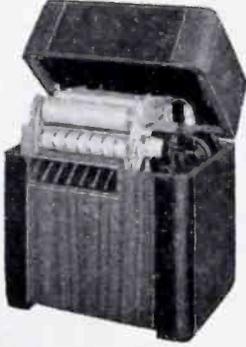
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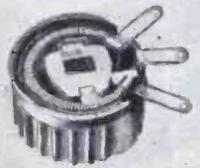
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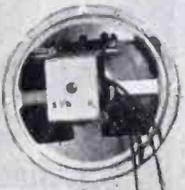
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Oct. 16-19. Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio. **American Welding Society**, M. M. Kelly, secretary, 33 West 39 St., New York 18, N. Y.

Oct. 19-21. Electronic Parts and Equipment Industry Conference, Chicago, Ill. **Association of Electronic Parts and Equipment Manufacturers; Eastern Div., Sales Managers Club; and National Electronics Distributors Association**. H. W. Clough, chairman, PO Box 5070-A, Chicago 80 Ill.

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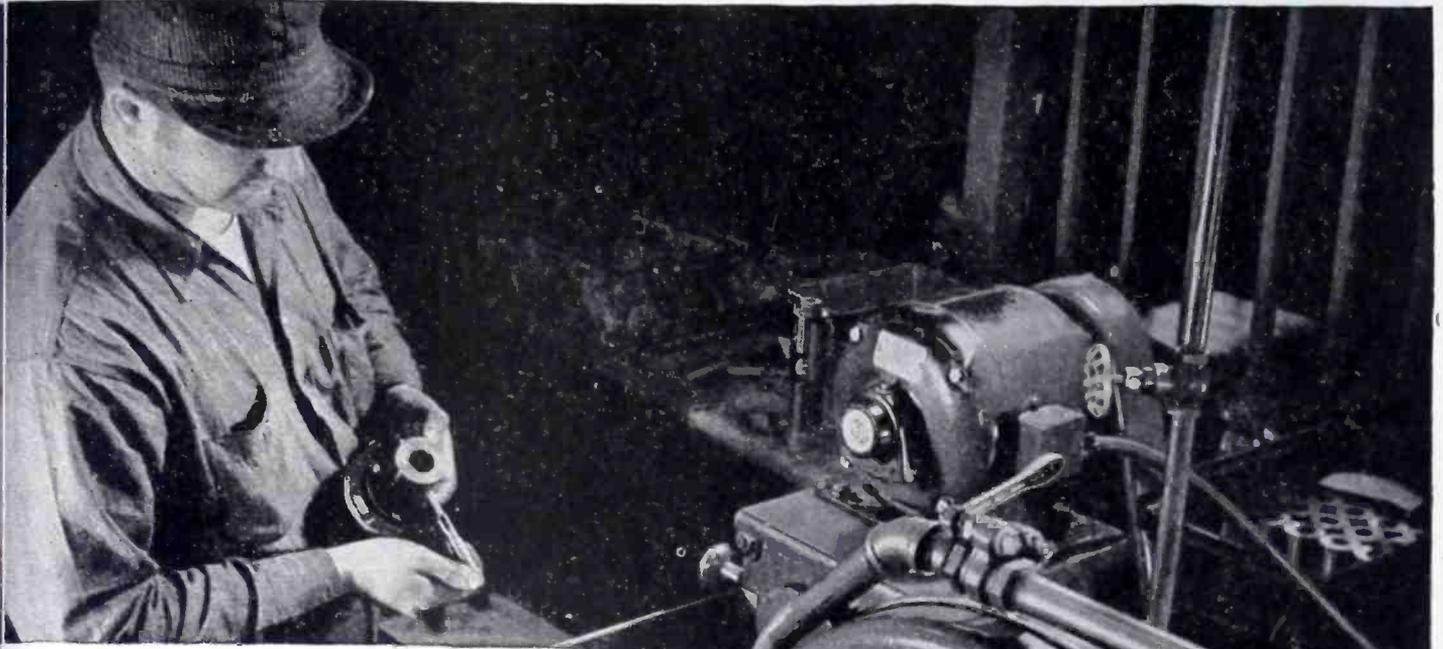
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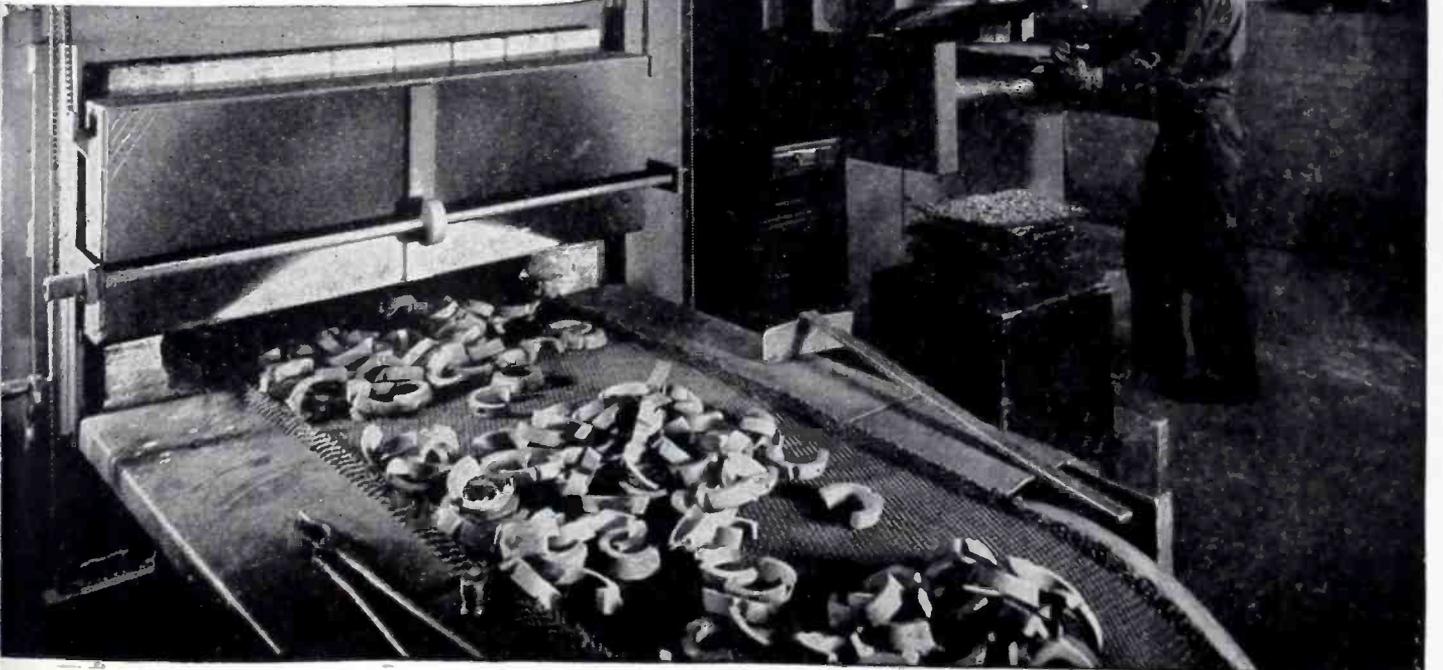
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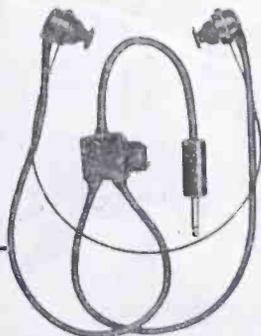
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Color and U-H-F Television by Dr. P. C. Goldmark, CBS.

Reflective Optics in Television by I. G. Maloff and D. W. Epstein, RCA.

Radio Relay Systems by C. W. Hansell, RCA Labs.

#### Ultrahigh Frequencies

A Lighthouse Tube; a Pioneer Development by E. F. Peterson and E. D. McArthur, G. E.

Principles of Klystron Amplifiers by Dr. Robert Haxby, Sperry.

Developments of Electronic Tubes by I. E. Mourontseff, Westinghouse.

Wide-Frequency-Range Tuned Circuits for High Frequencies by Dr. D. B. Sinclair, General Radio Co.

U-H-F Converters and Conversion Diagrams by Dr. Harry Stockman, Harvard.

#### Radio

Generation of Quasi-Continuous Frequency Spectra by Dr. Harold Goldberg and Richard G. Talpey, Stromberg-Carlson.

A Frequency-Dividing Lock-In-Oscillator F-M Receiver by G. L. Beers, RCA.

Incremental Permeability Tuning by W. J. Polydoroff, Consulting Engineer.

Audible Audio Distortion by H. H. Scott, General Radio Co.

Broadband Carrier and Coaxial Cable Networks by P. A. Cowan, AT&T.

#### Industrial Measurements and Special Devices

Supersonic Reflectoscope for Inspecting the Interior of Metal Parts by Dr. F. A. Firestone, University of Michigan.

Dynamic Strain Gages by C. A. Dohrenwend, Armour Research Foundation.

The Mass Spectrometer and Its Practical Applications by J. A. Hipple, Westinghouse.

Two-Million-Volt X-Ray Unit by Dr. E. E. Charlton and W. F. Westendorp, G. E.

Industrial Fluoroscopy of Light Materials by Dr. Scott W. Smith, Kelley-Koett Mfg.

Application of Amplifier Theory to Mechanical Stability Problems by John M. Cage, Allis-Chalmers.

#### Industrial Electronic Controls

Electronic Mechanisms in Process Plants and Industrial Laboratory by T. A. Cohen, Wheelco Instrument Co.

Electronic Measurements of Non-Electrical Quantities by H. D. Middell, G. E.

Cathode Ray Tubes and Their Application by Dr. P. S. Christaldi, Allen B. DuMont Laboratories.

Electronics in Instrumentation by Walter P. Wills, Brown Instrument Co.

Design Factors in the Application of Relays by R. H. Herriek, Automatic Electric Co.

#### Induction Heating

High Frequency Induction Heating by C. J. Madsen and R. M. Baker, Westinghouse.

New Methods and Techniques in High Frequency Heating by Dr. Eugene Mittelmann, Illinois Tool Works.

High Frequency Electronic Generators for Industrial Heating by Dr. Wesley Roberts, RCA.

#### Electronic Applications in the Power Field

Power Applications of Electronics by A. C. Montleth, Westinghouse.

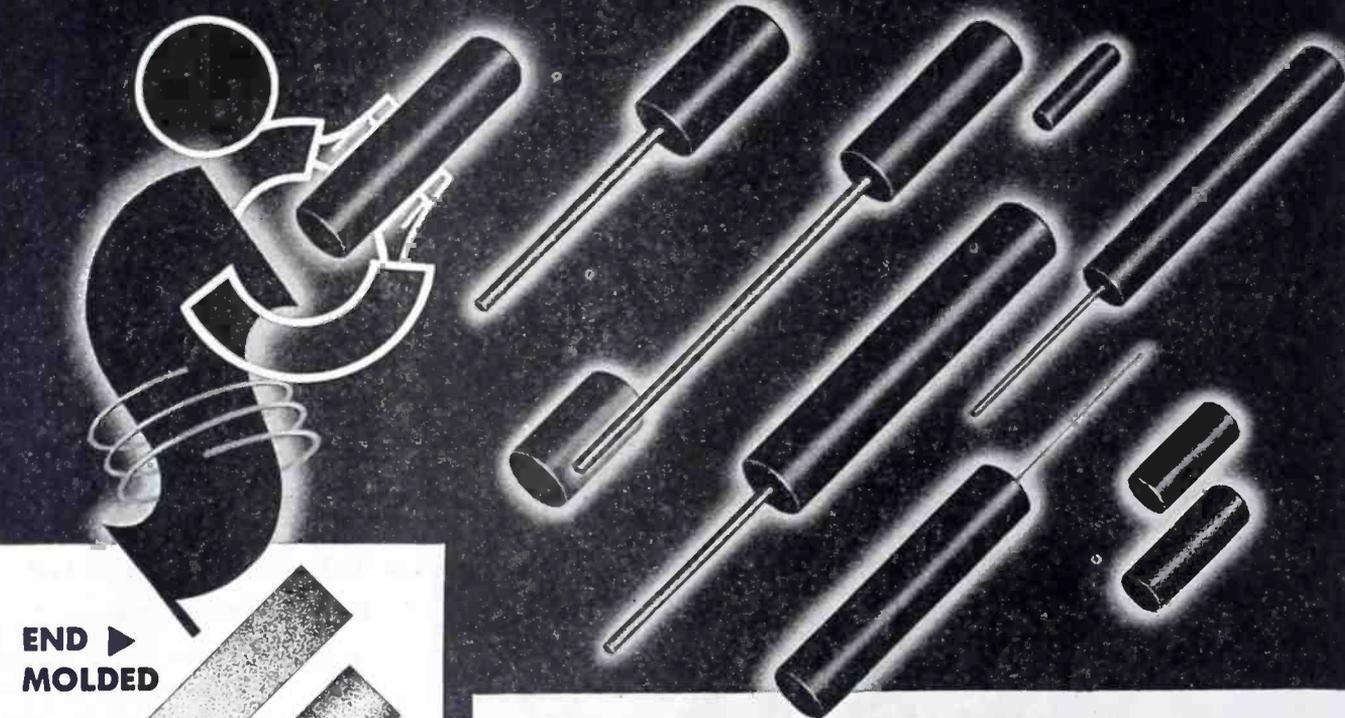
Power Rectifiers and Inverters by J. A. Cox and G. F. Jones, Westinghouse.

Electronic Power Converters by Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson, G. E.

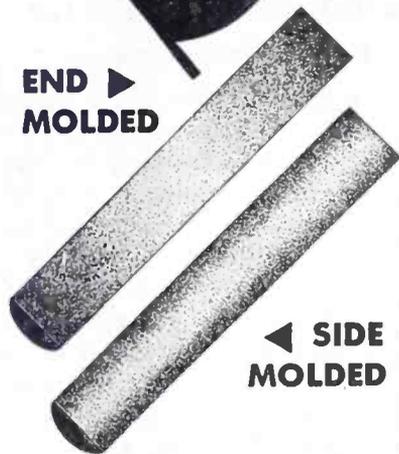
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Theory of Microwave Oscillation Generators Using Velocity-Modulated Electron Beams by Dr. E. U. Condon, Westinghouse.  
Theorem of Lorentz for Electrons in Magnetic Fields by Dr. Leon Brillouin, Columbia University.  
Transient Response of Wide-Band Amplifiers by Dr. W. W. Hansen, Sperry.

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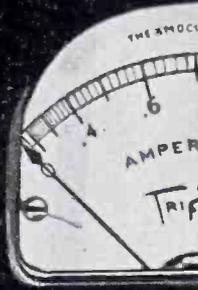
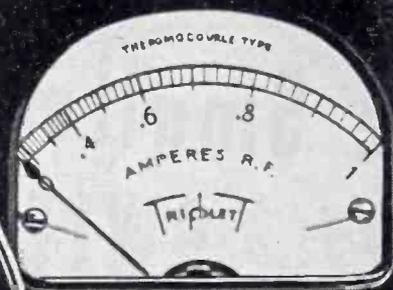
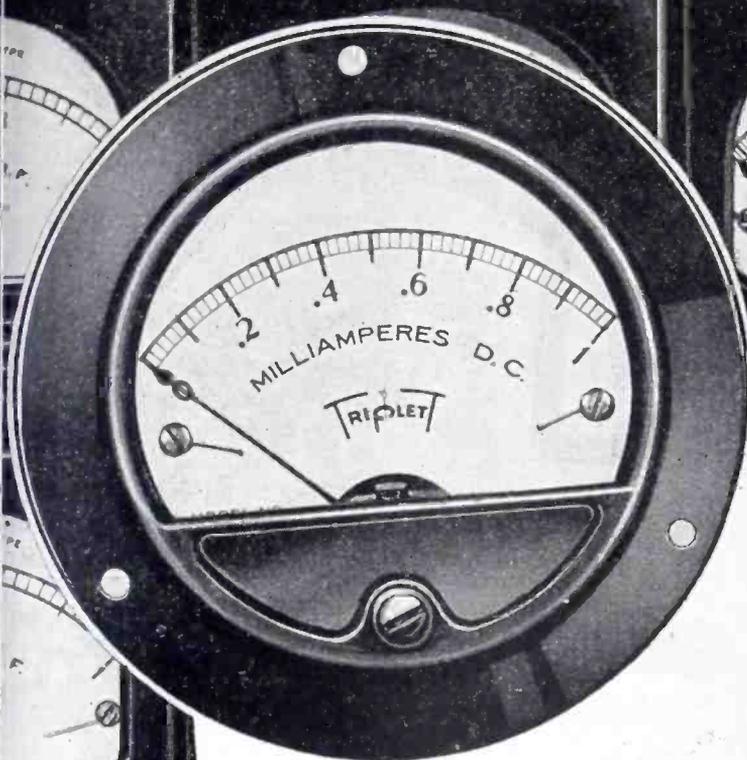
## Television Course for Radio Engineers

DURING OCTOBER, NBC will sponsor in New York, a special four-week course in television for the engineering personnel of its affiliated stations. Given under the direction of the RCA Institute, the course will be composed of field trips alternating with lecture classes. Subjects will include major elements of television systems; remote television pickups, cathode-ray tubes and oscilloscopes, kinescope deflection methods, analysis of television receivers, studio design and arrangement, iconoscopes and orthicons, analysis of control pulses, wide-band line amplifiers, television transmitters, and television developments and trends. Other features will include inspections of live-talent studios in Radio City and of the transmitter in the Empire State Building.

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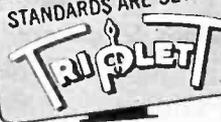
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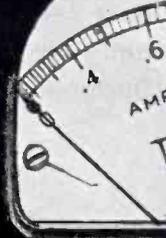
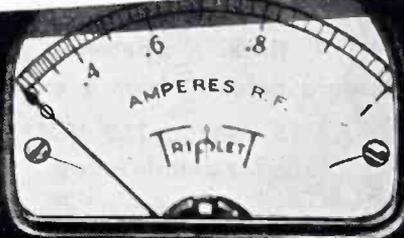
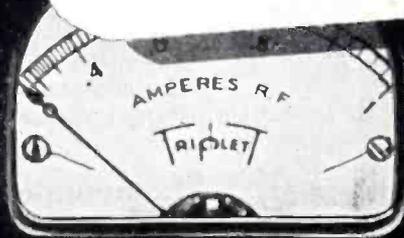
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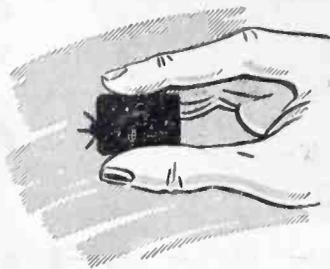
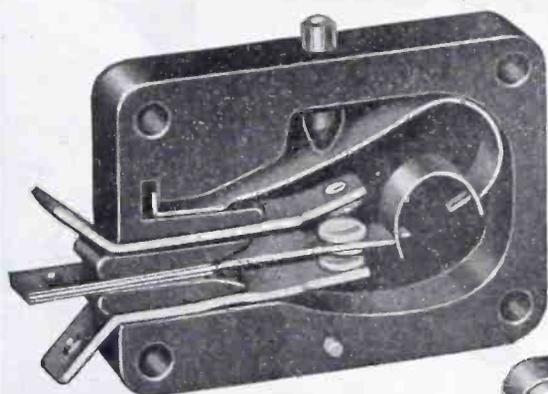
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### Listing of Licensees

NAMES OF 600 HOLDERS of first- and second-class radiotelephone license comprise a list released by FCC in a third report on its survey of manpower. These licensees have indicated availability for employment in the communications industry.

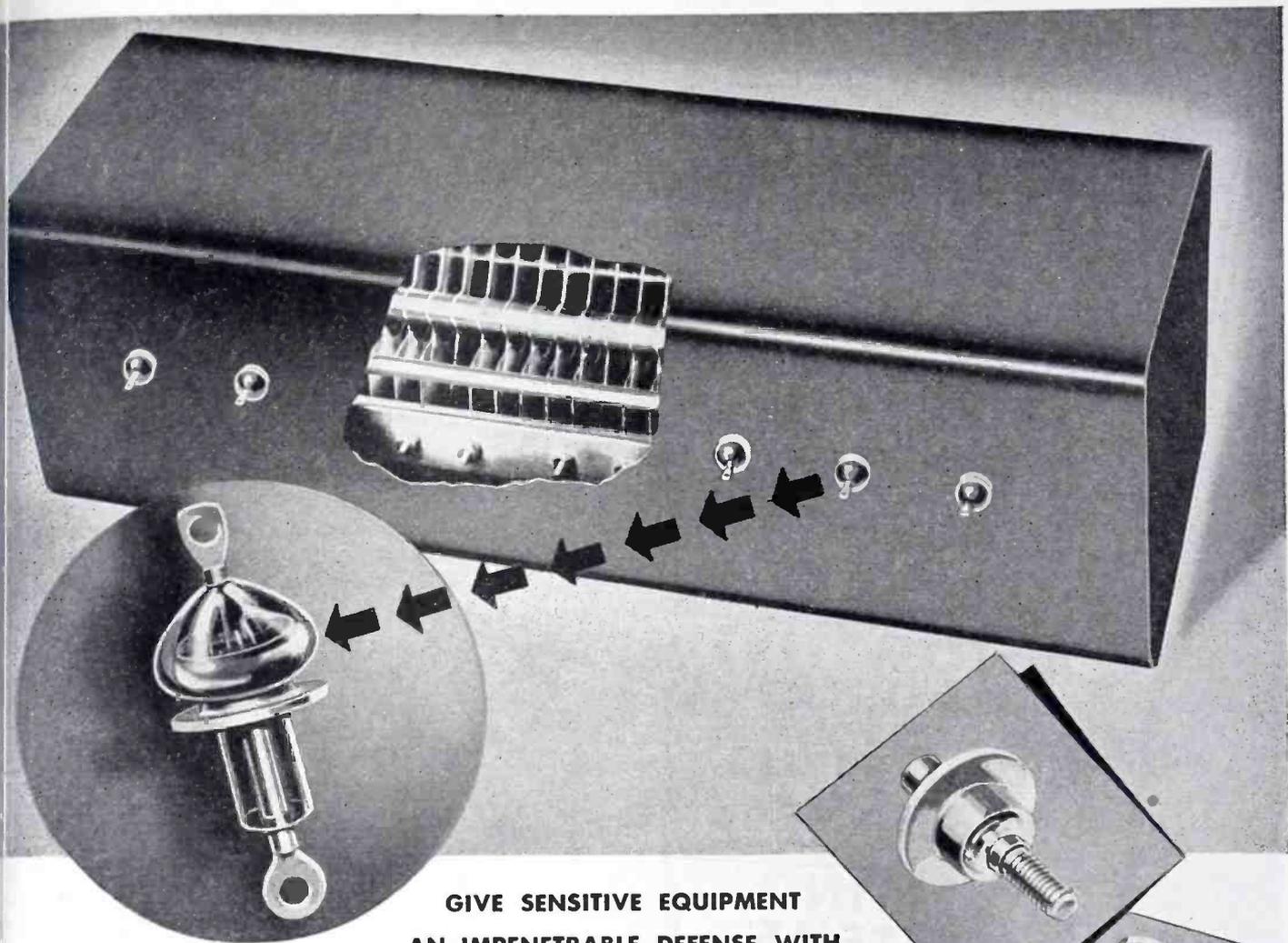
Besides the names and addresses of the individuals, their present draft status, the nature of their present employment, the class of license held, and other particulars are listed. The compilation is broken down by state of residence and by census regions.

### Radio Telephone for Emergency Airport Vehicles

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS for low-power experimental radiotelephone stations in crash trucks, ambulances, and fire trucks have been granted by FCC to Lockheed Air Terminal, Inc. Authorized for transmission above 100 Mc, the installation will be in the vicinity of the company's airport at Burbank, Calif.

### Communications on Attu

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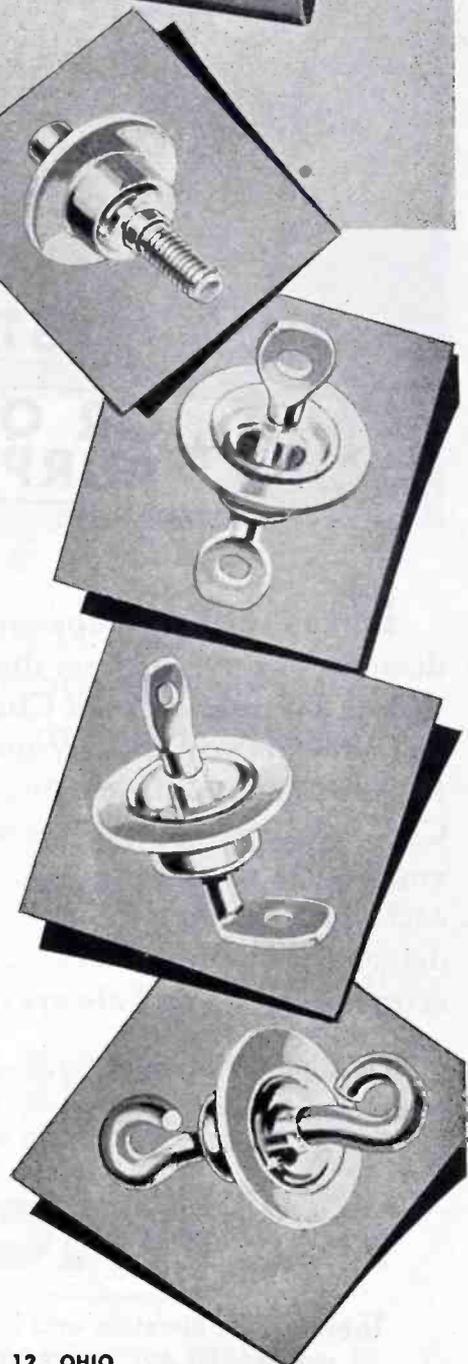
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have not been substantiated and such sounds are now thought to have been actual bird calls which are still heard daily. These facts were contained in a report recently received by Major General H. C. Ingles, Chief Signal Officer.

### New Coaxial Run

AMONG FACILITIES which may be available for a postwar television network is a new coaxial cable link authorized by FCC between Terre Haute, Ind. and St. Louis, Mo. Permission was granted to AT&T for construction of this new circuit which will contain six coaxial conductors. Cost of the overall project is \$4,032,000, including carrier equipment to be installed at points between Kansas City and New York. The installation will provide 226 additional telephone channels which are now urgently needed for war messages.

### Supplementary Service Survey

ALL DOMESTIC BROADCAST stations including fm and television are being circularized by NAB (National Association of Broadcasters) to obtain information which will aid in estimating present and future need for frequencies devoted to relay, studio-transmitter link, experimental, and emergency use. Resulting information will be tabulated and made available to the various RTP panels dealing with allocation problems. Individual information will be kept confidential.

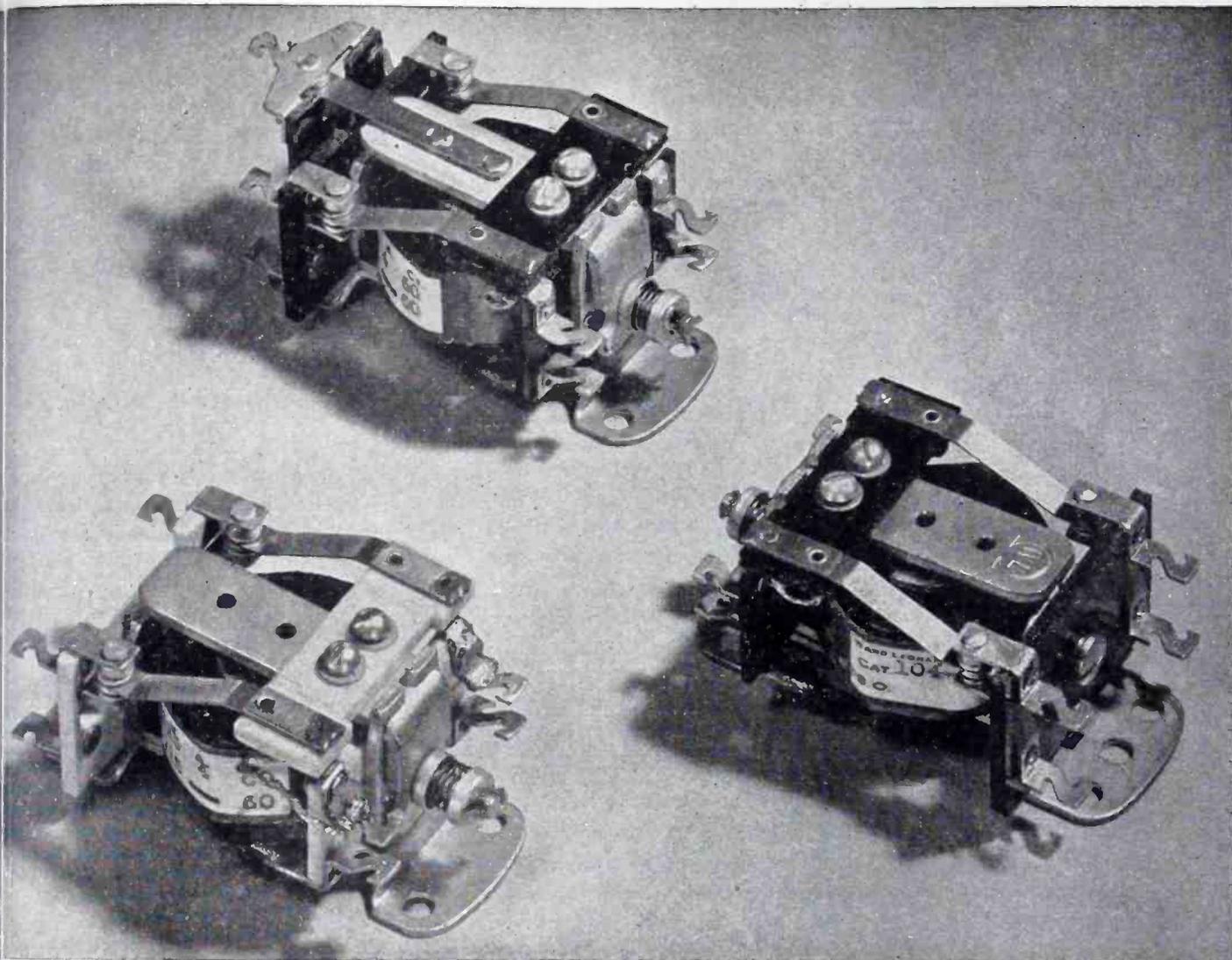
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AT THE RADIATION LABORATORY, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Signal Corps has established the Cambridge Signal Patent Agency with responsibility for the preparation of patent applications related to work at the Radiation Laboratory and at the Radio Research Laboratory of Harvard University.

### Canadian Radio

POWER INCREASES have recently been approved by Canadian Broadcasting Corp. for a dozen or so transmitters. Lack of material is delaying the approved changes.

Other applications have been made and approved for a number of



## ADAPTABLE...

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The Ward Leonard Midget Metal Base Relay has proven so satisfactory and dependable that several adaptations have been made

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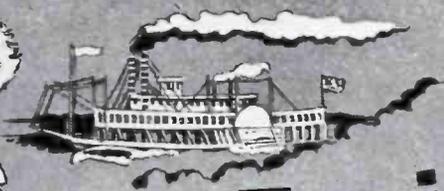


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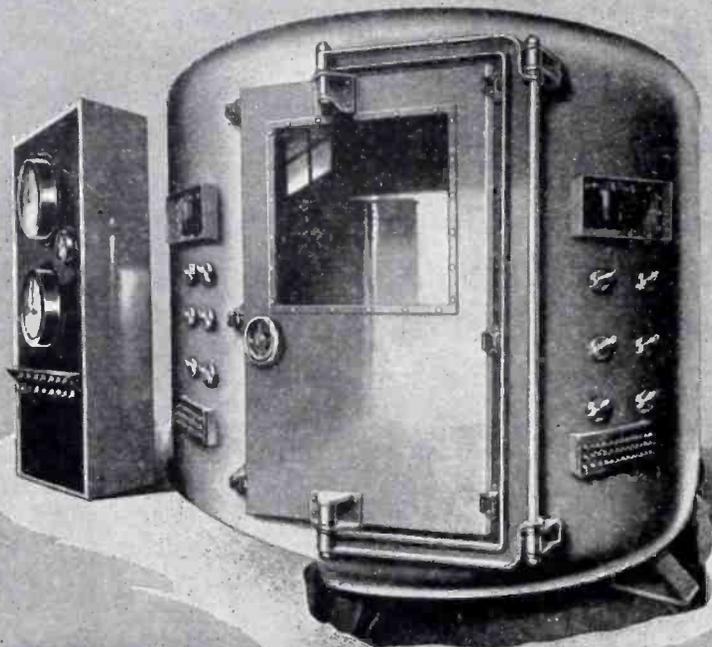
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local private stations and a new CBC station.

Two 50-kw shortwave transmitters are announced as being installed in New Brunswick for transmission to South America, Africa, Australia, and the Far East. Over these stations, which represent Canada's first venture into overseas broadcasting, programs will be brought from Montreal, 60 miles away.

### Jeep-Mounted Mobile Cinema

FOR SHOWING MOTION PICTURES in battle areas, Warrant Officer Albert A. Hinchey established a workshop in New Guinea where projection equipment could be serviced. He also combined equipment with the necessary power supply so it could be mounted on a jeep for transport by plane to troop concentrations in areas inaccessible by road.

As a result of this activity, jeep-mounted RCA equipment was showing movies on Lae 48 hours after the island had been captured from the Japanese.

### D.C. BIAS

**Communications Construction.** An amendment has been issued by FCC extending the time limit prescribed for facilities which have been authorized. Section 63.05 of the rules and regulations now state that "Unless otherwise determined by the Commission upon proper showing in any particular case in the event construction shall not have been begun upon project involving an expenditure of more than \$50,000 within 12 months from the date of the Commission's authorization, or all or part of the proposed facilities shall not have been placed in operation within 36 months after such date such authorization shall terminate at the end of such 12 or 36 month period . . .". For projects involving \$50,000 or less, the time periods are 9 months or 18 months.

**Production Deficit.** Since the principal deficits in deliveries of military products are in those items most urgently needed in combat areas, the Army has asked for increased efforts by management and labor to bolster up lagging pro-



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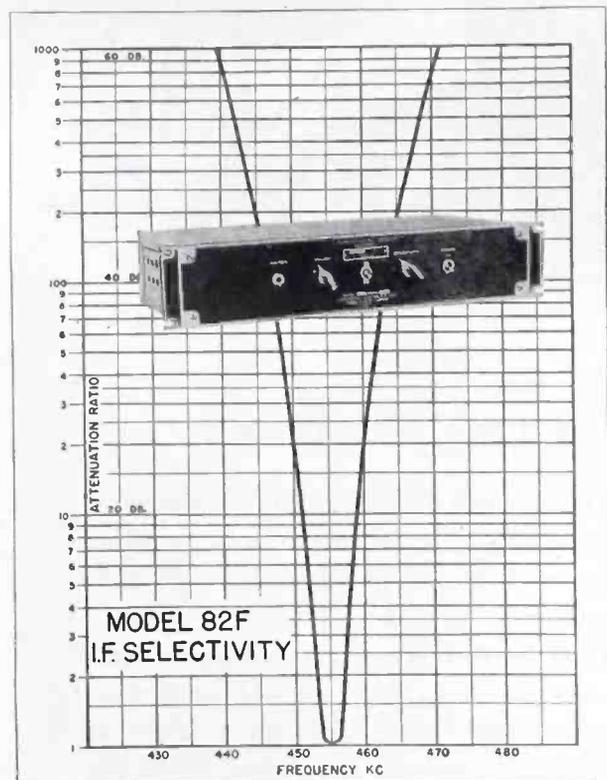
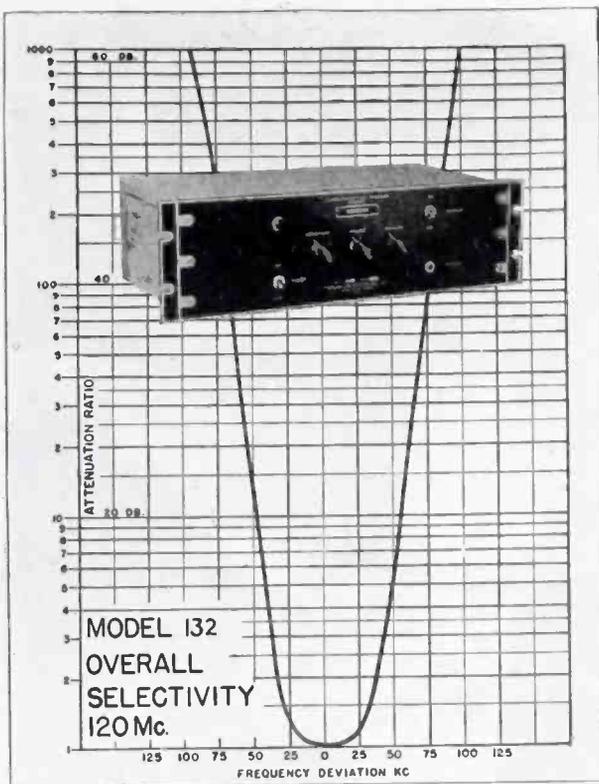
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**A.V.C. Action:**  
Constant within 3 db.  
from 100 microvolts  
to 100,000 microvolts

**Sensitivity:**  
7.5 microvolts 30%  
modulated for 6 mw.  
output

**Signal-to-Noise:**  
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Input 30% modulated

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at 3.6 Mc.  
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at 6.5 Mc.

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3 microvolts 30% mod-  
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output

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9 db. at 3 microvolts  
Input 30% modulated

duction. Radio and electronic equipment is in this category. Materials in production today are required to meet expenditures on the battle front, and failures now to meet schedules mean delays in military operations which may be costly in loss of lives and in prolonging the struggle.

Meanwhile, WPB has made increased efforts to channel idle and excess electronic components back into the production stream. Forms have been sent to all radio prime contractors and component manufacturers, so that they can report excess and idle stock. The component recovery section of WPB will maintain distribution of published idle-and-excess-component listings.

**Surplus Disposal.** An orderly method of handling future huge quantities of electronic surpluses is expected to result from present tests on ways of handling currently small amounts of products by Defense Supplies Corp. Among specific problems anticipated are those surrounding the disposition of obsolete walkie-talkies and similar equipment which, unless care were exercised, might end up in the hands of criminals or other subversive elements.

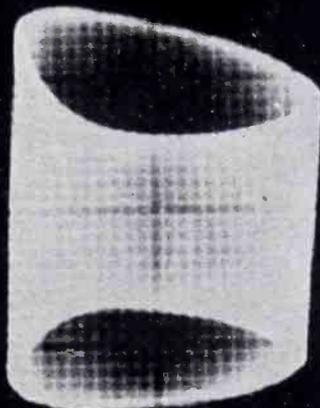
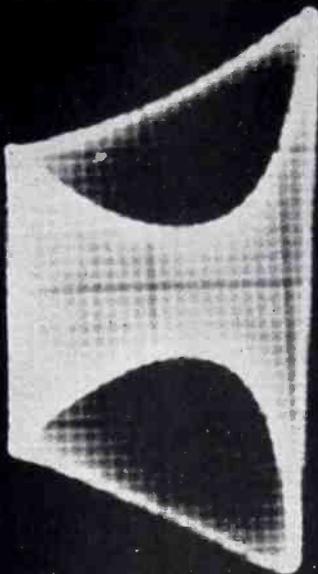
**Mica.** At recent meetings of the raw mica fabricating industry advisory committee, methods were discussed for obtaining and conserving the better qualities of mica, for manufacture of block mica into film, and for establishment of standards. Questions covered included the advisability of changing the dividing line between strategic and non-strategic block mica, while relaxation of unnecessary controls was advocated by industry representatives.

It was reported that large stocks of No. 6 mica of better qualities (good stained, fair stained, clear, and slightly stained) are now available for all purposes. Radio tube manufacturers were urged to use the better quality even though prices of finished tube parts might increase. Greater consumption of No. 6 mica would be beneficial in relieving pressure on No. 5 and 5½ for radio and radar capacitors.

To help the industry acquaint itself with the various micas available, tentative plans call for 100-lb samples of each quality to be main-

(Left) Photomicrograph of bottom of 57 mm. shot, Brinell hardness 247, with corresponding cyclogram.

(Below) Photomicrograph of top of same shot, Brinell hardness 451. Cyclogram shows corresponding change in structure.

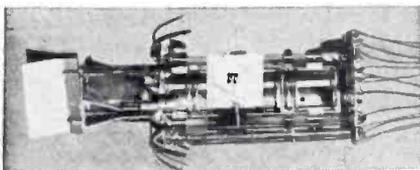


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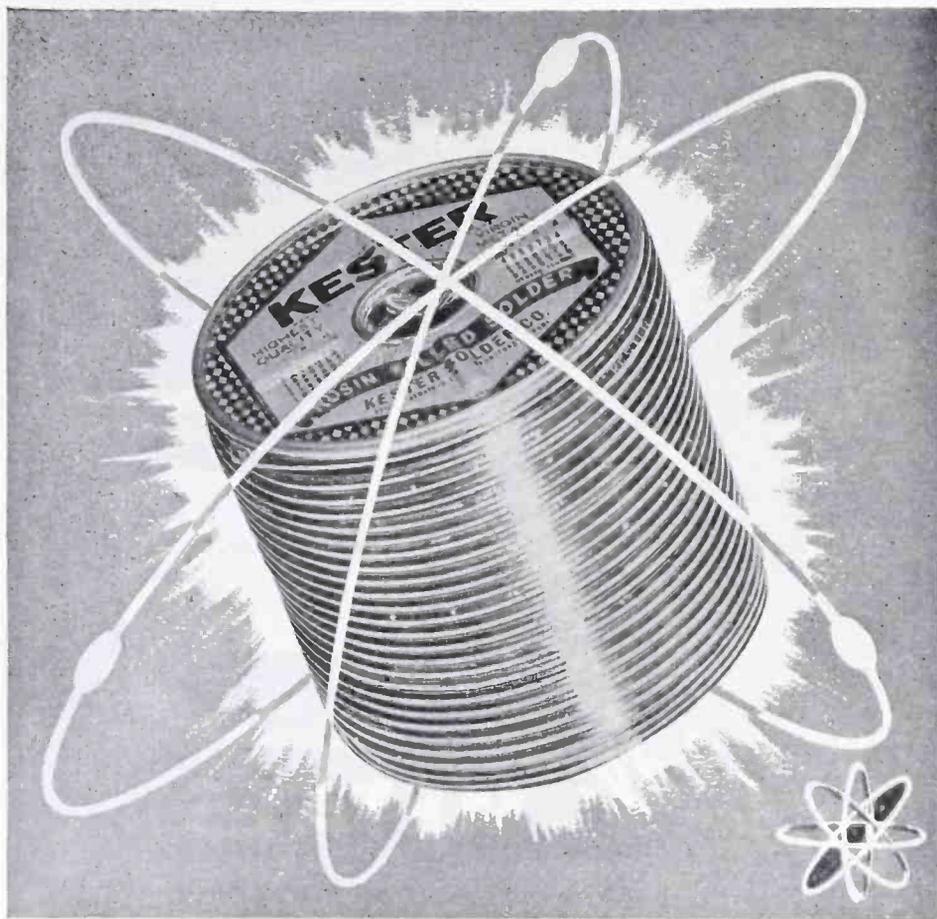
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tained for inspection at New York and Washington. Capacitor manufacturers were urged to call the attention of their customers to the desirability of using capacitors of low-quality mica in place of paper-dielectric units. Only one-third of available mica-capacitor facilities are being utilized at present.

**Dry Cell Batteries.** Consumers durable goods division of WPB is pointing out to distributors of farm radio batteries that such products have, within the past year, become one of the most urgent and critical products in our war production program. Military requirements were described as exceeding production by an estimated 30 percent. Because fifty or more military items such as radios, buoys, submarine detectors, direction finders, bazookas, and field telephones require dry batteries, it is unlikely that the industry will be able to do any more than maintain the present inadequate civilian production. The production bottleneck was indicated as being a shortage of workers rather than a shortage of materials or machines.

#### BUSINESS NEWS

In the theater equipment business, RCA Victor Div., Radio Corp. of America, plans postwar distribution on a worldwide basis not only of sound reproducing equipment but also related theatrical apparatus.

Illinois Condenser Co. increases its production to a point 300 percent above activities a year ago by addition of a floor to its Chicago plant.

Two department heads at Kollman Instrument Co., Flushing, N. Y., found themselves in court recently for breaking an obscure ordinance which prohibits working on Sunday—even for an Army-Navy E.

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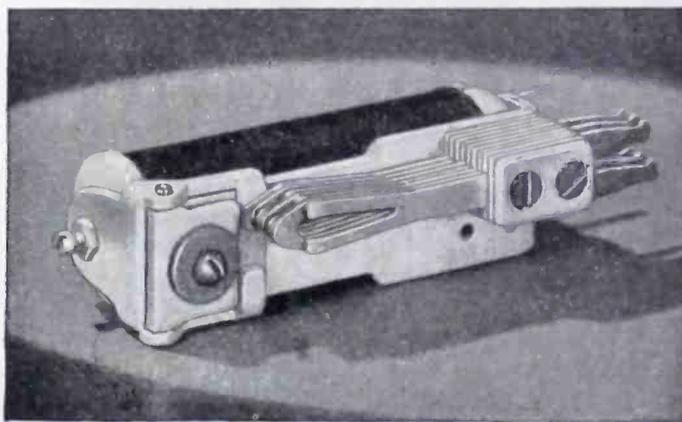
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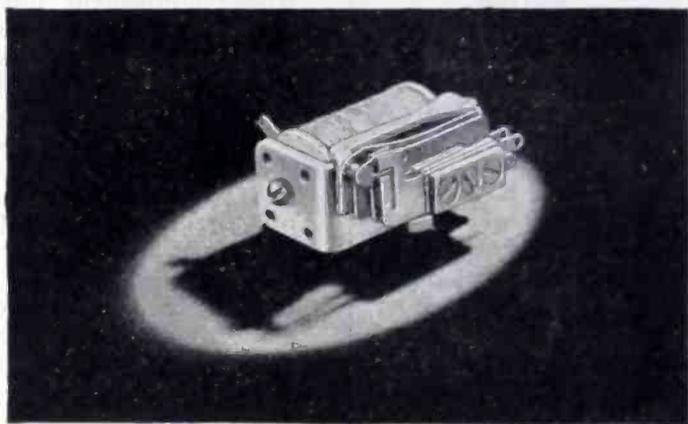
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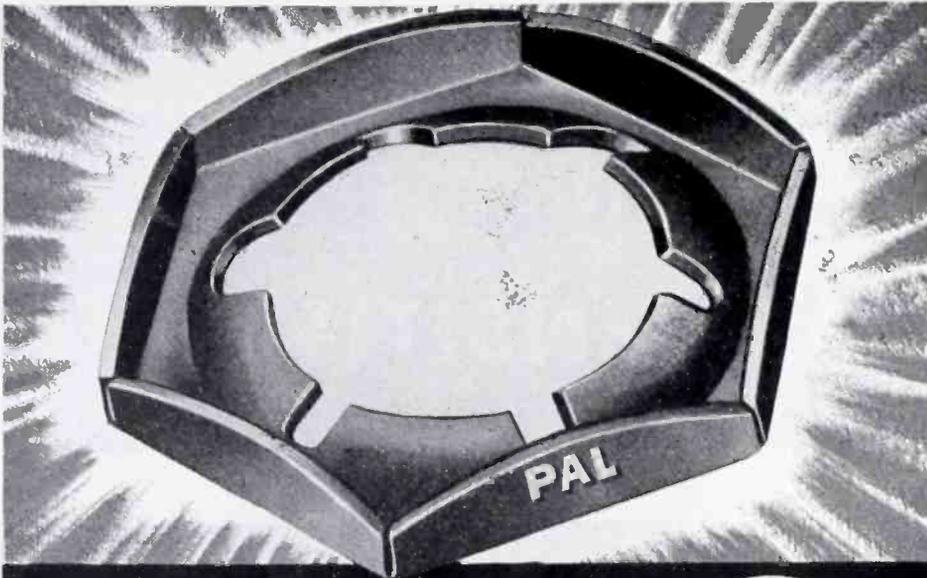
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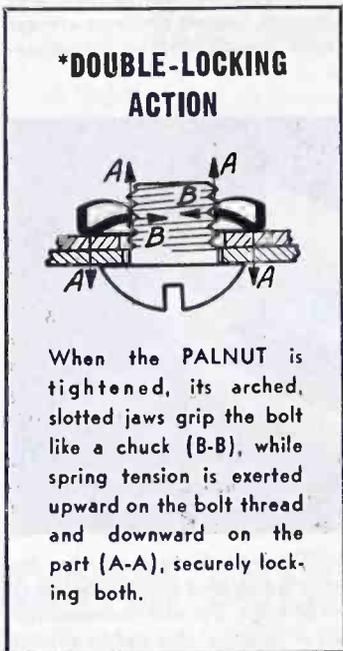
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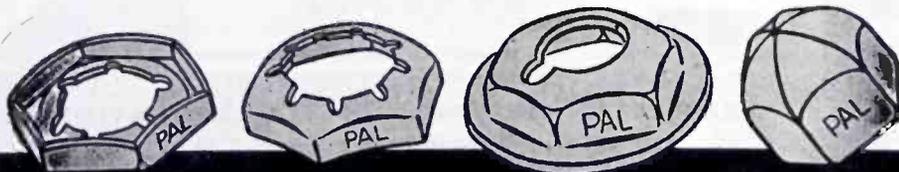
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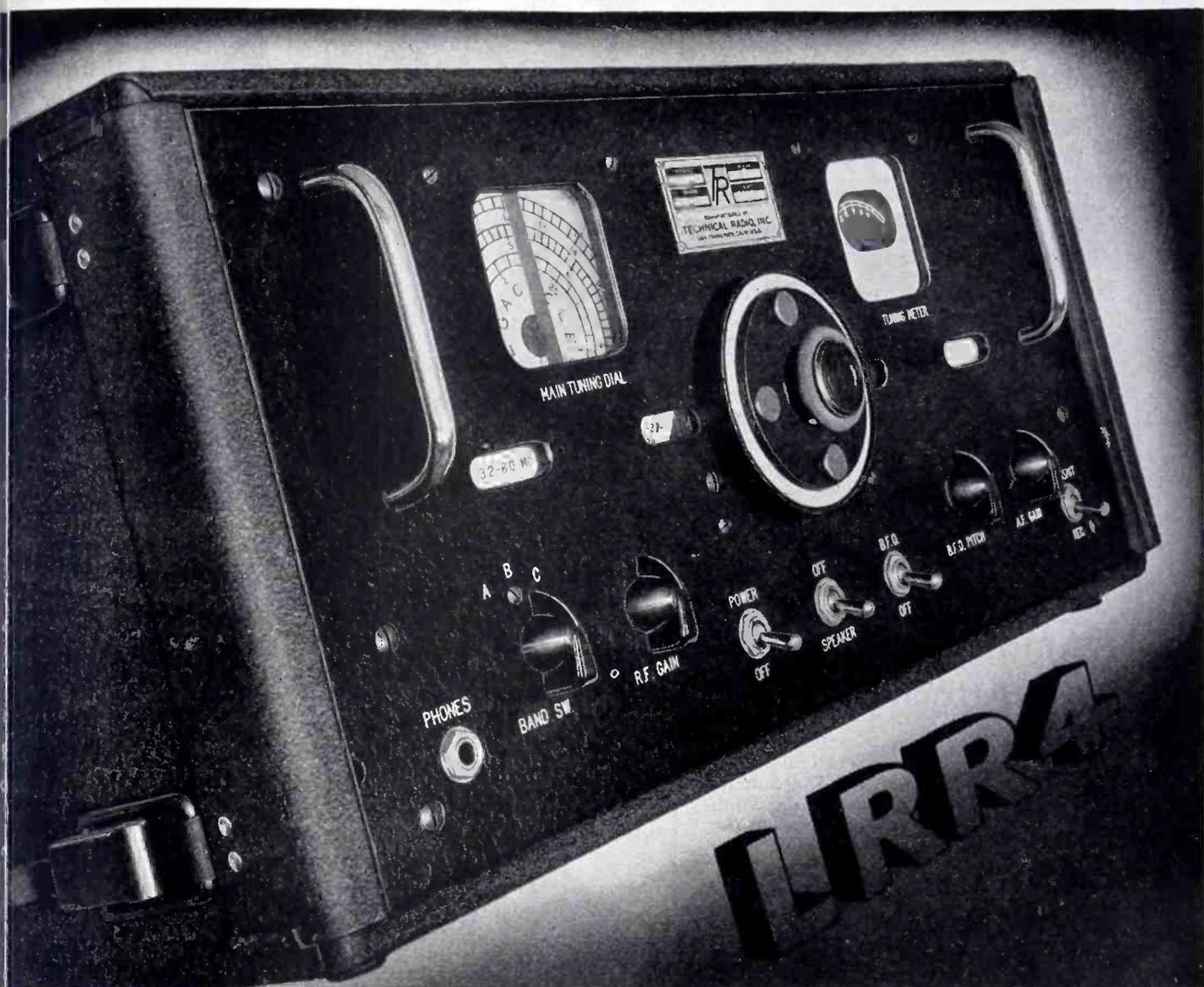
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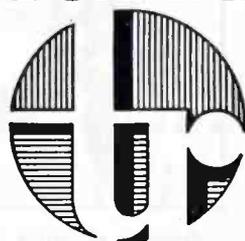


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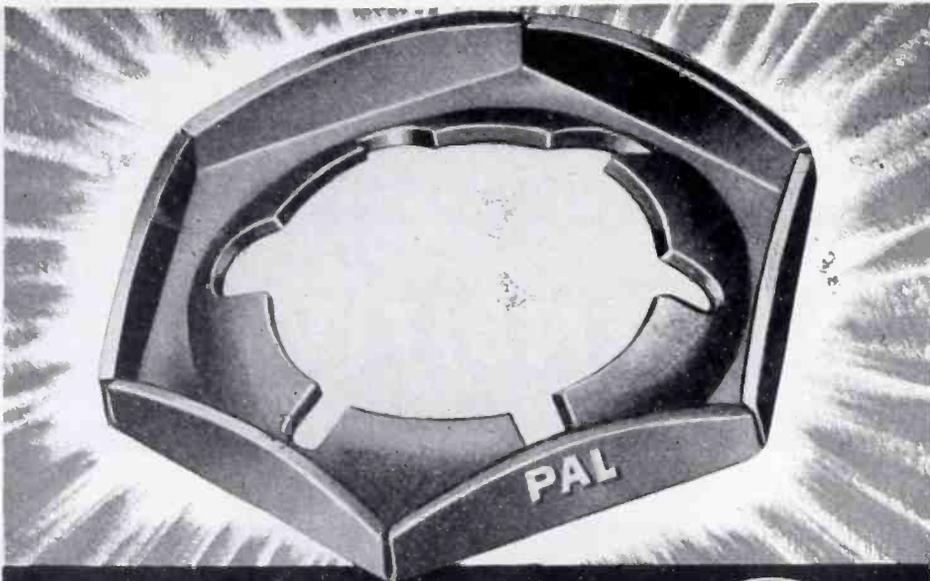
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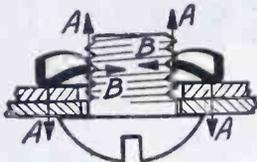
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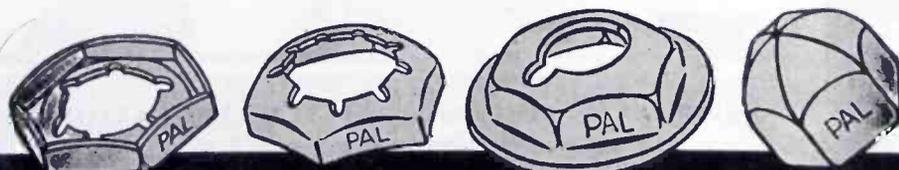
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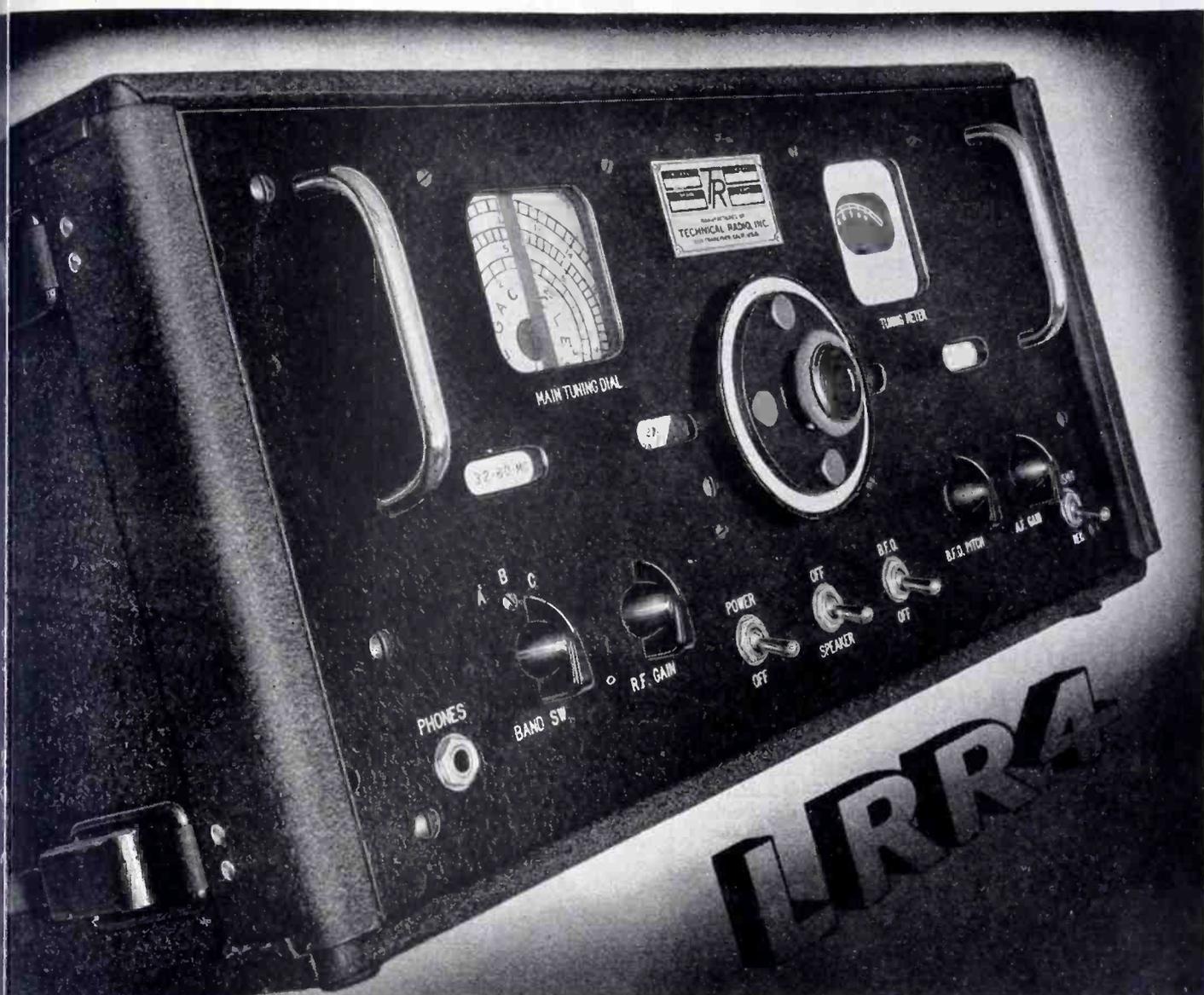
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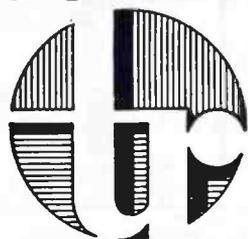
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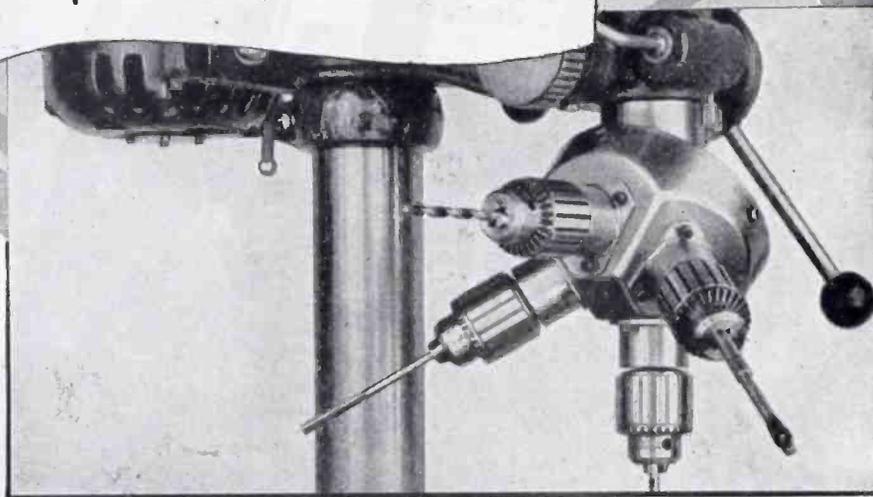
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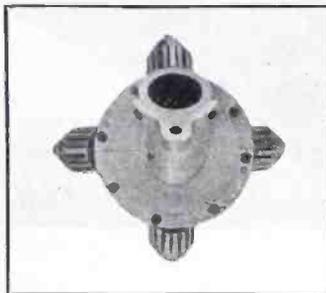
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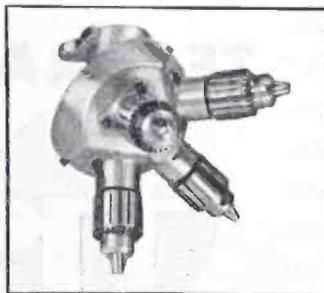
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Director of communications **J. R. Cunningham** rejoins **United Airlines** after more than two years of active duty with the **AAF**.

At newly-organized **Grayhill, Chicago, Ill.**, **W. S. Lewis** fills the post of chief mechanical engineer, while **Arnold Wassell** heads up plastic design engineering.

**W. C. Walsh**, formerly electrical design engineer for the Department of Agriculture, becomes district representative of the General Electric electronics department in **San Francisco, Calif.**

Within **RMA**, 12 parts group are organized under the chairmanship of **Robert C. Sprague** of **Sprague Electric Co.** Heads of the various sections are: **Paul Hetenyi**, capacitors, **Solar Mfg. Co.**; **Leslie F. Muter**, coils, **Muter Co.**; **J. H. Stackpole**, fixed resistors, **Stackpole Carbon Co.**; **R. L. Triplett**, instruments, **Readrite Meter Works**; **Hugh H. Eby**, sockets, **Hugh H. Eby, Inc.**; **W. R. MacLeod**, special products, **King Laboratories, Inc.**;

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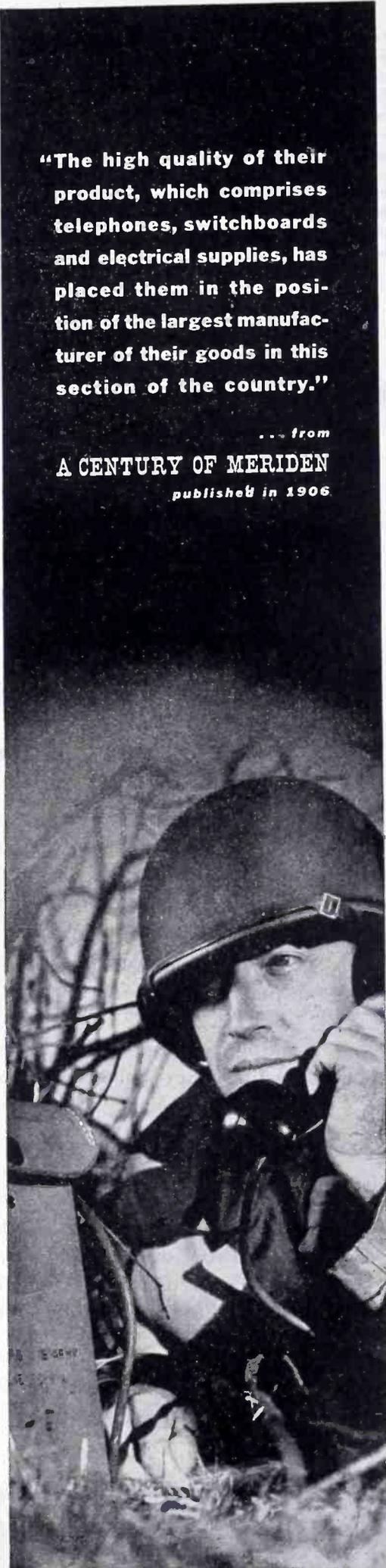
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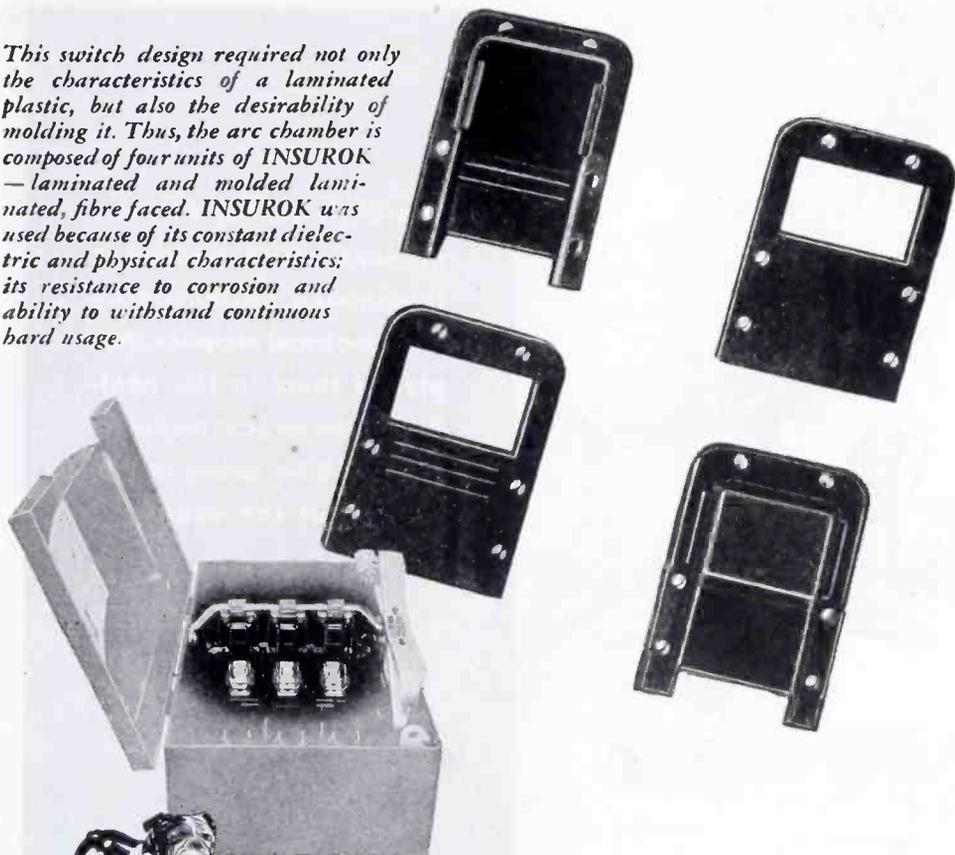
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At Webster Products, Chicago, Ill., R. J. Keogh joins the engineering staff. He has been with Colonial Radio Corp. in a similar capacity.

A. Warren Norton, new president and general manager of Press Wireless, Inc., was previously manager of the Christian Science Publishing Co. He succeeds Joseph Pierson, founder and former president.

Sylvania Electric Products Inc. puts Curtis A. Haines in charge of plants at Mill Hall and Altoona, Pa.; Huntington, W. Va.; and Lexington, Ky., as general manufacturing manager.

American Institute of Electrical Engineers elects to presidency



Charles A. Powel, manager of headquarters engineering at Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., East Pittsburgh, Pa. His predecessor was Dr. Nevin E. Funk.

T. H. Mitchell, lieutenant colonel in the Army Communications Service, is to succeed William A. Winterbottom, deceased vice president and general manager of RCA Communications Inc.

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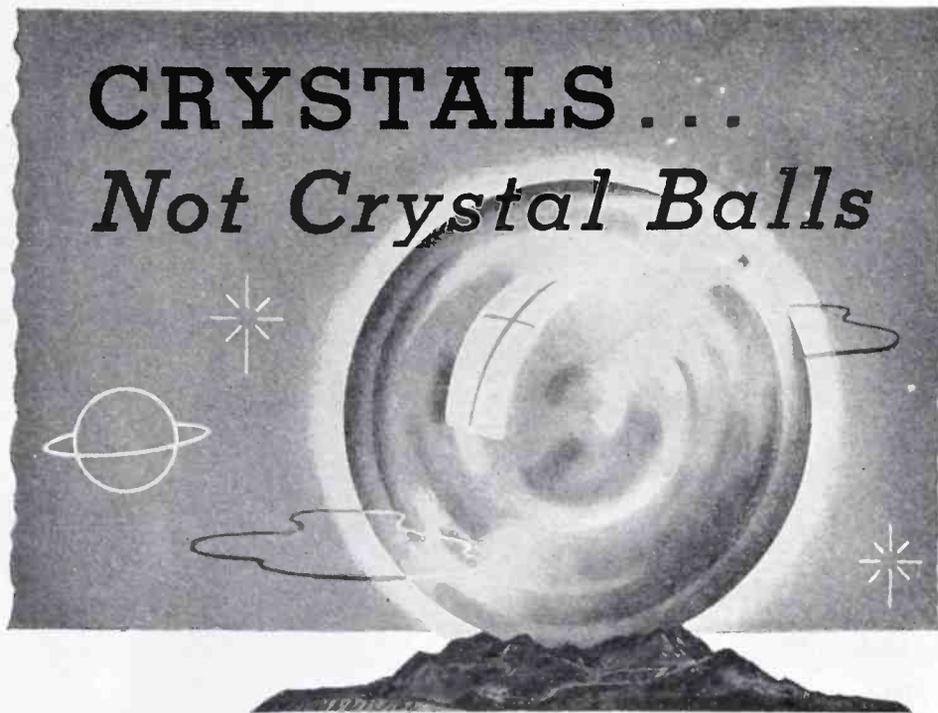
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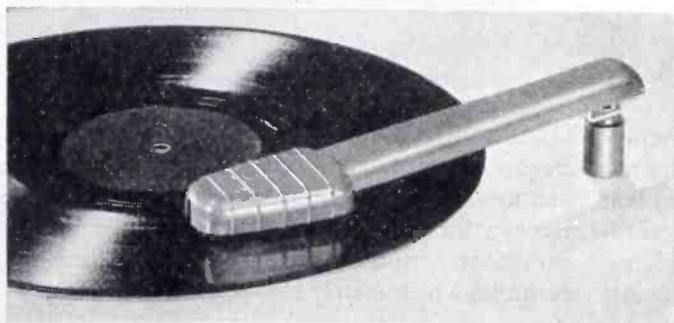
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for plant manager of the electronic division, Homer R. Denius, previously chief production engineer for the radio division of Crosley Corp.

Communications consultant to the Iranian government is the new post of James A. Mendenhall, former consultant and liaison official with AAF. He will have headquarters at Teheran.

Edmund A. Laport becomes staff engineer for international communications systems and special apparatus at RCA Victor Division, Radio Corp. of America, Camden, N. J. His former position of chief engineer for engineering products at Canadian RCA Victor Ltd. is filled by James B. Knox, previously senior engineer.

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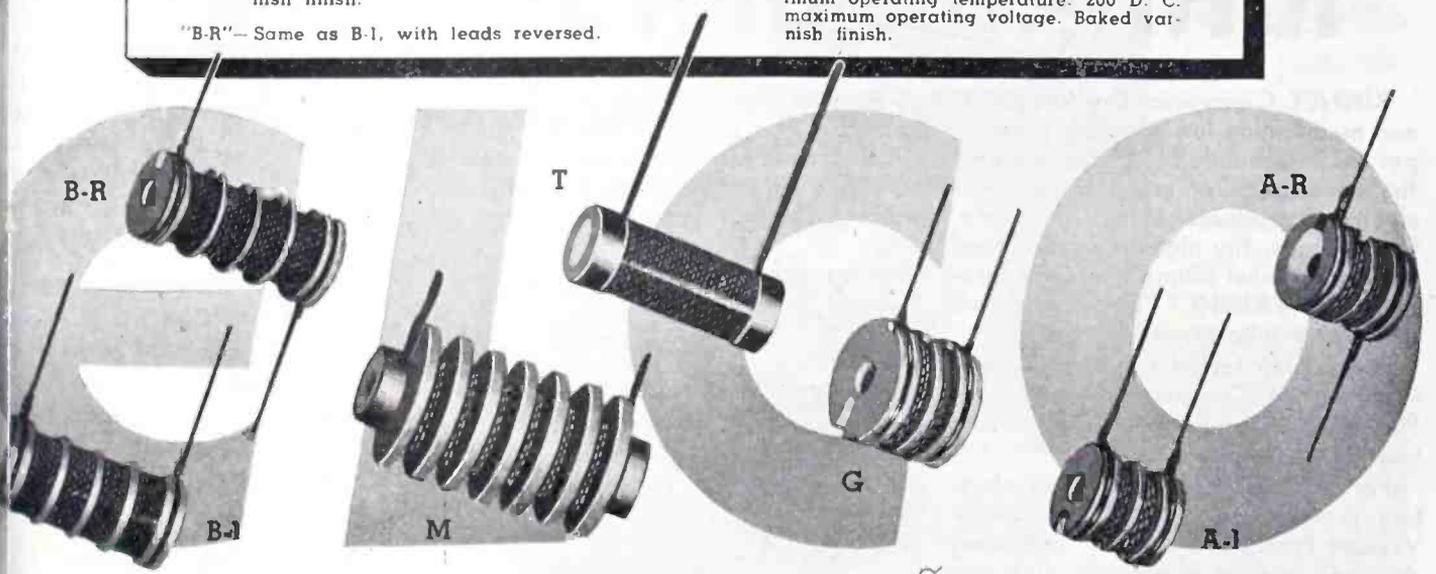
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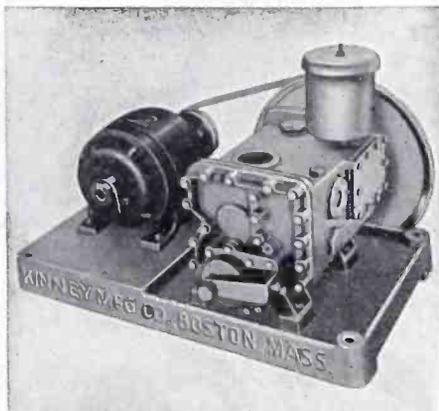
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**Thomas** goes to Bayonne, N. J., to be works manager of Solar Mfg Corp.

**John J. Farrell** is appointed engineer of the transmitter division in the electronic department of General Electric Co., Schenectady N. Y. He used to be designing engineer for the division.

Vice president and chief engineer of newly-formed Madison Electrical Products Corp., Madison, N. J. is **John G. Ruckelshaus**, who has been doing development work for the Signal Corps. Plant supervision goes to **A. L. Livera**, previously assistant chief engineer at Hardwick-Hindle Co.

**John B. Huarisa** becomes executive vice president in charge of production and engineering for all divisions of Admiral Corp. Chicago, Ill. Vice president in charge of the radio division is former midwest manager, **Richard A. Graves**.

From the WPB office of civilian requirements, **Charles L. Saunders** goes to Wheelco Instruments Co. to be vice president. He was previously with Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. in a corresponding post.

Elections of new chairmen in the divisions of RMA include: **E. A. Nicholas** of Farnsworth Television & Radio Corp. to replace **R. C. Cosgrove** in the set division; **David T. Schultz** of Raytheon Mfg. Co. to replace **M. F. Balcom** in the tube division; and **C. J. Burnside** of Westinghouse to replace **George W. Henyan** in the transmitter division.

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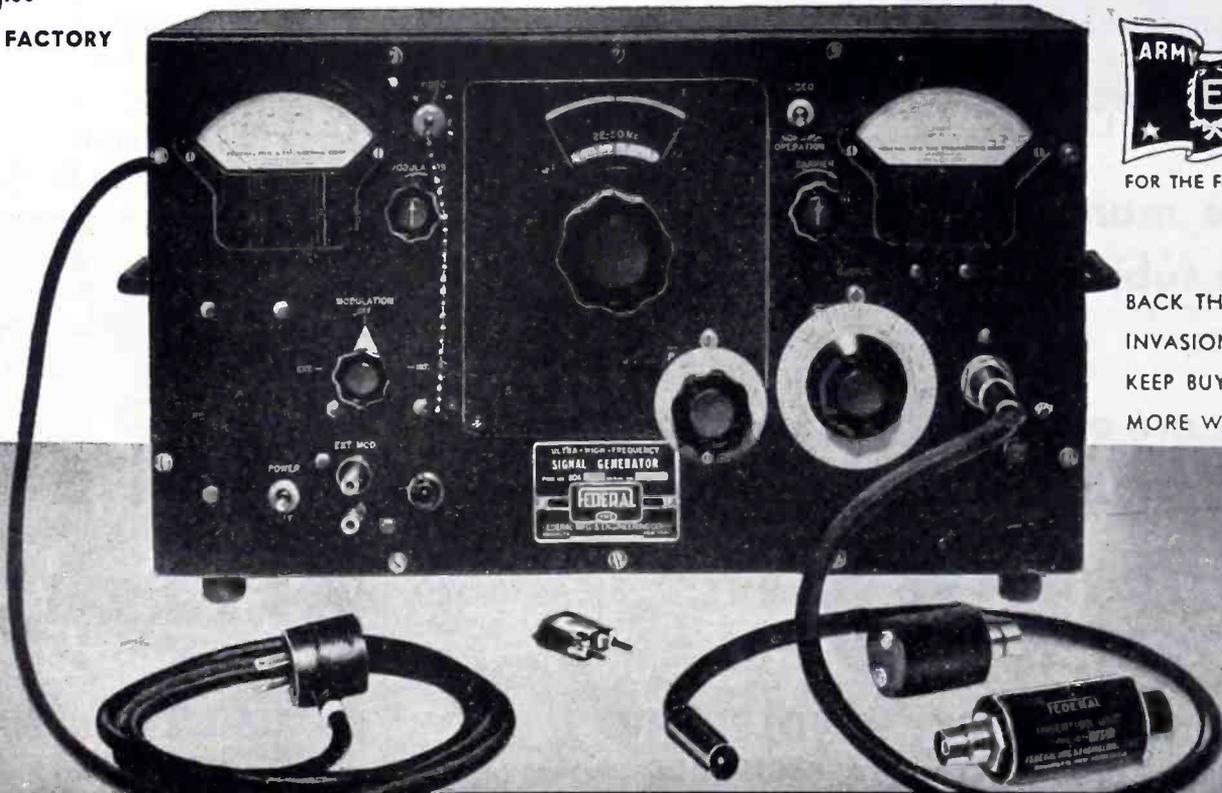
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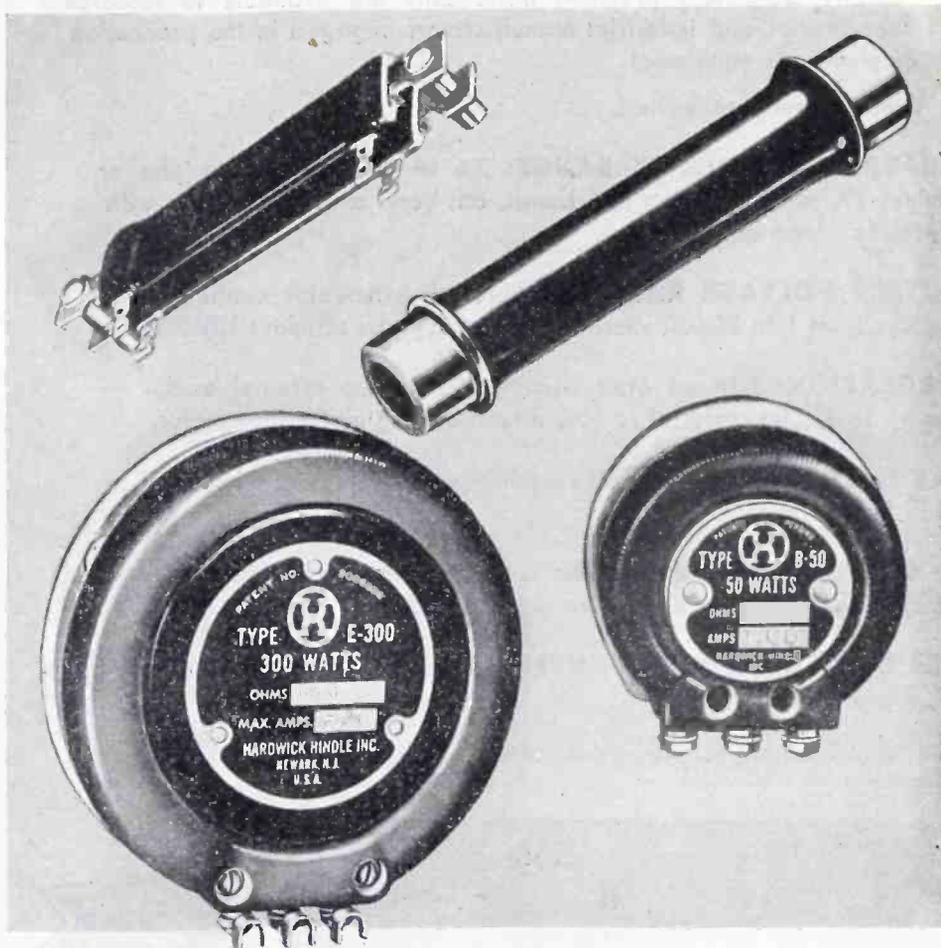
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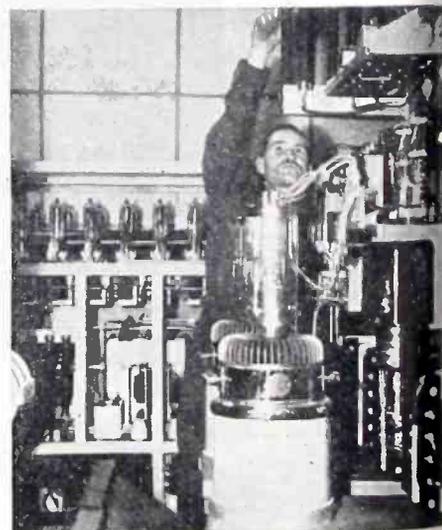
future units will be equipped with a readily removable loudspeaker unit and an additional volume-indicator meter. This extension unit could then be mounted at a point somewhat remote from the transmitter and convenient to the operator where he could control the level of the monitor speaker or switch over to the meter alone if answering the telephone, handling telegrams or conducting other business.

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on the transplantable sarcoma of the mouse.

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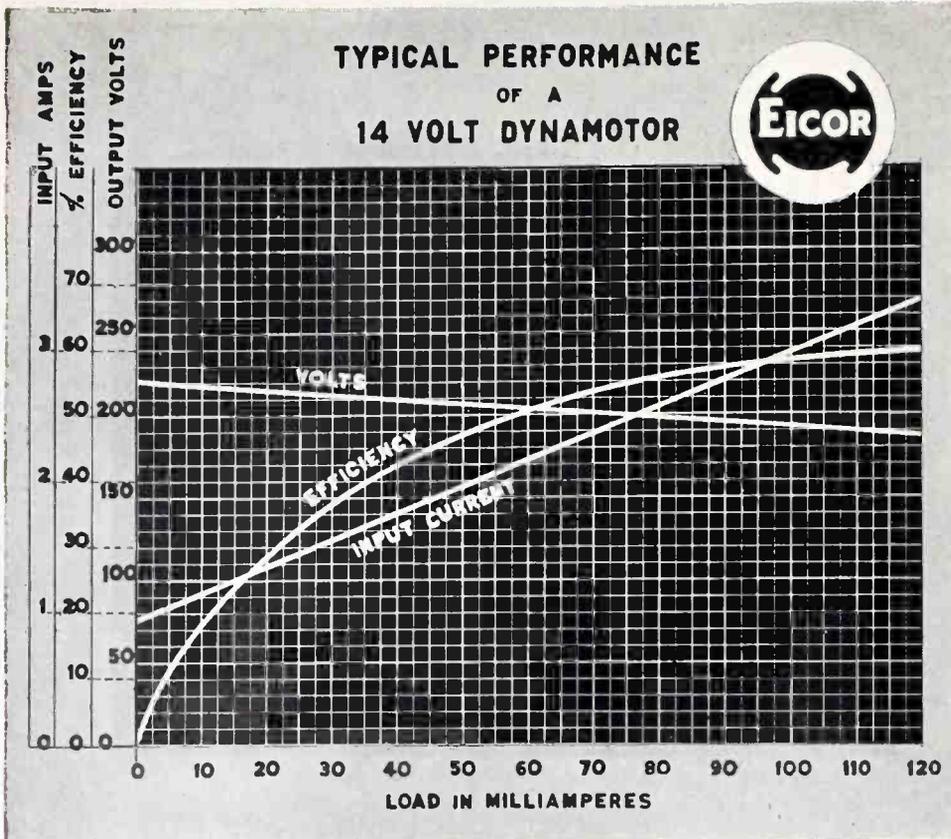
Interesting is the fact that the dessication occurred without any apparent thermal effect outside of inside the mouse's body. Out of the 15 control mice, 13 died and 2 recovered although, in the latter one the tumor, growing smaller and smaller, continued to remain so and active until reabsorbed. Due to the war emergency in June, 1944 the experiments had to be discontinued.

The author wants to thank Dr. Walter Toscanini and his friend who financed the construction of the apparatus; Dr. Lenz, former Chief of the Division of Cancer, New York City, who supplied the mice and the laboratory facilities; Dr. DeGregorio, also formerly with the Cancer Division, for his continuous interest and presence during the performance of the experiments and Prof. W. C. Ballar Jr., of Cornell University who revised the present paper.

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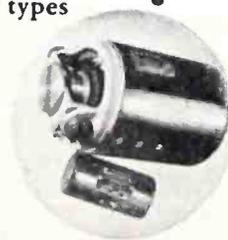


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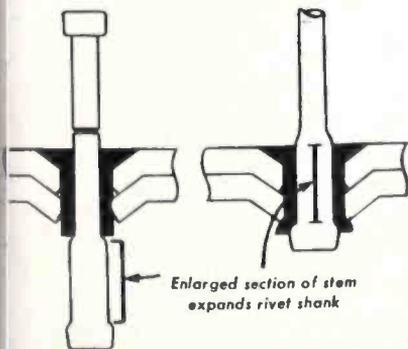


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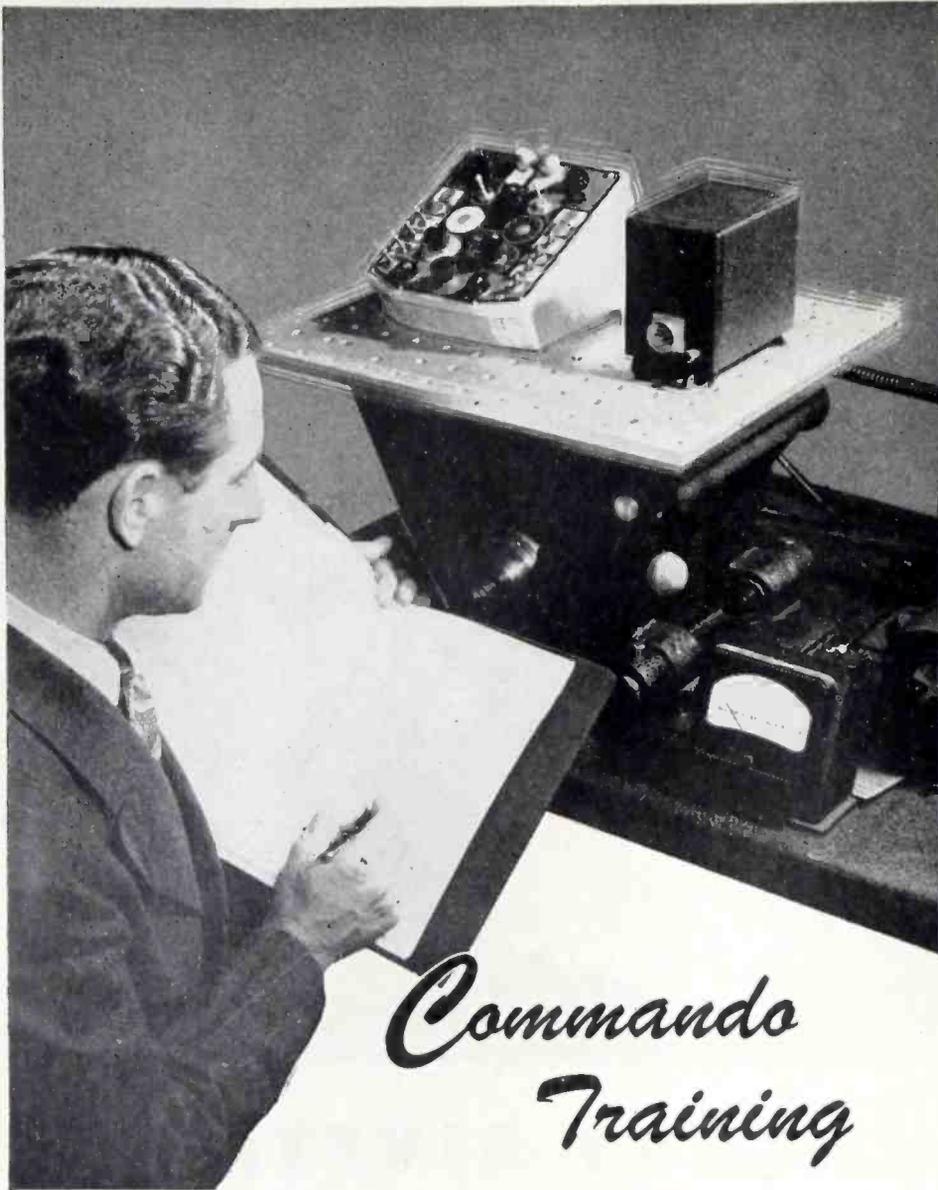
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## Petroleum Research

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recently it has been shown that if styrene or conjugated diolefins are removed, the analysis can be made on the total octane cut (250-290 deg F).

Absorptions in this wavelength region are caused by electron transitions related to the resonating groups within the molecule. In aromatic compounds with aliphatic side chains these resonating groups are in the nucleus or ring portion of the molecule. Thus, altering the position of the side chain on the ring (o-, m- and p-xylenes) or adding side chains (toluene is benzene plus a methyl group) usually causes a marked difference in the ultraviolet absorption spectrum. But increasing the length of the side chain has less effect upon the spectrum.

For analysis, a weighted quantity of sample is diluted with a non-absorbing solvent such as isooctane and placed in an absorption cell with quartz windows. Ultraviolet light, preferably from a continuous source such as a hydrogen lamp, is passed through the sample cell, dispersed by a quartz prism, and the resulting spectrum examined to determine regions of absorption.<sup>13</sup>

The spectrum may be photographed, but small ultraviolet monochromators are available which detect and measure the spectrum by means of phototubes. These are preferred for routine analysis for several reasons. First, photography and all its accompanying equipment and trouble is eliminated. The phototubes measure the intensity of the ultraviolet light directly. Secondly, once a method is devised for a given analysis, it is usually not necessary to examine the whole spectrum but merely necessary to measure the transmission at a few specific wavelengths. The phototube electric instrument may be faster in such cases.

### Emission Spectroscopy

The region from about 10 to 2,000 Angstroms in the electromagnetic spectrum is not of industrial importance at present largely because of experimental difficulties. In this region air, quartz, and even



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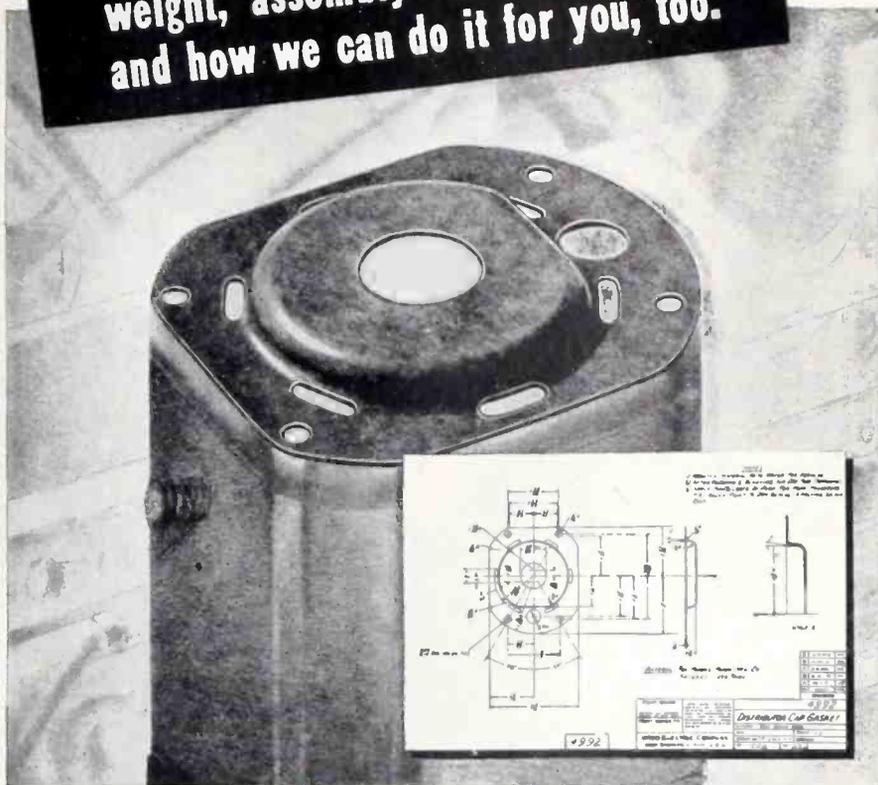


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the gelatin in photographic plate absorbs the radiation. However, the spectrum from 2,000 Angstroms through the visible region (roughly 4,000 to 8,000 Å) up to 12,000 Angstroms can be recorded on photographic plates. Many years ago, phenomena observed in this region formed the basis for the interpretation of modern atomic theory.

Everyone is familiar with the rainbow. This visible spectrum (the separation of white light into its component colors), which in the case of the rainbow is produced by water droplets in the sky, is more readily produced in the laboratory by means of prisms or finely ruled gratings. The spectrum also contains light invisible to the eye.

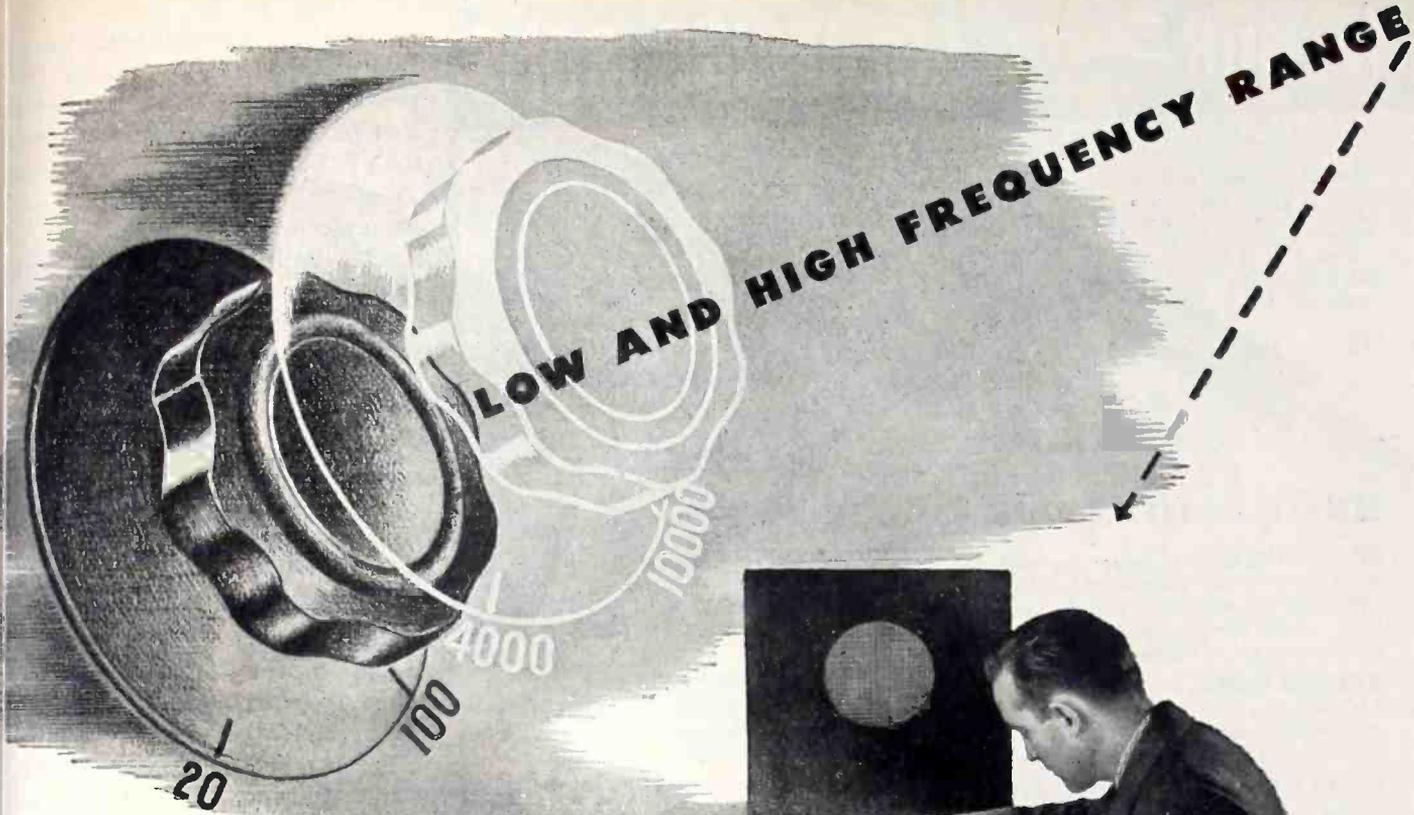
One commercial emission spectrograph, in use in the Socony-Vacuum laboratories, uses a prism to separate the ultraviolet, visible and near infrared (2,000 to 10,000 Å) into component wavelengths. The prism used most frequently is quartz and gives high dispersion (wavelength separation) in the ultraviolet. A glass prism may be substituted for the quartz to increase the dispersion in the visible and near-infrared regions. Some investigators prefer instruments which use finely ruled gratings as the diffracting medium. The dispersion of grating instruments does not vary with wavelength.

If an unknown sample is burned and the light given off analyzed by a spectrograph, the elements present in the sample can be determined. Under proper conditions, atoms of any element will emit characteristic light. Such light is emitted when the outer electrons of an atom are disturbed or made to change energy levels. The metallic and metalloid elements can be readily excited by thermal energy supplied by flame, arc, or spark. The non-metallic elements are more difficult to excite. Spectra or characteristic light of the non-metals is usually excited by ionization in a gaseous discharge.

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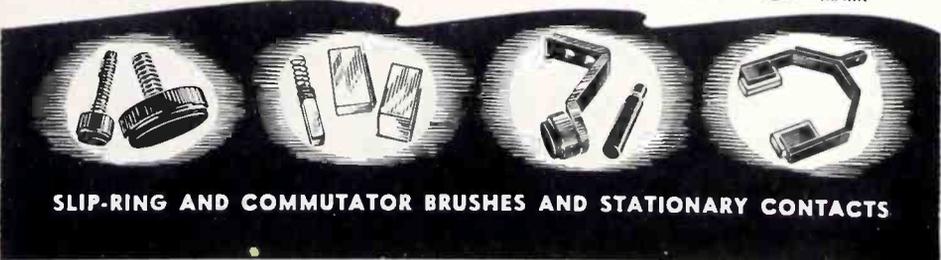


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Quantitative analyses for the metals and metalloids can be made by spectrographic methods<sup>14, 15, 16</sup>. The sample is burned, the spectrum recorded, and the photograph developed under rigorously controlled conditions. The optical density of chosen lines is measured on a microphotometer and compared with those from known samples of approximately the same composition.

To summarize, if samples are of a kind that must be burned in a direct-current arc, then the quantitative accuracy will probably not exceed  $\pm 10$  percent of the amount of the element present. For example, if magnesium were present in a clay catalyst at 10 percent, spectrographic methods would report it as  $10 \pm 1$  percent at best. However, if it were present at 0.01 percent it might be reported as  $0.010 \pm 0.001$  percent.

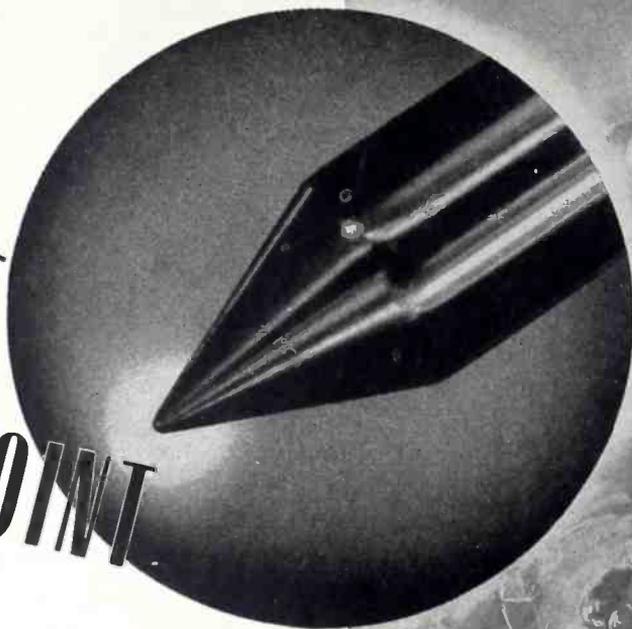
Quantitative spectrographic methods are especially useful to determine metallic elements in low concentration, where the accuracy of the spectrographic method usually exceeds other analytical methods. If a large number of analyses of a given kind are to be made, then spectrographic methods are rapid and time saving.

Certain metallurgical analyses are made spectrographically wherein the sample is burned in a carefully controlled spark source. The analytical results often equal, or are better than, those obtained by wet chemical methods and the time saved by the spectrographic method is almost unbelievable. Alloy steels have been analyzed to determine the concentration of some six elements and the results reported within a quarter of an hour after the sample is received.

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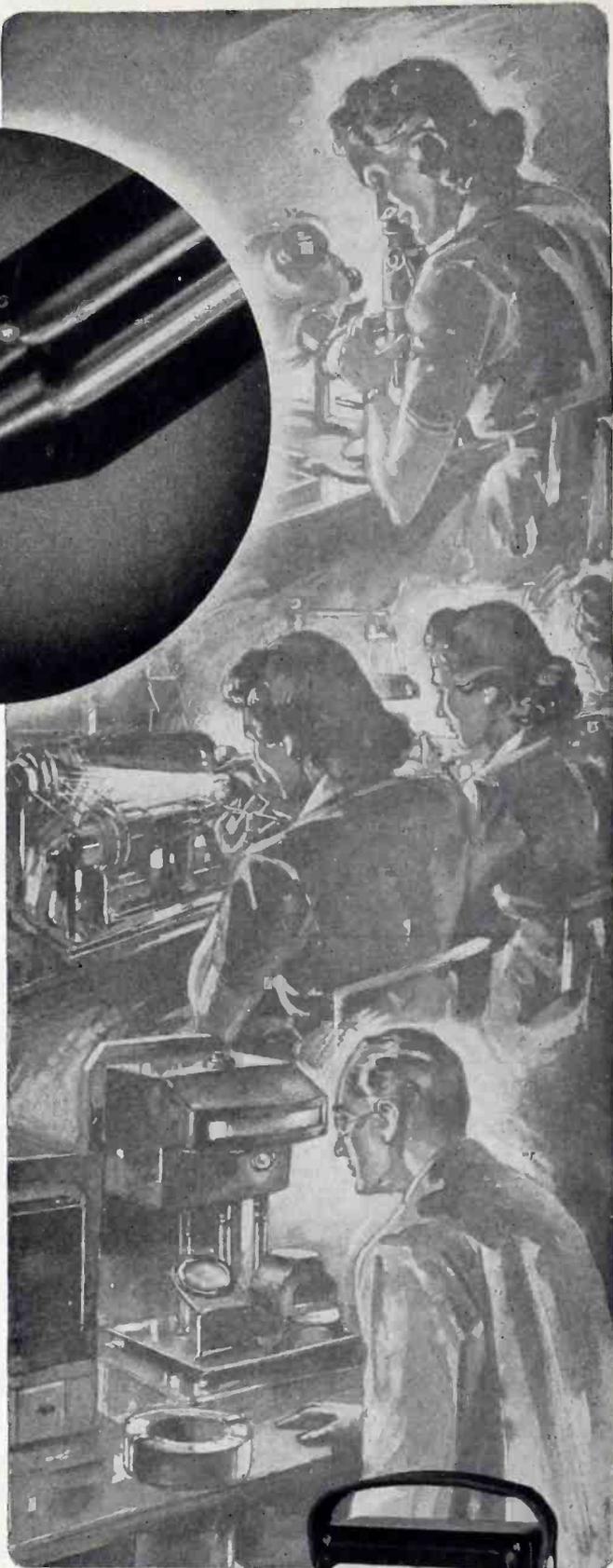


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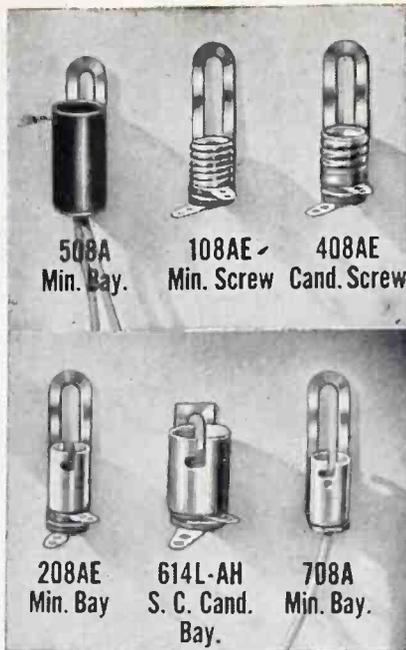
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human fingerprint serves to identify a particular person, an x-ray diffraction pattern is a fingerprint of a crystalline material. This is possible because the distance between the atomic building blocks in crystalline materials is of the same order of magnitude as the distance between wave crests in an x-ray beam. Thus the atomic building blocks can act as diffraction centers and the crystalline material as a diffraction grating for an x-ray beam.

Specific examples of the use of x-ray diffraction in a petroleum laboratory include the identification of inorganic deposits found on valves, bearings, oil filters and other engine parts. Approximately 95 percent of the inorganic materials encountered will yield an x-ray diffraction pattern by means of which it may be possible to identify them. Other industries find the x-ray method extremely valuable in determining the structure of metals and alloys.

### Electron Diffraction

The electron diffraction method as applied to industrial petroleum problems is very similar to the x-ray diffraction method. As the name implies, electron waves are diffracted rather than x-rays. Electron waves are slightly shorter in wavelength than x-rays but, unlike electromagnetic radiation of similar wavelength, electron waves do not have the intense penetrating power of x-rays or gamma rays. Electron diffraction supplements x-ray diffraction when it is desired to study surface phenomena which may be too thin to be detected by means of x-ray diffraction.

### Electron Microscopy

In the past several years electron microscopes have become available which make it possible to see objects far smaller than can be resolved in ordinary microscopy. In electron micrography, electron waves travel similarly to light rays in an ordinary microscope except that in place of glass or quartz lenses the electron microscope substitutes electrostatic or magnetic fields. The maximum resolution possible at present probably does not exceed 0.01 microns (0.000,001 cm or 100 Å). However, another feature of the electron microscope

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This microradiographic technique supplements the optical microscope in metallurgical and other industrial applications, with several advantages; it gives a three-dimensional view of the specimen; does not depend on differential action of etchants but only on the variations in absorbing power of constituents, including internal voids and cracks; requires no special polishing of the specimen; and can be incontrovertibly interpreted. The

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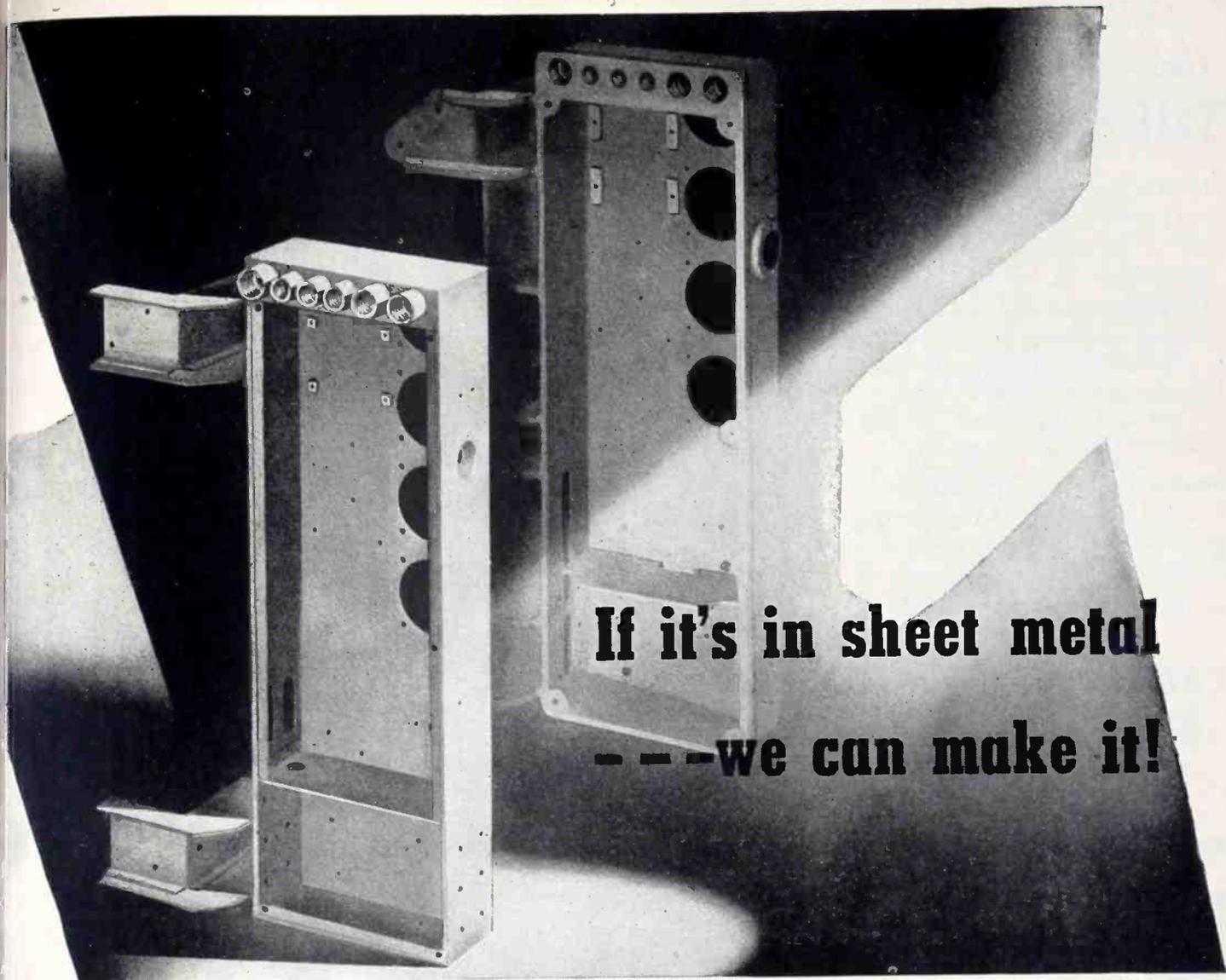
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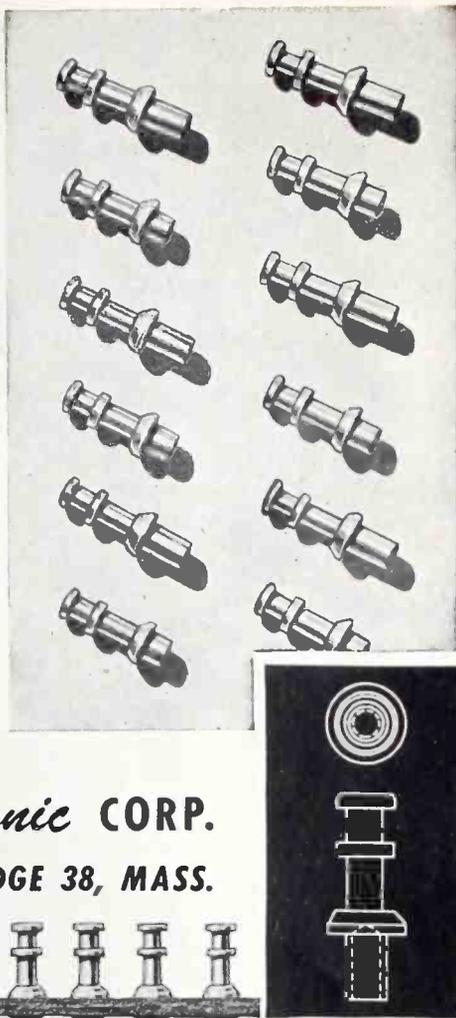
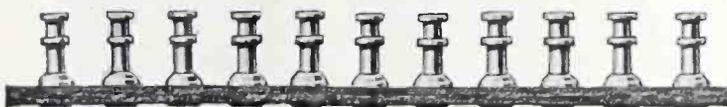
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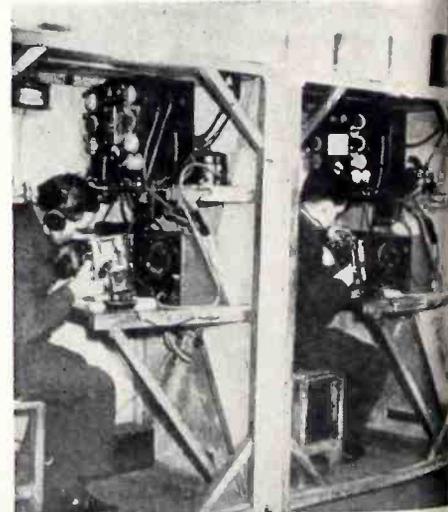


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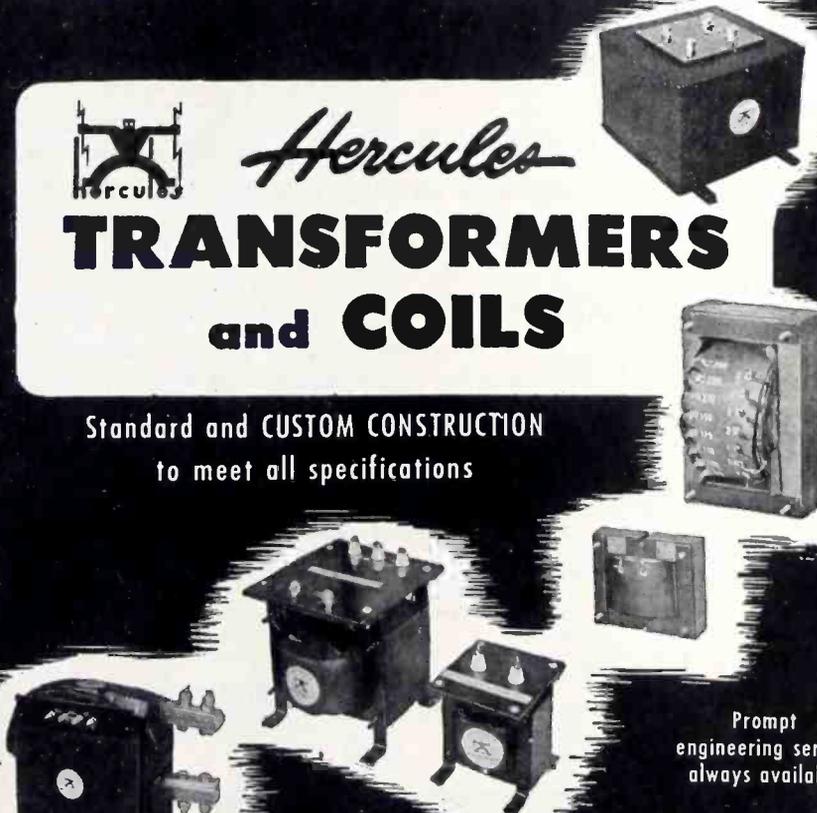
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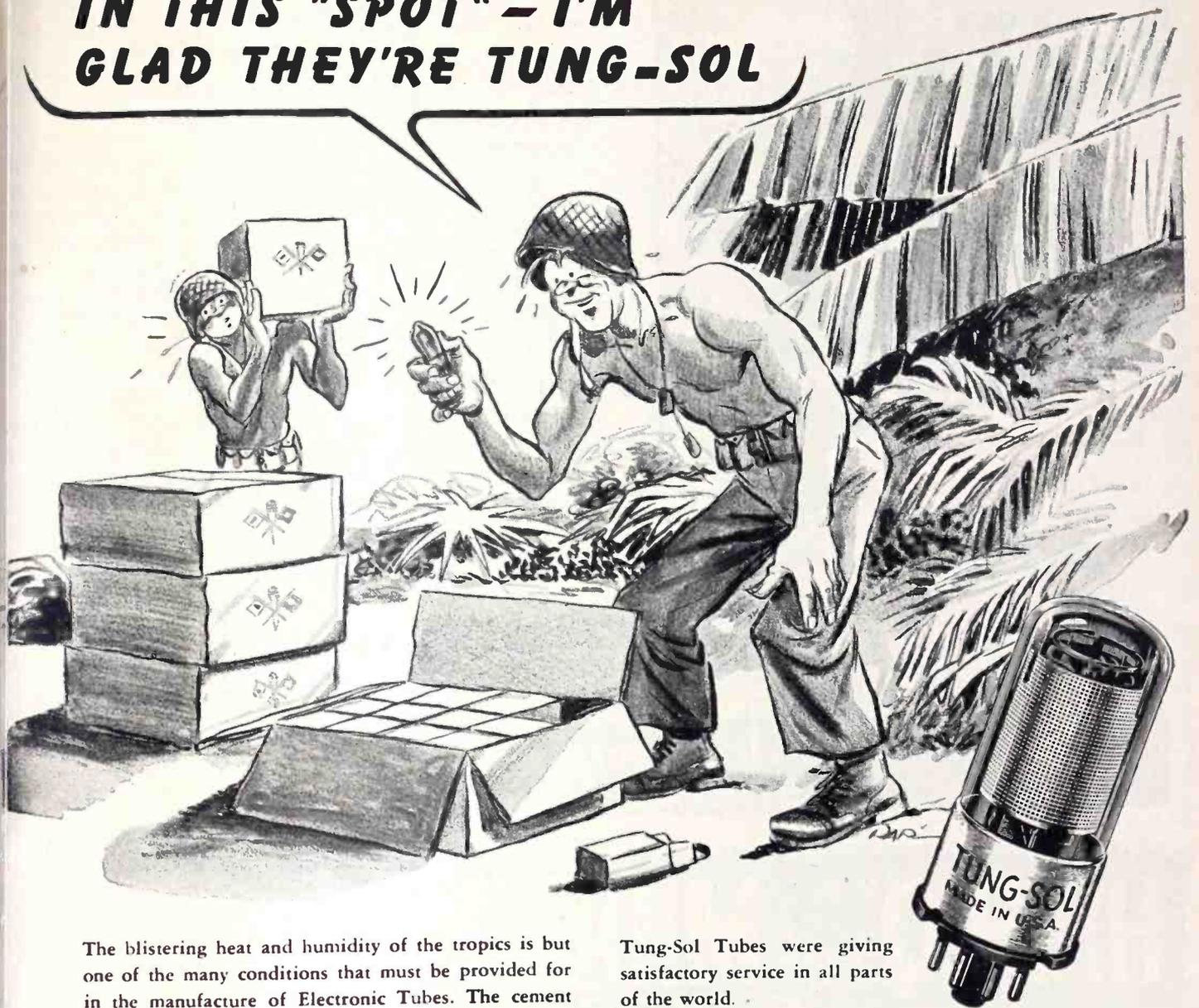


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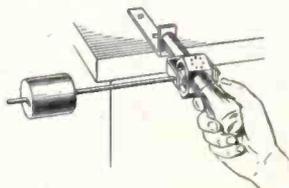
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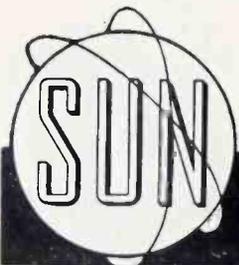
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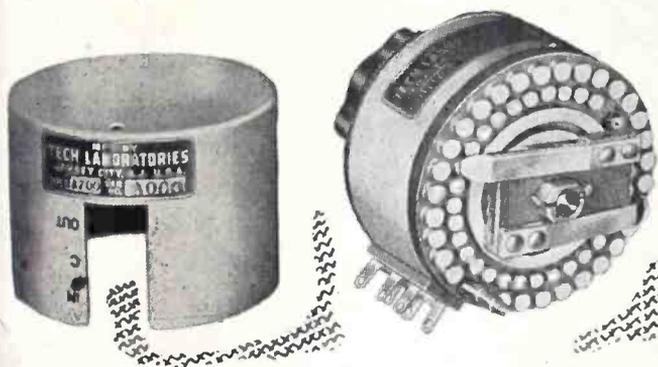
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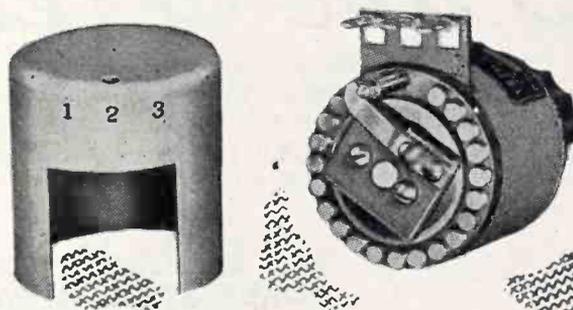
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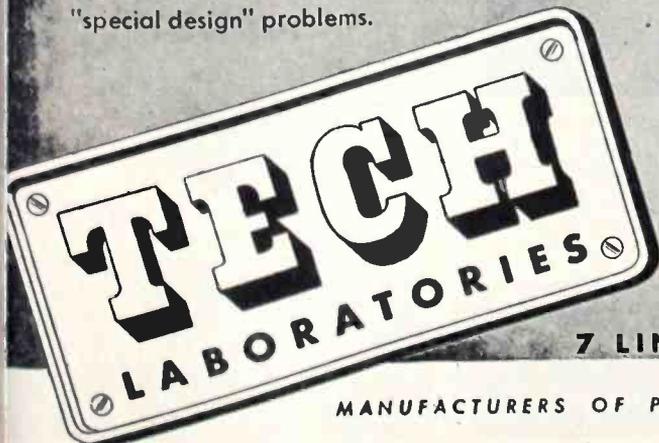


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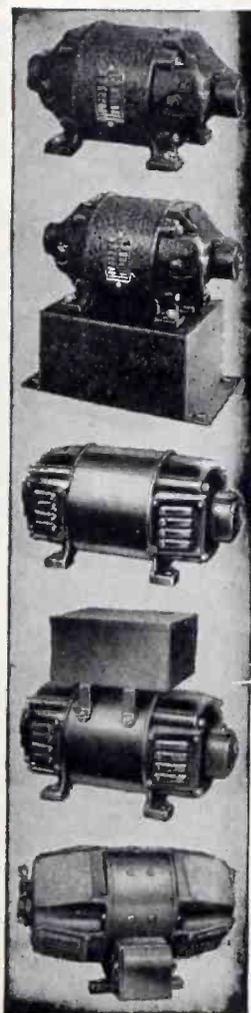
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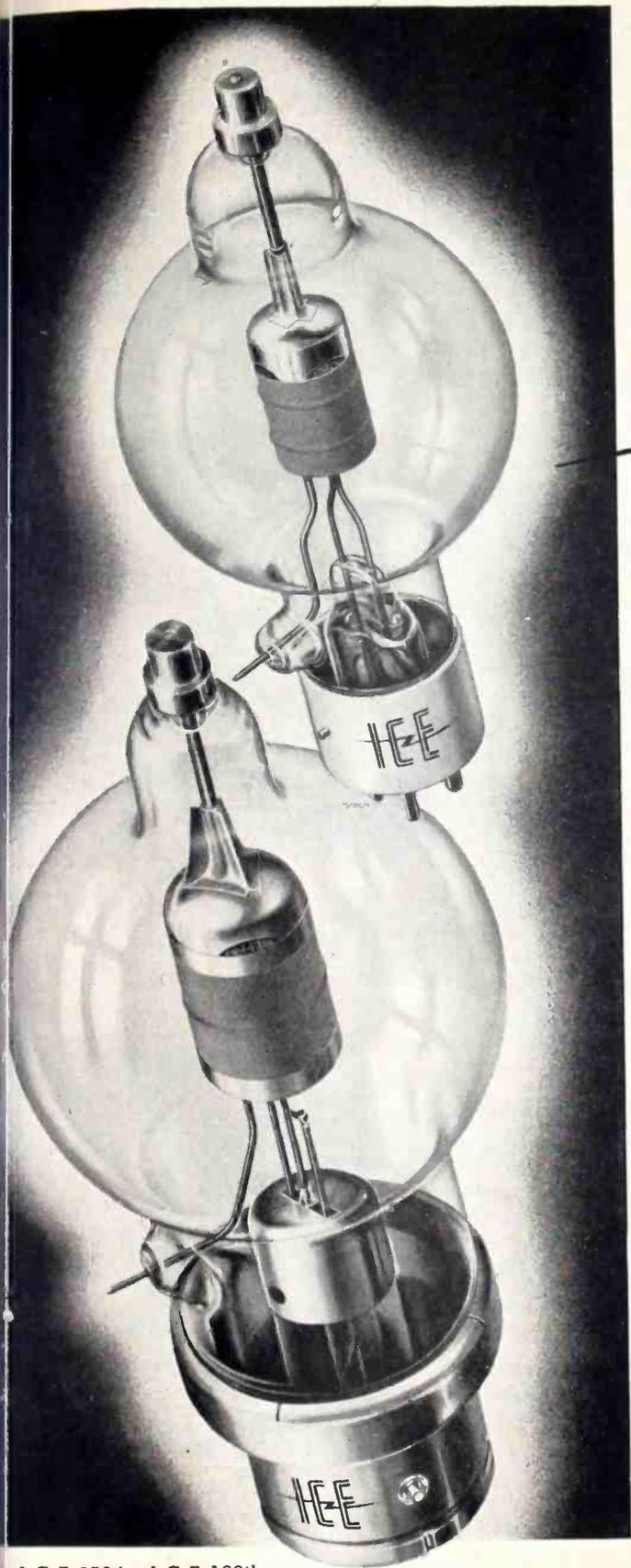


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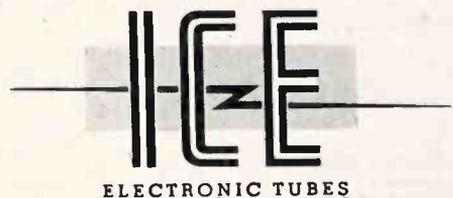
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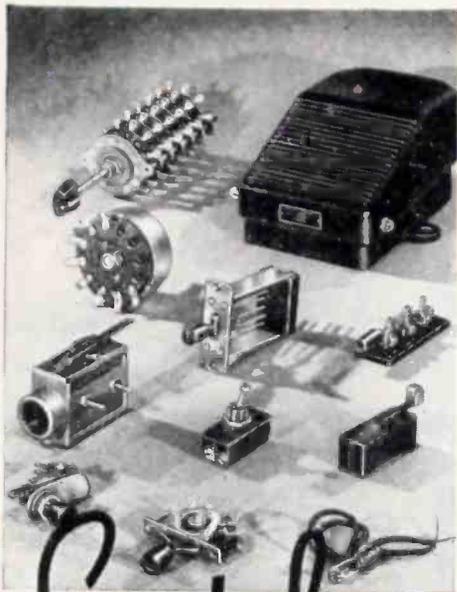
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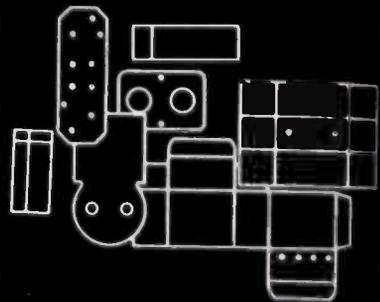
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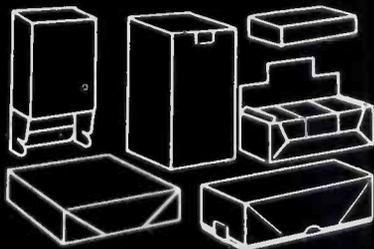
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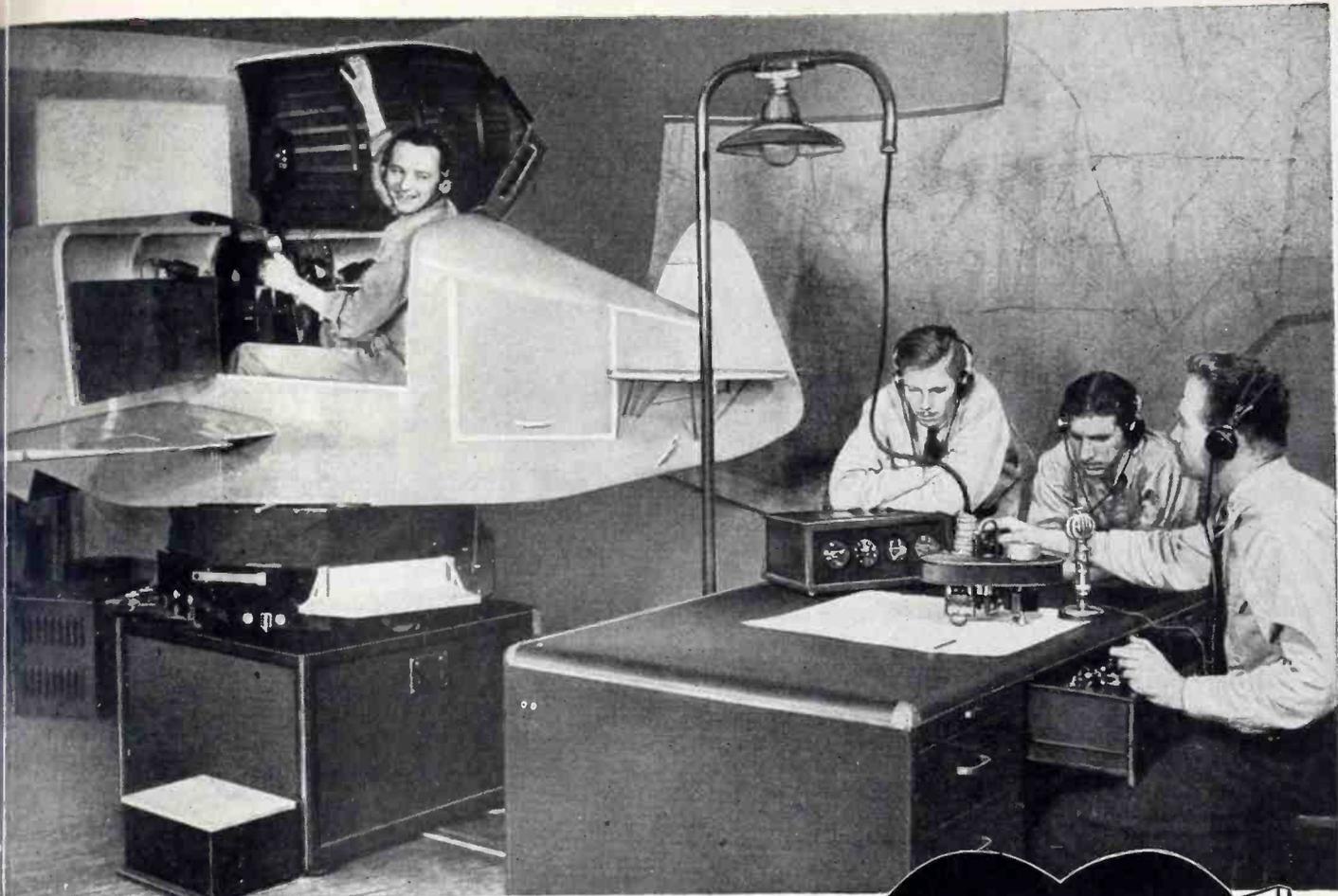


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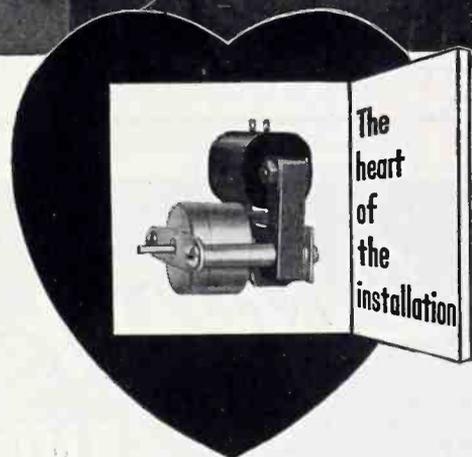
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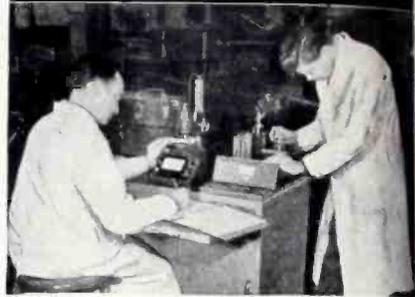
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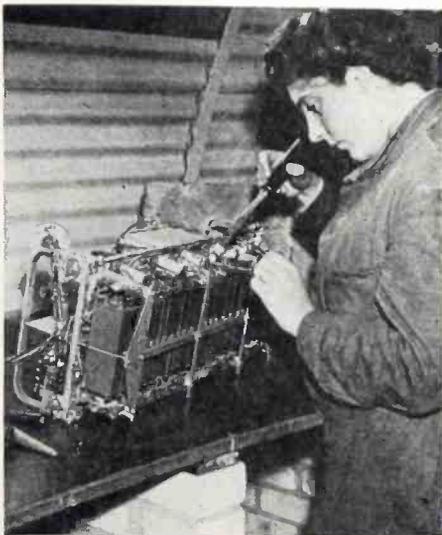
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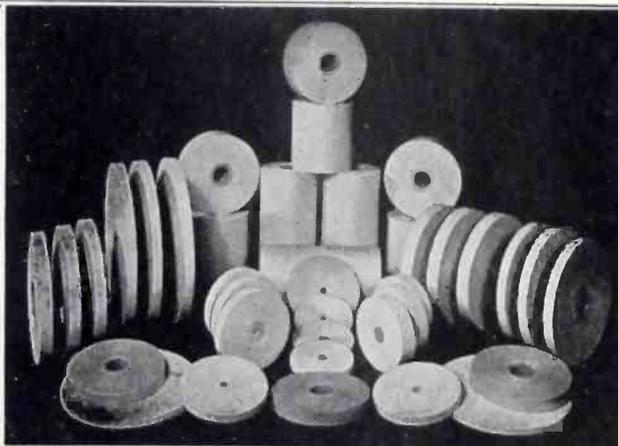
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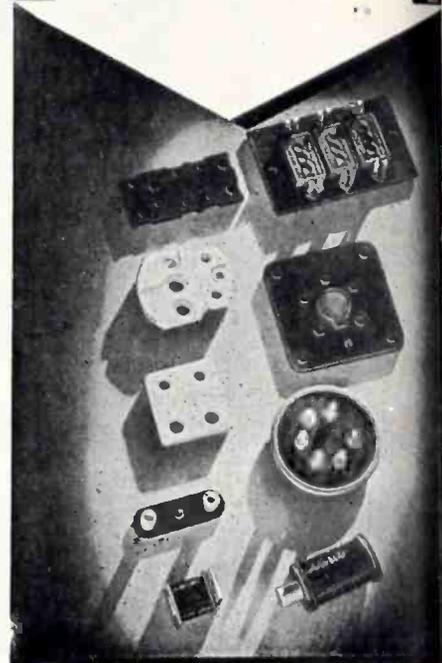
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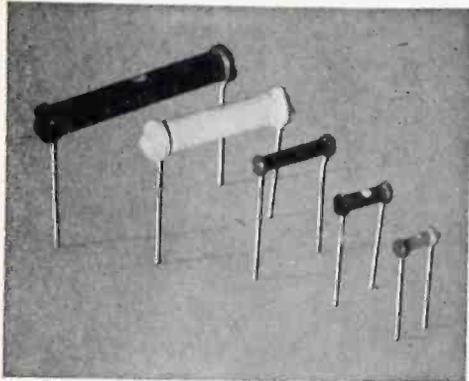
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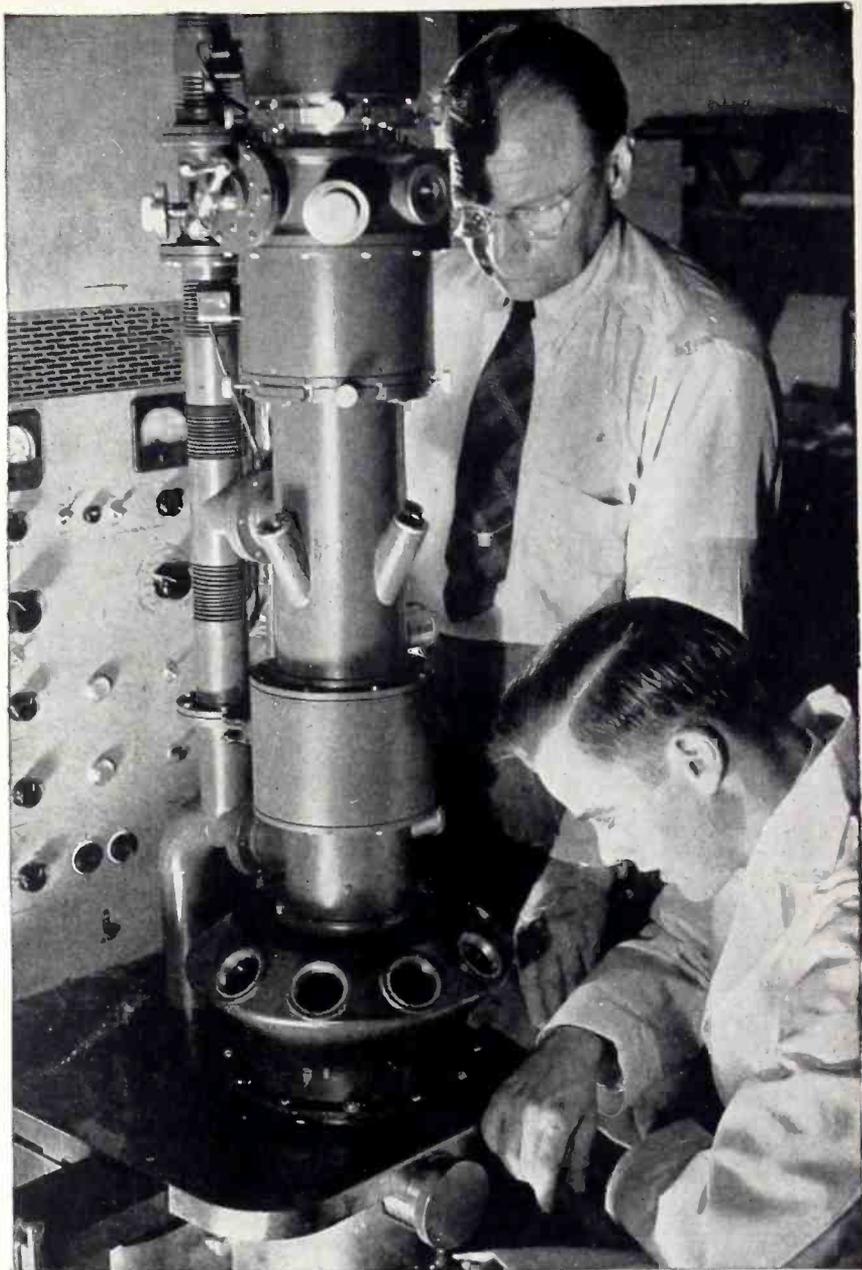


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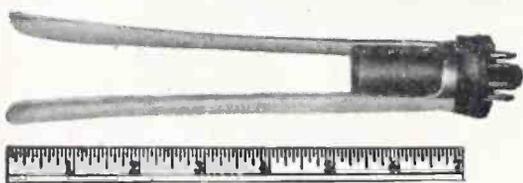
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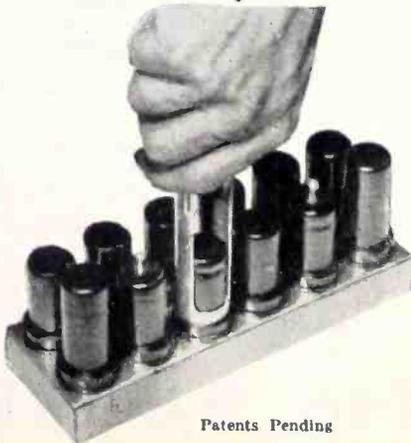
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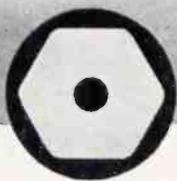


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## Impedance Measurements

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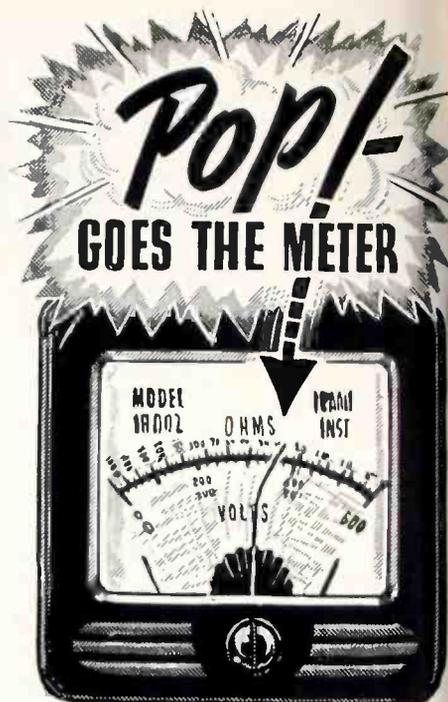
With the input and output impedance effects minimized, the only remaining limitation on the range of utility of this method is that of frequency. The percent deviation of the wave produced by the generator from an ideal square wave is the minimum percent error to which impedance measurements can be made. The amplitude and phase shift response of the oscilloscope must be linear from at least ten times the highest square-wave frequency at which tests are to be made, to one-tenth the lowest.

To determine the frequency range within which the equipment is reliable, the generator output should be observed on the oscilloscope to be used. This procedure does not indicate which of the instruments is at fault but, because distortion in either one is equally detrimental to accuracy, it does indicate the usable range for the combined equipment.

Stray shunt capacitances to ground must be kept small. Such strays are most likely to appear from the unknown impedance to surrounding metal such as the cases of the generator and oscilloscope. Even at moderately high frequencies, lead inductance distorts square waves and therefore it is necessary to hold all lead lengths to a minimum. Because of the wide

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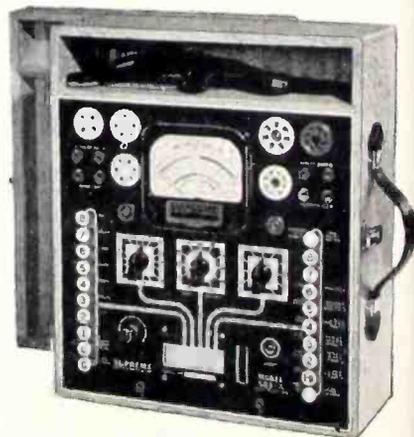


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### ACCURACY OF CAPACITANCE MEASUREMENTS

Actual $\mu\text{fd}$	Measured $\mu\text{fd}$	Percent Error	Frequency cps
0.1000-	0.088	12	60
0.0100-	0.0092	8	580
0.001(4)	0.0010(2)	(2)	5200

Calibrated resistor used in this measurement is 30,000 ohms.

\*Generator output noticeably not a square wave at this frequency.

### EFFECT OF IMPEDANCE ON INDUCTANCE MEASUREMENTS

Resistance Ohms	Frequency cps	Inductance mh
314	740	0.068
3140	3300	0.152
31400	3800	0.132
314000	27000	0.185

\*Internal impedance of the generator was 16 ohms for this one measurement.

Test equipment used in these measurements was connected directly to the impedances under test (not as shown in Fig. 1) to illustrate the accuracies which can be expected if commercial equipment is used directly, and to show the desirability of using impedance changing networks where higher accuracies are required. The internal impedance of the square wave generator was 500 ohms; the input impedance of the oscilloscope was 2 meg.

The value of  $R$  used in measuring capacitance was chosen as the mean between the generator and oscilloscope impedances ( $500 \times 2 \times 10^6$ )<sup>1/2</sup> = 33,000 ohms. The constants of the inductor for which the measured values are given are:  $L$ , 0.189 mh;  $f_m$ , 48,000;  $Q$ , 11.8 at 1000 cps.

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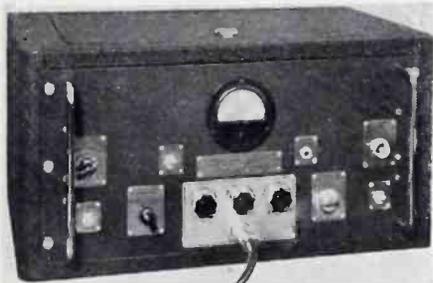
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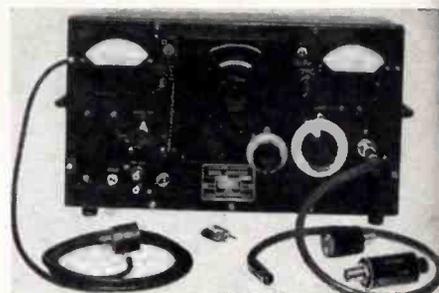


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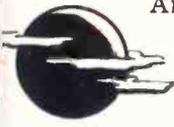
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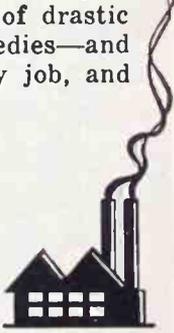
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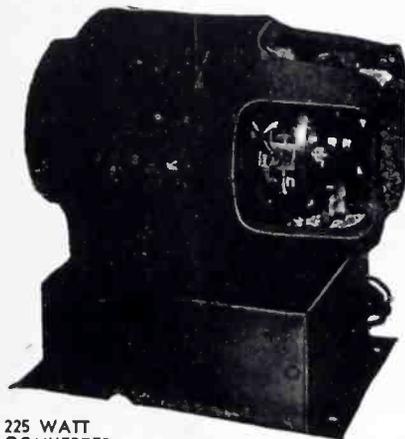
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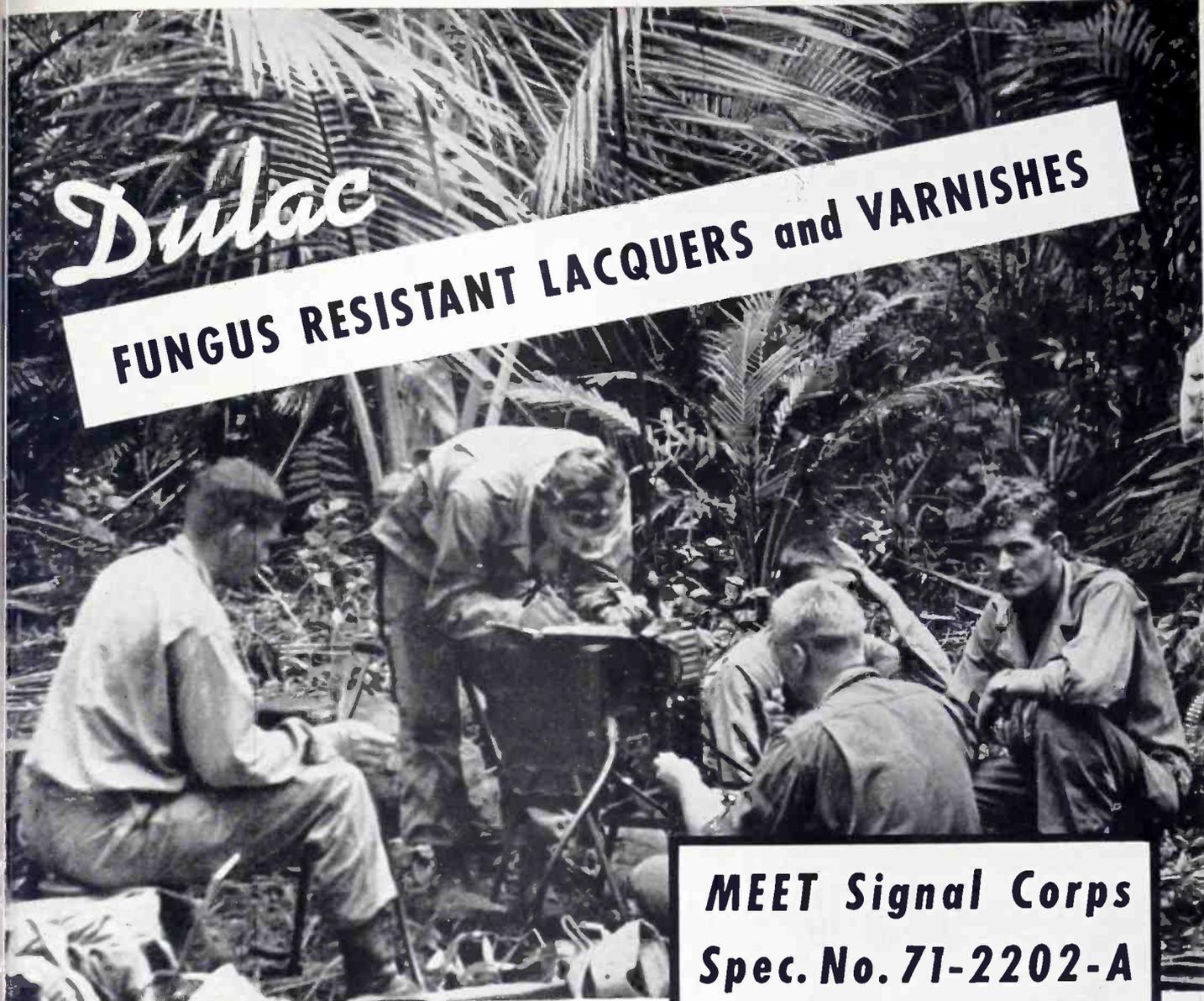
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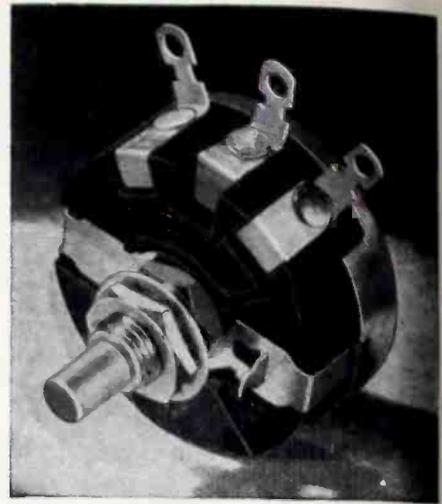
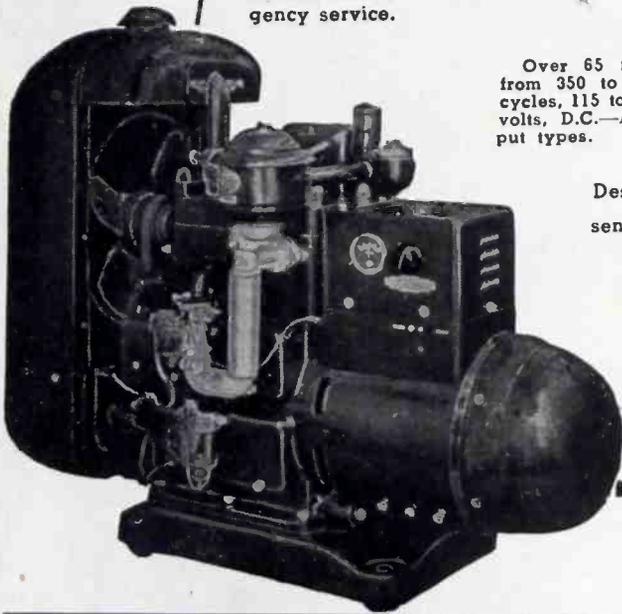
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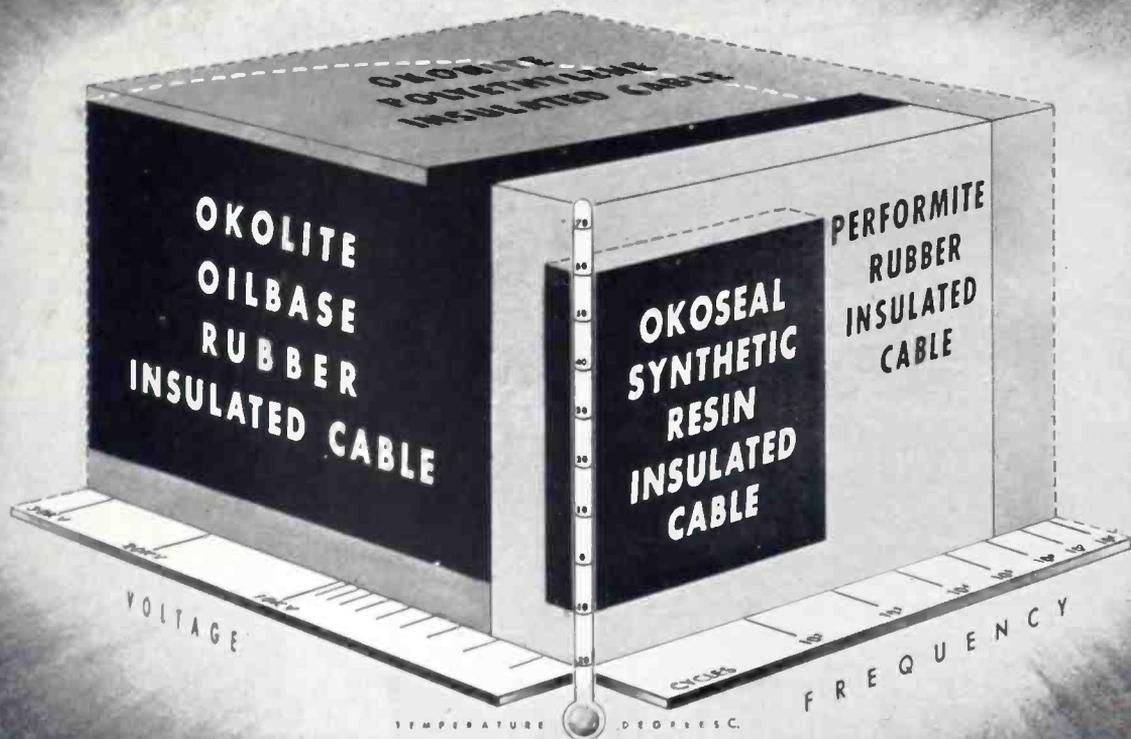
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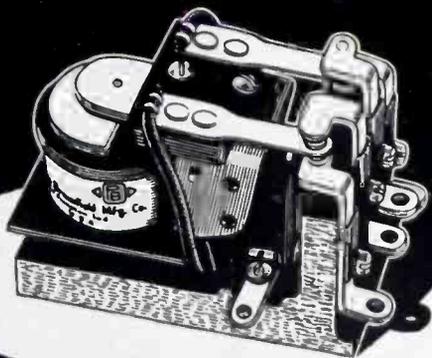
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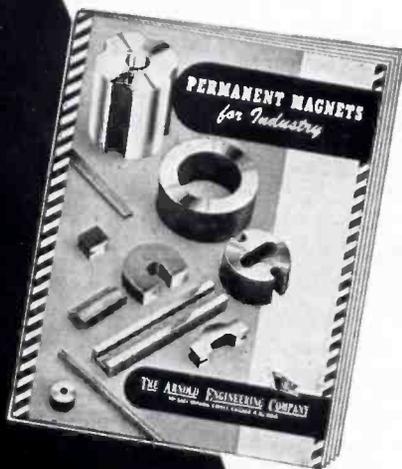
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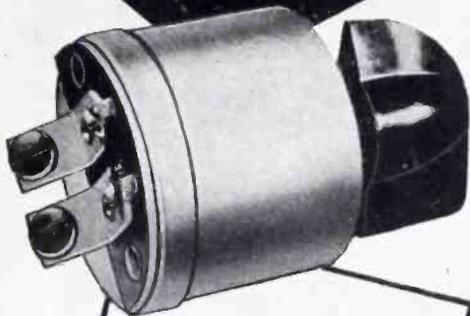
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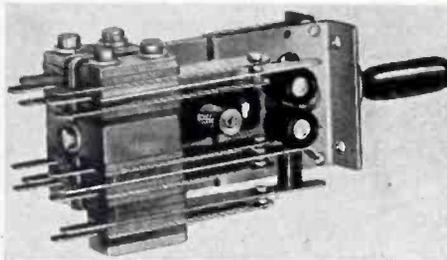
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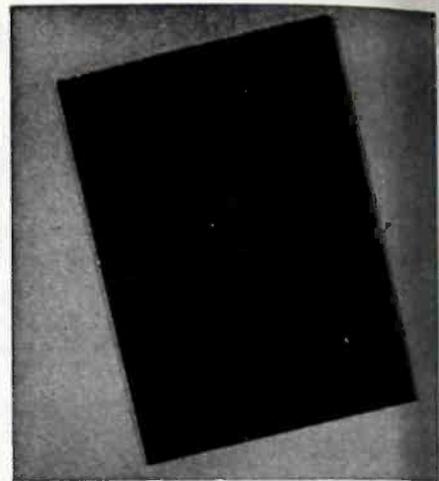
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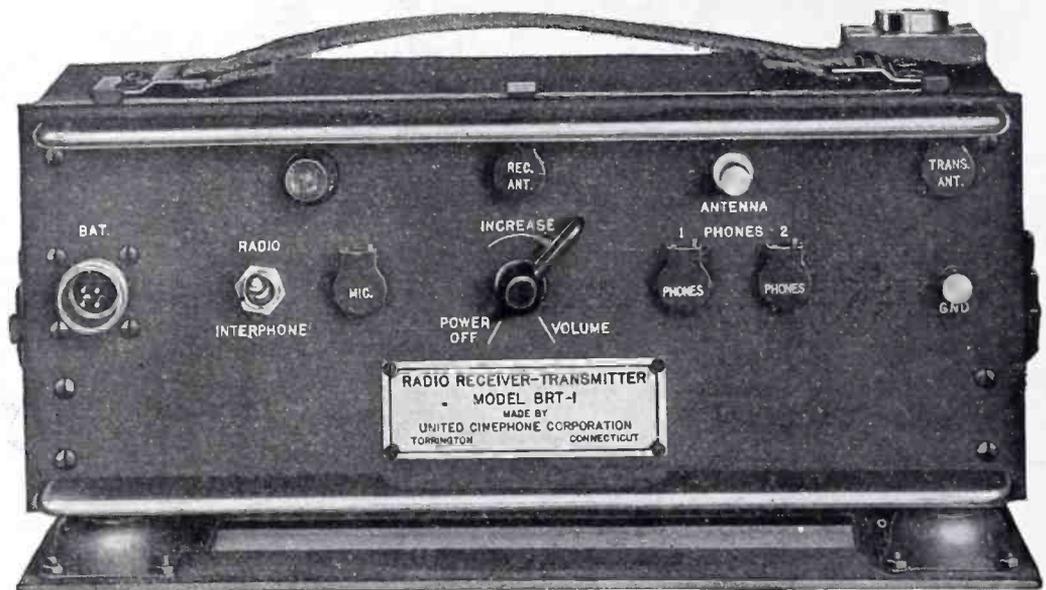


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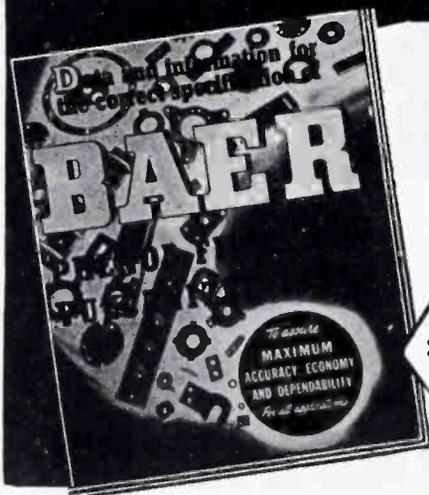


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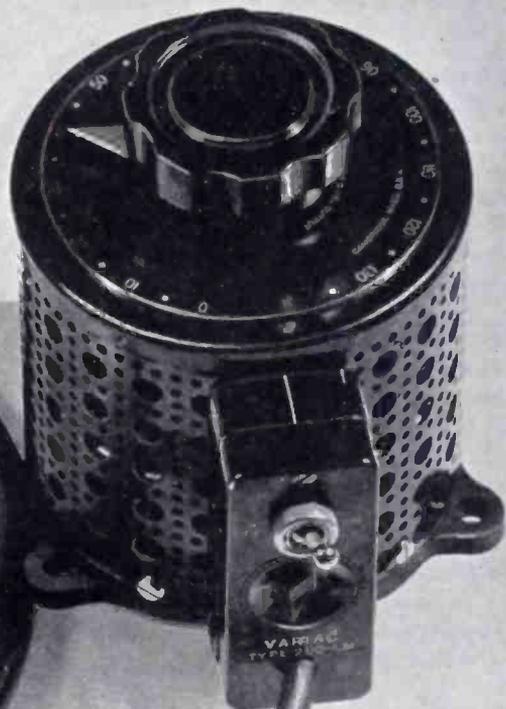
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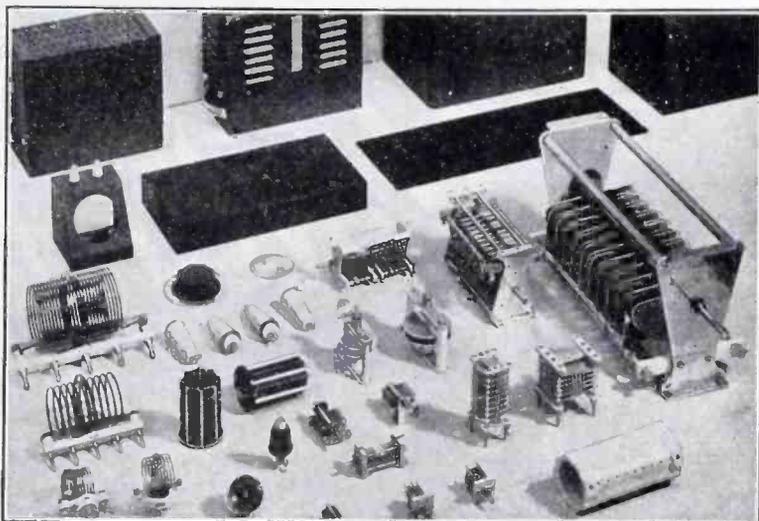
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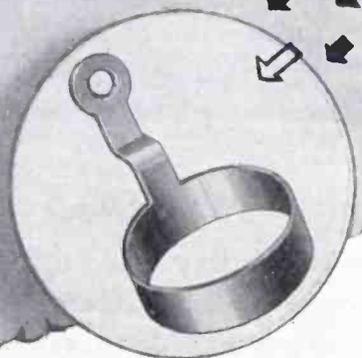


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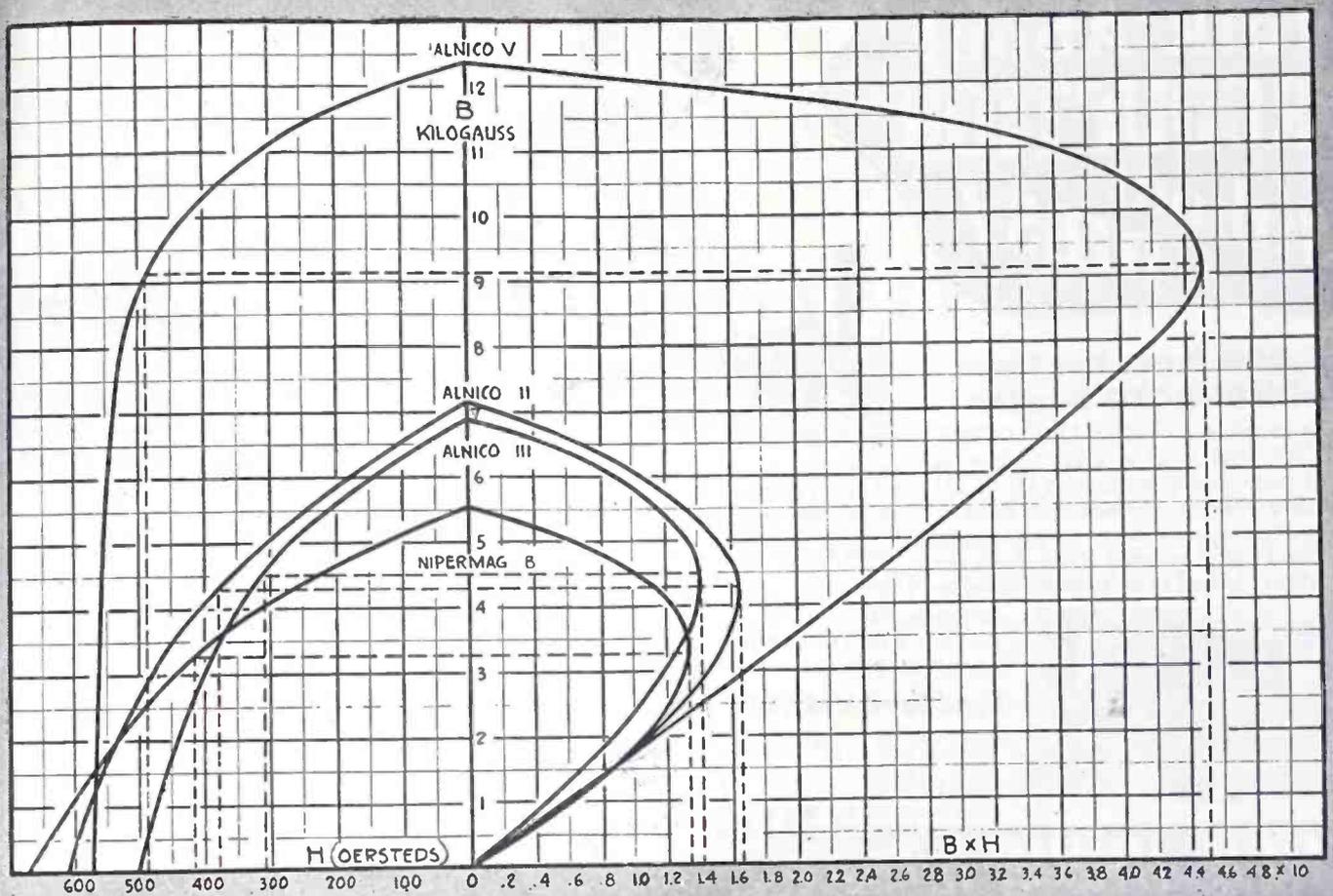
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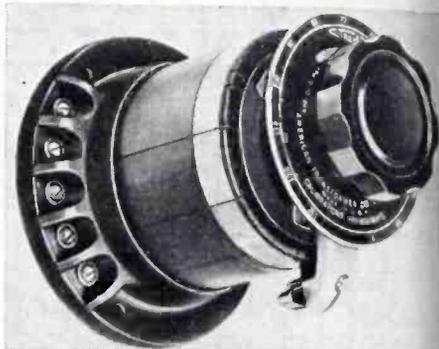
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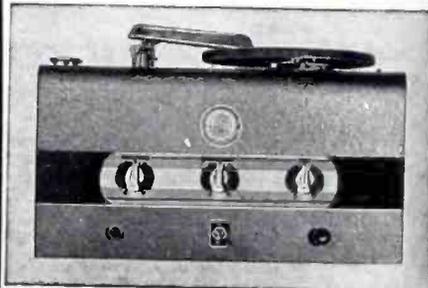
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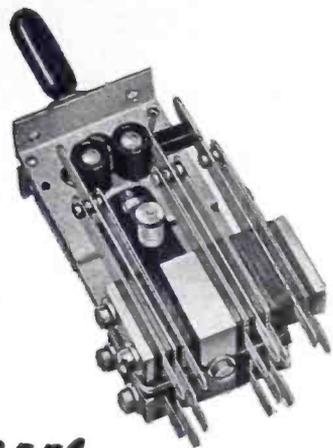
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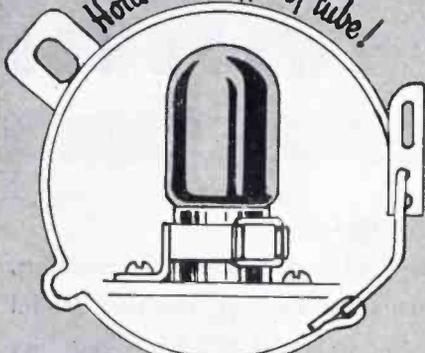
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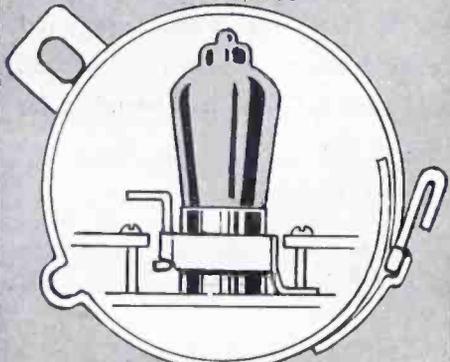
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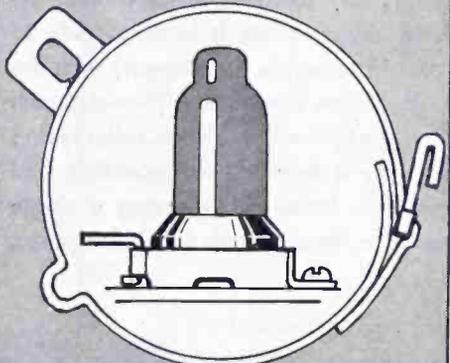
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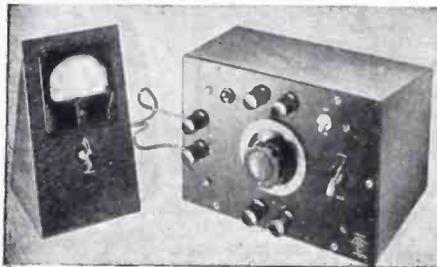


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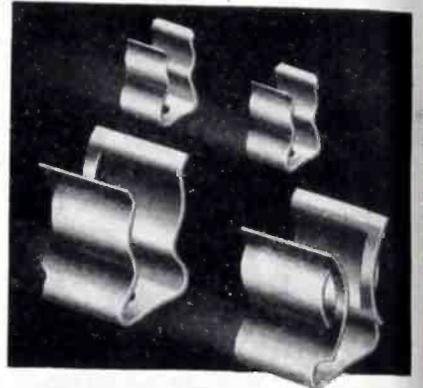
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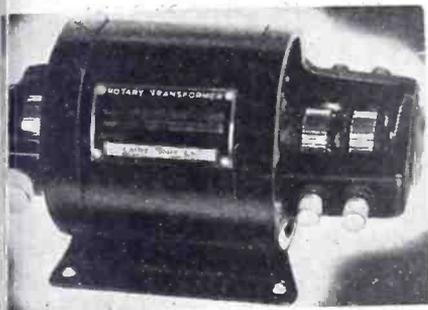
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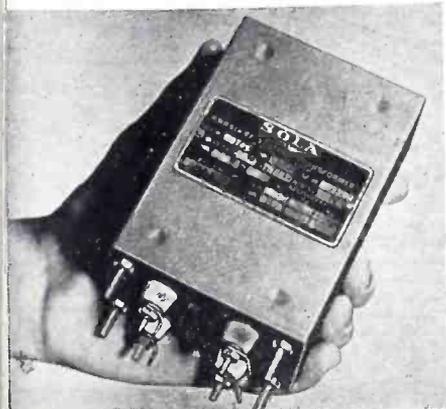


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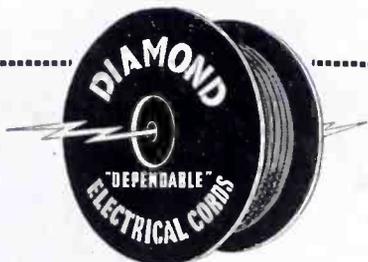
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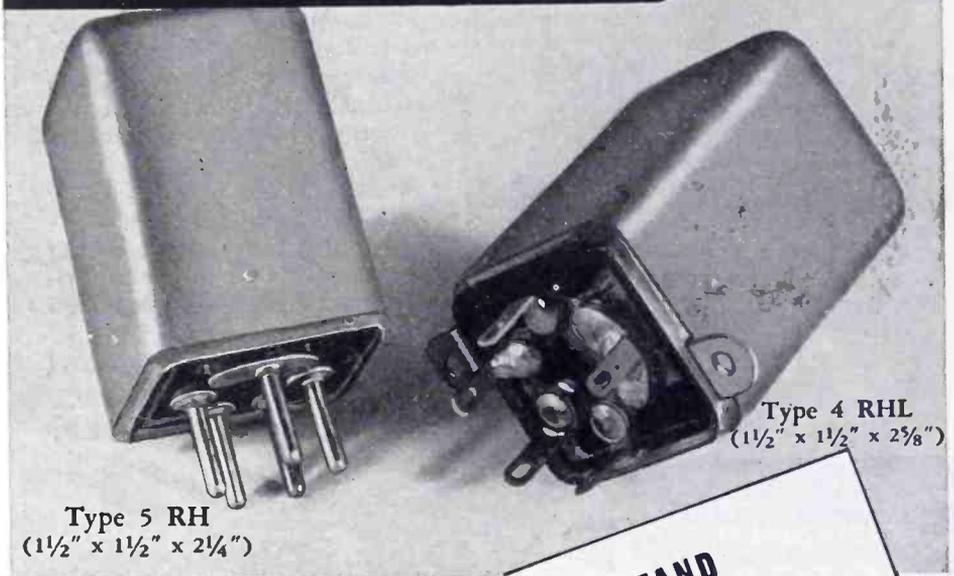
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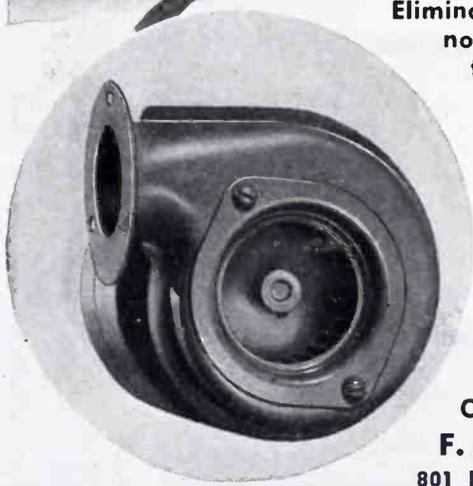
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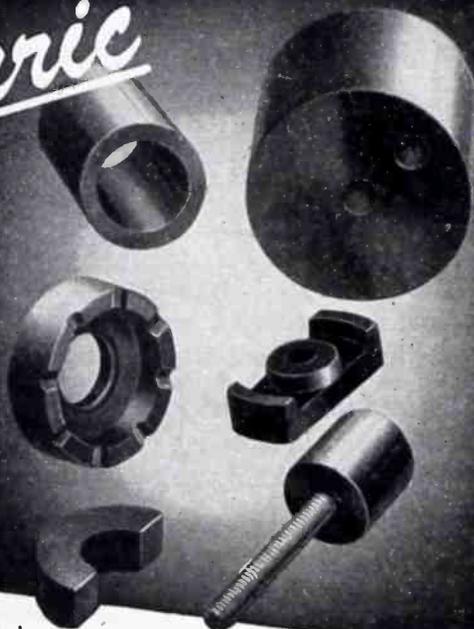
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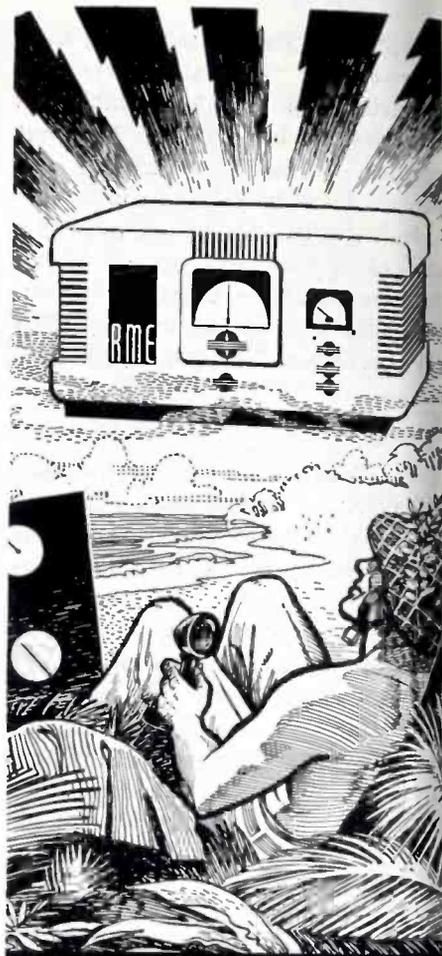
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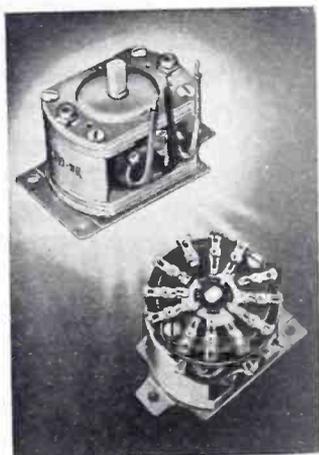
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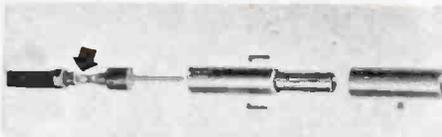
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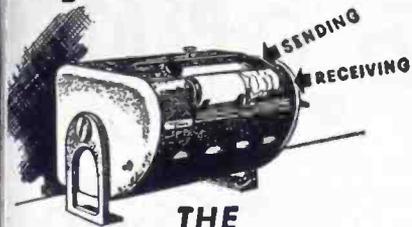
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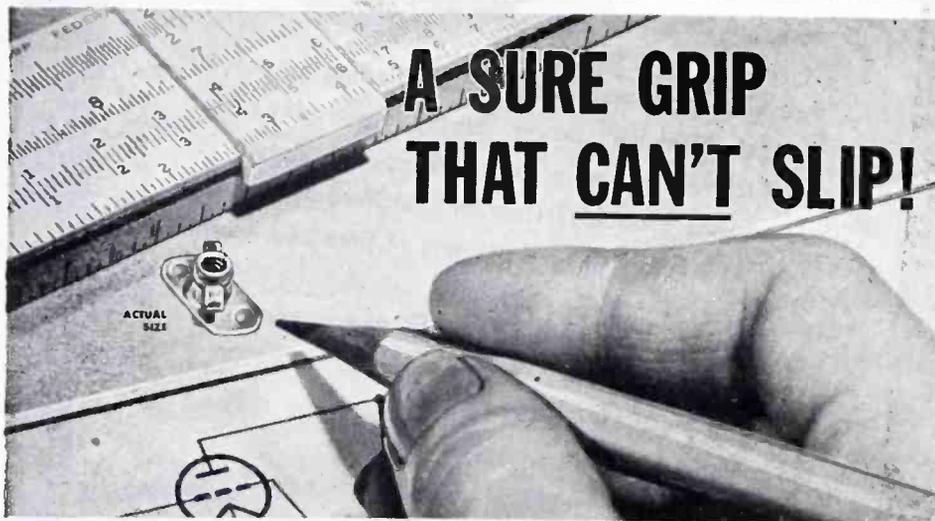
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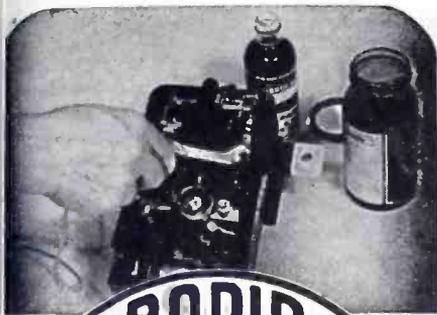
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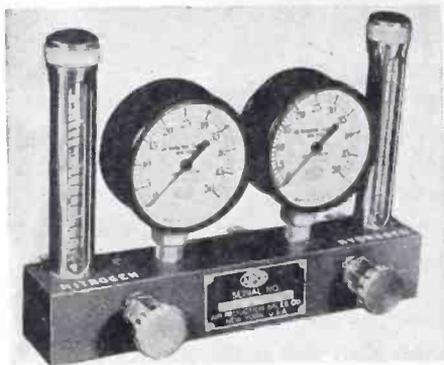
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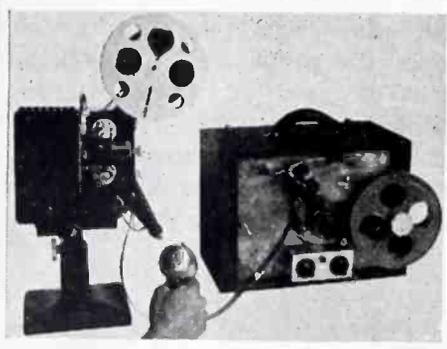
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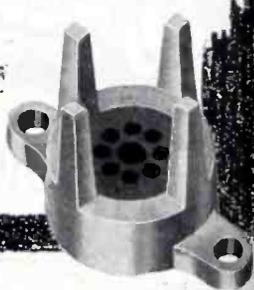
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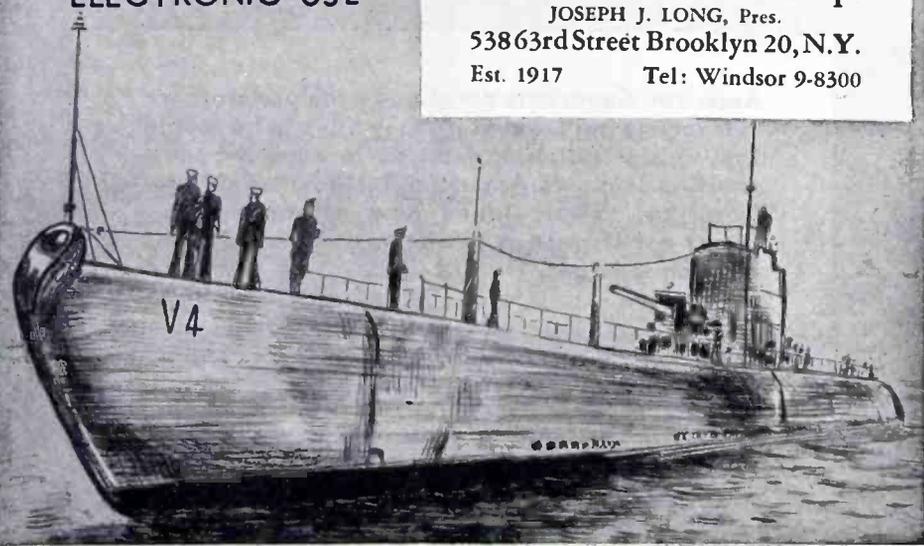
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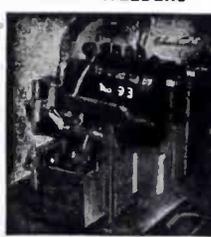
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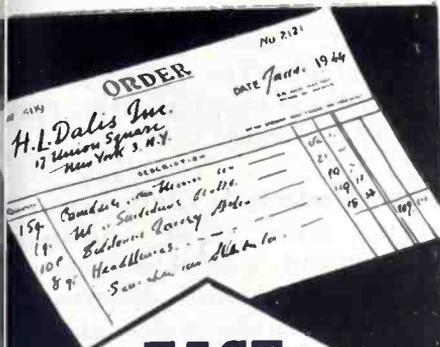
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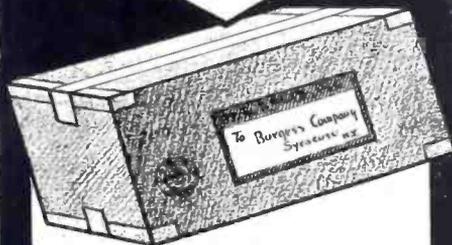


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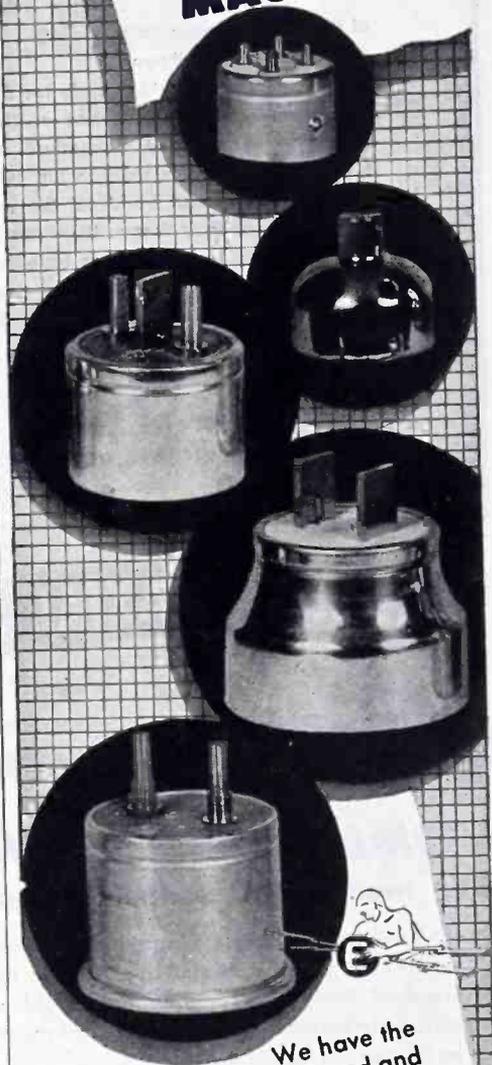
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**Flexible Shaft Machines.** Catalog No. 130 illustrates and describes machines for light production work and for maintenance needs on small irregularly-shaped parts which cannot be handled by conventional machine set-ups. Available accessories are also described. Freedom Electric Co., 27 Park Place, New York 7, N. Y.

**D-C Motor Control.** "Electronic Control of D-C Motors" is a reprint, with changes, of a series of articles on this subject by E. E. Moyer, which appeared in 1943 *Electronics*. This reprint is designated as Filing No. 8930 and the articles in it are "Outline of General Principles", "Reference Voltage and Speed - Control Methods", "Extending Speed Range by Electronic Means of Field Weakening", "Starting, Stabilizing, and Reversing", and "Regeneration by Inverter Action, and Stopping." Electronics Section, Industrial Control Engineering Div., General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

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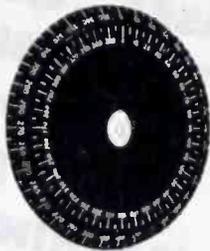
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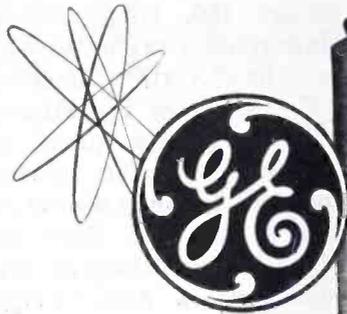
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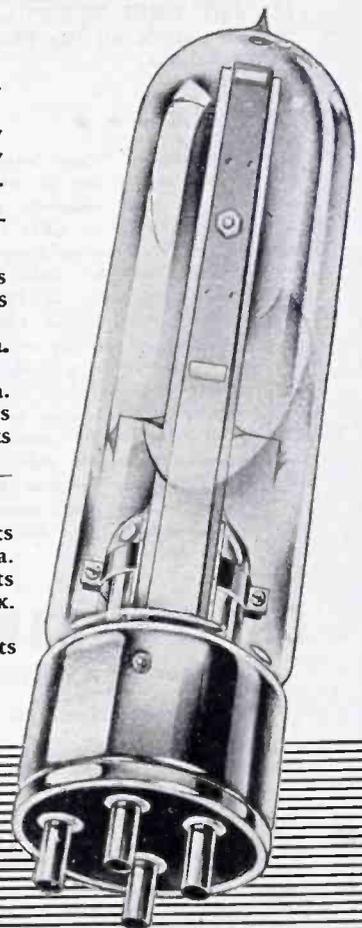
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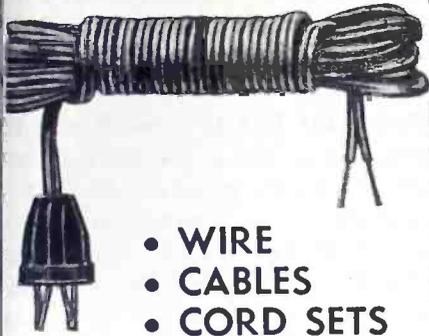


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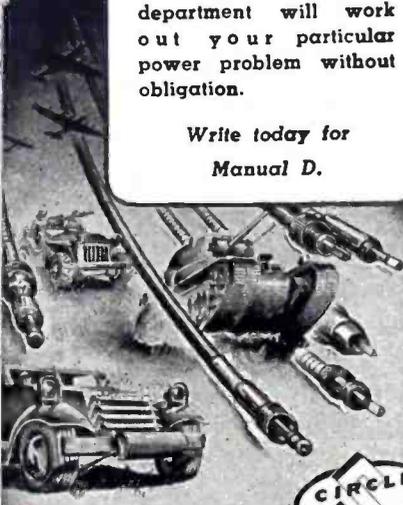
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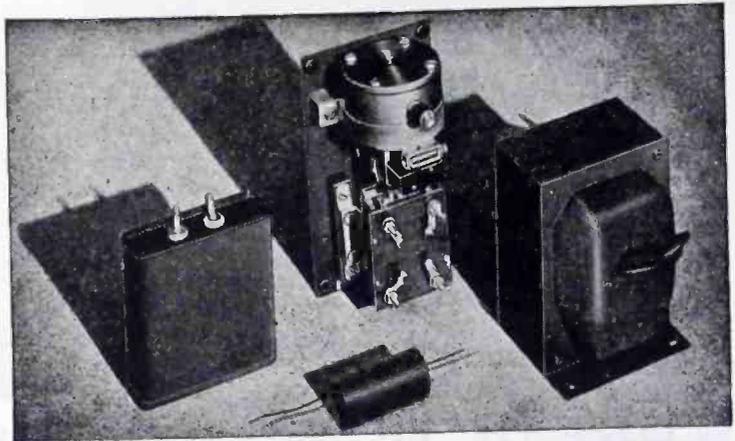
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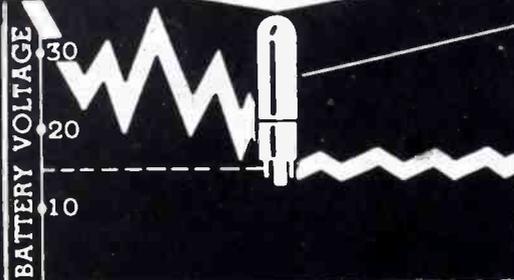
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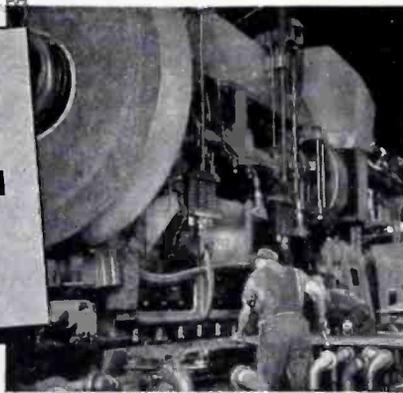
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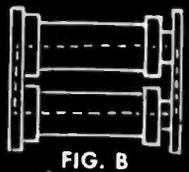
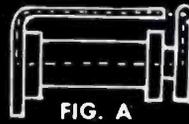
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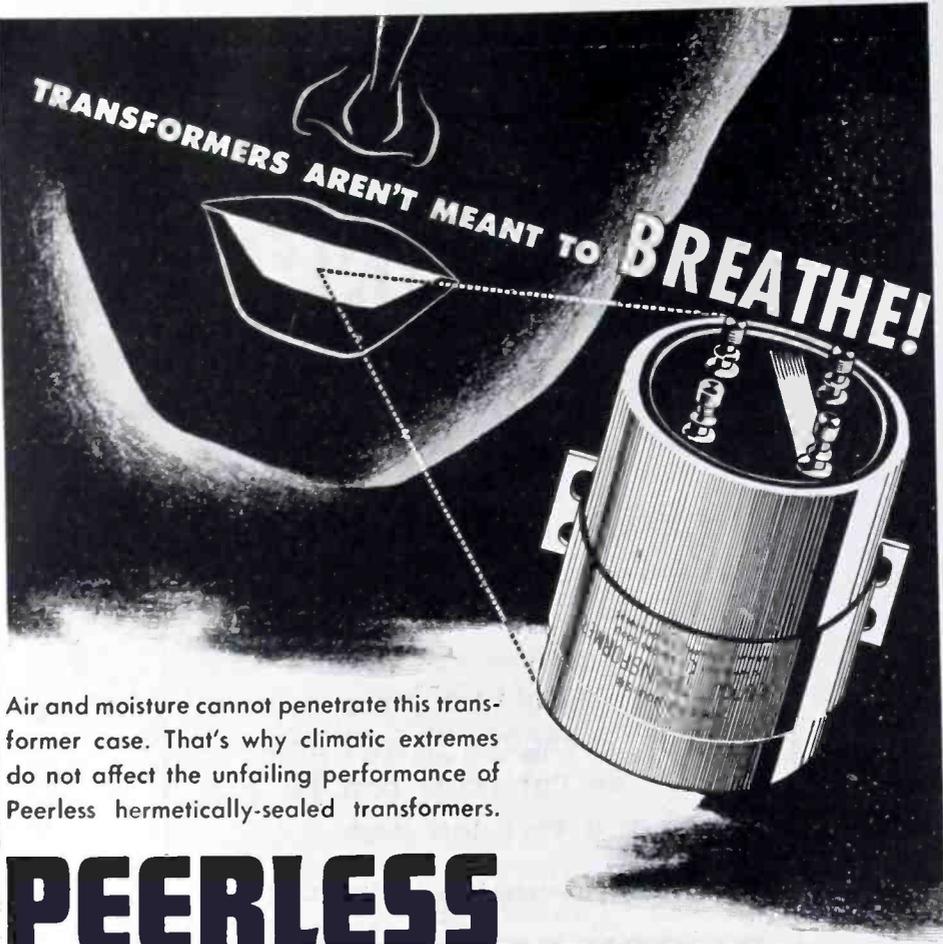
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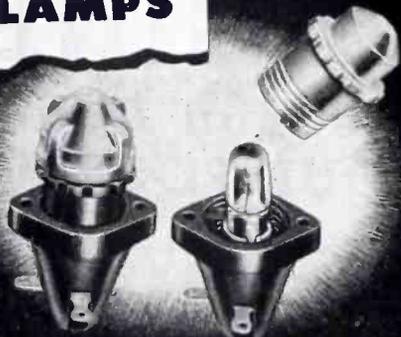


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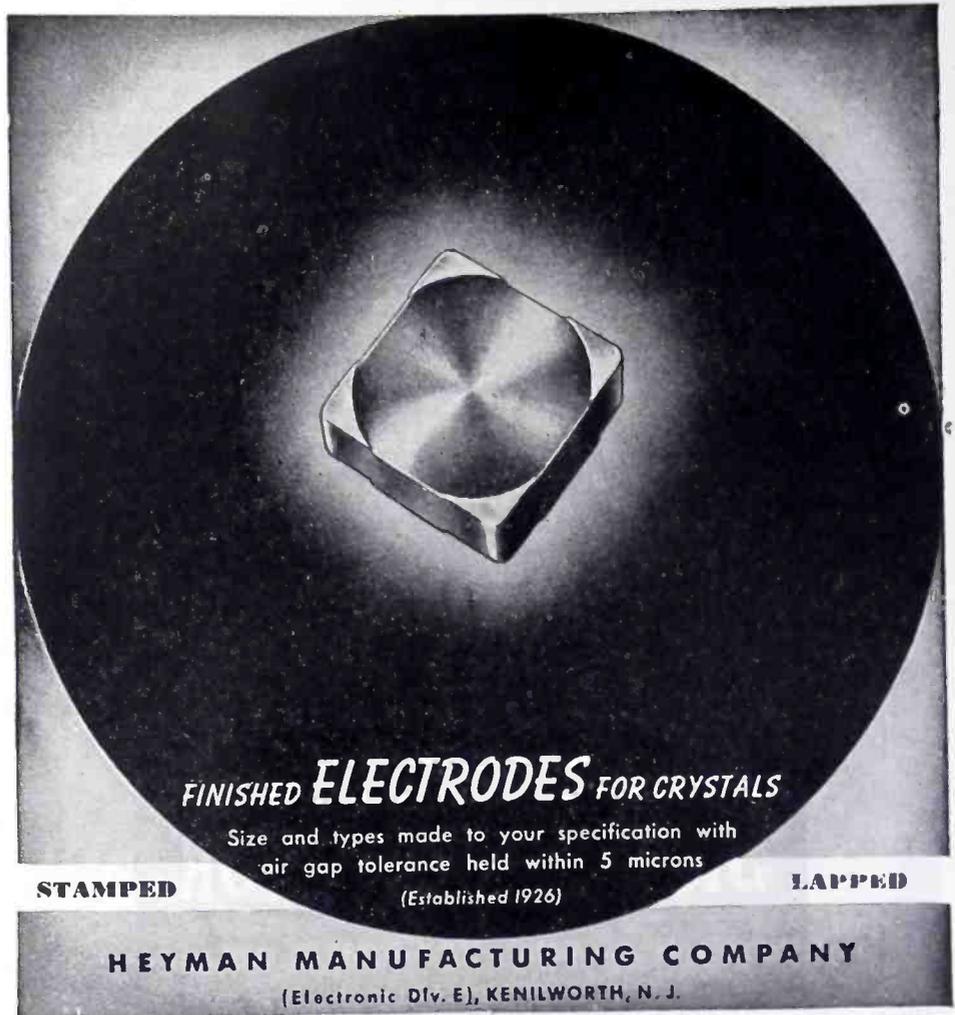
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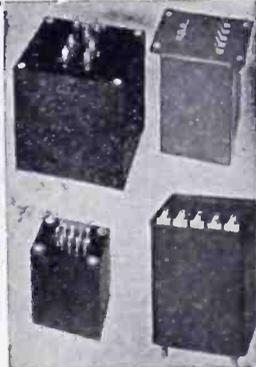
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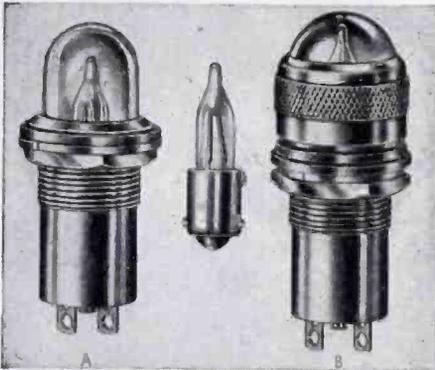
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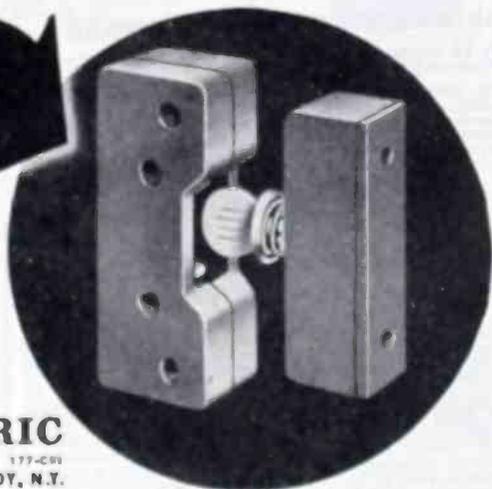
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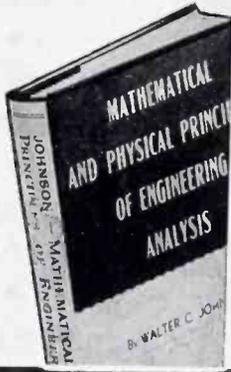
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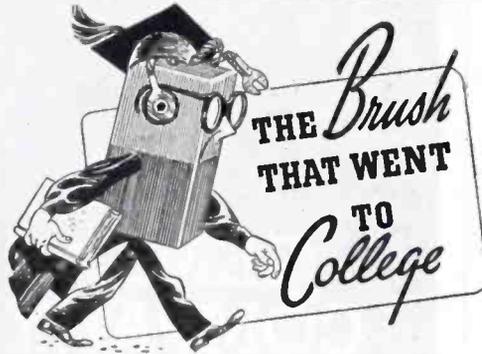
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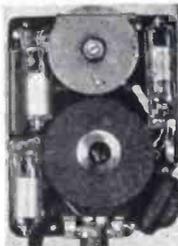
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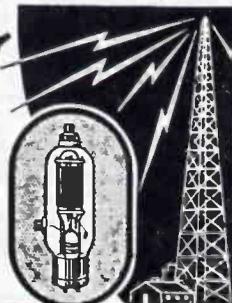
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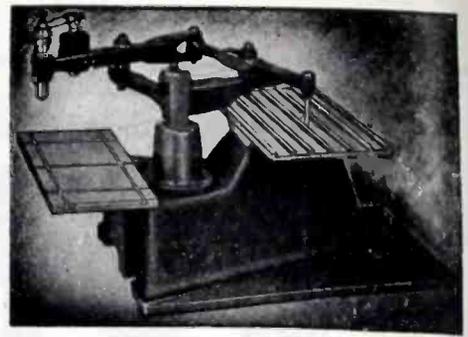
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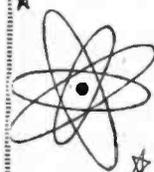
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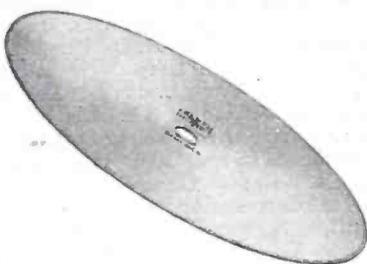
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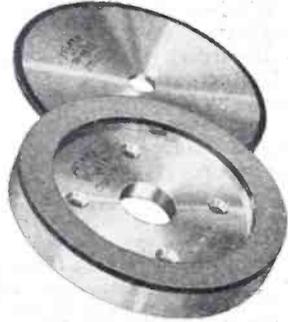
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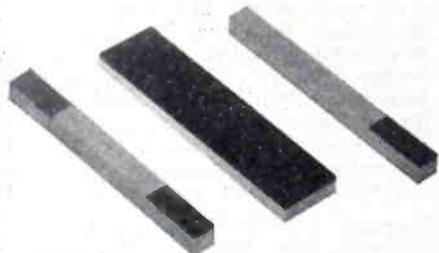
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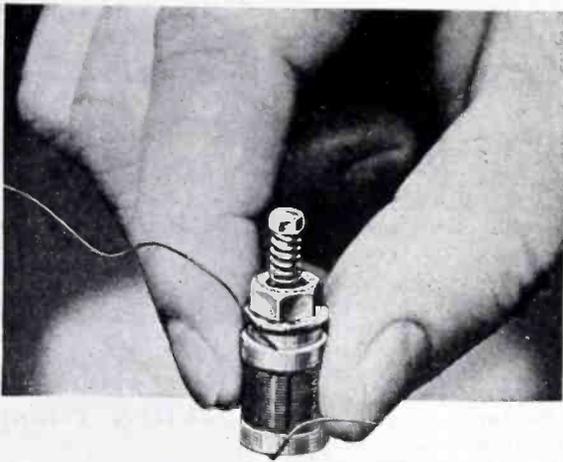
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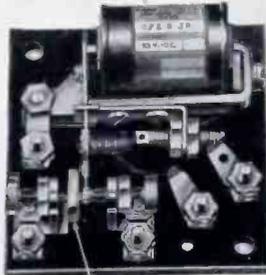
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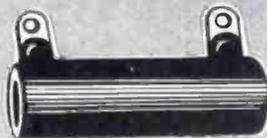
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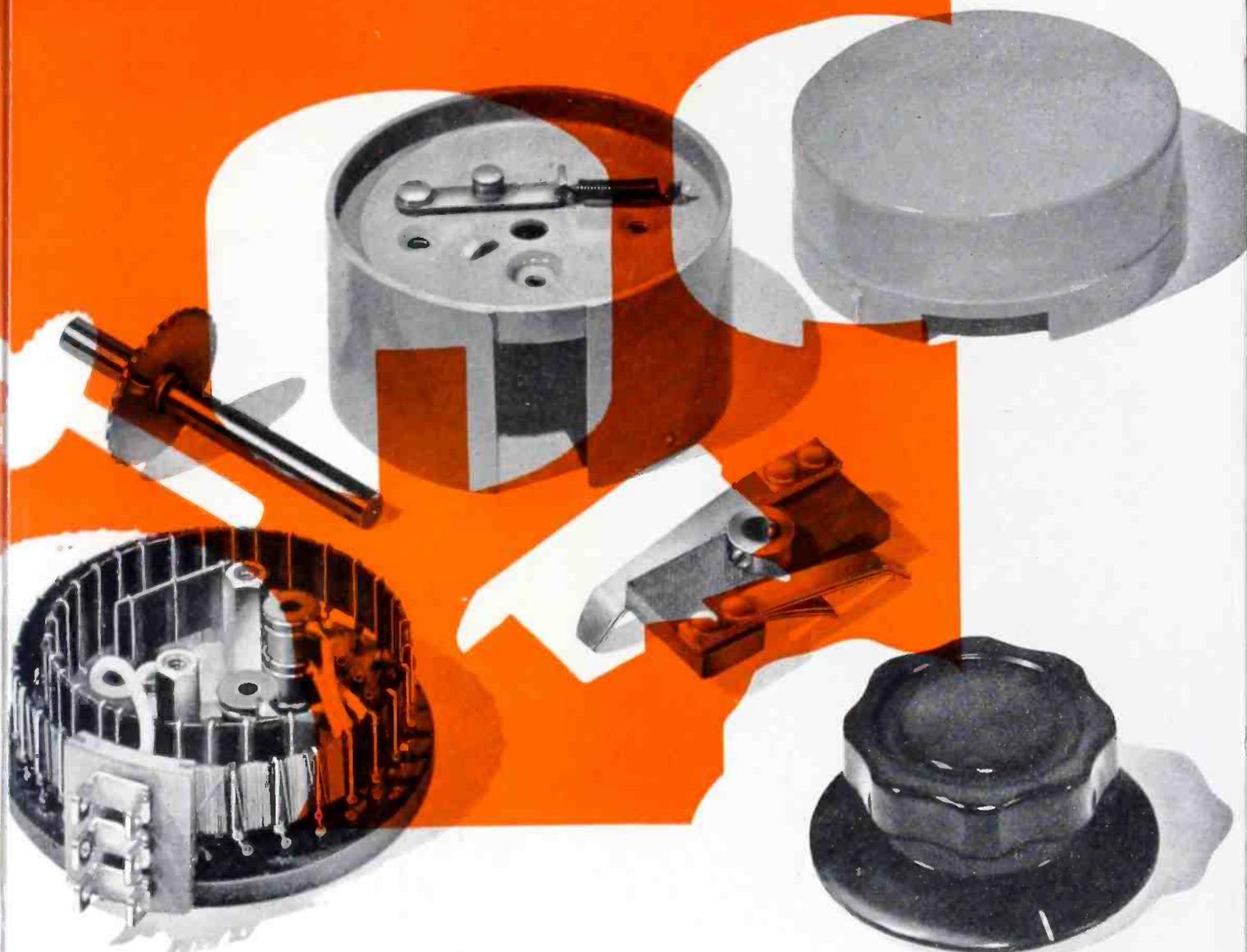
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