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# PAGES WITH THE EDITOR

OUT of the wilds of Canada comes a letter from an Irate Reader who peremptorily orders his subscription cancelled because of "the tacit approval of hootlegging and contempt of the law expressed in an article by "a writer called Williams" in our September number.

So far as the Editor knows, this cancellation is the first one ever received from an Irate Subscriber by POPULAR RADIO. It is at least a gratification to know that the irritation was not occasioned by a technical error in our pages or by a misstatement of a fact!

CANCELLATIONS due to a subscriber's disagreement with a point of view expressed by a contributor are so rare—particularly in scientific magazines which appeal primarily to open-minded seekers of the truth—as to attract comment. The Editor does not and obviously cannot commit either himself or the magazine to the opinions of the contributors. If any considerable portion of our readers shared our Canadian reader's censorious mental attitude, what in the world would have happened to our large and growing subscription list following the famous controversy in our pages between Sir Oliver Lodge and Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz on the Ether Hypothesis? Or between Dr. Elihu Thomson, Sir Oliver Lodge, General Squier and Dr. Reginald A. Fessenden on the Gliding Wave Theory?

As a matter of fact, "a writer named Williams" merely made the parenthetical observation (in his article descriptive of the broadcasting of his play) that "fortunately" Mr. Volstead's efforts to suppress cocktails were unsuccessful. This point of view is reported to be held by several million pretty good Americans and apparently too by a good many Canadians, who are presumably just as sincere in their convictions as is the Irate Subscriber. POPULAR RADIO neither disapproves nor endorses these opinions. Furthermore, the Editor expects to publish other opinions, provided that the contributors are persons of standing whose views command consideration.

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"A WRITER called Williams." in this case happens to be the internationally known novelist, Jesse Lynch Williams, Doctor of Letters, president of the Authors' League of America, member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, a writer and publicist who has been honored by institutions of learning and a dramatist who is known here and abroad for his keen understanding of present-day people and present-day problems.

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ONCE, when the Editor was on the staff of another magzaine, he lost an Irate Subscriber who bore a personal grudge age. It a certain author who had inconsiderately mained the Irate Subscriber's sweetheart. And once it lost an Irate Subscriber because an illustration in the magazine showed a man firing a revolver—and the Irate Subscriber, being an avowed pacifist, disapproved even of *pictures* of guns! And once he lost an Irate Subscriber who was a Catholic and didn't believe that the magazine should employ a Jew as subscription agent—or perhaps it was the other way around.

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BUT no amount of cancellations of subscriptions or advertising—(and, contrariwise, no amount of promises of contracts for either) will divert the editorial policy of POPULAR RADIO or lead the Editor to publish or to suppress an honest opinion.

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THE editorial pages of POPULAR RADIO are not for sale—to subscribers or to advertisers.

As this paragraph is being written, the cash price of POPULAR RADIO is 250,000,000 marks although, of course, that trifling sum is no criterion of its value. "I wouldn't sell my May number for \$10.00," writes an enthusiastic reader from Bethel, Conn. . . . Um! let's see, that's about 10,000,000,000 marks, isn't it?

THE author of the article on page 504 of this issue of POPULAR RADIO, John V. L. Hogan, is not only one of the most capable and widely experienced of radio experts in the world, but is adding to his scientific laurels an occasional sprig or two from the world of literature. His latest book, "The Outline of Radio," is perhaps the most understandable yet authoritative volume on the subject that the Editor has yet seen—comparable only to "Radio for Everyone" by our own Laurence M. Cockaday. And no praise could be fairer than that!

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OUR enterprising subscription manager tells the Editor that he has arranged with numerous publishers for filling orders for POPULAR RADIO, in combination with other magazines, at special club rates. "Our readers will profit well by taking ad-

"Our readers will profit well by taking advantage of some of these clubbing offers and filling the magazine requirements of their whole family for the coming year" he reports. "These special units, as announced in our advertisement in the current number, are priced lower than they can ever be priced again, and the offers are for a very limited time only. Why not tell our readers about them in *Pages with the Editor?*"

WHY not, indeed?

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A CORNER OF THE EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY OF POPULAR RADIO Before the Technical Editor's article on the super-heterodyne receiver was written, the set was designed, built and put into successful operation. Then the Technical Editor told in detail how it was done.

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You will find above a snapshot of a corner of the experimental laboratory conducted by our Technical Editor. This particular picture was made while the staff was actually working on the super-heterodyne set that is described in this issue.

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EVERY set and every circuit that is described in this magazine is built and tested before it appears in our pages.

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EVERY one of our "How-to-Build" articles is so carefully written and checked up that the possibility of error is remote. In order to insure successful results to the builder, the articles contain all the specific information that is necessary, ranging from the exact instruments that should be used to detailed and minute instructions as to where to drill the holes for the screws.

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THERE are some radio parts, however, that POPULAR RADIO recommends its readers to buy outright rather than to try to make himself. The amateur—even the most experienced has neither the experience nor the facilities for making his own vacuum tubes, for example. Nor has he the facilities for making such apparatus as audio-frequency transformers or couplers. It would be as unwise for the radio fan to try to make them as it would be for POPULAR RADIO to advise him to do so.

IF you fail to find in our "How-to-Build" series construction details for certain instruments, you may properly conclude that, in the opinion of POPULAR RADIO at least, the amateur should not attempt to construct them himself.

Kend	all Banning
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## The Inventor of the Radio Furnace

AMONG the first American experiments with radio were those made at the University of Texas in 1896 by Dr. E. F. Northrup. Dr. Northrup's most recent achievement is the invention of a furnace that melts the most refractory metals by means of radio waves. He will describe this in an carly number of POPULAR RADIO,



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## The First Man to See by Radio

This modest genius, Mr. C. Francis Jenkins, of Washington; D. C., believes in letting his inventions make their way in the world on merit alone. Although he is less known to newspaper readers than many other inventors of far less accomplishment, Mr. Jenkins already has to his credit several important contributions to the production of motion pictures as well as to radio. His most recent invention combines these fields in the "radio movies." described in the article that starts on the page opposite.



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# THE NEW RADIO MOVIES

In this authoritative article Mr. Davis describes for the first time an invention that some scientists believe to be one of the most important ever made in the whole science of radio. It is not too much to say that it may result in permitting you to actually *sce* any part of the world—its people, its street scenes, its great events and spectacles—without leaving your own fireside.

#### By WATSON DAVIS

WHEN I talked to C. Francis Jenkins over the telephone and he asked me to come up to his laboratory, I was not surprised and startled that he and I could talk over a copper wire. Telephoning is a common performance. Even the nightly radio voices in the ether are no longer the marvel they were a mere two years ago.

But, when Mr. Jenkins asked me to watch a screen in his laboratory which was shut off from the rest of the room and when I saw him wave his hand to me, although my back was turned to him, it was unusual.

I was seeing by radio!

But Mr. Jenkins has done unusual and unprecedented things before. Every ordinary motion picture projector contains a vital principle invented by him. Readers of POPULAR RADIO know also that he has within the last year made it possible to send diagrams, messages written in Chinese characters, and even photographs by wire and radio.\*

Sending and receiving sets for transmitting still pictures by radio were in his laboratory, and it was plain that this apparatus for radio vision, a new assembly of disks, motors, lenses and lights, was related to the more finished and mature equipment that has been successful in sending pictures and diagrams through thin air.

In reply to my hardly pronounced "How?" Mr. Jenkins showed how he had made the movement of his fingers and hand visible by radio. The apparatus seemed extremely simple, certainly no more complex than the telephone when Bell first operated it. A magic lantern, the same as thousands in ordinary use, was projecting its shaft of light through a disk that revolved at "The Jenkins method of sending pictures by radio was described in "Seeing by Radio" by Watson Davis, POPULAR RADIO, April, 1923.

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#### AN EXAMPLE OF FACSIMILE REPRODUCTION OF READING MATTER (OR PICTURE) BY THE JENKINS MACHINE

The transmission of a "still picture" by radio was the first step in the transmission of motion pictures—which are but a series of still pictures. Now the inventor is transmitting actual scenes directly from the moving objects.

high speed. The light fell on an opening in a rectangular box, supported, much like a small camera, on a heavy tripod placed half way across the room. From the black box on the tripod wires ran to a radio transmitting set that was heavily screened to keep stray and troublesome electric currents from getting in the way. When a wave of the hand was to be transmitted, Mr. Jenkins simply inserted his fingers into the space where the lantern slide holder of the ordinary stereopticon is placed.

The object of the whirling disk and stereopticon, Mr. Jenkins told me, was to impress the shadow of the moving fingers and hand, portion by portion, upon the light-sensitive cell that was contained in the camera-like black box on the tripod. How this is done will be explained later. But the result is that the variations in light that this cell receives are translated into variations in electric current, just as the variations in sound that enter the telephone transmitter exit upon the wires as variations in electric current. The shadow of the moving fingers, now in the form of varying electric current, was fed into the radio transmitting set and handled in exactly the same way as hundreds of jazz concerts are broadcast every night.

The receiving antenna in the case of this demonstration was only a few feet away from the sending antenna on the roof of the Jenkins laboratory, but for a short distance that wave of a hand went through the ether in the form of radio waves. After being picked up by the receiving radio set, these impulses were changed back into an electric current and sent to the radio-vision receiving set.

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THE ESSENTIALS OF THE RECEIVING SET FOR RADIO VISION The lamp shown in the picture receives a varying electric current and transforms it into variations in light, which are taken by the multiple-lens disk and thrown onto the screen in the background in the form of a picture. The motor driving the disk is located behind the screen.

This receiving apparatus consisted of just four essentials: a lamp that changed electric-current variations into light variations, a whirling disk similar to the one in the transmitter, a lens, and a picture-receiving screen.

Radio vision is as much a matter of optics as electricity, and since light and electricity are both members of the big family of ether waves, differing only in length, there is no reason why they should not work amicably.

Yet there is no question but that the radio part of radio vision plays second fiddle to the whirling disk. These rings of lenses make radio vision possible. They take the wave of the hand and impress it portion by portion on the light-sensitive cell; they take the rapidly fluctuating light and change it into a moving picture. The human eye is easily pleased and slurs over minute imperfections. All of the halftone illustrations in our newspapers are nothing but areas of coarse dots, sixty to the inch, that our eyes obligingly turn into pleasing pictures. That is a very useful optical trick and it is used by Mr. Jenkins in sending still pictures by radio and also in his process of radio vision.

Again, speed can be used to fool the eye. Getting fooled is not always unpleasant, because it allows us to enjoy motion pictures. In the theaters, sixteen photographs appear on the screen each second, and that is speedy enough to make it seem to our eyes that the motion is in the objects in the pictures, not in the pictures themselves. And this optical illusion is used by Mr. Jenkins in radio vision. Lines, not dots as in the halftone, very close together, are the structure of both pictures and vision by radio. These lines of light are swept across the progressing picture by the whirling disks. Light is the paint and the whirling disk is the brush in radio pictures and vision.

In the Jenkins apparatus for transmitting still pictures, the whirling disk has a prism curled around its circumference. Prismatic lenses, as almost all of us have observed, have a way of persuading light to deviate from its straight path. The disks used in transmitting still pictures by radio are made entirely of glass, and the prismatic lens is ground on the circumference. This is, however, the equivalent of many lenses since it is of varying thickness. And this causes a beam of light, projected through it while it revolves, to be swept from one side to the other or up and down.

Two of these disks are used to project the photograph upon the transmitting light-sensitive cell in Jenkins' pictures by radio apparatus. One disk covers the picture in one direction while the other covers it at right angles to the first, and one of these disks operates many times faster than the other so that the effect. in both sending and receiving, is the drawing of lines across the picture very close to each other. In sending still pictures, this operation takes about a minute.

To transmit motion, the sending must be speeded up so that at least sixteen pictures are transmitted each second instead of one picture in several minutes. Compared with this, ordinary motion pictures such as we see in theaters. are comparatively simple. At the movies whole photographs are projected on the screen all at once, and they are thrown on and taken off so rapidly that the eye can not detect the separate projections but blends them together into continuous motion of the objects in the picture. In radio vision the picture is projected on the screen portion by portion, but to produce the effect of motion or actual vision a complete picture must be built



AS IT WAS SENT-

This is the original Chinese message that was handed to the radio operator for transmission at the sending station. Its Chinese significance is "Ten thousand joys on your journey." -AND AS IT WAS RECEIVED This is the message as it was received by the radio operator and handed to its Chinese ad-

dressce; it is practically a perfect reproduction in somewhat grayer tane.

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THE SIMPLE APPARATUS THAT SENDS A WAVE OF THE HAND BY RADIO The inventor, C. Francis Jenkins, is placing his hand in the stercopticon which throws a beam of light on the multiple-lens disk. This disk impresses a picture of his hand upon the light-sensitive cell (which is across the room and not shown in the photograph) and this cell translates variations in light to variations in electricity.

up every sixteenth of a second. Prismatic disks that produce only one picture a minute are obviously too slow.

So Mr. Jenkins has devised a new form or disk, that contains lenses that combine the function of covering the picture vertically and horizontally. In the apparatus that he demonstrated, the disk was so made as to produce one complete picture with each revolution. It contained forty-eight lenses in all. Each of these was, in effect, a combination of a rather flat convex lens and a prismatic lens. The lenses varied by having the prismatic part thick on one edge for the first lens and then gradually changing their angles until the thickness was on the other edge for the last or forty-eighth lens. For all lenses the convex portion was the same. Thus in this compound lens both horizontal

and vertical motion of the light was obtained. The forty-eight lenses forming a prism of varying angles shifted the scene once horizontally, while each convex lens by its vertical motion swept the scene over the light-sensitive cell in one-forty-eighth the time of the horizontal shift. Thus each scene was impressed on the cell as forty-eight horizontal lines spaced close together. The speed necessary for the production of continuous motion in the radio-vision receiving apparatus was sixteen revolutions a second or 960 r.p.m.

Exactly the reverse process takes place in the radio-vision receiver. The dismembered scene enters the lamp of the receiver as a fluctuating current, strong where the light of the transmitted scene was strong, weak where it was weak. Faithfully the lamp repro-

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#### THE RADIO TRANSMITTER FOR MOTION PICTURES

The light I, from an object A, is focussed one strip at a time, through lenses on the rotating disk E, onto the light-sensitive cell F. Electric current from the battery G, is modulated by the light and sent out by radio in the usual way.

duces light, and the whirling disk with its dual-purpose lenses sweeps the scene on the screen just as its twin in the transmitter swept it on the light-sensitive cell.

It is a shadowy wave of the hand or movement of the fingers that is produced. A picture composed of only a few horizontal lines, varying in light intensity along their lengths, can not be expected to be very distinct or detailed.

But even shadowy motion such as was produced was a demonstration of the important possibilities that the method holds. Increase the number of lenses that produce each picture to several hundred and the detail will come.

In another important way, the radiovision apparatus differs from the radiopictures outfit. The light source in the

receiver must vary quickly with variations in the incoming current. The ordinary lamp that is speedy enough for still pictures by radio can not make the pace necessary for radio vision. Mr. Jenkins is using a corona glow lamp, in which the gas around the internal electrodes gives off the light. The lamps are filled with neon, one of the rare inert gases. With this kind of lamp the lag is sufficiently small but the intensity of light is not great and efforts are being made to obtain lamps of the same principle that are more suitable.

The question of synchronism, of keeping the disks of the transmitting and receiving sets running exactly together, Mr. Jenkins says, is a simpler problem in radio vision than in radio transmission of pictures. The pulleys used are conical and the speed of the



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#### HOW THE RADIO MOVIES ARE RECEIVED

Radio impulses are communicated through the transformer O, to the device N, which reconverts them into pulses of light. These pulses, passing through the lenses on the rotating disk K, produce an image of the original object on the screen J.

disks can be regulated by sliding the belt slightly to such a degree that synchronism can be obtained more easily than the picture is framed in ordinary motion-picture projection today. In the experimental set that was demonstrated, disks of both the transmitting and receiving sets were driven from the same motor for the sake of simplicity in operation.

The transmission of pantoinime by radio has been accomplished. There is no reason why the receiver should not have been in New York rather than in Washington next to the radio-vision transmitting set.

The perfection of the invention has not yet reached the point where actual scenes in all their lights and shadows can be reproduced or motion pictures distributed to the hearth and home. But the experimental apparatus devised by Mr. Jenkins gives promise eventually of

disks can be regulated by sliding the our being able to see in New York at belt slightly to such a degree that syn- nine o'clock in the morning what "will chronism can be obtained more easily occur" the same afternoon at two than the picture is framed in ordinary o'clock in London.

> Mr. Jenkins simply moved his hand and fingers when he made his demonstration. With those moving shadows radioed on the screen, I could hardly refrain from hoping that he would form a shadowy rabbit or bird with a long neck or some other strange animal such as all of us have made or seen for the amusement of children. Tony Sarg and his marionettes might well produce pantomime by radio vision when the process is slightly perfected.

> In fact, it is a hope of Mr. Jenkins that he will be able to devise a lowpriced piece of apparatus that will take pantomime entertainment into the home just as bedtime radio stories now are received with so much glee by eager childish ears.



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#### A YOUTHFUL RADIO AMATEUR WHO SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN WARTIME

Wendell Kilmer, whose station 2KX is known to amateurs in the east, rode his hobby to such good effect while the German-owned station at Sayville, Long Island, New York, was in operation that he was given special permission to operate during the war period.

# HOW RADIO IS MAKING THE AMERICAN BOY "A Citizen of the World"

During a recent conversation, Forrest Crissey, the well-known author, told the incident that first awoke him to a realization of the tremendous effect that radio is having upon civilization. The incident was so interesting—and so significant—that the Editor asked Mr. Crissey to tell the story to the readers of POPULAR RADIO. This is it.

A LTHOUGH I am not of those who find themselves and their own thoughts intolerable company—for a day or even an hour—I suffered a sense of well-nigh sickening loneliness as I climbed a series of richly wooded hills in "Old Chautauqua" County to spend a night with a boyhood friend.

"What a desolate place," was my inward exclamation, "in which to rear a family of children!" The wood-colored house stood on a side hill and was almost encircled by dense woods of hard maple, beech, birch and hemlock—huge and towering trees typical of New York State.

Before I followed the lane leading from the main road to my destination my thoughts went back to my own boyhood in that same county—but on a farm far more open and friendly, and much less remote from neighbors—and. I recalled, as distinctly as I smelled the moist, woodsey odor of the forest through which the lane wound, the feeling of complete isolation which often assailed me as a child on the little farm in the snug and verdant Bear Creek Valley. How easy it had been, then, to imagine myself a Robinson Crusoe cut off from all contact or communication with the great world of busy, happy human beings who did not know solitude, isolation, loneliness.

This recollection was so vivid, so compelling, that I sat on a moss-grown boulder to give a few minutes of pity to the small boy who had felt so much alone, so wholly separated from the great world outside Bear Creek Valley, in the years of my country childhood. Instantly I was drawn into a survey, an inventory, of my contacts with "the world without." Of a truth they were pitifully meager: the regular Sabbath pilgrimage to the little white church in the village of Stockton. If a returned missionary, intent on drawing a few dollars from the congregation, was permitted to occupy the pulpit and relate harrowing experiences among benighted and bloodthirsty savages of remote and heathen lands-the occasion was never to be forgotten.

Then there were the visits to our home of a friend of my father's from Ohio, who told thrilling experiences of his life in the south after the Civil War—and smoked fragrant cigars in the sacred "front parlor" as he related his "Carpet Bagger" narratives. Here was a Man Among Men, a Citizen of the World! From my slippery perch on the haircloth stool beside the marbletopped center table I hung on his words with avid and thirsty delight.

Then there were the annual visits of the itinerant craftsmen and peddlers —a hunched old "infidel" tinker who carried his tools in a tin box slung from a shoulder strap; a swarthy essence vender, reputed to be "part Indian" who carried his aromatic distillations in brown jugs and applied his art of salesmanship by touching the tip of my tongue with the small end of each cork; a sleek, perfumed "watch peddler" who carried cases of marvelous pocket timepieces, pillowed against dainty satin; and a glib and merry Irish vender of linens and laces. These exciting visits were, in the main, my world contacts.

As I sat on the moss-grown rock taking stock of the limitations of my



A HOME-MADE SET AND ITS BUILDER

A representative of the great army of young American radio fans—in this specific instance Master Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, Jr., the son of Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey. boyhood-before pushing on to the end of the land to pay my old friend a surprise visit-I felt a wave of pity for the loneliness of his boy, more completely shut away from companions and a wholesome and cheering contact with the world of affairs than I had ever been down in the valley where neighbors were nearer. Yes; if opportunity opened, I would point out to Tom the injustice which he was doing his alert young lad by isolating him on this remote, timber-walled hill farm. There was a message for that father-and he would get it if he gave me half a chance!

The boy didn't appear until dinner was on the table. My eyes instantly searched his face for tell-tale signs of his loneliness. They were not in evidence. Instead he seemed strangely at ease, wholesome, natural, happy. The shy wistfulness of the isolated and the lonely was utterly lacking in his eyes. Instead they seemed to carry the hint of an eager surprise held in abeyance with some difficulty. Occasionally he exchanged glances with his mother which seemed to say:

"Aren't we going to show this friend of father's a thing or two? We'll open his eyes!"

Then the solution of the mystery came to me: After supper he was going to bring out the family checkerboard and "stump" the visiting stranger to a game. This inspiration brought back to me the marvelous relief to evening monotony which came with the first checker-board that had cheered our home. And how I hated checkers now! But I would have to make the best of the ordeal for the sake of goodfellowship to the lonely and isolated young son of my host.

As we arose from the table the boy winked at his mother and, with rather well-supressed eagerness asked:

"Like music?"

Being morally certain, from casual inspection of the family living room

and the parlor, that the roof did not cover a talking machine or piano. I recalled my own boyish experiments with the harmonica—and feared for the worst! What an instrument of family torture that shining rectangle of cells had been in my lips!

I think the boy must have sensed something of my fears for a halfamused grin overspread his face as he opened the door into the traditional "downstairs bedroom" and invited me to be seated in the Boston rocker which I recalled as my favorite resting place in his grandmother's sitting room.

As he drew a dark cover from a wall table and revealed a radio set of impressive proportions I was stunned into silence.

The boy's tongue was loosened and he became an easy, well-poised masterof-ceremonies, remarking:

"I put all the money I earned in grapes, over Brockton way, into this set. Cost quite a lot, but it's worth it. I can pick up Los Angeles, when conditions are good—had Chicago Jast night clear as a bell. Well; I'll tune up and see what we can get."

As his deft hands flashed from one tuning device to another his mother whispered:

"He'd rather stay at home and work that thing than go to a party or a picture show in town. Can't drag him And before he had his first away. little set he was wild to go out-said it was as lonesome as a graveyard up here away from everybody and everything." She hesitated a moment and "He was getting to then confessed: be rather a problem and we were anxious. But that's all past now. He's changed a lot, too, since he took hold of radio-developed! I can see that he's getting an education in ways and things that would have been beyond him if he hadn't become so carried away with this. I don't mean in electricity or mechanics or whatever it is that he's forever studying into in the

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#### YOUNG AMERICA LISTENS IN ON THE WORLD

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magazine which he takes and the books which he buys; I mean in the things which he hears over the radio.

"Why, the other day we heard President Harding speak just as plainly as if he'd been in this house. The next day Junior talked about what Mr. Harding had said in a way that showed me how the President's message had sunk in. He wouldn't have read it in a newspaper—but he took it in over the wireless. It's the same way with music, he—"

"Here's KDKA," interrupted the boy. "Generally have good concerts at Pittsburgh—real artists, not the jazz stuff. Like a little jazz now'n then, but—"

A clear soprano cut in—for the boy's set boasted an excellent amplifier—and not a word was spoken in the room until the last silver note trailed into silence.

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A BOY'S TRANSMITTER THAT WAS HEARD IN SWITZERLAND Station 32H, located in Washington, D. C., is operated by the youthful Herbert Hoover, Jr., who is making a name for himself quite independently of his famous father.

"Now," eagerly exclaimed the lad, "I'm going to try for Los Angeles. Like t' show you what this set 'll do. If it was a clear, still winter night I'd be almost certain of tuning in on any station in the east—but you never can tell in other seasons."

We waited with a breathless expectancy that amounted almost to suspended animation while the boy deftly adjusted his instrument. One moment he shook his head as if in despair, then suddenly thrilled with recovered hope-reaching out across the old Western Reserve, the Mississippi Valley, the Great American Desert, the Rockies and the plains and valleys of California for the sound of a voice in the City of the Angels which the old missionaries had established so many, many years ago! And the boy turned a face shining with triumph upon us as the strains of Chopin's Moonlight Sonata became audible-distinct, silvery and yet carrying in its delicate attenuation a hint of the far sweeps of mountains, plains, deserts and fertile lands between the player

and her four auditors in the remote, isolated hillside farm house in Old Chautauqua.

Isolated? The boy's eyes lighted with faith and prophesy and he forgot his youth and our maturity as he exclaimed:

"Some day I'll pick up London and Paris just as we have Los Angeles and that's coming soon, too. Just think of our hearing the Premier of Great Britain speaking to a London audience or a grand opera star singing in Berlin—hearing it right here in our own farmhouse a few miles from the shores of Lake Erie! I'm going to have the outfit that'll do it, no matter what it costs. It's so, so—well, gee! I've just got to, that's all!"

"Yes," I responded, "I think you're right!"

Then I laughed and related my reflections as I had sat on the big stone half way up the lane—my memories of the isolation and loneliness of my own childhood, in the little valley a few miles below, my pity for young Tom.

"And," I added "you and your radio have opened my eyes to the fact that you are a Citizen of the World compared with the boy I remember. You are ages older, wiser and more alive than that Crusoe-like youngster. Theoretically I have known that the radio is a marvelous thing, a great, vibrant, vital and distance-annihilating thing. But its reach into the realm of boyhood never occurred to me until tonight. I shall always count this as one of the most revealing experiences of my life. It has given me a new definition of The voice that can reach and radio. dispel the isolation of the boys in the remote homes of American farms and ranches is certainly the voice of a new

Evangel that can not be stilled."

"You bet," was the boy's enthusiastic response. "Why; it makes me interested in almost everything, everywhere. I read up a lot about what I hear by the radio. Just do it because I want to—not because anyone tells me to. I get interested in a lot of things and follow 'em up in my reading. If I had to choose between going to college and giving up my radio—pushing ahead with it as fast as it's developed by the big men who are working in it—I think I'd stick with the radio."

And my reply to his unaffected fervor was:

"I'm not so sure but that you are right."



From a photograph loaned by Armstrong Perry

THE EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY IN AUSTRIA'S RADIO SCHOOL The loop aerial (at the left) was built under the direction of Dr. Max Reithoffer, who appears in the picture. The loop has a tuning range of 7 500-15,000 meters. At the right is an assistant who is bringing in radiophone stock-market reports from Berlin, with the aid of an outside aerial, four stages of radio-frequency amplification, detector, two stages of audio frequency and a loudspeaker.



From a photograph made for POPULAR RADIO

## How to Select YOUR RADIO PARTS

Have you ever been undecided whether to buy an instrument for your set at \$2.50 or \$5.00? Have you ever bought a condenser because it "didn't cost as much" and have the plates loosen up so that you could not make a proper adjustment? Have you ever bought paper condensers when you should have bought mica ones, or vice-versa? In other words, do you REALLY know how to choose the parts for your radio set? This article tells you how.

#### By S. GORDON TAYLOR

I HAPPENED to be at a friend's house the other day when his fourteen-year-old youngster came in with a big package of parts that he had just purchased in a downtown radio store. He had been hoarding his money for months until he had saved enough to purchase parts to build a set that would enable him to "pick up Pittsburgh and Chicago." At last he had accumulated the required sum and here he was, all ready to start assembling the receiving set of his dreams.

He spread out his purchases on the table with the air of a world conqueror, but the exhibition was pathetic. The collection of junk he had brought home was almost valueless to a radio circuit. He would probably develop gray hair long before he succeeded in getting his set into working order. He had figured on paying a reasonable price for his parts but when he looked around in the stores he found many parts could be obtained for prices considerably lower than he had figured. He immediately began to picture his set with one stage of amplification and in order to make his money cover this added list of parts he had purchased the cheapest of everything.

Had this beginner gone ahead to make his set of these parts it is doubtful whether he would have obtained even fair results. His father came to the rescue, however, and saved the day by supplying enough cash to enable the boy to exchange his junk for some really usable parts.

Usually, however, the novice who

gets "stuck" does not get off so easily. The moral is plain. Anyone who buys radio parts or sets will do well to call on a friend who really knows something about the points to look for in selecting instruments.

Unfortunately every beginner does not have among his friends an experienced fan who can help him. For them the following suggestions will prove helpful:

In the first place, all cheap instruments are not bad nor are all expensive ones good.

As a general rule it pays to buy the best one can afford. The very cheap articles should be avoided by all means. It is usually a safe rule to make a practice of paying a little more than the medium price. For instance, an article may run anywhere from \$1.00 to \$5.00 in price, according to the make. In such a case a price of \$3.00 to \$4.00 will usually assure good quality.

When selecting a part see that all contacts on the apparatus are well made and positive in their operation. In some variable condensers and variometers. for instance, electric contact is made by means of a shaft rubbing against the bearings. Frequently such a contact is not positive. A direct flexible wire connection is to be preferred. This is called a "pigtail" connection and is made by connecting a wire or coilspring between the shaft and bearing in such a way that the shaft can turn freely but still maintain a positive path for the current whether or not there is a good contact between the shaft and bearing. Here are some points to watch out for in purchasing individual instruments. For the sake of convenience the items have been arranged in alphabetical order:

ANTENNA WIRE—For the average antenna the regular seven-strand copper antenna wire is excellent. Single-strand copper wire will give good results, but it is not quite as strong as the seven-



AUDIO-FREQUENCY TRANSFORMER Be sure that the wires running to the terminals are protected. The core laminations should be clamped tightly together to prevent vibration on loud signals.



VARIOCOUPLER A finer tuning is assured with a variocoupler which is rotatable throughout 180 degrees. The windings should be wound dry.



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VARIOCOUPLER A new type of winding which reduces distributed capacity to a minimum.

strand wire nor does it give quite as loud a signal, although this latter point is almost negligible.

ANTENNA INSULATOR—Regular porcelain cleats are inexpensive and serve the purpose as well as anything for receiving. If composition insulators are used, buy the best, because some of the cheaper ones have a tendency to allow the end rings, through which the wire is passed, to pull out, thus causing the antenna to fall—a most exasperating occurrence, to say the least. If porcelain cleats are used be sure that they are glazed, otherwise their insulating qualities are affected by the absorption of moisture.

BATTERIES—When buying batteries the safest guide is the price. In almost every case the battery will be sealed or so inclosed that the inside cannot be seen, whether it be storage, dry-cell or

"B" battery. Everyone is too familiar with the ordinary dry cells (such as are used to operate the WD-11 tube) to need any instruction on this point. In the case of storage batteries it is well to stick to recognized makes. They may cost more but they have "quality"; that is why they are well known. Storage batteries such as are used for the lighting systems on automobiles are good for radio work. Most manufacturers of storage batteries make a special type for radio and those are the best to buy. The size of the storage battery is an important consideration, as one will realize after he has carried one two or three blocks to have it charged. If one must depend on a charging station to charge his battery then a small one rated at 40 to 60 ampere-hours is best. It will be necessary to have it recharged more often than the larger batteries but it is light enough in weight to be carried con-If more than one vacuum veniently. tube is to be used, however, a larger battery of from 60 to 120-ampere hours is to be preferred. In such a case a battery charger will be needed so that the charging can be done at home from the electric light circuit.

Most of the "B" batteries on the market are good, with the exception of the very cheapest. Here again those recognized as best for radio work are those manufactured by well-known companies. Batteries of 221/2 volts come in two sizes: small, and large. So do the 45-volt batteries. In either case it is best to buy the large size as they will last much longer than the small size, and in the end will be found cheaper. For use with detector tubes buy 221/2-volt batteries. For amplifier tubes two or more  $22\frac{1}{2}$ -volt batteries, connected in series, may be used, but the 45-volt battery is to be preferred as a matter of convenience.

CONDENSERS (FIXED)—Buy the best. Avoid the paper-covered variety. Often the contacts are poor and they are loosely assembled as a rule. The better kind are assembled under heavy pressure and this pressure is maintained by means of a metal case or by impregnating with wax so that a solid block is formed. Condensers are rated in microfarads and one should be sure to obtain the proper capacity for the particular use to which the condenser is to be put. In most circuit diagrams the capacities of the condensers used are specified. In cases where they are not, the phone condenser is usually .001 microfarads and the grid condenser either .00025 or .0005 mfd. If a tubular grid leak is to be used in shunt with the grid condenser, a special condenser may be obtained with clips all ready to mount the grid leak. The better grade condensers, mentioned above, have a mica dielectric which is much better than the oiled paper used in the cheaper grades.

CONDENSERS (VARIABLE)—These condensers are a vital part of any radio set; it may truly be said that a set is only as good as the condensers that are used in it. Do not buy a cheap one because it will cause no end of trouble. First of all see that the moving plates do not touch the stationary ones as they revolve. The moving and fixed plates should remain equally spaced throughout the complete revolution. One glance is usually sufficient to enable even the beginner to tell a good condenser when he sees it because its mechanical perfection will be at once noticeable. It almost always follows that if a manufacturer makes a mechanically good condenser it will be good from the electrical standpoint also. Pigtail connection between shaft and bearings, as previously described, are not essential but are an advantage. Large plates of very thin metal are considered less desirable than thicker plates of smaller diameter and the smaller condenser takes up less panel space. End plates of bakelite are suitable or hard



VARIABLE CONDENSER The plates should be cut out of heavy, flat, rigid material to prevent warping. One good point is an adjustable split-collar friction bearing.

rubber plates are equally good, provided they are not less than 1/4-inch thick so they will not bend under the pressure to which they are subjected by the tension of contact between shaft and bearing. Some condensers have end plates of cast aluminum. These are good and have the advantage of rigidity and lightness. Iron ends should These will be found on be avoided. some of the cheaper makes. 43-plate condensers have a capacity of approximately .001 mfd. and the 23-plate variety are of about .0005 mfd. For condensers which are used in a circuit that is critical in adjustment, as the average secondary circuit, or the primary condenser in a single-circuit set, a condenser with a vernier attachment is useful. The vernier may take several forms but the type I have found most satisfactory is the one consisting of



FILAMENT RHEOSTAT No matter what type of rheostat is used, the terminals should be accessible to facilitate connection.

three extra plates mounted on the end of a regular condenser. This is really another variable condenser mounted right on the large one but it gives much finer tuning than the larger one.

GRID LEAKS-A grid leak may easily be made in a few minutes with a piece of fiber, two binding posts and a few pencil lines. The one objection to this type is that it may be affected by dampness or weather conditions or even by On the other hand it has the dust. advantage of being adjustable, the adjustment being made by simply adding or erasing some of the pencil marks. For ordinary use, however, the grid leak value is not critical, so this feature is not really important. In purchasing grid leaks the glass-tube variety is probably best. Usually a leak of about two megohms is the proper size but good results are often obtained with 1 or  $1\frac{1}{2}$  megohms.

HONEYCOMB OR DUOLATERAL COILS— There are few brands on the market and these are practically standardized, both in price and quality. Care should be exercised in selecting a mounting. One which has calibrated coupling dials is to be preferred because then a notation can be made of the setting at which a certain broadcasting station can be best received and when it is desired to tune in the same station again the setting can be duplicated by referring to the notations. A useful refinement is the mounting which has extension handles. These make extremely fine tuning possible.

JACKS-Buy good ones and inspect them closely as even the best seem to have a tendency to be imperfect. First, look at the contacts carefully in the case of double-circuit jacks, to see that there is a good contact between the arms of the different circuits when the plug is or is not inserted. Make sure that the jack will fit the plug you intend using. Next, see that the screw which is used for mounting the jack on the panel will screw far enough into the frame of the jack to grip the panel tightly. If a 3/16-inch panel is used it will be found that most jacks will require an extra washer which the dealer will usually furnish. A jack that is imperfect can cause a great deal of trouble and one cannot be too careful.

LIGHTNING ARRESTERS --- Insurance regulations require lightning arresters on every outdoor antenna and they further specify that only those approved by the Board of Fire Underwriters are acceptable. Therefore, purchase an approved type which bears the approval stamp of the board. There are two general types-those for outside mounting and the indoor type. It is advisable to use the outdoor type because in some suburban communities the insurance companies will not accept those mounted indoors, even though of a type approved by the underwriters.

PANELS-Many kinds of compositions are used in making panels. It is best to stick to well-known, standard materials, however, for then you will know what you are getting. Resinous compounds or hard rubber are perhaps the most commonly used. Hard rubber serves very well if it is screwed on the front of a cabinet to keep it from warping. If a cabinet is not used it may be reinforced with metal strips. Quarter-inch hard rubber will not usually warp unless very large panels are used. If a resinous compound is used the thickness need not be greater than 3/16 of an inch. Wood may be used for panels provided it is well seasoned. A three-ply veneer which has been given three coats of good white shellac makes a good panel and is somewhat cheaper than hard rubber and considerably cheaper than good grade compositions. Hard rubber is very easy to drill but in the case of compositions more care must be exercised to keep them from chipping where the drill passes through the back. Ordinary red or black fiber should be avoided because it warps badly unless strongly reinforced, and will absorb moisture.

PHONES-Headphones are an article that cannot be judged by appearance. Nor can they be judged by price entirely. The rating in ohms means little. as practically all phones used for radio work are rated at from 2,000 to 3,000 ohms a pair, whether they be good, bad or indifferent. A good pair may be purchased at present day prices for five or six dollars. They may not be the best but they will serve admirably for ordinary use. If phones are to be used on a horn with one or two stages of amplification, then a better grade phone with mica diaphragms should be used because the metal diaphragms in cheaper phones sometimes rattle against the magnets causing a "tinny" noise which is unpleasant especially if there is a large volume of sound. In



AUDIO-FREQUENCY TRANSFORMER A metal shield around the windings protects them mechanically and electrically. The terminals should be clearly marked for identification in connecting up.

buying phones pick out a time when the dealer is not very busy and have him try out the different kinds on a receiving set and compare their volume and clearness. When you decide on a pair be sure that the two phones are well matched as to tone and volume test them both out on the same ear!

PLUGS—Most of the plugs on the market are good; the difference in price is largely dependent on quality of workmanship. Selection is, therefore, a matter of personal preference as to shape and other details. Be sure that the means of gripping the receiver tips is secure and that the plug fits the jack in which it is to be used. I prefer the round type myself, because they may be changed from one pair of phones to another without the necessity of removing screws to take the plug apart.

RHEOSTATS-Many of the cheaper grades work very well. The contact arm should slide easily over the coil



VARIABLE CONDENSER A new method is to lock the plates together in a slotted strip of metal to prevent shifting. Wide spacing is obtained by using insulated end plates.

of resistance wire but should at the same time make good contact. Some rheostats make good contact at some points but poor at others. In buying one, turn the arm, and see that the pressure is equal in all positions Α vernier rheostat is not necessary with amplifier tubes. With the UV-200 and other detector tubes a vernier is needed. For such tubes a good rheostat is the type which functions by increasing or decreasing pressure on carbon disks. In this type no resistance wire is used and extremely fine regulation of current is possible.

SOCKETS—All sockets are alike, the main differences being in the material used in the contact springs, and the insulating material used in the base. Test the contact springs to see that they are springy, but fairly stiff, so that they will press tightly against the prongs on

the tube when it is inserted. It is difficult to judge the material in the base but a polished socket is always more dependable because where cheap composition is used in the base either it will not take a polish or else the manufacturers do not bother to polish it. This does not mean, of course, that all unpolished sockets are not good but one will be safer in buying one he is sure of. Make sure that nuts are furnished for all the binding posts. This may seem like an unnecessary suggestion but one can slip up on little things like this-and dealers are careless in this respect. Dry-cell tubes do not fit the ordinary socket. Special sockets may be purchased for these, but many prefer to use regular sockets with adapters so that either the WD-11, UV-199, or regular 6-volt tubes may be used without the necessity for replacing the sockets. Some WD-11-tube sockets are simply a flat piece of insulating material with four holes to fit the prongs of the tube and with springs underneath to make contact with the prongs. There is another type which is to be preferred, however. It is shaped exactly like a regular socket except that it has no slot in the top part such as is necessary with a standard six-volt One socket of this type has the tube. contact springs bent in such a way that they press on the side of the tube prongs rather than on the ends. This is an advantage because each time a tube is inserted these springs scrape the prongs clean so that a perfect contact is made.

PANEL SWITCHES; SERIES-PARALLEL —In general, switches are all alike except for workmanship. However, there is one point in which they vary—in the way in which the switch arm is held against the switch points. They have a bushing which is inserted through the hole in the panel and a nut is screwed on the back end to hold it tight to the panel. This is the bearing for the

shaft of the switch arm and the shaft is slipped through the hole in this bearing. Now there must be a means of holding the arm in this bearing and it is in this that switches vary. By far the best type is that in which another metal bushing, in which there is a set-screw, is slipped over the back end of the The set-screw is tightened up shaft. so that the switch arm can revolve freely at the same time maintaining a fair pressure of the switch arm on the points. Other types use two nuts for this purpose but the objection to this type is that the nuts frequently work loose, and when a switch is mounted on a panel it is not always easy to get at these nuts to tighten them. Switch points should have heads not less than 3/16 of an inch in diameter so that the holes through which they are inserted in the panel need not be too close together.

TRANSFORMERS; AUDIO-FREQUENCY-The beginner is up against an obstacle To the novice all transformers here. look alike-and to the more seasoned fan as well. However, there are good ones and bad ones. Don't be misled by advertisers' claims because a comparison of manufacturers' claims will show that most of them say the same things about their products. By all means obtain the advice of a friend who has tried out the different makes, if that is at all possible. Generally speaking, the higher-priced transformers are superior to the cheaper kinds. One cannot judge them from appearance because I have in mind one of the best that doesn't look as good as many of the cheapest. It is difficult to give detailed suggestions on this instrument. Your friend can advise you best because he can recommend certain makes that he has found to be good. A vacuum tube of low impedence requires a low-impedence transformer for best results. Do not believe everything you hear about certain transformers being



#### VARIOMETER

The frame should be rigid and the rotation should be smooth. Pigtail connections to the rotor are advisable. If pigtails are used the instrument should be equipped with "stops" to prevent twisting off the pigtails.

designed especially for use with the WD-11 tube. I have found that while some of these are fairly good they are no better with this tube than any other standard transformers.

VARIOCOUPLERS—The most efficient variocoupler has two ball-shaped windings for the primary and secondary. In other words the secondary is wound on a wood or composition ball and the primary is wound on the *inside* of the stator or stationary form. This is not essential but is an advantage as far as efficiency is concerned. There are few made in this way and it may not be possible for the reader to obtain this type in his locality. If not the next best is to obtain one which has two ball-shaped windings but which has the primary on the outside of the stator. Slightly less efficient than this is a third type which has the primary wound on a bakelite or other composition tube and the secondary on a ball just small enough to rotate snugly within the primary tube. Composition tubing is to be preferred to cardboard. Pigtail connections should be used to connect the secondary winding to its binding posts. Taps taken off the primary should be so arranged that in connecting them to the switch points the coil winding will not become loosened. If the coupler is to be used in a single-circuit outfit with the secondary acting as a tickler, the 180-degree coupler gives finer tuning and is to be preferred.

VARIOMETERS—It is essential that the two windings be ball shaped and that the stator winding be on the inside of the stator form with a minimum clearance between the two windings. Variometers with excessive glue, shellac or cement on the windings are not recommended. Wood is suitable for the rotor and stator blocks provided it is thoroughly seasoned. It is not an easy matter to tell by the appearance whether the wood is well seasoned or not, however, for that reason many prefer variometers which are wound on composition forms. Pigtail connections are an additional assurance of proper operation. A last and obvious suggestion is that the purchaser make sure that the rotor does not scrape against the stator in revolving. If it does the insulation will soon become worn through and cause the two windings to short-circuit.

A last word of caution to the builder of a radio set; it may not be directly connected with the selection of parts but it is nevertheless relevant. When building a set do not try to plunge right in by making a five-tube outfit, or even one with three tubes. Start with the necessary tuning unit and a single detector tube and mount these instruments temporarily on a small board or panel. Then experiment with them until you know them thoroughly and have them working at highest ef-Then if you intend to add ficiency. other tubes do so one at a time and become familiar with each part as you go along. When you finally have everything that is going into the finished set and all the parts are working properly, then go ahead and mount them on a regular panel.

If you follow this suggestion you will be well satisfied with your set and you will get the most enjoyment out of it.

## The New and Improved Four-circuit Tuner

SINCE the publication, in the May, 1923 issue, of the Cockaday four-circuit tuner, there have been made and are now in use somewhere between 200,000 and probably twice this number of these sets. Since the article was published there have been so many improvements and changes in the circuit that the inventor has written another article, explaining how to build the set with these new and important developments incorporated in it. The fourcircuit tuner de luxe with one stage of power amplification will be described in the January issue of POPULAR RADIO. This set will get anything in the United States on a loudspeaker, consistently, through the local stations, without interference.



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THE SUBCONSCIOUS MIND MAY BE REACHED BY SOUNDS WHILE THE STUDENT LOSES CONSCIOUSNESS In all cases sleep-listening to the code will help to master it; in some cases the results will be phenomenal.

# Learning the Code While Asleep

How the progress of students may be increased as much as 100 percent by an appeal to the subconscious mind

#### T BY KENNETH M. SWEZEY

THE young aviators of the Naval Air Station at Pensacola have been successful in their attempt to become more proficient in the code by listeningin while they were asleep.

At first thought, such a proposition seems so revolutionary as to be almost foolish, but it seems so only because the principles involved are not generally clearly understood. The underlying theory is perfectly sound, and the practical application is not difficult, if the problem is approached properly. Furthermore, a knowledge of the why and wherefore and the how of these phenomena is of value to every individual operator who is willing to give it a trial.

The first observation of anything of this sort in the radio world was made, so far as I know, by Mr. Laurence M.

Cockaday in 1918 while he was instructing in radio theory and operation on the U. S. Training Ship Granite State. Mr. Cockaday found that code students made about 100 percent better progress in learning code when messages, sent with a buzzer and received on a pair of headphones, were received in the evening just before retiring, than when the code classes were held early in the morning. In fact, code classes held just before "taps" were found to be at least 100 percent more efficient than those held at any other time during the day; that is, the evening classes ultimately learned the code in about onehalf the time needed by the classes that got their practice at other times during the day.

In a report to the commanding officer

made at that time Mr. Cockaday suggested that these experiences were probably explained by the fact that the suudents were able to sleep with the code firmly fixed in their minds without any other thoughts intruding for a considerable period of time. It was recommended that the students practice the code shortly before hammock-time, so that they could "sleep on it."

These observations do not seem to have attracted much attention at the time, and the matter remained unnoticed until the recent tests at Pensacola. Several experienced operators have assured me, however, that if one falls asleep with the phones on his ears, or if one is reading a book and not paying particular attention to what is coming in, code messages may be received unconsciously. On waking or on coming out of his "brown study," the operator is likely to find fixed in his brain the meaning or even the exact words of messages that were received while he was inattentive.

The following paragraphs attempt to give an explanation of these phenomena in the light of modern psychology, and also to describe a fairly positive method of carrying out this learning-whileasleep procedure most satisfactorily.

First let us consider the mind.

This complex something is not a unified whole, as is generally supposed. It is divided into two main divisions, the conscious mind and the subconscious mind.

The conscious mind is our reasoning mind; our volitional mind. With it we make our decisions, solve our problems, cause our arms and our hands to move, talk, become conscious of what we hear and what we see, and perform all other duties and functions that are under the direct control of our will.

The subconscious mind, in our present stage of development, is quite dis-



Official photograph U.S. Navy HERE ARE THE MEN WHO ARE LEARNING THE RADIO CODE WHILE THEY SLEEP Upon this group of students at the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida. the Navy Department is conducting a novel and apparently successful experiment.


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THE ONLY CLASSROOM IN WHICH SLEEP IS PRESCRIBED While the students of this remarkable school for naval aviators at Pensacola arc dozing off with headphones over their ears, the operator sends a continuous flow of code messages.

tinct from this conscious mind. It is an automatic, rather than a reasoning mind. It cannot make decisions of its own but must take the decisions that are handed down to it by the conscious mind, and carry them out. It is this subconscious mind that controls all the automatic functions of our bodies; such as the beating of the heart, the production and the repression of the gland secretions and the other body functions over which we do not have any direct control. The subconscious mind has an almost perfect memory of things impressed upon it. It is the photographic plate upon which our life's experiences are recorded. Its makeup determines our personality.

We are more subconscious than we might think; scientists tell us we are fully ninety percent so. Yet the vast resources of this mind remain untapped by most of us for the reason that we have been living for so many centuries in the conscious, or superficial, aspect of our minds that we have forgotten how to go back.

Let us take an example:

We want to recall some incident of a week ago. I have said that the memory of the subconscious is almost perfect. How is it, therefore, that the particular incident we want has "slipped our mind?"

We may rest assured that the information we want is still with us, that it has not really slipped out. It has merely passed from the surface of our mind to the depths. If the incident had made any great impression at the time of its occurrence we would be able to recall it instantly. But evidently it did not, so it has drifted to its permanent filing place. It is the same as putting our money in the safe and forgetting the combination.

The only thing to do in such a case is to let our-mind rest for a few moments in a passive state or else to go about our work until the forgotten incident rises up from our subconscious mind and, as we say, "it comes to us."

Did you ever notice how difficult it is to concentrate on one subject for more than a very short time? Suppose you are studying code. Every few minutes some irrelevant thought floats into your consciousness and throws you off the track.

These are thoughts of the conscious mind. They interfere with reaching the subconscious and making a deep impression on it. When you are asleep you do not have them. The subconscious mind is reached more directly and is more deeply impressed.

This is especially true of things that enter your mind while you are in a partly unconscious, very suggestible state just before you go to sleep. These are the things you dream about.

In the same way thoughts you have just after awaking, when your subconscious mind is more easily accessible, are likely to be the ones that carry their impressions all day long.

Such was Coué's theory when he suggested that you say to yourself twenty times before retiring each night, "day by day in every way I am getting better and better."

When a person sleeps, he loses his consciousness—but that is all. The subconscious is as active as usual; otherwise life would be extinguished from the body. The subconscious may be reached from external sources, for example, by sounds.

Now we come to the application of the principles outlined to the studying of the radio code. Can it be done successfully, and if so, what is the best method to follow? In answer, it may be said that in all cases sleep-listening will help; in many cases the results will be remarkable, and in a few cases phenomenal. The writer does not know exactly how the experiments were carried on at the Pensacola station, but if the following directions are adhered to, you are quite sure to get positive results.

Let us first mention the rules for doing the best work at ordinary daytime operating. Old-time expert operators might consider these externals all a lot of bosh; but you will find in all cases good operators follow them, even though they may not realize that they do so.

Select a seat that is comfortable, and in which you may relax as much as possible. Try to relieve every physical tension, by just "letting go" at the spot. Then try to make your mind a blank and to become passive. Throw out all the fool thoughts that flit up. Concentrate on the subject at hand—that of reception; and *perfect* reception. The relaxation and passivity as preliminaries will make the concentration easier.

Listen in for about fifteen minutes or more each night, just before going to bed—to code, of course. And from the time you get into bed until you go to sleep, keep your mind on nothing but dots and dashes. If you can stand keeping the phones on your ears, try that; if you can't, move a loudspeaker close to your head, but it is not necessary to have it going too loud. Sincerely try to believe that the signals will continue to impress themselves on your subconscious mind after you have passed the borderland of consciousness.

If you are earnest in your endeavor this will really happen. And the next morning you will wake up with a greater ability at receiving code than ever before. It is a psychological law, and must work if properly applied. And ability thus gained will stick by you permanently.



Cost of parts: Not more than \$12.00. Selectivity: Good.

Operation: Simple. Only two controls; a primary slider and a secondary variable condenser. Easa of construction: Nothing complicated. Approximate range: 15 miles.

Outstanding features: The circuit is more selective than the ordinary conductivelycoupled tuner and the variable condenser gives smoother wavelength control.

# 100 BEST HOOK-UPS

INSTALLMENT NO. 2

I N this series of hook-ups will be published—for the special benefit of the radio novice who is undecided as to just what circuit he wants— 100 of the best radio receiving circuits, each thoroughly tested. The approximate ranges given here are averages based on actual records made with receiving sets throughout the country. During the summer the actual ranges may fall to 50 percent of the value given, while in the winter, in the best of conditions, the actual ranges may exceed the values given by as much as 500 percent.

In the November number the following hookups were published:

The Conductively-coupled Crystal Circuit; range 15 miles; cost. \$10.00.

The Inductively-tuned Crystal Circuit; range 15 miles; cost, \$15.00.

The Combination Tuned-plate, Ultra-audion Circuit; range 500 miles; cost, \$25.00.

The Man-Day Single-control Regenerative Circuit; range 500 miles; cost, \$12.00.

The Reinartz Circuit, with Two Stages of Audio Amplification: range 1,500 miles: cost, \$35.00.

Tuned Radio-frequency and Regenerative-detector Circuit; range 500 miles; cost, \$28.00.

The Squire Reflex Circuit; range 500 miles; cost, \$50.00.

Triple-coil Honeycomb Regenerative Circuit with Two Stages of Amplification; range 100 miles; cost, \$35.00.

The Grimes Reflex Circuit; range 500 miles; cost, \$40.00.



SPECIAL ULTRA-AUDION CIRCUIT

Cost\_of parts: Not more than \$12.00 (Note: The costs of tubes and batteries are con-sidered "extras" and are not included in the costs given in these descriptions).

Selectivity: Excellent. Operation: Very easy, When the switchpoint A1 is adjusted for the antenna, there is only one control for wavelength. The re-

generation is controlled by the filament rheostat.

Ease of construction: Simple. Approximate range: 500 miles. Outstanding features: This circuit shares first place with the Man-Day circuit in sim-plicity of operation. It is very selective, and costs but little.



# SINGLE-TUBE AND CRYSTAL REFLEX CIRCUIT

Cost of parts: Not more than \$28.00. Selectivity: Very good. Operation: Fairly simple. Two controls for

wavelength and one coupling control are The crystal adjustment must be used. changed for any considerable change in wavelength in order to prevent the circuit from oscillating and still have it

retain its maximum signal strength. Ease of construction: More complicated than the straight regenerative circuits but not beyond the ordinary radio fan's ability. Approximate range: 1.000 miles. Outstanding feature: Circuit combines radio-

frequency, and audio-frequency amplifi-cation and regeneration in one tube.



# TWO-TUBE SUPER-REGENERATIVE CIRCUIT

Cost of parts: Not more than \$45.00. Selectivity: Good. Operation: Difficult. It is a real engineering

feat to get the oscillator circuit to function with the correct frequency and am-plitude to cause the proper "super" action and at the same time filter out the high-

pitched whistle in the detector circuit. Ease of construction: Difficult. Every part of the circuit must be just right before the

- set will function as it should. Approximate range: Variable: from local reception on the higher broadcasting wave-lengths up to 1,000 miles on lower wave-
- lengths (with a loop). Outstanding features: The best method for unlimited amplification af the extremely short wavelengths. Especially suitable for local reception with great volume for a minimum number of tubes.



Cost of parts: Not more than \$30.00. Selectivity: Good.

- Operation: Requires considerable skill which can be acquired in a couple of months of experimenting with the tuning.
- Ease of construction: Just an ordinary acquaintance with tools but some electrical

ability in wiring up the circuit is necessary.

Approximate range: 500 miles. Outstanding features: This was the first wellknown short-wave regenerative receiver and it has been found reliable and probably has been more used than any other type of receiver in the past.



Cost of parts: Between \$25.00 and \$30.00 (depending on the wavelength). Selectivity: Very good. Operation: Rather complicated for a beginner. Ease of construction: Fairly simple. Approximate range: 800 miles.

Outstanding features: Can be used on any wavelength. By merely changing the three coils, using large or small, for the long or short waves, the set can be used for commercial reception. broadcast reception or amateur reception.



MODIFIED DX THREE-CIRCUIT REGENERATIVE RECEIVER, WITH TWO STAGES OF AUDIO-FREQUENCY AMPLIFICATION

Cost of parts: Not more than \$35.00. Selectivity: Excellent. Operation: Fairly simple. Ease of construction: Fairly easy to build. Approximate range: 1,500 miles. Outstanding features: Noted for DX amateur and broadcast reception and for its exceptionally sharp tuning.



# TRANSFORMER-COUPLED RADIO-FREQUENCY CIRCUIT WITH VACUUM-TUBE DETECTOR

Cost of parts: Not more than \$35.00. Selectivity: Good.

Operation: Simple. Two controls for wave-length, one for coupling and one for re-generation (the potentiometer).

Ease of construction: Not easy for the experimenter to get working right but a little

patience and experimenting will soon get results.

Approximate range: 1,000 miles. Outstanding feature: Although the amplifica-cation with this type is not as great (per stage), as with tuned-radio-frequency amplification, the tuning control is simplified.



# MODIFIED ACMEDYNE CIRCUIT WITH TWO STAGES OF COMPENSATED RADIO-FREQUENCY AMPLIFICATION AND TWO STAGES OF AUDIO-FREQUENCY AMPLIFICATION

Cost of parts: Not more than \$60.00. Selectivity: Wonderful. Operation: Rather complicated for the be-

- ginner, but the correct method can be ac-
- quired in a month's practice in tuning. Ease of construction: This, of course, is a complicated circuit to follow out and to get going properly, but it can be done and the set is well worth while. Approximate range: 2,500 miles.
- Outstanding features: Extremely sharp tuning, DX reception and clarity of signals. The trouble encountered in most radio-frequency-amplification circuits, that of properly controlling or eliminating oscillation, is definitely taken out of this circuit by an ingenious device called a compensating condenser which has three plates attached respectively to the grid, filament, and plate circuits of the vacuum tubes.



Courtesy United States Radium Company

#### WHERE A SNEEZE MIGHT COST \$1,000.00

This shows how radium preparations worth thousands of dollars a grain are weighed and handled. The lead plate in front of the operator protects him from the very short ether waves given off by radium.

# Do Ether Waves Cause Gravitation?

Scientists are coming to believe in the existence of a new kind of ether waves, the ultra-X rays. Knowledge of these remarkable rays may solve for us some of the most fundamental scientific mysteries. This article describes the latest developments in this up-to-the-minute field of research and speculation.

By E. E. FREE, Ph.D.

THE real nature of the universe has always been a mystery. The distant suns that we call stars are composed, we know, of matter like the matter here on earth—but what is matter?

Light comes to us from these stars through the ether—but what is ether? The planets hold their paths around the sun because of gravitation—but what is gravitation?

For more than six thousand years philosophers have been seeking to unlock these fundamental mysteries. Now, at last, it seems as though we may have found a key.

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It is radio.

The family of ether waves, some of them the nightly companions nowadays of the possessor of a radio set, may turn out (some scientists believe) to contain a member that is not only the key to the great mystery of gravitation but perhaps to still deeper mysteries; the mystery of energy, the mystery of the sun's heat, the mystery, even, of life itself.

The story of these new idea: begins with the suspicion that there may exist in the universe a new kind of ether waves, hitherto unsuspected, which are characterized by extremely short wavelength. They are much shorter, even, than the X rays. That is why they have been named the ultra-X rays, just as the waves next shorter than those of violet light have been called the ultraviolet.

The whole family of known ether waves stretches, you remember, from the very long waves of radio, thousands of meters long, down through heat waves, light waves, the ultra-violet and the X rays to the shortest known waves, those given off by radium.\* The shortest waves yet detected come from a variety of the radioactive element called thorium and have a wavelength of about one million-millionth of a meter.

This is a very short wave according to ordinary standards. If you laid a piece of this kind of thorium on your hand, with a sheet of tissue paper in between so that the rays from it had to penetrate the paper before they could reach your hand, there would be room for about ten million separate waves in the thickness of the paper. There is quite a contrast, you see, between these shortest known waves and the great waves used in radio telegraphy, some three or four hundred of which will span the Atlantic.

But tiny as these shortest waves are,

\*Details of this ether wave family were described in POPULAR RADIO for November, 1923, page 407. millions of them inside the smallest speck of dust that you could see, science knows some things that are still smaller. The electron, for example, is some three hundred times smaller. There would be room for nearly three hundred electrons along a single one of these shortest waves, and for some three thousand million electrons; therefore, in the thickness of a sheet of tissue paper.

Now these very short waves are merely the shortest known waves. There is no reason to believe that they are the shortest that exist. The ultimate structure of the universe, whatever it may be, is obviously much finergrained than this. The electron, which is quite definitely known, is smaller and there are almost certainly a number of perfectly real and separate things, for example, the central nucleus of the hydrogen atom, that are smaller even than the electron. There is plenty of opportunity, then, for waves a hundred times or a thousand times shorter than these shortest known ones without exceeding the smallest dimensions that we know to be possible.

The question has been, of course, whether any such very short, unknown waves actually do exist.

Scientists are coming to believe that they do, though because they penetrate all kinds of matter so readily they are extremely difficult to detect. Even the X rays, which are some thousands of times longer, penetrate our bodies, for example, with the greatest ease. These ultra-X rays, if they exist, would go through us (probably) as though we were not there at all. They would also go right through our physical instruments and our photographic plates and all the other material things that we are accustomed to use in detecting various kinds of ether waves.

We can stop light rays with a mirror or bend them with a lens, and that enables us to study the nature of light. The ordinary X rays, being so much shorter than light waves, go right



From photographs made for POPULAR RADIO BY INFRA-RED RAYS

The following pictures show the different transparencies of things for different kinds of waves. This view corresponds to rays, like the infra-red rays, to which both the hand and the glass globe are perfectly opaque—all waves being absorbed.

through lenses or mirrors as though they were not there. So we cannot study X rays with such ordinary instruments. But a sheet of lead will catch the X rays and some kinds of crystals will catch them in part and bend them, and so we have been able to study these ordinary X rays by using metal sheets and crystals and similar devices instead of lenses and mirrors.

The ultra-X rays, however, may go right through lead sheets just as ordinary X rays go through a mirror. They probably do, in fact, go right through



#### BY VISIBLE LIGHT

This is a similar photograph taken with ordinary light, the waves of which are shorter than those of the infra-red. The hand is opaque but the glass globe is transparent to these waves, so that the metal parts inside may be clearly seen.

everything. We are left, then, with nothing in the way of apparatus that will catch these exceedingly elusive, mightily penetrating rays so that we can study them. This explains how these rays have escaped discovery for so long in spite of the fact (if we are right in thinking that it is a fact) that these rays exist and are vastly important in the world.

But *is* it a fact? What makes the scientists believe that some very short ether waves like this are a physical actuality and not merely something that is possible theoretically?



From an X ray photograph made for POPULAR RADIO by Dr. George Palmer Ratner, N. Y. BY X RAYS BY I

This is the same hand and globe photographed by X rays. Being shorter than the waves of light, these X rays penetrate the flesh so that the bones may be seen. The metal parts of the tube are perfectly black, showing complete absorption of the waves.

The first suspicion to this effect arose in connection with an effort to explain the peculiar behavior of radium. The atoms of radium, you remember, are in the habit of exploding. In a little piece of radium, containing, of course, billions of billions of individual atoms, a certain number of the atoms blow up every second and keep on doing so, one by one, until all the radium is gone. There are so many atoms in even the smallest speck of radium that the disappearance of the material is extremely slow; only half of it will be gone, in fact, after two thousand years. But it

# BY ULTRA-X RAYS

This is how a hand might look if it could be photographed by the supposed ultra-X rays. These rays, the shortest waves of all, would penetrate flesh, bones and glass globe with almost complete perfection, showing only the faintest possible shadow.

does disappear, however slowly, and this is what causes the continual production of heat and the discharge of tiny particles and of other rays, all of which taken together constitute the phenomena of radioactivity.

The cause of this has always been a puzzle. Why should the radium atoms blow up? It is possible, of course, that they do so spontaneously, just as badly-made dynamite goes off occasionally all by itself. But this has never seemed very likely. Scientists have always believed that there probably was something that touched off the individual radium atoms once in a while, just as we use an exploder cap to touch off a stick of dynamite. Only we have never been able to find out what this radium exploder was.

About four years ago the distinguished French physicist, Dr. Jean Perrin, the same who had discovered, some years earlier, the first direct proof of the real existence of molecules, suggested that the radium exploder might be a kind of ultra-X rays. The radium atoms might have, he pointed out, the power of absorbing these very short waves just as a black wall will absorb light or a lead plate will absorb X rays. And as a strong light absorbed by a black wall will heat up the wall a little and a beam of X rays, if it be strong enough, will heat up a lead plate, so the absorption of ultra-X rays by the atoms of radium ought to add energy of some sort to the atom; so much energy, perhaps, that after a while the atom would explode.

Suppose you take a tightly closed can of gasoline and put it in the hot sun. Or suppose that you get a large burning glass and focus it on the can of gasoline so that the sunlight that strikes it will be much stronger. The can will explode. It absorbs more and more energy from the sunlight. It gets hotter and hotter. Finally there is so much heat energy in it that the can cannot stand it any longer and it blows up.

Something of this same sort may be happening, Dr. Perrin suggested, to the atoms of radium. They may be absorbing all the time a little of the energy of the ultra-X rays. This energy accumulates inside the atoms just as the energy of sunlight accumulates inside the can of gasoline. Every once in a while an atom gets so much of this extra energy that it blows up.

The atoms of the other elements, the ones that are not radioactive, might be, Dr. Perrin thought, totally transparent to the ultra-X rays so that they caught

no energy from them and were not affected. Just so the sunlight passing through the transparent pane of a window will warm any dark-colored (and therefore absorbing) object inside, leaving the non-absorbing pane unaffected and cool. According to the Perrin theory the only kinds of atoms that had the property of absorbing the ultra-X rays at all were the atoms of the radioactive elements. These were the only elements, therefore, that could accumulate the ultra-X-ray energy and explode.

This, of course, was only theory. It was a way of explaining the behavior, otherwise so mysterious, of the radium atoms in exploding every once in a while without having anything to touch them off. Dr. Perrin did not catch or measure any ultra-X rays or produce any direct experimental evidence that they existed.

This step was left for an American scientist, Dr. R. A. Millikan of the California Institute of Technology. By ingenious experiments which he described recently before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers but which he has not yet published in detail, some rays similar to the supposed ultra-X rays seem actually to have been de-Experiments on top of Calitected. fornia mountains and in airplanes high above the earth indicate that these new rays come from space outside the earth. They do not come from the sun, for they are observed at night as well as during the day.

Dr. Millikan has established, also, a probability that radium atoms are not the only ones that sometimes explode. All kinds of atoms explode occasionally, but the ordinary kinds, like the atoms that compose our bodies, do so only once in a long time. All substances, says Dr. Millikan, are probably radioactive just as radium is but much more faintly, so faintly that the fact had hitherto escaped observation.

Dr. Millikan is not ready (if I correctly understand his position) to give



Signal Corps, U. S. A.

A VERY MILD EXPLOSION-FROM THE ATOM'S VIEWPOINT

This explosion of a hydrogen-filled army balloon, Goodrich Type R72, is among the most violent explosions ever photographed, according to human standards. Yet the explosions of the radium atoms, perhaps induced by the ultra-X rays, are millions of times more violent, bulk for bulk, than this one is. This remarkable snapshot was taken April 2, 1918, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, by Captain Roger B. Whitman.

full agreement to Dr. Perrin's idea that the ultra-X rays produce all these atomic explosions, both of radium and of other kinds of matter. But he is willing to grant the fact that these ultra-X rays. or something very like them actually exist. We can conclude, then, that the family of ether waves is reasonably certain to have a shorter brother; a tiniest one of all who is so small that science has not previously seen him.

The problem arises, then, whether

this newly discovered member of the family may not have some rather important jobs. None of the other kinds of ether waves are loafers. Light and heat rays and the X rays are all doing rather significant jobs in the universe; for example, helping to keep us alive and to keep the world habitable. Perhaps the smallest hrother has something to keep busy on too.

This problem had been attacked even before Dr. Millikan's experiments by a compatriot of Dr. Perrin, Dr. Felix Michaud, a well-known physicist and distinguished member of the Faculty of the University of Paris. These ultra-X rays may be, Dr. Michaud thinks, the most important ether waves of all. The littlest brother may be the most powerful. He may be, in fact, the cause of that age-old mystery that we call gravitation.

Let us imagine, says Dr. Michaud, that the entire universe is filled with a vast assemblage of ultra-X rays, moving in all possible directions at the same 'time, just as a mirror-walled and brilliantly lighted room is filled with a multitude of light rays, crossing and interlacing and filling every tiniest cranny of the space inside the room. We do not perceive this vast flood of ultra-X rays that comes from every direction and bathes everything because -Just so the rays go right through us. a perfectly transparent object in the lighted room, if there were such a thing as a *perfectly* transparent object, would

be utterly invisible. Nor, if this object had a consciousness, would it perceive the light that was passing all around and through it. To it the brilliant room would seem dark.

Just so the universe, brilliantly "illuminated," so to speak, with the ultra-X rays, appears to us to have none of them because we are transparent to them and cannot perceive them at all.

But just as there is no known object, even the clearest glass or the most brilliant crystal, that is *perfectly* transparent to light rays, so there is no substance that is *perfectly* transparent to the ultra-X rays. We ourselves, the earth under our feet, every kind of matter everywhere in the universe, absorbs a tiny fraction of the rays, just as a "transparent" glass really absorbs a tiny fraction of the light.

But if we do absorb even the tiniest fraction of the ultra-X rays it ought to have *some* effect on us; we ought, in some way, to be able to perceive it. It has, says Dr. Michaud, an effect on us;



THIS CIGARETTE PAPER IS TWENTY MILLION WAVES THICK It is so thick in comparison with the wavelength of the gamma rays given all by radium that there would be room for nearly 20,000.000 single waves in one thickness of the paper. The ultra-X rays are believed to be even shorter than this. we do perceive it, but we do not recognize it as a radiation.

What it really does, this tiny absorbed fraction of the pervasive flood of ultra-X rays, is to cause gravitation.

Consider, says Dr. Michaud, two almost transparent objects, like two glass balls, inside our mirror-lined, brilliantlylighted room. Each ball absorbs a little light. If the balls are fairly close together each will shade the other just a trifle. Delicate light-measuring instruments would show that the side of each ball that faced toward the other ball would be receiving all the time a little less light than the other sides of the balls freely exposed to the flood of light in the room.

This is what is happening to two material bodies, like the sun and the earth, floating in space. Space, you remember, is considered to be full of a flood of ultra-X rays just as our room is full of a flood of light. The sun and the earth each allow most of these ultra-X rays to pass right through them just as most of the light passes through the glass balls. But the matter of the sun and 'the earth absorbs a tiny fraction of the rays and so the two great globes shade each other a trifle from the pervasive ultra-X rays, just as the two glass balls in the room shaded each other a little from the pervasive light. But how, you say, does this explain gravitation?

Because all kinds of rays, when they are absorbed, create a pressure on the thing that absorbs them. This was proved years ago for light by two American physicists, Dr. Ernest F. Nichols and Dr. Gordon F. Hull. Light exerts a pressure and this is why, for example, the tails of comets point away from the sun. The little particles of dust in the tail are driven backward by the pressure of sunlight.\*

The ultra-X rays, like light and all other kinds of ether waves, may be ex-



HE ORIGINATED THE ETHER-WAVE THEORY OF GRAVITATION Dr. Fclix Michaud, distinguished physicist of the University of Paris, whose theory that

ether waves cause gravitation is explained in in this article.

pected to exert a pressure also. If the earth were floating alone in empty space the pressure would be the same on all sides of it, for the amount of the ultra-X rays arriving from any selected direction would be exactly the same as the amount arriving from every other direction. But the earth is not alone in space. It is accompanied, for example, by the sun. Therefore, the sun shades it partly and the earth partly shades the sun. The pressure of the ultra-X rays is slightly less on the near sides of the sun-earth combination, or, what is the

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<sup>\*</sup>See POPULAR RADIO for August, 1922, pages 249-255.



THE COMPLETE ETHER-WAVE SERIES This chart shows the supposed ultra-X rays as the shortest ether waves of all.

same thing, it is greater on the far sides. There is a force tending to drive the sun and the earth together. That is what we observe and call gravitation. Extend this same reasoning to all the other bodies in the universe, work out the detailed relations of the amount of ultra-X ray absorption to the masses of bodies, to the distances, to relative motions and the like (all of which Dr. Michaud has done) and you come out with the well-known laws of gravitation.

You come out also with a possible explanation for that very puzzling mystery of where the sun gets the energy to keep up its heat. The sun, geologists tell us, is at least six or eight billion years old. No kind of burning would supply its heat for even a thousandth of this time. What does give it its heat?

Perhaps, says Dr. Michaud, it is the great flood of ultra-X-ray energy that fills all space. The part of this that the sun absorbs and which is manifested, as we have seen, in gravitation is very tiny with relation to the total amount of such energy that space contains. But

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it may be very large with relation to the sun; ample, perhaps, to keep the sun going indefinitely.

This same unsuspected source of energy, if it really exists, may have important significance for the problems of life, especially of life on other planets. The surface of Mars, for example, has been found, by measurement of its radiation, to be considerably warmer than the usual theories would indicate as possible. It seems warm enough, in fact, to support life quite like the life on Where does this warmth come earth. from? Not from the sun, we are sure, unless the atmosphere of Mars is of some peculiar composition and is able to trap and retain the sun's heat much more efficiently than the astronomers suppose. Perhaps the extra heat comes from ultra-X rays absorbed from space by the matter of the planet, just as does-(so the theory says) the heat of the sun.

If this be true some heat like this must be arriving all the time on the earth. Very likely it is. It has long been known, for example, that all rocks, soils and natural waters are slightly radioactive. The heat thus produced has been ascribed by most scientists to traces of radium in the rocks. It has been calculated to be sufficient to make the earth grow slowly warmer instead of cooling off as the older theorists used to believe. Perhaps this, too, may be an ultra-X-ray effect. Even our own life may depend in ways that we do not yet understand, upon the properties of this new and remarkable kind of ether waves.

There are many other implications of this ultra-X-ray theory. Some affect the theories of astronomy. Others have

to do, as Dr. Perrin foresaw, with radioactivity. Still others concern the cause of light or of those mysterious effects that we call electricity and magnetism. I cannot describe here the details of all these conclusions and suggestions and possibilities. Perhaps, indeed, it is profitless to describe them at all until the exact facts about these ultra-X rays have been ascertained and fully proved. That, we may be sure, will not be a matter of many years.

But there is one thing, even at present, that I must not leave unsaid. It is that in these experiments of Dr. Millikan and in the theories of Dr. Michaud we seem to have caught a glimpse of a whole new universe that we have been living in without knowing it. Like a blind man who begins, as they remove the bandage from his eyes, to catch his first glimmer of light, to perceive a dim and distorted vision of unknown realities all around him, so we stand, it seems, on the very verge of new and enormously important discoveries; discoveries that will change, it may well be, every supposed fact and every present idea and every condition of life in the world.

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# Where Fortunes Await Radio Inventors

Unlimited opportunities lie before the radio fan-before the novice as well as the scientist-for solving some of the mysteries of radio phenomena. In the next issue of Popular Radio Henry Woodhouse will point out just where these opportunities are.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE ABOVE SYMBOLS MEAN? Unless you do, you cannot understand the practical and useful hook-up drawings that constitute such a valuable part of this magazine. Read this article and learn how simple to understand these diagrams really are!

# READ A DIAGRAM

## PART I

THIS article is written—and illustrated—for the very particular benefit of the radio fan who is unfamiliar with the common symbols used in the technical diagrams that explain radio circuits. A knowledge of these symbols is necessary to the understanding of "hook-up" drawings. In this two-part article this information is presented in the most simple and comprehensive form. KEEP THIS ARTICLE FOR REFERENCE.

# By ALBERT G. CRAIG

"W HERE may I obtain a 'picturediagram' of the four-circuit tuner? I do not know how to read the regular diagrams."

This is one of the most frequent questions received by The Technical Service Bureau of this magazine.

It is evident that a large percentage of radio fans are unable to interpret the conventional, electric-circuit diagram. Rather than use the inferior picture method to bring home a circuit to the uninitiated, POPULAR RADIO has decided to show the radio fan how to master the standard diagram. First of all, the student who wants to learn how to read a diagram must make himself familiar with the conventional symbols which are used in all hook-ups. Therefore, let us first consider the instruments that are most familiar in radio.

The following pages show pictures of the instrument, together with the standard symbol that represents it; also short descriptions of the instruments and their uses. These symbols should be memorized before the beginner undertakes to read a diagram.



AMMETER—The ammeter is a device for measuring the current flowing in some particular circuit; for instance, it could be placed in the filament circuit of a vacuum tube to see how many amperes were being drawn from the storage battery. An instrument for smaller current values (the milliammeter) could be connected in the plate circuit of the vacuum tube to see how many thousandths of an ampere were being drawn from the "B" battery.

An animeter never measures how many amperes there are in the battery, but it does measure the number of amperes that some other instrument is drawing from the battery or whatever source of power we may have. The animeter has two terminals and is always connected in series in the circuit; that is, one of the wires of the circuit is broken and the two resultant ends are connected to the two terminals of the ammeter.



ANTENNA—The most common type of antenna (and one that gives universal satisfaction for receiving) is the single-wire "L" type, approximately 100 feet long. It is insulated at e.ch end, preferably with a glazed-porcelain antenna insulator, and the lead-in to the receiving set is taken off at one end. Number 14 seven-strand bare copper wire is most suitable for antenna wire because of its larger

surface and greater strength than the solid wire of the same gauge. For transmitting, four parallel wires are often used to give greater radiating area; a wire joined to each of these is in turn connected to the single leadin. As the multiple lead-ins always are joined to one common wire we may regard the antenna as having a single connection and thus it is shown in the diagrams.



LOOP ANTENNA—The regulation outdoor antenna always gives reception over greater distances and also louder signals than the loop on the same receiving set. However, circumstances may make the use of a loop necessary; in this case the amplification will have to be increased considerably over what would be necessary with the outdoor antenna. Two or three stages of rado-frequency amplification will be required in addition to the customary detector and two stages of audio-frequency amplification. Do not attempt to use a loop on the ordinary three-bulb regenerative set. For broadcast reception the loop antenna may consist of twelve turns of No. 18 wire wound in a square, two feet on a side, the turns being separated one-half inch. The loop antenna has two connections, although one of these may be arranged so that it can be cut in on different turns.

"A" BATTERY—Until recently the "A" or filament-lighting battery was almost universally of the storage type. It may be well to note here that the UV-201-a tube is primarily a storage-battery tube, and that it is not economical to operate more than one of these tubes on dry cells. However, the use of tubes, such as the UV-199 and WD-11, which operate on an "A" battery made up of dry cells, has increased materially in the last year or two. Although made up of several cells, the "A" to the filament of the tube; one of these is positive and the other negative. Make sure that the voltage at these terminals is correct for the tubes you are using, and also that the "A" battery is capable of furnishing current for the number of tubes which you intend to use. Three WD-11 tubes should have three dry cells connected in parallel, for instance. One dry cell would have the same voltage but it could not furnish current for three tubes economically. By using three cells in parallel the current is divided between the three.



"B" BATTERY—The "B" battery is made up of a number of "flashlight" cells connected in series and sealed together in a convenient container, there being fifteen of the cells in the  $22\frac{1}{2}$ -volt size and a correspondingly larger number in the higher-voltage batteries. The largetype "B" battery will prove more economical for a permanent set, while the smaller sizes have their points of advantage for portable sets. The detector battery is usually a  $22\frac{1}{2}$ -

volt, tapped type which gives any voltage in steps of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  volts from  $16\frac{1}{2}$  to  $22\frac{1}{2}$  volts for soft detector tubes which are critical to plate voltage. The amplifier "B" battery can be conveniently made up of  $22\frac{1}{2}$  or 45-volt blocks connected up in series to give the required voltage. The battery made up in this manner will have two outside or unconnected terminals, one positive and one negative, and these will form the connections to the set.



"C" BATTERY—With more than 67½ volts on the plate of the average tube it is advisable to connect a "C" battery in the grid circuit to bring the potential of the grid to the correct negative point with respect to the filament. Small flashlight cells of 3 to 4½ volts make good "C" batteries and are easy to obtain. To connect a "C" battery in an amplifying cir-

cuit, break the grid lead between the amplifying transformer and the filament, and connect the ends to the two terminals of the "C" battery, the negative side of the latter should be toward the transformer and grid. Another advantage of the "C" battery is that it cuts down the average plate current greatly and makes the "B" battery last much longer.



BUZZER—The chief uses of the buzzer in radio are for code practice and for testing out crystal detectors to find a sensitive spot. The buzzer for either of these purposes should (preferably) be one of the special high-frequency type. The note of an ordinary call buzzer is much too low. For code practice a buzzer, battery (dry cell) and a key are simply connected in series. For testing crystaldetector adjustment, a buzzer, battery, and a key or push button are connected as above, and in addition a wire is connected, from the binding post nearest the buzzer interrupter, to the ground lead of the receiving set-



AUDIO-FREQUENCY CHOKE COIL—The audiofrequency choke coil consists of an iron core with a continuous winding, and has two connections, one to each end of the winding. The choke coil has a tendency to smooth out variations in current as its magnetic field opposes all changes in the current. An example of this use is to steady the plate current of a transmitting tube by connecting one or more choke coils in series with the rectified supply. There is always a drop in voltage across a choke coil and this is used in choke-coil-coupled amplifiers. The choke coil is connected in the plate circuit of one tube and the drop across it used to operate the succeeding tube in the next stage of amplification.



RADIO-FREQUENCY CHOKE COIL—The uses of the radio-frequency choke coil are very similar to the audio-frequency choke coil except that it is constructed to operate at much higher frequencies and is therefore generally made with an air core. The coil shown in the illustration is an ordinary honeycomb coil, which type is usually satisfactory for radio-frequency

choke-coil purposes. The radio-frequency choke consists of a single winding and has one connection at each end. Such a coil may be used in a low-power vacuum-tube transmitting set as a radio-frequency choke in the gridleak circuit or in the plate circuit to keep the high-frequency energy from getting back into the power supply.



FINED CONDENSER—The most satisfactory type of fixed condenser for receiving sets, and one that is comparatively inexpensive, is the small mica condenser of reliable make. As the amount of energy handled is extremely small, it is not advisable to use home-made condensers of doubtful quality. One of these small condensers of .00025 or .0005 mfd. capacity can often be connected in series with the antenna to cut down the wavelength if neces-

sary. In places where some loss does not matter and where the cost of a mica condenser of such large size would be prohibitive, such as the filter condensers for transmitting sets, paper condensers are often used. The fixed condenser has fundamentally two metal surfaces which are separated by an insulating sheet, although the metal surfaces may be made up of a large number of sheets. There are two connections, one to each of the metal surfaces.



VARIABLE CONDENSER—The variable air condenser has become fairly well standardized in form; it consists of a number of stationary plates, closely spaced and connected together, and approximately the same number of rotary plates which are also connected together and which mesh between but do not touch the stationary plates. The condenser has two connections, one to the stationary plates and one to the rotary plates. Always connect the rotary plates to the part of the circuit which is nearest the ground potential to avoid "bodycapacity" effects. The condenser should be well made *mechanically* and *electrically*; the bearings should fit well and preferably be of metal; and the stator and rotor should be separated by a good insulating material to avoid excessive dielectric loss.



COUNTERPOISE—When a ground connection is impossible or when a natural ground gives too high a wavelength on our transmitting set, we fall back on the counterpoise; this is placed below the antenna and far enough above ground to clear obstructions. The counterpoise may take the form of the antenna or it may be spread out fan shape. At any rate it should be well insulated just the same as an

antenna; otherwise, if it should be grounded (even poorly) at some point, we defeat the purpose of the counterpoise which is to give a uniform electric stress over its entire area much the same as the stress between condenser plates. The wires of the counterpoise should be all connected and soldered together to form a single lead-in to the transmitting or receiving set.

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QUESTION: I have the following parts connected as shown in my sketch of the hook-up, which I am enclosing in myletter:

- 2 Malone-Lemon variable condensers, .0005 mfd.;
- 1 Cardwell variocoupler:
- 1 Mitchell variometer ;
- I Dubilier combination grid leak and grid condenser;
- 1 rheostat;
- 1 UV-200 vacuum tube and socket.

Will you kindly give me a hook-up showing how to use this same circuit I am now using, with two stages of audiofrequency amplification added to it?

I have just bought one of the best loudspeakers to go with my set and when I tried it I did not get enough volume. I could just hear the music if I put my head right into the mouth of the loudspeaker. So I guess I must need an amplifier. Will you also tell me what extra parts I will need to go with my present apparatus.

#### D. J. WATTROUSE

ANSWER: In Figure 2 you will find the cir-cuit you require. The extra parts you will need are:

J3-single-circuit jack;

R2 and R3-filament rheostats, 20 ohms; AFT1 and AFT2-audio-frequency ampli-

fying transformers ; additional "B" batteries. 671/2 volts.

If you use phones you will find that insert-

ing the telephone plug in jack J2 will give you more distance than in your original set. The loudspeaker will give the best results if inserted in jack J3. You will need a separate plug for the phones and one for the loudspeaker.

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QUESTION: In using the new type of vacuum tubes, what side of the filament battery should the rheostats be connected in for an amplifying circuit? I have them in the positive side of the filament at present and the amplifier seems to work best when I use only  $22\frac{1}{2}$  volts on the plates of the amplifiers as well as the detector.

I have 90 volts of "B" batteries, and it seems a shame that I am unable to use only one 221/2-volt section. The others will go to waste.

Someone told me I might have the rheostats connected in the wrong way and that I should follow the "dope" on the sheet which came with the tubes. I have not been able to find the sheet that I got with the tubes so I guess I am out of luck, as far as that is concerned.

I thought that you might perhaps help me out. Do I need "C" batteries?

#### WARD GIFFORD

ANSWER: For use as an amplifier the new UV-199 and UV-201a or C-299 or C-301a tubes should have the filament rheostat connected in the negative side of the "A" battery leads. You have them reversed and that is the reason

C1-mica fixed condenser. .0005 mfd.;

J1 and J2-double-circuit jacks:

QUESTION: Please send me a circuit for a small 5-watt CW transmitter. 1 am getting the transmitting bug; caught it from watching a fellow amateur who has helped nie with my set when I had trouble.

Now I am able to fix my junk all by myself and feel that I would like to try to steal some of his stuff and surprise him with a set in full operation.

# ADRIAN ROSCH

ANSWER: The wiring diagram for the transmitter is given in Figure 1. It is a simple Hartley oscillator.

The parts you will need are the following: L-transmitting inductance; GL-grid leak, 5,000 ohms;

GC-grid condenser, .002 mfd.;

key-well insulated transmitting key;

C-mica fixed condenser, .002 mfd.; vacuum tube, UV-202 and socket;

power transformer, for lighting the filament and supplying the plate voltage.

You may make the transmitting inductance L yourself by winding 25 turns of No. 14 copper wire on a grooved composition tube,

3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches in diameter. This circuit has been giving satisfaction at 7UD's station for over a year. He radiates 1.4 amperes and has worked 1,100 miles and was reported QSA (strong) at this distance.

The only adjustment to make with the set after the proper wavelength has been obtained is the grid-plate coupling which is adjusted by the sliding contact on the coil L.

QUESTION: Is it really necessary that antenna wires should be soldered? I have an indoor antenna, and I am afraid that if I try to solder the joints (there are three) I may damage the carpet.

I remember that when we lived in our other house I had an outdoor antenna which I soldered. In soldering it I also remember that the soldering paste melted down and fell on the roof. As the paste contains acid I know what it would do to the carpet. And if it did that to the carpet I know what would happen to my set. And I want to keep my radio set even if it does make me stay up late at night, and cause me to get scolded.

So again I ask, is there any way to do without soldering?

#### PERCY DICKINSON

ANSWER: Under the circumstances, you are safe! For an indoor antenna requires no soldering at the joints. You will find that the copper wire keeps reasonably clean and bright indoors.

However, in an outdoor antenna the copper wire will soon become oxidized or corroded and will make poor contact if not soldered. The soldering is only to make the joint a permanent affair so that its resistance will not increase with age.





THIS department is conducted for the benefit of our readers who want expert help in unravelling the innumerable kinks that puzzle the amateur who installs and operates his own radio apparatus. If the mechanism of your equipment bothers you—if you believe that you are not getting the best results from it—ask the SERVICE BUREAU.

T HE flood of inquiries that has poured in upon the Service Bureau has not only furnished evidence of the need of this department, it has also necessitated a system of handling the correspondence that will insure the selection of and answer to only those questions that are of the widest application and that are, consequently, of the greatest value to the greatest number of our readers. Our correspondents are, accordingly, asked to co-operate with us by observing the following requests: 1. Confine each letter of inquiry to one specific subject.

- 2. Énclose a stamped and self-addressed envelope with your inquiry.
- 3. Do not ask how far your radio set should receive. To answer this inquiry properly involves a far more intimate knowledge of conditions than it is possible to incorporate in your letter.

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In justice to our regular subscribers, the Service Bureau is compelled to restrict this special service to those whose names appear on our subscription list. A nominal fee of 50 cents is charged to non-subscribers to cover the costs of this service and this sum must be enclosed with the letter of inquiry. No inquiries can be answered personally or by telephone.

QUESTION: Please tell me which of the three modulation methods is the best: Heising, grid modulation or absorption modulation?

#### JULIUS MORRISON

ANSWER: The Heising scheme is the best in quality, and best in efficiency, though high in cost. It requires two tubes of equal power. The grid method is second in quality and efficiency, but is more economical in first cost. It requires but one tube. With two tubes it can not be as efficient as the Heising method.

The absorption method is efficient and the quality is good on extremely low power (say one 5-watt tube). But on higher powers the microphone heats up and introduces losses and distortion into the circuit. It is the most economical radio-telephone circuit for low power with one tube, for it needs no batteries for modulation—only a loop of wire and a suitable microphone.

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QUESTION: Do I have to obtain a license for receiving in America? I had one when I lived in London and want to put up my set over here. If I need a license please let me know how to go about getting one.

. KNOWLTON BAIRD

ANSWER: You do not need a license to own and operate a receiving set in the United States.

QUESTION: What is the speed of radio waves? Has this ever been ascertained?

#### EDWARD HORNE

ANSWER: Yes. The speed of these waves is 3,000,000.000 meters a second (in round figures). This is equivalent to about 186,000 miles a second.

QUESTION: What is a telephone repeater?

L. J. C.

ANSWER: A telephone repeater is one or a number of stages of audio-frequency amplification added to a telephone line to magnify or strengthen weakened voice currents that have traveled long distances across the country.



THE TRIPLE-CIRCUIT, VACUUM-TUBE, REGENERATIVE CIRCUIT FIGURE 6: By adding one more coil to your present single-circuit tuner you may greatly increase the selectivity and at the same time cut down re-radiation which is the most objectionable feature of the single-circuit hook-up.

highly selective tuner as to drive a car through the heavy traffic encountered in a big city.

Don't expect to become expert in handling the tuner any sooner than the car. It is easy to pick up and enjoy programs from the local stations—as easy as it is to run a phonograph—but practice and patience are required to learn to hear all the available distant points through the local interference. But don't let that fact discourage you; you can do what others are doing, with a little perseverance, in really learning the facts about tuning.

If your object (or one of your objects) in radio receiving is to "get distance," get the most highly selective tuner and the most sensitive detecting and amplifying system that you can handle effectively, and work with it until you learn the tricks of manipulation. Your effort will be well repaid, and you will find that the new schedule of wavelengths makes these great results possible.

# Radio Telephones on Trains

It is now possible to carry on conversation between trains in motion and distant radio stations. What recent experiments in this field have developed in this country, France and Germany will be told by Robert G. Skerrett in POPULAR RADIO for January.



Dr. Albert Neuberger, Berlin

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intensity 60 and Philadelphia (W1P) with intensity 20. If your tuner has the selectivity characteristic of curve XX in Figure 2, can you expect to hear Philadelphia without even the faintest interfering signals from either New York station?

To find out the answer we need only note that Philadelphia's wave-frequency is 590 kc. and those of the New York stations 610 kc. for WEAF and 660 kc. for WJZ. The differences are 20 kc. and 70 kc.; if the receiver is tuned to WIP, the desired signals will be received at full 100-percent intensity or 20; WEAF's signals, being 70 kc. removed, would not be heard. But WJZ's signals, only 20 kc. away from WFI's would come in at 25 percent of their full strength of 60, or at 15 which is three-quarters as loud as WIP. Consequently WJZ would interfere with WIP under these conditions, and a more highly selective tuner would be required to receive signals from this particular Philadelphia station without interference.

What can one do to increase selectivity so that such interference can be prevented? The details of all the answers to that question would be enough to fill the space of several articles such as this, but we can at least set down some of the high spots:

1. If you are using a crystal detector with single-circuit receiver (the ordinary form of which is shown in Figure 3), change over to the double-circuit receiver of Figure 4. If you cannot do this, at least tap the detector circuit across only a *part* of the inductance coil as in Figure 5.

2. If you are using an ordinary vacuum-tube detector, in a non-regenerative circuit, change to a good regenerative circuit and preferably one which is coupled inductively to the antenna (as in Figure 6).

3. If your interference conditions are too severe to be overcome by a circuit of the type represented by Figure 6 (a very unusual state of affairs), use a loop antenna with *tuned* radio-frequency amplifiers and regeneration, or, perhaps still better, with a super-heterodyne receiver.

Above all things, bear in mind that as much skill is required to operate a



#### A DOUBLE-CIRCUIT CONDUCTIVELY COUPLED CRYSTAL SET

FIGURE 5: By using only a small part of the coil L1 for the secondary circuit which contains the detector and the telephones, the selectivity is increased to a considerable extent over that obtained by the circuit in Figure 3. receiver. When set to give a maximum response to 660 kc. (line Q, as shown) signals on carrier frequency 690 kc. (line R) would give only about 15 percent full response, while other signals of 590 kc. (line P) would produce practically no sound in the telephones.

We might make a table showing the percentage of normal or best signal strength that would be received by such a tuner for various differences of wave-frequency, using this resonance curve as a basis, like the following:

Difference from	Percentage of
Resonant Frequency	Resonant Signal
0	100
10	80
20	25
30	15
40	10
50	5
60	3
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From such a table we can see just what to expect in the way of freedom from interference. For instance, if instead of tuning to 660 kc. as shown, you adjusted to New York (WEAF) at 610 kc., the energies of signals from other stations would be as follows (New York being rated 100 percent because tuned to its maximum): Memphis and Davenport—80 percent of their maxima.
Dallas and Philadelphia—25 percent of their maxima.
Washington and Detroit—15 percent of their maxima.
Pittsburgh and Omaha—10 percent of their maxima.
New York (WJZ) and San Diego—5 percent of their maxima.
Chicago and St. Louis—3 percent of their maxima.

Jefferson City and others-0.

Note that these relative signal strengths are given as percentages of the loudest possible signal your set could receive from any particular station, and that each percentage refers to the signal from the station in question and that only. In other words, this above table will not show the relative signal strengths in comparison with the signal from some one station, such as the one to which the set is tuned. To get this information we must combine with the above figures another tabulation giving the relative signal strengths of the station in question. One or two examples will show how this can easily be learned, however.

Suppose that with your receiver, under some particular condition, you can hear New York (WEAF) with intensity 100, New York (WJZ) with



THE INDUCTIVELY COUPLED CRYSTAL CIRCUIT FIGURE 4: This is the best crystal circuit to use from a standpoint of selectivity. It is even better than the hook-up shown in Figure 5.



THE CONVENTIONAL SINGLE-CIRCUIT CRYSTAL RECEIVER FIGURE 3: Many beginners who have this type of simple set are experiencing trouble with interference. The author tells us that the trouble may be lessened if not eliminated by changing over this circuit to the circuit shown in Figure 5.

bringing in interference, because the selectivity of the tuner has been much increased. With a tuner that would exclude all but 10 kc. at a time, one might use a sufficiently sensitive amplifying system to pick up any of the broadcasting stations in the United States without experiencing interference from any of the others. It is feasible to build receivers having even more than this extreme degree of selectivity.

The chart of Figure 1 is based on the assumption that the receiving tuner will admit freely, and with equal facility, energy received on any of the wavefrequencies that fall opposite the opening in the line AA (or BB) but that at the end frequencies of this admitted band the tuner will cut off sharply so as not to admit any energy from waves outside the frequency limits marked by It is possible to build the opening. receivers that have practically this sharp cut-off characteristic, but the ordinary tuners that depend upon simple circuit resonance for their selectivity have a gradual or tapered cut-off on each side of a single frequency that they receive best.

Figure 2 compares these two characteristics; here the frequency scale is drawn horizontally and the vertical scale represents the percentage response that the receiver would give to a signal of some definite intensity at all of the wave-frequencies illustrated.

In Figure 2 the square-shaped line marked AA corresponds to the barrier line and opening similarly designated in Figure 1, and represents a receiver that admits a 100-kc. wave-band with sharp cut-off at each end. It is easy to see that, at the setting illustrated, a wave of frequency 590 kc. (as used by some of the Philadelphia stations and indicated by the vertical dash line P) will produce 100-percent signals. A wave of frequency less than 585 would produce no response on account of the sharp lower cut-off. A wave of 660 kc. (used by WJZ in New York and shown at line Q) would give 100-percent response, but 690 kc. (Washington; line R) would be above the upper cut-off and give no signals.

Now look at the curve XX in Figure 2, which shows the selection characteristic of an ordinary but reasonably good

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FIGURE 2: This chaft shows how a broad-tuning set would include the signals of a number of stations at one time while the sharp-tuning set would get only one or two. The small gap in the dark heavy line at the extreme right of the chart would include only New York, Memphis and Seattle. This line is for a sharp tuner. The large gap in the second heavy line includes everything from Jefferson City to Philadelphia and San Françisco; this line is for a broad tuner and considerable interference would be experienced. on your receiver. Make it as highly selective as you can and enjoy the choice of programs that you will be able to get in that way.

Some of your neighbors (and probably a good many of them) have found that by sharp tuning they can hear any one of twenty or more stations at a time on "good nights" this season; last winter they were lucky to be able to choose more than five or six.

Let us look more closely into this nutter of receiver selectivity.

The term is almost self-explanatory, it means the ability of a radio receiving outfit to select signals transmitted on one frequency of carrier wave from other signals that are simultaneously being sent out on waves of other frequencies.

Suppose we made a chart of some of the broadcasting wave-frequencies as in Figure 1, where the different values are arranged along a vertical scale. In this figure, the localities to which the various wave-frequencies have been assigned are indicated, as well as the corresponding wavelengths in meters.

Toward the right-hand side of Figure 1 is drawn a heavy vertical line, marked AA, with an opening equivalent in width to 100 kilocycles. Imagine that this line represents the barrier set up by your receiving tuner; that no wave energy can get through at the frequencies opposite the line, but that the wave-frequencies opposite the opening can get through to operate your telephones. From the diagram it is quite clear that a receiving set which admits a 100-kc. band (or continuous group) of wave-frequencies could simultaneously pick up signals from two of the New York stations, from Philadelphia, from Washington at 640 kc. and (if the signals were strong enough) from Pittsburgh, Chicago and a few others. This assumes that the particular set be located in the east; if it were on the west coast, it would

simultaneously admit signals from San Francisco, Los Angeles and Portland.

Following the diagram's teachings a little farther we see that even a receiver so non-selective as this could choose between the three New York stations at 610, 660 and 740 kc. Although in the position shown it admits both 610 and 660 kc. by turning the tuner controls to give resonance to the lower frequencies (which would have the effect of lowering the opening in the line AA) the 660-kc. wave could be cut out. By raising the admitted frequencies 40 kc. above the illustrated values, 610 kc. would be cut out but 740 kc. not yet admitted. On the other hand, so broad a tuner could not be effectively used with a very sensitive detector and amplifier, for the increased responsiveness of the receiver would bring in interference from the more distant stations.

Here we have the crux of the whole tuning situation. Your receiving tuner must be more and more selective the more sensitive your detector and amplifiers, or the farther you desire to receive.

If you are in the vicinity of two or three broadcasting stations that use well separated wavelengths, and if you are satisfied to limit your reception to those stations, a relatively dull detector (such as a crystal) and a tuner with 100 kc. selectivity may be all you need. If, however, you want to reach out with amplifiers so as to hear Omaha, Detroit, Philadelphia or other stations whose wave-frequencies are not very different from each other, you will have to match your sensitive detecting system with a highly selective tuner.

You can see at once that the narrowness of the opening in the line AA (Figure 1) is a measure of the receiver's selectivity. If this opening is made more narrow, say to a width admitting only a 20-kc. range at one time, as in BB, the receiver sensitivity may be greatly increased without

waves a few kilocycles either side of the specified frequencies. This practice, together with the division of operating hours among the numerous senders that desired to transmit in each locality, helped out the situation a good deal. Despite the fact that it resulted in two groups of stations, the larger group operating in the neighborhood of 833 kc. and the other clustering about 750 kc. and even though the waves were chosen more or less at random, the shifting away from the authorized wave-frequencies made possible what little choice of broadcast programs was enjoyed by radio listeners last winter.

The Second National Radio Conference assembled by Secretary Hoover last March changed matters by devising a new schedule\* of broadcasting wave-frequencies that assigned to stations in each locality an appropriate place in the wide band of waves that is now available for this public radio service. The Department of Commerce

\*The new plan was reported in detail on pp. 64-70 of POPULR RADIO for July, 1923. put the new plan into effect on May 15th last, and we have had ample time to learn that the new wave assignments mark a progressive step (and a large one) in broadcasting.

Some novice listeners have complained that the wave-frequencies of the various stations are too close together and that it is not possible to hear programs from one station without simultaneously picking up music or a speech from other broadcasting plants.

These complaints have come only from listeners whose receiving sets are poorly designed or poorly manipulated.

It has been proved that receivers of only average selectivity, adjusted with only normal care, are fully capable of discriminating between various broadcasting waves that are said to interfere with each other. If you are having trouble in picking out the station you want to hear, and in listening to that station alone, don't blame the new wave assignments. Bear in mind that thousands of other people are having no trouble at all, and get busy



A WAVELENGTH-SIGNAL-STRENGTH CHART FIGURE 1: The author's frequency-signal-strength chart which he uses to explain how a selective receiver and a broadly tuned receiver would act in reyard to interference elimination.



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"If you are now using an ordinary vacuum-tube detector, in a non-regenerative circuit, change to a good regenerative circuit and preferably one that is coupled inductively to the antenna."—John V. L. HOGAN.

# How to Increase the Selectivity OF YOUR RECEIVER

Do you have trouble in tuning out interference now that the broadcasting stations are using the re-alloted wavelengths? This article by one of the best radio engineers in the world tells how to overcome your difficulty.

# By JOHN V. L. HOGAN

S INCE the adoption of the new wavefrequency (or, in the old phrase, wavelength) allocations for broadcasting, the number of transmitters that can be heard by any receiving station has been substantially increased.

Under the former plan the transmitters were licensed to work at only two wave-frequencies — 833 and 750 kilocycles a second (corresponding to 360 and 400 meters wavelength). If the broadcasters had lived up to the regulations no one would have been able to receive from more than two stations, one on each wave, at any one time. As a matter of fact it was found that so much interference developed when only the two waves were used that the station managements gradually tuned their transmitters to



All the other units will then be automatically connected to the batteries and to each other.

Next, place in the sockets six UV-201-a vacuum tubes, making sure before doing so that the rheostats in all the units are turned off.

Put the receivers on your head, but not too near your ears, and turn up the tubes to the correct brilliancy.

Then start with the initial adjustment. Place the regenerative control knob A1 on the tuner at a low value (say at 10). Place the oscillator-coupler knob K1 at a high value (near 100). Place the antenna switch F1 on the second tap from the left. Set the wavelength knob B1 at 40. Place the heterodyne control knob L1 at about 40. Then adjust the potentiometer knob on the amplifier, by turning in a clockwise motion until a loud rushing noise is heard in the telephones. Turn the potentiometer just a little further on beyond this point. THE DIMENSIONS FOR THE CABINET FIGURE 5: This diagram (which contains the front and side measurements for the hardwood cabinet) may be turned over for con-

struction to the cabinet maker or a cabinet of this size may be obtained from almost any radio supply store.

The initial adjustment is finished, now to tune in a station.

Turn the heterodyne adjusting knob L1 slowly in one direction or the other until you hear a signal. Then bring in the signal louder by adjusting with the wavelength knob A1. (These are the two knobs that you will use altogether for tuning; A1 to tune to wavelength and L1 to heterodyne the signals).

When you have these two adjustments made the best you can get them, start and go over all the other adjustments you have already made and thus get the set working, once and for all, at the highest efficiency.

When this is once done, you need not bother with the other adjustments again; they are only necessary to get the set working properly.

To get other stations, you may change the setting of A1 and find the corresponding setting for L1 to bring in this wavelength. You will find that for a given setting on A1 there will be a given setting on L1.

The regenerative control should only be used on extremely distant stations where it will be found a great help in making the signals audible.

When you have mastered the tuning method, you will find that you can tune in anything, no matter what the distance, if the wavelength is within the range of the tuner (180 to 550 meters) and if the static is not too strong.

You will find little interference and great sensitivity in such a set and the reception will be extraordinarily clear.

←AT LEFT: A VIEW OF THE AMPLIFIER FROM THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE FIGURE 6: This view gives a better idea of the grouping of the transformers, rheostats, condensers, sockets and binding posts, when considered from a "depth" standpoint. It should be noticed that the condenser X1 is mounted directly on the terminals of the input transformer T1.



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#### THE DIMENSIONS FOR THE MAIN PANEL

FIGURE 4: By following this diagram, the correct size of the panel will be assured together with the correct spacing for the holes for the screws which hold the parts, and the shafts of the instruments which protrude through the face of the panel.

connected to the grid terminals of sockets S2 and S3, respectively.

Now connect the remaining side of condenser X4 to the bottom wire attached to post Y6.

Then connect the condenser X5 across Y3 and Y6 binding posts, anywhere suitable along the two long wires connecting these two posts to posts Y9 and Y12, respectively.

Now connect condenser X3 across post Y7 and Y12.

Run a wire from Y12 to the pointer on the rheostat V. The other end of the rheostat should be connected to one of the filament terminals on each of the sockets S4, S3, S2 and S1. The remaining filament terminals on these four sockets should all be connected to the long wire connecting posts Y5 and Y11. From this same wire run another wire to one end of the secondary winding of the trans-former T4. The other end of this winding should be connected direct to one side of the condenser X2 and the grid leak W. The other side of these two instruments should be connected to the grid terminal of the socket S4.

Connect the plate terminal of the socket S1 to one end of the primary winding of transformer T2. The other end of the primary T2 should be connected to the long wire connect-ing posts Y3 and Y9.

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Do the same thing with the plate terminal of socket S3 and the primary winding of transformer T4.

The last wiring job will be to connect the plate terminal of socket S4 to post Y7 and the hook-up will be complete.

# **Operating** Data

To set up the various units after they have been completed and put in their cabinets is a simple matter.

First, place the Haynes tuning unit at the left-hand side of the table and next to it, on the right, place the oscillator. Then, at the right of the oscillator, place the amplifier unit that you have just completed. You may also place the two-stage audio-frequency amplify-. ing unit at the right of the radio-frequency unit if a terrific signal is required—but this is not recommended by the author.

As all the cabinets are of the same size and finish they make a neat business-like appearance.

Now, just bridge across from one binding post on one unit to the binding post opposite it on the next unit as they stand together. This will give you six connections between the tuner unit and the oscillator unit, six be-tween the oscillator unit and the radio-frequency amplifier unit, and so on.

Now, to connect the batteries and phones, do the following:

Connect the positive "A" battery to the post

Y12 on the amplifier unit. Connect the negative "A" battery to the post Y11 on the amplifier unit. Connect the negative "B" battery to the post

Y10 on the amplifier unit. Connect the positive "B" battery to the post

Y9 on the amplifier unit.

Connect one terminal of the telephones to the post Y8 on the amplifier unit.

Connect the remaining terminal of the telephones to post Y7.

Connect the antenna and ground to the two left-hand posts on the tuner.
correct size,  $6\frac{1}{4}$  by 14 inches, and painted with a dark *insulating* paint, and fastened to the main panel Z1, with wood screws running through the face of the main panel and into the edge of the sub-panel. (See Figures 4 and 6).

Now mount the potentiometer U on the main panel with two screws, and likewise the filament rheostat V, as shown in Figures 2 and 6.

Next, screw the four sockets S1, S2, S3, and S4 to the sub-panel Z2 by means of two brass screws to each socket. Secure the two paper condensers in a similar manner, X4 between the sockets S1 and S2 and X5 between the sockets S3 and S4. (See Figures 2, 3 and 6.) Mount the input transformer T1, as shown

Mount the input transformer T1, as shown in Figures 2 and 6, by a single brass woodscrew, and do the same thing similarly with the radio-frequency transformers T2, T3, and T4.

As the three condensers X1, X2 and X3 are supported by the wiring they may be left until the set is connected up. The condenser X2 should be of the type of micadon that has two clips for mounting the grid leak directly upon it.

Now mount and fasten, with screws on the rear of the panel, the twelve binding posts Y1 to Y12, in two vertical lines of six each, one line at one end of the panel and one line at the other. These binding posts should be fastened in the proper holes drilled for them in the main panel Z1.

A standard cabinet may be obtained for the amplifier; just ask for a  $7 \times 15$ -inch cabinet.

The dimensions for this cabinet are shown in Figure 5.

The construction work is now completed.

#### How to Wire the Amplifier

The amplifier should be connected up with bus wire in the following manner:

Connect one end of the primary coil of the transformer T1 with binding post Y1. (Posts Y1 to Y6 are located on the left-hand end of the panel, looking from the *front* and posts Y7 to Y12 are located at the right-hand end of the panel, also looking from the *front*. The wiring diagram in Figure 1 should be reversed if you figure out the connections from the *back* of the panel.)

The other end of the primary coil should be connected to post Y2 and the condenser X1 should be connected directly across the primary wires of the transformer.

Next connect three separate wires straight across from post Y3 to Y9, from Y5 to Y11 and from Y6 to Y12. Then connect posts Y4 and Y5 together and connect posts Y10 and Y11 together, with short bits of the bus wire.

The next job will be to connect potentiometer U across the two wires connecting Y5 to Y11 and Y6 to Y12. The mid-connection on the potentiometer should be connected to one side of the condenser X4 and one end of the secondary of T1, T2 and T3. The remaining end of T1 secondary winding should be connected to the grid terminal of the socket S1. Likewise with the remaining end of the secondary windings of T2 and T3; they should be



A VIEW OF THE AMPLIFIER FROM THE REAR FIGURE 3: Here is shown the general arrangement of the apparatus which is mounted partly on the main panel and partly on the sub-panel or base-board.

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X4-Dubilier paper condenser, .5 mfd.; X5-Dubilier paper condenser, .5 mfd.; Y1 to Y12-binding posts; Z1-composition panel;

Z2-wooden sub-panel,  $6\frac{1}{4} \times 14 \times \frac{1}{2}$  inches.

#### How to Construct the Set

After procuring all the instruments and materials for building the set, the amateur should set about preparing the panel Z1, (shown in Figures 2, 3, 4 and 6). First of all the panel should be cut to the correct size, 7 by 15 inches. Then the edges should be squared up smoothly with a file. The centers for boring

the holes (which are necessary for mounting the instruments) should be laid out on the panel as shown in Figure 4.

The holes outlined here with a double circle should be countersunk so that the flat-head machine screws used for fastening the instru-ments will be flush with the panel. All the rest of the holes in this panel are straight drill holes. Sizes for the diameter of these holes have not been given, but the builder will readily decide what size hole is necessary by measuring the size of the screws and shafts of instruments that have to go through the holes.

When the panel is drilled, it may be given a dull finish by rubbing lengthwise with smooth sandpaper until the surface is smooth, then the same process should be repeated except that light machine oil should be applied during the rubbing. The panel should then be rubbed dry with a piece of cheese-cloth, and a dull permanent finish will be the result. Or the panel may be left with its original shiny-black finish, if care is exercised so that it is not scratched during drilling. Next the sub-panel Z2, should be cut to the



THE WORKING DRAWING FOR ASSEMBLING THE AMPLIFIER UNIT FIGURE 2: This layout shows the spacings for the instruments, the transformers, the sockets, rheostats, condensers, potentiometer, and the two rows of binding posts.

#### The Parts Used in Building the Set

In all the diagrams in this article each part bears a designating letter. In this way the prospective builder of a receiver may easily. determine how to mount the instruments in the correct places and connect them properly in the electric circuit. The same designating letters are used in the text and the list of parts below.

The list of parts here given includes the exact instruments used in the particular set from which these specifications were made up; however, there are many other reliable makes of instruments which

may be used with equally good results

If instruments other than the ones listed are used it will necessitate only the use of different spacing of the holes drilled in the panel and shelf for mounting them. S1 to S4-vacuum-tube sockets;

- T1 to T4-four Haynes-Griffin transformers, one input and three radio-frequency transformers, 3,000 meters; -Fada potentiometer, 200 ohms;
- V-Fada filament rheostat, 6 ohms;

W-tubular grid leak, 2 megohms;

X1-Dubilier mica condenser, .0005 mfd.; -Dubilier mica condenser, .00025 mfd.; X3-Dubilier mica condenser, .002 mfd.;



THE ELECTRICAL WIRING DIAGRAM FOR THE AMPLIFIER AND DETECTOR

FIGURE 1: By following this circuit, the amateur experimenter may be sure of obtaining the proper connections for the instruments. The parts are designated by the same letters that appear in the other diagrams and the text.

parts of radio apparatus which it considers beyond the scope of the amateur experimenter's handiwork. It is much better that he should buy the parts and be sure of satisfaction in his experiments than that he should waste a lot of time and energy and finally get unsatisfactory results.)

Then there was the consideration of a suitable means for coupling the output circuits of the tuner\* and the oscillator; to the radio-frequency amplifier. -Inmost amplifiers which are broadly tuned, the input circuits are usually tuned fairly sharply by means of two honeycomb coils placed in inductive relation and shunted by two variable condensers. In adjusting such a set the proper coupling had to be found by experiment; then the two condensers had to be adjusted to the best resonance point of the radio-frequency transformers. This of course helped in sharpening up the operation of the set, but it added the

\*See POPULAR RADIO for September, 1923. †See POPULAR RADIO for November, 1923. In the amplifier described in this article the input transformer is designed with a high step-up voltage ratio; at the same time, by shunting the primary coil with a fixed condenser of the proper capacity, the correct wavelength (corresponding to the wavelength of the other transformers) is automatically adjusted, thus eliminating all the adjustments that have heretofore been regarded as necessary.

The amplifier contains three steps of tuned-radio-frequency amplification which is fixed in wavelength and also the detector (vacuum tube). It is a simple matter to build the unit and it is also a simple matter to operate it. There are only two knobs on the set; a regeneration control (potentiometer) which has to be adjusted only once, and one rheostat which controls the filament of all four tubes.

The exact electrical wiring diagram is shown in Figure 1.

adjustments of coupling and doublecircuit tuning to the set.



# HOW TO BUILD THE NEW REGENERATIVE Super-heterodyne Receiver

## PART II

Part 1 of this article told how to make the oscillator for the superheterodyne; it also gave an outline of the salient points of this type of receiver and described what it was and what it would do. Some of the new points involved in the amplifier unit are described in detail in the following article.

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**F** IRST of all, when they started work on this set, the designers tested out the various makes of transformers for radio frequencies between 2,000 and 6.000 meters. After long experimentation, they decided that there would be a distinct advantage in a transformer which would not involve the use of an iron core. It was decided that they needed a transformer that would be sharply tuned to one particular wavelength to which all incoming signals could be heterodyned.

This, of course, would insure much sharper tuning, in the set as a whole, than would be possible with a radiofrequency transformer which responded to signals over a relatively wide band of wavelengths.

After still more experimentation with

air-core transformers which were built up with variations in the turn ratios variations in the fundamental wavelengths, variations in the magnetic coupling, and variations in the resistance of coils (this involved many trials with windings of different sizes of wire) it was decided to use a transformer that was extremely sharply tuned on 3,000 meters. This was found better than the somewhat higher wavelengths more generally used in super-heterodyne amplifiers in that the possibility of cutting our some of the side bands due to critical tuning was less than at the higher wavelengths. This wavelength also was found to be relatively free from inter-(The reader will note that ference. POPULAR RADIO does not describe how to make these transformers or any other whisker and replacing lightly in various positions.

As the switch blades are moved up the wavelength of the set is increased. When the left switch advances one point the tuning inductance turns are increased by two. When this switch reaches point 6 the turns are increased somewhat less than two by advancing the right switch one point and returning the left switch to point 1. Thus, in tuning, as the successive turns are cut in, that part of the process which requires shifting both switches, will give a smaller wavelength increase.

The antenna may be a single wire 80 feet long (or two wires 50 feet long) and about 30 feet high. If the antenna is too large the number of inductance turns required to receive the shorter broadcast wavelengths will be so reduced that the signal strength will also be decreased. In this connection, most effective results will be obtained by keeping the antenna clear of obstructions and adjusting its length until signals from the longest wave broadcast station are heard with the switches near the upper points. With this set the writer obtained good recepton from a Class B station two and a half miles distant, using a small indoor antenna, but such an antenna is not recommended for a crystal set.

A telephone head-set having a resistance of

2,000 ohms or more will give good results. Reception from a considerablé distance will be more satisfactory if phones priced above the conventional standard be used.

As the crystal is the life of the set, emphasis is laid upon the importance of securing a good one, which should not only be sensitive to weak signals, but which should give response from local stations at most random positions of the catwhisker. The crystal may be kept covered when the set is not in use, but after a time its surface may become insensitive. It may be cleaned with alcohol or soap and water and a clean brush.

The input terminals of a two-step, audio-frequency amplifier may be connected to the phone binding posts of this set and good volume of sound will be obtained from local stations. The use of the crystal detector gives signals of maximum clearness.



Courtesy of Armstrong Perry

VACUUM TUBES THAT SELL FOR 50 CENTS Dr. Max Reithoffer of the government Electrotechnical Institute of Vienna is holding two of the Austrian vacuum tubes which are efficient detectors and amplifiers and which sell in that country for an equivalent of about 50 cents in American money. The apparatus in the lower left-hand part of the picture are the mechanical pumps used in the evacuating system for making these foreign tubes.



FIGURE 12

Assembling the panels and the switch points and binding posts. This is a view from the rear and shows how the switch points are forced into the holes drilled for them in the upright panel, and how the wire taps are connected one to each switch point. The two switch blades are connected by a wire to the two binding posts on the base.

g and p (Figures 3 and 8) back down through the base and thence connected to the left phone binding post and the screw securing the rod holder in place. One short length of wire connects the remaining phone binding post and the crystal. The wire ends are secured by looping around between the washers on the bottom of the base; the screws are then tightened until the nuts on top of the base become rigid. Before the crystal clip and rod holder are permanently secured in place a burr is formed on the edges which come in contact with the wood by bending down these edges slightly. Twelve short lengths of No. 20 bare copper

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Twelve short lengths of No. 20 bare copper wire should be soldered to the switch points where they project through the rear of the panel as shown in Figure 12.

The cover of the tuning inductance is tacked to the base equally distant from the edges and one-half inch from the rear of the panel. The inductance is fitted into the cover and secured by glue or varnish. The location for the taps will be determined by referring to Figure 3. Tap 1 (Figures 3, 7, and 12), will be directly below switch point 1 (Figure 12). The twelve wires from the switch points (Figures 3 and 12) are formed into neat curves, cut off to the proper length so that they may just be inserted in the inductance taps, and soldered in place using a very small soldering iron and a small amount of solder. Switch points in Figure 12 are numbered to correspond to taps in Figure 7. Point 1, being most inaccessible is first soldered to tap 1. The parts of the cover, shown in Figure 6, are fastened together with glue and brads (or small screws) forming the completed cover which gives the set the finished appearance shown in Figure 1.

#### How to Operate the Set

The antenna is connected to the right-hand rear binding post. The ground wire is connected to the left-hand rear binding post, thus bringing the phones near ground potential. The antenna wire is shown in Figure 1. An inspection is made of the mounted crystal to see that it is held firmly by the clip; the extreme end of the catwhisker should then be given a sharp diagonal cut with a pair of scissors.

Adjusting the set involves two operations: (1) Securing a sensitive contact of the catwhisker:

(2) Tuning.

By means of the knob the point of the catwhisker is brought down lightly upon the crystal. The right switch blade is rotated slowly over its points and at each new position the left switch blade is rotated two or three times over its points. This operation explores all the inductance turns, two at a time. If there is no response in the phones, operations (1) and (2) are repeated and local stations should now be heard. Finally, when the switches are set at the most advantageous position, a more sensitive adjustment of the detector may be obtained by lifting the cat-



DRILL, 8-32 SCREW 15% 15% 17% 17% 17% 17% 17%

FIGURE 8A How to cut out, drill and bend the switch blades.



themals of the tap switch for wavelength

control.

FIGURE 9 The dimensions for the switch points and stops.



FIGURE 10A Here to drill and bend the clip for holding the crystal.



Sizes for the binding posts.



FIGURE 10 The complete detector assembly, showing the general arrangement of all the parts used.



FIGURE 10B

The way to make the rod holder is shown here with the dimensions for drilling and shaping.



FIGURE 7A

How the container should be shortened by cutting off the end. This sketch gives the dimensions to which the tube should be cut down before starting the actual winding of the coil.

ping 10 turns of No. 20 piano wire around a 3/16-inch rod clamped in a vise. The switch is assembled upon an 8-32 brass machine screw c, shown in Figure 8. F. SWITCH POINTS AND STOPS (Figure 9).

F. SWITCH POINTS AND STOPS (Figure 9). The switch points are made from 12 brass pins with heads surfaced off with a file or in a lathe. This work requires accuracy to insure smooth operation of switch blades. The switch stops are made from four small brass pins.

G. CRYSTAL DETECTOR (Figure 10). In Figure 10 are shown the assembled parts of the detector. These are: a clip b, holding a mounted crystal c; an 8-32 screw d, and nut e; a fine wire (catwhisker) f, wrapped around a rod g, and secured by a drop of solder h; a knob i; a rod-holder j; an 8-32 screw k, and a nut m.

The clip is cut and filed from No. 24 spring brass sheet as shown in Figure 10a, and bent into the shape shown in Figure 10. All brass sheet must be bent with caution, the bends being made slowly and kept well rounded.

being made slowly and kept well rounded. The catwhisker is an 8-inch length of fine springy wire wrapped 20 times evenly around the rod g, and secured by a drop of solder h, so positioned that when the rod is placed in the holder the lateral movement will be equal to the diameter of the crystal. The fiber knob i, is forced on the other end of the rod.

In Figure 10b are shown the dimensions of the rod holder, cut and filed from spring brass sheet, so that the grain of the metal runs with the narrow tongue. When bent carefully into shape it appears as shown at j, Figure 10. H. BINDING POSTS (Figure 11). Each binding post is made up of an 8-32 brass screw, two washers, square brass nut and a thumb nut taken from a dry cell. A groove b, is filed in two of the nuts to facilitate connections of telephone-receiver terminals.

#### How to Assemble the Set

Four rubber-headed tacks are driven into the corners of the bottom of the base as indicated in Figure 4. The panel (Figure 5) is laid face up on two supporting strips and the 12 switch points are forced into the holes, caution being observed to have the surfaces of all the points in the same plane.

The tap switches are placed in position as shown in Figures 3 and 8. The switch blades are bent as shown by the dotted lines, and when forced down upon the switch points by the spring b. final adjustments are made to secure smoothness of operation. The nuts f and k, are then locked.

The panel (Figure 5) is mounted by three wood screws passing through the base and into the holes d, e, and f. It then appears as shown in Figure 3.

The detector parts (shown in Figure 10) are loosely mounted—in the positions shown in Figure 3—the screw d, being cut off so that it will not project through the nuts. The four binding posts—shown in Figure 11—are then loosely inserted in the base (Figure 3). Connecting wires—shown in Figure 3—of No. 20 wire are run from the two rear binding posts up through two holes b (Figure 4) in the base, looped around and forced between the washers





FIGURE 7

The completed inductance coil made on a pint-size container. This drawing shows the correct way to make the taps with the spacing between the taps indicated.



FIGURE 5

The dimensions of the switch panel and the drilling plan. This drawing gives the top, front and side views of the switch panel; together with the drilling data.

I. CONNECTING WIRE. Required:

Six feet No. 20 bare copper wire.

J. MISCELLANEOUS: Solder non-correction

Solder, non-corrosive soldering flux, stain and varnish (free from carbon pigment).

#### Construction

A. BASE (Figure 4). All dimensions are given in the drawing.

B. SWITCH PANEL (Figure 5). The spacing of the holes on the arcs is important to insure smooth operation of switches when switch points and switch blades are made as specified. Before the holes are drilled in the base and switch panel, these parts and the cover should be given a suitable finish. A dark finish will harmonize well with the exposed metal parts.

C. COVER (Figure 6). All dimensions are given in the drawing.

D. TUNING INDUCTANCE (Figure 7). This is made by winding wire on a one-pint cardboard carton, which as purchased, will be too long for the space requirements of the set. It is shortened to the dimensions shown in Figure 7a by cutting off a ring from the open end and also from the cover, and is here shown bottom side up with cover in place. The carton is wound with 76 turns of No. 24 dcc wire, starting with two small holes, b and e, and winding in the direction shown by the arrow. The wire fills the space between b, and the edge of the cover. In Figure 7 is shown the completed tuning inductance which has two terminals and ten intermediate taps. The terminals are made by forming the bare end of the wire into a small eye as shown. The intermediate taps are formed, while winding, by baring a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch length of wire and twisting this into a small loop. The inductance may be dried in a warm oven.

E. TAP SWITCHES (Figure 8). A completed tap switch is shown in Figure 8. Two switch blades are cut from No. 24 spring brass sheet. as shown in Figure 8a, with the grain of the metal running the long way. The end widths of switch blades are important and the edges of the blades must be bent up as shown, for smooth operation. Two knobs are cut from a fiber rod as shown at e, Figure 8. Two springs, as shown at b, Figure 8, are formed by wrap-



## FIGURE 4

The dimensions of the base and the drilling plan. This drawing gives the front, side and top views of the base, together with the drilling data for the holes for the screws that are used to mount the instruments and binding posts.

eight 8-32 brass washers; four 8-32 square brass nuts; four 8-32 brass hexagon nuts. F. SWITCH POINTS AND STOPS. Required: 12 brass pins 1/8 to 3/32 of an inch in diameter and 3/4-inch long; four small brass pins, 1/2-inch long. G. CRYSTAL DETECTOR.

Required :

One galena crystal mounted in a block of Wood's metal 1/2-inch in diameter

and ¼-inch thick; No. 24 (B. and S.) gauge spring brass sheet 2 by 2¼ inches;

eight inches of fine springy wire; one 3/32-inch brass rod two inches long;

one 3/8-inch fiber rod 5/8-inch long; two 8-32 brass machine screws oneinch long;

four 8-32 brass washers;

two 8-32 square brass nuts.

H. BINDING POSTS.

Required: Four 8-32 brass machine screws, 11/4 inches long;

four 8-32 square brass nuts; four 8-32 thumb nuts from dry cells; eight 8-32 brass washers.

- B. SWITCH PANEL. Required:
  - One piece of seasoned wood, 5¼ by 3½ by ½ inches; three No. 8 wood screws, 1½ inches: long.
- C. COVER (top removed). Required:
  - Four pieces of seasoned wood, 1/4-inch thick;

  - one piece,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  by  $5\frac{1}{8}$  inches; two pieces,  $45\frac{1}{8}$  by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches; one piece,  $4\frac{3}{4}$  by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches; brads or small screws.

- D. TUNING INDUCTANCE. Required:
  - One one-pint carboard carton;

two ounces No. 24 dcc copper wire.

- E. TAP SWITCHES.
  - Required: o. 24 (B. and S.) gauge spring brass sheet, 1 by 2 inches; No. 24 two knobs cut from one-inch fiberrod;
  - 18 inches No. 20 (B. and S.) gauge piano wire.
  - two 8-32 brass machine screws 2 inches long;



The working drawing of the set. This layout diagram shows the relative positions for oll the instruments, as seen from above. The parts are designated by letters which reappear in the text and list of parts.

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elaborate construction or it may be very simple without reducing its efficiency. Its cost is then much less than a set equipped with a low-voltage tube. Other points, often overlooked, are clearness of signal, absence of distortion, and no operating cost. Although the crystal is a relatively insensitive device, there is no justification in statements frequently made in radio articles, which give the impression that there is a definite limit to its receiving range. From a low-power broadcast station the reliable receiving range of a crystal set is, say five miles; in winter the same set may receive high-power stations from a distance of three or four hundred miles.

This article describes a crystal set of satisfactory performance. All structural details are given so that one need not be in doubt as to dimensions. Attention is called to the importance of good mechanical design. This requirement includes convenience of adjustment, rigid connections, permanent contacts, light, stable contact of the fine wire on the crystal, elimination of jarring and vibration from the tuning controls, and protection of parts from injury.

- The parts of the set are arranged so that the connecting wires will be short and direct, and losses from unused turns on the tuning inductor have been reduced by cutting down the total number of turns. A variable condenser or phone condenser is not used. The former sometimes gives a little better selectivity but at the expense of signal strength; the latter is not necessary for broadcast reception. There is no objection to the use of wood for a switch Tests show that there is less panel. power loss in dry wood at radio frequencies than in the average insulating material used in radio panels.

#### Parts and Material

The completed set is shown in operation in Figure 1. Figure 2 is a photograph of the set with cover removed. Figure 3 is a plan drawing and shows the parts and wiring. The list below names the parts used and gives the material required to make them. A. BASE.

Required:

One piece of seasoned wood, 8 by 5½ by ¾ inches; four rubber-headed tacks.



THE COMPLETED SET WITH THE COVER REMOVED FIGURE 2: This shows what a neat-looking job can be made of the set if the experimenter takes the trouble to make every part as specified in this article.



From a photograph made for Pripular Radio

## THE COMPLETED SET

FIGURE 1: The author shows how to adjust the crystal detector while rotating the switch that controls the tuning.

# HOW TO BUILD

# AN EFFICIENT CRYSTAL RECEIVER

For local reception, the crystal set is still the simplest that will produce satisfactory results. Here is a re-creation of the famous Bureau of Standards receiver, brought up to date with a suitable wavelength range. The parts cost about \$5.00 (exclusive of the phones) and the approximate reception range is 15 miles.

## By MORRIS S. STROCK

I N recent months the radio broadcasting services have been greatly improved. This development has been marked by a reduction of interference through the new assignment of wavelengths, a more uniform distribution of stations transmitting good musical programs (this includes the relaying of programs by wire before broadcasting) \*Published by permission of the Director of the Bureau of Standards of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

and a tendency for mediocre stations to discontinue transmission.

In the large communities there are now many thousands of people within a few miles of the Class B stations; from them comes a demand for simple receiving apparatus that requires a small monetary outlay. For this purpose a crystal set will give practically perfect reception.

A crystal set may be of rather



GROUND—Fortunately a good ground is available to most of us; the solution of this important problem is the ordinary water-piping system of the house. The ground wire may be soldered to a brass fitting, or one of the faucets, or it may be connected directly to the pipe itself by means of a ground clamp. The

pipe should be brightened up with a file before connecting the ground clamp. If a ready-made ground is not at hand, a galvanized pipe driven in moist earth or a buried copper sheet is the best substitute. There is a single lead to the ground connection and the size of this should not be smaller than No. 14 copper wire



FINED INDUCTANCE—The fixed inductance or coil is a continuous winding with two connections, one at the beginning and one at the end. It may take the form of the singlelayer coil, bank-wound coil, spiderweb coil, honeycomb coil, etc. The purpose of the various forms of winding is to decrease the distributed capacity of the coil; such inherent capacity acts much the same as a fixed condenser across the coil and this gives the system a natural wavelength, which is an undesirable condition since we usually wish to control the wavelength by means of a variable condenser connected across the coil. The honeycomb coil is especially useful for receiving the long wavelengths, while the other forms of winding are more widely employed on the short and medium wavelengths.



VARIABLE INDUCTANCE—The variable inductance is merely a coil with provisions for using a part or the whole of it. There are two fundamental connections; one usually goes to the end of the coil and the other to a slider, clip, or inductance switch. If an inductance switch is used, taps are taken off the coil five to ten turns apart and connected to switch points. A switch arm makes contact with any one of these points, thus cutting in

more or less of the coil. Sometimes two switches are provided at opposite ends of the coil, one for tens of turns and one for single turns. Then the two fundamental connections are to the two switch arms. The old twoslide tuning coil was a little different, in that it had one fixed connection at the end, and also two sliders, one for the primary circuit and one for varying the inductance included in the secondary circuit.

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D.C. GENERATOR OR MOTOR—The D.C. generator is used in radio work to produce the high-voltage plate supply for the better class of transmitters. It also finds a use in stepping the voltage down for battery charging. The D.C. motor is used for power in the motorgenerator set, for driving spark gaps, etc., when the local electric supply is direct current. There will usually be two connections for the generator and also two connections for the motor unless the latter is so powerful that it requires some sort of starting mechanism. The local electric company will have its own regulations about the sizes of motors requiring starters. The motor itself will have two external connections or terminals.



GRID CONDENSER—For the purpose of detection we must operate the tube at the knee of the "characteristic curve" by the use of a "C" battery or resort to the grid condenser, which isolates the grid and allows the negative charge on it to build up through several cycles instead of changing to positive at each half cycle as it would normally do. The grid-

condenser method of detection is used in most receiving sets and the common value of the grid condenser is .00025 mfd. One of the small mica fixed condensers is just as good as something more expensive. However, do not try to economize by using a paper condenser at this point. The grid condenser has two leads.



GRID LEAK—With the grid-condenser method of detection some means must be provided to allow the negative charge on the grid of the tube to *leak off gradually*; otherwise the charge would build up until the tube was paralyzed. For this purpose a high-resistance path called the grid leak is connected between the grid and the filament; the value of the grid leak runs into the millions of ohms, 2 megohms (2,000,000 ohms) being a common value. While there may be some advantage in a variable grid leak, it is so difficult to find a good one, that the tubular type is perhaps the safest one to use. There are two connections to the grid leak, one to each end of the resistance unit.

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CRYSTAL DETECTOR—The crystal detector generally takes the form of a fine wire or "catwhisker" pressing lightly on some kind of mineral crystal; the common minerals are galena, silicon, pyrites, carborundum or one of the synthetic crystals. Within 15 to 25 miles of the large broadcasting stations the crystal set will give good, clear reception on the telephones; a loudspeaker cannot be used with a crystal set. In selecting a crystal detector see that it is so constructed mechanically that the entire surface of the crystal can be easily explored with the "catwhisker." There are two connections to the crystal detector, one to the "catwhisker" and one to the cup which holds the mineral.



GALVANOMETER—The galvanometer is a delicate instrument for indicating a small electric current, but is not used for measuring current. That is, it may be used to show when the current is minimum or maximum, but not the exact value of it. The galvanometer is useful in bridge-measurement work where it is necessary to compare unknown values of resistance, inductance or capacity with standards of the same. It can also be used for wavemeter work in radio. The galvanometer has two connecting terminals and there will always be shown two wires running to it in any circuit diagram.



A.C. GENERATOR OR MOTOR—The A.C. generator finds little use in radio work except in spark transmitters but the motor is often used as a source of power for motor-generator sets when the local electric supply is alternating current. The A.C. generator or motor frequently has three terminals in the larger sizes as three-phase distribution of power is more satisfactory than single phase. The singlephase motor is not inherently a self-starting device, and must have some sort of starting mechanism incorporated within it; on the other hand the three-phase motor is selfstarting and is much more rugged. The single-phase motor has two terminals brought out to binding posts.



FIGURE 2: A simple tuned-plate regenerative circuit that includes two stages of audio-frequency amplification. This circuit is easy to operate and tunes sharply.

that you cannot use more than  $22\frac{1}{2}$  volts on the plates of the tubes and still get good results. The grid return wire should also be connected to the negative end of the "A" battery for best results.

At the same time it would be a saving in "B" batteries for you to use a "C" battery included in the grid return wires from your amplifying transformers. These batteries should be connected in the circuit with their positive terminals connected toward the filament and their negative terminals connected toward the grid. For a "B" battery potential of 45 volts you need no "C" battery, the negative drop across the filaments will be enough. For a potential of 90 volts you should use a "C" battery of 4.5 volts and for a plate potential up to 135 volts you will require a "C" battery of 9 volts.

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QUESTION: Sometimes while I am listening in for long distance, I hear a station which seems to be enveloped by a kind of wailing whistle. I listen to this station for awhile and the whistle seems to fade in and out.

The other night I heard this same kind of noise on WHN near by, and I kept on listening, and soon I could hear a sort of tattoo like someone beating a drum. I stuck to it to find out what it was and after about half an hour the tattoo noise developed quite strongly and finally I made out that it was an orchestra playing "jazz." A little later I heard the announcer during a quiet spell at WHN, announce that it was station WDAP at the Drake Hotel in Chicago. This is the greatest distance I have heard so far, and I am wondering if I was hearing it direct or through the power of station WHN?

Can you shed any light on this phenomena? I am curious to know if the one station was being carried by the other or just what was happening.

I have heard something about earth currents which flowed from the earth up into the atmosphere and have also been wondering if these earth currents may not be responsible for some of our distance records.

#### ROY SHELDON

ANSWER: When two stations are broadcasting on nearly the same wavelength, with vacuum-tube generators, they will produce a beat note that will be audible when tuned in with an ordinary receiver. The note you will hear will be the difference in frequency between the two transmitted waves.

If there were a difference in frequency of 500 cycles you would hear a whistle equal to about a tone of B-flat, two octaves above middle C on the piano. The strength of the note you would hear would depend upon the ratio of their signal strengths. Hence if either one were to die out or "fade," as it is more commonly known, the whistle would also die out and you would hear the other station which would then come in clearly. This is often experienced in DX reception. You may be listening to a far-off station and suddenly there will be a whistling noise heard in the receivers. A few minutes may elapse and you find the whistling sound diminishing until you are listening to a totally different DX station---and you haven't touched your tuning! In your case you were picking up WDAP



QUESTION: A number of the boys who live around here have been having such wonderful results with the DX receiver, described in your January issue, that I have at last decided that I would have to build one of them. However, when I sent for a copy of that issue I was told that it was all sold out. So I am writing you to request that you republish the wiring diagram with any · useful information or improvements that you may have made. Also show me how to hook on the two stages of audiofrequency amplification so that I may use a loudspeaker.

## E. MOORE SEVERANCE

ANSWER: In Figure 3 you will find the circuit for the DX regenerative receiver, other-wise known as the DX "bringer-in." In the improved set the coils L1 and L2 are wound on a composition tube  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter. Coil L1, consists of 22 turns of No. 18 DSC. (double-silk-covered) wire and coil L2, con-sists of 50 turns of the same kind of wire wound  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch away from the coil L1. VAR is a variometer which is placed in inductive re-lation with coil L2. The distance between the edge of the stater winding of the variometer edge of the stator winding of the variometer and the edge of the coil L2 winding should be

34 of an inch. The condenser VC1 is a .001 mfd. condenser with the rotor and stator plates connected as indicated by "S" and "R." Condenser VC2 is a .0005 mfd, vernier variable condenser. The other parts are:

GC-mica fixed condenser, .00025 mfd.; GL-grid leak, 2 megohms;

C-mica fixed condenser, .0005 mfd.;

- R1, R2, and R3-filament rheostats, 6 ohms; J1 and J2-double-circuit jacks;

J3-single-circuit jack; AFT1 and AFT2-audio-frequency amplifying transformers (for first-stage, high ratio; second-stage, low ratio); suitable "A" and "B" batteries.

Be sure that you use no shellac or any kind of insulating paint on the coil windings, and be sure that the windings are not shorted be-

tween turns. In trying out the set for the first time, reverse the connections to the variometer, after a signal is tuned in, and leave it connected in the way it produces the loudest signals.

QUESTION: Why is it that I seldom hear any more player pianos from the larger broadcasting stations? I surely did enjoy some of their dance music. I think the piano was about the best sounding music that they ever sent out and now they have no more of it. Can you tell me why?

S. F.

ANSWER: This was prohibited for the larger broadcasting stations by the Secretary of Commerce; in fact only the stations operating on a wavelength of 360 meters or below were allowed to continue sending out player piano selections or phonograph music. The larger transmitting stations working on wavelengths above 360 meters must have real artists and no "canned" music is allowed.

You have probably been listening more to the larger stations than to the smaller ones, and this is why you have missed the type of music referred to.



FIGURE 3: The improved DX regenerative circuit as it has been revised to take care of the change in wavelengths of the broadcasting stations.

QUESTION: What can I do to eliminate the squeaking in my set that occurs when the man upstairs tunes his set. I saw recently in POPULAR RADIO that this nuisance was caused by the singlecircuit regenerative receiver, and until then I never knew what the squeaking was; I thought it was one of those peculiar things that go with radio. However, after reading the item in your magazine, I went up to visit him as a neighbor and verified your statements; he was using one of these sets and it made the same kind of noise in his set as I heard in mine.

I showed him the article in the magazine, and he was much surprised and really disappointed, for until that time he had thought his was a good set. He has asked me to write to you and find out how to tune it or what to do to help him eliminate the trouble. He is a good fellow, and really didn't know what an awful racket he was setting up until I brought him downstairs and let him listen to it for himself.

#### HAROLD H. BRECKENRIDGE

ANSWER: There are three wavs in which the trouble could be eliminated. The surest way would be to get another set of the loosely coupled type, one employing two or more circuits.

Another way would be to add a single stage of radio-frequency amplification to the present set.

The third way would be to learn how to

tune the set without ever allowing it to go into oscillation, and it is doubtful if this could be accomplished because while listening to distant stations the tube will oscillate extremely easily. This is because the regeneration is increased to such an extent in order to hear these stations, that the circuits are in a critical condition and will burst into oscillation at a slight change in wavelength of the tuning dials.

QUESTION: Why is it that my 5-watt transmitting tubes work all right for about a minute and then they seem to choke up? I was using them on a 350volt DC. generator, but then I was using "voice"; now I am using ACCW. with 750 volts on the plate for telegraphy.

All of a sudden the antenna hot-wire meter drops to zero, the plates get white hot, and there is a blue fuzz in between the filament and the plate. I know I am using a higher voltage than the tubes are supposed to operate with, but I am wondering if you cannot tell me how I might use it and still keep the tubes from overheating.

#### SAMUEL BROWN

ANSWER: Although you are using the tubes at an overrated voltage you can keep them at the correct temperature by slightly changing the plate and grid adjustments of the set so that the plate current is reduced. It is evident that your set is only slightly overloaded because the tubes do stand up for a time. If you cut down the plate current (say about 25 milliamperes) you will undoubtedly prevent the tubes from slowly developing too high a plate temperature which finally ionizes the tubes.



Will We Run Our Automobiles with Power Obtained by Radio?

THE newest suggestion of how to meet the prospective shortage of automobile fuel comes from France. It is that we might equip our roads with high-frequency power cables and run our autos by radio.

The process is suggested by Maurice Leblanc as a development of his plan for supplying radio power to railway trains. According to La Science et la Vie (Paris), the suggested system for railways consists of a pair of conductors suspended above the right of way and supplied with current at a frequency of 20,000 cycles a second. On top of the locomotives (or coaches) are two similar conductors, mounted so that they are parallel to the line conductors and at a distance from them, when the train is on the rails, of about sixteen inches.

These conductors on the train pick up the high-frequency waves from the fixed conductors by electromagnetic induction, just as a receiving station picks up radio waves sent out from a transmitting station. The high-frequency impulses thus produced are converted, on the train, into three-phase current at 15 to 25 cycles and this is used to drive the motors in the usual fashion. The conversion is made in the standard manner by means of vacuum-tube rectifiers and a rotating commutator.

The application of this system to the

propulsion of automobiles is obvious. Cables carrying the high-frequency current would be suspended along the main roads and cars would be provided with reception conductors, converting equipment and three-phase motors, just as are the trains. There would be an obvious disadvantage in that the automobile could not operate at any great distance from the driving cable and would be confined, therefore, to the roads that were so equipped. But this might be avoided by supplementary storage batteries on the car.

It would seem that the most obvious opening for a system of this kind would be on motor-bus lines operated by what are now known as trackless trolleys. It is to be hoped that an actual trial of this kind will be made.

As an incidental to his system of train propulsion Mr. Leblanc has designed a high-frequency generator consisting of a vacuum tube operated by the vapor of mercury and provided with a fourth electrode for the purpose of maintaining the mercury arc. Several novel features of design are indicated by the sketch on page 519.

## Docs Static Come from Outside the Earth?

THIS is an implication that cannot help suggesting itself when one examines the results of static studies by Dr. Max Bäumler, reported in a recent number of the Jahrbuch für drahtlosen Telegraphie und Telephonic. By means of automatic recording apparatus Dr. Bäumler has compared carefully the records of single static disturbances received at four widely separated stations, three of them in Germany and the fourth the station of the Radio Corporation at Riverhead, Long Island. He finds, surprisingly, that a large proportion of the static disturbances, the individual clicks or roars, are simultaneous and of about the same strength, not only at the German stations but at the distant Long Island station as well.

If static is due, as is frequently supposed, to local thunderstorms it is difficult to imagine how the waves originating on one continent can reach another continent with their strength so little impaired. Dr. Bäumler does not discuss this problem. He would object, no doubt, to deducing from his results any conclusions not directly warranted by his data. But those of us who are inclined at all to speculation cannot help wondering whether these new facts about static may not mean that some, at least, of the disturbances originate in the Heaviside Layer or even above it, this layer functioning as a sort of great transmitting network high above the earth and from which the disturbing impulse is sent downward to the ground from all parts of the layer at almost the same instant all over the earth.

It has been suggested, for example, that static is due to meteors. This seems improbable in the light of the opinion of astronomers that the average meteor is a tiny particle even smaller, probably, than a grain of wheat. But there is another sort of cosmic visitors



WILL OUR MOTOR CARS RUN BY RADIO POWER? If we equip our roads with high-frequency conductors radio power can be supplied to automobiles, says Mr. Leblanc, especially in mountain country where water power is usually cheap and where gasoline is dear.

that may be more important. These are the clouds of charged gas or tiny dust particles that are supposed to be shot out frequently from the sun, especially from the great centers of solar disturbance that we know as sun-spots. One of these clouds hitting- the Heaviside Layer would give it, probably, a sudden increase of charge. This might start a wave downward from the layer just as a sudden charge added to an antenna will start a sharp single wave outward from it.

Each click that you hear when static is bad may be the signal that another solar messenger has knocked at the outside door of the earth.

## Are There Unsuspected Sources of Power?

THE problem of what the world is going to do for power when all the coal

and oil have been used up is one that has agitated economists and scientific men for a number of years. It has been raised again by Dr. E. E. Slosson, distinguished American chemist and now Director of Science Service. We have enough coal, of course, for this year and for quite a few years in the future, but ultimate exhaustion of it is inevitable, and each increased use of power brings that fatal day a little nearer.

The confidence so often expressed that science will find some way for us to escape this threat of a power-less world is, Dr. Slosson says, "flattering —but unfounded." Many sources of power are known, but we do not know, in most cases, how to get the power out usefully. The scientific and engineering professions should make an immediate effort, Dr. Slosson urges, to



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A SOLAR FIRE-FOUNTAIN 80,000 MILES HIGH

This remarkable photograph made at Mount Wilson Observatory shows one of the great solar storms that shoot out clouds of charged particles toward the earth. These particles may be one cause of static. The white circle is the size of the earth on the same scale.



U. S. Bureau of Standards

#### THE STANDARD KILOGRAM AND METER BAR

The fundamental standards of weight and measure for the United States are the standard kilogram, under the glass case in the center, and the standard meter bar on the shelf just below. All units, even the electric ones like the volt or the watt, depend on these two fundamental units and on a third, the second of time.

inventory all possible or probable sources of power so that intensive study of the more promising ones can be begun.

All our present power, with negligible exceptions, comes from the sun. Coal and oil are derived from ancient sunlight by which the plants that produced these fuels grew in former geologic ages. Water power is really the power of the sun, translated into water raised from the sea and fallen as rain on the land. Winds, wood used for fuel, alcohol produced from vegetation; all are manifestations of this same solar power.

Much of the solar power that falls on the earth's surface is not used. Perhaps engines can be devised to catch and use this. Then there are a few known power sources that are not related to the sun. The tides constitute one of them, these being due to the attraction of the moon and drawing their energy, really, from the rotation of the earth. Another source to which Dr. Slosson refers is the internal heat of the earth, now being used in a very small way by steam plants located near volcanoes and hot springs. Still another is the power known to be held inside the atoms of matter but which cannot be got out except in the quite special instance of radium and the analogous elements.

All these power sources. Dr. Slosson insists, must be studied and evaluated if the world is to escape ultimate disaster. Still other sources must be thought of and studied too.

Radio engineers ought to join this procession. Are there any unsuspected radio sources of power? How about, for example, radio impulses which may be received from time to time from the sun or other heavenly bodies? These have been little studied. It may seem a long step to the idea that power might be got in this way, but stranger things have already happened in the brief history of radio.

# Better Crystals for Detectors -

IT is probable, suggests a writer in the Mining Journal (London), that the resources of mineralogy have still much to offer to the radio engineer. Out of some thousands of minerals which the mineralogists have identified only a very few appear to have been tested as crystal detectors. Most of the crystals commonly used are metallic sulphides like pyrite, which is a sulphide of iron, or galena which is a sulphide of lead.

But there exist, says this writer, many other minerals that ought to be even

Examples are pitchmore valuable. blende and the similar radioactive minerals. The conductivity of these minerals is good and they have the further property (because of their radioactivity) that they emit electrons spontaneously. Other "prospects" are tantalite and columbite which contain the rare metals tantalum and columbium, monazite which contains thorium and unusual elements. samarskite other which contains uranium, and others.

It would probably be worth while for some radio enthusiast who has access to a good mineral collection to make systematic tests of all the known metallic minerals, not forgetting that different fragments of the same mineral often vary greatly in detecting power and that, accordingly, a number of pieces of each one should be tested, both alone and with a biasing potential such as has to be used with carborundum.



A UNIQUE CLOCK FOR RADIO OPERATORS

This timepiece, which was designed in Germany, shows the time in all parts of the world simultaneously. When the radio amatcurs begin to listen regularly to European broadcasting, clocks like these will be useful to check up the schedules of the foreign stations.



Western Electric

## AN INSTRUMENT USED FOR DESIGNING LOUDSPEAKERS

This special oscillograph was devised for the study of the vibration frequencies in speech sounds. The voice of the operator at the telephone is magnified and made visible on a screen so that the other operator may see exactly what frequencies and wave forms are associated with each vowel and consonant sound and what happens to each frequency when it passes through electric or magnetic apparatus.

# The Earth as an Electric Generator

THE surface of the earth in northern latitudes is usually charged negatively with respect to the atmosphere. There . is accordingly a small electric current flowing all the time through the air, or rather between the air and the soil. It is small on any square foot, but for the whole earth it may equal, scientists calculate, as much as 2,000,000 amperes —enough to keep about four million electric lamps burning all the time. The electric and magnetic properties of the earth, of which this surface current is one, are probably of great importance in radio communication.

## Why It Is Difficult to Produce a Really Good Loudspeaker

THE search for a better loudspeaker continues to absorb the attention of radio engineers all over the world. Yet it is safe to predict that not one of these will prove to be fully satisfactory. The perfect loudspeaker remains to be invented.

The extraordinary difficulty of this effort is not hard to understand when one sets down the number of different scientific problems which demand solution before this invention is possible. A cursory look through recent loudspeaker literature discloses at least six or eight of these problems. The most important and well known one is that of electric distortion in the circuits. This is really a name for the habit of any electric speech-transmitting apparatus to absorb and remove from the sound some of the frequencies that ought to be in it. The humanvoice, for example, sounds sharp and nasal when it loses its lower frequen-



## THE NEW DEMOUNTABLE VACUUM TUBE

The parts B and C are of glass, joined to the other parts of the tube by the four rubber gaskets indicated by A. M is the grid of molybdenum wire, the electric connection for it being at N. The plate is the copper cylinder O, cooled by the circulation of water in the space outside it. The vacuum is produced and maintained by a pump attached inside the cone Q by means of a ground-glass joint. cies (say below 1,500 cycles a second) and hoarse and throaty when it lacks the normal higher frequencies. All of the frequencies from about 200 cycles to 4,000 or over must be present and must come satisfactorily through the apparatus if the reproduction is to be reasonably normal.

Then in addition to the electric distortion (determined, of course, by the combined capacities, inductances and resistances of the circuits) there is a magnetic distortion due to the fact that the magnetic properties of iron are not perfect, that any electromagnetic system which one can devise will always respond more readily to some frequencies than it does to others.

And when one has solved these two troubles there are the peculiarities of the diaphragm to reckon with; its persistent tendency to seize hold of one particular frequency that it happens to like and sing it out at one to the practical exclusion of all the other tones that ought to come out too. The horn or other sound-magnifying device adds still other peculiarities. Like the diaphragm it has its preferences, and it insists that the listener shall hear them.

Then a loudspeaker must be heard, usually, in a room, and the room, too, has its acoustic properties and preferences. There are echoes and rattles and the absorption of sound by hangings, all to be reckoned with. A person speaking in a room or anywhere else adjusts unthinkingly the loudness and quality of his voice to the needs of the circumstances; such as the size of the room and the number of auditors. No one has yet invented a brain for the loudspeaker that will enable it to do this.

Finally there are a couple of difficulties that are in the auditor instead of in the apparatus. The human ear is one of them. Gallileo is reported to have said that if any optician had sent him an instrument so imperfect as the human eye he would have returned it in disgust. If he proposed to get as mad as this about an eye, which is, after all, a fairly effective light detector, what *would* Gallileo have done about an ear? No two human ears are alike in the tones they hear nor in how they hear them. A person's hearing varies, even with the time of day or with what he had for dinner!

This is one of the imperfections of the auditor that the loudspeaker inventor has to take into account. He must realize that his instrument will have to be so clear in tone, so perfect in reproduction, that *anyone* can understand it, even people who have really only about half an ear to hear with.

The other personal imperfection of hearers is psychological. It is due to inattention. Many people get interested in something else and miss whole sentences of a lecture or a stage performance. They do not seem to mind this but let the same thing happen for the same reason with a radio apparatus and soon letters will be written to the manufacturer. These psychological and physiological peculiarities of us humans have not had from the radio designer as much attention as they deserve.

Note how many problems in what we used to call "pure science" are opened up by this one device of the loudspeaker. One is the problem of what is magnetism, for if we knew all about the magnetic behavior of iron we could avoid, probably, the various varieties of magnetic distortion. Others are the problems of the interference and resonance of sound waves in material bodies like horns, problems that were investigated so brilliantly by the late Professor Sabine of Harvard. Still another is the problem of cohesion and of what controls elasticity, for this it is that determines the vibratory properties of diaphragms. And then there are the problems of human physiology and psychology, those that concern the mechanism of hearing both in the ear and in the brain.

# A Vacuum Tube That Comes Apart for Repairs

THE accidental circumstance that the vacuum tube was developed out of the electric lamp has given to the form of this useful instrument some characteristics that are from the engineering viewpoint, a serious handicap. The glass bulb is one of them. When the filament burns out or the grid connections come loose the glass bulb must be destroyed and remade (or resealed), which makes the repairing nearly as costly as a new tube.

So long as tubes were of small power and used only for reception this was not, perhaps, a matter of much importance. But as tubes advance more and more into the class of engineering equipment this impossibility of easy repairs must be escaped in some fashion. Imagine an electric motor that had to be thrown away whenever the armature burned out!

Hence the demand, growing more and more insistent, for a demountable and easily repairable form of tube. The development of such a tube is, we believe, inevitable. Indeed one form that has been constructed and is on trial in the Eiffel Tower station at Paris is illustrated in the diagram on page 524, which we take from La Nature (Paris). The tube is completely demountable; all joints are held gas-tight by gaskets of special rubber free of volatile matters and of excess sulphur. The rating is 10 kilowatts. the antenna input, at a plate potential of 5,000 volts, being about 8 kilowatts. The necessary vacuum is maintained by a pump of special design to which the tube is attached.

It is natural that the development of a demountable tube should begin with high-power units of this kind but it may be expected to extend to smaller tubes as well. Even the tubes used for everyday reception will probably take on before long new designs leading in this same direction.



Most instructions for erecting singlewire antennas provide for cutting the wire at the insulator nearest the house, and then urge precautions against a bad connection between antenna and leadin. Often this difficulty can be obviated by purchasing enough wire, in one piece, to reach from the far support to the set, or at least inside the house, sothat no joints are exposed to the weather. Attach the far end of the wire first, then put the other end through the house insulator, draw the wire taut, and give it a few turns around itself before it is continued as the lead-in.

Inasmuch as the lead-in should be kept several inches from the side of the house, and insulated where it enters the building, a hare wire serves just as well as one that is covered. When, for the sake of appearance, an insulated wire inside the house is desirable, the junction between bare and insulated wire can easily be soldered, or kept clean if joined otherwise.

A small single-pole, single-throw knife switch, costing about 25 cents, makes this connection conveniently, and affords additional protection against lightning when an automatic arrester is used outside.

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WHEN loading up the old DX receiver (described in the January issue of POPULAR RADIO) for reception at the higher wavelengths (lower frequencies) that are now used by some of the broadcasting stations, the following suggestions will be found of value: 1. Remove the secondary condenser from its place and connect it in parallel with the antenna coil.

2. Remove the antenna condenser and place it where the secondary condenser was first connected.

3. Join the two wires together which were first connected to the antenna condenser.

4. Place a .00025 mfd. mica fixed condenser across the terminals of the variometer in the plate circuit.

The effect of No. 1 is to replace the .001 mfd. series condenser in the antenna circuit with a .0005 mfd. shunt condenser. This materially increases the antenna wavelength range *upwards*.

The effect of No. 2 is to increase the secondary capacity from .0005 mfd. to .001 mfd. This boosts up the secondary wavelength range.

No. 3 closes the gap in the antenna circuit made by taking out the primary series condenser.

No. 4 raises the wavelength of the plate circuit.

You will find that these hints will bring in the "higher" stations with the same robustness that you used to get the "lower" stations before the wavelength changes went into effect.

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IF a regenerative receiver refuses to oscillate properly, when completed, it would probably help if the builder were to try a .00025 mfd. fixed condenser connected across the telephones (if a single tube is used) or across the primary of the first amplifying trans(if more tubes are used).

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THE wide use and great popularity of the UV-199 radiotron have led to numerous attempts on the part of unscrupulous manufacturers to counterfeit this tube. In external appearance some of the imitations bear such a close resemblance to the genuine tube that it is difficult to detect the difference; even the carton markings, the instruction sheets and the trade-marks are copied.

However, in spite of the resemblance in appearance, the electric characteristics of the counterfeit tubes are very different from those of the genuine UV-199. So far, none of the manufacturers of the illegal tube has been able to duplicate the 60-milliampere filament of the UV-199 and most of the counterfeits require as much as one-fourth of an ampere. Since the voltage of this filament can easily be made 3.0 volts or less, the user of such a tube is often misled by the apparently satisfactory operation when the tube is first lighted, but he soon finds that his dry battery is quickly exhausted and often the tube itself fails in a few hours.

Of course, the easiest way of determining the current required by the filament is to use a milliammeter and a voltmeter, but as such instruments are not in common use among radio experimenters another simple method described below may be used which

gives a rough approximation of the filament current.

Connect three new six-inch dry cells in series with the tube to be tested and an ordinary 50-watt, 110-120-volt mazda electric lamp. Figure 1 shows the proper connections. If the filament of the tube that is being tested does not take more than 60 milliamperes, it will light up almost to normal temperature. But, if the tube is not a genuine UV-199 and the filament requires appreciably more than 60 milliamperes, the resistance of the mazda lamp will rise due to the higher current flowing through it, and the voltage on the tube will be so low that its filament will not light. In making the test, be sure that the tube is left in the socket for about 30 seconds to allow the mazda lamp filament to heat up to constant temperature.

When the proper electric instruments are available, an even better test is to use a voltmeter and milliammeter connected exactly as shown in Figure 2. At three volts the current through the filament of a genuine UV-199 radiotron lies between 55 and 65 milliamperes. For this test ligh-quality instruments must be used as otherwise this test is worthless.

A voltmeter that has a full scale reading of 5 is recommended. For the milliammeter use an instrument having a full scale reading somewhere between 100 and 250 milliamperes.



The two diagrams shown above in Figure 1 and Figure 2 illustrate the two simple methods for detecting counterfeit vacuum tubes. Figure 1 gives the circuit for the lamp method and Figure 2 gives the circuit for the voltmeter-ammeter method.



ITEMS of general interest that you ought to know; bits of useful information that every radio fan ought to know.

#### The Great Mexican Static Mystery

WHY is it that the special home and playground of the static-making forces is in the mountains of Northern Mexico? All ships' operators agree that the neighborhood of the Mexican coast is saturated almost continuously with squeaks, clicks, roars and scratches. At land stations within Mexican range whenever the direction of static is determined most of it is found to be coming from the direction of these trouble-making hills just south of the border of the United States. There is no obvious reason for this. The Mexican mountains are not especially high nor especially afflicted with thunderstorms. With a few extinct exceptions, they are not volcanic. Who-ever can solve the mystery of why this particular part of the earth is so cursed with atmospheric disturbances may go a long way toward solving the other problems of the origin and nature of all static, problems which are still so entirely mysterious. Have our readers who live near the Mexican border any suggestions?

# Advance Scat Sale for Radio Concerts

In a family that owns only one receiving set, it has been necessary to reduce the receiving schedule to a system of advance reservations. A schedule sheet is kept for each evening hour for a week or two ahead. When Mother reads in the paper that a song she especially wants to hear is to be sent out by a certain station at nine o'clock Tuesday evening she reserves that hour on the sheet. That holds the hour for that station and for her against claims of other members of the family. Sister may reserve Thursday evening for jazz from her favorite band and invite in her friends, secure in the knowledge that no ong else will have pre-empted the set that evening for a missionary lecture or the report of a prize fight.

#### Yes, Radio Will Help Us Get Bananas

THE United Fruit Company, which supplies most of the bananas to the United States is installing six new radio stations in Central America and at Gulf ports. This will bring the cost of this company's radio system to over \$4,000,000, all of it being used to direct the movement of the company's fleet of steamships and thus to control the shipment of bananas and other fruits to the United States.

## Longest One-way Radio Circuit in the World

ONE-WAY traffic is being handled regularly twice each day from the United States Navy station at Cavite near Manila to San Francisco, a distance of 6,221 miles. This is believed to be the longest regular radio circuit in the world.

## Language Study by Radio

THE broadcasting station at Manchester, England, is reported to be supplying its patrons with short programs in French, Spanish, German and Italian, in addition to the regular English program. It is usually admitted that the chief difficulty in mastering any foreign language is lack of opportunity for hearing it spoken regularly. This radio innovation ought to provide an easy means for this without the expense of foreign travel. Many prophets have predicted that radio is to give us a universal language. Perhaps it will, but there is another possibility. When listening becomes regularly international, which it will soon if the improvement of apparatus continues, it may be that radio listeners will learn all the languages. Many travelers have remarked that most of the natives of Switzerland, because of constant contact with many languages, speak French, English, German and Italian equally well. There is no reason why this should not be general all over the world. Perhaps it will be when a generation of boys and girls has grown up under the nightly influence of international broadcasting.

## Advertising Towns by Radio

THE first municipality that has attempted to spread its fame by means of its own broadcasting station is Union Hill, New Jersey. A broadcasting transmitter is to be installed in the rooms of the local hook-and-ladder company and the beauties and commercial advantages of Union Hill will be sung nightly over the ether.

#### Radio for the Land of Ancient Babylon

A NETWORK of radio stations for local communication as well as for contact with the outside world is to be one of the first developments, it is announced, of the great Cl.ester Concession covering large parts of Asiatic Turkey and Mesopotamia, a concession that was recently confirmed by the new Turkish Government. Thus the oldest civilized country in the world, the land of ancient Babylon, will receive the benefits of the newest invention. Roads that were built by Chaldean kings more than six thousand years ago and that were traversed each day by the king's messengers in the first of all postal systems can still be traced on the desert and along the rivers. But now the messages will move over them in a hundredth of a second instead of in many days.

# Running Your Radio with Wind-power

ACCORDING to the Scientific American Mr. A. I. Root, of Florida, has connected his windmill to a battery-charging dynamo and secures thereby enough electricity to run his automobile. Why would not this be a good idea for the radio fan who lives in the country where battery-charging service is difficult to obtain? A small generator could be connected to the family windmill and the batteries charged automatically whenever the radio set was not itself in use.

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A Forecast in Fiction of Radio Broadcasting LITERARY students have called attention recently to the fact that "Looking Backward," a novel of the future written by Edward Bellamy and one of the best sellers in the early nineties, contains a good description of today's broadcasting. The hero is supposed to have been transported to the year 2000 and in the houses of that period he finds "music rooms" containing nothing but some electrical apparatus and a few switches. By turning a knob or two the householder of that period can have any selection he desires out of a number that are on tap for each hour of the day. Science has anticipated Mr. Bellamy by 77 years. What will radio have led to when the year 2000 really does arrive?

## Successful Radio Navigation of an Airplanc

THE air service of the French Government carried out recently an interesting experiment with radio navigation. An airplane flew from Sainte Assise to Tours and back again without any guide beyond the radio compass bearing of the radio station at the former town. The pilot did not look at the ground nor make use of his maps. The bearing of the radio signals was reported to him moment by moment by an assistant and the course was steered by this means alone.

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#### Looping the Library

A FRENCH amateur, lacking available materials for a revolving loop aerial, solved the problem recently by winding some turns of wire around his revolving bookcase. Entertainment by ear or from the printed page became equally available by turning this radio library to the book or the wave that one happened to desire.

#### Radio Batterics Made from Old Automobile Batterics

AUTOMOBILE batteries usually contain three cells connected in series. It frequently happens that an auto battery is discarded because one of the three cells in it has gone bad, the other two being perfectly good. By removing the two good cells, or merely by short-circuiting the one bad one, the radio fan has a perfectly good two-cell battery for use experimentally or on his radio set.



#### A RADIO PLAYWRIGHT

Clyde Agnew Criswell has the distinction of being among the first, if not the very first author is write a play especially for radio broadcusting—which is developing a technique of its own. Several of his plays have been broadcast from Station WDAR.

#### The Natural Wavelength of the Earth

THE size of the earth is such, says Dr. Fournier d'Albe, that it has a natural vibration period of 15 cycles a second, corresponding to a wavelength of 20,000,000 meters. If we could produce a wave of this length we might set the whole earth into electromagnetic vibration just as an organ note will shake the walls and floors of a room. What would happen? It is an interesting problem for the radio theorists to solve.

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## Relay Broadcasting to Reach All the World

A SIGNIFICANT experiment has been tried recently both in England and in America; this is the connecting of two or more broadcasting stations by land lines so that the same program can be broadcast simultaneously from all stations. In the United States, WEAF in New York and WCAP in Washington have been linked several times in this way. As many as four stations have been linked on special occasions. In England, three stations of the British Broadcasting Company have been linked experimentally. There is no reason why this cannot be extended. Linkage can be accomplished not only by land lines hut by powerful radio waves on a longer wavelength. It is not impossible that before long we may have special programs on the air simultaneously, not only in all parts of the United States but over all parts of the civilized world.

# Radio Fog Signals That Give Both Distance and Direction

THE familiar radio compass that informs a fog-bound ship of the direction of selected shore stations has been supplemented on the Maas lightship off the coast of Holland by a sound-transmitting device which gives the ship captain his air-line distance from the lightship as well as his direction. A radio wave through the ether and a special sound wave through the water are sent out simultancously from the lightship. The ships off shore can pick up both. The radio signal gives the direction in the usual manner and the length of time that the sound signal lags behind the radio signal gives the distance. The radio signal is, of course, practically instantaneous while the sound wave requires a little over a second to travel each mile.

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## Naming the Radio Baby

A RECENT arrival, Master Wallace Gordon Yadon, has been named for WGY. Now is the time for some Hottentot or other gentleman possessed of a clicky, stick-breaking language to name his baby after static.



RINGSIDE SEATS AT THE RECEIVING SET The next-best-thing to a ticket to the famous Dempsey-Firpo boxing contest for the world's championship was an invitation from a radio fan to listen-in on Major J. Andrew White's thrilling blow-by-blow report of the encounter. The Technical Editor of POPULAR RADIO entertained a whole neighborhood by means of his loudspeaker; this picture shows the crowd beginning to gather.



HELP your neighbor. If you have discovered any little Kink that helps to eliminate trouble in your radio apparatus, or if while experimenting with the connections of your set you should run across some interesting phenomenon, or if you should discover some new hook-up that gives better results-send it to the "Listening In" page.

# European Broadcasting Stations that You May Hear

THE receipt of American broadcasting in Europe having become a frequent occurrence, American enthusiasts are attempting more and more actively to return the compliment and receive the European stations here. There is one serious difficulty, that of time. London time, for example, is five hours faster than New York time.

This means that the broadcasting wave from Europe must cross a broad belt of sunlight, with consequent transmission troubles. It means, also, that the hours when European concerts have to be listened for are either the hours of the American working day or are those early in the morning when even the most enthusiastic fans are apt to have exchanged their earphones for the pillow.

Here are some of the main stations that now broadcast more or less regular material, with their wavelengths and brief notes of the usual program hours:

The times given are Eastern Standard Time (New York time). For Central Time (Chi-cago) subtract one hour; for Mountain Time (Denver) subtract two hours; for Pacific Time (San Francisco) subtract three hours. To compare the time in Europe, the time of transmission of the programs, add five hours to these figures for stations in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Spain. This gives Greenwich Standard Time, which is of-ficial in these countries. The time in Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Czeko-Slovakia and Italy is an hour earlier still; for stations in these countries add six hours.

333 meters. Cardiff. Wales. 5WA. This has the shortest wave of any of the European stations. It is one of six stations conducted in the British Isles by the British Broadcasting Company. which has a monopoly of broadcasting in that country. The other British stations follow. All of them give programs at the same hours: week-days from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. and from 12:00 noon to 5:30 P.M. (New York time): Sundays from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. The pro grams are separate for each station. 369 meters, London, England. 2LO. The main one of the British stations (see above). In addition to the same program hours as the other stations. 2LO gives a program at 6:30 to 7:30 A.M. on week-days and at 10:00 A.M. on Sundays. 385 meters, Manchester, England, 2ZY. A British station.

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400 meters, Newcastle, England, 5NO. A British station.

415 meters, Glasgow, Scotland, 5SC. A British station.

420 meters, Birmingham, England, 51T. A British station.

450 meters. Station of the Telegraph School ar Paris, France. (École superieure des Postes et Tele graphes). Concerts at 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thurs days and from 8:30 A.M. to about 1:00 p.M. on Sat urdays. Announcements in French. (Paris is pro nounced "pah-rec.")

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460 meters, Station "Radiola-Riviera" at Nice, France (pronounced "neece"). News (in French) and concerts at somewhat irregular times, usually about 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.M.
900 meters, Geneva. Switzerland (pronounced "Zhen-ayve"), HB1. Daily concert, announcements in French, 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.M. A 900-meter wave is also used for the radiophone system of most of the European lines of passenger airplanes, and listeners may hear this occasionally.
1.000 meters, Kbel, near Prague, Czeko-Slovakia (pronounced "khail"). Weather report, news and concert, daily, 1:20 p.M. In German and Czek.
1.050 meters. This is the wavelength used by all the stations in Holland. Material is mostly in Dutch sometimes in French or English. Following are the stations: The Hague, Velthnyzen station (pronounced "hoy-sen"). PCUU, concerts, Tnesdays, 1:45 to 4:00 p.M. and Sundays, 3:40 to 4:40 p.M. The Hague station PCGG, concerts Stindays, 9:00 to 11:00 A.M and Mondays and Thursdays, 2:40 to 3:40 p.M. Amsterdam, station PA5. concert and news, Wednes days 2:10 to 3:10 p.M. and irregularly on other days ljmuden (pronounced "yim-meeden"), station PCMM. concerts Stindays, 2:40 to 3:40 p.M.

1,100 meters, Brussels, Belgium, BAV, (pronounced "brew-sell"). Daily weather report (in French), 7:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Concerts Tuesdays and Thurs-days at 4:00 P.M. and Sundays at 1:00 P.M. 1,300 meters, Haren, Belgium, OPO. The same weather report as from the Brussels station at same hours

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hours. 1,350 meters, Lausanne. Switzerland. (pronounced "law-sahn"). Daily concerts at somewhat variable hours. usually beginning about 12:00 noon. 1.780 meters, Paris, France, "Radiola" Station, SFR. The most popular station in France. Concerts and general programs (in French), week-days 6:00 A.M., 11:15 A.M., 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.; Sundays 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. Special dance music 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.; Thursdays and Sundays. News, 2:45 P.M. week-days. Stock exchange quota-tions. 11:00 A.M. week-days. 1,800 meters, Prague, Czeko-Slovakia, (pronounced "prah-g"), PRG. Weather and news somewhat ir-regularly, usually about 2:00 A.M., 5:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. This station also broadcasts on 4,500 meters. (See below.)



Francis Dickle

#### A PORTABLE SET 800 MILES FROM CIVILIZATION

Until last summer surveyors who are mapping the sub-Arctic regions were completely cut off from civilization. Now, however, they are equipped with portable radio sets; the one shown above was photographed on the north shore of Great Slave Lake, British Columbia-800 miles in airline from the nearest city.

2.200 meters, Madrid, Spain, (pronounced "mah-dreed." The word for Spain in Spanish is "es-palm-ya"), EGC. News and notices, in Spanish, week-days, 6:00 to 8:00 A.M. 2,400 meters, Lyngby, Denmark (pronounced "lceng-bee), OXE. Weather reports and news, in Danish (occasionally in English), 3:30 A.M., 9:40 A.M. and 2:45 r.M. daily. Concerts, 1:30 to 2:45 r.M. week-days.

2:45 r.M. daily. Concerts, 1.69 M. 2.44 days. 2,600 meters, Paris, France, Eiffel Tower station. FL. Weather reports, 1:40 A.M., 6:15 A.M., 1:20 P.M. and 5:15 P.M. daily. Stock exchange quotations at 9:30 A.M. week-days. Concert, 12:10 P.M. daily and frequently also in the evening, 3:00 to 7:00 P.M., New York time. 2,700 meters, Berlin, Germany (pronounced "hear-leen"), L.P. Daily program, in German, 6:00 to 7:00 A.M. This station also broadcasts on 4,000 meters. (See below.)

A.M. This station also broadcasts on 4,000 meters. (See below.). 2,930 meters. Eberswalde, Germany (pronounced "a-bears-valld-eh"). Daily programs in German, 7:00 to 8:00 A.M., 2:00 to "3:00 P.M. Special concerts Tuesdays and Saturdays. 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. 3,000 meters, Budapest. Hungary, HB. News. in Hungarian and German, week-days, 6:30 to 7:30 A.M. 3,100 meters, Lyons. France (pronounced "lee-ong"). YN. News (in French) and phonograph selections, week-days, 4:45 to 10:00 A.M. 3,200 meters, Rome. Italy (pronounced "roam-ah"). Concert daily, 4:00 to 5:30 A.M. 4,000 weters. Berlin, Germany. (See under 2.700 meters. above) - Or 4.000 meters news (in German) is broadeast daily 1:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M., 6:00 to 7:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 F.M. Music is broadeast Sundays between 5:00 and 6:00 A.M. 4.500 meters. Prague. Czeko-Slovakia. (See under 1,800 meters above.) On 4.500 meters concerts are broadcast at 4:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

For American listeners the first station available in the morning is Berlin, with news on 4,000 meters; this comes in about 1:00 A.M. At 1:40 A:M. comes the first weather report from the Eiffel tower at Paris on 2,600 meters. The Prague weather report is due about 2:00 on 1,800 meters and is followed by the Danish one from Lyngby at 3:30 on 2,400 meters. The first music is due from Prague about 4:00 A.M. on 4.500 meters. Lyons, on 3,100 meters, comes in about 4:45 A.M. and Rome, on 3,200 meters, about 4:00 A.M.

The programs on waves below 1,000 meters begin at 6:30 A.M. with the early London program on 369 meters. The two short-wave French stations, the Radiola Riviera at Nice and the Telegraph School at Paris, come in at 7:00 and at 8:30, respectively. The best programs available below 1,000 meters are those of the British stations, due at 10:30 A.M., 12:00 noon and 3:30 P.M.

After you get home in the evening you have a chance at the late concerts from the Eiffel tower on 2,600 meters. Sometimes these last until 7:00 P.M. but they are not broadcast every day. The British programs, on 353 to 420 meters, last until 5:30 P.M. On Sundays there is a long list of stations;

notably the British programs from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M.; the concert from the Eiffel tower (2,600 meters) at 12:10 P.M.; the Paris "Radiola" concerts on 1,780 meters from 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. and from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M.; the Berlin concert on 4,000 meters from 5:00 to 6:00 A.M. and on 2,700 meters from 6:00 to 7:00 A.M.; two concerts from The Hagne. PCGG at 9:00 A.M. and PCUU at 3:40 P.M., both on 1,050 meters; Geneva at 12:00 noon on 900 meters and Brussels at 1:00 P.M. on 1,100 meters.
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### A Real Portable Receiving Set

During the period of the Leipzig Fair this distinctly modernized "sandwich man" paraded the main streets of the town, with a four-tube radio set hanging on his breast and a loop antenna and loudspeaker on his back. Presumably the local broadcasting station transmitted entertainment that was designed to attract visitors to the displays of 13,000 exhibitors.



A rebuilt antenna switch that is made of A and B, the "send and receive" contacts, respectively; C the switch blades; F the hinge contacts and E the brass strips to hold the wooden base D rigid.

### A Home-made Switch

HERE is a clever little labor-saving stunt that was devised by an amateur who submits it to the readers of POPULAR RADIO:

I found that the blades of the ready-made D.P.D.T. switch I was using were too far apart for convenience in operating. So I took the switch apart and rebuilt it with the blades only two inches from each other, as shown in the diagram. I no longer had to operate from an awkward position.

-DOUG TREMPER

### Unexplained Phenomena of Transmission at Sunrise and Sunset

**F**ROM a thoroughly experienced and exceptionally observant operator who is in charge of the U. S. Air Mail Radio Station at Salt Lake City, Utah, come these pertinent observations that have a bearing upon the Heaviside Layer Theory; they were prompted by an article "Why We Cannot Send So Well by Day" that appeared in the September issue, which contained the statement:

"We have it on the authority of Marconi that transmission is at its worst 'When the line of the sunrise or the sunset is between the two stations." If I may be pardoned for challenging a statement by so eminent an authority, I would like to state that I have found this to be only partly true. In fact, for a short period at sunrise and at sunset, I have found it possible to do better radio work than at any other time of day. These short periods, however, are invariably preceded by periods during which east-and-west communication is practically impossible. From this, it appears to me that Marconi's statement, while not incorrect, is not complete.

During more than two years past, I have communicated daily with east-and-west stations of the U. S. Air Mail Service; this communication starts before sunrise and ends after sunset, and I have noticed on numerous occasions that the so-called sunrise and sunset fading periods are affected differently on different wavelengths at the same instant, and also that stations at various distances even though in the same direction—are not affected simultaneously, as would be supposed.

The signals from stations to the east of us are affected more by the sunrise fading period than at sunset, whereas stations west of us show the greatest effect during sunset.

Furthermore, stations which may be receiving my station and reporting that my signals are extremely weak due to sunset fading, can be copied here at the same instant with usual ease, and when signals from that station are weak here, they receive my signals O.K.

A most peculiar phenomenon has been noticed with the Reno station during the evening fading period. Signals from that station are generally very good all day long here in Salt Lake City, especially during winter time. At the fading period, however, Reno's signals become weaker and weaker until they become absolutely inaudible. Ten minutes is generally the time required from the time signal-fading is first noticed until the lowest ebb is reached. Immediately the signals then become extremely loud and clear—louder than at any other time of day, gradually dropping again to their normal strength.

This seems to me to partially confirm that phase of the "Heaviside Theory" that has to do with the so-called "blanket of ionization" which travels westward with the sun: however, the fact that the increased signal strength is not noticed directly before the sunrise fading period, leaves an additional explanation necessary, for in the evenings when the "blanket" has passed a station to the west of us, or in the mornings, when the "blanket" has not quite reached a station to the east of us, it should act as a reflector. directing the signals to us with added strength such as is actually noticed in the case of stations west of us in the evenings.

My observations were all taken on wavelengths of from 2,500 to 4,000 meters. During the coming winter, however, I will also work on wavelengths from 150 to 600 meters, and I will watch, with anticipation, any change in the fading characteristics on these waves which may vary from the longer ones.

-Philip L. Coupland

### Wire Antennas Better Than Copper Ribbons

**F** ROM a Philadelphia reader comes this pertinent bit of information, prompted by the constantly recurring suggestion that the standard copperwire antenna may be improved by copper in other forms:

While many of the writers on radio recommend the use of a copper ribbon for an antenna, especially for use on crystal sets, because of its greater "skin effect," the Bureau of Standards at Washington considers the disadvantages of such an antenna to be greater than its benefits. In a letter to a Philadelphian, William T. Innes, in response to a request by him for information concerning the copper-ribbon antenna, the Bureau wrote that it did not recommend such an antenna for receiving purposes, as little advantage would be gained by its use. Such an antenna is subject to excessive stresses in sleet and wind storms and would, therefore, not be as permanent as the ordinary single-wire antenna.

-BERNARD KLIMAN

Practical Experiments with Coils THE stimulating effect of our articles is aptly illustrated by the following observations that are not only of interest but of value to amateurs:

The very interesting as well as valuable article which appeared in the May, 1923, issue of this magazine written by no less an authority than Sir Oliver Lodge, excited my curiosity; it made me anxious to learn just what the difference was between coils having the same number of turns of the same sized wire but of different shapes. I therefore constructed a coil having the following specifications:

25 turns No. 25 S.C. enamel wire

4 inches diameter.

The coil was then treated with an insulating solution so that it would be possible to bend the



A Kolster wavemeter was used as the "driver."

Readings were taken on five different settings namely, 170, 210, 275, 365 and 450 meters. The results are shown in the table below. The round coil gave the maximum inductance (selfinduction), the D-shaped coil slightly less, while the figure eight coil nad considerably less inductance.

The star-shaped coil had less than any of those tested.

Unfortunately the capacity sheet was not furnished with the wavemeter and therefore it was not possible to take distributed capacity readings.

The following is a list of the wavelengths for each coil together with the condense: settings:

		Condenser
		setting
Coil	Wavelength	in degrees
O-shape	170 meters	13
D-shape	46 66	16
8-shape	** **	20
Star-shape	** **	22
O-shape	210 meters	22
D-shape	46 66	26
8-shape	66 66	35
Star-shape	* ** **	38
O-shape	275 meters	44
D-shape	64 66	47
8-shape	66 66	56
Star-shape		64
O-shape	365 meters	73
D-shape	44 44	76
8-shape	66 46	92
Star-shape	66 66	100
O-shape	450 meters	115
D-shape	44 46	118
8-shape	64 66	140
Star-shape	64 66	160
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This data will permit the readers of this magazine to make a mental picture of what that eminent authority had to say in the May, 1923, issue, on pages 354 to 357 inclusive.

-EDWARD T. JONES

WHAT SHAPE OF COIL WILL GIVE THE MAXIMUM INDUCTANCE?<br/>Here are three pictures of a coil which was bent into a star shape (shown at the

Here are three pictures of a coil which was bent into a star shape (shown at the left), a D shape (in the center) and a figure-8 shape (at the right). The coil was found to have the greater inductance when it was left round, less in the D shape, still less in the figure-8 shape, and least of all in the star shape.

## "Secret" Radiophone Messages

"SECRET communication" by radio is already an established fact, as was described in the May number of POPULAR RADIO which included a description of M. Edouard Belin's remarkable apparatus that literally "scrambles" radio code messages on the transmitting device and re-assembles them on the receiver. Now comes an invention that does somewhat the same thing for radio telephone communication.

The radio telephone link between Los Angeles and Catalina Island, 30 miles off the coast of California, has set a new record in the history of communication; it is the scene of the first trial on a commercial basis of a private radio telephone system insuring secrecy to its users.

This radio "talk bridge" across the 30-mile gap of water separating Catalina from the California coast is unique in many respects. It was designed and installed in 1920 to give two-way talk between the mainland and an island 30 miles at sea, and has "proved in" on a commercial basis, giving satisfactory transmission throughout the year.

The wireless link connects Catalina Island not only with Los Angeles but also, through the trunk lines of the telephone system, it connects the island residents with every commercial center in the United States. After the laying of the telephone cable between Key West and Havana, the longest telephone cucun on record was that set up between Catalina Island in the Pacific and the island of Cuba in the Atlantic. This circuit was remarkable for its character as well as for its length.

Heretofore talks over the Catalina Island link while clear and understandable to those using the service, have also been picked up by amateur radio receiving stations in the neighborhood, but the privacy system which was designed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company has remedied this situation. It is not claimed that the new system is absolutely secret, but at least privacy has been obtained, so that no one will inadvertently overhear the conversations.

While any one familiar with this system, and possibly an ingenious person not familiar with it, might devise a set which *could* listen to the system, such a set would be much more complicated than the ordinary set, and the added complication would be of no value except for picking up transmission over this system. It is, therefore, not likely that many people will undertake this work.

Such a privacy system may be compared to a lock and key. A person relies upon a lock to secure his house and other property and is not much troubled by the possibility of a thief breaking in to steal. However, this is always a possibility. The privacy system presents an analogous case. For all practical cases it insures the requisite privacy to a radio telephone conversation, but it does not make impossible the designing of a special set near enough like the receiving sets used in the system itself, to transform the messages into more or less intelligible form.



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A limited number of questions of general scientific interest will be answered each month in this department. Readers are invited to send in questions that have puzzled them—but the selection of questions for answer cannot be guaranteed nor can questions outside the radio field be answered by mail.

# Is radio transmission affected by the phases of the moon?

So far as known it is not. Sunlight has a well known effect on radio conditions and it has been claimed that moonlight has a similar influence, though a smaller one. This may be true, but if so the effect is presumably so small that in ordinary cases it is masked altogether by the accidental variations of transmission that come under the heads of fading, atmospherics, and the like.

Why will a nail driven into a live tree make a good ground while one in a dead tree is useless?

BECAUSE the live tree has sap in it. The sap is not pure water but contains various salts in solution. This solution is a fairly good conductor of electricity. The dead tree, having no sap in it, is a very poor conductor and will not serve as a ground.

I have seen a mention of something called a "Diode Valve." Is this the same thing as an ordinary vacuum tube?

No. The British name for vacuum tube is "triode valve." The diode valve is a vacuum tube with only two electrodes, the filament and the plate only, without the grid. These twoelectrode vacuum tubes or "valves" were invented by Dr. J. A. Fleming before the threeelectrode tube was discovered, and were used for a while both as radio detectors and as rectifiers for alternating currents. They still have some scientific uses but are not much used in radio, the three-electrode tube being much more efficient. Is it true that some flashes of lightning move from the ground upward to the clouds instead of downward from the clouds to the ground?

As a matter of fact nearly every flash of lightning, if not absolutely every one, moves in *both* directions. The flash is an oscillating discharge. If the first discharge is downward there is an immediate surge back in the opposite direction. The charge may oscillate in this way many times during what seems to be the single flash. The net movement of electrons is, of course, from the negatively charged area to the positive one. The cloud, we believe, is usually positive, so the *net* discharge of electrons after all the back and forth oscillations are over, is usually upward rather than downward.

How is it that radio waves have proved the inside of the earth to be solid instead of molten?

This has been proved by *earthquake* waves, not by radio waves. An earthquake wave is the shock set up in the earth's crust by a quake. It travels through the earth just as the vibration caused by a hammer blow will travel through a steel girder and may be felt at the other end. The speed of these earthquake waves in traversing the earth shows, the scientists say, that the inside of the earth is more rigid than steel. *Radio* waves are now being used experimentally to explore the inside of the earth but so far as we know, no conclusions have been reached in this way.

Why is an electric shock sometimes fatal and sometimes not?

THE difference is due, probably, to variations in the path of the current through the body and in the length of time it flows. The main damage caused by a current is to the nerves, which are themselves electric in nature and are disorganized, in some way which we do not understand, by strong currents. If the current due to an electric shock does not happen to pass through the nerves or if it flows along them only for a very brief instant the damage done to them is not severe enough to cause death.

### Is it possible to break a wine glass by singing at it?

We have never seen it done, in spite of many trials. The idea that it is possible arises from the fact that if you sound near a wine glass the particular musical note to which that glass happens, by virtue of its material and shape, to be tuned, the glass will vibrate, just as two tuning forks of the same note or two radio circuits of the same frequency will do. These vibrations induced in the glass *might* break it but only, we imagine, if it was very fragile and tuned with great exactness.

### How has the speed of ether waves been measured?.....

THE most exact measurements have been made with light waves. A beam of light is sent past the edge of a revolving gear wheel so that each tooth of the wheel, as it passes, makes a little shadow. Then this intermittent light beam, is sent off to a distant, station, where a mirror reflects it back again. By measuring just how far one tooth of the wheel has moved while the light was on its way to the other station and back the speed of the light is calculated. The speed of radio waves cannot be measured in this way but comparisons of the time signals from American and European stations prove that the speed of radio is the same, approximately at least, as the speed of light, that is, 186,326 miles a second.

Why do different substances differ in specific gravity?

For one of two reasons; either because the atoms themselves are heavier or because they are closer together. The heaviest atoms known are those of uranium, but there are several substances that are heavier in bulk. The heaviest known substance is the metal called osmium. A cubic inch of this will weigh nearly twice as much as the same volume of lead.

# What is meant by "the C. G. S. units?

THIS is scientific shorthand for the system of units of length, weight, electricity and everything else based on the three fundamental units of the centimeter for length, the gram for weight and the second for time. The footpound, for example, is not a C.G.S. unit, since it involves the foot instead of the centimeter as a unit of length. The corresponding C.G.S. unit is the kilogram-meter. The customary electric units do not belong to the C.G.S. system. The C.G.S. ones are much used in scientific research work but seldom elsewhere.

How can a storage battery store up electricity without accumulating so high a charge as to be dangerous?

A STORAGE hattery does not really store electricity as such. If it did the voltage would rise to very high values, just as when electricity accumulates on a condenser. What happens in a storage battery is that the charging current deposits a chemical on one of the plates of the battery. When you stop the charging current and connect the wires to the circuit through which you want current to flow; some of this chemical dissolves again in the battery acid and produces some electricity. What is stored in the battery is really this chemical, not electricity itself.

Is it possible to measure the voltage of an electric charge by the distance that a spark will jump?

It is possible to do so with fair accuracy if the sparks are between balls or other rounded objects, not pointed or sharp-cornered ones. For the best results the balls should be as large or larger, than the gap between them... The following table gives the approximate voltages for sparks of different lengths between four-inch balls.

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Some electrical apparatus is referred to as having a power of so many "kva." Does this mean the same as kilowatts?

Not exactly. If you are dealing with direct current the power of a dynamo or motor is measured by the product of the current (in amperes) and the voltage (in volts). This gives you watts, thousandths of a kilowatt. This is a simple calculation. But with alternating current the calculation of the power in watts or kilowatts is less simple. The product of volts and amperes is not always exactly equal to the watts of power. So this product, which remains a convenient way to describe the apparatus, is given a symbol of its own, "kva." This means "kilo-volt-amperes." one thousand times the product of volts and amperes. 1.000 kva means a machine that is delivering (or using) 1,000 amperes at 1,000 volts, or 10.000 amperes at 100 volts, and so on.

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# Announcing a New Paragon Receiver -the Ideal Family Christmas Gift

What could be a more wonderful Christmas gift than a radio receiving set that you know is the best money can buy? Think of the pleasure it will bring to every member of the family, young and old. Think of the happiness it will mean to you every night of the year.

PARAGON Radio Receivers are famous Expedition frozen in above the Arctic as the three circuit pioneers which have Circle. proved their superiority by eight years of practical operation.

The newest PARAGON, pictured above, is the last word in sensitivity and selectivity. The superiority of this type over all other classes of receiving equipment has has maintained with the McMillan holiday gift.

The operation of the new PARAGON receiver is so materially simplified that even in the hands of a novice it equals in every way the performance of the older type in the hands of an expert.

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We can make immediate shipments from stock

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The little button projects to warn, "I'm ON-don't forget me!" Sawes both tubes and batteries.

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The C-H Radio Switch can be installed on any panel in only a few minutes. Just one 7-16 inch hole is required. Large, convenient binding posts with cupped washers make wining easy.



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> THE CUTLER-HAMMER MFG. CO. Member Radio Section, Associated Manufacturers of Electrical Supplies MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

RADIO SWITCH

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# -JUST PLUG IT IN,

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# IT FITS A STANDARD SOCKET

An Adapter for UV-199 and C-299 Radiotrons which supplies the required resistance

It is no longer necessary to use an extra resistance coil, in series with low resistance rheostats and the substitution of a high resistance rheostat is a needless expense.

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# How Lively Is Your"B" Battery?

#### THIS IS NUMBER THREE OF A SERIES

Some people buy Eveready "B" Batteries oftener than other people. This is because each fan has different tastes and desires in radio receiving. Those that demand maximum volume—and to get it use many tubes, forcing them to the limit with high voltages on the plates—are eager and frequent buyers of these batteries.

Others renew them less often. They are the ones that are content with smaller volume and employ fewer tubes at lower plate voltages.

Furthermore, every radio fan, regardless of the tubes he uses, has his own ideas as to when it is time to strengthen the signals with fresh "B" Batteries. Some will long enjoy concerts that others would not consider loud enough. Just what is "too weak" is purely a matter of personal opinion.

These, then, are the things that determine how long you use your "B" Batteries-

- The number and kind of tubes. The more tubes you use and the greater their power, the more current flows from the "B" Battery and the shorter is its life.
- 2. The "B" Battery voltage. The higher it is, the more current flows from the battery.
- 3. The amount of negative grid bias ("C" Battery voltage) on amplifiers. The greater the bias, the smaller the "B" Battery current.
- 4. The life put into the battery in the first place by the manufacturer, and the freshness of the battery when you buy it.
- 5. The signal strength you wish. The smaller the volume of sound you can enjoy, the longer you can use your "B" Batteries.

The life of any "B" Battery you can buy is affected by the above factors. Subsequent advertisements will set forth each factor in detail.

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Eveready "B" Batteries predominate. There is more life in them—they last longer! Blocks of large cells, packed with energy, made especially for radio use, delivered fresh to your dealer, give you the most power for your money — power you can use loudly and swiftly, or softly and slowly, as you wish—Eveready for Everybody.

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Could any gift be more heartily appreciated than 12 months of Popu-LAR RADIO?

# Let POPULAR RADIO Solve Your Christmas Problems for You

A GIFT that will be truly appreciated by any radio enthusiast! A year's subscription to POPULAR RADIO. And you need not pay for it until later, unless you prefer.

The illustration shown above is a small facsimile of a beautiful colored Christmas Card which Popu-LAR RADIO will mail for you to any friend you select. The card will reach your friend on Christmas morning, telling him that you are the generous donor of a year's subscription to POPULAR RADIO.

With this Christmas Greeting Card will go the first copy of POPULAR RADIO applying on this gift subscription. Both the card and magazine will reach your friend on Christmas morning. And every month thereafter for a year your friend will receive his copies of POPULAR RADIO—a twelvetime reminder of you and your Christmas remembrance.

Could any gift be more appropriate for your friends who are interested in radio than a year's subscription to POPULAR RADIO? And if some friend that you would like to remember at Christmas time already happens to be a subscriber to POPULAR RADIO what gift would be more appreciated by him than a *renewal* or a year's *extension* of his subscription?

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When your friend receives his Christmas gift of a year's subscription to POPULAR RADIO, it will be a \$3 magazine. Your friend receives, therefore, a \$3 Christmas remembrance from you. But you pay only \$2 because up to December 15th you can place this subscription at the old rate. And you do not pay a penny now. We will simply send you a bill for the \$2 later on.

"Do your Christmas shopping early." Send the coupon today, and one or more of your Christmas problems will be solved!

(This coupon must be mailed before midnight, December 15th)

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GLANCE over this big list of magazine bargains that have been arranged for your benefit. Here is your chance to get almost any magazine you want and by ordering *now* with a year's subscription to POPULAR RADIO you get *both* magazines at special low prices.

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Fill your magazine requirements *now* for the coming year and save money. Simply check the offer you want and mail the coupon below, with your remittance, without delay.

### A Christmas Suggestion

All subscription prices quoted are for one full year, and may be sent to one or to separate addresses unless otherwise noted. This gives you the opportunity of placing your own subscription for POPULAR RADIO, and having the other magazine sent to some friend as a Christmas gift.

But do not delay. These offers are good only until December 15th, 1923. After that date POPULAR RADIO advances in price and these offers will be withdrawn. Safeguard yourself now against POPULAR RADIO's raise in price, and in addition get these other magazines at special bargain club rates!

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# Why cripple your radio set with poor filament control?

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For Sale by Good Dealers Everywhere

Write for complete catalog. This fully describes the Crosley line of Rudio parts and receivers which range in price from a 2 tube set at \$30 to the new beautiful Model X-L at \$140.





Crosley Model X-J \$65

A 4 tube radio frequency set combining one stage of Tuned Radio Frequency Amplification, a Detector, and two stages of Audio Frequency Amplification. A jack to plug in on three tubes for head blones, the four tubes being otherwise connected to loud speaker, new Crosley Mulustat, universal rheostats for all makes of tubes for dry cells or storage L: tterics, new con-denser with molded plates. filan ent switch and other refinements add to its performance and beauty.

Nowhere can a better receiver be purchased at any price.

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Model U. Z.—1320 Price

\$36.50

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