

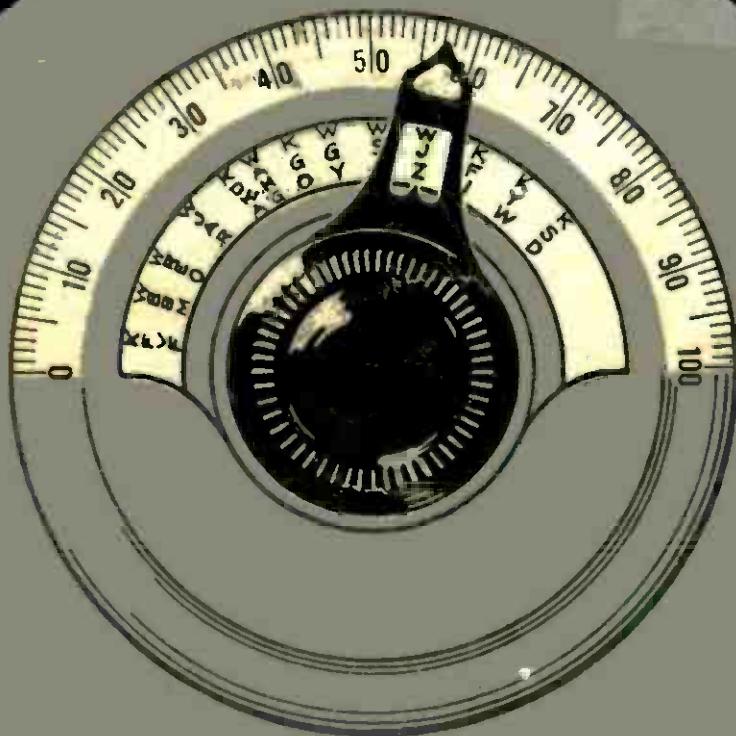
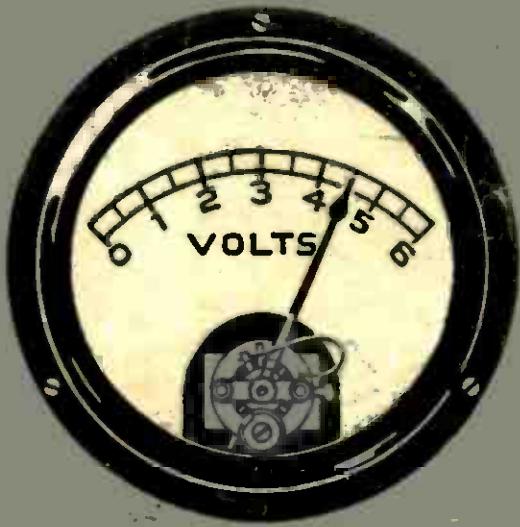
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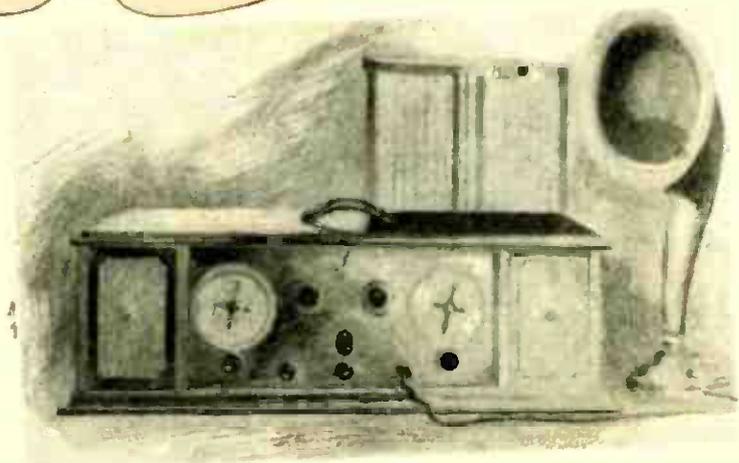
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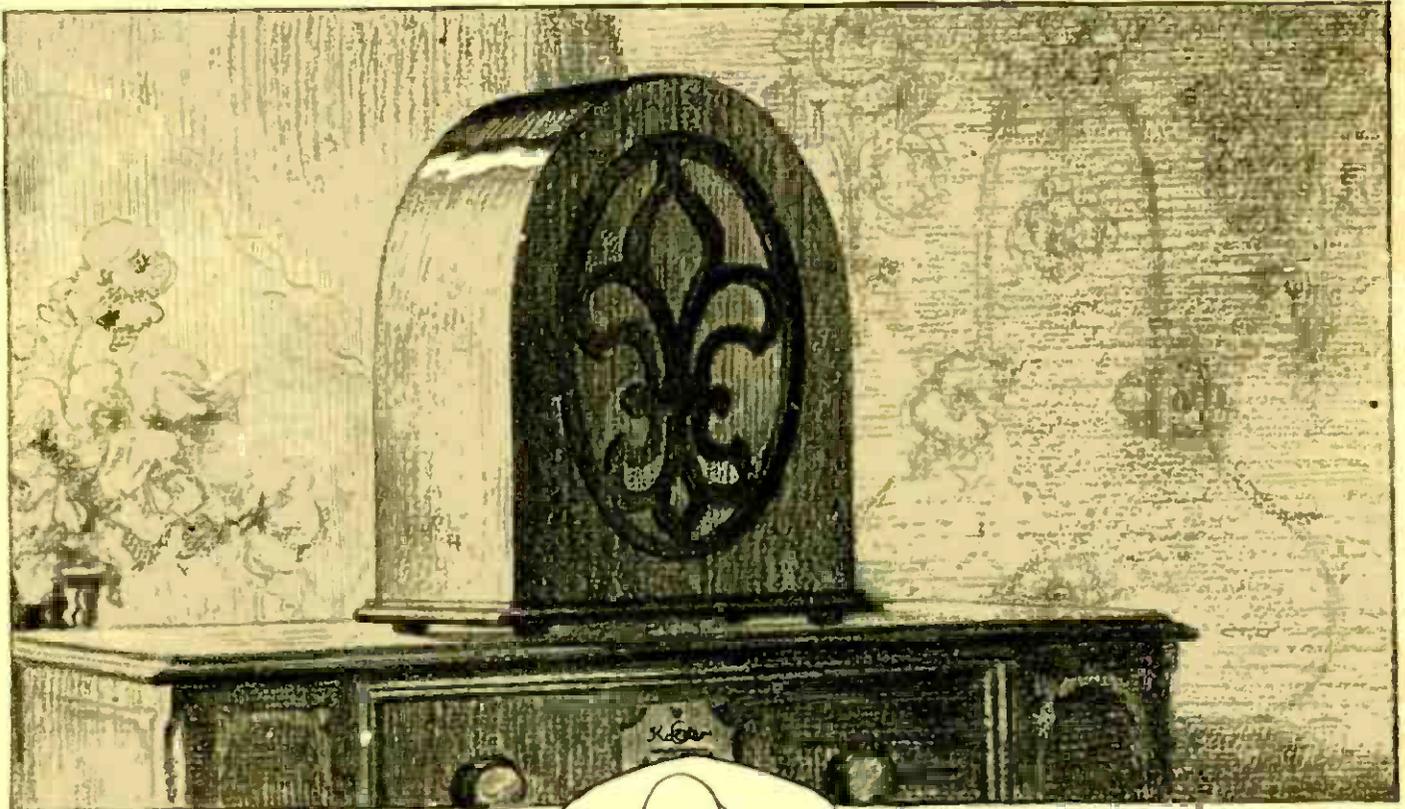
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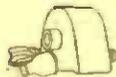
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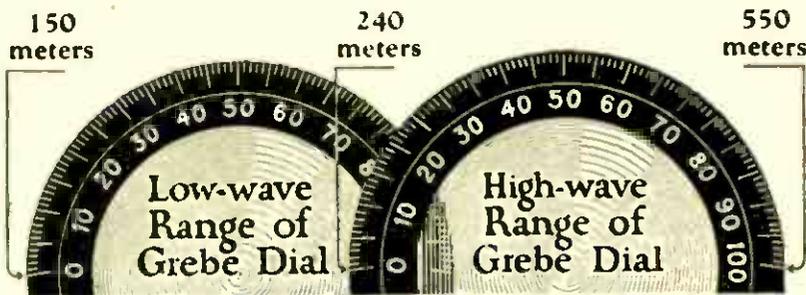
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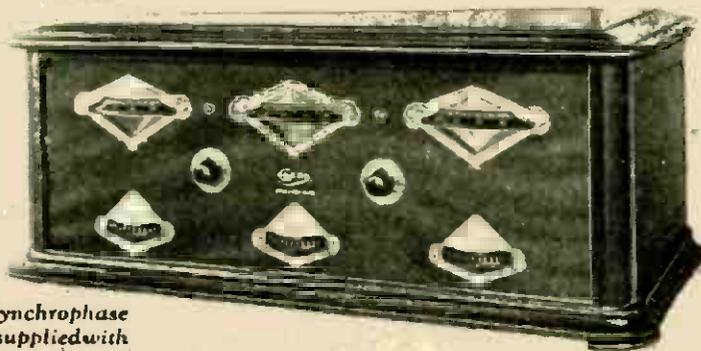
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PAGES WITH THE EDITOR

IN the next issue of POPULAR RADIO—for November—will appear for the first time an article on a subject of such importance that it may conceivably change the whole status of the radio art so far as broadcast reception in the home is concerned.

UNDER the title of "How to Build the Raytheon Plate-Supply Unit" will be described the construction of a full-wave rectifying and filtering unit. The model, which was developed in the Popular Radio Laboratory, provides for the use of a new tube—a tube that may have a far-reaching effect upon the methods of radio reception. For this remarkable unit utilizes the alternating current as the basis for the plate supply voltage to the receiving tubes.

IN other words, this newly developed unit is a so-called "B" battery eliminator that employs the new Raytheon tube—which is a development of the famous "S" tube.

THIS new unit operates directly from the 110 volt A.C. house-lighting lines. And it offers the first permanent solution of the problem of converting alternating current to non-pulsating direct current for receiving sets.

THE unit has been in the course of development by the Popular Radio Laboratory over a period of several months. But it was not until the unit satisfactorily met the most rigid of tests that it was "released for publication."

No radio experimenter can afford to miss the November number of POPULAR RADIO. If you are not a subscriber, ask your newsdealer to be sure to reserve a copy for you.

"\$500,000,000 will be spent by broadcast listeners in the United States for radio sets this year."

THAT is the estimate made by the Copper and Brass Research Association—which has made a careful study of the radio industry and has come to some significant conclusions. Among them are the following:

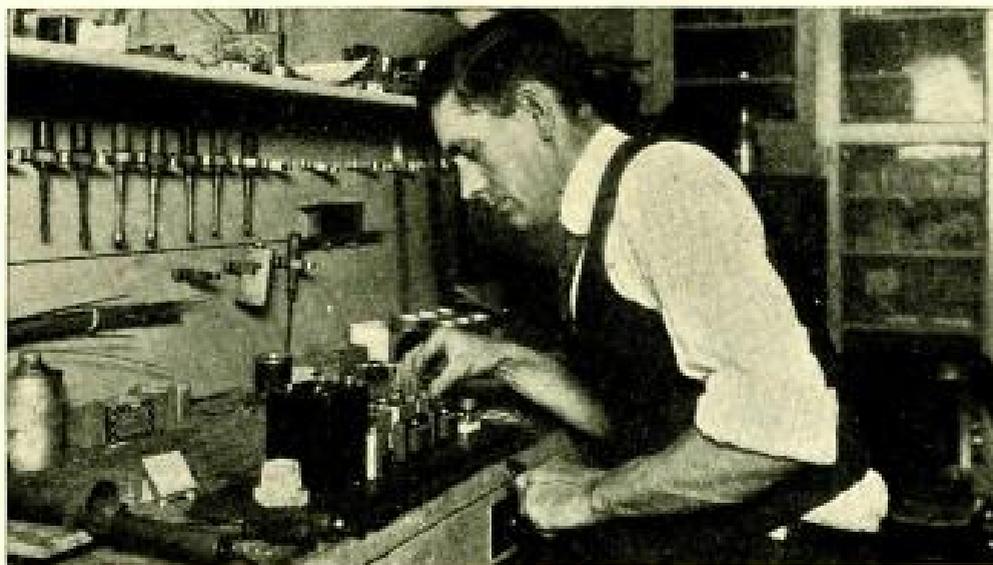
THAT the money being spent for radio sets this year, 1925, is ten times greater than the amount spent for sets in 1922:

THAT by the end of the year 1925 there will be 5,000,000 receiving sets in use:

THAT if the 25,000,000 families in the United States can own 17,000,000 automobiles, at least that number will, in all likelihood, own radio sets:

THAT there are 12,000,000 families in the rural districts of this country, where the radio set is likely to find its highest appreciation, not only because of the entertainment it provides, but because of its essentially practical value in furnishing storm and frost warnings, market quotations and other knowledge useful to the farmer.

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PAGES WITH THE EDITOR

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AS POPULAR RADIO has at various times pointed out, radio is destined to have a profound effect upon civilization—perhaps more than any other single invention of man.

No user of a receiving set can afford to miss the helpful and informative articles that are contributed to POPULAR RADIO under the collective title of "How to Improve Radio Reception," by the eminent radio expert John V. L. Hogan. The article, starting on page 318 of this issue, deals specifically with the methods of cutting down interference.

IN the next article of this series Mr. Hogan will describe the single control applied to the small antenna circuit (such as that shown in Figure 1 on page 000), and will take up the use of these coupled tuned antenna systems for increasing the selectivity of simple regenerative sets and of radio frequency amplifier receivers.

"IN the August issue, on page 182," writes Alfred C. Brower, Jr., of South Orange, N. J., "you publish a picture of a radio-equipped ship. . . . It happens that the boat is named after its owner, my uncle: the correct name is not the *Charles Brower*, as you state, but the *Charles Brower*."

YOUR magazine is wonderful. Every number seems to be better than the last.

—CLINT ROBERTSON, Denton, Tex.

WHICH department in POPULAR RADIO do you like best?

THE Editor wants to know—and the best way to find out is to ask the opinions of our readers. Which department should be enlarged? Which one reduced? What new department might be added?

ONE of the departments which is steadily gaining in popularity and value—if the letters received from our readers are any criterion—is "In the World's Laboratories," which gives a monthly review of the progress in the field of radio throughout the world. Here, for example, is a typical commentary from a reader, Mr. H. J. Hinks, of London:

"DURING the last few months I have been reading with interest your magazine POPULAR RADIO. It is with particular satisfaction that I note there exists a radio magazine to suit all classes of readers, and of the character such a magazine should be. It has been my privilege during the last few months to broadcast from the London station of the British Broadcasting Company, a series of lectures on radio, and I assure you that the department *In the World's Laboratories* has proved of great service to me in this work, especially on account of the references given."

"It is my opinion that POPULAR RADIO is the Radio Magazine," writes Ray C. Poulson of

Detroit, Mich. "All others could be eliminated and still the whole field covered would be covered, and in a comprehensive way. We are beginning to realize what a real contribution to the art and science of radio you are making through your laboratory and your staff; you are to be commended, too, for your editorial policies."

EVER since the publication of "Religion's Raid on Radio" in the January issue of POPULAR RADIO—an article that stirred up a veritable hornet's nest of both praise and abuse—there has been a noticeable effort on the part of the church organizations to belittle the efforts that are being made to use radio for religious propaganda purposes.

"THERE are over 500 broadcasting stations in this country," writes Mr. M. D. Lyons, of St. Stanislaus Seminary, "but only ten of these are controlled by Catholic churches or educational institutions. The explanation of this apparent bashfulness is the fact that the very nature of the principal Catholic service, the Mass, requires the actual presence on the part of the Catholics.

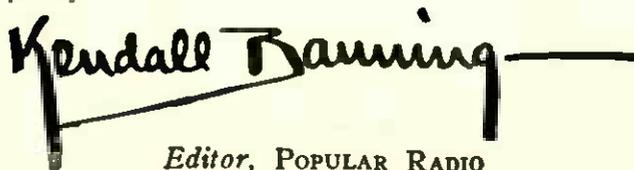
"THE few Catholic stations that are operated for religious purposes, six in number, are intended for the instruction of non-Catholics in matters of Catholic doctrine. . . .

"THE following is a list of Catholic broadcasters:

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St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.
St. Patrick's Cathedral, El Paso, Tex.
Catholic University, Washington, D. C.
Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.
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St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn.
St. Martin's College, Lacey, Wash.
Loyola University, New Orleans, La.
Paulists' Fathers, New York, N. Y.

POSSIBLY the objections that have been raised to the excessive religious matter that is being broadcast in certain sections have made the churches realize that the reaction is unfavorable not only to the radio interests but to the church interests themselves—as the article in POPULAR RADIO pointed out.

POPULAR RADIO believes that there is a proper and legitimate demand for the broadcasting of religious services and talks, just as there is a proper and legitimate demand for jazz, prize fight reports, grand opera and political debates. But in the words of Abe Potash, "too much is plenty."

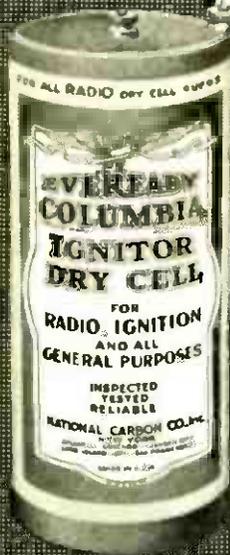

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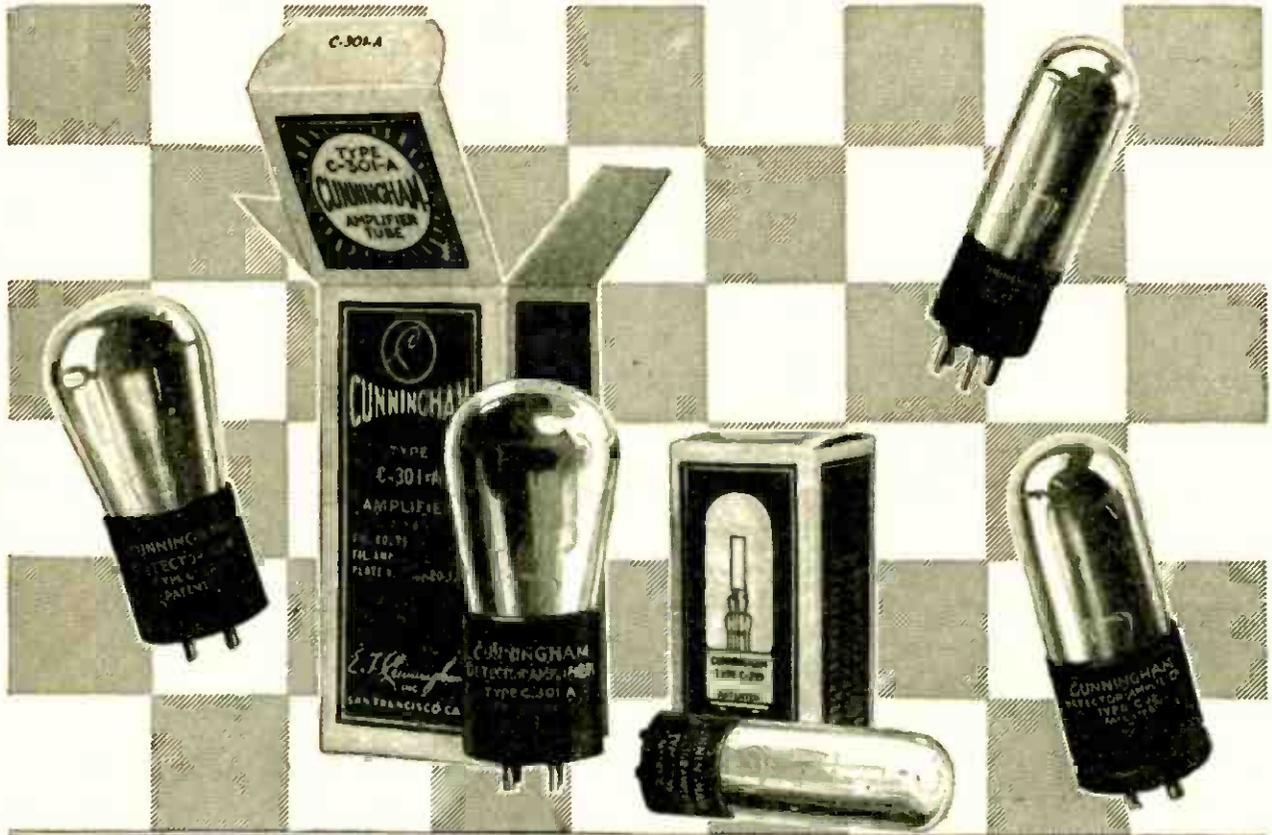
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How the Western Powers Have Built a Radio Wall Around China

ONE of the chief grievances of China at the present time is that she is not permitted to own or operate a radio station of her own; therefore the outside world can get no news about China, which has not gone through the censorship of the powers that control radio in that country. Even her local broadcasting is done mainly from foreign-owned stations.



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Radio and the War Menace

"One of two things is certain: Either radio will become one of the most powerful agencies for peace the world has yet seen—or it will be one of the most potent causes of war in all history."

By BRUCE BLIVEN

A FRIEND of mine, an intellectual person who might fairly be described as a professional highbrow, said to me the other day:

"Why are you interested in radio? It is only a sort of substitute for a phonograph. It will certainly never amount to anything which any serious person need take seriously."

I didn't answer my friend; the day was too hot to argue. But I thought to myself that back in 1450 any of the good citizens of Strassburg might have said to Burgher Fust, who was then all excited about an invention in which he had been investing, an invention of one Johann Gutenberg:

"Why do you bother with this so-called printing press? It is only a clumsy substitute for manuscript. Mark my words, it will never amount to anything."

I

RADIO stands today about where printing stood in 1450, when it was twelve

years old. In my judgment the history of the one is a fair basis from which to predict the history of the other. I need hardly say to my present readers that the changes in human affairs brought about in the past by the printing press are likely to be paralleled in the future as a result of harnessing the ether. Remarkable as has been the improvement in the mechanics of printing since Gutenberg's day, all such progress is as nothing compared to the social development he made possible. Radio, too, regardless of its technical advance, is destined to make a new world. Of its multifarious effects, none will be more important than its bearing for good or for ill upon the relationships among the nations.

Everyone who thinks at all realizes that nowadays the prevention of war has become just about the most pressing problem on earth. In former times such a conflict was a mere incident in the life of the nations involved; today, a struggle between any two important powers requires all their resources of men, ma-

chines and money. Moreover, we know from recent and vivid experience that war between any two great powers is likely to draw in others until nearly the whole world may be involved. We know, furthermore, that such a struggle if prolonged is disastrous to all the participants, financially, economically and even spiritually, whether they win or lose. Plenty of hard-headed, conservative men, who are in a position to know, will tell you that if the European war had gone on much longer it would have meant the complete overthrow of that intangible but precious thing which we are pleased to call "Western civilization."

Twenty or thirty years ago, the effort to prevent war and seek alternative methods for settling international disputes was a matter which interested for the most part only a few elderly and rather fuzzy-minded clergymen and ladies.

Today it is a question of major concern for the whole world, to which the leading statesmen of the chief powers devote their best efforts.

Radio is certain, then, to play a most important role in the future relations among states. I should like to be able to assert, with offhand cocksureness, whether its influence will be for good or evil; but as I shall try to prove in a moment, it is impossible to be dogmatic about it. One of two things is certain:

1. Either it will become one of the most powerful agencies for peace the world has yet seen—

2. Or else it will produce such serious international discord that it may prove one of the most potent causes of war in all history.

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EVERYONE knows that broadcast reception is already possible on such a scale that it crosses international frontiers. I am not thinking now of the few experiments conducted with special apparatus plus great skill and patience, in which ethereal messages have been sent

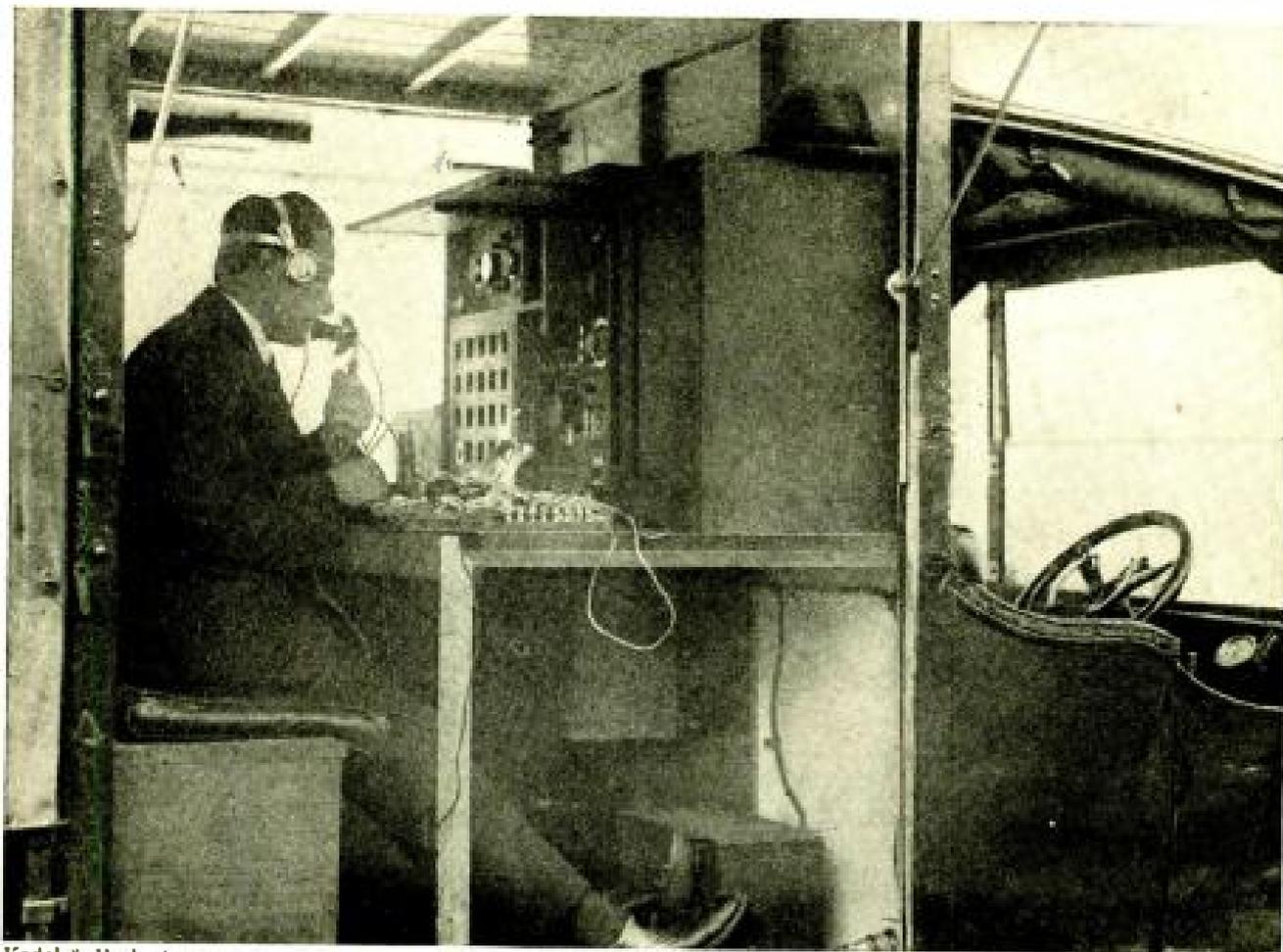
successfully halfway 'round the world, but of ordinary average reception on an ordinary average good receiving set.

If the capital of every important nation were the scene of high-powered broadcasting, already there is hardly a spot in any thickly-populated country today which is so remote that it could not get good reception, under favorable weather conditions, from at least two of these stations.

In Europe, which is one of the chief powder magazines of the world at present, so far as war is concerned, this is even more strikingly true.

Broadcasting from any European country can be received in practically every other. Everything put on the air in France, Italy, Germany, for instance, is heard in at least six or eight countries and by people speaking that many tongues, if not more.

That fact is itself beginning to produce results which are destined to be of great importance so far as international peace and understanding are concerned. Nobody wants to listen to broadcast reception in a language which he doesn't understand. Also, radio unfailingly and everywhere creates "DX hounds;" few are long satisfied merely to get local stations which use the speech of their fathers. Accordingly, although radio broadcasting in Europe is much less advanced than it is in America, there is already a good deal of pressure to have all or most of the broadcasting done in one language. Present indications are that English is likely to be selected for this. Its only possible competitor, of course, is French, which has for centuries been the common language of international diplomacy. However, English is already spoken over a large part of the earth's surface and is, of course, the language of those countries which are furthest advanced in the radio art. Broadcasting from a single station to cover an area of many thousands of square miles is not far off, and is certain to be done in English. As my readers doubtless know, the Radio Corporation



Kadel & Herbert

THE HEAVY ARTILLERY OF THE NEXT WAR?

From batteries of portable transmitting stations like this, that can elude capture, propaganda may be hurled against an enemy for the purpose of breaking down their morale—always a powerful factor in war.

of America and the British Broadcasting Company have arranged to put on the air international programs, one from England for America and one from America for England, several nights a week during the coming winter. Both these programs will be heard by thousands of listeners on the Continent of Europe; and it is possible that a similar "transatlantic" program—in English—will be broadcast from Germany with still larger numbers of European listeners.

The broadcasting stations in the Netherlands have found it necessary to have much of their material in English, since they are forced to compete with the excellent programs from across the channel which Dutch listeners-in can easily pick up. Both in China and Japan, the limited amount of broadcasting which is now being done is largely in English.

This is because in both countries a majority of the receiving sets are owned not by natives but by foreign residents, nearly all of whom speak English.

Radio has also given a great impetus to the movement for an artificial language like Esperanto or Ilo. Esperanto, for instance, has the advantage over English that anybody, no matter what his native tongue, can pick it up in a few weeks' time, whereas English is hard to learn. Partly in response to popular pressure, lessons in Esperanto have recently been broadcast in France, and prizes offered for the best essays written in that tongue by beginning students. All in all, it is safe to say, therefore, that we seem for the first time in history to be justified in hoping that the age-old barrier of speech may at last be broken down and that radio broadcasting will be the means to this end.

III

EVEN more important, of course, than the speech question is the larger one of the spreading of ideas. If radio does even one-tenth of what is expected, it will result in a far wider dissemination of information about various countries and the ideas prevalent in them, than is at present possible. A cynic might very well argue that this process is likely to make more trouble among the nations rather than less. It is the members of a family, who know each other best, who most frequently quarrel—not strangers living at opposite ends of town. While there is a grain of truth in this observation, it is not important enough to outweigh another very useful factor. The most valuable tool the makers of war have is the fear which people in one country have in those of another. That fear is based upon ignorance which does not realize that all people everywhere are very much alike, all actuated by the same motives and subject to the same human desires. Radio can help, in obvious ways, to dissipate this fear and establish in its place intelligent understanding.

There are some definite emergencies in which radio will serve to mobilize assistance from all quarters at almost incredible speed. Suppose for instance that worldwide broadcasting from one microphone were feasible as it probably will be in the not distant future. Suppose a famine in Russia, an earthquake in Japan, a volcanic eruption in the Caribbean made help urgently necessary. Radio could acquaint the whole world with the necessity, at a speed which seems fantastic even to a generation which is already not unaccustomed to rapidity.

Finally, we must not forget the possibilities of radio as a general educational force. The more people know, the more they are inclined to substitute reason and the orderly reign of law for physical force. I hardly need mention the potential usefulness of broadcasting in opening up a new world of ideas to people who,

largely because of the accident of geographical isolation, have hitherto lived parochial and secluded lives.

IV

So much for the bright side of the picture. What about the dangers to international relations which grow out of radio?

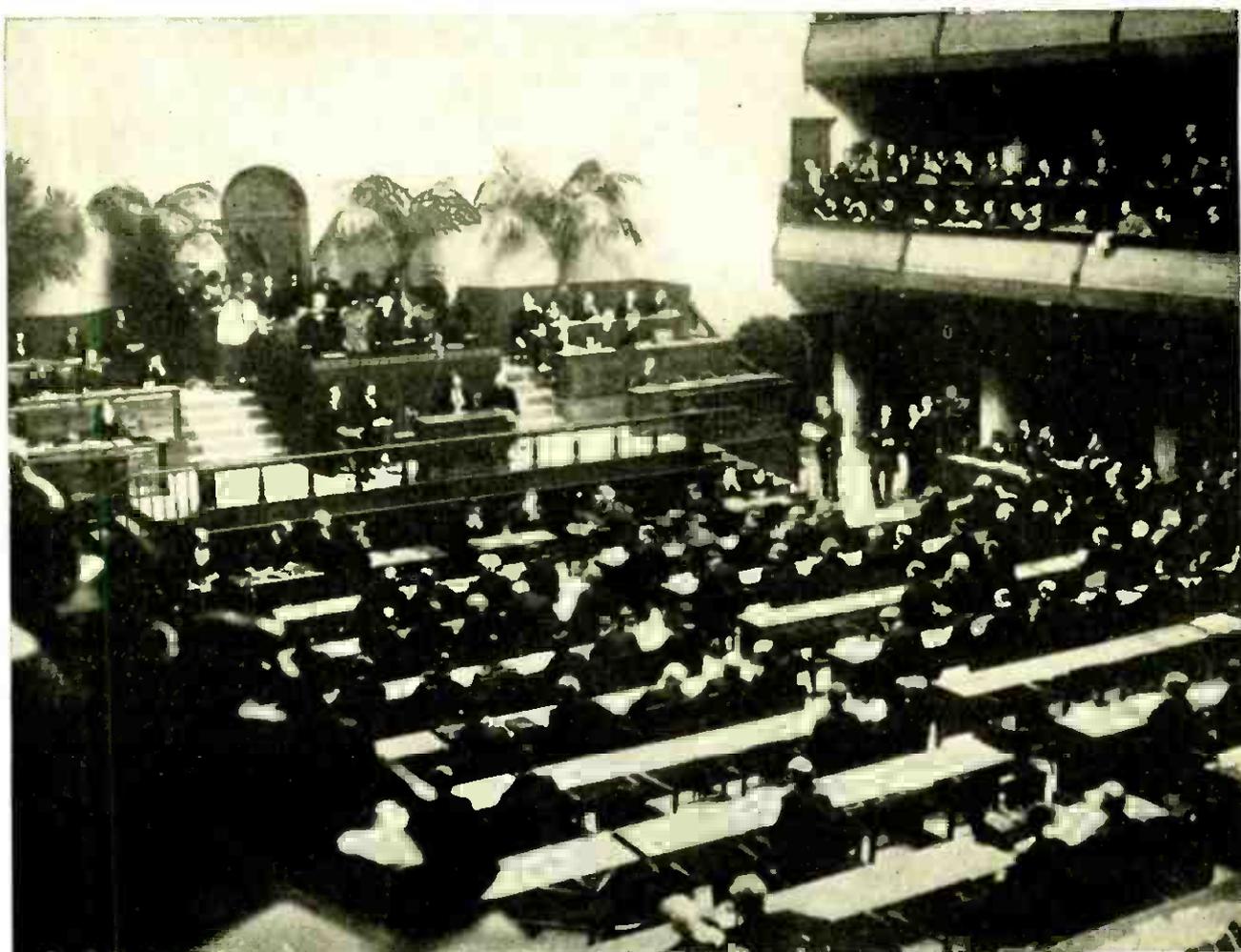
These center about the two distinct aspects, broadcasting and radio telegraphy. For the sake of clearness I shall discuss these separately.

No one can dispute the fact that in radio broadcasting we have the most marvelous instrument for propaganda that the world has ever seen.

Hitherto, the two chief media for getting ideas across to large masses of people have been the printed word and the motion picture. Neither of these in any degree approaches the potential efficiency of radio. They are, compared to it, very slow, extremely expensive and weak and uncertain. Printed matter presupposes a population which both knows how to read and habitually does so. Motion pictures presuppose the existence of theatres and audiences. Even after all this, getting one's "message" into the pages of periodicals, or onto the motion picture screen is so difficult that in many cases it is impossible.

For the propagandist seeking to put his ideas across radio is, technically at least, almost a perfect medium. Where newspapers and motion pictures reach at most a few hundred thousand at a time, radio already has an audience of many millions in the United States, as it soon will in every other country. Radio is instantaneous. While the listeners actually do pay for broadcasting in the long run, they do so incidentally in the purchase of receiving sets. Whatever they pick out of the air seems to them "so much velvet;" and they are, at least at present, less critical than are either readers of periodicals or motion picture spectators.

The radio audience, then, is certain to become the subject of a desperate and



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A DELICATE EXPERIMENT IN INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

Four microphones were used for broadcasting the proceedings of the last meetings of the League of Nations at Geneva; it is now considering the wisdom of broadcasting all of its public debates, in the hope that they will be a force for international understanding. Or will it bring discord?

unending fight by propagandists of every sort, including those who are seeking to bring about a given result in the field of foreign policy—the field which, needless to say, sees the beginnings of nearly all wars.

One of the obvious potentialities is in stirring up public opinion which will help to force a nation's rulers in a given direction.

It is often said that President McKinley did not want to fight with Spain in 1898; but that yellow journalism created a public demand for war which he found himself unable to resist. If the same circumstances should recur—and I am aware of no reason why they couldn't—it might easily be the radio which would play the rôle taken by yellow journalism in 1898. I am, of course,

stating what is possible, not what is necessarily likely.

The reply will at once be made that the owners of the broadcasting stations would not permit their facilities to be used for such a purpose. Yet the owners of the stations might easily believe that the propaganda I speak of was altogether right and wise, exactly as the owners of the yellow journals in 1898 believed it was altogether right and wise that we should fight Spain.

V

If radio broadcasting would be useful in starting a war, it would be simply invaluable in keeping one going. I have already referred to the fact that modern warfare requires the united co-operation of all the people in the countries engaged.

This is impossible, as we clearly saw in the Great War, without a spiritual mobilization of the whole nation. In the next struggle, the most important division of the Committee on Public Information will be the Radio Branch, by which censored (and perhaps doctored) news of the struggle will be given out, general orders to the population disseminated and appeals broadcast to the patriot that he shall eat less meat and wheat, leave his car in the garage on gasolineless Sundays, save peach pits for gas masks and buy Liberty Bonds.

Similarly, radio will be used in propaganda behind the enemy's lines. The dispute is still in progress whether the Great War was won by soldiers in the trenches, by starvation or by the American propaganda service dropping leaflets in Germany containing President Wilson's Fourteen Points. While the usefulness of propaganda in breaking down enemy morale is usually exaggerated, it does have its place. In the next war no doubt we shall see portable broadcasting sets mounted on trucks for mobility or concealed in remote mountain fastnesses. From these orators with persuasive voices, speaking the enemy's tongue without an accent, will argue hourly to the invisible audience that they are licked and had better quit while the quitting is still good. Meanwhile, the latter's own broadcasting stations will be laying down a counter-barrage of argument and appeal, or, more likely, will broadcast the dulcet tones of a buzz-saw on the same wavelength to drown out the propagandists' remarks.

This matter is one of great importance for those Oriental and African countries which have long been under the rule of the white man and are today seething with revolt. The leaders of the revolutionary forces in each of these countries are usually men with European educations who have borrowed from the West the ideals of political freedom because of which they now seek to shake off the yoke. But propaganda by the printed word is enormously difficult among these

illiterate peoples, who are frequently of mixed racial origins and are separated from one another by religious and social barriers. Not long ago an expert on India estimated that probably half the people in that country know nothing of Gandhi, the great leader in the present anti-English movement. The chief activities open to revolutionists in the past have been making speeches at meetings, which can easily be broken up and the speakers arrested; or circulating small quantities of printed matter which are readily confiscated and are ineffective at best.

But suppose that in India, for example, those interested in revolutionary activity were to buy a small portable broadcasting outfit mounted on a truck, and ten or fifteen receiving sets with loudspeakers. It would then be possible to hold simultaneous meetings in a number of villages. Patriots could assemble in some out-of-the-way corner and hear inflammatory speeches in their own language, broadcast from the portable transmitting station concealed perhaps in the wilderness somewhere near by. The police might be able to break in occasionally and confiscate one of the receiving sets; but the attempt to find the chief conspirators and their broadcasting equipment would be like hunting for one fish in an ocean. In fact, the broadcasting might be done from across the border of a neighboring state, where pursuit and capture would be delayed or made impossible by legal complications. Radio could undoubtedly increase a hundredfold the power of the political agitator even in a country like India or China. The potentialities are even greater in more advanced localities where private radio sets are numerous.

The governments of several nations have begun to display apprehension about these possibilities. In Japan, no station is allowed to broadcast except under direct government control; and no one is allowed to possess a receiving set unless he has obtained a special license. Until a few months ago each set had to



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AN ADVANCE SCOUT IN THE ARMY OF INTERNATIONAL AMITY

Years before broadcasting became known to the public, radio amateurs had been communicating with each other in nearly all civilized countries. This station in New York (2ABT and 2AYZ) has been in touch with amateurs in England, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the Orient—as the verification cards attest.

he tuned to one wavelength, to receive some one Japanese station and was then sealed; and grave penalties were threatened for tampering with one's set in order to bootleg illicit messages. In several European countries broadcasting is either entirely forbidden or severely restricted and controlled by the government. In India no one can import a receiving set without filling out an elaborate form explaining just why he wants it. Heavy penalties are invoked for building a set of your own without notifying the authorities.

VI

ANOTHER question of an even deeper character is of course involved here. Who owns the air? There is a doctrine in

maritime commerce of "the freedom of the seas." May we expect a similar doctrine of "the freedom of the ether?" Or will each country seek to control all messages originating, or received, in its own territory?

Such a policy, of course, would be enormously difficult to maintain, when we have such a situation as that in Europe, where messages broadcast from any one of a dozen countries may be heard in each of the others. This problem will steadily grow more difficult, as the normal range of the ordinary station and receiving set are increased.

I have no desire to pose as a prophet; but I think it altogether probable that the first development we shall see will be a series of mutual defensive treaties

arranged by existing governments on their own behalf. Under them each country will guarantee not to permit anything to be broadcast from a station within its borders which is inimical to the interests of the other governments. There is a precedent for such action in existing treaties to prevent the smuggling of arms to revolutionists. There is also a precedent in the terms of the International Telegraph Convention signed at Leningrad (née Petrograd, née St. Petersburg) in 1875. Article I of this convention grandly says that "the high contracting parties recognize the right of all persons to correspond by means of the wireless telegraph." But Article VII hastily adds that the powers "reserve to themselves the right of stopping the transmission of any private telegram which may appear dangerous to the security of the state, or which may be contrary to the laws of the country, to public order or decency."

There is no doubt that most of the existing powers have the will to suppress broadcasting by revolutionaries (unless, of course, it be directed against an unfriendly government). The only question is whether they will be able to do so. Already it is feasible to put on the air "scrambled broadcasting," unintelligible to everyone not possessing a certain special receiving set.

Suppose, for instance, that Soviet Russia were to begin broadcasting communist propaganda in this way for the benefit of receiving sets secretly owned in Western European countries. What could the latter do about it?

VII

CONTROL of international radio telegraphs is a fertile field for creating disputes among the nations. One of the grievances of the Chinese nationalists is that China has no radio telegraph station of her own. Everything sent out of that country is transmitted by foreign-owned radio or cable companies which, to put the matter conservatively, are always able, whether they do so or not,

to exert a censorship in favor of the interests of their own government and against those of China. Not dissimilar conditions exist elsewhere. Viewing the world as a whole, long-distance radio telegraphy is at present almost a British monopoly. The entire British Empire is linked up by a series of high-power stations. Messages from London are relayed to Abou Zabal (Cairo), then to Poona (Bombay), to Singapore and to Port Darwin and Perth, Australia. A branch station at Bagdad picks up Cairo, as does one at Nairobi which in turn, with one relay, gets Cape Town, South Africa. Singapore reaches Hongkong.

France, like Great Britain, has realized the importance of maintaining radio communication throughout her far-flung empire. She has a series of stations which pick up such remote localities as Indo-China and French Guiana. Both Britain and France justify these extensive radio telegraphic systems by the plea that they are a useful adjunct to foreign trade. There is no doubt, however, that the monopolistic or semi-monopolistic conditions existing in various parts of the world are a disturbing element in the harmony of the nations and a serious menace in time of war.

VIII

FOR the last two centuries, the world for all practical purposes has been shrinking in size through improvements in the technique of transportation and communication. Radio is accelerating that process more than anything else has done in all history and the smaller the world gets, the more will sheer grim necessity demand that people shall learn how to get along with one another without resorting to large-scale violence in order to settle their differences.

The realization of this fact is certainly one of the most potent forces for peace in existence. And the radio gives an unequalled opportunity, which will inevitably be utilized to a large extent, for spreading this truth among the people of every land.



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THE CO-AUTHORS IN THE LABORATORY

Since 1916 Mr. H. W. Nichols (at the left) has been in charge of the research in radio communication of the Bell Telephone Laboratories; Mr. J. C. Schelleng has been engaged in similar activities since 1918. These two physicists have been the first to work out the remarkable effect of the earth's magnetic field on radio waves.

How Earth Magnetism Affects Radio Waves

We live on a great magnet. With its north pole located in northeastern Canada and its south pole on the Antarctic Continent, our earth is surrounded by a continual magnetic field, quite like the field around an ordinary bar magnet. In former theories of radio transmission this earth magnetism has been ignored. In this important article the authors show that magnetic effects on the air ions probably have a very significant rôle in long-distance radio. You will be hearing much, this year, of the ideas of polarized waves and magnetic twists, which are here described.

By H. W. NICHOLS and J. C. SCHELLENG

EVERY radio amateur is aware of the great range which is sometimes obtained by the use of short waves.

Not many years ago it was thought that short-wave transmission must mean

the same thing as short distance transmission since all the experience gained with wavelengths greater than the few hundred meters indicated the general rule that the optimum distance of trans-

mission is roughly proportional to the wavelength. In fact within this range of frequency, the practical rule was evolved which said that it was unreasonable to expect reliable transmission over distances greater than 500 wavelengths.

Now we know that with short wavelengths, satisfactory transmission is often obtained over many thousands of wavelengths with extremely low power.

These observations have usually been qualitative, however, and it is unsafe at present to conjecture to what extent this favorable result is due to superior transmission, and to what extent due to a lower level of atmospheric interference. However, it is not to be questioned that there is a great deal in transmission with short waves which was wholly unexpected a few years ago.

In passing through the wavelength range we find at low frequencies that the attenuation is small; that is, the signal travels with comparatively little loss. At higher frequencies, in spite of the fact that greater radiation efficiency is obtained from the transmitting antenna, the signal is damped out before it has gone as far as the long wave.

It is common experience that long distance transmission within the fre-

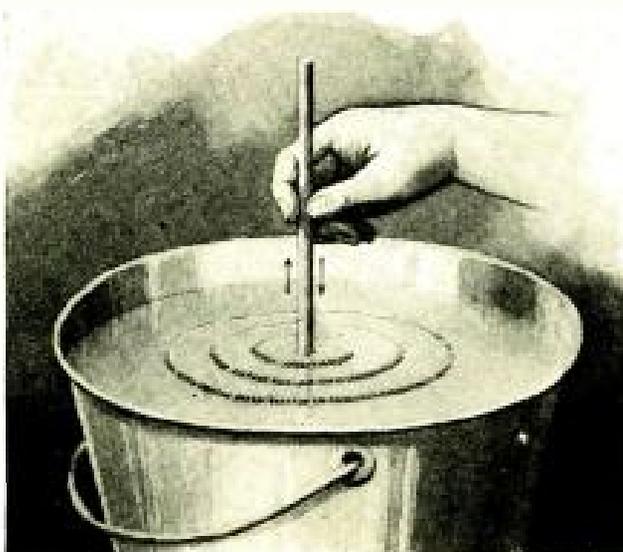
quency band allotted to broadcasting is unreliable. Between two points separated by a great distance, it is often found that a one hundred meter wave is received far better than the wave within the broadcast range. The turning point is hard to determine, but it seems to be approximately at 250 meters or thereabout. Furthermore, within this range, fading is found to be most annoying. One is inclined to say that there may be some selective phenomenon taking place in the upper atmosphere which discriminates against this range of wavelengths, and makes it the worst one for long distance transmission.

It therefore becomes a matter of importance to see if we are able to find some mechanism which is able to produce these effects at this frequency.

It is generally believed, except perhaps in Germany, that the upper atmosphere contains ions (that is, electrified particles) in sufficient quantities to have an important and usually beneficial effect on the transmission of electric waves.

These ions are of course very small. They may consist of several molecules with a small charge. This is the type of ion found near the surface of the earth. At higher altitudes, the number of molecules clustering together apparently decreases, so that at great heights an ion may have an average mass no greater than that of a single molecule. In fact there are reasons to believe that there is also an appreciable number of "free" (detached) electrons. Everyone nowadays is more or less familiar with the fact that electricity itself is atomic, and that the atom of negative electricity is called the electron. It is the flight of electrons through the vacuum which constitutes the plate current in a receiving tube. This particle is very minute, having a mass approximately $1/2000$ as great as that of the hydrogen atom.

In 1912, Eccles, an English scientist, developed the theory of ionic refraction. Since that time others, for example, Sir Joseph Larmor, have made contributions



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VERTICAL POLARIZATION

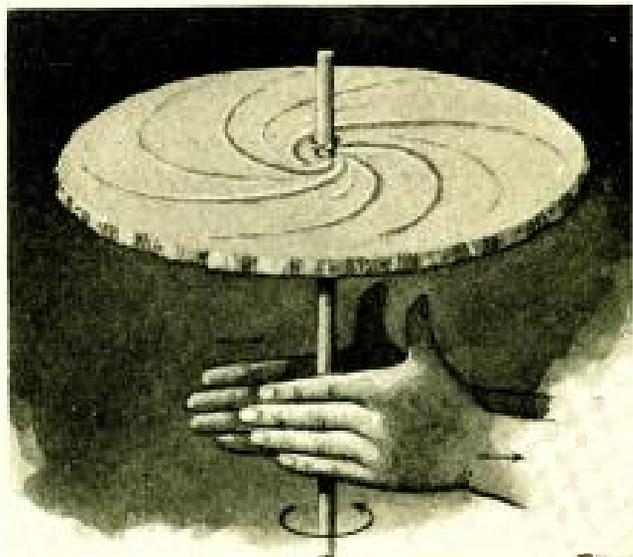
The water wave set up by the up-and-down motion of the stick is an example of a vertical polarized wave. The particles of water vibrate up and down as the wave passes them.

along the same line. The purpose of this theory was to show how an electromagnetic wave traveling through a medium which contains free ions will have a velocity which is different from the velocity of the waves in vacuo. The theory of propagation of radio waves is identically the same as the theory of light, and exactly the same methods are used.

We are all familiar with the action of the lens which causes light incident upon it to be bent out of its original path. This is due to the fact that the velocity of light in passing through the glass is less than the velocity of light in a vacuum. This difference is explained in the electromagnetic theory of light by the fact that the glass itself is electrical in nature, the atoms being made up of positive and negative electricity. When the light wave passes through the glass, the electric field of the wave causes the electric particles to move, and this motion of the electricity constitutes a current which produces a reaction on the wave itself. In this way, the wave is made to travel more slowly than it did before entering the glass, so that the direction of the wave is changed if different parts of it travel through different thicknesses of glass.

Much the same thing happens when the light passes through a medium containing free ions. In this case, however, the fact that the ions are free whereas in the case of the glass they are bound by "elastic" forces which are usually very strong, leads to the opposite effect, namely, that the velocity of the wave is greater than the velocity in vacuum. (The velocity referred to above is known as the "phase velocity" and it is different from the speed with which light advances into a previously undisturbed medium. The latter velocity is never greater than the velocity in vacuum, even though this is true of the phase velocity.)

On this theory, therefore, we may regard the atmosphere as having the same effect on the radio wave that a glass



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HORIZONTAL POLARIZATION

The stick is attached to the rubber sheet through which it projects. As the stick is twisted a vibration wave is set up in the rubber. It is a horizontally polarized wave; that is, the particles of the rubber vibrate back and forth along the circumferences of horizontal circles as the wave passes them.

prism has on light. At higher altitudes, the number of ions in unit volume is supposed to be greater than at low altitudes, hence a wave will travel faster at the higher elevations than at the lower. This therefore gives a good picture of a way in which a radio wave can bend around the earth. The attenuation of the signal is in part explained by the fact that the moving ions collide with air molecules and hence lose some of the energy which originally came from the wave.

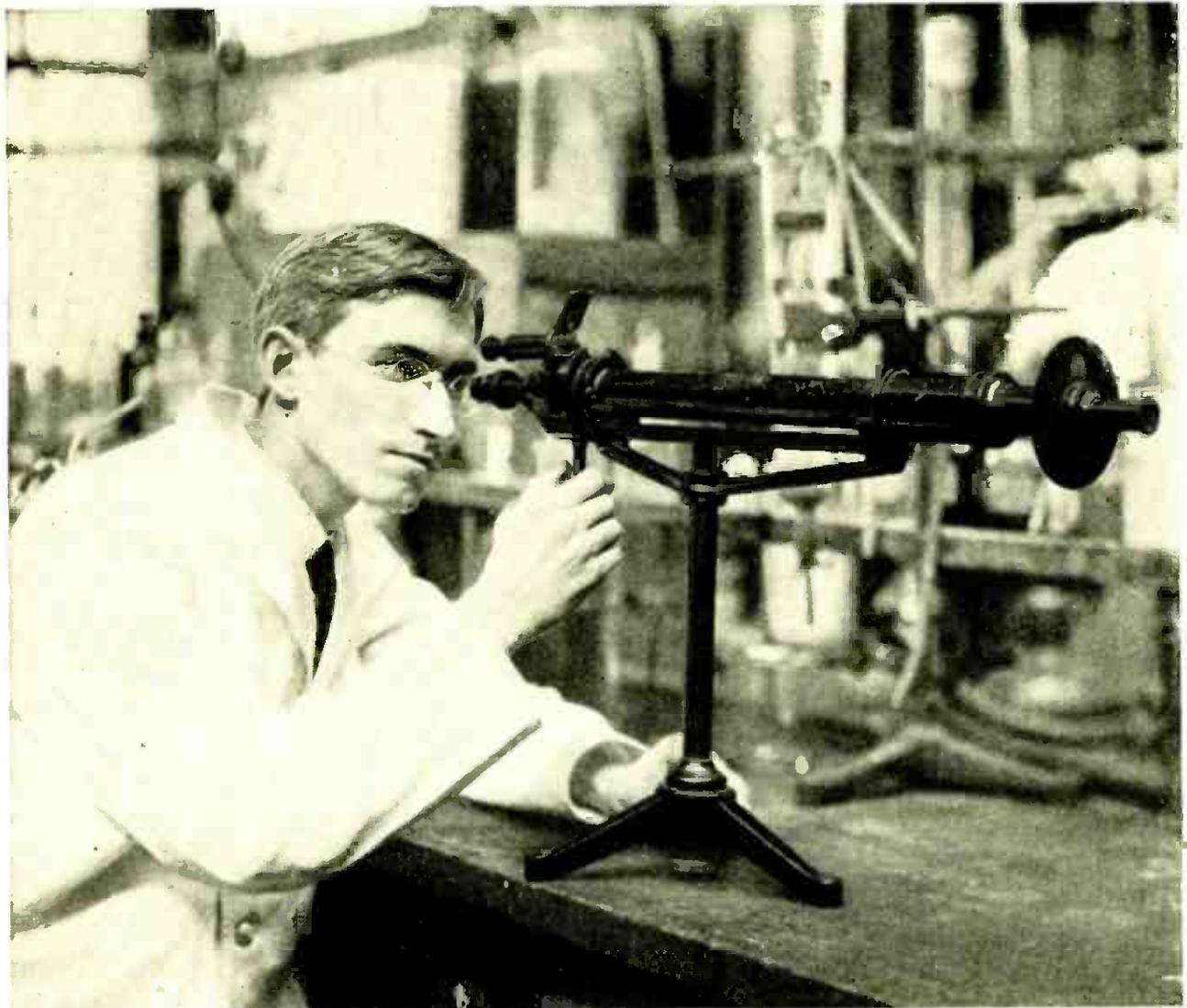
It may be seen that there is nothing in this theory which explains the experimentally observed selective effect discussed above. We will now show how such an effect can be produced as a result of the fact that free electrons in the atmosphere are traveling in the magnetic field of the earth. Other ions will effect transmission but will produce no selective effect in the radio range.

It is a fact that when an electron moves in a direction perpendicular to a magnetic field, a force is exerted on the electron perpendicular to the direction of its motion and to the direction of the magnetic field. This is one of the fundamental laws of electricity and numer-

ous familiar examples of it might be mentioned. For instance, it is the principle underlying the operation of the electric motor. The purpose of the field coils of the direct current motor is merely to set up a magnetic field. The armature coils are merely paths through which electrons travel in a direction perpendicular to the magnetic field. Hence, according to the law just stated, a force will be exerted on these electrons perpendicular to the magnetic field and to the wires of the armature. Since the electrons cannot be drawn out of the wire, this force is communicated to the wire itself and causes the armature to revolve.

Consider now what happens to an electron when it moves unimpeded in a direction perpendicular to the magnetic field. Since a force is exerted on the electron perpendicular to both its motion and the magnetic field, it will move in a circle (see Figure on page 315) and the direction of motion will always be the same with respect to the magnetic field. If the magnetic field is called H , the charge of the electron e and its velocity v , the force F is numerically equal to $\frac{H e v}{c}$ in

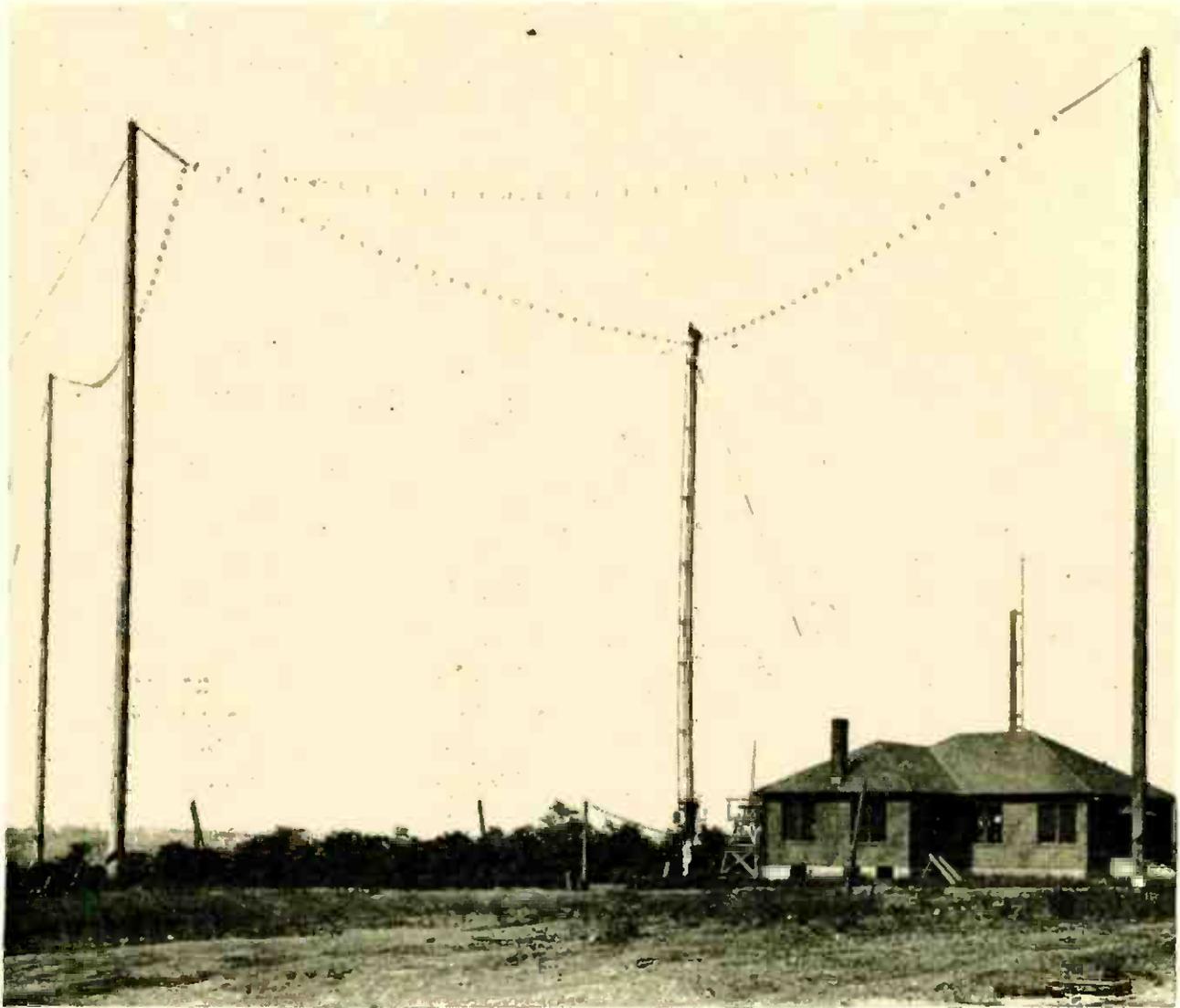
which c is the velocity of light and is equal to 3×10^{10} cm per second. But $v = 2\pi r f$ in which r is the radius of the circle and f is the revolutions per



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OTHER ETHER WAVES ARE ALTERED BY MEDIUM

Not only are radio waves affected by the ions and electrons in air, but the much shorter ether waves of light are altered by media through which they pass. This picture, made in the Pease Laboratories of New York City, shows a polariscope—an instrument which measures the amount of sugar in a solution by the effect of the sugar atoms on the rays of polarized light.



Westinghouse

A CENTER FOR SHORT WAVE EXPERIMENTS

This antenna system, in use at the experimental station of KDKA, at Pittsburgh, represents one of the antenna types now used for short-wave transmission. The growing mass of data on short waves is proving significant for the new theories of radio wave propagation, including the air-ion and magnetic hypotheses outlined in this article.

second of the electron. Therefore the force is $\frac{2\pi H e r f}{c}$. It is proved in me-

chanics that if m is the mass of a particle, the radial force which is necessary in order to make it travel in the circular path equals $4\pi^2 m r f^2$. Equating the two expressions for the force, we find that $f = \frac{H e}{2\pi c m}$. This result is interest-

ing for it shows that the number of revolutions which the electron makes per second depends only upon the strength of the magnetic field.

The earth's magnetic field differs at different parts of the earth and the average is probably somewhat lower

than 0.5 gauss; $\frac{e}{m} = 5.3 \times 10^{17}$. Therefore the electron makes 1.4×10^6 revolutions per second.

An interesting point about this calculation is that the rate of rotation of the electron lies within the range of radio frequency, this frequency corresponding to a wavelength of 214 meters. Since, as stated, the average value of H is somewhat less than 0.5, the critical wavelength will be somewhat greater than 214 meters.

Suppose now that a radio wave whose frequency is 1,400,000 cycles per second passes over the electron and that the latter is free to move without much interference by the molecules of the atmos-

phere. We have just seen that it is easy for the electron to rotate in one direction about the magnetic field at a rate equal to 1,400,000 revolutions per second. As one would guess, the electron acts in many ways like a circuit which is tuned to this frequency. An electric wave passing through the medium containing electrons will cause them to vibrate and when the frequency of the wave is equal to this critical frequency, the velocity of the electron may become very great. Obviously, this motion will have a pronounced effect on the wave itself and in what follows we will briefly describe some of these effects.*

When the wave travels parallel to the magnetic field, it is in general split into two parts. These two components travel with different velocities, and for frequencies lower than the critical frequency, they are usually refracted in opposite directions. Electrical engineers are accustomed to think of a simple alternating field as made up of two oppositely rotating fields and the same idea can be used in the case of a radio wave. These rotating fields tend to make the electron revolve in opposite directions. But since the latter rotates more easily

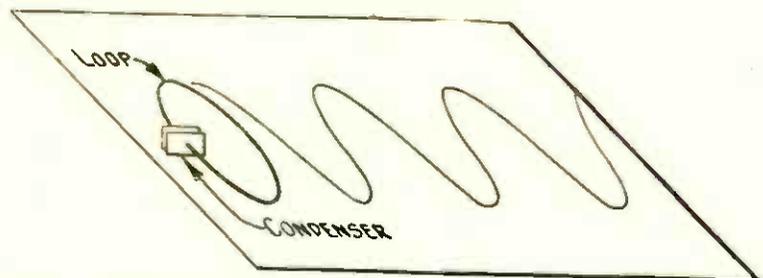
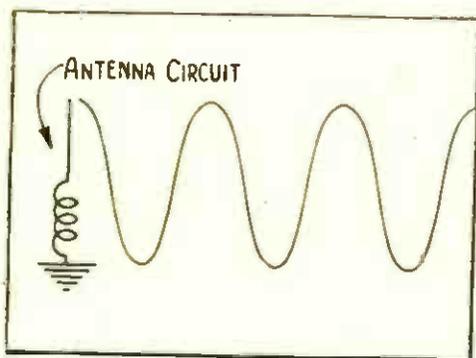
in one direction than the other, it is natural to expect different transmission phenomena for the two components of the wave. For high frequencies, these two components travel with the same velocity. Near the critical frequency, the velocity of the first component changes rapidly with frequency and the wave is strongly absorbed. At a frequency somewhat higher than the critical value, the rays are in general bent in the same direction. One would expect that when the velocity of the ray changes greatly for a small change in frequency, fading would be pronounced.

A few years ago, the Bureau of Standards in co-operation with the American Radio Relay League made a study of fading, the results of which are given in *Scientific Papers* of the Bureau of Standards, No. 476, by Dellinger, Whittemore and Kruse. One of their tentative conclusions is interesting in this connection.

"Observations to date indicate that fading is greatest for waves within a certain range of wavelengths and is less for either longer or shorter waves. Fading is more pronounced at wavelengths in the neighborhood of 250 meters than at longer wavelengths. Transmission experiments using 100-meter waves indicate less severe fading than on 250 meters."

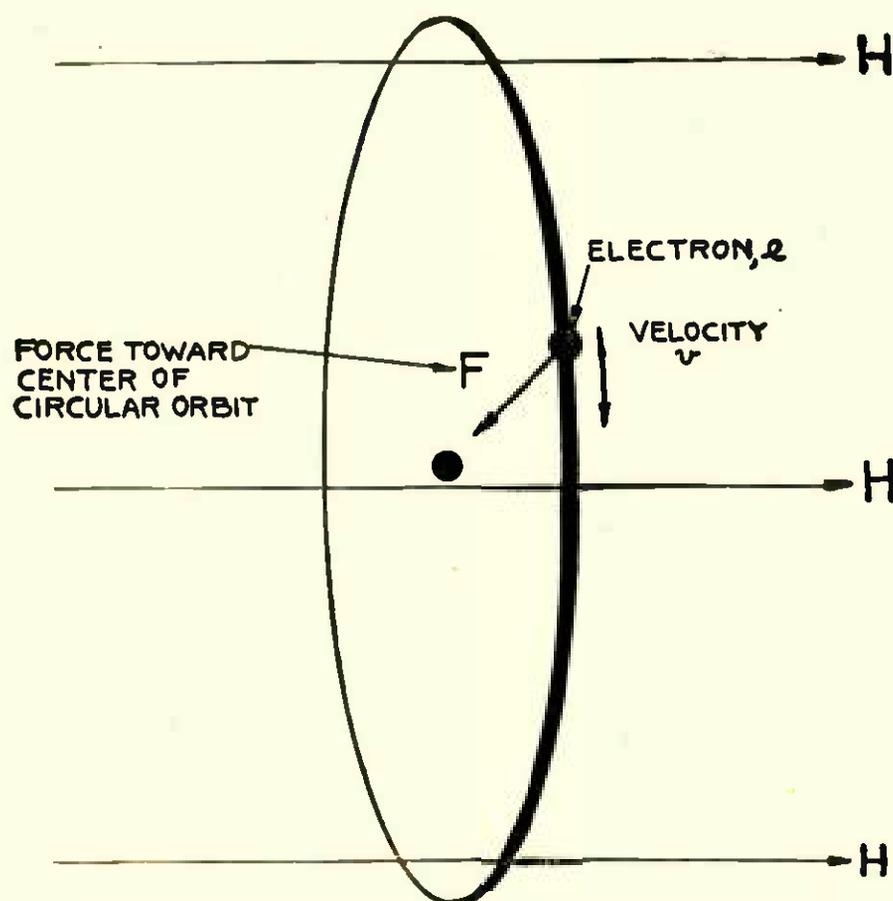
There are two causes for the bending of the rays—variation from point to point of the medium in the ionic density and variations in magnetic field. The former is probably by far the more important cause.

* This theory is developed mathematically in the *Bell System Technical Journal*, April, 1925. "Propagation of Electric Waves Over the Earth," by the present writers. In 1920 Eccles pointed out that the magnetic field may produce errors in direction finding but made no mention of a selective effect. Appleton independently found the selective effect but calculated that it would occur at 580 meters, later at 350 meters. He has suggested that the term "magneto-ionic" be applied to this theory.



HOW THE KIND OF ANTENNA CONTROLS WAVE POLARIZATION

A vertical-rod antenna, illustrated at the left, sends out waves which are mostly polarized vertically. On the other hand, a wire loop, placed parallel to the earth's surface, sends out a wave polarized in the plane of the loop. This gives a horizontally polarized wave, as is illustrated at the right.



HOW ELECTRONS MOVE IN A MAGNETIC FIELD

When an electron moves freely in a direction perpendicular to a magnetic field, it will not travel in a straight line but in a circle. If an electric wave passes it the electron will have a forced elliptical motion added to the motion produced. H indicates the direction of the earth's magnetic field. It is the reaction of these moving electrons on the wave itself that is responsible for most of the magnetic effects on the direction and intensity of the wave.

Fading on the other hand must be explained by changes in the properties of the medium with time. Again, large time changes of ionic density are more likely than time changes in magnetic field.

Another result of the presence of the magnetic field is that it causes the direction of the electric field of a wave traveling parallel to the magnetic field of the earth to be rotated and this may be a further cause of bad reception since a vertical receiving antenna is affected by a wave only if it is polarized with its electric field perpendicular to the earth. This rotation may also cause errors in the apparent direction of a received signal.

When the wave travels perpendicularly to the magnetic field, it is again split up into two components. One of these is strongly affected near the critical frequency. The other one is

not affected by the magnetic field in any way.

Again, in this case, the two rays travel with different velocities and are bent in different directions. Under some circumstances, it is possible for a ray to follow the bend of the earth even though the number of ions is decreasing with height, a statement which applies also to the case of propagation along the magnetic field. It may be mentioned here that the fact that the magnetic field in general breaks the wave into two components which travel along different paths leads to the expectation that they may arrive at the receiving station in different phase and hence destructively interfere with one another. Any small variations in the velocity of propagation along the path of one of these will thus tend to produce fading and this is most likely to occur near the critical frequency.

Another conclusion to be drawn from this theory is that for low frequencies, the magnetic field prevents the electron from moving in as large an orbit as it otherwise would describe. This results in smaller absorption of energy, hence the presence of the magnetic field in the ionized medium may greatly reduce the attenuation under such circumstances, resulting in a greater range than would be found otherwise.

Even when the magnetic field is taken into account, it produces no effect if it is parallel to the electric field of the wave. It is shown in the paper cited that strong absorption is produced at long wavelengths by a small number of electrons per cubic centimeter in the case of such a wave. Such an effect might explain the observation made by Round, Eckersley, Tremellen and Lunnon that transmission across the North and South Poles is difficult or impossible. The observations were made at low frequencies. In these regions the magnetic field is vertical and hence parallel to the normal direction of the electric field of the wave. This phenomenon should be considered with reference to the magnetic rather than the geographic poles but the difference is probably not sufficient to judge between them in the case of the evidence now at hand.

That the magnetic field is of importance in radio transmission is possibly indicated by the observed fact that during magnetic storms (times of unusual variations in magnetic field) radio transmission is abnormal.* However, on account of the small magnitude of these variations in magnetic field it seems more likely that the magnetic and radio phenomena are both results of some other phenomenon (e. g., abnormal ionization due to sun spots) rather than that the first is the cause of the second.

A computation was made of the absorption for the case in which the magnetic field is zero, or negligible

because the wavelength is very short. It was found that at that height where the average number of collisions per second made by an electron equals 2π times the frequency of the radio wave; at that altitude there is a maximum of energy absorption per electron. For a given radio frequency there is, therefore, a more or less definite altitude at which this maximum absorption occurs, the altitude being less the higher the frequency because the air is more dense and the collisions more numerous at low altitudes.

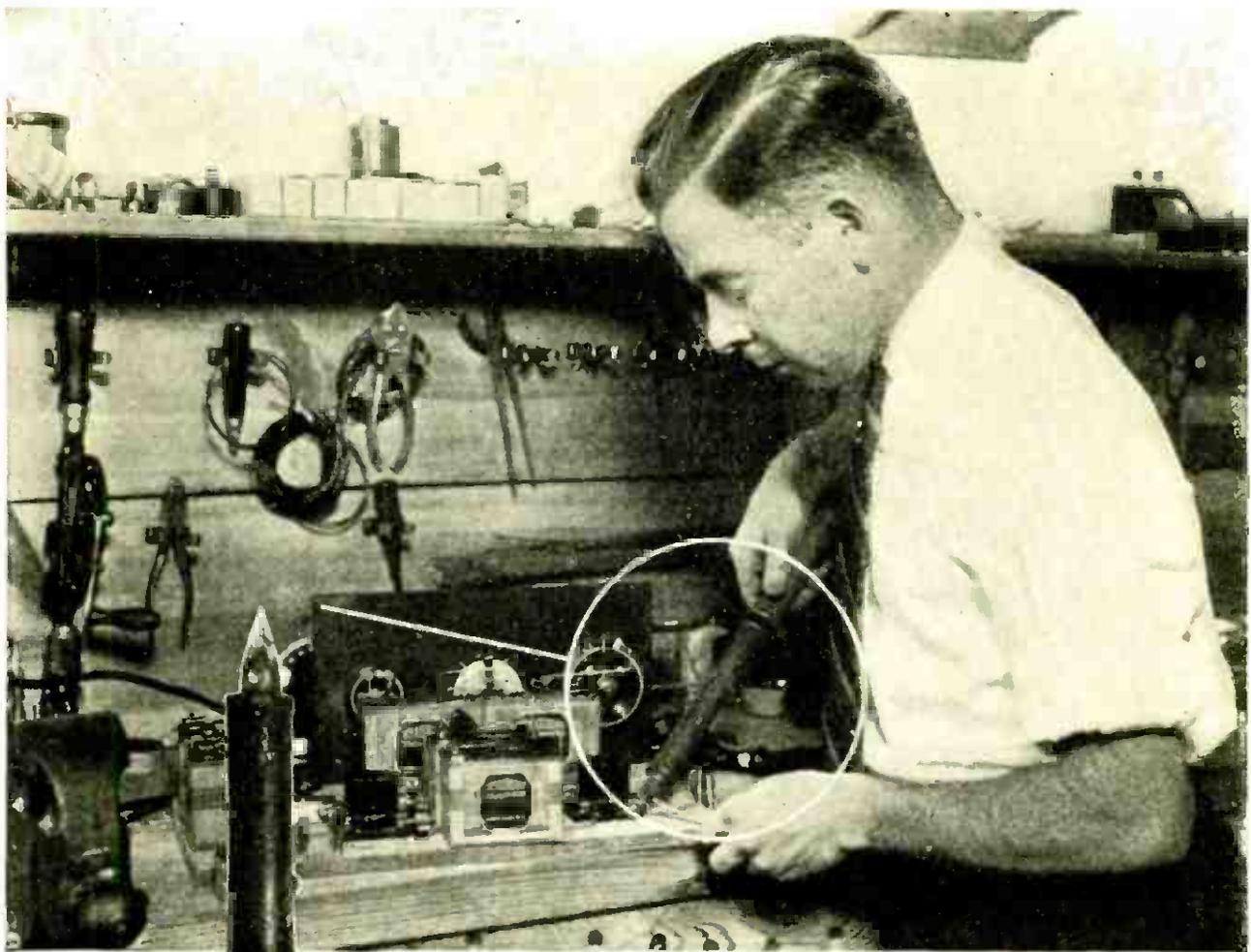
Now it has been supposed that ionization increases with height. Might not some new type of phenomenon be encountered when this altitude of maximum absorption per ion becomes so low that even in day time the wave can pass through it without appreciable loss and be bent back to earth by the more intensely ionized region above?

This would provide a mechanism similar to a common conception of the mode of night-time transmission on longer waves, according to which the wave glides along the inside of an ionized sphere as in a "whispering gallery." For short-wave night-time transmission, the reduced ionization after sundown might make refraction impossible, thus spoiling the transmission. This might be used to explain the apparently improved daylight transmission on wavelengths of the order of 20 meters or so.

In passing from long to short waves, transmission at first becomes more difficult for reasons explained by Watson and others. It seems to be most unreliable near 250 meters due to a selective effect resulting from the presence of electrons in the earth's magnetic field. At shorter wavelengths (for example 100 meters) night-time transmission over long distances is improved due to the separation from the critical frequency. At very short wavelengths there is the possibility of improved daylight transmission due to a condition similar to that which favors longer-wave night-time transmission.

* *Transatlantic Radio Telephone Transmission*, by Messrs. Espenschied, Anderson and Bailey; paper presented May 6, 1925. Institute of Radio Engineers.

Handy Tools for Radio Fans: No. 7



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THE ELECTRIC SOLDERING IRON

An indispensable tool for wiring

THE radio fan's kit of tools and accessories should include, as one of its most necessary items, the electric soldering iron. With it he can speed up set building and experimental work on new receivers many times in advance of what he could do with an ordinary iron.

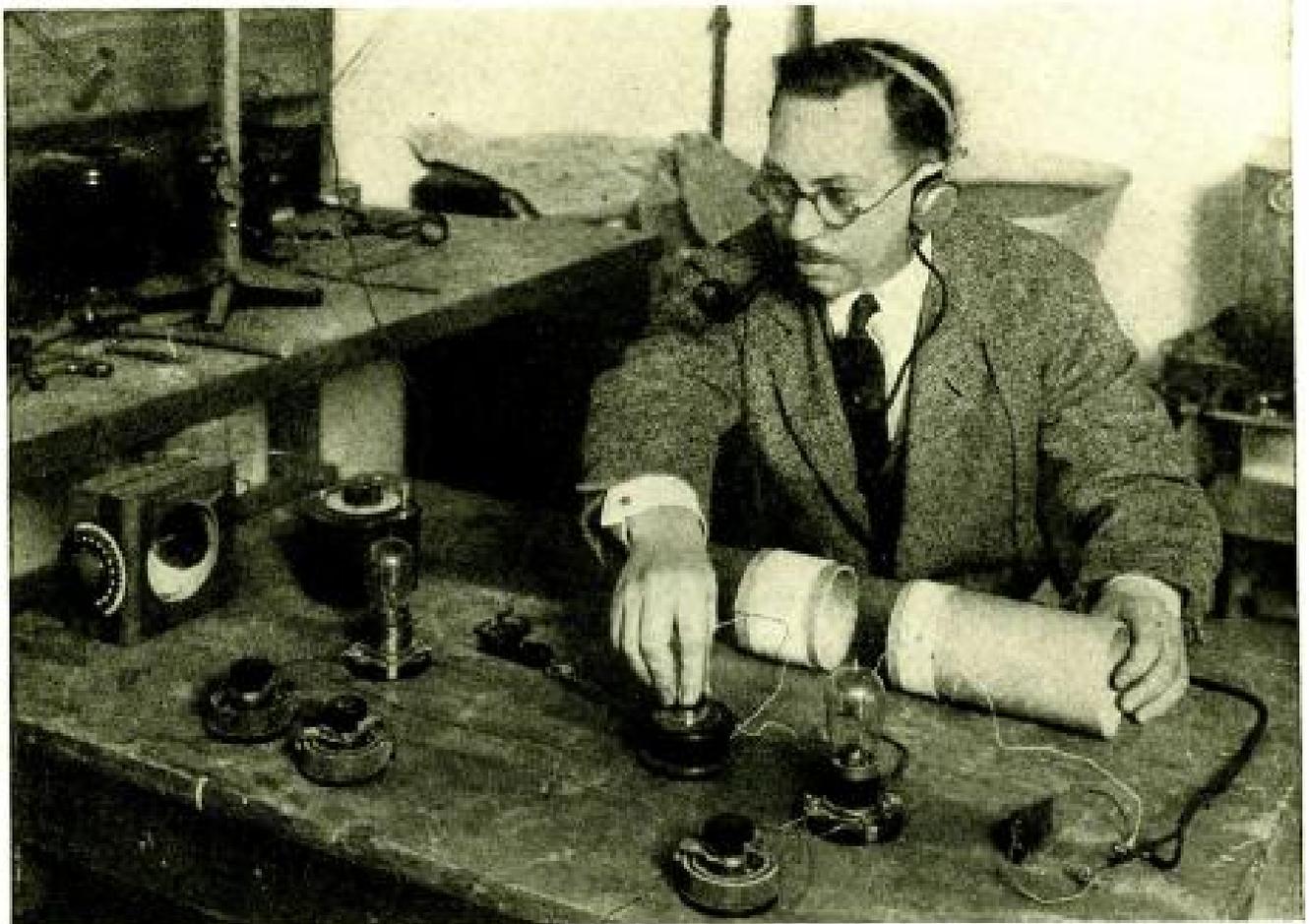
The electric iron, if it is a reliable one and properly designed, will remain at just the right temperature for doing a good soldering job on the wiring without damaging the iron or the parts to be soldered.

It eliminates the trouble from faulty joints and large unwholesome-looking gobs of solder that the inexperienced fan usually is bothered with when using the ordinary soldering iron.

With little practice the experimenter can make neat and efficient joints of high conductivity with the modern electric soldering iron.

The preceding suggestions in this series were SIDE-CUTTING PLIERS, SCREW-DRIVERS, THE HYDROMETER, THE BATTERY-TESTING VOLTMETER, THE FILE, and THE JACKKNIFE.





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The author of this series is one of America's foremost authorities on the theory and practice in radio. This picture shows him at work in his laboratory obtaining the information contained in this series of articles.

HOW TO IMPROVE Broadcast Reception

VII: How to Reduce Interference

This series of tuning-circuit articles was prepared by one of the most experienced radio engineers in the world for the special benefit of the broadcast listener. The preceding five articles of this series include: "The Effects That Occur in the Transmitting Station," August, 1924; "Helpful Hints on Tuning," September, 1924; "Oscillations in the Receiver," October, 1924; "Noises That Come in With the Waves," January, 1925; "Cutting Down Spark Interference," February, 1925; "Increasing the Selecting Power of Your Receiver," April, 1925.

By JOHN V. L. HOGAN

WITH the approach of the winter season of long distance broadcast reception the question of reducing interference once more becomes prominent, for as a result of the large number of stations that are running today the biggest single problem of satisfactory receiver operation is the attainment of high selective power.

In the old days of radio, when relatively few transmitters were in simultaneous operation and when amplification was far from the present high state of development, the question of "getting distance" was mainly a matter of increasing the sensitiveness of the receiver.

That is not the case today, for with the average receiver in the average

location the probability is that we shall hear too much transmission—not too much *desired* transmission, but too many unwanted and interfering signals.

In the preceding articles of this series the several sources of disturbing noises were analyzed, and a number of remedies for them suggested. The most pernicious interfering sounds were classed as the “noises that come in with the waves,” and among these we have already given some attention to spark or code signals.

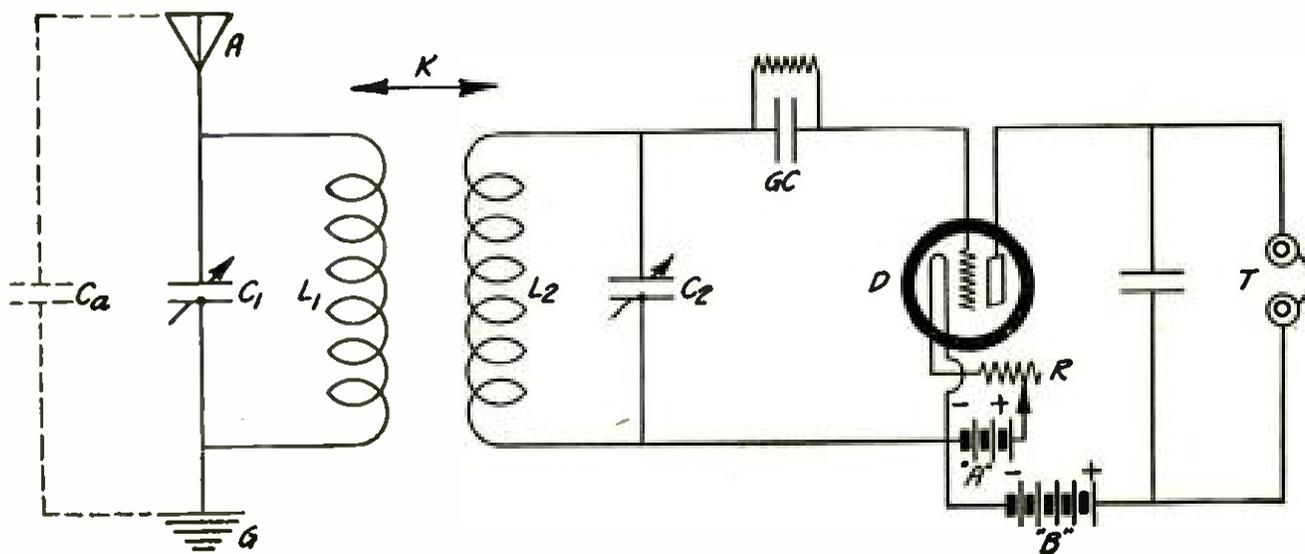
It has been pointed out that although very strong interference from spark transmitters can hardly be excluded, it can be minimized by increased selectiveness of the receiver. Fortunately this increase of discriminating power in a radio receiver will not only aid in reducing code interference, but also will help to reduce “cross-talk” or the simultaneous reception of signals from two or more broadcasting transmitters.

A previous article (which appeared in the April 1925 issue) explained how a reduction of coupling between the antenna system and the detector will aid in getting rid of interference. Simple loose-coupled circuits for crystal and plain vacuum tube detectors were described, and the operation of tuning explained.

Such receivers are typified by Figure 1, which is like Figure 3 of the April article except for a change in the antenna-to-ground circuit. Here the primary variable tuning condenser C_1 is connected directly across the primary coil L_1 and the antenna and ground are connected respectively to the stator and the rotor of the condenser.

Such an arrangement works well with relatively small antennas, and permits one to use identical coils for L_1 and L_2 . For the same wavelength the tuning setting for C_1 will ordinarily be a little lower on the scale than for C_2 , as the capacity of the antenna is in effect added to that of C_1 as indicated by the dotted lines including C_a at the left of the figure. C_a is intended to represent the capacity of the antenna with respect to the ground, by which approximate amount the value of C_1 must be reduced (as compared to C_2) to bring the two circuits into resonance if the coils are identical.

It is not hard to see that if this circuit arrangement is used with a fairly large antenna it will not be possible to tune the primary circuit to the higher frequencies corresponding to the shorter wavelengths. This is because even with C_1 set at zero the capacity of the antenna system will remain effectively in circuit,



A SIMPLE CIRCUIT FOR SHORT ANTENNAS

FIGURE 1: This one-tube receiver employs inductive coupling and permits of the use of two similar coils for L_1 and L_2 . By loosening the coupling between the two coils shown at K sharper tuning may be obtained.

and, in conjunction with the coil L_1 , will make the circuit resonate to a moderately low frequency.

There are two ways to avoid this difficulty and thus to keep the two circuits more or less in step.

One method is to reduce the size of the primary coil L_1 .

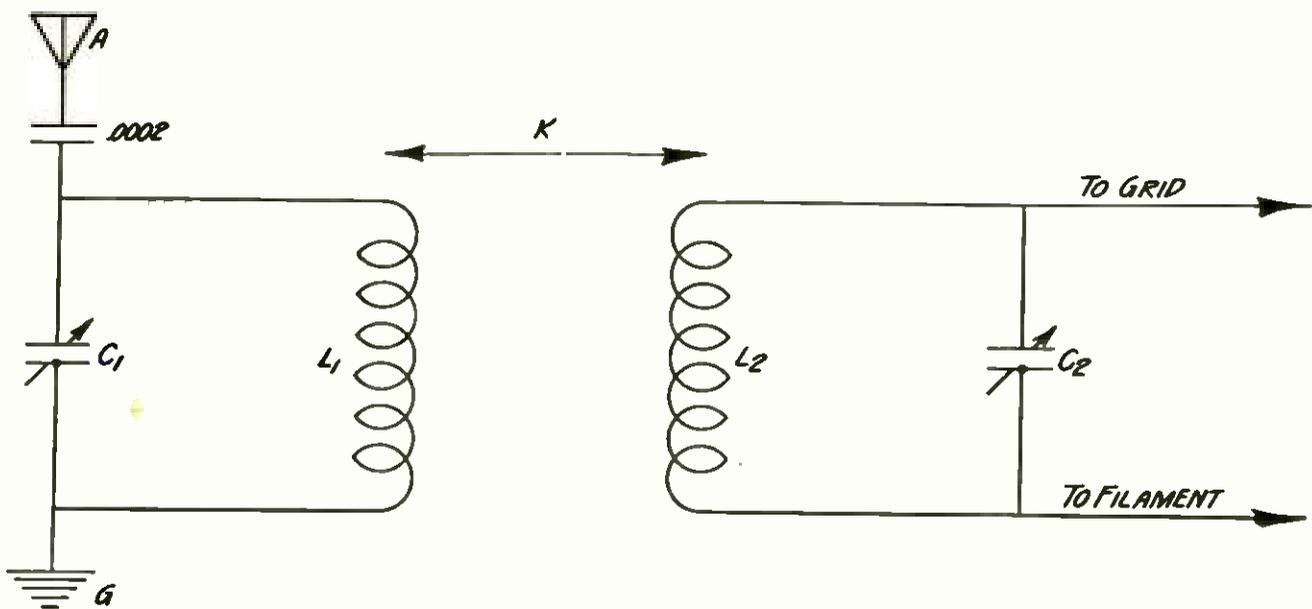
The other plan, which is for most purposes the better one, is to insert a small fixed condenser (of about 0.0002 microfarad capacity) directly in series with the aerial as shown in Figure 2. Under these conditions the effective capacity of the antenna-ground system can never become large enough to interfere very seriously with the adjustment of C_1 since it is limited by the small series condenser.

In building a receiver of this type there is considerable latitude for choice of sizes of coils and condensers. For the broadcast waves from 1,500 to 500 kilocycles (200 to 600 meters) the two coils may each be of 60 turns of about No. 22 DSC wire wound on a 3 or 3½ inch tube, and the condensers C_1 and C_2 may each be of 0.0005 microfarad maximum capacity. If smaller condensers are used the coils must be larger to cover the same range of waves, and it would also be advisable to reduce the

capacity of the series antenna condenser shown in Figure 2.

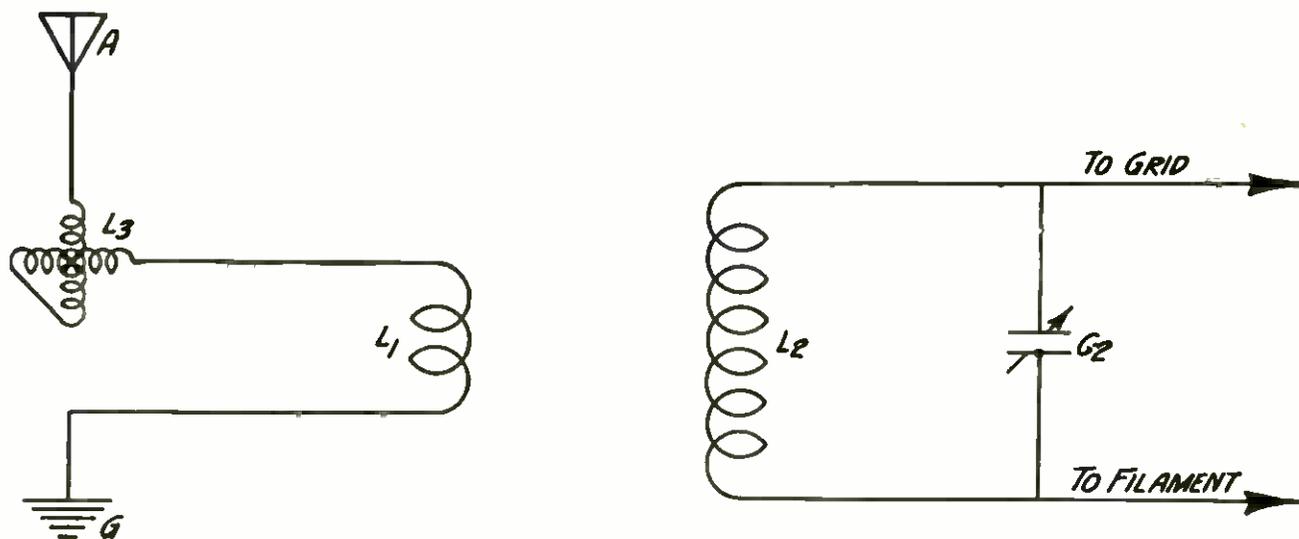
If you have been using direct connected antenna systems, with only a single coil and condenser for tuning, you may expect a great improvement when you change over to the arrangement of Figure 1 or Figure 2, for the loosely coupled two-coil system may be made so selective that the tuning adjustment becomes rather difficult. In fact, this requirement of somewhat skilful manipulation is perhaps the reason that separately tuned antenna systems (with their characteristic increased selectivity) have not been commonly used in radio broadcast reception.

The best way to learn how to handle any of these double-tuned receivers is to follow the procedure outlined in the April article, *i. e.*, to begin with the coils L_1 and L_2 close together and make a list of the best tuning settings of condensers C_1 and C_2 for a number of stations. Then you may separate the coils about an inch and make a new but similar list; the tuning points will usually come a little lower on each condenser scale (for the same stations) when the coils are moved apart, but the first list of settings will aid you in finding the values for the looser coupling. In



THE USE OF A FIXED SERIES CONDENSER IN THE ANTENNA

FIGURE 2: To eliminate as much as possible the effect of varying antenna capacities on the tuning of the condensers C_1 and C_2 , a small fixed condenser of about .00025 mfd. may be inserted in the antenna circuit.



A VARIOMETER TUNED ANTENNA CIRCUIT

FIGURE 3: *This system gives very efficient operation for tuning wavelengths that are longer than the natural period of the antenna circuit itself.*

the same way, lists may be made for several additional coupling separations—say two, three and four inches. The greater the distance the two coils are separated, *i. e.*, the looser or weaker the magnetic coupling between them, the sharper will be the tuning of the receiver.

This plan of using the tuned antenna system with well spaced primary and secondary coils is one of the most effective ways of reducing strong interference from powerful nearby spark or broadcasting stations. It does not increase the strength of signals produced by the desired station, as compared to the intensity that could be had with the same receiving antenna when connected directly to the vacuum tube circuit. In fact, for the looser couplings and greater selectivity it will often reduce the strength of signals. But the important point is that the arrangement cuts down the intensity of interference *more* than that of the signals you desire to hear, and consequently makes reception easier and better.

Having once minimized the interference, you can strengthen the desired signals to the greatest practicable amount by adding amplification (as will be shown in a later article) and thus obtain a substantial net gain.

There are a number of variations of the coupled double tuned receiver, all of which give practically equivalent re-

sults. Each arrangement has its special advantages for particular conditions, however, and the choice among them rests mainly upon the relation between the size of aerial used and the range of wavelengths it is desired to receive.

The circuit of Figure 1 is particularly adapted for small aeri-als; Figure 2 permits the same condenser arrangement to be used with larger antennas. The series tuning condenser shown in the April article is generally more desirable for the reception of high frequency (short) waves with moderately large aeri-als.

Figure 3 illustrates a third arrangement, in which the antenna system is tuned by a variometer L_3 , and coupling to the secondary L_2 is provided by a small coil L_1 which may have only five or ten turns. No antenna tuning condenser is used in this circuit, the adjustable element being the variometer; such a system is very efficient for wave frequencies below (*i. e.*, wavelengths longer than) the "natural" of the antenna.

For higher frequencies (shorter wavelengths) a series condenser C_1 of either the fixed or the variable type may be inserted, as illustrated in Figure 4.

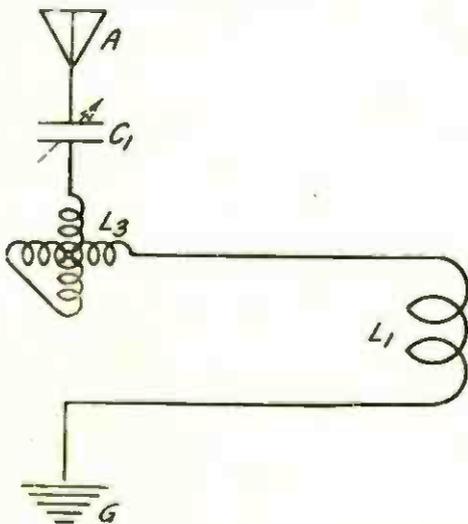
In the coupled tuned antenna circuit with tuned secondary, we have, then, a powerful weapon against local interference. Many times it has been found not only possible but easy to eliminate

interference from a powerful nearby broadcaster that, with a single-tuned-circuit receiver, produced a constant and bothersome "background" when listening to other stations—simply by adding the tuning condenser and coil in the antenna circuit. True, this arrangement adds one dial that has to be adjusted, in tuning; but the improvement in results is almost always well worth the effort.

Fortunately, however, the benefits of this double circuit tuning can be had without adding to the number of tuning controls. By following the plan that I described some years ago,* in connection with a single control receiver for ship-and-shore radio telegraph service, we may tune both the primary and the secondary circuits simultaneously by means of one common tuning element such as a tandem condenser or double variometer.

Let us first see how this problem may be solved for use with relatively large aerials, since while the strongest signals can thus be had there is also the greatest need for sharper tuning. The series-condenser circuit is usually the best when broadcasting waves are to be received by means of large antennas. Such a circuit is shown in Figure 5,

*U. S. Patent 1,014,002.



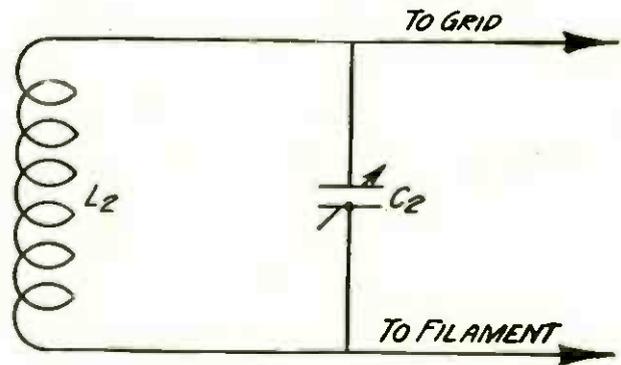
ADDING A SERIES CONDENSER TO THE VARIOMETER TUNED ANTENNA CIRCUIT

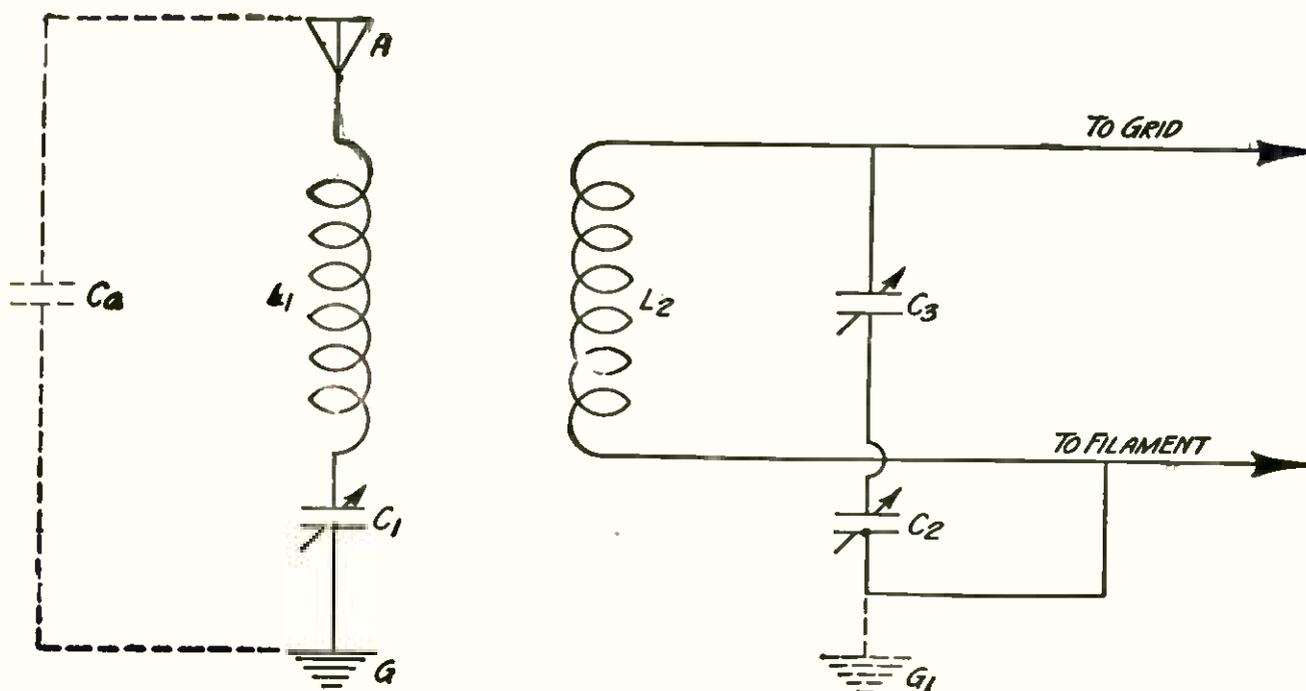
FIGURE 4: This diagram shows how to enable efficient reception of short wavelengths than allowed by the circuit in Figure 3. A small fixed or variable condenser is here inserted in series with the variometer.

where, if we are to use single-control, the several tuning coils and condensers must be matched together. Suppose coils L_1 and L_2 are identical, each being made by winding 100 turns of Number 22 DSC wire on a four-inch tube, and that the two condensers C_1 and C_2 are alike in design and both of 0.0005 microfarad maximum. The primary circuit includes C_1 , L_1 , and the effective capacity of the antenna system which is represented in Figure 5 by the dotted condenser C_a . These three elements are in series, and the whole primary circuit comprising them may be tuned through a range of frequencies by varying C_1 .

If we are to make our secondary tuned circuit match the primary, which is important for single control, we will need to have in it two condensers in series. One of these is C_2 and the other C_3 . Now, by setting C_3 at a value equal to the capacity of C_a (representing the antenna-to-ground effect), the two circuits may be made to match or equalize and thereafter any equal changes in C_1 and C_2 will produce equal tuning effects in both primary and secondary. Thus, so long as the settings of C_1 and C_2 are alike the two circuits will remain in tune.

Since C_1 and C_2 , under these condi-





TANDEM TUNING OF TWO CIRCUITS AT THE SAME TIME

FIGURE 5: This diagram shows the connections for tuning the antenna and the secondary circuits by means of two condensers, C_1 and C_2 . These two condensers may be mounted on the same shaft or they may be a double-unit condenser with both rotors connected together. This effect would be suitable in this circuit as all it would do would be to connect another ground on to the condenser, C_2 . After tuning in a station with this kind of a tuning unit, the best results will be obtained by adjusting condenser C_3 to compensate for the antenna capacity shown at C_a , after which this adjustment may be left set and all further tuning being done by turning the knob that controls C_1 and C_2 simultaneously.

tions, are moved practically in unison, they may be replaced by a tandem or double condenser having a single shaft and dial for operating both. If the tandem condenser has the rotors electrically connected together, as is the case usually, no harm will result; the effect is that of connecting the secondary circuit (as well as the primary) to ground, as indicated by the dotted earth G_1 in Figure 5.

To set up and use this circuit you do not need to know in advance what the capacity of your antenna may be. By using matched coils and a well-equalized tandem condenser you eliminate all uncompensated elements except the condenser C_3 . If as your first operation you pick up a broadcasting station by careful adjustment of both the tandem condenser (C_1, C_2) and the series condenser C_3 , you will quickly and practically automatically find a setting for C_3 at which signals are loudest and which thereafter needs not be changed. If you make this preliminary adjust-

ment with L_1 and L_2 fairly well separated, and if your various circuit elements are properly balanced, you can thereafter tune with the one knob of the tandem condenser.

If the coils and condensers or the other circuit elements are not equalized, their variations may tend to prevent the simultaneous attainment of exactly the best conditions in both circuits. This may be compensated for by using C_3 as a supplementary "vernier."

Figure 1 indicates the tuned secondary circuit connected directly to a vacuum tube detector with telephone receivers in its plate circuit. The same connections may be used with any of the tuned circuit arrangements shown.

In the next article I will describe the single control applied to the small-antenna circuit such as that of Figure 1, and will take up the use of these coupled tuned antenna systems for increasing the selectivity of simple regenerative sets and of radio frequency amplifier receivers.



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One of
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of the
Superheterodyne Idea

H. W. HOUCK worked with Major Edwin H. Armstrong during the war, and was one of the men responsible for the development of the important superheterodyne idea. In more recent years he has attracted attention by his invention and development of the method of using the second harmonic for amplification according to the superheterodyne principle.



The Father
of the
Reflex
Circuit

WILLIAM H. PRIESS might be called the "father of the reflex circuit." Reaching an early decision that this circuit offered great possibilities for high-quality reception on the broadcast wavelengths, as well as by its familiar economy of tubes, Mr. Priess has stuck consistently to its development, being responsible for the design of several popular types of receiver.

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The
Inventor
of the
Magnetron

THE application of magnetic forces to the control of the electron stream in vacuum tubes is the subject with which the name of Dr. A. W. Hull is especially connected. He is the inventor of the magnetron, an electron tube in which the alternating magnetic field of the filament is made to control the electron stream. These magnetrons are used as low-frequency oscillators and as protective devices against surge currents induced by lightning.

MADE RADIO

The Creator of the High- Speed Finch Relay

PRESENT-DAY use of radio for the rapid distribution of news and similar telegraphic dispatches owes much to the genius of William G. H. Finch. He is the inventor of the sensitive, high-speed relay used in such devices and which bears his name. Many other devices used in modern radio and telegraph printers have also been worked out by him.



A Pioneer Maker of High-grade Condensers

WILLIAM DUBILIER was a pioneer in the manufacture of high-grade condensers for radio use. Transmitting condensers of his design were used by many of the early amateurs. His name is well-known to present-day broadcast enthusiasts through the small fixed condensers now so widely used, a field of manufacture which he has made particularly his own.

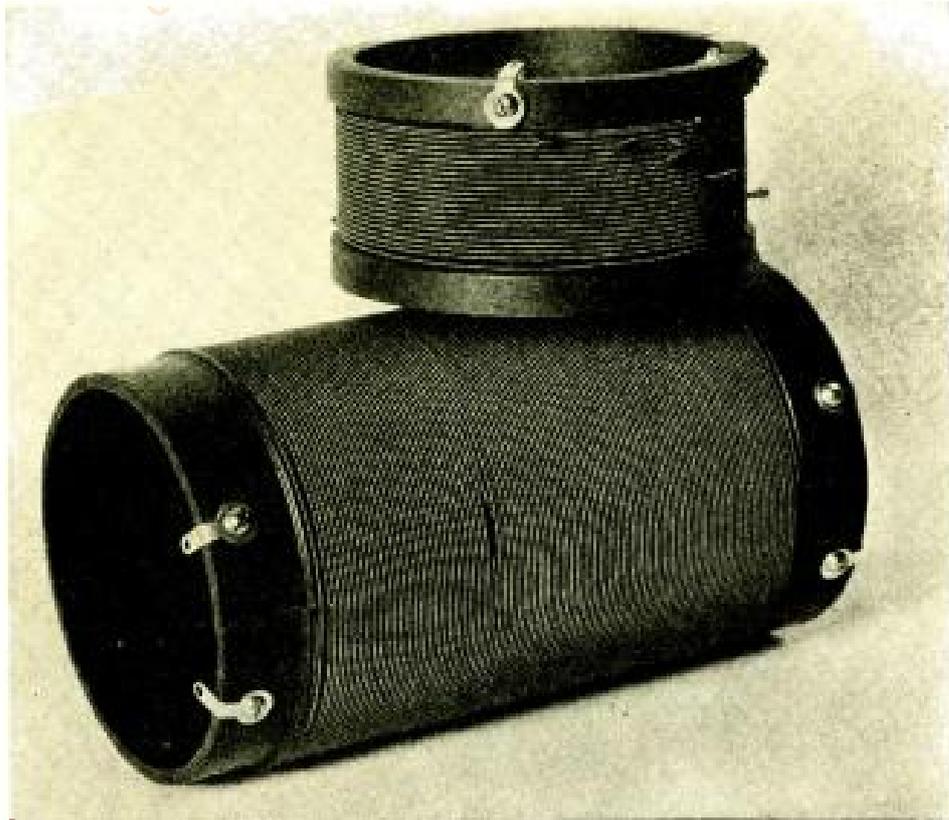


A Foremost Expert on Vacuum Tubes

ONE of the American physicists whose work has been of great importance to radio is Dr. Saul Dushman, of the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company. Dr. Dushman is known especially for his work on the properties of very high vacuua and on how to obtain these extreme degrees of evacuation. This work has been of utility in the design and manufacture of radio vacuum tubes.



General Electric



THE SINGLE LAYER SOLENOID IS THE IDEAL RADIO-FREQUENCY COIL

FIGURE 1: *This type of coil has been shown to have the highest efficiency (together with the one shown in Figure 2) of any of the coils in the following illustrations.*

WHAT MAKES A Low-loss Coil?

Radio fans and experimenters usually connect the term "low-loss" coil in their minds with some sort of a multi-layer coil which contains no dielectric supporting material. Some interesting facts that prove that this is not the case are contained in this short article by--

CHARLES T. BURKE

THE elusive ohms have been all but driven out of condensers—although a few still lurk here and there.

Now the attention of designers and manufacturers is being concentrated on the task of driving out the ohms that reside in the coils.

It would seem that some of the designers are in league with the enemy, for instead of driving out the ohms, they are actually opening wide the gates and letting a stream of the destroyers of efficiency and sharp tuning pour through their open-work windings.

It is the purpose of this article to point out the places where the ohms

sneak in, and straighten out the corners where they hide.

In judging a coil, it is not sufficient to know only the number of ohms that have found their way in and settled down. We must also know the size of the coil, as electrically large coils will always have more ohms than small ones.

The electrical size of a coil, called its inductance, is measured in henries. This name is derived from Joseph Henry, perhaps America's greatest electrical genius. The more henries a coil contains the less serious is a given number of ohms.

The wavelength or frequency, at

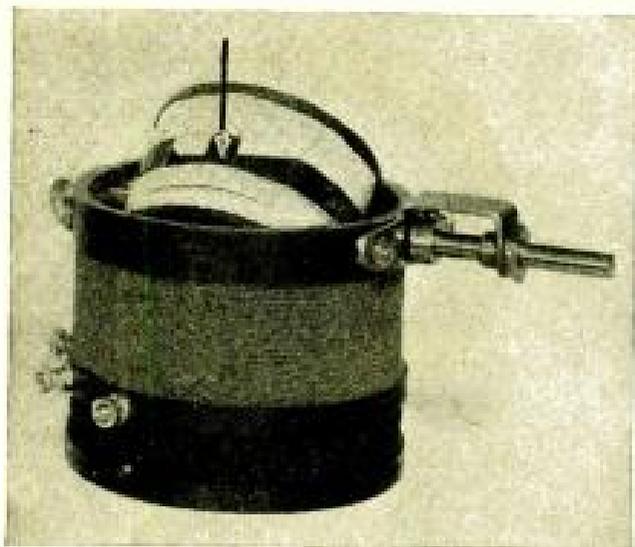
which the coil is measured or used, is also important. The resistance should be measured at some frequency within the band used in broadcasting. The figure often given is the "power factor" of the coil. This is the resistance (ohms) / $6.28 \times \text{frequency (cycles)} \times \text{Inductance (henries)}$. This figure is an actual index of the behavior of the coil in the circuit, and should be as low as possible.

By considering the coil at one frequency, for example one million cycles (300 meters), we can reduce the number of factors that must be borne in mind. The "figure of merit" for a coil then becomes, ohms henries, or ohms per henry. The ohms measured at one million cycles are here used.

Coils used at broadcast wavelengths have much less than a henry inductance, so that they are usually measured in microhenries, just as condensers are measured in microfarads.

A microhenry is one millionth of a henry. For use with a .0005 m.f. condenser, a coil should have about 200 microhenries inductance.

Another unit, the millihenry is also used. A millihenry is 1,000 microhenries, that is, a 200 microhenry coil has 0.2 millihenries.



A COIL WITH CUT-AWAY INSULATOR

FIGURE 3: A cut-away coil wound with multi-strand wire that has been found to be almost but not quite as efficient as the straight solenoid type.

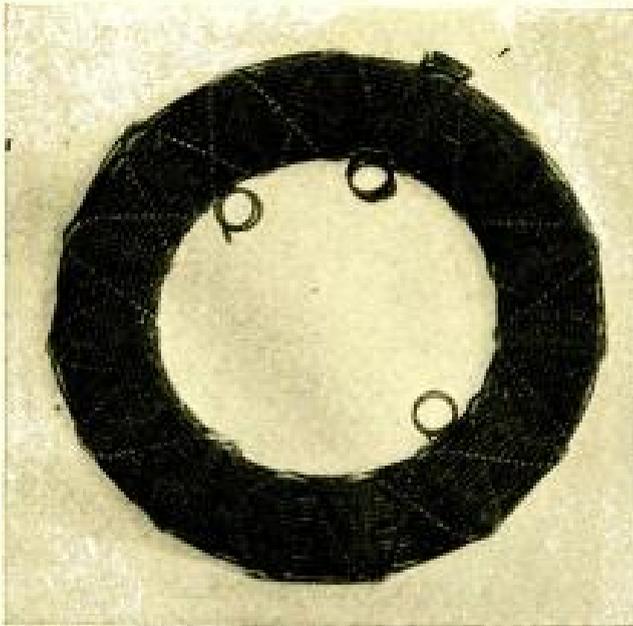


AN INDUCTANCE STANDARD

FIGURE 2: This type of coil is a standard inductance manufactured by a well-known concern; its efficiency is of the same high order as that shown in the coil in Figure 1.

Ohms come from several sources. The resistance loss, properly speaking, arises from the reluctance of the metal in the wire to allow a current to pass. It is comparable to the friction in an automobile running on a hard level road. There are other losses, however, that have the same effect as resistance. These are due to absorption of energy in metal and dielectric near the coil. These losses may be compared to the energies wasted by an automobile running through sand. They depend on frequency and on the shape of the coil, as the wind resistance in an automobile does on the lines of the car. They have the same effect as the wire, or friction resistance, that is, absorb power. They are therefore lumped together with the wire resistance and known as the effective resistance. It is these "effective ohms" we must consider.

The wire resistance is the largest contributor to the total ohms of well-designed coils. For this reason the most obvious way of removing ohms is to reduce the wire resistance. Any method of coil construction which increases wire resistance must be viewed with suspicion. Wire resistance increases with the length of the wire and decreases to a certain point as the wire size is increased.



A BASKET-WEAVE COIL

FIGURE 4: *The losses in this form of coil are considerably greater than in the coils shown in the three previous figures.*

Perhaps the first question to be decided in building a coil is the size of wire to be used.

At first it would seem that the larger the wire, the lower its resistance would be. This is not the case, however, when radio-frequency currents are involved. This is because only a part of the area of the wire is then used. The tendency to crowd toward the outside of the wire is more marked in the larger sizes of wire. Currents are also set up in the larger wires that swirl about inside the wire, causing a loss and increasing the effective resistance. Because of this, we find the coil resistance will gradually decrease as the wire size grows larger, until a certain point is reached, when further increase in the wire size increases the resistance. The size of wire where minimum resistance is obtained falls in the lower twenties for the broadcast wavelengths. Measurements show that the hollow is not very sharply defined, and wire as small as No. 26 may be used. For sizes larger than No. 18 or No. 20 the resistance begins to rise.

The spacing of the turns also affects the distribution of current in the wire. Near-by wires tend to still further re-

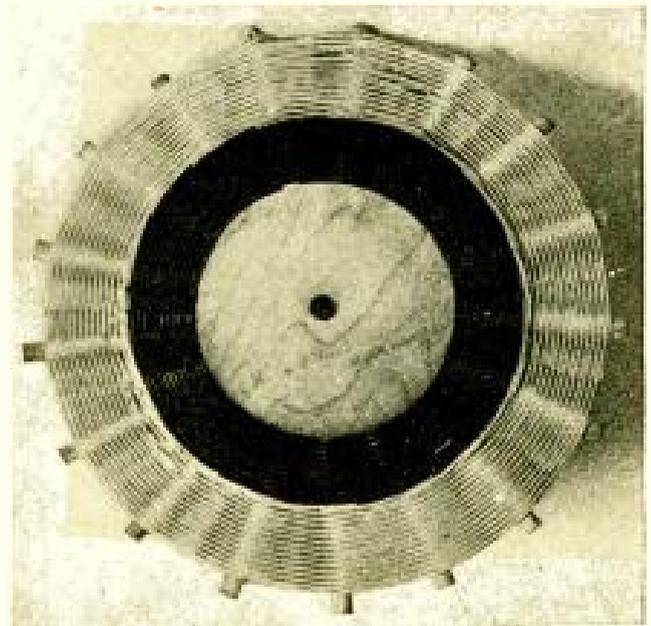
duce the effective area. For this reason double cotton or silk over cotton insulation is advisable to provide spacing.

The next question that must be settled is the shape of coil.

The inductance is determined by the requirements of the circuit in which the coil is to be used. In order to keep the wire resistance at a minimum, the coil must be so shaped that the smallest possible amount of wire shall be used. The inductance per turn is proportional to the area, so that the cross-section of the coil should be such as will have the greatest area for its circumference. This shape is the circle.

The length of the coil is also important. The leakage in long coils reduces the inductance and makes more turns necessary. The resistance rises in the shorter coils. Experiments show the most desirable length to be about equal to the coil diameter.

So far we have not considered the effect of absorption in the material, or of distributed capacity. The effect of distributed capacity is to slightly reduce the effective inductance, making more turns and more ohms necessary to get



A BASKET-WEAVE COIL ON A FORM

FIGURE 5: *This type of coil wound on a wooden core with radial spokes was also found to be less efficient in a tuning circuit.*

the required inductance. The effect of distributed capacity has been greatly exaggerated. In single-layer cylindrical coils of the type described above, it is almost entirely negligible.

Another source of loss is absorption of energy by the form on which the coil is wound. This loss has also been greatly overestimated. Absorption decreases as the frequency is increased. At radio-frequencies it can be made one of the smallest sources of loss. The reduction of absorption loss is one of the factors that establishes the rule that coil length should equal diameter. This same question was raised in condenser design and gave rise to the metal end-plate craze. Metal end-plates in condensers may introduce as much loss as they eliminate, and hard-rubber end-plate condensers are again rated high among "low loss" equipment.

In coils also, care must be taken lest in trying to eliminate one loss we cause a greater loss. A great number of coils have appeared having various kinds of criss-cross windings that make them self-supporting. As the cross-section of these coils is *not circular*, more wire is required to obtain the desired inductance and loss is introduced in order to eliminate other losses. The question is whether or not there is a net gain. Measurements have shown that when the form (of bakelite) was removed from a cylindrical coil designed along the lines of the ideal cylindrical coil, a barely measurable decrease in resistance was found.

Bearing in mind that the resistance increases in proportion to the length of wire, it seems certain that the increase of resistance when the self-supporting coils are substituted will be more than "barely measurable." This proved to be the case. Some of these coils had as high as twice the resistance of the cylindrical coil.

Even if the coil has been well-



ANOTHER SELF-SUPPORTING COIL

FIGURE 6: A special form of multi-layer coil, in which the losses were found to be excessive as compared to the straight single-layer solenoid type of winding.

designed, losses having the same effect as resistance may be introduced by metal near the coil. Large terminals should be avoided. Coils mounted on the backs of condensers should be spaced an inch or so from the condenser. The practice of mounting condensers inside of coils is very bad.

To sum up: if you are seeking a coil to give your set its highest efficiency, a dwelling place of "active vigorous henries" rather than a home for "infirm ohms," you will do well to select or wind a coil to these specifications.

When building your coils keep these points in mind:

1. Select cylindrical, single-layer coil, wound on a moistureproof form.
2. The length should be about equal to the diameter. (This permits wide spacing on coils for low wavelength, where it is important).
3. Use wire sizes from No. 18 to No. 28 (the nearer to No. 18 the better).
4. Use small terminals.

By following these rules, the coil resistance may be reduced to less than 10 ohms for the broadcast range of frequencies.

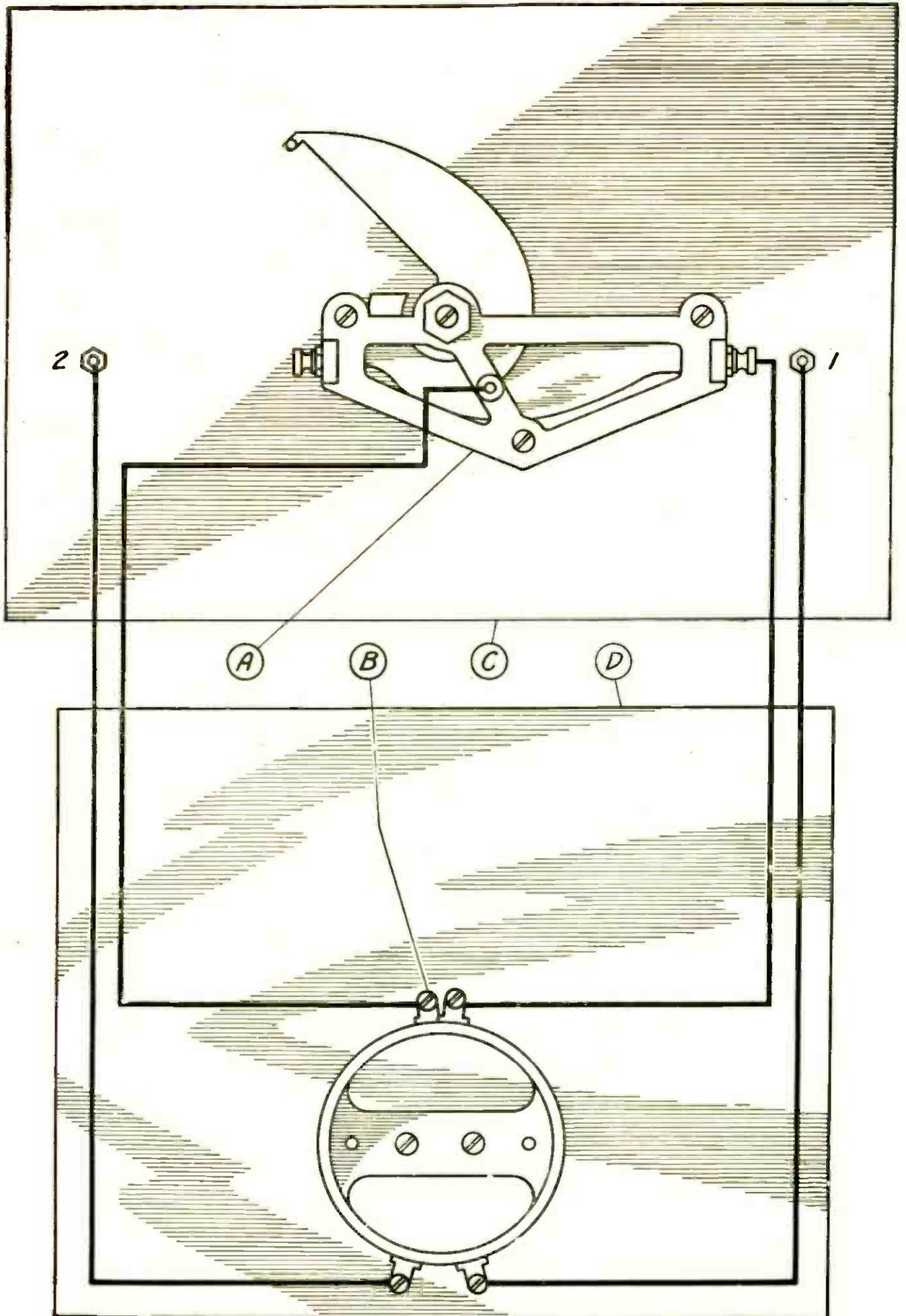
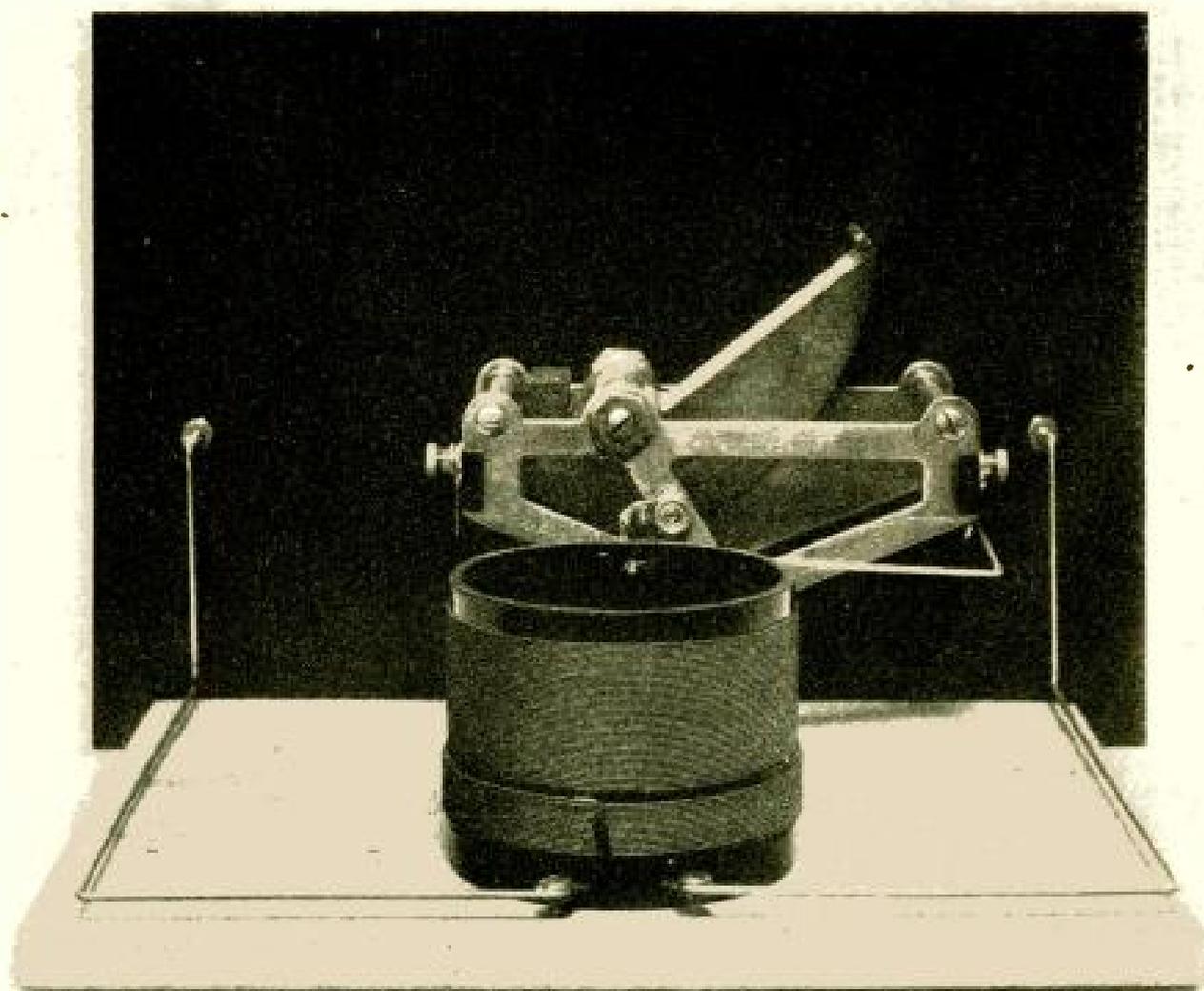


FIGURE 1: *The "picture diagram" of the wavetrap*



THE REAR VIEW OF THE WAVETRAP

FIGURE 2: *This view shows the wavetrapp just as it was constructed. It clearly indicates the relative position of instruments and should be studied in connection with the picture diagram of Figure 1.*

Simple "How-to-Build" Articles for Beginners No. 12

How to build an inductively-coupled wavetrapp

By LAURENCE M. COCKADAY

COST OF PARTS: *Not more than \$12.00*

HERE ARE THE ITEMS YOU WILL NEED—

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|--|---|
| A—Karas Orthometric variable condenser,
.0005 mfd.; | C—composition panel, 7 inches by 10 inches
in size; |
| B—General Radio antenna-coupling coil,
277-D; | D—baseboard, 7 inches by 8¾ inches;
E—Eby binding posts. |

THE twelfth unit to be described in this series is an inductively-coupled wavetrapp that is tuned with a straight-line-frequency variable condenser.

This unit has been especially designed to operate ahead of simple detector tuning units in which the tuning is not sharp enough for given locations extremely

close to broadcasting stations.

The unit will be found efficient when used with any of the preceding tuners described in this series, or with any other type of receiver in which tuning is not satisfactory.

This particular unit was built in the POPULAR RADIO LABORATORY for the purpose of supplying the beginner and the experimenter with details for an efficient wavetrapp that can be used in connection with any crystal or vacuum-tube receiver.

Take the list of parts (given at the beginning of this article) to your radio dealer and ask him to supply you with them.

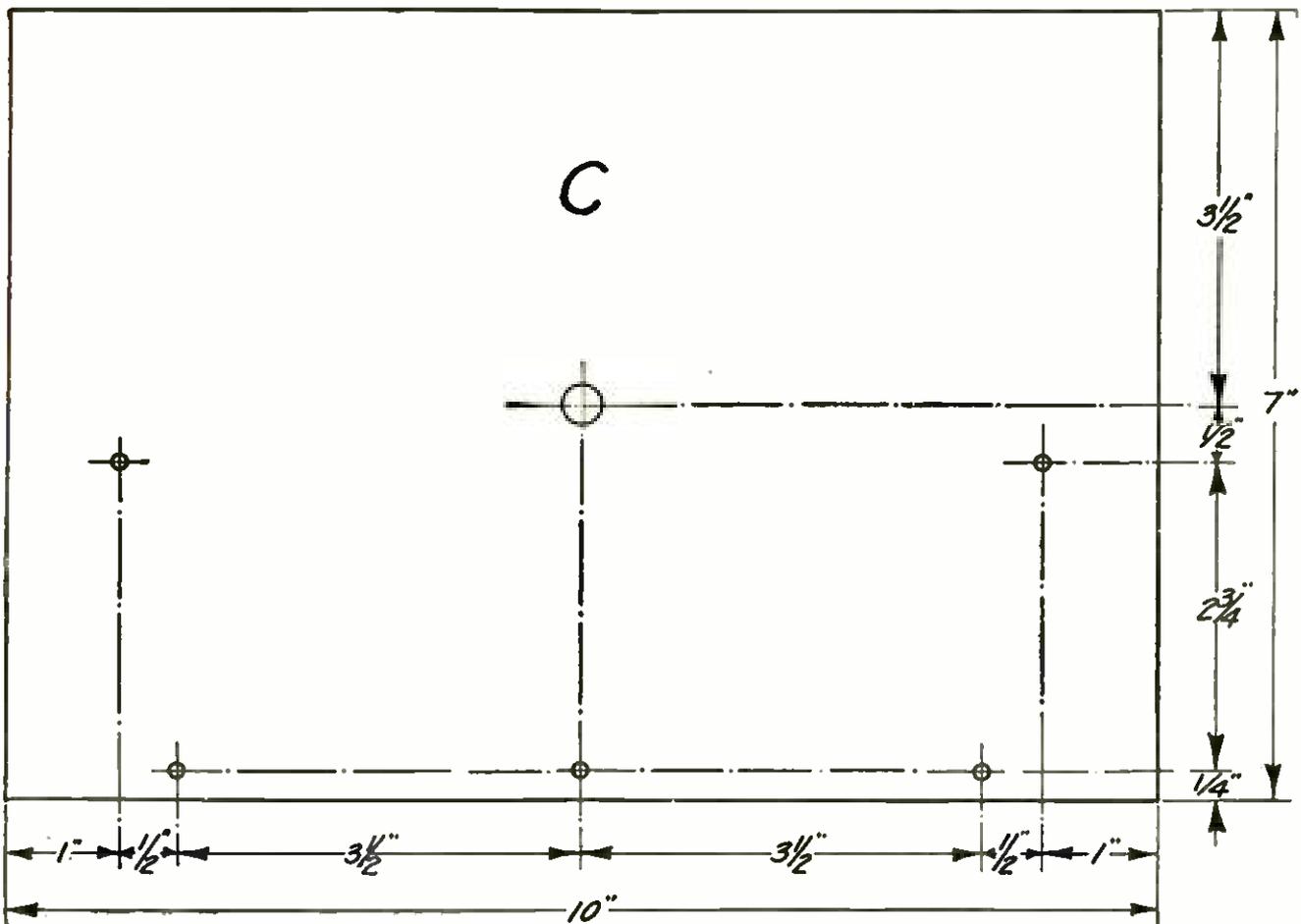
After you have obtained all of them find a satisfactory table or workbench on which to work, and lay out the parts on the baseboard as shown in Figures 1 and 2, after first drilling the panel "C" as shown in detail in Figure 3.

The position for the holes should be marked as shown in this latter diagram, in which the centers for the holes are given.

After drilling the panel, it should be fastened to the baseboard with one-inch nickel-plated screws, inserted through the three holes in the panel into the edge of the baseboard "D." Flat-head screws should be used and the holes in the panel should be countersunk to make a neat job.

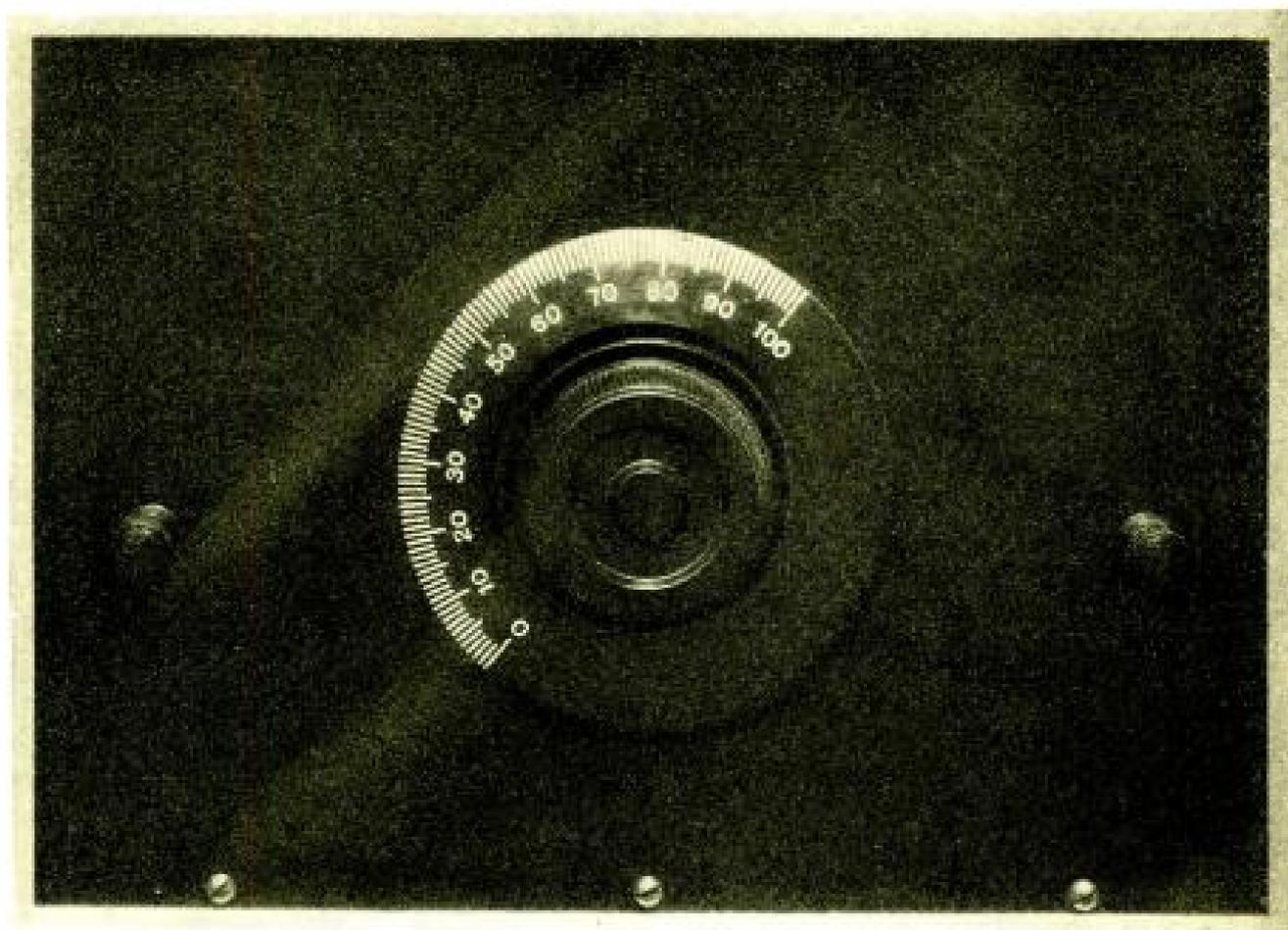
You are now ready to wire the unit and should have no difficulty if the picture diagram in Figure 1 is carefully followed. All parts are here marked with their designating letters which are also used in the list of parts so that there can be no possibility for mistake.

When the wiring has been completed the unit may be set up slightly to the left of your present apparatus, and connected in series with the antenna lead-in



THE PANEL DRILLING PLAN

FIGURE 3: This drawing gives the dimensions for the panel and also the exact spacing for all the holes which must be drilled in the panel.



THE PANEL ARRANGEMENT

FIGURE 4: *This picture shows the front view of the panel with the condenser mounted in the center and one binding post at each end.*

wire that goes to the set.

Connect the binding post numbered 1 in Figure 1 to the antenna wire which used to run to your set. Then connect the binding post numbered 2 to the antenna post on the receiver.

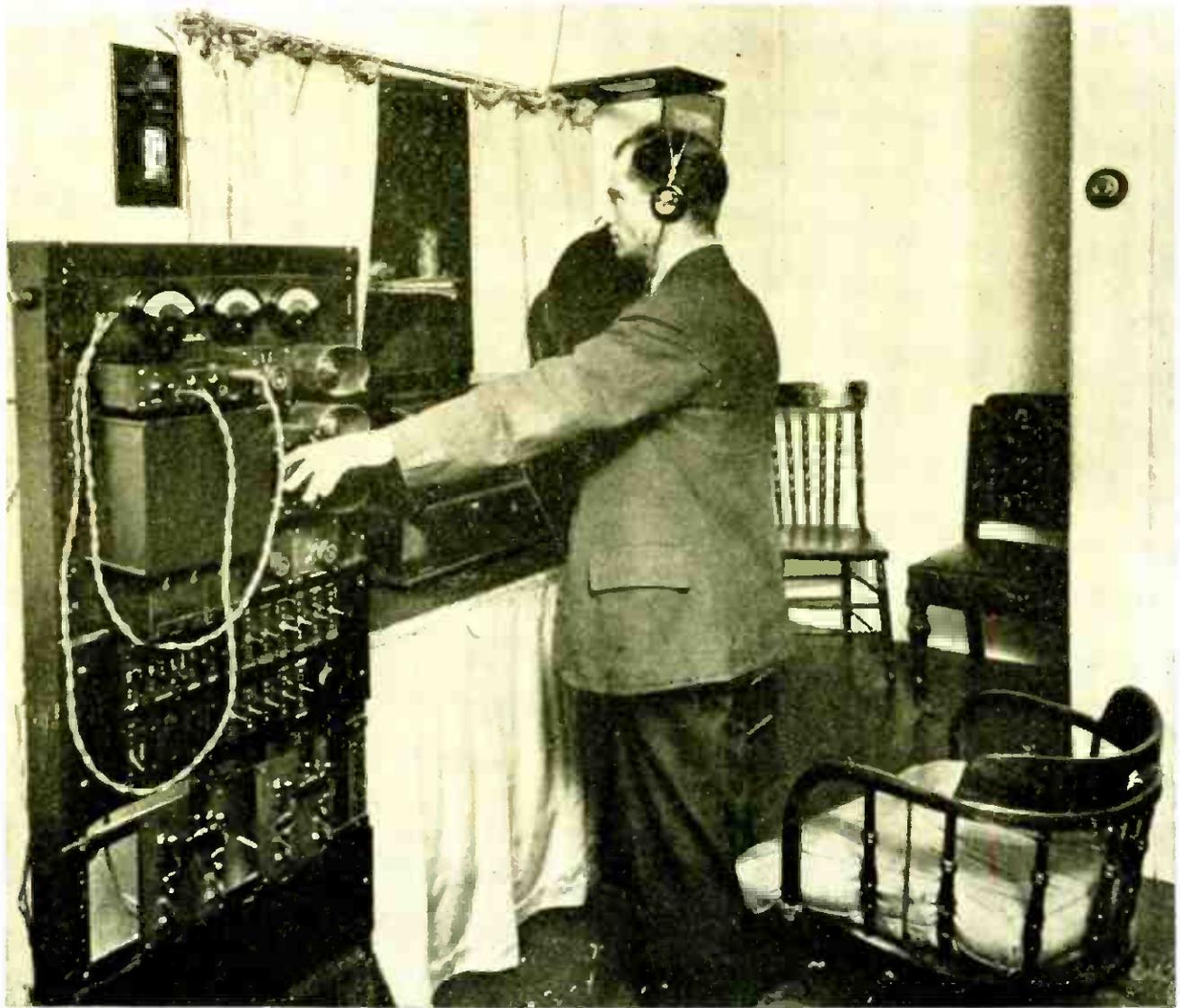
By adjusting the variable condenser "A" to a particular setting this unit will tune out any interfering station that gives you trouble, and you may leave

it "set" at this point while you tune in other and more distant stations that you want to hear on your receiver.

When this unit is properly built and properly connected, it will provide the experimenter with a tuning element that will help him eliminate much trouble and inconvenience from interfering signals that are transmitted from powerful nearby stations.

The Causes and Cures of "Soured Sounds" in the Receiver

THE next article of the series by Paul Godley (the first of which starts on page 334 of this issue) will tell about the distortion that is caused by improper rectification by the detector, improperly designed amplifier transformers and the overloading of the tubes. The cures of these common troubles are simple—as the author will point out.



Barratt, London

"MONITORING" A PROGRAM

During orchestral and vocal renditions there are sometimes spots of the program that are too weak to broadcast or too powerful for the modulating apparatus to handle satisfactorily. So an operator listens in on the amplifying circuit and tries to reduce or bring up the volume so that these two extreme limits are never overreached. This picture shows the modulation control apparatus in station 3LO, in Melbourne, Australia.

Secrets of the Studio

How science is solving some of the finer problems
in the broadcasting of music

By PAUL GODLEY

TO the majority of fans radio means music of one sort or another.

I believe that pleasant music is the only kind of music that anyone really cares to listen to. What a despicable individual would he be who, during the performance of a great artist, cast upon the ears of those who listened some

fiendish spell to sour the harmony! Many radio set builders, unknowingly no doubt, do just this!

Have you ever looked into the funny mirrors at the amusement park? If so, you should be able to imagine what music would sound like after reflection from such a mirror.

Ninety-five percent of all radio listeners hear funny "ear-pictures" of pianos, orchestras, quartets, and voices every day. A great many of these listeners have learned to know the difference for obvious reasons. Yet, given the opportunity, anyone can select the true picture from the cartoon. Even the most unsophisticated ear may be depended upon to turn away from the radio music that now fills many hundreds of thousands of homes when this same music is reproduced there in its *true* likeness. Very few persons would care to give up their radio. But, so many have shown keen interest in the business of improving the quality of music and speech to which they listen that it seems worth while to review some of the efforts being made to supply good radio programs—some of the difficulties which are encountered in doing this, and some of the quite convenient methods recently made available for tremendously increasing the effectiveness of radio programs in the home.

The high tide of broadcast entertainment during the season of 1924–25 was reached when one of the largest of America's musical instrument manufacturers put on a short series of radio programs through a group of broadcasting stations. Scattered over the entire continent, east of the Rockies, these stations were linked together by super-perfect long-distance telephone lines. This series of programs was so well advertised—so much talked about—that the reader has probably already guessed "Victor—John McCormick."

To the music lover the voices of McCormick and the other artists were, alone, enough to entrance. The fact that this experiment might prove of transcending importance to the future of broadcasting passed unnoted by the average listener. On the other hand, there were a few listeners who were able to visualize what was taking place in the studio and actually hear with satisfaction everything for which they listened. The difference between the abilities of

the few and those of the average is wrapped up, entirely, in the character of the receiving and reproducing equipment used. It might as well be stated right here that a large percentage of the radio receiving equipment which has been sold to the American public up to this time fails miserably when it comes to the reproduction of sweet music.

A considerable amount of progress has been made in the art of producing the proper effects before the microphone and in getting these effects onto the air.

There are, of course, different classes of broadcasting stations. Some are well equipped and properly manned by technical experts and are provided with sufficient funds to insure that their work is of the best. Many of the smaller stations, while doing the best with what they have, are unable through lack of facilities to perform with the startling effectiveness of that goodly number of major stations which are now to be found throughout the country.

The first difficulty encountered by the engineer in the faithful transmission of a musical program is that of designing his microphone and its auxiliary voice-amplifying equipment so as to handle effectively all of the tones of the musical scale. This difficulty he has been able to overcome through a careful analysis of the limits of voice-amplifier equipment. Perfect programs are now being perfectly transmitted. When handled with the same effectiveness on the receiving end, quality of tone, the beauty of shading, the actual atmosphere of the studio, and best of all, those certain intangible bits of personality of the artist himself are thrown with uncanny reality into the home of the listener in a way which the most perfect laboratory phonograph ever conceived could not hope to approach.

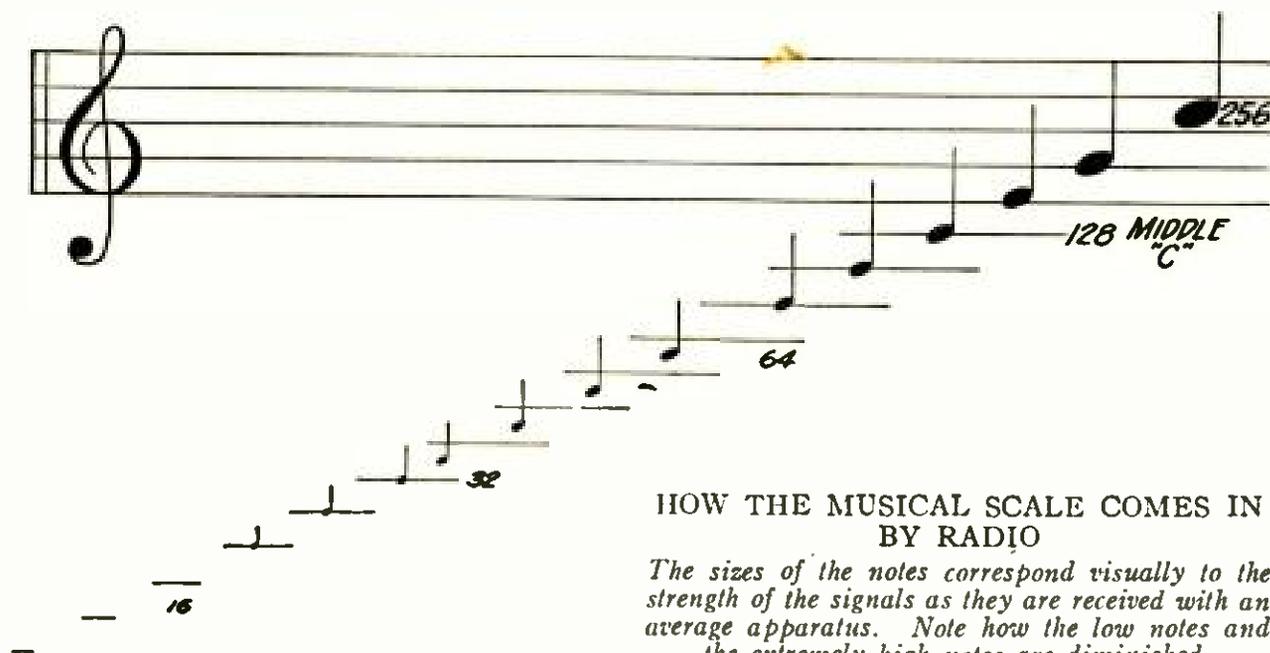
To those who are properly equipped by experience and with apparatus, an interesting pursuit is that of watching the unfolding of some of the special programs which broadcast stations now offer. Special programs in particular

are carefully rehearsed beforehand. A first-class broadcast station nowadays dares not offer an artist without insuring beyond all doubt that the artist and his musical numbers are suited to the radio and to the radio audience. No matter what the reputation of the artist may be, a rehearsal is always insisted upon and invariably that rehearsal takes place in the studio so that the artist may feel at home when he comes before the microphone.

Strange as it may seem, the greater the artist, the more apt he is to lose his poise when his performance begins. Usually he has been trained to sing before a visible audience. He invariably looks

shrieked that something was wrong. McCormick was unsteady. The volume of his voice was far from satisfactory with respect to that of the orchestra. The balance was poor, and although the selection itself was creditably performed, there was a sense of disappointment to think that with the unusual talent available in the Victor organization and in the organization of the broadcasting station such an unfortunate "hearing" should have developed.

It is interesting to note here how well the observations of these analysts and their deductions concerning what was happening checked with the actual happenings in the studio. The human



HOW THE MUSICAL SCALE COMES IN BY RADIO

The sizes of the notes correspond visually to the strength of the signals as they are received with an average apparatus. Note how the low notes and the extremely high notes are diminished.

for and depends upon the reaction of the audience for inspiration. Before the microphone he pictures a vast throng of attentive, listening people. His inability to see or hear this audience affects him as would a chilly reception. The studio environment—the cold mechanics of the microphone—no doubt encourage this trend of thought.

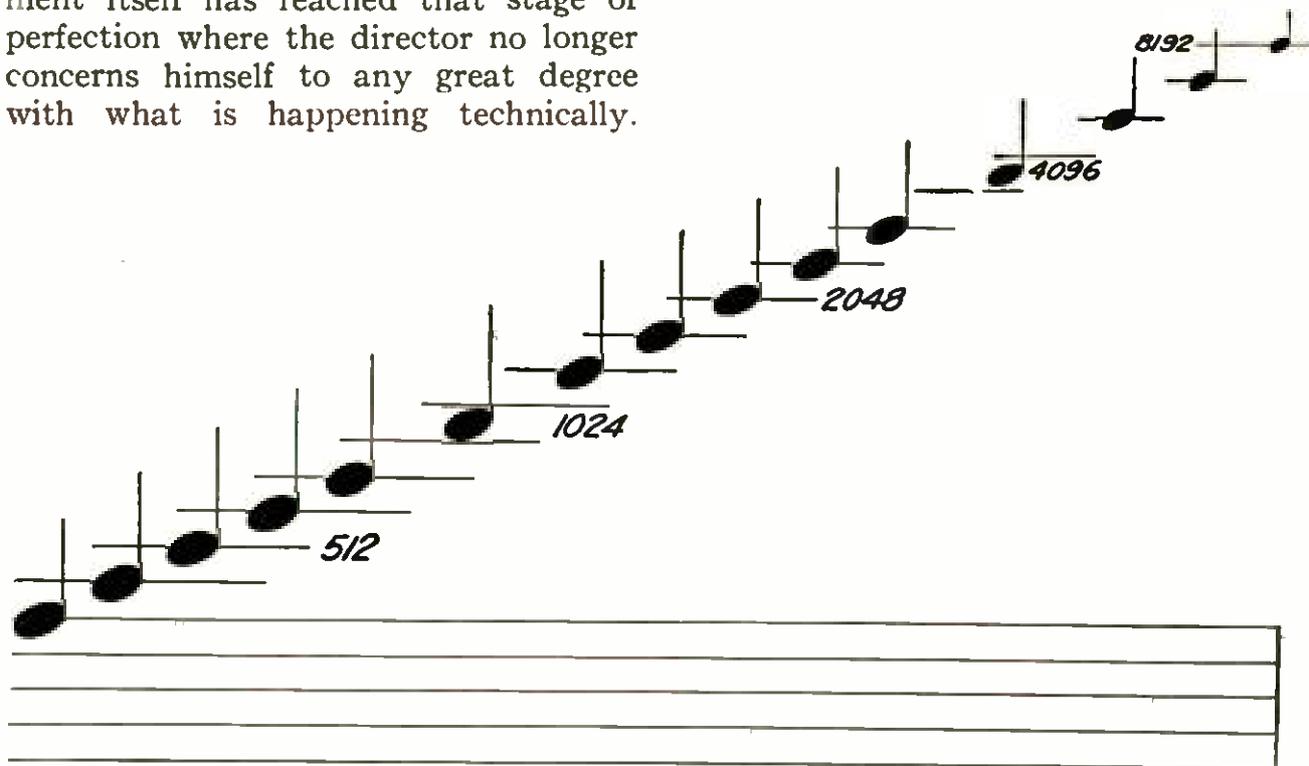
A small group of analysts were listening to McCormick's first radio effort. In the prelude of the orchestra no flaws due to lack of balance of the various instruments could be noticed. As soon as McCormick began to sing, however, the very atmosphere of the studio

factor had crept in to spoil the finish of an otherwise beautiful number. McCormick was actually frightened, and although he had rehearsed this number in this same studio before the microphone and reproduced satisfactorily, the actual performance found him a subject of microphone fright. Succeeding numbers showed improvement, due to maneuvers on the part of the directors, such as a change in the position of the microphone. Many of these maneuvers were clearly followed by the critical listeners.

This illustrates some of the finer points with which the directors of radio

programs deal. That thing which they fear most is the human element and is, of course, the thing over which they have the least control. The technical development of the broadcasting equipment itself has reached that stage of perfection where the director no longer concerns himself to any great degree with what is happening technically.

of equipment which has given most trouble is that one popularly known as the audio-frequency transformer, and it is in connection with this device and others that the latest important ad-



What actually does happen technically is, of course, very interesting.

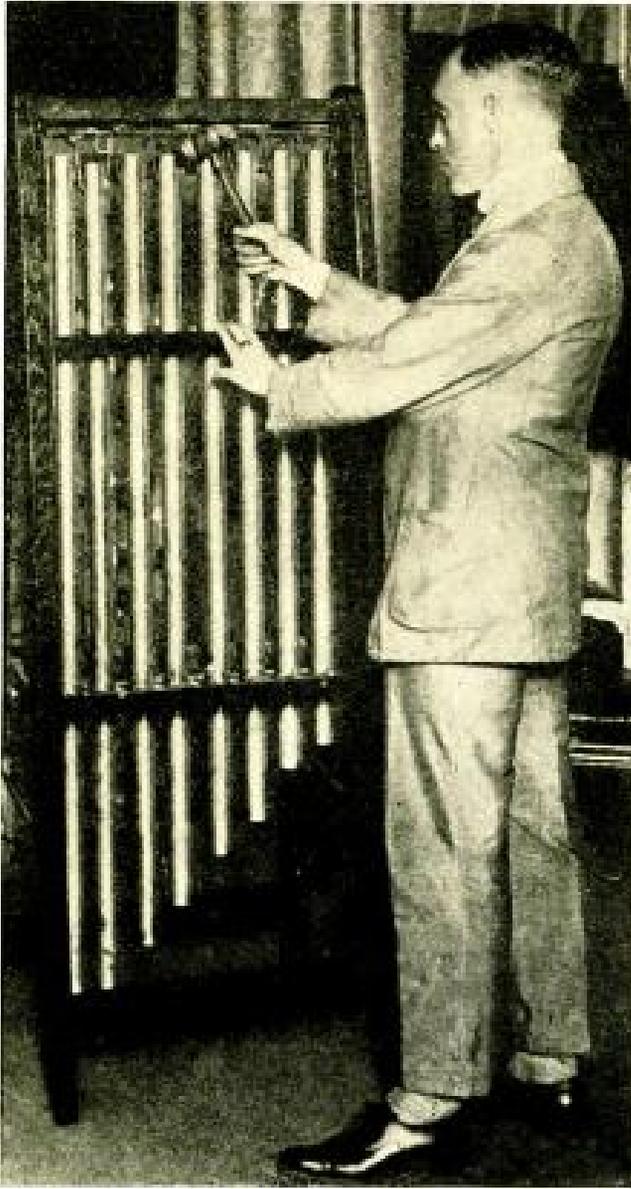
During the few years in which we have had broadcasting, the microphone has been refined considerably.

Microphones used in the first-class stations, although they vary in construction and in principle of operation, are all capable of comfortably handling the required amount of tonal energy regardless of the pitch of the tone. It should be apparent to the reader that for true fidelity of reproduction, the microphone must treat all tones exactly alike. Having accomplished this result it is necessary that all tones should be handled in the same manner by such other equipment as lies between the microphone and the air. Circuits of all descriptions, from the tone amplifiers to the modulator circuits of the high power transmitter working into the antenna, must function without the introduction of tone distortion of any sort. The particular unit in this chain

vances in the broadcasting station equipment have been made. This will be taken up in detail in the second of this series of articles.

In all properly-manned broadcasting stations there is placed at the switchboard an operator who spends his time carefully—or idly—watching the caprices of a small electrical indicating instrument. In the early days of broadcasting the “game” which this operator played was that of controlling the skippings and hoppings of this indicator. On the dial over which the indicator plays perhaps a red mark might be observed. When the needle goes above it, what is known as “blasting” is taking place.

“Blasting” is the overloading of the electrical equipment in the station by the performer. It may come about because the artist has been placed too close to the microphone or because the artist is speaking, singing, or playing with too great volume. Regardless of



Barratt, London

A DIFFICULT FEAT IN BROADCASTING

To reproduce all the harmonics that occur with a selection on the large chimes, is a difficult problem, as the lowest notes of the larger tubes only reproduce in the loudspeaker with a portion of their true volume, as explained in the diagram on the two preceding pages.

the cause the result is the same, and it is easy to foresee some of the effects upon the rendition of various numbers which the efforts of this operator might produce. If a few bars of music are being played softly, and the needle hovers down toward the lower part of the scale, the operator manipulates a control-dial which renders the soft music loud. Contrariwise, if certain portions of the selection are being rendered with vigor it is likely that this operator will soften it to a considerable degree. These operations are, of course, ruinous to the

expression which the composer has, at such great pains, instilled into his composition.

There are many radio broadcasting stations which still use this despicable method. It should be abolished. It is wholly unnecessary and is a process painful to the lover of music.

The up-to-date method leaves nothing to be desired in the way of expression. The retention of this expression calls for intermediary equipment capable of satisfactorily handling energies which vary considerably in their magnitude. But, while the operator above mentioned is still watchfully present his duties are more in the nature of an observer of unusual phenomenon. As an augmentation to his efforts a listener with the ear of a musical critic is placed on duty in order that he may take note of the shadings and balance and the many little touches of the maestro which go to make up the superlative in musical creations. He it is who suggests a re-positioning of an instrument here or there or a change in the position of the microphone, or the adjustment of one of the draperies on the further wall.

Presumably, it is quite generally known by now that all broadcasting stations are specially decorated. Somewhere, in relating her first experience in the studio of a broadcasting station, one of our well-known artists referred to the studio as a "padded cell." In the past, most studios have literally been this. The ceiling has been covered with felt, the walls with felt or drapery, and the windows with heavy drapery or curtains. The intent has been to prevent any rebounding or echoing from the walls.

The effect of speaking in one of these rooms is rather surprising. The speaker feels as though he were shut away from all earthly contacts. To the temperamental artist this effect is particularly distressing and is perhaps another reason why we have what is known as "mike-fright."

The effect at the listening end, when a

program is coming from a studio of this character, is also noticeable. It can best be likened perhaps to the phonograph record. There is nothing of studio atmosphere to be found in a phonograph record although the effect which the phonograph attempts to produce is that of the "living voice." The radio is, of course, expected to reproduce this effect and in the past perhaps the psychology of the moment, more than anything else, has enabled the broadcasting director to obtain the excellent reactions which he has secured. On the other hand, all radio listeners must have noticed that certain programs seem actually to project the atmosphere of the station into his own home and the thing which lends the most to this reproduction of atmosphere is the transmission of desirable, natural, studio sounds.

A great deal of time and study has been necessary before it was possible for the director to properly differentiate between those studio sounds which are desirable and those which are not. It is now possible for him to do this and in a large measure the "padded cell" idea has been replaced by the proper one where rebounding sounds from certain directions are actually encouraged in order that the natural effect at the

microphone may be obtained. The faithful reproduction of all tones and overtones from the very lowest ones of the tremendous pipe-organ to the highest tones of the violin, the subdued echoes of the studio, the bated breathing of the artist or artists, the rustling noises which are always present even with a small group of performers, taken together *are* the atmosphere of the studio and it is predicted that the ability to transmit and receive these minor and heretofore discarded sounds will increase the popularity of radio tremendously.

As pointed out at the beginning of this article, an almost negligible percentage of listeners have to date been able to get these things on their radio and it is not because they are not now being transmitted. They are being transmitted from dozens of stations. The fault lies in the receiving equipment,

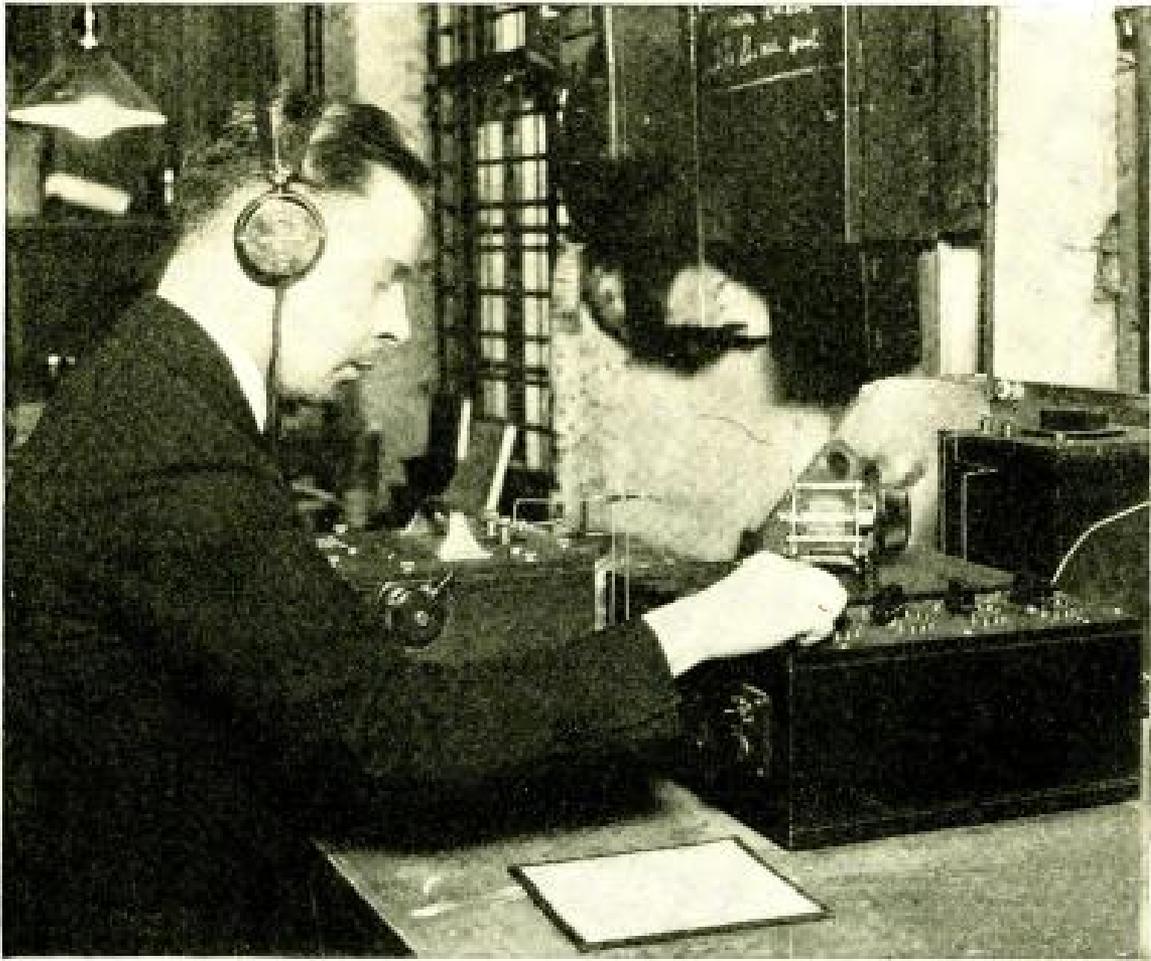
Articles that follow this one will point out wherein those deficiencies lie and will provide the reader with the simple instructions necessary to enable him to either revamp his present receiver or provide him with sufficient information to enable him to intelligently select truly modern types of radio receiving and reproducing equipment.



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JAPANESE GIRLS GET INSTRUCTION BY RADIO

One of the business schools for women in Tokyo has installed a loudspeaker in a classroom, in order that its students may benefit from the lectures on radio mechanics that are broadcast from a local station.



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THE 1,000 CYCLE BRIDGE TEST

The author points out that this method of testing the resistance of condensers with a bridge (at the right) and a standard condenser is inaccurate because of variable factors that affect the resistance at audio and radio-frequencies.

HOW TO COMPARE LOSSES IN CONDENSERS

By SYLVAN HARRIS

BOTH manufacturers and engineers have sought the type of condenser that is most suitable for radio-reception apparatus, but they have neglected facts that have only recently been found; for example, that the resistance of a condenser rises to relatively great heights at the low dial settings. Furthermore, few have suggested that there might be causes of resistance in a condenser other than dielectric absorption, or questioned the generally accepted statement that the resistance of a condenser bears a simple inverse relation to the frequency.

That these miscalculations have been checked by a series of intensive tests, which have extended over a period of several months, is, therefore, a matter of importance to not only the set owner but to the manufacturer as well.

The most common way in which experimenters attempt to compare two condensers is illustrated in Figure 1. Here the two condensers to be compared are C1 and C2. They are connected to a double-pole, double-throw switch so that either one may be thrown in series with a pick-up coil and a current-indicating

device, such as a thermogalvanometer. This circuit is excited by electromagnetic waves that emanate from an oscillator shown in the figure.

Engineers have maintained that, in this comparison, when the condenser with the least resistance is thrown the current in the circuit becomes greater.

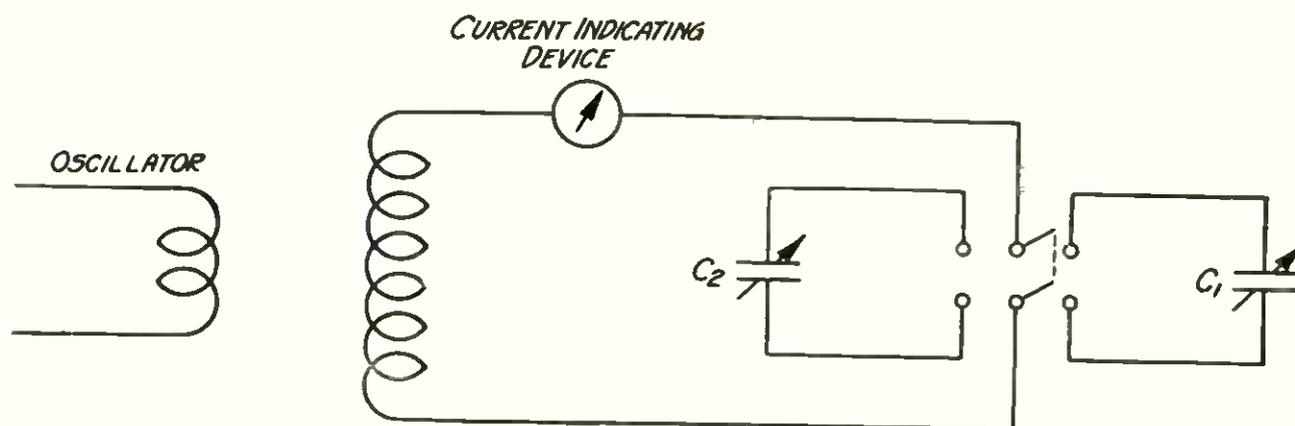
Fundamentally this idea is correct. But, there are technical details which, if neglected, may easily cause errors.

In the first place the condensers must be exactly the same size as regards capacity and dial setting. In the second place, the capacities of the two condensers must be the same at every dial setting. The reason for this primary requirement in making tests is that, since the measurements are made at a constant wavelength or frequency, the setting of C_2 may be way down on the dial, while that of C_1 may be at the other end of the dial.

Figure 2 shows that in a given condenser the resistance will vary with the setting of the plates, so that a fair comparison of two condensers could not be made unless it were made at the same dial setting. Thus, if C_1 were a large condenser, say .001 microfarad, and C_2 were a small one, say .00025, for both of them to resonate to the same wavelength with a given coil, the plates of C_1 would have to be way out and those of C_2 nearly entirely enmeshed.

The next difficulty with this method of making comparisons is the fact that generally the coil used at L has considerable resistance as compared with the resistances of the condensers to be compared. Suppose the resistances of these two condensers do not happen to differ much. Suppose they are .7 and .8 ohm, while the resistance of the coil is 10 ohms and that of the current meter is 4 ohms. Each condenser, when thrown into the circuit, will then be in series with a resistance of 14 ohms. The total resistance of the measuring circuit will be 14.7 ohms in one case, and 14.8 ohms in the other case. Changing from one condenser to the other, therefore, will mean a change of only .1 ohm out of over fourteen and a half ohms, or will represent a change of less than 7/10ths of one percent of the total resistance of the circuit. It is doubtful if, in most cases, this small change in the resistance of the circuit will show up in the current meter.

It has been found in the series of measurements referred to that the resistance of most of the condensers on the market does not differ much. The average of them all is slightly less than one ohm, and the majority of them lie between .7 and 1.5 ohms. It may be seen that, even if condensers are compared by this method, size for size, there may be many disturbing influences pres-



THE SIMPLEST METHOD OF TESTING A CONDENSER

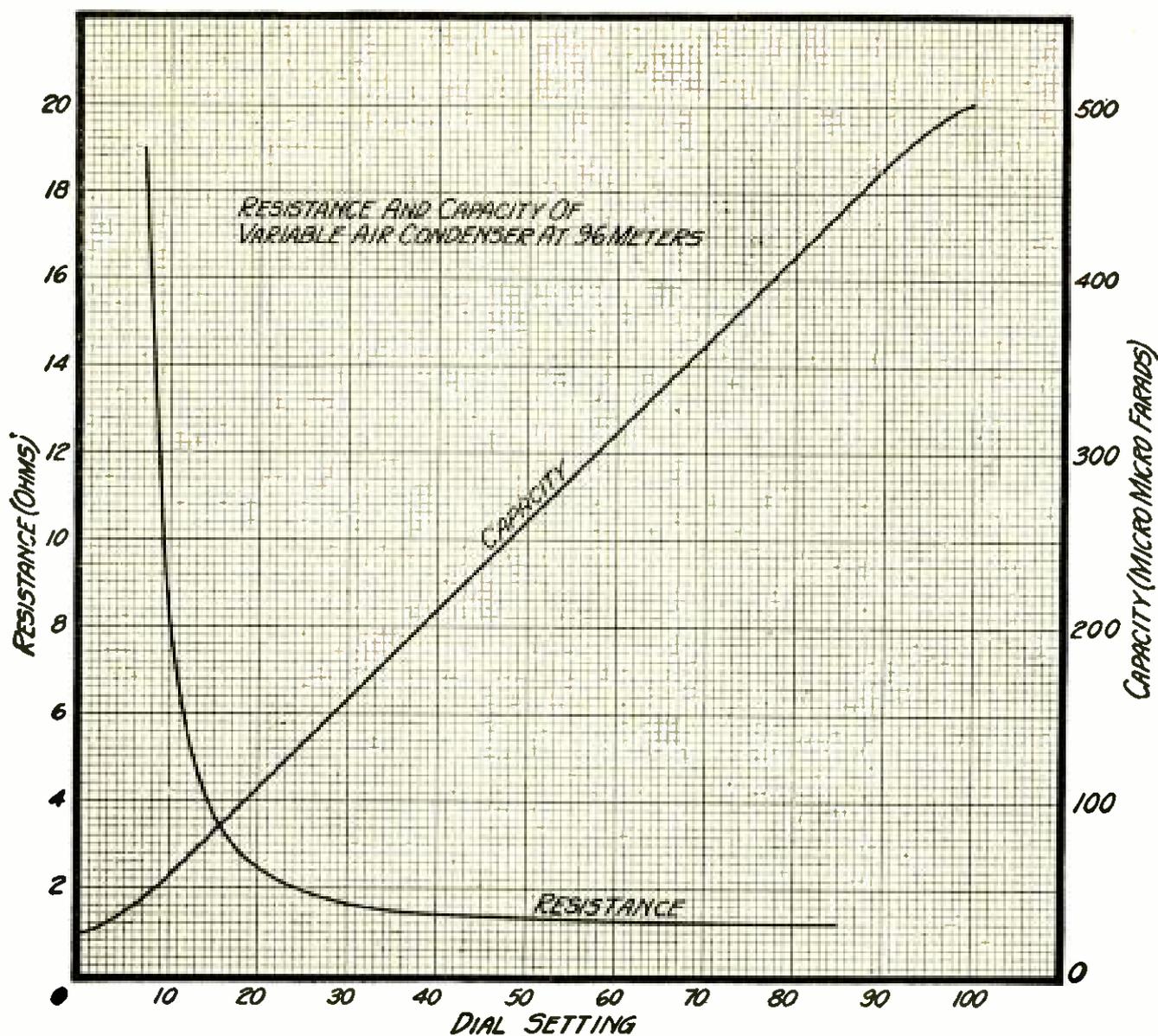
FIGURE 1: In this circuit the current is supposed to rise when C_1 is thrown in series with the pick-up coil circuit, if C_1 has a lower resistance than C_2 with which it is compared.

ent which will make such small changes very variable. The solution of this difficulty is the same as with the other method to be described; that is, the resistance of the coil or other inductor in the circuit must be made as low as the resistance to be measured, or lower. Likewise the resistance of the meter must be taken out of the circuit by using a shunt.

A method that has been often used to determine the resistance of a condenser at high frequencies is to measure the resistance of the condenser at a low or audible frequency, say 1,000 cycles, and

then to compute what its resistance ought to be at, say 1,000,000 cycles (or 300 meters). This has been done without accurate knowledge of the law of variation of condenser resistance with frequency. Reference to this method was given in the writer's previous article.* The resistance of the condenser is assumed to decrease in the same proportion as the frequency increases. Thus, if the resistance is 300 ohms at 1,000 cycles, its resistance at 1,000,000 cycles is supposed to be

* What You Ought to Know about Condensers, POPULAR RADIO, February, 1925; page 129.



THE VARIATION OF RESISTANCE WITH DIAL SETTINGS

FIGURE 2: These curves show that with a given condenser, the resistance is not the same when two condensers are set differently. This graph shows that no fair comparison can be made except at the same dial settings.



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HOW THE ORDINARY CONDENSER COMPARISON IS MADE

This shows the method of Figure 1 in operation. A current measurement with the standard condenser (at the left) is taken while the standard is in the circuit that contains the galvanometer, the pick-up coil and the oscillator on which the man's right hand rests. Then, the DPDT switch is thrown to take a galvanometer reading of the condenser (shown in the foreground) that is under test.

$$300 \times \frac{1,000}{1,000,000} = .3 \text{ ohm}$$

This would be correct if the resistance of the condenser were due only to its dielectric losses, but in this calculation the other losses are neglected.

Figure 3 is a chart which has been drawn from measurements made on a .0005 microfarad variable, air condenser of the so-called "low-loss" type. The horizontal scale has been divided evenly as an axis for the frequency. On account of the great range of the condenser resistance over the range of frequency covered, it was necessary to adopt a logarithmic scale for the vertical axis that represents the condenser resistance. This cuts down the size of the chart as each block (moving vertically) is ten times the block under it.

The actual points measured are A at

1,000 cycles (or 1 kilocycle), D at 3,125 kilocycles (96 meters) and twelve points falling between B and C. The points between B and C, when plotted to a more suitable scale, indicate very clearly that the curve is not linear, and the other points certainly indicate the same thing.

The shape of this curve will no doubt surprise many, especially those who have based their ideas and work on the simple inverse relation between resistance and frequency. This relation is shown in the computed curve marked "dielectric losses," and has been computed from the 1,000 cycle measurement, as explained above.

The reason for the shape of the curve may be explained somewhat as follows:

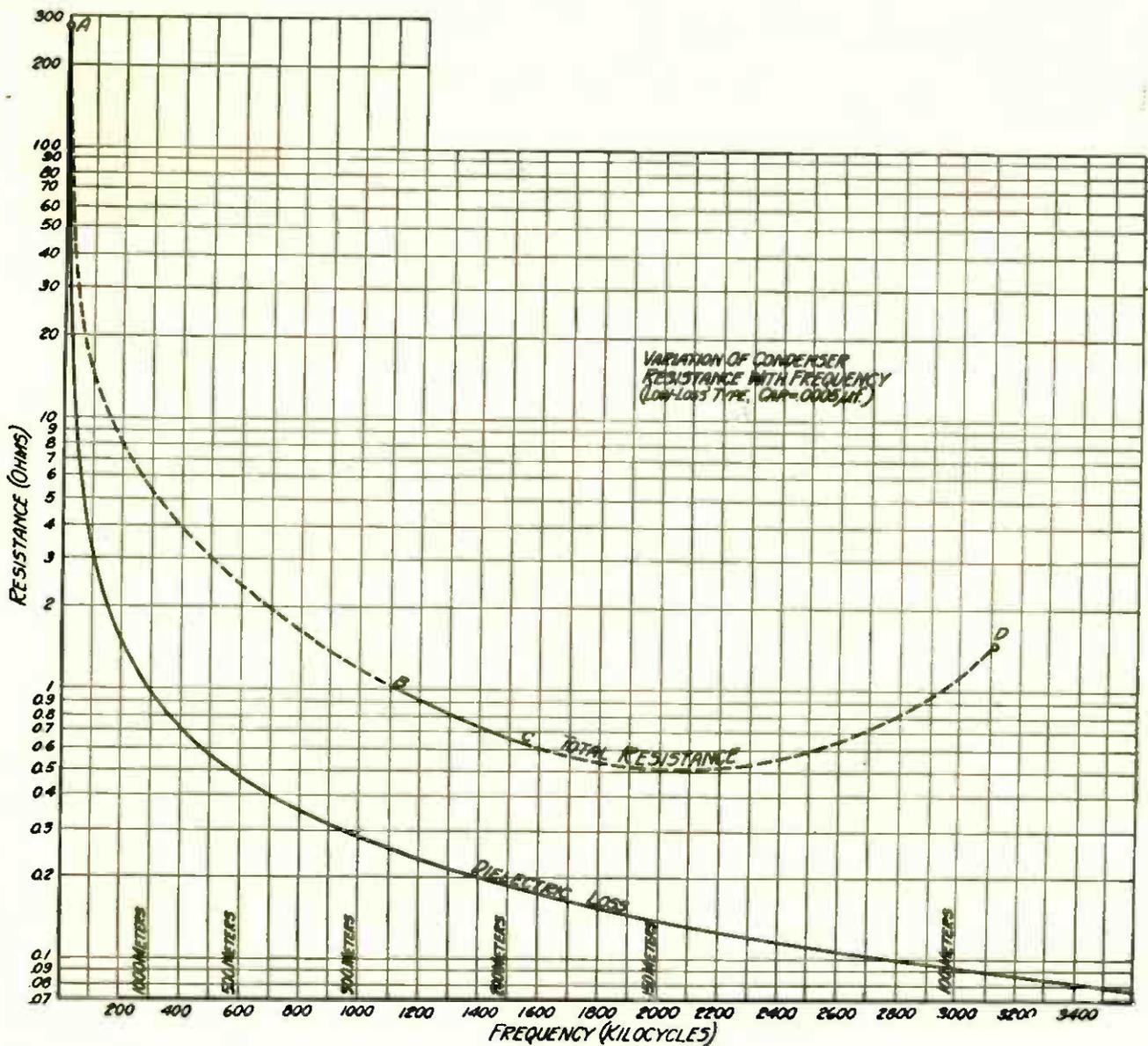
At low frequencies the losses in the condenser are mainly due to dielectric absorption. Hence the two curves coin-

side at the low frequencies. As the frequency becomes higher, the dielectric losses decrease in exact proportion as the frequency increases, while the losses due to skin-effect increase at a greater and greater rate. There comes a time, however, when the rate of increase of the skin-effect equals the rate of decrease of the dielectric losses. This is the lowest point of the curve. As the frequency becomes higher, the skin-effect increases more rapidly than the dielectric losses decrease; and hence the curve turns upward.

It seems, therefore, that there is an

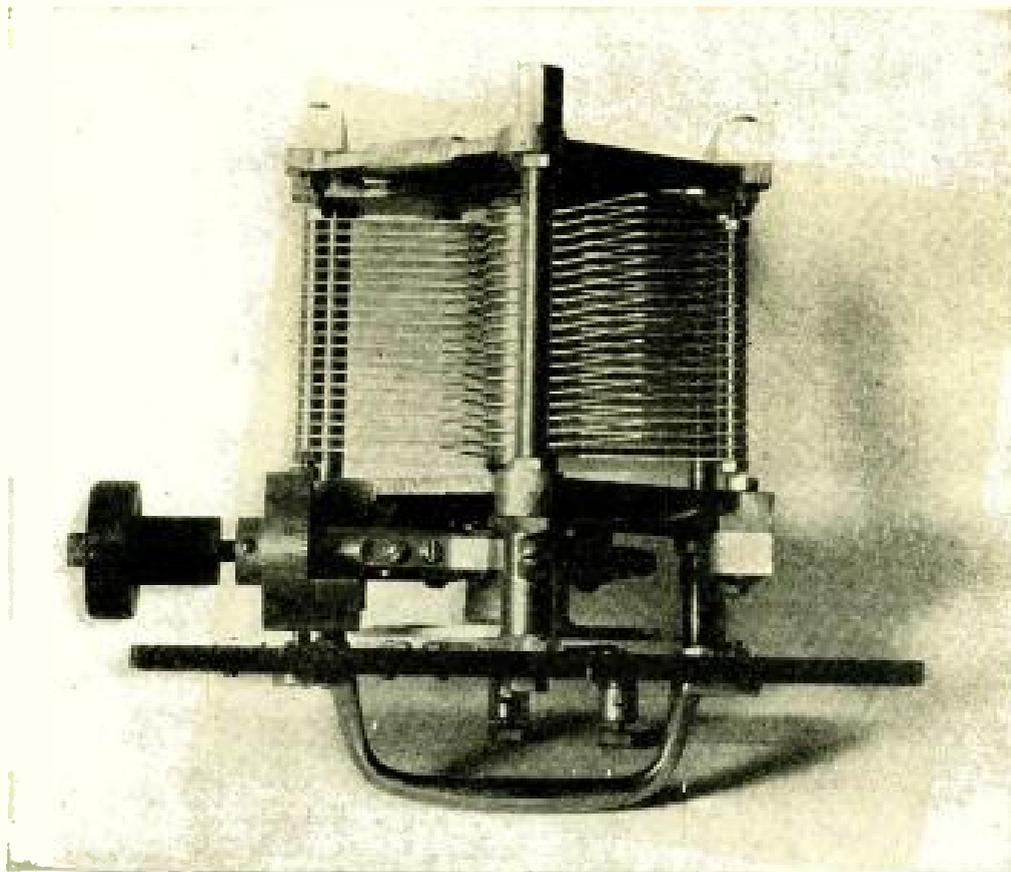
optimum frequency at which the resistance of a condenser is lowest. It was not possible, at the time of making these measurements, to explore the ranges of frequency including the dotted portions of the curve, as the great power required (20 watts) in the oscillator, made it necessary for other activities in the laboratory to stop.

There can be little doubt about the general shape of this curve, although the entire range of frequency investigated was relatively small. There is no doubt about the accuracy of the measurement made at 1,000 cycles (point A on the



THE RELATION BETWEEN RESISTANCE AND FREQUENCY

FIGURE 3: This curve shows how resistance rises sharply at the lower frequencies and again at the higher frequencies where "skin-effect" increases. Each block in the figure is ten times the block beneath it.



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A STANDARD CONDENSER

How a standard condenser looks when removed from its case. This is the apparatus that is used in most comparative condenser tests. The vernier knob at the left makes fine adjustment and close readings possible.

curve) as measurements at low frequencies are very accurate. There is also little question about the various points between B and C as these follow in regular succession and have been checked by measurements made on known resistances of short, straight pieces of very fine manganin wire.

There might be some question about the point D if this were only a single, isolated measurement, but the truth of the matter is that D represents a series of measurements made at the frequency indicated (3,125 kilocycles or 96 meters) as shown in Figure 2, which is for the same condenser at that frequency. Furthermore, the accuracy of point D was also proven by the check measurements.

The curve in Figure 3 should not be taken as giving accurate values except over the solid portion and at the points A and D. The rest of the curve, in broken line, is sketched in to indicate only the general shape of the curve.

The position of the lowest point of the curve, or the frequency at which the resistance is lowest, will probably vary with each make of condenser. It may be possible for one condenser to have a lower resistance than another at, say, 1,000 cycles, and yet have a higher resistance at radio frequencies.

Although the dielectric losses may be less in the first, the skin-effect in it may increase at a much greater rate. Skin-effect in conductors of electricity is determined by their cross-section, among other things, so that this idea suggests experimentation to determine how the resistance of condensers varies with the thickness of the plates.

These experiments tend to show how worthless, in radio work that employs high frequencies, are measurements made at 1,000 cycles. Even rough comparisons at low frequencies cannot be relied upon, even when we only want to find out which condenser is the better of two.

“What Set Shall I Buy?”

LESS than a year ago there were only a very few ready-made sets on the market; today there are about 140, ranging from small and inexpensive crystal receivers, which sell for as low as four or five dollars, to elaborate superheterodynes that run into the hundreds. Those that have been approved by the POPULAR RADIO LABORATORY will be pictured each month until the series is completed. They will be accompanied by brief but specific data concerning them—as a helpful guide to the broadcast listener and to the prospective listener who is thinking of selecting the receiver that will best meet his special needs as well as the limitations imposed by his purse. The data following each of the sets pictured in this series are the manufacturers own specifications and claims; they were obtained through a form of questionnaire sent to all manufacturers of receiving sets approved by POPULAR RADIO.



The Gilfillan Neutrodyne GN-5

MANUFACTURER'S NAME; Gilfillan Bros., Inc.

MODEL; Gilfillan Neutrodyne GN-5

NUMBER OF TUBES; five

TYPE OF TUNING; condenser and coil

TYPE OF DETECTOR; vacuum tube

RANGE ON PHONES; 2,000 miles

RANGE ON LOUDSPEAKER; 1,500 miles

COST WITHOUT ACCESSORIES; \$110.00

ANTENNA RECOMMENDED; single wire outside, 60 feet long (including lead-in). Not designed to operate on a loop.

KIND OF TUBES FOR R. F.; UV-201-a or C-301-a

DETECTOR TUBE; UV-201-a or C-301-a

DETECTOR PLATE VOLTAGE; 22.5 volts

AUDIO TUBES; UV-201-a or C-301-a

TYPE OF "A" BATTERY; 6 volt storage

TYPE OF "B" BATTERY; 90 volt

WAVELENGTH RANGE; 190 to 575 meters

NUMBER OF TUNING CONTROLS; three tuning controls, two filament controls;

"A" BATTERY CURRENT USED; 1.25 amperes

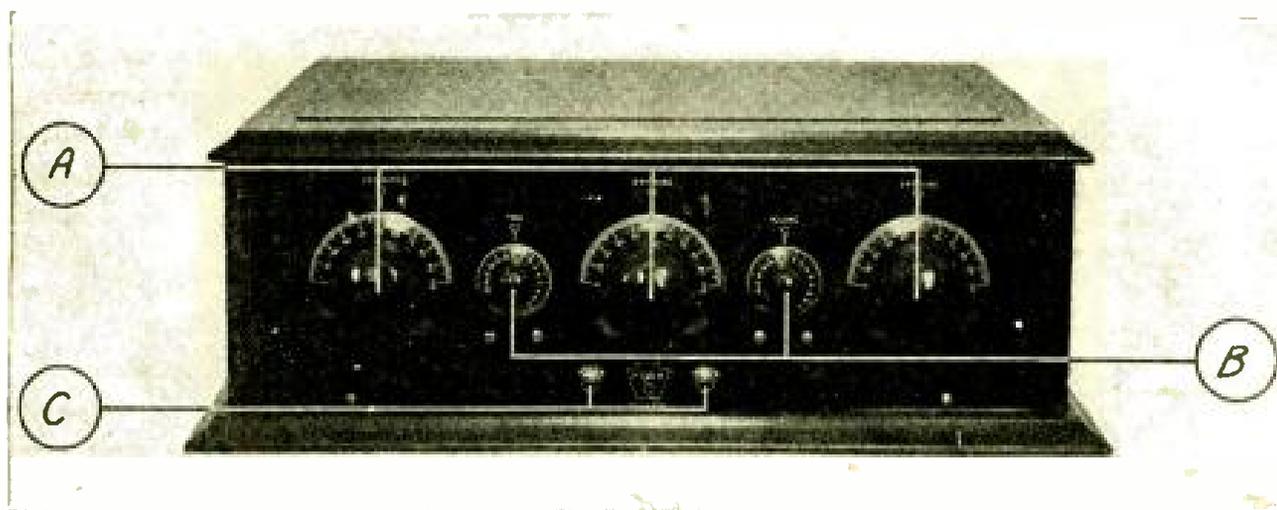
"B" BATTERY CURRENT USED; 12 milliamperes

STAGES RADIO AMPLIFICATION; two

STAGES AUDIO AMPLIFICATION; two

"C" BATTERY USED; on radio and audio

WEIGHT IN CARTON; 35 lbs.



The Penn-C De Luxe Five

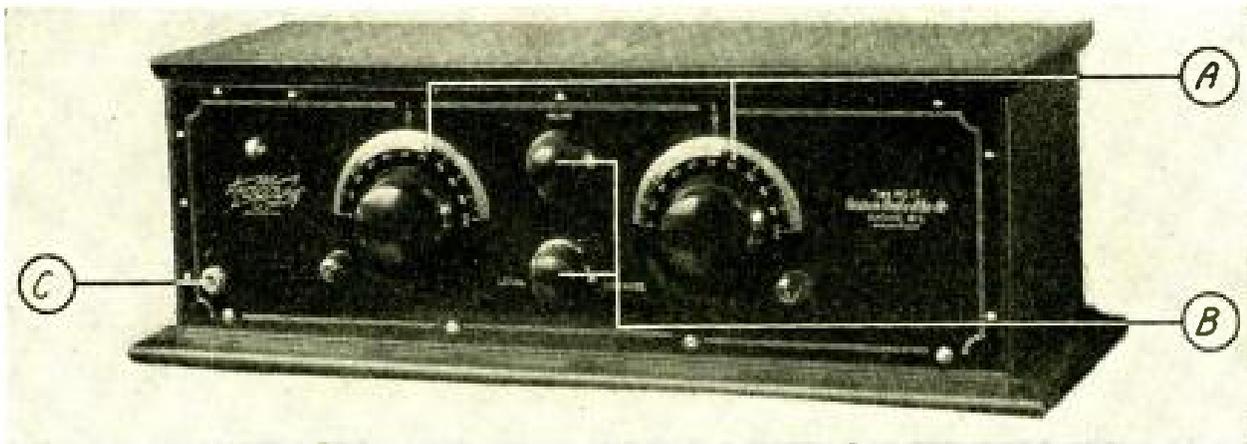
MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Pennsylvania Wireless Mfg. Co.
 MODEL: "Penn-C" De Luxe Five
 NUMBER OF TUBES: five
 TYPE OF TUNING; tuned-radio-frequency
 RANGE ON PHONES; same as any good 5-tube set (2,500 to 3,000 miles)
 RANGE ON LOUDSPEAKER; from 10 miles up to 3,000 miles
 COST WITHOUT ACCESSORIES; \$90.00
 ANTENNA RECOMMENDED; single wire, 80 feet

KIND OF TUBES FOR R. F.; C-301-a
 DETECTOR TUBE; C-301-a
 AUDIO TUBES; C-301-a
 TYPE OF "A" BATTERY; storage or dry cells
 TYPE OF "B" BATTERY; storage or dry cells
 DETECTOR "B" VOLTAGE; 45 volts
 WAVELENGTH RANGE; 200 to 600 meters
 NUMBER OF TUNING CONTROLS; three
 "A" BATTERY CURRENT USED; 1¼ amperes
 "B" BATTERY CURRENT USED; 12 milliamperes when using "C" battery

The Wave Master

MANUFACTURER'S NAME: Kellogg Switchboard & Supply Co.
 MODEL; Wave Master
 NUMBER OF TUBES; five
 TYPE OF TUNING; tuned-radio-frequency
 TYPE OF DETECTOR; vacuum tube
 RANGE ON PHONES; 4,800 miles
 RANGE ON LOUDSPEAKER; 4,800 miles
 COST WITHOUT ACCESSORIES; \$125.00
 ANTENNA RECOMMENDED; outdoor, 80 feet
 KIND OF TUBES FOR R. F.; 201-a or 301-a
 DETECTOR TUBE; 201-a or 301-a
 AUDIO TUBES; 201-a or 301-a
 TYPE OF "A" BATTERY; 6 volt storage
 TYPE OF "B" BATTERY; 90 volts, dry cells or storage
 DETECTOR "B" VOLTAGE; 45 volts
 WAVELENGTH RANGE; 170 to 600 meters
 NUMBER OF TUNING CONTROLS; one
 "A" BATTERY CURRENT USED; 1¼ amperes
 "B" BATTERY CURRENT; 15 to 25 milliamperes





The Radiodyne Receiver

MANUFACTURER'S NAME; Western Coil & Electrical Co.

MODEL; Radiodyne type WC-17-a

NUMBER OF TUBES; five

TYPE OF TUNING; tuned-radio-frequency

TYPE OF DETECTOR; vacuum tube

RANGE ON PHONES; 2,000 miles

RANGE ON LOUDSPEAKER; 2,000 miles

COST COMPLETE; \$150.00

ANTENNA RECOMMENDED; single wire, 125 feet long

KIND OF TUBES FOR R. F.; UV-201-a

DETECTOR TUBE; UV-201-a

AUDIO TUBES; UV-201-a

TYPE OF "A" BATTERY; storage, 6 volts

TYPE OF "B" BATTERY; 90 volts

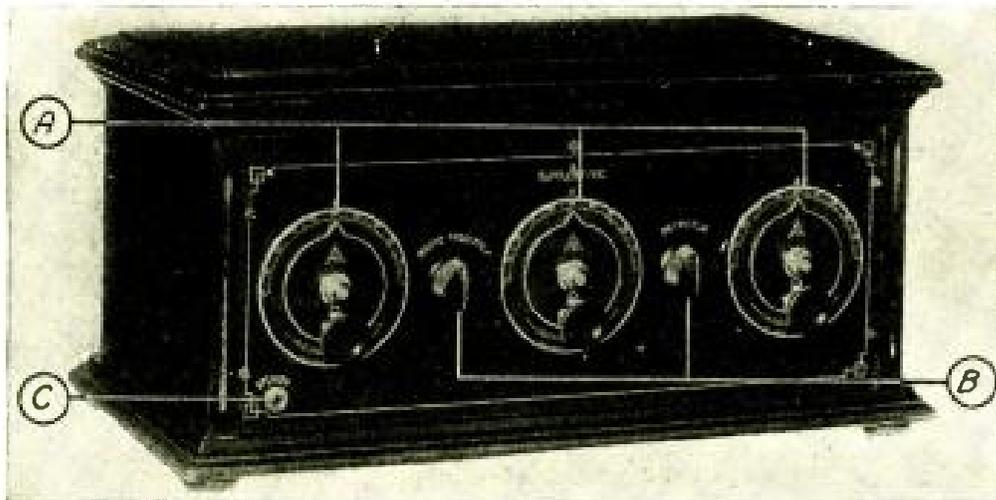
DETECTOR "B" VOLTAGE; 45 volts

WAVELENGTH RANGE; 200 to 550 meters

NUMBER OF TUNING CONTROLS; two

"A" BATTERY CURRENT USED; $1\frac{1}{4}$ amperes

"B" BATTERY CURRENT USED; 9 to 11 milliamperes



Apex Super Five Receiver

MANUFACTURER'S NAME; Apex Electric Mfg. Co.

MODEL; Apex Super Five

NUMBER OF TUBES; five

TYPE OF TUNING; T. R. F.

TYPE OF DETECTOR; vacuum tube

RANGE ON PHONES; none given

RANGE ON LOUDSPEAKER; 2,500 miles

COST COMPLETE; \$95.00

ANTENNA RECOMMENDED; 35-100-foot single wire

KIND OF TUBES FOR R. F.; UV-201-a

DETECTOR TUBE; UV-201-a

AUDIO TUBES; UV-201-a

TYPE OF "A" BATTERY; 6 volts

TYPE OF "B" BATTERY; dry or storage

DETECTOR "B" VOLTAGE; 18-24 volts

WAVELENGTH RANGE; 224-556 meters

NUMBER OF TUNING CONTROLS; three

"A" BATTERY CURRENT USED; 1.25 amperes

"B" BATTERY CURRENT USED; 20 milliamperes, when "C" battery is used



The V-50 Receiver

MANUFACTURER'S NAME; R. E. Thompson Mfg. Co.
 MODEL; V-50
 NUMBER OF TUBES; five
 TYPE OF TUNING; tuned-radio-frequency (neutrodyne)
 TYPE OF DETECTOR; vacuum tube
 RANGE ON PHONES; transcontinental
 RANGE ON LOUDSPEAKER; transcontinental
 COST COMPLETE; \$125.00
 ANTENNA RECOMMENDED; outdoor, 100 feet
 KIND OF TUBES FOR R. F.; UV-201-a

DETECTOR TUBE; UV-201-a
 AUDIO TUBES; UV-201-a
 TYPE OF "A" BATTERY; 6-volt "A" battery
 TYPE OF "B" BATTERY; 90 to 100-volt dry or storage battery
 DETECTOR "B" VOLTAGE; 22½ to 45 volts
 WAVELENGTH RANGE; 195 to 570 meters
 NUMBER OF TUNING CONTROLS; three
 "A" BATTERY CURRENT USED; 1.25 amperes
 "B" BATTERY CURRENT USED; 10 to 18 milliamperes according to "B" battery and "C" battery voltage used



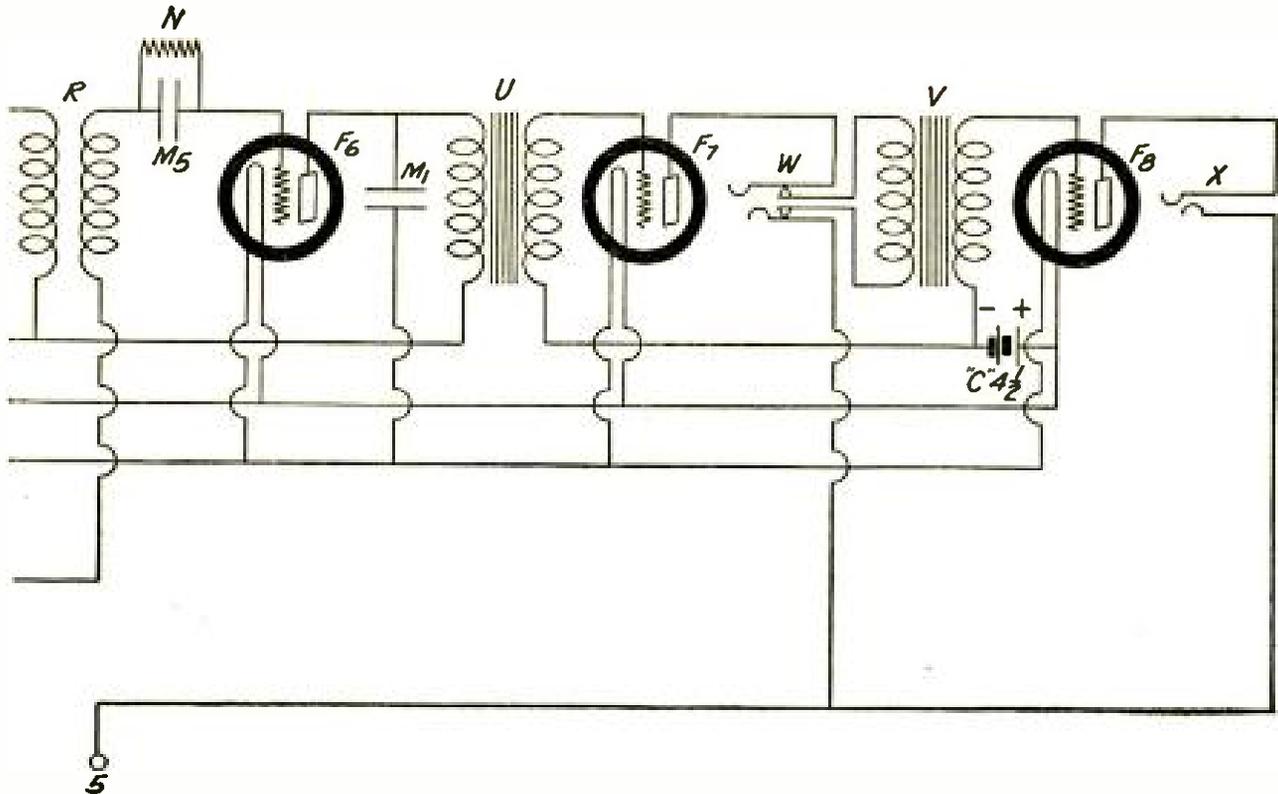
The Elkay Super-selector

MANUFACTURER'S NAME; The Langbein-Kaufman Radio Co.
 MODEL; Elkay Super-selector
 NUMBER OF TUBES; four 201-a; four U-199; or any combination
 TYPE OF TUNING; tuned-radio-frequency
 TYPE OF DETECTOR; vacuum tube
 RANGE ON PHONES; 3,000 miles
 RANGE ON LOUDSPEAKER; 2,500 miles
 COST COMPLETE; \$70.00
 ANTENNA RECOMMENDED; 75 to 125 feet outside

KIND OF TUBES FOR R. F.; 201-a
 DETECTOR TUBE; 201-a; UV-199; sodion
 AUDIO TUBES; 201-a; UV-199
 TYPE OF "A" BATTERY; 6 volts
 TYPE OF "B" BATTERY; 90 volts
 DETECTOR "B" VOLTAGE; 22½ to 45 volts
 WAVELENGTH RANGE; 200 to 600 meters
 NUMBER OF TUNING CONTROLS; two
 "A" BATTERY CURRENT USED; maximum, 1 ampere
 "B" BATTERY CURRENT USED; 10 milliamperes

THE COMPLETE CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

FIGURE 1: This is the hook-up for the single control superheterodyne. All the symbols of the instruments bear designating letters which appear in the list of parts and throughout the text and illustrations.



- .006 mfd.;
- M2—New York Coil mica fixed condenser, .00025 mfd.;
- M3 and M4—Dubilier 1. mfd. by-pass condensers;
- M5—Dubilier No. 640 mica fixed condenser, .00025 mfd. with grid-leak clips;
- N—Daven grid-leak, 2 megohms;
- O—stranded wire loop with braided covering for coupling oscillator to circuit;
- P—Precision Inducto-coupler No. 260;
- Q—Precise No. 1900 filtoformer;

- R—Precise No. 1700 super-multiformer;
- S—General Radio rheostat, type 214A 2 ohm, 2½ ampere;
- T—General Radio potentiometer, type 214A 400 ohm;
- U—Precise audio-frequency transformer No. 480 (5 to 1);
- V—Precise audio-frequency transformer No. 480 (2½ to 1);
- W—Carter double circuit "holdtite" jack;
- X—Carter single circuit "holdtite" jack;
- Y—cabinet.

IN this article on superheterodyne theory and construction, it is my purpose to describe a single-control superheterodyne that employs eight tubes.

This receiver combines some of the latest scientific developments and contains the best designed instruments and can be assembled easily by any one—even if he has never before built any kind of a set.

All the parts used in this receiver are standard, well-known parts that may be obtained from any dealer.

From an efficiency standpoint this receiver insures an unusually long life for the "B" batteries, as it draws only approximately 10 milliamperes for the total plate current. This results in very economical operation.

By the use of a combination of two straightline-frequency type condensers the application of single control has been advantageously applied to the superheterodyne receiver, as the difference in the frequency of the oscillator and the incoming signal is always a fixed value. In this design the oscillator and loop in-

ductances are identical or as near alike as practicability will permit in regard to their inductance-capacity ratios.

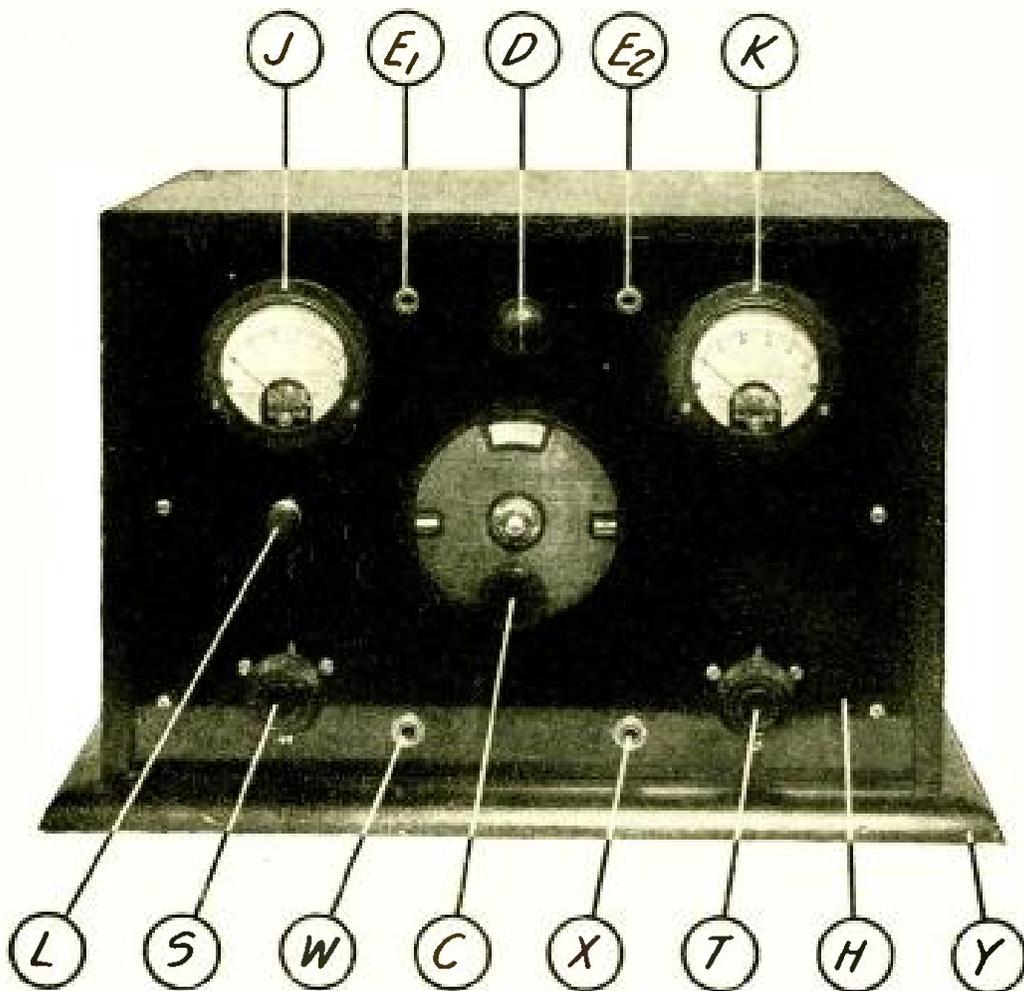
The straightline variable condensers are placed across the loop and the oscillator for tuning, and a small midget variable condenser is also shunted across the oscillator condenser in order to make up for any small discrepancies there may be in either the coils, the condensers or the loop values. This allows the two condensers to be adjusted once and for all so that they operate synchronously.

The practice heretofore in multi-tube design has generally been to place all tube sockets in a row, making the resultant set a long, narrow, coffin-like affair when more than four tubes were employed. The reason for this elongated design was the necessity for keeping the output and input circuits of the unit as

far apart as necessary to prevent reaction at radio or audio-frequencies. In this present receiver, after consideration and experiment, a unique design has been obtained in a system of tube placement which allows the set to be arranged in a more compact relation.

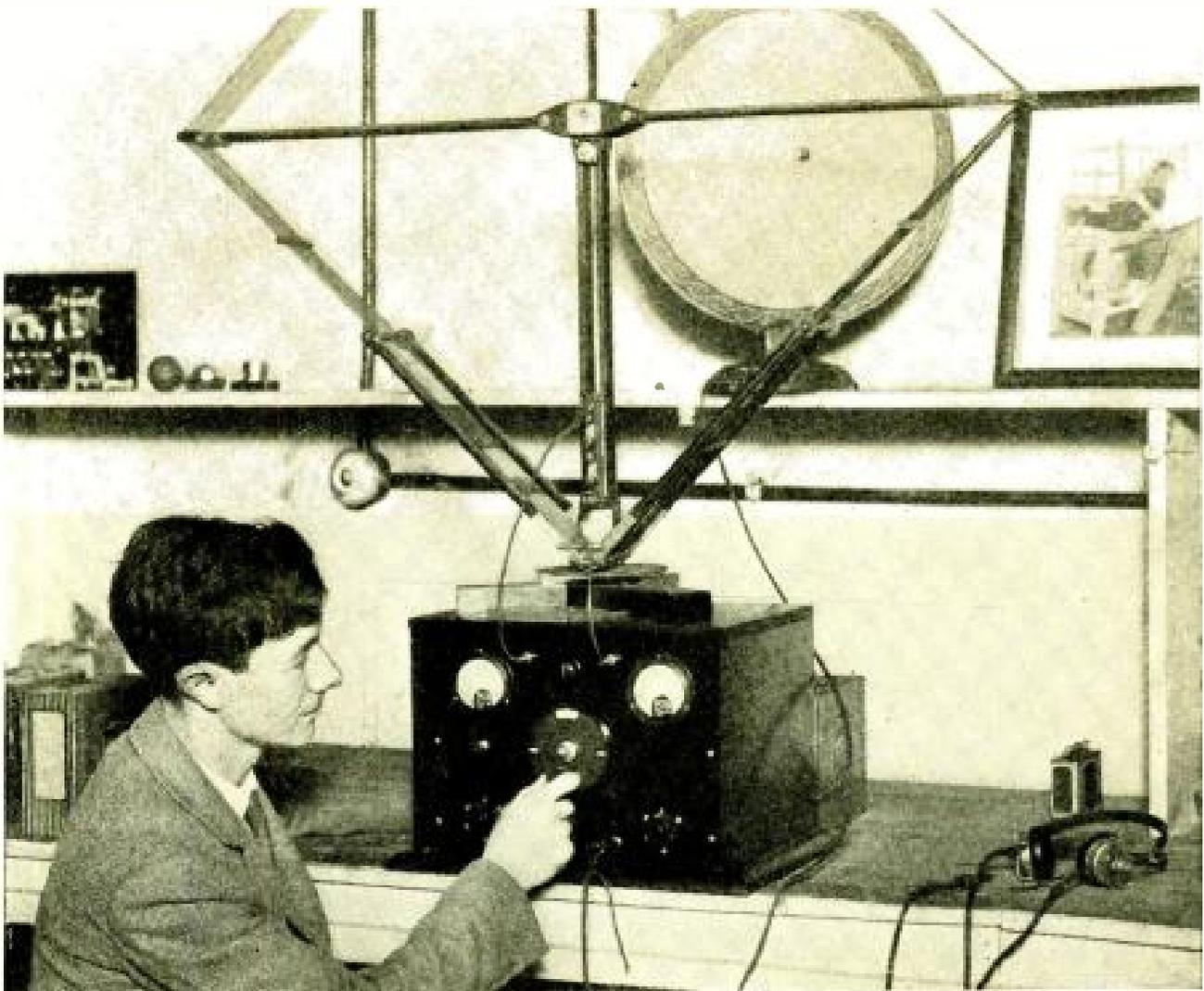
The placement of the tube sockets in this set follows the design of an exaggerated letter "H" in width. The oscillator tube forms the upper part of the left-hand vertical side of the "H," the first detector forms the lower side, the three radio-frequency tubes together with the second detector make up the horizontal connecting bar and the two stages of audio-frequency amplification form the right-hand vertical side, thus completing the other two legs of the letter "H."

The variable condensers are mounted in approximately the center of the sub-



HOW THE SET LOOKS FROM THE FRONT

FIGURE 2: The vernier dial C is the single control for the two tuning condensers, while all other knobs are marked with the same letters as the instruments to which they are attached.



From a photograph made for POPULAR RADIO

A SINGLE DIAL FOR TUNING A SUPERHETERODYNE

The author demonstrates the almost unbelievable simplicity for tuning a multi-tube set such as shown in this picture. This is the only control that is necessary—aside from the turning of the loop in the proper position to pick up signals.

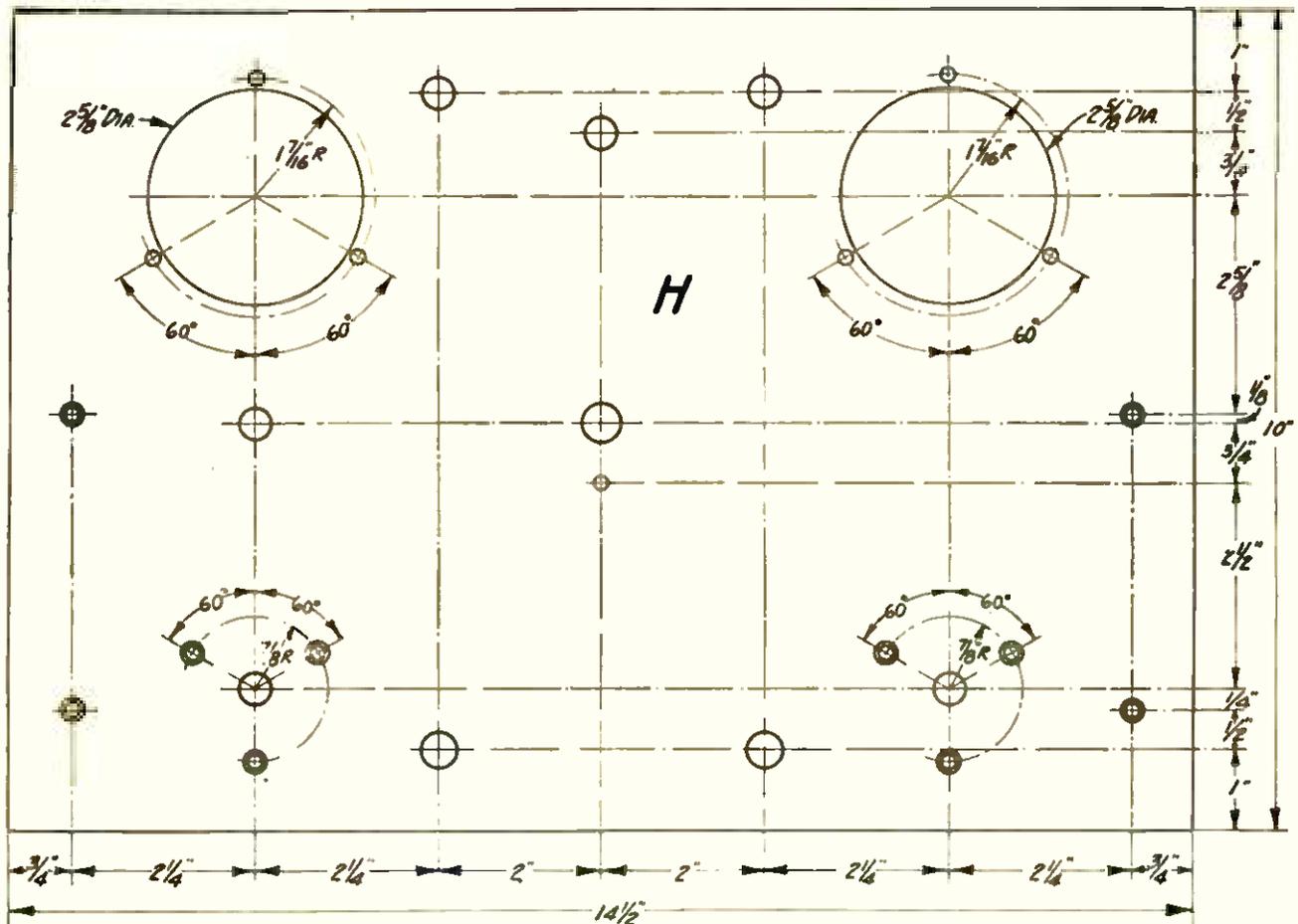
panel and are connected by means of a fiber connector which is attached to the shafts by means of set screws. This results in short connections to all the sockets, as the oscillator condenser is directly alongside of the oscillator tube and the tuning condenser is alongside of the first detector. On the underside of the sub-panel are the intermediate gang-transformer, the audio-frequency transformers and the oscillator coil, fixed condensers and other parts. I have chosen for the intermediate gang-transformer the super-multiformer, a high-wave radio-frequency unit, as it is easy to connect into a circuit in one unit and operates on what is the most feasible intermediate frequency.

In the comparison of efficiency resulting from this arrangement and the use of the correct values as described in this article we have proved conclusively that there is no operating disadvantage at all in making this receiver so compact although the small shape and general design make it a much better looking set.

In operation the receiver produces very fine quality, is decidedly selective and may be operated over a range in excess of 3,500 miles, covering the whole broadcast range of wavelengths.

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 set may easily determine how to mount the instruments in the cor-



THE DRILLING PLAN FOR THE PANEL

FIGURE 3: This drawing shows where to drill the holes for mounting the instruments. The large holes for mounting the meters should be cut with a special adjustable fly cutter for bake'ite. Holes outlined with a double circle should be countersunk.

rect places and connect them properly in the electric circuit.

The same designating letters are used in the text and in the list of parts at the beginning of the article.

The list of parts there given includes the exact instruments used in the set from which these specifications were made up. The experienced amateur, however, will be able to pick out other reliable makes of instruments which may be used with equally good results. But we recommend that the novice follow the list, as the diagrams in this article will tell him exactly where to bore the holes and exactly where to place the connections.

If instruments other than the ones listed are used, the only change that will be necessary will be the use of different spacings for the holes that are to be drilled in the panel for mounting the instruments.

How to Construct the Set

After procuring all the instruments and materials for building the set, the amateur

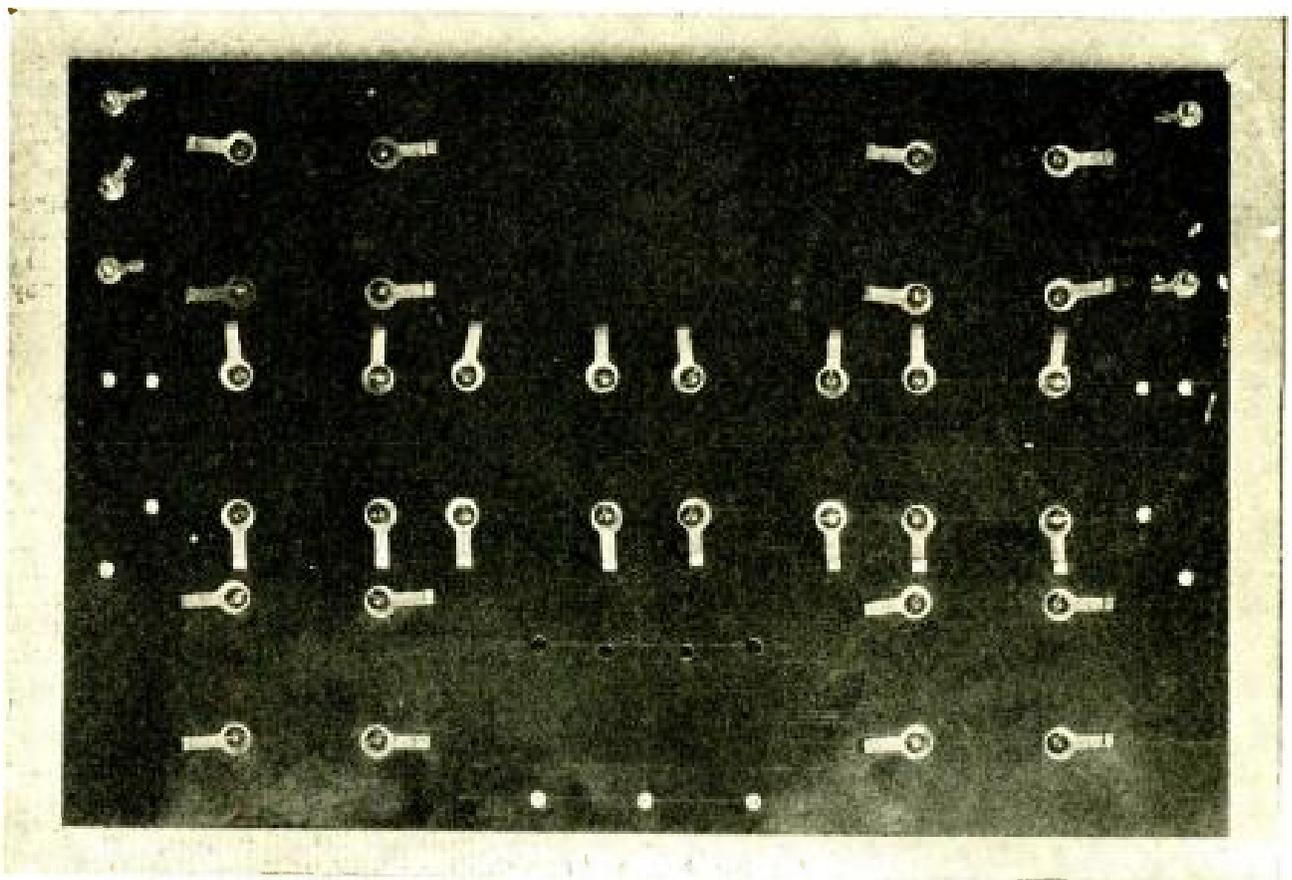
should prepare the panel H. (Shown in Figures 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 10.)

First of all, cut the panel to the correct size, 10 by 14 inches. Then square up the edges 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 3. A convenient method for doing this is to lay out all center holes on a piece of paper the same size as the panel; then the piece of paper may be fastened on the panel and the centers marked directly on the panel by punching through the paper with a sharp, pointed instrument.

If all the holes to be drilled are first started with a small drill, one-sixteenth inch in diameter or less, they can be more nearly centered.

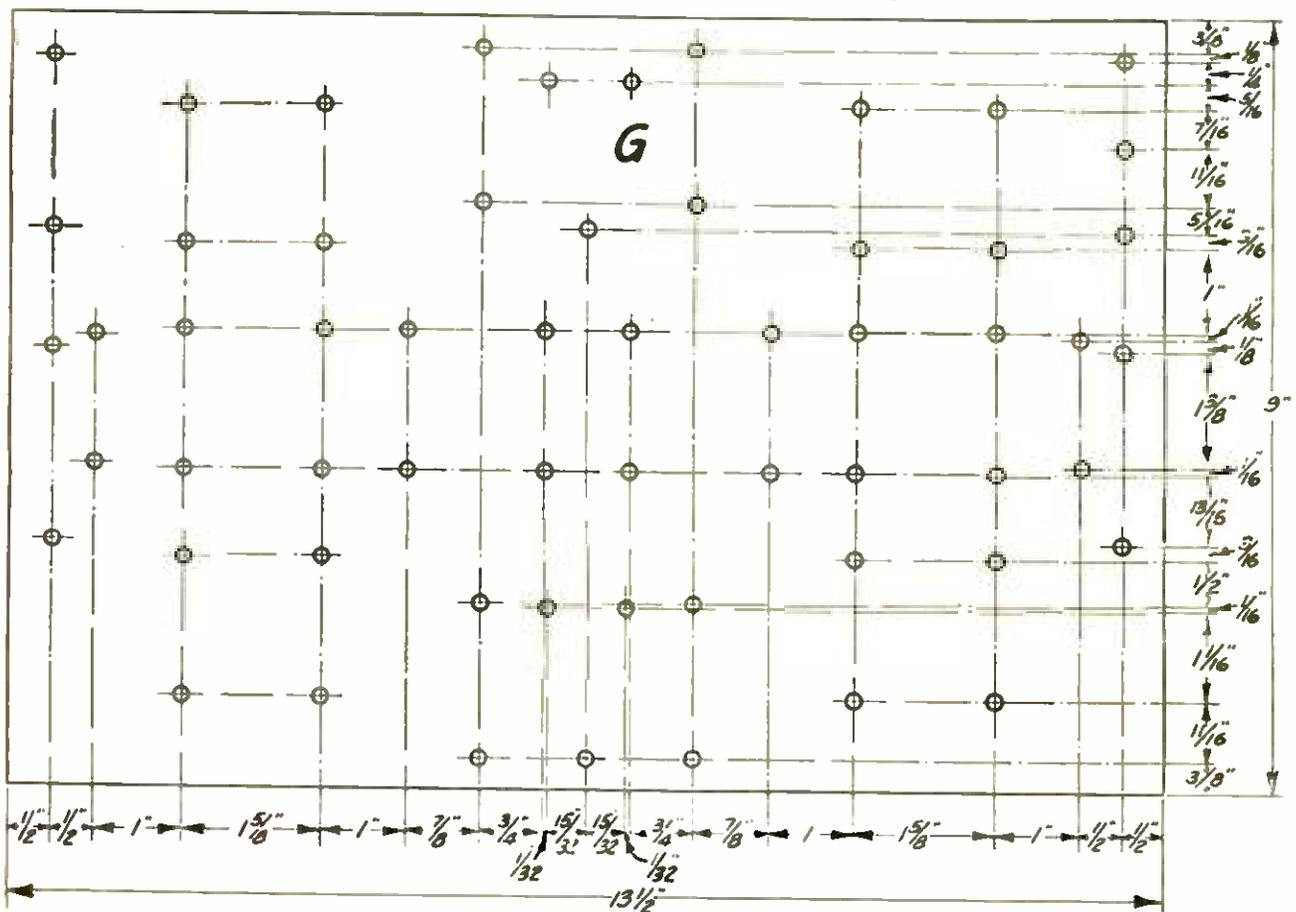
The holes outlined with a double circle should be countersunk, so that the flat-head machine screws used for fastening the instruments are flush with the panel. All the rest of the holes in the panel are straight drill-holes. Sizes for the diameters of these holes have not been given, but the builder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

When the panel is drilled, the builder may give it a dull finish by rubbing the face of the



THE SUB-PANEL FROM BELOW

FIGURE 4: This picture shows how the lugs and screws that connect to and mount the sockets are arranged on the bottom of the sub-panel.



THE DRILLING PLAN FOR THE SUB-PANEL

FIGURE 5: Where to drill the holes for mounting the various instruments.

panel lengthwise with fine sandpaper until it is smooth. This process should be repeated, except that light machine oil should be applied during the second rubbing. Then rub the panel dry with a piece of cheesecloth. A permanent dull finish will be the result. Or, the panel may be left with its original shiny-black finish, if care has been exercised, so that it has not been scratched during the drilling.

After the panel has been prepared the experimenter is ready to mount the instruments on it.

The rheostat S should be attached to the panel by screws inserted in the proper places as shown in the diagrams in Figures 2, 7, 8 and 9. Do the same with the potentiometer T, and be sure that the terminals are turned in the correct position as shown for both of these instruments in Figure 8. Place soldering lugs underneath every connection for making the wiring easier and insuring a more efficient job.

Next, mount the two meters J and K in the two holes cut for them in the panel. This should be attached by three nuts and bolts for each instrument as shown in Figures 2, 6 and 10.

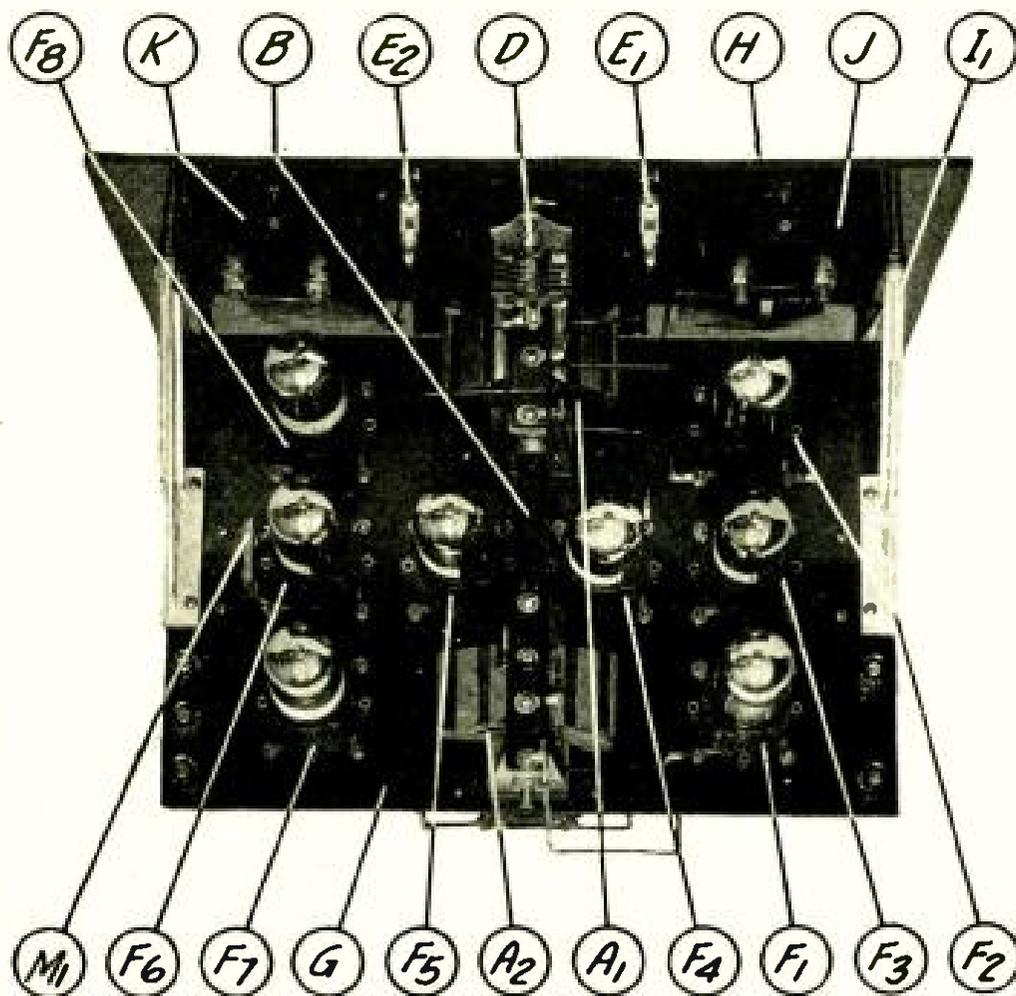
Next attach the midget condenser D in the

proper place on the panel as indicated in Figures 2, 6 and 10 and tighten up the single-hole mounting nut firmly. Also mount the battery switch L and the two large jacks W and X and the small loop-jacks E1 and E2 in their proper places as shown in Figures 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

This completes the mounting of instruments on the main panel H. Now turn to the work on the sub-panel or socket-shelf G. If the builder wishes he can procure this already drilled with the sockets mounted upon it as indicated in the list of parts under F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8 and G.

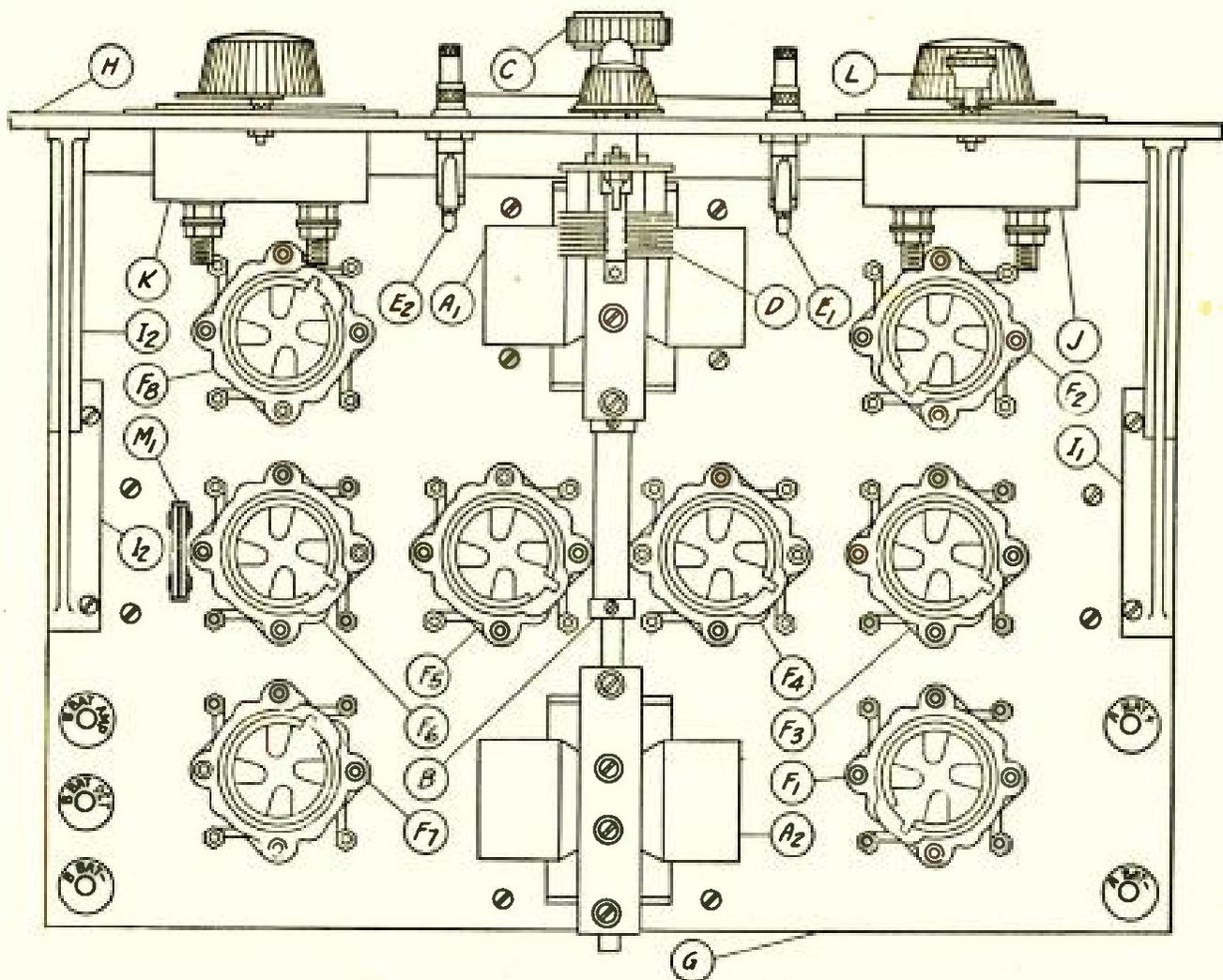
However, if he decides to make it himself he may procure the bakelite according to the size shown in Figures 4 and 5 and drill it according to the dimensions given there and after procuring the eight sockets they should be mounted (minus the separate bases that come on them) as shown in Figures 6, 7, 10 and 11.

Whether the complete assembly has been bought or whether you have drilled the panel and mounted the sockets yourself, you are now ready to mount the rest of the apparatus. The two variable condensers A1 and A2 are mounted directly in the center of the top side of the panel G. They should be connected together



VIEW OF THE SET FROM ABOVE

FIGURE 6: Note the general arrangement of the two synchronously controlled condensers, the sockets and the meters when viewed from above with the cabinet removed; also the similarity of the socket mounting to the letter H.



THE WORKING DRAWING FOR CONSTRUCTION

FIGURE 7: Here are shown the correct positions for the instruments that are mounted on the panel and on the top of the sub-panel. The positions are shown clearly as they actually are in the receiver.

with the coupling-unit B, as shown in Figures 6, 7 and 11.

When these have been installed attach the intermediate-gang transformer (super-multiformer) as shown in Figures 8 and 9 by inserting screws through the places indicated at the two ends and fastening with nuts.

Next mount the two transformers U and V—being sure that you place the proper "ratios" in the right places as indicated in Figures 8, 9, 10 and 11. Also be sure that they are turned with the terminals in the correct position as shown in Figure 9.

Next mount the inducto-coupler in the proper position as shown in Figures 8, 9 and 10, utilizing the same screw terminals to replace the screws to mount half of the socket F1. Then fasten the filtoformer Q in proper position at right angles to the inducto-coupler with the terminal marked P next to the sub-panel and the terminals marked B and L pointing away from the panel. See Figures 8 and 9 for this data.

Next, mount the grid condenser M5 (in the terminals of which place the grid-leak) on the last binding post marked G of the super-multiformer. This is clearly indicated in Figures 8

and 9. On the first terminal marked B of the multiformer mount the fixed condenser M2 as shown in Figures 8 and 9. Also mount the fixed condenser M on the two terminals of the second detector socket as shown in Figures 6 and 7.

Another job that can now be done is to attach the two brackets I1 and I2 with two screws and bolts as shown in the various Figures. The last job to do is to mount the two bypass condensers M3 and M4 with a single point of support under the screws as shown in Figure 9. This finishes the construction work on the sub-base and the two panels are ready to be wired up and placed together.

How to Wire the Set

The design of this set is such that the wiring of the grid circuit of each of the four tubes is made extremely short and is isolated from other parts of the circuit. In fact, this idea has been employed throughout and the leads are so arranged that the shortest connections may be used. As this is the case, the set should be wired with bus-bar.

A tinned-copper, round bus wire is recom-

mended. All connections should first be shaped so that they will fit. They should then be soldered in place. Refer to the wiring diagram in Figure 1 and more specifically to the picture diagram in Figure 12 for the exact way in which to run the wires.

Start wiring by making all the connections on the sub-panel first on the bottom side then on the top side that can be done without attaching the sub-panel to the main panel, by means of the brackets 11 and 12. If you follow the picture-wiring diagram in Figure 12 for making these connections you cannot go wrong. This drawing shows every instrument mounted on either the top or below the sub-panel G as included in the lower rectangle. The instruments outlined here in solid black lines show only those instruments that are mounted on top of the panel, whereas the instruments outlined in dotted lines show those that are mounted below the sub-panel.

Also the heavy black lines shown in Figure 12 indicate the wiring connections for the wires that run above the panel and the wires that run below the panel are shown in dotted lines.

It is best to begin wiring with the filament circuits underneath the panel and finish all con-

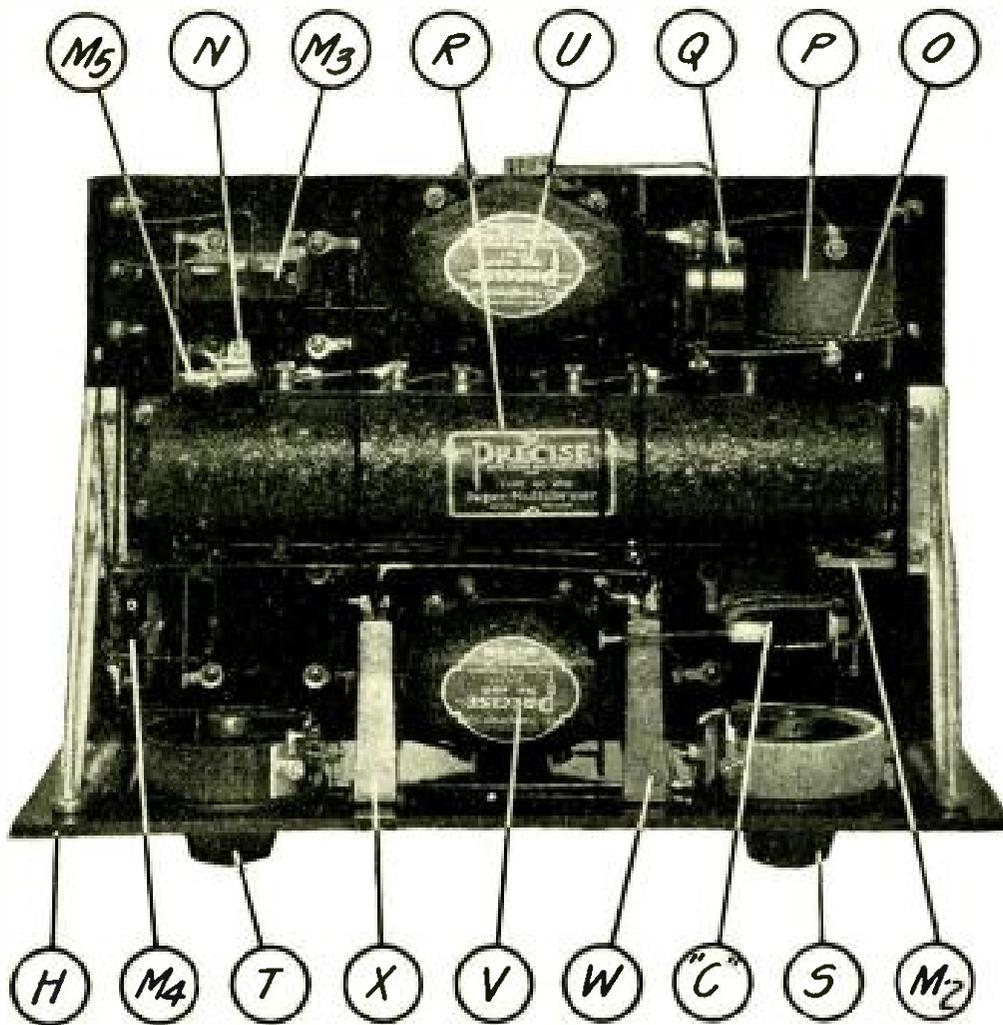
nections that can be made in inaccessible places first. Then finish up the wiring to the two condensers on top of the panel with the leads running to the proper place below, as shown in Figure 12.

When you have done as much of this work as is possible, and you have the sockets, transformers, coupler, binding posts and the condensers all connected as shown, you may start on the wiring of the main panel H.

There is one connection between two of the terminals of the potentiometer and the rheostats which should be finished before the sub-panel is attached to the main panel H. When this is done attach the two brackets to the main panel by means of two screws and nuts to each bracket. Then you can finish the wiring incorporating in it the connections to the jacks and the meters and the filament battery switch as well as finishing up the wiring to the rheostats.

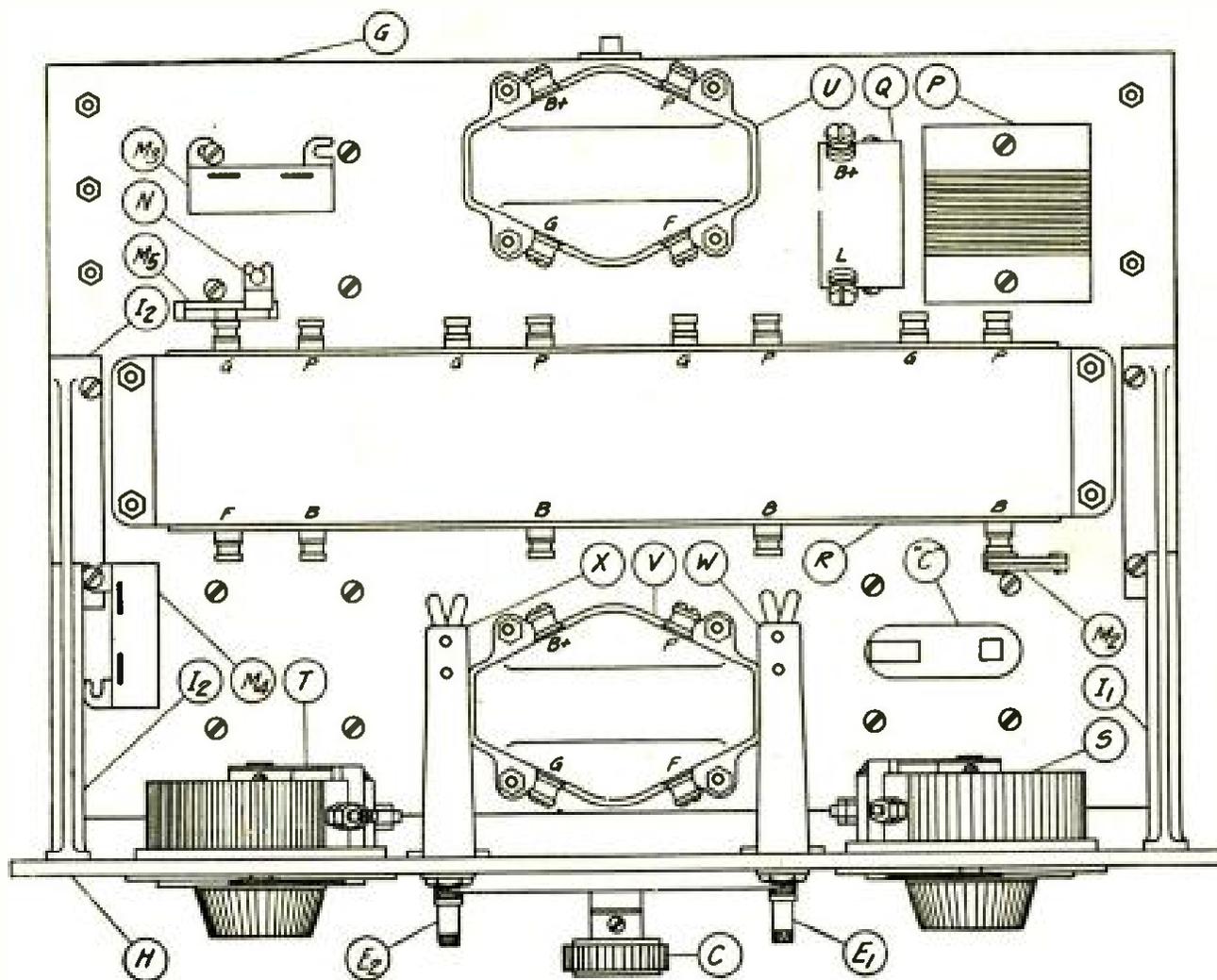
The schematic diagram that shows you the circuit used in this receiver is shown in Figure 1, but in making electrical connections it is easier to follow the diagram as set forth in Figure 12.

If you make every connection exactly as



VIEW OF THE SET FROM BELOW

FIGURE 8: Note how the transformers, rheostats, bypass condensers, inducto-coupler, filter-former and the jacks are mounted in compact assembly below the sub-panel. All the parts are accompanied by designating letters which re-appear in the text and in the list of parts.



ANOTHER CONSTRUCTIONAL WORKING DRAWING

FIGURE 9: This drawing shows the exact arrangement of the various parts that are mounted below the sub-panel. Notice that the various terminals of the transformers are marked with the same letters that appear on the transformers; this will enable you to place them without any chance of error.

shown you will have no trouble in getting the set to work properly. It is advisable to use for this purpose some kind of insulated bus-bar. The wiring of the experimental set was done with Celatsite. Connect the wiring wherever possible to soldering lugs and use only enough solder and flux to make a good electrical connection, wiping each joint dry after it has been made. The No. 751 Eveready "C" battery shown on the diagram at "C" may be supported by the wiring or it may be held with a small brass bracket, if preferable.

In doing your wiring job remember that care and neatness will enable you to do a correct and efficient job. Don't hurry. Take it easy and check over your wiring as many times as necessary to be sure that you have done exactly the right thing as shown in the picture diagram in Figure 12.

All the instruments are marked with designating letters and the important binding-post terminals on the transformers and coils are marked with designating letters for your information.

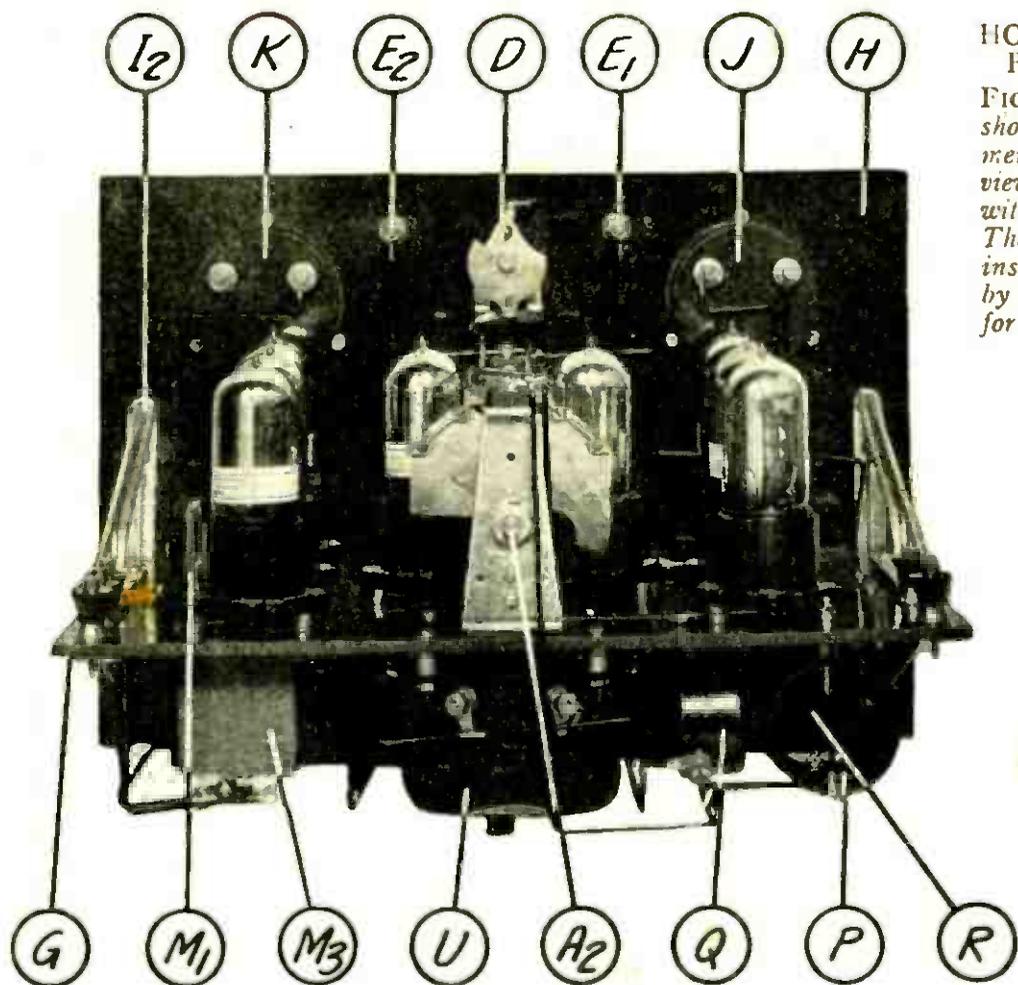
It will be noticed that the loop terminals are brought out to the small Imp jacks E1 and E2.

How to Install the Set

After the wiring has been completed the large dial C should be attached to the condenser shaft that protrudes through the face of the main panel H. Instructions for mounting this dial will be found in the small folder that comes with the dial. This leaves the set ready to be installed in the cabinet; the details of which are given in Figure 14, which shows all the mechanical dimensions for the cabinet. One of these may be obtained from a cabinet manufacturer or you may take the dimensions to a neighboring carpenter who can build it from the diagram. Slide the panel down into the cabinet with the lid open. You will notice that there are two grooves that hold the panel in a vertical position. This is all that is necessary as a support for the receiving set.

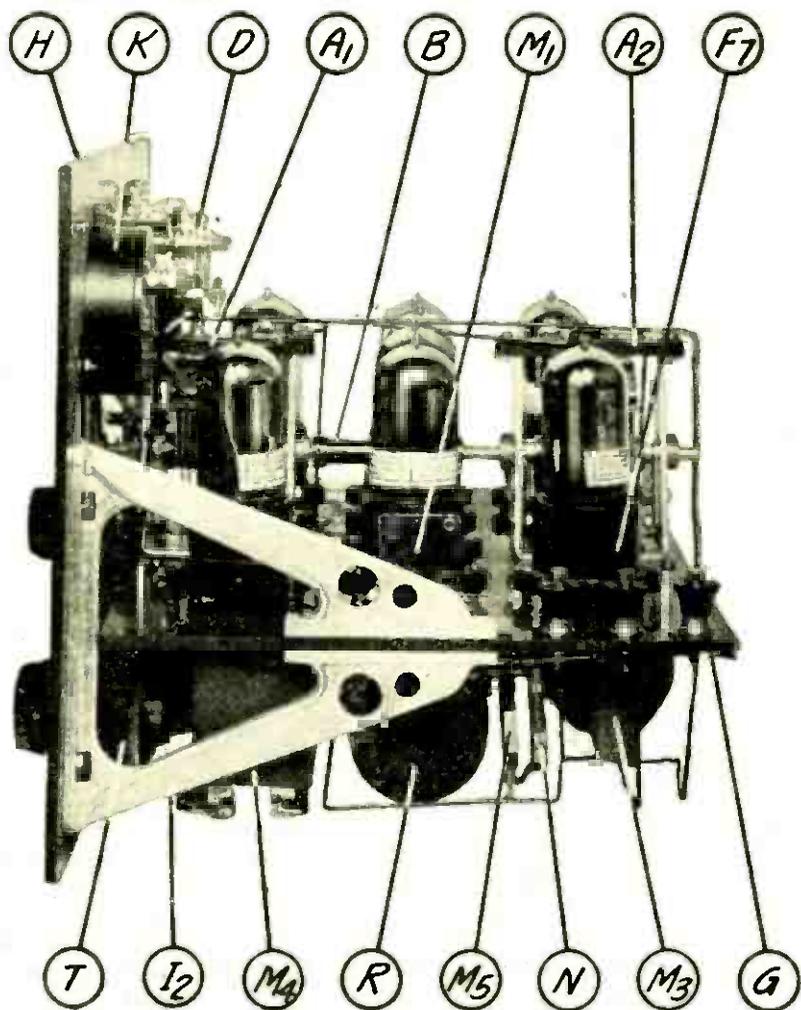
Next insert the eight standard tubes in the sockets—first being sure that the battery switch L is pushed all the way in on the "off" position. I have used the Brightson tubes in this set with fine results, although any standard make of tube can be used.

Then connect up the two 45-volt "B" bat-



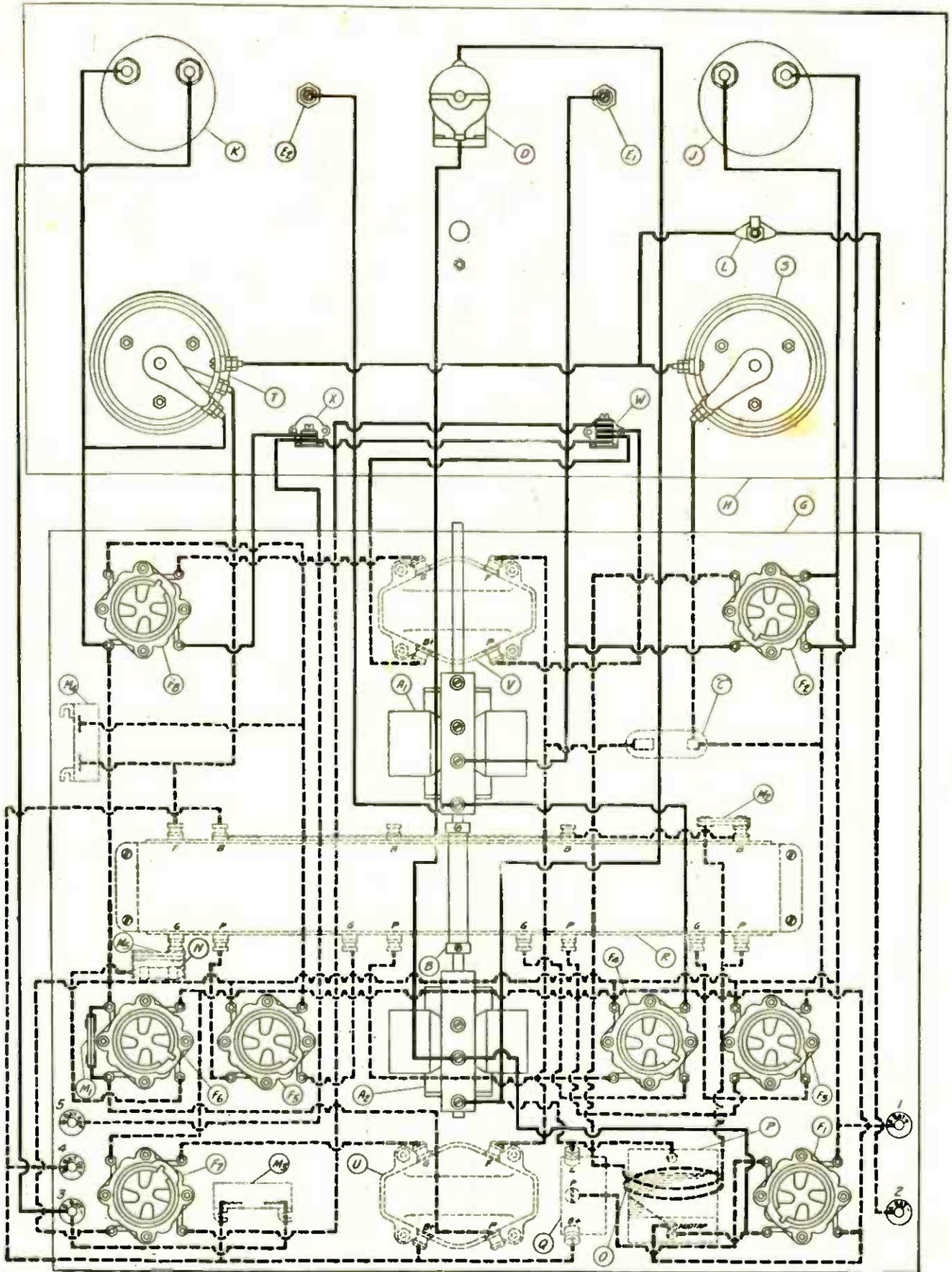
HOW THE SET LOOKS FROM THE REAR

FIGURE 10: This picture shows the general arrangement of the instruments as viewed from the rear and with the cabinet removed. The exact positions for the instruments are determined by the screw holes, the data for which are given in Figures 3 and 5.



VIEW OF THE SET FROM THE RIGHT

FIGURE 11: This end view indicates the manner of mounting the sub-panel by means of the large brackets; it also shows the arrangement of the sockets, transformers, bypass condensers, meters and the binding posts.



THE WORKING PLAN FOR CONNECTING UP THE INSTRUMENTS

FIGURE 12: The upper rectangle represents the main panel and on it the instruments are drawn as they appear as viewed from the rear; the lower rectangle represents the sub-panel. The instruments are represented in about their relative position. Those instruments indicated in this diagram in heavy black lines are mounted on TOP of the sub-panel and those in dotted lines are mounted BELOW the panels. Likewise the wiring that is shown in heavy continuous lines should be done on top of the sub-panel and the wiring shown in dotted lines should be completed underneath the sub-panel.

teries as indicated in the diagram in Figure 13. Also connect the 6-volt "A" battery in the manner indicated in the battery hook-up in Figure 13.

Then set the "DTW" loop on top of the set as shown in the illustration on page 353, in which the author is shown tuning the receiver. The receiver is designed especially to be used with this large German loop, which is an extremely efficient piece of apparatus and contains just the correct value of inductance when the two wires leading from the plugs and jacks E1 and E2 are connected to the top and bottom terminals on the loop. Use two short flexible pieces of wire in making this connection.

How to Operate the Receiver

The next procedure is to place the head telephones in jack W or the loudspeaker in jack X prior to operating the receiver. Then with the rheostat S turned over and to the left in an anti-clockwise direction pull out the battery switch L and adjust the rheostat S by turning in a clockwise direction (over to the right) until the voltmeter J reads approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ volts. Then adjust the potentiometer knob T until a reading of approximately 10 milliamperes is obtained on the milliammeter K. These are practically the final adjustments for the potentiometer and the rheostat.

Then revolve the dial C by means of the small knob until a station has been picked up. Tune it in as loud as possible and leave this dial fixed. Then with a slow motion of the small knob D, adjust the vernier condenser until the oscillator and loop circuits are in perfect synchronism. This will bring up the signal to its greatest strength, and when this is once

done the knob D can be left fixed.

For tuning in any other stations after this nothing is necessary to do but revolve the white sectored dial C by means of the small knob located on the round black disc.

Stations that are tuned in between zero and 50 on this dial may be logged by writing in the call letters in the small white rectangular aperture at the left side of the dial with a pencil. Stations that tune in above 50 on the dial should be written in on the small white rectangular aperture on the right-hand side of the dial.

To re-tune stations all that is necessary is to rotate this dial C until the correct call letters of the stations that you want to hear appear in these two apertures.

Of course, for best operation the loop should be turned so that its plane is in line with the station you want to hear.

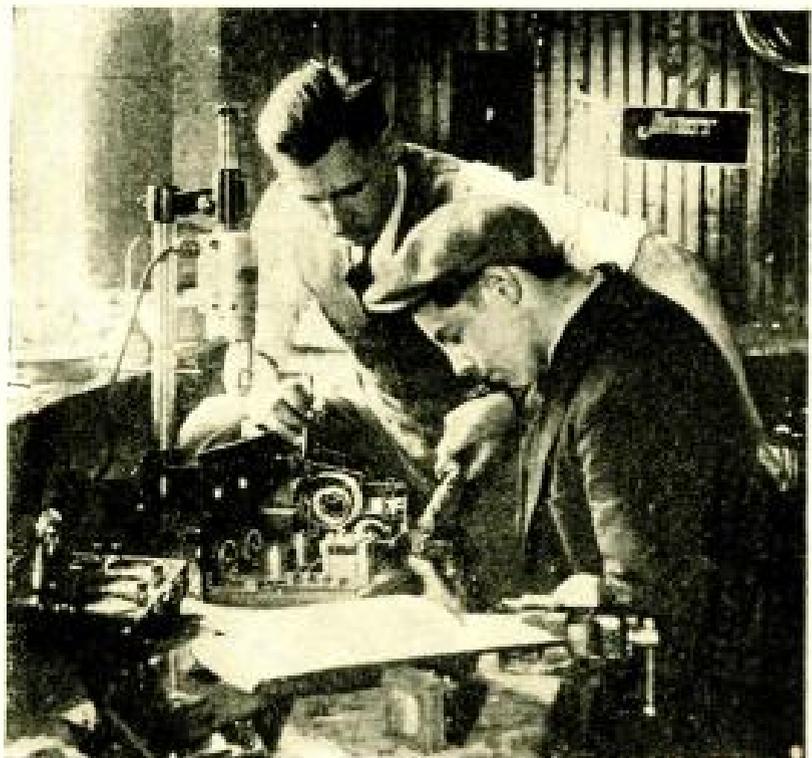
On distant stations it may be necessary to slightly adjust the potentiometer T to the right or to the left in order to bring the signal in with great intensity. This will cause the milliammeter K to vary slightly above or below the 10 milliammeter mark. The voltmeter, however, should always read $4\frac{1}{2}$ volts and the rheostat S adjusted only when the battery voltage changes, thus making an adjustment of the rheostat necessary. *Watch your meters for best operation.*

To turn off the set all that is necessary is to push in the battery switch L, which completely opens the filament circuit.

If all the instructions that have been given in this article are followed minutely, even a beginner can build this set and obtain very fine and enjoyable results from it both on local and distant reception. The receiver tunes as sharp as a hair.

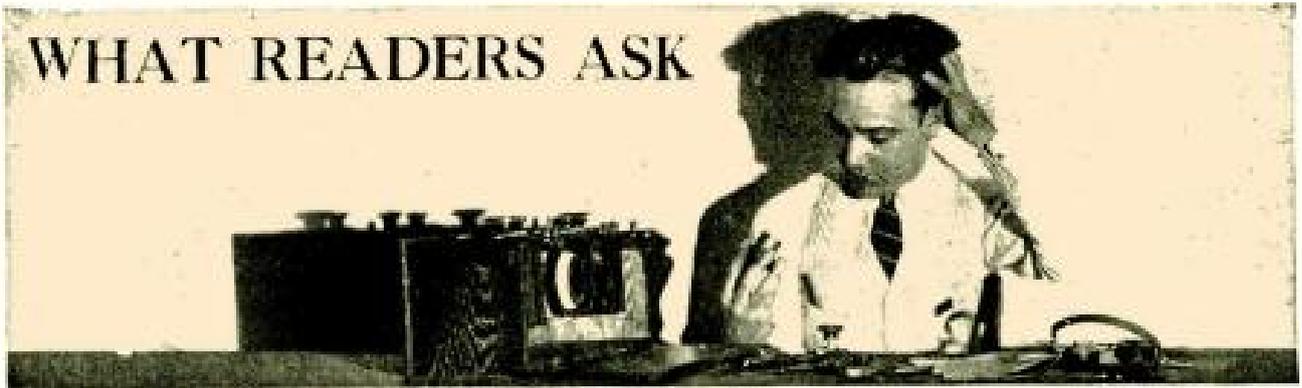
TAPPING THE BRAINS OF THE AMATEURS

In order to take advantage of the ideas of ingenious young radio experimenters, Mr. Edward H. Jewett of Detroit, Michigan, recently invited radio amateurs to come into the laboratory of his million-dollar factory and submit ideas. Three of the amateurs of the hundreds who applied were turned loose in the laboratory—and between them they worked out a device which has come to be one of the chief products of the factory.



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An Inductive Coupled Transmitter

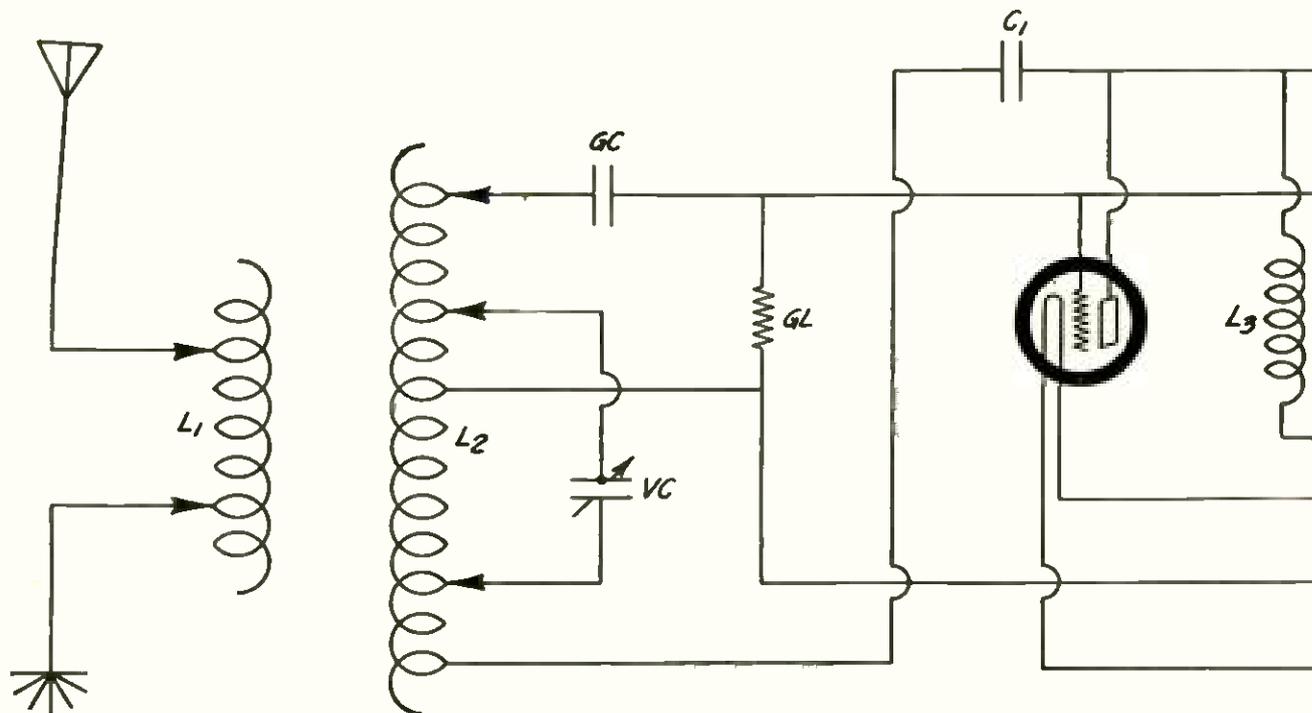
QUESTION: I have a transmitter that uses two five-watt tubes in parallel in a conductively coupled Hartley circuit with 60 cycle A.C. on the plates. I should like to change this transmitter to conform with the new regulations requiring inductive coupling and full wave rectification. I want to operate it on the eighty meter band.

DICK BINNIN

ANSWER: In Figure 1 you will find a diagram of a transmitter of the type you require. You will need the following parts:

- L1 and L2—secondary and primary of an O. T. (oscillation transformer);
- VC—.00025 double spaced variable condenser.
- GC, C1 and C2—.002 mica transmitting condenser;
- L3 and L4—radio-frequency chokes;
- C3 and C4—.002 low voltage condensers;
- T1—plate supply transformer giving 550 volts on each side of the mid-tap and having a capacity of 50 or more watts;
- T2—filament supply transformer (8-9 volt, 50 watt);
- R—primary rheostat;
- GL—5,000-10,000 ohm grid-leak.

L2 can be made by winding 12 turns of number 8 or 10 bare copper wire on a skeleton frame 5 inches in diameter with the turns spaced the diameter of the wire. L1 should be made on the same type of frame and 6 turns should be used. It should be mounted



so its coupling to L2 can be readily changed.

In changing over from the conductively to the inductively coupled type of transmitter it must be borne in mind that the closed circuit comprising the grid and plate coil variable condenser and input to the tube has to carry as much as fifteen times the current it carries when conductively coupled to the antenna. To minimize the losses in this circuit the inductance should be designed to carry the heavier current and the condenser should be a low-loss double spaced or transmitting type such as the Cardwell transmitting.

L3 and L4 should be made by winding 150 turns of No. 30 D.C.C. wire on a 3-inch tube.

The circuit given is for a separate filament transformer. This arrangement is advisable as it allows close control of the filament voltage without the use of a rheostat directly in the filament circuit which would upset the balance obtained by the use of the mid-tap. The rheostat R should be one similar to the new E 210 Bradley.

If the fundamental of the antenna circuit is above 80 meters insert a variable condenser in the counterpoise or ground lead. Loose coupling between L1 and L2 will minimize interference to broadcast receivers, make the transmitter stable and the note better. Test with a receiving station as the maximum deflection point on the antenna meter may not be the best place to operate.

"C" Battery for Neutrodyne Receiver

QUESTION: I have a homemade five-tube neutrodyne receiver with which I use three large-size, 45-volt "B" batteries. It seems to me that the "B" batteries have to be replaced altogether too fre-

quently, and I wonder if there is some way in which I can prolong the life of these batteries without interfering with the good results I am now getting so far as volume and distance are concerned. Can you advise me? I might add that I have been thinking of installing a "C" battery, but do not know whether this would help.

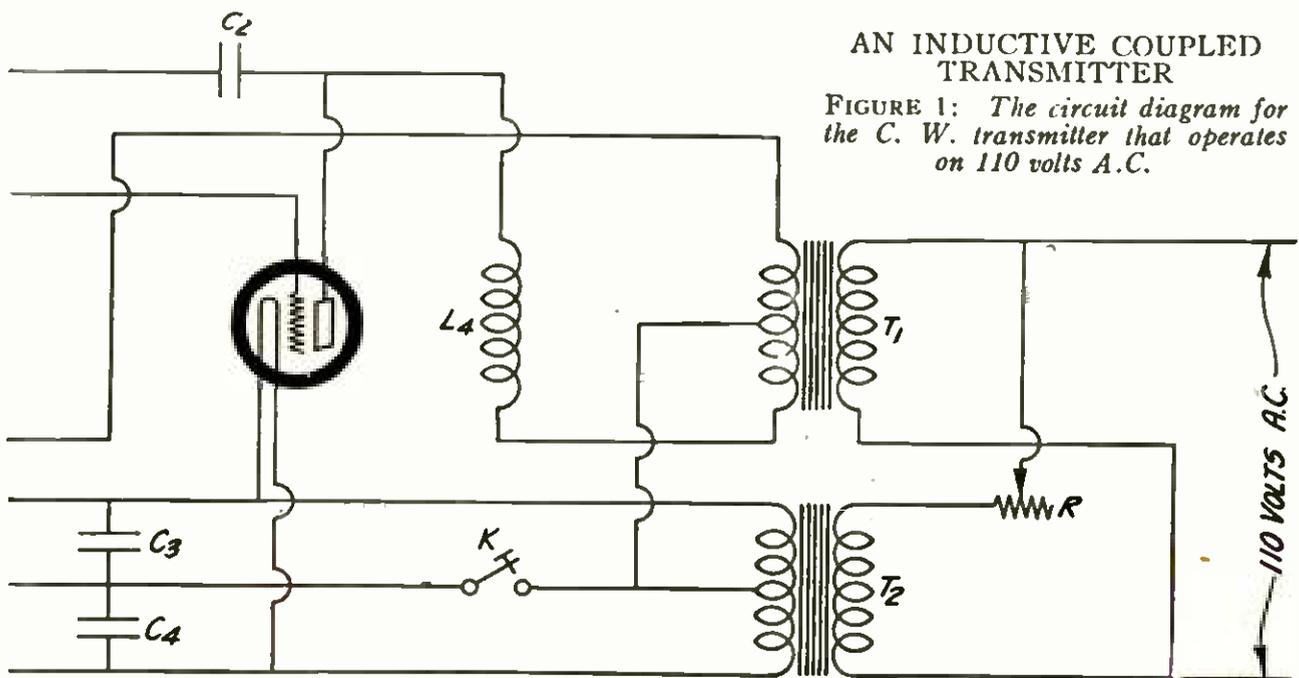
BEN WEBSTER

ANSWER: By all means install the "C" battery in the grid returns of the audio-frequency amplifier tubes. This should make the "B" batteries last at least 25 percent longer. Next try using only two of the 45-volt batteries instead of three. This will undoubtedly improve the tone quality of the receiver, will give only slightly less volume than you now obtain, and will lengthen the life of your batteries materially. Finally, use the "oversize" 45-volt batteries, such as the Eveready No. 770 type. The first cost of these larger batteries is somewhat higher than the batteries you now use, but their life is almost twice as great. By following out these suggestions the life of your "B" batteries should be several hundred percent greater than at present. It is highly probable, too, that tone quality will be improved and volume equal to that obtained at present.

Static on Various Wavelengths

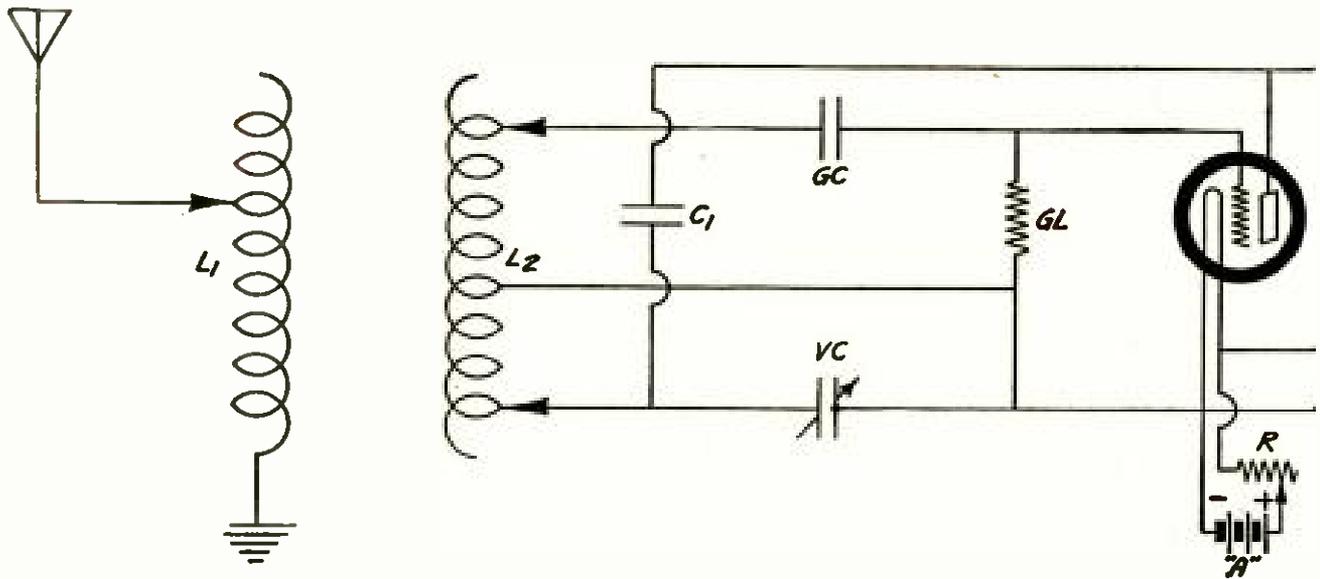
QUESTION: Is it true that the static that is heard on the broadcasting waves of 300 to 500 meters is absent on short waves of 40 to 80 meters?

ALEXANDER SMYTHIE



AN INDUCTIVE COUPLED TRANSMITTER

FIGURE 1: The circuit diagram for the C. W. transmitter that operates on 110 volts A.C.



A LOW POWER TRANSMITTER FOR TELEPHONY

FIGURE 2: This diagram shows how the various instruments in the circuit should be connected for a simple transmitter employing Heising modulation.

ANSWER: Yes, sometimes this is the case although by no means a rule. Static is no respecter of wavelengths and is sometimes prevalent over a considerable band. As an instance, static conditions may prevail on 40 meters, be considerably less on 80 meters and again very loud on 250 meters.

A Low Power Phone Transmitter

QUESTION: I should like to experiment with a small telephone transmitter which would be capable of transmitting a couple of miles. If possible I should like to operate it on a storage battery and regular B batteries. Will I need any license to operate a low power transmitter of this type?

HOWARD BEAN

ANSWER: In Figure 2 you will find a diagram of a low power phone transmitter. You will need the following parts:

- L1 and L2—secondary and primary of coupler;
- C1—.002 condenser which will stand the B voltage;
- VC—.00025 variable condenser;
- GC—.0005 condenser;
- GL—variable grid-leak;
- L3—radio-frequency choke;
- L4—audio-frequency choke;
- M—microphone;
- MT—modulation transformer;
- R—filament rheostat.

L2 should be made by winding 36 turns of number 18 D.C.C. on a 4-inch tube and tapping it in the middle. L1 should have about 20 turns of the same size. This should be

mounted so the coupling to L2 can be varied. If the fundamental of the antenna is below the wave you wish to work on L1 can be tapped every two turns and adjusted until the maximum power is emitted. If it is above this value you will have to insert a variable condenser in the ground lead.

L3 can be made by winding 200 turns of number 32-36 D.C.C. on a 3-inch coil.

Any good audio choke or the secondary of an audio transformer designed to carry a fairly high current can be used for L4.

Any good amplifier or power tube can be used in this circuit. If 201-a tubes are used B should not be over 150 volts. Better results can be gotten by using VT2s (Western Electric) or a power tube which will operate on a storage battery. Up to 350 volts can be used on the latter permitting transmission over a greater range.

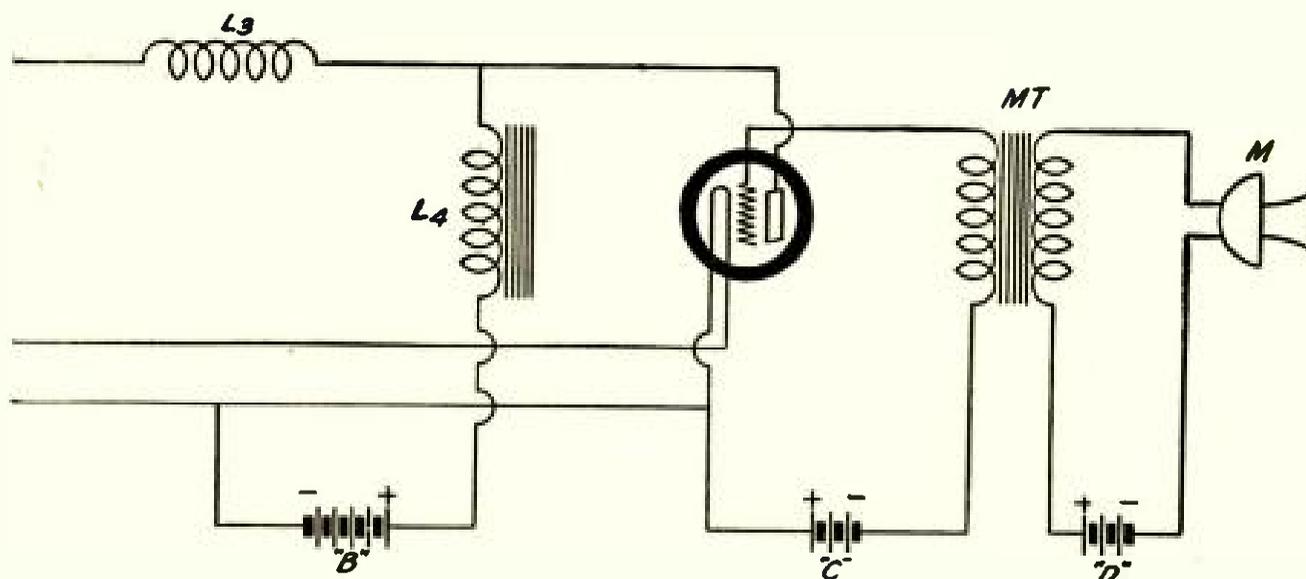
The voltage of C will vary from about 6 to 30 volts, depending on the tube and plate voltage.

D is the microphone battery, and its voltage is determined by that necessary for the "mike."

Regardless of how little power is used both a station and operator's license must be obtained before you do any transmitting. The latter means that the code must be learned even if you are to use only a phone transmitter. Communicate with the radio inspector in your district for blanks and particulars on how to obtain a license.

Sub-panel Instrument Mounting

QUESTION: I want to fasten some transformers under a 1/4 inch thick bakelite sub-panel. Is it possible to drill and



tap holes without drilling clean through the bakelite?

TOBIAS S. NORTON

ANSWER: This is quite possible but requires much care. For 6/32 screws use a No. 31 drill, and while drilling stop frequently to plumb depth of hole. Drill the hole only 3/16 inch deep. It will be necessary to file the tip off a 6/32 tap to permit of it cutting a thread to the very bottom of the hole. Run your tap down slowly and do not attempt to force tap when nearing the finish of the process, as it may result in the breaking of the tap. Make sure your screws are not too long. This method of mounting instruments while neat and quite effective requires considerable time, patience and care.

Dry-cell or Storage Battery Tubes?

QUESTION: I have the blueprints for a small two-tube receiver which I am planning to build. The specifications call for the use of UV-199 or C-299 tubes. If superior results could be obtained with UV-201-a tubes I would prefer to use them, if not I would prefer the dry-cell tubes. Can you help me in this problem?

THOMAS NELSON

ANSWER: We presume your receiver consists of a detector and one stage of audio-frequency amplification. In that case there will be little difference whether you use dry-cell or storage-battery tubes. As doctors the two are about equal, and also in the first stage of audio-frequency amplification. It is not until the second stage of amplification is

used that the real difference between the two types of tubes becomes apparent. If there is any possibility of your adding another stage of amplification at some later date, therefore, we would advise the use of UV-201-a type of tubes.

Loudspeaker Operation on One Tube

QUESTION: Is it possible to operate a loudspeaker on one tube?

E. DUNLAP

ANSWER: With some models, laboratory built, and using special circuits, this has been possible. For this purpose super-regeneration has, as a rule, been employed. This necessitates a complicated filter system and is therefore not practical for the average broadcast listener. A loudspeaker is not an amplifier and simply transforms the electrical energy which it receives into sound energy.

Rushing Noises in a Receiving Set

QUESTION: Kindly explain the reason for the rushing noise that you hear before music is heard from the broadcasting station.

F. FARMER

ANSWER: The broadcasting station first produces a carrier wave of its specified wavelength, sends it through the microphone and to their antenna. This is the cause of the rushing noise as the microphone is not an absolutely silent device.

A Short-wave Regenerative Receiver

QUESTION: Please give me the circuit diagram and the necessary information to make a single-tube receiver of the Reinartz-Zenith type. I would like this receiver to cover a range of about 30 to 100 meters.

J. ANDERSON

ANSWER: In figure 3 is shown the wiring diagram necessary to construct the Reinartz-Zenith single-tube outfit. The parts you will need for building this set are the following:

- L1 and L2—hand-wound single layer coils;
- L3—hand-wound choke coil;
- VC1 and VC2—variable condensers, .00025 mfd.;
- GC—griddenser, .00025 mfd.;
- GL—grid-leak, variable;
- TEL—telephones;
- R—filament rheostat, 20 ohms.

The coils, L1 and L2 should be changed for various wavelength bands. The smaller coils should consist of—for L1 a single coil wound No. 18 DSC wire wound with 9 turns on a 3½ inch diameter tube tapped every 3 turns as indicated in the diagram.

Coil L3 should be wound on the same size tubing and should consist of about 6 turns of the same kind of wire.

For the medium wavelength band, coil L1 should consist of 11 turns for this waveband wire on the same size tubing and tapped every 6 turns. Coil L2 should consist of 7 turns of

the same kind of wire on the same size of tubing.

For the higher wavelength band, coil L1 should consist of 36 turns of the same size wire wound on the same size tubing. Coil L2 should consist of 11 turns for this waveband.

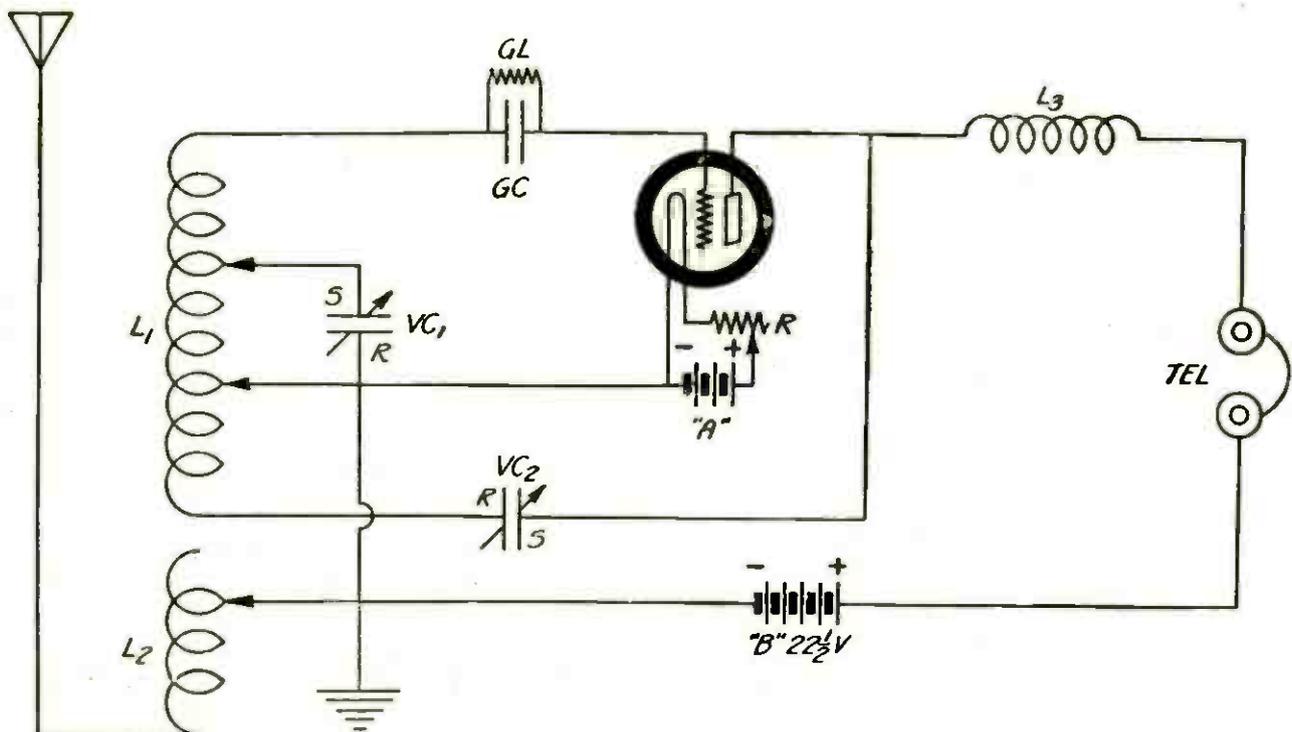
Coil L3 which is used as a radio-frequency choke coil should consist of No. 30 DSC wire wound on a form 1 inch in diameter. The wire should be wound on a wooden spool in a single layer of this section to a length of 3½ inches. An ordinary antenna of 25 to 150 feet in length should be used.

The Commercial Tube Tester

QUESTION: When buying tubes in different stores I have noticed that the reading of the tube tester varied considerably. Does this indicate that the tubes are not uniform?

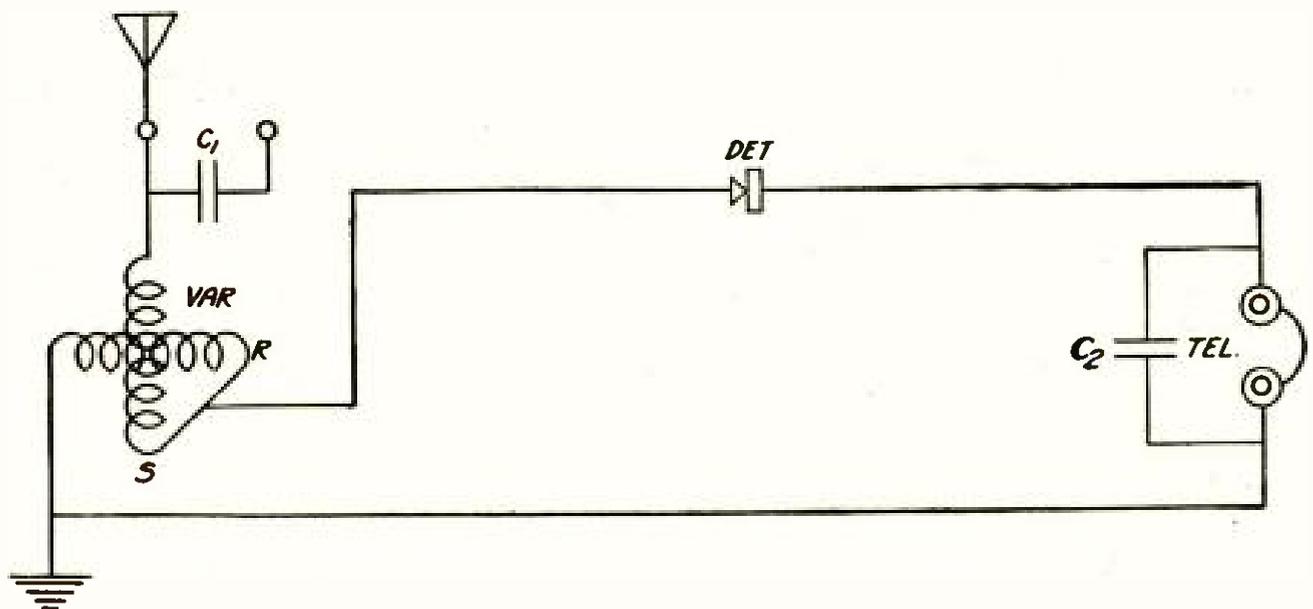
C. KANE

ANSWER: The testing device generally used merely measures the plate current of the tube for a given plate voltage and a given grid bias. One store may choose a certain value for the plate voltage and grid bias which will give them a certain reading for the plate current which they will come to recognize as a standard to judge the tube by. Another store may choose a different plate voltage or grid bias and this will give them a different standard plate current reading for the same type vacuum tube.



UNIQUE SHORT-WAVE REGENERATIVE RECEIVER

FIGURE 3: This diagram gives the connections for the Reinartz Zenith short-wave circuit which is noted for its ease of handling on waves below 150 meters.



A VARIOMETER-TUNED CRYSTAL CIRCUIT FOR LOCAL RECEPTION

FIGURE 4: This circuit shows the electrical connections for the variometer, the two fixed condensers, a crystal detector and the telephones to the aerial and ground wires.

A Simple Crystal Circuit

QUESTION: Please show me how to hook up a variometer and a crystal detector in a simple receiving circuit for use with the headphones. I do not want to use any amplifier or loudspeaker with this set.

F. COLLINS

ANSWER: The circuit you require is shown in Figure 4. The parts you will need for this set are the following:

- VAR—variometer;
- C1—mica fixed condenser, .00025 mf.;
- C2—mica fixed condenser, .0005 mf.;
- DET—crystal detector;
- TEL—telephone.

You should use two binding posts as indicated for the antenna circuit and connecting to the left-hand one for long waves and to the right-hand one for short-wave stations.

This receiver should give you all the local programs up to a distance of 15 miles with clear headphone reception.

Where to Locate the Loudspeaker

QUESTION: Is it necessary to keep the loudspeaker adjacent to the receiving set? Sometimes it would be more convenient to move mine to the adjoining room.

M. E. FORD

ANSWER: The loudspeaker may be moved a reasonable distance away from the receiving set and still give perfectly satisfactory repro-

duction. In fact, some manufacturers make an extension cord about 25 feet long for just this purpose. The extension cord is supplied with a plug on one end for connection to the receiving set and a jack on the other end for connection to the loudspeaker.

The "Trickle" Charger and Its Principle of Operation

QUESTION: What is the principle of the "trickle" charger and how often must one of these be used? Is it a kind of charger that must be used in conjunction with an ordinary charger or does it replace the older type? How is the trickle charger used and what does it do? I have been told that it is used all the time that the set stands idle. Is this true? Does this cause any deterioration in the battery?

J. O. MURRIN

ANSWER: This type of charger depends on charging the storage battery practically continuously at a very low rate. One commercial unit, for instance, consists of a very low ampere-hour capacity storage battery combined with a "trickle" charger. Permanent connection is made to the electric light socket and also to the radio receiving set and a switch is provided for lighting the vacuum tubes of the set. The unit is arranged so that the storage battery is connected directly to the receiving set while the set is in use and so that the battery is connected to the electric light mains through the charger at all other times. Thus the battery is charged continuously except while the receiving set is in use.



F. M. Delano, Paris

WHY RADIO FANS ARE INCREASING IN SPAIN

Ever since POPULAR RADIO initiated the broadcasting of the outdoor concerts of the Philharmonic orchestra in New York back in 1922, this particular form of "pick-up" transmission has become widely popular. Above is shown the Madrid Municipal Band playing in the Plaza del Rey; the microphone may be seen hanging on a tree.

The BROADCAST LISTENER

*Comments on radio programs, methods and technique
—from the point of view of the average fan*

By RAYMOND FRANCIS YATES

The WEA F Opera House

FRESH from the barber shop with a nice new hair cut and a heavy dose of Pinaud's we sat down to hear what WEA F would do to the good opera "Samson and Delilah." After it was all over we decided that this department should stop being nasty in the first paragraph and come right out and say something constructive and complimentary for a change. If we were given to the use of superlatives, we could say a lot of fine things about this good program, but we are just going to put it down as one of the ten best broadcasts of the year. This sweeping statement may mark us as one of the softest-hearted radio reviewers in the

business, but this department must be kept frank and honest above all things.

There was just a tiny little bit of fault that we had to find with the presentation. The descriptive matter lacked that imaginative touch so graciously imparted by that very capable announcer, Milton J. Cross (WJZ). Cross talks easily and intelligently about the opera, and we have yet to find a man who can match his meaty prologues. It is one thing to talk elegantly and blandly about "Miserere" and the prison scene of "Il Trovatore" or the hut of the Ulrica in "Ballo Maschera," and another thing to equip the radio listeners with a vivid, living picture of the action and the *locale*. Unless there is back of it a wise old head that

knows its opera and knows it well, it all amounts to so much pale pink *pfui*. If there is one thing that racks this old frame with rage it is the pathetic spectacle of an ex-usher or ex-poultry feed salesman unloading his version of "Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians" into the unoffending microphone.

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Opera Without the Flesh and Pasteboard

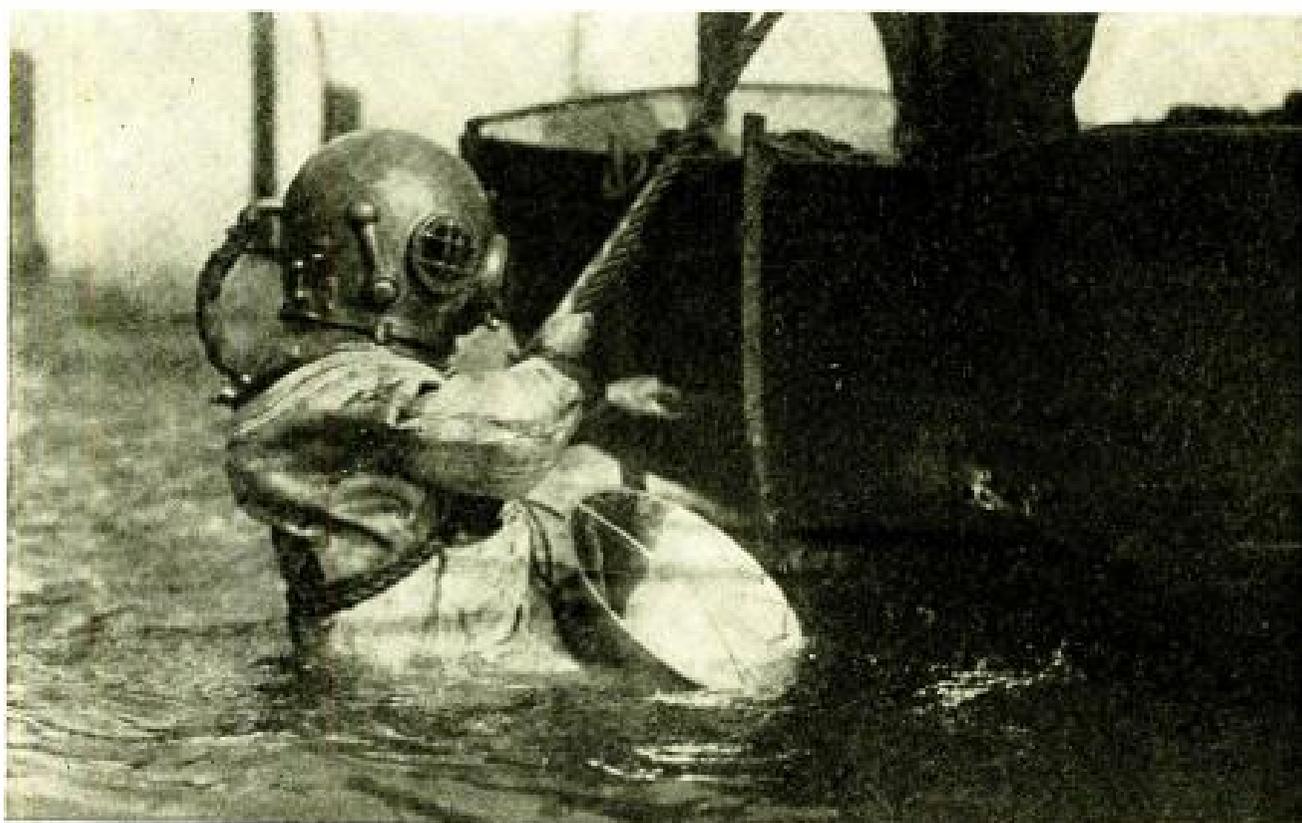
SOME of our very sophisticated friends complain that the radio opera is horribly unfinished and naked without its gaudy, gilded scenes of pasteboard and papier-maché filled with the bulky and unromantic figures of fleshy tenors and sopranos. Thank God our operatic education is so incomplete and plebeian that we are cold to the demands made by the more erudite students. For one thing, we have always thought that nature has been both indiscriminate and careless in the manner in which she bestowed gifts of voice and physical charm, and it is no tragedy in the life of this reviewer to be spared the sight of the bulky flesh (and sometimes the reverse) that animates the average opera scene. It is maddening to see a 210-pound female waddling about the stage in a sickly and insufficient effort to depict a tragedy of Verdi's or a romance of Puccini's. The voice is willing, but the flesh says "No" with several 24-point exclamation marks after it.

It is strange, isn't it, that Mr. Ziegfeld is so successful in finding heavenly figures with grade E voices and that Gatti-Casazza is so sure to find 5,000-watt vocal chords residing in a Mack truck chassis. Perhaps the radio is very kind to us after all, in that it spares us the unpleasantness of associating bird-like sounds with the heaving bulks of the dinosaurs. The radio may be blind, but thank heaven, it is not grotesque.

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Too Much Chopin Is Enough

HAVING been a slave to the charm of Frederic Chopin's dainty nocturnes, mazurkas and études since the age of twenty (that's over forty years ago. Yes, the years do fly), we should be one of the last ones to say anything against his presence on the air. The fact that we are raising our voice a little just goes to show how serious the matter is and how upset we are about it. It seems that every pianist, near-pianist (*ditto* for the violinists) picks Chopin for public performance, and for three years now we have been Chopined on the air until we are just downright tired of it. The great "Nocturne in E Flat" has been played with all manner of technique, ranging from bright red down to Italian barber shop blue, on an average of three times a day in New York and vicinity. Let's let poor Chopin rest awhile. Men like Ernest Ball and Irving Berlin have to make a living, you know.



Pacific & Atlantic

A NOVEL BROADCASTING EXPLOIT

Equipped with a 1,000 watt pressure-resisting lamp, Dr. M. F. d'Elise of Philadelphia recently descended into 75 feet of water off New Jersey at 9 o'clock in the evening and described what he saw to the fans who were listening in to Station WIP.



Kadel & Herbert

AN AUTOMOBILE DIRECTED BY ETHER WAVES

Another experiment has recently been made with a "radio controlled" automobile, under the control unit in a pilot radio transmitter on 80 meters and operating on 100 watts; by means of relays picked up by special 5-watt receivers, the various controls of the car were operated. It has been proposed to drive the radio car and its pilot (following at a distance of 200 feet) across the continent.

Making Advertising Medicine from Old Favorites

OUR advertisers, now that they have taken to the radio, are certainly getting nice and clever in putting their stuff over on the radio audience. For a time there we thought they were going to run out of ideas, but it seems that we made a bad mistake, for it was only yesterday that we heard a New York furniture installment house start its half hour off with "Home Sweet Home." If Payne and Bishop wrote "Home Sweet Home" to bring on the furniture buying mood, it was nothing more or less than a dirty trick. Anyway, this is just a little warning to be on the watch for these subtle little pieces of air-copy designed to set the good wife off on a buying streak.

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Familiar Airs Ready for Cold Storage

WHEN the announcer says that the next number is going to be "an old favorite," that means that you are supposed to like it, or at least that the chances are pretty good that you will like it. We have a large number of "old favorites," but whether or not a thing will be

an old favorite with you depends upon what kind of music makes up your diet. Some like it harsh, some mild, some tender, some sentimental, some jazzy and some heavy. Some think "Marcheta" is or should be a classic (which reminds us, by the way, that it is pretty closely related to the "Merry Wives of Windsor" overture; hum the first few bars of each and listen for yourself) and others believe that Rimsky-Kosakow's "Coq d'Or" is a mere mess of unrelated and themeless notes.

At any rate, our announcers are too sure that they know the "old favorites," and it seems to us that is just a way they have of passing off the old, stale ones so they won't sound so bad. We're a wise old bird, and just to show these youngsters that they can't sell us quite so cheaply as that we are going to list a few "favorites" that should be kept off the air for the remainder of this year. It has reached a point where somebody has got to put a stop to this old favorite business, and it might just as well be us.

"Pale Hands."

"Kiss Me Again."

"Give a Man a Horse He Can Ride."

"At Dawning" (we're real mad about this one).

"By the Waters of Minnetonka."

"My Laddie."

"Tommy Lad."
 "Sunrise and You."
 "My Curly Headed Baby."

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The Craving for Broadcast "Stunts"

It's marvelous the way the studio publicity men think up ways and means of keeping up their lineage in the daily press. If they are not writing silly paragraphs about this or that "well-known star" they are molding up a new scheme to put the station on the air with some sort of "first-time-it-was-ever-done" stunt. The prize for this sort of business goes to the young scheme-specialist who thought of broadcasting from a diver's suit at the bottom of the ocean at Atlantic City. Although the news item was probably handled through at least twenty-five press associations and appeared in every great American daily, this bellicose old thing saw in it not a single sign of merit. It is no trick to carry a microphone to the bottom of the Atlantic. It would be no more difficult than the simple trick of broadcasting from the ice box of a kosher meat market in the Bronx. It would probably be the first time anybody had broadcast from the ice box of a kosher meat market in the Bronx, and with the aid of the thousands of industrious, news-grabbing editors we have throughout this big country of ours, the thing would go over big. Some day we are going to write a big thesis on this publicity bunk over the radio, and when we do a lot of these smart publicity men are going to be told a few things. Yes, sir!

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1,800,000 Compositions Broadcast Yearly

It is little wonder that the radio often loses some of its charm and freshness when we stop to think of how many hungry broadcasting studios we have that must be fed. Working on the theory that 300 studios are hard at it every day, and that each studio broadcasts at least twenty different musical numbers each day, we find (leaving out the Sundays), that no less than 1,800,000 compositions run through the mill yearly. That's eating up our musical resources at a pretty fast rate when you come to think it over. You know it has been worrying us a lot lately that radio may sooner or later make a positive bore out of the very best music. Give the public too much of anything, be it Beethoven or be it Berlin, and it eventually becomes fed up.

With that robust figure of 1,800,000 in mind we can see how it is that so many "Tommy Lads," "At Dawning" and "By the Waters of Minnetonkas" have to be thrown in to keep the broadcast pot boiling. Still that's the American way of overdoing things, feel about it as you may. In another five years we shall either be a very musical nation with every tot able to whistle Bach, Saint-Saëns and Mozart, or we shall learn to loathe the very sound of music.

Now that the world has been warned, we feel that we have done our part. Take your course, stupid old world, but don't blame us for what happens!

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Proposed Rules of Conduct in a Station

If we ever own a broadcasting station (God knows we have never craved such a thing, for we are a very lazy and indolent person) we are going to post a long list of rules for the conduct of those who perform acoustically before the microphone.

Rule No. 1 would warn each speechmaker against the facetious practice of referring to the microphone as (1) ash receiver, (2) tin pan and (3) pill box. If there is one thing that causes much biting of the finger nails out in the Morris Heights section of the Bronx where these brisk little paragraphs are pecked off, it is the gentleman who slips into his subject with, "Well, folks, this is my first offense. This little dish pan before me here—"

Rule No. 2 would read, "Pat and Mike were kicked down the stairs from this studio six months ago. Do not refer to them over the air." Speechmakers calling upon Pat and Mike stories would be severely dealt with. Mr. Rube Goldberg would be hired to devise an apparatus so that the mere utterance of the words, "That reminds me of the story of Pat and Mike," would release from a point directly over the microphone a large basket of paving bricks, each one with the power to induce long periods of butterfly chasing.

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Riding to Fame on Radio

FAME is a funny thing after all. Here we have been struggling along for sixty-four years and we have yet to hear somebody whisper, "Why, don't you know that guy, he's the man who—" You can do many things to become famous. Chorus girls shoot millionaires and get sentenced to six months in vaudeville. Just do something unusual, something big or something sensational, and you'll cash in. At least that formula held until broadcasting came along.

If you are a persistent sort of a person you can become famous on the air just about as cheaply and as thoroughly as you wish. Take some of our famous announcers for example. They're famous not because they're particularly good, but because they do a lot of talking that is heard by a large number of people and they keep at it. By the same process you could make a nanny goat famous by putting him (or her) near the monument at Columbus Circle. The nanny goat would do nothing to merit fame, but thousands of people would see it every day and finally people would begin to talk about the nanny goat at Columbus Circle.

Yes, these radio people ride to fame in an easy way, and here we are, just nobody, writing a wonderful line of stuff like this. Justice? Bah!



WHAT'S NEW IN RADIO APPARATUS

THIS department is conducted by POPULAR RADIO LABORATORY for the purpose of keeping the radio experimenter and the broadcast listener informed concerning the newest inventions and the approved developments in radio equipment. Only such apparatus as has been tested and endorsed by the Laboratory is noted in these columns.

AN EFFICIENT TUBE

Name of instrument: Vacuum tube.

Description: This tube is made in a somewhat similar manner to the ordinary standard tube, except that a different kind of filament is used. The base is of mahogany-colored bakelite with silver-tipped terminals on the bottom. The glass portion of the tube is of blue glass with straight sides rather than the ordinary pear-shape that is used on most vacuum tubes. The tube characteristics run very

uniform and make the tube extremely satisfactory for radio-frequency amplification, although they may also be used with good results as detectors and audio-frequency amplifiers.

Usage: As an amplifying or rectifying device in a radio receiving set.

Outstanding features: Uniform in electrical characteristics, sturdy construction, good appearance, efficient.

Maker: Brightson Laboratories, Inc.



These tubes come packed in a carton as shown in the illustration. They are well protected from shock and breakage in this kind of a case.

A NEW TYPE OF JACK

Name of instrument: Two-stage jack.

Description: This accessory is novel, in that it may be installed in a radio receiving set for controlling one or two stages of audio-frequency amplification. By inserting a plug into this jack until the first notch is encountered one stage of amplification may be cut into the circuit, and by pushing the plug all the way in the two stages are automatically attached to the loudspeaker. This eliminates the use of one extra jack and allows the operator to control the volume with a single operation.

Usage: In connection with radio receiving apparatus for attaching loudspeaker or phones to the amplifier.

Outstanding features: Neat workmanship. Novel connection feature. Good appearance.

Maker: Leich Electric Company.



A jack that performs double duty.

A NOVEL CABINET LOUDSPEAKER

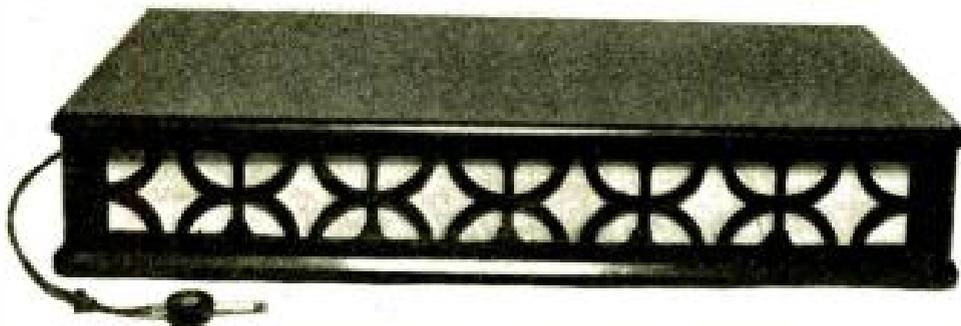
Name of instrument: Loudspeaker.

Description: Here is an electrical-acoustic reproducer which is in a low cabinet and may be placed directly underneath the receiving set. It contains a well-known make of an electric reproducing unit with a new design of flat horn which gives good tone quality and ample volume for the ordinary living room.

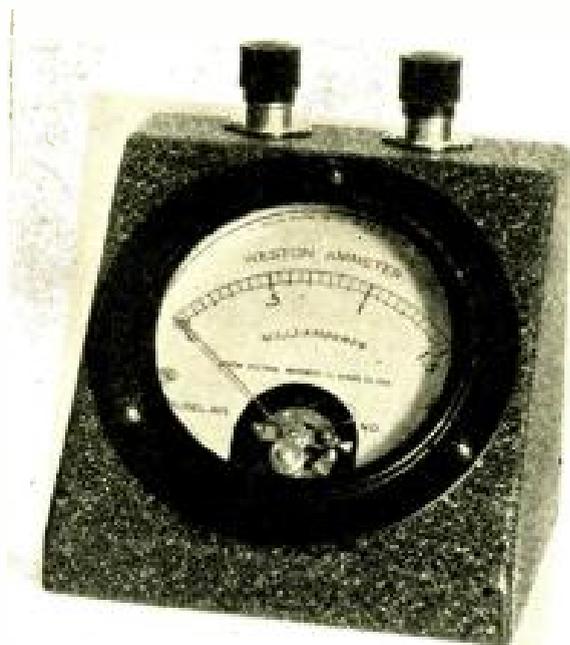
Usage: With any radio receiving set as a reproducer.

Outstanding features: Novel shape and design. Good tone quality. Very fine appearance when installed.

Maker: Timbre-tone Mfg. Co.



This loudspeaker may be set on top of or underneath the ordinary receiving set. It takes up but small space and is very attractive in appearance.



A quality instrument useful to any experimenter.

AN ACCURATE MILLIAMMETER

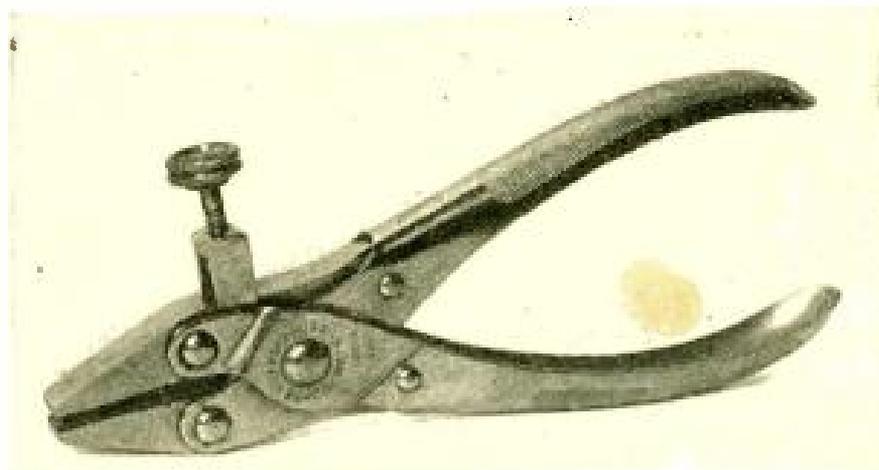
Name of instrument: Milliammeter.

Description: This is a standard size flush mounting meter of the moving coil type with a scale of 0 to 1½ milliamperes. It is also furnished in 0 to 25 and 0 to 50 milliamperes, which latter sizes are suitable for insertion in the plate circuit of radio receiving sets. For laboratory use the instrument can be mounted on a small metal bracket as shown in the photograph, which contains two binding posts at the top that may be connected to the binding posts on the instrument with two short lengths of wire. This makes the instrument serve a double purpose for both mounting in the set and for separate work in laboratory testing.

Usage: Can be mounted directly on a panel of a receiving set or as shown above for portable laboratory work.

Outstanding features: Neat in appearance, accurate, sturdy in construction, standard finish.

Maker: Weston Electrical Instrument Company.



This hand plier contains the novel feature of a small vise-like attachment which enables various objects to be clamped tightly in the plier without holding the two handles compressed together.

HANDY PLIERS WITH VISE ATTACHMENT

Name of instrument: Combination pliers and clamp.

Description: A simple pair of pliers equipped with a spring that holds the jaws open under ordinary conditions. At the side of the jaws is a small nut and clamp that can be used for holding an article tightly in the jaws without pressure on the handles. The workmanship is such that this tool should be useful over a long period of time.

Usage: In the experimental laboratory for holding and clamping small bits of metal or small units while building a receiving set.

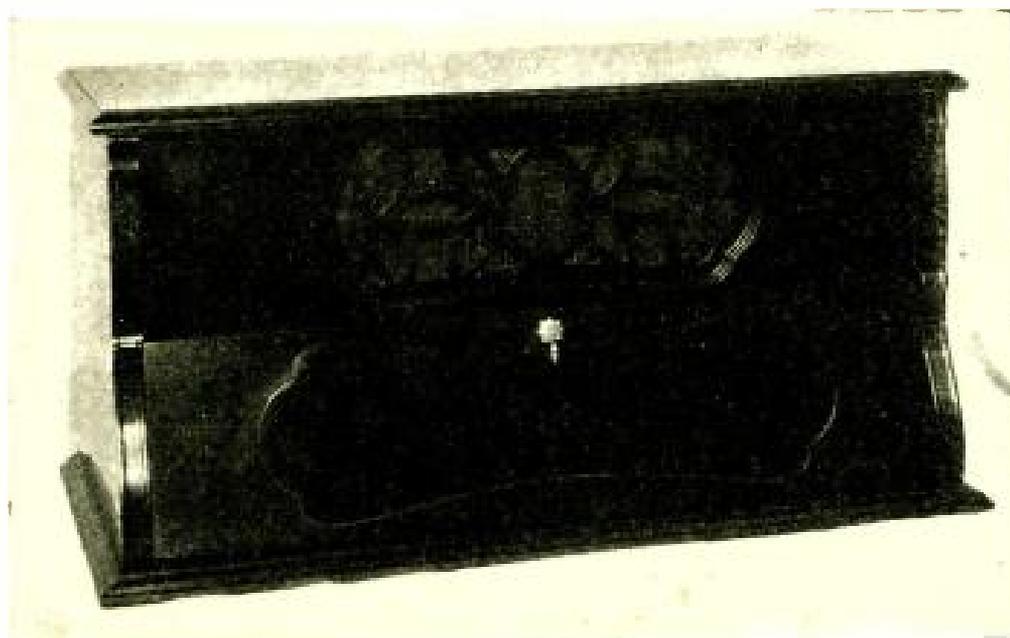
Outstanding features: Extremely handy. Light weight. The small clamp helps in holding pieces of apparatus without remaining in the operator's hands.

Maker: Wm. Schollhorn Co.

COMBINATION CABINET AND HORN

Name of instrument: Complete cabinet for a radio receiving set.

Description: A fine cabinet that is at the same time exceptionally beautiful in design and very satisfactory for encasing a home-made receiver. It is made of finely polished mahogany and is really an attractive piece of furniture. A loudspeaker horn is incorporated in the top portion of the cabinet and is all ready to have the unit clamped in position. The lower portion of the front is on a hinge which opens outward and leaves a space for writing down call letters, etc. Directly in back of this door is the section taken up by the receiving set which is installed by fastening the panel at each end with screws to a sloping or straight guide. The cabinet is suitable for mounting either a sloping panel or a straight panel as the builder desires,



This beautiful cabinet has a folding door in front that opens to the receiver. The loudspeaker is incorporated in the upper portion.

by simply reversing two triangular pieces, one at each side on the inside of the cabinet.

Usage: As a housing for a radio receiving set and loudspeaker unit.

Outstanding features: Fine appearance, simplifies the radio receiving set by housing batteries and loudspeaker. A real piece of furniture.

Maker: Blandin Phonograph Company, Inc.

A FILAMENT TRANSFORMER FOR RESTORING TUBE FILAMENTS TO ACTIVITY

Name of instrument: Tube rejuvenator.

Description: This instrument contains in a metal case a transformer with an attached winding which is suitable for applying the proper voltages to the thoriated filament vacuum tube to activity. It contains the sockets for both types of tubes and two sets of switches for applying the heavy and the light currents for this work. It is equipped with a long extension cord with a plug for installing in the lighting socket.

Usage: For restoring wornout filaments.

Outstanding features: Compact. Easy to operate. Economical in operation.

Maker: Jefferson Electric Mfg. Co.



A device for making new tubes of old ones.

A NEW BRACKET FOR MOUNTING SUB-PANELS

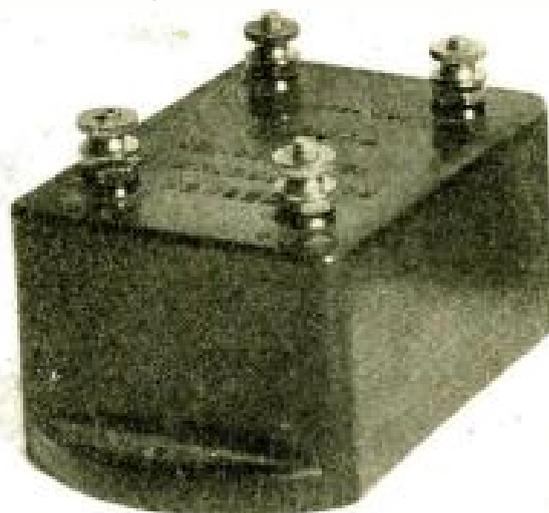
Name of instrument: Aluminum bracket.

Description: This light and strong aluminum bracket (which goes by the name of "Kelbracket") is cast in a single piece in the shape shown in the illustration with suitable holes for accommodating screws and bolts for attaching to the main panel and sub-panel of a radio receiving set. This makes a very useful accessory for the amateur and experimenter to keep on hand at all times.

Usage: As a brace and mounting for the panels in a radio receiver.

Outstanding features: Light weight. Strong. Easy to install. Neat in appearance.

Maker: Keller Company.



A radio-frequency transformer of merit.

A NEW RADIO-FREQUENCY TRANSFORMER

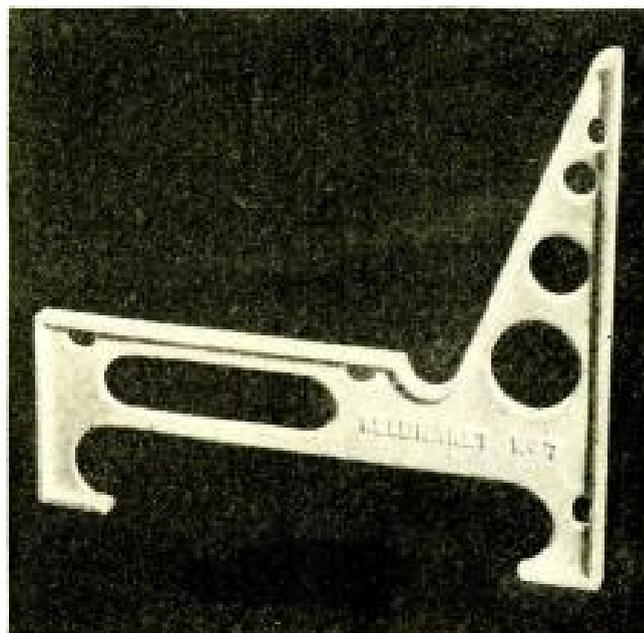
Name of instrument: Radio-frequency transformer.

Description: This is a fixed transformer, the coils of which are enclosed in a neat case with the terminals brought out at the top and plainly marked. The coils are of novel construction as is also the magnetic path that couples the two circuits together. The coils embrace the usual broadcast range. The terminals are brought out in the conventional manner on the top of the case and are marked with letters which indicate the proper connections to the coupled vacuum tubes.

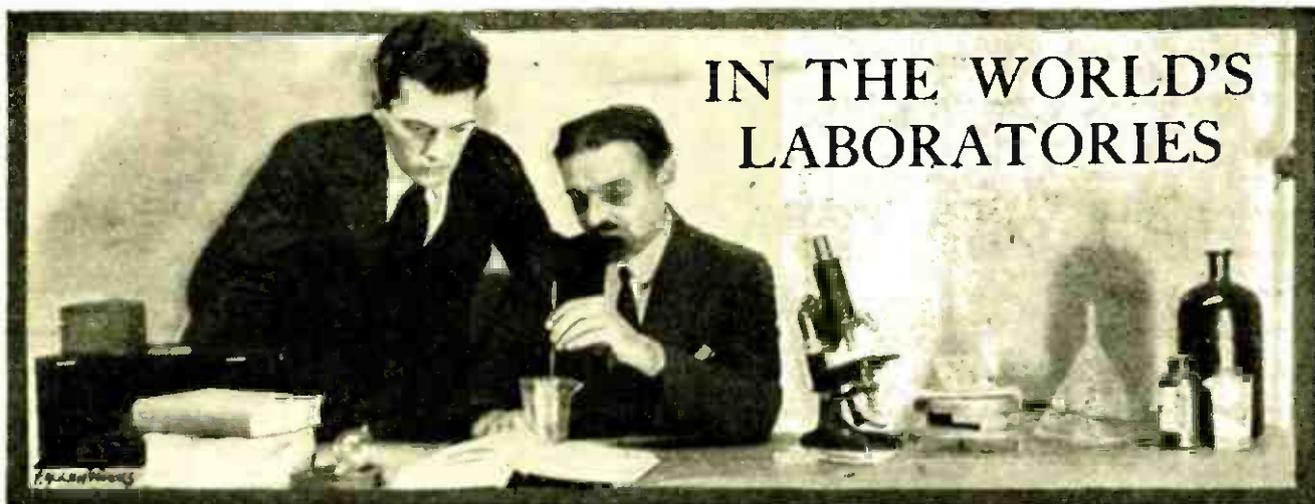
Usage: In a radio-frequency set as an inter-stage coupling at radio frequencies.

Outstanding features: Easy operation. Extended waveband. Neat construction.

Maker: Werner Radio Mfg. Co.



An aluminum bracket that is light and strong.



IN THE WORLD'S LABORATORIES

CONDUCTED BY DR. E. E. FREE

Is the Electron Divisible?

MODERN students of electricity have grown accustomed to regard electrons as the ultimate, indivisible particles of electricity. All electrons are assumed to be alike. They are believed all to carry exactly the same electric charge. It is felt that no smaller electric charge than this could exist in nature. On these fundamental principles are based the deductions of all modern electric theory. For example, these principles underlie the theory of the radio vacuum tube.

During the past few years, however, Professor Felix Ehrenhaft, head of the Physics Institute of the University of Vienna, has been attacking this view.* It is possible, he maintains, to detect fractional parts of an electron. He believes that the experimental evidence does not favor the idea of uniform electrons at all. If electrons exist, they must be variable, he thinks, in the charge that they carry. Quite possibly electrons do not really exist at all. Electricity may not be composed of particles. Instead it may really be some kind of continuous "fluid," as used to be supposed before the electron was discovered. These are his suspicions.

It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of these criticisms to modern theories of electricity and radio. Were Professor Ehrenhaft's conclusions proved correct it would be necessary to abandon almost everything that we believe about vacuum tubes, about the electro-chemistry of storage batteries, about the structure of atoms, about the photo-electric cell and about a score of other physical developments. Fortunately, it is the almost universal opinion of scientists that Professor Ehrenhaft is mistaken.

In connection with the publication of the professor's paper in the *Philosophical Magazine*, Sir Oliver Lodge (who is one of the editors) prints a note saying that it is impossible to agree

* Professor Ehrenhaft's first communication on this subject was presented to the Vienna Academy of Sciences on March 4, 1909. His views are summarized, by himself, in a recent paper entitled "The Electrical Behavior of Radioactive Colloidal Particles of the Order of 10^{-5} Centimeter as Observed Separately In a Gas." *The Philosophical Magazine* (London), vol. 49, pages 633-648 (April, 1925). There is another recent paper by Th. Sexl (a pupil of Ehrenhaft) in *The Physical Review* (Corning, N. Y.), vol. 26, pages 92-96 (July, 1925).

with Professor Ehrenhaft but that his paper is presented in fairness and in order that there may be no claim that a viewpoint has been ignored.† The editor of *The Physical Review*, Dr. Gordon S. Fulcher, appends a similar note to the paper of Mr. Sexl referred to in the preceding footnote. More important still, Professor R. A. Millikan himself contributes a review of the available evidence, with especial reference to the conclusions of Professor Ehrenhaft.‡ No valid evidence has been adduced, Professor Millikan concludes, to weaken at all the idea that all electrons are indivisible and that they carry the same electric charge.

So far as we know, Professor Ehrenhaft's ideas have not attracted the attention of radio engineers outside of Austria. But perhaps they will do so, and it is as well for the radio public to realize that the professor's peers in the field of physics do not agree with his conclusions.

Exploding Wires with Forty Thousand Amperes

ABOUT five years ago Dr. J. A. Anderson, of Mount Wilson Observatory, devised an ingenious and spectacular method for studying the behavior of atoms of metals under the influence of high electric densities and tremendous heat. He built a great condenser of glass plates and sheets of tin foil. It had a capacity of one microfarad and could be charged to 20,000 volts. The entire charge of this condenser was then allowed to pass through a tiny metallic wire. Of course, the wire instantly blew up. By observing the spectrum of the light given out by the flash Dr. Anderson obtained valuable information concerning what happened to the atoms

† In *The Philosophical Magazine*, following Professor Ehrenhaft's article just cited (page 648).

‡ "The Nature of the Evidence for the Divisibility of the Electron," by R. A. Millikan, *The Physical Review* (Corning, N. Y.), vol. 26, pages 99-104 (July, 1925). It was Professor Millikan, as all radio fans should know, who proved the existence of the electron and measured its electric charge. This fundamental research is described in "The Electron," by R. A. Millikan, first edition issued by the University of Chicago Press in 1917; second and revised edition (the latest), 1924, 293 pages.

caught in what was, for them, so tremendous a cataclysm.

Several investigators have worked with this method since Dr. Anderson invented it* and now Mr. Sinclair Smith, working under the direction of Dr. Anderson himself, has added to the method a way of determining the time of the explosions and of discovering how the behavior of the atoms alters as the explosion proceeds.† To do this Mr. Smith allows the light from the exploding wire to fall on a moving mirror which reflects the light, in turn, onto the photographic film on which the record is made. The photograph of the flash is thus spread out over a certain length of the film, as it would be in a motion picture record, but with a much greater "time resolving power." This last ex-

pression means that changes occurring in much shorter time intervals can be detected and studied. It has proved possible, in fact, to detect, with some precision, the progress of the explosion in a time as short as one millionth of a second.

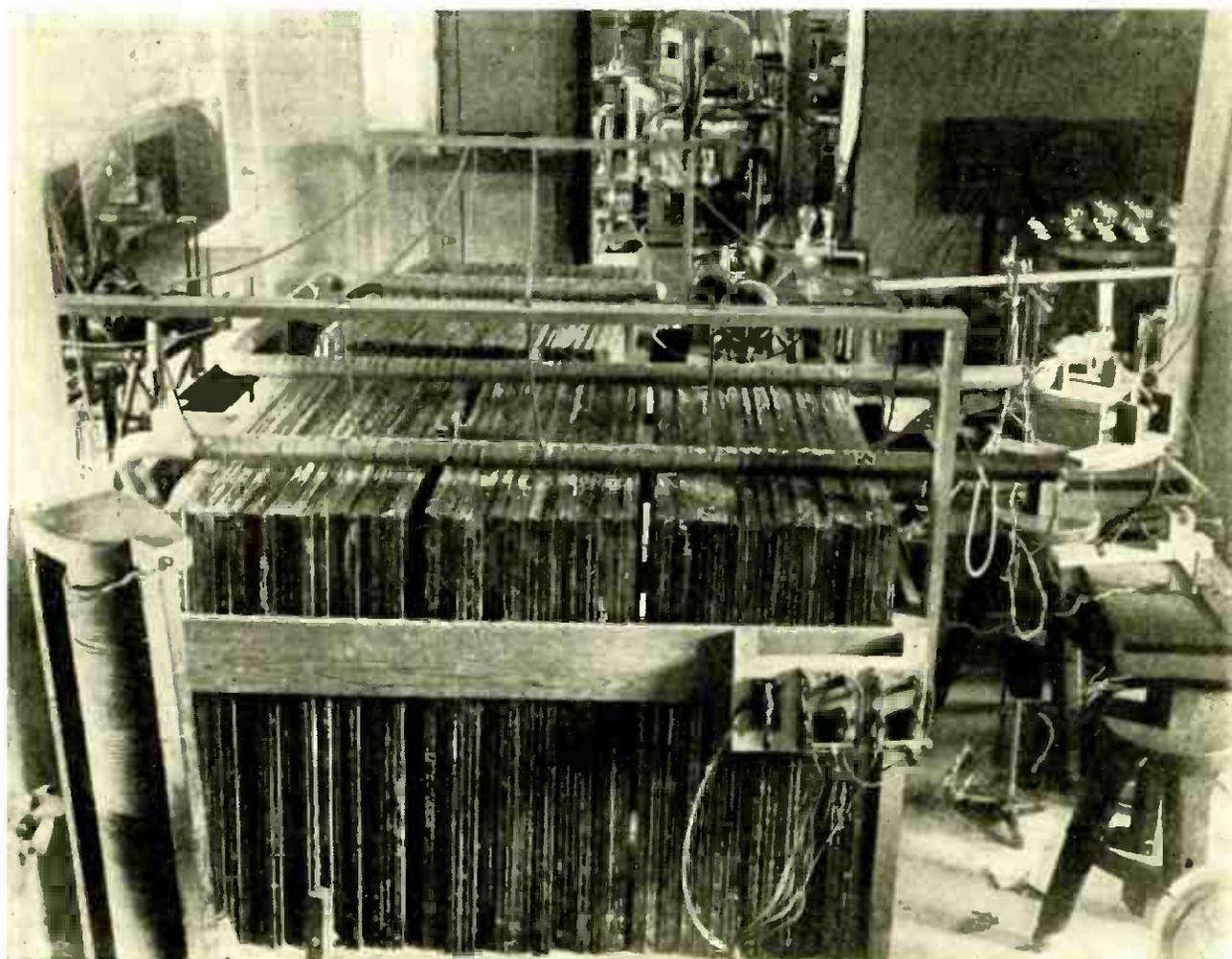
This time is not much longer than the times required for some of the changes inside the atoms themselves and work with this method will probably result during the next few years in greatly increased knowledge of the most intimate atomic secrets. A few of the facts already disclosed are indicated by the spectrum photographs reproduced herewith. They are set forth in more detail in Mr. Smith's paper already referred to.

Radio engineers will be especially interested, however, in the constants of this tremendously powerful oscillating circuit and in the novel construction used for the new condenser which Mr. Smith has constructed.

The original condenser built and used by Dr. Anderson was made, as already noted, of glass plates carrying sheets of tin foil. Ordinary window glass was used. The tin-foil sheets were 17 by 21 inches, there were 200 glass plates and

* An account of some of this work was given in this department in POPULAR RADIO for February, 1925, on pages 185 to 187.

† "A Study of Electrically Exploded Wires," by Sinclair Smith. *The Astrophysical Journal* (Chicago), vol. 61, pages 186-203 (April, 1925). We are indebted to Dr. Walter S. Adams, Director of the Mount Wilson Observatory, and to Dr. Anderson for some additional information concerning the apparatus, as well as for the photographs reproduced herewith.



Mt. Wilson Observatory.

THE GIANT CONDENSER USED TO EXPLODE WIRES

The glass-plate condenser in the foreground has a capacity of .6 microfarad at 60,000 volts. The electricity stored in it is discharged suddenly through a tiny wire stretched between the two upright terminals seen on the table at the right. The wire instantly explodes, its light yielding information about the behavior of the atoms in it. The wooden block on the table, just behind the spark terminals, contains two other terminals used for explosions in confined space.

the capacity attained was one microfarad, at a potential difference of 20,000 volts. In the new condenser of Mr. Smith the tin foil sheets are discarded. The conductors are fine-mesh wire screens placed inside the substance of the glass plates, just as wire reinforcing material is placed, nowadays, inside the sheets of fire-resistant glass. The wire is inserted in the molten glass when the sheets are being made.

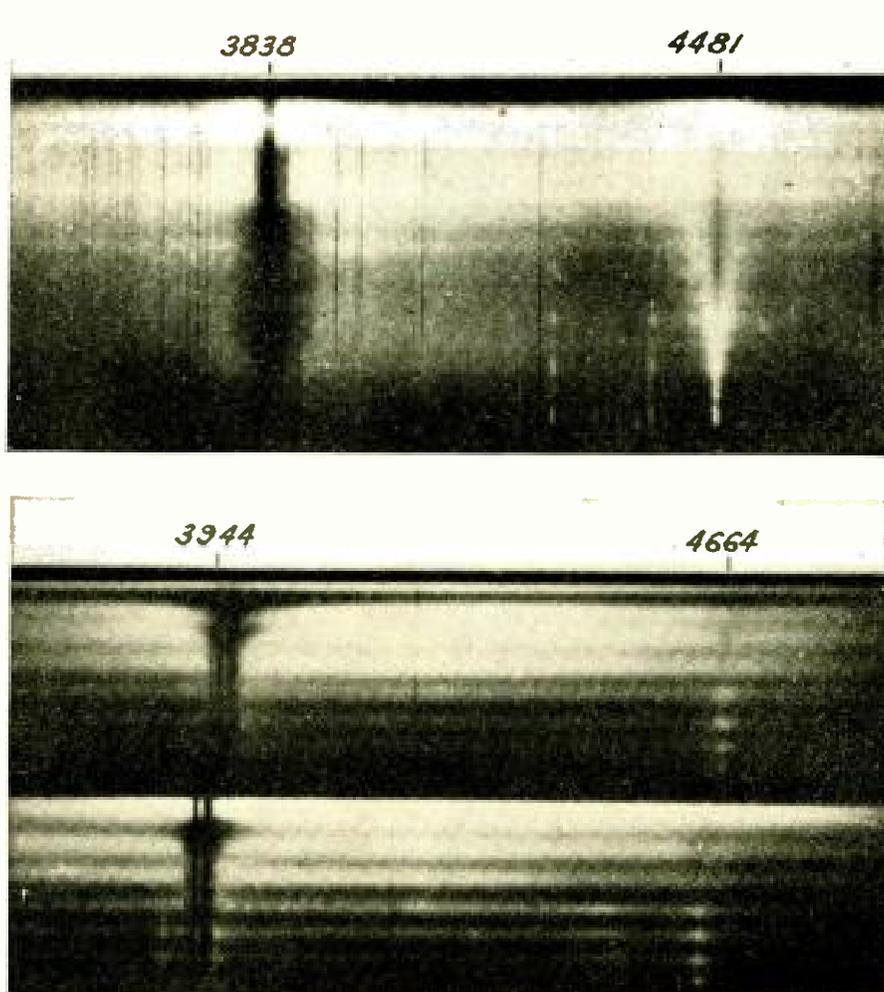
In the wire-and-glass sheets used by Dr. Smith a connecting wire was brought out at one edge of each sheet. The condenser was assembled in such fashion that these connecting wires came out, alternately, at opposite ends of the condenser. Thus the wire screens were charged, alternately, positively and negatively. The dielectric between them was formed by the surrounding glass. With this condenser, while the capacity was only about .6 microfarad, the potential difference attainable was found to be as high as 85,000 volts. Only 55,000 to 60,000 volts were used in the experiments now reported.

It is worth noting that the wire-glass sheets employed were made by the Mississippi Glass

Company. This material ought to prove useful for many purposes in radio experimentation and in physical laboratories generally.

When operated with a 55,000-volt charge the frequency of the oscillations set up on discharge was found to be 185,000 cycles per second, which means 185 kilocycles and corresponds to a radio wave of approximately 1,620 meters. The maximum of the current at the peak of each half-cycle (one peak being for current in one direction, the other for the reverse current) reaches the tremendous figure of about 40,000 amperes. Of course this large current endures for only a tiny fraction of a second; perhaps for even less than the one millionth of a second which is the limit of the time-resolving power of Mr. Smith's apparatus. If it does last for one millionth of a second, the number of electrons that cross the gap where the wire was during that instantaneous period reaches the virtually incomprehensible number of 250,000,000,000,000,000.

It must be remembered, too, that these electrons surge back and forth several times across the gap where the wire blew up. Each



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THREE RECORDS OF EXPLODING WIRES

The explosion begins with the white edge at the top of each record. Time is measured downward, the entire first record covering about one twenty-thousandth of a second. The horizontal bands of light correspond to the surges of current back and forth through the condenser. The top record shows the explosion of a wire of metallic magnesium. Note that the spectrum line marked as having a wavelength of 4,481 Angstrom Units is at first a dark (absorption) line, then a bright line. The two bottom records show explosions of aluminum wires.

complete cycle of the discharge means one surge forward and another surge back. It is like passengers rushing from one side of a steamer to the other and then back again as the boat begins to list. With each peak of current, on each half-cycle of the oscillation, the metal atoms of the exploded wire glow brilliantly. That is what causes the horizontal bands so clearly visible in those of Mr. Smith's spectra which are reproduced herewith. These bands are actual pictures of the effects of the condenser discharge on the metal atoms

Broadcast Interference in Europe

IN the nature of the case there can be no central authority in Europe with power to assign wavelengths and to regulate in other matters the activities of broadcasting stations in the various nations. The result is a growing difficulty from interference of one station with another. For long-distance work the European ether is already well "jammed."

To attempt the solution of this situation the European broadcasting interests have organized an informal international Bureau at Geneva, Switzerland. Mr. Arthur Burrows, formerly an official of the British Broadcasting Company, has been made director. Since Mr. Burrows has no actual power to enforce any regulations which he may make, his task will be a difficult one. This has been indicated already by the failure of the first international broadcasters' conference, held at Geneva during July, to reach any decision whatsoever on the very vital question of apportionment of wavelengths.

At this note is written, it is the intention to conduct a series of general interference tests during the first week of September, in the hope of discovering which stations will be likely to interfere with each other in the various parts of Europe. The same wavelengths will then be assigned to stations which are far enough apart to show no interference within their usual range of distance.

Radio for Both Ears

A SYSTEM of "binaural" radio—which means, literally, "two-ear" radio—was invented some months ago by Dr. F. M. Doolittle of Yale University and was described in the invention department of POPULAR RADIO.* It has now been put in operation at an experimental transmitting station at New Haven, Connecticut.†

The idea is that ordinary radio fails to seem perfectly natural to the ear because the microphone which picks up the sound occupies only one point. In normal hearing we hear with *two* ears, slightly separated in space. Thus we get a kind of "space sense" in our hearing, just as our two-eye vision gives us a sense of depth and solidity. Dr. Doolittle substitutes for the single microphone, two microphones. These are placed at a little distance from each other. The

* "With the Inventors," in POPULAR RADIO for April, 1925, page 392.

† "Binaural Broadcasting," by F. M. Doolittle. *The Electrical World* (New York), vol. 85, pages 867-870 (April 25, 1925).



Mt. Wilson Observatory.

EXPLODING AN IRON WIRE

This picture shows the actual appearance of the explosion when the full charge of the giant condenser is sent through a thin wire of iron.

sound waves received by them will differ slightly, just as do the sound waves received from an orchestra by the two ears of a listener.

The modulations of the two microphones are broadcast separately, on separate channels. They are also picked up and detected separately. One is fed into one ear of the listener; the other into the other ear. The result is said to be a greatly improved "naturalness" of the sound.

As at present operated, the system requires two entirely separate transmitting circuits, two channels and two receivers. It is doubtful if this is within the range of practicable utility. It is suggested, however, that the separate modulations might be impressed on two intermediate frequencies, between the radio and audio ranges, and that these two frequencies might then be combined as a modulation on a single radio-frequency carrier wave. A receiver equipped with properly tuned filter circuits could be made to separate these intermediate frequencies, supplying the audio-frequency modulation of one to one ear and of the other to the other ear. Whether the increased enjoyment of the listener would be worth the trouble and cost is none too certain, but at least it would be worth a careful trial.

The "Radio Detective"

THE possible use of radio devices to prevent thefts from factories and similar establishments has been often mentioned. It remained for the German firm of Wetzel Brothers, in a suburb of Leipzig, to put this apparatus in a practicable and commercially useful form. The radio principles used have been worked out for this firm by two Leipzig physicists, Dr. Geffcken and Dr. Richter.*

* Information for this note is from a statement kindly supplied by Gebr. Wetzel, Leipzig-Plagwitz, Germany, July 11, 1925.

The device consists of a door through which all workmen are compelled to leave the plant and which is surrounded by a wire carrying a radio-frequency current. The frequency of this circuit is carefully tuned. If any workman attempts to carry a bar of copper or any similar metal object through the door, concealed inside his clothes, the induction between this metal object and the surrounding circuit will alter the tuning of that circuit. There will be a resultant squeal in the headphones of the operator who is in charge of the door. The offending workman can be stopped and searched. It is just as though the workmen were compelled to walk through the tuned solenoid of a radio transmitter. Every amateur knows how violently any stray metal inside such coils will upset the tuning of his circuit.

By the use of this device, search of the employees is rendered unnecessary. There is no need to require a change of clothes on entering and leaving, which is sometimes required in American factories. The great majority of honest workmen are not annoyed or delayed by the possibility that a few are dishonest. Of course, the apparatus will detect only metal objects. It would be useless on non-conducting things like glassware or silks or foodstuffs. Furthermore, it must be adjusted, one imagines, so that it will work only on metal objects of substantial size.

A radio detective sensitive to stickpins and suspender buttons would have obvious disadvantages.

Electrification that Lasts for Years

A DISTINGUISHED Japanese physicist, Professor Mototaro Eguchi, of the Higher Naval College at Tokyo, has reported a discovery which promises to have far-reaching effects on electron theory and, quite possibly, on radio technique. He has discovered a way of obtaining what seems to be permanent electrification, analogous to the persistent magnetism of the familiar permanent magnets. Professor Eguchi has named his new invention the "permanent electret." *

The process of making the electret is quite simple. A liquid mixture of melted wax-like substances is allowed to harden (by cooling) in a strong electric field. The wax plates thus produced are found to be permanently electrified. The wax mixture used in most of the experiments contains fifty percent of ordinary resin, presumably from some species of pine tree, mixed with fifty percent of carnauba wax. To this may be added a little beeswax, but this is not essential.

This melted mixture is poured into shallow, flat pans like pie tins. A metal plate is then lowered onto the top of the wax mixture and a strong electrostatic field is created between this metal plate and the metallic bottom of the pan that

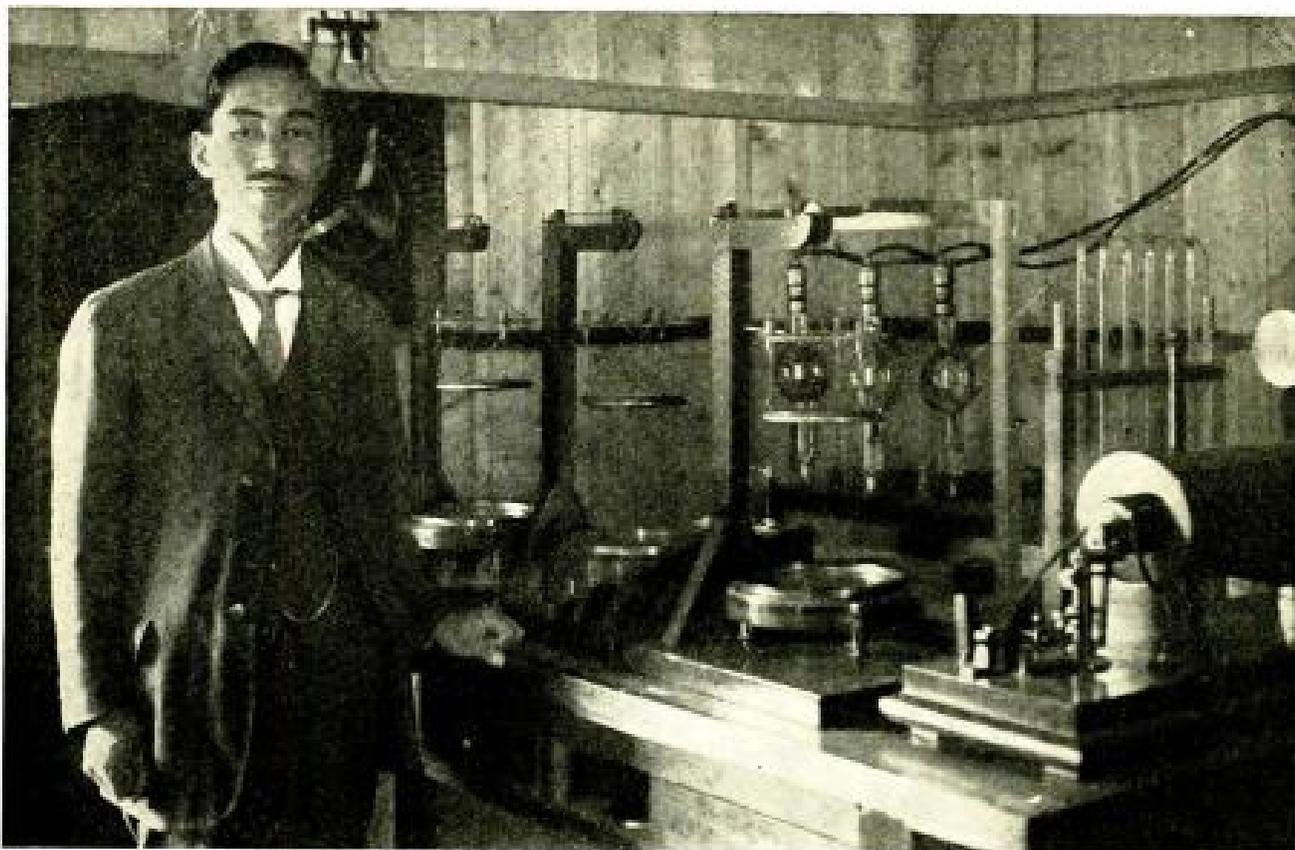
* "On the Permanent Electret," by Mototaro Eguchi. *Philosophical Magazine* (London), vol. 49, pages 178-192 (January, 1925).



Wetzel Brothers.

SUBMITTING TO THE "RADIO DETECTIVE"

Inside the boxed sides of the gate is a coil connected to the oscillator on the window sill. If a workman attempts to carry a concealed piece of metal through the gate, the induction between it and the surrounding coil causes a warning note in the headphones worn by the operator. Metal objects legitimately carried may be stood on the small table while the gate is passed.



From a photograph made especially for POPULAR RADIO by Professor Eguchi, Tokio.

PROFESSOR EGUCHI AND HIS PERMANENT ELECTRET

The horizontal pans at the Professor's left are those in which the wax mixture is allowed to harden under electric stress, so that it becomes permanently electrified. The plates which serve as the upper parts of the condensers may be seen suspended over the pans. The vacuum tubes supply the necessary potential.

holds the wax. The source of charge is a vacuum-tube electrostatic generator. The arrangement of the apparatus is shown clearly in the photograph kindly supplied by Professor Eguchi and which is reproduced herewith.

Essentially, the metal pan and the superposed metal plate act as the two plates of a high-voltage condenser. The wax mixture hardens while it forms the dielectric of this condenser; that is, while it is exposed to enormous electrostatic stress. After it is hard the wax plate is found to be electrified in the reverse sense to the electrification of the condenser. One side of the plate is permanently negative, the other side is permanently positive. These charges last for years. Some have lasted since 1919. The voltage reached by this surface charge may be as high as 20,000 volts per centimeter. The density of the charge on one of the plates was measured as six electrostatic units per square centimeter of the surface.

Scraping of the surface, washing it with acids or other conducting solutions, exposing it to the heat of a gas flame and similar processes destroy the surface charge temporarily, but the charge is restored quickly when the electret is allowed to stand with its surface protected by a metal plate or a sheet of metal foil. Professor Eguchi believes that the electrification is due to a fundamental re-arrangement of the electrons and atoms inside the wax mixture, an electric "polarization" which extends a substantial distance inward from the surface, if not alto-

gether through the plate. The temporary destruction of the charge by solutions, flames and other agencies is ascribed to an accumulation of oppositely-charged ions on the surface. These annual temporarily the permanent charge of the electret. On standing, the accumulated ions escape and the permanent charge reappears.

It is obvious that these experiments are of the utmost interest from the viewpoint of atomic theory. If they are confirmed, and especially if they can be detected in plates of pure substances instead of in the mixtures actually used, they will indicate the possibility of creating a lattice structure of atoms in which there is a sufficient distortion of the atom (or electron) positions to cause a great lack of balance between the positive and negative charges. This is a new line of attack on the problems of atomic structure.

To the radio engineer another interest of the work lies in the possibility of procuring permanent electrostatic fields without the necessity of maintaining them. In the vacuum tube, for example, the positive voltage on the plate must be maintained by the "B" battery. This will probably be necessary always, so long as we use the present design of tube, for the positive charge on the plate is continually being neutralized by the arriving electrons of the plate current.

There exist, however, many experimental devices in which one wants merely an electrostatic field or charge, there being no dissipation

of this charge except by leakage. An example is the electrostatic plate of an oscillograph. For such purposes some modification of Professor Eguchi's permanent electret may prove of real value. When the permanent magnet was first investigated by Dr. William Gilbert, back in 1600, no one had any use for it. Yet nowadays we would have difficulty in maintaining civilization at all if the permanent magnets of our compasses, our magnetos and other devices were taken away from us.

A Self-starter for Radio Receivers

AN accessory so convenient that it ought soon to find a commercial place in radio is described in a recent paper by Mr. A. P. Castellain.* This is no less than a relay which automatically stops or starts a radio receiver when the broadcast wave ceases or begins. It is necessary, in reality, to employ two relays. The first is an extremely sensitive one, consisting of a tiny coil mounted between the poles of a permanent magnet. The signal from the antenna is led through a crystal detector and thence through this coil. If any energy is received from the broadcasting station, a current is produced in this coil. The reaction of this current on the magnetic field causes the coil to move. The principle is exactly the same as that of the moving-coil galvanometer.

When the coil of this first relay moves it closes the actuating circuit of an ordinary telegraphic relay. This closes, in turn, the

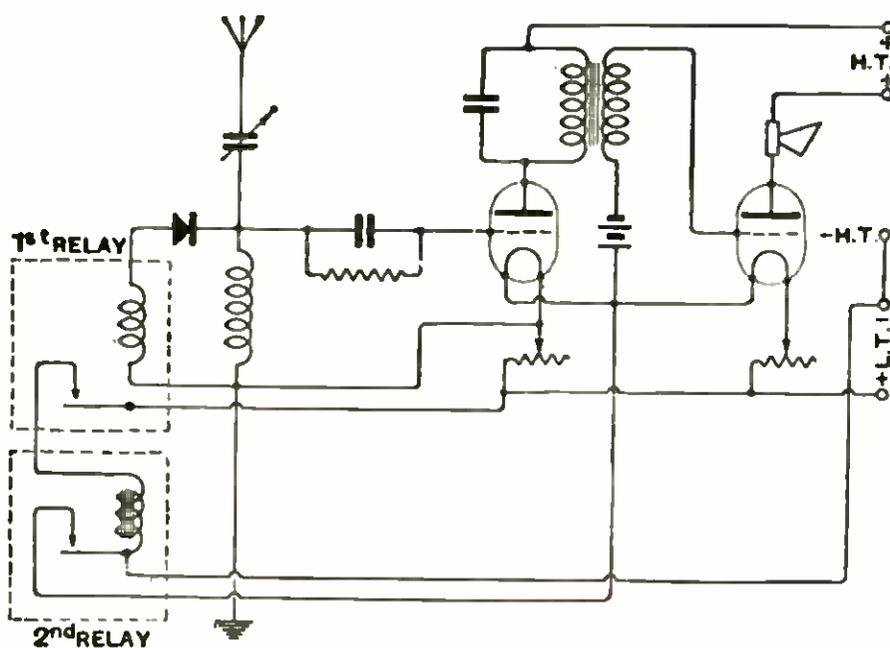
* "A Wireless Self-Starter," by A. P. Castellain. *The Wireless World* (London), vol. 16, pages 564-566 (June 10, 1925).

filament circuit of the receiver. Thus reception starts. If the broadcast wave ceases, a small spring returns the moving coil of the first relay to its neutral position, all the circuits open and reception stops.

For American conditions, where there may be several stations in the same city, it would be necessary for the crystal circuit controlling the first relay to be tuned, so that it would respond only to the station for which it was set. Thus arranged, the device should be useful not only to prevent the frequent accident of leaving the filaments burning all night, but also to turn on the set and wake up each morning those fans who are addicts of the early-morning health and exercise broadcasts now so fashionable from numerous stations. One might anticipate some danger that severe static would actuate the first relay and turn the set on when it was not wanted, but Mr. Castellain mentions no trouble from this source and static is almost as severe in England as here.

Radio Apparatus Helps to Photograph the Human Heart

THE human heart is one of the most difficult things in the world to photograph. X rays permit the physician to see the heart successfully enough but that organ will not stand still to have its portrait taken. Or rather, if it does stand still, the patient will take no further interest in the proceedings. Accordingly, physicians have been searching for years for some method which would permit good heart photography. A snap-shot, made at the instant when the heart is at rest between beats, will not suffice. X rays of the intensity which it is



From the "Wireless World."

HOW RELAYS ARE USED TO MAKE THE SELF-STARTING RECEIVER

By means of the crystal detector, the antenna current itself actuates the first relay. This actuates the second relay, which then turns on the filament current for the receiving tubes. If the antenna current ceases, the first relay opens and stops the filament current. For American conditions a tuned crystal circuit would have to be used for the first relay.

safe to send through the body are not powerful enough to make a detailed photograph so quickly as that.

The problem is important for lung photography, as well as for heart photography. The lungs are in continual motion just as much as the heart is. And many of the lung infections, especially the initial infections of tuberculosis, have a habit of occurring just in that part of the lung tissue which is near the heart and which is moved, therefore, not only by the motions of breathing but by the beating of the heart as well.

There was where the problem stood when Dr. F. M. McPhedran, of the Phipps Institute of the University of Pennsylvania, enlisted the interest of Professor Charles N. Weyl, of the Electrical Engineering Department of the same University. By employing some of the most recent devices of radio engineers, Professor Weyl has succeeded in devising an X-ray photographic apparatus which will make a satisfactory still-picture of either the heart or the lungs without making it necessary to stop the motion of these organs at all.*

The principle is that of taking a succession of short exposures, each one at exactly the same place in the cycle of heart motions. Motion picture fans are familiar with the fact that if the motion of any piece of machinery, for example, a wheel, is timed to fit the exposures of the motion picture film, the wheel will seem to stand still. Each successive exposure finds the wheel in the same position as it occupied during the preceding exposure. Professor Weyl's device does this same thing, except that all the exposures are made, one on top of each other, on the same plate. They are equivalent to a single long exposure.

Where radio comes into the matter is in the way in which the heart itself is made to control these exposures; to operate the shutter, so to speak, for its own portrait. The apparatus begins with a small glass funnel which is held against the neck of the patient, just over the carotid artery. This artery is beating, of course, in exact time with the heart. These beats are communicated to the air inside the funnel and thence, through a rubber tube, to an air-box one end of which is closed by a thin rubber diaphragm. This diaphragm vibrates in time with the air-column behind it; that is, in time with the beats of the heart. Attached to the rubber diaphragm is a small mirror. A beam of light from a lamp strikes this mirror and is reflected off at an angle so that it falls on a sensitive photo-electric cell. With each beat of the heart the mirror moves. The light beam is swung alternately on and off the sensitive portion of the photo-electric cell.

* Information for this note is from a statement issued by the University of Pennsylvania, May 31, 1925.



University of Pennsylvania.

PHOTOGRAPHING THE HEART

The small funnel which the nurse holds against the neck of the patient picks up the impulses of the beating heart. Through a chain of mechanical and electric relays, these impulses control the instant and length of each successive X-ray exposure.

The result is a succession of tiny electric pulses produced by the cell in exact time with the beats of the heart. Although these equal a current strength of not over ten billionths of an ampere, they are amplified by a radio amplifier of standard type until they are strong enough to actuate a relay which turns the X-ray current on or off at the exact instants desired. A lag timer permits the operator to set the instants of the successive X-ray exposures for any desired fraction of a second after the conclusion of each heart beat. Thus set, the apparatus will continue to make flash exposures at that same instant, one for each heart beat, so long as the current is left on and the small funnel is kept pressed to the artery in the patient's neck. This device is sure to play an important part in medical science.

Q ARTICLE NO. 9 of the series "How to Get the Most Out of Your Ready-made Receiver," in which the theory, operation and care of the Garod Neutrodyne, Type V set is treated, was crowded out of this issue of POPULAR RADIO. It will appear in the succeeding—November—number.



IN THE EXPERIMENTER'S LABORATORY

CONDUCTED BY LAURENCE M. COCKADAY

Uses of a Variable Condenser

ONE of the most essential pieces of apparatus for the set builder and experimenter is a standard of capacity. This should have a constant capacity value, fairly accurate calibration, variable capacity and it should be portable. (The requirements are listed roughly in the order of their importance.) The price paid for the apparatus and its importance will vary with the purchaser and his requirements.

The General Radio type No. 247 condensers (see Figure 1) satisfy these requirements very well where ordinary precision is required, and they cost about the same as the usual type of condenser. One of the 1000 mmf. (.001 mf.)



KEEP A CONDENSER FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES

FIGURE 1: *A small laboratory condenser is extremely useful to the experimenter. It helps him to measure the capacities necessary in a new circuit and helps him in numerous other important ways.*

types should be used, if possible, as this allows wide variation for measurement work. Where greater capacity is needed a fixed condenser or combination of them with the standard can be used. These can be measured either by the simple method given in this article or by the more complete methods to be given next month.

As a rule the capacity of a by-pass or blocking condenser is not critical. Both of these perform fundamentally the same function of frequency selection. The only receivers which require fairly close adjustment of the by-pass condensers are the reflexes. In these the values must be varied to get best results.

Where the grid-leak is continuously variable or can be changed, the value of the grid condenser is not critical and can be varied over fairly wide limits.

The only type of circuit requiring close adjustment of the capacity is a tuned one such as the input or output circuit of a tuned intermediate-frequency amplifying transformer. Even here extremely close adjustment is not always necessary as the untuned stages generally have a broad enough amplification curve to give good amplification over quite a frequency band.

Due partly to the difficulty of manufacturing condensers of uniform capacity on a large scale cheaply, and partly to the lack of demand for such condensers, most of the condensers now vary 25 percent or so. The more progressive manufacturers are guaranteeing them within 10 percent so as to insure duplication of results in receivers having the same constants.

It will be apparent from the foregoing that a variable condenser which can be used to measure capacities within, say, 5 percent is sufficiently accurate. This is especially true when manufactured condensers varying by 10 percent are used without measuring their capacity with greater precision. Besides measuring capacities, a variable condenser may be used to determine the proper value to use at any point, as a substitute to determine whether or not a condenser is faulty and to measure inductances.

To measure capacities the condenser should

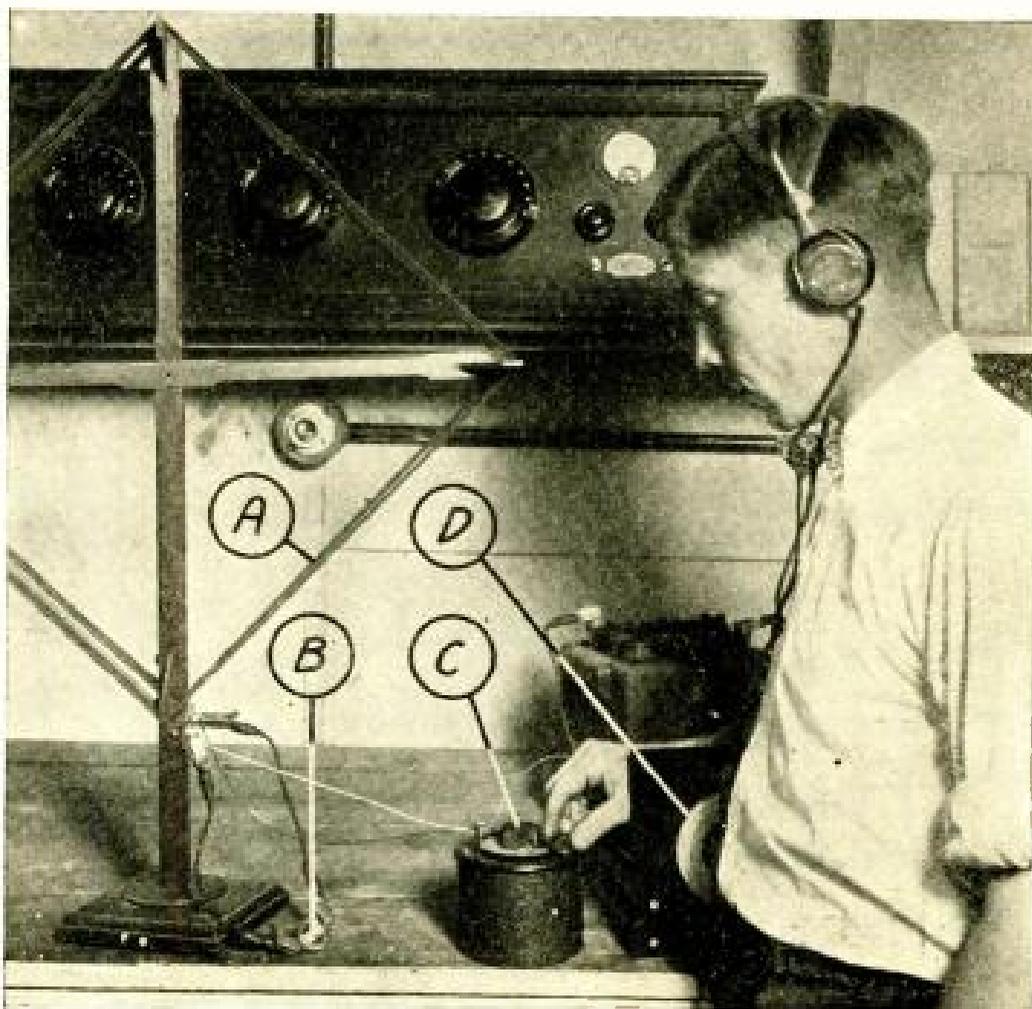
be connected across the loop (or secondary) circuit of a receiving set. Figures 2 and 3 show the connections. A is the loop, B the unknown capacity, C the standard and D the loop turning condenser. The condenser D should be set for minimum value.

Tune in a station as near the highest setting on the variable "standard" C as possible. Then connect the unknown B across it and reduce the standard to the point where the same station is again received. Care should be taken if a superheterodyne is used to see that the new point is not one of the repeat points. The receiver should be adjusted so the loop condenser D tunes sharply otherwise the reading will not be accurate. Where it is rather broad the means of several readings will be more precise than any one reading. This is only satisfactory for measuring capacities of about 900 mmf. (.0009 mf.) or less, depending on how high a setting of the standard is used the first time and the value of the minimum capacity of the set condenser (D). More complete details of capacity measurement will be given next month.

A condenser of this type is always handy when trying out new circuits, particularly of

the reflex type. It should be connected wherever a condenser is needed and tuned until the best value is found. A fixed condenser of that capacity can then be substituted. If the value is fairly critical it may be necessary to measure the capacity of the fixed condenser to be sure it is of the proper value.

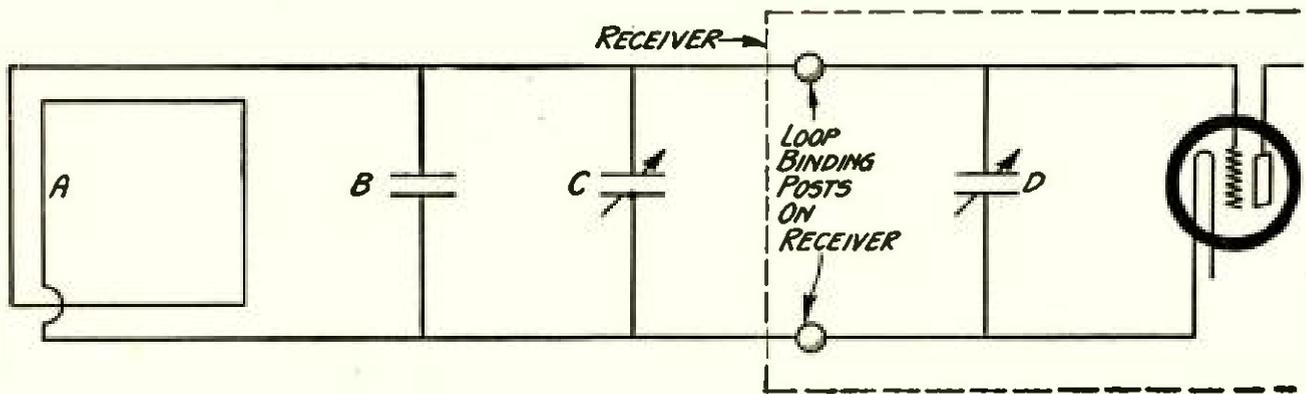
The dials on the type number 247 condensers have divisions every 20 mmf. on the capacity dial. Intermediate points have to be estimated. A valuable aid to more accurate measurement is a capacity curve. This can be made by plotting degrees setting on one side of cross section or graph paper against micro-micro-farads on the other. If, for example, the 1,000 mmf. type is bought the dial reading in degrees should be noted when the condenser is set for 1,000 and 60 mmfs. These two points should then be plotted and a straight line drawn between them. Below 60 mmf. the calibration is not accurate due to the minimum capacity of the condenser. To read the capacity at any setting read the dial setting in degrees and run up or over as the case may be to the curve (the straight line just drawn) then over or down to the capacity reading at the side or bottom of the chart.



From a photograph made for POPULAR RADIO

ONE OF THE USES OF A LABORATORY CONDENSER

FIGURE 2: This picture shows how an ordinary receiving set connected to a loop antenna and the laboratory condenser may be used to determine the capacity of small fixed condensers.



THE CIRCUIT FOR THE EXPERIMENTAL CAPACITY METHOD

FIGURE 3: This diagram gives the external connections for the condenser to be measured, the loop and the calibrated condenser when connected to an ordinary loop receiver for determining fixed capacities.

In trouble shooting in a finished receiver it is frequently hard to test a condenser satisfactorily with a dry-cell and phones. There are some faults that may not be detected with this sort of a test. Where a condenser is thought to be either bad or too low in capacity the standard can be substituted and adjusted for the proper value after which a substitution can be made if necessary. Elimination of faulty condensers will remedy a good portion of the experimenter's troubles.

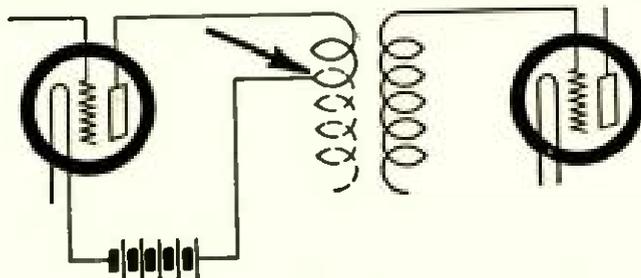
—H. S. KNOWLES

The Prevention of Oscillation and Control of Regeneration In Radio-frequency Sets

HOME-MADE tuned-radio-frequency sets sometimes have a discouraging habit of squealing. This is usually more particularly noticeable at the lower wavelengths (high frequencies). There have been various methods devised to overcome this difficulty.

The simplest method used by the manufacturers of low-priced receivers has been to increase the turn ratio of the coupling coils between the radio-frequency tubes by cutting down the number of turns on the primary or plate windings.

By this method the antenna inductance is usually reduced to four or five turns of wire.



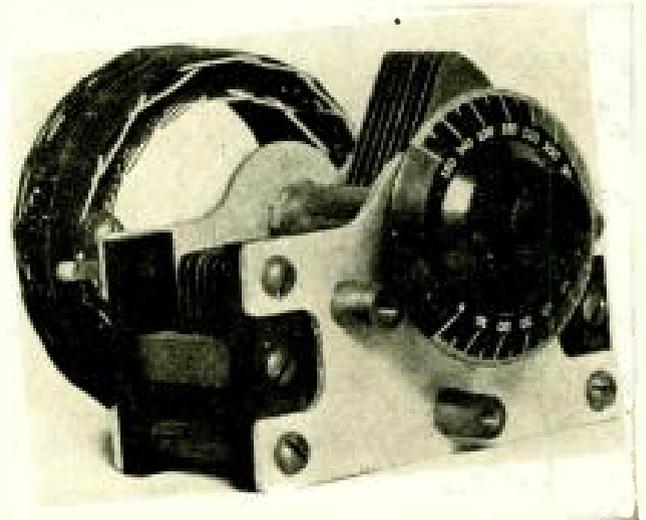
TO PREVENT OSCILLATION

FIGURE 4: A method for preventing oscillation in a receiver which consists of cutting down the number of primary turns on the radio-frequency transformer. The arrow shows the cut-away primary.

The primaries of the radio-frequency coils also consist of a like number of turns. The fewer the number of primary turns the less will be the plate inductance and therefore there will be less tendency towards oscillation or regeneration.

This method, although it makes the lower wavelengths easy and efficient to tune, will reduce regeneration on the high wavelengths to such an extent that the tuning may be broad and the signals rather weak.

The second method that is used by a num-



TO AVOID SQUEALING

FIGURE 5: Another method for preventing squealing in a receiver is to place the inductances near the condenser plates, thereby "lossing" the circuit to prevent oscillation.

ber of set manufacturers is to wind the coil with more turns on the primary but to place the coils in close proximity to the metal end-plates of the variable condensers. This causes a loss in the metal end-plate and in the condenser plates themselves, due to eddy currents induced from the windings. The effect of this loss is to prevent oscillation and also reduce regeneration.

This second method, although it is a simple one and usually produces somewhat louder signals on the higher wavelengths than the first method described, still gives more re-

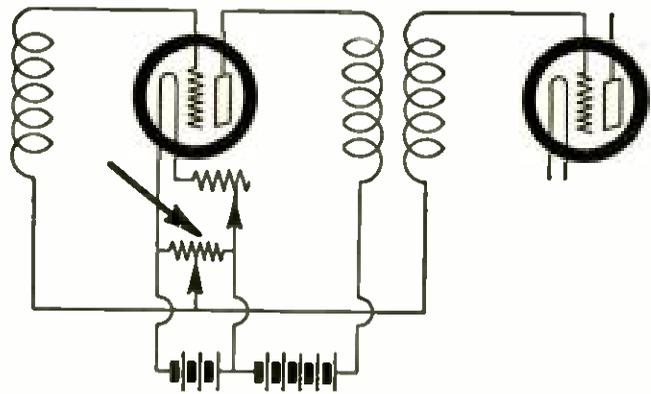
generation and therefore sharper tuning on the lower wavelengths than it does on the higher wavelengths.

The third method which was used to a great extent in the early days of radio-frequency amplification is the use of a grid bias applied through the action of a potentiometer connected across the filament circuit and in series with the grid or input circuits to the tubes.

This method has the advantage that the bias may be increased on the higher wavelengths so that tuning at the higher wavelengths can be made almost as sharp as the lower ones and the volume increased at the same time. However, this method makes the tuned-radio-frequency receiver radiate if not properly handled, and in the ordinary broadcast listener's hands such a set becomes rather a menace. Another trouble with this method is that the amplification obtained by decreasing the bias so that regeneration is prevented or controlled is much less than that obtained by other and better systems.

The fourth method—and a practical one—is the insertion of a resistance in the grid circuits of the radio-frequency tubes.

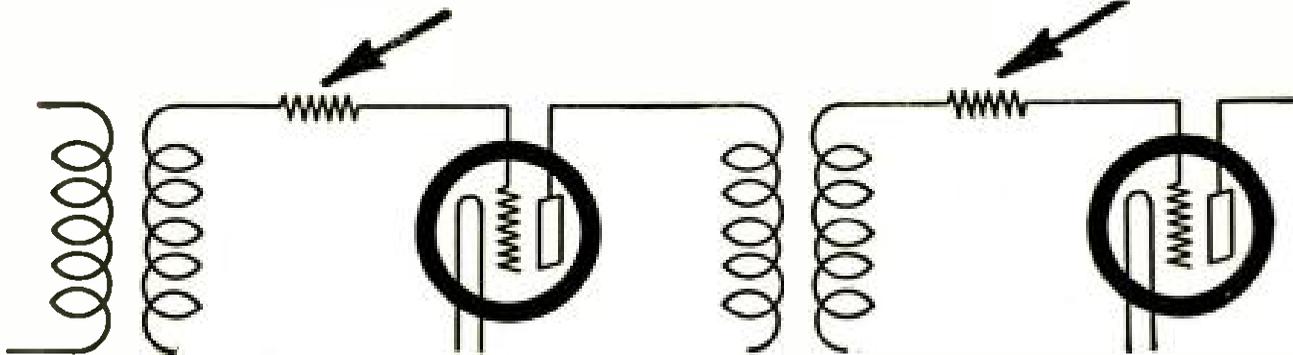
This system does not vary the grid bias but



FOR CONTROLLING OSCILLATION

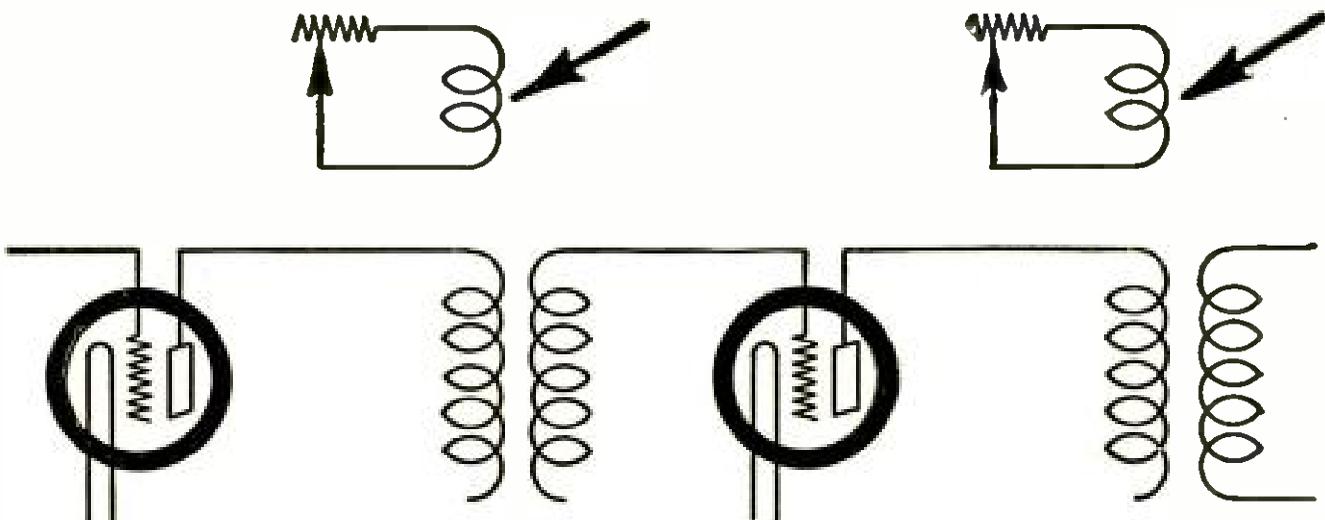
FIGURE 6: Controlling oscillation in a radio-frequency amplifier by means of a potentiometer for adjusting the grid bias. The arrow points at the potentiometer.

places a load on the grid circuit just enough to prevent oscillation at the low wavelengths. It gives extremely stable operation at all wavelengths and does not materially affect the amplification obtained through the tube. The method consists merely in a load that absorbs the excess energy produced by regeneration.



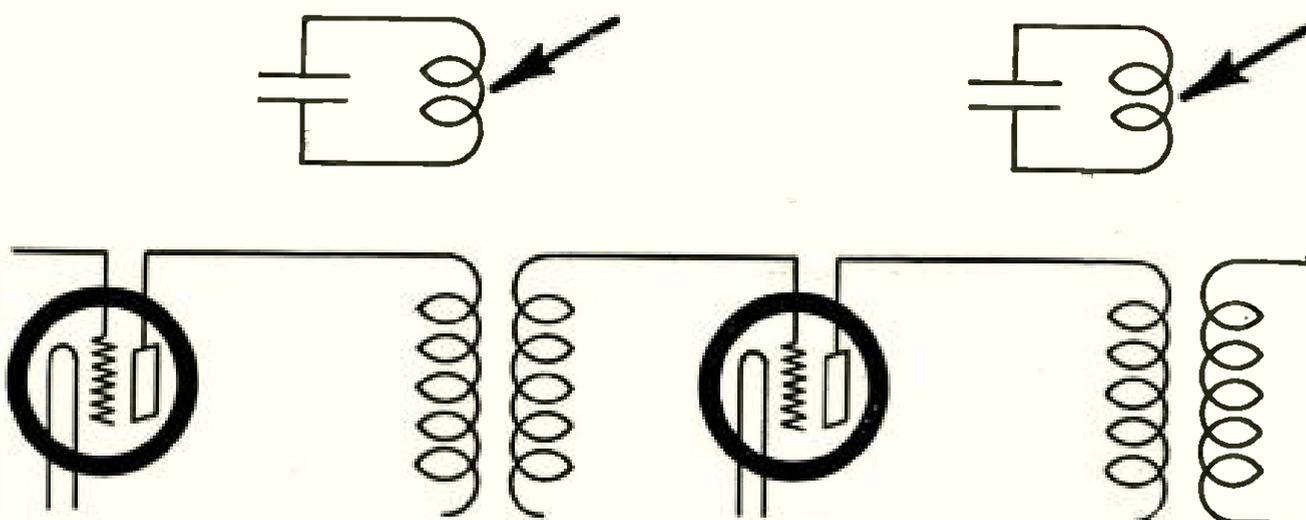
RESISTANCES IN THE GRID CIRCUITS

FIGURE 7: One other method for preventing oscillation in the radio stages is to insert a critical resistance in series with the grid of the radio-frequency tubes. The extra energy that would cause the circuit to oscillate is absorbed in the resistances, which are indicated by arrows in the diagram.



A VARIABLE ABSORPTION METHOD FOR PREVENTING OSCILLATION

FIGURE 8: One or two turns of wire around the primaries and connected in series with a continuously variable rheostat offers exceptionally good control of regeneration in the radio-frequency amplifier.



THE TUNED ABSORPTION SYSTEM FOR REGENERATION CONTROL

FIGURE 9: Another absorption method consists of an absorption circuit containing an inductance and fixed capacity which is tuned slightly below the lowest wavelength that the receiver operates on. On the higher wavelengths the circuit of such a receiver is only slightly affected by the absorption circuit, but as the tuning is brought lower and lower, the absorption circuit comes gradually into play, thus preventing oscillation and radiation all the way down the scale. This is the same principle as utilized in the four-circuit tuner.

The fifth method, which is also an absorption method, may be called the inductive absorption method. It may consist of an inductively-coupled circuit with a condenser in parallel and in inductive relation to the tuning elements of the radio-frequency tubes. It is usually tuned to a low wavelength, and when the receiver is tuned to a high wavelength little absorption is obtained with the circuit. But as the wavelength is reduced in the tuning circuits, the absorption circuit absorbs more and more energy, thus holding down regeneration at the lower wavelengths and making tuning simple and easy. This is an adaptation of the principle of the four-circuit tuner to radio-frequency circuits. It is extremely efficient and a simple method.

Other absorption methods which come under this heading consist of a single or a number of turns of wire in close inductive relation with the tuning coils which have in series with them a carbon-pile rheostat for controlling the re-

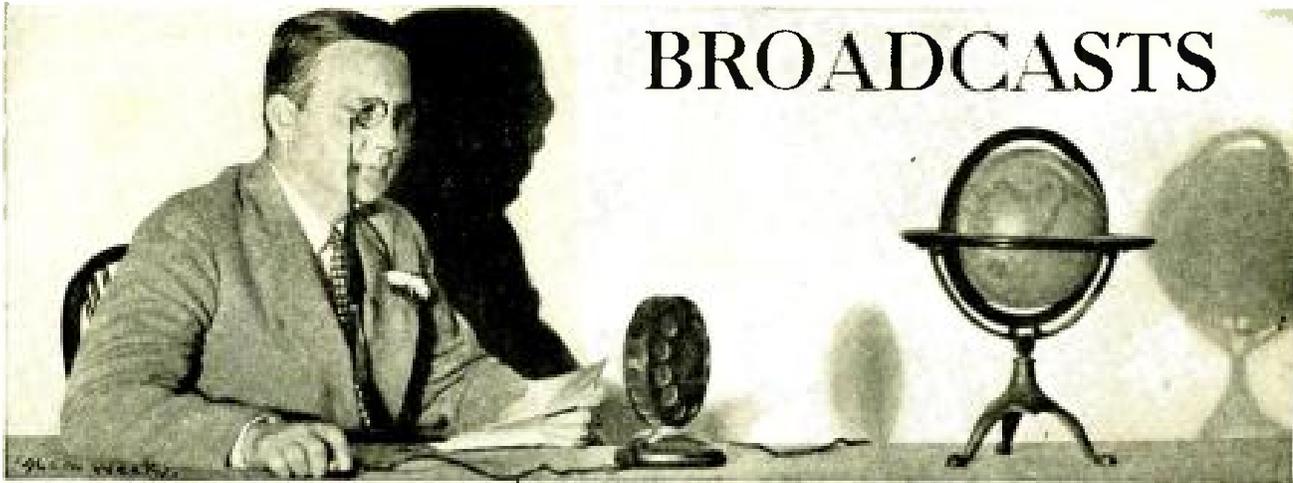
sistance of the circuits and, therefore, the eddy currents that are produced in the inductance loop. This method may be adjusted for any station to increase the amplification and the volume of signals. It is a very simple control and at the same time can be made extremely efficient by critical adjustment.

Neutralization of tube capacity by any of the grid methods, such as the Rice, Hazeltine, Jones or the Scott-Taggart, are usually successful in preventing radiation: the efficiency of a receiver that employs any one of these methods may be increased by slightly upsetting the balance so that regeneration is present to some extent without becoming obnoxious on the lower wavelengths. Perhaps only a single stage may be left unbalanced and thus the selectivity and the distance-getting ability of the receiver may be increased a great many times. This method is very efficient and when once properly adjusted gives very stable operation.

—ROBERT TAIT

Popular Fallacies About Coils

THERE are many misconceptions about the "low loss" feature of coils or inductances. Many of the so-called "low loss" coils that are now so popular among radio fans have less efficiency than some of the older types. Just what constitutes a "low loss" coil and how the characteristics of coils are being studied will be told by D. R. Clemons—in a coming issue of POPULAR RADIO.



BROADCASTS

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In this department the Dean of Broadcasters—whose voice is known to millions of broadcast listeners—records items of interest and value to all radio fans everywhere.

"Radio Home-hunting"

PERCEPTIBLE deepening of the furrows of anxiety in the brows of realtors in the vicinity of Spokane is reported as directly due to an increase of what is termed radio home-hunting. One case is cited wherein it required several weeks and the services of many real estate dealers before a satisfactory location could be found for Frank Stoop, well-known sportsman, who looked over house after house in daylight hours but time after time called off what looked like a sure sale upon returning in the evening with his radio set and finding poor reception in each of the successively selected locations. Stoop finally bought a five-room bungalow (paying more than he originally intended incidentally), which suggests the possibility of premium prices for non-static locations.

Yankee Apparatus in the East

It would hardly be thought that more American radio sets and parts are going to the Far Eastern countries than to Europe, but the export figures for this year show that, and also that the Latin-Americans are using almost as much of our stuff as the Canadians did last year. Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Spain and Australia are of markedly increased importance as purchasers.

Special Programs for Farmers

TWENTY-ONE stations broadcasting programs developed especially for the farmers is the impressive total reported by the National Farm Radio Council. The subjects comprehended in this service of far-reaching economic importance have been expanded beyond the original schedule of daily market reports to embrace talks on poultry, dairy and livestock subjects, the trend of agricultural devel-

opments, marketing of products and even news about meetings of farm organizations. The thoroughness with which the task of supplying these programs is being accomplished is indicated in the Council's announcement that with a string of co-operating stations from the Atlantic to the Pacific programs broadcast from the individual locations are built for the farmers living in the adjacent territory, an analysis of the crops grown in each station serving as the guide to subjects of particular interest in each case.

A Brindle Cow for a Radio Set

"Of course, we can sell the brindle cow and get another radio," wrote a farmer to KDKA, when that station recently changed its wavelength and could not be received without interference on the set owned by this particular devotee in New Hampshire. Although this man has successfully logged eighty-five other stations, his slogan remains, "Anything to get Pittsburgh." With 571 stations on the air, a neat job is suggested for some tireless investigator—how many are worth the sacrifice of a brindle cow!

The Meanings of Call Letters

SOMEBODY is always asking the meaning of the initials W and K which precede the call letters of all our broadcasting stations. These initial letters, along with N (used exclusively by the Navy), were assigned to the United States by the International Bureau at Berne to cover all American radio calls except those designating amateur and experimental stations. In the early days, first convenience governed the selection and issuance of station letters, but recently the K calls have been allotted to stations west of the Mississippi and W to those in the eastern section of the country. The letters following the initial K or W serve in

many instances as a partial identification of the station's owner, an idea which originated in the helpful spirit of accommodation which the Department of Commerce has always shown toward radio.

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No Radio Bootlegging for John Bull

IN a broadcasting controversy centering about the House of Commons recently the principle that the "Englishman's home is his castle" once again emerged triumphant. Beaten down under a storm of protest over a provision granting the right of search for unlicensed receiving sets, Great Britain's wireless bill was withdrawn after it had been properly labeled, "A preposterous piece of bureaucratic tyranny." The bill, it appears, would have empowered Justices of the Peace to search homes where unauthorized apparatus was suspected to be in use, and failure to take out a license carried with it such penalties as imprisonment for a year or a fine not exceeding £500, regulation so severe, one writer insisted, as to make listening-in as dangerous a vice as drug taking or illicit distilling. It is expected that a short substitute bill will be introduced, with a view of establishing the existing license system.

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Communication in Davy Jones' Locker

COMMANDING officers of two submarines will hereafter be able to hold conversations with their craft submerged, through the devel-

opment of a new underwater communication system invented by Dr. H. C. Hayes, of the Naval Research Laboratory, at Bellevue, D. C. The heterodyne principle is employed in the new invention, thus making possible the reception of high frequencies above audibility of the human ear; heretofore only the comparatively low frequency sound waves could be utilized, which limited under-water communication to the transmission of code messages.

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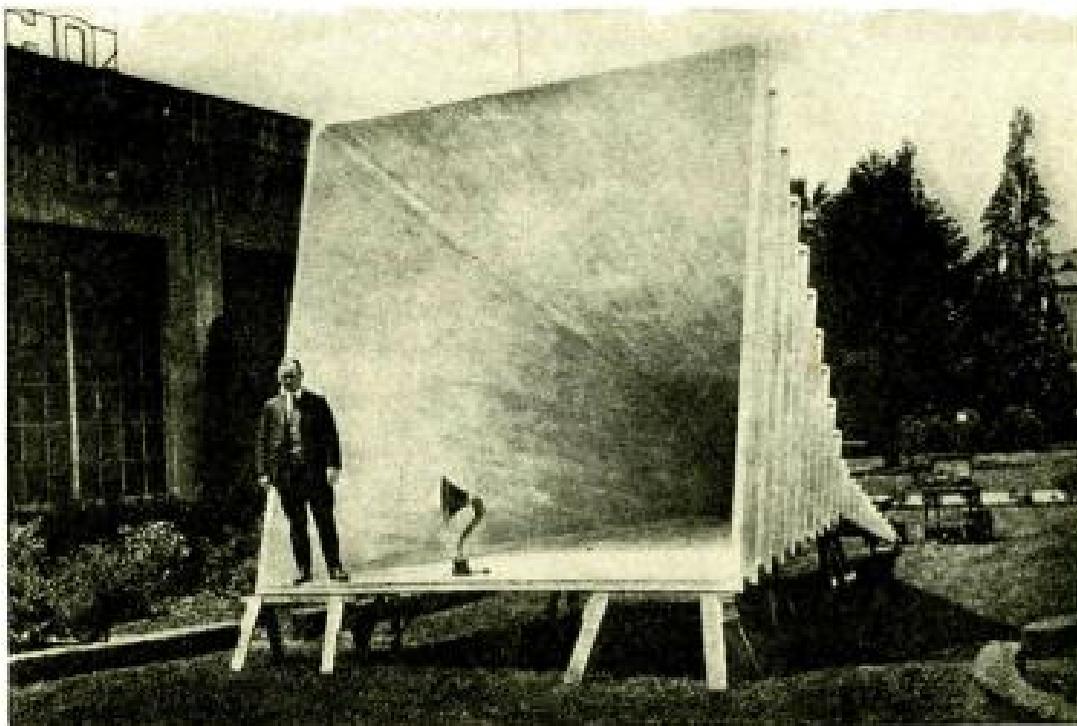
A Novel Radio Fire Alarm

A RADIO fire alarm system which operates automatically whenever an alarm is turned in at the familiar street corner fire box is a matter of civic pride with the city of Dallas, Tex. The alarm signals, which are not disturbing and are only on the air two or three minutes, are broadcast on a wavelength of 146 meters from equipment which includes a new 50-watt tube transmitter. Firemen off duty in their homes can thus be summoned when required to respond on the occasion of a third alarm, apparatus required from distant parts of the city, too, in the event of a stubborn conflagration is quickly made available, as well as recalls sounded for those en route when no longer needed at the point threatened—these are additional refinements of service reported by Superintendent Garrett, out of four years' experience with the system.

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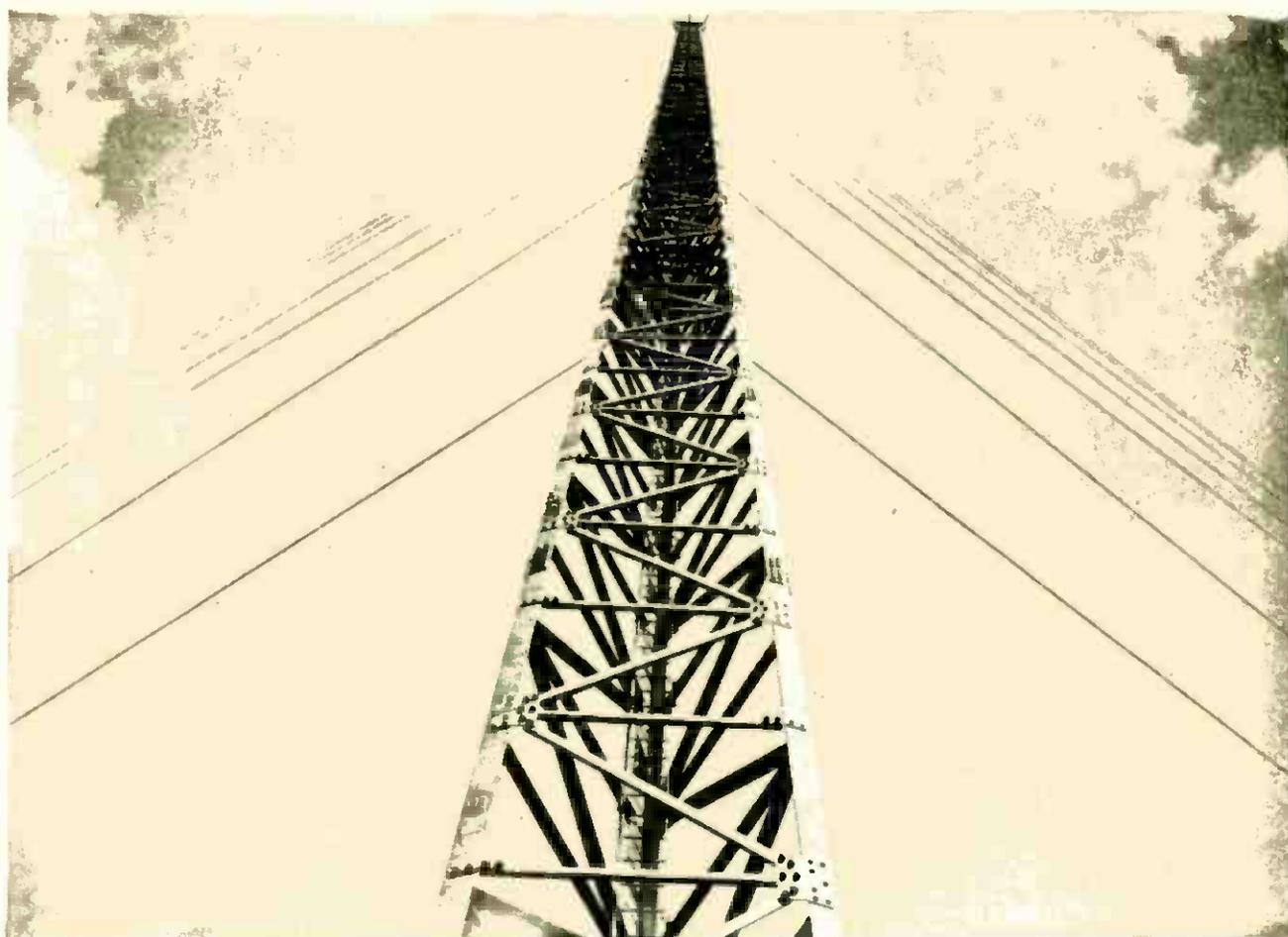
An Amateur Spans 8,000 Miles

ACCEPTANCE seems to be quite general of the record claimed by an English amateur in



THE WORLD'S LARGEST LOUDSPEAKER?

An idea that may eventually be carried out in the city parks as well as the village commons throughout the country has found practical expression in Idora Park, San Francisco. This instrument, thirty feet long, has supplanted bands that the park formerly engaged.



Harratts', London

A NEW VOICE JOINS THE ETHEREAL THROG

One of the newest and most powerful of the English super-power broadcasting stations has just been opened at Daventry; one of the huge antenna masts.

spanning 8,000 miles airline in a twenty minute radiophone conversation carried on a wavelength of 45 meters. Gerald Marcuse, of Caterham, Surrey, accomplished this remarkable feat, talking to Lieutenant Schnell aboard the United States cruiser *Seattle* when the vessel was 600 miles east of Australia. The British Marconi Company's beam station had previously conversed by radio with Australians, but used an extremely high-powered commercial set.

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Dad Is the Real Radio Fan

A long standing impression that the youngsters bring radio initially into the house is not borne out in a comprehensive survey made in several sections of the country. The husbands or male heads of the homes were found to be the motivating force in more than half of the cases, and the wife's desire for a receiver came second. Only one set out of every five could be checked up to the credit of the younger members of the family. In seven cases out of ten, too, Dad turned out to be the official manipulator of the dials in supplying the evening's entertainment. Two-thirds of the people interviewed were operating their first set, the others having had two or more receivers previously, but practically all were willing to pay more money for a little better set next time.

Only Local Reception in Brazil

THE retarding effect of unfavorable climatic conditions has achieved for Brazil the trailing position in the development of radio, lagging far behind such South American countries as Chile and Argentina. Static at Rio and in the northern sections of Brazil makes anything but local reception an impossibility during the greater part of the year. In the entire country there are only ten broadcast stations, the extremes of power being represented by 500 watts and 10 watts, and an optimistic estimate of the maximum number of receivers in use would be 12,000. Judging by the number of licenses issued, Brazil has nineteen transmitting amateurs, and long distance reception means little or nothing in the life of the average radio devotee, any fishing for United States stations being practically the exclusive pastime of a few Americans resident in the country.

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Are "Municipal Stations" a Menace?

THE municipal station of New York City, WNYC, ran afoul of the prejudices of some of the residents of the metropolis during the warm months of the year, and city officials found themselves answering in the Supreme

Court charges made by the Citizen's Union that installation and operation of such a station was unconstitutional, and furthermore it was being used to spread "political propaganda." Following which there was much pow-wow with the citizen's body insisting upon an injunction to restrain the station from further broadcasting, and the city officials defending principally on the grounds of the importance of the police alarms sent out twice daily and a scheme for future broadcasting of fire alarms, to say nothing of lectures and musical programs as regular features. The tempest in the teapot subsided when Justice Churchill found that he had insufficient legal grounds for granting the injunction and everything ought to be all right anyhow in the future if the officials would carefully delete those things which seemed to be more for the glorification of the Mayor and his associates than for entertainment and edification of the public. Whereupon New Yorkers sat back and wondered what the station could accomplish that the dozen locals were not doing very well and without any increase in the taxpayer's burden. At last reports they were still wondering.

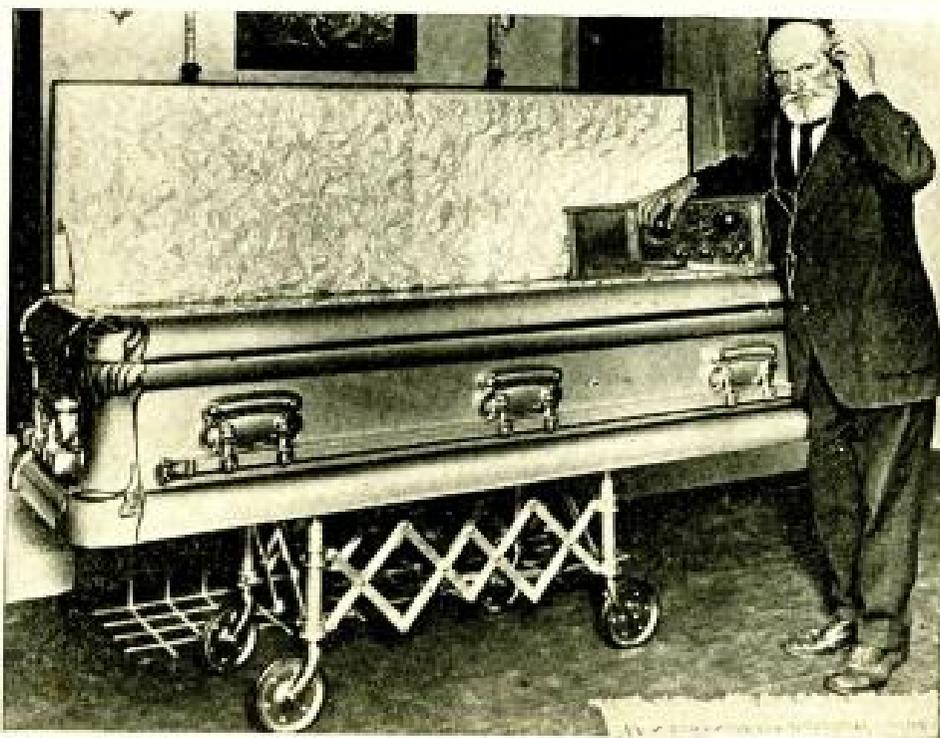
College Laurels for Radio Research

A BIT of radio research was acknowledged the most valuable contribution to the advancement of the college this year, in the award of the Bailey Prize to Edmund B. Redington, of Waverly, N. Y., a senior at Union College.

He received a silver loving cup in recognition of undergraduate research work in making a radio transmitter oscillate on the extremely low wavelength of 3.8 meters. Standard equipment was used, employing two 50-watt tubes. The best previous operation had been on four to five meters, dispensing with tube bases and sockets. It had also been deemed essential to nullify the internal tube capacity, but the new oscillator used this capacity rather than an external condenser, an unusually short oscillatory circuit being obtained by the use of extremely short connections between the tube sockets.

Kipling Takes Up the Broadcasting Problem

THE radio problem in England is engaging the attention of some of Great Britain's most distinguished persons. Among them is Rudyard Kipling, who has agreed to take up radio in a serious way. He accepted an appointment to the committee of ten which will inquire into the future of broadcasting, its control, financing and management in Great Britain. The British Broadcasting Company, consisting of manufacturers of radio apparatus, has a monopoly of broadcasting, but its license will expire in December next year, and the Government committee will draw up a comprehensive plan for governing broadcasting thereafter. The committee includes prominent business men, politicians, educators and one woman, Dame Meriel Talbot, former adviser to the Minister of Agriculture.

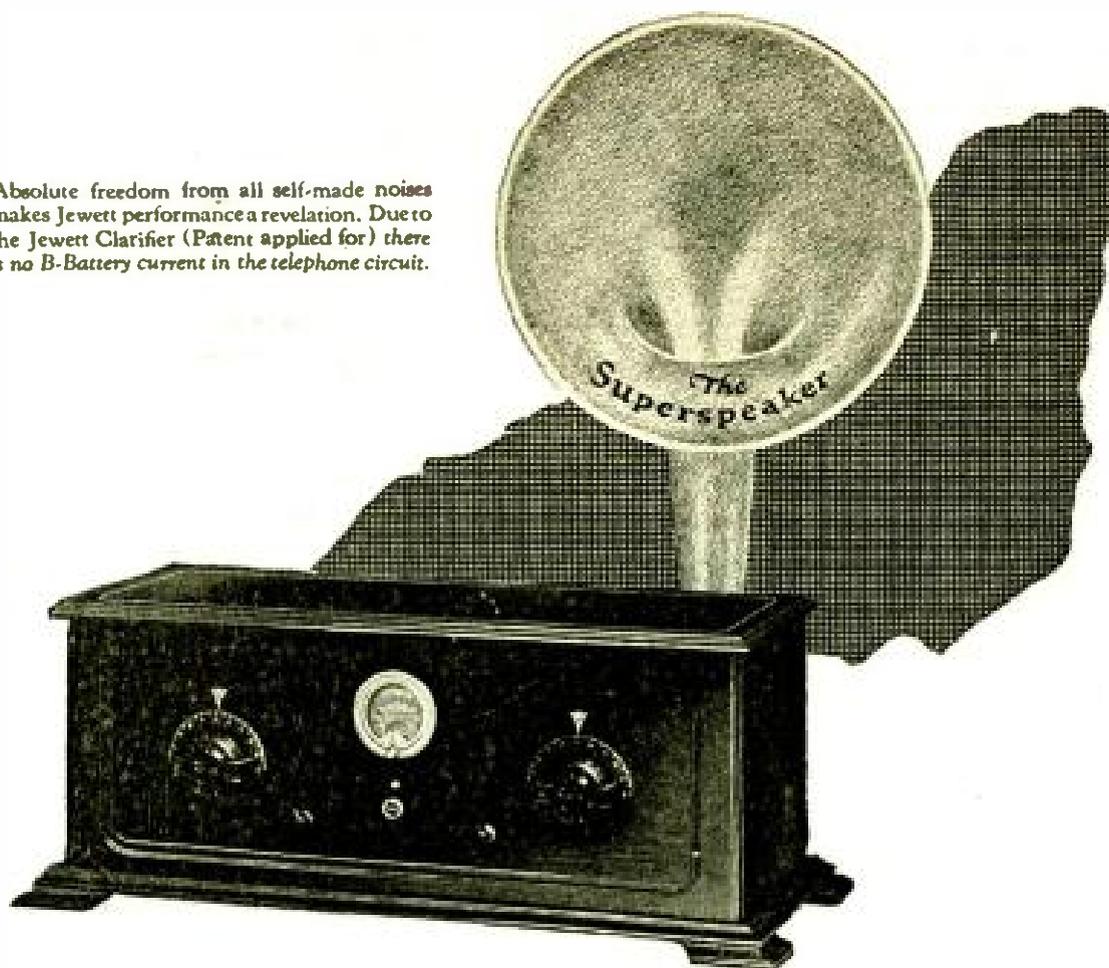


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Sam R. Kimball, an aged San Bernardino Valley rancher, has placed an order with a Los Angeles undertaker for a twelve hundred dollar steel coffin equipped with a radio receiver. Through it he expects to be able to hear what is going on in the world after he dies, being convinced, he says, that the soul lingers near the body until the day of judgment.

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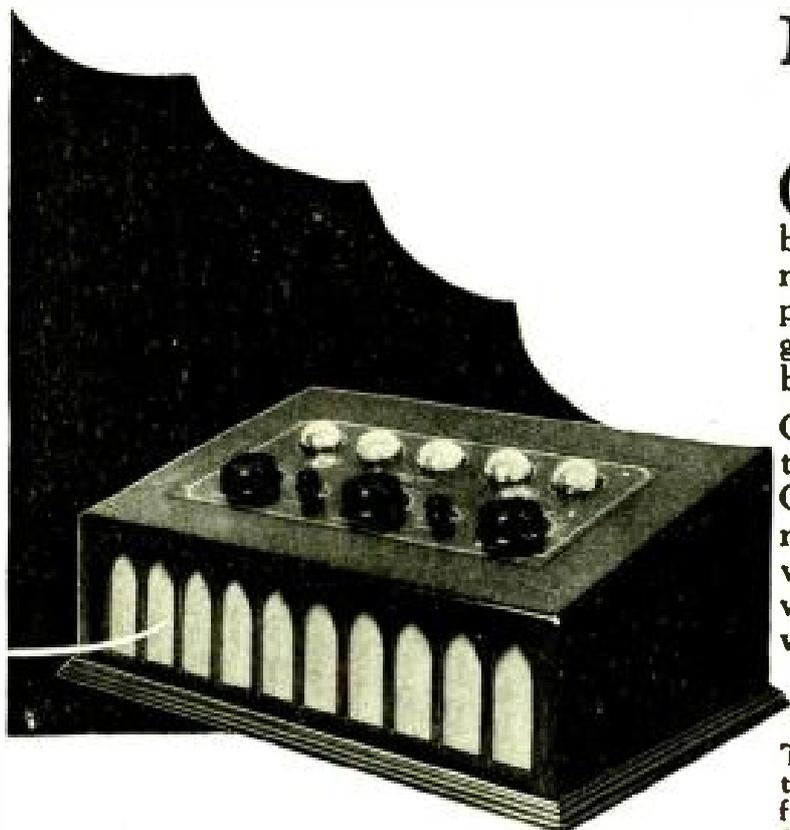
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facturers, the better radio manufacturers do all within their power to make their instruments mechanically perfect. Nevertheless, like the auto, little things will sometimes go wrong—they are serious to the radio owner but very simple to a factory trained service man.

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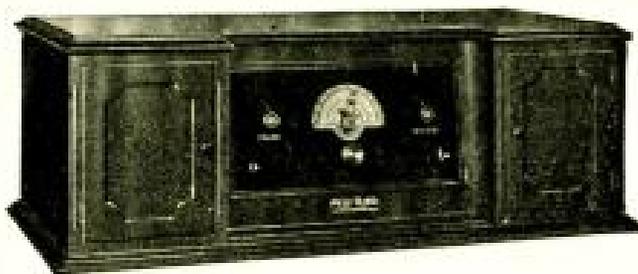
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Appearance

The Valleytone is mounted in a solid walnut cabinet, finished in two tones with inlaid gold stripes. It may also be procured in beautiful console models. Special Valley tables with built in loud speaker may be obtained for the cabinet model.

Finer tuning becomes a reality . . . selectivity means more with the Valleytone Radio Receiver.

For instance: The Valleytone has regularly received and separated clearly and distinctly, radio programs broadcasted simultaneously from stations on wave lengths from four to five meters apart.

Such selectivity is attained in the Valleytone because of the Toroidal coils. The Valleytone circuit brings in stations sharply, clearly, and free from distortion.

With the Valleytone, you can enjoy radio as never before. You can get a station if it is on the air and transmitting strongly enough to reach you. You can choose your stations by the clock and hear them with the Valleytone.

The Valleytone is a five-tube set. It is manufactured by an old established company with the experience and the resources to assure you always the utmost in radio value.

Before you buy a radio, see the Valleytone. Hear it. Let an authorized Valley dealer give you a demonstration.

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Valley B-Eliminator

The Valley B-Eliminator is made for receiving sets of from one to eight tubes. Binding posts and control rheostats are mounted on Bakelite panel. The unit is enclosed in a handsome black case.

It costs less at the start than wet B batteries and less in the long run than dry cells, too. Much more satisfactory than either.

The charger with ten points of superiority

The Valley Battery Charger has a reputation for results. It is based on principles which were proven successful long before radio became popular. It is the only charger needed for all radio batteries:—6 volt A batteries; 24, 48, 72 or 96 volt B batteries; and 2 volt batteries.

It has ten points of superiority

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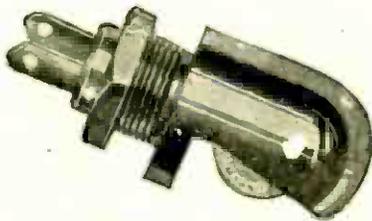
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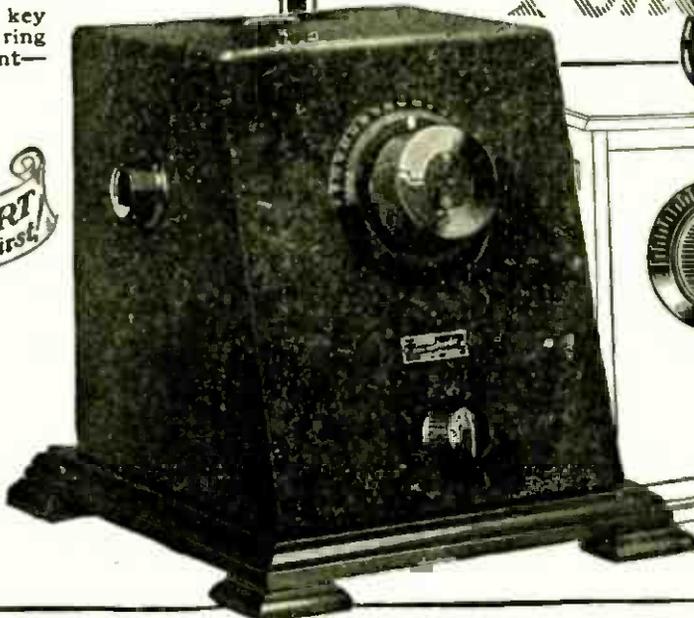
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The Penetrola will add more in performance than many times its cost invested in a new set. In most cases your new combination will out-perform the best set on the market. See your best dealer.

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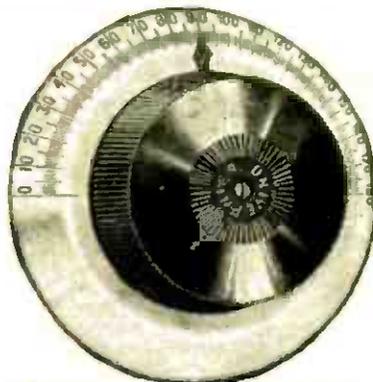
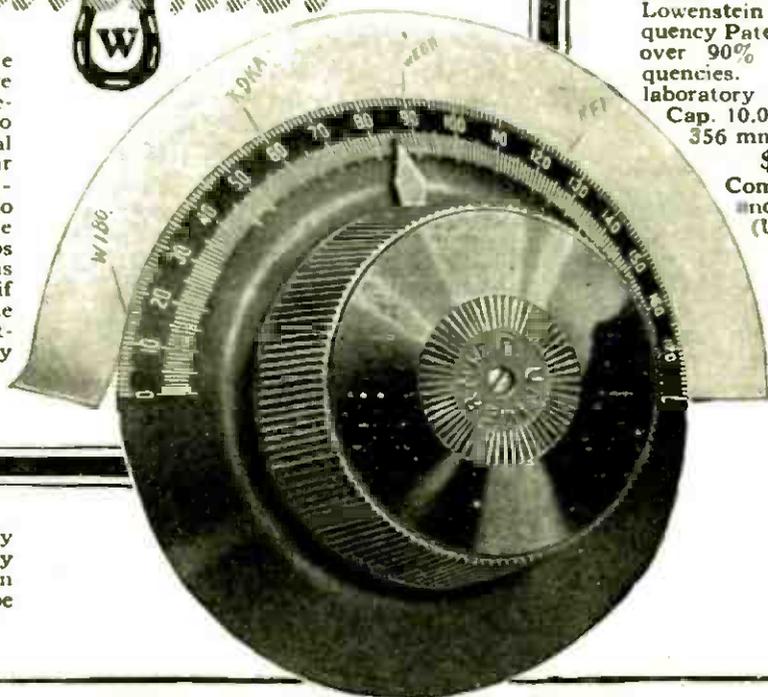
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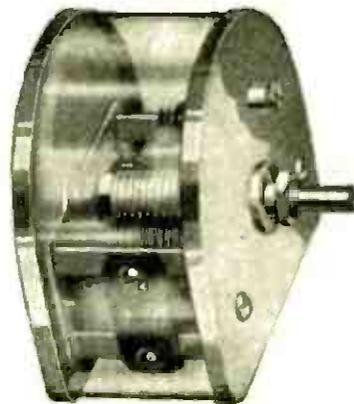
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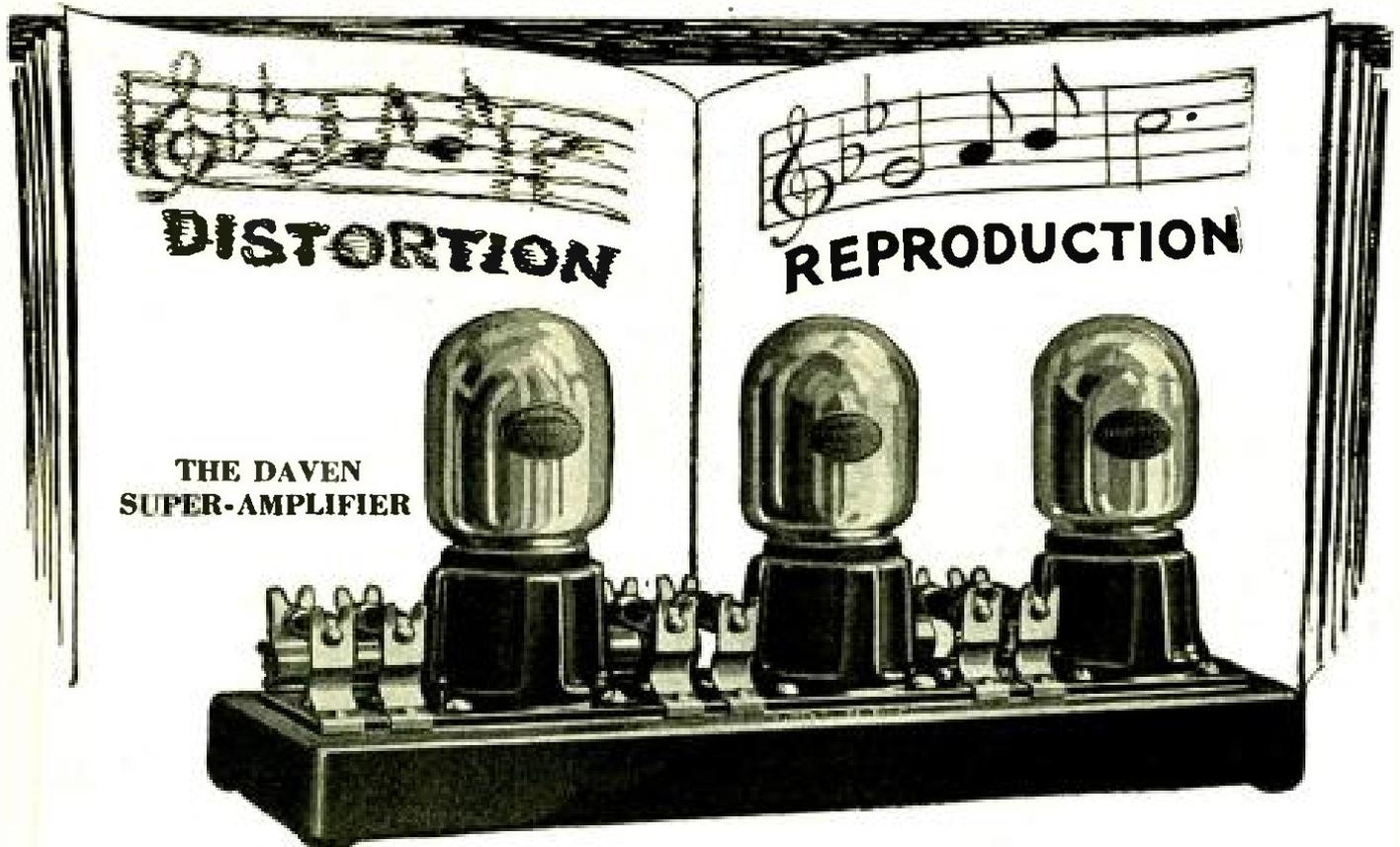
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The Greatest Improvement

For a long time the radio public has been waiting for some revolutionary improvement in variable condensers.

Now it's here!

The Furnell Taper Coil Condenser introduces the first "new-idea" principle offered in condenser design, since Radio became popular.

Heretofore practically all variable condensers have been made up of two series of projecting plates, that intermeshed by the movement of a rotating shaft.

The limitations, as well as the deficiencies of this old style condenser, have long been recognized by the professional.

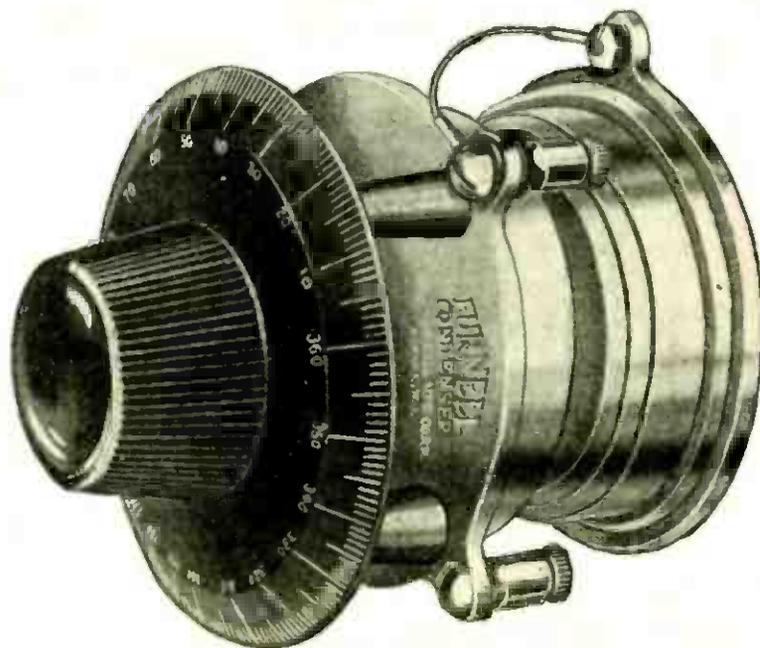
The Furnell Taper Coil Condenser embodies a principle never before used in condensers.

It has no projecting plates, no gears, no racks. No solder. No washers. Nothing to get out of alignment. Nothing to become loosened. Nothing to get out of order.

In every detail, the Furnell Taper Coil Condenser has been designed with one outstanding thought in mind—to afford the highest degree of efficiency ever attained in condenser construction.

And professional tests have proven the Furnell as superior to the old style condenser, as the tube set is to the crystal.

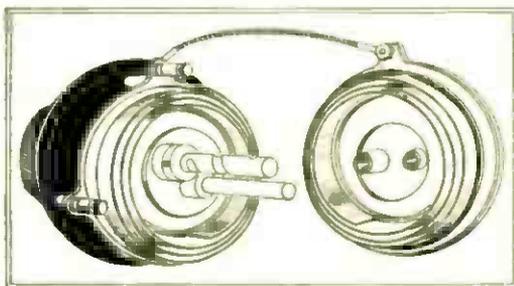
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The Furnell has only two plates, each plate being coiled in the form of an evolute, like an unwound clock spring. The end of each coil is directly connected with the circuit terminal.



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The Furnell Condenser is a low-loss unit, of the modified straightline frequency type, and uses air for the dielectric.

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Capacity	3 In. Dial.	4 In. Dial.
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Overall depth (panel to end) 2¾ in.
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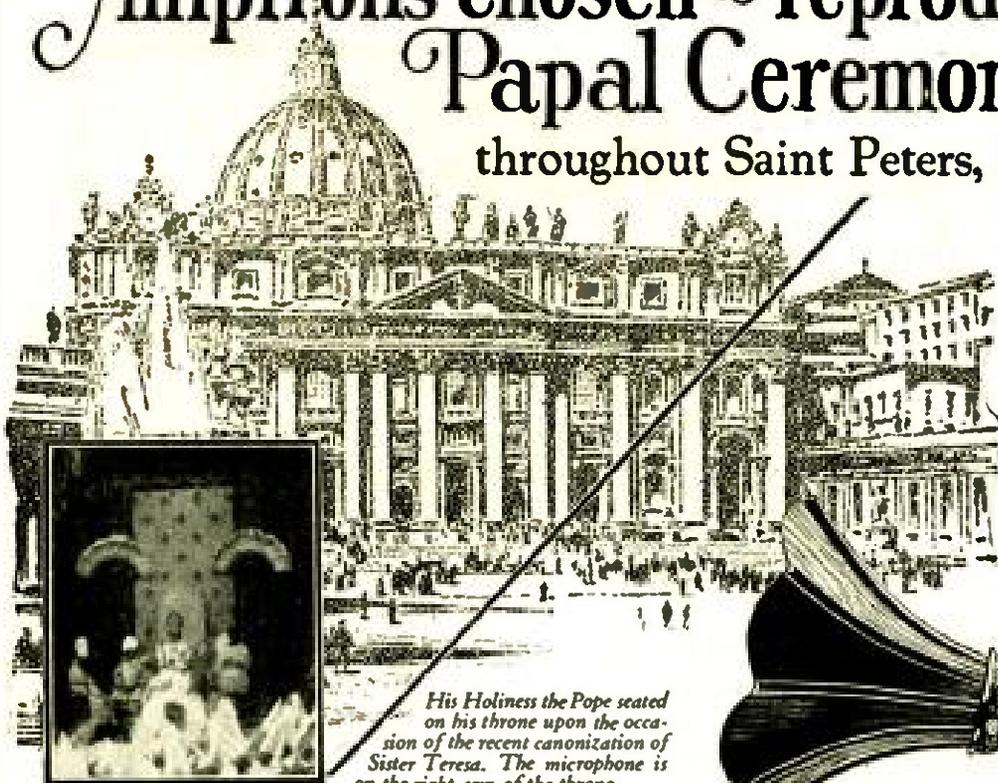
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Amplions chosen to reproduce Papal Ceremonies throughout Saint Peters, Rome



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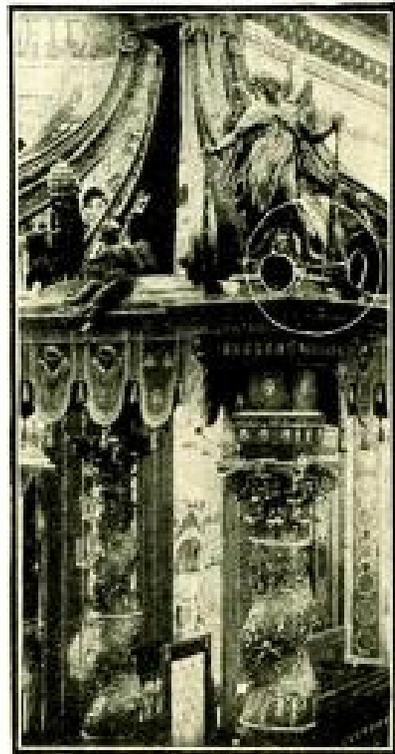
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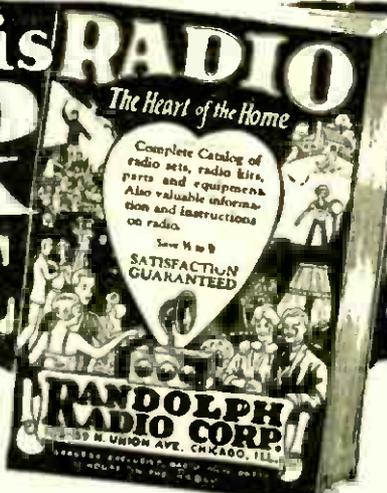
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AMERICAN RADYNOLA 5 TUBE SET

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The Biggest 5-Tube Value on the Market

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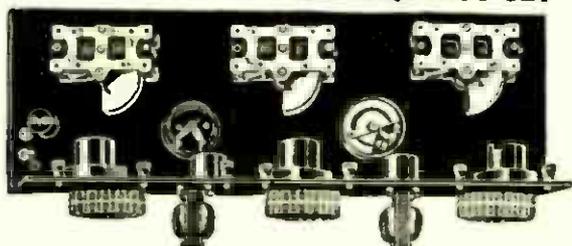
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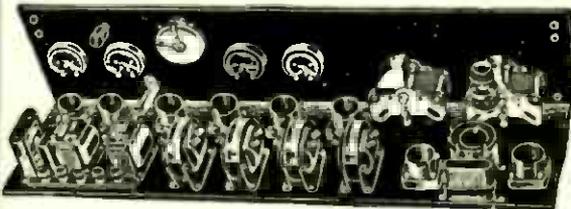
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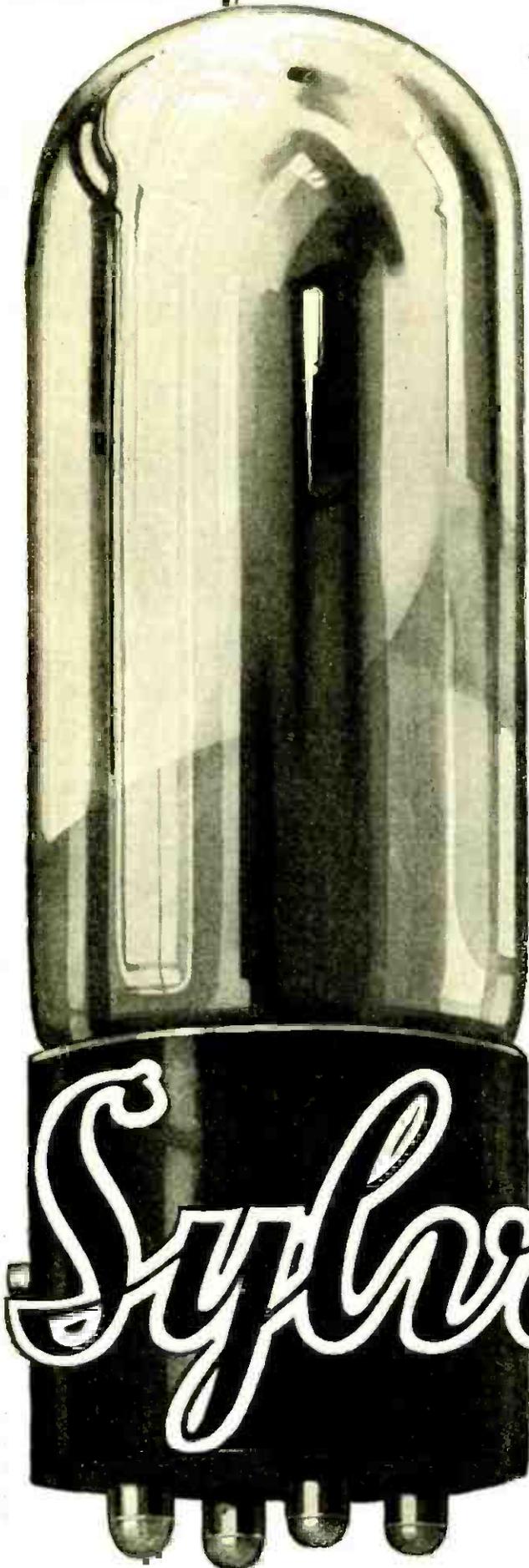


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THIS tube or that tube—a cheap, questionable product that quickly wears down “B” batteries and gives little that is worth while in return or a downright quality product that brings out the best in your set—its an important question many fans are asking themselves today.

If you want to quit speculating with radio tubes—if you want to get down to bed-rock and get all out of your set that its possible for a tube to get—then install Sylvania. Immediately you will notice a big difference in performance: better tone, greater sensitivity, more volume, longer life.

There is no compromise in Sylvania performance because there is no compromise in Sylvania manufacture. There is one standard only—the best it is humanly possible to produce. Yet the price is no more than you will pay for any other tube.

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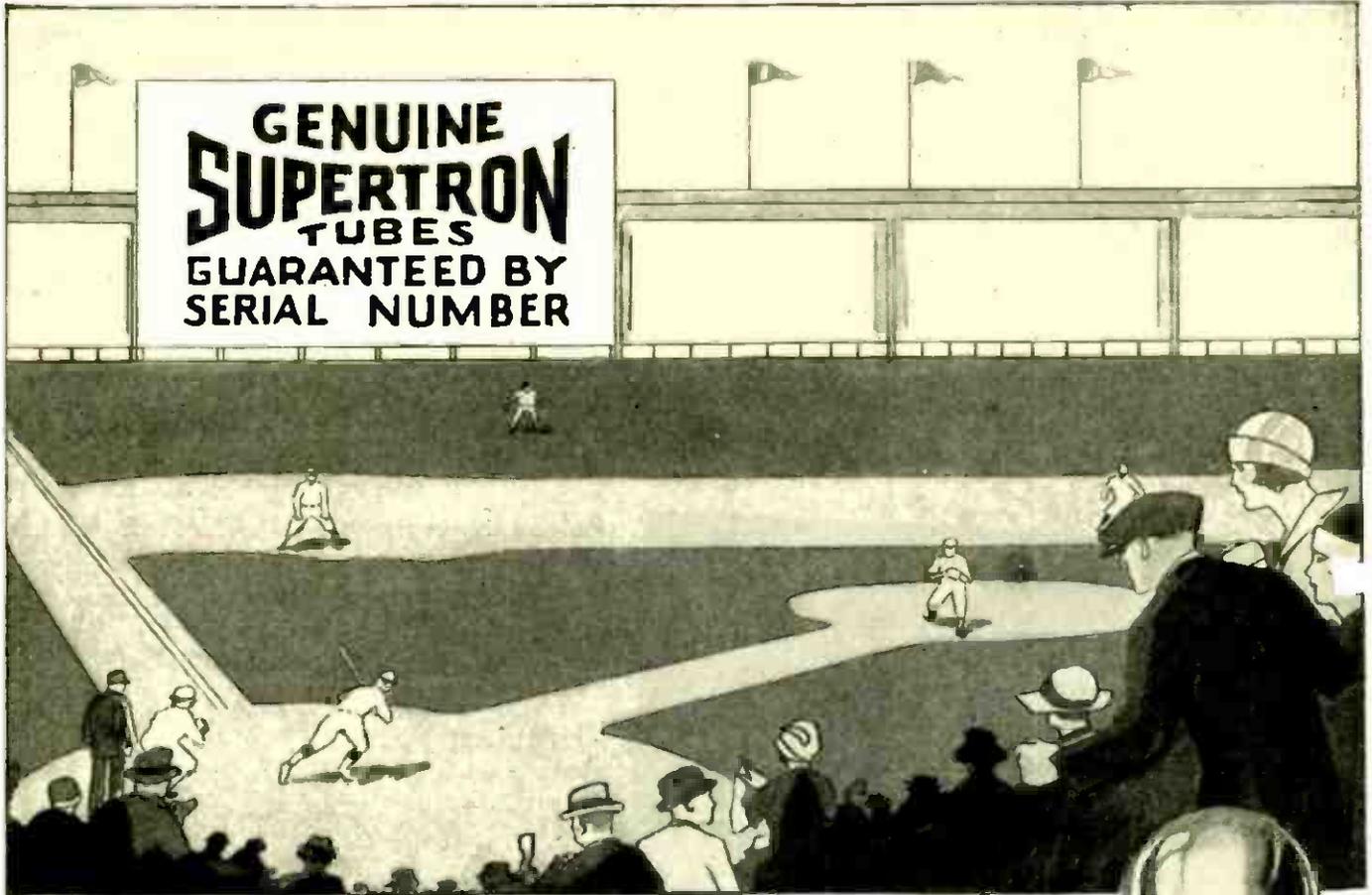
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Introduces

6-Tube OVERTONE Receiver

With Translucent Station Finder

LAST year Pfanstiehl perfected the Overtone Receiver—an accomplishment of the first importance, which radio engineers had vainly attempted hitherto. He did so by eliminating all clashing of radio energy inside the set, thereby insuring a smooth, forward flow of the radio stream from circuit to circuit. The super vibrations of radio energy are thus kept intact, exactly as received, and there is no blurring or marring of the resulting overtones which bring out the beauty of voice and music.

This year he went a step further. He still further protected the overtones by an overtone loudspeaker inbuilt and sympathetically adjusted to the receiver itself. Modulation is made perfect. Even through a detached speaker the tone was far superior to any other obtainable in long distance reception. Now it is supreme.

Single Dial More Efficient Than Any Multiple Control

His single dial control immeasurably simplifies radio. It will give it a new popularity with the great mass of home users who are inexpert and dislike complicated tuning. It has been made possible by the very same mastery of radio energy in and between circuits which perfected overtone reception. With no leakage of energy to disturb the electrical characteristic of the radio stream on its way through each circuit, THERE ARE NO INEQUALITIES. Each circuit is electrically like every other—ALL tuned by one turn of the Pfanstiehl triple unit condenser.

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It thus becomes apparent how important an advance Pfanstiehl made in simplifying the radio frequency circuit and eliminating all compensating or neutralizing devices. It made possible perfect overtone reception, simple and dependable operation and now—single dial control.

Actual Wave Length GLOWS from Illuminated Dial—No Scale Necessary

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MODEL 10C—A complete 6-Tube Single-dial Console Receiver with Overtone Speaker, Control Board, Battery Charger and Compartments for Battery built in. Price \$450.00 (less tubes and batteries).



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MODEL 8C—Two-dial 5 Tube Receiving Set, demountable from console stand, permitting use on floor or table. Overtone Speaker built in. Price \$135.00 (less tubes and batteries).

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Artistic radio has come with Thorola Islo-dyne, the only receiver embodying the *Isolated Power* principle made possible by Thorola Low-Loss Doughnut Coils. They conquer the causes of interfering currents, pick-up feed-back, uncontrollable oscillation, complicated and freak wiring, uncertain operation. Radio experimenters know what all this means. Radio listeners no longer need to know!

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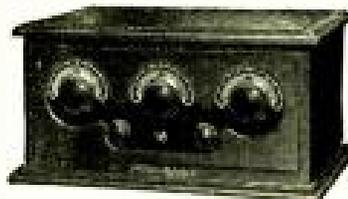
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Thorola Loud Speakers with new burnished Bakelite horn and gold throat-band are still better in appearance and performance.

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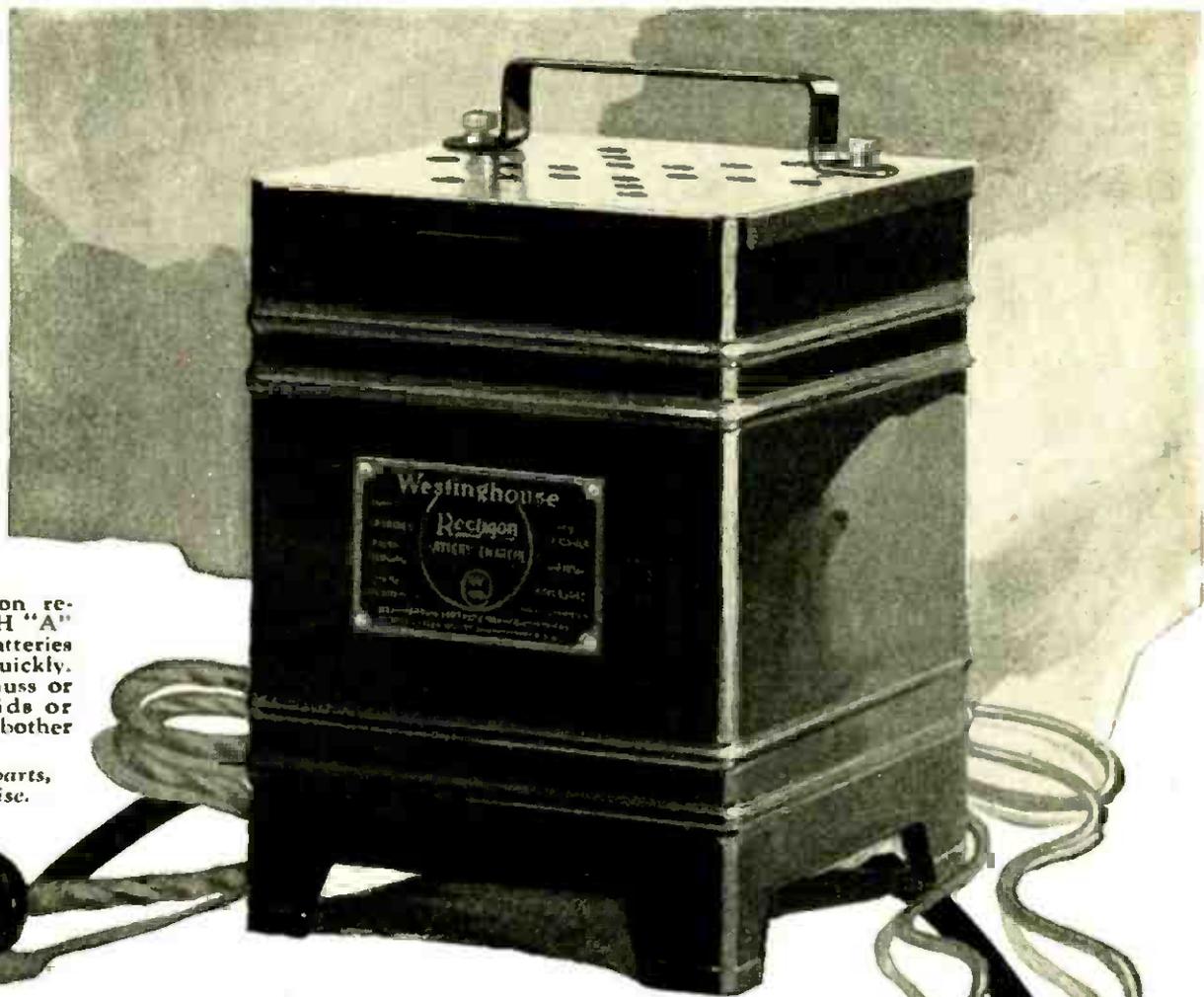


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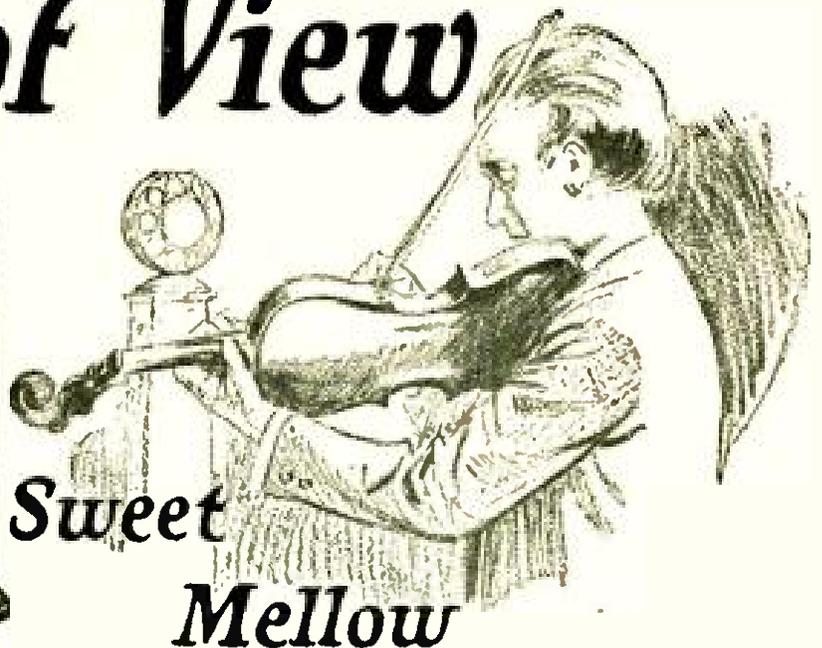
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Type 285
Audio Amplifying
Transformers
6 to 1 ratio for first stage
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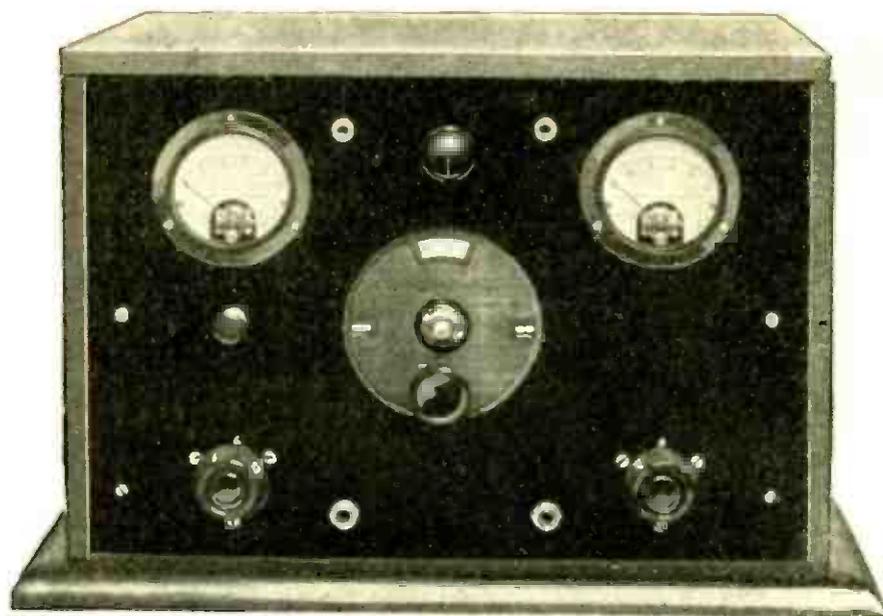
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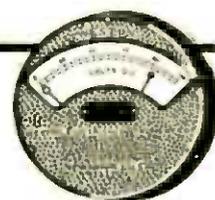
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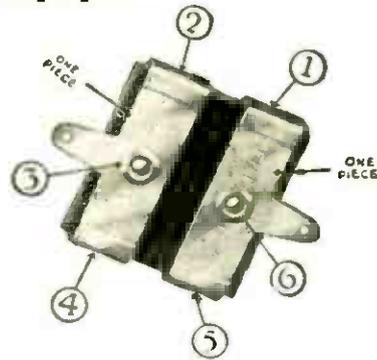
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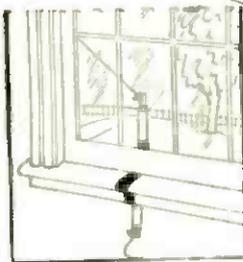
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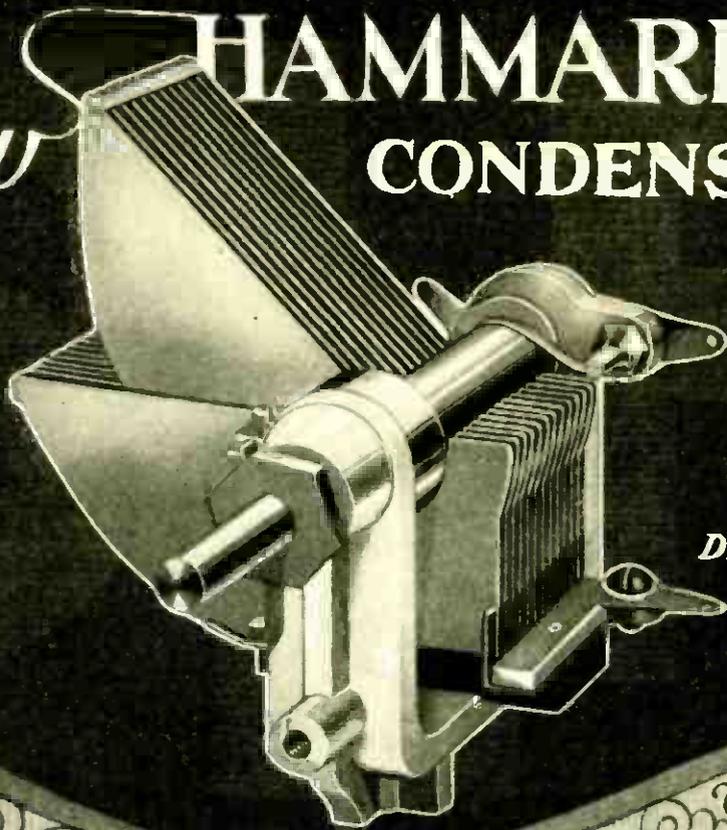
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A STRAIGHT-LINE FREQUENCY ACHIEVEMENT

RUGGED, compact, sublimely efficient, with all the refinements of 15 years' experience comes the latest Hammarlund achievement—the variable condenser that distributes stations equally over your dials and solves the problem of critical tuning for all time.

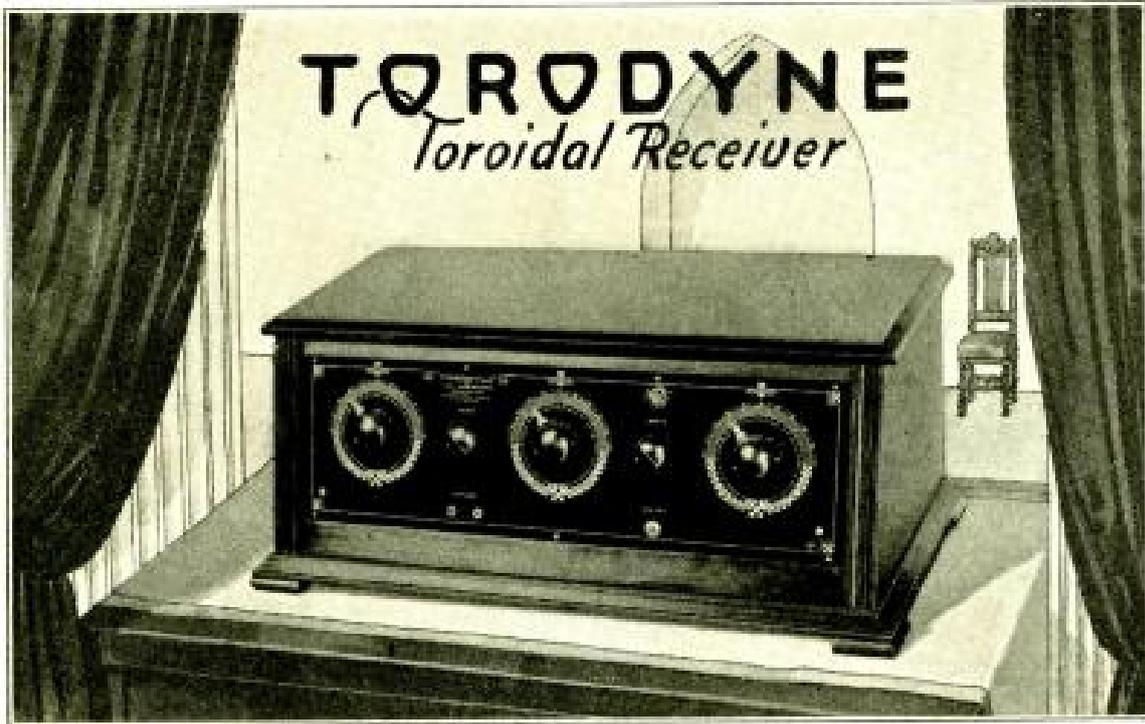
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Soldered, non-corrosive brass plates, with sturdy tie-bars that insure permanent alignment; one small piece of insulation placed outside of the electro-static field; strong aluminum frame that cannot warp, grounded to rotor; adjustable ball bearings at both ends of rotor shaft; bronze clock-spring pigtail; single hole mounting; a separate "hand-capacity" shield for use if desired. Made in all standard capacities; a quality product at an attractive price.

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One of the leading features that place the TORODYNE ahead of the field is the use of Toroidal transformers, which give it:

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The refined beauty of the TORODYNE harmonizes with any period furniture. The black, sloping panel is silver engraved by a patented process and mounted in an Adam brown mahogany cabinet. Pointers on Bakelite knobs operate over scales engraved on the panel.

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The TORODYNE will give genuine satisfaction. Ask your dealer for a demonstration and judge for yourself. (If your dealer is not showing the TORODYNE, write us.)

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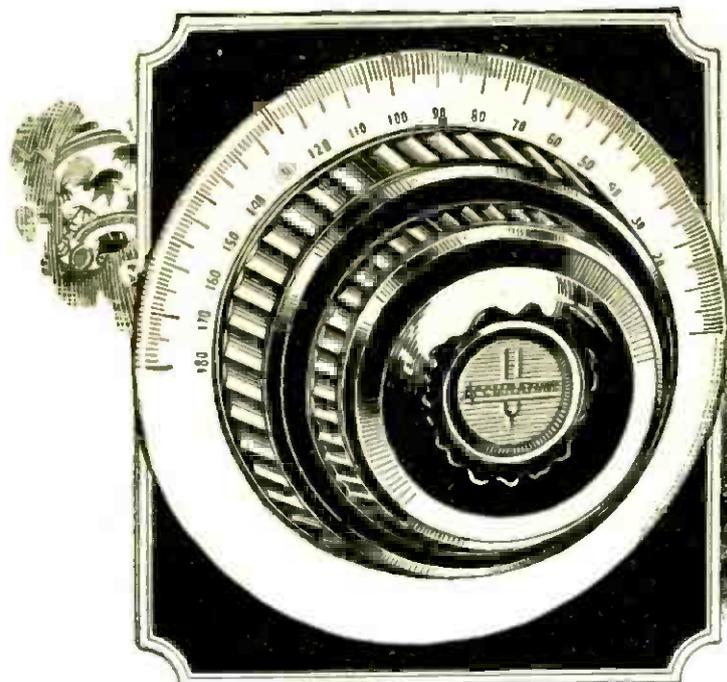
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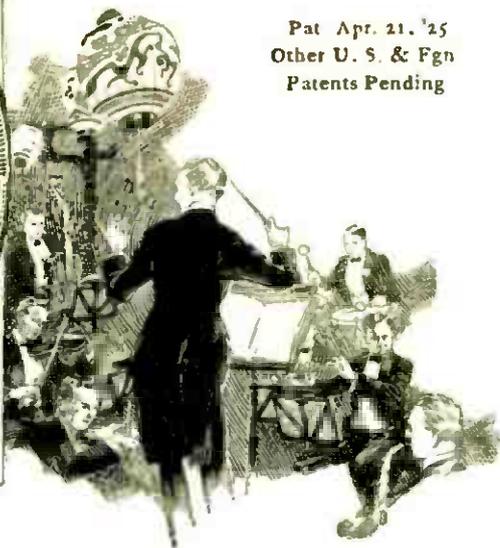
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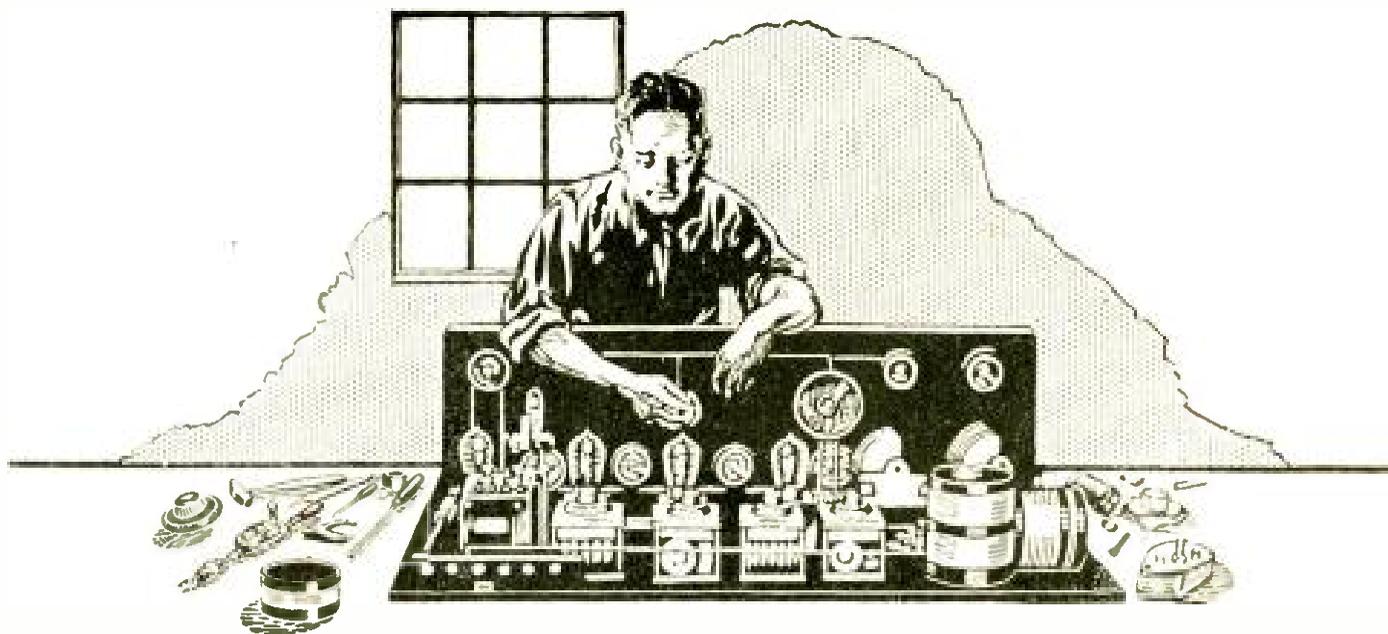
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They have electrical qualities that are more than sufficient for any need—and they combine with them equally essential mechanical strength, resistance to warping, and cold flowing. They never distort in use so that instruments are displaced.

The Formica finish is unequalled in richness and gloss. And that finish is one of the most permanent in the world. It does not discolor, grow dull, check or craze. No ordinary varnish or lacquer can equal it.

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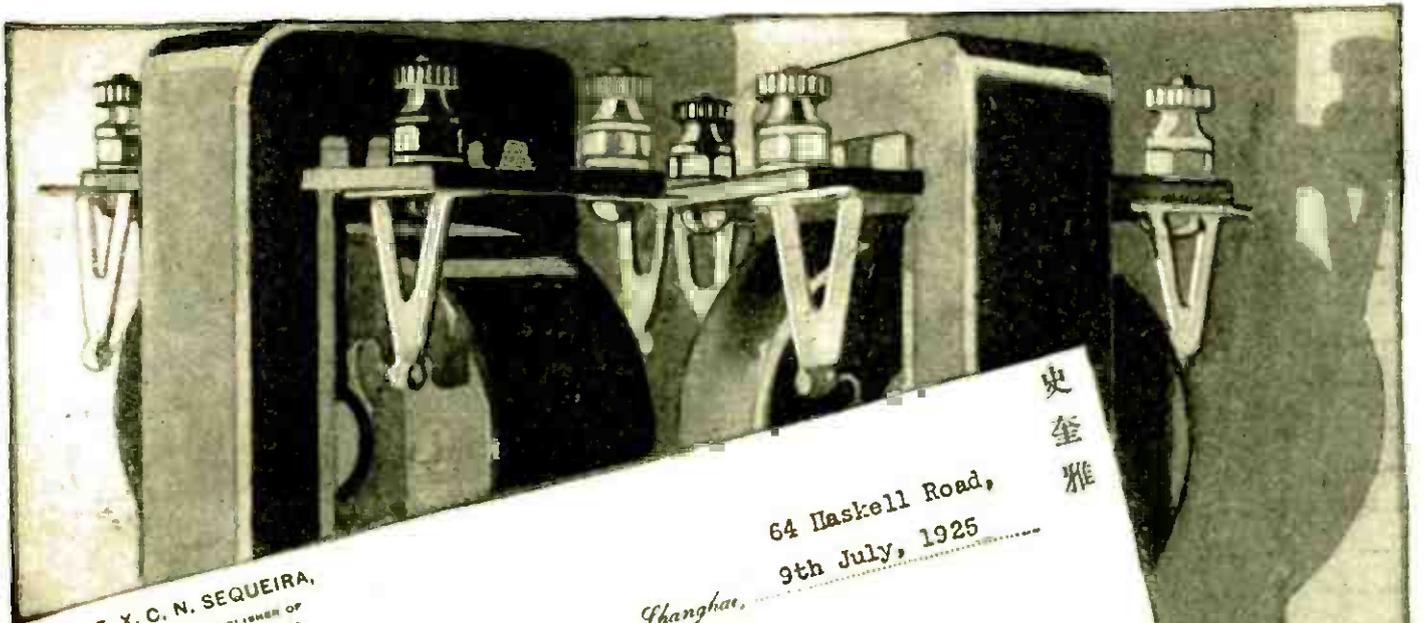
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The Very Best Obtainable Audio Frequency Transformers
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and they sent me a pair of AmerTrans.

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This letter is written to show you my appreciation of your wonderful Audio Frequency Transformers and you are at liberty to use it or any part of it in any way you like.

With best wishes for your continued success and sincerest thanks to you for being the means of making me the proud possessor of such a pair of beauties,

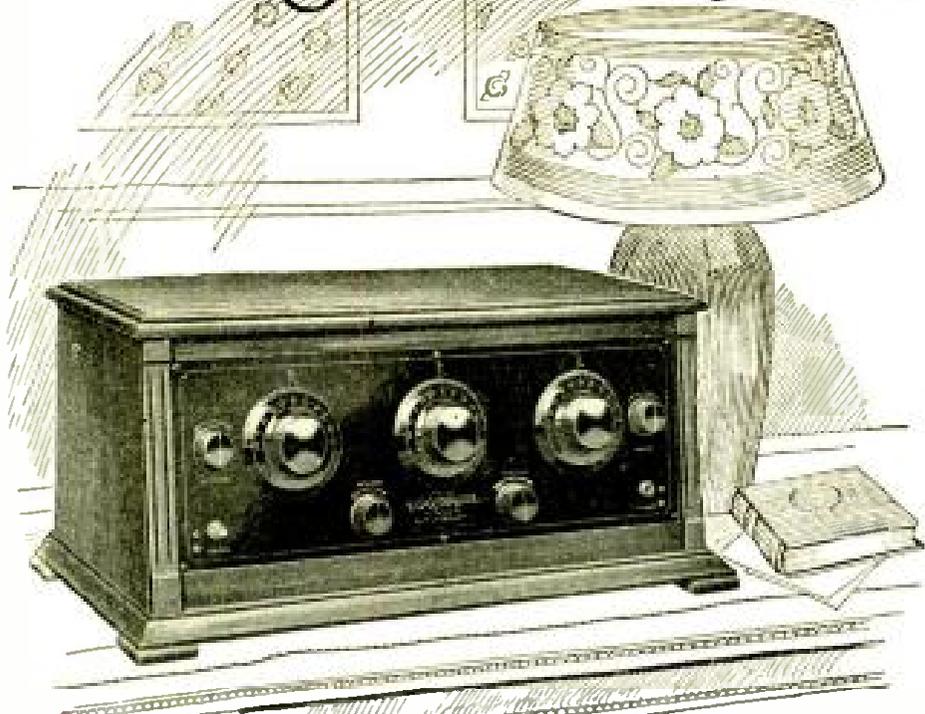
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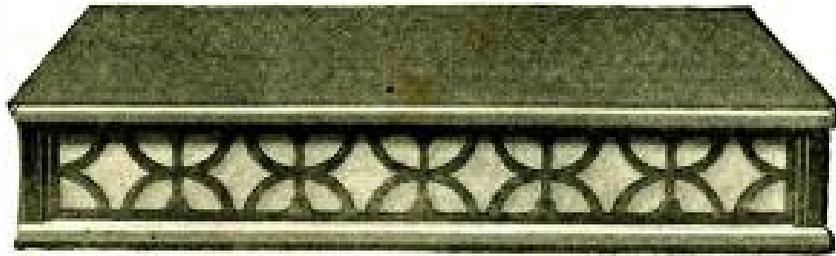
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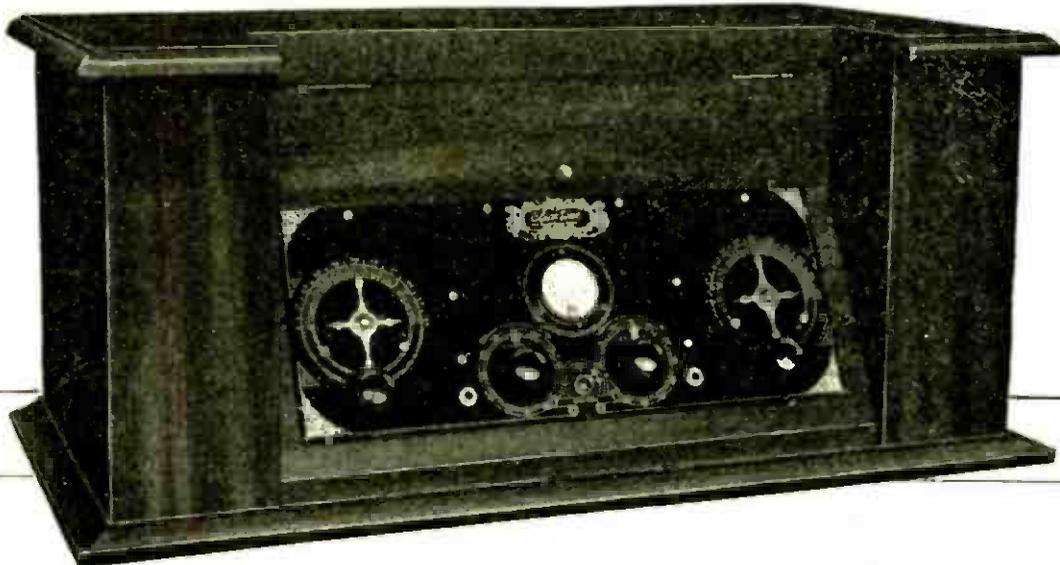
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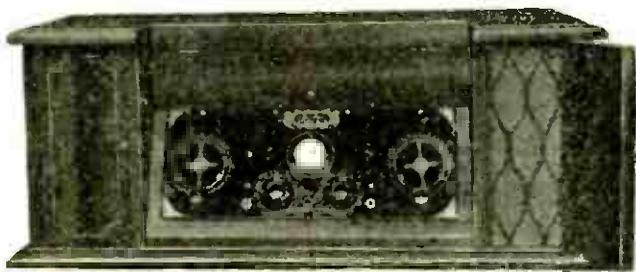
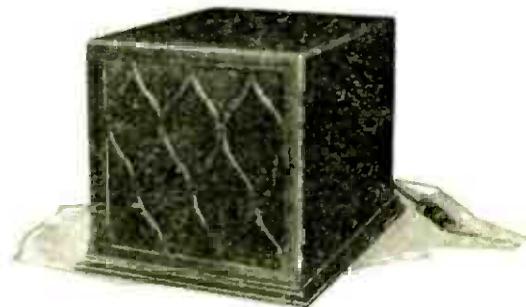


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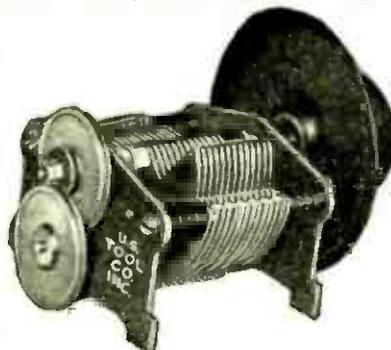
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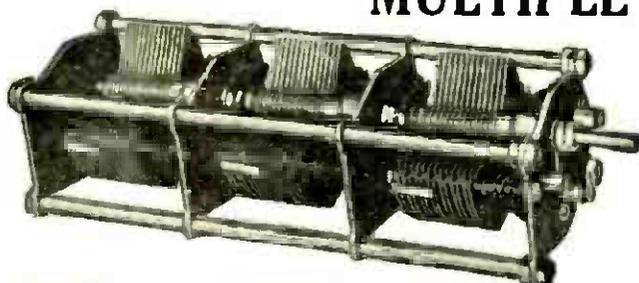
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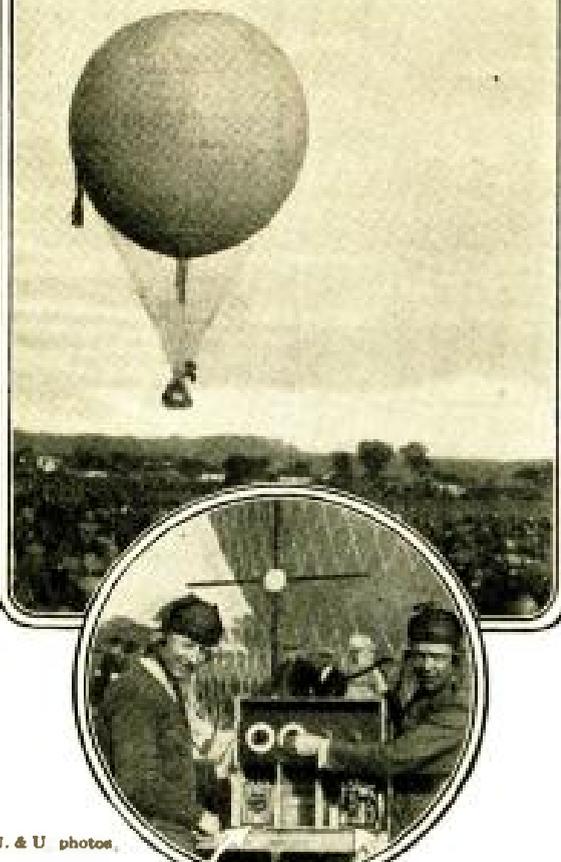
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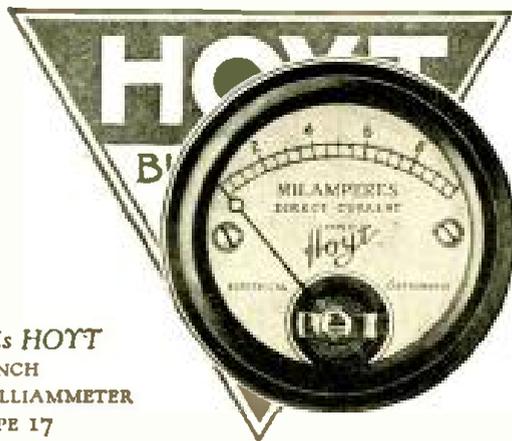
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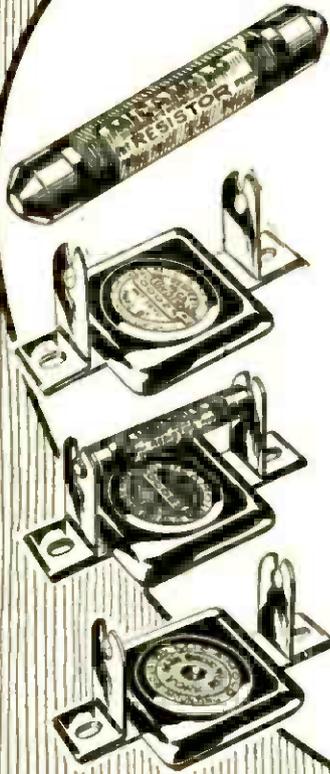
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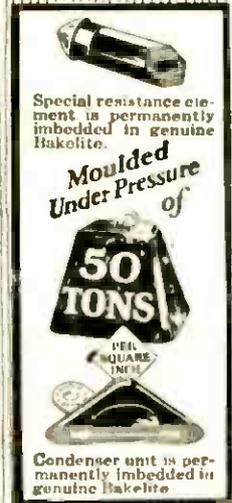
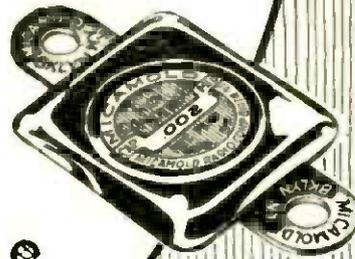
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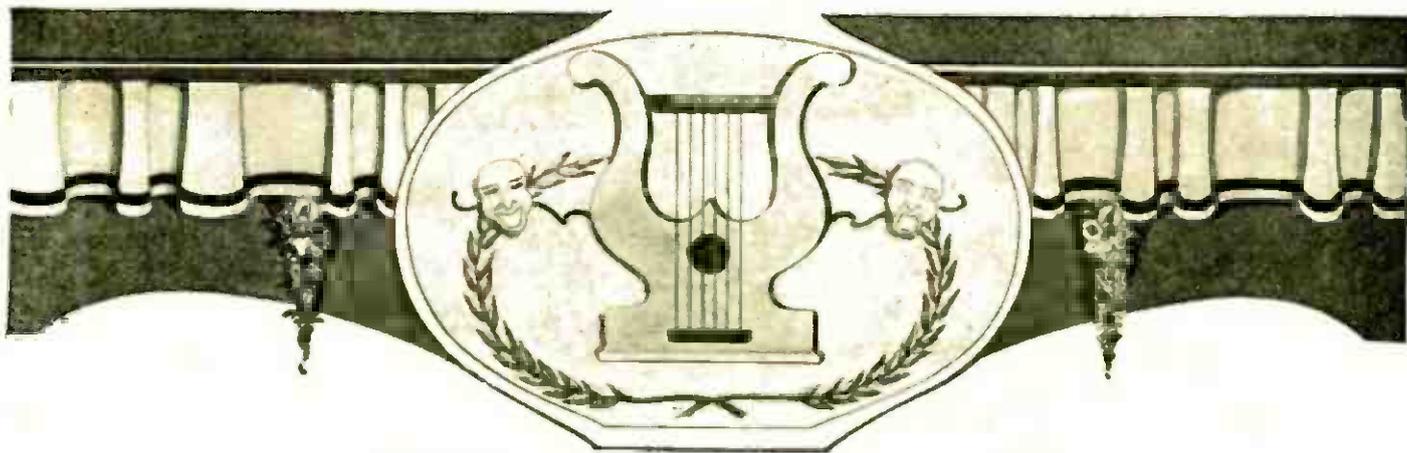
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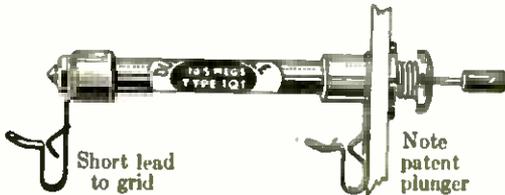
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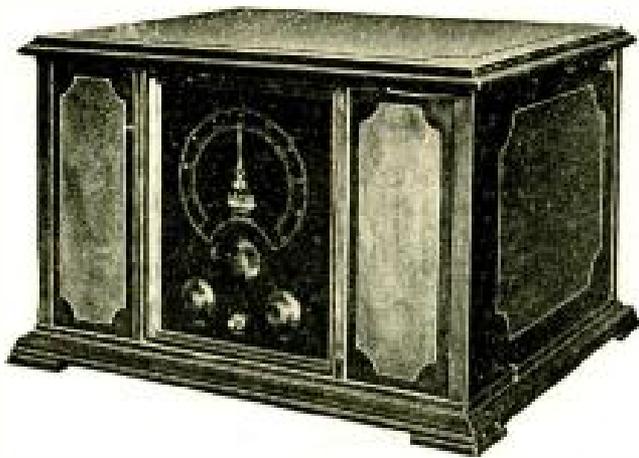
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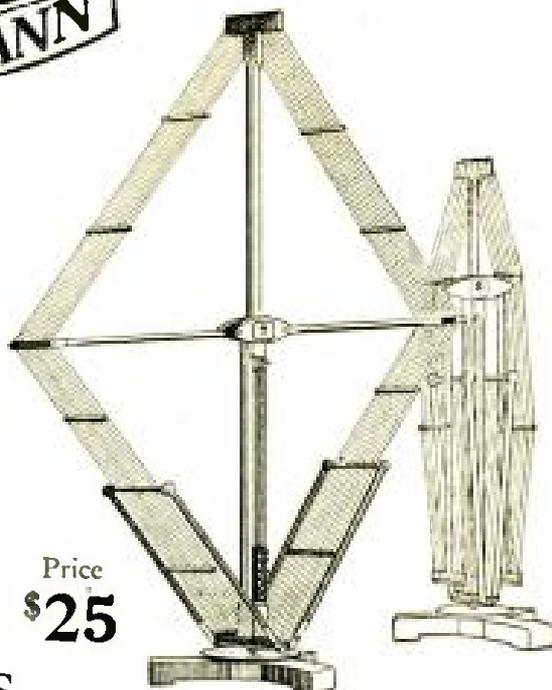


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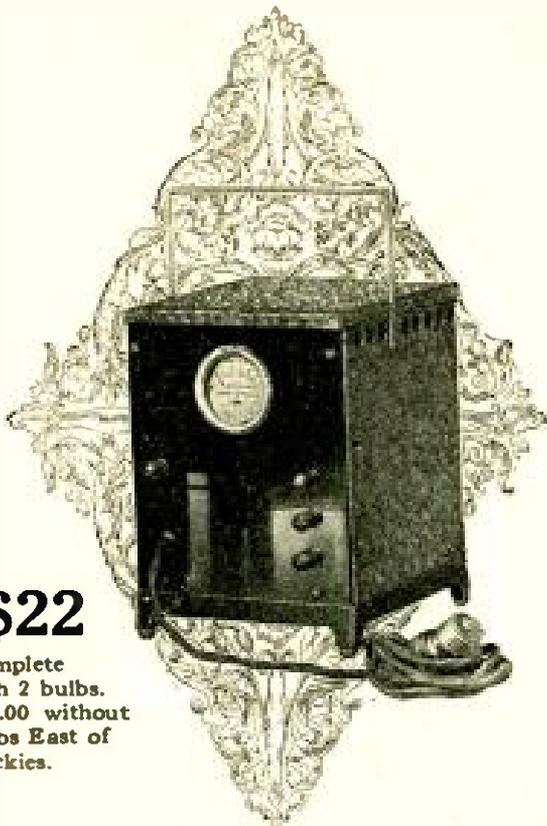
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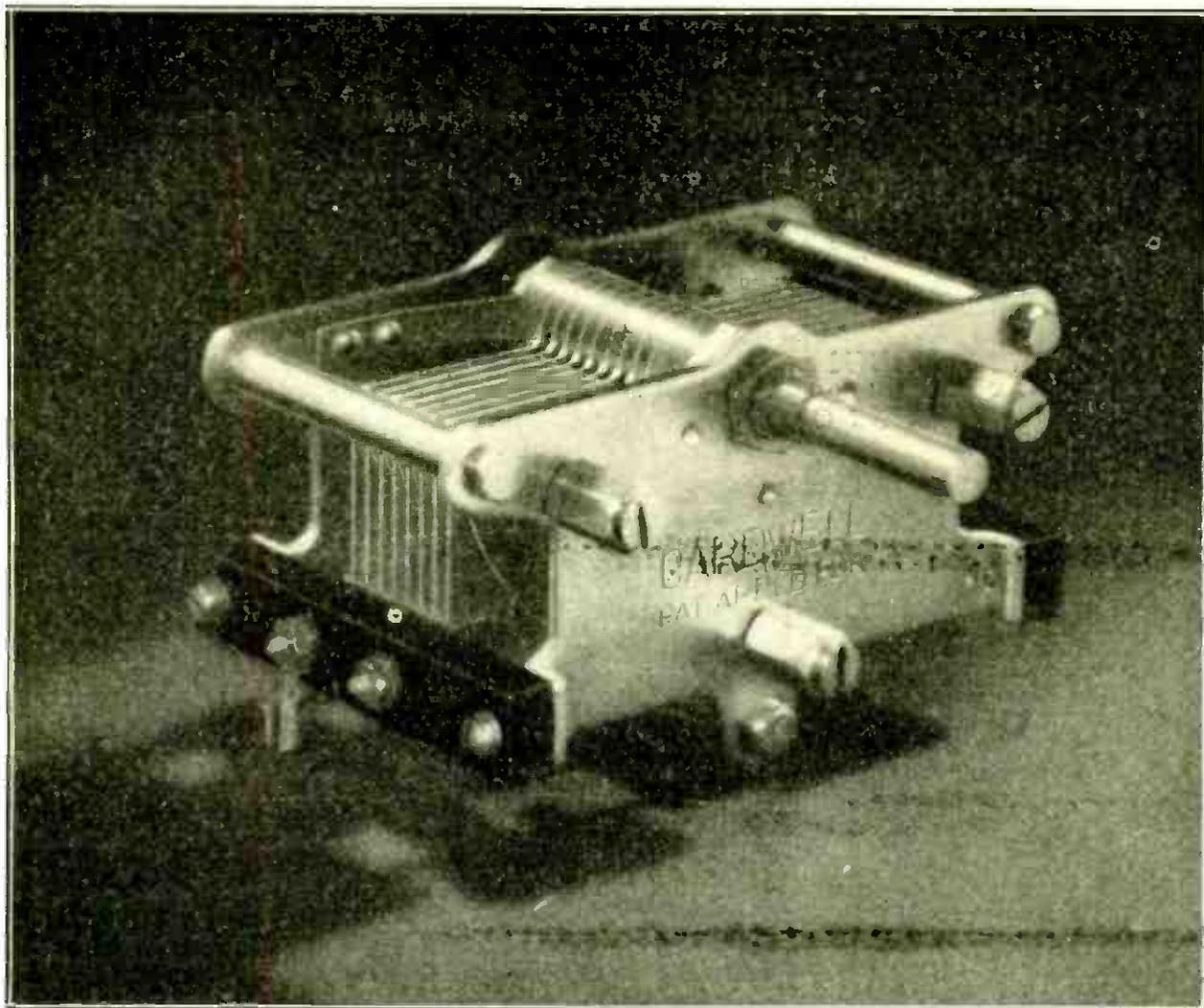
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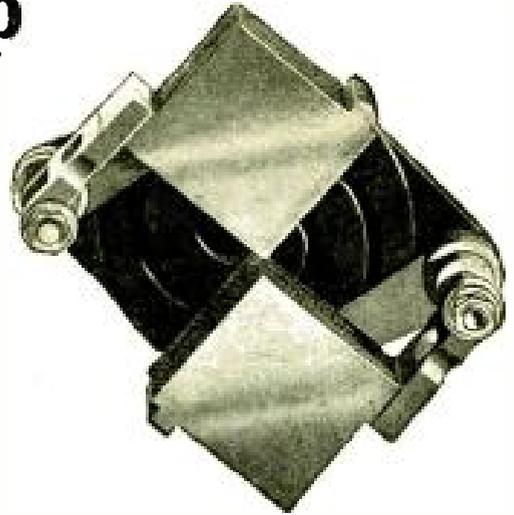
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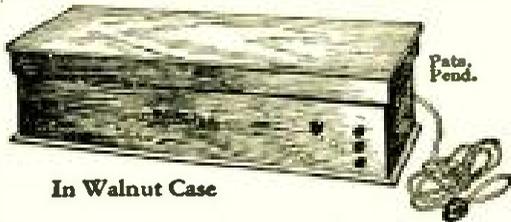


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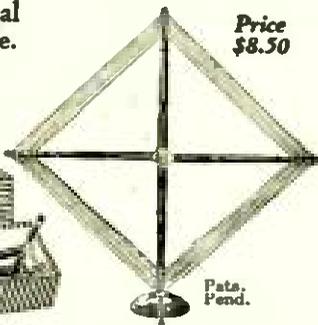
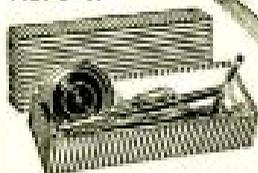
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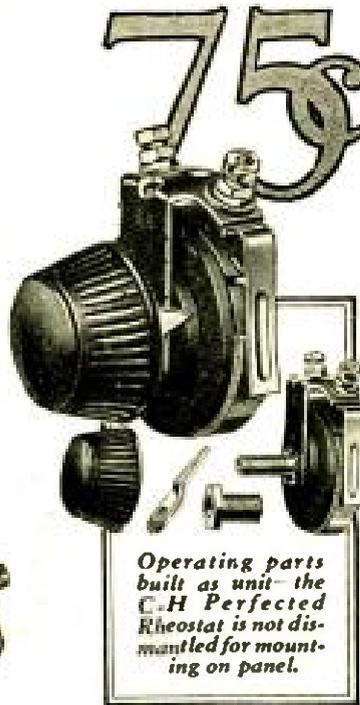
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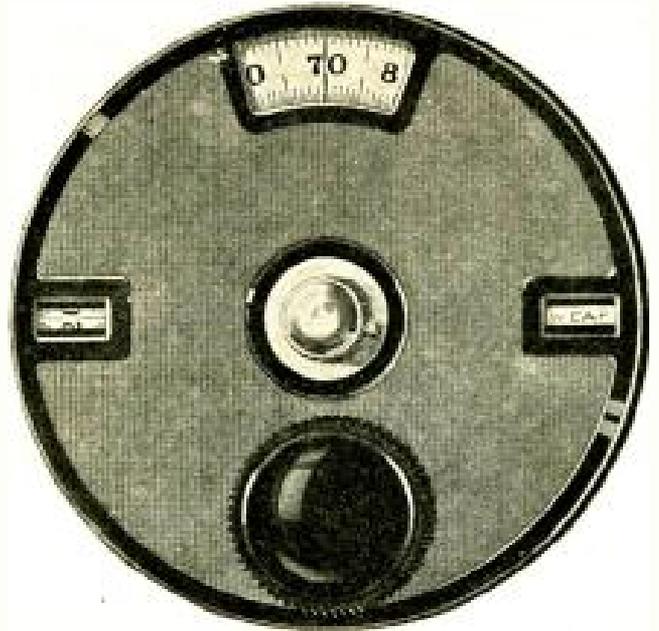
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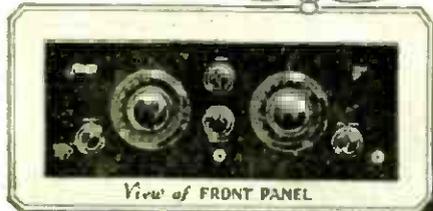
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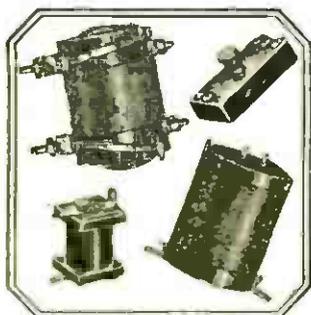
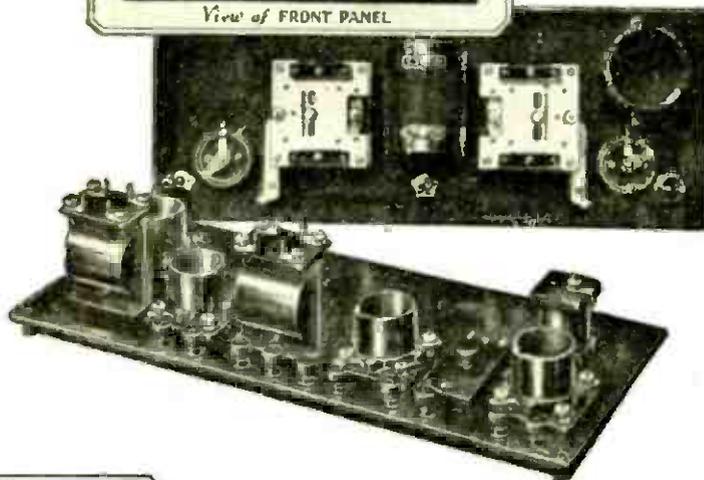
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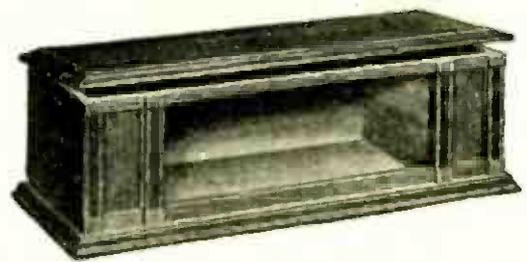
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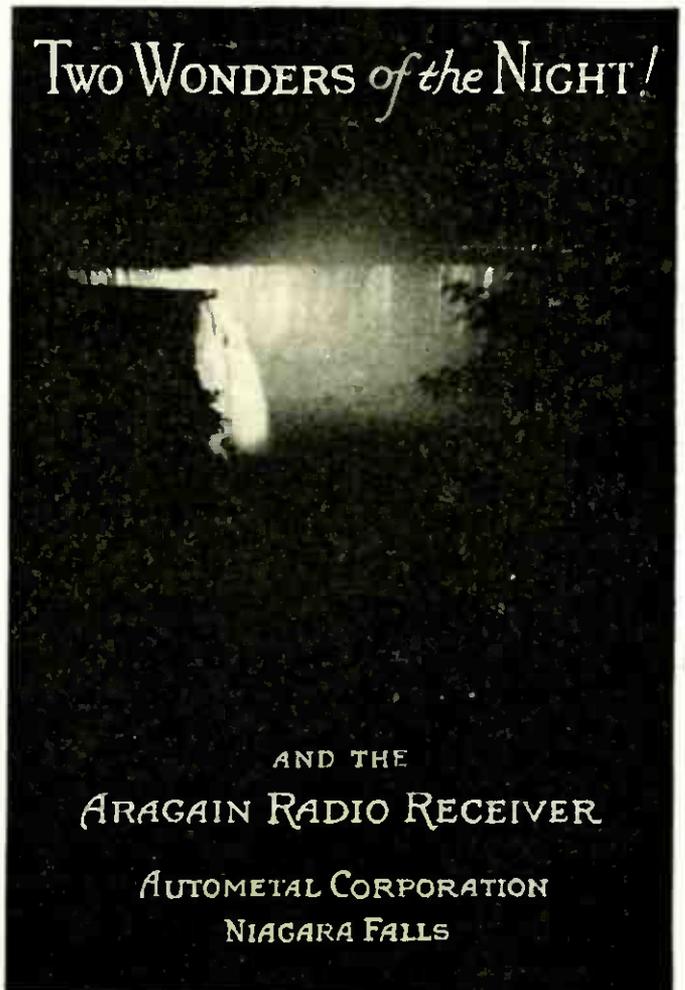
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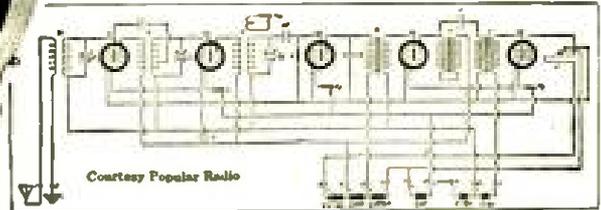
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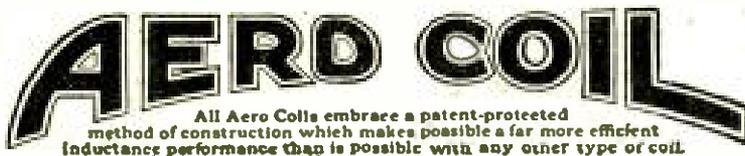
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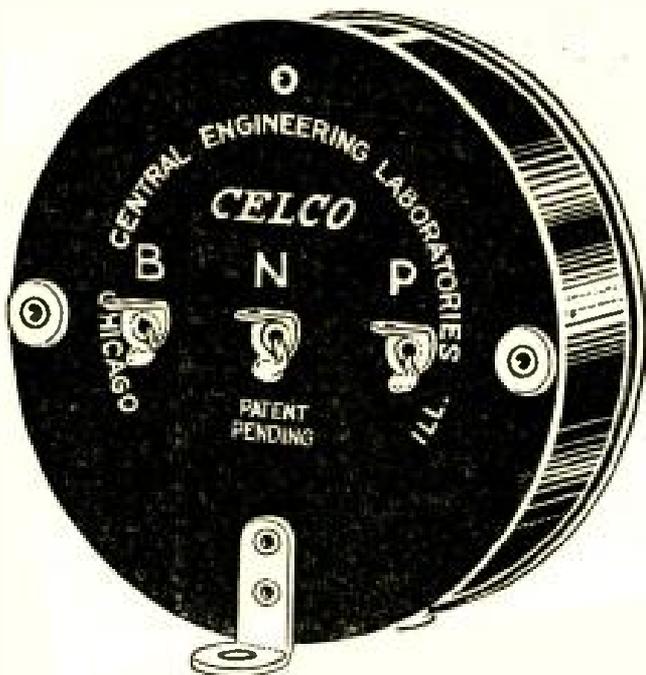
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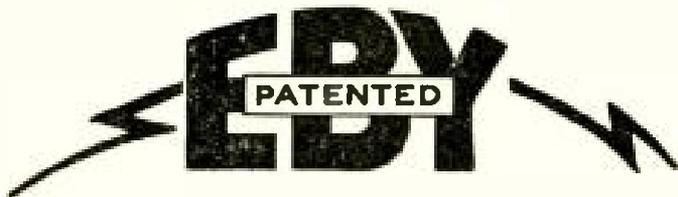
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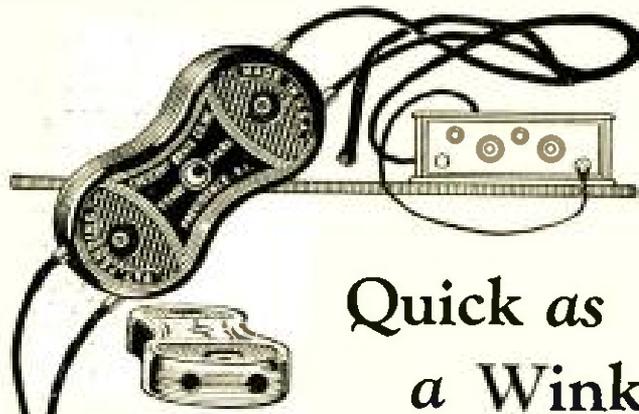
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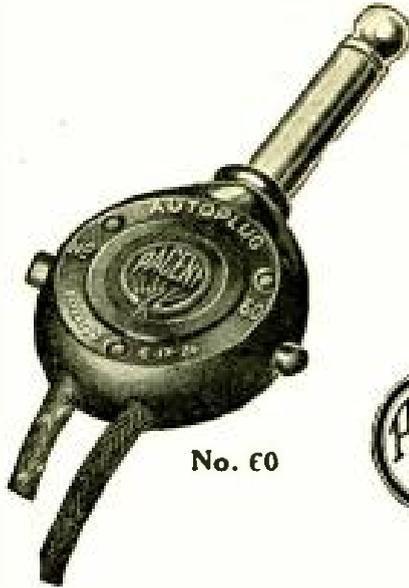


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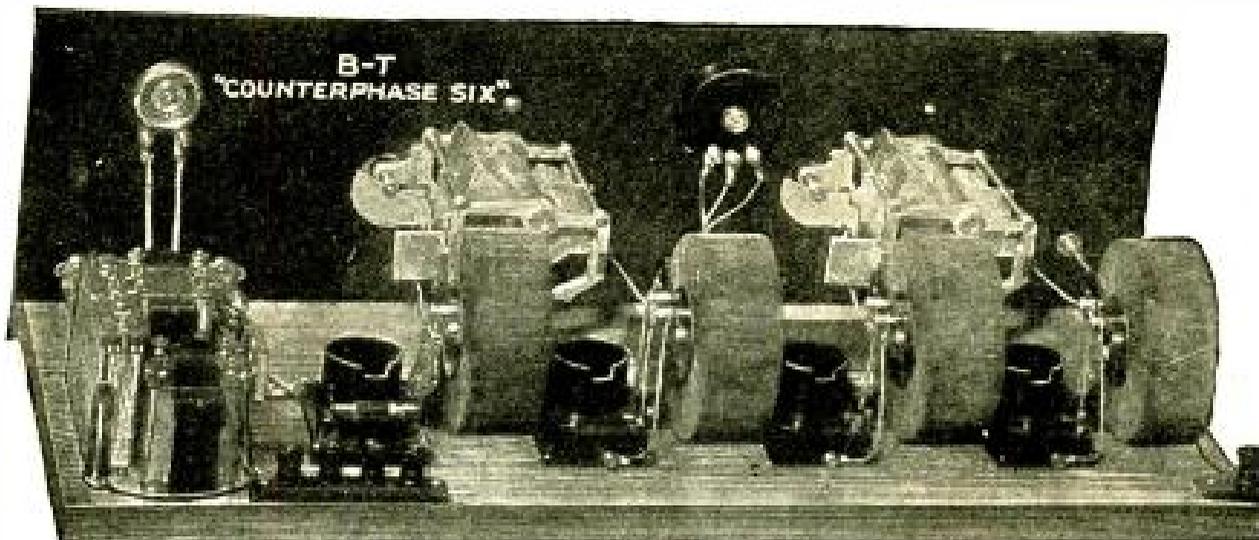
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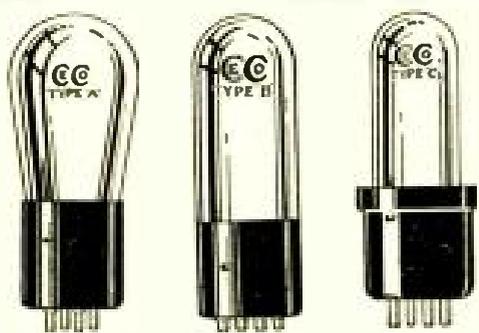
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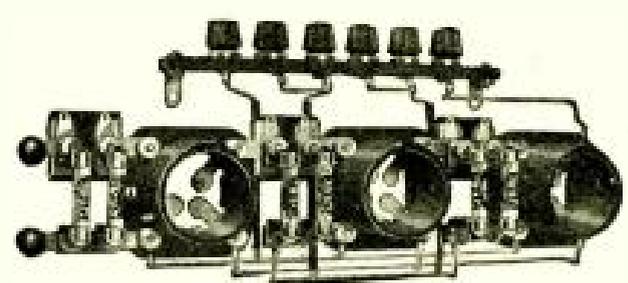
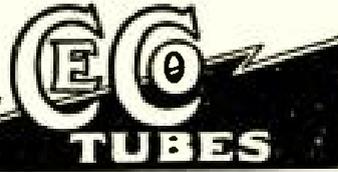
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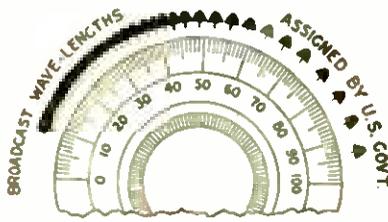
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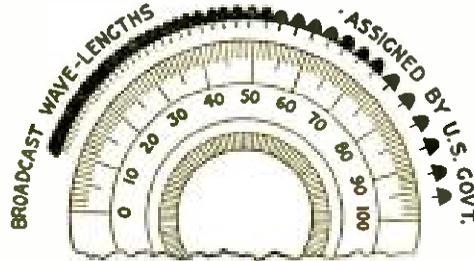
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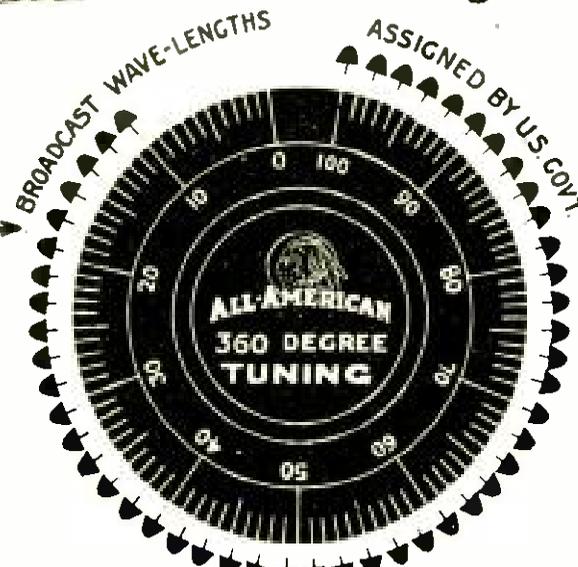
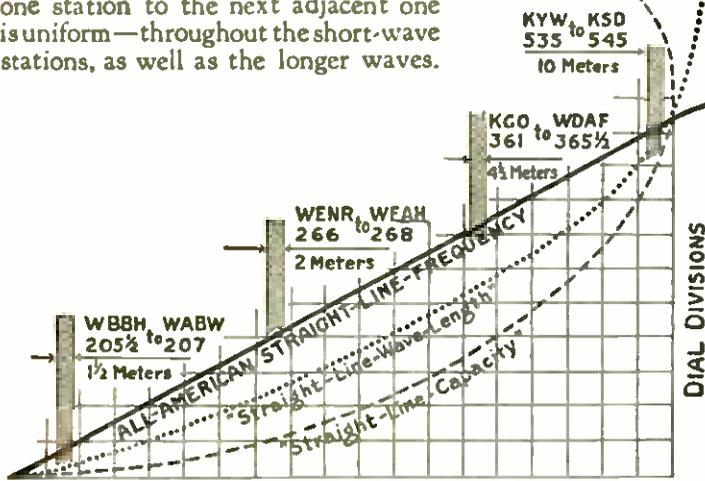
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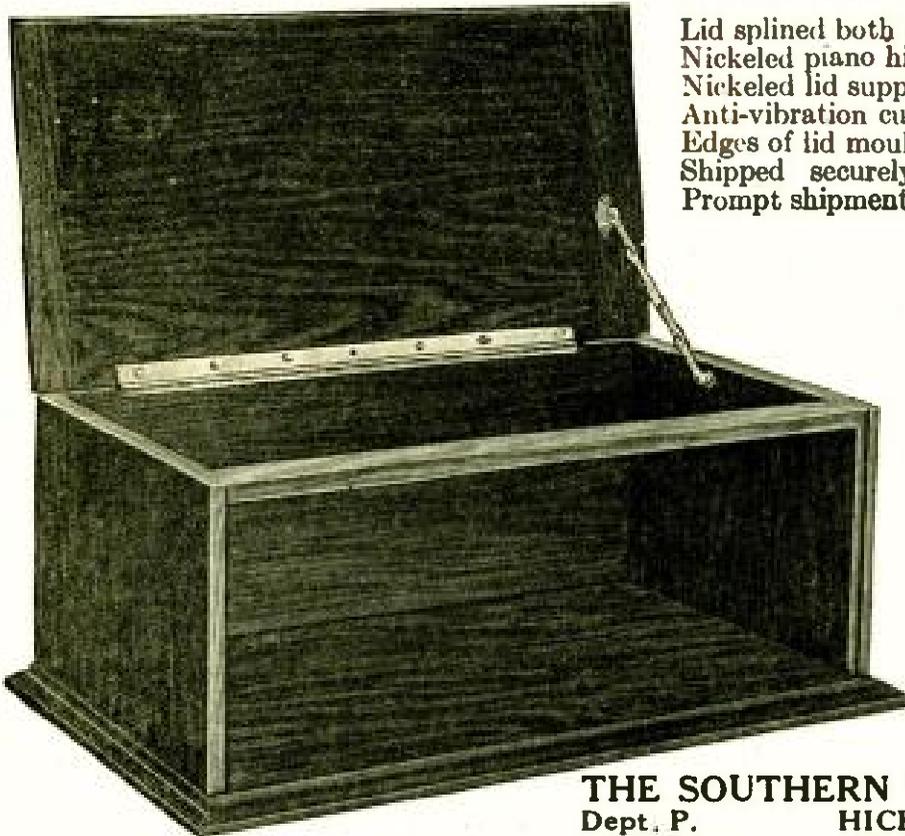
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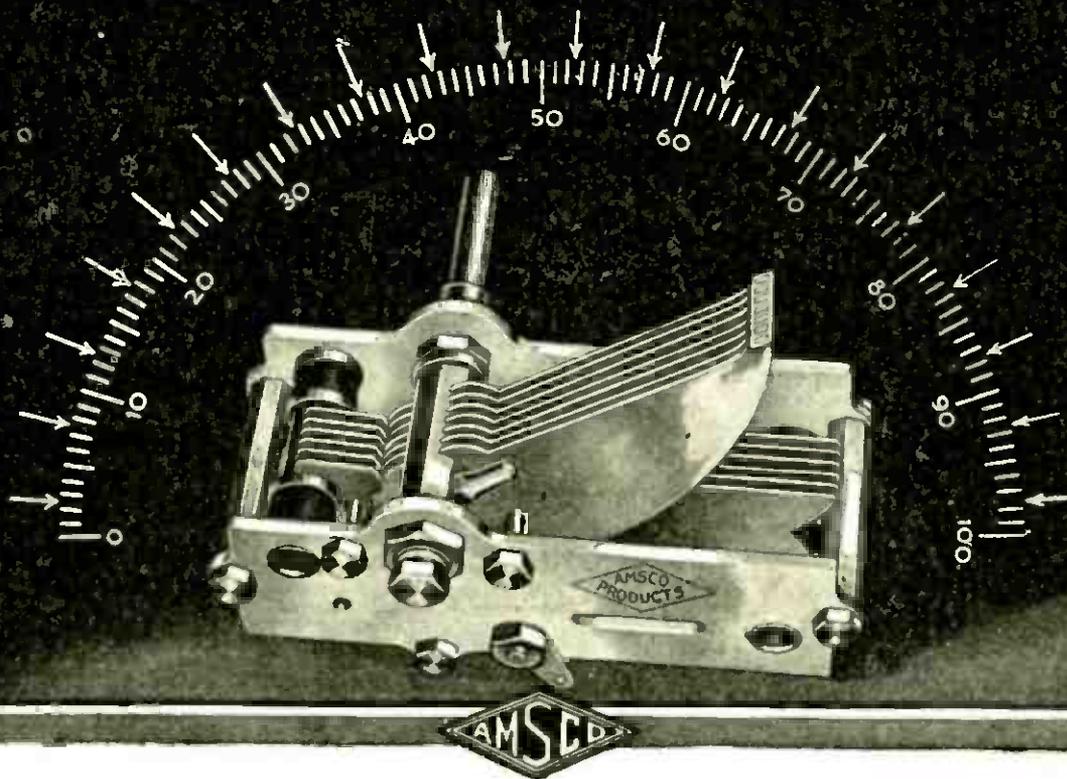
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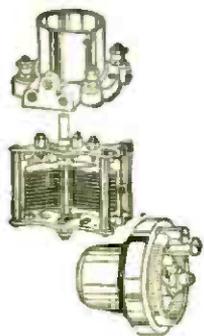


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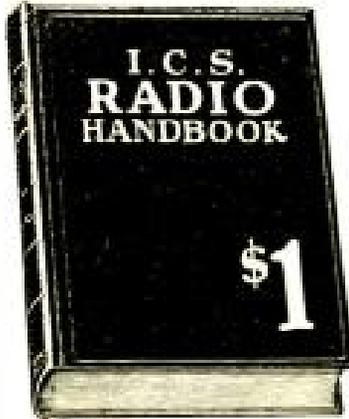
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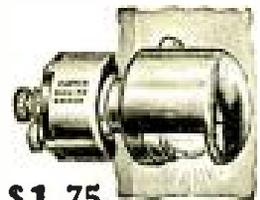


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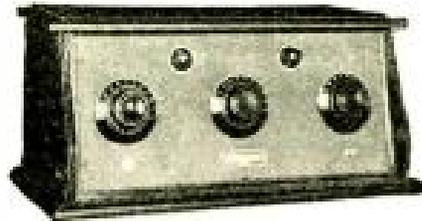
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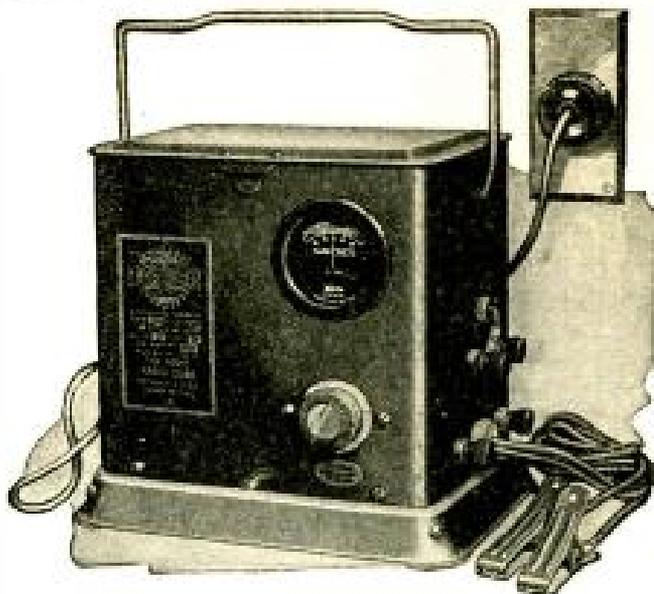


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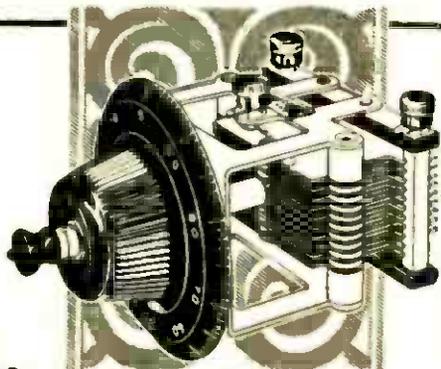
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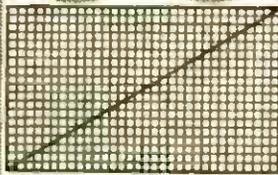




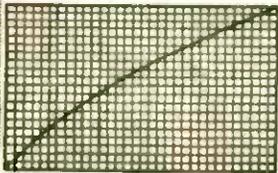
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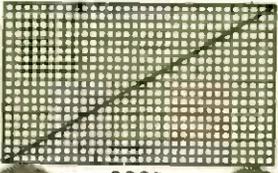
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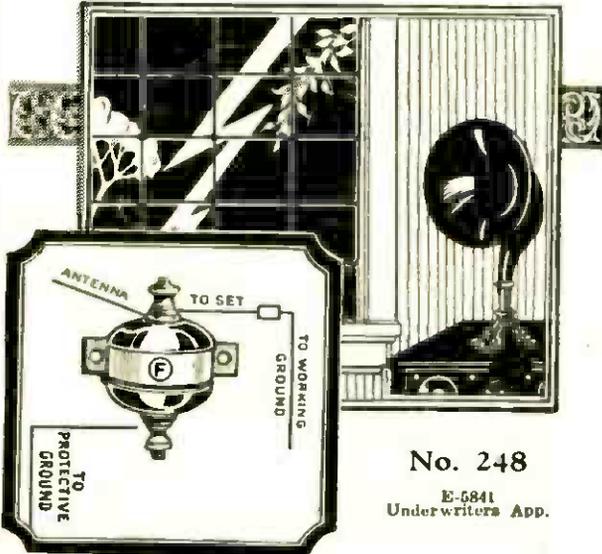
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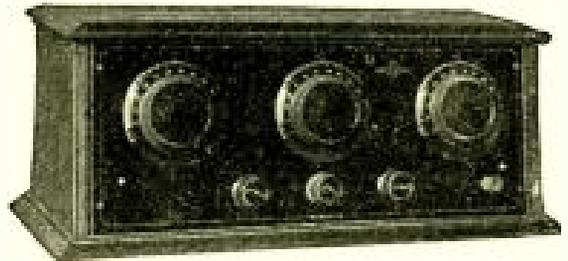


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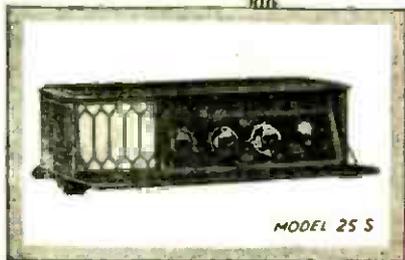
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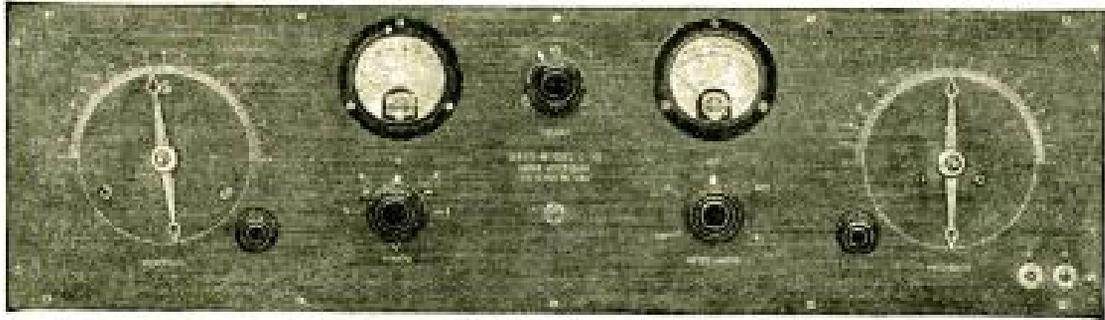
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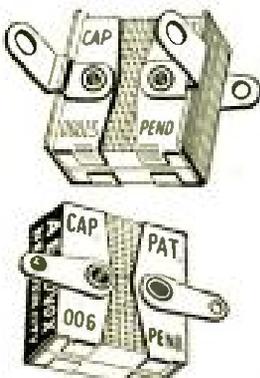
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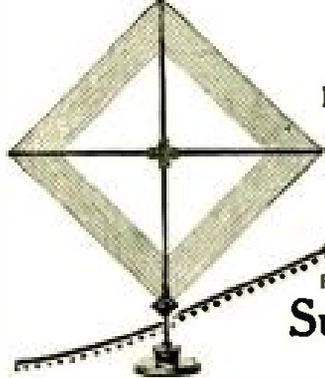

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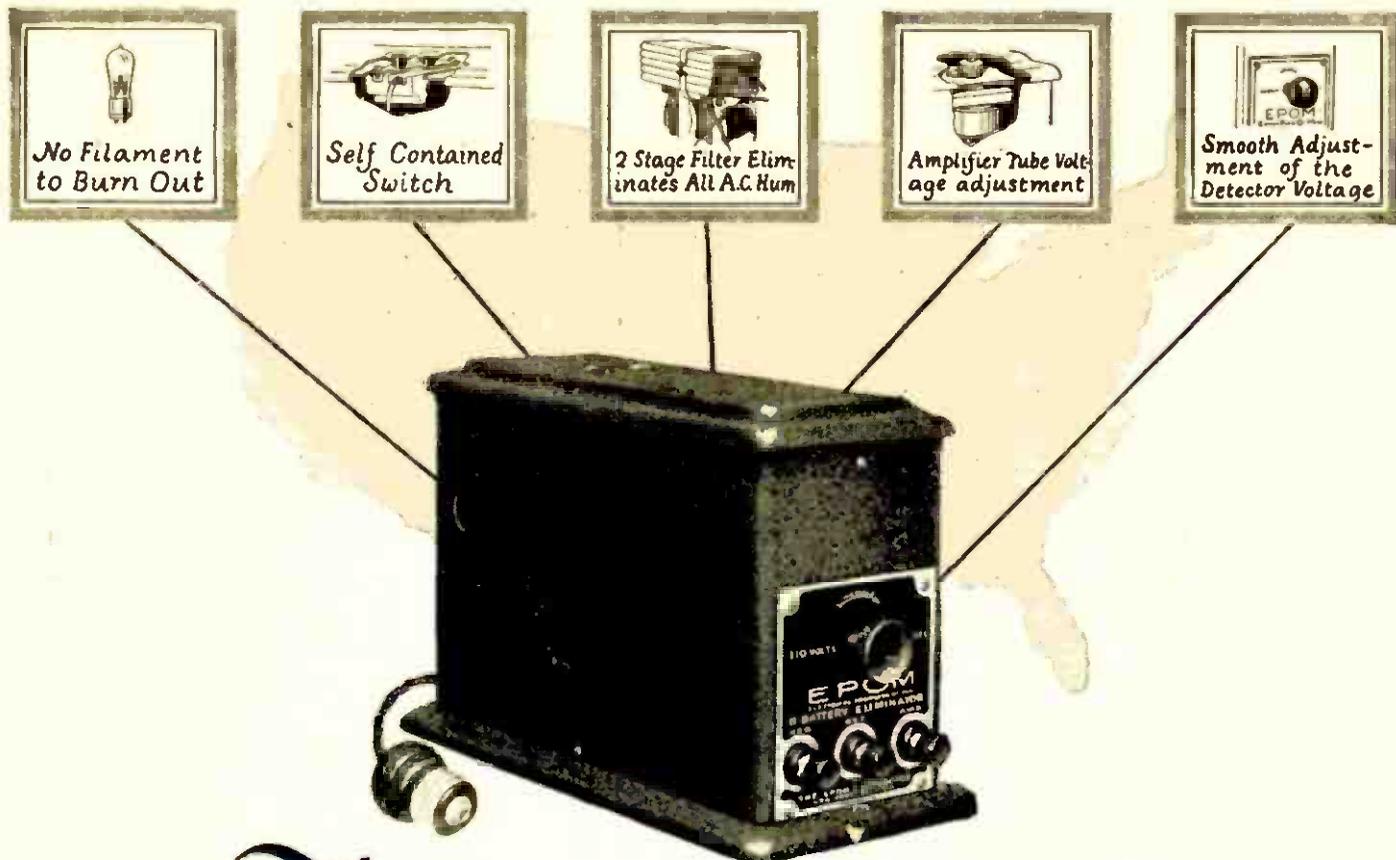
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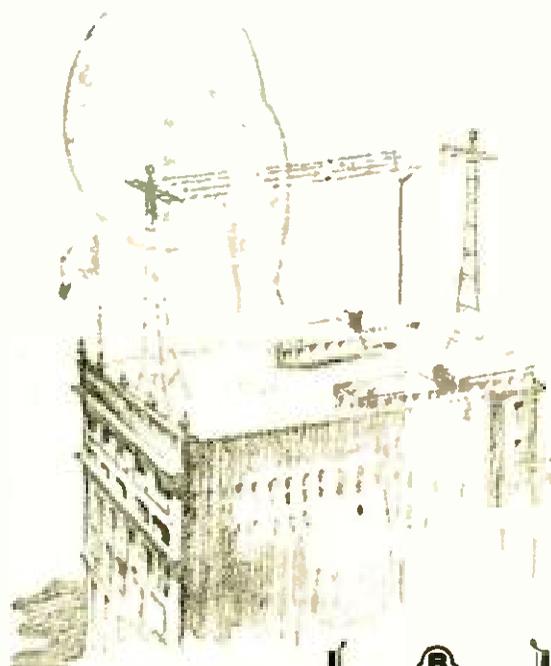
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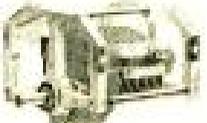
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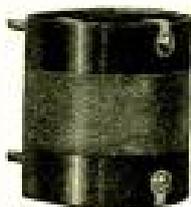
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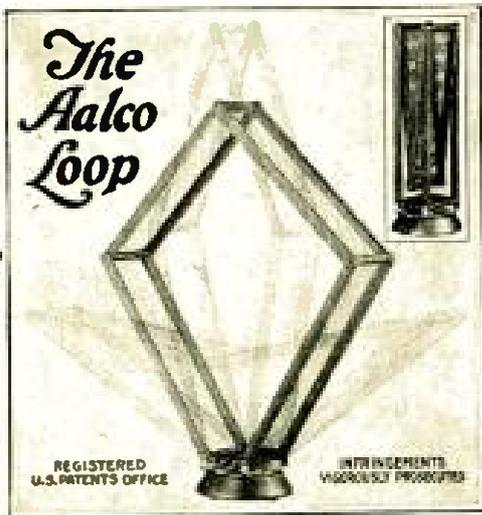


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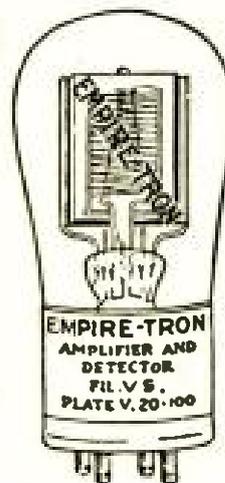
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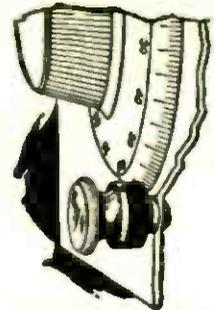
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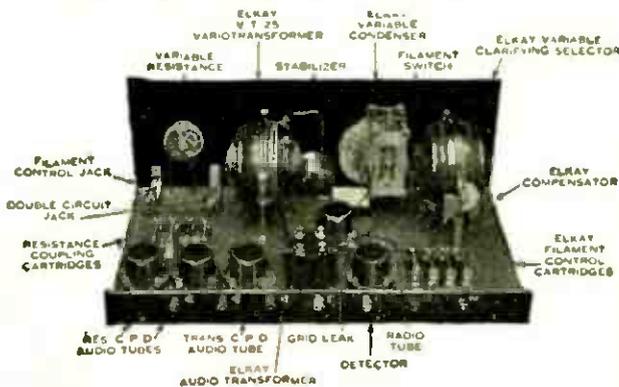
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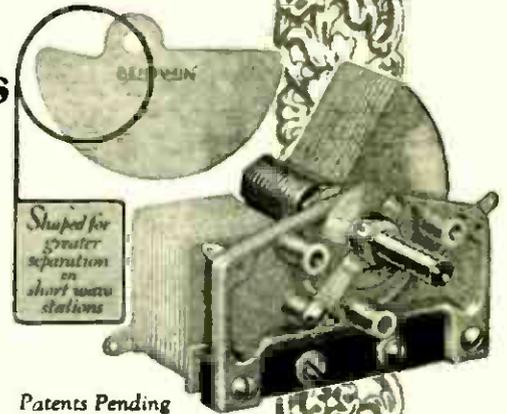
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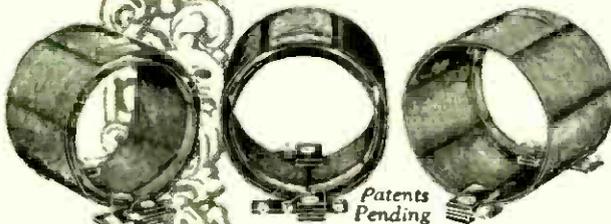


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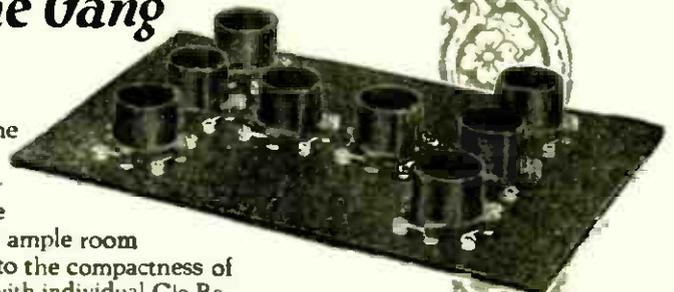
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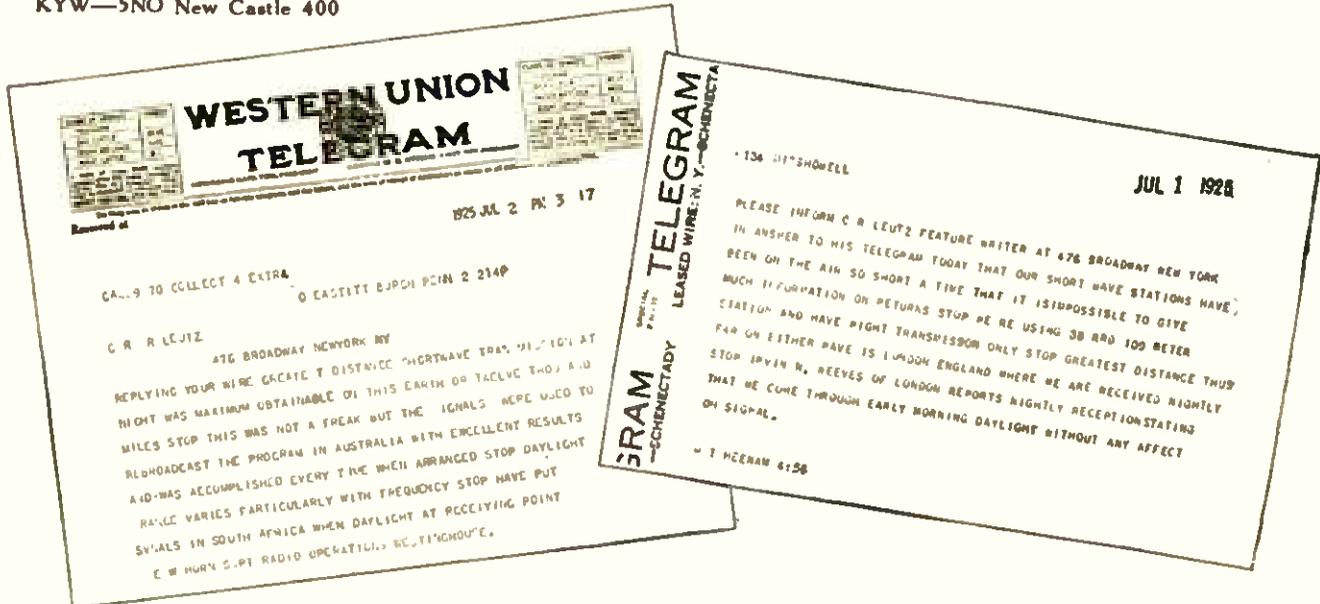
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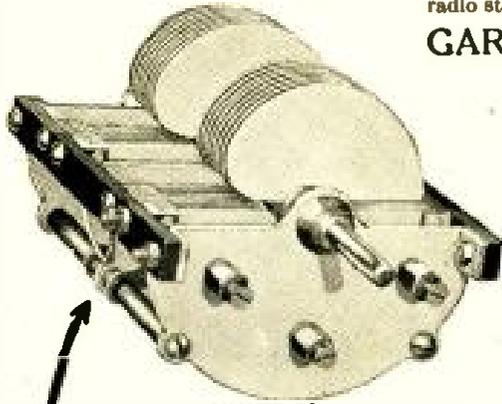
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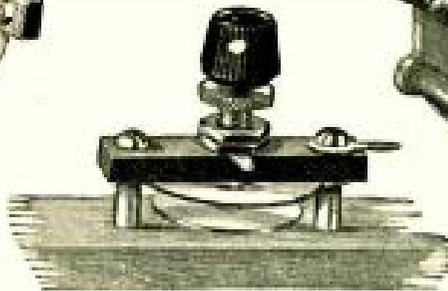


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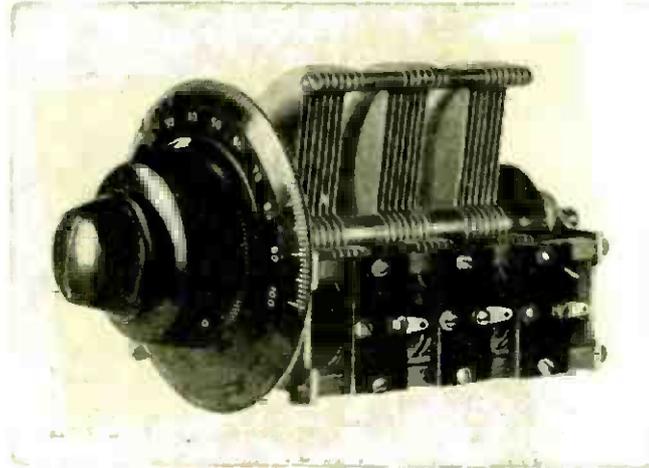
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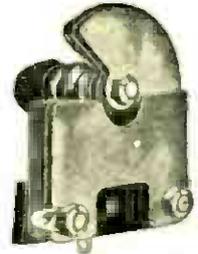
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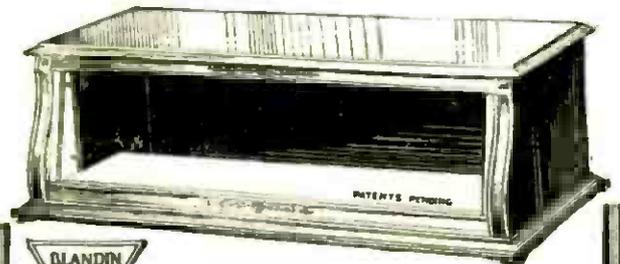
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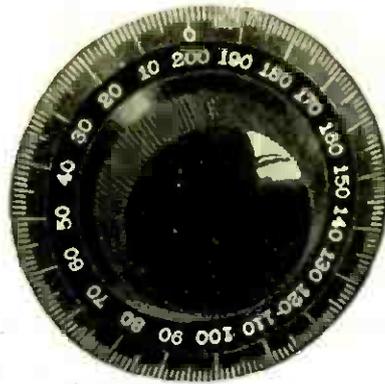
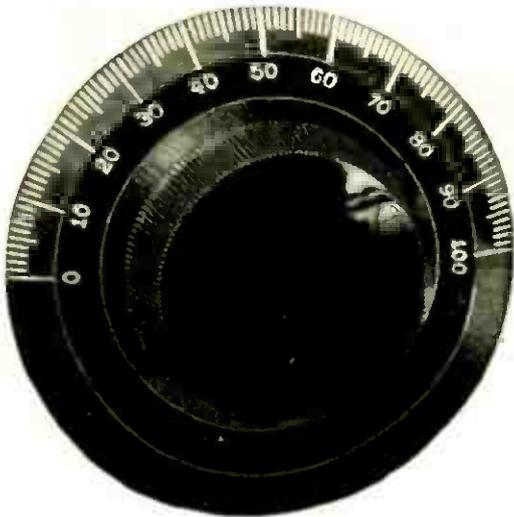
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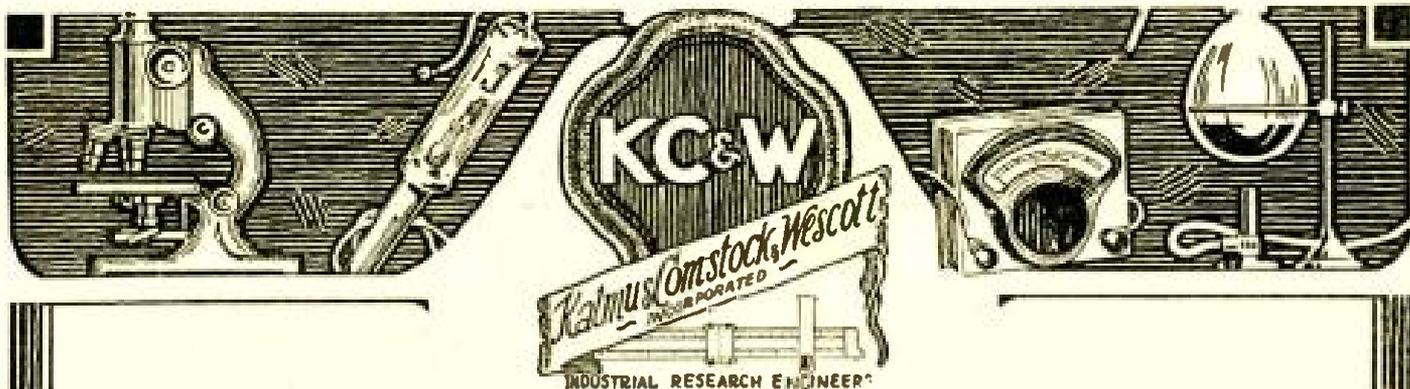
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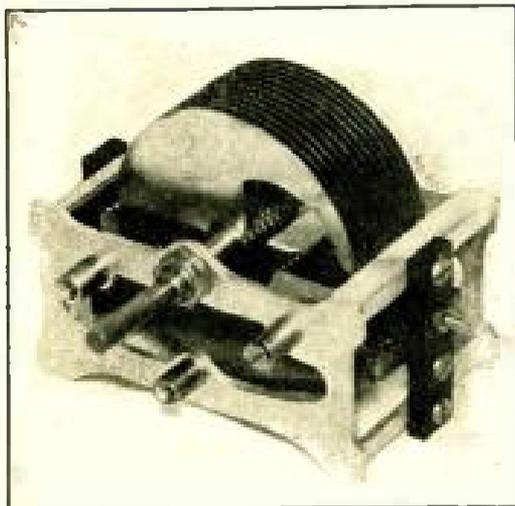
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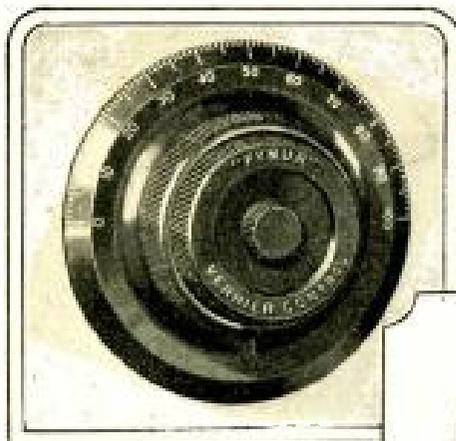
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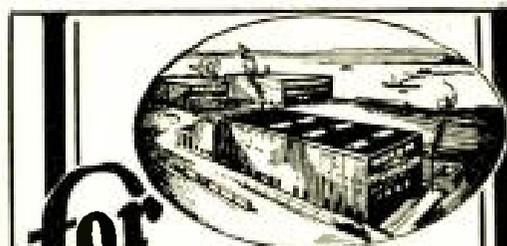
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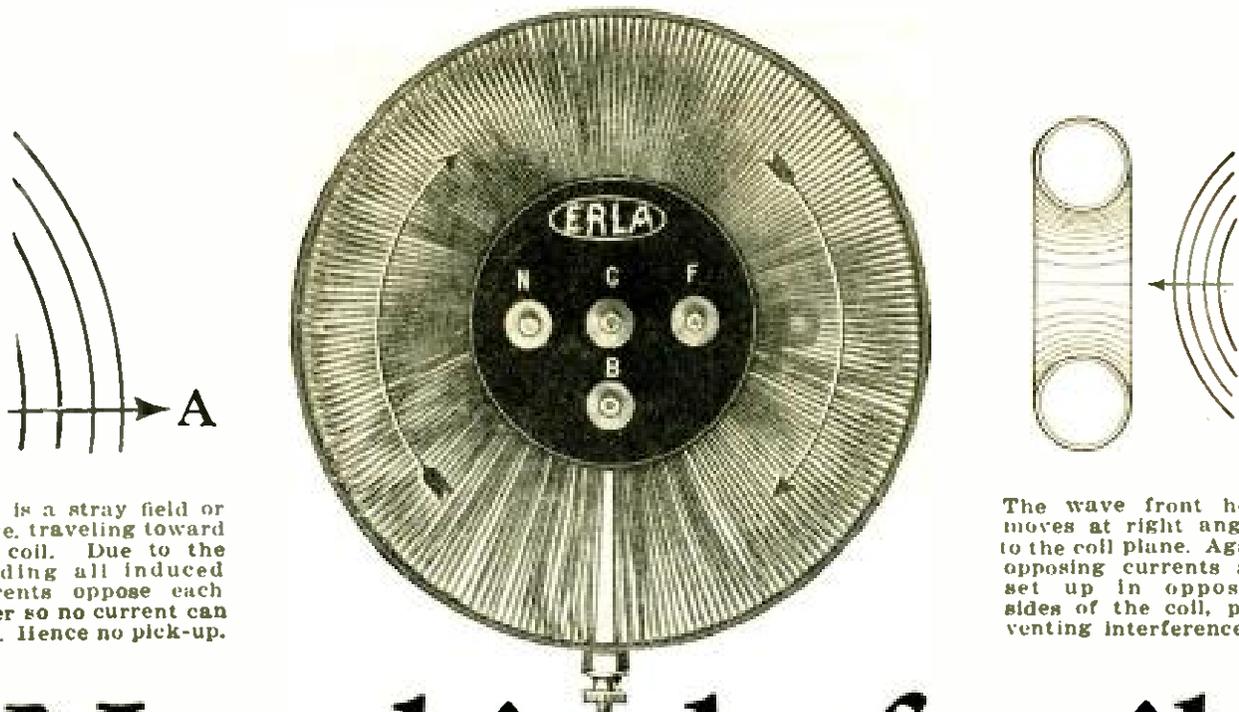
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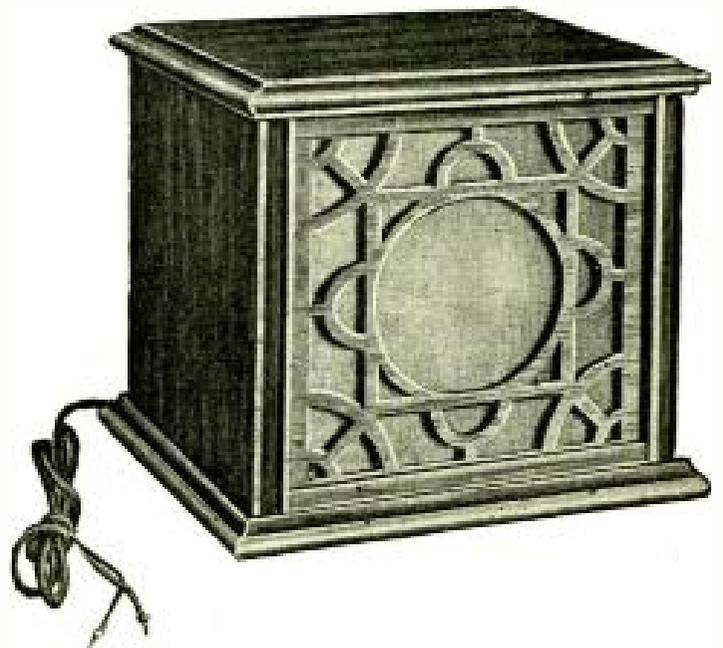
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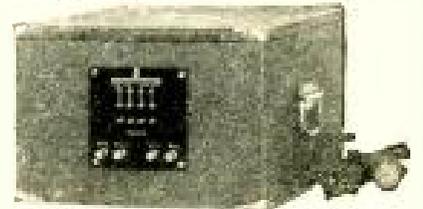
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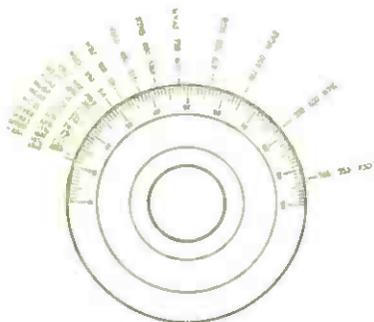
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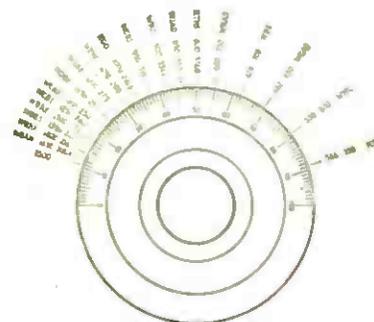
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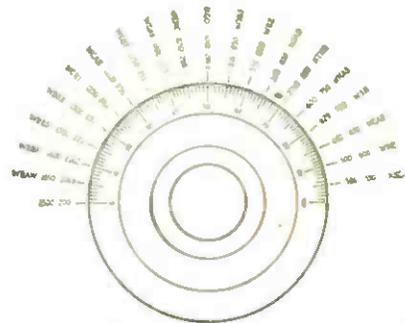
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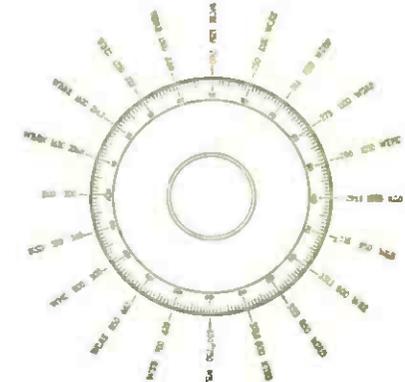
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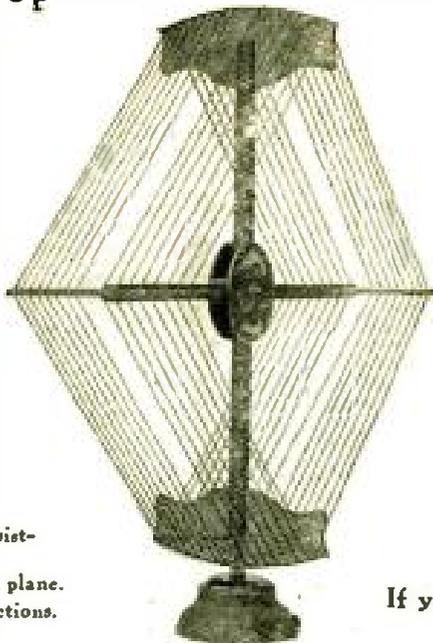
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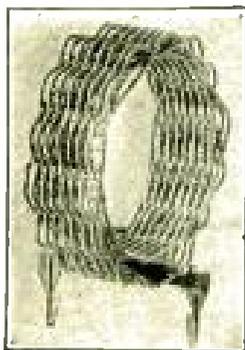
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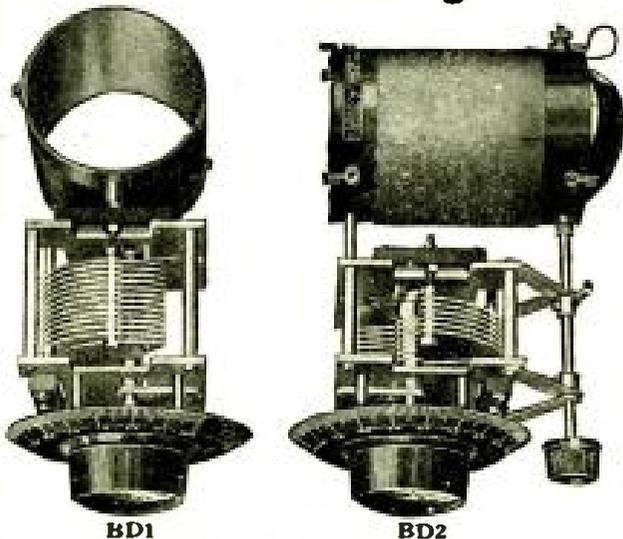
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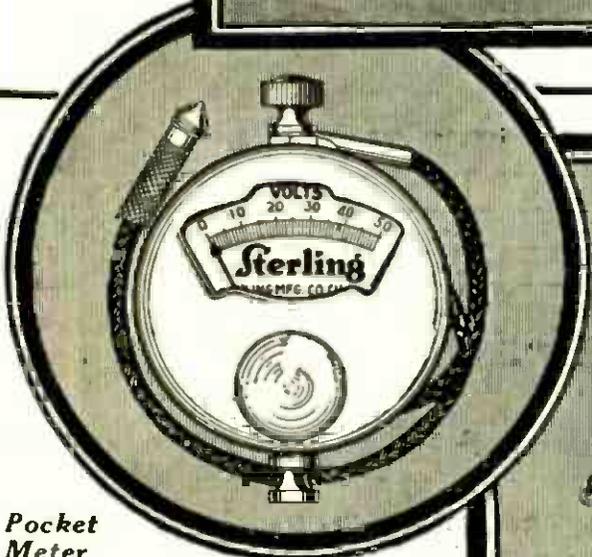
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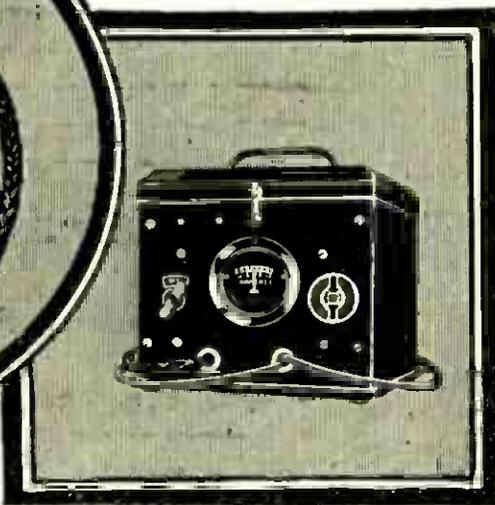


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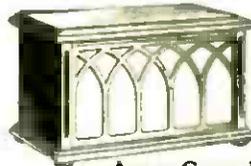
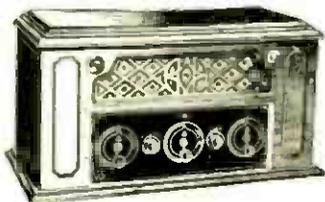
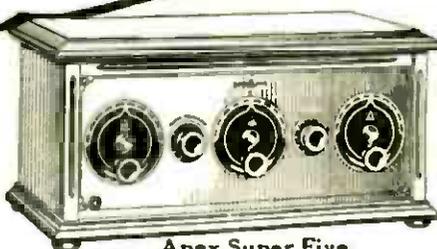
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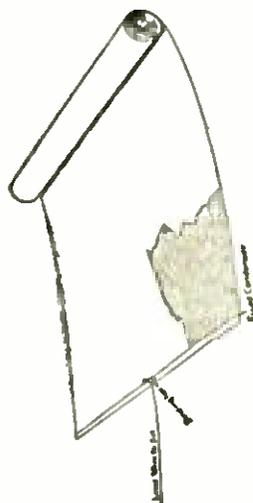
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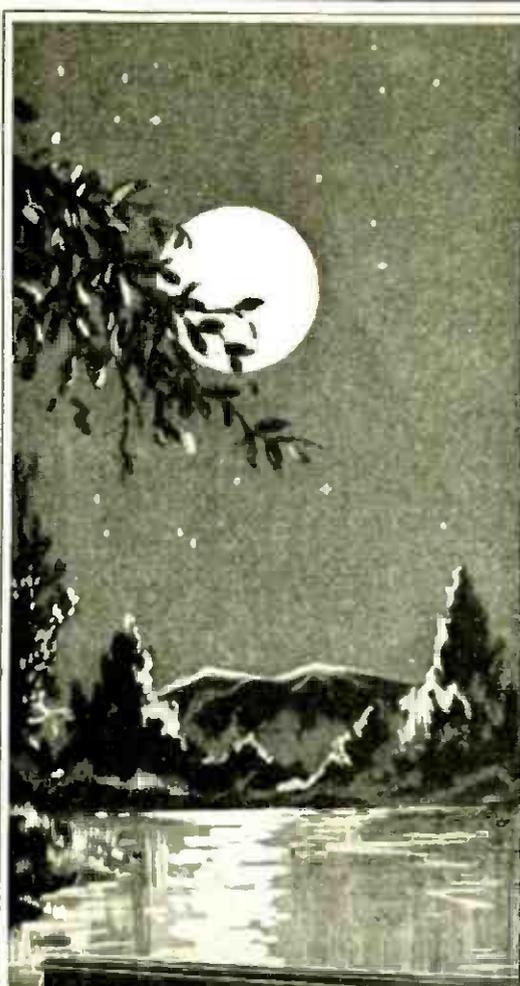
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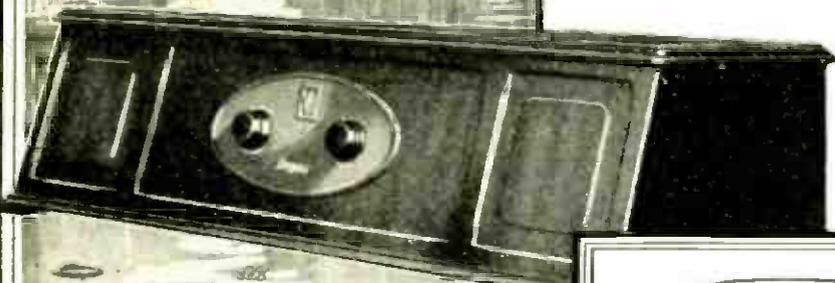
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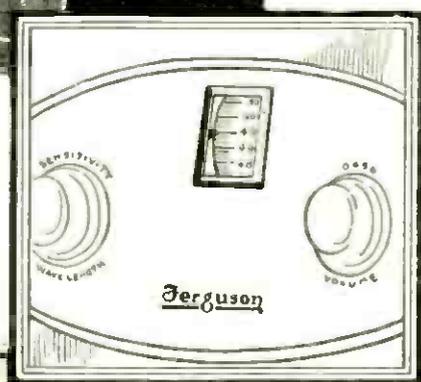
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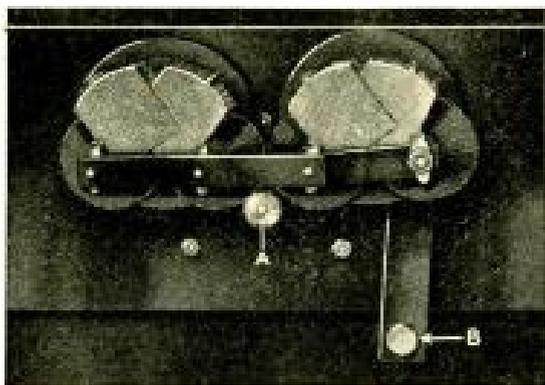
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The Editors.

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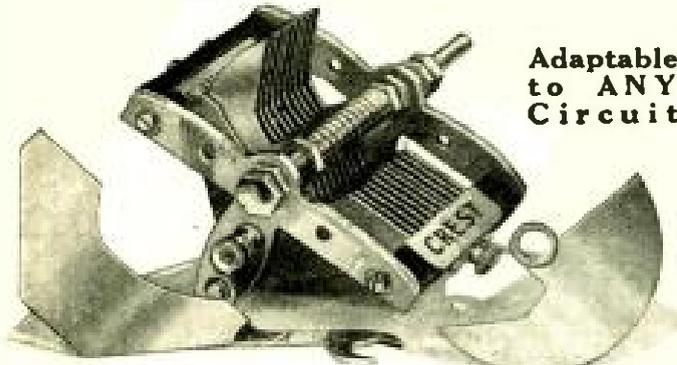
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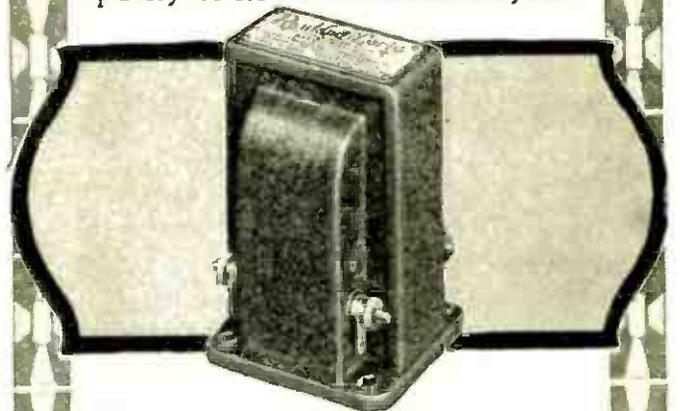
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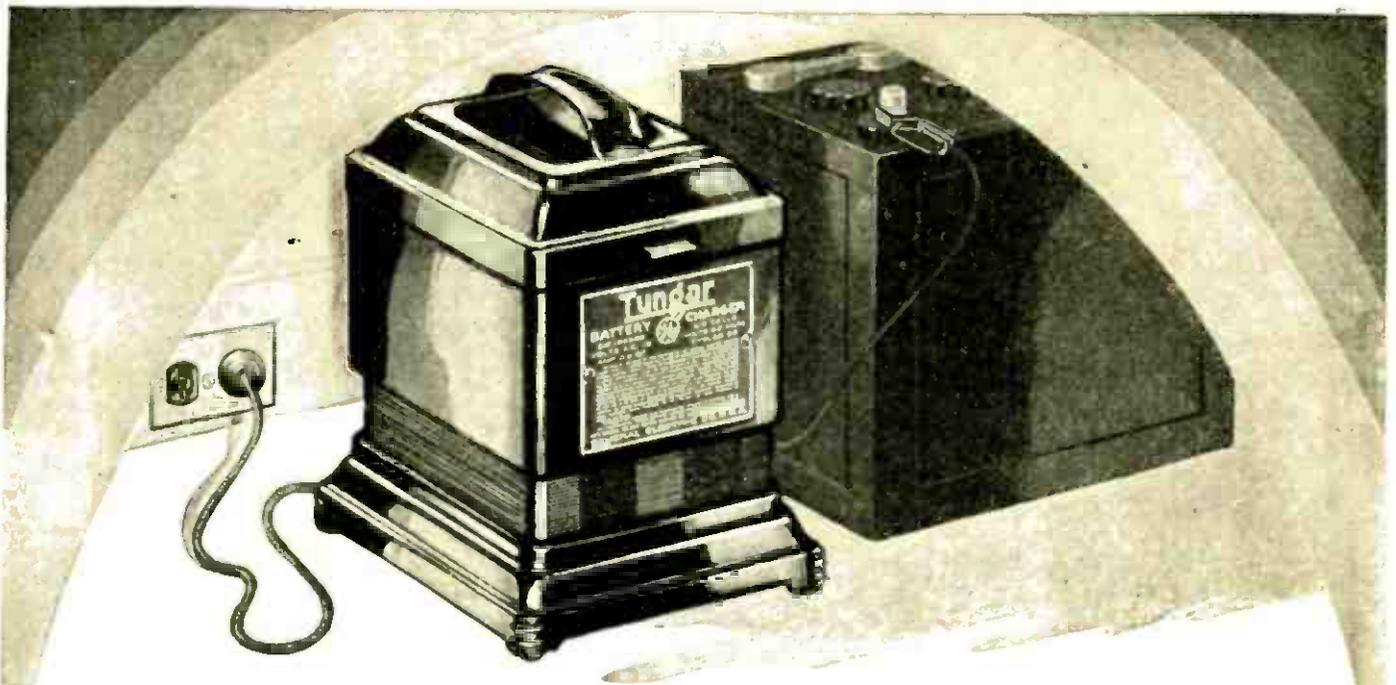
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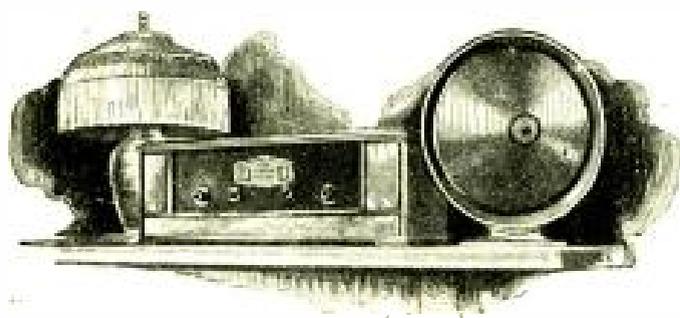
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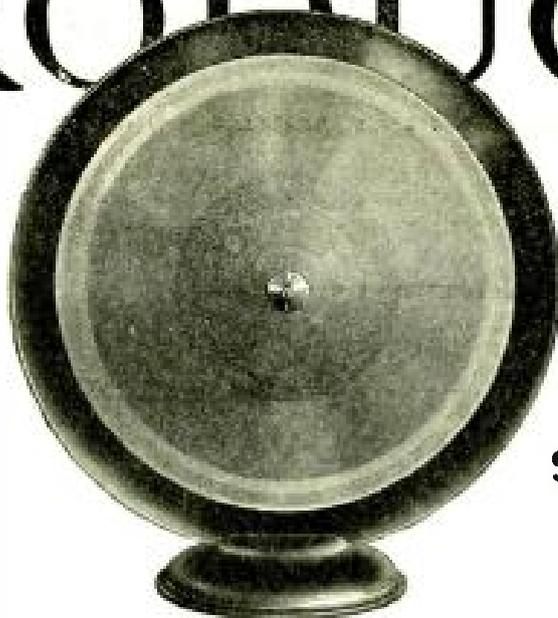
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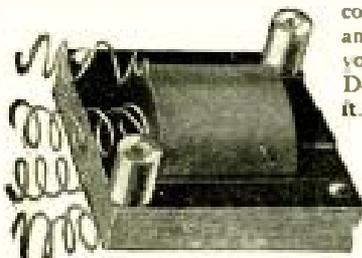
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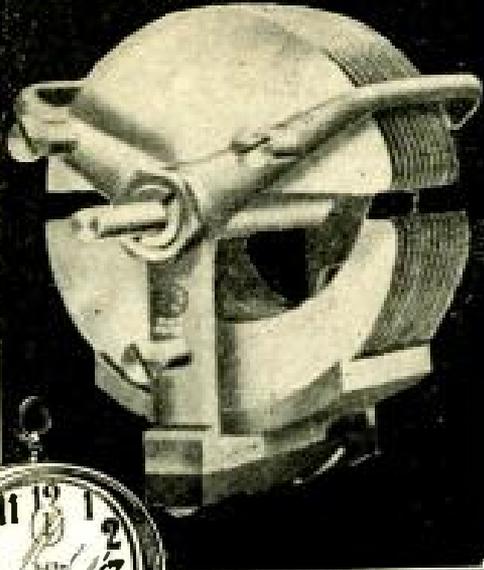
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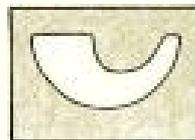
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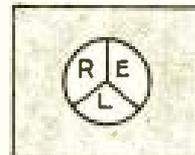


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Cutlass Stator Plate exclusively an Ultra-Lowloss feature



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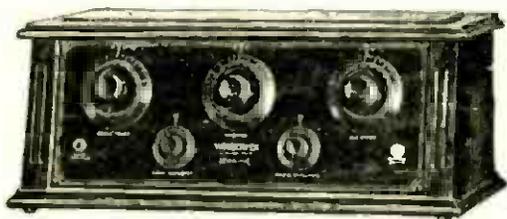
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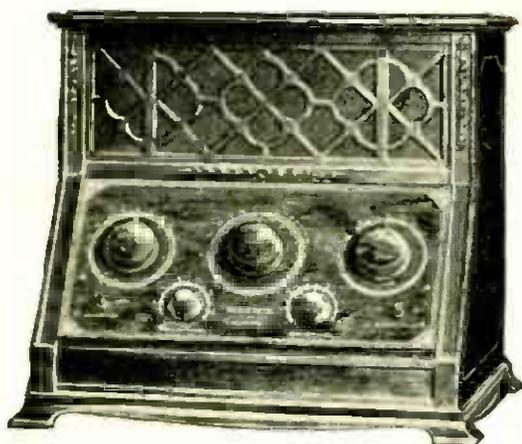


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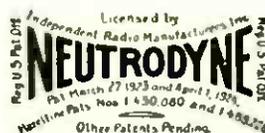
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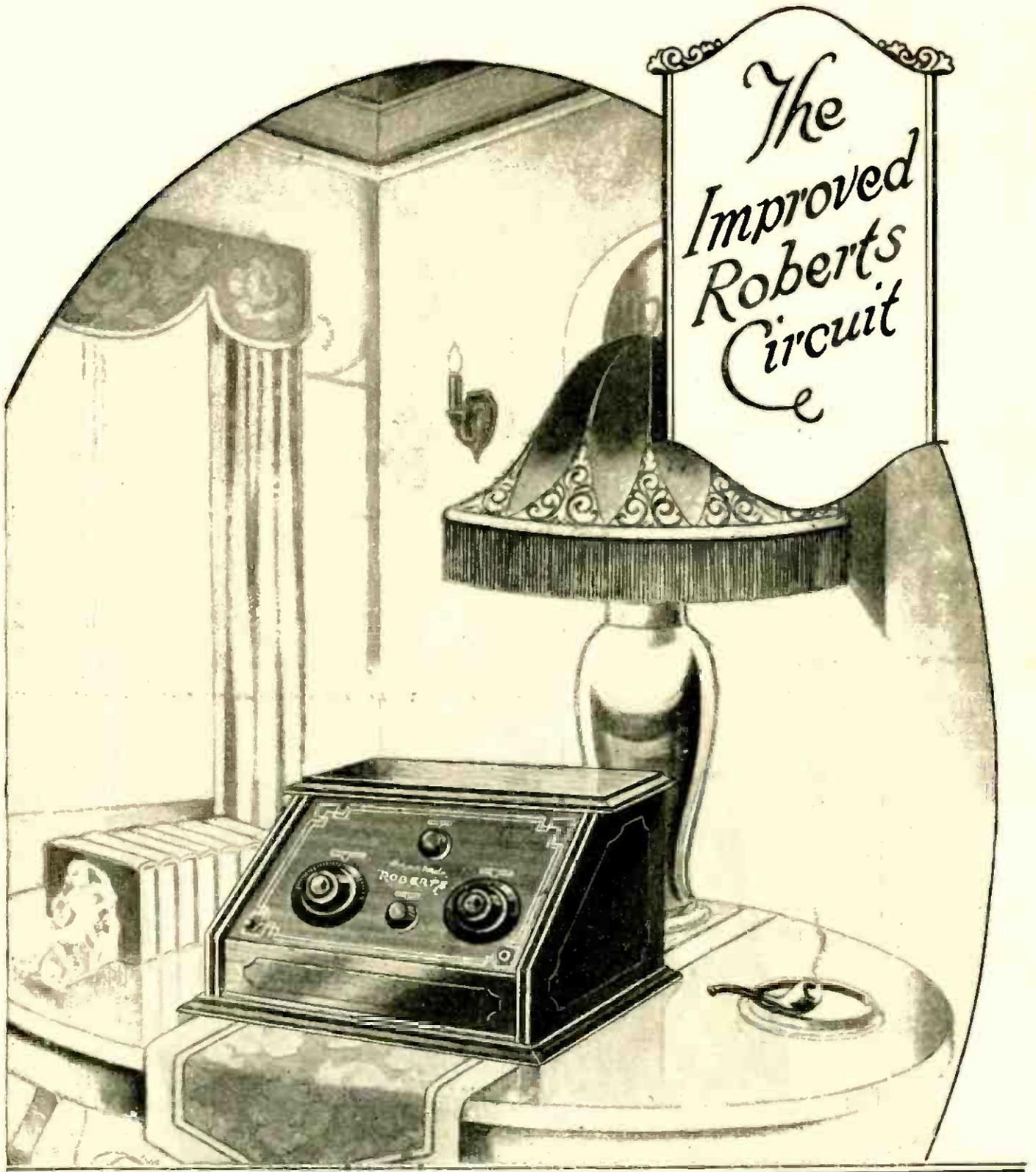
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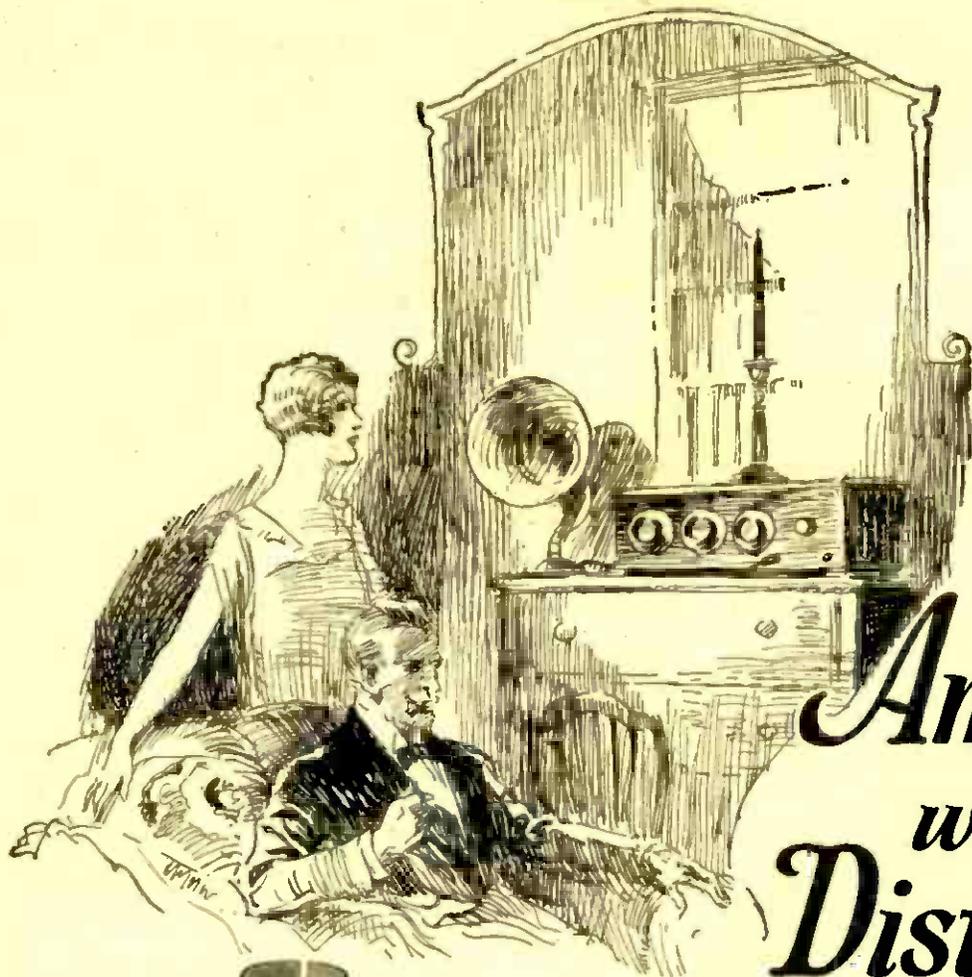


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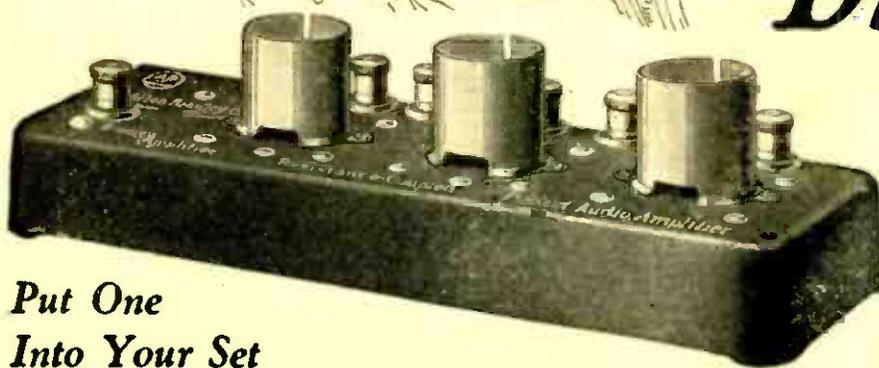


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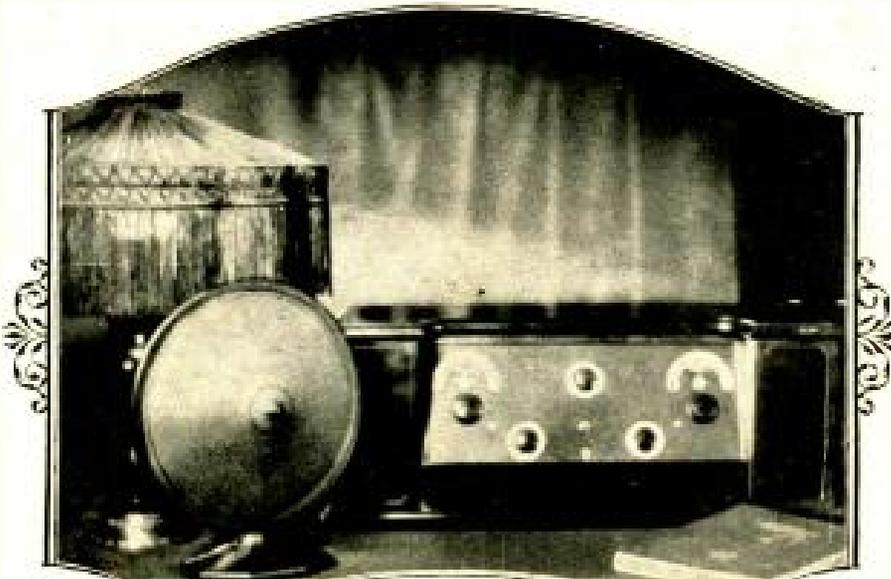
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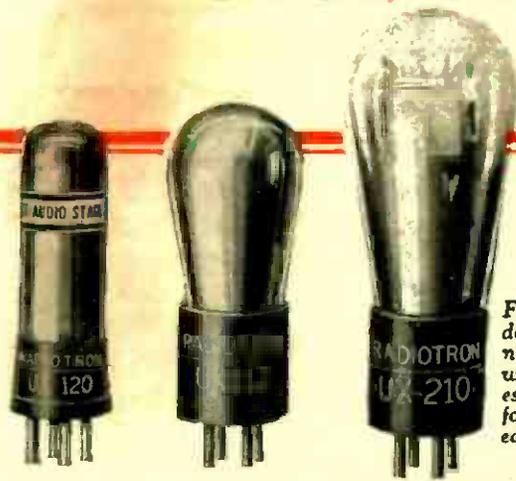
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