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November 1923



Lay in a quantity of the BEAVER Triple Duty Sockets. They are ideal for a Christmas gift, for they are handsomely cartoned in individual boxes as shown above. And then, we have prepared some wonderful sales helps for the dealer at Christmas time.

Appearing here, in miniature, is the handsome window sticker printed in black, green and red, to advertise your store as headquarters for BEAVER Triple Duty Sockets at Christmas time.

The market is a big one. Thousands of people are seeking the inexpensive, useful gift to give to their friends, and the BEAVER Triple Duty Socket fills all requirements.

Order from your jobber now and specify all of the BEAVER window display material, booklets, folders, etc. to which you are entitled. Attractive discounts. Your jobber can quote you.

TRIPLE DUTY

BEAVER MACHINE & TOOL CO., 625 North Third St., Newark, N. J.



The Bradleyleak contains two columns of special discs under the variable pressure of the adjusting knob. A small grid condenser can be mounted in the base.

Tell your customers to avoid guess work in building their radio sets by using the Bradleyleak instead of the cartridge-type grid leak. The Bradleyleak is a winner. Recommend it and have satisfied customers.

The radio public is clamoring for a real adjustable grid leak. Many attempts have been made to produce an adjustable grid leak but without much success.

The Bradleyleak is a distinctive departure from the ordinary grid leak. The adjusting knob provides a smooth, unbroken range of grid leak resistance from 1/4 to 10 megohms. That range covers all tubes now on the market.

There is a tremendous demand for a good adjustable grid leak and the Bradlevleak fills the bill. Use the coupon and get the latest information about this fast selling Allen-Bradley product.

Use the handy coupon.

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We have been looking for a reliable adjustable grid leak. Please send us full information about the new Brudleyleak.

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Specifications

Liberty Quality and Value are fully represented in The Liberty Hot Spot Counder these points:

Frame and three logs. Twenty gauge bright cold rolled ated, beautifully nickeled and pollshed.

Special deep groove element base of finest porcelain brick composition. Five and one-quarter inches in diameter. tienuine Nichrome Besting element

Ample ventilating space and heat and ourrent insulator between element has and ustal parts.
Siz feet of heavy heater cord with

standard two-piece plug-all parts riv-

Two porcelain terminal bushings, strain relief bushings and bracket. Beautifully black finished detachance handle of stamped steel, will not chity or rust.

All covered by one year guarantee against defects of material and workmanship.
Dimensions: four inches high; top

diameter six and three-quarter inches; foot spread seven and one-half inches; handle five and one-half inches long.

Capacity: 110-120 volta; 550-550 watts. Packed complete in attractive individual cartons, weight two and three-quarter pounds each. Shipped 12 and 24 to a case; green weight case of 12-33 (sounds; case of 24-70 pounds

You Ring Up A Sale

HOT SPOT'S beautiful appearance chal-lenges attention and turns good lookers into good buyers. His quality is high, price is low and margin of profit is wide. Everybody can afford to buy him and no good merchant can afford to be without an adequate stock of Hot Spots to supply Christmas demands.

Get your order in now and ask for devilishly handsome display card to help you sell.

Approved by Good Housekeeping Institute.

\$3.85 Retail \$4.20 West of Rockies

THE LIBERTY GAUGE & INSTRUMENT CO. (Electrical Division) 6545 Curnegie Ave. Gleveland, Ohio Pacific Coast Office-126 Byrne Bldg. Los Angeles, Calif.



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LIBERTY USERS BECOME APPLIANCE BOOSTERS



ELECTRICAL RETAILING

To show it is to sell it.

Have you enough for your holiday trade?

Electrical jobbers stock them.

HARVEY HUBBELLING ELECTRICAL WIRING DEVICES BRIDGEFORT TO CONN. U. S.A.





Can You Flatter a Woman and—Profit by it?

"You are a good cook."

Say that to a woman—and she is supremely flattered.

But since so many women are painfully aware that they are not good cooks, this has been a poor way of making a sale. Now, with the Estate Electric Range and the exclusive Estate method of Time and Temperature cookery, it is the best argument. For if a woman can read the chart—she can be a good cook the Estate way.

Thousands who have trusted to luck in preparing food have become resigned to

their own cookery.

But, with electricity, measured and constant, the Estate Electric Range and the Time and Temperature method make cookery a "science by the clock"—and the printed word.

Estate ELECTRIC RANGES



Sell the Estate Electric Range to the women in your locality, and you sell them success. Their husbands will be quick to appreciate the difference in their meals.

The Estate franchise is as attractive to you as the Estate Electric Range is to your women customers.

The best way to get the details is to write us today.

THE ESTATE STOVE CO.
HAMILTON, OHIO



Mr. I. M. Cawshus wanted to save money.

He put it in the bank.

This is what he got

He saved money.

Mr. Ernest D. Lore wanted to make money.

He used his bean.

He put in a stock of Bryant No. 651 Appliance Switch Plugs.

Every time he sold a percolator, a grill, a toaster, an iron or whatnot, he put a No. 651 on the cord and charged accordingly.

He talked No. 651's to every one of the Christmas shoppers who came to his store.

He remembered that while people buy expensive appliances only occasionally, they use them all the time. No. 651 makes them easier to use.

This is what he got.

He made money.



VELVET

Moral:—the difference between 30 and $4\frac{1}{2}$ is $25\frac{1}{2}$.

Christmas Suggestion:— your wife could use a new sedan this year.



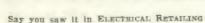
"A Superior Wiring Device for every Electrical Need"

THE BRYANT ELECTRIC COMPANY
1421 STATE ST., BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

SEW YORK 342 Medison Ave.

PA4 West Adams S

SAN FRANCISCO 149 New Montgomery St.





Campaign Now for Christmas Business!

Send out your post cards! Tie up locally with the big national ads. Paste the magazine ads in your windows. Get up some good displays. Every active effort brings an active response. We'll help. We'll supply the return post cards. We'll supply leaflets-window displays -copies of ads. We'll pay for the local tie-ups through our advertising allowance plan. Do your Christmas campaigning early-and start your Christmas selling before the other fellow gets ready.

The double action of the Premier Duplex—the latest achievement in vacuum cleaner progress—makes it a Christmas best-seller. A lifetime gift.



ELECTRIC VACUUM CLEANER CO. CLEVELAND, OHIO

Identifuned in Canada by The Premier Vacuum Cleasur Company, Limited and the Canadian General Electric Company, Limited Double action-to clean cleaner!

Powerful suction plus motor-driven brush.

Ball-bearing motor that needs no oiling.



Increasing the Value of Our Dealer Franchise

The larger the profit from the line handled, the greater the value of the franchise to the dealer.

Ceaseless effort to strengthen both our product and our selling plan has made the One Minute Franchise worth more than ever before.

The 1923 record of sales by dealers proves that.

What does this mean to you? It means a bigger business from a better washer with a better sales plan.

May we show you?

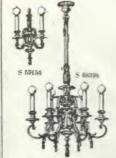
ONE MINUTE MFG. CO.





The EDWIN F. GUTH COMPANY

Lighting Equipment





TYPE WE

300 watt size taking standard lamp bulk will illuminate an area 15 feet square. Price \$30.00

Brascolites in less ornamental, less expensive types are available, all possessing the same effiiclency characteristics.

8-68398 - Ceiling 8 Lighta 8-59156 - Wall 2 Lights

With the Guth Line You Need Never Miss a Sale

THE Edwin F. Guth line of Lighting Equipment completely covers the lighting fixture market. With this line, you need never miss a sale. Selling such well-known fixtures as Brascolite, Aglite, Aglite, Jr., Magic-Lite, E-Lite, Concealite, Industrolite, and Maze Lite, you have a type and style for every purpose—all marketed on a fixed policy which guarantees you a satisfactory profit.

In addition, you have the advise and counsel of Guth designers and engineers for working out special designs to conform to any style of architectural treatment, and a sales plan that really helps you sell.

Write or wire for full information and copy of our catalog No. 10.

THE EDWIN F. GUTH COMPANY, ST. LOUIS, U. S. A.

Formerly the St. Louis Brass Mig. Co., and the Brascolite Company

BRANCH OFFICES (Sales and Service)

Atlanta Boston Chicago Cincinnati Detroit

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Detroit Los Angeles Philadelphia Seattle

THIS VACUUM CLEANER HAS SET A NEW STANDARD



Within each cup, surrounding the bearing it contains, is packed sufficient lubricant for years of running, without renewal. Machines thus equipped have run continuously for thousands of hours, under test, without oiling. Felt washers in each cup protect against the escape of lubricant and the effects of dirt in the bearings. A spring in one cup automatically maintains correct bearing adjustments.

These "NORMA" Bearings are the same bearings that are the accepted standards in hundreds of thousands of high-grade magnetos and lighting generators used on motor cars, trucks, tractors, airplanes and power boats, as well as in small motors for electrical utilities and machine toolswhere their tremendous wear-resisting capacity at high speeds has been demonstrated in more than ten years of hard service.

IT HAS THESE DISTINCTIVE ADVANTAGES

- It runs better, more smoothly, because of the almost perfect rotating freedom of these bearings.
- It lasts longer, because ample lubrication is assured and dust and dirt cannot get into the bearings.
- It does more and better work, and uses less current, because there is almost no bearing friction.
- It keeps cleaner and is more cleanly to use, because the lubricant cannot leak
- It sells more easily, because its unique practical advantages have an instant appeal to users.
- It costs the owner less to run, because it uses less current and practically no lubricant.

CUTS DEALERS SERVICING EXPENSE

Every dealer knows-his service man will confirm it-that one-half to two-thirds of the cleaner troubles he has to correct start in the out-of-date "sleeve" bearings in the motor. The user forgot to use oil at all, or used too much oil, or the wrong kind of oil. And the servicing expense resulting comes out of the dealer's profit on that cleaner.
"NORMA" Ball Bearings in the motor save the dealer this expense.

BUILDS UP CUSTOMER GOOD WILL

Users of vacuum cleaners want a machine that is always ready for work—a cleaner that cleans—a strong suction that holds up—one that they needn't worry about as to lubricating—a reliable, smooth-running cleaner that doesn't lose its suction. When they have it, they tell their friends. And the dealer profits by their good will. "NORMA" Ball Bearings in the motor make a good cleaner better. All of which-

REDUCES SALES RESISTANCE

Made by F. Bissell Co. Toledo, Ohio

These Three Modern Vacuum Cleaners Have "NORMA" Bearings In Their Motors



Made by Clements Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.

The Manufacturer Whose Cleaner You Sell Knows of This Improvement. Ask Him-or Us-for Details.



Made by Electric Vacuum Cleaner Co., Cleveland, Ohio

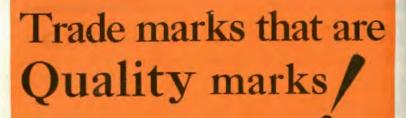
THE NORMA COMPANY OF AMERICA

Anable Avenue

Long Island City

New York

BALL, ROLLER AND THRUST BEARINGS





Henry Hyman & Co., Inc., has for years concentrated on manufacturing and marketing quick selling specialties that are profit getters in every electrical depart-

The "Best" line of EXTRA SERVICE PLUGS offer the dealer a good profit and quick turnover.

The "Bestone" Radio Line is complete. Let us show you how it will make your radio business more profitable.

The "Hylite" line of Fixtures, Fixture Parts and Flashlights are noted for their design and quality.



Write for Catalogs!

HENRY HYMAN & CO., Inc.

MANUFACTURERS

212 West Austin, CHICAGO

Plan NOWfor Xmas Trade

Appliances That You Will Sell at a Profit Before December 25th-

EVERY DEALER knows that it is easier to make two sales just before Christmas than to make one after the Holiday spirit has faded.

To those dealers who would take full advantage of the wonderful sales possibilities of Gainaday Appliances, our suggestion is - order your requirements for December sales now. And be sure to include the entire line of Gainaday Appliances-four labor-savers that will make friends in every home.

If you are not selling Gainaday Appliances and would like to know more about them and their profit possibilities, tear off the coupun and mail it today.

GAINADAY ELECTRIC CO. 3012 LIBERTY AVE - PITTSBURGH, PA.

DISTRICT OFFICES CHICAGO BOSTON ST. LOUIS NEWARK MINNEAPOLIS PHILADELPHIA

CANADIAN DISTRIBUTORS UNITED ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Toronto, Ontario NORTHERN ELECTRIC CO., LTD. Montreal, Quebec

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We are innersonal in your Calenday Appliances. Made information giving prices, discounts, etc.

Household

Appliances

Jefferson Lamps are in The Saturday Evening Post



HE full page advertisement illustrated on the opposite page will appear in the first available issue of The Saturday Evening Post, that of December 1st, 1923.

It will inaugurate the largest national consumer advertising campaign ever undertaken by a manufacturer of portable lamps.

Having secured representation in most all metropolitan districts and trading centers, we are gladly discharging our duty to our dealers; namely, that of stimulating the demand in those places where Jefferson Lamps are well and favorably known, and of creating demand for Jefferson Lamps where no demand existed before.

To those dealers who have heretofore not been given the opportunity to carry Jefferson Lamps, and to those who, for one reason or another, have not found it advisable to order before, we will gladly send our new catalog (which is illustrated in actual colors), from which selections can be made; we have increased our stocks on hand and our production facilities, and therefore will be able to fill all orders for Christmas merchandise.

Your customers will ask for and will demand Jefferson Lampa

Take, then, this opportunity to prepare for your share of the business which national advertising alone can build. Send for our new catalog if you have not already done so.



Say you saw it in Electrical Retailing





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Our Permanent Position in the Industry

THROUGH four decades, the skill of Sunbeam mechanics has sustained the unvarying precision of our operations in the manufacture of electrical equipment.

This makes the enduring performance of any one Sunbeam Electric Washer a criterion by which to judge the dependability of every Sunbeam.

It is the craftsmanship which translates our integrity of intention into integrity of action. Through it promise becomes fulfillment, unusual serviceability a common characteristic of every Sunbeam. Responsibility self-imposed by every craftsman and executive—this is the factor which has determined our success and established our permanent position in the washing machine industry.

You are invited to write for complete information about the Sunbeam and the comprehensive advertising and selling co-operation we provide.

SUNBEAM ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING CO. EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

The SUNBEAM Electric Washer



The new name of the time-proven Surf. The one washer made which unites oscillating motion with natural vacuum surion, so that the action of the soupy water alone cleans the clothes, thoroughly and quickly.

There's a Sunbeam size for every need: Model 6-Sir-sheet capacity for small families. Model 8-Eight-Sheet capacity for average family. Model 18-Eighteen-sheet

capacity for institutions

A Product of Fine Repute

Say you saw it in ELECTRICAL RETAILING

The BUSS BUILDER

\$1,500 in Prizes for Retail Store Salesmen or Proprietors

GET IN NOW!

This big sales contest is just getting under way. Hundreds have already entered. Dealers everywhere are encouraging and urging their own retail store salesmen to get in this Big Buss \$1500 prize contest, because they know it means big sales of Buss Lamps for them, regardless of the prizes. But the prizes are real—and everybody has an equal chance no matter in what size town you do business, because there are 3 sets of prizes for different sized towns.

30 CASH PRIZES

| Class | A | В | C |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1st Prize | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 |
| 2nd Prize | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 3rd Prize | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 4th Prize | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 5th Prize | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| 6th Prize | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 7th Prize | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 8th Prize | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 9th Prize | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 10th Prize | 5 | 5 | 5 |

In case of tie, each tying contestant will be given prizes equal that prize tied for. Contest closes Dec. 31st.

Now is the time to get in—the biggest Busssales will be in the gift season between now and Christmas. Nobody is a head of you. Don't wait for an entry card—just send us your name and address on the coupon tear it out and mail it now.

"I'M MAKING A KILLING WITH YOUR LAMPS"

Again showing that life is just one sale after another with the dealer who has Buss Lamps

One sales record after another is being broken by retailers of Buss Lamps everywhere.

Little old Indiana comes along with a message that "I'm making a killin' with your lamps." Henry Ford's town of Detroit sends word to "rush us more lamps—all sold out in three days." Little old New York comes across with "Lamps going like wild-fire, send us complete set of 'Just show 'em you have it' material."

Remember we told you the Buss Lamp is not simply a lamp—it's a selling idea built from the retailer's standpoint to sell and from the Public's standpoint to buy. They grab it up at the \$2 price—and nothing else will do, because the BUSS is not simply a clamp lamp contraption, but a real artistic Stand Lamp that also Hangs or Clamps. It's the only lamp that adjusts in any direction, up or down, on a swivel ball joint.

Read the message on the next page-and get your order in now for the Christmas trade.



Dealers who are tying in with the big Buss "Tell us how you'd use it" campaign, are selling Buss Lamps in bunches, Send today for complete material on campaign and profit by it-read coupon on other side.

You'll sell hundreds for Christmas!

Just show em you have it!

Buss is the fastest selling lamp in the world any time. And now the biggest Buss Lamp season is here. Christmas! You never had a gift seller like it!

\$2! Remember that! Anybody can afford it for anybody. Everybody wants it—man, woman or even school-child. Nobody hesitates to buy for fear of duplication. Anyone can see that more than one is welcome in any home!

Three Finishes: Ivory, Bronze or Brush Brass Each lamp in ideal carton, ready to mail without repacking—address can be written right on carton.

Every case of ten Lamps contains display material to sell all ten quick. Poster, counter-card, card display stand and Buss dealer book shown here.

With a 3-case order, you get, on request, the big beautiful metal display stand described on other side. Order three cases—that's only 10 of each finish. They won't last a week when you "Just show 'em you have it".





- stock ANYLITE Plugs and Sockets for Big Holiday Business

No other season in the year offers possibilities for profit equal to the Holiday season rapidly approaching.

And with the increased sale of every type of electrical appliance, there's a chance for important additional profit through the sale of Anylite plugs and sockets.

There's hardly an appliance buyer but can be sold a two-way plug if you'll just explain the extra convenience it will bring. This plan followed systematically during the Holiday season can easily double or triple your plug sales.

And when you're stocking plugs, get the best value your money will buy—Anylite. Large stocks in the six cities listed below insure prompt delivery on all orders. Write today to the office nearest you.

ANYLITE ELECTRIC COMPANY FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

A. Hall Berry, 71-73 Murray St., New York City, Geo. Wells, 2014 Wabansia Ave., Chicago, Ill. Wm. P. Johnson Elec. Co.,

8 North Sixth St., Minneapolis, Minn. Robertson Sales Company, Birmingham, Ala. United States Electric Company, 710 Polk St., San Francisco, Cal.



ANYLITE TP-3

Say you saw it in ELECTRICAL RETAILING



THE HORTON LINE Herton (3-Cup) Suction Washer No. 40

Retail price, \$160,00 with copper tub: \$105.00 with white vitreous

Herion Heme Ironer 20-in. Roll

Retail price, \$140.00 (gas heated) \$175.00 (electrically heated).

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Retail prices, 42-in. \$145.00 and 46-in. \$155.00 (gas heated); 46-in. \$200 00 (electrically heated)

The Famous Harton No. 32

Over 75.000 sold. In greater deniand today than ever before Retuil price, \$80,00.

Herion Power Washer No. 21 Similar to So. 33 without electric motor. Operated by hand or by gaseline or farm motor. Retail

Horton Miracia Washer No. 22 The highest grade hand-operated washer. Retail price, \$18.00.

Pearless Water Power Washer No. 30

Requires only 25 lb. pressure. Trouble-proof and does the work. Retail price, \$22 50.

Herten Vacuum Washer No. 35

A vacuum type hand power macalme for the farm or those who cannot afford higher priced machines Retail price, \$20.00.



All above models slightly higher in extrem

There is a high-class Horton Jobber or distributor conveniently near you.

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For You

Horton dealers and distributors feel as integral a part of our organization as any man in the shop. They feel as much pride in Horton products and Horton achievements as we do ourselves.

This feeling which our dealers share, is built upon the real leadership of Horton products themselves. Every appliance in the line has been brought up to the peak of perfection and maintained there-through the whole-hearted cooperation of every man who turns a wrench or runs a machine in the Horton plant.

Such a spirit is of very tangible value to you, Mr. Dealer. Naturally, it results in better products for you to sell. It results in the closest kind of cooperation. Horton dealers are cashing in on this AND YOU CAN TOO.

Isn't this a definite value to you? You cannot make the sales records you should and CAN make unless you have complete confidence in the line you represent.

It's hard to put this feeling of confidence and loyalty into a printed page. But take our word for it, it's there. We're all determined to see Horton stay at the top. It will be worth your while to help in your locality.

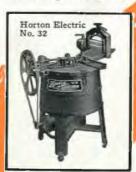
We offer more than a Dealership-we offer a Fellowship in Horton. You'll surely be enough interested to drop us a line requesting full information. Or may we have a Horton Representative call and demonstrate all we've said?

HORTON MANUFACTURING CO. FT. WAYNE, INDIANA

Established 1871

Pioneers for 50 Years





Say you saw it in ELECTRICAL RETAILING



The Sheraton

Look at the Chandelier Above You

Imagine in its place this graceful Sheraton chandelier, with spark-ling crystal pendants, and soft, silk-shaded lights. No other change in the furnishing of the room will so greatly improve its appearance—and at so little expense.

We would like to send you a little brochure that describes and illustrates modern lighting equipment suitable for each room in the house. It is intended for people who take pride in their homes—who love beautiful things. Every design shown is a work of art, yet very moderately priced.

To what address shall we mail your copy of "Distinctive Designs for Home Lighting."



The foregoing gives you an idea of the kind of a "copy" we are using in national publications to arouse interest in lighting fixtures and to locate likely prospects for electrical dealers. The illustrations, too, are the same as used in one of the national ads. The resulting inquiries (and there are hundreds of them) are referred to dealers for closing, and preferably to those who have a stock of Sheraton and Minuet designs. Don't you want some of this nice business—usually the better homes? We'll gladly co-operate. Write today for full particulars.

BEARDSLEE CHANDELIER MANUFACTURING CO.



Say you saw it in ELECTRICAL RETAILING



Curling Iron & Waver-Rod

ELECTRICAL RETAILING

Your Most **Profitable** Holiday Leader

With Detachable Plug in the Handle

Feature the new Ivory Wavette as your holiday leader and watch sales and profits climb.

Invite your customers' comparison of Ivory Wavette with irons costing as much again; compare the beautiful composition white Ivory handle and plug, as well as the white cord and attachment-plug to match, and the highly nickeled finish. Compare the construction as well as the appearance!

It is easy to see how Ivory Wavetre, selling at \$4.00 and Wavette, and Wavette, Jr., with black chonized handle at \$3.00 and \$2.75 respectively (all with detachable plug in handle) is the fastest selling line of electrical appliances in the world!

If your Jobber cannot supply you, write direct

The FRANKE.WOLCOTT MFG.CO Hartford, Conn.

Pacific Coast Agents-Western Agencies, Inc., San Francisco, Calif. Southwestern States-The Folsom Company, Dallas, Texas Southern States-The Robertson Sales Co., Birmingham, Ala.



-The rubbing action

-The flushing action

-The whirlpool action

The soapy water surges through the mesh of each garment, loosening and flushing to the surface every particle of dirt, which is then gently removed by the washboard sides of the Corrugated Copper Tub.

Unusual washing results mean unusual sales and practically no demands for "service" after Automatics are sold. You will place yourself under no obligation whatever by writing or sending the coupon.



GREĪST Jamps

Xmas Time in Your Town



The JUNIORLITE

The GREIST

Lamp

and here's a gift for each member of every family

November 1023

Father and mother can better enjoy the comfort of their easy chairs with a Greist Lamp adjusted to reflect light on book or pa-

per at just the right angle. Sister can read in bed without eye strain by the aid of a Juniorlite. Brother finds his home work easier with a Wallace Lamp to shed light on his problems. Even baby appreciates the "directed" light that is shaded from its little

The Greist line is the only complete line of adjustable lamps on the market. It offers four distinct styles and a variety of pleasing patterns with which to tempt the Christmas giver. Made to retail for \$2.50 and up.

> Write for Window Display and Advertising Matter

Show the Greist line from now on

The Greist Mfg. Co.

Dept. R

New Haven, Conn.

Precision Manufacturers Since 1871





The DO-ALL-LAMP

The WALLACE Lamp

Make More Money Two-Way Plugs



You can make more money, because you can assort and combine your purchases of Benjamin Two-Way Plugs to make up 5 standard packages (50 plugs) and get the maximum dealer discount.

office or factory.

Sell the Plug that Suits the Needwith the Benjamin Line and the prestige that surrounds Benjamin Two-Way Plugs you can give your customers the best service and make big sales and profits for yourself.

You can sell more Benjamin Two-Way Plugs, because you can give your

purchaser a choice of plural socket devices which meet every need for

extra electrical outlets in the home,

Sell an American Product made by Americans-the originators of the Two-Way Plug.

Attractively Cartoned. Effectively Displayed. Our nearest office will be glad to tell you of many sales helps available to dealers.



BENJAMIN ELECTRIC MFG. CO.

847 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago

247 W. 17th Street New York

580 Howard Street San Francisco

Toronto and London

Assort and Combine Your Purchases of Two-Way Plugs to Obtain Maximum Discount Use These Dispenser Displays to Sell Two-Way Plugs. A New Stand With Every 10 Plugs











B16-168

The base pictured above is cast in solid bronze and is beautifully finished in Statuary Bronze, Copper Bronze or Verde. The shade is hand-paint ed by artists of wide experience in this particular work. The lamp is truly representative of the high standard which characterizes the Mos-Bridges line.

Feature Moe-Bridges lamps in your store as Christmas gifts.

No gift is more appreciated,-none more complimentary to the taste of both giver and recipient.

Our line this year has been augmented by many new styles of bases, beautifully finished, and new shades of exceedingly good character. A representative assortment will lend wonderful attractiveness to your store and will add greatly to your source of profit.

> Write today for catalog and full particulars.

Augustanian August







TABLE STOVE

Two Burner Ever-Hot With Two Heats

Type T-2; length over all inches; nickel-plated; porcelain burners wired with the best nickel chromium resis-tance wire. Each burner operates singly or half of both at same time; maximum consumption in either case 600 watts. Six-foot cord with nections included.



Dealers write for discount

One Burner Ever-Hot With the Detachable Handle \$4.85 Retail

> Type S-1; diameter of burner 5 % inches; diameter over all 0 % inches; height 4% inches Made of 20-gauge steel, highly nickel-plated, Porcelain burner insulated with pure asbestos, and encased in a steel jacket. Wired with nickel chromium resistance wire, detachable handle, Cheapest table stove on market, having separate attachment feature and six feet of heater cord. Either 116 or 226 volts at same price. Maximum eous umption



NOTHING like this two burner table stove has ever been offered before even at twice the price. It will be, we believe, the largest seller on the market. Not simply because the price is low, but also because, regardless of price, it is the best electric table stove produced. It generates more heat at less cost than any other table stove, and sets a new standard in appearance as well as in efficiency.

The Ever-Hot is a beauty-graceful, harmonious in design, richly nickelplated. Durable material is used throughout. Pressed steel construction. Insulated porcelain burners, wired with the highest quality nickel chromium resistance wire, deliver greater heat than any other lamp socket table stove.

Dealer discounts are liberal. Investigate this quickly. Write to-day and have a stock ready for Christmas trade.

The TOLEDO COOKER COMPANY, Toledo, Ohio

Makers of Appliances for the Home







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It offers a wide selection of colors in silk or cotton and it stands up in service. Packaged attractively with the blue and orange label it makes excellent shelf merchandise with which to go after your share of the annual lamp cord sales—and there is a G-E display cabinet that is a sure "silent salesman" for silk cord and keeps it in perfect condition. It can be purchased by any dealer at a nominal figure.

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The Editor's Bulletin Board

Help Them to Give Electrical Gifts

During the holiday buying season, people welcome any suggestions that will help them answer the question, "What shall I give as presents this Christmas?" Here-



The November issue of The Home Electrical carries the picture message "Give Electrical Gifts This Christmas." Every page helps build sales for the dealer. Note that this business building little paper is also a part of Electrical Merchandising, the companion electrical trade paper of Electrical Retailing.

in lies a hig opportunity for the dealer in electrical goods. Proper suggestions will help people to see that no Christmas gift will be more welcome than an electrical appliance.

Yet these suggestions most be

made tactfully, for during the holiday season people are flooded with literature and advertisements asking them to buy every conceivable sort of article as a Christmas gift.

The November and December issues of The Home Electrical offer a tactful approach for the electricalmerchandiser who wants to reach prospects before they have made up their Christmas lists.

The Home Electrical is not a piece of advertising literature. It does not contain the name of a single manufacturer of electrical appliances. It arouses no antagonism in the reader. But this consumer magazine is a big sales builder for the retailers who use it. It builds sales because it tells its story in the universal language—the language of pictures.

Inclosed in this issue of Electrical Retailing is a copy of the first of the two Christmas issues of The Home Electrical. Look it over and then order a package to distribute to your customers. Also reserve a package of the second Christmas gift issue which will be available early in December. The cost is small, and your satisfaction with increased sales will be large. Send your order to Electrical Retailing, 1570 Old Colony Building, Chicago.

Here are the prices for "The Home Electrical:"

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Prices include mailing envelopes and are f. o. b. New York.

Men Who Write for Electrical Retailing

Frank Stockdale

One of the pleasant things about being an editor is the opportunity to introduce a man worthwhile to thousands of readers for whom he has a worthwhile message.

Such a man is Frank Stockdale, whose lively and helpful messages to electrical retailers have appeared in cartoon form in Electrical Retailing for many months. Read Mr. Stockdale's latest "Minute Message," page 63.

Mr. Stockdale is an expert in retail management. He has conducted business institutes on this subject in every state and in many parts of Canada.



You Have the Floor, Gentlemen

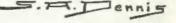
Do we not sometimes fail to remember that, from one point of view at least, the editor is very much in a position of a presiding officer during a debate? He is not an advocate for either side. He gives the floor fairly to both sides of the question and usually casts his ballot only when the floor vote is tied. The reading pages of Electrical Retailing are a platform, if you will, on which accredited persons may stand and present their views on both sides of a question and on which other persons may take up the discus-

Practically every article carries debatable questions, and because the editor thinks an article submitted by a contributor is of sufficient interest and value to be published it does not necessarily mean that the editor himself nnqualifiedly approves the positions taken on a debatable question by the writer. On all articles submitted by contributors and published, the editor reserves his opinions on the points raised. Usually the editor's point of view is expressed in the "editorials" and the "bulletio board" or in an article carrying his name.

Every reader is invited to send in his comments and if it seems desirable to both the reader and the editor the comments on an article may be published.

To Help Christmas Sales

Tucked away in this issue of Electrical Retailing are a score or more of suggestions which if given a fair chance by electrical dealers will greatly help them build up their Christmas sales. Search every page carefully.



Steinmetz Has "Gone West"



Charles Proteus Steinmetz 1865—1923

A GREAT leader has passed on. His work remains. In the language of the boys who fought to victory in the Great War, he has "gone west." And yet all that he did is still here. Charles P. Steinmetz, one of the world's greatest scientists, one of its foremost engineers, a greater teacher,

and author died at his home in Schenectady, N. Y., on October 26. For thirty years he had been connected with the General Electric Company and had long been its chief consulting engineer. The tasks he has laid down must go on. "Carry on, young man, carry on."

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Electrical Retailing's

Better Business Program

If These Twelve Things Are Accomplished in 1924 They Will Mean Better Business for Every Retailer of Electrical Merchandise and Will Increase the Service of Electricity to the Public

By Stanley A. Dennis

Editor of Electrical Retailing

LECTRICAL RETAILING the purpose of increasing sales for all retailers of electrical goods and for all electrical contractors. Just as the service rendered by a chain is made up of the services rendered by all the links of a chain, so the fundamental editorial purpose can be accomplished only by the completion of many tasks that make the final result possible.

What are these tasks? A few

days ago I wrote down a long list of things which I honestly think ought to be done by the sellers of electrical goods in order to improve selling conditions for everyhody concerned. From this list I



"I Want You"

If I could sit down and write a personal letter to every one of the thousands of readers of Electrical Retailing today, I would write just what I have said in this article. If I could make a speech and address all of you in one vast audience, I would drive home what I have said in this article, So, I want you to read it now.

—The Editor

definite tasks. "jobs to be done." if you will, on which I believe Elecrtical Retailing can and should concentrate its efforts during the coming year. If these tasks are worked out. I believe it will mean better business for all retailers and all contractors who handle electrical merchandise. That is why I am calling this list of worthwhile tasks a "Better Business Program." This program is printed on the following

selected certain

page. Please read it thoughtfully.

Every man who has a hand in the retail selling of electrical merchandise or in the installation of electrical equipment in the home, shop, store, office or factory wants

Electrical Retailing's

Better Business Program

During 1924, Electrical Retailing will try to:

- Increase the number of electrical men who live in electrical homes.
- Implant better selling methods and better management methods among electrical retailers of all kinds and among electrical contractors.
- Encourage the training of employees for better service all along the line.
- Build better co-operation among contractors and dealers on the one hand and the local central station on the other.
- Push the wider use of better accounting and better estimating methods.
- Persuade electrical men in the retail field to invest a portion of their savings in central station securities.
- Strengthen the demand for a standardization of appliance plugs similar to the present standardization of outlet plugs.
- Reinforce the demand for a domestic meter that will indicate in dollars and cents, taxicab fashion, the monthly bill for electricity.
- Educate the trade to better lighting and fixturing methods.
- Promote quality wiring in home, store, office, shop and factory.
- Shorten the pioneering stage on new kinds of appliances.
- Urge larger participation by all electrical retailers and contractors in organization activities, to the end that the purposes of these electrical organizations shall be achieved.

to make money. This holds good for the electrical dealer, the electrical contractor, the head of a retail hardware store, the electrical department of a department store, a furniture store, a house furnishings store, and a drug store—for any and all retailers of electrical appliances, devices and supplies. He can not make money unless he produces a profit in his selling. He can not produce a profit unless his selling renders a service. His service must be rendered to the consuming public, his company and to himself. It gets back every time to the old story, "He profits most who serves hest." And the only profit worth having is the one which comes through a service rendered.

What Kind of Service Do I Render?

Just what kind of service he gives and how valuable it is hecomes then a matter of vital concern to every man selling electrical goods. If a survey coud be made and an analysis produced showing the kinds and values of services rendered by retailers of electrical goods to their customers the results would be as varied in character as the retailers themselves. Such a survey, of course, can not readly be made, although if it could, the information derived would without doubt be of great value. It would be a powerful force working for better selling and better service and better profits all along the

Put Concentrated Effort on Definite Tasks

But there is a great force that can be called into play, that can achieve great results for good, and that can produce better selling conditions, better service and better profits for the entire field. This force is the power of concentrated effort by all retailers and contractors on tasks that need to be done.

Therefore, I ask the careful consideration of all readers of Electrical Retalling for this list of tasks which I have included in my Better Business Program. Are

these tasks worth the doing? Are any omitted which you think should be included? Should some of those listed be left put? What do you say?

What contact have you had with these problems? What have you done about them? What have you thought about them? What has the other man done, that you know of? What results have each of you obtained in trying to improve conditions along 'he line of the problems involved in this Better Business Program?

Put Your Enthusiam into This Work

If I can engage the enthusiasm, win the co-operation, and focus all the brains and purposes of electrical retailers and contractors everywhere during 1924 on the tasks that I have set before Eectrical Retailing, the results will be felt by every electrical man in our field and he will profit accordingly. Ask yourself whether selling conditions and sales would be greater for you, if the things that are listed in the Better Business Program were accomplished in your town or city.

This Better Business Program I want to promote in every issue of Electrical Retailing during the coming year, in every letter that brings a question or a request to my desk, in every tak that I have with an electrical man, and in every meeting or convention that I may attend.

This Appeal Is to You

I am making this a frank, personal matter between the editor and you, Mr. Reader. You want more and better business, more and better profits. Electrical Retailing wants that kind of prosperity, too. And so do the manufacturers who put their faith into Eectrical Retailing. So does ev-

ery man who invests one hour a month in reading this magazine.

Then it's a case of take off the coat, just as mine is off now while I write, push up the sleeves and get busy. This program will be evident in every issue of Electrical Retailing from now on. In the December issue the tasks laid down in this program will he defined and discussed at greater length. In the January issues, we shall begin to work for results.

Only Thirty Minutes Daily

You remember that Theodore Roosevelt once said words to the effect that every man owes it to himself to devote a portion of his time to the profession to which he belngs. And he owes it to his profession, too. Can anybody tell how far forward the electrical in-

dustry would move during the coming year, if every man retailing electrical goods made it a consistent practice to devote a portion of his time every day to his industry, to the big crowd to which he belongs? Even a few minutes' time daily would bring splendid results. Surely just thirty minutes a day spent in reading plans, methods and policies for improving his business would be greatly worthwhile. Or the same time spent in keeping in touch with the other man would do the hig job.

Are you on? If you are, write me a letter and say so. I want to open up these pages to you, so that both of us can work together therein to the advantage of all concerned. "Each for all and all for each."

Will You Help Put It Across?

Some day I may be tempted to write a book on "Some Editors I Have Known;" and if I do it, I shall first of all emphasize their instinctive modesty. For despite all appearances to the contrary, I believe most editors very much prefer to stand in the wings and push other people into the spotlight.

And yet there are times when the thinking editor must get out onto the stage himself, get his message across, and persuade his audience to get behind him and help get a big joh done.

That is why I have dared to lay down in the first pages of this what I bonestly think are a few of the vital things that ought to be accomplished in the electrical retail field during 1924. The list could be shortened. It could be greatly lengthened. But as it stands it lines up a worthy endeavor which ought to appeal to every man who sells electrical goods anywhere.

What I want to know is this: Will you get behind this Better Business Program of ELECTRICAL RETAILING and help put it across? If you don't like it, tell me why. If you do, then give me your hand and come on. —The Editor

How to Put Backbone Into Selling

Four Simple Merchanding Policies Have Greatly Increased Sales Not Only for the Manufacturer Who Suggested Them But Also for Dealers Who Applied Them

By P. B. Zimmerman

Manager of Publicity

National Lamp Works of the General Electric Company

In the fall of 1922 a manufacturer through impartial and trained investigators studied the manner in which nearly seven

hundred dealers -mostly electrical-in 335 cities located in fifteen east, central and central west states. were merchandising his product. Here are some of the illuminating but not, as you can see, very satiafactory conditions which were found to exist.

68% had no outside identification to call the attention of passersby to the product.

73% did not feature the goods in the window as frequently as once a month.

65% had inadequate window lighting.

55% had poorly lighted store interiors.

33% had an arrangement of stock that did not do justice to the product based on sales volume.

93% had no means of demon-

strating the product, which was of a nature that made a demonstration highly desirable if not imperative.

83% did not consistently follow the rule of going outside after business.

The dealers called upon in this survey who were proficient in all or most all of the points enumerated above, were found almost without exception to be highly successful merchants. And it was quite natural, therefore. that the manu-



P. B. Zimmerman, who tells us "How to Put Backbone into Selling" is not an arm-chair merchandising expert. Furthermore, he does not tell how he thinks it ought to be done but how he has found it has been done. When he speaks on merchandising and especially the merchandising of lamps, he speaks with authority. The merchandising policies he lays down here should be of value to every dealer.

facturer's investigators should want to aualyze very carefully just what merchandising principles and methods the successful dealers employed.

This Guide Will Tell You What Lamps



To help drive out glare and gloom and to make better lamp salesmen. Mr. Zimmerman directed the preparation of a booklet, "Five Home Lighting Recipes," from which there have been reproduced on this and the next page fifteen little pictures that tell how to equip with mazda lamps the most commonly used fixtures. In many cases, other types of fixtures than those shown are more to be recommended.



Front Porch-Use a 40-watt clear mazda lamp. Similar lamp may be used on back porch.



Downstairs Hall-Use a lamp of from 40 to 75 watts in fixtures similar to the one shown.



Sun-Parlor - or elsewhere, use a 75-watt white marda lamp in semi-direct bowl.



Shower Fixtures-Use 50 to 75-watt white mazda lamps. Deep shades are preferable.



Use 40-watt round bulb all frosted white mazda lamps. They should be shaded.



Use 15-watt clear mazda lamps for wall bfackets. Shield them to conceal filament.

They found just four principles or methods which we shall refer to by stars in the following brief treatment on the significance of each one.

Star No. 1-A Dealer's Window

A great many of the successful dealers referred to their windows as their bread and butter medium. Windows are unquestionably the most valuable advertising space a dealer has. They are his best spokesmen, making favorable or unfavorable impression upon possible new customers as well as playing no small part in retaining or losing the trade of those who are then buying from him.

to Use in Common Types of Fixtures



For large table lamps use 50-watt white mazda lamp. If only one socket use 75-watt white mazda lamp.



For floor lamp, use 50-watt white mazda lamp. If only one socket use 75-watt white mazda lamp.



Candelabra Fixtures-Use 25-watt round all frosted mazda lamps and be sure to shade them carefully.



Kitchen-Use 100 or 150-watt mazda daylight or clear lamp in ceiling fixture. Use 75watt mazda well shaded in attic, with similar fixture.



Basement Laundry-Use 150-watt mazda daylight lamp or 100watt bowl-enameled mazda C lamp. Provide convenience outlet for washer.



Upper Hall-Use a 40-watt clear mazda lamp in upper hall fixtures like this one. This type of fixture is not quite as modern as it might be.



Bedroom Ceiling Fixture-Use a 50 or 75watt white mazda lamp and then shade it.



Bedroom Bracket Fixtures-Use 50-watt white mazda lamps and then shade them well.



Bathroom Bracket Fixtures-Use 50-watt white mazda lamps, well shaded.

In the light of these facts the successful merchant, it was found. was dressing his window often and with a mind to making it seasonable and novel, and always featuring where possible those things for which there was consistent demand-like incandescent lamps. Furthermore, they he-

lieved in light as an added value and were using as high as 150watts per running foot of window frontage, in angle reflectors. In addition to attractive displays and good lighting the dealer had one or more distinctive outside markers such as all manufacturers provide for their trade.

Star No. 2-Store Interior Arrangement

The dealer, demanding of himself the best he could give his wiudows in arrangement and neatness of display, took a similar attitude in the arrangement of stock within his store. Shelf display was paramount, and those goods which enjoyed the greatest

turnover and combined the other elements that made their handling extremely desirable, werealways to be found in the most treasured part of the store. Beyoud this there were display features in strategic points to Berve as product reminders to customers.

Star No. 3-Asking Folks to Buy

Personally asking customers to huy is the greatest of all selling stunts a dealer has at his command, and it was noted that the better merchants were not overlooking this het. Not infrequently, a dealer had doubled his sales merely by making a point of asking every customer as the sale of the article she came in to buy was completed:

"Now, how are you fixed for - ?" and naming some article that has a ready sales factor.

Star No. 4-Outside Selling Every dealer has a right to ex-

pect from his neighboring merchants that business which he is in a position to handle capably. But he will not get it nine times out of ten unless he goes otuside of his store and solicits it. Personal calls are, of course, the best way, but as very few dealers can give a great deal of their time to this form of solicitation they must

resort to direct-by-mail campaigns, telephone calls, etc., following these with personal letters and calls.

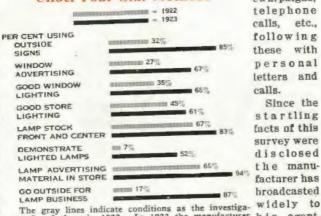
Since the startling facts of this survey were disclosed the manufactorer has broadcasted

ing their husiness along "four-star" lines. The chart which is reproduced herewith shows how well agents have responded to the call, and sales, we assure you, have increased appreciably in the transi-

tion period. In other words, these successful dealers have through long experience learned to make the best possible use of sales helps.

If your business is not on a"fourstar" basis, now is the time to put it there. You have the experience of thousands of dealers to back up the statement that "four-star" methods constitute far advanced strides in merchandising practice.

Showing How Dealers Improved Under Four-Star Methods



tors found them in 1922. In 1923 the manufacturer his agentinaugurated a campaign for the purpose of getting as many as possible of its dealers to carry on along four. star lines. An analysis of reports submitted by dealers advantages at the conclusion of a three months' drive showed that remarkable progress had been made. The black lines of conductrepresent conditions in 1923.

Ask Yourself These Questions

How many of these constructive business ideas can you check off V as now being carried out in your business? How many can you check off X as having been thoroughly considered or tried out and found inapplicable to your conditions? How many blank squares remain to indicate lines of possible improvement?

Are you protecting your profits by the use of a set of books that will show you at any time whether you are making or los-

ing money, and if there is a loss. where it is?

Have you discarded guesswork for the plan of figuring a mark-up that covers every item of your running expenses plus a living profit?

Are you speeding up turnover to three or four times or hetter by baying more carefully and more often?

Are you getting the hard

facts on your turnover by basing it on average monthly stock instead of the annual inventory?

Are you setting in motion practical advertising and selling plans that will move any stock you have carried over for the last two or three years?

Are you making it a point to know just how much money you have tied up in overstocks and obsolete, out-of-date or damaged goods?

Do you know for a certainty that your merchandising stock and your contracting business are each paying a fair net profit?

Do you know that keeping separate records of the cost of running the two branches of your business may show why you are

> ont making any money?

Are you safequarding your profits by promptly checking and marking every hill of goods received?

Are you strengthening your business financially by letting the other fellow have the unprofitable lobs?

Are you building prestige for yourself by turning out work htat will be a lasting



Men who have made good have found it worthwhile to put themselves under a magnifying glass, as it were, every now and then, and take a long searching look at themselves.

credit to you?

Are you increasing the volume of your sales by store arrangement that helps the goods to sell themselves?

Are you making your show windows pay dividends by dressing them to sell goods?

Are you building new trade by proper use of the valuable selling helps furnished by manufactur-

Are you stopping the leak of had accounts by care in extending credit and system in billing and selling?

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| ☐ Are you controlling expenses by keeping within the limits of a carefully figured annual budget? ☐ Are you using mechanical ac- counting helps—cash registers and computing machines—to save | to hire a competent man to fill your place? Are you managing your business so that \$30 a week men are not doing too much \$12 a week work? | |
|--|--|--|
| time and avoid errors? | ☐ Are you dividing responsibilities to relieve yourself of details and give you more time for thinking and planning? ☐ Have you trained your clerks so that they are salesmen and not slot-machines? | |
| Chickens are not the only creatures that need to be scored every so often. How about you, brother? | | |
| | Are you planning to sell elec- tric ventilating equipment this winter? | |
| ☐ Is your store front representa- tive of your business? Does it invite customers to come inside? ☐ Have you looked over your store furniture—cases, shelves and display tables—and are these | ☐ How about a two-way bulletin board out on the walk for posting your customers on new goods re- ceived, and other things of in- terest? | |
| best fitted for your husiness? Is your place of business inviting to women?—for women do most of the buying in any line. | Why not put a "spot" display table just inside the front door for showing new goods and sea- son sellers? | |
| Are you cashing in nn the ideas in each of your copies of Electri- cal Retailing? | Why not put more "pull" into your window displays by the use of price cards? | |
| Are you letting The Home Electrical help you to more business? | Are you using slip covers to protect your silk lamp shades from dust and fading? | |
| ☐ Are you getting your share of the new trade which articles se- lected from the New Goods de- partment of Electrical Retailing will bring to your store? ☐ Have you stopped the costly leaks of lost time and waste of material and supplies in your store? | Take out your pencil and begin right now. Be honest with yourself. Are you hitting on all six cylinders or limping along on two? | |
| Have you made it your rule that every charge slip must be made out on the spot and before serving the next customer, as the best protection from forgotten | ☐ Have you marked up goods on hand in line with any recent advances in market prices? ☐ Are you stopping the leak in | |
| charges? Are you paying yourself as | your advertising appropriation by cutting the "dead wood" out of | |

| Are you speeding up service by locating your cash register where it will save steps in making change? | Have you made it the practice in your store for everyone to remember customers' names? Succourtesy is a business producer |
|--|---|
| Are you making your floor cases pay dividends by keeping them stocked and in order? | Your watch needs inspection |
| Are you building up a bank balance by taking all those 2% discounts for cash in ten days? | and cleaning once a year. I your business is to serve you as well as your watch, it to |
| Are you taking precautions against loss by checking up the material and labor on every job before charging it up? | should be looked over and tuned up at frequent inter vals. Is it? |
| Have you looked into the trade possibilities of a radio department? | Are you making exceptiona displays and service a means o |
| Are you using the house-to- house method for building more business in washers and vacuum cleaners? | overcoming the handicap of a poor location? Are you getting the benefit on national advertising by letting |
| Did you know that out of every one hundred wired homes sixty- four have no vacuum cleaners and seventy-one no electric washers? | your customers know that such advertised articles can be had a your store? Do you make it a point to |
| Have you worked out a plan for scheduling your jobs and contracts so that during rush times you can give maximum service and satisfaction? | learn the "Why" of lost sales? Do you know which are you most profitable lines and are you working to increase their number Are you staging a demonstra |
| Have you worked out a buying program that gives you the best market prices and quantities regulated to your current of sales? | tion, a style goods opening, a tria offer or something of this kind occasionally for keeping the pub- lic interested in your store? |
| Is your location one that best promotes the development of your business? | How about putting over a "Home Electric" of your own? A California electrical man did this |
| Are you making additional sales by suggesting associated goods that naturally go together? | at a cost of \$148.50 and sole \$2,300 worth of appliances and fix tures and took contracts for twen ty-five wiring jobs. |
| ☐ Have you tried a bonus plan as an incentive to greater selling industry on the part of your sales- men? | Have you tried out the idea of a demonstration of electrical appliances in the domestic science |
| Have you tried placing near your wrapping counter articles that sell well on sight? | department of your public schools to reach the rising generation and indirectly the present genera- tion of parents? |
| | |

"Give Something Electrical"

Put Something into Your Customers' Hands That Will Make Them Come Back to Put Something into Yours

TORE and more every Christmas season one hears the cry, "Give something electrical." Manufacturers, jobbers, central stations, electrical organizations such as The Society for Electrical Development, are voicing this slogan as never before. In all the advertising done by the electrical industry and by all sellers of electrical goods this year the emphasis will be laid on these three words.

It would be a great mistake, indeed, if retailers of electrical goods everywhere failed to tie in with this holiday selling phrasethree words that should be worth far more than their weight in gold to every dealer who will tie in with them.

Just how can the dealer, and especially the small dealer do this. One way is for him to get into touch with the Society for Electrical Development, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York, and look over their assortment of Christmas sales helps. These have been described briefly on page 88, of this issue of Electrical Retailing.

If, however, the dealer wishes to use a sales help of his own, in addition to those provided by the Society, he may well consider the little plan suggested on this and the following page.

Whoever helps people make up their Christmas lists is likely to profit in so doing. Remembering this, dealers have frequently found it worth while to get up a two or four page folder suggesting gifts for various relatives and friends. Such a folder can be printed quickly and at a small

On the opposite page is shown a plan for a folder of the kind mentioned. This particular one measured about three inches wide and seven inches long. It was folded once down the middle. This made a small folder, nne that could easily be thrust into a handbag, or muff, or pocket. The stock used was sufficiently heavy to provide stiffness and of a surface that would easily take pencil or

On the first page of the folder appeared in red and black a small decoration suggestive of Christmas. It also carried the suggestion of electrical Christmas gifts. in appropriate wording near the top.

The second page of the folder was blank, except for the single line near the top, "Write other gift suggestions below"-and at the bottom of this page was the name of the electrical retailer who distributed the folder.

The third page of the folder carried the gift suggestions which are listed on the opposite page.

The fourth page was left blank so that, if he wished to do so, the dealer could place a stamp thereon and an address. The folder coold then be mailed, with a clip holding the open edges together. However, the dealer found it paid botter to distribute the folder in person to customers who came into his store and by his house to house salesmen to the homes they visited preceding the holidays. He had the folder printed before

Make It an Electrical Christmas, Of Course



Gift Suggestions for Everybody in the Family and for All Your Friends

For Father

Cigar lighter Clock, electric Drink-mixer Fan Lamp Immersion heater Shaving mirror, electrically lighted Combination reading lamp and cigar bolder Flashlight

For Mother

Coffee mill. electric Dishwasher Flatiron Egg boiler Grill, electric Ironing machine Range Vibrator Percolator Table stove Toaster Fan Egg beater Fireless cooker Hot plate Milk warmer Plate warmer Sewing machine Teapot Vacuum cleaner Washing machine Waffle iron Kitchen utility motor Fireplace logs, electric Lamps, portable and floor Mixer for eggs, puddings, sauces Fixtures, lighting

For Grandmother or Grandfather Heating blanket Footwarmer Flashlight Reading lamp Bedwarmer Hearing device Radiant heater

For the Business Woman Hair drier Toaster Chafing dish Iron Table stove

For the Boy at College Clock, electric alarm Radiant heater Illuminated shaving mirror Desk lamp Shaving mug

For the Girl at College

Boudoir set Corn popper Sewing lamp Vibrator Chafing dish Lamp, desk, table or novelty lamp Hair drier Toaster Curling iron and comb

For the Invalid

Footwarmer Heating pad Therapeutic lamp Violet ray outfit Heating blanket Radiant heater Vibrator

For the Schoolgirl

Toy range Dolls with electric and Doll's house, electrically lighted Dolls with electric eyes

For the Schoolboy

Bicycle lamp Train Battery Flashlight Engine, electric Wireless parts Bell or buzzer Boats, electric Construction sets Motor Wireless outfit

These are the first and third pages of a folder suggesting electrical Christmas presents. If any dealer wishes to carry out this idea in his own business he can have his printer get a "linecut" made from the decoration shown above, and has the permission of Electrical Retailing to do so.

Thanksgiving and began distributing the folder on the first husiness day after that holiday.

Did it pay? Well, the dealer says that so many people came into his store with the folders marked for gifts that he expects to work the same plan again this year. If it worked for him, would it not work for other dealers too?

New Code Rule Now Replaces Famous "660-Watt" Limit

Twelve Outlets per Branch Circuit and Fifteen Ampere Fuses Are Permitted by National Code

FOR the information of electrical contractors who have not yet had an opportunity to look over the 1923 edition of the National Electrical Code, just issued. Electrical Retailing reprints below the new requirement which has been substituted for the old 660-watt rule. It is Article 807, which permits 12 outlets on a No. 14 wire branch circuit protected by a 15-ampere fuse. It follows:

807. Fuses for Branch Circuits.

- a. For the purpose of this section the terms "branch circuits" and "outlets" are defined as follows:—"Branch Circuit" is that portion of a wiring system extending beyond the final set of fuses or circuit breakers protecting it, and at points on which current is taken to supply fixtures, lamps, heaters, motors and current consuming devices generally; such points are designated as "outlets."
- b. By permission of the inspection department, on systems having a grounded neutral or having one side grounded, and where the grounded conductor is identified and properly connected, two-wire branch circuits may be protected by a fuse in the ungrounded wire, no fuse being placed in the grounded wire. Otherwise, two-wire branch circuits shall be protected by a fuse in each wire.
- e. Three-wire branch circuits may be run from d. c. or single phase a. c. systems having a grounded neutral, in which case the neutrals of the branch circuits shall not be fused. The neutrals of such circuits shall not be interconnected except at the center of distribution.
- d. Branch circuits in general, and except as described below, shall be protected by fuses of no greater rated capacity than
 - 15 amperes at 125 volts or less
 - 10 amperes at 126 to 250 volts

e. Fixture wire or flexible cord of No. 18 or No. 16 gauge shall be considered as properly protected by 15 ampere fuses.

Receptacles for attachment plugs (convenience outlets) are strongly recommended in order to facilitate the use of electrical appliances which, otherwise, must be connected to sockets designed primarily only as lamp holders.

- f. On a two-wire branch circuit and on either side of a three-wire branch circuit, the number of outlets shall not exceed twelve (12) except by permission of the inspection department.
- g. Branch circuits supplying only sockets or receptacles of the mogul type shall have the wires protected by fuses having a rated capacity not greater than,—
 - 40 amperes at 125 volts or less
 - 20 amperes at 126 to 250 volts
- h. If protected by 40 or 20 ampere fuses as above, wire not smaller than No. 12 shall be used for wiring fixtures with mogul sockets and receptacles and may also be used for taps not over 18 inches long from the circuit wires to the points of suspension of the fixtures.
- i. The number of mogul sockets on a 2-wire branch circuit and on either side of a 3-wire branch circuit shall not exceed eight (8) except by permission of the inspection department.
- H. S. Wynkoop, in charge of electrical inspection, city of New York, says, "It ought to be far less difficult now than in the past to persuade customers to include convenience outlets in their schedules of house wiring. Future bids may include three or four convenience outlets on a circuit where none would have been permitted in the past owing to the wattage limitation. The industry has gained immeasurably by the change."

Electrical Homemaking - Sales Ideas for the Electrical Retailer

Gifts That Teach Her How to Do Holiday Cooking Electrically

A WOMAN, of course, does the cooking in the home. The thousands of retailers of electrical goods are trying to teach her to

If the retailers of electrical goods are to do their bit in making America a nation of electrical homes, and if they are going to



When you try to sell a table stove, do not talk metal. Talk so that your prospect will picture a scene of happiness, say on the morning after Christmas, like this scene. Start a woman cooking dainty electrical breakfasts and she will soon be a prospect for other appliances than the table stove.

cook electrically. During the holidays she has more cooking to do, ordinarily, than in any other season of the year. So, why not teach her to do her boliday cooking electrically and lay stress on that teaching during the pre-holiday season? achieve this end during the present generation, they will use every opportunity to get across the idea of electrical cooking. What better time than the season when electrical appliances are most desirable as Chritsmas gifts? "Ask them to buy." Try it.



Waffle iron and toaster belong to the breakfast table, and frequently to other meals. When a woman has been persuaded to use the greaseless and smokeless waffle iron, and the pancake attachment, she is well on the way to cooking other meals with other electrical appliances.



The electrical fireless cooker has a winning way, as every woman will testify who has given this splendid appliance a fair trial in her home. Not only does it save time, but it also cooks food deliciously, especially the cheaper cuts of meat which usually hold appetizing and nourishing juices and other food values. If a prospect has a toaster, a waffle iron, and a table stove it is almost a sure bet that she can be interested in the fireless cooker, too.

Probably women do not need to be taught that there is an appliance that will make cof-fee as they do; that the percolator is a means to better coffee. What the careful dealer sells is not so much the appliance itsell as a good coffee service. Be sure that the purchaser is taught how to use the percolator. That is just as important as selling the device itself.



—and remember, "Ask them to buy".
That's the good word for holiday sales.

However great the service and especially the holiday cooking service that may be rendered by the other heating appliances, the range is queen of them all when it comes to electrical cooking. What more acceptable gift can be made to the woman who cooks in the home than an electrical range? Is it too much to say that every home owner who can afford an electrical washer can afford an electrical range? This appliance deserves consideration especially by the man in the home who wants to do "the handsome thing" for wife or mother.



WILLIAMSON

It is not within the scope of our merchandising plans to unnecessarily stock the electrical dealer. We have effected a merchandising policy that makes the Williamson Line of Electric Light Fixtures the logical one for electrical dealers to handle. We lighten your load by not putting a load on your shelves and thereby creating a heavy investment. Here's why our plan is a success.

R. WILLIAMSON & CO.

Chicago

WILLIAMSON STREET

Williamson Electric Light Fixtures are sold exclusively thru electrical jobbers. These jobbers enjoy fast turnovers due to the popularity of the Williamson Line. You get maximum turnovers from your sample line. A jobber near you carries a complete stock of Williamson Electric Light Fixtures. You draw from these stocks as demand dictates. Really it's a policy that assures economical service and quick deliveries.

R. WILLIAMSON & CO.

Chicago

You Must Sell Them

The Home Electrical



Left-Cover of Christmas Gift suggestion issue number 11.

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Above-Cover of issue number 12.

The Home Electrical



Prices per Issue of "The Home Electrical"

Christmas issues 11 or 12 Package or Price Special 10,000 copies \$250.00 5,000 copies 150.00 for 1,000 copies 35.00 larger 10.00 quantities 250 copies

All prices I.o.b. New York

Quickly This Christmas

CHRISTMAS shoppers would not get any shopping done if they read all the circulars, booklets and letters in the deluge of advertising matter they receive. So most of it doesn't get read and the advertising is a dead loss. If you don't want your Christmas sales message to get lost in the shuffle-if you want it to reach your prospects' brains and not just their letter boxes, you must tell them the story in a faster, more interesting way than cold type. You must use pictures, because your prospects may be too hurried and too little interested to read ordinary advertising, but they will never be able to resist looking at pictures.

CELL with pictures this Christmas season. Send your prospects, and give them in your store. the two Christmas Gift suggestion numbers of "The Home Electrical." These two issues of this popular pictorial are ideal Christmas sales tools for you because they are filled with pictures of electrical Christmas gifts that appeal to every one-electrical Christmas gifts such as you sell,

These two Christmas Gift pictorials will increase your sales just as other issues have increased the sales of such companies as the Lee Electric Company of Bedford. Iowa. This company says, "The Home Electrical' increased our appliance sales over 50 per cent the first week after mailing."

RDER a supply of both Christmas Gift numbers of "The Home Electrical." One issue-number 11-is published in attractive rotogravure, while the other-issue number 12-is beautifully printed in two colors. Because these pictorials are produced in such large quantities, the cost to each purchaser is very small.

Order your supply today-the results of distributing these two sales-building pictorials in increased sales will more than satisfy

The Home Electrical

477 Tenth Avenue, New York City

Electrify the Child's Room

Sometimes parents may be persuaded to try something for the sake of their children that they would not try for themselves. At any rate when selling a complete electrical service to the home, do not forget the children and their room. Below are pic-

tured two views of a child's room in the home electrical that was recently exhibited in River Forest, Ill. This room was crowded with happily surprised visitors all the time the home was open to the public, and the children said, "Mother. I want one, too."



A boudoir lamp and a fan on the child's dresser can easily be connected at the convenience outlet on the wall at the right of the dresser. It is assumed, of course, that the child whose room is thus equipped has been taught to "hands off" just as she has been taught to keep hands off of the cook stove or iron or washer or vacuum cleaner when these are in use.

Notice that a radiant heater is also provided. In this home the heater was placed on top of a low seat. It might better have been placed on the floor. The room was carefully lighted and a lighting switch placed convenientv near the entrance door. All the furniture was "child's size." Would a child be delighted with such a room as a Christmas gift? Ask the man who has done it. He knows.



Employees' Better Electrical Service League

Herein We Hold Our First Meeting for Employees of Electrical Retailers and Contractors

Chairman:

"Always it is a great day in the life of a young man or a young woman when he or she decides

to grow. For growth after all is largely a matter of personal choice, and the decision to put forth one's hest effort in climbing upward and forward is evidence of real manhood and woman bood. When a young man determines to fit himself for the next big job

ahead of him, he is setting a journey before him at the end of which is profit and honor the measure of which he cannot sometimes foresee. Sometimes his rewards are larger than he dreams. Sometimes his achievements do almost equal his visions.

"Since we announced the Employees' Better Electrical Service League, some of you men and women who are today working as employees for electrical retailers and contractors have pledged your co-operation in this worthwhile movement. Some of you have brought your questions to this meeting. Some of you have brought a suggestion, a policy, a plan, a method which has been of value to you and which you believe will be of value to the other man who wants, as an employee, to improve himself and his work.

"I am going to give the floor to a number of you in turn. Remember, we must speak briefly and to the point. Mr. B. F. Arthur, who

calls himself an old-time tinner and whose favorite song when he is away from his home state is 'Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," will tell us a bout his latest hunch on

Getting 'Em into the Store

"I was very much impressed

Mr. Arthur:

with the idea of an Employees' Better Electrical Service League. Every electrical employee, it seems to me, ought to grab hold of this idea and make the most of it. America needs the best brains in our business, and our business needs the best brains it can develop. Self-improvement is a great decision for every young man or young woman.

"May I tell you, pass on to you, my latest suggestion for getting people into the store? This is an idea which any employee can suggest to his employer.

"Hire an apprentice tinsmith, or much better still, train a young woman how to use an electric soldering iron. Train her to do simple things like mending holes in tinware, repairing braken haodles to pots and kettles or any metal utensil that can be soldered.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Last month we announced the organization of an Employees' Better Electrical Service League, to meet monthly within the pages of Electrical Retailing, with the assistance of Uncle Sam and his little stamps. The idea has already caught the interest and cooperation of scores of employees. So we will now call the first meeting to order.

"Put this girl to work in your show window on certain days and advertise that she will stop leaks in any piece of tinware free. Will this get new and old customers talking about your shop? Why, the housewives will flock to this free exhibition and free service. and of course will come in. Then push your demonstrations of washers and cleaners and other appliances. Dollars to doughnuts, it is a big booster for your business."

Chairman:

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"As far as I can find out nobody has ever tried out this scheme of Mr. Arthur's. It ought to work. If anything like this has been done in stores and shops where you are employed, please tell me about it before our next meeting.

"A young salesman out in Kansas has asked me this question: 'Can a salesman get anywhere by trying to do both store selling and outside selling in the same day?" So I want to speak for one minute on

Dividing the Salesman's Day Chairman:

"A number of central station sales managers whom I know helieve that the proper division of a salesman's day is an important element in his success or failure. They have found that a salesman can frequently spend his mornings to good advantage in selling appliances in the homes and his afternoons in selling in the store. Often the women met in the morning's outside selling, shop in the afternoon and come into the store for demonstrations of the appliances discussed in a talk with the salesman in their homes. Also, salesmen who are selling outside all day find it worthwhile to sell appliances in the morning and to sell wiring contracts in the after-

noon. The woman in the home can be sold appliances, but a wiring contract must be sold to the man in the house. In the afternoon his wife often can arrange better for an evening interview with him than she can in the morning."

"Mr. Frank J. Toley, who comes from Philadelphia, wants to ask a question."

What Can You Say to This?

Mr. Toley:

"A man gives an estimate on a motor job. He advises the customer as to the kind and size motor he needs and makes him a price on the motor. Then along comes the manufacturer from whom the contractor buys, and sells the motor direct. Can this be prevented, and if so, how?"

Chairman:

"I must confess that this is as difficult a question as could be asked in this meeting. In a way it concerns employers much more than it does employees, but every wideawake employee knows that this question touches one of the most difficult problems in the selling of electrical goods. If anyhody in this meeting can submit a helpful suggestion on this question before our December meeting, by all means do so, and I shall then offer the best suggestion for consideration.

Mr. Ralph A. Woll, of Minersville, Pa., has an interesting problem to meet. He has the floor."

Where Can He Get This Help?

Mr. Woll:

"First of all, let me say that I think this idea of a Better Electrical Service League, meeting monthly in Electrical Retailing, is a wonderful idea, and offers a kind of help that some of us have been wanting for a long time,

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"We are wiremen in a small town of about 8,500 population with about 3,000 more within a radius of two miles. Our industries are coal mines and our people are mostly of foreign birth. Many of them own their own homes. The best business we can get in our locality is wiring already huilt houses. There are many new homes built in our section, but the wiring never amounts to very much as the building contractors put this work out to the cheapest bidder and we have to work very cheap to get this kind of job at all.

"I have found that most of our people after being convinced of the necessity of good lighting. want a fairly good wiring installation and some fairly good fixtures and some appliances from us. But unless you know these foreigners personally it is very hard to get an interview with them. They simply will not talk to an outside salesman. But if they get anything by mail they examine it with great care. They read every word or have it read to them. I must reach these people by mail in my selling and give them a chance to consider electrical service.

"What I want to know is this: Where can I get sales help literature that will tell these people in the most simple language all about lighting, flush switches, two-way plugs, convenience outlets, cord sets, and other simple wiring devices. I will be grateful to anyone who can help me on this score."

Chairman:

"Unless I am very much mistaken, the Society for Electrical Development, 522 Fifth Avenue. New York, has prepared a booklet on 'Why Is an Outlet?' and I

think they have other literature covering the other devices that Mr. Woll has mentioned. At any rate I am sure that the Society can make some worthwhile suggestion to him. Any helps that it offers can be obtained at a nnminal price.

"A young woman salesman down in New York, one who is just beginning her work to an electrical store, calls attention in a letter to me, about

What a Young Saleswoman Ought to Know

"She says: 'One of the first things I have discovered in my selling is that it is wise to ask a customer whether the appliance she is buying is to be used in our town or elsewhere. Very often these appliances are to be sent away as gifts and it is tragic if the gift will not work elsewhere because of a difference in kind of current and voltage. So when a customer tells me that she is sending away the appliance she wants to buy, I ask her the necessary question and tell her why it is important. Nearly always ahe appreciates this service and if she does not know the current and voltage in the town to which the appliance is going she finds out somehow and comes back to get the right appliance. Also this service brings orders for other appliances."

Chairmao:

"Before we meet in December, I hope I shall receive word from many more employees that they wish to be members of this Employees' Better Service League. Also, please let me know what your suggestions are for our next meeting and what subjects you want discussed then. We stand adjourned."

Seasonable Radio Sales

A dealer in discussing radio selling said recently: "All this talk about radio being a seasonable proposition, makes me tired. It won't be long before radio is sold all the year round; even if there are handicaps to its use in "static" days. I secured real results by going after fall and winter installations in summer. I can get hoys then who are out of school. I get them to go out after their chums and schoolmates. The way to sell radio is via the boy and the young man. You'd be surprised at the number of traveling outfits, or portables, I've sold this year. As an inducement I offer to install the equipment free (in some cases) and I am seriously considering selling during the autumn on a basis of a small down payment, with the rest iu later easy payments in the late fall and winter." This merchant pushes the "money back guarantee" on radio, handling the better type outfits.

Retaining Summer Sales

A Sioux City electrical retailer whose store was unfortunately on a side street, but who determined to retain his summer bosiuess, arranged with a large dry goods store to cooperate in a washing machine and dress goods drive. He placed machines in the dry goods store, and arranged for a window demonstration. A machine was operated in the window, washing out dresses. Signs pointing to the desirability of having plenty of neat, comfortable, pretty house dresses were placed in the window, along with signs indicating how quickly, easily and thoroughly the Blank electric washer cleaned them. Arrangement was made for the elec-

trical dealer to follow up all leads and do the selling, while the dry goods store mailed notices of the window display and the dress-andwasher sale to its complete mailing list. Sales proved it paid.

A Live Follow-Up

An East Orange, N. J., store worked out a plan with an enterprising washing machine distributor whereby special house-tohouse salesmen were put to work, covering "leads" developed from a special mailing folder which was sent to each store customer. The washer was sold on the regular terms so far as list went, but the monthly price of \$2.80 was the "inducement." A small down payment was required, which was left to the option of the salesman. The effort of the advertising was to pull the "leads" and the folder had a return card requesting "full free information," rather than a "demonstration." In this way more leads were secured. The store maintained a continuous demonstration of the washer first in the basement, and later upstairs.

A salesman of the company came across a clipping in a New York paper which showed the advisability of wearing clean and fresh clothing during the winter, and made a rather humorous comparison between hatbing, and wearing white clean garments, changing them often. It pointed out the fact that Mark Twain always wore white linen, and gave the idiosyncrasies of other great people on the subject. He secured as many copies of the paper as he could, marked them in blue crayon, and used them to follow up prospects. Several sales resulted.

MINUTE MESSAGE

Why He Wins a Janitor's Reward

By Frank Stockdale



ONE of the easiest things in the world to prove is that a man gets paid for the kind of work he does.

In spite of this, a great many retail merchants spend their time doing the things which deserve small pay instead the things that bring worthwhile rewards.

The man who does only the work of a janitor or an office boy, cannot expect the reward of a merchant.

The profits in retailing come from management, and management consists of planning what to do and then holding sales, stocks, mark-up and expenses under strict control.

Retailing today is mainly a battle of brains. Some one in every retail store must do the thinking, and thinking requires both time and effort.

The secret of retail success is as much in choosing the right things to do as in doing each thing well.

The merchant who leaves the small pay jobs, and the details to others and gives his best thought and effort to the job of management can make his business pay.

Selling a Hundred Small Motors in Sixty Days

This California Dealer Succeeded in Making Small Motors a Household Convenience

N THE MIDST of a recent discussion on the difficulties of selling small motors and the almost impossibility of making money in the operation, there arose a wide-eyed, square-jawed little man from Southern California who remarked quietly that he had sold a hundred small motors within the preceding sixty days. On the immediate further questioning of those present, it developed that this was not the unique condition of one special drive, nor was it a freak demand which was being met.

F. H. Broiles of the International Electric Company of Los Angeles, sells small motors week in and week out, summer and winter, holiday season and in hetween. He sells them to the housewife and to the home owner for use in the thousand and one small tasks about the house. How he does it by the application of the simple principles of good merchandising plus a wide awake imagination focused upon the problem, makes a story which is worth listening to io Mr. Broiles' own words:

The man who is willing to spend from \$100 to \$150 for a washing machine or a dishwasher for his wife ought to be willing to spend from \$25 to \$60 for some electrical equipment for bimself. A merchandisiog consultant from one of the national manufacturers gave me that idea. I admit I was skeptical but decided to install a window display which he suggested just for the sake of a trial.

The idea of merchandising fractional horsepower motors was new but I thought it possessed possibilities.

Window Trim Big Asset

As soon as the window trim was in people began to stop and look. The window was good for it suggested immediate uses for the motor, uses which would apneal to a man. Although our store is situated in what might he called the wholesale district of the city it is strategically located We are between two stage stations serving the rural districts outside the city. By actual check, one company carries 3,000 people daily while the other carries 1.500. Practically all of these people pass our windows and nearly every one of them is a prospect for a small motor. They are ranchers, small merchants, shop owners and the like coming into the city to buy.

Inquiries Suggest Attachments

Inside of the first few hours we had inquiries. Then we began to sell, sometimes one in a day, sometimes two or three. Several purchasers asked about attachments for the motor, drill presses, emery wheel, grinders, buffers and the like. That gave me a new idea. For some time past, we had been handling a little cast-iron saw block, with pulley attached, for use with such a motor. These had been bought from a small manufacturer, but he had gone out of husiness. We had patterns made in a local shop

"Aside from the fact that we learned we can merchandise small motors, our campaign proved that it is easier to sell fractional horsepower motors if you have some accessory to go with them," says F. H. Broiles. of the International Electric Company of Los Angeles, whose shop is pictured at the right.



and had another shop make up the block for us. It was arranged so that an emery wheel or huffer could be attached to the end of the shaft opposite the pulley. By attaching a small chuck it could also be made ioto a lathe.

The window was changed and a display put in featuring the motor, the saw block and the attachments. We quoted prices as follows: motor alone, \$25; block alone, \$35; motor and block, \$60; emery wheel, sander and buffer. \$10 additional; chuck, \$5 additional. Sales were immediately stimulated to an even greater extent than hefore. Not only that but each sale now averaged double that of the motor alone and the profit on the block and attachments was much greater than on the motor alone. Twn-thirds of the motors we sold during the campaign were sold with the saw block. Undoubtedly those who purchased the motors alone will come back for the attachment at a later date.

We did not do any special ad-

vertising during the campaign, unless a circular letter we sent out a few weeks before the campaign started, can be called advertising. We send out such a letter to about 5,000 prospects every six months. It carries with it a return card. The letter consists of a four-page circular illustrated and describing our service.

We changed the window display every time the number of people stopping to look at it began to drop off. The campaign cost us little, except for a few window cards for the window trims and the time of the man who changed the window.

Majority of Sales to Homes

In classifying the sales during the campaign, we found that slightly over two-thirds of the motors went into homes for use in the home machine shop, the kitchen or by the hoy of the house. The popularity of teh automobile has had something to do with that, for their are many men who like to speud their spare

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Carry On, Young Man, Carry On

Charles P. Steinmetz has laid down his great work and has gone on to his long rest. In the passing of Dr. Steinmetz the electrical industry has lost one of its greatest thinkers and teachers, America has lost one of its foremost citizens and modern civilization has lost one of its most advanced leaders.

To the public he was known as the "electrical wizard," and tales of his flight from Europe as a penniless and crippled immigrant, of his difficulty in gaining entrance to America, of his rapid mastery of the English language, of his wonderful achievements in science, of his inventions, of his glimpses of future scientific achievement, of his supposed fahulous salary, of his philosophy and of his lovable personal qualities have been told many times to the eager youth of America. Today thousands are reading the story of his life.

Not once but several times in history, civilization has travelled forward and climbed upward on the strength of men physically handicapped but equipped with masterful minds. With such men, men who refused to be bound by their physical limitations, Dr. Steinmetz takes an honored place. History may give him first place.

Somewhere in America today there is a young man, perhaps two or three, who must tomorrow take up the work laid down by such men as Steinmetz. This young man today may be a wireman, a clerk, an errand hoy. It matters not, but what does matter is that he dream dreams, that he see visions, that he set a goal before himself that will be worthy of a man of Steinmetz' mind and mettle.

To such a young man it may be that Dr. Steinmetz would say, "Carry on, young man, carry on." For him the smiling future waits with outstretched hands.

"Assistance Acceptance"

Out of the great mid-west has come a new term to be added to the vocabulary of the man selling electrical merchandise. To Ainslie A. Gray, of Chicago, we are told, belongs the credit for the phrase "assistance acceptance."

By this term Mr. Gray means the willingness of the electrical retailer to accept the assistance proffered him by the manufacturer through the medium of sales helps. Refusal to accept and make use of dealer helps has for many years been a source of unmeasured loss to electrical manufacturers.

This condition, Mr. Gray believes, is passing. It has been his observation that during the last two years especially there has been a marked change in the attitude of the electrical dealer toward the sales helps that have been offered to him. This much-to-be-desired change has come about largely through the excellent work done during the last four or five years by the Society for Electrical Development, the General Electric Company, the Westinghouse Company, the Western Electric Company, and many other manufacturers and johhers.

Proof of Mr. Gray's belief can be found in the sixteen hundred dealers who have recently responded to a window display service fathered hy Mr. Gray, in the remarkable results that have attended the work of the National Lamp Works in the now famous "four-star" campaign, and in similar happy results that can be presented by other manufacturers and their representatives.

The point of the whole matter as far as the dealer is concerned, lies in the fact that where there has been generous acceptance by the dealer of the assistance offered to him the consequent result in sales has been surprising and highly satisfactory to the dealer.

At last we are learning to mix hrains with dealer helps. "Assistance acceptance" is the happy result. It is a good term hecause it carries a force to help us go forward. Thanks, Brother Gray. Let's have another.

Start Now to Plan Your Christmas Windows

Careful Management Will Display a Compelling Window in Time to Catch the Early Buyers

ALTOGETHER too many dealers in electrical goods, and this applies to contractors as well, do not give much thought to their Christmas windows until after the Thanksgiving festival is over. This is a serious mistake, as many retailers have discovered to their regret when it was too late to mend the situation.

Good management in retailing calls for foresight. It calls also for careful thinking and the same kind of planning. In this day when retailers of all kinds are on the jump to get the consumers Christmas dollars, the electrical windows must compete with the windows of all other kinds of retailers. But it need not compete at a disadvantage, for the electrical man has a body of merchandise as attractive and as desirable for gifts as any other retailer, and he has the edge on most of them.

Too often the electrical man's advantage is offset because the other fellow is a better merchant and that means that he springs his Christmas window early in the game and gets the dollars of the early shoppers. It should not and need not be so, especially when so many agencies are at



Like this Christmas window? Good one, isn't it? And yet all the wooden box display pedestals, trimmings, cards, and "snow" and glitter need not exceed twenty-five dollars in cost. This window was arranged last year by an expert window desser for the Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, before a meeting of the Chicago dealers and contractors. It merits study and duplication.



For human interest and appeal this Christmas window is exceptional. It won a prize in the Hoover contest for Christmas windows in 1922. All the figures shown were cutouts or models, including the man at the left.

work to tell the consumer about the charm and delight in electrical glfts.

A window that will compel the Christmas buyers to come in need not be an expensive window. Let the dealer keep this fact in mind. When he looks at the windows of the hig stores which employ high salaried experts to trim their windows, he is tempted to say, "How can I compete with that fellow?" It can be done. And every electrical retailer can, if he will, avail himself of expert assistance employed for his benefit. This help can be obtained from the Society for Electrical Development, whose Christmas service to the trade is described on page 88.

Further, here are some things to remember when planning your Christmas window:

First. Plan a window that will be different and which ill compel attention and interest and talk. Second. Emphasize the use appeal of the appliances shown,

Third. Work for simplicity of idea.

Fourth. Make it neat.

Fifth. Ohtain completeness by finishing all minor details.

Sixth. Be sure the arrangement is pleasing.

Seventh. Reflect the Christmas spirit.

Eighth. Everything in the window should he a possible gift.

Ninth. Use well-lettered, easy-to-read price cards and posters.

Tenth. Keep windows clean, and well lighted at night.

Eleventh. Change displays each week until Christmas.

Twelfth. Tie in your displays with your advertising.

These suggestions followed out as fully and as faithfully as possible should bring surprising results.

What Is It That Pulls Profits?

Here's One Dealer at Least Who Knows Why His Greenbacks Keep Piling Up

By Frank H. Williams

A PARTICULARLY successful electrical dealer upon being asked to give the methods which put his store over to such a good success, summarized his methods as follows:

First. Always has in use in his home all of the home electrical appliances carried by his store.

"One of the important things for every electrical dealer, in my opinion," said this electrical merchant, "is to demonstrate complete faith in the electrical appliances he is handling. How can the dealer expect to sell appliances unless he has sufficient faith in the appliances to use them himself? Consequently, I always see to it that one of each kind of household electrical appliance handled by my store is installed and in regular use at my home. Then I can always tell customers from actual experience just what the appliances will do in the way of making work lighter and in the way of making home more comfortable.

Second. Never tries to force the public to take goods in which it does not have any interest.

This means, in the final analysis, that the store does not buy goods for its stock unless ossured of the popularity of the articles with the huying public.

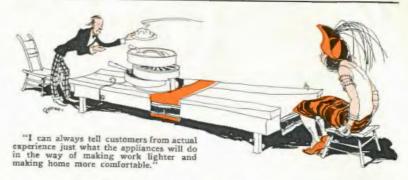
This sort of buying keeps the store from stocking up with a lot of unsalable stuff which must eventually he sold at a loss and keeps the store away from the sore spots which are too often caused by making people take things which they do not want and which they become dissatisfied with after purchasing.

Third. Never gives credit unless the store is absolutely assured of getting payment in the time specified.

This policy has been responsible for the store losing some sales and driving some trade away, but the store owner is of the opinion that his establishment is much better off without having made such saes and without having such patronage. He is of this opinion because in thle cases where trade was ost and customers driven away there was a grave question as to whether or not the people would pay their bills without trouble if credit was extended to them and if they did not pay their bills the store would, of course, be out the sums involved and would have real losses which it would take a number of other sales to make up.

The store keeps as much of its business as possible on a cash hasis by making it hard for people to get credit at the store. It makes the people who want to get credit take the proposition up with the manager and in such cases the manager always makes them wait a little while before he can see them. And then the manager makes them specifically state just when payment will be made and just why credit is asked for.

All this makes it difficult, as has been said, to get credit and, consequently, most of the people who come to the store prefer to



pay cash rather than to go to the trouble of asking for credit.

The store operates on the principle that where credit is easy to get a lost of people will ask for it simply because it can be easily secured, but that where it is hard to get credit a very large percentage of the folks who would otherwise ask for credit pay cash rather than go to all the bother involved in getting credit.

Also this store goes after such accounts as are allowed credit the minute they become due and if payment is not made at the time agreed upon, the store wants to know when payment will be made and is not satisfied until a satisfactory arrangement for the payment of the account is made.

Fourth. Keeps the advertising expenditures within 4 per cent of the annual gross receipts of the business and sees to it that every dollar spent for advertising brings in full return.

This store concentrates the major portion of all its advertising expenditures on newspaper publicity, believing that printers' ink is the very best possible medium for getting business. It uses some direct mai advertising, but does not use any billbuard advertising, car card advertising or freak advertising of any sort.

Fifth. Is always prepared to demonstrate every article that is offered for sale in the store.

"I always feel," said the proprietor in speaking of this feature of his merchandising method, "that once a customer can be gotten enough interested in an article to ask for a demonstration. that the sale is just about half made. Consequently, it is highly important, to my mind, to have the store arranged so that demonstrations of all the goods can be made quickly and easily and without any fuss or flurry. Formerly we weren't so careful about having arrangements made for instant demonstrations as we now are and in those old days I've no doubt that we lost a number of sales by reason of not being able to make demonstrations. But now with demonstrations easily made we have cut down sales resistance very materially and are putting over many sales all the time which would never be made without demonstrations."

Of course there are other merchaodising methods in use at the store in addition to these, but these are the most important and striking ones and the ones which are considered responsible, by the store proprietor, for the major portion of the establishment's success.

Too Much Talking Loses Many a Sale

In Selling Limit Talk to Essentials and Get . the Prospect to Ask Ouestions

By Elliot Church

CREW of saleswomen were out covering a section of the city, demonstrating and making sales of vacuum cleaners. One of these women had just about reached the point where a sale was assured when the man having charge of the crew entered to do the actual closing.

He asked her if she had made the thread demonstration and she admitted she had not. Accordingly he laid a piece of thread on the rug and tried to pick it up with the cleaner. He failed to do so and as a result lost the order.

In this case the sale would have been made if the salesman had been satisfied with the work that had already been done. Up to this point the prospect had heen very favorably impressed. In fact she was on the point of giving the order but as soon as she saw the machine had its limitations she decided it would be better to look around a little more and try to find a cleaner that would be a little more satisfactory.

Many a sale is lost by this overdoing of the selling. It is necessary to stop at the right point. One man who was very successful as an electric motor salesman made it his policy to talk about his goods only enough to make the sale. He also made it a point to dwell only upon those points which he saw really interested his prospect. As soon as he saw the prospect seemed to be sufficiently interested, he would be-

Now, When I Go Fishing

And when you go fishing, too, for that matter, neither of us makes a practice of jerking the hook and bait out of the fish's jaws after we have "hooked him," do we? Of course not. And yet I have listened to salesmen and saleswomen also who have talked me out of all notion of buying because they did not know when to quit. What we call "overselling" has cost many a salesman the price of a good shirt, perhaps several of them. A wise old man once said to me, "Son, when you have said your say, then just quit right then and there."

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gin talking about something else, sign up the order, and leave.

Rarely did this man tell all he knew about his product. He always had some point in reserve to bring up after the sale was actually closed but even then did not use it unless conditions required that he do so. The success of this man was due in no small measure to this policy of saying as little as possible tn make the sale.

Limit Talk to Essentials

Anyoue who is selling anything naturally must absorb as much information about it as he can hut he does not have to tell everyone he talks to all he knows.

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ELECTRICAL RETAILING

The sales, executive and office force of the Danoury & Bethel G. & E. L. Co.

Seven of These Men Sold 345 Hoovers in 30 Days

On March 31st this year, there was a Hoover in every fourth wired home in the area served by the Danbury & Bethel G. & E. L. Co., Danbury, Conn.

During the next thirty selling days, a sales drive by seven salesmen placed Hoovers in 345 additional homes-bringing up the average to a Hoover in every third wired home!

Subsequent sales have been brisk-proof that the more Hoovers there are in a locality, the easier it is to sell Hoovers.

Cases such as this prove clearly the possibilities existing for the sale of Hoovers. Get the latest details on the Authorized Hoover Dealership-it's better than ever! Send for a Hoover representative today!

THE HOOVER COMPANY, NORTH CANTON, OHIO The oldest and largest makers of electric cleaners The Hoover is also made in Canada, at Hamilton, Ontario

It BEATS ... as it Sweeps as it Cleans

HEMCO DEALERS! IMPORTANT!



Watch for our special direct-bymail announcement of HEMCO Week-November 19-24. Cash in on this week by putting in a special HEMCO window display.

HIS is the last month of the Big HEM-CO Slogan Contest. If you have not yet taken advantage of this opportunity to increase your sales and to start more people talking more about your store, do so now. A window display of HEMCO Plugs and Health Pads, and distribution of our special contest cards will double or triple your HEMCO sales.

> Contest closes November 24th. \$1,000.00 in prizes. In case of tie, equal awards will be made. Clip and mail this coupon to us today for a supply of contest cards and display materials. :-

HEMCO Products stand for quality-for satisfaction to customers and satisfactory profit to dealers. They are selling faster today than ever before. Tie in with our big selling campaign and be sure of your share of HEMCO Profits.

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Making Want-Ads Pull Sales

Some Secrets Touching the Use of the Classified Advertising Section in Newspapers

By John T. Bartlett

N one day of the week, in your tuwn or city, the best local advertising medium has an out-of-town or rural route circulation much greater than on other days. Maybe this is Sunday, Many Sunday newspapers have larger circulation in the country than in the home town.

Using the classified section of this issue, there is an interesting little experiment for the electrical dealer to try. Let him review his



Even the manufacturer recognizes the value of want-ad advertising now and then. This one is carrying an ad in order to speed up his turnover and clear out an accumulating stock.

sales for the past month, and determine a half dozen excellent sellers in articles requiring only small sums. He may have, for example, a certain popular-price iron which is selling unusually well; possible a percolator; certain batteries; etc., etc. Without any special attempt to push these within the store, they have sold unusually well.

The dealer gets up a want-ad of eight or ten lines—perhaps a little longer if more words are required—and runs it in the "For Sale—Miscellaneous" classification of the newspapers.

Now, the writer does not here guarantee that the dealer will get results, for all trade territories are not alike and not all newspaper want-ad mediums grade high. Most mediums do grade high, however, and what typically happens in such an experiment is a gratifying number of traceable orders from the country, by mail, and more business from within the city. The cost is trifling. The electrical dealer decides to adopt classified advertising as a permanent part of his advertising system.

The local mail order possibilities of a Sunday want-ad section, pulling from the roral routes out of the city and, in the case of extensive country circulation, from numerous out-of-town points, are not suspected by nineteen out of twenty retailers. They are the first of the classified section "secrets" the writer wishes here to reveal. The electrical dealer, of course, does not wish to gn into the mail order business. What he does wish is to get his share of city and country patronage, and one proved method is the classified advertisement which much more than pays for its way



An electric company and a radio fan find places close to each other in this column in an effort to dispose of their radio goods.

as it goes, in traceable sales, and incidentally is continually making friends for the store and making it known to a widening number of people.

Why Want-Ads Pull Orders

As a supplement for display advertising, classified ads are being adopted by a rapidly growing



This ad was classified under "Household Goods," a column which has many close readers. In some newspapers electrical appliances are listed in a separate section under that name.

number of wide awake retailers in all lines. Classified advertising is exceedingly inexpensive. Practically all newspapers quote very attractive rates on it, markedly below display rates. The fact that little display is permitted gives the small want-ad a chance it would not have otherwise. A large proportion of want-ad followers are "regulars," and they find the thing that interests them, though it occupies small space. It is practical for any retailer to try out classified advertising at very little outlay, experimenting to find just the methods which pay best in his particular case.

The methods which pay best have been pretty thoroughly established in retail experience.



One may not favor bargain prices in selling appliances that are offered by the manufacturer to the public at a list price, but the fellow who runs an exchange usually is wideawake when it comes to local advertising.

Who reads the want-ads, anyway? It is important to have this well in mind. To realize what the "market" is, many times, is immediately to see possibilities in it.

As a class, want-ad readers are "bargain" buyers. They have learned that une secret of good huying is to be willing to spend some time hunting. So they hunt -regularly scanning the wantads, feeling quite content though they find nothing which appeals tu them to buy, quick to respond if they spot an opportunity. Like most bargain buyers, price counts more with them than quality; for a small saving, they usually find it easy to minimize some deficiency of quality or grade. They will go out of their way, to a strange store, to buy what appeals to them. Out on a rural



For some reason the advertiser leaves his name out of this want-ad, but it is a safe bet that he sold machines by this method, for this ad appears frequently in a certain paper.

route or in the country, they are not deterred by the necessity to order by mail,

It is a fact that many of these people are more receptive to an advertisement in the want-ad section than to an advertisement anywhere else in the newspaper. The want-ad section is where they have often found gennine bargains. Here's another! That's their attitude.

Tried Want-Ad Methods

Here are a bunch of want-ad methods which retail experience has demonstrated most efficient.

1. Advertise more than one article in your want-ad. Before the

Sell a Complete Wiring Service

Four Tested Suggestions for Getting More Orders for Better Wiring

By W. B. Stoddard

writer is the Sunday want-ad of an enterprising hardware store. In all it quotes over thirty different items. Of these, several are from the electrical departmentan electric bread toaster, offered at \$4.25, electric hells at 55c; electric heaters at \$6.98; and high



test batteries at 33c.

And here's a bunch of bargain prices; but even then the dealer who handles standard machines such as those named here but who maintains list prices has just as good a story to tell in a want-ad as any other dealer in washing machines.

The law of averages, of course, is the fundamental principle here. Translated, that means, "A list of articles will find more interested readers than any single one of them." Mr. Cook, reading the want-ad mentioned above, might not have the slightest interest in a bread toaster-he has a good one in use already. But batteries at that price have his faculties concentrated on the matter at once. Sam Hill is not interested in either, bot the doorbell hits him where he has a need. The classified advertiser is overlooking one of his best bets when he advertises only a single article. To list one or several more will add very little to the cost, and will put, usually, a very different complexion on the arithmetic of advertising cost divided by sales.

2. Concrete facts are at a premium, fancy phrases at a discount. In prevailing slang, "money talks." In the classified section, "prices talk." With most articles very little description is needed, and

of that description the price is decidedly important, inasmuch as it will put over the sale, if a sale is put over.

Quote odd-dollar and odd-cents prices, if possible. Mail order houses can not get along without odd-cents and odd dollars, neither can must department stores. The odd-price suggests the bargain. Also, there is the psychological illusion involved—making \$3.98, for example, seem tremendously smaller than \$4. Odd-figures prices are "old stuff," hut they are Indispensable to numerous successful advertisers. They help the want-ad along, too.

- Pick articles of current popular demand, aiready selling well at the store. Sell articles calling for relatively small expenditures.
- 4. Use the issue of the week carrying the largest volume of want-ads. This is practically invariably the issue which will get by far the hest results.
- 5. Washers, cleaners, etc., calling for large aggregate expenditures can be advertised well by quoting, instead of the total price not mentioned, the terms, which will seem especially easy.
- Several electrical dealers have made repair and rental departments very profitable by prumoting them with want-ads.

Many retailers do not line the classified section up as a business aid because they feel such advertising lacks "dignity." Such a criticism does not hold today. Many leading stores in all trades are turning to want-ads. They are not a substitute for the display columns, but a supplement. Many retailers have found it easy to make them pay, by using the principles here outlined.

N the autumn every provident householder is painting and renovating his home, getting things ship-shape for winter, and it is therefore an excellent opportunity for all electric dealers to open up a campaign of publicity—telling the advantages of electricity to those who have not installed it already; and urging more outlets and more complete wiring to those whose houses are wired.

One practical method of advartising the advantages of complete wiring was that adopted by a progressive electrical concern in Minnesota. The company Inserted a small ad in the paper informing the public that a booklet of much interest to the householder could be obtained by calling at the store. This booklet discussed house wiring in a sane and sensible manner. It was devoid of the elaborate wiring out-

fits; was written in the language of the layman; and quoted prices which would come within the means of the average citizen. Among the points brought out were:

"The usual method employed by the average citizen when wiring his home is to summon the electrician, walk him through the rooms or building, devoid of furniture, and 'spot out' a light here and there. Then when the family moves in it is often found, too late, that the piano is in the shade, and the sofa in the glare of the light; while the one outlet in the kitchen is safely concealed behind the refrigerator. What should have been done was this: the householder to have prepared a rough chart, with the assistance of his wife, showing the approximate placing of all the heavy pieces of furniture. This should have been submitted to the con-



Signboard advertising is just beginning to find favor with electrical merchandisers. Wiring can be sold by this kind of advertising just as easily as fixtures or appliances. And it is not necessary that all signboards be as elaborate as this one, used to advantage by a Detroit fixture dealer.

tractor-dealer, who would then have been in a position to indicate the best location for each outlet." The booklet then went on to describe the most approved wiring for every room in the house.

The booklet was not written by an electrician, but by a bouseholder, who knew what she was talking about, and wrote with an eye to cost, heauty, utility and safety combined. Her picture was used in the book, and a mere glance at the competent, matronly features was enough to inspire confidence. The booklet closed with the statement that the author would be glad to advise any prospective user of electricity regarding the lighting and wiring of any room or suite of rooms. Auybody desiring information could either call on her at the store, or address a letter to her, in care of the store. The plan worked exceptionally well.

Early in the fall they arranged a window display that brought the question of wiring to the attention of hundreds of passers by. The background was hung with sweeping curtains of dark green silk, against which was the life size cut out of an alert business man bearing a card: "Electrify Your Home NOW." He was pointing to a large card on the wall showing a modern house, with arrows running from each room to "boxes" below and above the picture. Each box told of the necessary number of outlets for that particular room, together with the appropriate lighting fixtures, and the electrical conveniences for that room. At the bottom of the card was the slogan: "Do It Electrically." The floor was partially covered with billows of dark green velvet, on which were

a number of coils of wire, plugs, and all the minor parts used in wiring a house.

Window Messages Tell the Story

Another company that used its show window very effectively was the Prest Electric Co., Sau Bernadino, Calif. A large square of wall-board was equipped with battery and outlet, with a half dozen wires extending from the latter to a number of push buttons-showing the manner in which the wires were introduced into each room. On the wall-board was printed "Our wiring more than passes inspection. Our fixtures have quality, as well as appearance." There was a threepanel card, showing a workman installing electric wires in a house equipped with a number of outlets, and the panels at either side read: "The completely wired house rents and sells more easily. It attracts home seekers hecause they appreciate the advantages of electric service. Your present home can be modernly wired," and "The completely wired home is the most convenient. It permits the use of every electric appliance. Let us help you plan the correct wiring of your home." Down in front were displayed coils of wire, and all the small electric parts necessary in the wiring of a home.

Appealing to the Woman

In appealing to a man it is only necessary to convince him that the installation of electricity will increase the value of his property, but in getting the attention of the women it is more advisable to convince them of the convenience of electricity in helping them to perform their daily tasks. An excellent example of effective publicity along this line was the newspaper ad of the Nebraska Power



Here is another signboard used by another Detroit dealer. Notice that it is well equipped with lights, for selling by night. Prospects driving along the road can not escape this sign night or day.

Co., Omaha, Neb. There was plenty of white space, so that the cuts and print stood out clearly. At the top was a modern home and surrounding it were electric conveniences for every room from laundry to bouduir. The ad was captioned:

November 1923

MAKE YOUR HOME A BETTER HOME

Think of the Convenience of Electric Service.

Electric Light-clean and bright. at the touch of a button.

ironing-done electrically in a few pleasant moments.

Washing-a whole week's accumulation out of the way in an hour with an electric washer.

Cleaning-none of the dirt and work of the broom-the electric cleaner always ready.

Cooking-table appliances available for delicious toast, tempting coffee, appetizing luncheons. Comfort-cheery electric heaters eagerly awaiting the call to service to chase away the chill. "Electricity is cheapest in Omaha."

Could any woman read that ad without at once taking the matter up with "hubby" regarding the wiring of their home?

But effective as are newspaper and window publicity there is a new form of advertising that in some places is proving decidedly trade catching, and that is signboard advertising. In this age of automobiles people are getting out in the open far more than they ever did before, and as a consequence all the houlevards and roads leading to a town are dotted with signs, more or less artistic. But to achieve success with this form of publicity special pains must be taken. There must be a colorful picture to arrest the eye, and the reading matter must be reduced to a minimum, as the entire message must be taken in at a glance. An excellent example of a trade pulling sign is that of the Phipps & Rankin Electric Co., Los Angeles, Calif., who against an ivory white background showed a typical California bungalow. Across the entire top of the board were the words "Electric Fixtures" while beneath it was "wiring, alterations, lamps, appliances, repairs" closing with the name. address and telephone number of the firm in large letters. Here is the whole sum and substance of electric service in a few wordsand it gets results.

Radiant Heat Through a Blast of Wind



Radiant heat easily penetrated a powerful blast of air in this unique experiment. Spectators declared they could feel no difference in the degree of heat when the blast from the fan was blowing against it.

A STRIKING illustration of some of the qualities of radiant heat was given in the Electrical Show which ran at the Grand Central Palace from October 17 to 27. Although electricity is in common use for heating purposes, it is not generally known even in electrical circles that its rays can be thrown right through a blast of wind without being turned aside.

Roger Williams, New Yurk mauager of the Simplex Electric Heating Company, has convinced himself by study and experimentation extending over several years that radiant heat is closely allied to the actinic rays of the sun. The sun's rays, according to Mr. Williams, pass through the air without warming it. This appears at

the outset a somewhat startling statement. Mr. Williams explains it thus:

"The sun is an enormous body, millions of miles away from our little earth. If it had to warm the space through which its rays passed to reach us, it would have some job. The radiant heat of the sun, which I believe to be the same as the radiant heat of electricity, warms only the solid bodies upon which it falls; in other words, there must be a target before heat results. This is proved by our winter and summer seasons."

In the experiment staged at the show, a giant electric heater was set up at right angles to a 6-foot 12-blade cooling fan. The heater was turned on continuously, and one standing as close to it as could be borne comfortably was asked to observe carefully the effects of the turning on and off of the fan. In no instance did those taking part in the test feel any diminishing of the warmth of the heater when the blast of wind from the fan crossed the rays of radiant heat.

This peculiar action of electric heat in passing instantly through air and warming only that which gets in its path explains why the household heater creates an instant hot spot when it is turned on in a cold room. One standing before the heater is warm immediately; even though the room may be icy in temperature, following a night of heat turned off and open windows, it is possibly to create by the use of the heater a perfectly warm place in which to dress. The warmth from either steam or hot air heating plants cannot create immediate comfort under the same conditions. The warmth from the heater is not dissipated through the air: It warms only that which upon which it rests.

"Thimble, Thimble, Who Has The Thimble?"

By Marie Anderson.

A jewelry store in Pasadena gives a free thimble to ladies on Mothers' Day, but the Southern Electrical Company of San Diego makes free gifts of thimbles every day in the year.

These aluminum thimbles have the company name upon them, and have proved to be an excellent advertising method. The salesmen carry a supply of them in their cost pockets, and present them in the following manner:

"Good morning, madam. I wish

to give you a free thimble from the Southern Electrical Company. This is just a little remembrance for our many customers."

"Oh, you are not one of our customers?" very surprised. "Well, we are sure you soon will be one," smilingly, "so we are glad to give it to you."

This affords opportunity for a pleasant beginning, and quickly followed by the remark, "You are fully equipped with all the electrical conveniences of the home?" leads immediately to presentation of the selling facts regarding such appliances as the housewife then admits that she is without.

Some of the salesmen prefer to present the thimble upon leaving, feeling that the housewife has become so bitterly skeptical of "something for nothing" that she instantly assumes a defensive attitude.

This has been left as a matter of individual choice with the salesmen, and a knowledge of human nature judged at first appearance, helps some salesmen decide whether to hand over the trifling gift at arriving or departing.

A thimble is really an excellent souvenir, because it is pretty sure to be used. As a woman sits and sews the name on the thimhl becomes more and more impressed upon her "unconscious mind," and any thinking person of today recognizes the important part played in human behavior by the things stored away in that hidden part of the personality known as the unconscious mind. A woman takes her thimble to afternoon sewing circles, and a thimble with a name upon it will soon become a topic of conversation. "Where did you get it? Oh, 1 know that company. I bought my electric washing machine there."

Four Things That Lose Profits

Good sales are lost by the salesmen neglecting to impart information which the customer needs. For example: With a two-way plug an electric toaster could have been used with the socket in a certain breakfast nook. The clerk did not think of this and so lost the sale of both plug and toaster. With a little instruction, often by good example alone, salesmen can be trained to a point where their knowledge will be sought by many a customer. It is this type of salesman of whom it is most often remarked-"I will ask Soand So. He knows." The result is usually a sale. Such a reputation is a store asset. It will not only prevent the loss of many a sale but it is actually creative of new business.

Depreciation

Neat, inexpensive covers can be had which will effectively protect silk and parchment lamp shades from fading, dust and flies," Open shelving can be provided with curtains which can be easily hung at night and will help preserve the freshness of appliances and other goods carried there. Glass finor and wall cases are the best pretection of all for a great many articles of electrical merchandise and will eventually pay for themselves. In general protection of the kind noted will substantially reduce the depreciation of goods and maintenance costs.

Cost of Lost Time

Introduce a little "time-study" in your business. See if your salesmen or office employees are losing time, or spending it unwisely. Thirty minutes lost daily by each of your employees will lose you several hundred dollars in the course of a year. A policy

of promptness in waiting on customers, using the spare time in keeping the stock in order, in checking with care new goods, making collections, lonking up prospects and other work of this kind will turn spare time to account and substantially strengthen trade.

Bad Accounts

Bad accounts mean loss of investment, net profits reduced. clerk's time wasted, the cost of attorney's fees, and increased overhead expense. By investigating your customers' character and record before extending credit. and by exercising promptness in making collections, much of this loss can be avoided. Another thing-do not carry bad accounts over from one year to another an your books as live assets, but keep after them as they may be collectable in part later on. In your records carry them as a loss until paid for false prosperity is dangerous.

More Ways to Use "The Home Electrical"

- A Minnesota dealer mails it with a courteous letter of welcome to families just locating in his town.
- A Seattle dealer gives a copy of it to each lady who visits his sinre during special sales and demonstrations.
- The house-to-house canvassers of a Missouri dealer are giving "Home Electricals" as a goodwill builder at the close of an interview.
- 4. An Omaha dealer has been sending it to customers who are remodeling their homes or planning to do so. He gets valuable leads from painters, paperhangers, plumbers and contractors.

The BILL CLEANER is in Great Demand Because

—its startlingly low price (which allows you an ample profit) is within the reach of everyone at any time.

—this price makes it the lowest priced, nationally advertised, standard quality cleaner in the world.

—it needs no special expensive demonstration. Your unqualified guarantee—which you are able to give through the guarantees of both the Manufacturer and the Jobber removes all risk to customer. -with the attachments, it forms a complete 100 per cent cleaning equipment for the home.

—it is exceptionally efficient, convenient and durable, embracing the very latest modern electric cleaner developments and many exclusive features.

 it is widely and strongly advertised to the public, and has the highest reputation based on National use for many years.

CONSUMER PRICE

\$39.75

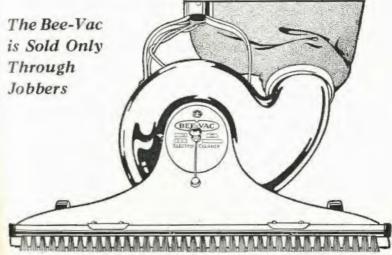
Ask Your Customer
"WHY PAY
MORE?"

BIRTMAN ELECTRIC COMPANY

Dept. B-511

LAKE AND DESPLAINES ST.

CHICAGO



Say you saw it in ELECTRICAL RETAILING

Too Much Talking Loses Many a Sale

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One advantage and a very decided advantage in the sales talks used by the old time map, book and other companies that employ college students to sell their products during the summer vacations was that these talks were limited to the essentials.

The process of working out these talks was very practical. Through experiment rather than theory it was determined just what information and arguments would be most likely to make a sale. These were then arranged into a concise sales talk the new recruit was required to learn by heart. After he had learned it he was rehearsed until he was letter perfect. At certain points in the talk he was instructed to endeavor to close the sale.

These talks were never long. It never required more than a few minutes to give them. If they did not result in a sale there was supplementary material to use but the object was to obtain the order with the fewest possible words. Following this course enabled the men to make the maximum number of calls a day and also to close the maximum number of sales. It was almost beyond the bounds of helief the amount of money some of those men would earn during a short summer vacation very largely because they did not overdo the selling.

When to Stop Demonstrating

It is a mistake to go too far in the demonstration of any electrical appliance. It is better to secure the order just as soon as it possibly can be secured and not try to tell the prospect all there is to be told about it. If it is

sold on the installment basis there are going to be many cases when it will be necessary to resell it and if everything about it has been demonstrated before the sale was made, it naturally follows that there is nothing more to say about it and as a result it may be necessary to take it back again.

There is a failing as seen by the person to whom attempts are made to sell appliances that is common to a good many appliance salesmen. They are too slow in coming to the point. Some will spend so much time talking about what they have that the prospect gets tired before he is asked to buy.

On the other extreme there are those who say practically nothing about what they have for sale and try to get the order without making any real sales effort. There is a point in hetween these extremes which results in sales.

Good salesmanship requires that just enough be said to acquaint the prospect with what is being offered for sale and then the discovering of the objection the prospect has to buying, if he does not immediately close. Sometimes these objections are exceedingly simple and ensily explained away.

Why He Did Not Buy

A man selling electric power for a central station called upon a prospect who had been solicited for several years. There seemed no reason why the prospect should not buy power but it had not been possible to get him to do so. Finally the salesman asked him why he did not purchase rather than generate his own current. The answer showed that he did not understand the central station rate. A lot of time had been giv-

en to showing this man the advantages of purchased power but no attempt had previously been made to ascertain the real objection he had to purchasing. When the objection was learned it required but a few minutes to give him the information that was needed to close the sale.

This was a case of over-selling and lack of effort to learn what the man did not really understand about the proposition. Selling is in reality a case of teaching. A system which has brought good results in teaching is to give the high spots of the subject to the class, enough about it so that the students can ask intelligent questions and then to start them asking questions. In this way a great deal of information is brought out that might not be if questions were not asked. The students have explained to them what they do not understand. On the other hand if they are asked to listen to a long and more or less tedious lecture they are pretty sure not to grasp it all and very often miss some of the most important parts.

Strive to Get a Quick Signature

Some men who are making a remarkable success in selling will run over the good features of what they have for sale, and cover them in as few as possible words. Then they try to close the sale. The prospect is given every apportunity to sign up then and there and save the time of both the salesman and himself.

If the sale cannot be closed at this point, he asks the prospect if there is anything about the proposition that has not been made perfectly plain or that he dues not understand. In this way the salesman is given a lead. He might not be able to get in any other way and is kept on the track of talk-

ing along lines and about things which seem of the most importance to the person to whom he is selling.

Get Prospect to Ask Questions

Just the moment the prospect begins to ask questions the sales resistance he can muster begins to weaken. The more questions he asks the more interested he is going to get in the subject provided these questions are intelligently and correctly answered.

On the other hand if the salesman keeps right on talking and demonstrating and does not permit the prospect to get a word in edgeways the prospect is bound to lose interest and may become actually disgusted. Under these conditions the sale is quite likely to be lost. It is not talk that makes sales but interest.

Get a person to the point where he begins to ask questions about convenience outlets, for example, and it becomes easy to sell him these extra outlets.

The prospect who asks questions and then makes a purchase is pretty certain to be satisfied with what he has bought. It is perfectly obvious to him that he has not been unduly influenced. He has asked for and received the information that has enabled him to make a wise decision and after he has made that decision he is satisfied.

Any system of personal selling that does not give the prospect ample opportunity in ask questions and make him feel that he has formed his own judgment is a case of what may rightly be called over-selling and is wise to avoid. Let the prospect do all the selling it is possible to have him do. This is the easiest and almost always the quickest way in make sales.

Selling Small Motors

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time tinkering with their car. A motor with attachments such as we offered can be of great use to them. The other third went to small manufacturers with a few to merchants. Manufacturing jewelers, garment manufacturers, tailors, bakeries and grocers and the like took them.

Aside from the fact that we learned we can merchandise small motors, the campaign proved that it is easier to sell fractional horsepower motors if you have something to go with them such as a drill press, lathe or band saw. Your prospective customer is more open for a purchase if you can show him what the motor will do even though he does not buy the attachemnt. Moreover the margin of profit on your motor is small. Anything that can be sold at the same time means just so much more money to the business. For the dealer who handles motors alone, it is imperative that he carry a full line of belting, pulleys, and everything else pertaining to motors and motor drive.

This may seem extraneous but one of the best advertisements a dealer can utilize is his servicing department. Bring that into your sales argument, but not so strongly that your customer will think that the motor will not stand up under work. Carry a full line of parts and be ready to make repairs in the quickest possible time.

Fractional horsepower motors can be profitably merchandised. Since the campaign closed, we have been selling thirty ¼-hp. motors a month over the counter, and I am convinced that we will continue to do so. If sales drop

off, we will put on another campaign, working in what we have learned. But we don't expect sales to drop off. We have created a demand and every motor we have sold is a first class ad for us. Don't let anyone try to tell you that ¼-hp, motors are not a staple line of merchandise just like a percolator, a toaster or a box of lamps. They are. Our sales records have proved it.

Christmas Selling Helps

Under the slogan, "Give Something Electrical," the Society for Electrical Development, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York, has prepared an assortment of selling helps that can be used to advantage in holiday selling by almost every dealer in the country.

These helps include a window display screen, counter display cards, stringers, Santa Claus cutouts, poster stamps, sheet posters, booklets, folders and lantern slides.

The Santa Claus cut-outs are worthy of special mention. They are lithngraphed in four colors: red, green, black and gray. In an assortment of these figures three point to the left, three to the right, and two downward. This arrangement provides for direct emphasis on a specified single article or a group of articles. The faces of the figures heam with cordiality and bid welcome to all. Each figure has an easel for standing.

These Santa Claus figures can be used not unly for window trim purposes but also as souvenirs to be given away to children when father or mother buys an electrical present in the store. There is no advertising on the figure except the single line, "Give Something Electrical."



—in Europe, Africa, South America and Australia, Ohio Motors are making unusual records for reliability and durability. They are ideal equipment for appliances shipped far away where trouble-free performance is a prime necessity.

Ohio Motors are ball-bearing; they will run satisfactorily for many years without other oiling than they receive when leaving the factory. The unusually simple starting switch is a guaranty against trouble.

The washing machine, ironer, or other home appliance equipped with an Ohio Motor always has dependable power. No need to worry about servicing troubles from that source.

Designed originally for mechanical appliances, Ohio Motors are particularly well adapted for home appliances.

THE OHIO ELECTRIC & CONTROLLER CO. CLEVELAND, OHIO

OHIO MOTORS

"Modern Motors for Modern Appliances"

Say you saw it in Electrical Retailing

About Selling Fixtures and Lighting

Though his particular specialty is appliances, P. J. Williams, a salesman for the Post-Glover Company, Cincinnati, is also keenly interested in lighting because it is such an intimate part of electric service in the home.

"The trouble with most of us when it comes to lighting," he said, "is that we fail to distinguish between lighting and fixtures. It's perfectly all right to sell a set of fixtures that looks well and harmonizes with furnishings and all that, but we ought to remember that the first thing fixtures should do is give light and give it right, and certainly some of the freaks designed by interior decorators instead of illuminating engineers won't do that."

In his own home he has installed indirect equipment in every room except dining room and kitchen. He is not sold on the present side-wall bracket fashion, and is particularly vehement about the use of hare gas-filled lamps.

"The children who are being forced to read and study under these lamps are going to carry the effects of glare through the rest of their lives," he declared, "and every dealer ought to make it a part of his job of selling good lighting to stop this sort of thing."

He insists on attractive displays of merchandise not only in show windows but on sales floors as well. "Too many dealers think they have done the whole thing when they dress their windows," he said, "but that's only the first step. If you're preparing to entertain guests you don't just clean

up your front yard and a show window is no more than a front yard. So see that the arrangement of goods on the floor matches the window display."

When he was asked what he considered the dealer's greatest selling handicap, he replied promptly, "A lack of confidence, I know dealer after dealer, good men, sold thoroughly, and heart and soul in their work, yet as soon as they face a prospect buck fever gets them and they're lost. I suppose it's due to the fact that they know the prospect too well in some cases. But the only real cure I know of is for a man to become so enthusiastic about what he's selling that he forgets all about who's listening and just talks."

He does not favor the short high-pressure campaign. "There is too much of a slump afterward," he said. "Nobody can stand such a pace for long. The best kind of a campaign for results is a twelve months' campaign every year."

Pacific Coast Office Opened by S. E. D.

To render a more personal and intimate service to the electrical industry of the Pacific Coast, the directors of the Society for Electrical Development have authorized the establishment of an office at 527 Rialto Building, San Francisco, Cal. Mr. Samuel H. Taylor, formerly president of the Electric Railway and Manufacturers Supply Company of San Francisco, has been appointed Pacific Coast manager. Mr. Taylor will continue to serve as secretary of the Pacific Coast Electrical Association.



A SALE is not completed until such time as the customer is thoroughly satisfied.

Profits are not made on goods which a customer returns—or upon which he requires an unusual amount of service.

These two factors we feel enter into the success of Pioneer sales. Not only do Pioneer Products satisfy the customer but the service requirements are nil.

The customer who buys a Pioneer Variometer or Variocoupler not only is satisfied—but the mechanical and electrical excellence of the products are such that the customer does not return them for even minor repairs—which take up the dealer's time and eat into his profits.

Last season we could not begin to fill all the orders we received—this year we have doubled our capacity. We will fill orders in rotation as received and would suggest you get your order in as early as possible so as to enable us to make prompt shipments.



This quality premium will enable you to turn your merchandise into cash



In Use

Arms Clused

Put on a strong drive on washing machines, ironing machines, vacuum cleaners and other specialties, with the clinching premium. It will take with your prospects just as it did with 1100 women for the West Penn Power Company and Philadelphia Electric Company.

WRITE TO US NOW!

The PEASE CLOTESTREE, 5 ft., 10 in. tall, is perfectly made to last a lifetime. It has 36 arms, one or all of which can be used at once. Revolves; rolls anywhere. Goes into any space, 35 inches wide, has 40 ft. hanging area. Arms fold up when not in use. Fits well with your other goods, makes the doubting buyer act. GET CIRCULAR AND PRICES

H. G. WOOD MFG. CO. Dept. X-5 DEXTER, ME.

This new lamp gives the dealer extra profits Co Display a few Moon Clamp Lamps in odd positions and people who had no idea of buying a lamp will stop, look and BUY—it's so different, clever, useful and such a bargain.

its wide usefulness. Get this lamp on display while it is still new. Dealer price is

only \$1.30

Each lamp in individual carton; 12 to shipping package. Write for sample package.

Wilson Utensil Co. Dayton - Ohio.



Note New Prices in Effect October 10th



Write for discounts if your Jobber can't supply you

Tunable Phones, Loud Speakers and Straight Line Condensers. Also Popular Priced Rico Head Set-List \$3.50

These widely advertised RICO specialties will bring you big radio profits! Striking display cards sent upon request.



"Rico" Straight Line Condenser

Replace the old cumbersome 43-plate or 23-plate condenser. Uses two-thirds less space, wonderful for the homebuilt set. Order now! List \$1.75



"Rico" Headphone

No. 6-2000 Ohm Standard. No. 7-3000 Ohm Standard.



Speakers So wonderfully does its adjustment

work that any sound volume or quality can instantaneously be obtained. Compare it with any high priced speaker.



A pair of receivers plus this adapter makes your phonograph a loud-speaker! Will fit any make of phone. No. 132 Double

No. 131 Single



Now \$3.50 "Rico" Tuned Receivers

The only practical tunable receiver on the market!

By means of new exclusive features, you can achieve super-sensitivity not possible with other phones.



131 Duane St., New York City. Cable Address: Bleotrade, N. Y.



No. 20-2000 Ohms Adjustable \$4.50 No. 30-3000 Ohms Adjustable... 5.50



Show them and they're SOLD!

These 4 Coto Compact Leaders Sell Big



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The four most interesting and salable items of radio apparatus on the market this year. Live dealers are displaying them prominently in windows to "get em in" and on counters to start big cales.

(1) New Coto Compact Air Condenser with Vernier

Only 21/8 inches square, but splendidly efficient. With positive delicate vernier. All plates soldered in place. .0005 Mfd. \$5. .001 Mfd. \$6.

(2) New Coto Compact Variometer

In polished brown bakelite. Size 35/4x-13/4x33/4 in. Range 200 to 600 meters. Honeycomb wound stator. Pigtail connection to rotor. Base or panel mounting. Type 8000. \$5.00.

(3) New Coto Compact Variocoupler

A companion piece of the Variometer. Size only 3½x3x3¾. Range 200 to 600 meters. Pigtail connection to rotor. Panel or base mounting. Sells on sight. Type 9000. \$5.50.

(4) Coto Special Audio Transformer

Turn ratio 3 to 1. Made to sell at a popular price but workmanship and material the best. Fully guaranteed. Type 4500. \$2.50.

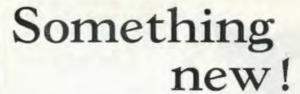
Write today for Folder and Price List. Also enclose Jobber's Name.

COTO - COIL CO.
87 Willard Ave. PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Pacific Coast Branch
329 Union League Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Northwestern Branch Geo. F. Darling, 705 Plymouth Bldg.,

Minneapolis, Minn.
Southeastern Branch
C. P. Atkinson, Atlanta Trust Co. Bldg.





Marvelite No. 999 List Price \$10.

The great, nation-wide recognition of the value of therapeutic treatments as a health builder, inspired us to bring out this new MARVELITE Therapeutic Lamp!

Already, it has taken its place alongside the Violet Ray and Vibrator as an exceedingly profitable addition to retailers' electrical lines.

Though selling for \$10.00, it has been carefully designed, mechanically as well as electrically. It is made of one piece of aluminum and embodies several unique features...

"Marvelite, Jr.," of smaller size for beauty parlor work sells for \$7.00.

Write us today for illustrated folder describing it in detail!



Big Sale for this too!

The "Super-Marvel" Violet Ray is actually the biggest value you can offer, and the biggest money maker of all Violet Ray outfits! Complete with 3 electrodes, in silk lined case, for \$12.50 list. (On the basis of other sets on the market, \$12.50 might well be the wholesale price).

Eastern Laboratories, Inc. 223-229 E. 38th St. New York City

November 1923



One dealer found it so profitable that he assigned 6 salesmen on it?

The FASHION FLOOD. LITE will flood the window with colored or white light and at the same time concentrate a powerful spot of light on any article you may desire to bring into prominence.

The opportunities for striking lighting effects are unlimited.

Every store in your territory is a live prospect.

There are sizes and types for every need:

FASHION FLOODLITE complete, including wire and plug, \$13.25.

Color unit with five sheets of colored gelatine—\$3.25 extra. The FASHION FLOOD-LITE JR. complete with wire and plug—\$10.50.

Color unit with five sheets of colored gelatine—\$3.00 extra.
Our latest model—the FASHION FLOODLITE JR.—is ideal for use in small windows.

Both outfits use a standard 200 watt lamp.

Write for particulars and discounts on our entire line.

Brieloff Mfg. Co. Dept. 18 119 Lafayette St., N. Y. C. Whatever other lamps you carry—YOU CAN PROFITABLY SELL

Champion "BRITER-LITE"

ALMOST UNBREAKABLE LAMPS

To break the filament you must break the glass.

Will stand jars and more knocking around than any other lamp on the market.

Especially adapted for garages, shops, kitchens, etc.

25 or 50 watts—37c each. In packages of 5 lamps. Special prices for quantities. Send for full details and quantity prices.

GREATER SERVICE ELECTRIC Co. 53 Halsey Street, Newark, N. J.

You'll sell this New Cord Set



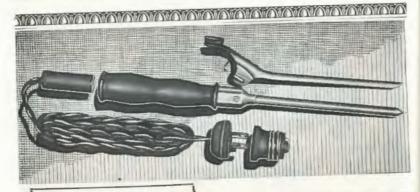
Just what you need for a big selling Xmas specialty.

Quality throughout—all American made. Snappy looking black and yellow asbestos cord and 2-piece attachment plug.

Very attractive discounts to jobbers and dealers. Write for details today!

Reben Elec. Mfg. & Supply Co. 32 Union Square New York City







Holiday Profit Insurance!

That's what the Slaughter Line of Quality Irons brings you. Here's the reason. The three irons shown here give you a price range to suit every buyer. No need to tie up good money in a dozen different slow moving brands.

Furthermore—we will gladly exchange at any time, unsalable numbers for those which you have found move most rapidly in your

And for the price asked, each one is an unheatable value. That insures quick sales and quick profits.

Write today for complete data on the Slaughter Quality Line. Do it now while stocks are complete and we can guarantee prompt delivery. To delay action may mean some good profits gone astray. Write now.

SLAUGHTER COMPANY

Manufacturers of Electric Curling Irons Since 1911 1712 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago

Juality Irons

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BUILDS THE BIG STORES!

Do you want your store to be a leader? Do you want to see your business grow steadily? Do you want more profits? Do you want easier profits?

THE retail merchant of today has learned that he can have correct display as well as the hig powerful department store or chain of stores. With a small investment any retail dealer can put into his store the same selling power that makes the hig stores big-and dominating.

You can have correct display in your store by using the Dayton Display Fixture. Thousands of times it has proved that it will revolutionize retail selling. It will do for you what it has done, and is doing for others.

If you want to give the public what it today expects and demands—goods fully dis-played and accessible—and make money by doing it, place a "Dayton" in your store.

Grocers, Druggists, Hardware Dealers, Owners of Specialty Shops-all kinds of retailers-there is a proper display for your store that will make you money.

It costs you nothing to find out about correct display, and how easily it is secured with the Dayton Display Fixture.

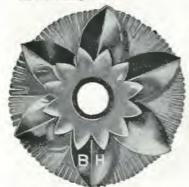
Let us hear from you.

1820 WEST THIRD STREET

Haupt's-The Original Reflector

will add profits to your sales of Xmas Tree Lighting Sets!

 Absolutely fire proof. 2. Will not short circuit. 3. Hermoniously combines numerous brilliant colors. 4. A wonderful addition to any Xmas set. 5. Sells on sight. Many attractive designs.



An easy seller with big profits -get busy now!

A Big Proposition for Jobbers and Dealers!



Lit-up with Haupt Reflectors

Be ready for the unprecedented demand that is bound to come this Xmas -ACT AT ONCE!

Send for a sample double gross or write for full details and sample today. Please name your jobber.

> B. HAUPT, Inc. Established 1888

1038 Broadway, Brooklyn, N. Y.

JEWEL Electric Fountains

-easy to sell because advertised in big national magazines.

Iewel Electric Fountains are portable and do not require any water con-



nection. So substantially constructed that they give perfect service for years. We manufacture a varied line of electric fountains. Send to day for full details and special ag'cy proposition.

Jewel Electric & Manufacturing Co. 4505 Ravenswood Avenue, CHICAGO

"STANDARIZED"

COIL RESISTANCE



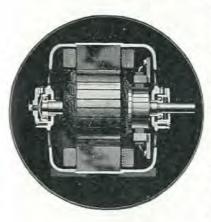
Made in two diameters to meet every need. For various wattages simply cut length as indicated on the spool and stretch to required length. Ask your jobber or write us.

Industrial Heater Co. 128 N. Wells St. 6 Reade Street NEW YORK CHICAGO

Also originators of the "STANDARDIZED" Flatiron Unit

Say you saw it in Electrical Retailing

A Good Motor on Household Appliances Increases Dealer Profit by Reducing Service Expenses



November 1023

A household appliance with an inferior motor is as unreliable as a watch with a defective mainspring. And the dealer who sold it bears the brunt of criticism and the expense of servicing. Look -then-to the quality of the motor in the appliances you sell. Be sure it is dependable, ample in power, economical of current. Be sure it is as "neglect-proof" as a motor can be made-for it must bear both neglect and abuse. And remember that experience proves that most of your servicing expense is due to "motor troubles" that are really "motor bearing troubles"-that are anticipated and guarded against in motors built as motors can be, and should be, built.

FRACTIONAL H. P. MOTORS EQUIPPED WITH

PRECISION BALL BEARINGS

Require the Least Servicing

Because they are free from the bearing troubles which cause two-thirds of servicing expense.

Use Less Current

Because they have a higher electrical and mechanical efficiency -the least bearing friction.

Are Largely "Neglect-Proof"

Because they have "magazine lubrication"—the bearings are packed with lubricant ample for long periods without recewal.

Are Cleaner

Because the lubricant-packed bearings do not throw oil.

Are More Easily Maintained

Because they can be quickly opened up, inspected and cleaned.

Last Longer and Do More Work Because the unfailing lubrication prevents excessive friction and wear.

A booklet will be sent on request. And our engineers will welcome an opportunity to be of assistance.

THE NORMA COMPANY OF AMERICA

Anable Avenue

Long Island City

New York

BALL, ROLLER AND THRUST BEARINGS



Free Demonstration offer -

Hot water instantly !- and economically! That's the popular HOT.FLO!

We'll send you one on free trial at the special introductory price of \$13.50.

Size it up! Try it for 10 days! Return it at our expense if you don't think it's a live wire, red hot sales proposition.

Now-in time for Christmas saleswrite us at once!



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| ٠. | JUST TURN THE HANDLE | |

..... Coupon Het-Flo Electric Co., 535 Seventh Ave.,

New York City.
Send me a regular \$25.06 Hot Flo at the special introductory price of \$15.59. I will deposit thu amount with pearman on delivery. It is understood that I can return the heater within 10 days and you will refund every penny.

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Address

City.

Notice :- Only one Hot-Flo can be sold to such dealer at the special prices, order must be accompanied by

SRY YOU SAW IT IN ELECTRICAL RETAILING

AMAZING NEW GRILL



ELECTRICAL RETAILING

ALSO BAKES

White Cross Luncheonette No. 55

This wenderful invention is praving one of the quickest sellers and biggest profit unders ever sold through dealers. The housewife can cook nine meals out of ten, placing het stove beside her; sewing or reading at the same time.

BIG PROFITS \$6.50 RETAIL PRICE

Fries, prepares stews and soups, broils, toasts and makes

soups, broils, toaste and makes to or coffee, as well as any coal or gas sange.—Bakes de-licitors, originy, brown polls and literation at the table.

Beautifully nickel plained, highly pollished, with ebonised handles, cooks above and below heating rolls at the same time. Has four heats. Size 8.5 i. 4 by 4.1-2. Two full size grill, pans fach 7.3-4 z 5.1-2 z 1/10, deep, Cord and sequence lightly on a branthol id. x 110. deep. Cord and separate infig. Operates on any lighting current We harmsh you a by an third page gook book for each customer who bays a stove. Send immediately for 1. 3. 6 or 12 on approval. Dun't send a cent until you see this wooderful grill for yourself. Drop a post card today is

National Stamping & Electric Works 3213-3234 W. Lake St. Chicago, Ill.



KILLARK BELL-RINGING TRANSFORMERS

Approved by the Underwriters. Guaranteed by the Manufacturers.

Write for Booklet

Killark Electric Mfg. Co. 3940-48 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.



Many small stores use it and hundreds of others need it. The price is so reasonable that it is within reach of all.

Here is your chance to sell better lighting equipment to the big stores in your town and the smaller stores as well. Flood-O-Lite, Jr., is the ideal equipment for display lighting.

Put a Flood-O-Lite, Jr., under your arm and demonstrate it to the merchants; install a Flood-O-Lite, Jr., in your display window and show other merchants how to use it. Let Flood-O-Lite, Jr., sell itself and your other merchandise.

Mail the handy coupon

REFLECTOR & ILLUMINATING CO., 573 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois.

Price \$15.00

Color-Lite \$3.50 Flood-O-Lite, Jr., is a

portable interior flood

light with scientifical-

ly-shaped silvered-glass

reflector, guaranteed

for five years against

checking and peeling.

Write for complete de-

scription.

Please send us sales data on Flood-O-Lite, Ir., and your liberal discounts to dealers.

| Name | |
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Brandes

In 3,682,494 homes-

The December 15th issue of the Saturday Evening Post will carry a double page spread to broadcast the story of the new Brandes Table Talker.

Six other national magazines will tell the same surprising story.

More than three and onehalf million families will he told about the new Table-Talker-just in time for Christmas shopping.

> C. BRANDES, Inc. 237 Lafayette Street New York

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Table-Talker



New Goods for the Retailer to Sell

For the newest goods on the market read these pages. Pencil each item on which you desire further information. Cut out the items and mail with your letterhead to the manufacturer. He will send you the information you want. Write now for prompt service.



November 1923

Loud Speaker-"Soundrite" loudspeaker is constructed with a stem which provides not only for a full volume of sound, but which also cares for the proper distribution of sound.-Lightrite Co., Bloomfield,



Floodlight - "Flood-O-Lite, Jr.," Form C, produces a concentrated spot of light, and "Flood-O-Light, Jr., Form I, a less intense illumination.-Reflector & Illuminating Co., 565 West Washington St., Chicago.



Violet Ray Machine-This new model is intended strictly for home use. It is sold in an inlaid carrying case, silk-lined, and is equipped complete with a No. 10 generator and three electrodes.—Master Electric Company, 113 S. Jefferson St., Chicago,

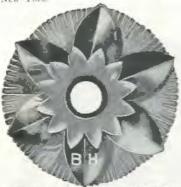
Please mention Electrical Retailing when you write.





Electric Hoist—
One man can operate this ½ to 1
ton capacity electric hoist. Runs
on an overhead
monorail track.
Designed for use
in factories, wholesale houses and retail stores. Known
as the "Liftabout."

-Shepard Electric Crane & Hoist Company, 446 Schuyler Ave., Montour Falls, New York



Christmas Tree Lighting Reflector.—Rings of the new reflectors are smaller and only one-half as thick as the models offered by this company last year, thus making it easier to screw the lamp into the socket. Will not short-circuit.—B. Haupt & Company, 1040 Broadway, Brooklyn, N. Y.



Safety Razor—This interesting new device is not only an electric safety rizor, but it is also an electric vibrator, "two-in-one." Both rubber cup and hard knob are provided for vibrator use. Operates on any current or voltage. A six-foot cord is provided. Device is sold in a jeweler's case.—The Kenney Electric Company, 233 Broadway, New York.

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Range—Features of this new range per: one giant and two medium hot plates, high speed oven, white enamel splashers, oven and broiler door panels, broiler pan, metal rustproof oven linings, mercury thermometer, reciprocating switches, small appliance attachment plug and clean-out pan—Rathbone, Sard & Company, Aurora, Ill.





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Desk Set and Electric Lamp—Two wise little cwls form the decorative touch for the artistic combination desk set and electric lamp known as model 800/5. The lamp is finished in bronze. It stands 12½ in. high and has a base that is 9 in. long and 4¾ in. wide.—Weidlich Bros. Mfg. Co., Bridgeport, Conn.





Washing Machine—This new vacuum type washer is equipped with a belt-driven worm gear, which is constructed to climinate all possibility of motor burning out in case of overloading. The wringer is one-piece of cast aluminum, is driven with roller chains, and may be swing into four positions.—Victor Mfg. Co., Leavenworth. Kan.

Receiving Set—Consists of three separate units in genuine solid mahogany cabinets, finished in natural color, and hand rubber finish. Panels are black formica with high grade dials 3 in. in diameter, equipped with knobs and binding posts. The tuning unit, detector unit and two stage amplification unit are equipped with all the necessary devices to permit easy and satisfactory operation. The three units permit the use of a loud speaker for entertainment purposes.—Main Radio Co., Cleveland, Ohio.



Radio Horn—This horn is 38 in. long with a 19 in. bell, but is so curved that it stands only 21 in. high. Four models are made. All are finished in ebony black.

— Winkler-Reichmann Co., 4801 So. Morgan St., Chicago.

Electric Washer— This washing machine fits into any ordinary wash tub. It is of the

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agitator type and can be placed in a stationary tub, wash boiler, bath tub, or any other large size container. The action is claimed to keep water and clothes in circulation and to cleanse all clothes thoroughly.—Turbax Corp., 54 W. 23rd St., New York City.

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Home Electric Specialty Co., 610 So. Olive St., Los Angeles, Calif.

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pieces to wind around.
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washing, rinsing,
bluing and drying
are done in the Savage without the user
putting her hands into the water!

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Binding Post—In appearance this new binding post looks like a miniature drill-chuck with a high polished nickel finish. It is universal in design and will accept all regular sizes of phone cord tips and direct wire connections from No. 10 to No. 14, also fork type or spade tip terminals. Connections are made by plugging straight in, similar to a telephone jack, and made permanent by a slight twist of the knurled cap.—Globe Phone Mig. Co., Reading, Mass.



Strip Heater—These heaters are said to be practically indestructible as they are substantially constructed, being completely enclosed and moisture proof, with terminals on one side permitting clamping to smooth surfaces. It is made with wattages ranging from 250 to 1500 for both 110 and 220 volts.—Edwin L. Wiegand Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.



Ironer—The distinct feature of this new ironer is a push-button control which is designed to climinate the former footpedal arrangement for transmitting pressure to the roll. In general design the machine is similar to the company's former model A "armchair" ironer.—Utensils Co., 305 E. Columbiz St. Fort Wayne, Ind.



Electric Cream Whipper—Although primarily designed as a cream whipper, this device can also be used for mixing mayon-naise, beating eggs and other light operations. The 6-pt. container will hold one quart of whipping cream and therefore the device can be used in hotels, restaurants and soda fountains. The motor is constructed to operate on both out and in and direct current. It is mounted, with container, on a black enameled base. A belt, ten feet of cord, switch and attachment plug are furnished with the whipper. This device is known as the "Dumore" Whipper.—Wisconsin Electric Co., Racine, Wis.



Safety Switch—Burned out motors and blown fuses are said to be impossible on electric washers equipped with this new safety switch which eliminates entirely the slip-clutch. Inside of the fool-proof housing are two distinct switches that interlock. They are mounted on opposite sides of a panel. On one side of the panel is an ordinary snap-switch for starting and stopping. On the other side is a thermostatic circuit breaker that protects against overloads. Both are controlled by one operation by snapping the current off or on,—Domestic Electric Co., Cleveland, O.

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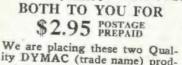
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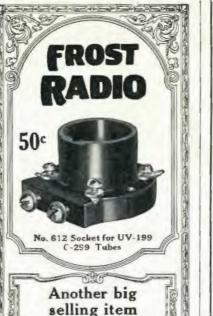
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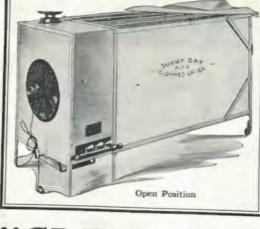
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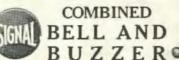
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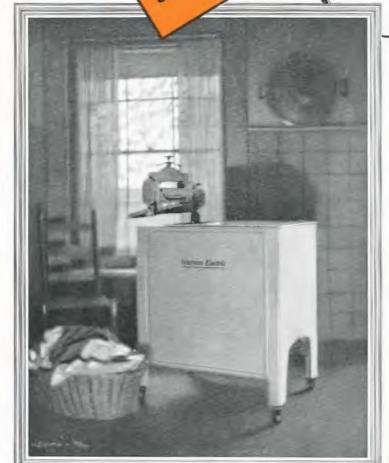
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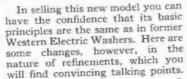
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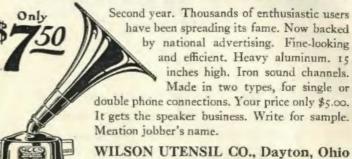
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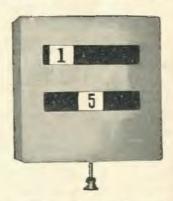
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