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For 6-volt tube sets, buy Socket Power "B" and Socket Power "A" in separate cases. Either may be used alone, but for one-switch control use both together. However, if you have a good storage "A" battery and charger, buy Socket Power "B" alone.

For 3-volt tube sets, such as Radiola Super-Heterodyne, buy Socket Powers "A" and "B" built into one case and controlled by one switch. If you have a good storage "A" battery and charger, buy Socket Power "B" alone.

Philco "A" and "B" Socket Powers—plugged permanently into your lamp or wall socket—change your bumpy alternating house current into the smooth, hum-free power necessary for your radio.

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This switch controls everything:
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- even the radio set itself

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For 50-60 cycle 105-125 volt alternating current...
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(Prices complete—no rectifying tubes to buy)
The International Radio Tests

By Henry M. Neely

Now it cannot be too strongly emphasized that no human being can guarantee any set to perform in a certain way in any unknown locality. Location of the set probably has more to do with the number of stations that can be logged and the satisfactory nature of the signals than any other factor in radio. Read Mr. Foote's article in this issue and you will get an idea of the various things that govern radio reception.

We are constantly getting evidence of the truth of this statement at our laboratory at Station 3XP at Delanco, New Jersey. Reception conditions there are somewhat less satisfactory than the great average throughout the country. It is impossible to say why this is so; all we know is that it is true and we are having it proved to us month after month.

I think it would be wise, therefore, for you to give this advice to friends of yours who may be attracted by the advertising which will precede this International Radio Week. Tell them that under no consideration are they to believe any guarantee of a set made by a dealer or a manufacturer.

All that any one can guarantee is that a certain set will perform as well as any other set in the same locality. Even this is a thing which I would not like to take my oath to, but a manufacturer could make such a guarantee with the understanding that the customer's money would be refunded if the set did not pass the test agreed upon.

It is because of this that I speak of a possible unfavorable aspect of international test week.

The advertising that precedes such an event and the solicitation of salesmen unfortunately lead the non-technical prospect to believe that a set which does not receive Europe during this week is not a good set. In spite of everything that has been written on this subject, this impression still gains ground, and it is perfectly natural that it should, because these non-technical prospects are absolutely ignorant of things in radio and they must look for guidance either to the dealer or to friends of theirs who have radio sets.

This is where the educational influence of radio magazines should be exerted to the full. You who read this magazine, and all who read other radio magazines, know that the things which I have said here are true; it is, therefore, most desirable that you, when you hear of some non-radio friend who is thinking of buying a set, should tell him the truth about the salesman's guarantees.

Radio will never be sold widely as a competitor to the phonograph or the automobile so long as it is sold with the basic expectation of receiving great distance. The function of the radio set in the home is higher and nobler than the mere thrill of playing with a wonderful toy. That day has passed. The radio set is now an integral part of the daily cultural life of the better class family. It is on this basis that radio should be judged and on this basis alone.

If, in addition to this, it should bring in the thrill of the unexpected, so much the better, but the thing to sell radio on is what can be regularly and dependably expected — not what can be accidentally brought in through a combination of circumstances which may never occur again.

So I wish all of our readers luck in getting the European stations during this test week, but I also wish them even better luck in getting steady and dependable night-after-night entertainment and education in their own homes from the wealth of material that is constantly filling the ether about us.
Radio is meant to be heard—not necessarily seen

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"You" have been one of the many who use "B" batteries that are too small in capacity for their receivers. That is not economical. It makes you buy "B" batteries twice as often as necessary. Fit the right size Evereadys to your set and add a "C" battery, if you haven't one, and you'll get maximum service at minimum cost.

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With sets of from 1 to 3 tubes, use Eveready No. 772.

With sets of 4 or more tubes, use either of the heavy duty batteries, No. 770 or the even longer-lived Eveready Layered No. 486.

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ARE you new in this radio game? Have you just bought your set and installed it? What did you expect to get out of the set once you had it?

Most folks are led into radio by a combination of urges—among which might be mentioned hearing some one else's receiver, listening to conversation among those already having sets, reading articles and advertisements in publications or viewing dealers' windows.

Some folks hope for education extension, but I believe most of us want entertainment—novelty—thrills—surprises. And although many claim to feel entirely satisfied to receive nearby stations altogether, few there are who do not some time experience the impulse to reach out beyond their own sphere of acquaintance. Even to hear the bare call letters from some far-off city tickles one's fancy, especially if there's a friend around to hear it too. It is not so much the actual enjoyment of long-distance receiving, but the mere potentiality of the thing.

I know a man who cared little about really tuning for weak stations, but who wanted to know and be able to tell his friends that he could hear St. Louis, Cuba, and so on, with his machine. The salesman had to go to this man's home and let him hear the announcements from three or four "DX" stations before he felt assured.

But to others the "itch for distance" is more compelling. We want to listen to the local stations for our chief entertainment, but we do wish at times to set our dials for some unfamiliar station.

Now, it is impossible for any one to predict just what one can get with any given radio set, regardless of its supposed sensitivity. "Coast-to-coast reception on a loud-speaker" cannot truthfully be claimed for ANY type of equipment unless we know in addition certain other facts upon which the receiving power of a set depends.

The chief factors controlling this receiver power are:
1. Location (in relation to cities, buildings, etc.).
2. Installation (aerial, tubes, batteries, etc.).
3. Type of set (sensitivity and selectivity).
4. Skill of operation (time and dial settings for listening).

In a consideration of these factors it is not possible to state which is uppermost. Indeed, a skilled operator will often take the simplest sort of one-tube outfit and "log" or list sixty stations in an evening, whereas an unskilled operator may have a superheterodyne or five-tube receiver and get only two or three stations that are not classed as "locals" in the same night. Then again, the same man might use the same set erected in different locations and installed more or less efficiently and get widely varying results.

Therefore, we must think of all these things when we use the receiver. Seldom can we have everything perfect. The country lad, with ideal conditions so far as location is concerned, may not be able to afford the most sensitive outfit, while the city man with means can have a very sensitive receiver, but may have to get along with only an indoor aerial. However, it does surely pay to make all such conditions governing reception as favorable as possible. Of course, if you care nothing for distance reception, the requirements for good local results are far less rigid. But just now we are thinking of those who do care about longer range—and few of us don't!

This factor, of course, is usually beyond our control. The set goes where we happen to dwell, naturally. But it may be well to know what to expect. In cities, especially close to big steel buildings, bridges, powerhouses, gas tanks and other metallic structures, the radio set is at a disadvantage. Iron and steel structures

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By Brainard Foote

We want to hear a voice from a thousand miles away announce the "Gold Metal Station, Minneapolis-St. Paul" or in those melodious Spanish tones give the call as PFX, Havana
This is a story of how various individuals, organizations and institutions were asked to go on the air from Westinghouse Station KDKA, consented, and because they found the experience of taking the air greatly multiplied their usefulness and happiness, have continued to take the air more or less regularly ever since.

One of the first of these "individuals, organizations and institutions" to take the air was the Westinghouse Employees' Band. This organization, made up of people employed by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company at its main works and general offices in East Pittsburgh, was giving concerts long before the company established Station KDKA, the world's pioneer broadcasting station. When the early program makers were casting about for program-making material, the band was one of the first things that popped into their minds, and accordingly it was asked to give a program. The program makers, band and radio audience were well pleased, and giving a program weekly became a habit with the band.

The Westinghouse band and the station are almost synonymous terms among listeners in Europe, Australia and South Africa, for letters to the station show that the people who regularly listen to it abroad hear the Saturday night programs more often than those of other nights. This is because people in these countries, to hear a program broadcast at from 8 to 10 o'clock in the evening in Pittsburgh, must listen in at 1 to 3 o'clock in the morning of the following day, and even later, due to the difference in time. Those who must stay up until the break of day to hear a program from across the sea prefer to do it on Sunday morning, as they have a chance to catch up on sleep during the day.

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H. W. Arlin, Pioneer Announcer of Westinghouse Station, KDKA, Pittsburgh. He has resigned

Dr. Charles Heinroth, Organist of Carnegie Music Hall, Station KDKA

J. C. McQuiston, Manager of the Publicity Department and Director of Westinghouse Radio Broadcasting

Victor Saudek, Musical Director of Station KDKA Pittsburgh orchestra and conductor of the Royal Opera of Berlin. He is a member of the faculty of the school of music, Carnegie Institute of Technology, and during the war was instructor of army bandmasters.

When Mr. Saudek organized the orchestra in 1912, he found several Westinghouse men who had conservatory training and had played in noted orchestras and bands in America and Europe. Later musicians were attracted to the orchestra and through it became identified with the Westinghouse Company, while in a case or two, musicians have been developed in the families of Westinghouse employees and have joined the orchestra.

One of the musicians attracted to the orchestra after it went on the air is Natco Vasileff, a native of Bulgaria, who came to America after the World War. Although a graduate in science of the University of Sofia, he had been unable to find in the strange land a position to which his training fitted him, and was doing manual labor in a Pittsburgh steel mill when he became interested in the KDKA Little Symphony Orchestra. He had studied the cello while at the University of Sofia, and when it was learned that he had a degree in science, he joined the research department of the company, doing work along chemical lines, and has been playing in the orchestra.

One of the members who developed into a skilled musician after the orchestra was organized was Leo Kruczek, who after playing for a time with the Little Symphony, at 17 years of age, went to the violin section of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. He now is playing with the Little Symphony after a season with the Minneapolis organization, and is teaching violin in Pittsburgh.

One of the original members of the orchestra was R. R. Baker, an engineer, who had been a member of the company's general engineering department when the firm moved from Baltimore to Pittsburgh in 1912.

B. Dave Fitek, Program Director of Station KDKA

The orchestra and orchestra personnel is supplemented from time to time by players who have been with organizations like Sousa's band, the St. Louis orchestra and of the Chicago Grand Opera. Mr. Saudek also conducts the Westinghouse Symphony Orchestra which broadcasts Sunday afternoons, and is organizing an employers' orchestra of 100 pieces.

J. R. Fleck

Radio in the Home

These organizations by no means complete the roll of Westinghouse musical groups that are popular with the great radio audience, for the Westinghouse community chorus, a mixed chorus of sixty voices under the direction of Alfred Bartletti, broadcasts programs, as does the Croatian Tamboritza Orchestra. The tamboritza orchestra gave its first program only this year, but the demand on the part of the radio audience for repeat programs has made it a regular feature of the programs. The tamboritza is a native Croatian instrument, shaped like a heart and of various sizes and played somewhat like a mandolin. The members of the orchestra had been playing together for several years, and their
Miss Mabel King, Contralto, reached generally operated in part of the world, where she never before had been heard, although she has an international reputation as a concert singer. This singer is Christine Miller (Clemson), famous Pittsburgh contralto, who retired after her marriage and since has been heard only over KDKA, except for appearances at benefit concerts. Her new audience includes every part of the English-speaking world, in addition to every country of Europe, as practically every spot in the globe where radio receivers are generally operated is being regularly reached by the station's international short-wave relay system. Richard Kountz appears at KDKA in the double role of pianist and composer. One of the younger of American composers, he has become a sort of "radio composer," as several of his songs have been heard for the first time over KDKA, and one of them was named by the station's audience: "Sleepy Hollow Tune," perhaps the most popular classical song produced in the last several years, was heard first over the station, and sixteen thousand of the station's listeners submitted names for another Kountz composition, the name chosen being "When the Dawn Breaks Through."

Mr. Kountz also is a native Pittsburgher. His compositions include songs, choruses and instrumental works. He frequently plays the piano during presentation of his compositions. He now is working on a radio opera.

Miss Irma Carpenter, one of the KDKA native Croatian airs and other melodies, with the excellent transmission of this type of instrument, made a hit from the first program.

One of the KDKA vocal soloists has achieved the paradoxical distinction of retiring as a singer and later multiplying her audience many times, so that it includes people in parts of the world where she never before had been heard, although she has an international reputation as a concert singer. This singer is Christine Miller (Clemson), famous Pittsburgh contralto, who retired after her marriage and since has been heard only over KDKA, except for appearances at benefit concerts. Her new audience includes every part of the English-speaking world, in addition to every country of Europe, as practically every spot in the globe where radio receivers are generally operated is being regularly reached by the station's international

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Richard Kountz, composer and pianist of Station KDKA

Raymond Griffin, Baritone, who appears on KDKA's program from time to time

University of Pittsburgh, coming to the city from New York, where he studied with Jerome Hays.

Another baritone who has been a favorite with the KDKA audience added a new role and was the anonymous announcer for the KDKA commercial concerts, whose identity baffled listeners for several months. Although no reference was made by the station to the fact that a new announcer was on duty, people at once began writing to the station asking if the new voice was not that of various well-known announcers they had heard from other American stations.

Although the listeners did not recognize the voice, they had been hearing it regularly in previous concerts, for the new announcer was the baritone, Frederick W. Rodgers, who had been singing from the station.

Emma Bauman Lewis, soprano, well known in concert and oratorio before broadcasting was inaugurated, is said by many of the radio listeners to possess an

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C. W. Horn, Superintendent of Radio Operations at Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co.
AND MADAME ENTERS

JUST a matter of a few years ago radio, while an accepted fact, was not known to any but a few enthusiasts, and they were the type that loved all sorts of soldering irons, ohms and condensers. They talked Morse, they lived in a state of picking up and they were what is now known as "hams."

Scarcely there was a woman who had any definite knowledge of what it was all about. She knew that the men folks in her family had a machine, many times covered with a cloth, that must not be disturbed. Why, one was not even allowed to dust near that contraption! Usually there was a key, and also the nastiest kind of batteries that more than likely leaked and ate holes in the floor covering. Of course, if the home contained an attic, then the whole proceeding moved there, much to the housewife's relief.

All that has changed and is still more changing. A radio set is now a part of the need articles in the home, just as the vacuum sweeper, the food chopper and what not that is intelligent in its uses. And nowhere is there a more intelligent article of furniture than a radio set. One can have just as simple or as elaborate a set as means and taste afford. Period furniture can be matched, artistic design in receiver and table or console is achieved through study, and the radio of today is harmonious in every respect. In fact, the recent radio shows stressed beauty of construction in the cabinet and the equipment, such as loud-speaker and container for receiver and batteries, as much as they did points of quality.

So the man of a few years back has sacrificed nothing. In fact, he is much the gainer, as who knows that when listening for China the atmosphere surrounding the Chinese Chippendale cabinet housing his favorite make of receiver may bring China still clearer to him?

It was my good fortune to be associated with one of the earlier stations, when broadcast was an infant. At that time I was in charge of a direct-mail department of a store that sensed the value of radio publicity, perhaps chiefly because one of the men active in the store interests had a longer vision than many others, and he, so to speak, grabbed off a good thing when it was young and trained it.

Before the station was put in operation, and when the radio department was just a few counters and mighty little else, I was given certain correspondence to handle regarding radio material. Now writing 0005 seemed a mistake to me, but at that time I just went ahead and got out the stuff with no idea of what it was all about.

Then when the station went into active operation, I also handled all the mail, and my duties were to answer each letter or card with an acknowledgment, and if the letter we had received contained a direct inquiry I had to answer that. Of course, that meant many talks with the engineer and gradually a slight knowledge of what I was writing about.

About 99 per cent of the mail was from men. Nearly every letter had a very strange drawing, called a hook-up. At first I rather thought the writers were a most untidy lot, had spilled the ink and let a fly track through it and never troubled to throw it out. But as each writer assured us that the hook-up was the best he had used and he was at radio from its birth, and moreover we could use that hook-up with his permission, I naturally thought I ought to consult with the boss, as we called him, regarding their value.

Now right there I learned what he knew about radio. It was what I knew, except that he owned a set and had seen several kinds and even one or more stations in operation, and when I questioned him regarding the drawings, he gave a most wise look, and said, "Better file them for reference." I did, and I guess they are still to be had if ever needed.

Then on top of that the news leaked out that the antenna had a lot to do with the reception from a station, so after a bit of information along that line by our engineer the public began to send in for information and those letters were accompanied by a great and weird drawing of a Queen Anne front and Mary Ann back type of house with poles and wires suspended therefrom, and how high should it be and East or West was to be settled. That was a trying period, especially when the stenographic force got a drawing mixed and sent the wrong measurements, and then we had an irate listener who advised us, just as now, that we had a punk operator and a few other choice but well-chosen statements.

Now and then came a letter from a woman—mostly, however, from someone who had a man in the family—writing to thank us for a concert.
Pretty soon more women remarked about programs, and now and then we found a real fan, some who had actual experience in "sending" in a small way, and could tune a set so as to get good reception. Then they truly began to be interested and expressed opinions regarding what they liked and what they didn't like. All this time they were still thinking of it as a man's pastime and playing.

Concerts were usually of one or two hours' duration, as then all stations were on 360 meters and there was a gentleman's agreement regarding the amount of time each should have. One heard songs, an instrumental number, more songs and another instrumental number with a great deal of "just a minute please" that helped fill the evening. Once in a great while a really good speaker appeared.

Then came the church services, and then came the deluge of letters and they were glorious. Shutter-ins who had been for years deprived of such things, hospitals, jails and even homes where church-going was not a part of the Sunday routine wrote. People spent in money and checks, and the following Sunday hundreds went to see the church and the rector and hear the music first-hand.

That was a phase of broadcasting that meant much and by many was the least appreciated for some time. There was no creed or race in this air church service. After it left the church, it brought every kind together, most of them to their own several denominations.

Then the one big thing in that year was grand opera, and I have the most sincere respect and admiration for the director who made that possible. But the funny part as I now think of it was the fact that they installed several loud-speakers in the big restaurant and invited a musical director to be among those present and secure a first-hand impression. Many of the press responded, looked utterly bored and left early to write their closing impressions.

And again the man who was interested in opera for that city hoped they would have some letters on the opera so they could be guided in the future about the same thing.

Now that man directed that the letters be put on his desk. They were, and when he arrived at his office he couldn't find the desk, as there were mail sacks galore and tumbling around everywhere were letters, and he said no more regarding mail, but a second opera is timed for Christmas and so on.

Hundreds and hundreds of persons who had failed to respond to opera for a long time purchased tickets; many who had thought grand opera a pastime of the rich and the learned went, and the response was immense. The opera owners were not over-impressed, as they are supposed never to be, and again they were guaranteed so much before they opened, but those who were instrumental in bringing opera there and who had on several occasions made up the deficit were impressed, as there is nothing that talks better than the box office receipts.

Prior to the opera opening, the advertising manager secured a batik exhibit, and Madame enters the radio factory also—not in person, but her influence as a buyer is shown by such tea-towel installations as this one.

The opera was an immense success, and the learned went and the response was immense. The opera owners were not over-impressed, as they are supposed never to be, and again they were guaranteed so much before they opened, but those who were instrumental in bringing opera there and who had on several occasions made up the deficit were impressed, as there is nothing that talks better than the box office receipts.

And finally, the radio spirit. If there were any that year who failed to get what they wanted, it was no fault of ours. We approached the talks each morning with the kind of help of a phonograph record fitted to the season. And at intervals we used many such talks, and at Easter again repeated the gift habit and lots of good cheer was thrown in with more records of the right kind. As the talks were of more or less appeal to women, we had the greatest response from women, and I had offered my personal help in their gift selection so I was able to sense that they liked their own part in the program.

Some time before the talks were put on, the announcer who had the noon program failed to show up. The operator, with the transmitter all ready, buzzed to go ahead and there was no one to go. I rushed to the elevators and no one appeared and I didn't know how to reach the operator without going to the eighth floor, so I put a music roll on the player-piano and started it, pushing every switch in sight and, lo and behold, it went on the air. After two attempts like that and with the operator still buzzing, I announced to the world what was going on.

Imagine the operator's surprise to hear me in place of the bass of the usual announcer. Well, it got out and I was rather well pleased until some one telephoned the boss to take that squeaky man off the air. You see, women had not announced up to that time. Well, it hurt but that is a mere nothing to what I have since heard said about women announcers. All this time we were receiving more mail from women—good, kindly letters asking for features and giving genuinely constructive criticisms, and we really began in a small way to cater to them, and I was more than passably interested, as I had put on several holiday seasons and wanted the reaction of them. It had been hard to get a real expression from them regarding what they wanted as a regular feature, but they didn't want anything and began more and more to say so.

Mail in the meantime was most interesting, and one real funny letter that came from a man but concerned his wife read in part like this: "Dear Radio Folks—We, my wife and I, have been married twenty-six years. She is a good wife and I have been a home-loving man. She had a bad habit of nagging, especially as I liked to be comfortable when I go home, and it was 'don't do this' and 'don't do that' until I belonged with the don'ts. You more than likely kept me from murder and this is how it happened. One of my neighbors asked me to take his radio set and use it, as he was (Continued on page 22)
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AND so the handsome Prince rescued the beautiful Princess and they were married and lived happily ever after." Then comes a soothing lullaby and thousands of listening kiddies prepare for the Land of Nod at the behest and inspiration of the original radio "Sandman," Val McLaughlin, now at Radiophone WOAW, owned and operated by the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Association at its headquarters in Omaha, Neb.

For many years the beautiful voice of the original radio "Sandman" was known to juvenile and adult radio listeners from the well-known Davenport WOC, where she met "her handsome Prince" and Cupid shot the barbed arrow of love-at-first-sight, which sent the beautiful Princess on her happy honeymoon. But the beautiful Princess could not forget her former role as the "Sandman" and she longed to impart to the thousands of kiddies, who she had once thrilled and entertained, the wonderful stories which she had whispered through the microphone into their attentive ears for so many years and so, she came back to radio and is now affiliated with WOAW in her former role.

Val McLaughlin is known as "the voice of a thousand smiles" and also "the best known woman's voice in America." This is not merely the consensus of opinion of her large radio audience, but the judgment of radio experts who have carefully tested her voice. Her popularity and the magic of her laughing voice combine to win for her the honor of becoming an exclusive recording artist and she records her "Sandman" stories and children's version of bible stories.

Miss McLaughlin's specialty is the entertainment of children, but this is by no means the field to which she is confined. Among the thousands of letters which she has received from her radio listeners, a great portion are from grateful adults who enjoy her work. She is also a capable dramatic artist, and has successfully given interpretations of the leading roles in such plays as "Ten Nights in a Barroom" and Sudermann's great drama "Magda." In addition to her radio "Sandman" stories, she is in constant demand for public entertainment of children at band concerts in parks; schoolchildren's parties; Sunday schools and private parties. She is also very prominent in amateur theatricals under the auspices of leading civic organizations. In fact, it is impossible for her to comply with full demands for her services. Miss McLaughlin in a fitting illustration of the old adage, "One cannot become an artist; one must be an artist from the first." Since the time when she was 4 years old she has done public entertaining. On that first occasion she gave the prelude at a church Christmas exercise, and since that she has launched upon the sea of professional entertainment with gratifying success.

She commenced her dramatic training at Dubuque, la., Mount St. Joseph College from where she was graduated and of which she is at present the First Vice President of the Alumni Association. For several years she studied dramatic art at the Columbia College of Expression in Chicago from which she is also a graduate.

Then followed several seasons on Chautauqua and Lyceum Circuits in which she traveled from "post to post" building up a reputation as a recognized entertainer by the sheer power of her personality and talent. She was formerly associated with the John B. Rogers Production Company, of Fostoria, O., a pioneer amateur theatrical organization, and from this experience she derived a great deal of valuable knowledge in relation to public entertainment. In 1922 she created the character of the original radio "Sandman" and became associated with Radiophone WOC at Davenport.

Like many others, Val McLaughlin entered the radio field at a time when its possibilities were undreamed of. She first offered her radio "Sandman" stories incidental to her other duties as a public entertainer, but soon the demand for her services became so great that in a short time she was devoting her entire time to the "Sandman" work. In evidence of her immense popularity, we refer to the popularity contest held in Davenport, la., in 1923, under the auspices of the American Legion. She was awarded the popular prize of a diamond ring.

Many other gifts have been received by her as a direct evidence of the appreciation which her audience holds for her unique and inspiring entertainment. She has received as many as twenty-two boxes of candy in one week.

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**Gounod’s “Romeo and Juliet”**

CHARLES FRANCOIS GOUNOD, if not the actual founder of modern French opera, is at least the source of its most pronounced characteristics. Before his time, in the witty paradox of R. A. Streatfeild, “the most famous French composers had been either German or Italian” (for instance, Lulli, Gluck, Rossini and Meyerbeer). Gounod himself was trained in the school of Meyerbeer, but his own sympathies drew him rather toward the serene perfection of Mozart. The pure influence of that mighty master, combined with the strange mingling of sensuousness and mysticism, which was the distinguishing trait of his own character, produced a musical personality of high intrinsic interest and historically of great importance to the development of operatic music.

Charles Francois Gounod was born in Paris on June 17, 1818. His father, Jean Francois Gounod, a painter and engraver of distinction, died when the boy was 4 years old. His mother, a most accomplished woman and a fine pianist, supervised his early education and trained him so well in music that he was a proficient pianist before he entered the Paris Conservatory in 1836. There he studied counterpoint with Heley and composition with Paer and Lesueur. In 1837 he won the second Roman Prize with his cantata “Marie Stuart and Rizzio,” and in 1839 his cantata “Fernand” won the Grand Prize by twenty-five votes out of the total of twenty-seven.

This entitled him to a sojourn of three years in Rome, where he studied ecclesiastical music, particularly the works of Palestrina, and produced his first important composition, a mass for three voices and full orchestra, in 1841. While on a visit to Vienna in 1842, he conducted a requiem of his own which made a deep impression. Returning to Paris, he became organist and precentor of the “missions Etrangeres,” and for two years took a course in theology. It was generally supposed among his friends that he would become a priest, and he was even called “Abbe Charles Gounod.”

After several years of exclusion, the performance of parts of his “Solemn Mass” at a concert in London, in January, 1851, was generally supposed among that notice.

**RICHARD STRAUSS, “Thru Spake Zarathustra”**

RICHARD STRAUSS, for the last quarter of a century unquestionably the dominating figure among living composers, was born on June 11, 1864, in Munich, where his father, Franz Strauss (born, 1822; died, 1906), a famous horn virtuoso, was solo horn in the Bavarian Orchestra and professor of his instrument at the Royal Academy of Music. When 4 years old he began to receive regular musical instruction, and at 8 took up study of the violin with the leader of the court orchestra. He was one of the most remarkable prodigies know to musical history, and there is something almost uncanny about his achievements before his twelfth year—achievements more remarkable than those of Mozart, Beethoven and most other masters at the same age.

He began to compose music when 6 years old, “for he wrote notes before he did the letters of the alphabet.” From 1875 to 1880 he studied composition and orchestra with F. W. Meyer. Meanwhile, he composed nearly a hundred pieces—piano pieces, songs, choral works, sonatas, orchestral overtures and chamber works in great variety—before the publication of his Opus 1, a “Festival March,” in 1881.

Under the direction of his father, a strict classicist and anti-Wagnerite, young Richard gave his attention exclusively to the works of the classic masters. Before he was 21 his first symphony, a serenade for wind instruments, a violin concerto and other works had been played and had won immediate recognition in Germany; and in 1884, Theodore Thomas gave the first performance anywhere of his Symphony in F Minor (Opus 12) at a concert of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. About that time Hans von Buelow became interested in him, and in 1885 Strauss was appointed assistant conductor of von Buelow’s orchestra at Meiningen.

While there Alexander Ritter revealed to him the full significance of the works of Wagner and Liszt, and this proved a turning point in his career as composer. Abandoning his classic models, he now espoused the ideals of the new school of program music, which he proceeded to carry far beyond anything his predecessors

**Schedule for Monday Evening, January 18**

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To aid you to cultivate your appreciation and love of good music is the purpose of this Music Department.
had ever attempted. It was in his tone-poems that Strauss first appeared as a composer of striking individuality. The form of the symphonic poem invented by Liszt, and expanded by Strauss to colossal proportions, afforded him full opportunity for the display of his brilliant originality, emotional intensity, soaring melodic invention, marvelous sense of orchestral color, extraordinary power of characterization and supreme command of technical resources, as well as for bold and startling innovations in harmony and orchestration that caused a veritable war of the critics. He has been more fought over than any other composer since Wagner, but it is pretty clear today that his great tone-poems have taken a firm place in the orchestral repertory and have established instrumental "program music" in a position of equal rank with the older forms of so-called "absolute music."

Richard Strauss has made two visits to the United States, coming first in 1904 and again in 1921, and has appeared as guest-conductor with several leading American orchestras. On the occasion of his first visit his "Domestic Symphony" had its world premiere, under his leadership, in Carnegie Hall, New York, March 21, 1904. "Thus Spake Zarathustra," Tone-Poem (freely after Frederick Nietzsche) for Large Orchestra, Op. 30, was composed in the seven months of February-August, 1896, and had its first performance at Frankfort-on-the-Main in November of that year. Its first American performance was given by Theodore Thomas in Chicago February 5, 1897. As Strauss' title implies, it is a tonal presentation of impressions derived from "Also Sprach Zarathustra" ("Thus Spake Zarathustra"), the remarkable philosophico-romantic fantasy of Frederick Nietzsche. The central figure of this prose rhapsody is, of course, Nietz-
pastoral opera, "Mireille," and in 1866 "La Colombe," known in English as "The Pet Dove." The success of "Faust" was revived by "Romeo and Juliet" (1867), which in France is considered even superior to "Faust." Records—


During his stay in London Gounod composed an oratorio "The Redemption" (1869), "Mors et Vita," a "De Profundis," an "Ave Verum," and many hymns and songs among which "Nazareth" is universally popular. Especially famous is his "Meditation" (Ave Maria) on the first Prelude of Bach's "Well-Tempered Clavichord." The extensive list of his works for orchestra includes also a symphony and the popular "Salterello" and "Funeral March of a Marionette."

Gounod was elected a member of the Institute of France in 1866, and was made a Commander of the Legion of Honor in 1880. He died in Paris, on October 27, 1893.

His music is of a highly poetical order, blending lyric joyousness with mysticism, and is expressed in instrumentation that is often original and masterly. He was a great musician and a thorough master of the orchestra.

"Romeo and Juliet," opera in five acts, libretto by Barbier and Carre, music by Gounod, the subject taken from Shakespeare's tragedy of the same title, was first produced at the Lyric Theatre, London, on April 27, 1876. The story as told by the French dramatists in the main follows Shakespeare's tragedy closely in its construction as well as in its presentation.

Gounod fitted the immortal love story with music of enduring beauty and great charm.

AIDS TO APPRECIATION—Gounod's autobiography in an English translation by Annette E. Crocker entitled "Memories of an Artist" is published by Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago.

A good English biography is "Charles Gounod, His Life and His Works," by Marie Anne De Bovet, published in London in 1891.

The vocal score of "Romeo and Juliet," original French text with English translation by Dr. Theodore Baker, is published by G. Schirmer, New York, at $2.00.

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Battery Connections for the New Tubes

By G. P. Allen

With the advent of the new tubes, our mail has been flooded with requests for information as to how they should be used. There is also considerable doubt as to the proper method to use in connecting the batteries for those tubes that require either an increased "B" battery or "C" battery voltage.

Let us first take up the meaning of the new numbers that have appeared on the tubes. The old tubes had a prefix of "UV" or "C" preceding the number. The new tubes have three numbers preceded by the letters "UX" or "CX". The letters "CX" and "UX" mean that the tube has a standard base. With this base all prongs on all types of tubes have an identical meaning.

Do you have a hard job remembering which prong is filament, and which is grid, when you change from the 199 to the 201A tube or vice versa? The prongs in the "UX" and "CX" tubes have the same relation to each other as those in the old 201A. Instead of having to change sockets or use adapters each time you change tubes, the one socket does for all of the "UX" and "CX" tubes. The only thing that you have to be careful of is that you have the proper size of rheostat for the tube you are using.

First, there are four changes of name that merely mean that the tube now is made with a standard base. For the sake of simplicity let us drop the discussion of both changes of lettering and consider that when we are talking about the UX199 we also mean the CX199. The difference between the U and the C merely means a difference in the company that made them and not a difference in the characteristics.

The important letter to watch in this discussion is the change from V to X.

The UX200 is the UV200 with a standard base for the new sockets. There is no change in the internal characteristics. A similar change has occurred with the UV-199. It is now called the UX199. The tube is a detector and amplifier the same as it has been and still uses the same filament and plate voltage. Our old friend, the UV201A, has become the UX201A with the change of base. The WD11 and the WD12 became the WX12. You remember that the only difference between the WD11 and the WD12 was in the base that was used for them. If you will consider these new names in the way that you have been thinking of the WD11 and the WD12, you will have no difficulty in keeping them straight. You know your sweetheart is the same girl even if she does change her name when she marries you.

Now we come to the new members of the tube family. The UX120 and the UX112 are used only in the last audio stage. These tubes are not intended to give greater volume, but they do enable the present sets to handle the volume they can deliver. Unless there is something fundamentally wrong with the design of a receiving set, distortion occurs through overloading in the last audio stage.

The UX120 will be of particular interest to owners of superheterodynes and other multi-tube sets employing 199 tubes at the present time. The UX120 is for use on the same "A" battery as the 199 tube. In using this tube it should be considered as the equivalent of two 199 tubes in so far as "A" battery consumption is concerned. To use the UX120 in a set equipped with sockets for the 199 tube a special adapter is needed, as the tube will not fit the old socket.

In order that you may use a tube of this type it will be necessary for you to make some changes in the wiring of the audio-frequency amplifier. This is the last two tubes in most sets. A diagram is given showing you how to make these changes if you are using a transformer-coupled amplifier. If you are using a direct-coupled amplifier, unless you are very sure that you know what you are doing it will be better for you to have some good radio man do this for you. This is particularly true in the case of a factory-built set. The factory set has been built and rebuilt in order to get things into the smallest possible space consistent with good design and construction. Unless you have had considerable practice in construction work you will have difficulty in doing a satisfactory job.

If your set is equipped with the type 201A tube, the new UX112 may be substituted in the last stage. This, too, requires a change in the wiring in order that the tube may function properly. The tube may be used in a 201A socket without an adapter. The UX112 uses one-half an amperes instead of the quarter ampere used by the 201A tube. The same rheostat may be used for the new tube as was used for the 201A. In the case of the UX112, it is possible to use the tube without change in wiring if no more than ninety volts of "B" battery are used, if the set is already equipped for a "C" battery. Use six volts of "C" battery instead of the customary
four and one-half volts. If the set is not equipped for a "C" battery it will be necessary to make the wiring changes as given in the accompanying diagrams. It will be of passing interest to you to learn of several other types of tubes now on the market. Nearly all of these tubes bear the UX prefix and are intended for use with equipment designed to work from the electric light socket. This equipment is either a power unit or transformer - coupled amplifier drawn in solid lines. On this diagram you will also see two power tubes and two binding posts drawn in dotted lines. These dotted lines indicate the changes necessary in your present set in order to convert it for use with one of the new UX tubes. To make these changes you will need two binding posts, a strip of bakelite or hard rubber and a few lengths of bus bar.

The first wire to change is that marked "I" in the diagram. In most of the transformer-coupled audio-amplifiers the wire supplying the amplifier "B" battery voltage is common to both stages. If we disconnect or sever this wire and at the point marked "X" the last stage has no "B" battery supply, and the first stage still has the ninety-volt supply. Now connect this severed wire to one of the two binding posts that you have mounted on the hard rubber strip. This binding post becomes the plus 350-volt terminal of the "B" battery.

In a similar manner disconnect the wire marked "2" which is the common "C" battery lead of the amplifier, at the point marked "Y." Join this wire to the other binding post that you have mounted on the strip of bakelite. This becomes the new "C" minus terminal for the new tube.

Now for the batteries that you should use: If you wish to use the UX112 or the UX120 tube the transformer battery connections for the "B" battery are shown in Fig. 2. The first two of these batteries should be of the "extra large" size, and the last one may be of the "large size." As the 135 volts is used only on the last tube this smaller size is plenty large enough to do the work.

If you are using the UX112 tube connect one "C" battery as you usually do. Use another "C" battery of the same size in series with the first as shown in Fig. 3. The extra wire goes to the new "C" post that you have installed. In the case of the UX-120 tube you will need one of the large size horizontal 22½-volt "B" battery blocks to use as a "C" battery. If you get the

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If you decide to use the UX120 tube and do not want to make wiring changes in your set see Fig. 5.

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That man signed his own name, address and telephone number.

With the advent of easier tuning methods, radio became a part of every household and there were several stations putting on programs in the afternoon for the women at home. Now and then a talk on some household subject would be put on, and there was a good amount of response. Nevertheless, radio had not quite got under the skin of the women as it did the men, and men still owned the lion's share of the receivers. Many husbands would be generous and set the dials for their wives before leaving for business, but many said, "No, it's apt to burn out the tubes," and thatnot. But I know many a set was used without knowing how and with as good success as the man of the house ever had. It was just blind luck, but it gave the woman more and more confidence.

One feature that met with an instant response from men and women alike was the broadcasting of entire theatrical performances from the stage. It so happened that the boss and the director were both away on vacation, the station was left in charge of the chief operator and myself, program material was fairly well arranged in advance and I had enough experience to get what was needed by that time, but did not look for the unexpected.

The boss, the director and myself had talked about having the show folks come down and do stuff from the shows. Nothing had come of it and we were still in the talking stages, when the first day they were away a wise publicity man telephoned the station and asked for the director. I explained the situation and asked if I could help. He told me of the show and said he would like to give a late show with the principals and the musicians for those who could not get out. I asked him to come to the station with his publicity and material for program, and in the meantime a hurried conference with the operator was necessary and we agreed to put the show on the following night.

I wired the boss in great glee. The show, however, did not go on. That nice little union arrangement forbade it, all of which made the owners and producers very mad, and they insisted that it should and it did the following night, with all the principals, the chorus, the orchestra and whatnot. Even the producers were represented and to say I was in a flutter of excitement does not express the half.

That paved the way to a fine friendly feeling between that
station and the show folks, and that station has produced more of the real show stuff than any other station and continues to do it. You should have seen the mail from the women folks that time, and more than one excellent actor man has had a wonderful chance after he had become known through the air.

When the station decided on a real honest-to-goodness program for women, it had a talk on cooking and other domestic problems and some talks on fashions, baby care and interior decorating, the material being put together and given by those connected with the owners of the station. Then a club was formed and at the first tea, with a scant three hundred members, five hundred appeared. It was a pretty affair, and how my hand ached that night when it was over. Before a week had passed it was found necessary to repeat it, and again there was a great success. I was certainly happy to have women tell me how happy I made them with my talks, and I gloried in the fine things they said to the woman who worked with me and who helped me to receive them.

Shortly after the regular daily program for women went on the air, this letter came to me: "Dear Lady of the Radio—Up here in this camp we are twenty men and my partner and myself. I cook and he looks after the books and things of that sort. Every day we tune in when you are on. It helps so much to while away the time. We like the music and the talks, and while we cannot dress the men folks we have as you say, we know how when we have to. But most especially are the recipes good. Will you tell me how to make a boiled frosting? The men like cake. I am sending two dollars for the two records you played this morning. We will always think of you both as friends."

Later on that same man sent me ten dollars to buy a birthday gift for his mother. He said she must have the best I could get for the money, and I loved that, and went to see the mother first and we became excellent friends.

When the Christmas season was on I used to talk at night on gifts and giving, and I talked most especially to the poor helpless men folks. It did lots of good if I can believe the letters which came in and thanked me.

One day a man came in and laid down a large box on my desk, saying, "You earned that." I didn't quite understand, and he explained that before we put the woman's program on he used to suffer from being ripped and buttoned and his toes had not been covered in years. His wife would not mend. Lately he found she did mend and sew to the tune of the radio. "Now," he said, "I have no loose buttons, my toes know the feel of covering and I have no dread of my being ripped as to clothes. It's a grand and glorious feeling, and my wife and I say it's all on account of what you are doing and will you accept this as our compliments and as soon as you have earned another you will get it."

It was a five-pound box of the best candy in Boston.

Many and many a groom who had no idea his wife could cook, and was taking a dreadful chance when he came home to a meal, has the radio to thank for perfectly prepared and well-served meals, and they are sure to write in and ask about things every time. It is no unusual practice for a bride to telephone for information from one of the many who give expert advice each day. Even the baby is helped. One grateful mother was about as discouraged as it could be, living out in the country and hardly a neighbor to talk to. Her baby did not gain strength and one day a trained nurse, talking from the station, told of the symptoms of the trouble the baby had, then told what to do. In a very short while, the mother said, the baby responded to treatment as advised and the baby was a dear when she came in to thank us.

There are but a few things that radio programs do for women, and by day by day the scope of the work is increasing. Many delightful, entertaining features are put on, valuable information is given, and it reaches far out into the country, benefitting most the women who are deprived of the activities dear to every woman. The woman in the country is better dressed and better versed in many things now than she could otherwise be, and all because a program for women has been added to the radio station.

Of course, I have told of the nice things that have been said, but please don't think that is all. Women, for some reason or other, can say catty things. Writing the management of a station condemning us poor females who are hoping to do something for our own sex in these radio programs is one thing many do. Now cases out of ten it does no harm and as it does not a bit of good, why do they do it? A woman's program should be handled by a woman—one who has a sympathetic understanding of women, one who has had experience and can help, one who has experienced the feel of a child and the ownership of a home of her own. Such a woman is a woman's woman and

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37 to 800 METERS
Without Changing Coils

By L. C. Herndon

HERE is a very clever and very efficient solution of the problem of building a medium-short wave set and a broadcast range set, all in one and without the necessity of changing coils to go from short to long waves. This set, as it stands, will bring in all of the short-wave broadcasting that is at present worth hunting for. Everything below the range of this set is dot and dash code, which is unintelligible to the average listener-in.

Mr. Herndon, the designer of the circuit and the writer of the article, is a U. S. Radio Inspector in the Third District, with offices in the Custom House, Baltimore. I am quite sure he would like to hear from those who build his set. — H. M. N.

THE following article describes a receiver that tunes from 37 to 800 meters without the use of various size coils for covering various wave bands, solving a difficulty that has confronted both the amateur and broadcast listener ever since short waves passed the experimental stage and became a reality.

Receivers have been brought out which will cover the broadcast bands besides going down somewhere around 100 meters and up to 600 meters, but there is still lacking the desired flexibility. Ships and commercial stations only use 600 meters for calling and distress purposes, all traffic being handled above this wave. Our re-broadcasting stations operate below 40 meters as well as on intermediate bands, and the amateurs go all the way down below one meter.

Sooner or later our receivers must respond to waves much lower than the average 250-meter limit, which seems to be a medium arrived at by the majority of manufacturers in their efforts to eliminate controls, and likewise demanded by the public. We know that a given wave length requires a certain amount of inductance and capacity in a wave length. We increase the capacity by increasing the area of the condenser plates, by using more plates or by turning the rotary plates further inside the stationary plates, and vice versa. Similarly we increase the inductance of a coil by adding more turns or, if tapped, by moving the switch lever on taps that include more turns and vice versa.

There are still other methods of varying inductance; changing the relative position of two coils so that their fields oppose or assist as in the variometer; a coil with spaced turns has less inductance than a coil closely wound; a coil wound with small wire has a higher inductance than one wound with large wire on the same diameter form with the same number of turns. Inductance of coils is increased by connecting them in series and decreased by connecting in parallel.

Two coils connected in parallel have less total inductance than one of them alone, while three
in parallel have less total inductance than two of them.

The last two methods are employed in this receiver, except only one coil is used in the secondary and tickler circuits as shown in the diagrams. The variation of inductance is accomplished by twisting the coil around in various ways, so to speak, part of the coil being conected in parallel with another part of it for decreasing its inductance and again connecting another part of it in parallel with the other two parts for further decreasing the total inductance. At the same time we eliminate dead end losses, as it have a tuning circuit from 37 to 800 meters using a single coil.

The circuit is an ordinary coupled regenerative circuit with three stages of audio-frequency amplification. Regeneration is accomplished by passing the radio-frequency in the detector plate circuit through a 16-turn fixed tickler coil, wound an integral part of the secondary inductance and controlled by a .0005 mfd, variable condenser.

This necessitates the use of a radio-frequency choke between the detector plate and filament, otherwise the radio-frequency energy at high frequencies would pass to the filament by virtue of the transformer capacity instead of going through the tickler coil. The reactance of the first audio-transformer primary, however, is sufficient on waves above 100 meters to force the energy through the tickler and the radio-frequency choke is accordingly shorted out by the clip 2 (Fig. 2). This is not absolutely necessary, however, as the set works very well on the higher waves with it, but trouble may be encountered in producing smooth control of regeneration.

This must be determined by experiment as a great deal depends upon the type of transformers used. If it is found that the set oscillates freely over the entire wave length range, then clip 2 may be eliminated.

Few will have the desire to receive on waves above 710 meters and can, therefore, eliminate clip 1 (Figs. 2, 8 and 10) as this simply shifts one side of the tuning condenser from the filament to plate end of the coil, placing 16 more turns across the condenser for tuning above 710 meters. In eliminating this clip connect one side of the tuning condenser permanently to the filament as shown in the position of clip 1 in Figs. 3 and 4, where the clip is placed on "A." The secret of tuning below 100 meters lies with clip 3. When placed on the second contact of the complete inductance and controlled by a .0005 mfd, variable condenser.

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This diagram shows the position for 40 to 85 meters tuning. Additional clip placed on Tap 4 as shown by dotted line, makes the set tune from 37 to 72 meters. Clip 1 on A. Clip 2 open. Clip 3 on Tap 2. Primary on Tap 1. Secondary on Tap 1. For rest of circuit see Fig. 1.

The secondary switch with the switch lever on the first contact, 10 turns are used between grid and filament with 15 turns in parallel, thus lowering the secondary inductance to a figure less than the inductance of the 10 turns alone. At the same time the resistance of the grid circuit is lowered as the two coils in parallel have less resistance than one; furthermore, the amperes without overheating, having high capacity due to the great amount of surface of the size wire employed in spite of the various "low-loss" styles of winding with a resulting loss in inductance and in voltage applied to the grid.

Placing the additional clip, shown by the dotted line, in Fig. 3 on the fourth contact of the secondary switch places another shunt coil in inductive relation with the antenna coil replaces its voltage upon the grid in addition to that furnished by the original 10 turns used for secondary. Fig. 8 shows the schematic circuit affected by this adjustment.

This explains why this receiver is more efficient on short waves than the average receiver, especially designed for short waves, with its ponderous coils large enough to carry 15 to 30 turns in parallel with the 15 turns already in parallel with the original 10 secondary turns, producing the circuit shown in Fig. 9. This causes the circuit to tune down to 37 meters.

Leaving the clip 3 disconnected produces the common circuit shown in Fig. 7, tuning from 100 to 710 meters, while shifting clip 1 from A to B extends the tuning range to 800 meters, indicated in Fig. 6.

It must be remembered that
these wave-length ranges will not hold exactly as stated with different receivers, many things governing this point. The type condensers, location of coils and switches, and manner of running connecting wires within the set all will extend the tuning ranges satisfactory, those having a straight-line frequency curve preferred. The coils are wound spider-web fashion on glass peg forms with No. 28 double silk-covered wire. Wooden peg forms can be used, but there will not be the efficiency obtained as with

Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. These are not separate hook-ups, but merely indicate what happens in the circuit when you make changes indicated with the clips or switches.

up or down to some extent. The wave-length bands as stated, however, are sufficiently correct to hold the results approximately the same with any receiver constructed along these lines, if good condensers are used and all leads made as short as possible. If you wish to use switches, instead of clips, see connections on Fig. 10.

Any of the high-grade condensers now on the market are glass pegs. The center of the spiderweb forms should be 2 1/4 inches in diameter. The transformers should be low ratio, otherwise distortion and howling will result. General Radio 2-to-1 ratio transformers are used here, giving abundant volume with good clarity. A grid leak or condenser across the secondary of the last transformer will be necessary to eliminate distortion or howling, the values best

FIGURE 5
100 to 800 Meters

Primary and Secondary switches vary for waves desired. Clip 1 on A for 100 to 710 meters, B for 800 meters. Clip 2 cuts out radio frequency choke. For rest of circuit see Fig. 1.
What Can I Get?

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that are higher and more extensive than one's aerial absorbs a great deal of radio wave energy. Such structures are as in a direct line with the distant stations cause the most trouble; those in an opposite direction having little effect. Indeed, it has often been observed that large buildings have the power of reflecting radio waves somewhat.

Dwellers in suburbs have good locations, especially where there are not too many electric light and telephone wires overhead. If possible, the aerial should be higher than these wires. Where the buildings are largely of wood, brick or stone-and-stucco construction, conditions are good.

In the country conditions are even better, because of fewer metallic objects sticking up from the surrounding landscape. A loop receiver, which is supposed to function anywhere, may fail to operate well in a steel building because of the absorption of the waves by the building. It is often necessary to place the loop near a window in order that a location of least absorption may be found. In the cities, this does not always indicate the true direction of the station, on account of reflection and absorption.

In installation, we consider the aerial and accessory equipment like tubes and batteries. The ideal aerial is not too long, but fairly high. A good separation from nearby building walls and roofs is important. If possible, the aerial should be attached to a mast and same piece of wire, from the end of the aerial all the way to the antenna binding post. The end-in wire should not come down alongside the building wall on porcelain insulators like a phone line, but be suspended about five or six feet out from the wall.

The ground connections should be good. Poor connections resist the passage of the currents set up by the passing waves and decrease the receiving range. They cause interference, too. The ground wire is attached, by a ground clamp, to the cold water pipe or radiator. It is a good idea to make connection with both. The galvanizing must be scraped clean off the pipe and the shiny wrought iron exposed before the clamp is screwed on.

In locating the set in the house, it is best to put it in a direct line between the window and the lead-in wire, and the point where the ground wire is fastened. And the wires to the aerial and ground should be as short and direct as can be. While the ground wire may be a bare wire, nailed to the floor to hold it in place, the aerial wire should not be so fastened. It should not follow a devious route over the picture moldings and through doorways, but should come to the set away from contact with the wall—a foot or so out if possible.

Tubes do vary a lot, and the purchaser should have them tested—not only by the "squawk" method which many dealers employ on their counters, but actually being put in a receiving set where they'll be tried as the detector and also as the frequency amplifier.

As to batteries, since this storage battery is made by a reputable concern and is new, the buyer is safe. "B" batteries should be tested with a voltmeter—the usual kind measuring 45 volts or slightly over. One makes a serious mistake in buying "B" batteries from some hardware dealer or druggist who keeps a few odds and ends of radio equipment on hand. The "B" has the battery terminals puffed out.

As to the type of set, the writer is treading on rather dangerous ground. It is impossible to state with truth that any particular model excels in receptive ability. Sets having no frequency amplification, but using simply a detector and an audio-frequency amplifier—three tubes—have fair sensitivity under good conditions, as a rule, there is only one tuning dial and, consequently, it is comparatively easy to "tune in." Usually, it is possible to tune in stations more quickly on a set of this kind than any other where the dial adjustments are shown beforehand, and suffers from the fact that the selectivity is not especially good—that is, stations interfere with each other to some extent except for strictly local receiving.

Sets having radio-frequency are more sensitive and selective, but somewhat harder to tune, as there are more dials. Lately, these multi-dial sets have been fitted with various types of connections which enable several units to be tuned by a single control.

There is the item of expense to be thought of, for sets having the most tubes naturally require the most current from the storage and "B" batteries. Battery eliminators are appearing to solve this problem. "B" eliminators are well worked out and reliable, but eliminators for the storage battery are more of a problem and should receive careful trials before a purchase. Suffice it to sum up this part of the matter by stating that receiving sets, fitted with good accessories and attached to a fairly good aerial, will respond to distant stations.

Now here we come to a factor that's highly important—skill of operation. Few radio sets are so absurdly simple that a "child can operate" them, except for nearby stations. Only practice in tuning radio sets can bring that sense of touch and control that is so essential to setting the dial at the exact spot. For nearby stations it's easy. If the dials are two or three degrees out of the way, it doesn't matter, the station is heard anyway.

The skill in dial "touch" acquired from practice is most essential to "DX" reception. The delicate control of the regeneration or "sensitivity" knob comes with use and not with printed explanations. And when one has mastered the control of his set, knows where and when to pick up new stations and tune for old ones again, has installed his set in an efficient manner as he is able, the answers to the question "What'll I get?" become daily more numerous.

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RAULAND LYRIC TRANSFORMER—Rauland Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Ill.

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