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## Forecast of Contributions for February Issue

Brooke Sawyer, in the course of a narrative of the British advance expedition to prepare for a world-circling airplane trip, gives the details of the four-electrode tube receiver used on the *Frontiersman*.

E. W. Kersten gives the details for the construction of a push-pull radio frequency amplifier in an article entitled "One Pushee, One Pullee, She Workee Like Hellee."

Chas. F. Filstead has devised an adjustable fixed condenser whose construction he describes for the benefit of those who wish to duplicate his success. The constructor will also be helped by Elgin B. Whigam's account of an efficient coil winder.

Jack Ward, 6CKC, tells how he has modified the Reinartz receiver so as to require but three controls.

Samuel G. McMeen describes a remarkable receiving set employing one stage r. f., crystal detector and one stage a.f. amplification.

Florian J. Fox continues his series on the C. W. transmitter with an article on the functions and construction of a filter.

E. H. Swanson has an interesting suggestion for equipping a radio set with window-dials.

"Clearing The Trans-Atlantic Shipping Lanes by Radio" is the subject of an interesting story by S. R. Winters. It carries with it some unusual pictures.

Chas. Bruere, Jr., has a long article on the construction of an efficient low wave regenerative tuner. Detailed directions are given for winding a variometer, variocoupler and grid coupler as well as for making the panel.

Paul Oard comes to the defense of the honeycomb coil in a well-written article showing its superiority for several purposes. He also gives some excellent radio construction pointers that are different from the usual.

"The Jinx of the Bobolink" is another Samuel Jones yarn from Volney G. Mathison. This gives a glimpse of life aboard a modern freighter while handling rather a serious mystery humorously.

In "Some Principles of Amplifier Tube Operation" Maurice Buchbinder explains the subject in terms that are unusually clear.

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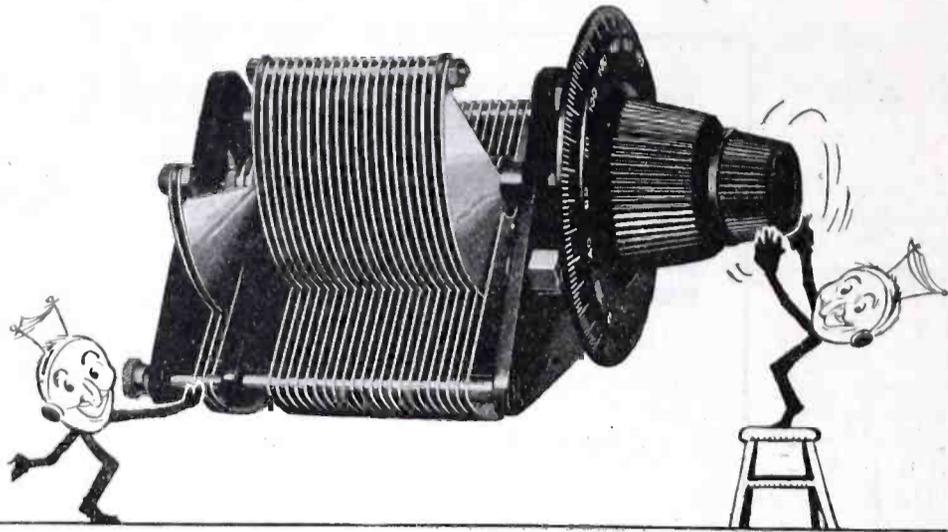
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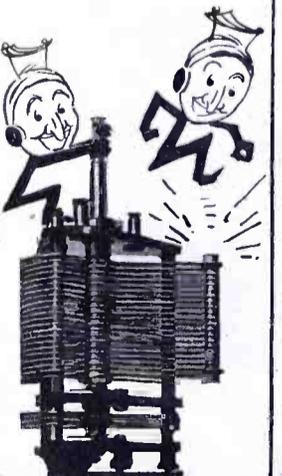
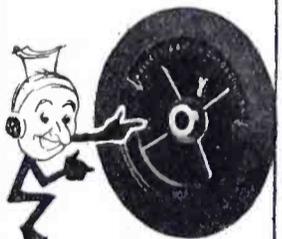
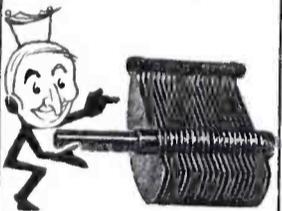
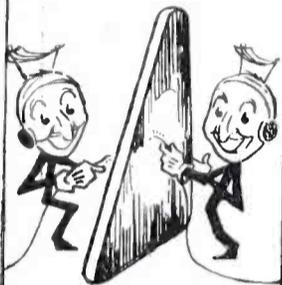
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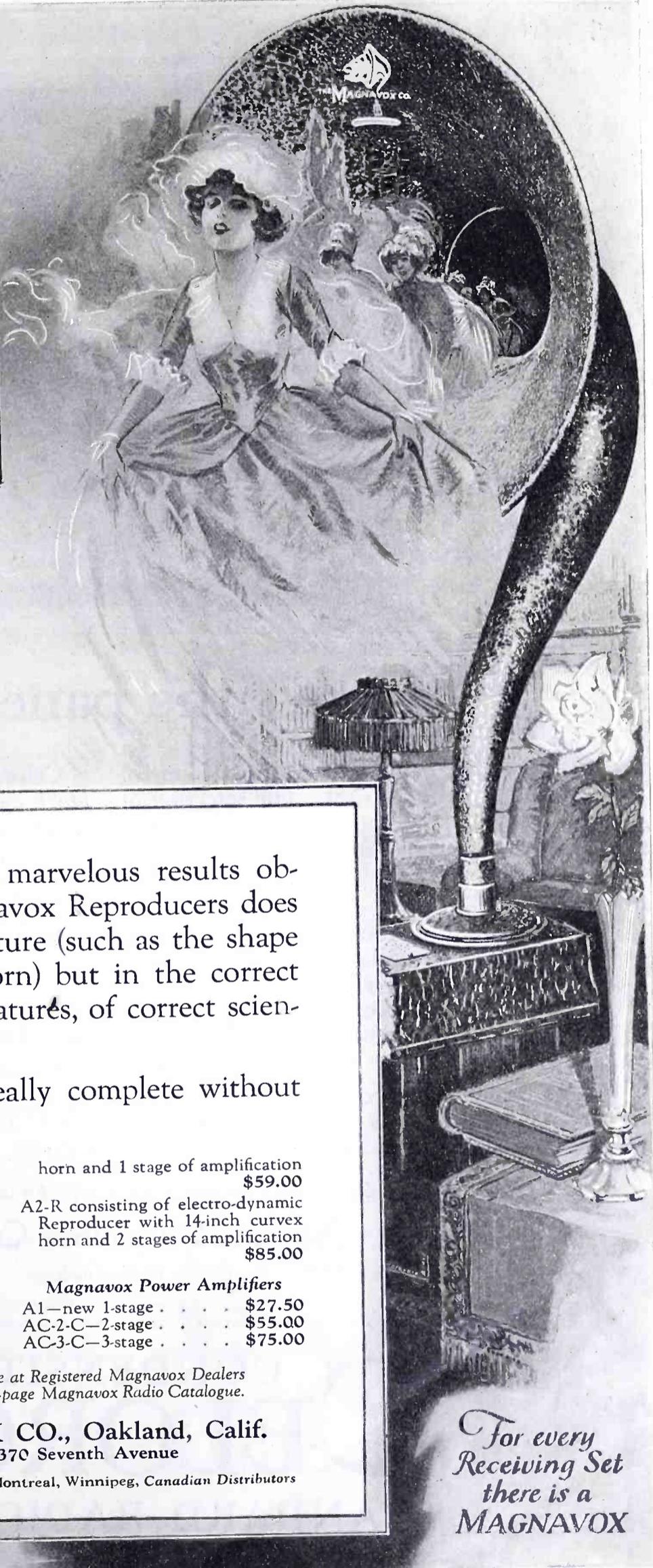


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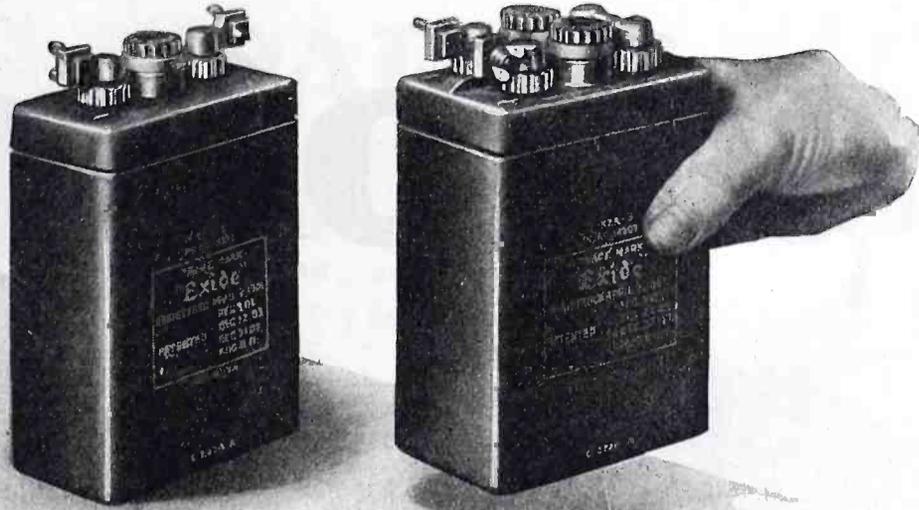
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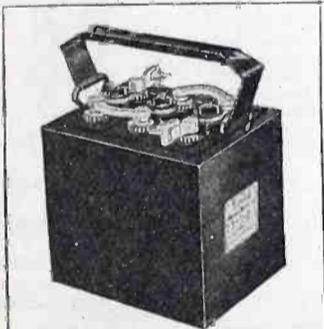


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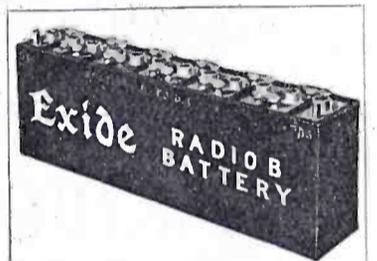
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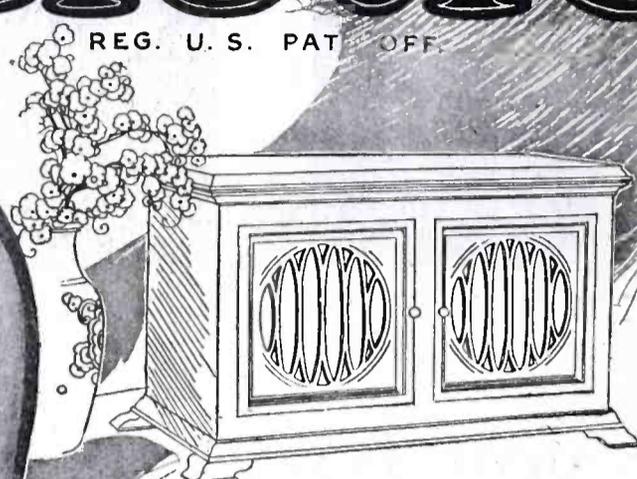
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## Radiotorial Comment

**W**ITH this issue, RADIO celebrates its seventh birthday. The first number was published in January, 1917, as *Pacific Radio News*. It has been published continuously since then, except during the war period, when the staff was in the service and a governmental ban was placed on all amateur radio activities. But just as radio itself is fettered by no barriers of locality so likewise it seemed wise in November, 1921, to eliminate the limitation of *Pacific* in the name of the magazine and it was changed to RADIO. This change was coincident with a broadening of editorial policy to give a world-wide service.

Since then the magazine has grown as popular interest in radio has increased, until now the magazine has "grown up." Although far from feeling a self-satisfied sufficiency, RADIO can walk alone, like the cat in one of Kipling's most fascinating yet whimsical stories.

A magazine, unlike a child, can serve others from the hour of its birth. And so for seven years the mission of this magazine has been service to the reader, an effort to anticipate the reader's needs. This work has been done quietly and conservatively, without "sounding brass or tinkling cymbals," notwithstanding the fact that every mail brings its letters of appreciation and praise. None of these are being published because they would crowd out material that we believe is of greater interest to the reader. Yet we are deeply appreciative of them because they indicate what the readers prefer, and we take this opportunity to thank the writers.

RADIO has great things in store for its readers during 1924. Many of the best informed radio men in the country will be regular contributors. While practical articles will continue to predominate, an effort will be made to present simplified explanations of radio theory so that every reader may fully understand the "why" of all the equipment he uses. Its constant aim will be to help you, the reader.

And so may we be permitted to wish you a Happy Radio New Year, and, also, ourselves many more birthdays.

**I**T was a disappointment to all interested in the betterment of radio to note that President Coolidge's message to Congress did not urge the necessity for new legislation to replace the obsolete radio regulations of 1912. An angle of lag is to be expected in the phase relations between the progress of any art and the law under which it is regulated, but when the law lags twelve years behind the advancement of an art that is going ahead as fast as radio, chaos results.

Great hopes were held that the much-needed relief would be afforded by the White-Kellogg bill. But when this bill failed to pass the last Congress these hopes were dashed to the ground. The problems to which its remedial action was to be applied have become even more serious during the past

year with the tremendous increase in the popularity of radio in spite of the fact that the revised rulings of the Department of Commerce have given some relief.

To bring this matter emphatically to the attention of the present Congress becomes the duty and responsibility of each person interested in radio. If you are a member of a radio club have your club adopt a set of resolutions such as those adopted by the San Diego Radio Club and printed elsewhere in these columns. If you are not a club member you can write to your congressman as an individual and urge upon him your interest in seeing proper legislation.

A substitute for the White-Kellogg bill will undoubtedly be introduced in this session. But in view of the political complexion of the body there is danger that it will fail to pass unless great pressure is brought to bear. It is up to the radio public to apply this pressure.

**T**HE administration and control of all branches of radio communication, except certain governmental departments, is vested in the Bureau of Navigation of the Department of Commerce. The actual work is done by the supervisors and inspectors in nine radio districts throughout the country. The number of these men has not been increased in anything like the increase in radio communication and consequently they are unable to exercise the watchfulness necessary to minimize interference. There are not enough radio police to keep the traffic moving smoothly.

Even if the Bureau were authorized to employ an adequate force of inspectors, the conditions of the service are not sufficient to attract the high type of men necessary for this duty. Men possessing the requisite qualifications are in demand for private service and it is little more than a sense of loyalty that prevents those now in the public service from leaving it.

This situation has been intensified by the recent action of the Personnel Reclassification Board at Washington in rating radio supervisors and inspectors as "sub-professional." When it is realized that these men are called upon to inspect and approve the work of radio and electrical engineers who are rightly graded as "professional" it is manifest that they must have professional qualifications of the highest degree if the radio service is to be maintained at the desired high standard.

The personnel of radio inspection should not be allowed to deteriorate. Prospective applicants for employment in this service should be encouraged. This can be accomplished only if the positions carry with them the standing and remuneration commensurate with the professional grade. Consequently a resolution embodying these facts and addressed to the Personnel Reclassification Board and to the Secretary of Commerce is very much in order.

# Radio Reception in the Grand Canyon

By G. M. Butler

*How radio kept the Grand Canyon exploring party in touch with world affairs is almost on a par with the service of radio in keeping in touch with the MacMillan expedition to the Arctic. While experiments on transmission from these depths would have been even more interesting, the fact that reception is practical is noteworthy.*

CALIFORNIA broadcasting stations were of considerable assistance in making the recent Grand Canyon expedition of the United States Geological Survey a success, for, in spite of adverse prophecies, some of them widely circulated in print, that a radio set could receive nothing in the depths of the canyon, broadcasting was heard from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix, Ariz., Salt Lake City, and on one occasion from Colorado Springs.

Here was an expedition made up solely for surveying the wild reaches of the Colorado, often tossed about like egg shells in the roughest waters of that mighty chasm—sometimes facing death when thrown out of their boats by the seething rapids or forced to flee to the highlands when the river suddenly rose 21 feet overnight and at other times groping about in the canyon a mile below the rim where the sun's rays did not penetrate until noon—and yet, in spite of it all, the current events of the world were within their grasp through the invisible radio waves.

The party left Lees Ferry on August 1 and camped that night at the head of Budget Creek rapids, 7½ miles below. Here the radio set was put into use for the first time and, although the canyon at this point is narrow and nearly a



Marble Canyon

thousand feet deep, KHJ at Los Angeles was heard plainly.

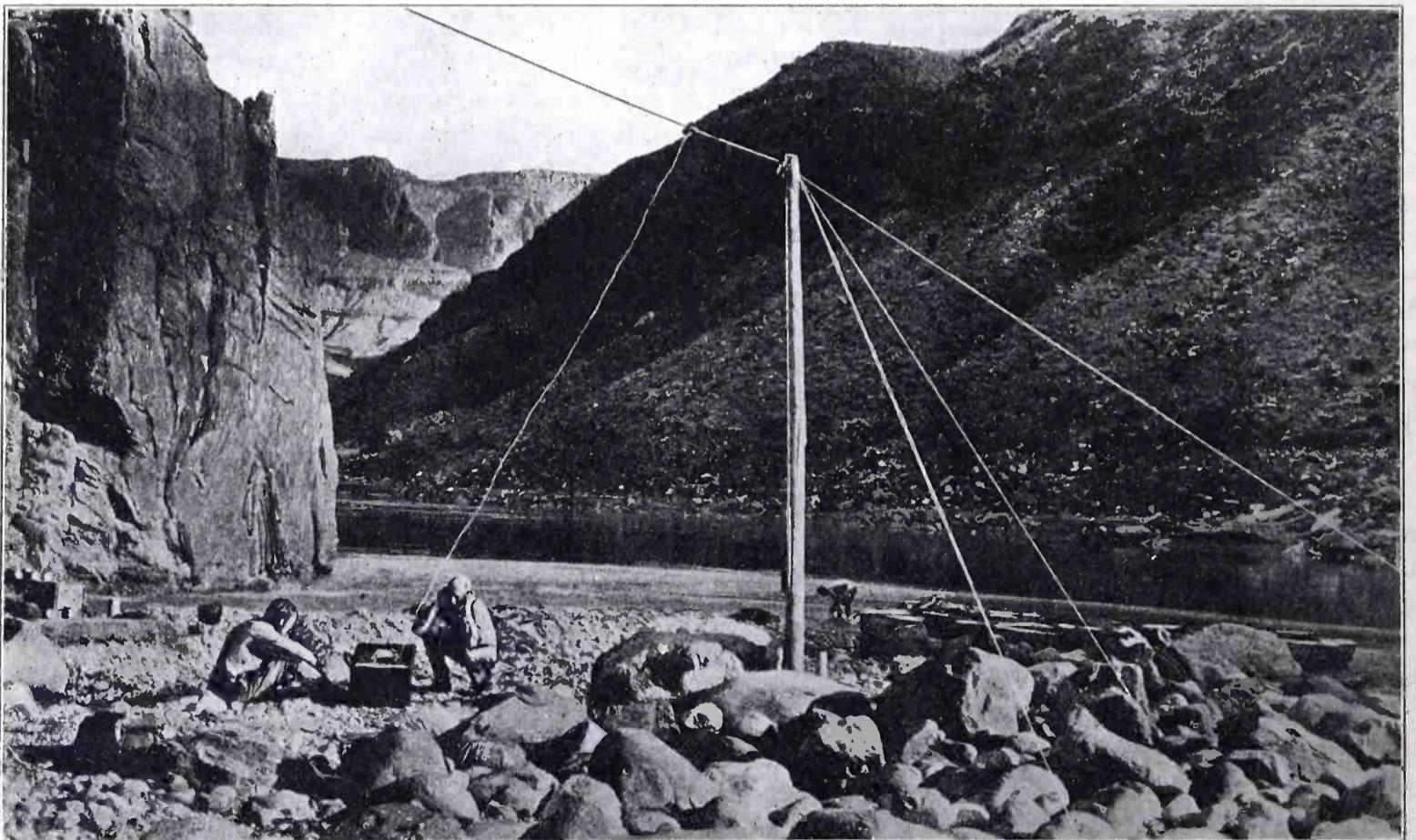
The next day the party reached Soap Creek rapids—11 miles below Lees Ferry, and here they learned of the death of President Harding, three-quarters of an hour after it occurred—

perhaps sooner than most of the people of the United States—because station KHJ at Los Angeles had broadcasted the message. Before the expedition started, arrangements had been made with KHJ and KZN (The Desert News, Salt Lake City, Utah) for broadcasting half an hour's program each day for the benefit of the explorers.

Ten days later found the party at Nankowep Creek, and you may be sure they were glad to find there a small stream of clear water suitable for drinking and bathing—a decided relief from the ever-muddy Colorado. That night the campers at the mouth of Kwagunt Creek, 3000 feet below the rim of the canyon, heard and enjoyed the items of the daily news, baseball scores, as well as the musical program from KHJ.

It is not at all surprising that an accident should occur to the radio outfit because of the rough treatment given it while in transit in shooting the numerous rapids of the river, and for a number of days the receiving set was out of commission. On the evening of September 8, at the mouth of Tapeats Creek, it was once more in commission and KHJ came in clear, although the campers were nearly a mile below the canyon's rim. That night they heard that a seri-

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Radio Reception in the Depths of the Grand Canyon

# Observations of Radio in Europe

By Armstrong Perry

*'Tis always interesting to learn of what other countries are doing with radio. This comprehensive article not only gives this information but also other valuable facts about conditions overseas.*

NO one can visit Europe with his eyes open and escape the fact that radio apparatus is being sold there in large quantities and that the quantities may increase very rapidly and to enormous figures. The first thing that impresses the radio fiend bound for Europe is the sinful waste of a large opportunity by the companies that operate supposedly first-class steamships. Many improvements relating to safety have appeared since the days when a very comfortable stateroom could be had at \$42.00 per berth, but there is little more radio service for the passenger since the cost of a ticket has increased to a minimum of \$135.00. An officer will tell you on inquiry that the ship now keeps in touch with both sides of the Atlantic all the way across, but the "press" they give to passengers is little if any more ample than I used to set up in the print shop of the old *Ivernia* fifteen years ago. After copying press night after night for the past several years it peevs me to pay sixpence for eight pages of "boiler plate" and ads. with less press than I can pick up from NAA in thirty minutes. There is no adequate reason why any Atlantic steamship company should not give its passengers the full service from Italy, France, England, Germany and the United States.

If the steamship companies are too indifferent to provide the service, then the operators ought to have gumption enough to suggest it and put it across. They could make money with it, for themselves, the company, or both, make a name for their ships, and save themselves from having so much spare time to kick about the way wages are being cut to nothing. Most of the passengers have nothing to do but eat, sleep and buy

copies of ship's newspapers. They buy half a dozen editions a day of the papers ashore and would do as well at sea, especially if they received racing results, baseball scores, stock market reports and other things that help them to spend still more money.

And then there are the amusement broadcasts. Here and there a ship on which somebody is awake besides the quartermaster at the wheel may have a short wave receiver for the entertainment of the passengers, but they are almost as scarce as sea serpents. If there is any place where the romance of radio is stronger than elsewhere, it is on ship-board. It is not strong enough to induce many passengers to send radio greetings a hundred miles to shore for 21 cents a word, when they can wait till they land three thousand miles away and send the message all the way back for ten cents a word, but they would be willing to contribute two bits or more for the privilege of enjoying their accustomed radio concerts and bragging afterwards to their home folks about it. The British Marconi Company, at its last ordinary general meeting, was told by its managing director that the matter of broadcasting on board ship, and radio telephony between ships and shore, was having the close attention of the various governments concerned, its associated companies and itself. As the company paid 12½% in dividends this year, it would appear to be in a position to extend its service.

In Paris, where it is said good Americans go when they die, and where some other kinds are seen that should have waited until then, radio is going strong. There are many shop windows full of apparatus and everybody seems to know

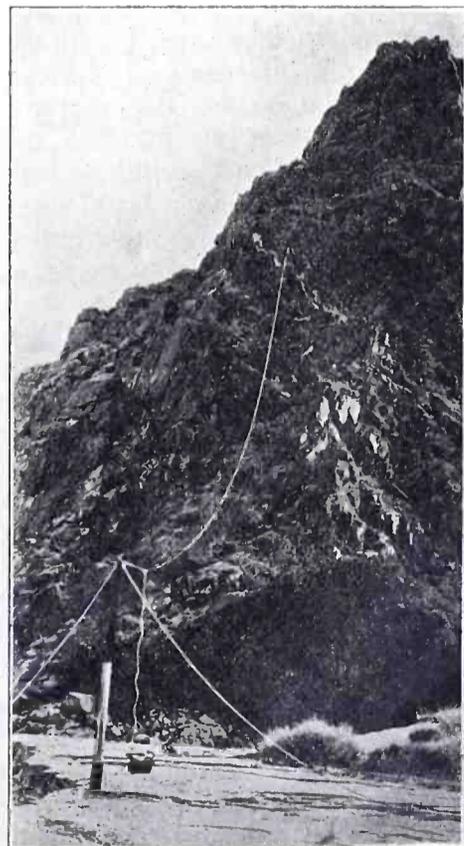
about the radio concerts. A favorite type of receiver that is shown has a coil aerial rigidly mounted on top of the cabinet. There are radio publications on the news stands.

BETWEEN Dover and London I saw more aerials than I have ever seen in America within an equal distance. England has, as British experts told me, tried to avoid the errors made in America in developing broadcasting and has fallen into others. One incident that occurred while I was in London illustrates the present situation. A man got a receiver on credit. It did not bear the stamp of the British Broadcasting Company and therefore could not be used legally, for this company, assisted by the post office department, has set up a monopoly on radio entertainment so that the listeners-in can be compelled to pay for it. The purchaser, wishing to comply with the law, applied for an experimental license, the only kind available. On application he was required to state the purpose for which he wished to use the apparatus. He replied, quite truthfully, that he purchased it to entertain his wife. The authorities did not consider this a scientific purpose and he agreed with them. He sought to return the apparatus instead of paying for it and the dealer sued him. The fight was still on when I left.

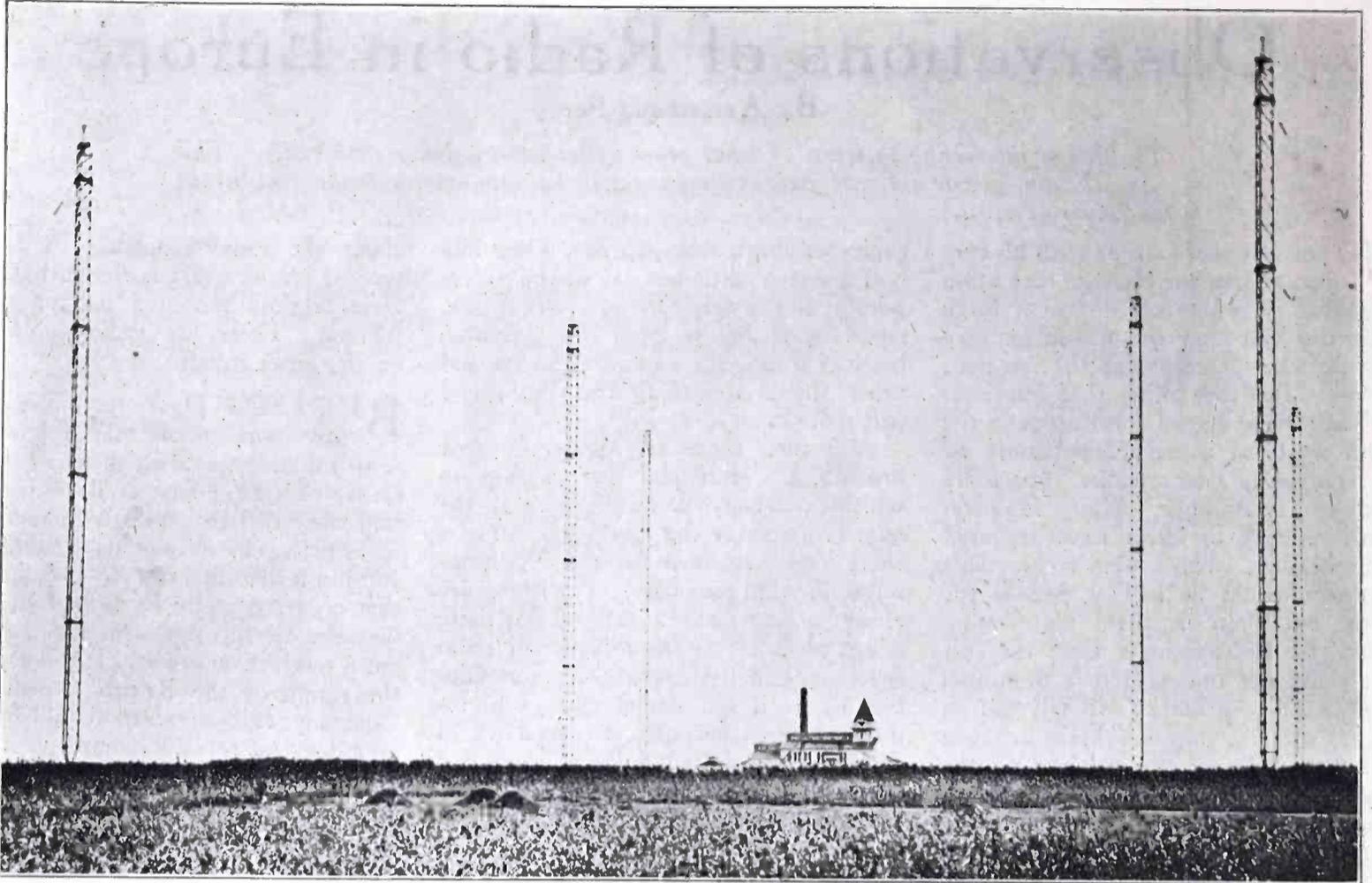
I learned that a considerable propor-



Shooting One of the Many Rapids in the Canyon



Aerial at Diamond Creek, 3000 Ft. Below the Rim



*Mitsui & Company's Station XYZ-SKY at Pekin, China, equipped with six towers and a 400-kw. Alexanderson alternator driven by a steam turbine.*

tion of the listeners-in were ignoring the Broadcasting Company's regulations and the license requirements, making their own sets or buying what they wanted, and listening-in when and as they pleased, the same as we do. The monopoly gives them the advantage of being able to get one concert at a time, while we are lucky if we can cut down the number heard simultaneously to three or four. With only half a dozen broadcasting stations working in the British Isles, they are beginning to worry about interference. Instead of increasing the number of programs by having a separate one for each station established, the B.B.C. will have stations that pick up the London broadcasts and relay them on a different wavelength, provided experiments now being made at Sheffield are successful.

Holland is full of radio, and is near enough to England and France to hear them with tube sets, or valve sets as they call them in Europe. Switzerland listens-in on Eiffel Tower and other foreign stations, but may have one of her own soon. Belgium has progressed so far as to have a wide-awake radio magazine, published in Brussels. Strange to say, there was no radio apparatus to be found at the International Exhibition of Mechanical and Electrical Industries in Ghent in June except a few electron tubes.

**B**UT it is in Central Europe that a virgin opportunity is waiting to be grabbed by some radio sheik. Many of the folks in Austria are still so near

broke as a result of the war that they are not in the market for anything that costs much money. The traveler sees few of the citizens on the railroads unless he travels third-class. They carry their earthly possessions in rucksacks on their backs, which is a much more sensible custom than toting heavy weights in the hands, but always reminds Americans of peddlers. The rucksack usually contains a hunk of black bread and a morsel of cheese or sausage, for that saves restaurant and dining car charges. Nevertheless there are many well-to-do Austrians and all classes are interested in radio. The installation of a local broadcasting station in any city would immediately create a demand for receivers. Since a well-educated person speaking several languages can be employed to do office work for 1,500,000 crowns a month, about \$22.50 in American money; a good apartment rented for seventy-five cents a month; and tuition secured for six months at the leading technical school for \$2.00, the radio receiver will have to be offered at a reasonable price, but the Austrian loves music so much that he would save on anything else in order to buy anything that would bring him concerts in his home. They would have to be good concerts, for Austria knows music.

Several of the intellectuals in Vienna told me that the Marconi Company had bought the government station at Laarburg, near that city, and would start a program of broadcasting. I asked a Marconi man at the London head-

quarters how the rumor started and he said it must have been started by someone who thought he had something to gain by starting such a rumor. The company had bought the station, he said, but it was understood to be in poor condition and furthermore the present laws of the country prevented the use of radio for popular broadcasting. What might develop in the future he was not in a position to say. I discovered that there had been some broadcasting by amateurs and some listening-in, but, being illegal, it has been kept under cover. At a time when a little American money will buy so much more over there, and when the feeling toward America is so very cordial, it seems probable that someone could influence the government to permit broadcasting. During the general unrest it would be well to give the masses something interesting to think about besides the next war. Or, if another war continues to be considered as necessary, the government no doubt would see the opportunity of sandwiching propaganda between Strauss waltzes in the radio program.

**O**VER the eastern frontier in the Czechoslovakian Republic interest in radio is developing also. In spite of the fact that this new country is composed of races that hate each other most cordially, the nation as a whole is one of the most promising in that part of the world. It has had the courage to stabilize its currency in spite of the disadvantages involved in competing with

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# How to Cut Out Local Broadcasters

By Dr. William M. Collins

*This discussion of wave traps is written by a broadcast listener for the benefit of the B.C.L. It presents the details of a loose-coupled trap that is truly effective in cutting out a nearby powerful station so as to receive distant stations.*

THIS article is for those who live under the sunshine of a large broadcasting station. Those who live a dozen miles or so away can laugh at our troubles. My 200-ft. aerial is two miles from one of the best broadcasting stations in the world, KPO (Hale Bros., Inc., S. F.), so when our friends call we usually have some perfect music to enjoy without interruption from code and static. However, on other occasions I am reminded of a picture in the office of Mr. Oliver Morosco showing a level, fertile plain with a fence in the

in series from the aerial to the antenna post on the set when it is called a series trap (see Fig. 1), or a parallel trap when connected to antenna and ground posts on set (Fig. 2).

However, let us try the old series trap and see what happens, because if we understand how this works we will be in a position to correct its faults. First, we will close switch 1 (Fig. 1), which shorts the trap out of active circuit, and tune KPO on the set. Then open the switch, thus causing the incoming waves to pass through our trap. Now, by

quency choke coil which offers a high resistance or impedance to the wavelengths to which it is tuned, and not much resistance to others 40 meters or so away. Furthermore, it is a practical choke only for C. W. The great objection is that it tunes so broad that in choking out KPO at 423 meters it also chokes out KHJ at 395, but not KFI which is farther away in wavelength.

There are several ways of sharpening the tuning or choking effect. One is by lessening the resistance in the circuit, and another by loose coupling. Either system accomplishes the result and enables me to tune out, or literally choke out, KPO on only two degrees on a condenser and let KHJ through in full volume for a loud speaker. Kansas City at 411 meters, only 12 meters away, comes through with no interference from KPO. On last Hallow'een we heard the entire program of WTAM (Willard Storage Battery, Cleveland, O.) on the loud speaker, operating on 390 meters from 7 to 9:57 P.M. while KHJ was  $\frac{1}{2}$  degree above on the secondary condenser and no sound from "Uncle John" or KPO even during the intermissions. Using a 200-ft. aerial and standard 3-circuit receiver with 2-step audio, the music sounded better three rooms away because the doors acted as sound filters and drained off much of the static. Personally, for all stations beyond 1000 miles, I prefer only the detector and head phones as the code and static is amplified seemingly on the loud speaker out of proportion to the signal, excepting on unusually good nights.

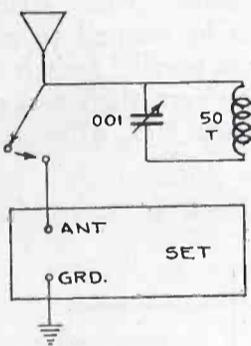


Fig. 1. Series Trap

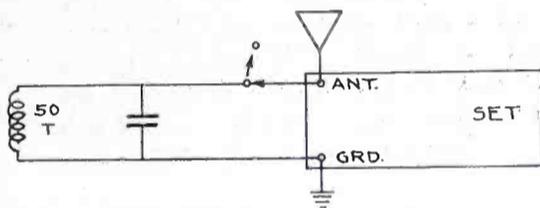


Fig. 2. Parallel Trap

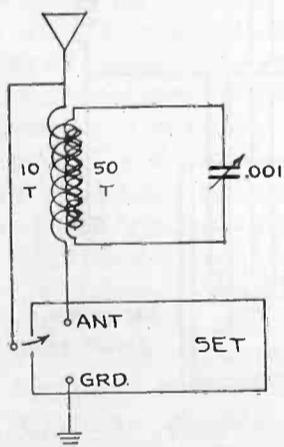


Fig. 3. Series Loose-Coupled Trap

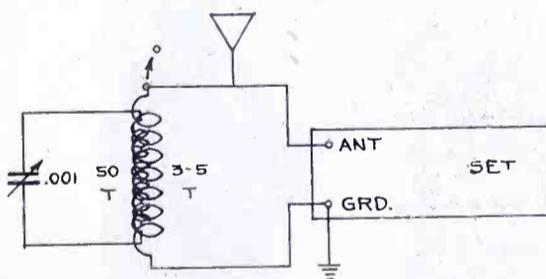


Fig. 4. Parallel Loose-Coupled Trap

middle and two donkeys—one on each side of the fence—each donkey with his head strained through the barbed wires and laboriously reaching for grass on the other side, neither satisfied with what he could reach.

The principal objective is to cut out KPO—423 meters—and bring in KHJ—395M—from a distance of about 350 miles, using an ordinary single circuit or 3-circuit receiver. By using a shorter aerial (say 50 ft.) and zero beat, reception was possible, but the quality of speech and music was poor and soft.

Old style wave traps are not efficient to work at such a short distance, although at six miles or more they work quite well. By "old style trap" I mean: say a 50-turn coil, honeycomb or otherwise, shunted by a .001 variable condenser and the whole thing connected

varying the condenser, we notice it has no effect on Hale's music except for 5 or 10 degrees on each side of one setting, at about 50 degrees, where KPO becomes quite soft. If now we leave condenser there and tune our set to 360-meter stations or to KFI, 469 meters, we find that they come in a little softer than if KPO was off the air, but there is no sound of KPO.

But KHJ, 395 meters, is made so faint that we cannot hear it, even though KPO is fainter. So we have not gained here. Also spark code and static are not eliminated. If now we tune in KUO on 360 meters and lower the condenser to about 25 we find he softens very much as well. Amateur C. W. softens with a 35-turn coil and low setting of condenser. Comparing results we find we have a variable radio-fre-

Fig. 3 shows the hook-up used. The same 50-turn honeycomb and condenser as before, but loosely coupled, hence sharply tuned, by means of 10 turns of No. 22 double cotton-covered copper wire wound tightly around the coil and connected to the aerial at one end and antenna post on set at other end, with a switch to short it out when not in use.

With one of these we tuned out KPO five blocks (2000 ft.) away, using 150-ft. aerial, and brought in KHJ on a loud speaker with a 3-circuit receiver with no interference, while at the same time KPO was tuned in on a loud speaker on another set connected to the same aerial.

The closer the coupling the broader it tunes and also the more it softens KPO. Here as usual we have to compromise. If you live within a few blocks of KPO you will have to use more turns in your antenna circuit to get closer

coupling to effectively soften KPO. At the same time the trap will tune broader and consequently somewhat soften KHJ. On the other hand, if you are six miles away from KPO a looser coupling such as 3 or 5 turns will suffice to blanket KPO and have almost no blanketing effect on KHJ.

Therefore, a more efficient trap would be one with 40 turns of 22 DCC wire on a 3-in. cardboard tube with a .001 variable condenser across it and 8 turns of No. 18 bell wire wound over it with taps at open circuit 3, 5, and 8 turns and short circuit. Such a trap was described in QST (June 1923) and is on the market as the General Radio wavemeter and filter. It is calibrated in wavelengths so you set it like a safe combination for whatever station you may wish. This is the best all-around trap I have used.

When I first used this filter with a single-circuit receiver all I could hear was a terrible a.c. hum. This was due to inductive reaction between trap and receiver. By turning the trap coil at right angles to the coils in receiver or by shielding the trap, or by placing a flat piece of sheet copper between set and trap everything worked finely.

With the different wavelengths, aeri-als and sets, the trap works better with antenna condenser of the set in series in some cases and in parallel in others.

It seems in radio that you can only clear one trouble at a time. I found that, while the series trap enabled me to get all stations below 423 M. without interference, it does not cut out KPO entirely when listening to KFI above him at 469 M. However, by connecting the trap in parallel, as in Fig. 4, it is possible to cut out KPO again, but the tuning is harder, more critical, and requires a slight retuning of the receiver. This connection also lessens static, arc light noises, and spark code to some extent. To get maximum effect with parallel trap the receiver primary should be in series.

In this instance if we use only 3 to 5 turns of wire we are shorting our antenna to ground outside the set for all wavelengths excepting that to which the trap is tuned—say to KFI, 469 meters, in which case the impedance forces that wavelength through the set. The tuning of the trap here is very sharp because of the loose coupling, preferably only 3 turns, and KFI tunes in and out on  $\frac{1}{2}$  degree. PWX (Havana) tunes out on a few degrees of a vernier.

If you use the old style trap in parallel without loose coupling, or even with as much as eight turns of coupling, the tuning becomes broad, and the short to ground has enough resistance so that it is not of much use as a short for spark code, static, etc.

This trap is not so effective in radio-frequency or reflex sets, because, al-

though the trap will keep KPO out of the aerial circuit, the sets are so sensitive that they pick him up on the coils, etc., with aerial entirely disconnected.

In some instances three of these traps at a time are a help. At 4:30 P.M., when KPO, KLX and KWG are on, I set one series trap on 423 meters, another on 360 meters, and bring in on a loud speaker KWG in Stockton nominally on the same wavelength as KLX, but actually a few meters below him, with no sound from either interfering station. Then, if amateur spark coils near me are bad, I put in a parallel trap with three turns of coupling and short most of the racket to ground, retaining KWG by tuning trap to 355 meters, which chokes him out of the short to ground and forces him, in reduced strength, through the receiver circuit to ground.

### SUCCESSFUL MAIL PLANE RADIO TESTS

Postoffice Department tests of radio telephone transmitting and receiving sets on a mail airplane have been successful at Omaha, Nebraska, where Pilot Jack Knight used a makeshift set while flying from Omaha to North Platte. Official tests are also being car-



Jack Knight, American Air Mail Ace, Talking with Joe Mullen, Government Radio Expert. Wide World Photo.

ried on at Schenectady, N. Y., with equipment built by the General Electric Company.

Knight's broadcasts were made from an average height of 2000 ft. and were heard 245 miles on November 22.

The General Electric equipment consists of a transmitter using five 50-watt XL filament tubes similar to the UV 203-A and a super-heterodyne receiver using seven UV199 tubes. The plates of the transmitting tubes are supplied

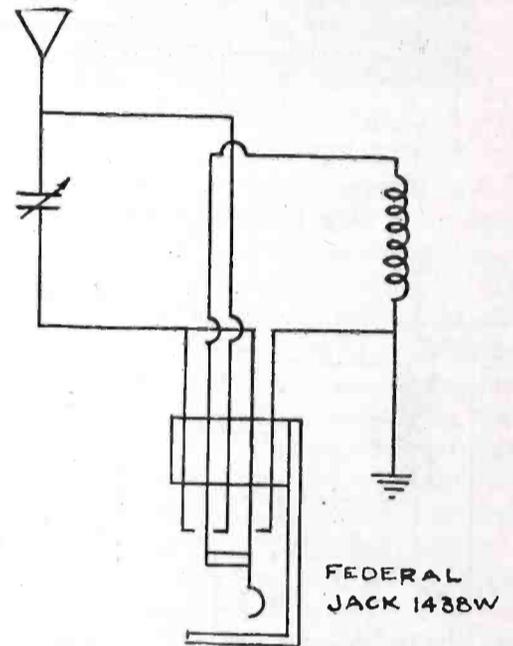
with 1000 volts from a 700-watt dynamotor operated by a 12-volt storage battery which is continuously charged from a generator driven by the plane motor. The receiving set has but two controls. The antenna is a 200-ft. trailing wire mounted on a reel in the cockpit and the counterpoise is the plane body and equipment.

The transmitting equipment has a normal range of 100 miles and normal output of 100 watts. During the Schenectady tests 175 miles have already been covered.

### A COMPACT SERIES PARALLEL SWITCH

By E. H. PRICE

A customer walked into my store in Vallejo, Calif., one night and told me his troubles. He had built a honeycomb set and made no provisions for changing the primary condenser from series to parallel and when he wanted to put in the customary series parallel switch there was no room. However, there was room for a standard jack and, after a few



moments of brain work, the hook-up shown herewith was used. The means of changing from one circuit to the other may be made either by the end of an old plug with the composition top of a binding post put on the panel end or by means of an eccentric cam such as used in the Carter switch. In the former method pushing the plug in and pulling it out changes the circuit.

When using a larger sized drill as a reamer, always grind the cutting edge away at right angles to the flutes, instead of the usual sharp edge. This prevents the drill from tearing things, although it will cut slower.

The voltage of an Edison battery on LOAD is the only good means of indicating the state of charge. This should not be allowed to drop below 0.9 volts on normal operation, although the battery may be entirely discharged without damage.

# Building Inverse Duplex Sets

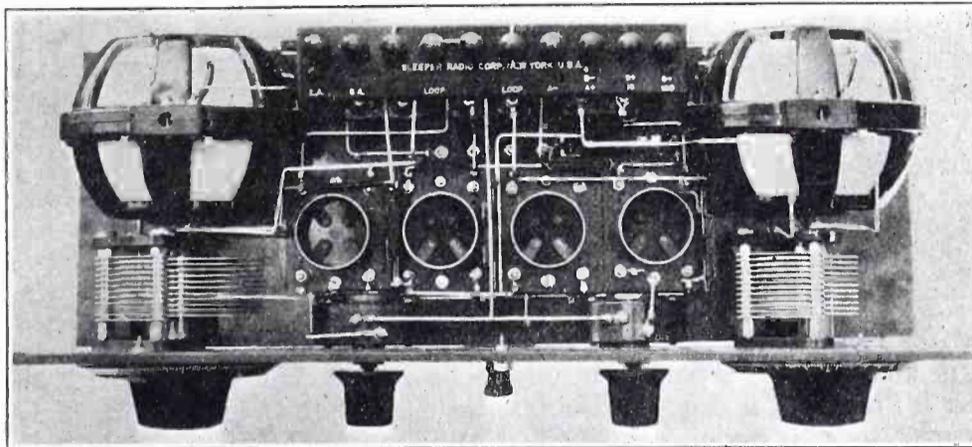
By M. B. Sleeper

*This, the second in a series of three articles on the Grimes circuit, gives the basic circuit for loop reception and various modifications for an outdoor aerial and for a crystal detector. The next and concluding installment will give additional data on construction and trouble hunting.*

TO the radio experimenter the Grimes inverse duplex circuit—it would be more correct to say “system”—appeals particularly because it is not merely a special way to hook-up a receiving set but a basic circuit from which an endless variety of types can be worked out.

To illustrate this point, a Grimes set can be built with transformer coupling, non-oscillating tuned transformer coupling, or a combination of both. It can be operated on a loop antenna, short antenna and ground, or long antenna and ground. A crystal detector or an audion detector can be used. Straight audio-frequency amplification can be added. And so it goes—all kinds of different sets for as many different purposes. Consequently, instructions will not be given in detail for particular types of set, but rather details of various designs which can be adapted to the individual tastes in mechanical design of the constructor.

In Fig. 1 you will see the basic circuit from which special types can be worked out. It is the exact circuit of the Sleeper Monotrol. Since all the constants and terminal markings are given, very little explanation is required. All the fixed condensers are Dubilier Micadons. Paper condensers are not practical because their capacities are not accurate, nor will they stand the voltages applied to them. A Malone-Lemmon condenser of 0.001 mfd. is used to tune the loop. The filaments are controlled by 1-amp. Ermcostats, a continually variable type of rheostat. Although 90 volts are indicated for the amplifier, 135 give better results for loud speaker reception. This is a simple and practical



Completed Inverse Duplex Set

type of Grimes circuit which can be depended upon to work well without experimenting.

For home-made sets it is not necessary to use a loop if an antenna can be erected. In fact, there is an advantage in using an antenna in that it can be depended upon to bring in long distance in practically any location. The simplest way to adapt the Grimes circuit to use with an antenna and ground is to substitute the secondary of a fixed coupler for the loop, and connect the antenna and ground to the primary winding. Then you will have to take off five or six taps from the secondary

coil for the volume control switch. The capacity of the tuning condenser must be reduced to 0.00025 mfd.

If the antenna is of a single wire 100-ft. or more in length, connections should be made as just described. Fig. 2 shows the method and also the wiring for a short antenna, or one erected in-doors. In the latter case, the antenna runs to the grid of the secondary coil, with a micadon of 0.00025 mfd. in series, while the ground goes to the primary coil, as before.

Particularly for portable use, a two-tube amplifier set with a crystal detector makes a splendid outfit. A circuit for

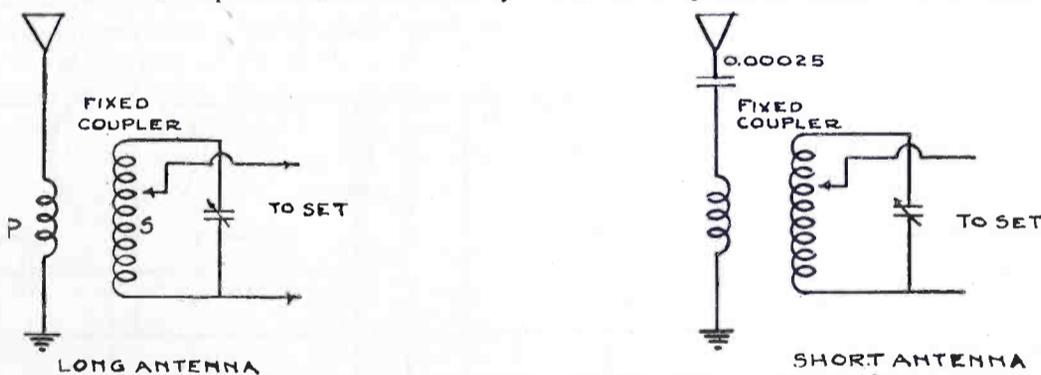


Fig. 2. Modification for Long and Short Antenna Connection

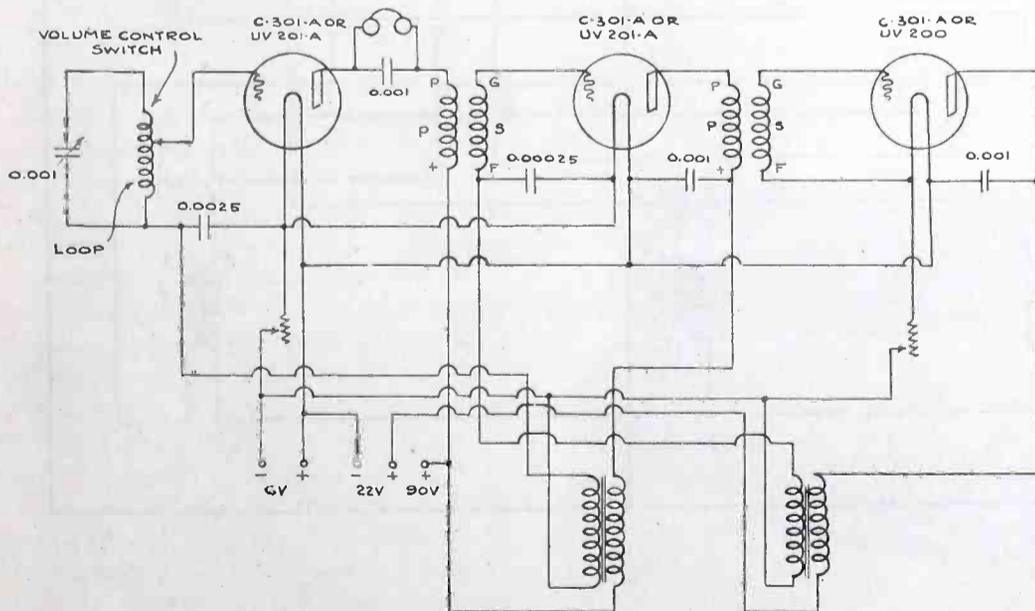


Fig. 1. Grimes Inverse Duplex Basic Circuit for Loop Aerial

such an outfit is given in Fig. 3. This can be used with a loop instead of the fixed coupler, though it is generally advisable to use the antenna and ground. For portable work, the antenna may be an insulated wire thrown into a tree, or the chassis of a motor car. A wire fence is also a good antenna. The best ground available should be used, either a metal plate dropped in a brook or lake, or connection can be made to several 5-in. spikes driven into the roots of trees.

With the new semi-adjustable or fixed crystal detectors, there is no real drawback to the use of a crystal in place of an audion detector.

Splendid results can be obtained with this type of set. The volume is increased sufficiently for loud speaker re-

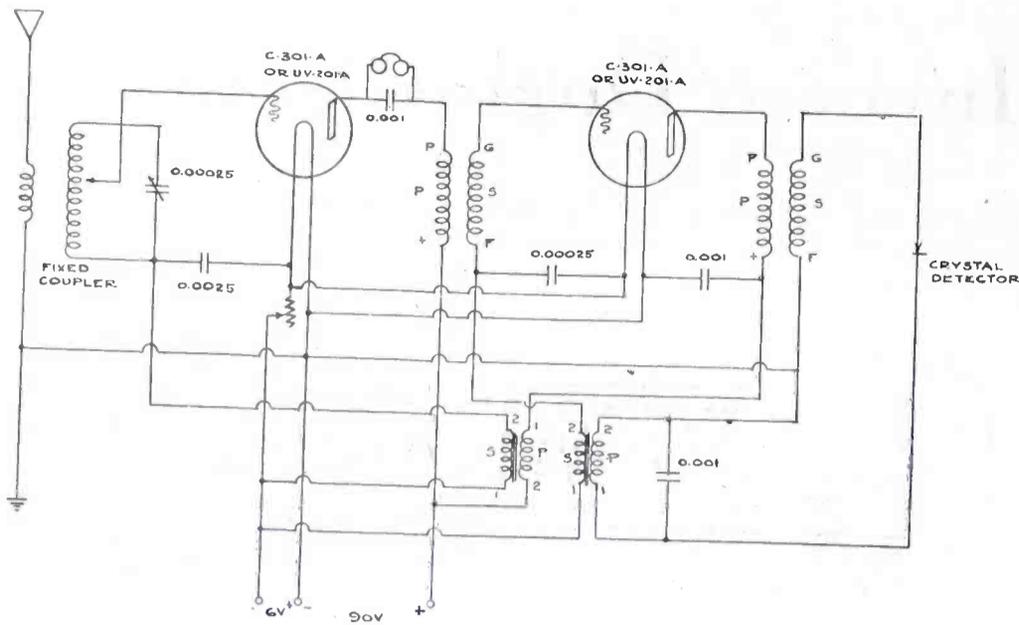


Fig. 3. Hook-up for Crystal Detector

ception if a single audio-frequency amplifier is added. An arrangement of that sort is illustrated in Fig. 4. Using C299's or UV199's, a wonderful little set can be made up, for they allow the use of the new Eveready type 771 batteries of 4½ volts for filament lighting. One of these batteries is needed for each tube. They can be put in parallel, though it is better to connect them separately to each tube. One rheostat of 60 ohms can handle all three tubes.

Radio experimenters frequently ask about using more than three tubes for Inverse Duplex sets. For example, some builders want to have two steps of Inverse Duplex using two radio and two audio-frequency transformers with one step audio amplifier added. This can be done, but until full information is

available it is not recommended to those who are not willing to spend a certain amount of time in the elimination of squealing. That is the only objection to the addition of a fourth tube for straight audio-frequency amplification. In the ordinary type of circuit the fourth tube introduces considerable howling and makes the detector rheostat adjustment extremely critical. Mr. Grimes has spent a great deal of time in developing the 4-tube set and has succeeded in building such an outfit with the tendency to howl entirely eliminated, but data on that receiver cannot be made public yet.

The same thing may be said of a set to use three steps of Inverse Duplex giving three radio and three audio steps of amplification. It can be done, but it is not recommended. However, a set has been built which involves no un-

usual problems using one step of plain radio-frequency amplification followed by two steps of Inverse Duplex. This is of material assistance in increasing the receiving range. When that is done practically as good results are obtained as when an audion detector is employed. However, it is generally better to use the audion because so many people object to adjusting a crystal detector.

An excellent set can be made up using a fixed coupler as a tuned radio-frequency amplifying transformer followed by two steps of Inverse Duplex. That makes a four-tube outfit if an audion detector is employed.

**CAUSE OF FADING**

The general result of tests conducted by the U. S. Bureau of Standards, in cooperation with the American Radio Relay League, substantiates the theory that the causes of fading are intimately associated with the conditions at the Heaviside surface, which is a conducting surface some sixty miles above the earth. Daytime transmission is largely carried on by means of waves moving along the ground, while night transmission, especially for great distances and short waves, is by means of waves transmitted along the Heaviside surface. Waves at night are thus free from the absorption encountered in the daytime, but are subject to great variations caused by irregularities of the ionized air at or near the Heaviside surface. These variations probably account for fading. The results of these tests are embodied in Scientific Paper No. 476 of the Bureau of Standards.

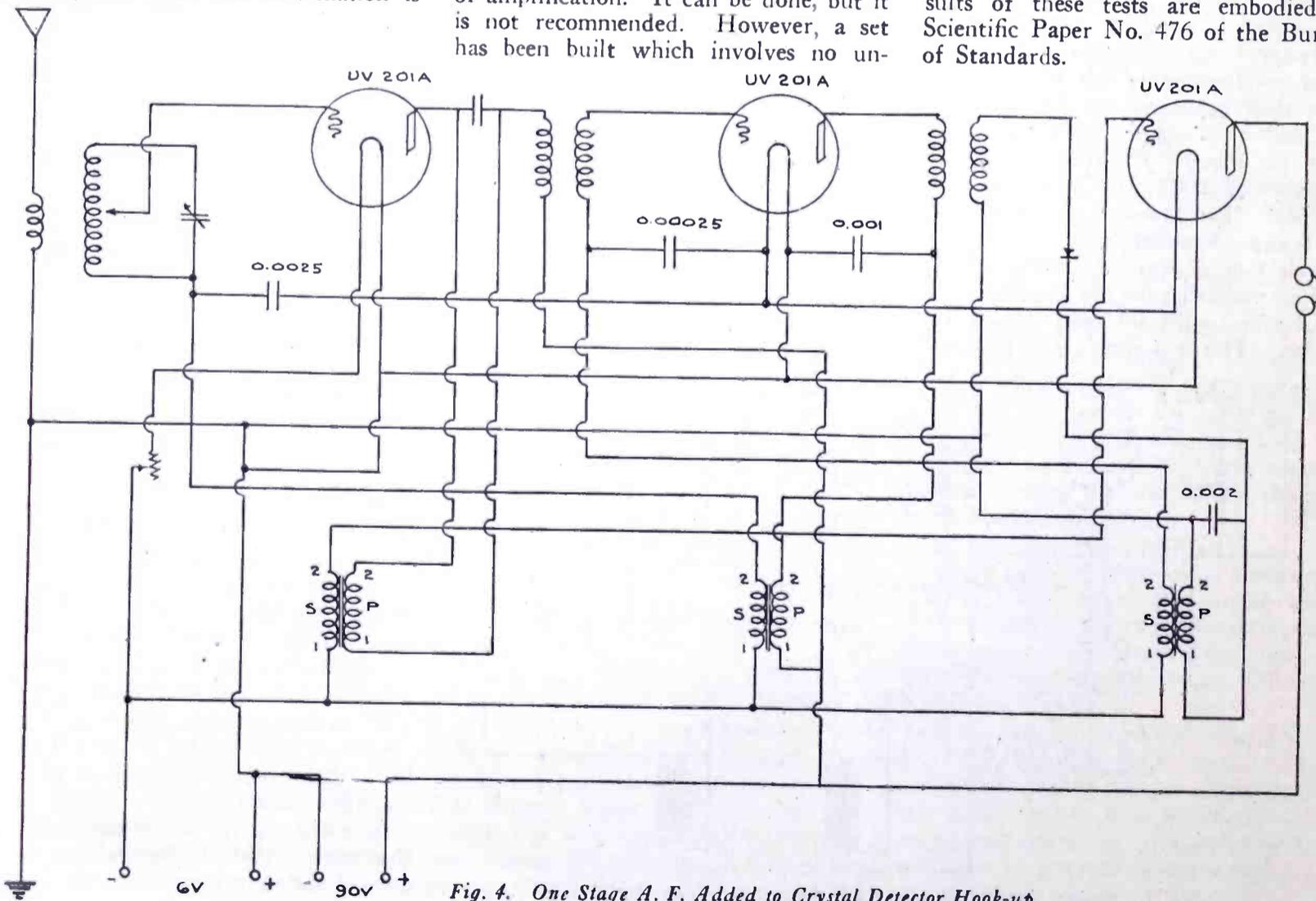


Fig. 4. One Stage A. F. Added to Crystal Detector Hook-up

# New Instruments Make Code Learning Easy

By B. F. Stares

*This is a clever short-cut on the road to learning speed in code reception. The home-made instruments take the place of rather expensive mechanical transmitters.*

TO memorize the characters of the telegraphic code is one thing; to fix them so firmly in mind that each letter is instantly recognized when converted into code characters is still another matter. "I must learn the code," we often hear ambitious radio fans say, as though the mere memorizing of the various dot-and-dash combinations were going to permit them to decipher copy at thirty words a minute. Learning the code is a matter of hours; learning to use it with any respectable speed is usually a matter of weeks.

The writer devised the instrument described in this article with the object of obviating the necessity of two persons learning the code together, which, of course, usually facilitates matters. However, with this instrument this procedure is not necessary, for the whole process is reduced to an automatic basis. A person learning the code has at his command all of the devices necessary to gain perfect control of the Morse or Continental characters within a reasonably short time, providing he is not one of the type who wants to swallow a pill and wake up in the morning to find himself a seasoned operator.

The first instrument described will be the automatic sender itself, and the parts of this contraption are so simple and common that they are bound to be found about the average home. The most essential part of the transmitter is the works of an old alarm clock. The

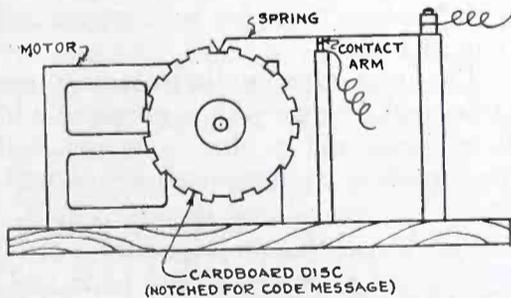


Fig. 1. Automatic Code Transmitter

alarm clock is mounted on a base which is provided with a flexible contact arm made of a thin phosphor-bronze strip with the end bent into a V-shape as depicted in the sketch. This bent end rests lightly upon the edge of a prepared cardboard disc and the latter is attached to the driving shaft of the clock motor in such a way that it may be removed with little or no trouble. It will be noticed that it is sandwiched in between two large metal washers so that it will run true without wobbling.

The disc is made by cutting out little notches in the edge to correspond with the characters of the code. Several should be made and different messages put on each. The indentations need not

be over 1/16th of an inch deep. It will be found that an old safety razor blade will permit the builder to cut these notches with little or no trouble.

The matter of producing a suitable hum that will in some way match the high-frequency buzzes sent out by modern radio transmitters will now be considered. The reader is probably familiar with the trick of putting a telephone receiver to the transmitter. It is known that this creates a disturbance in the telephone line which demonstrates its presence with a shrill buzz not unlike that which used to be characteristic of the quench-gap radio stations. It is possible to duplicate this trick and to use it in making a code transmitter, which gives a note most pleasant to listen to. In Fig. 2 the diagram of this simple

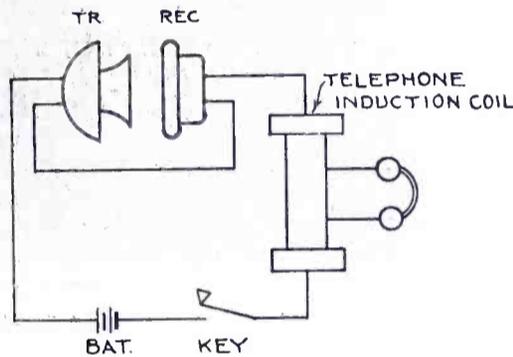


Fig. 2. High Frequency Buzzer

little apparatus will be seen. This particular high-frequency buzzer, if we may call it such, is admirably suited to the requirements of a home telegraph transmitter of the automatic type. It produces a pleasant sound because of whose high-frequency, clear-cut sharp characters are formed.

There is still another method of producing suitable high-frequency currents if the material required for the aforementioned is not readily available. Here a small dry battery motor is used as the basis of a miniature high-frequency alternator. First a gear wheel with forty or fifty teeth is mounted on the shaft of the motor. It is well to anneal the wheel in a gas flame. Directly under the gear

wheel, which forms the rotor of the alternator, are placed two electromagnets. These may be taken from an electric bell and rewound with No. 28 single cotton-covered wire. We will notice from the diagram in Fig. 3 that

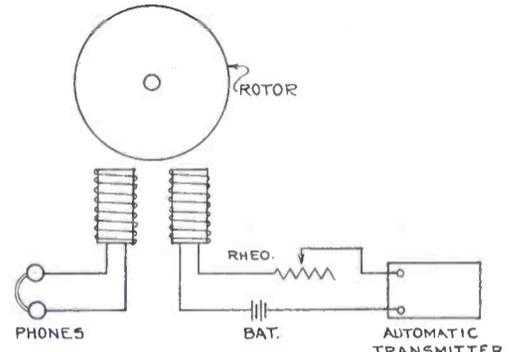
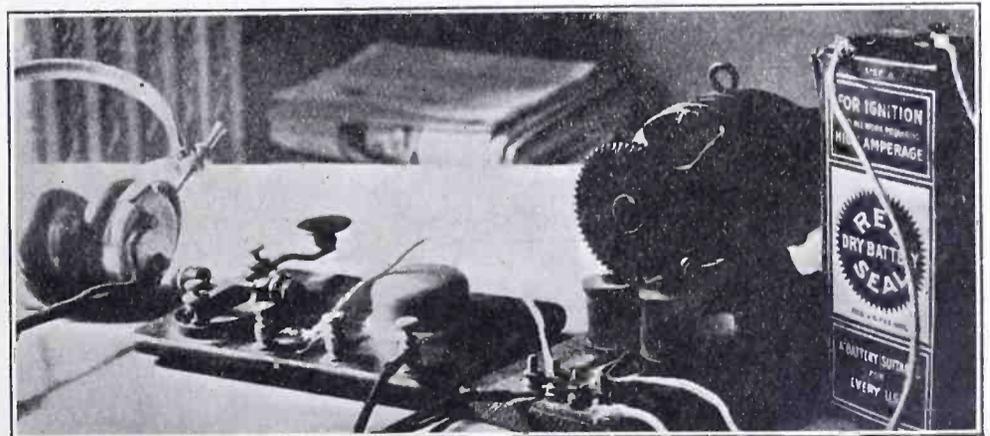


Fig. 3. Apparatus for Producing High Frequency Current

these magnets are used in two independent circuits. One is connected directly to a dry cell and when current passes through it a magnetic field is set up which is cut by the rotor when it is moved by the motor. This action causes an alternating current to be generated in the other coil, for each tooth in the gear acts as a magnetic pole and the frequency of the current produced in the second coil will depend upon the number of teeth in the wheel and the speed of the motor. A small rheostat should be placed in series with the battery and the motor and this will give perfect control over the frequency of the tone. The apparatus is used with the motor connected in series with the first magnet as illustrated in Fig. 3. Of course, it is understood that the motor must be revolving while the apparatus is in use. Interruptions in this circuit will be heard in the second circuit, since there will be no current flowing in this circuit unless there is a current flowing in the first one. If heavier magnets are used for this alternator, together with a larger gear wheel, sufficient current will be generated to permit a large number of persons or an entire radio club to practice the code.



Assembly without Automatic Transmitter

# A Radio Circuit Testing Board

By Paul Oard

*The advice of an experienced experimenter is here placed at the disposal of those who wish to more intelligently try out new circuits. From the suggestions given, any amateur can duplicate the construction and derive much help from its use.*

**S**YSTEM is desirable in the pursuit of any form of knowledge, particularly if the knowledge sought is of a nature that requires careful attention to detail. With the multiplicity of radio circuits that are being brought to the attention of the experimenter, the need of system in testing such circuits becomes paramount. The frequent duplication of circuits through a rearrangement of the diagrams is a common occurrence which the experimenter can avoid to a great extent if he systematizes his testing.

The attainment of system is, however, a rather difficult matter for the average radio enthusiast. In the testing out of a circuit diagram with unsatisfactory results, probably much of the blame may rest upon the experimenter, rather than upon the circuit, because of the lack of system. It is neither practical nor desirable in testing out a new circuit that the apparatus necessary for its operation be mounted permanently in a finished instrument.

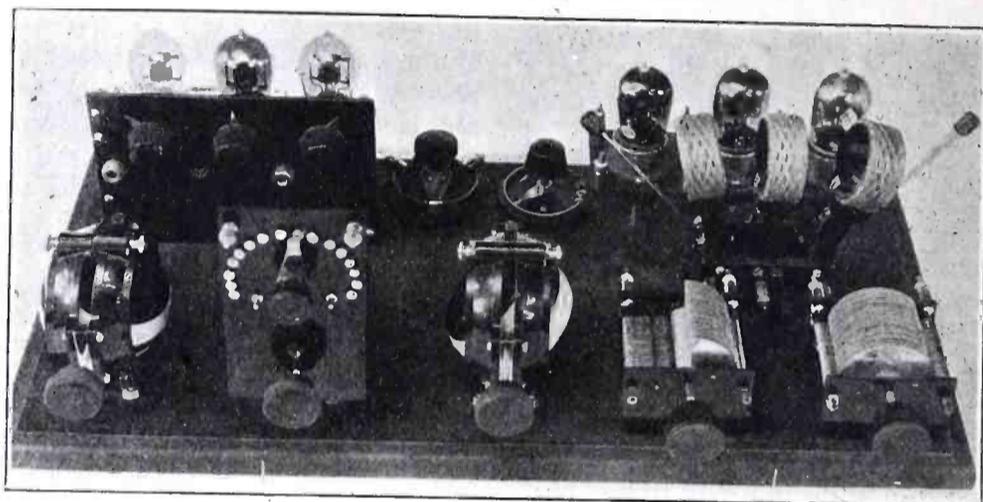
One of the first steps toward systematization is a portable instrument board to which is attached the apparatus most likely to be needed. Furthermore, the apparatus should be grouped in such units as to do away with as much unnecessary making of connections as possible, but with such units interchangeable to a wide variety of purposes. In the testing out of the more elaborate circuits, it is not entirely practical that all of the apparatus that will be necessary be grouped upon one board; rather, the common units that are necessary should be so arranged, with special equipment kept separately, but so that it may be used in connection with the main testing board.

The board shown herewith is made up of the following units: One 2-stage audio-frequency amplifier and detector complete, one 3-gang socket assembly, one separate rheostat, one potentiometer, two variable condensers, one honeycomb coil mounting, two variometers, one variocoupler.

Fixed condensers, grid leaks, radio-frequency transformers and extra audio-frequency transformers for certain forms of reflex circuits are not mounted, but

a convenient method of taking care of regulation circuit experiments. It may likewise be utilized for certain super-regenerative circuit arrangements. Binding posts are provided for all terminals of the mounting.

The variometer and variocoupler arrangement allows of a multiplicity of uses. The three units may be used interchangeably in single, two and three-circuit tests, and in tuning units in reflex and radio-frequency circuits. One



Paul Oard's Testing Board

are left independent of the board so that they may be placed as desired.

The three-gang socket is connected in series as regards the filament terminals, controlled by a single rheostat, while binding posts are brought out for all plate and grid terminals in this unit. Such an arrangement permits different types of radio-frequency transformers to be connected at will. This unit also may be used in testing single-tube circuits.

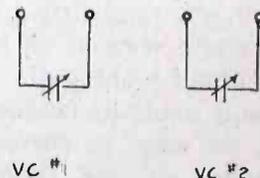
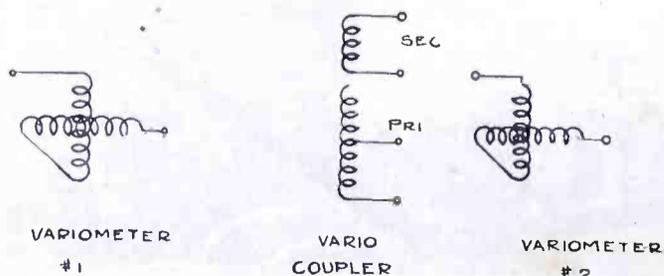
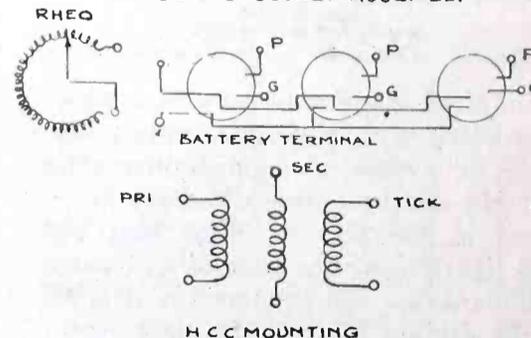
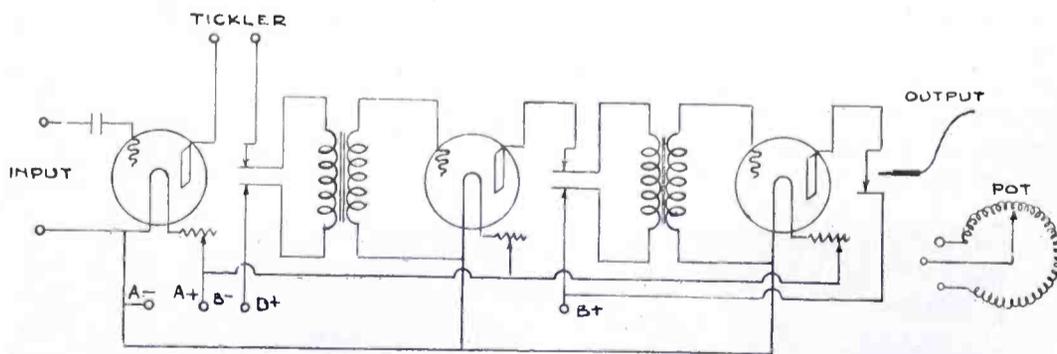
The honeycomb coil mounting allows

may readily satisfy himself as to whether a two-variometer-one variocoupler regenerative arrangement is more suitable for short wave reception than the honeycomb coil circuit, or vice versa.

The variable condensers are provided with binding posts for separate connections at will.

The two-stage audio-frequency amplifier and detector unit is provided with three jacks and a plug. Its use with loud speaking equipment allows of ready

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Layout for Circuit Testing Board

# Neutrodyne Circuit Radio Receivers

By Kimball Houton Stark, Chief Engineer, F. A. D. Andrea, Inc.

*In this article, the first of a complete series on the Neutrodyne circuit and its possibilities, the fundamental theory is given in detail. By understanding the principle of tuned radio-frequency amplification with neutralization of capacity coupling, the experimenter can appreciate the difficulties that Professor Hazeltine overcame when in 1918 he devised his now famous Neutrodyne circuit.*

IN 1918, Professor Louis A. Hazeltine was in the employ of the United States Government as consulting radio engineer at the Washington Navy Yard, where he had charge of the development work on radio receiving equipment for the navy. One of the problems was the design of an efficient radio receiver to cover a wavelength range of from approximately 250 to 7500 meters. Obviously, with thousands and thousands of radio stations in operation on the battle fronts and on the high seas, the problem of preventing interference was of enormous consequence. In working with the proposed design for the SE-1420 receiver, as it was called, it was found that at times short wave signals interfered with the operation of the receiver when listening-in on the longer wavelengths and vice-versa. In studying this matter Professor Hazeltine found that such interference was in many cases caused by the capacity coupling existing between various portions of the receiver circuit. The more obvious steps of arranging the circuits so that electrostatically-exposed parts and wires were at or near ground potentials and of enclosing the primary and secondary apparatus in separate metal compartments were quickly taken.

The primary tuning coil and the secondary coupling coil had to be electrostatically exposed to one another in order to obtain the necessary magnetic coupling between the primary and secondary circuits. Overcoming this problem in the design of the SE-1420 receiver gave birth in the mind of Professor Hazeltine to the idea of neutralizing the capacity coupling between portions of radio receiver and amplifier circuits.

In general, Professor Hazeltine has taken advantage of the principle that electrostatic or capacity coupling between two circuits behaves like electromagnetic coupling, in that it may be reversed in sense and in particular may be reduced to zero. Such a condition is accomplished by balancing the capacity of one portion of the circuit against another portion, it being necessary to reverse the phase of a voltage, this involving the use of an electro-magnetic transformer in addition to the capacities.

Fig. 1 illustrates a fundamental circuit arrangement showing capacity coupling and methods of neutralizing. *A* and *B* are circuits coupled through the direct connection at the bottom and

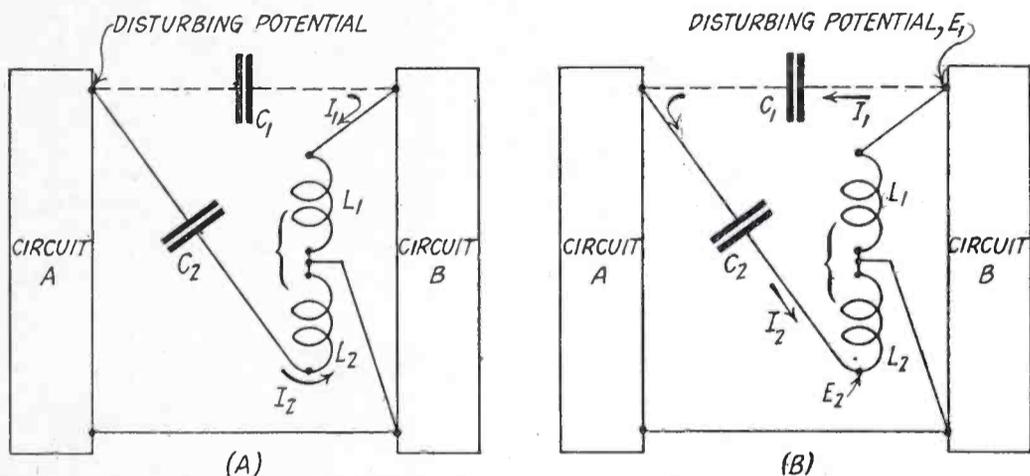


Fig. 1. Fundamental Circuit Arrangements Showing Principle of Capacity Coupling Neutralization

through the coupling capacity  $C_1$ . If circuit *A* has a source of alternating current, the alternating potential of its upper terminal (marked "disturbing potential"—Fig. 1a) would send a current through the coupling capacity  $C_1$  to circuit *B*, which current flowing through the impedance of circuit *B* would set up a voltage between its terminals. Thus in the absence of capacity neutralization energy would be transferred from circuit *A* to circuit *B*.

To overcome this transfer of energy from one circuit to another two closely coupled inductance coils  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  and a neutralizing capacity  $C_2$  are arranged as shown in Fig. 1. The inductance  $L_1$  is connected between one terminal of  $C_1$  and the common connection, and  $L_2$  is connected in series with  $C_2$  between the other terminal of  $C_1$  and the common connection. The terminals of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , which are connected together, are of unlike polarity.

Now if the neutralizing circuit  $L_1 L_2 C_2$  be so adjusted that the current  $I_2$  through  $L_2$  magnetically balances the current  $I_1$  through  $L_1$ , no voltage will exist across either of these coils or across the terminals of circuit *B* which is in parallel with the inductance  $L_1$ . The condition of magnetic balance is

$$N_1 I_1 = N_2 I_2 \text{ ampere turns} \quad (1)$$

where the  $N$ s are the respective number of turns of wire on the inductance coils and the  $I$ s the current flowing through the coils. Obviously, if no voltage exists across circuit *B* no current will flow through it and all of the current through the coupling capacity  $C_1$  will be the current  $I_1$  of coil  $L_1$ . The current through  $C_2$  is likewise the current  $I_2$  through coil  $L_2$ . Since under this condition of neutralization no volt-

age exists across the inductances, the two condensers (the neutralizing condenser  $C_2$  and the coupling condenser  $C_1$ ) have equal voltages and their currents are therefore in the ratio of their capacities.

$$\frac{I_2 C_2}{I_1 C_1} = 1 \quad (2)$$

combining these relations,

$$\frac{N_1 C_2}{N_2 C_1} = 1 \quad (3)$$

which is therefore the condition for the neutralization of the capacity coupling between the circuits.

The general reciprocal relation of electrically coupled circuits proves that if a source of energy in circuit *A* does not affect circuit *B* (as described above) then a source of energy in circuit *B* will not affect circuit *A*. However, it seems worth while to examine the details in this instance as illustrated in Fig. 1b. The "disturbing potential" at the upper terminal of circuit *B* will send a current  $I_1$  through  $C_1$ . If adjustments are so made that the current  $I_2$  through  $C_2$  is equal to the current  $I_1$ , then no current flows into circuit *A* and no voltage is set up in circuit *A*. Since the current through a capacity is proportional to the capacity and to the voltage, we then have

$$C_1 E_1 = C_2 E_2 \quad (4)$$

where  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are the voltages across  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  respectively. There being no voltage across circuit *A*, the junction of the inductances  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is at the same potential as the junction of the capacities  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ; so  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are also the voltages of inductances  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  and

these voltages are proportional to the respective numbers of turns:

$$\frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} \quad (5)$$

Hence, combining equations, we must have

$$\frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{C_2}{C_1} \quad (6)$$

as before in equation (3).

If the capacity  $C_2$  is smaller than given by equation (3) the capacity  $C_1$  will be under-neutralized, and the circuits will be so coupled in the same sense as if there were no capacity neutralization. If the capacity  $C_2$  is larger than given by equation (3), the capacity  $C_1$  will be over-neutralized, and the circuits will be coupled in the opposite sense, by which is meant that the phases of all currents and voltages produced in one circuit by a source in energy in the other circuits will be opposite to what they would have been without capacity neutralization. The adjustment of  $C_2$  is

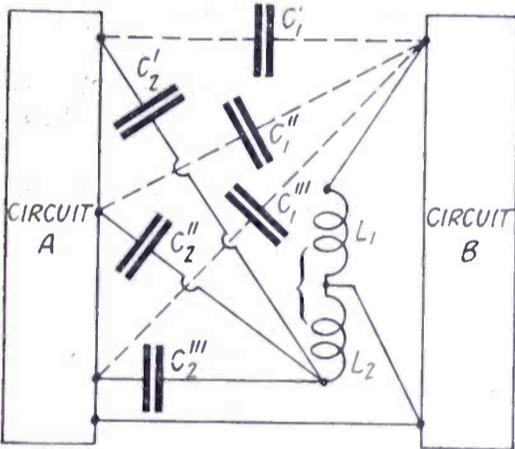


Fig. 2. Coupling of Circuits by an Infinite Number of Capacities

thus analogous to the adjustment of magnetic coupling by the rotation of a coil through the position of zero mutual inductance.

It sometimes happens that two circuits will be coupled by a number of capacities extending from a single point of one circuit to various points of the other as indicated by  $C_1'$ ,  $C_1''$ , and  $C_1'''$ , in

Fig. 2. In this case a single transformer  $L_1, L_2$  is all that is necessary, but each coupling capacity must be separately balanced by a neutralizing capacity, as  $C_2', C_2'', C_2'''$ . The relations for a

ceiver; and thus the idea of employing the currents in the coils to more effectively eliminate capacity coupling, led to the general methods described in the above paragraphs.

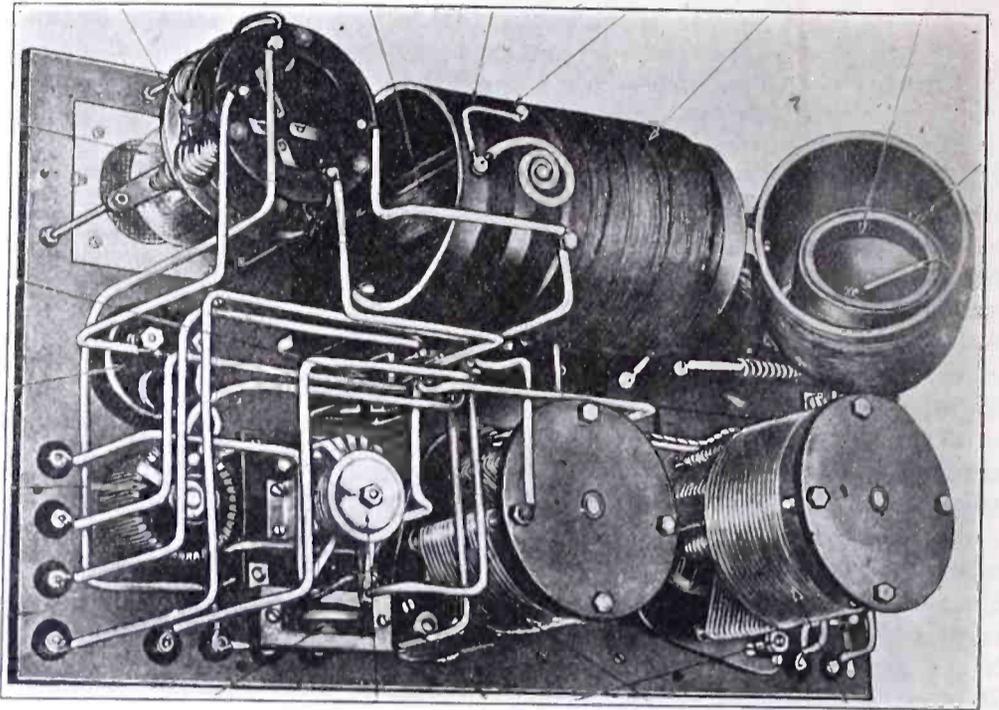


Fig. 4. Interior View of Navy SE-1420 Receiver. Note the antenna Coil, Coupling Coil, and Coupling Coil Shield at the Right End.

capacity balance under these conditions are, as previously,

$$\frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{C_2' C_2'' C_2'''}{C_1' C_1'' C_1'''} \quad (7)$$

In studying the problem of eliminating the capacity coupling existing in the circuits of the SE-1420 navy receiver, Professor Hazeltine, while at the Washington navy yard, devised a general theory of capacity neutralization.

The conditions to be overcome in this receiver have been mentioned earlier in the article and Professor Hazeltine's first thought was to eliminate the residual circuit capacity coupling by wrapping a grounded wire around the coupling coil of the receiver. In considering the most practical way of arranging such a wire screening device, he realized that it would carry a current due to its exposure to the primary coil of the re-

Fig. 3 shows the exterior view of the Navy SE-1420 receiver and Fig. 4 illustrates the interior of this same radio receiver. The various parts of the instrument are indicated in Fig. 4 and particular note should be taken of the position and arrangement of the coupling coil and the coupling coil shield as developed by Hazeltine, this being the first practical application of the Neutrodyne principle.

Fig. 5 shows in diagrammatical detail the system employed for neutralizing the coupling capacity in this receiver. The large or outside coil shown at the right

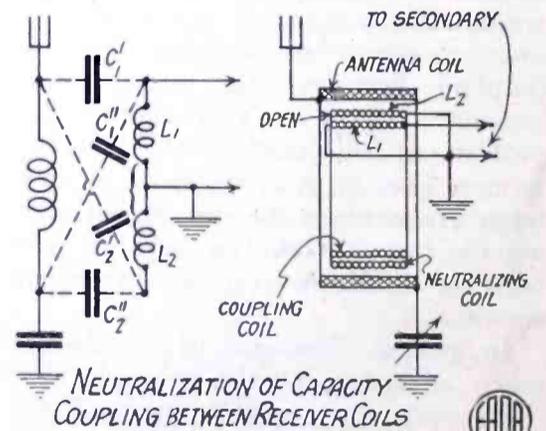


Fig. 5. Neutralization of Capacity Coupling Between Receiver Coils

is the primary or antenna tuning coil;  $L_1$  is the coupling coil in series with the secondary inductance and  $L_2$ , the inductance wound outside of  $L_1$ , is the neutralizing coil. The inherent capacity from the high potential end of the coupling coil  $L_1$  to the various parts of the primary or antenna tuning coil are shown at the left of Fig. 5 by coupling capacities  $C_1'$  and  $C_2'$ , etc. The various capacities between the inductances have

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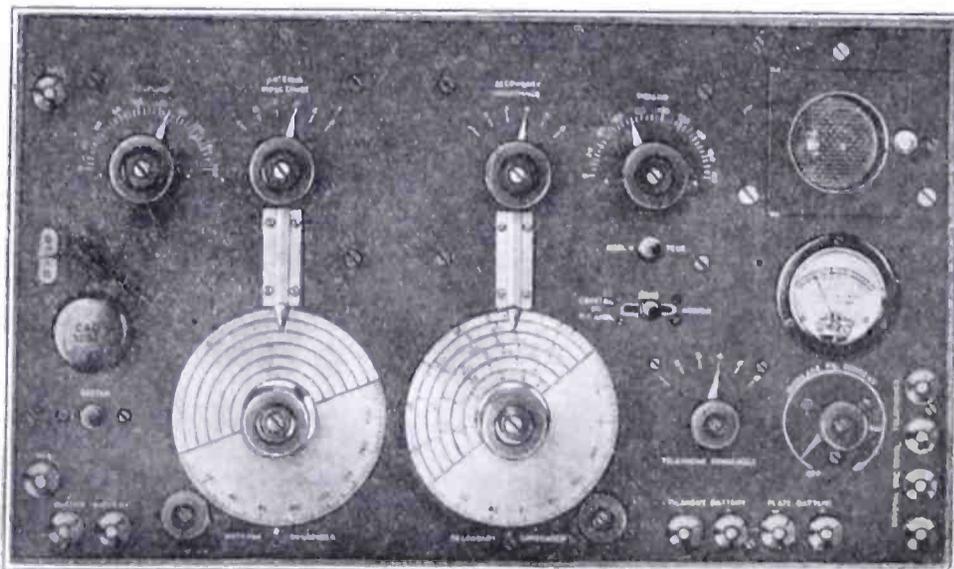


Fig. 3. Front View of Navy SE-1420 Receiver

*"Cassidy—the cop—off duty"*

## The "Q-Drawer"

By Earle Ennis

*This is a clever detective story featuring radio and the geometrical axiom that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points, the two points being the crime and the criminal.*

FOR an ordinary policeman, Cassidy had picked up a lot of valuable information. He had started young in life as a special agent for a big railroad—the C. M. and St. J.—a confidential man in confidential service. In this job he picked up a knowledge of human nature and a smattering of telegraphy. Not such a smattering, either, for that matter. In the Higby Smelter robbery, for instance, it will be recalled that it was Cassidy, tapping a "pony" wire with his understanding of Morse, that led a posse to a mountain shack and landed an entire gang in jail.

When Cassidy changed over to the city department, he broadened his knowledge of human nature and added a few other accomplishments. For one thing, he learned to pick a gun-man on sight, to spot a two-timer by his shuffle, to side-step a bullet through a door panel when tackling a barricaded "weazle," and where a hop-head usually carries his "snow" cargo. Also he learned to disbelieve a police court "mouthpiece," to know the sound of a blown "can," and where to find any section of his penal code. And when young Cassidy Jr., yclept "Mike," went in for radio, Cassidy plunged with him.

"'Tis only a small difference bechune some of the letters I know and them I don't," said Cassidy, comfortably. "So for the likes of a couple of smart men like us, I'm thinkin' we can master the trick of it."

They did. In a year, the Cassidys, father and son, were neck and neck, in the give and take of the buzzer talk.

"Do ye moind the lad takin' it as fast as I can shoot it to him, now," Cassidy would say pridefully over the back fence to a neighbor. "But for that matter, I'm no slouch misself." And he wasn't.

ALL of which brings the story to a November evening at the Cassidy home, with Mrs. Cassidy bustling around her kitchen, busy with clattering pans and kettles, Mike battling with a stub pencil and the intricacies of fractions as outlined by the seventh grade, and Cassidy in his sock feet, "sitting in" on the baseball and other entertainment of the air on the Cassidy receiving equipment—value, approximately, nine dollars.

It was not much of a set—that Cassidy outfit. Its base was a cigar box. But it owned to a lamp and batteries, and each Cassidy had a pair of head-

phones. Over the table was a map stuck full of pins, and in the drawer was a log of places heard. During the long nights—these two, father and son—intrigued by the mystey of distant whispirings, in the staccato lilt of the code, spent many pleasant and satisfying hours twirling the one knob the set possessed, and quarreling over letters.

Only once did Mrs. Cassidy, knitting under the lamp and in a gossipy mood, make protest at the comradeship of these two in an expressed wish that "a body could have a word with the family now and then." To which Cassidy made terse and epigrammatic reply:

"Would ye rather the young lad was in a pool room now, mother?" he asked, "than sittin' here enjoyin' hisself?"

To which Mrs. Cassidy, being a true diplomat of the old sod, made reply:

"I was thinkin' maybe ye could let me lissen the now, Dennis."

The next night Cassidy bought another pair of receivers and Mrs. Cassidy joined the circle and wept over many an Irish tune that trickled in from another state.

So then—it being November 3rd—we find Cassidy, feet on table, nickel cigar going nicely, phones, knob, cushion,

elbows and disposition, all comfortably adjusted, listening to the start of the night's radio traffic down the air-lanes—ship calling to ship, or to shore station—chattering away with affairs as myriad as the lives of men.

Now—get these two pictures!

Cassidy—the cop—off-duty, comfortable in his "sittin'" room, with a tiny wire among his chimney pots, linked to the wizardry of a box and a lamp by a scant six feet of cord, and—

James V. Corot—international crook, confidence man, and thief of a dozen aliases—one thousand miles away, aboard the *S. S. Tuscania*—sprawled in his berth watching with idle eyes the thin line of smoke that trailed upward from his cigarette.

"A good night for distance!" muttered Cassidy, who had never heard of Corot.

"A cinch bet," murmured Corot, who had never heard of Cassidy.

WITH the stage practically set, we will now concern ourselves with "The Countess"—at that particular moment in the dining room of the *S. S. Tuscania*, with the superlative glitter of life and light around her like a social halo, exchanging table amenities with young Harrington Forbes, polo player, dilettante, globe-trotter, wealthy in six figures, and matrimonially desirable. Oh yes, quite.

Elsie Jannison was not, as a matter of fact, a countess. Such ancestral estates as she possessed were at the moment, in her brass-bound steamer trunk. But she was known by that title from the Riviera to Piccadilly, despite her lack of demesne, and no one ever questioned her rights in the matter. But to those in the "know" she was one of the greatest "pick-ups" in the jewel smuggling traffic.

The acquaintance of "The Countess" and young Harrington Forbes had developed by the merest chance. That is what young Forbes thought. How did he know that a confidential agent in London had wired Elsie that Forbes was enroute to New York with the finest collection of unset diamonds known to the trade to be matched with a seventh stone at an American lapidary's? Elsie caught the Liverpool express by a narrow margin—but she made it.

Forbes visited at the Cheltenham-Haskows for two days before his departure. By the merest chance—a chance that cost her five pounds sterling to accomplish, her motor broke down at that point. There was telephoning to be done—such things. Young Forbes gallantly threw himself into the breach, and was most delighted to learn that the charming lady, in distress, was booked like himself on the *Tuscania* . . . They would meet later? To be sure. Just like that!

THUS—at the moment when Cassidy settled down for a quiet evening, and Corot lay chuckling at some inner thought of his own, the Countess was engaged in accomplishing the thing for which she had discreetly angled for a number of hours,—a sight of the famous Forbes diamonds.

"I suppose it is foolish to carry them around this way," said young Forbes, as he took a chamois bag from an inside pocket. "I shall put them back in the ship's safe as soon as you have looked at them. But I really couldn't resist the sight of your face when . . ."

He broke off to unfasten the thong that held the bag. Tilting it up, he poured a cool three-quarters of a million in glittering crystal baubles upon the white cloth of the dining table, where they sparkled under the overhead lights like bits of star-dust.

"Oh—how . . . magnificent!"

The excited scream of delight attracted the attention of others in the dining room and instantly the table was ringed with an excited, thrilled group of passengers, to whom young Forbes and his diamonds were already known through the newspapers.

"How unutterably magnificent!" exclaimed the Countess.

They were—stupidly, fatuously so, as they sparkled with myriad colors—spread in irregular pattern under the lights—six superb stones of different sizes.

"They were intended for a necklace," young Forbes explained. "That's why I am taking them across. The seventh stone is to be the pendant, and is, I understand, finer than any of these. It will make rather a neat little collection."

He spoke with a certain degree of pride. A London banker at his elbow chuckled.

"Neat—my word! A king's ransom rolls on the cloth and the man calls it neat! Handsome—I think. Eh what?"

A general laugh went up;

"They are beautiful—dangerously beautiful," said the Countess, shuddering becomingly. "I would be frightened to death to—to even have them near me!"

Forbes laughed and, rolling the stones together, rewrapped them in their tissue paper covers and dropped them back into the bag.

"I am not only not superstitious about them, but I would be willing to let you wear them . . . if they were set!" he challenged.

The Countess blushed—it had taken her many a weary day to determine the exact shade of a blush for distraught registration—and flashed him a confused look. The others were drifting away, talking about the stones.

"I . . . let us go on deck . . ." said the Countess, her eyes refusing to meet those of young Forbes.

He laughed—rather nervously—and fell in with the suggestion.

"Yes—do. The moon is wonderful..."

Carelessly he dropped the chamois bag into his pocket. He would have the steward place it back in the safe later in the evening . . .

Young Forbes followed the Countess on deck, to find her staring out at the rippling moonlight on the water. As he came up beside her, he touched her on the arm.

"Wonderful night!" he said.

The Countess started violently and gave a sharp cry.

"How you startled me!"

A handkerchief which she held in her fingers fluttered away over the rail. Young Forbes clutched at it, leaning far out . . . Then he whirled with a quick apology.

"I thought you heard me behind you," he explained.

The Countess was laughing, now.

"I was moon-dreaming," she said. "It is nothing, I assure you. I am just a bit distraught . . . a woman's nerves, I guess."

Forbes waved a hand toward the white bit of linen that still gleamed far behind in the moonlight.

"Shall I dive for it?" he asked, laughing.

The Countess tapped him playfully on the arm.

"Hardly," she replied. "Shall we walk?"

Nothing to it all, of course. Persiflage, fluff, shipboard drivel, social badinage—anything to fill in the hours, from a flirtation to a scandal. Forgotten when the boat docks, but played like a card game—while it lasts. Only that—

James V. Corot happened to be standing a bit farther along the deck when the incident occurred. The darkness masked Corot's smile. The churn of the screws muffled his softly-spoken "good work", though to what he referred was not apparent. He glanced casually at a fast-disappearing bit of white—a lady's handkerchief—hummed softly to himself, and turned into his own cabin. There, one standing behind him, would have seen him penning a radiogram to an address ashore.

The message read:

"Arrive Thursday. All well. Regards.—Jim."

The night operator chuckled as he took the message and flipped out a call to a station ashore, which was to take all the *Tuscania's* business. Pretty work! And right under the nose of Scotland Yard, and the ship's officers, too. Neat, eh? Oh, well—it proved that using the old bean was the only system—that and carefully laid plans.

CASSIDY, the cop, sitting in his kitchen, his feet on the table and half asleep from the drone of the cease-

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# Practical Filter Design

## Part II

By Don Lippincott

Careful study of this article and its predecessor on theory should enable the reader not only to construct the especial filter described but also to design and build filters for other purposes. The author has succeeded in explaining the subject in simple terms.

**A**BSTRACT electrical theory means little to most of us. The ordinary mind does not think of reactances and impedances in terms of x's and z's but as coils and condensers. Therefore, a filter design, not in numerics only, but as a physical structure, seems to be indicated as the proper conclusion for my previous paper on "Electric Current Filters" in December RADIO.

The problem, then, shall be to design a filter to supply plate current for two 5-watt UV202 or C302 tubes, from a rectified 60-cycle a.c. supply.

The filter will consist of two sections. (See Fig. 1.) Section I is the familiar

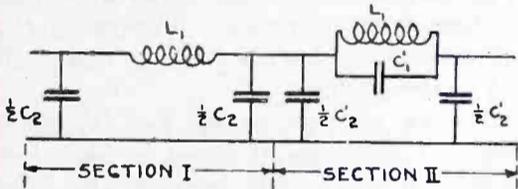


Fig. 1. General Design of Plate Current Filter

low-pass filter of the  $\pi$  type, giving a reasonable degree of attenuation at the lower frequencies, the filtering becoming better as the frequency increases. This section alone might prove satisfactory for sharpening the tuning for telegraph use, but for phone work would let through sufficient of the 120-cycle fundamental frequency to give a very unpleasant hum.

Section II is designed to eliminate this. It, too, is a low pass,  $\pi$  type, but it reaches its maximum attenuation at 120 cycles. Above this point the attenuation falls again to a moderate value, to rise more gradually toward infinity as the frequency becomes infinitely great.

As in any design problem, we have several types of elements entering. Certain of these are fixed for us by the conditions of the problem. Certain others we choose arbitrarily, or modify for convenience of construction or to utilize available materials. Still others are resultants of the values chosen in the first two classes.

In our case, the fixed factors are the impedance into which our filter is to work and the frequency of the supply, which determines the point where we need maximum attenuation.

The first of these factors—the impedance—is determined by the tube characteristics. It is *not*, however, the "output impedance" of the tube, which is an a.c. quantity. The function of the filter is to deliver direct current, hence

the impedance in question is a pure resistance, determined by Ohm's law:

$$R = E_p / I_p \quad (1)$$

Manufacturers' specifications give the normal plate voltage as  $350 = E_p$ , and the plate current as  $.045 = I_p$ . As there are two tubes to be supplied,  $I_p$  must be doubled. Therefore, substituting  $350 \div .045 \times 2 = 3890$  ohms, or accurately enough for our purposes, and easier to handle,  $R = 4000$  ohms.

Our exact cut-off point is not important, but we choose, arbitrarily, 40 cycles as being likely to lead to satisfactory attenuations at 120 cycles and above.

The conditions for cut-off are

$$Z_1 = -4Z_2 \quad (2)$$

From this is derived another equation of condition, more convenient for our use. Cut-off occurs when

$$Z_1 = 2R \text{ (numerically)} \quad (3)$$

As  $Z_1 = 2\pi L_1 f$ , at  $f = f_0 = 40$ , our cut-off frequency  $2\pi L_1 \times 40 = 8000$ ,  $L_1 = 31.8$  henrys.

This brings us to our next equation for filters of this type:

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{L_1}{C_2}} \quad (4)$$

Substituting:

$$4000 = \sqrt{\frac{31.8}{C_2}}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{31.8}{16,000,000} \text{ farads}$$

$$= 1.99 \text{ m.f.}$$

One buys condensers in 1 m.f. units. The cut-off point was chosen arbitrarily anyway, so we call  $C_2 = 2$ , which makes  $L_1$  (by equation 4) = 32 henrys, and gives cut-off at 39.8 cycles—a change of no moment whatsoever, even 5 or 10 cycles here being unimportant.

Section I is now completely specified—a 32-henry inductance coil in series with the line, and a 1 m.f. condenser ( $\frac{1}{2} C_2$ ) connected across the line at each end of the coil.

The design of Section II is derived from Section I with the aid of two coefficients. The first:

$$m = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f_0}{f_\infty}\right)^2} \quad (5)$$

The second:

$$c = \frac{1 - m^2}{4m} \quad (6)$$

$f_\infty$ , the frequency of infinite attenuation, is 120 cycles.  $f_0$  is the cut-off point, 39.8 cycles, (40 is close enough). Therefore:

$$m = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{40}{120}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{9}} = .944$$

$$\text{and } C = \frac{1 - \frac{8}{9}}{3.775} = .0294$$

These coefficients are applied as follows:

$$L_1' = mL_1 \quad C_1' = cC_2 \quad C_2' = mC_2$$

or

$$L_1' = .944 \times 32 = 30.2 \text{ henrys.}$$

$$C_1' = .294 \times 2 = .588 \text{ m.f.}$$

$$C_2' = .944 \times 2 = 1.888 \text{ m.f.}$$

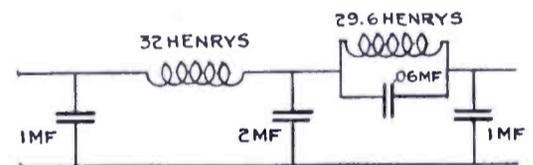


Fig. 2. Specific Design and Constants

Again we have capacities not readily available commercially, and again we solve the problem by taking the nearest commercial sizes. For  $C_2' = 1.888$  we take  $C_2' = 2$ , and in place of  $C_1' = .0588$  we adopt the value  $C_1' = .06$ .

In adopting the latter approximation there are further changes to be made. Cut-off points we may juggle more or less at will, but the value of maximum attenuation is fixed at 120 cycles.  $L_1'$  and  $C_1'$  together form a parallel circuit resonant to a frequency of 120 cycles. If we increase  $C_1'$  from .0588 m.f. to .06 m.f., we must decrease  $L_1'$  in the same ratio, in order to keep the product  $L_1' C_1'$ , and hence the resonant frequency, a constant. We have then:

$$L_1' = 30.2 \times \frac{.0588}{.0600} = 29.6 \text{ henrys.}$$

The only result of these changes is to shift slightly the cut-off again, this time to 39 cycles.

Fig. 2 shows the hook-up of the resulting two section filter.

In building the filter the condensers used will be those manufactured by any one of several telephone manufacturing companies. The shunt condensers have to withstand the full line potential constantly, and those chosen should have been tested to a voltage at least  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times as great. The series condenser, owing to its position in the filter system, has to withstand no such voltage, and

any telephone condenser of the proper capacity will serve admirably.

The inductance coils used have cores of the closed magnetic circuit type, but provided with an air gap. If a complete closed circuit were used, a great deal less material would be necessary to give the required values of inductance when measured on pure a.c. The direct current which constantly traverses the coils, however, would bring the core to magnetic saturation and the actual inductance would not only be smaller than computed (which we might allow for), but would also change greatly in value throughout the a.c. cycle, which would defeat the purpose of the filter completely. By adjusting the length of the air gap, the value of the inductance may be changed. Therefore we will make

On this basis then

$$L \times 10^9 = \frac{2.54 N^2 A}{7} \quad (7)$$

where  $A$  = the cross sectional area of the core in square inches,  $7$  = the length of the air gap in inches,  $N$  = the number of turns, and  $L$  = the inductance in henrys.

The air gap must be long enough to constitute the major part of the reluctance of the magnetic circuit to make the effect of "accidental" gaps—where the core plates are lapped—negligible. It must be short enough to keep the ampere turns required to magnetize it within reasonable limits. .1 inch is a reasonable value, and we will assume 1 square inch as the cross section of the core.

winding being kept as level as possible, but without any attempt being made to wind it exactly in layers—about 80% as many turns will occupy the same space. On this basis 8950 turns will take about 1.85 square inches of winding space, and we will interpret this as meaning a coil 2 inches long, with a winding depth of 15/16 inch.

Wind this coil on a core 1 1/2 inches square, solder flexible leads to the ends of the winding, remove from the form and tape. A coating of shellac is advisable.

Cut the plates as shown in the drawings. Silicon steel transformer sheets are best, of course, but soft black stove-pipe iron, gage 26 to 30, will serve perfectly. The tinsmith will sell you the latter and cut it for you into the bargain.

Lay up the core inside of the coil as shown, lapping joints at corners  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ . The clamps are made of strips of hardwood 1/2 in. x 1 in. x 6 in., with 1/4-in. bolts, 2 3/4 in. long at the corners. The free end of the core at  $D$  must also be kept from vibrating. Wrapping the whole leg tight with friction tape will take care of that.

In the air gap, at  $G$ , put layers of felt to a thickness of about 1/4 in. when loose. A turnbuckle between the bolts at corners  $C$  and  $D$  serves to adjust the gap by compressing this felt.

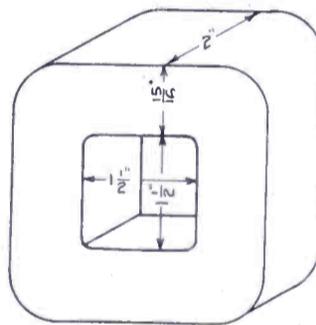
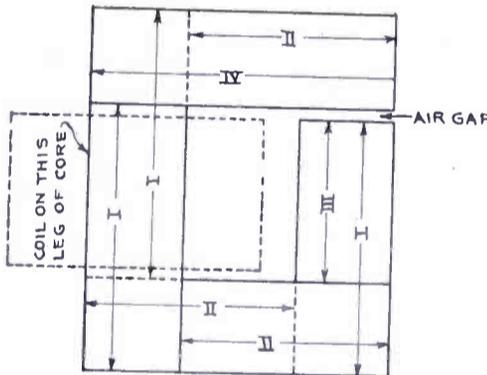
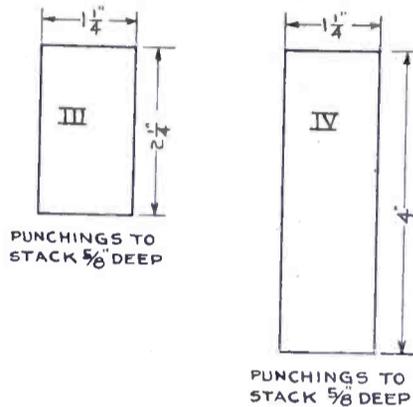
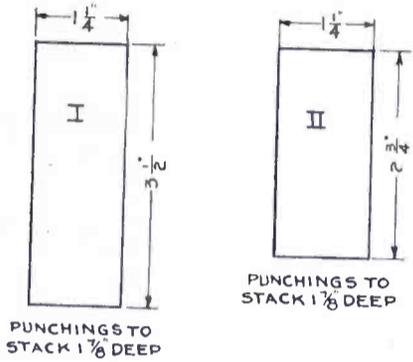


Fig. 3

the reactors used in the two sections identical and adjust for the exact value later.

The current in the coils is .09 amp. 800 circular mils is a conservative value to use in determining the size of wire to use. This gives 73 circular mils, and therefore 31 wire, with a cross section of 79 circular mils, is chosen.

The method of design is selected on account of its simplicity and ease of application. It is based on several assumptions, none of which are true, but which are sufficiently accurate for our purposes. These are, that all the flux threads all the turns of the coil, that the effective area of the air gap is equal to the cross sectional area of the iron core, and that no magnetomotive force is required to magnetize the iron, the entire amount being expended on the gap. The error involved in the last two approximations is in opposite directions, and they serve practically to neutralize each other.

We can now substitute in equation 7.

$$32 \times 10^9 = \frac{2.54 N^2}{.1}$$

Solving,  $N = 8950$  turns.

Wire tables show that with No. 31 single cotton-covered magnet wire, solid layer winding, 6000 turns will occupy 1 square inch of winding space. With "random winding,"—that is, with the wire wound into a form or bobbin, the

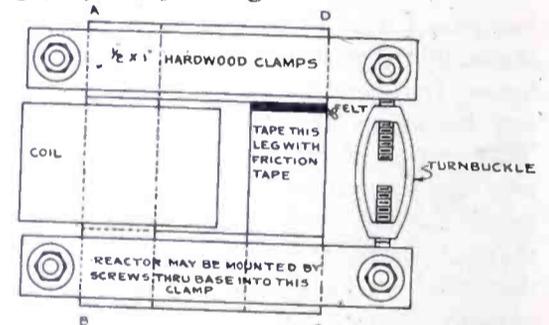


Fig. 4

The reactor for Section I of the filter will give best results with the air gap nearly closed—the turnbuckle drawn up as tight as possible.

Section II must be tuned. This may be done directly if proper precautions are taken, but a better way is to listen in on a receiving set while using Section II alone as plate supply filter in the transmitter. Adjust the turnbuckle until the characteristic hum (the so-called "60-cycle hum") is a minimum. Then connect Section I, and the results should be practically perfect filtering.



# Panel Layout and Drilling

By D. B. McGown

*This installment in the author's series on Home Radio Shop Practice is concerned with the details of laying out and drilling panels. Directions are given for mounting rheostats, meters and condensers and for working bakelite.*

THE laying out of a panel and its preparation for drilling is one of the most exacting tasks in home radio construction. It is especially difficult for the average amateur to properly place parts with offset holes, even when templates are provided by the manufacturer.

As an example, consider the methods of mounting a simple rheostat with  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. shaft and two screws for panel support. The simplest method for mounting a single rheostat is to drill a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. hole at the point in the panel where the rheostat center is to be and then screw it fast to the panel by means of a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. machine screw which temporarily replaces the rheostat shaft. Then drill the two smaller holes of the same size as the fastening screws, and fasten the rheostat tightly in place with these screws after replacing the shaft.

If several such rheostats are to be mounted make a metal template fitted with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. pin to fit the shaft hole and drilled with two smaller holes to match those containing the supporting screws.

An even better way is to use a center square as shown in Fig. 1. This is a

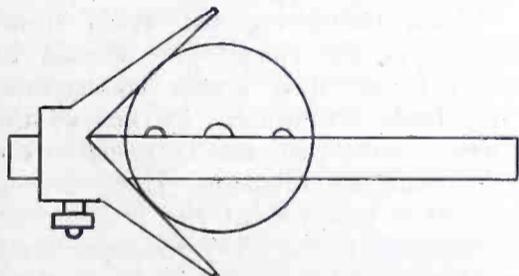


Fig. 1. Center Square Used for Rheostat Layout

steel scale with a sliding head cut at a right angle. The scale passes through the center of any circular object, when held as shown, so that a light line may be ruled with a steel scriber. The distances between holes are measured with a pair of dividers, and laid off on the panel for any number of rheostats. Then center-punch the holes and drill them, without bothering with a template. A center-square is also useful in laying off an object whose holes are off center. Front mounting meters are usually of this kind. Slide the center square around until it is equidistant from the two projecting terminal screws, which are represented by *A* and *B* in Fig. 2. A pair of small inside calipers should be used to lay off the distances so it is exactly even, the first position of the calipers being shown at *C*, and the second at *D*. These two distances being equal, a scribe line is drawn along the upper edge of the steel

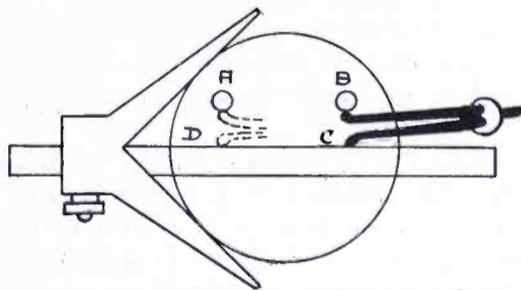


Fig. 2. Center Square Used for Meter Layout

scale, which is the center line of the meter, with reference to the terminals. The square being removed, we have a line across the meters, as shown in Fig. 3; this line is then bisected, by setting the dividers at each end, and swinging on a radius greater than half the distance across the meter, and erecting a perpendicular, which gives us two center lines, from which we work. Take a pair of calipers, which are illustrated in Fig. 3, and take the distance *FG*, as

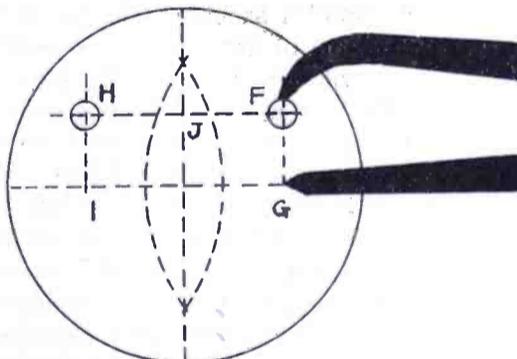


Fig. 3. Method for Determining Meter Layout

shown. This will be the exact distance from the center line of the meter to the center of the terminal hole one-half the diameter of the terminal stud, this latter distance to be taken off the distance *FG*, when it is laid out on the panel, which will give the exact distance of the center of the terminals from the center line of the meter. This process is repeated at points *III*, and laid off on the panel. The same process is then repeated between the points *FJ* and *III*, and these distances laid off. The intersection of the two lines, *FG*, and *HF* at *F* is the point to mark and drill for one stud, and the point of intersection of *III* and *HF* will be the point for the other terminal. In like manner, it is possible to lay off many other irregular objects. It is much harder to lay off an irregular object such as a "square-law" condenser, where the centers of the holes are not true to any circular function. But a little patience and thought will enable the exact size to be laid off.

Another simple method is to wet the screw-ends with paint or shellac and

press them onto a piece of cardboard (or the panel if desired). The exact template of the object to be drilled will be left, and the holes may then be center-punched and drilled.

THE materials on the market under various names such as "Bakelite," "Condensite," "Formica," etc., are of the same general consistency, being made up of a paper or other base, saturated with bakelite and pressed into working shape. Bakelite is formed when carbolic acid and formaldehyde are permitted to react upon each other so as to form a brown jelly which can be vulcanized and formed into the shape desired. This amber jelly can be dyed any shade. If soft, porous paper is allowed to absorb this jelly, the resulting mass may be vulcanized by heating under hydraulic pressure, and the sheet bakelite of commerce will thus be formed. The thickness of the bakelite sheet will depend on the amount of paper used and the pressure applied.

Bakelite tubing is made up of similarly prepared paper tubing. Bakelite rod is either made similarly or by sawing sheet bakelite into square strips, which are turned into round rods. Such rods are almost impossible to turn in a lathe, as they have a bad cross-grain and cannot be knurled, or finished, like the moulded rod can.

Moulded bakelite, such as knobs, receiver caps, switch and jack parts, etc., is the raw bakelite sufficiently hardened to take on a powdery form. This bakelite powder is placed in moulding dies, and then, under pressure and heat, the moulded part is made. Such parts are of fair mechanical strength, but are quite brittle, and do not compare with the sheet bakelite for durability.

Bakelite may be punched, drilled, sawed, turned, and milled in the same machines that are used for metal. It is considerably softer than most metals, and naturally has a great deal more grain, which must be taken into account when working it; indeed, when working the edge of a piece of bakelite it will be found to possess almost as much grain as many hardwoods, and for this reason edgewise tapping or drilling should be done very carefully.

Bakelite drilling should be carried on at a moderate speed, using carbon steel twist drills, and the feed should be rather slow. Hand-feed is the best and the drill should never be crowded. Rather let it bite into the bakelite and

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# Comments on Audio Frequency Transformers

By Orrin E. Dunlap, Jr.

*These comments, being based on experience, may be used as a guide in the choice of the general type of transformer to meet given needs. They are accompanied by a two-stage a. f. circuit with honeycomb coils.*

THE most serious criticism of most amplifying transformers is their inability to accurately reproduce notes below middle C of the piano. This fault decreases the accurate reproduction of the bass saxophone, violoncello, bass baritone, bass of organs and pianos, trombone and drums. Tinny music is not always caused by the loud speaker. It is traceable in many cases to a poorly designed amplifying transformer.

It is a puzzle to many radio followers whether to employ a high ratio transformer on the first stage and a low ratio transformer on the second stage or low ratio transformers on both stages. Some manufacturers recommend a high ratio transformer on the first stage and a low ratio transformer on the second step. They feel that the voltage on the first stage is low enough to warrant the use of a high ratio transformer without distortion. A high ratio transformer such as 9 or 10 to 1 is not recommended for the second stage because it would so greatly intensify the voltage that distortion would result.

There is another group which advocates the use of low ratio audio transformers on all stages of the audio amplifier unit. They claim that if distortion results from the use of a high ratio transformer on the first stage the distortion as well as the signal will be amplified by the second amplifier. The high ratio transformers may give superior amplification between certain frequencies, but, for best results on all frequencies, the low ratio transformers should be used on both stages.

When it is said that an amplifying transformer has a ratio of 5 to 1, the meaning is that the voltage of the secondary is five times as great as that applied to the primary. This step-up voltage increases the variations in the grid voltage. The grid voltage must not be increased too much because after a certain voltage is applied to the grid the tube reaches a saturation point. If a high ratio transformer is employed which increases the grid voltage past the saturation point the music or voice will be distorted.

The majority of audio-frequency amplifying transformers on the market today operate efficiently on one particular frequency but do not do justice to other frequencies. A musical instrument produces many different sound frequencies, that is, the sound varies from low vibrations to high pitched tones. Therefore, if an amplifying transformer is particularly adapted to intensify the electrical current representing a particular fre-

quency and is opposed to other frequencies, the music will be distorted. This misrepresentation makes little difference in the case of jazz because a certain amount of distortion adds to the syncopated effect.

Few transformers are made with an effective amplification greater than four, that is, if the voltage is applied to one side of the primary of the transformer it will be increased in strength four times after passing through the secondary. Most transformers rated with amplification factors of seven or eight are capable of such amplification only at a particular frequency. Few transformers, even of the same manufacturer, prove capable of equal performance under tests.

More than two stages of audio-amplification are not practical because circuit noises and battery disturbances are also amplified, making it unpleasant to listen to the music.

An audio-frequency amplifier does not increase the range of the receiving set. If no signal is audible in the phones without the use of the audio-frequency amplifier it will not be audible even if two amplifier tubes are employed. If signals are faint, yet strong enough to actuate the detector, they can be amplified by audio-frequency amplification. If one tube is capable of intensifying a signal twenty times, two tubes theoretically would be capable of amplifying four hundred times and three tubes eight hundred times.

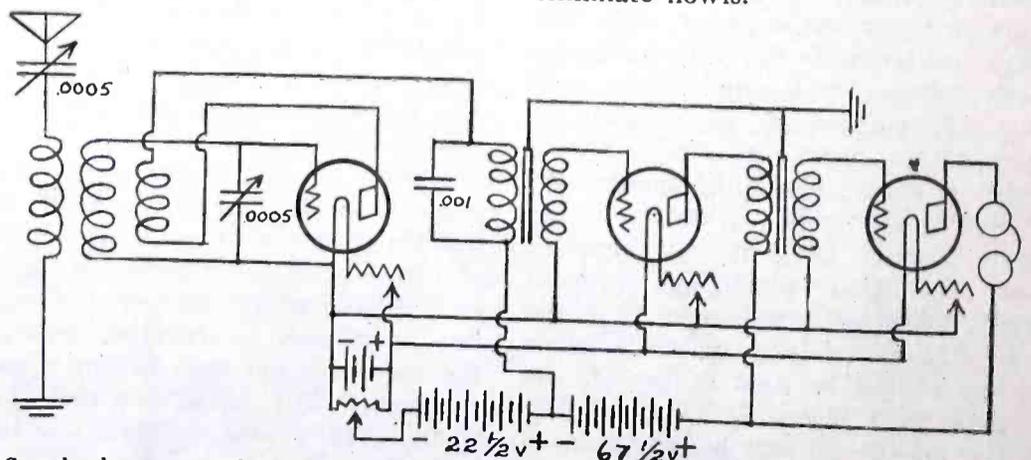
The average radio enthusiast little realizes the elaborate workmanship which enters into the standard audio-frequency amplifying transformer. One transformer on the market has 3,800 turns of No. 40 enamel wire for the primary winding. No. 40 wire is about the diameter of a hair. The secondary winding consists of 13,300 turns of No. 40 enamel wire and is separated from the primary by three thicknesses of

.005-inch moleskin paper. The primary and secondary leads are sixteen strands of No. 38 bare copper wire stranded together and covered with a wrapping of green silk. The coil is impregnated under a vacuum process in a compound of beeswax and resin and then covered with a black cloth.

A transformer which will reproduce frequencies ranging from 100 to 4000 cycles with little distortion is ideal for audio-frequency amplification. However, it is difficult to obtain such a device, although a few transformers on the market will operate well on frequencies ranging from 300 to 4000 cycles. If a loud speaker is used it is well to have the transformers favor the higher frequencies. Transformers having a ratio ranging from 5 to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 have proven successful for general use.

The type of tube has considerable to do with the success of the amplifying transformer. If the tube has a high plate resistance it will have a tendency to distort at the higher and lower frequencies. If an audio-amplifying transformer is designed to operate with a particular tube and it is used with another type of tube the results will not be satisfactory.

When connecting the audio transformer in the circuit care should be taken to establish proper connections. The leads are usually marked so the correct connections can be made to the grid, plate and filament. If the wrong secondary terminal of the transformer is connected to the grid howling is likely to occur. All wire should be as short as possible, especially those leading from the grids and plates. By connecting the cores of audio transformers to the ground binding post on the set howls are minimized. A .001 mfd. fixed condenser should be used across the primary of the first amplifying transformer to aid regeneration and help to eliminate howls.



Standard vacuum tube detector and two-stage audio-frequency amplifier circuit using honeycomb coils No. 75 for primary, No. 50 for secondary and No. 35 for tickler; potentiometer across "A" battery 400 ohms; audio-amplifying transformers 5 to 1 ratio.

# Radio Condensers

By L. H. La Montagne

*After pointing out the factors which should govern the choice of a condenser, the author presents simple formulas and tables for calculating the capacity of condensers connected in series and in parallel. He concludes with instructions for measuring capacity.*

A CONDENSER, as used in radio, may be considered as two or more plates, separated by an insulating medium termed the dielectric. Since its electrostatic capacity is the most important and desired property, care is taken to exclude leakage, resistance losses and inductance. In radio work, since the frequencies are high, the dielectric is practically limited to air, glass, or mica, which will show the lowest losses. Of these three, air will show the least, and is generally used where the voltage is low. For direct current work, as in filters, etc., the losses are small as compared to high-frequency work, and paper, oiled silk, etc., may be used, if the material is of such thickness as to stand the applied voltage.

For receiving condensers, the dielectric should be air or mica—preferably air, unless the condensers are fixed. For transmitting, mica is generally used and of sufficient thickness to stand the voltage. Glass has been used for spark work, but on C. W. mica is used because of the lower voltages employed. The thickness of the dielectric should be such that arcing or breaking down of the material is prevented. The plates should be of a good conducting material such as copper, brass or aluminum. Tinfoil may be used, but its resistance is somewhat higher, though for most uses this is no disadvantage. The leads should be of copper firmly fixed to the plates. On variable condensers the leads from the rotary plates should preferably be of flexible copper, though if a good type of scraping contact is used a low resistance contact will be made.

Probably the most important part is the insulating material used to support the plates, and insulate them from each other. This material should be as perfect as possible, have a small change in size with temperature, and very little change with age. The plates, especially in a variable condenser, should be located so that no great dielectric field is

set up in them. The ends should be of such a size and shape as to have a minimum leakage. Most condensers that have a small insulating bushing set in a metal collar will show large losses, and so will ones with fibre ends.

Bakelite will show large dielectric losses, but it is a better insulator, and has more mechanical strength than most other substances, so it is usually used. Porcelain and hard rubber have lower losses. In the Bureau of Standards standard condensers, quartz is used for insulating the plates, but this method is out of the question for ordinary work.

The condenser as a whole should be rigid so that there is little danger of the plates rubbing, as sometimes happens in variable condensers. For fixed condensers, the terminals need to be rigid to prevent breaking the connections to the plates. The plates in rotary variable condensers should be heavy enough to prevent bending if accidentally hit. The spacing should be sufficient so that the plates do not have too great a tendency to rub. On the other hand the spacing should not be too great so as to decrease the capacity too much. The rotary plates should be fastened to the shaft so that there is no danger of their loosening. The use of stops is not advisable, as they tend to loosen the rotary plates or the dial. The back connection should exert a slight pressure on the shaft to hold it in any position, and to make a good firm connection if a flexible lead is not used. Most condensers are weak at this point and using them for a while will cause dirt to accumulate, which makes a high resistance connection.

THE capacity of a rotary condenser as used in receiving sets is

$$C = 0.1390 \frac{K(N-1)(r_1^2 - r_2^2)}{t}$$

where  $C$  is the capacity in microfarads.  $K$  is the dielectric constant,  $N$  is the number of plates,  $t$  is the thickness of the

dielectric in cm.,  $r_1$  is the outer radius of variable plates, and  $r_2$  inner radius of plates. By inner radius is meant the part of the fixed plate that is cut out to allow the rotary plates to fit into them. The formula gives the maximum capacity possible.

If several condensers are connected in parallel, the resultant capacity is

$$C = C' \div C'' \div C''' \dots \text{etc.}$$

$C'$ ,  $C''$  being the capacity of each individual condenser. If the condensers are in series, we have

$$1/C = 1/C' + 1/C'' + 1/C''' \text{ etc.}$$

It will be seen that the resultant capacity is always less than the smallest unit. Table 1 gives the resultant capacities when two condensers are connected in series. If more than two condensers are connected in parallel the method of procedure is as follows:

Suppose  $C'$  is .0004 mfd.  $C''$  is .0006 mfd. and  $C'''$  is .0002. Taking first  $C'$  and  $C''$  together, we find that their resultant series capacity will be .00024 mfd. Using this value of .00024 with  $C_3$  we find that the capacity of the three condensers in series would be .00011 mfd. more or less.

Condensers are usually connected in series to lessen the applied voltage to each unit, but in direct current work, such as filters, each unit should be able to stand the full potential, as the breaking down of the insulation in one to a slight extent will throw the full voltage on the remaining ones.

THE usual method of measuring the capacity of an unknown condenser is to compare it with one which has been previously calibrated. In order to obtain any degree of accuracy, introducing the two condensers separately into the circuit must be arranged so as not to change leads, etc. The condensers should be shielded and the shields attached to ground, but for ordinary work

TABLE 1. RESULTANT CAPACITIES WITH TWO CONDENSERS IN SERIES  
Capacity of  $C'$  in Mfd.

	.0001	.0002	.0003	.0004	.0005	.0006	.0007	.0008	.0009	.001
.0001	.00005	.00006	.00007	.00008	.00008	.00009	.00009	.00009	.0009	.0009
.0002	.00006	.00010	.00012	.00013	.00014	.00015	.00015	.00016	.00016	.00017
.0003	.00008	.00012	.00015	.00017	.00019	.00020	.00021	.00022	.00023	.00023
.0004	.00008	.00013	.00017	.00020	.00022	.00024	.00025	.00026	.00027	.00028
.0005	.000083	.00014	.00019	.00022	.00027	.00030	.00032	.00033	.00036	.00038
.0006	.000086	.00015	.00020	.00024	.00029	.00034	.00037	.00040	.00042	.00044
.0007	.000088	.00015	.00021	.00025	.00029	.00034	.00039	.00044	.00047	.00049
.0008	.000089	.00016	.00022	.00026	.00031	.00036	.00041	.00046	.00051	.00053
.0009	.00009	.00016	.00023	.00027	.00032	.00038	.00043	.00048	.00053	.00055
.0010	.000091	.00017	.00023	.00028	.00033	.00039	.00044	.00049	.00054	.00057
.0011	.000092	.00017	.00024	.00029	.00034	.00040	.00045	.00050	.00055	.00058
.0012	.000096	.00017	.00024	.00030	.00036	.00041	.00046	.00051	.00056	.00060
.0013	.000093	.00017	.00024	.00031	.00037	.00042	.00047	.00052	.00057	.00063
.0014	.000093	.00018	.00025	.00031	.00037	.00042	.00047	.00052	.00057	.00063
.0015	.000094	.00018	.00025	.00032	.00038	.00043	.00049	.00054	.00059	.00063
.0017	.000094	.00018	.00026	.00032	.00039	.00044	.00049	.00054	.00059	.00063
.0020	.000095	.00018	.00026	.00033	.00040	.00046	.00052	.00057	.00062	.00066

this need not be done as long as the condensers are in the open and not near other objects.

If the unknown condenser is fixed, we need only substitute it in the circuit as shown in Fig. 1, and obtain the wave-

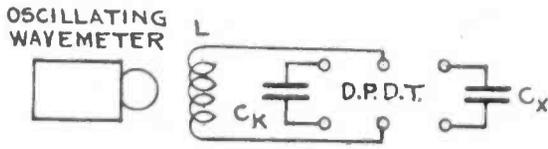


Fig. 1. Circuit for Measuring Condenser Capacity

length. Then throwing the switch to the calibrated one, which may be fixed or variable, we have

$$\lambda_x = 59.6 \sqrt{L C_x} \quad \lambda_k = 59.6 \sqrt{L C_k}$$

$$\text{or } \lambda_x / \lambda_k = C_x / C_k$$

where  $\lambda_x$  = wavelength with unknown,  $\lambda_k$  = wavelength with known,  $L$  = fixed inductance,  $C_x$  = unknown capacity and  $C_k$  = known capacity.

If our known capacity is variable, it would only have been necessary to determine the wavelength with the unknown, and then substitute the known condenser and vary its capacity until the same wavelength is found. Then  $C_x = C_k$ .

The above method is used in nearly all cases except for very high or low capacities.

If the unknown capacity was small, then the circuit would be as in Fig. 2.

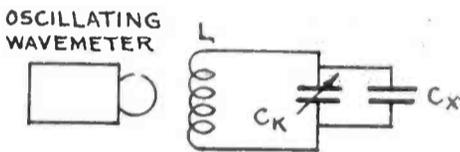


Fig. 2. Measurement of Small Capacities

The unknown capacity would be computed as before, or if  $C_k$  was variable, we would first set it at some capacity  $C_x$  and determine the wavelength,  $\lambda_x$ . Then connecting in  $C_x$ , we would decrease  $C_k$  until we obtained the same wavelength as before. Then

$$C_x = C_k = C'_k$$

$C'_k$  being the last condenser setting obtained on the calibrated one.

The limit to which the measurement may be carried depends upon how close we can tune the two circuits. For these measurements,  $C_k$  should be a variable not over .0002 mfd. in capacity. The circuits should be coupled as loosely as possible in order to still further sharpen the tuning.

For very large capacities, the circuit is shown in Fig. 3. The large condenser is set at a low reading and the capacity is determined as in the first instance. Then the two condensers are connected in series, and the large unknown is set at the previously determined point, and the smaller known condenser at its maximum reading. Then, keeping the wavelength constant, the smaller known con-

denser is lowered while the unknown is increased, keeping the wavelength constant, with each increase in the larger

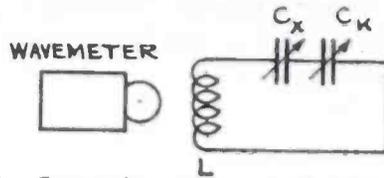


Fig. 3. Comparison of Large Variable with Small Standard Condenser

one. The capacity is determined as in the case with small capacities. When the capacity of the small standard may no longer be reduced, the larger condenser is again set at its last determined point, the standard is set at its maximum, the new wavelength determined, and the same procedure is again gone through.

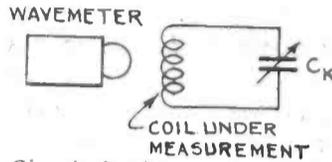


Fig. 4. Circuit for Measuring Coil Capacity

The capacity of a coil may be determined as follows: Fig. 4 shows the connections. The wavelength is determined for various values of  $C_k$  and then plotted as the wavelength squared against the values of  $C_k$ , thus giving a straight line, Fig. 5. If this straight line

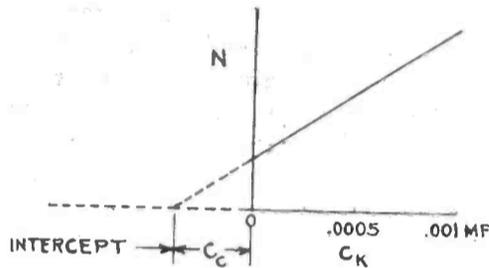


Fig. 5. Graphic Determination of Coil Capacity

is extended until the line intercepts the  $C_k$  line (in other words wavelength is zero), the intercept will give  $C_c$ , the capacity of the coil.

If the above measurements are carried out with a vacuum tube oscillator very accurate results will be obtained, if care is taken to prevent stray capacity to nearby objects.

### CRYSTAL-TUBE COMBINATION FOR EMERGENCIES

By HARRY A. NICKERSON

There comes a time in every experimenter's life when, due either to accident to the tube or neglect in keeping the batteries in condition, his tube set is temporarily out of commission. It is in an emergency of this kind that the crystal detector will demonstrate its worth, and in many cases win a permanent berth with your valued tube equipment.

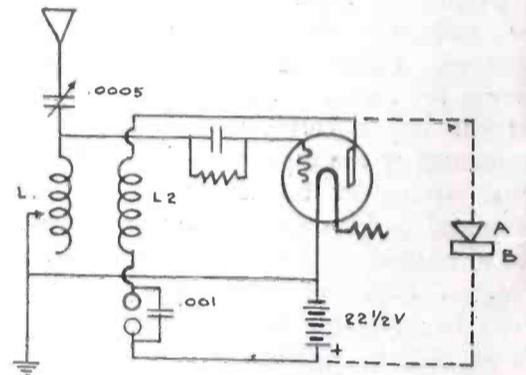
To guard against such an emergency as this it is advisable to have a crystal detector handy, but better still is a combination crystal and tube set especially

built for the occasion. To make a combination receiver of this type requires but a few simple changes in your present set as shown in the diagram of Fig. 1, and as explained in detail here:

Carry a wire from the tube socket plate terminal (or from nearest point on wire connecting the plate coil to plate terminal of the tube) to one side of a crystal detector stand (as shown at A). This stand should be mounted outside on the panel of the set near the plus B binding post. The stand should also be mounted where it will be accessible in order to adjust the catwhisker on a sensitive spot of the crystal.

When it is desired to use the crystal detector, turn off the filament current of the tube at the rheostat, disconnect the B battery entirely from the set and run a "jumper" or wire from the plus B battery external binding post on the set to the terminal side of the crystal detector stand marked B.

The set is now ready for use as a crystal set. Tuning of the antenna circuit is accomplished in the same manner as when using the tube, but the secondary circuit is left untuned, variation of the rotor serving to control the coupling between circuits.



Crystal Tube Combination.

Note that when using the crystal detector its output goes to the same binding posts or jacks as used for the output of the tube. This makes possible the addition of audio amplification to the crystal or tube from the same output terminals of the set. If a two-stage audio amplifier be added to the crystal the volume from local stations should be sufficient to operate a loud speaker and the quality of the reproduction will be better than with a tube detector. Another advantage is less static and, of course, no battery expense for the crystal.

To change over to the tube set simply remove the jumper connecting the plus B binding post of set and the detector stand, connect the B battery to its usual binding posts, light the filament and the set becomes the same old "single-circuit" again.

Don't slam the spark-coil ham—he doesn't know any better: grab him, and steer him right; he is the future radio engineer of tomorrow, and deserves help, not hindrance.

# Construction of a High Voltage Transformer

By Florian J. Fox

*This is the third article in the series on the construction of a C. W. transmitter. It will be completed by a discussion on filters in February RADIO.*

## Transformer Construction

We shall now describe the construction of a suitable high voltage transformer. This transformer contains a filament-heating secondary and double high voltage windings tapped for 350, 450 and 600 volts.

There are several ways of obtaining core iron. The most obvious is to use the core of an old spark transformer, or any other transformer of suitable size. If a spark transformer is to be rebuilt, save the primary winding, as it can be used. To find out how many turns the primary contains, simply wind a few turns of wire around the core, apply 110 volts to the primary, and measure the voltage induced in this test winding. Knowing the number of turns wound on, and the voltage induced in them, we obtain the primary turns (approximately) by the simple ratio:

$$\frac{E_{\text{sec}}}{T_{\text{sec}}} = \frac{E_{\text{pri}}}{T_{\text{pri}}}$$

Say that 20 turns were wound on and 5 volts were measured.

$$\frac{5}{20} = \frac{110}{x} \quad x = \text{turns pri} = 440$$

This information will be required when the secondaries are designed.

Sometimes electricians have old transformers from which core iron can be obtained. Core iron can always be bought—cut to size—from electrical supply houses.

The writer once tried to make a core by cutting up stove pipe iron. At the expense of considerable physical effort, the core was finally completed, but it proved to be poor and inefficient, and was later discarded.

Sufficient laminations should be procured to make a core whose cross sectional area will be about two square inches. To make a square core of approximately this cross section the laminations should be about 1.4 in. wide and stacked up to about the same height. These dimensions do not have to be adhered to strictly.

When an old spark transformer is used, only the leg containing the secondary need be removed. In any case, remember how the core was originally put together and assemble it again in the same way.

If U or L type of laminations are used, alternate them in such a way that each layer of laminations covers the joint of the preceding layer. The coils are placed on a bench the proper distance apart and the laminations are then slipped into place.

If strip laminations are used, build up two legs by piling them up so that each lamination is shifted alternately to one side and to the other by a distance equal to the width of a lamination. See Fig. 5. Stack up the right number, then clamp both ends and tape the portion between the clamps.

The windings can later be slipped over these legs. The laminations of the side legs can then be slipped in one by one. These will also be staggered in a similar way. The diagram Fig. 5 will probably make this point a little clearer. The core window should be about 4 in. x 5 in. In the construction of the coils we must first find out how many turns are required for the primary winding. The number of turns will fix the point on the magnetization curve at which the iron is worked. Too many turns cause a waste of copper, too few overheat the core.

A formula is made use of.

$$E = \sqrt{2} \pi f n A B 10^{-8}$$

$E$ —induced voltage.  
= impressed voltage.  
= 110 in most cases.

or solving for  $n$

$$n = \frac{E 10^8}{4.44 f A B}$$

$f$ —frequency—usually 60.

$A$ —cross section of core in square in.

$B$ —flux density at which iron is to be worked. Let  $B=60,000$  lines per square inch.

Example—using typical data:

$$n = \frac{110 \times 100,000,000}{4.44 \times 60 \times 2 \times 60,000}$$

$n=344$  or roughly 350 turns.

In case the builder has a core of a different cross sectional area, simply substitute this value for the 2 in the denominator, and solve. To make this a little easier we can write the expression

$$n = \frac{K}{A} = \frac{688}{A}$$

$n$ —No. of turns.

$A$ —area of core; cross section; square inches.

This assumes that 110 volts are used at 60 cycles. In case a different voltage or frequency is used it will be necessary to use the original formula.

Remember that the larger the cross section of the core, the fewer will be the turns required on the primary. Since the ratio will be about 6 to 1, this means a much greater saving in secondary turns also. We can save a great deal of copper at the expense of a little iron. This cannot be carried too far, for increasing the core size will also increase the length per turn. Cores of cross sectional areas between 2 and 3 square inches work out very well.

The primary then, let us say, should have 350 turns (core 2 sq. in.). Use No. 18 D.C.C. wire.

A wooden winding form should be made. This consists of a tapered wooden block. The cross section should be similar to that of the core; namely, square if the core is square. The dimensions of the smallest end should be somewhat larger than the corresponding dimensions of the core. The dimensions of the larger end should be about  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. larger than the dimensions of the smaller end. The block is to be as long as the desired length of the coil. In our case this was 4 in. Two end pieces are made for this form. The piece that goes on the larger end of the block can be permanently fastened to it. The other end-piece should be attached with screws so as to be readily removable. A  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. hole is drilled through the center of this form. To one end-piece affix some sort of a crank. A large brad will serve. Clamp a piece of  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. rod in a vise and use this for an axle. Before winding, it is well to lay a piece of wire lengthwise along the core block on each of two opposite sides. Next wind on a layer of insulating paper (of 4-in. width), then wind on the wire. Guide the wire

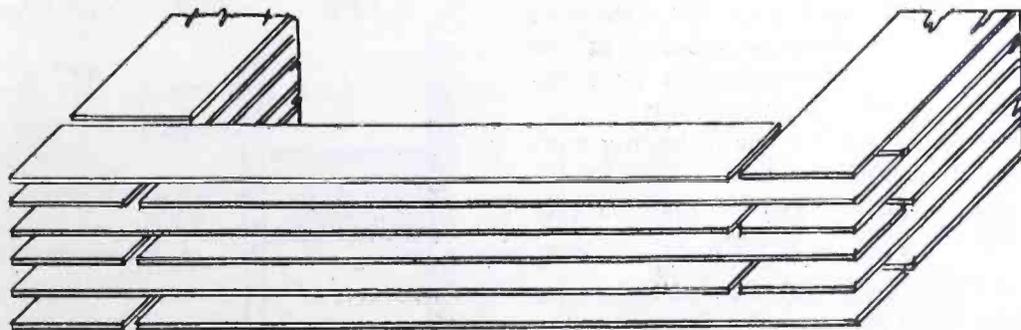
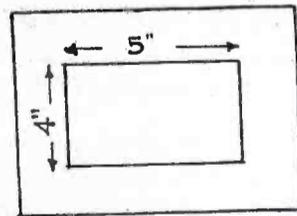


Fig. 5. Method of Stacking Laminations

with the hand. Count the turns accurately. The writer never attempts smooth layer winding. It takes too long and is hardly worth the trouble.

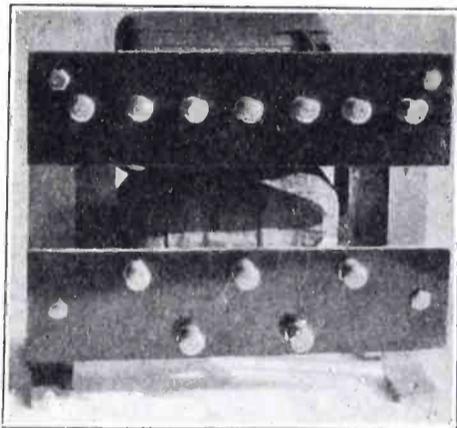
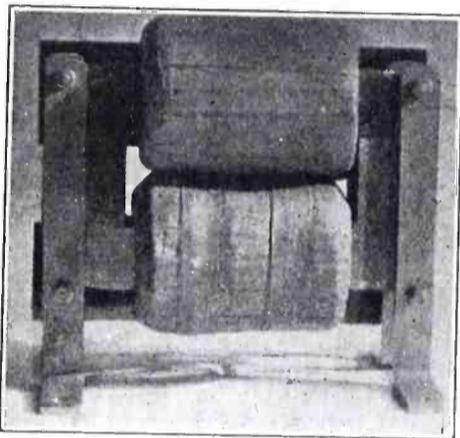
When the coil is finished, wind on a few more layers of insulating material and wind over this primary coil, the filament-heating secondary. To allow for voltage drop, this coil is designed to deliver 110 volts at no load. Using the

$$\text{ratio } \frac{10}{X} = \frac{110}{350} \text{ we have } X = 32 \text{ turns.}$$

Use No. 12 D.C.C. wire. Take a tap at the 16th turn and finish.

The ends of the wires that were laid along the core are now tied together. These will serve to hold the coil together when it is removed. Take off the end-piece, tap the core, and the coil will slip off without trouble.

Now tape the coil longitudinally; that is, pass the tape in through the core hole and out around the outside. To do this the tape will have to be cut into 4-ft. lengths. This produces a neat, business-like, rugged product. Some pictures are shown which can be profitably studied.



Assembled Transformer

The purpose of the center tap on the filament winding is to furnish the neutral of the filament voltage. The inductance and other leads are connected to this rather than to one leg of the filament. This eliminates to a great extent the so-called filament hum.

The secondary has the following voltages: 350, 450, and 600. This corresponds to

$$\frac{350}{X_1} = \frac{450}{X_2} = \frac{600}{X_3} = \frac{110}{350}$$

$$x_1=1112 \quad x_2=1430 \quad x_3=1910 \text{ turns.}$$

The 1112 may be called 1120 for simplicity.

Because we are going to obtain full wave rectification, the secondary will have two similar halves. See Fig. 6.

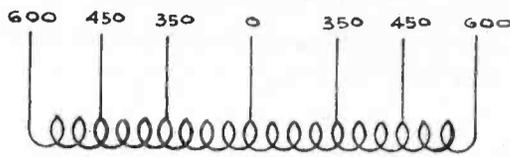


Fig. 6. Secondary Winding

The secondary winding is made in the same manner as was the primary coil. The same form is used. Wind with No. 28 D.C.C. wire. D.C.C. enameled wire is even better. This heavy insulation permits random winding.

In order to insure the voltages coming in the right order, wind as follows:

- 1st tap or lead . . . beginning of coil
- 2nd lead . . . . . at 480 turns
- 3rd lead . . . . . at 790 turns
- 4th lead . . . . . at 1910 turns

This last is the neutral wire, or center of the secondary. For convenience we can call this zero and begin counting again for the rest of the secondary.

- 5th lead . . . at 1120 turns beyond 4
- 6th lead . . . at 1430 turns beyond 4
- 7th lead . . . at 1910 turns beyond 4 or—end of coil.

Some means of marking these leads as the winding progresses should be devised. Cardboard labels or ink marks on the leads will serve. Care in this respect will save confusion later. Care should also be exercised in counting the turns. It is surprisingly easy to forget how many hundred turns have been wound. A difference of a hundred turns will cause a sufficient unbalance in

voltage to produce an objectionable hum or ripple in the C. W. This point is very important.

A great deal could be said about the mounting of the transformer. One or two suggestions will be offered and the rest left to the ingenuity of the reader.

The writer generally mounts his transformers by means of heavy brass strip stock. The strips are cut, screw holes drilled, and then bent to shape. The laminations are clamped between these supports by means of bolts. Binding post panels, as shown in the pictures, not only add to the convenience, but also add greatly to the appearance.

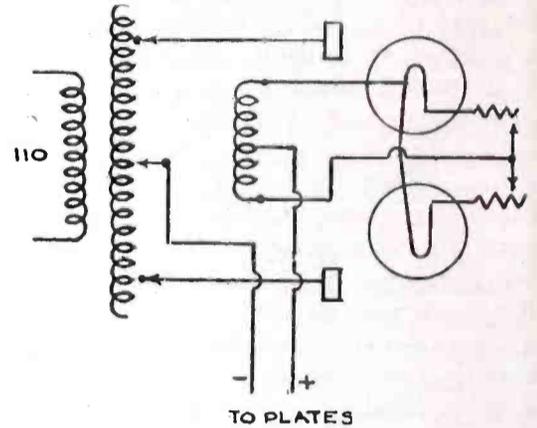


Fig. 8. Method of Using Kenetron Rectifiers with Transformer

A word of caution: In mounting be very careful that no complete metallic path is made around the core, similar to a turn of wire on the coils. Such a condition would be the same as a short-circuited turn of low resistance. Chances are that if the house fuses held out long enough, the transformer primary would burn out.

When changing the plate voltage, always have the same voltage on each side of the neutral.

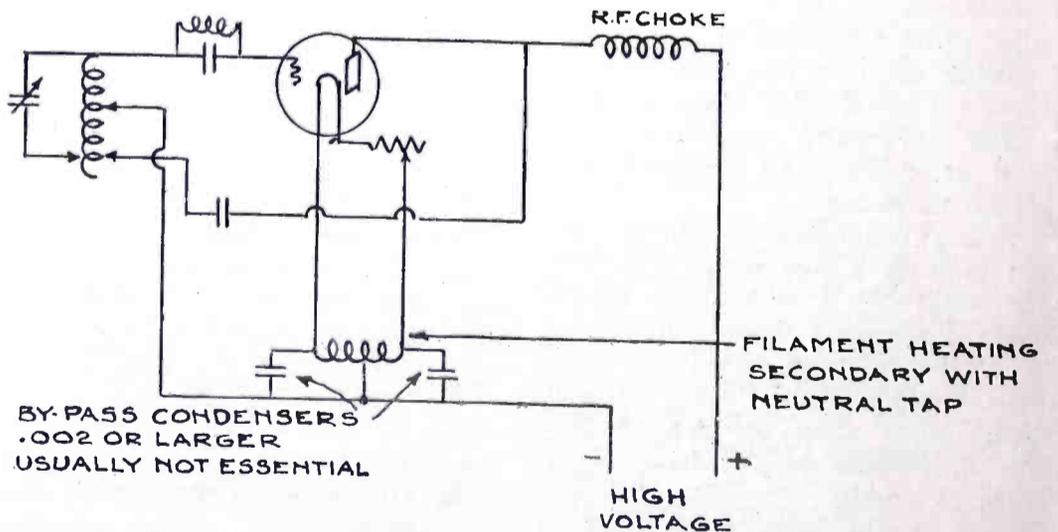


Fig. 7. Method of Using Neutral Lead of Filament Heating Secondary

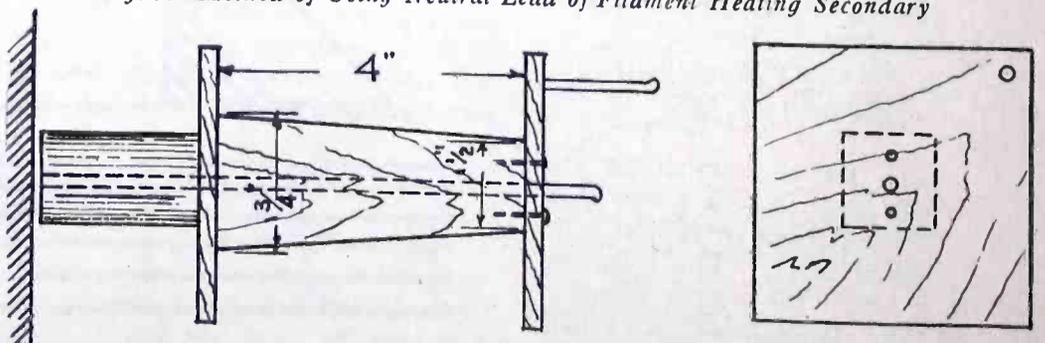


Fig. 9. Winding Form

# A Break-In System

By A. E. Banks

IN the good old spark days, now gone beyond recall, one of the chief delights of the air was the use of a competent "break in." To listen to two good operators handle traffic in the "wee sm' hours," employing such a device, was the essence of niftiness. No long calls, and "Pse repeat, start—stop....." When a word was "gummed up" in local or other QRM, the receiving station simply stepped on the key a moment and the transmitter immediately stopped, and, with practically no loss of time, continued when again transmitting at the point where the interruption came. It was in pure unadulterated "Hamming," however, that the "break in" came into greatest prominence. With two "hum-dingers" at the keys of the respective stations, nothing so simulated phone conversations as the use of this system. Interruptions in the middle of a sentence and interjections by one or the other in no way broke up the sense or continuity of correspondence. In other words, a "break in" was the real dope.

The antenna is connected to the moving member, the central tongue, and the transmitter and receiver to the respective contacts. The spring holds the tongue in contact when the key current is off. This contact is the one for connection to the receiver. The antenna current from the transmitter will always find things ready, providing proper adjust-

is a non-oscillatory circuit and perhaps lead to disaster.

If a separate receiving antenna is used, of course we have a "break in." Also, as some of us have discovered, we have a robber of antenna "jazz" at times, and again Mr. BCL occasionally finds a nice young harmonic. Of course all these things can be obviated and there

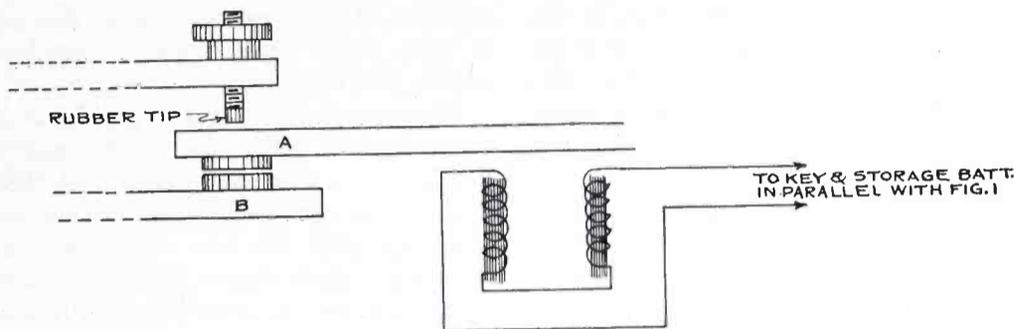


Fig. 2. Power Control by Sounder, A and B Connections for Replacing Old Key

ments are made initially. As to permanence of adjustment, one such installation was made for a "Y L Opr" about eighteen months ago and nothing has been changed since. Response to the key is as good as ever, and operating with the set so arranged is a pleasure.

It will be noted from the diagram that a Western Union sounder is used to break the transmitter potential. This sounder takes the place of the key in the conventional C. W. set. These separate units are better, permitting the antenna break to be as free as possible from all capacity effects, and doing away with all unnecessary wiring where it is least desirable, viz.: in proximity to the antenna current of a transmitter.

Nearly all old stations will have a sounder lying around. Fortunately the old-time "dime contacts" are unnecessary considering the amount of current the C. W. input represents. Probably the "relay" will have to be obtained.

is no argument against a separate receiving wire. In this case the use of the sounder instead of the key brings only six volts to the operating table and in those sets where the key has been placed in the plate lead direct, this is decidedly nice.

In conclusion, may it not be suggested that more of us interest ourselves in the installation of "break ins?" If our ideals include long distance with minimum input, clean signals, and high grade operating, then such a device should be welcome. The diagram shows only those essentials necessary for an advanced amateur. Those noting absence of essential wires, etc., to make a circuit, and not understanding the HOW, should inquire of the nearest old-time Ham, who will set things right.

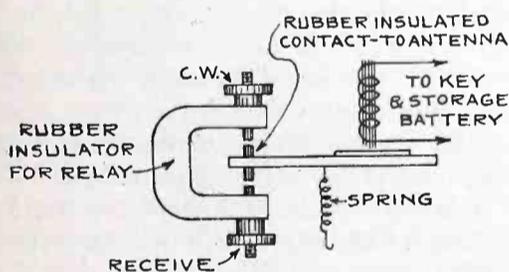


Fig. 1. New Insulated Jaw for Relay

With the advent of C. W., "break ins" seem to have gone by the board, yet there is no real reason for this. The same celerity of operating pertains as in the case of spark, providing that installations are made with a view to efficiency. In these days of etherial congestion and limited time on the air for amateur traffic, it seems that an effort to popularize the "break in" should be worth while. The system about to be described, while not the only method by any means, has been in use at three local stations for over two years, all using C. W. There may be better methods, but this is offered as one which is practical, inexpensive, and more or less fool-proof. Also with this system the transmitter may be operated by distant control, and only the six-volt potential brought to the operating table if desired.

In the first place, whatever device is employed to break the antenna from send to receive, it must be practically an anti-capacity affair, or there is danger of embarrassment from a non-oscillating set by leakage to ground. The commercial telegraph relay was selected for the breaking unit, appropriate contacts being substituted for the original equipment.

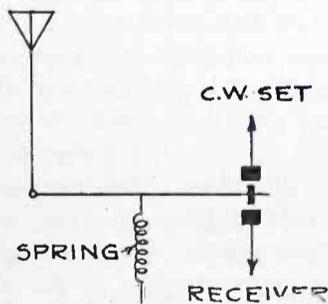
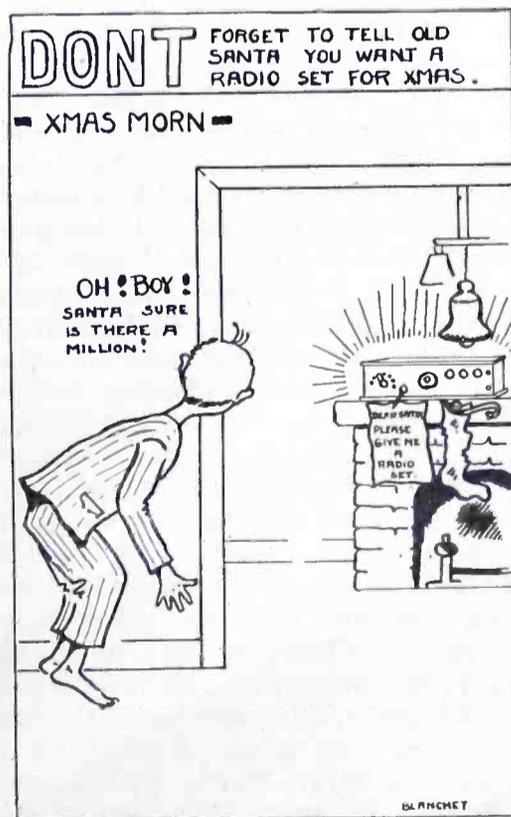


Fig. 3. Antenna Connection to Tongue of Relay

In making the final adjustment, the writer has made it a habit to arrange the relay and sounder contacts so that, with the transmitting key depressed, the relay will close a fraction of a second before the sounder makes contact to operate the high potential. This might not be necessary advice, yet if the reverse were to occur it would obviously produce



# The Use of Taps, Drills and Machine Screws in Assembling Radio Apparatus

By H. A. Highstone

A knowledge of machine screw sizes and the proper use of taps and drills in connection with them is necessary in the assembly of radio receiving apparatus if any kind of mechanical accuracy and neatness is desired. But, sad to relate, there are a considerable number of "hams" and, more especially, broadcast listeners, who do not understand the proper use of them. Apparatus built by the "cut and try" method is seldom satisfactory; oversize drill holes and a lack of mechanical strength combining to make an instrument of poor quality. Even in the assembling of a receiving set from standard parts, the use of taps and the proper drills will result in a surprising increase in mechanical accuracy, simplicity and neatness of appearance. I say simplicity because, with the use of taps, a great deal of unnecessary bolting and soldering can be eliminated.

**MACHINE SCREWS.**—The small threaded bolts used in the construction and assembly of receiving apparatus are known as machine screws. Each screw is designated by two numbers separated by a dash, for instance: 8-32. The first number refers to the diameter, the second, to the number of threads to the inch, thus by 8-32 is meant a machine screw of size 8, having 32 threads to the inch. The scale of number designating the diameter is not the same as the B&S Gauge used for copper wire, although of the same character. Machine screws increase in diameter with an increase in number. There are three sizes of these screws which are used for practically all work in receiving apparatus, namely: 6-32, 8-32 and 10-32. 6-32 is the size of the shank on 90% of the switch points on the market, 8-32 is the size used on nearly all binding posts. 10-32 is used in a few cases for very large binding posts, and some large composition knobs have a 10-32 thread in the bushing. 2-56 and 3-48 being of small diameter (.09 and .1 inch, approximately are sometimes used in miniature receiving sets, while 4-36 is the size of the binding posts on some telephone receivers. However, these last three are uncommon. The brass hexagonal, or "hex" nut, as it is commonly abbreviated, is used without exception in the construction of radio apparatus.

Machine screws are made in both brass and iron, the latter being much the cheaper. Brass, needless to say, is always the most desirable in radio work.

**DRILLS.**—The numbered drills are the proper ones to use in radio work, as they are designed to be used in conjunction with the machine screw and machine screw tap. The numbers run

from 1 to 80, the diameter of the drill decreasing with an increase in number. No. 1 has a diameter of .2280 inch and No. 80 .0135. Needless to say, the entire set is not necessary, four of them, Nos. 10, 19, 28 and 35 being capable of covering every need which may arise in the construction of the ordinary receiving set. Excepting, of course, the usual 3/16-in. and 1/4-in. drills for condenser shafts and the like.

The numbered drills are divided into two classes: clearance drills and tap drills. There is no mechanical difference involved; the names indicate only the class of work the drills are to be used for. A clearance drill is one which will cut a hole of sufficient size to allow a given machine screw to pass through it with a snug fit. For instance, a 10-32 screw will fit closely in a hole made by a No. 10 drill, likewise a No. 19 drill hole will hold an 8-32 screw tightly, while No. 28 is the proper clearance drill for a 6-32 screw.

**TAPS.**—A tap is a steel instrument somewhat resembling a machine screw in appearance, and is used for threading the interior of a drill hole. These are designated in the same manner as are machine screws: a 6-32 screw will fit in a hole properly threaded by a 6-32 tap.

A hole is first cut through the material to be threaded by the *tap drill* for the desired screw, after which the tap is run through it in the same manner as inserting a screw into a nut. For instance, if a 6-32 thread is desired through a hole in a panel, a No. 35 drill hole is first made through it, this drill being the tap drill for a 6-32 thread, after which the tap is run through. If an 8-32 thread is wanted, No. 28 is the correct tap drill, and No. 19 the tap drill for 10-32.

Anyone who does any amount of constructional work will find that the money expended for a tap holder and a 6-32 and 8-32 tap is well invested. Clearing jammed or solder-filled threads on the nut of a binding post is one invaluable use of these tools. Another use to which they are well adapted is the threading of holes in a panel wherein switch points are to be placed, doing away with the necessity of using nuts to secure them in place. Anyone who has ever constructed his own receiving set will recognize the advantage thus gained. The uses of taps in the construction of individual instruments are too many and varied to be gone over here. "Once tried, always used" sums the matter up.

While plug taps may be used with the above mentioned tap drills, the writer prefers taper taps, especially in

threading panels. Plug taps or bottoming taps are necessary where the hole to be threaded does not extend completely through the material. Taps are made of very hard steel, which is brittle; therefore a tap should never be forced too hard, no matter what the material. In any case, pause occasionally while running a thread to make a half turn backward. This makes for a better job and lessens the danger of breakage.

**DIES.**—While dies are not often necessary in assembling or constructing a radio set, they are often useful for clearing jammed or solder-filled threads on machine screws or shafts. The die is simply a round piece of steel with a hole in the center so constructed as to cut a thread on a smooth round piece of material of the proper diameter. They are also designated in the same manner as machine screws, 6-32, 8-32, etc. The ten-cent stores carry a line of taps and dies and holders for them, selling at fifteen cents each. These tools, while naturally not of a very high quality, are capable of threading brass, bakelite, formica, etc. It is recommended that these be purchased from a hardware store, however, as they are more accurate and have a longer life, although dies of good quality are rather high priced.

A half-inch drill often comes in handy for countersinking a drill hole for flat-headed screws. While it cannot be used in ordinary hand drill, a handle may be fitted upon the shank and the countersinking done by hand. A very neat job can be done in this manner.

A very necessary tool which a great many beginners fail to make use of is the center punch, something which is an absolute necessity where accurate location of drill holes is desired. This is nothing more than a piece of steel, pointed at one end, with which a small depression is made where the exact center of the drill hole is to be located. In this small hole the point of the drill is started, with the result that the hole is exactly where it was intended to be, not an eighth or a sixteenth of an inch to one side. Failure to observe this trivial step is a fruitful cause of tight condenser shafts and misaligned groups of switch points.

Tools for holding taps and dies come in different styles. The best tap holder for radio construction work is of a "T" shape, consisting of a small chuck somewhat resembling that upon a hand drill, with a small steel rod running through the end serving as a handle. The die holder is an iron rod of about 3/8-in. diameter, enlarged in the middle, with a hole to take the die. A set screw is provided to grip it firmly in place.

# Static: Radio's Greatest Problem

By Jerome Snyder

*After outlining the nature of atmospheric disturbances to radio communication, the author tells of some of the practical methods of alleviating, though not yet of eliminating, the trouble. Some of these may form the basis for practical application by the reader.*

THE tremendous obstacle to reliable radio communication offered by static has been recognized from the early beginnings of the art. Every radio engineer and scientist of note has made some effort to solve this problem. While long distances may be bridged by relatively small amounts of power, as may be witnessed by amateur trans-Atlantic transmission and reception, yet this cannot be accomplished consistently every day and night in the year on account of static, and every-day consistent transmission is essential to a good communication system. In order to overcome the effects of static and secure a favorable signal-to-static ratio it is necessary to increase the power at the transmitter to enormous magnitudes, 200 to 500 kw. The cost of such installations and power as compared to a few kw. is the price that must be paid for the existence of static. Of course very powerful amplifiers could be used at the receiving end to amplify the weak signals from a low power station. But the unfortunate part of such a system is that static is equally amplified, with the result that nothing is gained. The only way the ill effects of static may be overcome is to use brute force and ride over it with a power greater than its own, which means powerful transmitters. In order that maximum use may be made of the power of the transmitter it must be radiated most efficiently. This means high towers and large antenna structures, which make up the major cost of the transmitter. Thus it is at once seen that if static could be eliminated the tremendous cost of building and maintaining transoceanic transmitters would be reduced to small sums. The weak signals of the low power transmitters could be sufficiently amplified at the receiving end. Cost of messages would be reduced considerably, fairly constant communication would be maintained and the cables would meet an active and aggressive competition.

This problem is the bugbear of radio. More money has been spent in the search for the solution than on any other problem in radio. The man who solves it will go down in radio history as the saviour of radio. Many solutions have been offered in the course of time and it is of great interest to go over these solutions to see what progress has been made toward the solution of the problem, and to see in what direction modern research is leading.

Before touching the advanced solu-

tions it is important to understand just what static is, how it is produced and the explanations advanced by leading scientists as to its origin. It is an atmospheric disturbance which must be electrical in its nature, since it produces on a radio receiver the same general effect as an electromagnetic wave, namely it gives rise to electrical oscillations in the receiving system, which oscillations are converted into sound. But the sounds produced are of such erratic and irregular nature that they interfere with the reception of signals. These atmospheric disturbances are due to electrical discharges in the atmosphere, as, for example, between clouds. In order that electrical discharges should be possible there must be a source of electricity in the atmosphere, and according to one of the most prominent theories this source is the sun. It is now well known that hot bodies give off electrons, the vacuum tube filament being an excellent illustration of this fact. The sun, therefore, emits enormous numbers of electrons, since its temperature is so great. Due to the loss of these electrons, the sun must be at a great positive potential. The great positive potential of the sun and the emitted electrons constitute the source of atmospheric electricity which results in static.

There are two types of static which give most of the trouble. These are called "clicks" and "grinders" and are expressive of the nature of the disturbance. Clicks are widely separated disturbances which are of sufficiently strong intensity to interfere with reception. The grinders consist of all sorts of continuous noises of a grinding and grating nature which cause most of the trouble. The difficulty of weeding out static will be apparent from an elementary consideration of what happens in the antenna circuit.

When an atmospheric discharge takes place, as for example between two clouds, it acts as an electrical impulse on the antenna and sets the antenna oscillating at its own natural frequency, and these vibrations are transmitted and rectified in the receiver and give the bothersome noises known as static. But this is also what happens when a signal wave strikes the antenna, the antenna, being tuned to the signal wave, vibrates at its natural period and gives a signal. Thus it is seen that the behaviour of static with respect to an antenna is identical to the behaviour of a signal wave with respect to an antenna. This

is the reason it is so difficult to separate static from the incoming signal. If an attempt is made to amplify the signal so that it will be more intense than static we run into the difficulty of having to amplify the static in the same proportion and therefore gaining nothing. If on the other hand an attempt is made to weaken the intensity of static we run into the other difficulty of weakening the incoming signals in the same proportion and hence again gaining nothing, both these difficulties arising because signals and static affect an antenna in the same way. It is for this reason that many of the panaceas for static elimination have failed. For, when they have either weakened or eliminated static they have likewise weakened and eliminated the signals. This statement applies to most of the earlier methods, such as loose-coupled receivers, Marconi's balanced detector, and audio-frequency compensation. Let us now see what have been the progressive steps which have led us to our present position in which static seems to be attacked by methods which show promise of its demise.

Other methods have had the effect not so much of eliminating static, as of increasing the signals, so that the ratio of signal to static increased, thus making reception possible through static. Of these, one of the most practicable is the method of heterodyne reception. Most methods of detection take place on the square law basis, that is, their response is proportional to the square of the applied signal voltage. But these detectors are not very sensitive to weak signals, and as a result the ratio of static to signal is large and the signal is generally lost in the static. The heterodyne method, on the other hand, is not a square law detecting method, but its response is proportional to the first power of the incoming signal. But, due to the effect of the local heterodyne oscillator, it is extremely sensitive to weak incoming signals, as a result of which it gives a very powerful response to weak signals, while its response to strong static is equal or less than that of the square law detector. As a result the ratio of signal to static is considerably greater, and reception is possible. Here the ill effects of static are overcome, not by elimination, but by increasing the advantageous effects of the signal itself. The manner in which this is done is more evident from a consideration of the response curves of both types of detectors, as in Fig. 1. Curve A shows how a square law detector,

such as a straight vacuum tube with grid condenser and leak, or a crystal, responds to signals of different intensities. Curve *B* shows how the heterodyne detector responds. *Oa* represents the value of a weak incoming signal. The square law detector gives a response equal to *ab*, while for the same signal excitation the heterodyne detector gives the response *ac*, several times louder. On the other hand we have a large static impulse exciting these detectors, the intensity of the static excitation being represented by *Od*. The response of the square law detector is given by *de*, while that of the heterodyne detector is given by *df*, which is not much greater than that of the square law detector. It is at once evident that the ratio of signal to static in the case of the heterodyne detector is much greater than in the other case. This means has therefore been valuable in reducing the harmful effects of static, though it has not eliminated static.

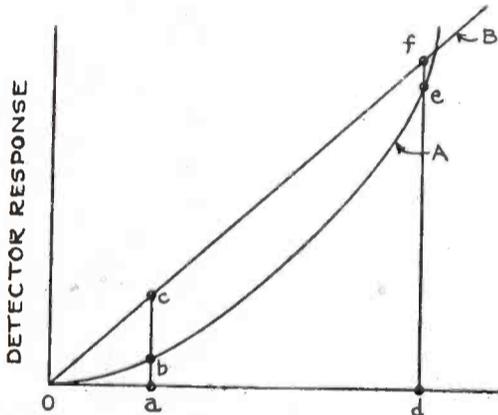


Fig. 1. Detector Response Curves

Another reason why this method has proved so beneficial in counteracting static is that by properly adjusting the heterodyne note the operator can more easily read through the static. He can arrange to receive a musical 500-cycle note, or 1000 or 2000-cycle note, or whatever note will give best results, by the simple expedient of varying the beat frequency. This method of reception is one of the best yet available.

Some of the most promising methods are those involving the use of an aerial differing from the usual vertical antenna, which receive equally well in all directions. Thus, although it may be receiving signals from a transmitter due north, it may at the same time be receiving static from all directions. Obviously such a system gives a poor signal-to-static ratio. The step was therefore taken to reverse the process by receiving static from but one direction, and at the same time to receive the signal best in the desired direction. As a result of eliminating all the other static except that coming from the signalling direction the signal-to-static ratio was increased many times. This is accomplished by the use of different types of antenna. The very first of these was the Marconi horizontal antenna, which was found to have marked directional characteristics, it received better in the direction along its

length than along any other direction. Thus signals from the direction in which it pointed were received more efficiently, and at the same time static from other directions, though not eliminated, was reduced, thus giving a very favorable ratio.

Another form of antenna which was very effective along the same lines is the loop aerial. The loop aerial has very marked directional characteristics, as shown in Fig. 2. It will therefore

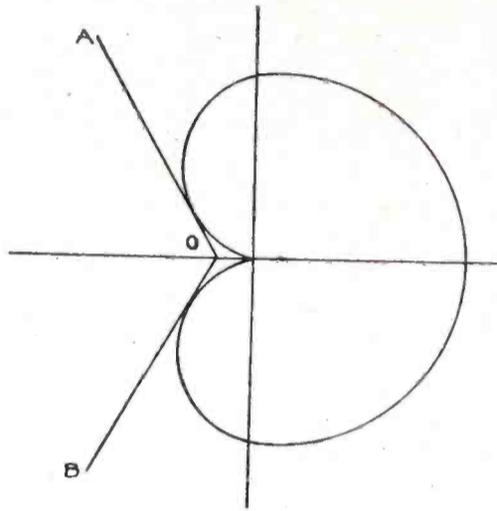


Fig. 2. Directional Characteristics of Single Loop

eliminate signals coming from directions in the angle *AOB*. Thus, by using a loop, static from these directions is likewise eliminated. Pickard has found that the use of a number of these loops gives still greater improvement in directional reception, thereby still further improving the signal-to-static ratio. The loop aerial has the added advantage that it is possible to orient the loop very easily to pick out the station it is desired to hear. For its dimensions are relatively small, and it is mounted so that it can easily be rotated by a handle. It is for this reason that it is so largely used as a direction finder and radio compass.

Most of the important work, until recently, on the elimination of static was done with the loop and low horizontal antennas. Fairly good results were obtained by the various investigators, but not good enough. The next step was the utilization of a number of these means together. Work was done with a number of loops working in conjunction, and also with loops and open wire antennas working in conjunction. The net result of such methods is to increase still more the directional properties of the system, thereby eliminating to a greater extent static from other directions, and thus increasing the signal-to-static ratio. This is shown graphically in Fig. 3, which was originally given by Pickard. The dotted curve shows the directional properties of a single-loop antenna. The dash-and-dot curve shows the directional properties of two loop collectors working in conjunction, which is seen to be better than the single loop. The full line curve shows that for three-loop aerials, which is seen to be

the most directive. By such arrangements whatever static does come in is confined to a small angle.

One of the most prominent systems of static reduction based on the working of a number of wave collectors together is that due to Weagant. He based his investigations on the theory that static originated from some point overhead. On this basis he devised an ingenious system for eliminating its effect. Since static came from above, it would strike two loops at the same distance, no matter how far apart they were separated. Also since these loops were impulsed simultaneously by the static excitation the static voltages set up in these loops would be exactly equal. Thus by combining these two voltages in a differentially-wound transformer so that their voltages opposed these two static voltages could be made to neutralize each other. On the other hand signal waves are known to be propagated

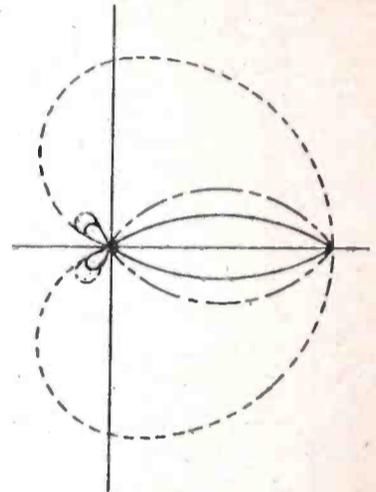


Fig. 3. Directional Characteristics of One, Two and Three Loops

horizontally, hence one loop would be impulsed by the signal sooner than the other. These voltages would therefore be different and out of phase, but, since they were likewise sent through the differential transformer, they would not neutralize each other, since they were out of phase and were unequal. They would, however, add up and give a resultant signal. Thus it is possible to obtain a signal voltage, while eliminating the effect of static. Although the theory of vertical propagation of static has not been definitely proved, yet it is possible to obtain the effect here described. However, the arrangement of apparatus required for such a system is extremely complex and sensitive, and it is often difficult to obtain the necessary balance and adjustment of apparatus to effectively balance out static.

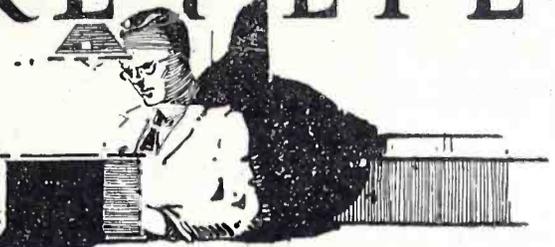
One of the most recent methods advanced is the use of the so-called Rice-Beverage wave antenna. This is a modification of the Marconi horizontal antenna. It is a single wire, or sometimes two wires, whose length is of the order of the wave length to be received. This antenna has the receiver at one end, but the other end is closed by a "surge re-

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# QUERIES & REPLIES

## ON C.W. PRACTICE

BY  
**Gerald M. Best**  
TECHNICAL ADVISOR



Questions submitted for answer in this department should be typewritten or in ink, written on one side of the paper. All answers of general interest will be published. Readers are invited to use this service without charge, except that 25c per question should be forwarded when personal answer by mail is wanted.

Kindly advise connection of three modulator tubes of 5 watts each, to a 50-watt transmitter. Also connection of filament as to positive and negative and primary and secondary of microphone transformer. — W. E. T., Huntington, W. Va.

It would not be practicable to use 5-watt tubes to modulate the output of a 50-watt tube, in the Heising circuit, as the modulator

rheostat, fixed condensers and power transformer. Give me the amount of wire required for a 200-watt transformer on a 2½ by 2½ silicon steel core, with a secondary voltage of 1200, tapped at 300, 600 and 900 volts. The filament voltage desired is 12, and tapped in the center. What is the natural wavelength of a 6-wire fan, 45 ft. high and 50 ft. long, lead-in 12 ft. long, ground lead 5 ft. long and

proximately 2 lbs. of wire. The filament secondary consists of 9¼ turns of No. 12 D. C. C. wire, with a tap at the 4.6 turn, and should not require more than ¼ lb. of wire. The natural wavelength of your antenna system, with counterpoise, is approximately 150 meters.

Please publish a good circuit for a variocoupler, variable condensers and a peanut tube.—E. S. V., Naples, N. Y.

Several good circuits have been published in recent issues of RADIO. Read the article by C. S. Mundt in December RADIO, entitled "Again that one-tube Receiver."

In regard to article on the DX-Bringer-In in May RADIO, why do I have to reverse the connection on the primary coil in the opposite manner to that shown in the circuit diagram, to make the set work? Why will the set not work without howling on stations under 400 meters? Is an .002 M. F. condenser across the phones too large? Am bothered with body capacity, and do not get the volume I can get with my three-

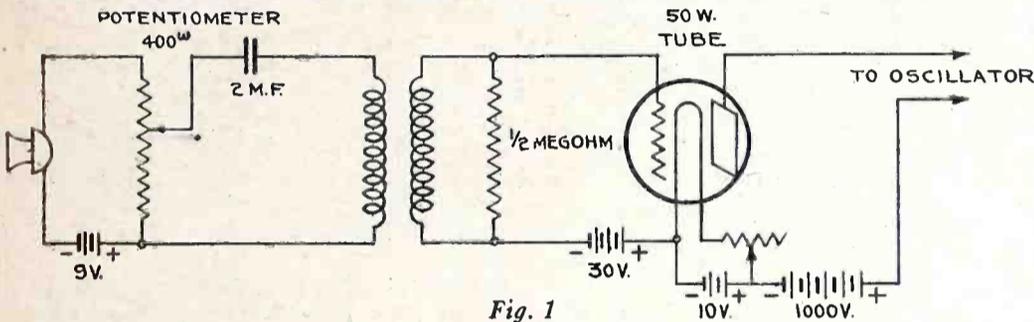


Fig. 1

and oscillator tubes should have like characteristics and power. The only method you could use would be a master oscillator-power amplifier type, which involves considerable apparatus over and above what the Heising circuit requires. A means of connecting the modulation transformer to the modulator tube is shown in Fig. 1.

Please correct and publish the circuit diagram enclosed, for a transmitter using one 5-watt tube, with Ford spark coil for plate supply. Kindly explain the action of this set.—H. A. M., Hingham, Mass.

The diagram is shown in Fig. 2. High voltage from the spark coil is supplied to the plate of the 5-watt tube, which is connected through a suitable oscillatory circuit to an antenna-ground system. The tube oscillates only when the voltage supplied by the spark coil is positive, and rejects the negative half

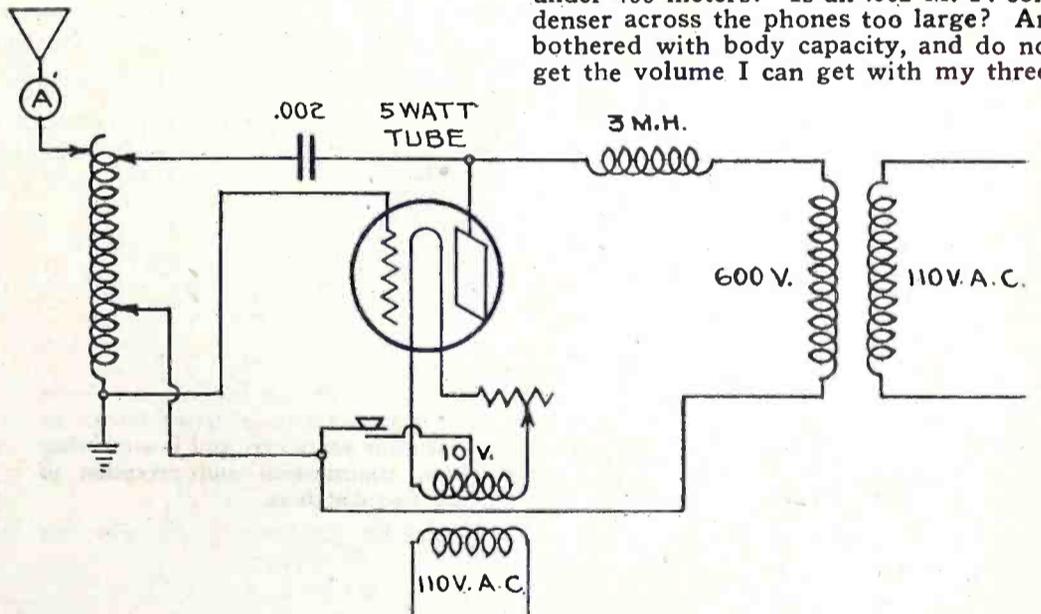


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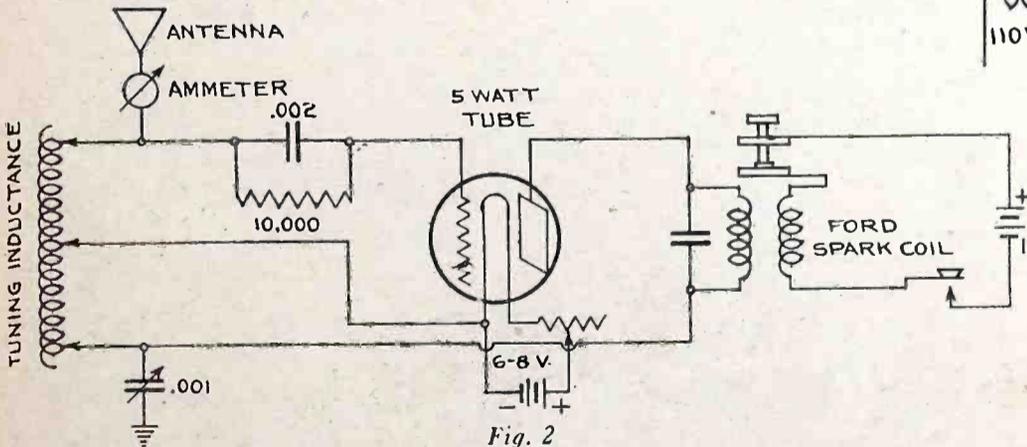


Fig. 2

of each wave, the radiated high-frequency wave thus being intermittent, depending upon the frequency to which the primary vibrator is adjusted. Due to the presence of harmonics in the output of the coil, the voltage supply is irregular, and the decrement of the set will not be sharp.

Please publish the improved Hartley circuit for a 5-watt transmitter, using the following apparatus: Inductance, key, 5-watt tube, voltmeter, ammeter, socket,

a counterpoise of four wires 55 ft. long and 8 ft. above the ground?—R. B. L., Palo Alto, Calif.

The circuit you request is shown in Fig. 3. For the primary of the transformer, you will require 85 turns of No. 18 D. C. C. wire, which should not amount to more than ½ lb. The secondary should consist of 924 turns of No. 28 D. C. C. wire, with taps at the 230th, 460th and 690th turns for 300, 600 and 900 volts respectively. This will require ap-

coil honeycomb outfit.—J. A. S., Plaza, N. Dak.

It should not make any difference in the operation of the circuit, whichever way the coil is connected. It may be that you had a high resistance joint when you first connected up the coil, as is often the case with soldered joints. You are probably working your variometer at too high values of inductance for the shorter waves. The trouble would be difficult to locate from your description. A condenser of .002 M. F. will work O.K. A shield made of sheet tin or copper placed on the back of the panel, and connected to ground should eliminate body capacity. The shield should be at least 30 gauge, and should not touch any of the apparatus.

Please publish a diagram that shows how to wind coils like those in the Kennedy Universal receiver.—J. W. C., Jr., Memphis, Tenn.

On page 31 of December RADIO you will find a complete story by D. B. McGown on how to wind bank-wound coils.

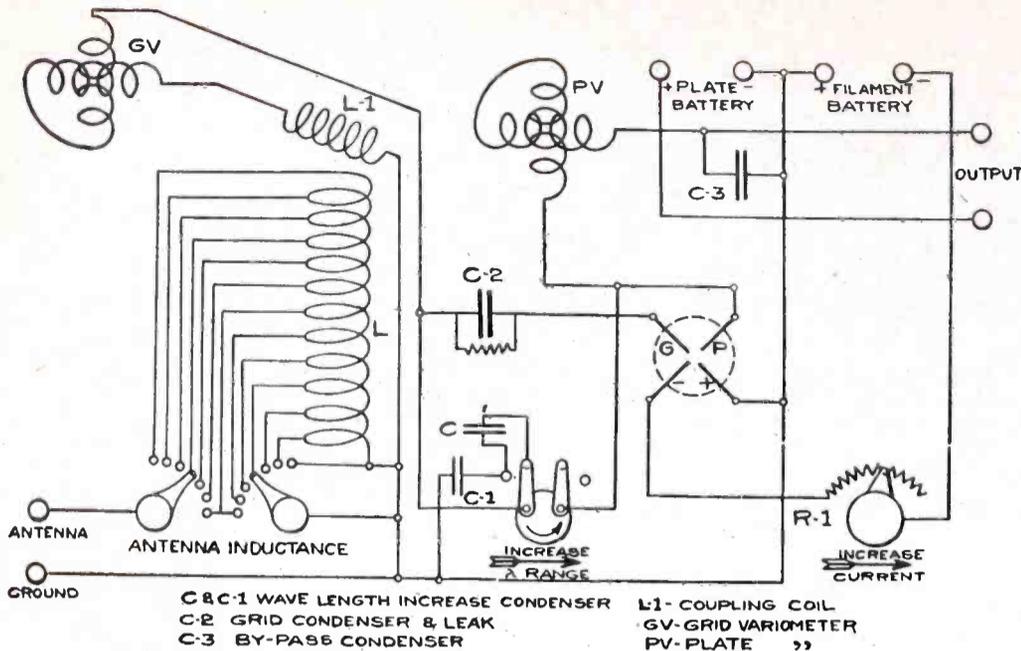


Fig. 4

Please publish the circuit of the Grebe CR-8 receiver.—W. B., Bakersfield, Calif. The circuit is shown in Fig. 4.

Please publish a circuit for a variocoupler, two variometers, rheostat and detector tube. Is a Welsh Peanut tube good for distance in this circuit?—I. L., Los Angeles, Calif.

The circuit shown in Fig. 4 contains the apparatus you mention. There is no reason why you should not receive over a considerable distance with a Welsh Peanut tube, if properly operated.

In an article by 6ZJ in July RADIO, reference is made to a coupling coil for inductively connecting the grid circuit to the plate variometer, the statement being made that the windings should be in opposite directions. Mr. McCartney in the same issue gave a circuit similar to this stating that the coupling coils were wound in the same direction. Which is correct?—R. J., New York City.

Inductances which are to be used in a regenerative circuit should be wound in the same direction, so as to be series aiding. Otherwise they will oppose each other, and the tube will neither oscillate nor regenerate.

I have an R. C. Westinghouse Receiver which is not selective enough. How can I make this receiver selective?—T. J. P. S., Maywood, Calif.

Single-circuit receivers in congested city districts are not selective enough. The Westinghouse Company has suggested the placing of an additional tuning unit alongside the regular tuner, thus providing a primary and a secondary circuit. A wave trap consisting of a 75-turn honeycomb coil shunted with a .0005 M. F. condenser would probably assist in eliminating some of the 600-meter spark interference you are having. The trap should be placed in series with the antenna lead, and adjusted until the interfering spark is tuned out. You will of course have to readjust your receiver each time you change the wave trap.

Kindly publish a diagram giving specifications of instruments similar to the types which are employed on board ships for receiving long distance code. Are honeycomb coils preferable for this? Can a change over switch be put in so as to make it suitable for receiving short wave broadcasting stations?—J. C. H., Cleveland, Ohio.

With the exception of some of the newer vessels, the receivers furnished most ships are hardly the kind you would wish to build, being usually of the crystal detector type, without amplifiers. The wavelength I presume you wish to receive is 600 meters, and

a very good set may be made from three honeycomb coils and two air condensers, such as is shown in Fig. 1, page 35, of October RADIO. All that would be necessary for receiving shorter wavelengths would be a set of smaller coils.

Please publish a diagram of the Armstrong 3-circuit tuner. Could I use a Ford spark coil to transmit up to 1000 feet? If so, will you please publish a circuit, without tube.—H. F. L., Worcester, Mass.

Figs. 4 and 5 both are examples of the Armstrong circuit. You could use a Ford spark coil for transmitting short distances, provided that you have a transmitting license, but I must decline to publish circuits of spark transmitters, as they are entirely obsolete, and are the cause of so much interference that the fewer of them there are the better off the radio industry will be.

Please publish the Grebe single-circuit regenerative receiver. What does DX stand for?—M. H. A., Schenectady, N. Y.

Although this circuit has been published several times in the past, it is being reprinted herewith in Fig. 5 for the benefit of new readers. It is the circuit used in the Grebe CR-5 set. DX is an abbreviation coined by the amateur some years ago, and is used when referring to transmission and reception of radio over long distances.

Kindly advise the correct size wire for connecting a storage battery to a receiving set at a distance of 30 ft.—J. R. H., San Jose, Calif.

The size wire depends upon the current drain. If you are using 3 or 4 C-301-A tubes, which consume .25 amperes at 6 volts,

then the maximum drain is 1 ampere, and 60 ft. of No. 14 wire would give you practically 6 volts at the set. If tubes drawing 1 ampere each are to be used, then No. 12 wire should be used, if you wish to have any kind of regulation at the set. For C-299 tubes, where the current consumption is .06 amperes per tube, No. 18 or No. 20 wire will be ample to take care of several tubes.

I would like to know how long an aerial is needed for a Crosley Model X set. The height above ground will be 20 ft.—C. M., Los Gatos, Calif.

The antenna should be at least 100 ft. long, and higher if possible, although you should be able to receive over a considerable distance even at 20 ft. in height.

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY SAN DIEGO RADIO CLUB

WHEREAS, at the present time radio communication is subject to serious interference of a preventable nature, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the full privileges of radio communication be accorded all parties equally, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce is unable under the existing law of 1912 to so administer and control radio communication as to eliminate certain types of interference,

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by San Diego Radio Club of the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, that it is the sense of this Club that immediate action should be taken by the House and Senate to the end that adequate legislation be enacted to supersede the law of 1912. Be it

FURTHERMORE, Resolved that our White-Kellogg Bill as introduced in the 67th Congress is the most suitable form in which legislation could be written. Be it

FURTHERMORE, Resolved that our Representatives and Senators be urged to give this matter their immediate attention and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to said Representatives and Senators, to the Secretary of Commerce, the Supervisors of Radio for the various United States Districts, Executive Headquarters of American Radio Relay League, the Signal Officer U. S. Army, the Chief of the Bureau of Radio Communication of U. S. Navy and the Press.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the San Diego Radio Club held November 9th, 1923.

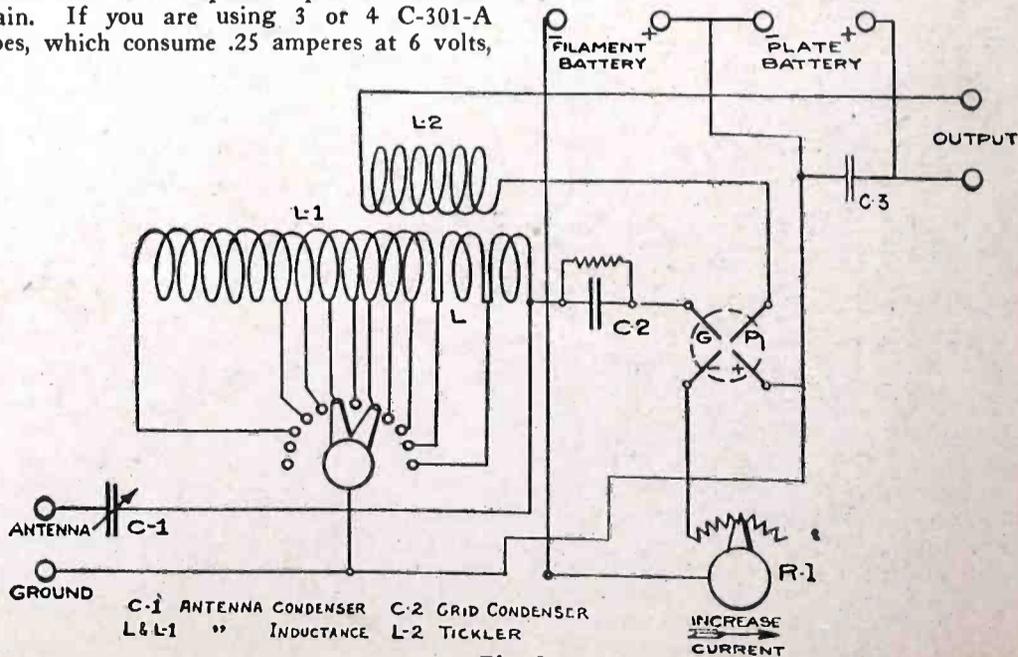


Fig. 5

# NEW BROADCAST STATIONS

## NEW MEXICO STATE COLLEGE GIVEN RADIO PLANT

Through the efforts of Dean Goddard, the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts is the recipient of a new radio station. The donors have requested that their names be withheld. This gift will include the equipment for constructing a 100-watt vacuum tube transmitter and the building to house it. The station will be utilized for experimental purposes and amateur relay work under the government license of 5XD. It will be separate and distinct from the present radio house and its equipment, which will then be used solely for broadcasting service under its present call letters of KOB.

Plans for the new radio house call for a frame building 15x24 ft. with concrete floor. An operating room will occupy the east end of the building, while a club room for the College Radio Club will be at the west end. The center will contain a work shop and closets for the storage of miscellaneous equipment and batteries.

It is planned to support the new T cage type aerial from two 60-ft. A-frame towers, spaced 125 ft. apart. A counterpoise system of twenty wires is planned. These wires will radiate from the roof of the building in all directions to steel post supports at their outer ends.

The transmitter planned is of the reversed-feed-back type, using two 50-watt tubes for oscillators. The plate current will be supplied by a kenotron rectifier and filter system. The materials for this have already been purchased, and the set will be constructed by members of the Radio Club from designs by Dean Goddard.

KOB is equipped with two combination telephone-telegraph transmitters, one of 500 watts output and the other of 50 watts. Both these transmitters are of the vacuum tube type, and either may be connected instantly to the 140-ft. fan aerial over the Engineering building. Two other telegraph transmitters of the spark type are also available, and are at present being utilized for experimental purposes. One of these is a 1000-watt set of the synchronous gap type, while the other is a standard Navy 500-watt quenched gap

transmitter, complete with motor-generator power supply. The station is equipped with several receivers, including a Westinghouse type RC, a Grebe type CR 8, a three-circuit regenerative honeycomb coil universal wavelength set with detector and two-stage amplifier, a Reinartz tuner and detector, and a two-circuit honeycomb coil set with six-tube detector-amplifier. The latter set is very selective and sensitive, being adapted to all wavelengths, and having three stages of radio-frequency amplification, a detector and two stages of audio-frequency amplification. A Western Electric loud speaker, with push-and-pull power amplifier, and a large-sized Magnavox loud talker are included in the equipment. A Kolster decimeter, such as is used by the Radio Inspection Service of the Department of Commerce for standardization work, has recently been added.

The motor-generators for supplying the high-voltage direct current for the telephone transmitters are located in a special generator room, and remotely controlled from the operator's desk in the radio house. There is a 500-watt, 1000-volt set for the small transmitter, and a 2000-watt, 2000-volt set for the large transmitter. There is also a 250-watt, 1000-volt set in reserve to be used in case of trouble with the regular machines, and for experimental purposes.

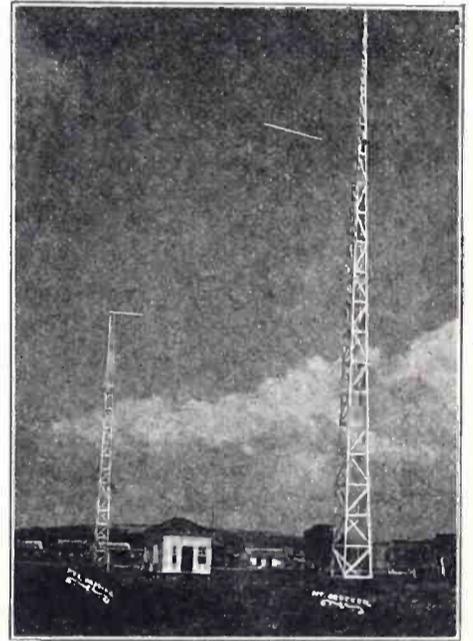
The college is also provided with two complete portable stations licensed under the call letters of 5FY and 5FZ. These stations have five-watt combination telephone-telegraph transmitters and single-circuit regenerative receivers with detectors and two-stage audio-frequency amplifiers. They are used for experimental work and for communication with the College station from points in the field. At the recent convention of the New Mexico Boys' and Girls' Club members, held at State College, a mesa picnic was enlivened with a radio concert received by one of these stations. The football game in El Paso of the Aggies and the El Paso High School was broadcasted, and the coming game with the Texas School of Mines will be broadcasted from one of these stations erected on the side lines. They have, since the war, served as the communication link between the annual College R.O.T.C. unit camp in the

Organ Mountains and the college. Two years ago at the time of the Hatch flood one of these stations was rushed to the scene of the disaster, and supplied a quick means of communication with the lower valley towns, from which assistance and supplies were sent.

The work of the present station at the college has gained for it a national reputation in this branch of engineering. A number of students are now attending this institution because of the exceptional facilities offered along these lines. With the widespread of interest in and use of radio as a means of communication, it is anticipated that industry will require a large number of electrical engineers especially trained in this branch.

## RADIO STATION CYR

Radio Station CYR, which was installed two months ago at Mazatlan, Mexico, for Rossetter & Company, has been heard by many Pacific Coast listeners. It has been reported from Denver, Colorado, and also from Willows, Calif., on a loop.



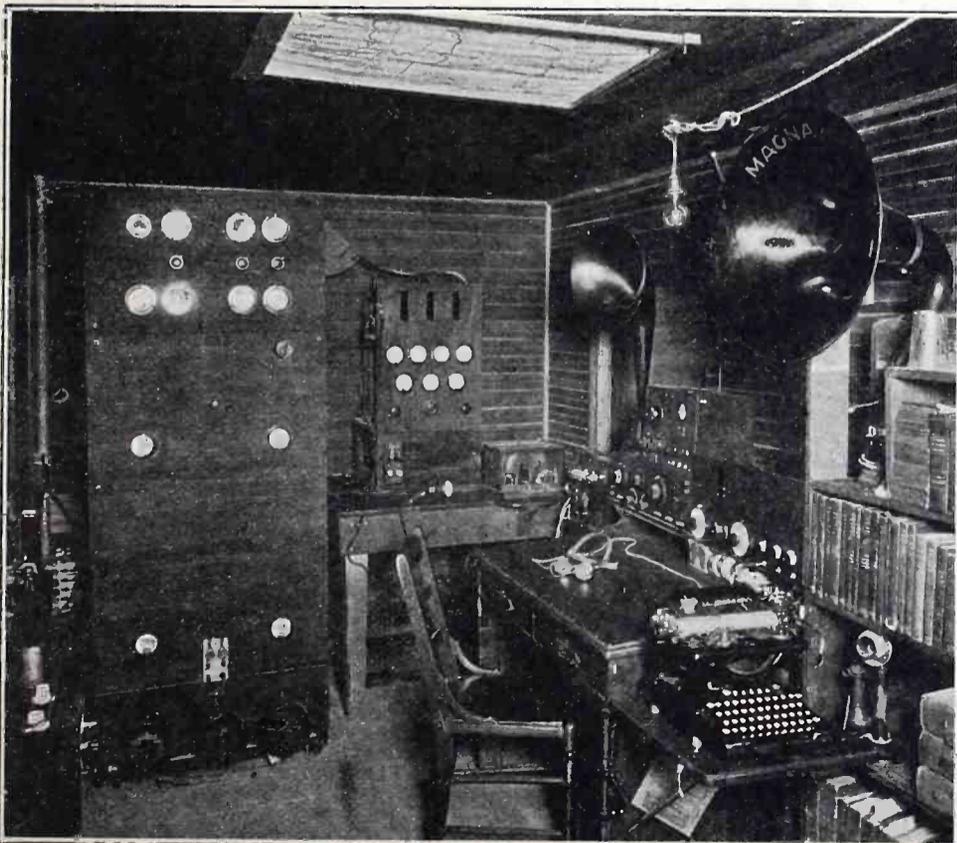
CYR, Showing One of the Two Towers

The equipment includes the 50-watt transmitter formerly in operation at KDN, the Fairmount Hotel, San Francisco, together with a 50-watt power amplifier. The station was installed and the towers erected by C. Thompson, 6UQ, who will also put up a more powerful station for Rossetter & Company at Mexico City.

Broadcasting is conducted between 8 and 9 p.m. on a wavelength of about 423 meters.

## NEW SIGNAL CORPS STATIONS

The Army signal corps is installing at Fort Douglas, near Salt Lake City, Utah, the largest radio telegraph station of the Army. It will have but one tube, the new 10 kilowatt radiotron developed by the General Electric Company, which is building the equipment. Another similar station is being erected at Leavenworth, Kans., but this station will operate with two tubes and will have a telephone circuit as well as the radio telegraph. The radio circuit between these two stations, the Arlington, Va., station and a land line from Leavenworth to San Francisco, will span the United States. Each of the two interior stations will be equipped with two steel 300-ft. towers. It is the plan of the Army radio service not to use coastal stations, that part of the work being handled by the Naval Communication Service, and the Army does not desire to interfere with ship-to-shore communication.



Radio Station KOB



# WITH THE AMATEUR OPERATORS

## RADIO STATION 9MC

9MC was built and is owned by A. H. Cain at Roodhouse, Ill., and is located in a specially built radio shack 14x18 out in an open field where there is nothing to consider except building an efficient set. The ground is 12 3/4-in. pipes driven 5 ft. in the ground and also an underground counterpoise of 60 No. 14 copper wires in the form of a large oval 160 ft. wide by 230 ft. long filled with wires radiating from the center 6 degrees apart, over 7000 ft. of wire 6 in. under the ground.



Radio Station 9MC

The station is equipped with two C.W. transmitters employing the Hartley circuit, a 500-watt radiating 4.5 amp. with 2000 volts on the plate and a 100-watt radiating 2.3 amps. with 1000 volts. Plate voltage is supplied from three motor-generators, two 500 volts and one 1500 volts.

The aerial is a 5-wire, flat top T, 80 ft. high and 65 ft. top, with 74 ft. lead-in and ground.

9MC has been reported from every state in the union and has worked every state but three, has been heard in England, New Zealand, Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico, North Pole, and all over the Atlantic and Pacific and Gulf.

The operators are A. H. Cain and W. W. Fraley. The call 9DNW is used by junior operators. 9MC is an official A.R.R.L. broadcast station and also A.R.R.L. district superintendent of District No. 3 of Illinois. A recent list of calls heard and worked is published elsewhere in this issue.

## STATION 2WA AND 2XAT

Station 2WA and 2XAT, owned and operated by D. J. Pieri at 154 East 175th, New York City, has been doing some fine D.X. work, including the handling of many messages from 6XAD. On November 6th he was in communication with 6XAD for over an hour and a half.

The antenna consists of two 30-ft. sticks on top of an apartment house supporting a 4-wire inverted L aerial of No. 12 enameled wire. The counterpoise is a four-wire fan running from the radio room window to a rear court enclosed by buildings, it not being possible to place it directly under the antenna.

The transmitter uses three 50-watt tubes with a plate voltage of 1500 at 300 milliamperes, this being supplied from kenotron-rectified and filtered 110 volt a.c. The keying is done in the grid, the circuit being a Colpitts. The receiver was designed and built by Mr. Pieri, detector and one-step being sufficient to hear 6XAD.

## NEWS OF THE AMATEUR OPERATORS

6AFX, R. J. Mortimer, has moved from 32 Walnut Ave., Los Gatos, Calif., to 334 45th St., Oakland, Calif., and will soon be on the air with 10 watts C.W.

The new QRA of 6AFO is 271 21st Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

6AUB has moved from 3369 28th St. to 4095 Ohio St., San Diego, Calif.

6BVG, J. F. Wainwright, of Los Angeles, has established a direct relay route with 9ZT.

N. E. Brown has been engaged to give a series of lectures on the construction and operation of efficient radio equipment before the Southern California Radio Association at Los Angeles.

6LG, M. E. McCreery, has been selected by the Southern California Radio Association as assistant division manager for the southern section of the A.R.R.L. Pacific Division.

6JD expects to establish inter-communication with Australia before the winter is over.

6KA is back on the air with a 250-watt bottle.

6EA and 6EB have a new station under construction at Los Angeles.

Walter Hemrich, 7SC-7ZT, P. O. Box 511, Aberdeen, Wash., worked WNP on Nov. 15. He is now installing a 1 kw. tube set.

Call letters 5ANC have been issued to W. Easley, 223 So. 3rd St., Enid, Okla. Call letters 5JE have been issued to J. B. Reeves,

2002 E. Pine St., Enid, Okla. Both on 5 watts. Pse. qsl if heard.

Call 9BBZ has been reassigned to Everett H. Marshall, Hayward, Wis., who will answer all cards.

6BJS has been reassigned to Bruce Lawrence, 535 Tennyson Ave., Palo Alto, Calif. Please note QRA. and QSL, my 10-watt C. W. and phone set. All cards answered promptly.

## A NEW DISTANCE-AND-SPEED RECORD BY 1HX-6XAD-WNP

A complete message was transmitted from 1HX, Boyd Phelps, at Hartford, Conn., via 6XAD, Lawrence Mott, Avalon, Calif., to WNP, Donald Mix, radio operator with the MacMillan expedition, Etah, Greenland, with reply by the same relay, in five minutes, eight seconds, between 2:00 and 3:00 A.M. on November 27th, P.S.T. The transmitted message was "To WNP de 1HX via 6XAD, cool and wet tonight, how with you? sig. Phelps." The reply was "To Beep, ten below and starlight here. sig. Donald Mix."

This hangs up a new record in amateur transmission—9000 miles in 308 seconds, surpassing the previous Hartford-Honolulu test record in both distance and time. The time, which was officially kept at Hartford, was taken from the instant that Phelps touched the key to call Mott until the answer was received at Hartford.

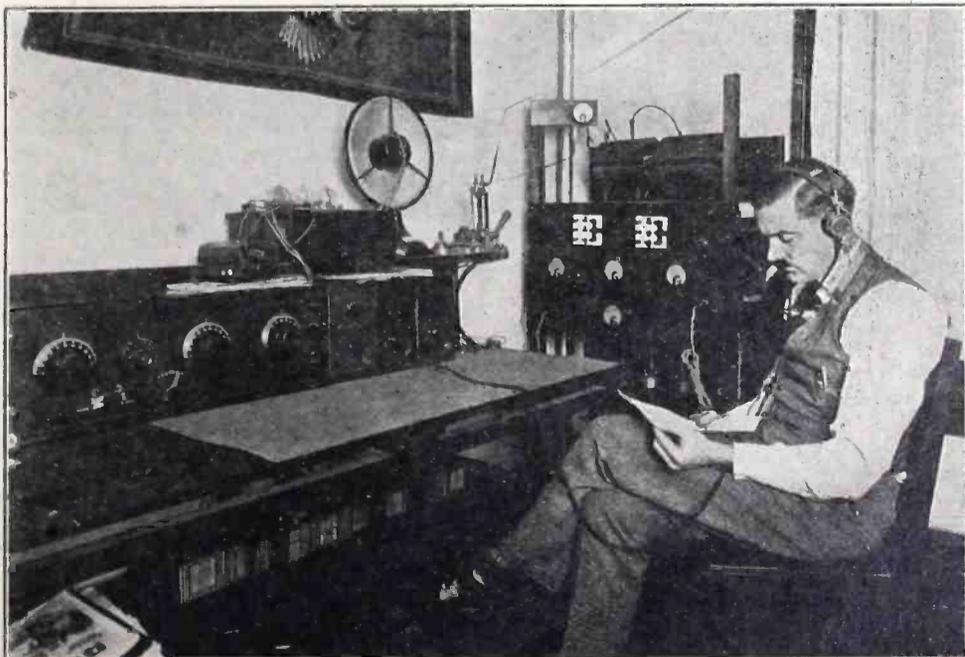
This record came as a climax to a long series of messages between 1HX, 6XAD and WNP. During November Major Mott handled many messages to and from WNP, as has been reported in the daily press. An attempt to transmit a Thanksgiving message to WNP on the morning of November 29th did not succeed, as no one was able to hear WNP. The same message was also transmitted over a seven-station relay to Can. 9BP, especially arranged by the American Radio Relay League, without reply from WNP.

Major Mott reports the following lists of stations that he has worked or that have heard him. These DX reports cover the period from October 30 to November 26.

### Stations Worked.

1cmp-1hx (Hartford, Conn.), 1er, 2agb, 2adm, 2wa (N. Y. City—many times), 3ckd, 3bhm, 3bwt, 3te (Baltimore, Md.), 4ku, 5je, 7zu, 7zf, 7jf, 7gq, 7fl, 7afn, 7wm, 7sf, 8se, 8ab, 8cwu, 8aig, 8afn, 8ago, 8zy, 8bke, 8xe

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Radio Station 2WA and 2XAT

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Loud Speaker Construction

Sir: With reference to the article on Loud Speaker Construction by Stewart Hendricks in November RADIO, the constructor will get better results by using a piece of bakelite or other insulating material instead of using a copper strip in the movable coil. The copper short-circuits the coil and cuts down the efficiency.

Oakland, Calif.

HARRY MORSE.

## Be Careful With Chemical Rectifiers

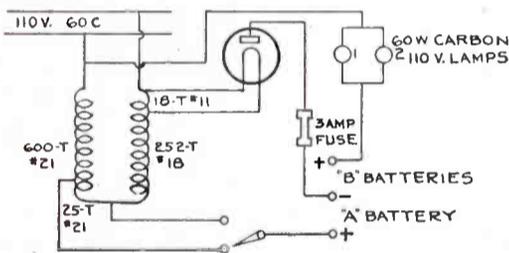
Sir: While my chemical rectifier was in operation the other day I pulled out the aluminum rod to examine it and, in replacing it, a spark was caused when the rod came in contact with the electrolyte. This spark ignited the gases in the jar and caused a violent explosion which completely wrecked the rectifier.

Tacoma, Wash.

J. R. CHRYST.

## Rectifier

Sir: Having been a subscriber to your magazine for over two years, and reading many valuable articles, I have decided that it was my duty to contribute any good wrinkle that I could discover. Enclosed you will find a drawing of a rectifier for both A and B batteries.



The laminations are made of transformer iron, pieces 1 in. x 4 1/16 in. and 1 3/16 in. x 2 1/4 in. enough of each to make two 1-in. stacks, as the core is 1 in. square. The winding consists of 600 turns and tap, and then 25 turns of No. 21 on the one leg. The other leg has 252 turns of No. 18, and 18 turns of No. 12 for the filament section on the other leg.

The tap that connects the two coils together will charge the A battery at about 2 1/2 amperes, while the tap at the 25 turns of the 21 wire will charge about 3 amperes. A 3-ampere fuse is placed in the negative side and will protect both A and B circuits when charging.

The B battery charger has a tap off the line side opposite to the filament-heating winding. The lamps in the circuit reduce the amperage, as it is not wise to charge the B battery with high amperage. One lamp will give about 1/4 amp., while two in parallel will give 1/2 amp. charge. I have not tried to charge both at once, as I have to buy all my lamps and the rectifier bulb costs \$4.00 and I'm not taking any chances, although I think it will work all right.

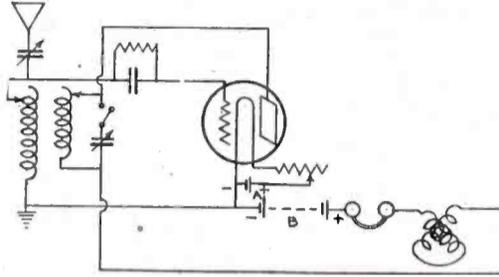
2409 Fifth Ave.  
McKeesport, Penna.

Sincerely yours,  
EMIL KLOB.

## A Converted Crystal Set

Sir: I have experimented with several kinds of single tube sets, but have never found one that works as well as my converted Signal Corps crystal set. Some people say I am crazy when I show them the hook-up, but I have brought in WDAF, Kansas City; WHAS, Louisville; WGI, Medford Hillside; and WDAJ, College Park, Ga., regularly; besides working a loud speaker on one tube (WD-11) with this hook-up. Of course the stations I use the loud speaker on

are local ones, WRC and WCAP. I have a good deal of trouble with body capacity, but sometimes this can be overcome by cutting out the secondary condenser or the grid leak. (I find that a 1/2 meg. works best on local stations.) I am not bothered much with static at any time, though, and I think I would rather have body capacity than static.



As I said before, the set is composed almost entirely of an Army crystal set, and the tube and variometer are the only additions. The variometer is an Atwater-Kent.

To anyone with a Signal Corps (or Army) crystal set or the parts equivalent to one, I am sure this will prove an interesting experiment.

Yours truly,  
1622 Allison St. N. W.,  
Washington, D. C. FRANKLIN W. CLARKE.

## Radio: The Farmer's Ruination

Sir: There is a lot printed in magazines about the value of radio to the farmer. May I write a word from the farmer's standpoint. I am a small farmer. I have ten acres set out in prunes, twelve acres in grapes, and fifteen acres in almonds. For twenty years I have been working to bring the place to a point where it would pay. And then—I bought a radio set. It has changed my whole life.

At the present time I am \$450 in debt. There are three mortgages on my house and one on my barn. The last one was for a loud speaker. The crop reports come in fine, but I am so busy tuning out interference on my radio set I have no time to cultivate a crop.

My tube bill is \$60 a month and my battery cost is \$75 a year. My children used to study hard in the evenings and stood high at school. Now they are so busy with crystal sets they never look at a book. Even the school teacher has taken up radio. Just today my boy came home with an A plus in grid leaks.

The Farm Bureau used to lecture on scale, and plant lice. This week's lecture was on regenerative sets. Despite eight pairs of receivers, I never get a chance to listen over my set until everybody else goes to bed.

The help refuses to get up at 5 a.m., because they sit up too late trying to tune in Kansas City. My wife forgot to put up the year's jam and preserve supply because of KPO's programs. In October the frost killed my prunes because I was tuning for Chicago and forgot to start my smudges. Even the cows will not give down milk any more without radio music. Last year I bought mittens, socks, a bicycle and some skates for Christmas presents. This year I have got to spend \$300 for two radio frequency outfits, or the family will not speak to me.

No one knows what radio has done for the farmer. As the situation stands now, I may have to sell the farm and move into town to get nearer to the broadcasting stations, to get away from my neighbor's one-tube set, three miles down the state highway.

In conclusion, I wish to say that radio is a great boon for the manufacturer, and its effect on the farmer cannot be measured by

either the Department of Agriculture or the State Insane Asylum.

Hoping this may be of value to some other farmer, who is a reader of your columns, I remain,

Yours truly,  
Yolo, Yolo Co., Calif. JAMES K. HASKINS.  
P.S.—I forgot to mention that in June I cut down two acres of eight-year-old prunes to make way for a counterpoise ground so I could hear the "Hoot Owls" in Portland.

## Transformer Ratings

Sir: I read the article on Distortionless Amplifiers by D. B. McGown in November RADIO with a great deal of interest, as I am interested in that particular branch of radio. I do not, however, altogether agree with Mr. McGown that the so-called "ratio" rating of transformers be dropped.

I think I am safe in saying that not fifty per cent of the people buying a transformer know what the impedance should be, or what impedance really is. The salesman's statement that "the primary has so many thousand ohms at so many cycles" means nothing to the average prospective buyer.

In general, he knows that a high ratio transformer may be used on the first stage and lower ratio on following stages.

His question is: "Will this transformer work in my set?"

In line with all other radio goods, transformers are sold under a binding guarantee that protects the buyer from a transformer that has only 10 or 12 turns to a winding.

It would seem just as logical for a phonograph salesman to deliver a lecture on the size, length, number of turns, torque developed, and other details of the driving spring of one of their models, when all the customer wants is to know, "Will it work?"

I agree that a certain amount of technical specifications are necessary, but it should be so that the layman can understand it.

One thing more. A good many companies are advertising their goods with the caption "Free demonstration," and when the goods arrive they are C.O.D. and usually more than one has to pay at the local dealer. I think this is misleading. How about it?  
Indian Creek, Pa. PHILIP N. EMIGH.

## When Will It Cease?

Sir: The science of radio communication, and art of its application, have made rapid strides. Time was when the term "interference" was connected with spark only. The law of 1912 saw fit to designate certain methods of eliminating interference. A decrement of two-tenths was once standard. Today decrement has little value as a measurement. Spark has become obsolete—archaic.

Ever to the forefront of progress, constantly eager for the annihilation of "more miles with less watts," amateurs practically without exception have abandoned the spark as inadequate, nuisance-producing, inefficient and in every way unsatisfactory. It remained for the amateurs to develop the broadcast movement, and later for the broadcast station to prove the practicability of constant public service utilizing continuous wave energy, in order to seal forever the doom of the spark. Class B broadcast stations with five hundred watts are today giving continuous adequate public service over a range not to be attempted by spark installations with ten times that power.

The "powers that be" have taken certain steps to protect the thousands of "listeners-in" who nightly depend upon the broadcast for education and entertainment. No longer can the broadcast listener be ignored either

from a technical standpoint or his political strength. Today the broadcast listeners can poll a vote which would swing any issue which seemed desirable to them. Does it not seem strange that, despite the "writing on the wall," any section of the public service should be dilatory in instituting such changes as might be necessary to protect the rights and privileges of the several millions devoted to the art of radio? Yet, sad to state, such is the case.

The Navy maintains radio stations at many points on the sea coast, notably NPL at San Diego, California. The use of spark and arc at this station antedates the development of the broadcast. Many and bitter have been the complaints as to the interference by both arc and spark due to inefficient installation, careless or negligent maintenance and poor operating. The arc is notoriously rich in harmonics, "mush" to a greater or lesser degree has been the source of innumerable complaints for several years past. While partial remedies have been sporadically applied there has not been a *resident* radio engineer constantly on duty to eliminate causes of interference, which would not be tolerated in any commercial plant on the globe. While the law requires changes of power adequate to maintain communication with the least possible input for a given transmission, none of the NPL apparatus has been observed changing power at any time. It is a scream to observe a five-kilowatt spark set in use on full power for the purpose of communicating with a ship lying alongside the operator, practically—the distance measurable in feet not miles—yet such tactics have been logged repeatedly. Blinkers could be used, buzzers, a five-watt telephone transmitter or, better still, a land line could be thrown aboard the ship lying in the harbor and the ether left for more useful purposes. Only last night at 8:15 P.M. or thereabouts NPL called NPG eight times within a period of fifteen minutes on spark! How does this happen? Do the rules and regulations applying to ethereal communication not apply to the public service as well as the commercial branches of communication and the amateur? What is pernicious interference anyway? How lovely it is to listen to a spark QST from NPL at 9:00 P.M. right in the middle of a lecture on astronomy or an organ recital. Why could not the QST be postponed until 11:00 P.M. or given earlier? Surely someone is asleep at the switch! Let us look into this.

It is a curious fact that Naval radio communication stations are frequently officered by those whose only training in the science of radio seems to have been the signing on the dotted line for property and personnel. The experts who visit NPL in times of mechanical or electrical grief seldom wear the uniform — never have authority. "Theirs but to do or die, theirs not to reason why." Were the radio communication officers of the Navy radio-experts in all cases—with sufficient authority to abate electrical deficiencies, and co-ordinate official communication so as to cause minimum interference, this protest would have no function.

Patience, it is true, is a virtue. When three long years pass, however, and a public nuisance continues to flourish despite all reasonable efforts, patience gets rather frazzled. Surely it is time for something radical to be done.

San Diego Radio Club, representing the seven thousand owners and operators of receiving stations in the County of San Diego, has at last boiled over and is insistent on immediate relief from pernicious and altogether avoidable disturbance nightly, due to the tender ministrations of the operators on duty at NPL. Realizing that it is useless to appeal to the enlisted operator, almost as useless to the Chief Petty officer nominally in charge of operations, and that all efforts through local commissioned officers in charge

of radio matters for the Navy have evidently drawn a blank, the Club framed, adopted and will follow up to the last ditch a resolution which demands the attention of Washington in no uncertain terms. The resolution, it is hoped by San Diego residents, will affect not only NPL but all other Naval radio stations.

Destructive criticism is one of the most pernicious things imaginable. Constructive criticism on the other hand promises something in the future. Nothing that has been said should be construed as having a personal tinge. The present situation on the air in territory contiguous to NPL is simply abominable. The United States Navy contains the finest brains on the continent and when this talent is really applied to the problem on hand with the honest intent of "doing unto others as they would be done by" the outcome will be most refreshing. Ordinarily, even in peace times, the United States Navy desires popularity. One of the worst advertisements it can have it is now flaunting in the ears of the listening public. Let us hope that now, *immediately* — not tomorrow, not next week—**WE SHALL HAVE ACTION** and that no more complaints nor criticisms need be offered in the future along these lines.

In conclusion it must be remembered that whatever can be done in civilian life can be done by the Navy. DR. A. E. BANKS, San Diego, Calif. 6XN, 6ZB.

### Converting the B.C.L.

Sir: I would like to call your attention, as well as all transmitting amateurs, to the importance of converting the B.C.L.s into the amateur's ranks. I know many B.C.L.s are getting tired of listening to canned music and such and would like to learn the code if there were any way possible. The amateur who is pounding out C.Q. by the yard when he has nothing else to transmit is not getting anywhere. The amateur should try to devote a few hours a week to the transmitting of code for the beginner. Is that asking too much for such a good cause? There is more sport in receiving code than anything else. The phone fiend would soon be tuning into code transmission, and calling you up on his new C. W. transmitter!

Here is another thing. The amateur signs off some old fancy way, not caring whether he will be readable at some D.X. hound's stations. There are a lot of new amateurs just breaking into the game that are not speed artists yet. So here is a little experiment. Make it a rule for a week or two to sign off your call at a slow rate of speed, and I can bet a five-watt bottle that your mail will be cluttered with more "I heard you" cards than you ever got before. We would like to hear from others as to what they think of it. How about it, O.M.? Oak Park, Wash. STANLEY WHITEKUS.

### THE "CQ" PEST

By 6XAD-6ZW

*Of all the wearying things o' earth—  
Of all despoilers of one's mirth—  
He who 'rouses one's ire with zest—  
Is that tiresome chap—the "CQ" Pest!*

*With never a "sign" and never a pause—  
The key clutched fiercely in his claws—  
He hammers away through the hours o'  
dark*

*With any old thing from a buzzer to spark!*

*"CQ-CQ-CQ"—with never a little "de"—  
"CQ-CQ-CQ"—over the lands and the sea!  
"CQ-CQ-CQ"—with unflagging vigor and  
zest!*

*Oh Lord above!—Do save us . . . . .  
From the nerve-racking "CQ" . . . PEST!*

Catalog No. 10 from National Chelsea Radio Corporation shows three types of Chelsea regenerative receivers and a complete line of radio parts.

### HINTS ON RADIO

By D. B. McGOWN

Don't forget that telephone receivers are gradually weakened if they are jarred, due to the fact that jarring weakens the permanent magnets.

If you build a transformer from data that is reliable, and it heats up, or draws too much on no load, check up first on your core material; soft iron, commonly called stove-pipe iron, must be worked at much lower flux density than silicon steel.

When using power transformers (so-called "pole transformers") for vacuum tube plate supply be careful not to get mixed up in the high potential side, as this might be fatal, as such transformers will deliver power from their secondary, which is about the same as getting across a pole-line of the same potential.

Don't try to operate vacuum tubes as amplifiers on potentials over 100 volts without proper grid bias batteries. Great distortion and probably burned out inter-tube transformers will result if you do.

Always connect fuses in your transmitting tube filament circuits; if anything happens it is cheaper to blow a fuse than a tube.

One of the weakest links in the amateur transmitting set is usually the lead-in insulator. Be sure you have this point well insulated.

Don't think that if you use twice as many tubes you should get twice the number of amperes in your antenna ammeter; remember that the power output varies as the SQUARE of the antenna current.

To get the average range of a radio set, take the distance the owner claims, extract the cube root, and divide your answer by the fifth root of unity.

Don't cuss the nearby broadcaster for your inability to tune him out, and get "distance"—remember that he may be distance to some other fellow, and that a "trap" in the antenna may cut him out for you entirely, when off his wave.

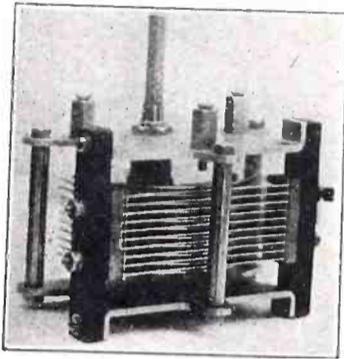
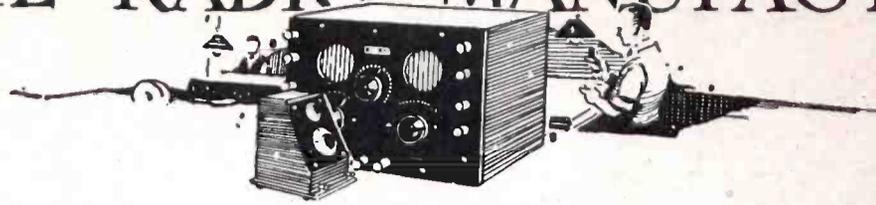
Why not use a simple switch to change from the detector to the second stage of your amplifier? You will then do away with the fuss of plugs and jacks.

Don't think that with umpty-umph tubes on a super-punkodyne circuit that you are doing wonders to get some broadcasting station 2000 miles away; in the olden days such distances, and greater, were common with spark transmitters and crystal receivers, without any fancy fuss.

Possibly some of the static does come from Mexico, as the report was some time ago, but noisy filament and plate batteries probably are where at least 61.21 per cent of it originates.

If two get together and learn the code, they will do it about five times as fast as one alone.

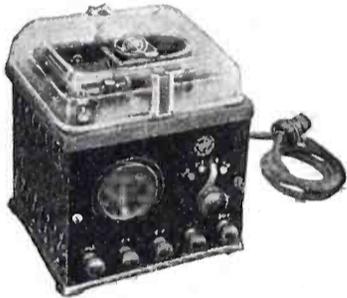
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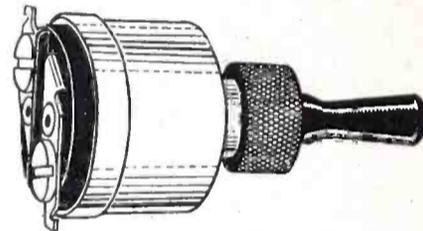
The new Type "B" Cardwell condenser has the same general design as the older Type "A" but has several special features. These include drill holes for mounting special coils as in the Cockaday or Hazeltine circuit, special spring contacts, white-nickel end plates and ball bearings. The new type is being made in 11, 17, 21 and 41-plate sizes.



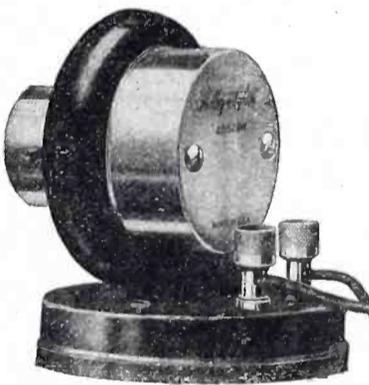
The distinguishing feature of Samson transformers is the use of a helical winding to reduce to a minimum distributed capacity, resistance and current leakage, resulting in clear reception without howling. An amplification of 37 times is secured from a Samson HW-A1 transformer used with a 201-A tube with 80 volts on the plate.



The new Valley ABC battery charger may be used to charge all types of low voltage storage batteries. It has taps for 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12 and 24 volts and thus is adaptable to rectify alternating current for both A and B batteries. The charger has a bakelite panel and parts to harmonize with a radio receiving set.



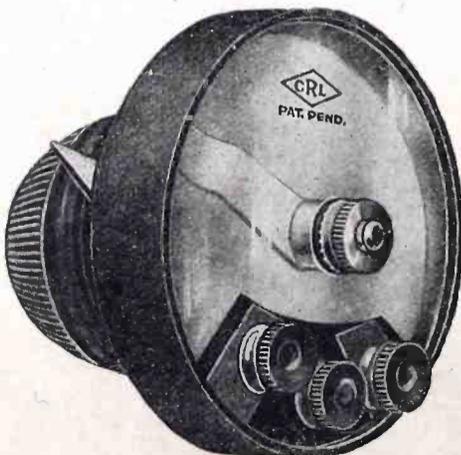
The new Bradley switch is a compact, completely enclosed, single-pole switch for opening battery circuits. It is mounted by drilling a hole in the radio panel and securing the switch by means of a knurled nut. It is operated by pulling or pushing the switch button. The switch is nickel-plated and the button is polished black.



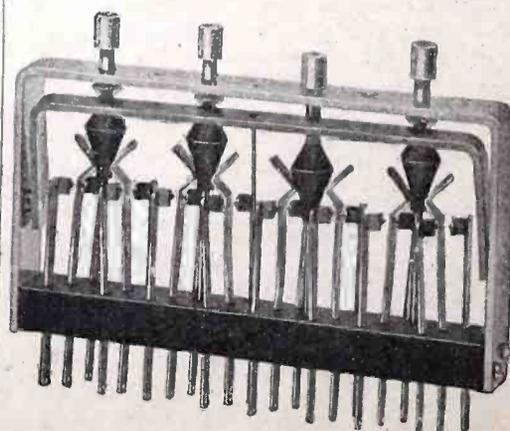
The Holtzer-Cabot loud speaker attachment for phonographs is intended to be fastened to the tone arm instead of the usual reproducer. The device consists of a Holtzer-Cabot telephone receiver and "audio filter" which eliminates practically all side noise. It is claimed to bring in the low notes with volume and trueness and the high notes with clearness and mellowness. It may be easily attached or detached without tools.



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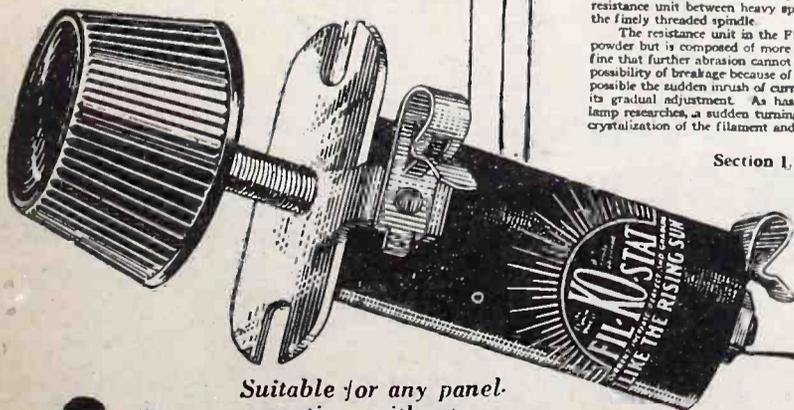
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The previous card has indicated the necessity for delicate filament control for sharp tuning. It is essential that the tube used for the detector should operate at the exact required filament potential, that the grid potential should be correct, and that the proper plate potential should be furnished for the desired intensity of signal. Both grid and plate potential, which are usually fixed unless a potentiometer is used, are correct only for some best filament potential. Filament adjustment is, therefore, fundamental.

The wire type of rheostat is limited in resistance, and only roughly adjustable. Its construction makes it very difficult to provide good contact at all times. Both of these faults affect filament control. The heating of the filament depends upon the current which in turn depends upon the impressed voltage. The actual heat given off—the temperature of the filament—determines the electron flow. It is, however, a function of the square of the current multiplied by the resistance (I<sup>2</sup>R). Any filament adjustment must therefore be very fine for its effect is multiplied immensely in electron emission. Any varying contact between parts immediately more than offsets direct adjustment.

Various types of compression resistances have been devised such as carbon discs pressed together, a disc and a ball of carbon susceptible to varying pressure, and various forms of pressure devices using powdered carbon. All of these are temporarily good except for microphonic noises, but inevitably soon wear either by abrasion of the plates or their breaking or the packing of the powdered carbon. The proper solution of the problem is undoubtedly the compression type but only the Filkostat construction appears to give the ideal results. In this design microphonic noises are eliminated by cushioning the resilient resistance unit between heavy spring members which are operated by the finely threaded spindle.

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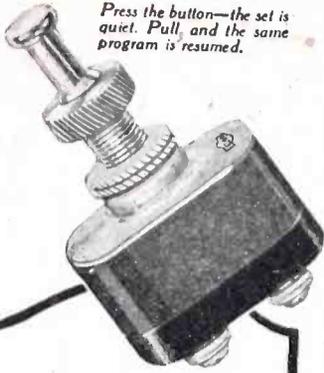
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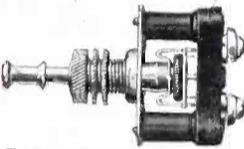
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Can.: 4cl, 5cn, 9bp. Hawaiian: 6ecu. Mexican: jh.

By H. L. Smith, 711 D Street, Oxnard, Calif.

Cw.: 5ga, 5nn, 5ui(?) 5zh, 6adt, 6aou, 6ask, 6auu, 6bnf, 6ii, 6ban, 6ce, 6fh, 6fy, 6pe, 7agv, 7em, 7io, 7ks, 7ln, 7lw, 7pj, 7so, 7ve, 7wm, 7ya, 7yl, 7zu, 9bez, 9bji, 9cgy. Will be on the air in two months with 5-watts.

By 6ALV, Alameda, Calif.

1ii, 1er, 2blu, 2cqz, 3auv, (4eb), (4ku), 4my, 5bf, (5dw), 5gj, (5ht), (5lr), 5nn, 5nn, 5pb, 5qw, 5sk, 5tj, (5uo), 5vv, 5adb, 5atu, 5amh, 5zav, 6ceu, 7mn, 8fu, (8gz), 8jj, 8nb, 8tt, 8ago, 8apt, 8atp, 8bda, (8bfh), 8bwk, 8bwz, 8cqx, 8yv, 8yn, 9bg, 9cr, (9cp), 9mc, 9rc, (9vm), 9aim, 9aog, 9apf, (9aem), 9ak, 9bav, 9bgk, 9bh, 9bmx, 9bq, (9bji), 9ayp, (9caa), (9ccv), (9cde), (9ceh), (9cfk), 9chd, 9cjk, 9epi, (9ctr), 9evc, 9daw, (9dhg), (9djb), (9dkb), (9dsw), 9dxn, 9dxy, 9eea, (9ekf), (9eky), 9yaj.

Can.: 4cl, (5cn), (5go), 9bp, 9bx.

By 9CTR, St. Louis, Mo.

(1adn), 1af, 1afa, 1afp, 1aln, 1alz, 1asi, 1aww, 1bdi, 1bge, 1bhk, (1bom), 1boq, 1bwj, 1cab, (1cmp), 1cnd, (1cpn), (1evs), 1er, 1fb, 1gv, (1hx), 1ii, 1mo, 1mc, 1my, 1ow, 1rr, 6acm, 6acg, 6afq, 6aix, (6alv), 6ams, 6arb, 6asx, 6auy, (6awt), 6bbw, 6bcl, 6bic, 6bih, 6bja, 6bjc, 6bjq, 6bm, 6bpz, 6bql, 6bsn, 6bua, 6buo, 6bve, 6bvg, 6cbi, 6cek, 6cfz, 6cgd, (6cgw), (6chl), 6ckr, 6ckp, 6cmr, 6et, 6hp, 6ii, 6ka, 6pe, 6pl, 6yc, 6zah, (6zar), (7abb), 7bj, 7hg, 7hw, 7it, 7iw, 7ln, 7ob, 7oh, 7qj, 7wm, (7zd), 7zf, 7zl, 7zu.

Can.: (2cg), 5go, 5cn.

By 7AIY, Frank A. Mueller, Jr., New Ora: 514 2nd St. N., Wenatchee, Wash.

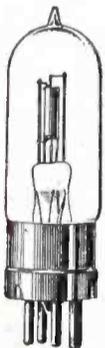
Cw: 1asi, 1bbo, 1ccz, 2aff, 2bjg, 2ccd, 2cxl, 2by, 2gk, 3atz, 4bc, (4eb), 4el, 4ku, 4nq, 4os, 5abz, 5ago, (5aiu), 5amh, 5bm, 5pb, 5ek, 5fa, 5gj, 5hh, 5ht, 5hz, 5lv, 5ph, 5px, 5uk, 5vv, 5xv, 5za, 5zav, 6aak, 6aur, 6aat and icw, 6abx, 6acm, 6adh, 6adm, 6afp, 6afq, 6afy, 6aga, 6agb, 6age, 6ahw, 6ahz, 6alv, 6alx, 6amg, 6amh, 6ams, 6anb, 6ani, 6any, 6aob, 6aoh, 6aol, 6aoo, 6aos, 6aou, 6arb, 6atc, 6aty, 6atz, 6aup, 6auy, 6avi, 6avv, 6aws, 6awt, 6awz, 6baa, 6bab, 6baf, 6bbc, 6bbh, 6bbw, 6bcl, 6bes, 6bds, 6bdy, 6bcj, 6beh, 6beq, 6bez, 6bfb, 6bic, 6bih, 6biq, 6bjc, 6bkk, 6bdx, 6blb, 6blg, 6blm, (6bly), 6bmd, 6bmy, 6bmz, 6boi, 6bon, 6bou, 6bpz, 6bqe, 6bql, (6brf), 6bsg, 6bsj, 6bsv, 6bts, 6bua, 6buf, 6buh, 6buo, 6bur, 6buu, 6buy, 6buz, 6bve, 6bvg, 6bvs, 6bwp, 6cax, (6cbb), 6cbl, 6cbr, 6cbw, 6ccu, 6ccy, 6cdg, 6cej, 6ceu, 6cfm, 6dfz, 6cgg, 6cgg, 6cgl, 6cgw, 6chl, 6chu, 6chv, 6chz, 6cid, 6cix, 6ciz, 6ckh, 6ckp, 6cll, (6cmi fone), 6cmr, 6cmu, 6cng, 6cni, 6cnl, 6cod, 6cuz, (6cyr), 6xbj, 6zam, (6zar), 6bq, 6bm, 6cc, 6cu, 6dd, 6eb, 6ec, 6en, 6et, 6ff, 6fh, 6fl, 6fy, 6gx, 6hp, (6ii), 6jh, 6jm, 6jq, 6js, 6kj, 6km, 6mg, 6mh, 6nx, 6oh, 6ok, 6pl, 6rm, 6su, 6ts, 6uf, 6uh, 6xh, 6zh, 6zi, 6zo, 7it, 8abx, 8amm, 8apt, 8aqo, 8asv, 8avn, 8awp icw, 8bda, 8bdw, 8bfh, 8bfq, 8bfs, 8bym, 8dhq, 8ced, 8erc, 8ab, 8bf, 8dw, 8fr, 8gd, 8hn, 8ij, 8pl, 8tt, 8wx, 8xe, 8zz, 9aaw icw, 9aay, 9aen, 9aic, 9aim, 9ajf, 9amb, 9amu, 9any, 9aog, 9aom, 9aou, 9apf, 9aps, 9aua, 9aus, 9avn, 9bav, 9bed, 9bfe, 9bh, 9bjk, 9bkc, 9bqj, 9bqk, 9bqq, 9bqy, 9bmm, 9bmo, 9bri, 9bsz, 9bun, 9bvn, 9bzi, 9caa, 9caj, 9cbj, 9cev, 9ccz, 9cfi, 9cfk, 9cfy, 9clq, 9cme, 9cns, 9csy, 9ctr, 9cvc, 9cvh, 9cvs, 9czg, 9czw, 9daw, 9dch, 9dge, 9dgi, 9dgw, 9dha, 9djm, 9dkb, 9dkq, 9dky, 9dlm, 9dqm, 9dqu, 9dug, 9dys, 9dxn, 9ebt, 9eea, 9ekf, 9eky, 9emf, 9yaj, 9am, 9bg, 9bw, 9ck, 9dr, 9eh, 9gd, 9hk, 9jk, 9lz, 9na, 9pm, 9rc, 9uh, 9vm, 9yy, 9zg, 9zn, 9zt, 9zy.

Can.: 2ab, 3dti, 3ge, 3ni, 3zl, 4cw, 4hf, 4cl, 4dq, (5ah), (5ct), (5go), 9bp.

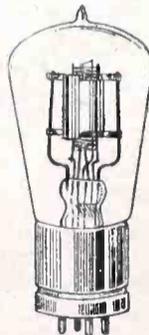
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5ac, 5bm, 5bp, 5dw, 5fa, 5fc, 5fx, 5ga, 5ge, 5gi, 5gp, 5je, 5jf, 5kc, 5kg, 5lr, 5mn, 5nj, 5pb, (5qi), (5qq), (5re), (5uc), (5up), (5uk), (5abt), 5acr, 5ado, 5adb, 5ads, (5ahj), 5air, (5aiu), 5ajp, 5akn, 5amb, 5amf(icw), 5ana, 5za, (5zav), 5zm, 5zx, 6bm, 6km, 6lk, 6pl, 6tj, 6tv, 6vm, 6acm, 6adt, 6alv, 6arb, 6asx, 6aty, 6auy, 6avv, 6bbe, 6bbq, 6bbr, (6bcl), 6bgy, 6bhg, 6bis, 6bmd, 6brf(icw), 6bvg, 6cbi, 6cbu, 6cbw, 6cdg, 6cfz, 6cgd, 6cgw, 6chl, 6cka, (6cui), 6ra?, 6zah, 6awt, 7ca, 7hg, 7ks, 7oh, 7po, 7sh, 7wp, 7abb, 7akz, 7zu, (9amb), (9aog), (9apf), 9ack, 9avs, 9avu, 9bji, 9bjk, 9caa, (9ccz), 9cfy, 9evc, 9dff, (9yu).

Can.: 1ar, 2am, 2bn, 4cl, 4cn, 4dy, 5cn, 5go.  
Fones: 5amf, 9bil, (9aic), 9dkt, 9hk.  
Dalite: (1rv), (1bwj), (4ku), (6bcl), (9yu).  
Mex.: jk?  
wnp

By H. T. Mapes, RDO "BX" Guanajuato, Gto., Mexico

2xn, 4by, 4ft, 4ku, 4mb, 4xj, 5akw, (5ama), 5ado, 5ahd, 5aew, 5akn, 5akj, (5acr), 5aiu, (5adi), 5amb, 5amj, (5adb), 5aib, 5adh, 5afh, 5ahh, 5ana, 5af, 5aky, 5alh, 5aic, 5ajj, 5amp, 5bm, 5be, (5bx), 5cv, 5dr, 5dw, 5en, 5ek, (5ft), (5fa), 5fc, 5fx, 5gw, 5ga, 5gn, 5gi, 5gf, 5gm, (5hz), (5ht), (5in), 5if, 5jf, 5je, 5ji, 5jc, 5je, (5kg), (5ke), 5kf, 5lj, (5lr), 5ll, 5lp, 5lc, 5mt, 5meg, 5mn, 5nr, 5ng, 5nh, 5pk, 5nj, (6nk), 5nz, 5nn, (5ov), (5pb), (5ph), 5qi, 5ql, 5qy, 5qq, 5sd, 5tj, 5uo, 5vv, 5vy, 5vf, (5xaj), (5xv), 5xab, (5yg), (5yk), 5yk Spk, 5zh, 5zg, 5zax, 5zak, (5za), 5zav, 5zx, 5amw, 6alk, 6and, 6awt, 5asx, 6arb, 6agk, 6avv, 6aak, 6acg, 6asx, 6avr, 6ao, 6aup, 6ava, 6auy, 6alv, 6bbe, 6bic, 6bih, 6bur, 6brf, 6bwz, 6ban, 6bqc, 6bts, 6blg, 6bwp, 6cgw, 6cgd, 6cfi, 6cbi, 6chl, 6cfz, 6cic, 6cmr, 6ckp, 6ckr, 6cmu, 6cmi, 6cga, 6fh, 6ff, 6km, 6mh, 6mg, 6ts, 6vf, 6zh, 6zi, 6zz, 6zah, 7abb, 7zu, 8awp, 8ame, 8asv, 8bda, 8ef, 8kh, 8vk, 8xe, 8yv, 9avz, 9apf, 9aau, 9aim, 9aps, 9avn, 9atn, 9apf, 9auy, 9amb, 9aon, 9bx, 9bzi, 9bed, 9bbw, 9bez, 9bxq, 9ccz, 9ccv, 9czw, 9ca, 9cns, 9dxy, 9eky, 9cfy, 9ox, 9xaq, 9yaj, 9yy, 9zt, 9zv. Would appreciate reports on how you are getting Mex-bx.

By 6AMS, 72 Henry St., San Francisco Calif.

4eb, 5be, 5ga, 5ht, 5ig, 5tj, 5acq, 5ajb, 5aky, 5yav, (Can5cn), 6fy, 6ka, 6pl, 6mh, 6aoi, 6bbx, (6bgd), 6bih, (6biq), 6bqe, (6brf), 6bsn, 6bxq, 6cbd, 6ebi, 6ebu, (6cbw), 6ceu, (6cim), (6cju), 6cok, (6ckh), (6cms qra?), (7bj), (7ei), 7ev, 7fl, (7gq), 7hq, 7hw, 7hi, (7hj), 7mg, 7qw, 7rf, (7to), (7ws), 7zi, 7aba, 7aci, 7afe, 7afo, 7age, 7akt, 8hv, 8zz, 8gj, 9ei, 9me, 9uc, 9zt, 9bx, 9aav, 9aau, 9aic, 9aim, 9amb, 9apt, 9ast, 9aul, 9auw, 9ban, 9bch, (9bji), 9bjk, 9bmu, 9bvf, 9bxq, 9caa, 9ccv, 9dfh, 9dfs, 9dhp, 9dkb, 9ekf, 9eky. Anyone hearing my cw or fone please qsl qrk?

By 9BIS

1er, 1xp, (1aww), 1afc, 1ajx, 1ayi, 1yb, 1caz, 1cmp, (1bbo), 2agb, 2cxl, 2bse, 2, 3bv, 3aic, 3ber, 3bml, 3adj, (3bei), 4db, 4ai, 4wl, 4ay, 6bgy, 6bvc, 6pl, 6bhu, 6bqe, 6alv, 6cgw, 6bes, 6aoc, 6km, 6cbu, 6bcl, 6cid, 6bua, 6tv, 6ec, 6nx, 6ebi, 6bih, 6avv, 6bpm, 7hg, 7ve.  
Can.: (2ic), (3ada), (3tb), (3de), 3xi, 3oh, 3bq, (4dq), (4hh).

By 5KC, Vincent Rosso, Plaquemine, La.

Can.: (3co), 3jl, (3jt), 3qt, 3ss, 3sx, 3tb.  
Daylite: (3uj), 3ws, 3xn, 3zn, 3zt.  
Mex.: (bx).

U. S.: 1fb, 2fp, 2pf, (2wa), 2bqd, (2bue), 2ccx, 2zs, 3bbv, (3bdo), 3brm, 3ebm, 4hz, (4me), 4qf, 5 too numerous, 6cf, 6ka, 6pl, 6vd, 6vf, 6alv, 6avv, 6awt, 6bbe, 6bic, 6bih, 6blk, 6bpe, 6bpz, 6bqc, 6brf, 6but, 6bvf, 6bwp, 6cah, 6caj, 6cbi, 6cdc, 6cdg, 6cgw, 7agv, 7bcf, 7yl, 7zu. 8, 9 too numerous.

By 8DKI, Nick Geracimos, Warren, Pa.

4ay, 4cs, 4db, 4fy, 4gf, 4gw, 4hs, 4kc, 4on, 5abt, 5abh, 5acb, (5agj), 5aic, (5aiu), 5akn, 5amp, 5ajp, 5bp, 5bw, 5ek, 5fx, 5gj, 5gl, 5gm, 5in, (5kc), 5kw, 5kr, 5lr, 5up, (5wo), 5wx, 5zav, 6ajh, 6alv, 6awt, 6avv, 6ckp, 6cnc, 6cgw, 6fy, 6za, 6xad, 6zar, 7ah, 7ih, 7ks, 7nm, 9aau, 9aav, 9ahr, 9ami, 9aou, 9apf, 9auf, 9axd, 9ayi, 9ayp, 9bed, 9bhi, (9bhn), 9bpy, 9bji, (9bqy), 9bta, 9bun, 9cfk, 9chf, 9cki, (9clx), (9ceb), (9dis), 9djk, 9dlm, 9dxu, 9eak, 9ebt, 9elc, 9ecv, 9ehi, (9eky).

At 6FY, Modesto, Calif.

Wnp, 2bqu 3byn, 4ku, 4jv, 4za, 5lg, 5lr, 5mo, 5sk, 5mn, 5nn, 5agj, 5ahd, 5aku, 5amu, (5za), 5zav, (6ceu), (6rm), (7aci), (7ab), 8gz, 8hu, 8jj, 8kg, 8vf, (8bda), 8bux, 8cod, 8ahu, 8xc, 8zc, 8zx, 8zz, 9aau, 9aim, (9aki), (9akc), 9amb, 9apl, (9apf), 9awm, 9bik, 9bjk, 9bun, 9bvd, (9bxa), 9bzi, 9caa, 9ccy, 9cde, 9ceh, 9cns, 9esy, 9dfh, 9dkb, 9dte, 9eea, 9eky, 9yy, 9zt.  
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Can.: 3ni, 3qs, 8rp, 4cn, 5cn, 5go.

Mex.: (bx).

Cards on above signals sent on request. Will appreciate qsls on our sigs.

By Glenn E. West, 7ZU, Polytechnic, Montana

Sept. 20-30: 5qq, 6hp, 6cbu, 9amu, 9apf, (9ccz), 9bzi, (9cns), 9dch, 6bih, 6chl. October: 1bwj, 2xap, (4ku), 5gj, 5zav, 5ci, (5ia), (5ja), 5if, 5akn, 5an, 5ajv, 5qq, 5lr, 5hw, 5ek, 5er, 5ga, 5akf, 5zm, 5agv, 5ql, 5ht, 6bih, 6cmr, 6zar, 6ckp, 6cgv, 6kjb, 6ckp, 6cvb, 6cgo, 6cnh, 6aos, 6pi, 6cgg, 6cai, 6cej, 6ban, 6zir, 6bts, 6avy, 6bcs, 6agk, 6car, 6avv, (6bvg), (6chl), 6kz, (6xad), 6cqw, (6brf), (6bvo), (6cbi), 6cbw, 6pl, 6ck, 6aob, 6acg, 6bqi, 6ckp, (6anb), 6bnv, (6fh), 6fi, 6awt, 6sp, 6chv, 6jw, 6cil, 6ajh, 6aoi, 6avv, 6bcl, 6arb, 6bwe, 7igf, 7zo, 7ag, 7sw, 7ca, 7zf, 7gv, 7ln, 7hw, 7by, 7to, 7bj, 7zz, 7wx, 7kr, 7vv, 7aw, 7lr, 7sc, 7abb, 7agv, 8xe, 8bbi, (8er), 8ex, 8apn, 8bes, (8pd), 8asy, 8mt, 8ard, 8bnh, (8bfh), 9ebj, 9dch, (9vm), (9yaj), 9dkb, 9che, 9aim, 9bhx, 9bri, 9bez, 9ckp, 9dzy, 9dkb, 9ayy, 9hc, 9aen, 9dah, 9jp, (9czw), (9zg), 9eak, 9aia, 9dsw, (9aog), 9aqb, 9cje, 9doz, 9cci (fone), 9cmk, 9bzi, 9bji, (9ebt), 9acx, 9bjk, 9aov, 9edb, 9clj, (9czw), 9cet, 9bg, 9bof, 9bmv, 9bgy, 9awv, 9cvg, (9dxv), 9aom, 9cnb, 9bkk, 9dkb, 9aav, 9cmk, 9eea, 9avv, 9bqj, 9ebt, 9eky, 9bof, 9ehj.

Can.: 3cl, 3ni, 4cl, 4dy, 4hh, 4cn, 5go, 9bx.

Nov. 1-19:

(1yb), 1rfb, 1bom, 1dh, 1ccd, 1bsk, 2ck, 2afd, 2cfb, 3bcm, 4kv, 4eb, 4cl, 4dy, 5za, 5aq, 5ajv, 5qr, 5jn, (5ok), 5ahd, 5ajj, (tdn), (5ql), (5eb), (5gj), 5go, 5gn, 5lr, 5hq, 5qq, 5app, 5in, 5cn, 5zav, (5ahr), 5aki, 5kc, (5kax), 5zaq, (6avv), (6xad), 6bes, 6ckh, 6cmr, 6lv, (6kw), 6xl, 6cek, 6bmy, 6ajh, (6bvw), (6awt), 6arb, 6blm, (6bql), 6aix, 6bcq, 6cix, 6clr, 6bnt, 7ea, 7go, 7ks, 7abb, 7oh, 7em, 7yl, 7ih, 7hg, 7ln, 7zd, 7ly, 7so, 8ih, 8cnl, 8ov, (8abm), 8bda, 8bal, 8dat, 8adg, 8bp, 8atn, 8bnh, 8aim, 8bf, 8dcq, 8cww, 8ame, 8ju, 8jj, 8em, 9amb, 9dww, 9ccs, 9gt, 9bnk, 9dyy, 9df, 9bji, 9xi, 9dfh, 9eea, 9zt, 9vm, 9byc, 9apf, 9qi, 9dxw, 9bke, 9aom, 9vk, (9blg), 9dkk, 9boj, 9bez, 9dew, 9cv, 9cvi, (9bvn), 9ebt, 9dky, 9bal, 9cki, (9bez), 9dge, 9bcg, 9ebt, 9cet, 9clf, 9avv, 9bkf, 9czy, 9bzi, 9cnb, (9aic), 9xi, 9ddy, 9yy, 9dte, 9bji, 9bsz, 9xi, 9kke, 9bof, 9zt, 9dxy, 9zy, 9bri, (9ccs), 9amb.

Can.: 3ir, 4er, 4ag, 4en, 4ca, 4fn, 5hk, 5hb, 5go, 5gg, Bowdoin, WNP.

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WHAS	Louisville, Ky.	31	40	41
WSB	Atlanta, Ga.	38	49	48
WJAZ	Chicago, Ill.	38	54	54
WOS	Jefferson City, Mo.	40	51	50
WCAP	Washington, D. C.	41	54	58
WBAP	Ft. Worth, Texas	51	61	60
WOC	Davenport, Iowa	56	67	66
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WOAW	Omaha, Neb.	65	77	77
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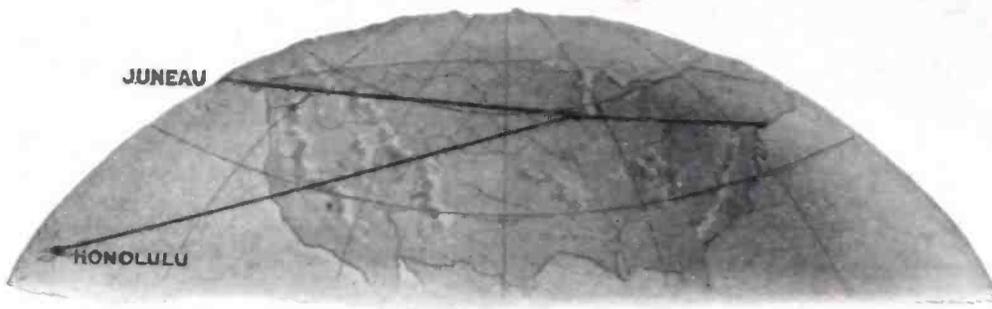
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By 6CLZ, 2131 Grant St., Berkeley, Calif.

C. W.: 1aw, 5agj, 5ahd, 5aij, 5akf, 5aku, 5ama, 5au, 5be, 5dw, 5ek, 5lr, 5nn, 5ok, 5qq, 5sk, 5uo, 5za, 5zm, 5zav, 6acg, 6adb, 6aig, 6ahw, 6aja, 6alu, 6aol, 6aqw, 6asa, 6asr, 6avr, 6bah, 6bbh, 6bbq, 6bbw, 6bes, 6bdw, 6beg, 6bel, 6beo, 6bfb, 6bge, 6bh, 6bic, 6bjc, 6bju, 6bjw, 6bkx, 6blk, 6blw, 6bmd, 6bqe, 6bqr, 6bqs, 6bra, 6brf, 6brk, 6bsf, 6bta, 6buo, 6bvq, 6caa, 6ebb, 6ebi, 6ebr, 6ebu, 6eck, 6ecu, 6efi, 6efa, 6efy, 6efz, 6egd, 6egg, 6egw, 6ehj, 6ehu, 6ehv, 6ehz, 6ejb, 6emr, 6emt, 6emu, 6eng, 6enl, 6daa, 6eb, 6ek, 6ff, 6fp, 6iq, 6js, 6pe, 6pi, 6pl, 6rm, 6tq, 6yc, 7aaj, 7abb, 7aby, 7acg, 7aci, 7acs, 7adg, 7adq, 7adr, 7ada, 7adt, 7aea, 7ael, 7ain, 7age, 7agr, 7agv, 7aif, 7aiy, 7ajv, 7akv, 7ald, 7ame, 7bj, 7by, 7dc, 7eo, 7fl, 7gl, 7go, 7gq, 7hg, 7io, 7it, 7jd, 7js, 7kr, 7ks, 7ln, 7lw, 7ly, 7no, 7nt, 7ob, 7oh, 7om, 7ot, 7pf, 7pj, 7pk, 7qc, 7qj, 7qu, 7rd, 7sh, 7so, 7sy, 7to, 7tt, 7ve, 7vn, 7we, 7wm, 7yl, 7zd, 7ze, 7zi, 7zu, 7zx, 8aa, 8ab, 8acn, 8afc, 8aih, 8aim, 8ame, 8apy, 8bda, 8bmg, 8brm, 8dat, 8dhq, 8er, 8fu, 8gz, 8qn, 8tv, 8wx, 8xan, 8xe, 8zy, 8zz, 9aa, 9aec, 9aim, 9ami, 9an, 9aon, 9aou, 9aps, 9auw, 9avn, 9avs, 9avz, 9ayh, 9bak, 9bdu, 9bed, 9bhd, 9bik, 9bji, 9bjk, 9bly, 9bqq, 9bri, 9buj, 9bun, 9bzi, 9caa, 9cev, 9cfi, 9cjc, 9cjj, 9clq, 9cly, 9cns, 9ete, 9eui, 9eyw, 9daw, 9dfh, 9dky, 9dpx, 9ei, 9eky, 9lz, 9ma, 9mc, 9qr, 9ss, 9uh, 9vm, 9zt.

Can. C. W.: 3bp, 3ni, 4cl, 4cw, 4dy, 5cn, 5ct, 5eb, 4go.  
I. C. W.: 7sc (Daylite).  
Daylite C. W.: 5za, 6ahw, 6bah, 6bhc, 6brf, 6bur, 6ebu, 6efz, 6egd, 6egw, 6ehv, 7ael, 7akh, 7ha, 7hg, 7ks, 7ln, 7to, 7zu, 9zt.

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All C. W.—(5abt), 5ads, 5afs, 5agj, 5ago, 5aiu, 5akn, 5ama, 5amb, 5amh, 5amk, 5amf (fone), (5bm), 5dw, 5ek, 5er, 5fx, 5ga, 5gj, 5gm, 5gn, 5hl, 5ht, 5hz, 5if, 5je, 5kg, 5lr, 5lu, 5me, 5ml, 5mn, (5mo), 5nn, 5ov, 5pf, 5qg, 5ud, 5uo, 5up, (5xaj), 5za, 5zav, 5zb, 5zg, 5zm, 5zu, 6ame, 6acv, 6agj, 6alk, 6arb, 6asx, 6avv, 6awt, 6bmd, 6cbi, 6cfx, 6ckp, 6cmr, 6gc, 6ka, 6lx, 6mg, 6pl, 6xad, 6xl, 6zar, 6zh, 6zw, 7abb, 7du, 7hg, 7ks, 7lu, 7tk, 7ws, 7ya, 7yl, 7zo, 7zu, 7zz, 9amb, 9bji, 9dxy, 9yu, other too numerous.

Can.: 4by, 4cn, 5cn.  
Wl qsl all cards on above. Pse qsl if hr my 50-watter.

By 5AIA, Lake Charles, La.

C. W.—1ajx, 1asd, 1bqd, 1bwj, 1dd, 1fd, 1fi, 2agb, 2ago, 2cei, 2exl, 2el, 2ts, 3abw, 3ahp, 3atb, 3auw, 3bg, 3bmn, 3cdn, 3cfv, 3co, 3hd, 3ph, 3zo, 4ay, 4bk, 4by, 4cl, 4eb, 4er, 4et, 4fa, 4ft, 4gw, 4hr, 4lz, 4jh, 4my, 4ob, 4qf, 4qw, 4za, 6ams, 6asx, 6awt, 6bcl, 6bic, 6bjj, 6bsn, 6cbi, 6ebu, 6eqw (qra?), 6cwo, 6pl, 6zah, 6zh, 6zq, 7iw, 7zd, 8aaj, 8aen, 8ago, 8agp, 8ahq, 8aih, 8ajh, 8amd, 8amf, 8apt, 8apy, 8atp, 8atz, 8bdm, 8bdu, 8bf, 8bnn, 8bpu, 8brm, 8bsy, 8byi, 8bze, 8caz, 8cc, 8cdz, 8ced, 8ceo, 8ogj, 8clc, 8cqh, 8cqx, 8crw, 8ese, 8evg, 8cwk, 8cwl, 8cwo, 8dac, 8daw, 8dza, 8gz, 8hn, 8ig, 8jv, 8kg, 8pd, 8px, 8qn, 8uk, 8vx, 8xe, 8zo, 8zz, 9aci, 9aeb, 9afw, 9ic, 9ajv, 9apf, 9auw, 9awf, 9awv, 9az, 9bav, 9bds, 9bed, 9bji, 9bjk, 9bkh, 9bkm, 9blg, 9bqq, 9bzi, 9cvd, 9cde, 9cdo, 9cea, 9che, 9cjc, 9kp, 9col, 9ctr, 9cye, 9cdr, 9dfh, 9dia, 9dkx, 9dlg, 9dnd, 9dpc, 9dwa, 9dwd, 9dxn, 9dxy, 9dzj, 9ebq, 9ef, 9eht, 9ehv, 9eif, 9ekf, 9eky, 9es, 9fg, 9iw, 9lh, 9lt, 9ox, 9pb, 9pw, 9px, 9ta, 9zv.

Spk.—8 bda, 9aqe, 9lf.  
Fone—5gm, 5ma, 9ame.  
Can.—3ni, 3tb, 4cl, 5go. Particulars on any of above sent on request. Rpts fm any distance on my 5-watt spk tube I. O. W. wl be greatly appreciated. All crds qsl'd. Tnx om.

By 4AG, Ralph Slade, 15 Harbour Tce., Dunedin, New Zealand, May 20-Oct. 28

4my, 4ku, 5cn, 5akn, 6bjq, 6cbi, 6cgw, 6ka, 6bbc, 6emu, 6bru, 6bvo, 6ckp, 6bvs, 6bsg, 6pl, 6buo, 6cnd, 9ciw, 9bze, 9mc, 9bzi, 9avn, 9bz, 9vm, 9cns, 9zt.

By "BX", H. T. Mapes, Guanajuato, Gto., Mexico

1yb, 1hx, 2rk, 2by, 2gk, 3tb, 4ft, 4ku, 5ama, (5arc), 5ahd, (5amw), 5amu, 5aiu, 5akn, 5ali, 5adv, (5adb), 5ajj, 5amj, 5aij, 5akf, 5ado, 5ahr, 5abh, (5be), 5bx, 5dw, 5ek, 5fc, 5fa, (5ft), (5fx), 5gn, 5gf, (5gj), (5ht), (5hz), 5hl, 5if, 5in, (5jc), 5je, 5kg, 5kn, 5lr, 5lg, 5mz, (5mm), 5nr, 5nn, 5nk, (5ov), 5ok, 5of, 5ph, 5pb, (5qy), 5qf, 5qw, 5qi, 5rr, 5sd, 5sk, 5tj, (5tg), 5ur, 5uk, (5uo), 5vf, 5vy, 5wg, 5xa, 5xab, (5yk) spk, (5yg), 5yw, 5zav, 5zb, (5zg), 5zax, (5za), (5adi), 6ak, 6awt, 6aol, 6afq, 6ahc, 6avv, 6ajd, 6bic, 6bjq, 6bdr, 6bbc, (6bra), 6cgv, 6chl, 6cdg, 6cfz, 6cu, 6chu, 6ec, 6fp, 6lu, 6zh, (7ln), 7qc, 7qj, 7zu, 8dat, 8zz, 8zy, 9ami, 9avn, 9apf, 9aim, 9aps, 9aec, 9bkk, 9caa, 9cv, 9cfy, 9ccz, 9dfh, 9dsw, 9dzy, 9djb, 9dwb, (9efc), 9mc, 9dqu, 9zt.  
Mex.: ax, ex, 1b. Wud appreciate reports on how u r getting Mex-BX.

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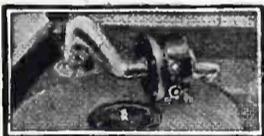
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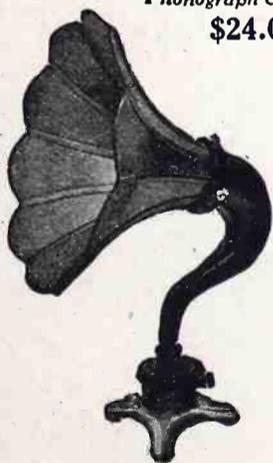
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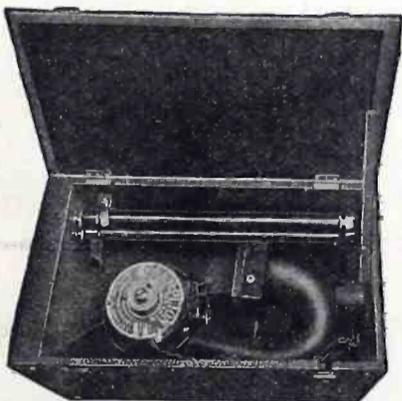
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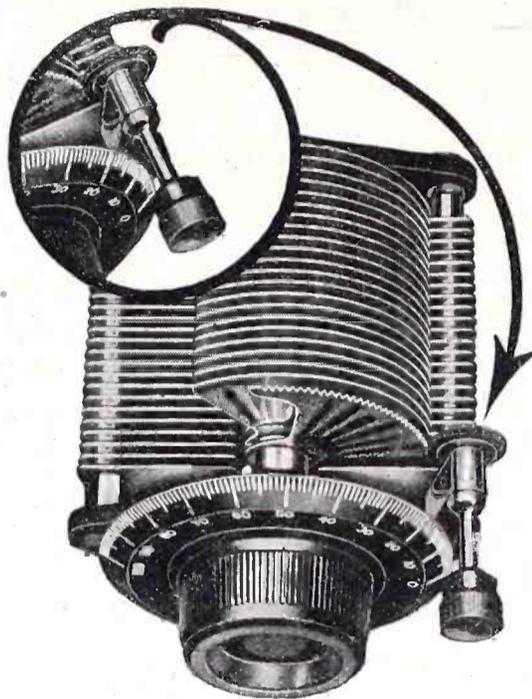
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By 9BCJ, Prescott, Ariz.

Nov. 18, Daylite C. W.: 2by, 2cqi, 5uw, 5qq, 5afq, 5amu, 5zh, 6bbh, 6cch, 6cia, 6cjk, 7qt, 9ss, 9aim, 9avs, 9ayl, 9ayp, 9bri, 9chj, 9clq, 9eky, Night C. W.: 1fd, 2cqi, 3atb, 4mh, 5cv, 5fj, 5gw, 5hq, 5kg, 5uw, 5adh, 5aiu, 6hc, 6li, 6wt, 6ahu, 6ani, 6bbg, 6bcs, 6bpf, 6bqe, 6bwp, 6cbb, 6cdg, 6chc, 6cia, 6enh, 6zau, 7pi, 7qt, 7tt, 7zx, 7aci, 8dx, 8gz, 8bep, 9eq, 9gw, 9le, 9ti, 9zt, 9aal, 9afm, 9agr, 9aim, 9amu, 9avs, 9ayp, 9bdr, 9bge, 9ebb, 9cfy, 9dbr, 9dzh, 9dlm, 9dph, 9efu, Spark: 6gt, 9bof (daylite).

I. C. W.: 5za.  
Nov. 19, Daylite, C. W.: 1aqi, 2by, 3chg, 5as, 5bx, 5ez, 5lw, 5td, 5uo, 5yg, 5aat, 5ahc, 5aij, 5ams, 5amu, 5xac, 6afq, 6alk, 6bih, 6bjj, 6bui, 6cgd, 6cgl, 6cng, 6cnl, 8ij, 8jj, 8uf, 8afn, 8aih, 8bgo, 8bvt, 8ctp, 8cz, 9jf, 9mc, 9ql, 9qw, 9au, 9alz, 9alk, 9avn, 9bde, 9bdh, 9bge, 9bgl, 9bgw, 9bhi, 9bit, 9bnh, 9bsh, 9bzb, 9bzs, 9ccj, 9ccz, 9cdj, 9ceh, 9ekw, 9ejc, 9eln, 9clq, 9coj, 9dfw, 9dhp, 9dqu, 9dtt, 9dwn, 9ehj, 9edm, 9elw.  
Can.: 3oh. Spark: 5gf, 6aud, 9bof. I. C. W.: 9brx.

By 6CID, Richard E. Smith, P. O. Box 33, Merced, Calif.

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Can.: 4io. Continued on page 90

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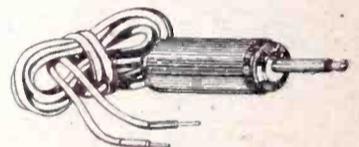
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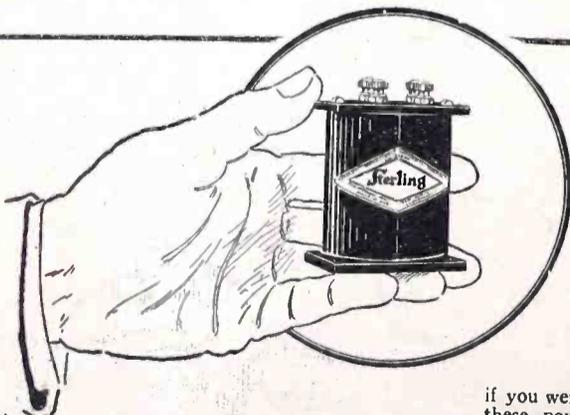
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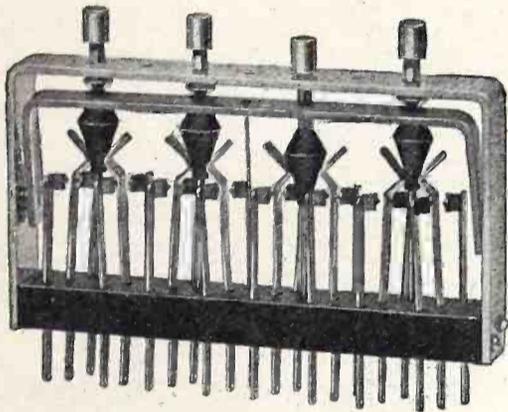
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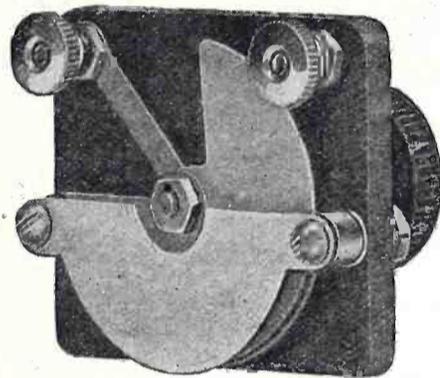
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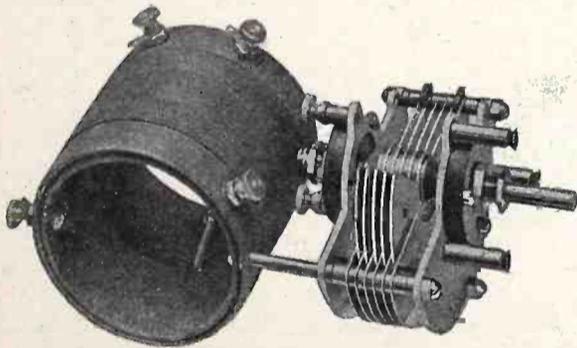
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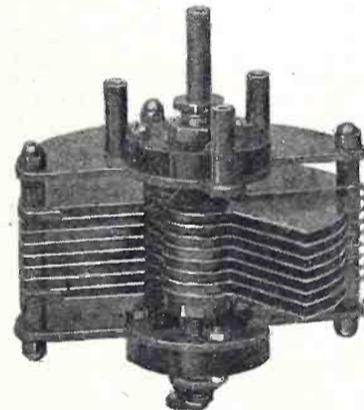


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**THE "Q-DRAWLER"**

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less code,—what has he to do with it all? Listen!

When the night operator of the *Tuscania* flashed a call for the shore station, he signed off with the designation of the *S. S. Tuscania*, the combina-

tion of call letters under which the boat was listed to the radio world—"WWFF".

There might have been ten thousand persons who heard that four-letter sign—"WWFF" from a thousand miles out to sea this night—ten thousand on whose ears the letters drummed, failed to register and were forgotten. But to at least two persons they meant something.

To the shore station operator, rushed with a night's business, the call "WWFF" meant that the *S. S. Tuscania* had a message for him—one more to be added to a long total before midnight saw his relief. To Cassidy, sucking the dead stub of a saliva-soaked cigar, it meant something entirely different.

Half asleep though he was, Cassidy awoke suddenly as the mystic call of the *Tuscania* reached him—"WWFF".

His eyes opened. His cigar dropped to the floor unheeded. His feet came off the table with a bang. The next instant he had jumped to his feet, his face a mirror of astonishment.

"It is . . . by golly . . . it aint . . . it can't be! By jing! It is! . . ." There was sheer wonder in his voice.

He struck the table with his fist, causing Mrs. Cassidy—herself dozing beside the fire—to hurl a lapful of sewing to the floor with an involuntary motion.

"What is it dad?" asked young Mike, looking up from a quarter section of two-thirds of a dozen which he was trying to add with one eye shut.

"It's the Q-Drawler!" exclaimed Cassidy excitedly. It's him and no other. Holy mackerel! And him dead these ten years. Would ye believe it now?"

He clutched the phones to his head and began to dance around.

Off somewhere in the Atlantic Operator Jesse McDorn fingered an expert key and chanted the call of the shore station which did not hurry with its answer.

"WWFF-WWFF!" he signed.

As Cassidy listened, the shore station came through with a "GA", and the boat dropped into the message.

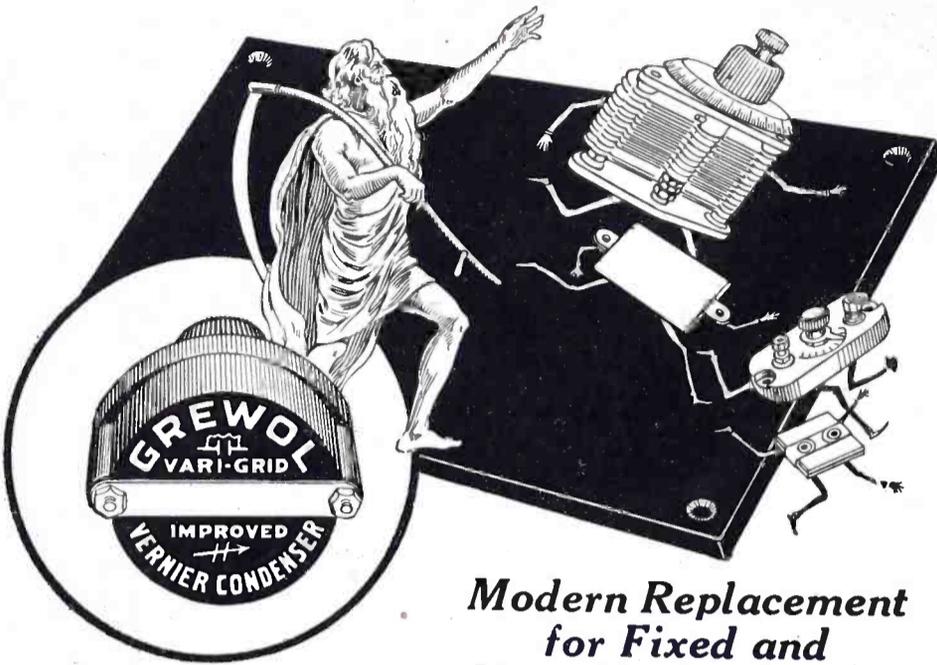
"Arrive Thursday. All well. Regards—Jim", it said.

Cassidy listened, his hand held up for silence in the room, while Mrs. Cassidy rocked speculatively and wondered did old age affect the mind, or was it corned beef that made a man act so.

After a bit, when boat and station had cleared each other, Cassidy took the phones from his head and sat down—his mouth open. Mrs. Cassidy sniffed audibly.

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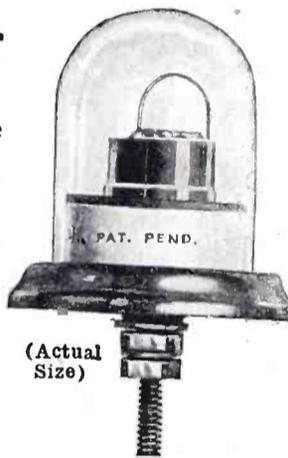
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Trailing the phantom traces of a gang of car thieves, Cassidy had uncovered the alliance of a division operator—one Hangtown Haley. He worked the night trick at "NO" station—a central point of major importance. In league with the gang, he kept them posted on car movements and their loot ran into the thousands.

Cassidy tapped a wire, and with his heels up in a hotel room, listened through the long nights to their private code until headquarters had enough of it to work out a translation. Hangtown Haley had a way of his own on the wire—a queer, dragging stroke of certain dash letters. It was the drag—the drawl of his sending—that identified him. More especially it was the queer lag of his "qs" that named him at headquarters—the "Q-Drawler".

Came a night, when, with the case complete, a sheriff and a squad of rail police closed in on four towns. Eight of the gang were netted in the catch. Hangtown, known to be dangerous, gun-fought his way through a cordon that surrounded his boarding house. Two days later, he crossed with a sheriff's posse and was shot to death, or at least this had been the history of the matter, turned in to Cassidy.

And yet—

It was Hangtown's stroke on the key that had set Cassidy by the ears this night—the "Q-Drawler's" touch—the fingers of a dead man, dragging, drawling the Continental code of the radio in the inimitable lag of Haley's old-time swing.

There was one difference. The "Q" in Morse is "F" in Continental. Cassidy knew this, and his fingers sought a call book swung from a string on the end of the table.

He turned to "WWFF". It was the *Tuscania*, pride of the Red Belt line, somewhere out on the Atlantic—perhaps headed for home. Perhaps, the other way. Was it possible that Hangtown, by some miracle, had popped up again, after all these years?

Cassidy was thorough. Besides he had a telephone. Ten minutes later, he had learned from the Red Belt that the *Tuscania* was due on Tuesday, and that her three operators were named Madison, McDorn and Lumley respectively. No Q-Drawler there. A coincidence then? Cassidy did not think so.

Police experience had taught Cassidy one thing, viz., that when only the im-

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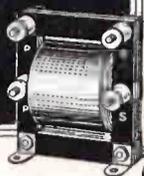
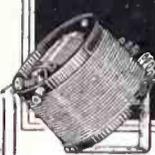
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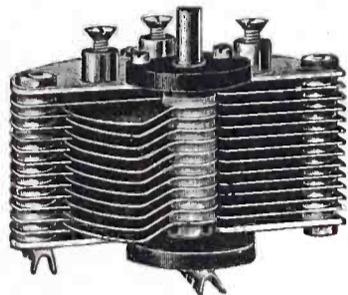
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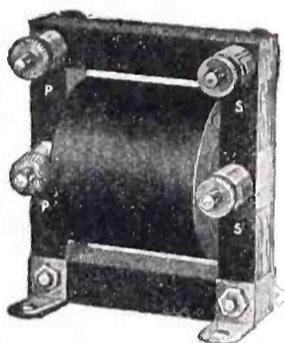


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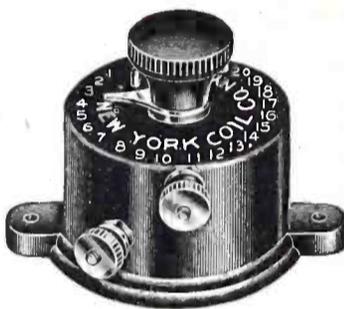


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possible seems reasonable, then it is probably probable, no matter how improbable it seems. An aphorism, perhaps, but good police practice. Wherefore, while Cassidy argued to himself that it couldn't be the Q-Drawler, something deep inside told him that it might be, and that was enough for Cassidy.

Cassidy went to bed and slept on it. That is, one-half of his brain slept. The other half kept mulling it over. He woke to find that he had another mystery on his hands which piqued his police instinct. As the matter stood, it didn't matter a tinker's dam whether the Q-Drawler was alive or not. Only, Cassidy had to know. He had a point and he had the urge to draw a straight line. The problem to locate the other point.

It came quicker than he anticipated—the following morning. Going downtown on the car, a small item in the morning paper caught his attention:

"The police were asked to meet the liner *Tuscania* when it docks Tuesday, in a radio dispatch received last night from Captain Hanson, who said that a jewel robbery had been committed aboard. No details were given. Detectives will board the vessel at quarantine."

"Ah-ha!" said Cassidy. He had located the second point. Now for the line, which was the shortest distance between the two of 'em!

CASSIDY did a little investigating of his own, during the next few days. For one thing, he looked up the address to which the message signed "Jim" had gone ashore. It led him to a dark stairway, up a narrow flight of stairs, to a dingy back room.

The place was south of the old "deadline" across which known crooks dare not set foot. Cassidy was somewhat out of his element there, but he knew the types and he gathered his information cautiously, and in fragments. What he gathered told him a great deal.

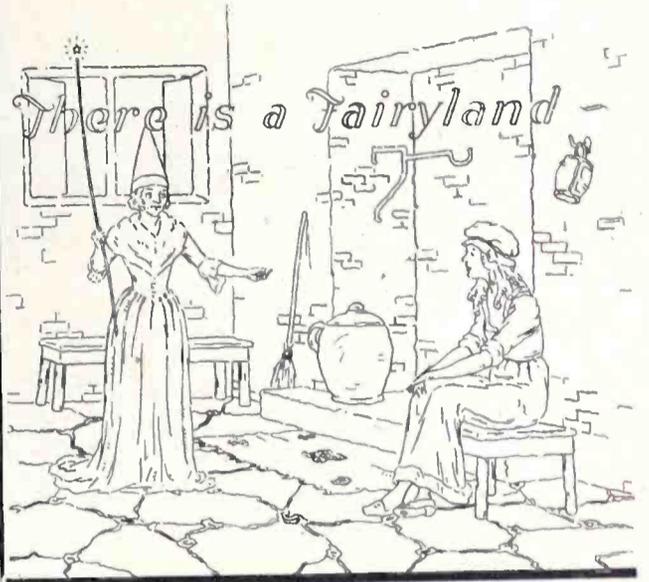
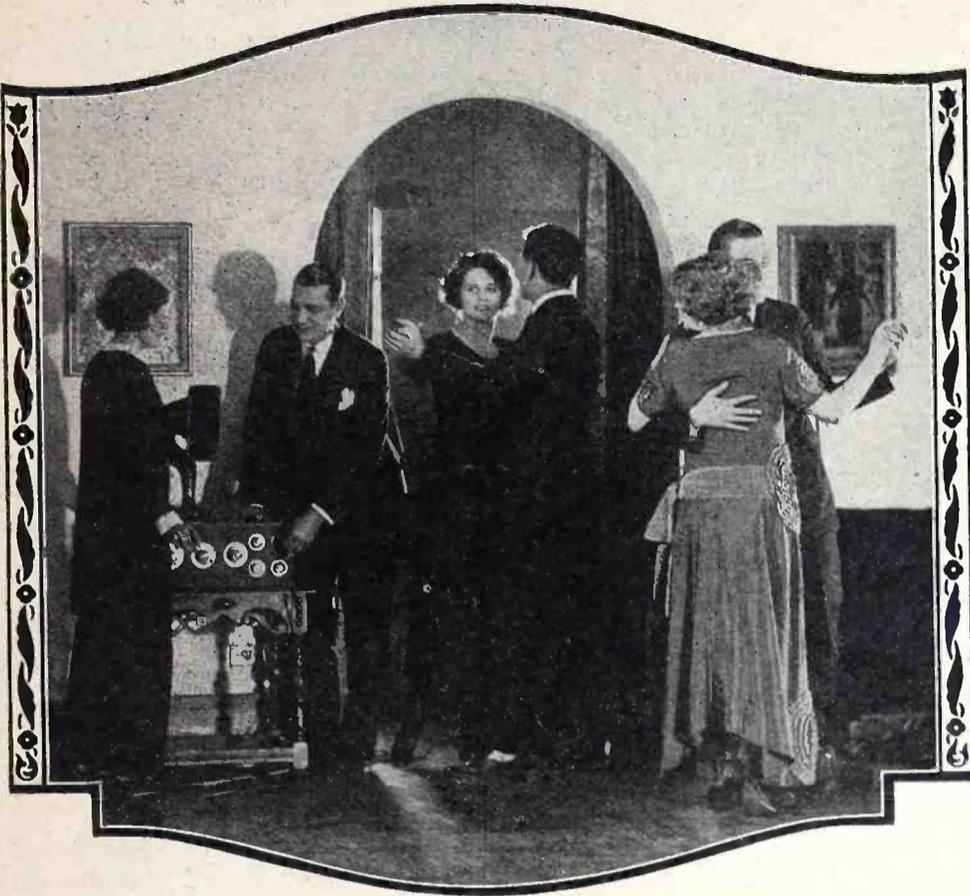
The "J. J. McGuire," to which the message had been addressed was "Spike" McShane, ex-prize fighter, and now a hanger-on at Lannigan's place—the rendezvous for the underworld gang. "Spike" was well known to Cassidy and the central office. He was understood to be a "smear" or runner for Abe Lotz, a notorious fence, or receiver of stolen property.

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pulled his nose and walked out of the district thoughtfully.

Anything that "Spike" mixed in was crooked—somewhere. And "Spike" had received a message from "Jim" announcing his arrival on the *Tuscania* on Tuesday. And the message had been sent by the "Q-Drawer".

"There's a bunch of 'em workin' the boat," said Cassidy, drawing his straight line with canny precision. "I'll bet they're in on the jewel robbery, whatever it was."

With which deduction, not based particularly upon acumen, but good police work nevertheless, he went to headquarters.

Cassidy stood well at headquarters, as might be suspected. He was closeted with the "chief" of his bureau. Several things developed from that circumstance.

For one thing, Cassidy was detailed to be with the squad that boarded the *Tuscania* in quarantine. For another, "Cupid" Kurtz, a slender, girlish-appearing detective who could, on occasion, masquerade as a woman, was detailed to the task of keeping a close watch on "Spike" McShane and his movements. Another was a wire which Cassidy sent to his old chief on the C. M. & St. P., asking for the exact status of the case against the "Q-Drawer".

This done, Cassidy returned to routine and waited for Tuesday.

"I may be wrong," he said to himself, "but by golly, I'll bet the old lady's pianny I ain't!"

Tuesday, with the *Tuscania* gliding gracefully into port, a flock of mosquito tugs clustering around and the police boat in the offing.

Four Central office men, including Cassidy, went aboard, to be met by Captain Hanson and his first officer—an Englishman named Grimes.

In the captain's quarters, they heard for the first time the details of the theft of the famous Forbes diamonds.

"As near as we can determine, Forbes showed them to only a small group at his own table. Most of these persons he vouches for personally."

Detective Sergeant Moran, a veteran on the waterfront, cut in quickly.

"That's of no value," he said. "Thieves that work liners aren't wearing overalls, you know."

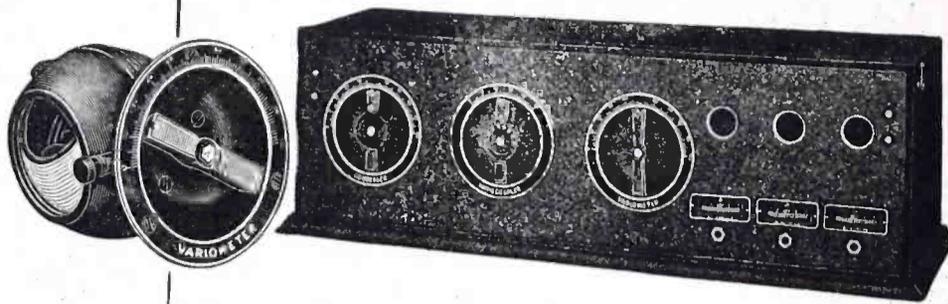
The captain nodded.

"Very true," he said. "I tried to suggest that to young Forbes, but he wouldn't listen. Said his friends were above reproach."

"New type then," remarked Sergeant Moran sarcastically. "Forbes must be a fool."

"No doubt of that," said Captain Hanson. "Else he'd never been carrying around stones like that uninsured."

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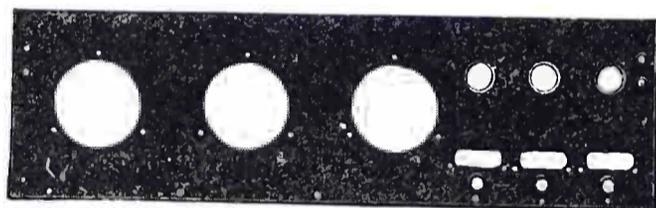
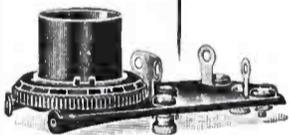
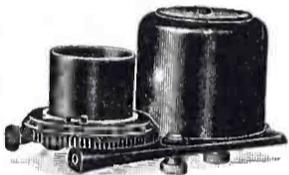
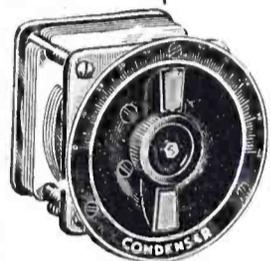
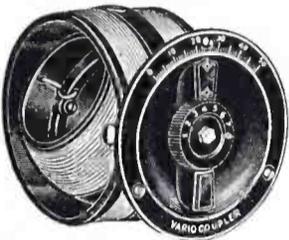
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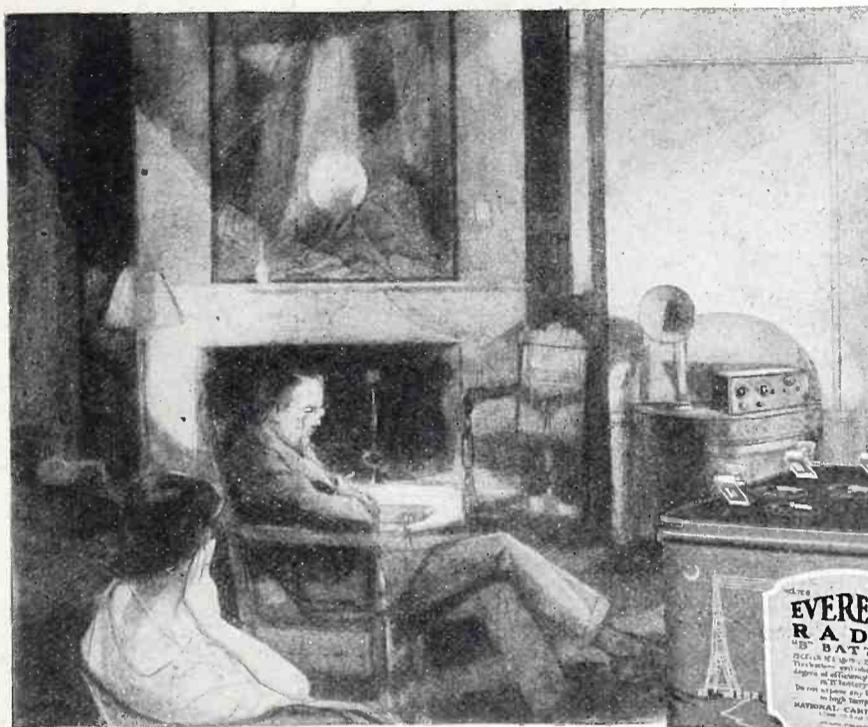
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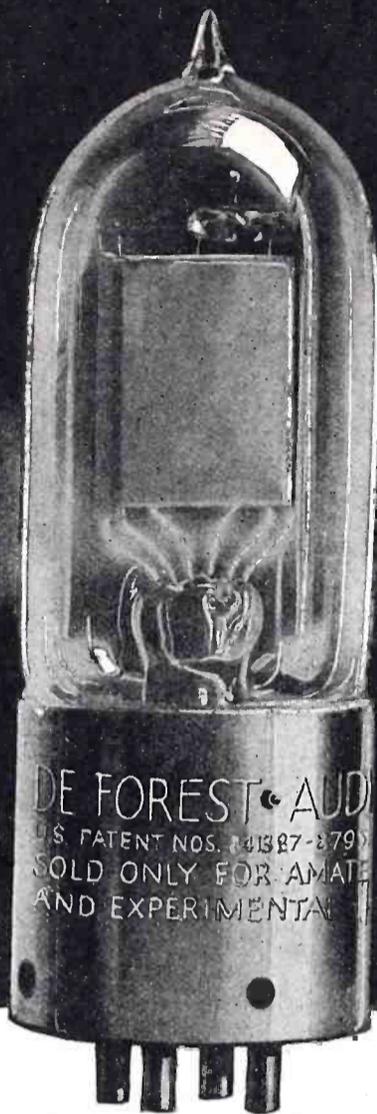
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The point is, what are we going to do about it?"

Moran's answer was to the point.

"Bring Forbes and his friends here!" he ordered.

The captain nodded to his first officer and the latter left the cabin.

It was fifteen minutes before they were all assembled—half a dozen men and women with whom young Forbes had interchanged amenities during the trip. They entered the captain's cabin in varying moods according to their style. One or two were openly resentful. Captain Hanson handled them suavely.

"These gentlemen," he began without preface, "are from the Central office of the police department. They were summoned at my request to investigate the theft of Mr. Forbes' diamonds. I trust you will give them all the information in your power, as we hope to catch the thief before any of the passengers are released from quarantine."

The air in the cabin grew tense. There was a mutter here and there, but no one dared object.

"You believe the thief is still aboard, Captain?" asked young Forbes, whose haggard face showed that he had begun to feel the strain of the situation.

"Undoubtedly," replied the vessel's commander. "We have seen to it that no one could leave."

The examination was short and to the point. Forbes was requested to tell the manner of his loss. He had little to offer.

"I had shown them in the cabin," he said. "Later I went on deck with— with the stones still in the leather case in my pocket. I walked about for a time, and when I summoned the steward with the intention of returning the stones to his safe—to my astonishment discovered that the case was missing. I haven't the slightest idea where it went."

"At whose request did you display the stones in the cabin?" asked Sergeant Moran, studying the young man intently.

Young Forbes hesitated.

"Why—someone—I don't recall who?"

"Are you sure?" Moran's tone was suspicious. Forbes flushed.

"Quite," he said shortly. "It was a casual request."

"Did you walk with anyone on deck?"

"Why—yes."

"Who was it?"

Again Forbes hesitated, unwilling to breathe suspicions on an innocent person—especially one with midnight eyes, and the elusive charm of a wood sprite.

"Some one who is above suspicion in this matter," he replied steadily.

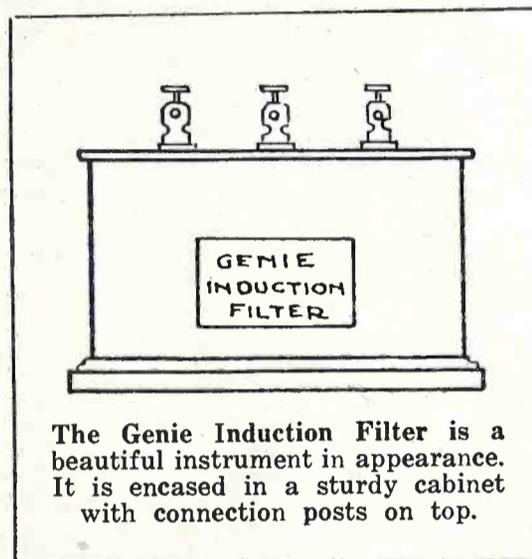
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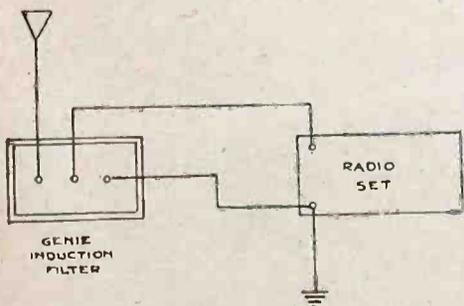


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Moran grunted.

"That is for me to determine, Mr. Forbes," he said sharply. "Who was it?"  
 "I decline to answer that question!"  
 Forbes' reply was equally firm.

Moran shrugged. There was a slight movement in the little group and Elsie Jannison—"The Countess"—thrust her way forward.

"If you are protecting me, Mr. Forbes," she said graciously, "please do not do so." She turned to the detective sergeant. "Mr. Forbes was with me on deck," she said quickly. "His reticence was probably due to the fact that he did not want to subject me to suspicion. But I would rather be perfectly frank about the matter, because there is nothing to hide. We walked on deck for perhaps half an hour before Mr. Forbes left to go to his own stateroom."

Moran bowed. Whatever his quick opinion of "The Countess" he masked it behind an immobile countenance.

"Did you talk to anyone, during that walk—outside of yourselves?"

The Countess pursed her forehead in thought.

"No—o, I think not."

Moran studied her for a moment.

"It was at your request that Mr. Forbes displayed the diamonds, was it not?" he asked.

A slow tint of crimson stole into the girl's face. She raised her head defiantly.

"Yes," she said, even as young Forbes held out a restraining hand.

Moran bowed.

"You are sure you did not drop the packet from your pocket during that walk?" he asked abruptly, turning to Forbes.

"I might!" Forbes jumped at the "out" quickly. "I very possibly might, but I did not notice it at the time."

Moran nodded thoughtfully. His questions of the others were more or less perfunctory—at attitude which he explained to Captain Hanson later.

"When the thing boils down," he said, "we don't actually know that Forbes was robbed. Forbes certifies the girl—and there you are!"

But Cassidy was not satisfied. The chief had said that Cassidy was to have his own way, and he took it.

"Have you a passenger aboard whose first name is Jim—James?" he said.

The first officer secured the passenger list and traced down the entries. There were three—James Trent, James Rutherford, and James V. Corot. Cassidy considered.

"Could I speak with the radio operator that signs his messages 'JM'?" he asked.

"Certainly," said Captain Hanson.

He picked up his telephone and issued an order. A moment later the door swung open and a ship's operator—Jimmy McDorn—stood in the entrance.

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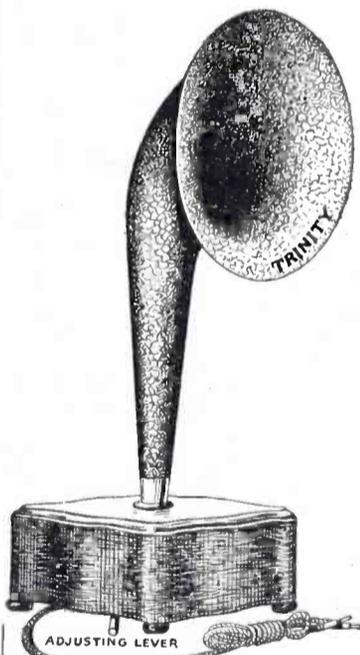
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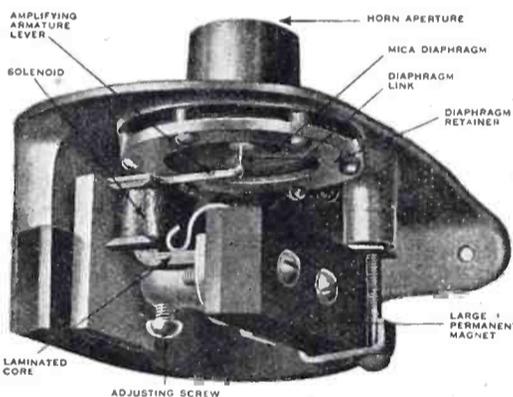


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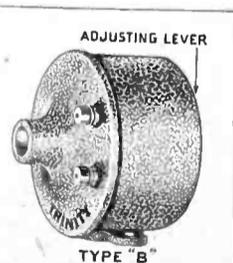
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"Do you know a man named Trent?" he asked.

McDorn's face mirrored surprise.

"Trent? No sir."

"Rutherford?"

"No sir."

"James Corot?"

Something flickered in the operator's eyes and he hesitated.

"I . . . seems I have, sir," he replied. I believe he's a passenger."

"You sent a message for him to J. J. McGuire last Friday," announced Cassidy.

There was no doubt of it—this shot had gone home. The operator whitened.

"I don't recall. I send quite a few during a trip, sir."

"Could I have the log?" asked Cassidy turning to the Captain.

The latter, his eyes studying the operator intently, nodded and the first officer left the cabin, to return presently with the operator's log and a stack of filed messages.

Cassidy took the book and the file and ran a spatulate finger through them until he came to what he sought. He held it out.

"This was the message," he said.

The operator stared at it with glassy eyes, his face the color of chalk.

"I remember that message—yes sir," he mumbled.

"Corot sent it, didn't he?" asked Cassidy.

"I—I don't recall."

For a moment Cassidy studied him in the silent room. The central office men were standing motionless—silent spectators of a drama familiar to them as one species of the third degree.

"Hangtown Haley—come clean!" Cassidy's voice cut like a whiplash. "Come clean lad—It's Cassidy talking . . .!"

The operator staggered back and clutched at the door behind him. Moran, unnoticed by the others, slipped behind the rest, until he stood close to the operator.

"Cassidy . . . of the C. M. & St. Pa . . .?"

"The same—old 'Sorrel' Cassidy. It's no use bluffin' lad. You know that."

There was sympathy in Cassidy's voice—sympathy and understanding. The operator slowly slipped down into a chair, his knees refusing to hold him longer.

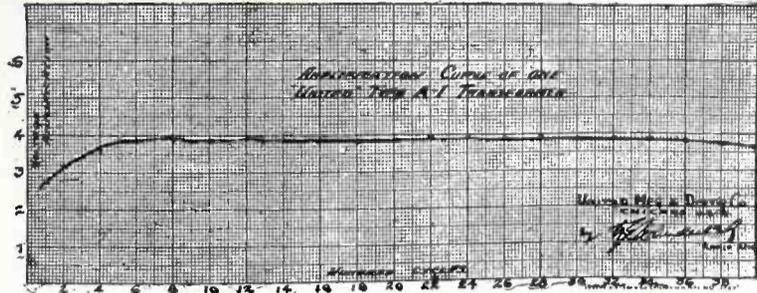
"Cassidy—" he muttered, "after all these years . . ."

"Aye," said his questioner. "Everybody thought you was dead . . . but Cassidy. I did misself, do y'moind, until I heard your fist on the air. Says I—'tis

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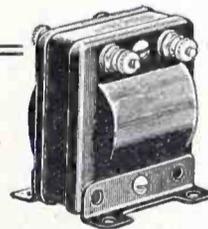
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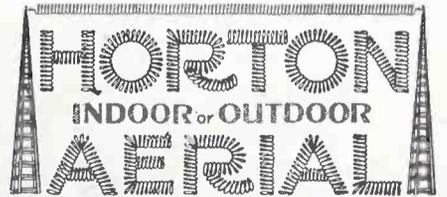
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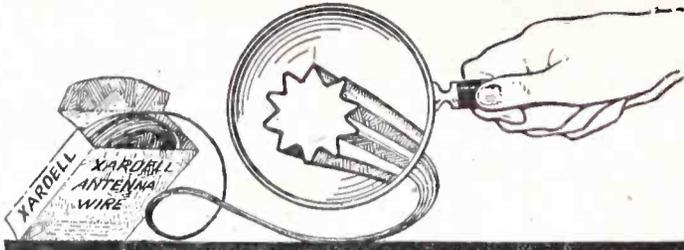
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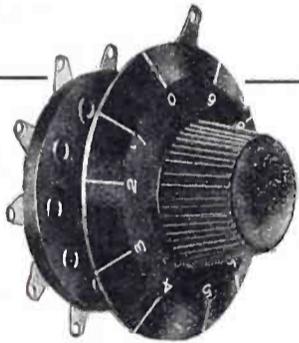
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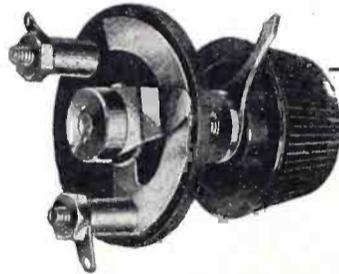
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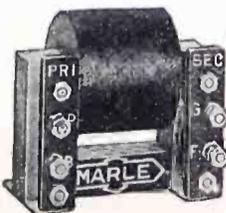
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The warning cry was unneeded. Moran, anticipating just such a move, swung with a leather-covered instrument—a short, quick blow. And Hangtown, an automatic half out of his pocket, crumpled at their feet unconscious.

"Well—that's one of 'em, anyhow," chuckled Moran, as he snapped the handcuffs into place.

Cassidy sighed.

"Yeah — there's two others aboard, and one ashore," said Cassidy.

Captain Hanson, for whom events were moving too swiftly, asked the question:

"Who?" he said.

"Corot and that dame—The Countess. The other, is J. J. McGuire—the gent to whom this message was sent, known b' the police byes as Spike McShane."

"Well," said Moran, "let's grab 'em!"

Cassidy shook his head.

"We'll grab Corot after he gets ashore," he said. "We'll let the fancy lady go. She'll connect with McShane and then we've got something on him."

"But the stolen diamonds?" interposed the captain.

Cassidy considered.

"Which of the three of 'em—Corot, the lady or Hangtown Haley could get ashore without annybody askin' 'em any questions?" he asked.

"The operator," said Captain Hanson.

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The Countess checked in at a leading hotel, rang for a maid and gave herself over to being beautiful. Several hours later, when she felt official vigilance had relaxed, she telephoned to a certain number that she carried in her head.

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McShane shook hands, the two shadows closed in and interrupted the greetings.

It was all outlined to young Forbes the next morning at police headquarters—just how the Countess, under Corot's direction, had "worked" him for a sight of the stones. The episode of the dropped handkerchief figured prominently.

"That's when she took them from you," said the detective chief. "It's an old trick. You lean over the rail . . . she empties your pockets. Then she drops the stones, Corot picks them up, files a message in code to McShane ashore which informs him the robbery has been successful, and slips the operator the stones. The op goes ashore with the loot—walks right off the boat unsuspected and later the gang get together, arrange a sale, and split profits."

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Young Forbes shook Cassidy by the hand gratefully.

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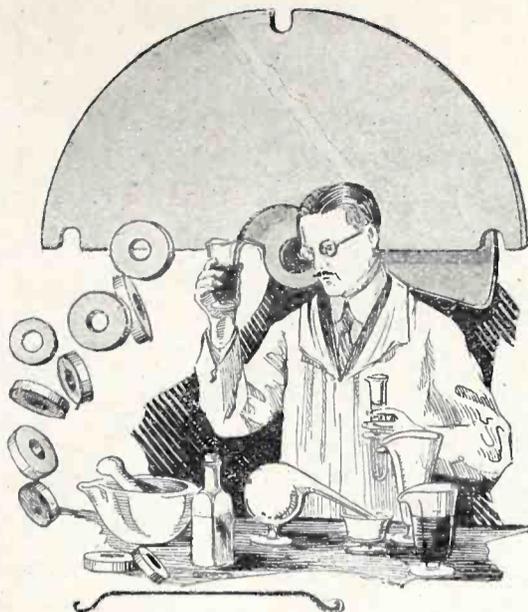
And Cassidy, who was plain cop, and used to drawing straight lines between points, did another little piece of detective work.

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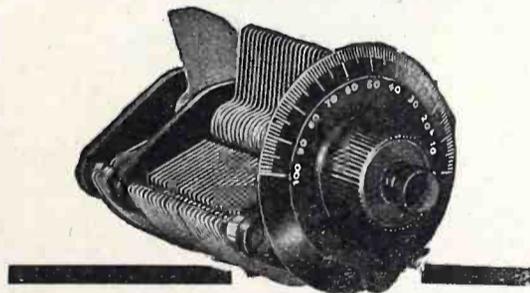


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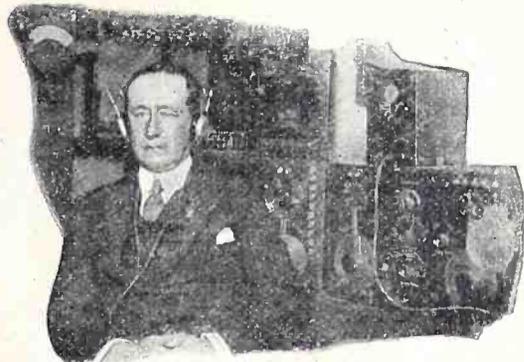


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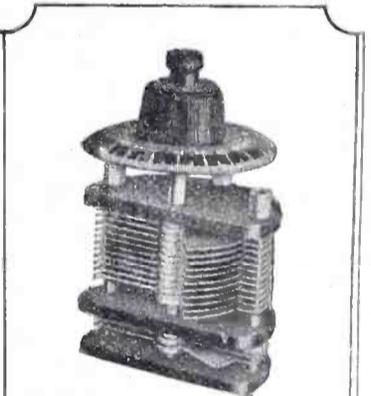
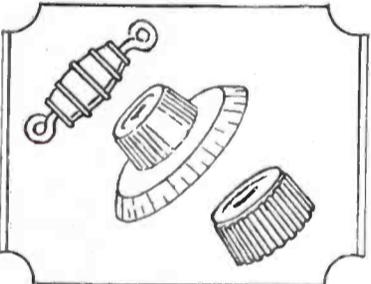
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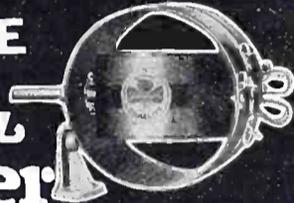
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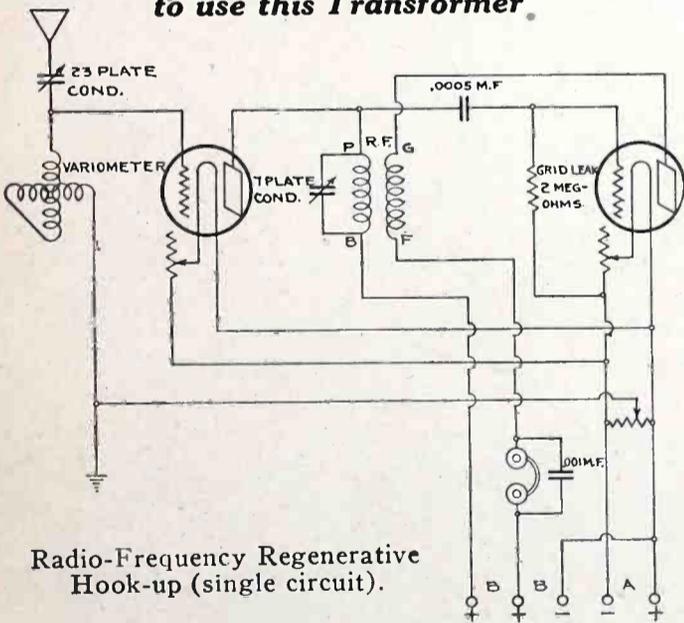
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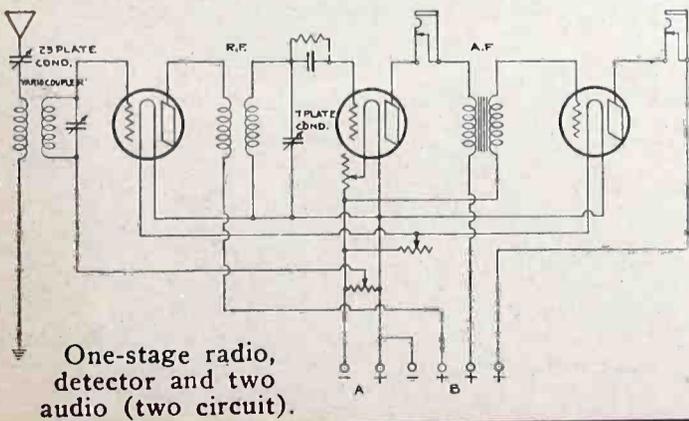
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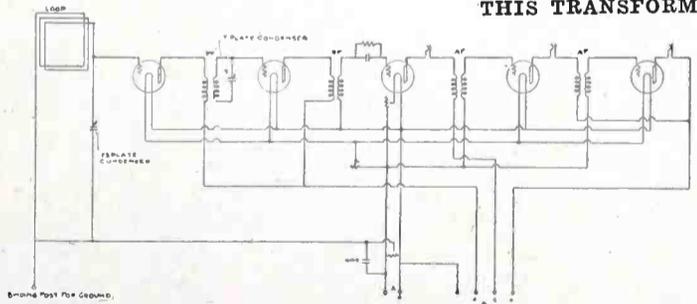


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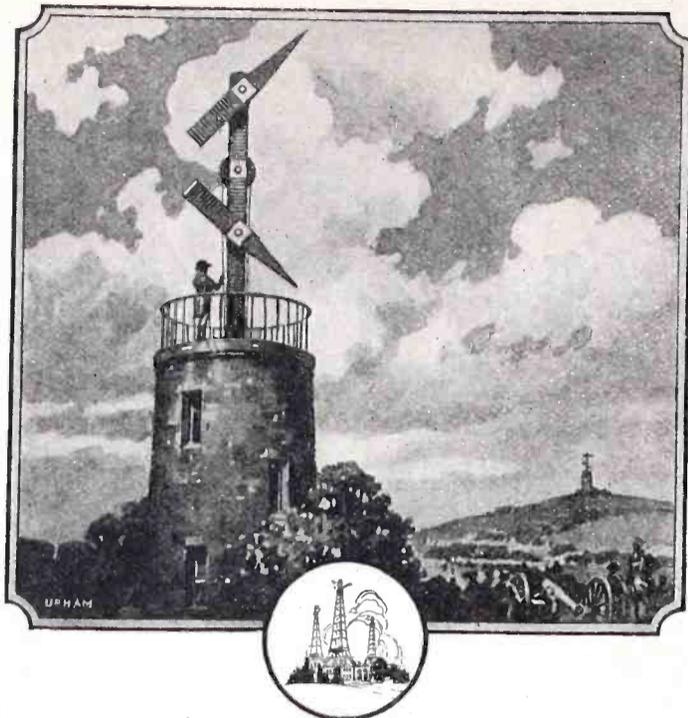
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## PANEL LAYOUT

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cut just as much as it can get away with comfortably, without binding or heating too much. When drilling thick bakelite it is essential that the drill frequently be *backed out* of the hole to permit it to clear itself. No lubricant should be used when drilling bakelite. The drill must be very sharp. If the drills have been used for some time, even if they have been kept sharp on their cutting edge, they should be ground off for a distance about equal to their diameter. The bakelite wears the drill flutes rapidly, and before long the drill is down to the size of the backed-off portion of the drill, which will then bind and burn. Great care is necessary when the drill comes through the panel; if too much pressure has been used, the drill will break through rather than cut through, and a jagged hole will be left. When the drill starts to cut through, practically all pressure should be taken off, and the drill eased through slowly.

It will be found that the cutting edge of the drills will be rapidly dulled, and frequent grindings are necessary. It is quite a trick to grind a modern twist drill so that it will cut evenly on both lips. Probably the best way to learn to sharpen drills is to take new drills that have become dulled, but which have not lost the general shape of their points, and grind the new edge to correspond with the angle of the old. This takes some time to learn, especially if the drill is rather small, but will well repay the user if the time is taken at first. The face of the emery wheel should be used, generally, although some find the side to be easier. Sharpening twist drills is a procedure that can only be learned through experience; it cannot be described.

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In turning bakelite in the lathe it will be found that a moderate speed is needed; this speed should be considerably slower than brass speed, but should not be as slow as the speed used to cut steel or cast iron. A moderately light cut should be taken; a heavy cut will cause the bakelite to "ride the tool." If the tool starts to dig into the soft bakelite, it will cut so fast that it may ruin the work before the lathe can be stopped. The quality of steel used to cut bakelite is not very important, but it should be

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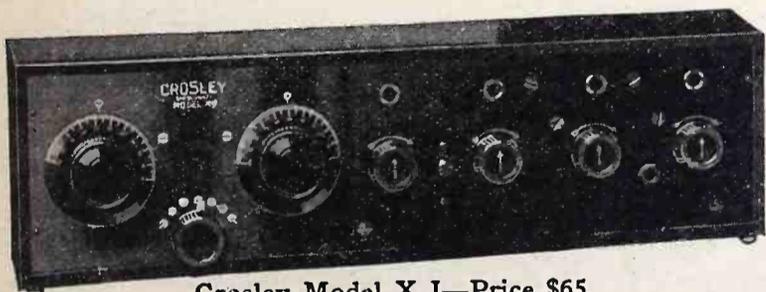
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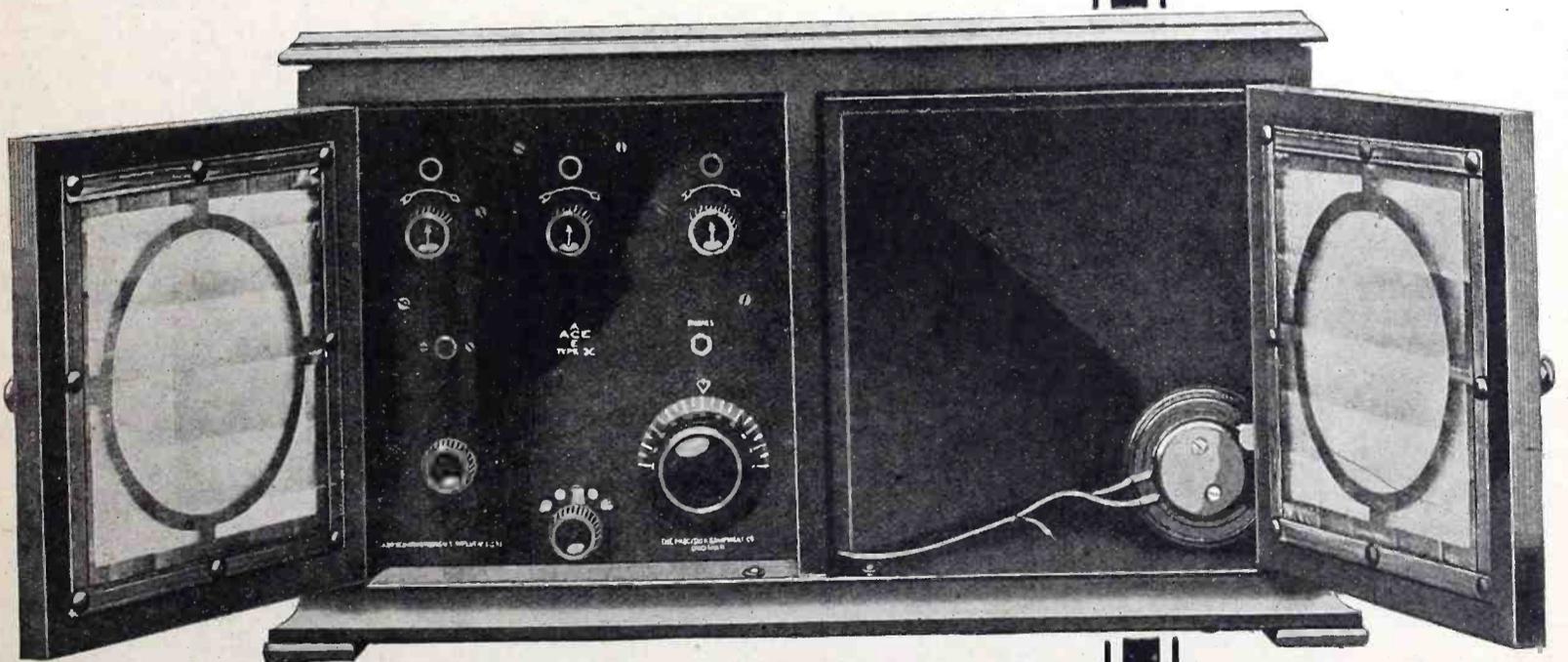
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**NEUTRODYNE CIRCUIT**

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trostatic exposure to the primary coil of the receiver. Because of this fact it becomes only necessary to give the inductance  $L_2$  a proper number of turns rela-

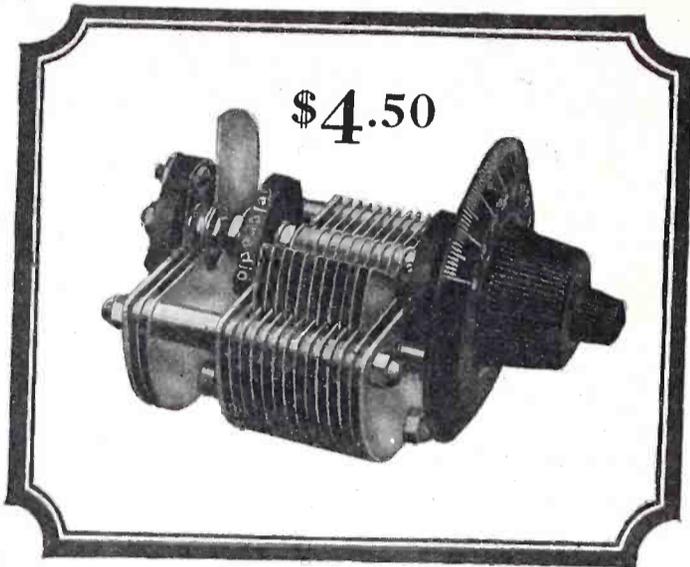
tive to the inductance  $L_1$  in order to satisfy the conditions as expressed in equation (7).

Since the inductance  $L_2$  is outside of the coupling inductance  $L_1$ , it also has a direct screening action, making  $C_1'$ ,  $C_1''$ , smaller than they would otherwise be and smaller than  $C_2'$  and  $C_2''$ . Hence the inductance  $L_2$  requires fewer turns of wire inductance than  $L_1$ . In experimenting with the proper number of turns  $N_2$  was determined by putting the inductances at right angles (so as to eliminate the magnetic coupling of the coils) and adjusting the number of turns  $N_2$  until no signal was transmitted because of the capacity coupling.

The mathematics resorted to in explaining the fundamental relations in circuits necessary to achieve capacity neutralization have been kept as simple as possible. Readers are asked to carefully study these simple equations and the circuit drawings, because, by an understanding of this first article of the series, the more detailed arrangements to be studied in the coming issues will be easy to comprehend.

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**PANEL LAYOUT**

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as hard as possible, as the tool-point pressure is rather low and no great strength is needed. The so-called "glass-hard" carbon steel may be used with success. This steel will usually last about as long as any other, although high-speed steel will last a little better, and has, of course, the advantage of being able to stand overheating to any temperature without danger. In any case, it will be found that as much time is spent in tool-sharpening as in cutting. When the tool starts to cut slowly, to heat, and to leave a sort of polished surface, it will be necessary to stop and either resharpen or renew the tool, as this is a sure sign the edge is gone.

In sawing bakelite, it is necessary to use a metal-cutting saw, and then only indifferent results are obtained. In hand sawing an ordinary hacksaw with soft-backed blades with fine teeth should be used, as coarse teeth will tear the bakelite and damage the surface. Never use a wood-cutting saw for bakelite; it will speedily be ruined. In power sawing, a metal circular saw is usually used. Saws for bakelite should turn at a moderate speed, and should have little or no set. In fact, a thin milling cutter, with the teeth backed off, so as to get a good heavy strong cutting edge, usually will serve best. The ordinary thin circular saws, such as are used for brass, copper and soft metal cutting will not last if used for bakelite. The bakelite should be fed slowly to the saw, or milling cutter. Do not attempt to crowd the saw, as it will be burned.

One of the hardest jobs that come up in bakelite working is to make holes of greater or less size for flush-mounting meters. A hole could be drilled in thin bakelite and then a wood-worker's jig-saw used to cut the holes, but these are rather irregular and jagged. A device known as a "fly-cutter" is used to perform such operations, and is illustrated in Fig. 4. A steel form is turned out,

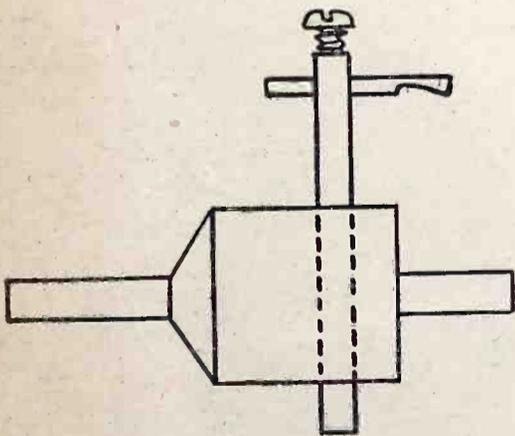
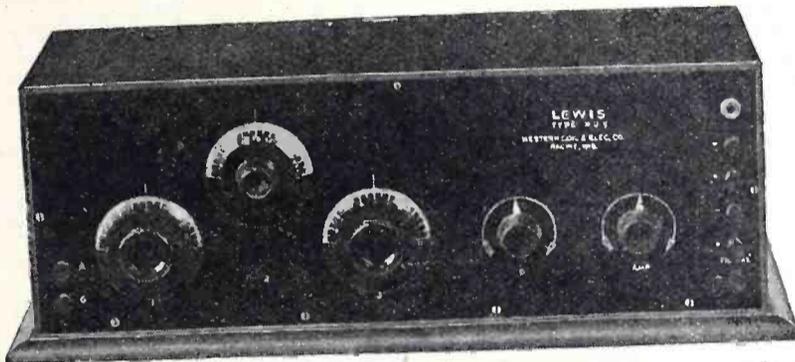


Fig. 4. Fly-Cutter

with one end of such size that it fits the lathe chuck, whilst the other fits in a hole already drilled in the exact center of the large hole that is so wanted.

This hole should just fit the extended spindle of the fly-cutter, and should go through, and fit into a hole drilled for the purpose in the drill-press table. This steadies the tool on the bottom, whilst the chuck holds it securely at the top. A steel cutter is fastened to a projecting arm, as shown, and the whole apparatus revolves, when the power is applied to the chuck, and the required hole cut out. It is best to start the hole from one side, and then turn the panel over, and finish it from the other side, as this prevents any ripping or tearing of the surface when the tool breaks through. A set-screw is provided (although not shown

in the figure), which allows the arm to be set firmly in any position. This arm may be of round section, in which case the set-screw will have to keep it from turning, as well as from slipping from position, but it is much better, if possible, to have a square hole broached through the spindle, and a square arm used. The cutter can be either of round or square section, also, but square is to be preferred for similar reasons. The tool used in this fly-cutter will meet with the same service as a lathe tool, and should receive the same treatment, as far as sharpening it, cutting, etc., is concerned.



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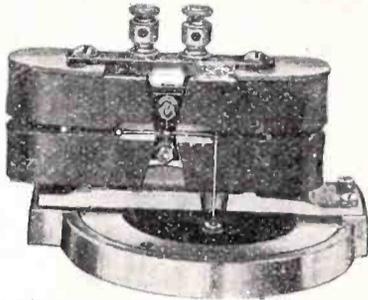
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countries having cheaper and more fluctuating money. It looks busy and prosperous. While the Germans complain bitterly against the practices of the Czechs, who have had the base ingratitude to imitate more or less closely in their dealings with the German minority the things the Germans did to them when the Kaiser ruled; and while the Slovaks have gained no love for the Czechs as a result of being included in the same republic, everybody works as hard as he grumbles and that means prosperity in the long run.

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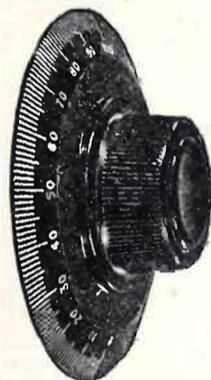
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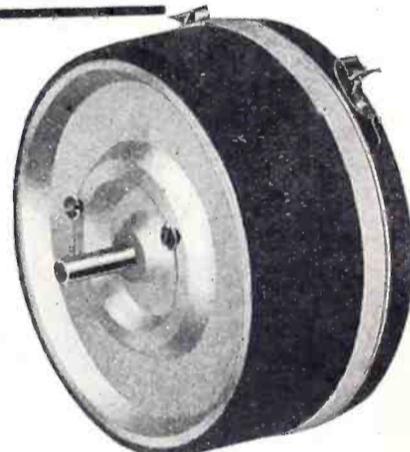
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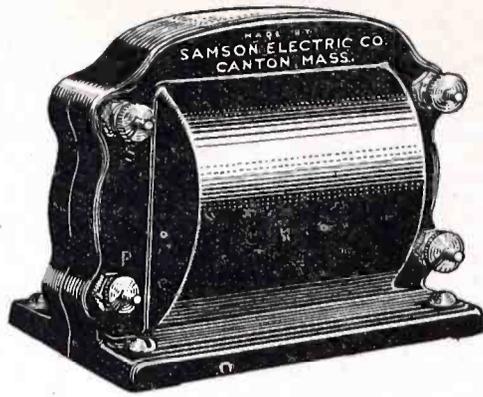
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nobody wants it; but the German-speaking peoples say they are too numerous and too strong to submit to the domination of France on the one hand and the Czechs on the other. The Austrians point to the fact that all they have left as a nation is a manufacturing center cut off from raw materials and food for workers. Ask an Austrian business man if American money is helping in the reconstruction and he asks you what is the use of cutting off a man's hands and legs and then giving him money to get onto his feet. So artificial are the boundaries created by the Versailles treaty that it is reported that a man who grew strawberries in his garden and carried them into his kitchen was arrested for taking them across the frontier without paying duty!

The only thing that prevents the next war from starting right now is that these under dogs have to wait for new teeth and claws to grow. In the meantime, friction increases and neutral travelers are annoyed. The French stopped a German train four times for an hour each time within twenty-five miles of Cologne for purposes known only to themselves. An English officer held up a train from Cologne to Brussels two hours in the middle of the night while women stood in crowded corridors, just because he objected to having the Belgian customs officials enter his private car, which their orders compelled them to do. These seem like petty assertions of authority that serve no useful purpose and irritate the whole world, and especially the efficient, chafing Germans, against nations whose main principles may be correct but who are sometimes unfortunate in their selection of representatives.

The Germans acknowledge that they have made some mistakes during the past few years. They are not insensible to the fact that but for those mistakes they might have won the war. They are confident that with another fair chance they would win. And, while others bungle the railroads and mess up things in general and get on the nerves of visitors to occupied territory, the German works hard, shows results, entertains his late American enemies and wins their admiration in spite of any suspicion they may have that it is all done for effect.

So far as the adults are concerned, the race hatreds will continue and bear the usual bitter fruit. But that World Conference on work with boys revealed the astonishing fact that boys seem to be immune to it. If given a chance, they mingle amicably under the auspices of leaders who are interested in overcoming hatred instead of teaching it. In the Czechoslovakian Republic an organization segregated national groups with-

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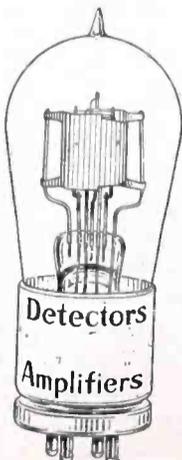
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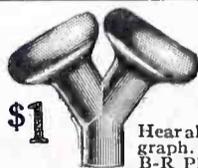
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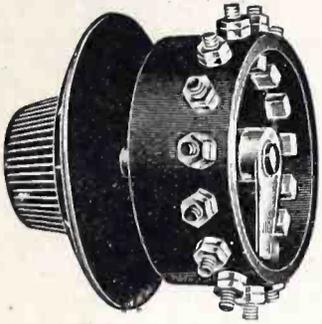
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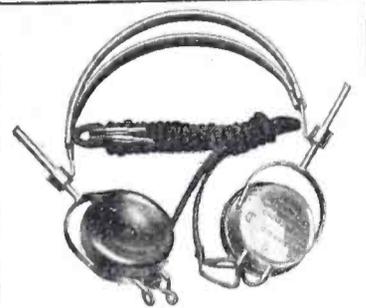
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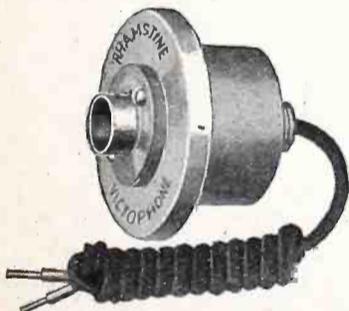
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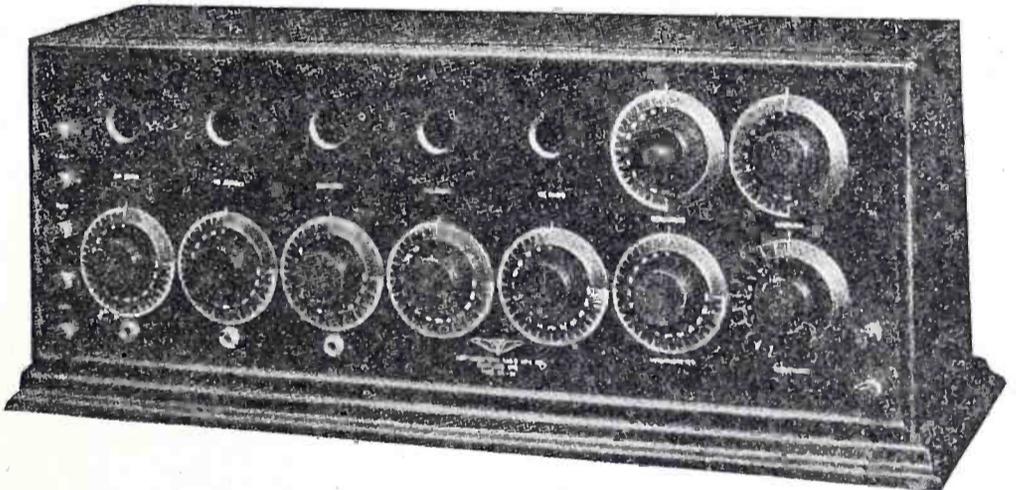
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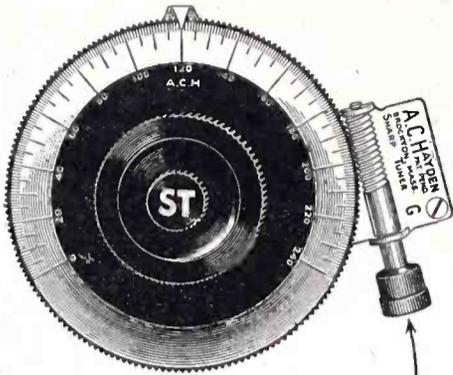
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in its membership to prevent trouble and then found that the boys of different nationalities got together in spite of the system and had a good time. The system, needless to say, was immediately scrapped so that nature could take its course.

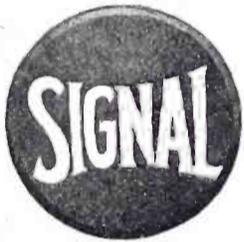
In India, after an uprising and massacre, boys from the contending groups were gathered into one camp but in separate units. It rained, and the group that was getting the worst of it, owing to leaky tents and poor equipment, suddenly received donations of carpets, rubber mats and other materials for shedding water, from boys who, if they had followed the precedents of their elders, would more likely have pulled the tents down over their heads. Little Japs from Tokyo, though as hungry as any other boys in their first week of camp, unanimously voted to go without a meal a day in order to send a contribution of food to chaps of the same age in a central European country against which Japan had joined her forces in the world war. At the conference it was a hard matter to distinguish a delegate from a country of the Allies from one representing central Europe, or either one from the delegate of a neutral country. Their contact with the spirit of youth had seemingly broken down even the prejudices acquired by adults.

Now, it is obvious that it is only necessary to give this feeling of the boys a chance to spread throughout the world in order to solve the hardest problems created by distrust, suspicion and enmity. It is equally obvious that the way to spread that feeling is to provide unlimited communication. The American Radio Relay League, by shooting its messages across the Atlantic, has stimulated the organization of a similar league in Great Britain, already well under way. It is hardly to be supposed that British amateurs are going to spend all their time signalling to Americans and to each other when there are a dozen other countries right at their doors that can be reached as soon as government restrictions are removed and radio stations installed. The spirit of youth permeates the whole radio world. The radio bug bites a man and he begins to do exactly as he did when he was a kid, sitting up till all hours of the night, spending his money recklessly for anything that will make his hobby go faster or kick harder; overriding anything and everything that stands in his way. This particular type of activity, the exchange of individual messages, will interest the technical type of boy and man and establish unofficial international relationships of a helpful sort.

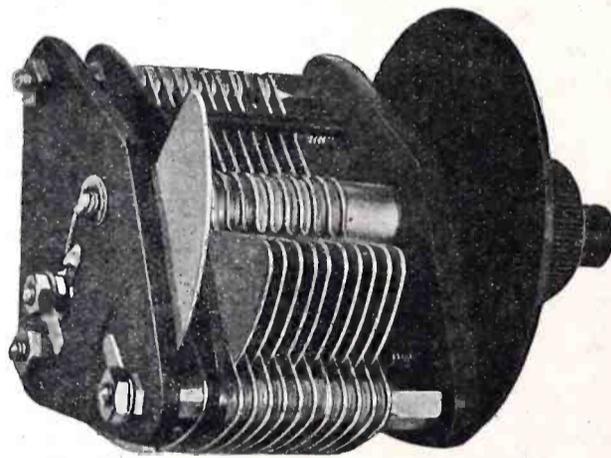
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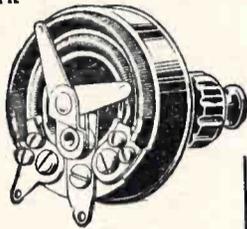
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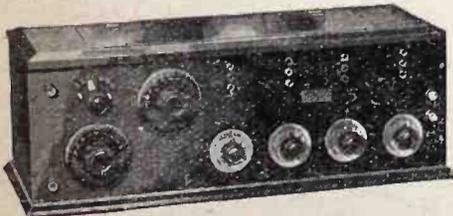
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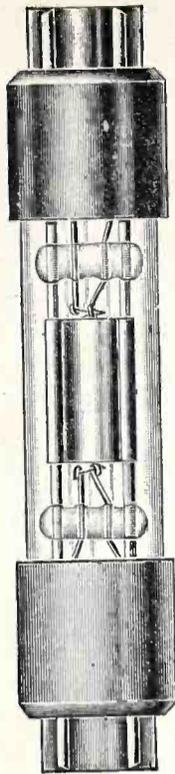
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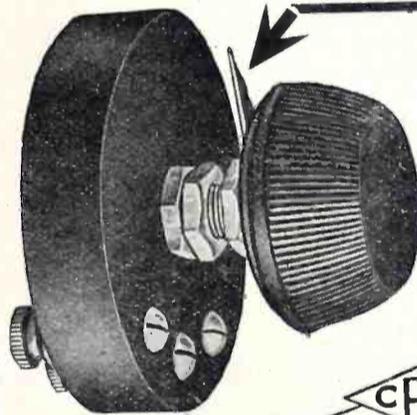
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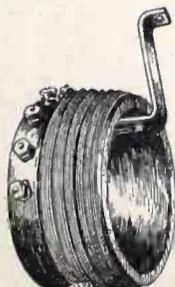
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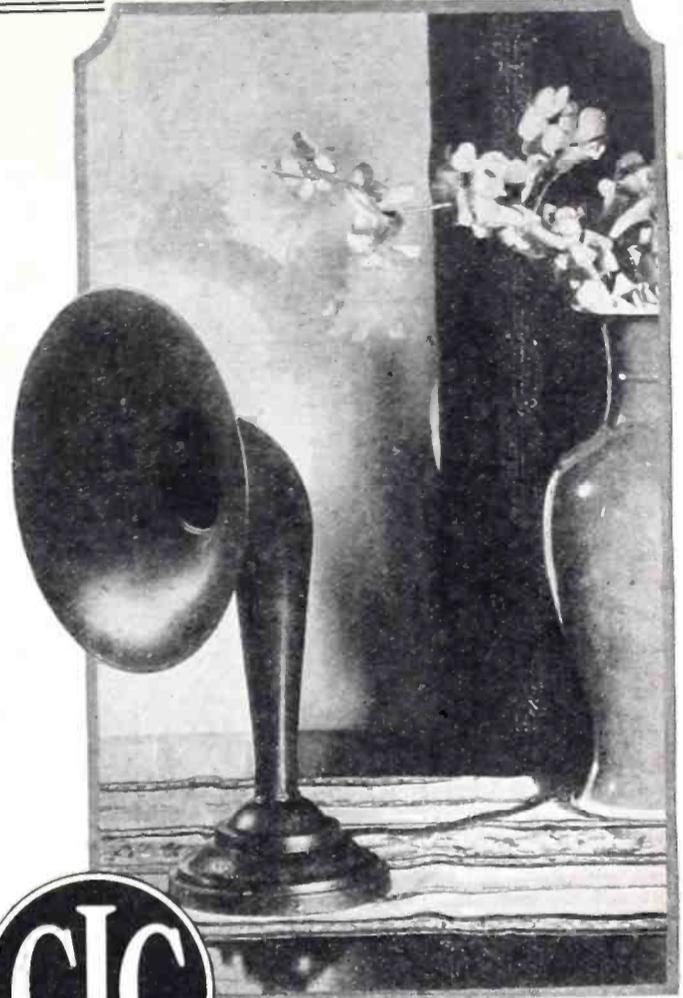
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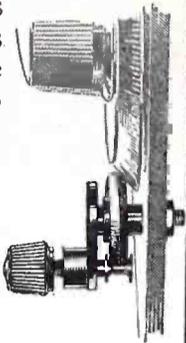
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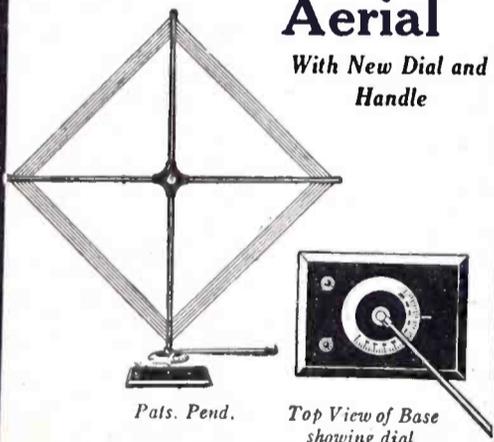
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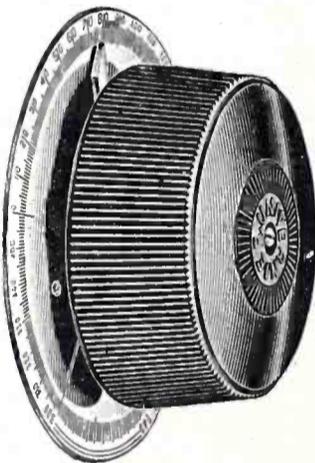
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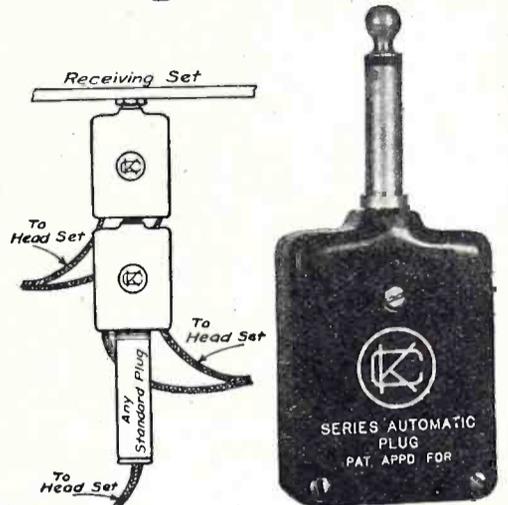
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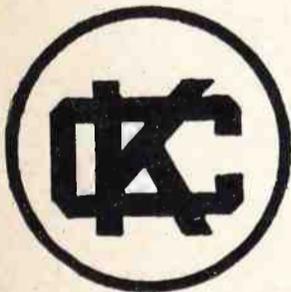
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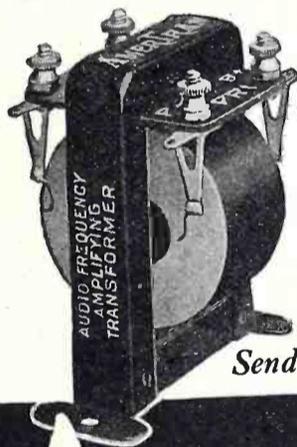
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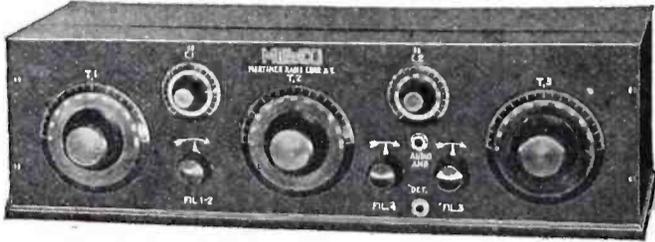
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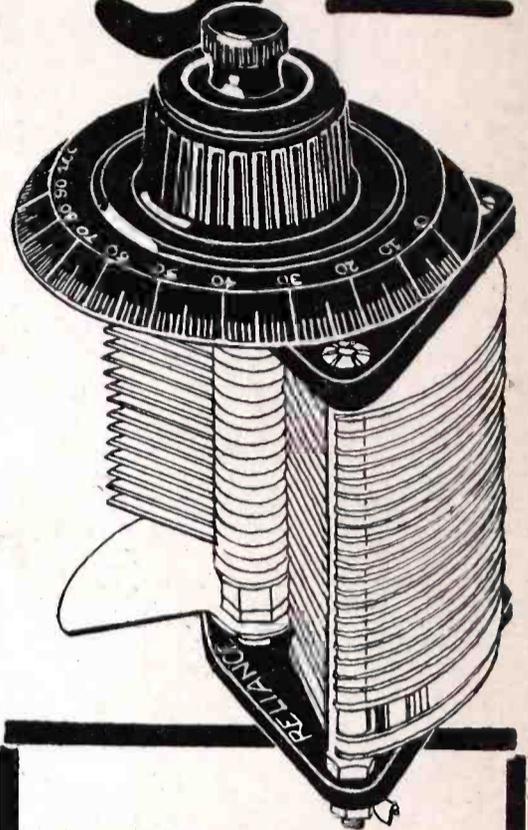
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**Stations Reporting 6XAD-6ZW**

1ccr, 1aoe, 1ajx, 1adn, 1rv, 1bqd, 1bt, 1bsp, 1mo, 1bnl, 1ii, 1ka, 1sn, A. Zavorella, W. Hartford, Ct., 1afa, 1ali, 1rv, 1cdo, 1bv, 2bt, 2bqc, 2bww, 2cdm, 2adh, B. C. Lord, Mahwah, N. J., 2bqb, 2kf, 2aah, 2ciz, 2brb,

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9bhk, 9yb, 9hk, 9efc, 9aqq, 9ckt, 9bsh, 9zt, 9vc, 9ctc, 9bat, 9dzs, 9aro, 9ceq, 9cfd, 9boo, 9cpo.

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*Reporting 6XAD-6ZW:* 2cg (Montreal), 3bm, 3mv, 3gg (in Timiskaming wilderness), 3jt, 3adu, 3du, 3jl, 3si, 3ws, 3abg, 4fc.

*Notably:* 1bq (Halifax, Nova Scotia) and 9ak (Prince Edward Island, N. Atlantic Ocean).

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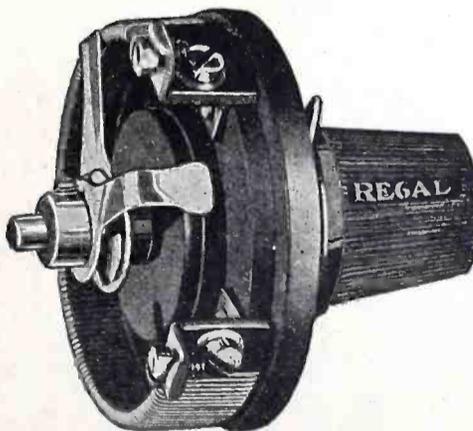
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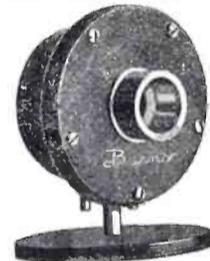
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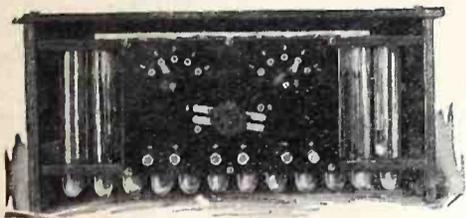
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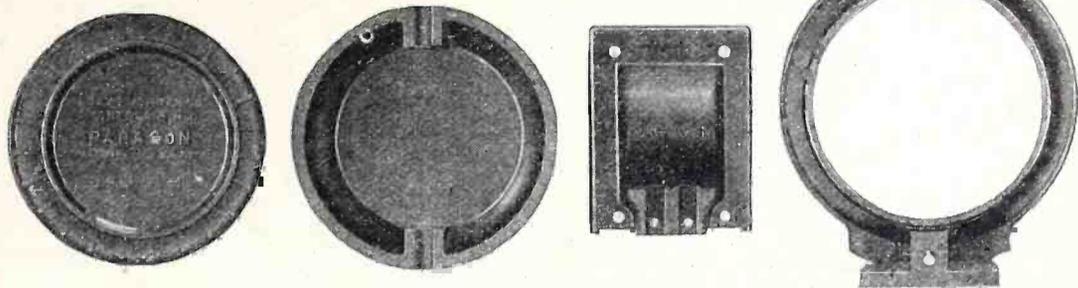
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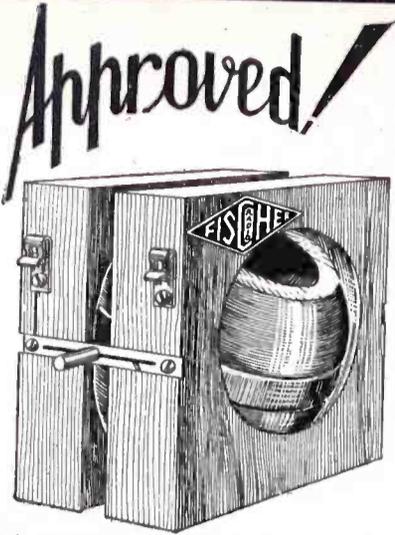
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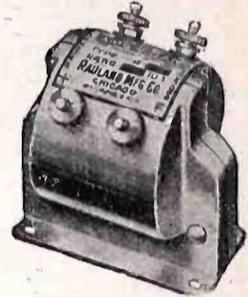
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 An unusually complete catalog of radio apparatus produced by America's leading manufacturers has just been issued by Pettingell-Andrews Co. of Boston, Mass. An idea of its comprehensiveness may be gained from the fact that nearly 200 items are listed in the index, ranging from simple parts to elaborate sets. This volume contains 100 pages, 8½x11, including 15 pages of general information for the amateur.  
 An attractive catalog from the Magnavox Company illustrates and describes the principles, the construction and the application of various types of Magnavox reproducers and amplifiers. Diagrams of connections to various kinds of radio sets are shown, together

with considerable information of general interest.  
 Eisemann Radio Products are attractively portrayed in a new catalog from the Eisemann Magneto Corporation. These include head-phones, variometers, variocouplers, variable condensers, a.f. transformers, detector and amplifier units and various styles of metal panels.  
 "Start Right" is the title of an attractive booklet describing and illustrating Radio Current Control Apparatus, manufactured by the Cutler Hammer Mfg. Co. of Milwaukee. This covers rheostats, potentiometers, grid leak, resistance units, one-hole battery switch, battery charging rheostats, radio soldering irons, etc.

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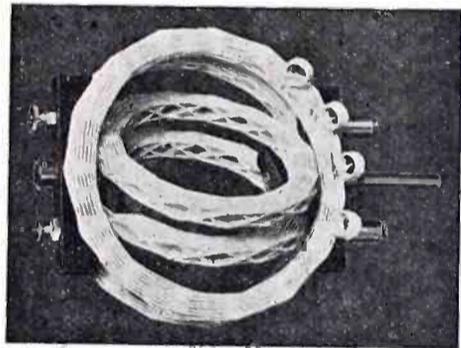
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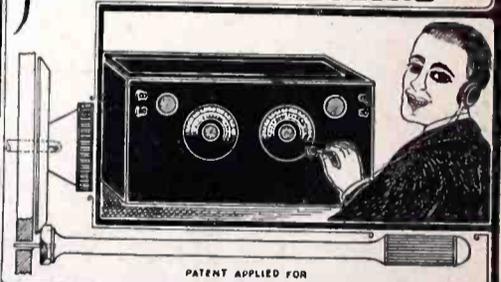
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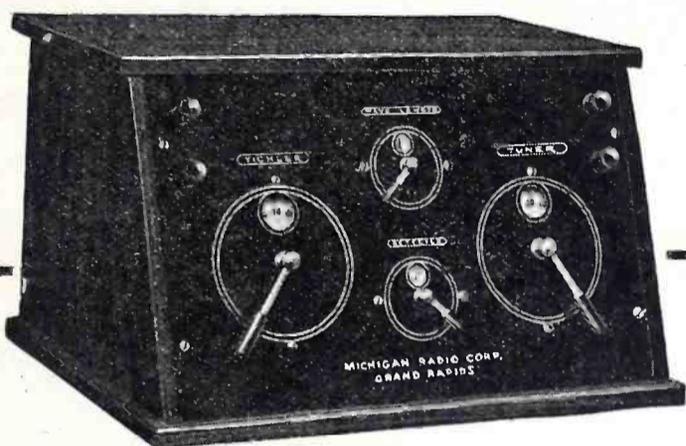
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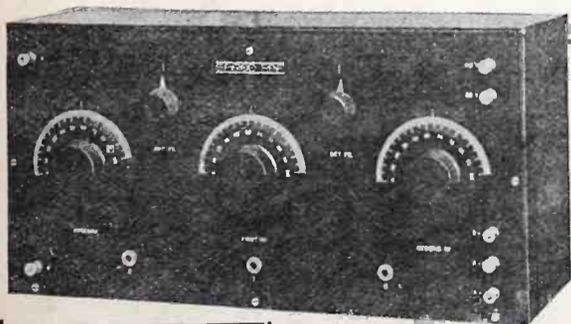
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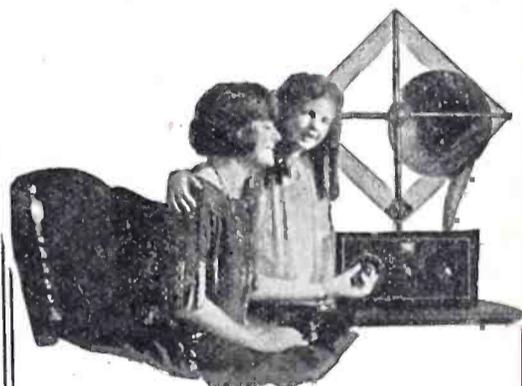
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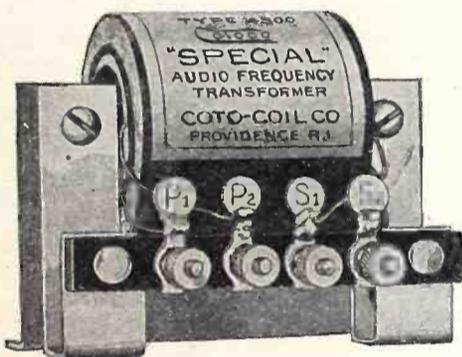
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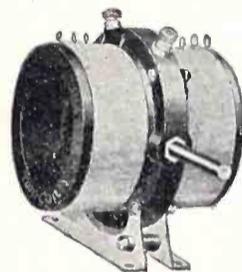
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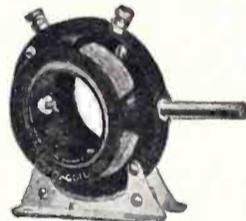
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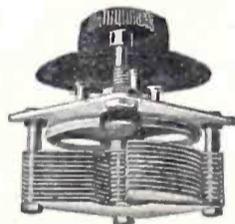
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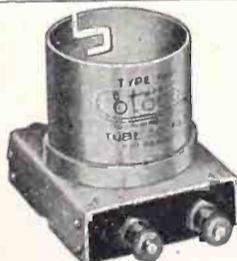
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*How the remarkable Bradleystat records were discovered!*

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1. The First Prize Winner used the Bradleystat in his set.
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4. More Bradleystats were used than the next four types of rheostats, combined, see diagram.
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*Your radio set needs a Bradleystat. Try one tonight!*



**\$1.85**

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## Bradleystat Leads by Big Margin



### Analysis of Returns

Each line represents a different type of rheostat used in the contest. The numbers indicate how many of each were used. Note the overwhelming popularity of the Bradleystat, first on the list.

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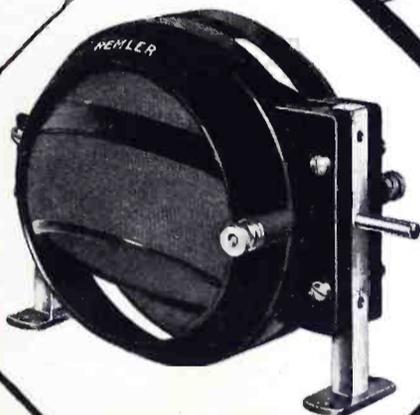
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Don't waste your knowledge of Radio! Don't use it only as a fad or a hobby. Radio is more than that. It is a gigantic, six-billion-dollar industry—and growing bigger every day! Hundreds of commercial stations are in operation today; thousands more are being erected. Nearly every vessel on the seas is a floating radio station. Hundreds of manufacturers, thousands of stores, millions of people are interested in this great, new, marvelous industry!

## Trained Men Needed Now

Do you realize what this worldwide expansion means to you? Many land radio interests employ a force of a thousand or more Radio men. Every vessel needs from one to three operators. Schools, stores, factories, newspapers and cities need operators, demonstrators, salesmen, instructors, technicians, designers, inventors, engineers. Everywhere you turn you see the tremendous demand for more trained certified Radio-tricians.

Here is your greatest opportunity for fortune and success. Take advantage of it. Radio needs YOU NOW! Get into this fascinating profession. The field is uncrowded. Jobs are literally going begging for competent trained men. The pay is big, and the work fascinatingly easy.

## "Cash In" On Your Knowledge

Don't be a stay-behind. Don't let the other fellow beat you to the wonderful positions now waiting for you in Radio. Make Radio a profession—not a plaything.

Don't let your Radio-knowledge go to waste. "Cash in" on it—Big!

Thousands of men with no knowledge or experience now, are preparing for wonderful careers in this great profession. Will you allow these beginners to get ahead of you? Will you let them get all the big jobs while you sit idly by? Will you always be satisfied with being just an extra-good amateur when it is so easy to earn big money as a professional Radio-trician?

## "Radio Headquarters" Will Help You

The knowledge you have now of Radio operation and maintenance makes it easy for you to train yourself and obtain a wonderful-position. You can work up to positions paying as high as \$10,000 a year. If you are attracted by the adventure and excitement of travel, Radio offers you a glorious opportunity to see the four corners of the earth, with all expenses paid and a fine salary besides, or you can stay at home and take one of the fine positions all around you.

Use your present Radio experience to help you achieve a wonderful success in this great field. America's "Radio Headquarters," the National Radio Institute, has devised an amazing new plan that will complete your Radio education in spare time at home, and enable you to qualify for a Government Commercial operator's license so you can take your place in the Radio profession in the shortest possible time.

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