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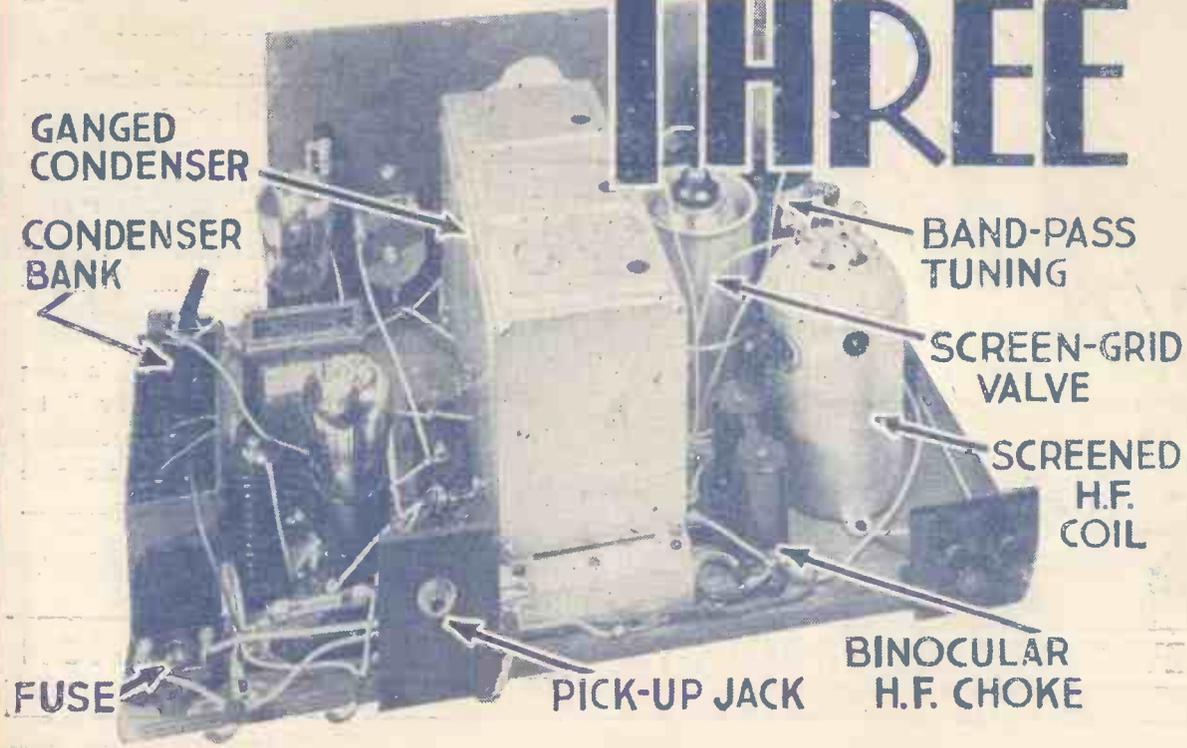
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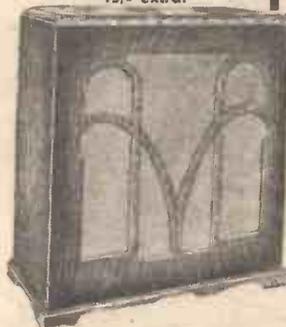
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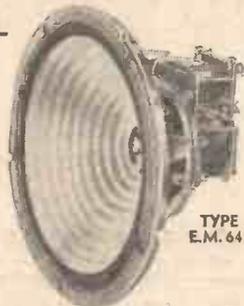
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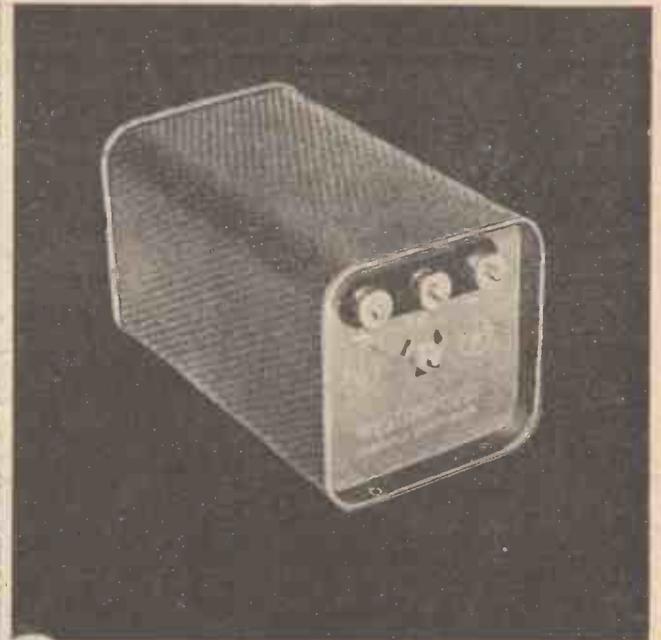
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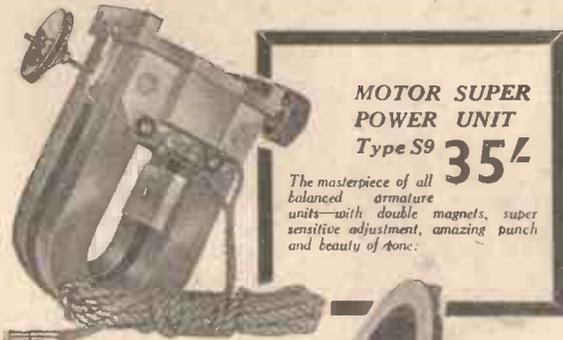
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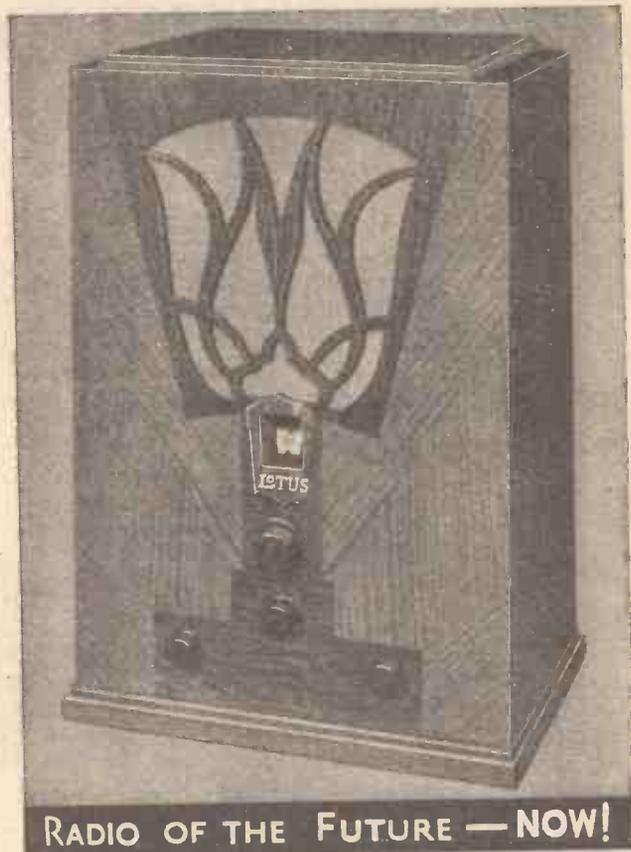
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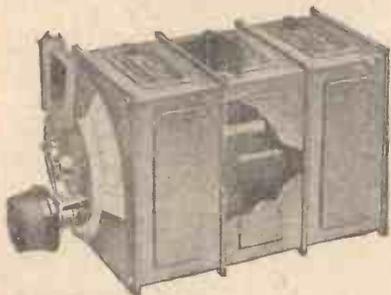
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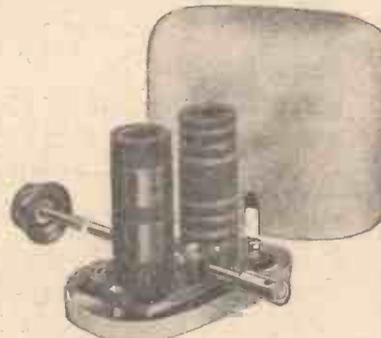
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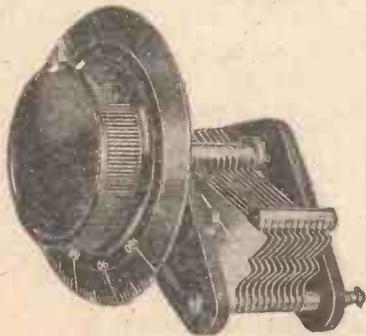
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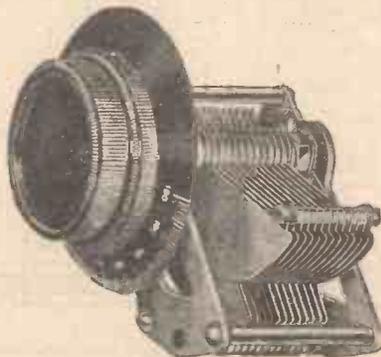
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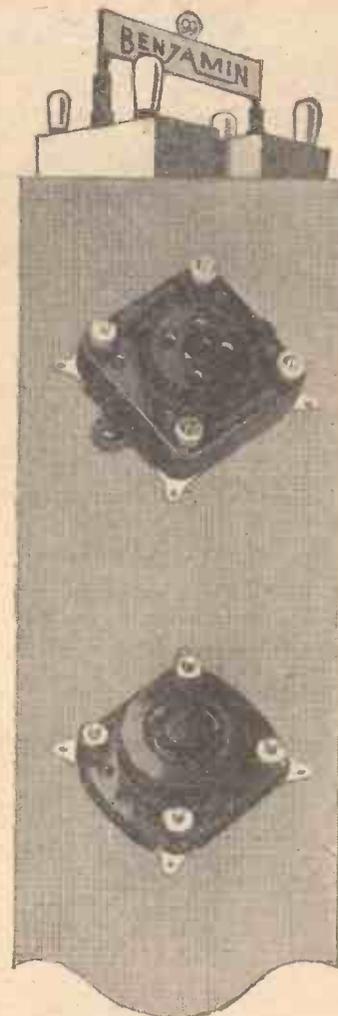
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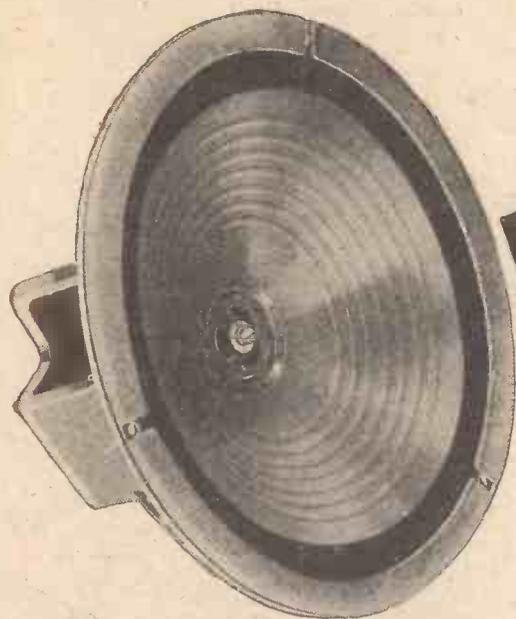


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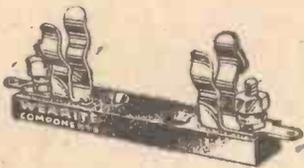
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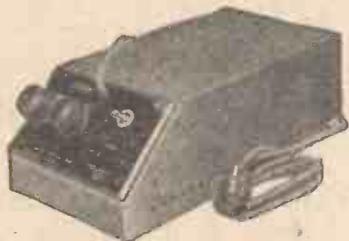
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**NEWS & GOSSIP OF THE WEEK**

**A SECOND BUMPER NUMBER**

MANY readers will be buying this second Special Show Number at Olympia, and we refer them to the reviews of new sets and components given in this issue, together with detailed floor plans of the Empire and National Halls. Set builders and listeners must see the special articles on the "Olympian Three," the "New Amateur's Linen-Speaker," and "The Crystal Set for 1932." There are dozens of other special features, making this bumper show number of interest to every reader.

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IF you are going to Olympia then make a point of visiting our Stand 71. It is on the ground floor of the Empire Hall, to the left of the main entrance. See a special demonstration of the "Olympian Three" and make the acquaintance of other popular AMATEUR WIRELESS "winners."

**FOOTBALL COMMENTS**

ALTHOUGH it is a little early to think of the Football Association final at Wembley, there is a feeling at Savoy Hill that it will be broadcast. No agreement has been signed, but no definite objections have been raised. The Rugby clubs are favourably disposed towards the idea of the B.B.C. broadcasting their principal games. It is also thought that the internationals will be relayed from Twickenham, Murrayfield, and the other Rugby grounds.

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

MR. GERALD COCK, the chief of the B.B.C.'s O.B. department, is working for a re-opening of the question of broadcasting First Division matches of the Football League Committee. But, as we have predicted, eye-witness accounts and full results in the first news bulletin are all that football fans can really count on hearing of First Division matches this winter.

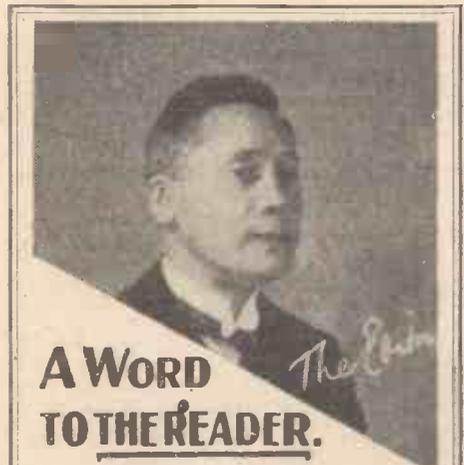
**GANDHI TO BROADCAST?**

SO far Gandhi has not been offered the courtesy of the B.B.C.'s microphone, but it is expected that he will be heard if and when an Indian settlement is reached. Incidentally, Gandhi now shares with Lady

Astor, Mussolini, and Dean Inge the distinction of having his opinions relayed from Europe to America.

**B.B.C.'s ARCHIVES**

THE Blattnerphone record of the Prime Minister's speech on the formation of the National Government will probably



**A WORD TO THE READER.**

**THE WORLD'S RECORD ISSUE OF A WIRELESS WEEKLY.**

LAST week's AMATEUR WIRELESS—our Big Show Number—is Great Britain's record in wireless weekly publications—a world's record, too. You remember it contained, with cover, 116 pages, including about 78 pages of advertisements. IT EASILY BEAT ALL COMPETITORS.

Why has AMATEUR WIRELESS achieved this outstanding success? The advertiser knows why; its circulation in its own class is the most valuable in the world. The reader knows why; it consistently strives in every possible way to meet his needs. It never stands still: it has "drive" behind it.

May I offer warm thanks to all the many friends who have congratulated us.  
 B. E. J.

find a permanent home in the museum at Broadcasting House. Material is being collected for the B.B.C.'s archives. B.B.C. engineers are looking out old microphones. Every object with a past is being examined. Photographs are wanted for the picture gallery, but several members of the original B.B.C. staff seem reluctant to face the camera.

**NEWSPAPER FEARS**

OUR exclusive account in last week's issue regarding the narrow escape the B.B.C. has had from sponsored programmes has aroused fears among newspaper interests. For if the B.B.C. were to sell its broadcasting time to advertisers, the Press fears it would suffer some loss of revenue. We understand that the newspapers are whole-heartedly in support of the present B.B.C. regime and they will use all their influence to keep things as they are.

**DANGER TO REGIONAL SCHEME**

NOW that the B.B.C. has survived the crisis, we can disclose that a cut of a quarter of a million pounds would have been disastrous to the regional scheme. Separate programmes for each region would have had to stop. The alternative programme for each region would then have been relayed from London. Only by some such drastic method could money have been saved.

**ORGAN TESTS**

WE hear that the concert studio at Broadcasting House will be ready for organ tests in November. The designers think the control tower in the new building will be proof against the communication of every sound likely to be produced within it, with the exception of the rumbling bass notes of the organ. The engineers will wait until the studio is decorated and ventilated before they put in an organ pipe. The effect of two or three blasts will then determine whether an organ is to be installed.

**PIANO LESSONS**

THE music department at Savoy Hill is being pressed to broadcast piano lessons, which, incidentally, are a feature of American radio. Enthusiasts for physical jerks are also campaigning for early-morning broadcasts. The B.B.C. is not

# NEWS & GOSSIP OF THE WEEK —Continued

anxious to broadcast piano lessons or physical jerks, yet other broadcasting organisations, with less money than the B.B.C., manage to include all sorts of special stunts.

## A COMPTON MACKENZIE PLAY

**C**OMPTON MACKENZIE has written a radio drama which is to be broadcast Regionally on October 1 and Nationally on October 2. Entitled *The Lost Cause* and dealing with "The Forty-five," it will be produced by a Scotsman and acted by Scottish artistes. This is the first play to be broadcast Nationally via Scottish Broadcasting House in Edinburgh.

## NEW SYMPHONY CONCERTS

**A** NEW season of symphony concerts begins in the Queen's Hall on October 14, and listeners will hear one concert a week thereafter until May 4, 1932. The conductors will include Richard Strauss, Sir Henry Wood, Sir Landon Ronald, Ernest Ansermet, Nikolai Malko, Felix Weingartner, and Bruno Walter, in addition to Dr. Boult. The promenade season comes to an end on October 3, with the usual Fantasia on British Sea Songs, by Sir Henry Wood, in addition to the other popular fare customarily provided for the final concert.

## STARS AHEAD

**JACK BUCHANAN** is down as a certainty for broadcasting in the near future. It is interesting to hear that Jeanette Macdonald may also broadcast from the London station at an early date.

## FOREIGN OFFICE RADIO

**T**HE B.B.C. was recently asked by the Foreign Office to accommodate fifty foreign journalists wanting to hear Mr. Philip Snowden's talk on his Budget plans. While agreeing to do what it could, the B.B.C. expressed surprise that in this year

march from Savoy Hill to Broadcasting House when the great move takes place. The Director-General would lead the procession, followed closely by Jack Payne and his band; after this would come a squad of engineers bearing spanners and other tokens of their art! Next we might

Here is a novel talking advertisement. The clockwork driven figures are synchronised with a gramophone record reproduced by means of an electric amplifier in the base of the apparatus, and the figures appear to talk



## TOY TALKIES!

of grace the Foreign Office was not well equipped with a broadcast receiving set.

## MACDONALD'S SPEECH

**B**.B.C. programme officials consider that Mr. Ramsay Macdonald's broadcast speech explaining the reason for the formation of the National Government was his best yet. As a Blattnerphone record was made of this speech the B.B.C. proposes to keep it as an historic memento of a great occasion in the nation's affairs.

## NORTH REGIONAL PLANS

**I**T is the custom of the North Regional Director to give listeners an idea of the general arrangements for programmes during the winter months. This will be done on September 28. As there are many new features in the first winter programmes to be transmitted from the North Regional station at Moorside Edge, this talk should be of very great interest.

## PROCESSIONAL MARCH?

**A** SUGGESTION is going around that the B.B.C. should organise a processional

see members of the publication department, scattering B.B.C. publications *en route*. At the end of the procession would come Dr. Adrian Boult, leading his Symphony Orchestra. A B.B.C. official, when taxed with the truth of this suggestion, said that he thought it would be impossible as the B.B.C. departments were going over to Broadcasting House at different times. Another great idea gone wrong!

## ALEXANDER AND MOSE

**A**S James Carew is going on the films, the famous radio combination of Alexander and Mose will be broken up. But we hear that Billy Bennett will continue the act with Albert Whelan.

## NATIONAL CONCERTS

**T**O take the place of the National S.B. programmes of last season, European broadcasting organisations have arranged a series of National concerts for Europe-wide relay. In November there will be an extensive hook-up with Austria, for a Lehar programme. Britain will provide the concert in January, and many European countries will take it.

## 7-METRE BROADCASTING

**T**HE idea of using ultra-short wavelengths for what may be called "localised" broadcasting over a comparatively restricted area, such as a big town, first originated in Germany. The advantage of the system is that although they produce an adequate field-strength locally, the short waves do not cause interference further afield. Of course, a short-wave adaptor must be used, but this can take the form of an inexpensive addition to any standard receiving set.



What is claimed to be the largest cone speaker in the world is this new directional "searchlight" speaker which can be heard three miles away

# IS A LUGANO PLAN COMING?

ALAN HUNTER, in this topical article explains how the international broadcasting situation is pointing to-



wards a revision of the present Prague Plan of wavelength distribution among the transmitting stations of Europe.

AS I write, there is much talk of why the Chief Engineer of the B.B.C. is attending the Brussels meeting of the Technical Commission of the International Broadcasting Union. The meeting at Brussels is a routine job that has nothing to do with any particular development in the international broadcasting situation. Nevertheless, at this meeting the Chief Engineer will, no doubt, put forward the B.B.C.'s proposals for a revision of the present Prague Plan, under which the broadcasters of Europe are now working. This Technical Commission will probably thrash out the problem of ether congestion, which every listener with a long-distance receiver is keenly worried about. We may take this Technical Commission as a preliminary to the full-dress meeting of the International Broadcasting Union in Rome on October 14.

Unfortunately, even if the Rome meeting decides that the Prague Plan must be revised, no active steps can be taken until the consent of the Governments subscribing to the Prague Plan has been obtained. The hope of an early revision in the Prague Plan is based upon the fact that when this Plan was originally formulated, a revision was provided for in a special protocol.

## Wavelength Revision Necessary

Great Britain undoubtedly wants a revision as soon as possible. Knowing that this cannot happen until the Governments are consulted, the International Broadcasting Union has invited the Governments to meet the broadcasters at the end of October. Lugano, on the Swiss-Italian frontier, has been chosen for this meeting, because it is a convenient stopping-place for many members of the Union on their way from Rome.

The Government invitations have been sent through the International Telegraph Bureau at Berne. A few acceptances have already been received. Whether the Lugano meeting takes place now depends upon the acceptances yet to be received. If there is a majority, the meeting will be held, in spite of those holding back. The B.B.C.'s present concern is to stir up sufficient enthusiasm among the Governments to ensure a majority of acceptances, for, as already mentioned, unless the Governments participate there can be no revision.

At Lugano, the B.B.C. proposes to put forward a strong case for a wider separation

of frequency between adjacent high-power stations. With the present wavelengths available for broadcasting, this wider separation can be obtained only by sacrificing some of the existing wavelengths. The B.B.C. is prepared to give up two of its present ten wavelengths. To ensure a 12-kilocycles separation between stations entails equally drastic sacrifices by other European broadcasters. At present there are 103 wavelengths with the 9 kilocycles separation. If we increase this separation to 12 kilocycles only 88 wavelengths would be available. Just as everyone associates Prague with nine kilocycles, so Lugano may one day be associated with 12 kilocycles.

## Regional Scheme Modifications

To give up two of its present ten wavelengths, the B.B.C. would have to modify the Regional Scheme. The idea is to put all the National stations on one wavelength. By thus synchronising London National, North National and the proposed Falkirk and Watchet National stations, the B.B.C. could just spare two wavelengths.

The proposed meeting at Lugano might therefore closely affect British listeners in the service areas of all the National transmitters. When stations are synchronised the affect is to reduce the service area in which reliable reception can be obtained. The B.B.C. suggests that this reduction can be more than compensated by the high-power Daventry station on the long waves. Assuming synchronisation of all the medium-wave National stations, there is every reason to expect that Daventry, our only long-wave National station, would be increased in power, probably to 150 kilowatts.

It is easy for the B.B.C. to talk of wavelength sacrifices when dealing with such an accommodating country as Great Britain. Unfortunately, foreign countries have to cope with much greater geographical difficulties than the B.B.C. Moreover, the language problem, which does not exist in this country, is often the deciding factor in the broadcasting arrangements of foreign countries, such as Czechoslovakia. While the B.B.C. is very keen on the widening of the frequency separation between broadcasting stations, many foreign countries take the view that it is better to leave wavelengths alone and eliminate the interference by more selective sets. Sets made so selective that heterodyne interference is eliminated must cut off all frequencies above three thousand cycles. This means

that freedom from interference can be obtained only by a great sacrifice in the quality of reproduction.

As readers know, the B.B.C. has always insisted upon the need for first-class quality in the reproduction of its programmes; and this is surely the attitude taken by all keen amateurs in this country.

To put it crudely, a big row is expected at Lugano. The Technical Commission has failed to find a solution to the wavelength problem and that is why the Governments have been called in to meet the leaders of the International Broadcasting Union at Lugano. The B.B.C. will have to contend with a wide-spread apathy on the part of the Post Office organisations of Europe. It seems that we alone appreciate the



Mr. Noel Ashbridge, Chief Engineer of the B.B.C.

menace to broadcast reception that a continuance of the present Prague Plan implies.

## GRAMOPHONE PICK-UPS

IT is desirable for correct reproduction that the pick-up needle should remain tangential to the sound track at all positions on the record. In a new model recently placed on the American market, this result is obtained by making the pick-up move bodily along a groove cut in the tone-arm, so that it drifts inwards towards the centre of the disc as the record is being played. B.

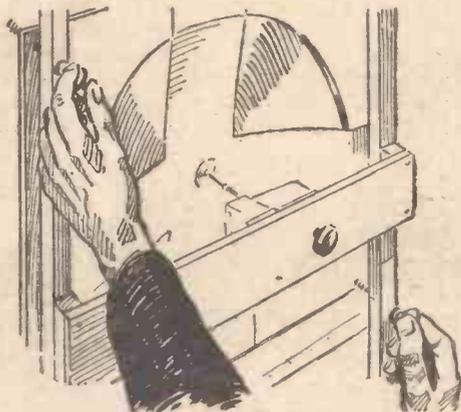


# Completing The AMATEUR'S LINEN SPEAKER

More about the easy-to-build speaker, first constructional details of which were given in last week's issue

ONE big advantage of a linen speaker is that you can make practically every part of it yourself, with the exception, of course, of the actual loud-speaker movement.

An important thing which the AMATEUR WIRELESS Technical Staff kept in mind



Each sash screw should be adjusted a turn at a time

when designing the new "Amateur's Linen Speaker" was that it should be very easy to build, so that any home constructor should have no difficulty in getting really good sensitivity and tone. This calls for a rather special design, because certain types of linen speaker do not give good results unless the tensioning is very carefully carried out.

You must, naturally, be careful to follow the dimensions given on the blueprint when building the "Amateur's Linen Speaker," but there are no difficult constructional points.

Use only the material specified, for cheap linen or frail woodwork would certainly upset the tone.

When you have completed the speaker and have it working, you will probably be very surprised at the amount of vibration which is transmitted to the big board supporting the diaphragm and unless this is made of the 7-ply wood specified, the board itself will have a natural vibration period within the range of the speaker's reproduction.

The supporting pieces, too, must be quite strong and of the dimensions given. It is

really a good plan to use oak for the back supports and the two 24-in. battens, but good, strong, white wood may be used if cheapness is a consideration.

As explained last week, you can have a full-size blueprint of the speaker obtainable, price 1s., post free, from the Blueprint Department, AMATEUR WIRELESS, 58-61 Fetter Lane, London, E.C.4. The small scale reproduction may be used.

With the full-size print you can mark off direct the 20-in. and 7-in. circles on the two plywood boards, but if you use the small scale print, then it will be quicker to mark off these circles by means of two nails and lengths of string, as mentioned last week.

**MATERIALS REQUIRED**

- Plywood board, 24 in. by 24 in. with 20 in. hole for diaphragm.
- Plywood board, 10 in. by 10 in. with 7 in. hole for tensioning piece.
- Special doped linen, 28 in. by 28 in. for diaphragm and sheet 12 in. by 12 in. for tensioning cross piece (Weedon).
- Four feet of 1/2-in. batten for tensioning board supports.
- Wood for back pieces and supporting platform of speaker unit.
- Four window-sash screws with one plate each.
- Special chuck, cone washers and extension rod (Weedon, Tenex).
- Loud-speaker unit (Telsen, Blue-Spot, Hegra, Ormond, Lissen, Wufs, Tekade).

cross-piece is held, of course, by the four window-sash screws. To prevent any loose movement here it is advisable to drill the holes (9 in. apart along the battens and 10 in. between) a trifle smaller than the actual diameter of the bolts, so that they cut their own threads in the woodwork.

The plates on the opposite side of the adjusting head are threaded, of course, and these take the main tensioning strain, but



Valve rubber sleeve

Valve rubber may be slipped over the speaker drive rod to prevent resonance

The 24-in. board has a 20-in. diameter hole and the 10-in. board has a 7-in. diameter hole.

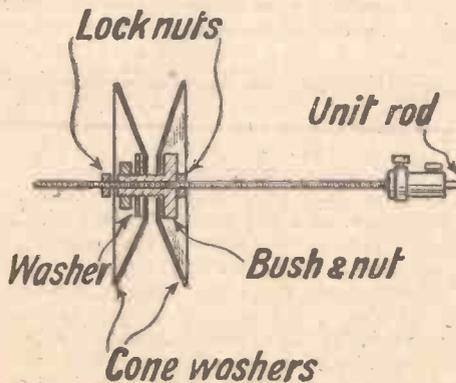
The blueprint gives also the dimensions of the back supports and it cannot be emphasised too strongly how important it is to make a good job of screwing these supports firmly to the large board. The 10-in. board supporting the tensioning

it is much more satisfactory for the woodwork of the tensioning device itself also to take part of the load.

By the way, these window-sash bolts are usually sold with two plates each and only one plate is needed on each bolt. These four plates should be firmly screwed to the 10-in. board on the side facing the large diaphragm. Some bolts have the shafts of the screw handle finished off in a ball-ended manner and in this case the woodwork on the side opposite the plates should be slightly countersunk.

When adjustment of these screws is carried out after the linen has been doped, turn each a fraction at a time so that there is no side strain on the tensioning cross-piece. The driving unit of the speaker is supported on a bridge piece of 7-ply wood measuring approximately 10 in. by 3 in. A bridge piece of these dimensions will accommodate most types of speaker unit. A hole must be drilled for the spindle of the pole-piece adjustment.

It is well worth taking a little trouble in coupling up the driving unit after the diaphragm has been doped and properly tensioned. If the unit is mounted so that



This diagram shows the assembling of the cone chuck and universal joint

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# SET-CONSTRUCTION PARTS AT THE EXHIBITION

*Some of the leading new lines for home constructors are here described in a brief review of the exhibits at Olympia*

well worth spending a good while seeing the other parts in the Varley range—the new gramophone pick-up, spaghetti resistances, power chokes and multi-volt mains transformers. Bulphone, who in the early days made a fine name by the production of a range of really good

Smallness in size, a characteristic of many new parts, is typified by the Dux and Parafeed transformers on the R.I. stand.

As I continue putting my Olympia impressions on paper it becomes increasingly difficult to get a true perspective out of the exceptionally wide range, and I must be forgiven if I refer only to those parts which find a clear place in my memory and if I overlook others which are equally important.

Ekco have new H.T. units on their stand. The A.C.12 is a good unit for anything up to a three-valve set, requiring not more than 12 milliamperes. Bigger fellows in the range are the A.C.18 and A.C.25. There are D.C. models, of course, and also some new combined H.T. and L.T. chargers.

The variable Mu valve promises to do great things, and the Mullard M.M.4V (an indirectly heated A.C. valve) is among the new Mullard productions to be seen on their Stand. It has a mutual conductance of 3 milliamperes per volt (grid volts zero), and .01 milliamperes per volt (grid volts 40). Ask one of the Mullard technical people to explain the working of this to you.

Six-Sixty on Stand 20 are specialising in the Chassikit which, as it is described fully on another page by "Set Tester" needs no words of mine to describe it.

speakers, have now turned attention to mains apparatus, and the new A.C. and D.C.1 and D.C.2 eliminators are deserving of inspection.

As valves play such a big part in getting good results, I think you will want to spend a good while at the Mazda Stand 21 seeing the new types. Graham-Farish have certainly set their designers to work and there are literally dozens of new parts. To keep company with the last year's £2 2s. speaker, they have brought out the new A.C.4 chassis, new switches, condensers, valve holders, and other small parts are also remarkable for value. The fixed condensers from .0005 microfarad to .002 microfarad cost only 6d., and a good push-pull switch had for 8d.

(1) Junit A.C. mains unit (2) Ready-Rad Instamat transformer (3) Lissen flexible resistance (4) Lissen 60-volt H.T. battery (5) Utility gang condenser (6) Goltone wavetrap (7) Pertrix L.T. accumulator (8) Exide 2-volt non-spill cell



THERE are approximately 250 exhibitors at Olympia this year. Most firms have one or two new lines and some have thoroughly revised their ranges and brought out, literally, hundreds of new parts.

You see, therefore, how difficult it is in a brief review to give more than just a rough outline of the kind of material available for set builders for the coming season.

Bakelite pressing done in small quantities is an expensive matter, but when tackled scientifically the price can be reduced. Just how low the price can be reduced is well shown, I think, by Telsen on Stands 19 and 213. Most of the parts in the Telsen range have bakelite mouldings or coverings and insulation. But it is not only in insulation that Telsen have made great strides.

The value offered in what one used to regard as expensive components, low-frequency chokes and transformers, is remarkable. An ordinary L.F. intervalve coupling choke of 125 henries costs only 5s.

### Plenty of Novelty

Bulgins have several interesting new parts and these show careful thought in designing. Thermal delay switches for mains users and spot-welded spaghetti resistances are among the parts which particularly appeal to me, while the present range of switches has been extended by one or two new types. All these can be seen on Stand 102.

Apart from triple-coil units for "Century Super" builders, Lewcos on Stand 27 are showing a new range of H.F. chokes and a useful bandpass filter. Marconiphone this year are specialising chiefly in complete sets, but all showgoers must make a point of seeing the new mains valves, including D.C. types and the A.C.-fed V.M.S.4, and the M.S.4B.

Because of its inclusion in our "Olympian Three" the Varley "Square Peak" coil, which you can see on Stand 58, is bound to be a big success during 1932, together with its associate H.F. intervalve coil. It is

**SET-CONSTRUCTION PARTS AT THE EXHIBITION"**

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Wearite, as pioneers in super-hot coils, are naturally specialising in these on their Stand 152, Wearite mains components,

batteries and low-tension accumulators is of interest.

The Pertrix Stand is 39, the Every Ready, 76; and the Chloride Electrical Storage Co., Ltd., Stand 8. Here, and on the stands of other battery manufacturers, you will find much of interest in the way of high-tension

The set-constructor parts in the Lissen range are well worth seeing, the Torex transformer and the new spaghetti resistances interesting me particularly.

Among mains eliminators and parts you will find new ideas on the Regentone Stand 22 and the Junit Stand 97, at which latter, apart from complete eliminators, you will find a wide range of chokes and transformers for the home constructor of units.

**Kit Sets**

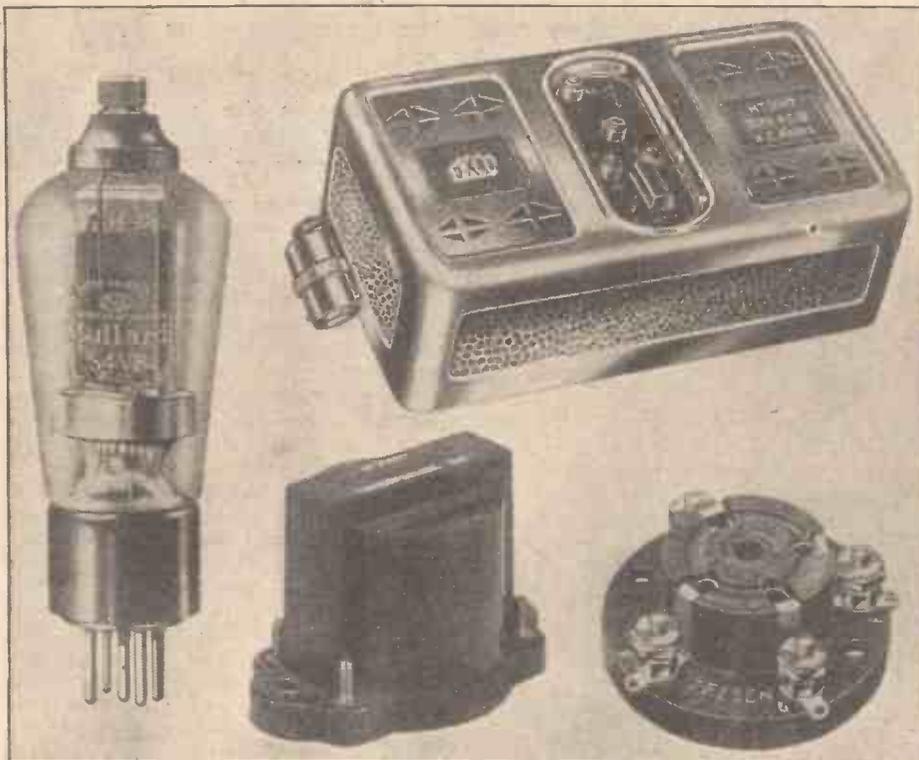
Ready Radio on Stand 6 are not only dealing with kits of parts for set builders, but are showing several new components, some of them exceedingly interesting. I like the new Ready Radio output transformers, known as Instamat, which have a rapid adjustment of ratio switching.

Lotus Radio, Ltd., on Stand 23, interest me with their new ganged condenser—a particularly neat job, fully screened and with easy trimming adjustment. This is detailed for use in the AMATEUR WIRELESS "Olympian Three."

The W.B. P.M.3 permanent magnet moving-coil speaker seems to me to typify the general trend in speaker design. There is a surprising number of permanent-magnet jobs at the Show this year and the W.B. speaker is certainly typical of the best in this direction.

There are several complete kits of parts for set builders, and the "Radio for the Million" outfits strike me as being of outstanding interest. Extreme ease of construction is coupled with a truly workmanlike efficiency of the finished job.

The foregoing brief guide to outstanding exhibits will, I trust, be of value to enthusiasts who are going from stand to stand picking out features which interest them. Set constructors are in for a fine time in 1932, as all the new parts mean not only lowered cost, but better performance and easier construction. The truth of this is strikingly demonstrated by a visit to Olympia. KENNETH ULLYETT.



(Left) Mullard S4VB A.C. valve; (top right) Ekco A.C.18 H.T. unit; (centre) Igranite Midget transformer and (bottom right) Telsen valve holder.

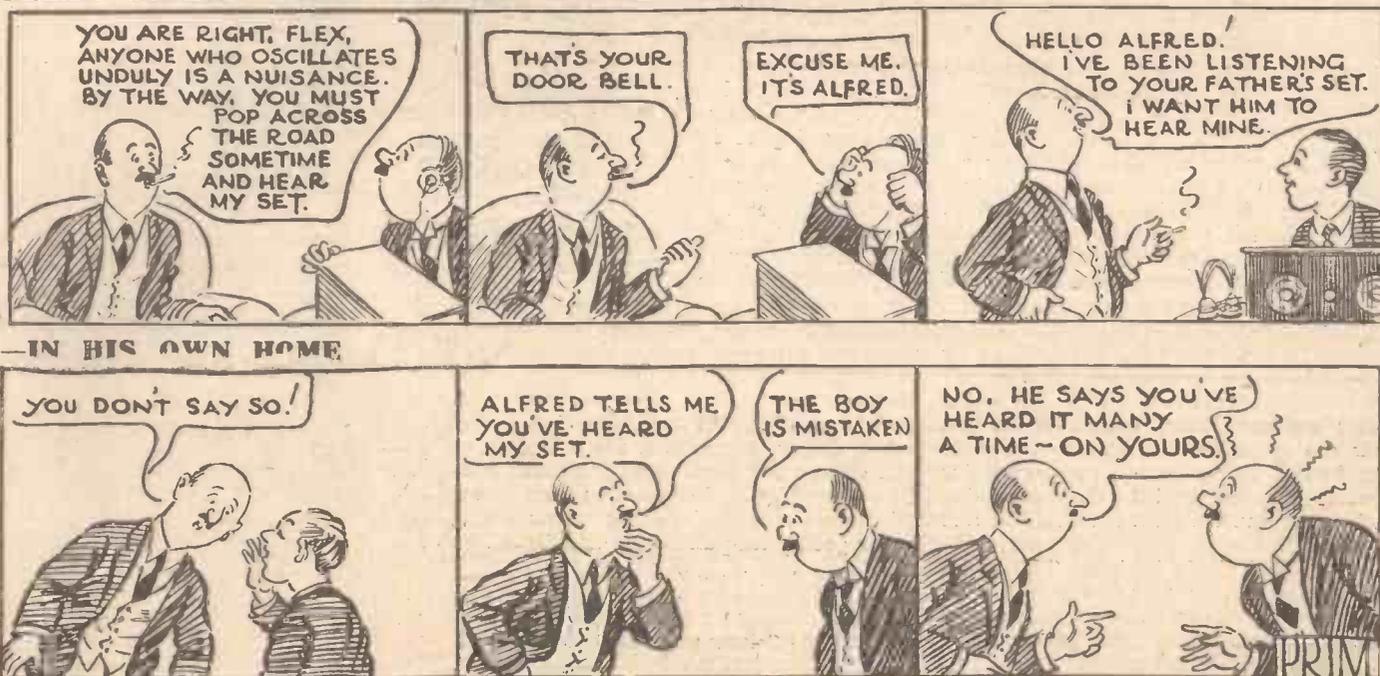
H.F. chokes and dual-range frame aerials must be seen too.

It is very difficult to describe battery progress in a few words. Very many of us have not yet facilities for all-mains working, and anything in the way of dry high-tension

batteries which stand up to a heavy discharge and accumulators which really are non-spillable.

Lissen, Ltd., on Stand 17, have 60-, 100-, and 120-volt batteries in the standard capacity range and 60 and 100 volts 'supers.'

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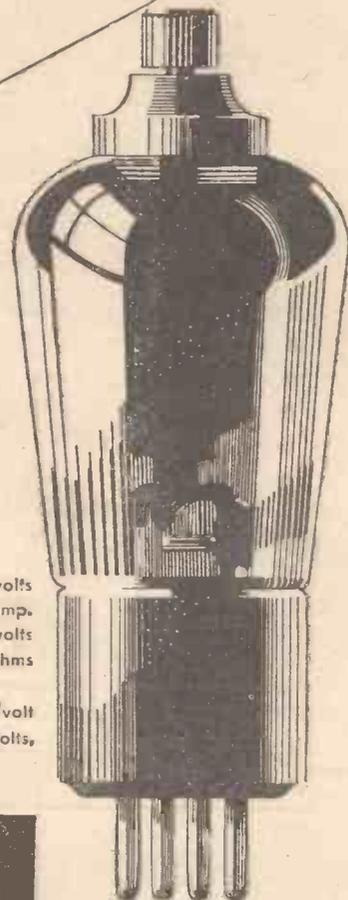
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# On Your Wavelength!

## AWAY WITH IT

WHEN will the B.B.C. do away with that depressing interval signal which seems to consist of an interminable series of what in the thrillers they call "sickening thuds." It always sounds to me as if the body were bumping down the stairs. It is really a most depressing and horrible noise, and there is no reason why we should not have something brighter. Abroad they have all sorts of jolly interval signals. There is the canary that twitters away at Naples, Vienna's metronome that ticks away so fast that you almost expect it to bust itself, Toulouse's big bell, and the cheerful little musical twiddly bits of Budapest and other stations. We undoubtedly want an interval signal to prevent Ham-handed Henry and Oscillating Oswald from jumping to the conclusion that the silence is caused by their reaction couplings being too slack; but we do want something very different from these sickening thuds.

## AN ENLIGHTENING EVENING

RECENTLY I was asked to try out one of the best known American sets, about which there has been a great flourish of trumpets. I looked forward to the task because I have never before been turned loose on to an American set and given the opportunity to fiddle about with it to my heart's content. This particular one worked from the mains and installing it was simplicity itself. All that was necessary was to stick its plug into the wall socket, connect up aerial and earth, and to switch on. The tuning was genuine "single-knob," and I waited impatiently for it to warm up, since I was dying to get down to work.

## DIAL SPREAD

"RAUCOUS REG" I found in a moment; in fact, he practically found himself, for he comes in pretty powerfully at fifteen miles. "Noisy Nat" made his appearance in much the same manner. At this point you could almost have knocked me down with the proverbial feather. I had always been made to understand that the strong point in American sets was their selectivity. Well, it certainly isn't the strong point of this set. "Noisy Nat" spread from 240 to nearly 280 metres and "Raucous Reg" from 345 to 370. The selectivity on high-powered stations at short range turned out, in fact, to be about that of British sets two years old. Then I tried the Midland Regional at forty-five miles. He spread loudly over the stations on either side of him. The North Regional at two hundred miles was the only high-powered station that did not spread. I could not get Stockholm clear of Rome, and on the long waves Motala was almost blotted out by Warsaw.

## CURIOUS

I HAD always understood that we scored over the Yanks in quality and they over us in selectivity. It was interesting to find

that this set's strongest point was its quality. This was distinctly good, though it was rather of the typical American kind, with heaps of bass and lots of middle, and not very much of the top notes. The number of stations receivable without interference was very much less than that within the compass of a moderately good battery-operated set of British make containing the same number of valves. The mains set should, of course, score over the battery set every time, owing to the enormous efficiency of mains valves.

## A POINT TO REMEMBER

SHOULD you be attracted by the apparently very low price of American sets containing large numbers of valves, there is one point that I would humbly urge you to consider before you decide to invest. Receiving sets in the two countries are designed on quite different lines. It has always been our practice to make a small number of valves do a great deal. In the United States, on the other hand, very little is expected from each individual valve.

## THREE TO FIVE

THE amplification factors are lower, as a rule, and the interval couplings are designed for stability rather than for getting the most out of the valves. The net result is that if you purchase, say, a five-valve American set you will not get from it much better results than you would from a British three-valver. That is just about the proportion; five American valves do roughly the work of three of ours. Therefore, in comparing prices, you should make due allowance for this. I know, myself, that if I were presented with sufficient money to buy a Yank five-valver, I would either purchase an English three-valver or expend the money on the parts needed for building a big, fine set.

## THE ROBOT RECEIVERS

I WONDER how many of my readers have seen the unique Marconiphone demonstration at the Exhibition? I mention this particular one because it seems to me that it is such a successful and ingenious method of demonstrating the reproduction qualities of different receivers and at the same time providing real entertainment. For the benefit of those who were not able to attend the Exhibition, briefly the scheme was to make the individual receivers literally "speak for themselves," and finally for them to render a well-known part song. Records were used, of course, the output from the pick-up being switched to the individual receivers at the correct moment. Altogether a most entertaining show.

## OFFICIAL WAVELETS

IT is very interesting to read that the B.B.C. is seriously considering the possibilities of 7-metre relay transmissions. The system is at present being tried out in Germany and, so far as the experiments have gone, the results appear to be most promising. One of the strong points of the "seven-metrelets" is that they travel in straight lines, like beams of light, instead of following the curvature of the earth's surface like their big brothers. This means, so far as we can see at present, that a transmitter operating on such a wavelength would serve only the area actually visible from the top of its aerial mast. Reception would be impossible outside this area and the station could therefore cause interference with no other. Local stations would have to be placed on hilltops, where possible, and be provided with very high masts. Their operation, though, would ensure perfect reception within their service area.

A year or two ago the suggestion would have been condemned at birth as impracticable, owing to the difficulty that existed then of designing apparatus for the reception of such wavelengths. When you think that a wavelength of 7 metres corresponds to a frequency of nearly 43,000,000 a second, you will realise, then, that there are problems involved. Nowadays, though, we know a whole lot more about short-wave reception than we did, and I do not see why apparatus that is perfectly simple and quite easily tuned should not be designed for local 7-metre reception.

## SOME ADVANTAGES

YOU have only to spend half an hour on the medium waveband as it is at present to realise that all is not exactly well. The number of stations that are heterodyning one another is large, and therefore trouble is experienced from the harmonics, not only of long-wave stations, but also from those on the medium waveband. Vienna, for example, produces a pretty useful second harmonic on 258.5 metres, which is apt to heterodyne both Leipzig and Hörby. If the 7-metre system were universally adopted, Europe could be covered by a network of thousands of small stations each serving its own local area and causing no interference outside. One hardly expects to see this, but there seems no reason why a plan should not be worked out whereby each country had about half its present number of medium and long-wave stations, and give the rest of its broadcast services on 7 metres. This would be an ideal arrangement, for it would ensure first-rate local reception as well as perfect reception of distant stations of reasonable power. I have said more than once in these columns that the regional high-power scheme would be obsolete before it was completed; the present talk about 7-metre relaying may be the cloud no bigger than a man's hand . . .

**Next Week—A fine two-valver for local and distant stations**

## On Your Wavelength! (continued)

### SOMETHING LIKE A SHORT

I HAD a short the other day of such magnificence that it is really worth describing. To appreciate its full glory you must know that I have a flashlamp bulb which acts as a fuse in each of the high-tension leads. I had found the set perfectly normal when I used it during the afternoon, but when I switched on in the evening there was a sudden blinding flash and then silence. Looking at the little panel on which the four fuse bulbs (H.T.— and H.T.+1, 2, 3) are mounted, I saw that the filaments of two of them (H.T.— and H.T.+3) had not merely been burnt out: they had been volatilised. The inside of the glass of each bulb was silvered just like that of a wireless valve after the process of getting with magnesium.

### FINDING THE REASON

NOW, when you get a short like that there is only one way to tackle it; don't go on using the high-tension battery whilst you are tracking it down, or you will give the poor thing such kicks in the neck that you may well finish it right off. Instead, substitute a 9-volt grid battery. Plug in your H.T. leads into its negative and three positive sockets, and put a 1,000-ohm resistance in series with the negative lead. You then reduce the total current that can pass in the case of a direct short of H.T.+3 to 9 milliamperes—which won't hurt the battery or anything else. In this way you can replace your fuses, put a milliammeter in series, and proceed with the work of tracking down what must be an absolutely dead short. So long as you get a reading in the neighbourhood of 9 milliamperes, you can feel sure that a short is taking place. Working in this way, I found that one of the loud-speaker leads had come slightly untwisted and that one single fine strand was touching the earthed metal cabinet of the set. The output filter circuit was unfortunately separately housed. There are two morals to this tale. One is always to have the output filter circuit or output transformer inside the cabinet if you can; the other is that flex leads should always be properly tagged.

### STORM WRACK

THE fuse bulbs, though, were not the only things blown up by this portentous short. There is a milliammeter permanently wired in the common H.T. negative lead, and this was looking very much the worse for wear. Instead of pointing to 0, its needle stood at something considerably below zero, and tests soon showed that it was passing no current. The obvious diagnosis was a burnt-out moving-coil, and I put the instrument aside as probably of no further use until it had had a maker's overhaul. Speaking of overhauls, by the way, I would mention that I have been pleasantly surprised on several occasions when I have sent good instruments up to their makers for repairs. Some time ago I burnt out a 3-guinea Weston instrument and the bill came to 7s. 6d. Don't, therefore, throw away a

burnt-out or damaged instrument unless it is of the cheapest foreign make, in which case it is probably not worth bothering about.

### PROPER PRIDE

I WAS able to repair this milliammeter myself, and I am so proud of the job that I want to tell you all about it. As a matter of fact, it is one that may well come your way, and you can undertake it yourself, provided that you can do rather fine soldering jobs. When I came to examine

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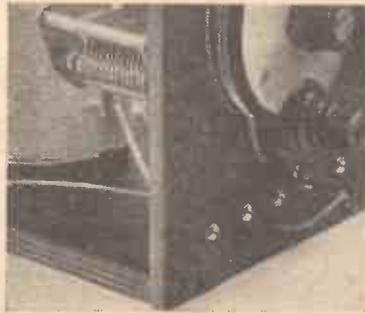
the instrument I found that the windings of the moving coil were intact; the fuse bulbs had saved them. But there are two tiny hair springs; just like those of a watch, mounted one at either end of the pivot. These serve both to convey current to the windings of the moving coil and to return the needle to zero when no current is flowing. One of them was broken not far from its outer end, owing to the violence of the needle's kick when the short occurred.

### HOW THE REPAIR WAS MADE

TO undertake a repair one must first of all remove the instrument from its case, which is easy. You then take out the permanent magnet by withdrawing the securing bolts and, lastly, you withdraw the "action" of the instrument, which consists of a little framework carrying the moving-coil pivot and the needle. To do this you require a jewellers' screwdriver, for the screws are very small. If one of the hair springs is broken near its outer end the

### A WAVETRAPH HINT

If your wavetrapp has a tapped coil, which it should have in order to find the most suitable tuning point, why not bring the tappings out to sockets on the



panel front near the wavetrapp condenser? This has been done in the trap shown here and enables you to change the waveband very quickly.

repairing job is simple. There is a little pillar to which the end is soldered and you will see the broken end fixed to this. Snip it off close with a pair of nailscissors. With a small pair of pliers draw the end of the spring on to the pillar and fix it with a tiny blob of solder. If you haven't a miniature soldering iron, fix a piece of very stout copper wire into a cork, tin the end, and there you are.

### A GRAMOPHONE POINT

WHAT is the best way to stop a gramophone record in the middle? Don't be funny and say "No" or anything like that. One often wants to try a passage over again and then to switch off immediately afterwards without waiting for the record to play right through. Probably this seems rather a silly question. If you want to stop the motor, switch it off, you say.

All very well, but I once heard a ferocious argument because one man persisted in switching off in this manner, while his friend, who was of the superior variety, held up his hands in horror and announced that he was simply ruining his records. Friend A, peeved by the aspersion on his own knowledge, was up in arms at once, and said that it was a darn sight better way to switch a record off than picking up the needle in the middle and probably dropping it on the record or dragging it across the surface. Although B assured him that he was not in the habit of treating his records like this, the fact remains that an occasional slip may result in an accident of the type described, and, after all, one only needs to do it once to a decent record.

### HOW DAMAGE IS DONE

I WAS rather interested myself by this time, because I did not see any reason against switching the motor off and allowing the record to run down. Of course, there is a most unpleasant noise from the gramophone while this is happening because the frequency of the music falls in pitch continually, and the machine certainly sounds as if some damage were being done, but on thinking it over I could not see that there was any justification for the suggestion. Friend B enlightened me on the point by selecting a record on which there was some heavy orchestral work and (with his friend's permission) switching the motor off in the middle of a passage. The resulting noise certainly did sound like a steam-roller going over broken bricks.

I gathered that tone-arm resonances were responsible for the unpleasant noise. If the motor is allowed to run down, then the frequency of the music gradually falls from its normal value to something quite small, and in doing so it passes through all the resonances, not only of the tone arm, but of the soundbox or pick-up. As it goes through each one there is a severe strain placed on the walls of the record groove, and if the record happens to be heavily modulated at this particular point, serious damage may be done. Therefore, it is really better to lift the needle before switching off rather than leave it where it is. THERMION.

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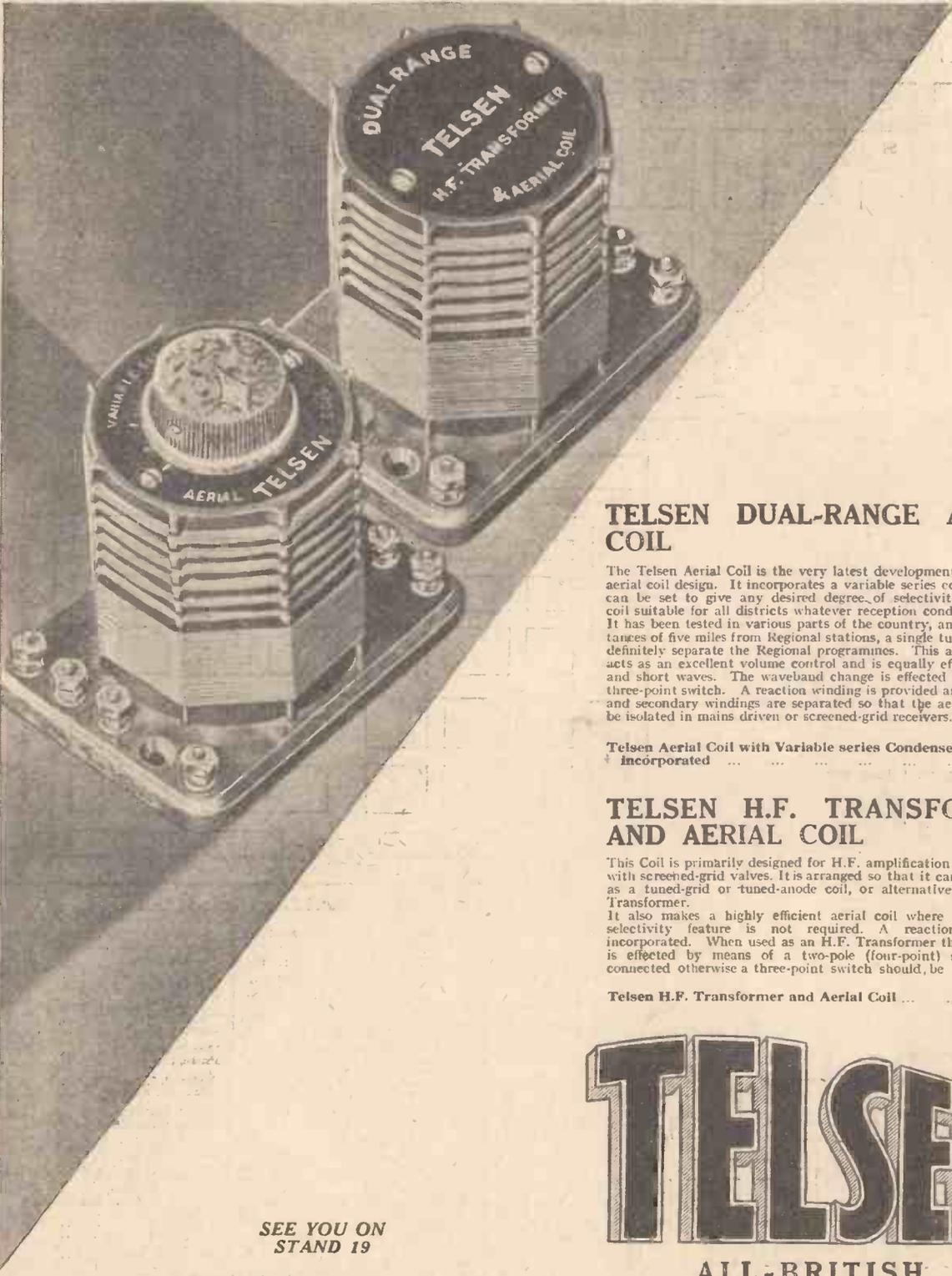
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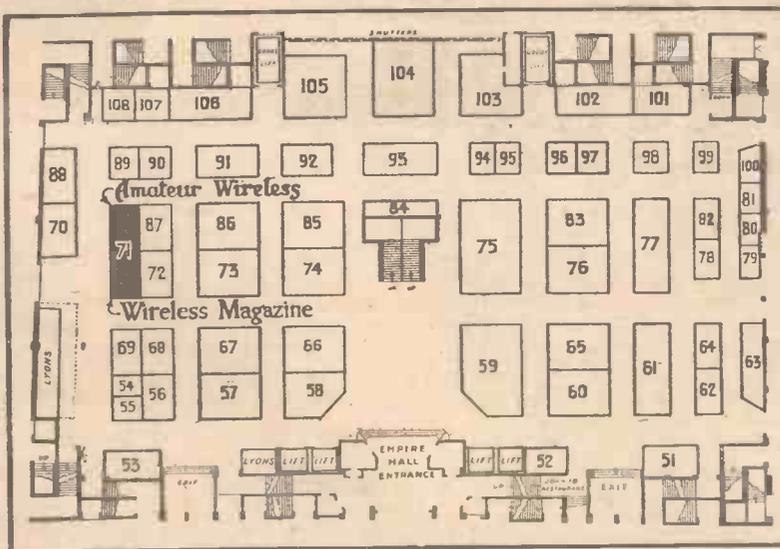
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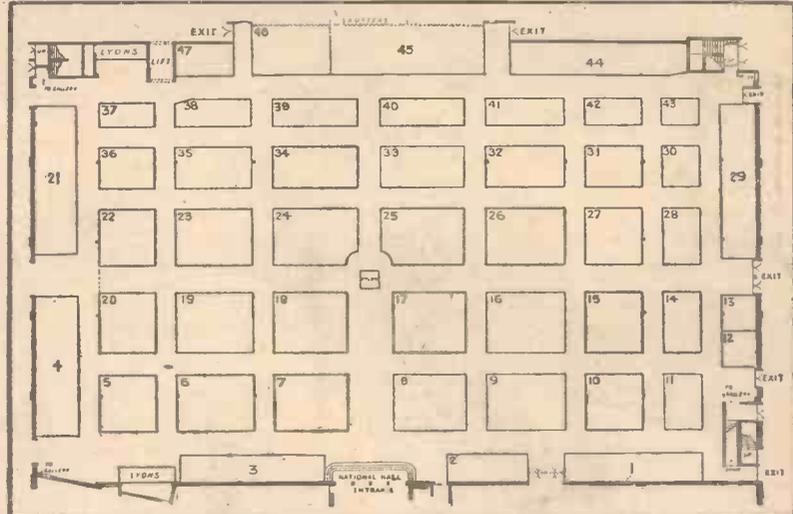
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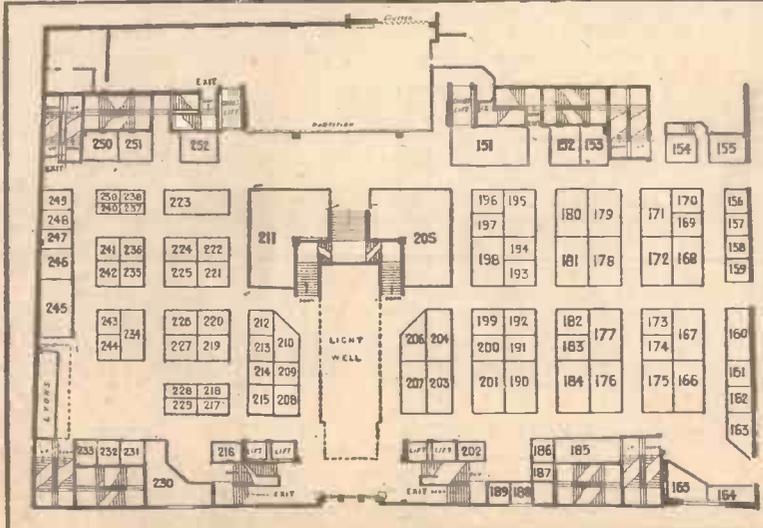
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[It is one way of celebrating her birthday and for the greater part of the afternoon HE has piloted the SWEET YOUNG THING over the two floors in search of the one receiver she is to choose as a gift.]

HE (mopping his brow): "Here we are, darling. You've seen all the best ones. What's your choice?"

SWEET YOUNG THING (abstractedly): I have not yet quite made up my mind, dear, but . . .

HE (consulting leaflets): How does this Automatic Hyper-booster Radiophone strike you?"

SWEET YOUNG THING: Mmm. Yes, but that wasn't the one I—it was the . . ."



His eyes are all for the girl

HE (always anxious to please): "And the Receptive Audion Five? This one, the beauty in the rosewood case?"

SWEET YOUNG THING (wrinkling her brow): "Yes, perfectly dinky, but if I could . . ."

HE (making a final effort): "I suggest the Non-Static Humpodyne Straight Eight. You know, that thing with the chromium fittings and autumn tint oojahs."

SWEET YOUNG THING (as association of ideas has jogged her memory): Was that the name, darling? The one I want, I remember is the—I know, he had lovely blue eyes and such glossy hair!"

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[A number of exhibitors are simultaneously tapping the canned music supplied by the B.B.C. amplifier. Loud-speakers to the North, South, East, and West, from the modest type of naked cone to the ultra-

luxurious cabinet radiogram are participating in the general din. At this stand one of the largest models has been unleashed and the volume of sound emitted staggers the passers-by. Conversation in its vicinity is impossible; the assistants cup their ears with their hands to pick up shouted inquiries fired at them at two-second intervals by curious sightseers. You could not hear the bottom drop out of the market, let alone a fall in prices.]

FIRST VISITOR (sucking at empty pipe to elderly neighbour who clutches at counter as that evergreen number, the Overture to William Tell, starts up): "This is the goods, eh?"

ELDERLY NEIGHBOUR (still holding on for support, but leaning towards him): "What's that you say?"

FIRST VISITOR: "I say, this is the goods. Fine production, what?"

ELDERLY NEIGHBOUR: "Fine. what? Speak up, man."

FIRST VISITOR (shouting): "This is the—well, never mind. (Yells at the top of his voice) Lovely tone, this speaker?"

ELDERLY NEIGHBOUR (shrugging his shoulders, in despair): "I can't hear a word you say with this confounded row going on." (Snorts and staggers over to another stand.)

III

SCENE: An important display close to Exhibition entrance. During the last ten minutes THE GIRL has stood in front of the ultra-modern instruments arrayed on the richly decorated counter. Pretty? Yes, rather. An ASSISTANT some yards away has noticed her, but his services have been monopolised by an elderly, prosaic, and very unattractive couple to whom he has dished out at intervals a full collection of pamphlets, circulars and price-lists. He beckons to a junior, hands over to him the uninteresting job and makes for THE GIRL.

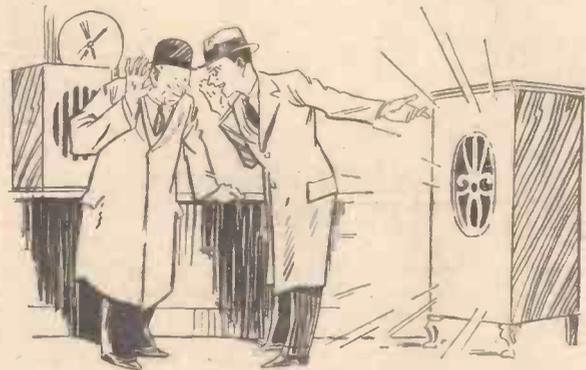
ASSISTANT (switching on the Exhibition smile): "Is there anything I can show you, Moddom?"

THE GIRL: "How very nice of you! Er—would you mind explaining this wireless set because I'm afraid I know nothing about . . ." (A daintily-gloved hand rests lightly on the Pride of the Stand).

ASSISTANT (enthusiastically): "The best in the Show, Moddom. There is nothing equal to it. (Exhibition smile increases in intensity).

THE GIRL: "How lovely! You see, I've been asked to, that is, my brother is so interested in wireless and wants . . ."

ASSISTANT (fully alert): "I am sure this is just what he would choose for himself."



"Lovely tone, this speaker"

THE GIRL: "Has it got a cut out?"

ASSISTANT: "I beg your pardon. A cut out?"

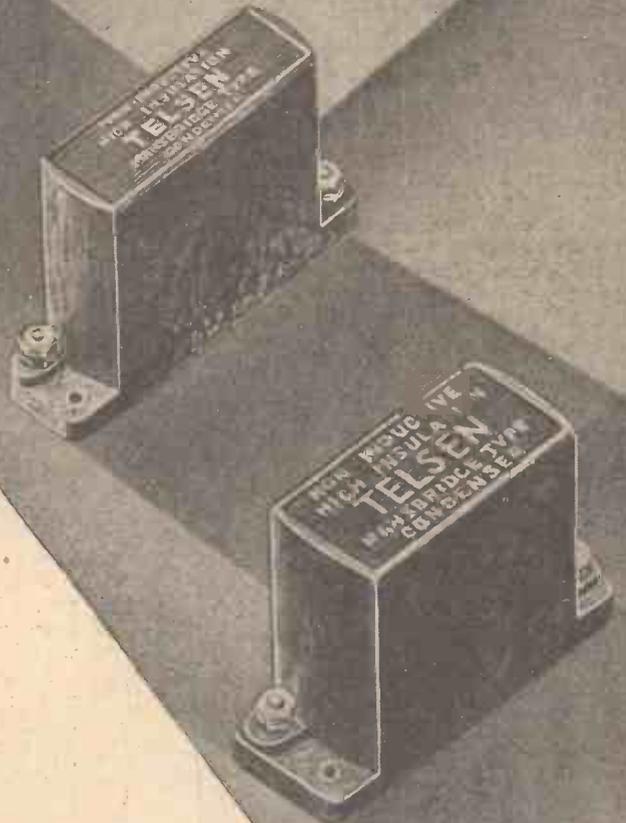
THE GIRL: "Yes, my brother says it must be able to cut out London and get Muck or something. Those foreign names are so difficult."

ASSISTANT (relieved): "Oh, I see, you mean Mutlacker—or is it Moolhacker. Yes, most certainly. You can cut out anything you like easily." (THE GIRL is decidedly attractive.) "All you have to do is to turn this knob which controls a—er sort of filter as I do." (He is not looking at the (Continued on page 556)



"Ah—there you get me chum"

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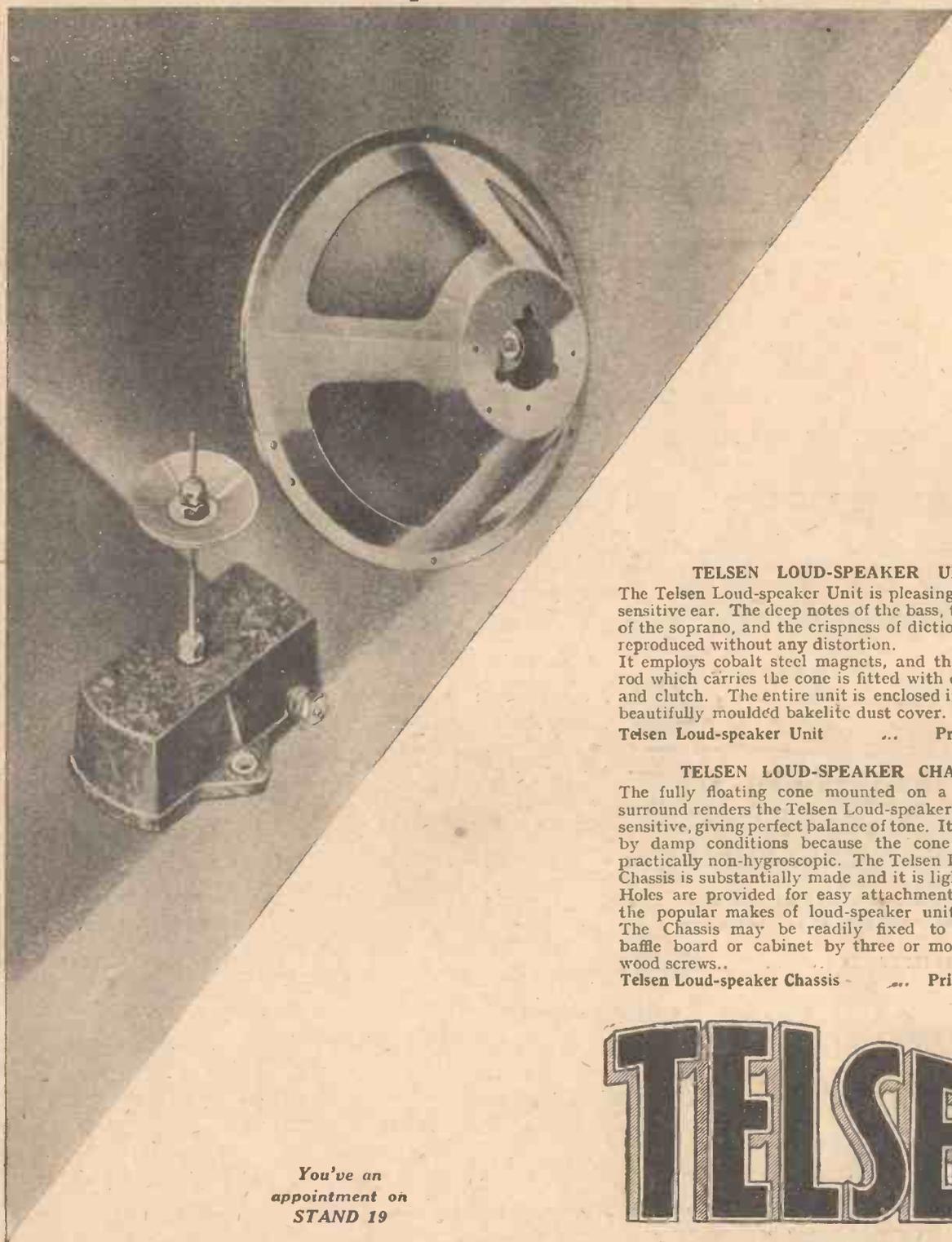
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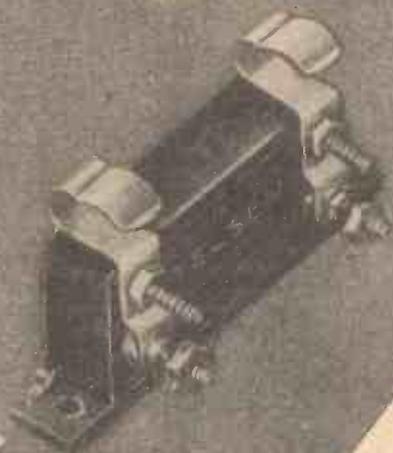
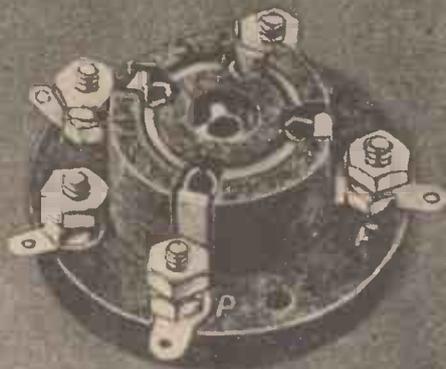
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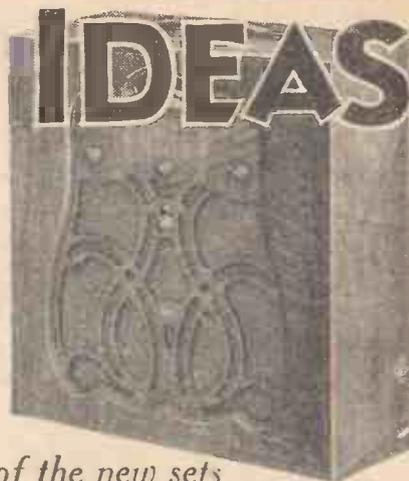
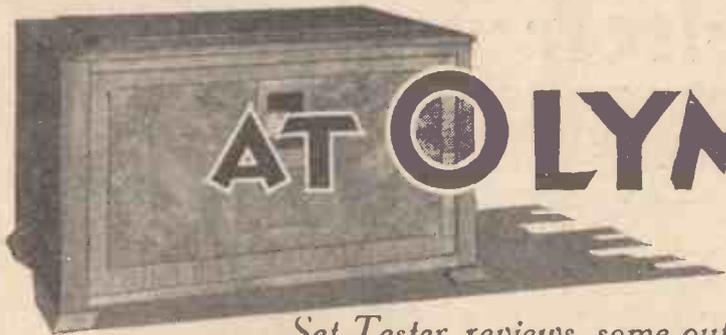
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# NEW RECEIVER IDEAS



*Set Tester reviews some outstanding features of the new sets*

**R**OAMING round this immense Radio Exhibition at Olympia is certainly a thrilling experience, especially to one whose work centres largely on testing British-made sets? In this article I mention some of the points to be noted during a tour of the stands featuring broadcast receiving sets. Naturally I cannot mention even half of the interesting exhibits, but I can record some outstanding impressions.

At Stand 7 is the array of Columbia sets produced by the Columbia Graphophone Co., Ltd. Outstanding in interest is the new model 351, claimed to be the cheapest self-contained high-grade set in existence. Certainly you get a lot for a five-pound note, this being the inclusive price of the Columbia model 351.

It is a self-contained two-valver including the two valves, all the necessary batteries

and a cone loud-speaker with an adjustable unit. This set should prove very popular among listeners wanting cheap reception in regional areas. The cabinet is pleasing in appearance and the controls seem easy to work.

### Simple Control a Feature

I think the Columbia model 352 will attract a good deal of attention. This is a four-valve mains set, price twenty-three guineas, with a handsome cabinet containing a moving-coil loud-speaker. This set has very simple controls, because the action has been eliminated and the volume control is also the on-off switch. Evidently Columbia engineers have concentrated on the popular price market, for the model 333 Columbia pedestal set, with three A.C. screen-grid valves and four tuned circuits is

only twenty-nine guineas. This includes a moving-coil loud-speaker in a walnut cabinet designed on severe but pleasing lines. Columbia radio is self-contained radio at really popular prices.

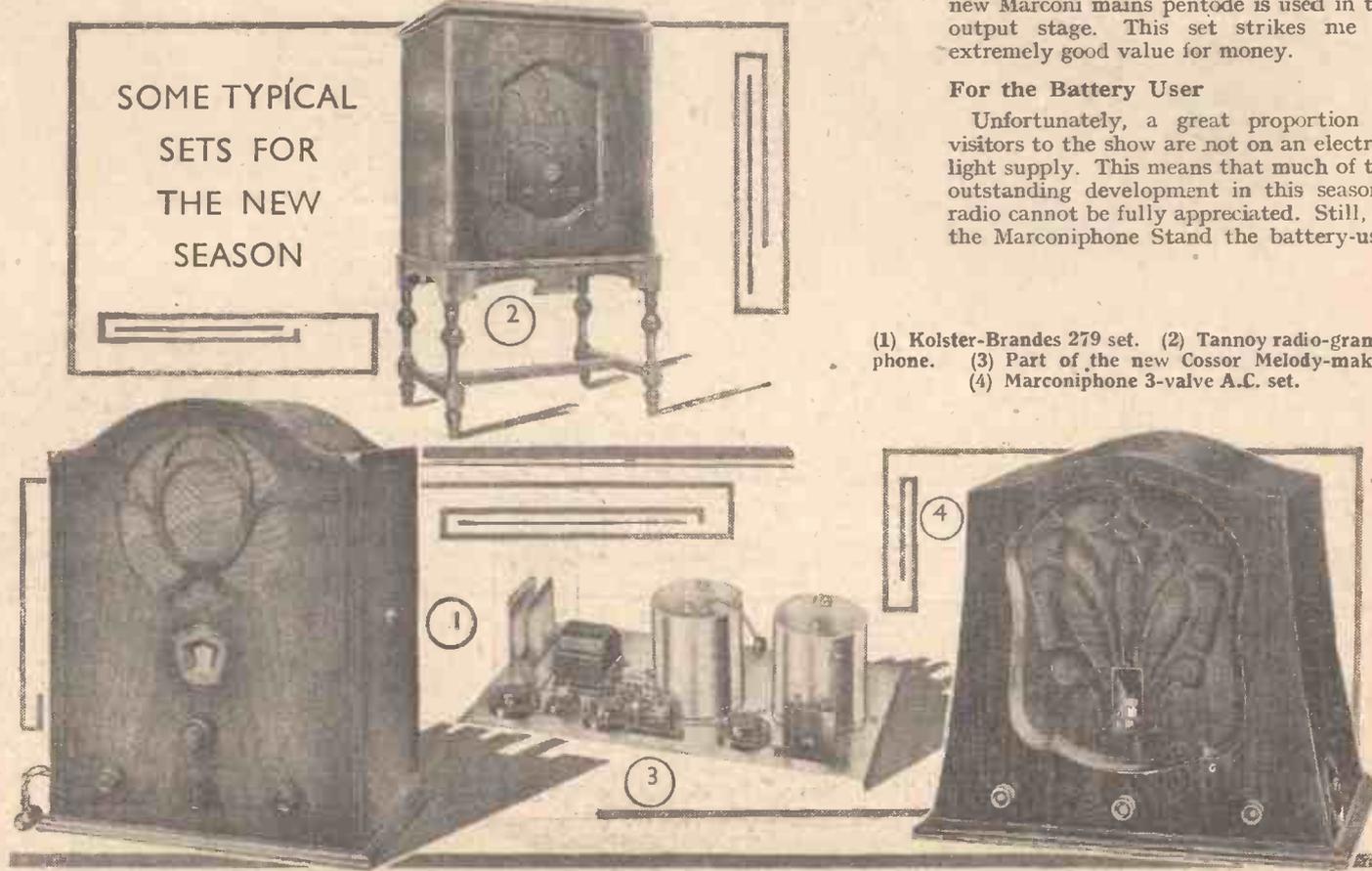
No set-buyer should fail to call at Stand No. 4, where the Marconiphone Co., Ltd., show a very attractive range of new sets. I think probably the Marconiphone model 42 at twenty guineas will attract most attention. This is an A.C. mains transportable housed in a delightfully shaped cabinet of walnut.

Three control knobs are arranged in a line along the bottom of the cabinet, which contains a moving-coil loud-speaker in addition to the chassis for A.C. or D.C. mains. Looking inside the A.C. model one sees that the screen-grid and detector valves are both metallised and that the new Marconi mains pentode is used in the output stage. This set strikes me as extremely good value for money.

### For the Battery User

Unfortunately, a great proportion of visitors to the show are not on an electric-light supply. This means that much of the outstanding development in this season's radio cannot be fully appreciated. Still, on the Marconiphone Stand the battery-user

SOME TYPICAL  
SETS FOR  
THE NEW  
SEASON



(1) Kolster-Brandes 279 set. (2) Tannoy radio-gramophone. (3) Part of the new Cossor Melody-maker. (4) Marconiphone 3-valve A.C. set.

## OUTSTANDING SET FEATURES AT OLYMPIA

will find in model 66, price sixteen guineas, a four-valve portable of great interest. This is so designed that the total anode-current consumption is not more than seven milliamperes. The four-valve circuit provides selectivity for modern requirements, but by the use of specially compensated ganging one-knob tuning is virtually obtained. It is interesting to note that the Marconi PT2 pentode output valve is included.

### Super-hets

An outstanding development is model 535, called the Marconiphone Super Heterogram, a six-valve super-het circuit for radio and gramophone reproduction. The price of this is forty-five guineas, which is remarkably low in view of the specification. This set can be used on A.C. or D.C. mains, thanks to the new range of D.C. valves giving equivalent efficiency to the A.C. range. Gramophone enthusiasts will not fail to see the automatic record-changing mechanism, which, when fitted to the instrument just mentioned, makes model 536 the Radio Autogram at fifty-two guineas.

Graham Amplion, Ltd., show on Stand 75 the Amplion Six, a neat A.C. mains job selling at the popular price of twenty guineas. Looking into this Amplion product one finds that there are two high-frequency stages, a detector and a push-pull output stage. The sixth valve is a rectifying valve, so the Amplion Six is really a four-stage set.

All the controls are mounted on the sides of the cabinet. The single knob on the right tunes the set, working a calibrated tuning scale fitted behind a small escutcheon plate on the front of the set. This set obtains its good quality from the self-contained Amplion moving-coil loud-speaker, which is energised by the D.C. flowing in the mains smoothing circuit. I note with interest the inclusion of a local-distance switch. For local-station reception, anode-bend detection is obtained, but

for distant reception the detector can be switched over to power grid working.

This year Regentone, Ltd., on Stand 22, should prove a centre of attraction for those looking for an inexpensive two-valve A.C. mains set. Price £6 15s. complete, the Regentone A.C. two-valver is housed in a walnut-finished bakelite case. There are three controls on the front, for tuning, volume and wave-changing. A Westinghouse metal rectifier is used and in spite of the low price there is obviously no skimping in the quality of the assembly.

Stand 26 is the location of E. K. Cole, Ltd., where the much talked-of Ekco console set is housed in a figured bakelite cabinet available in three shades—dark jade, mahogany or walnut. The chassis, which is also on view, is a remarkable tribute to the progress made in British set production.

### A New Idea in Dials

The layout of the four valves will appeal to everyone. At the top is mounted the moving-coil loud-speaker. Around the periphery of this loud-speaker is the patent Ekco station-finding dial. One simply turns the pointer to the names of the stations on the dial without worrying about dial degrees or wavelength calibrations.

This set is a good example of how control has been simplified by making one knob do two jobs. The wave-change and radio gramophone switches are combined in the

volume control. An additional control is a tone filter, enabling the pitch of the reproduction to be varied. Often the high-pitched heterodyne interference can be eliminated from reception by cutting off the top notes of the reproduction with this tone control.

The Ekco four-valve Consolette by no means exhausts the newcomers to the Ekco range. For forty-three guineas you can obtain the chassis of the Consolette as a radio-gramophone or for thirty-two guineas as a pedestal type of set.

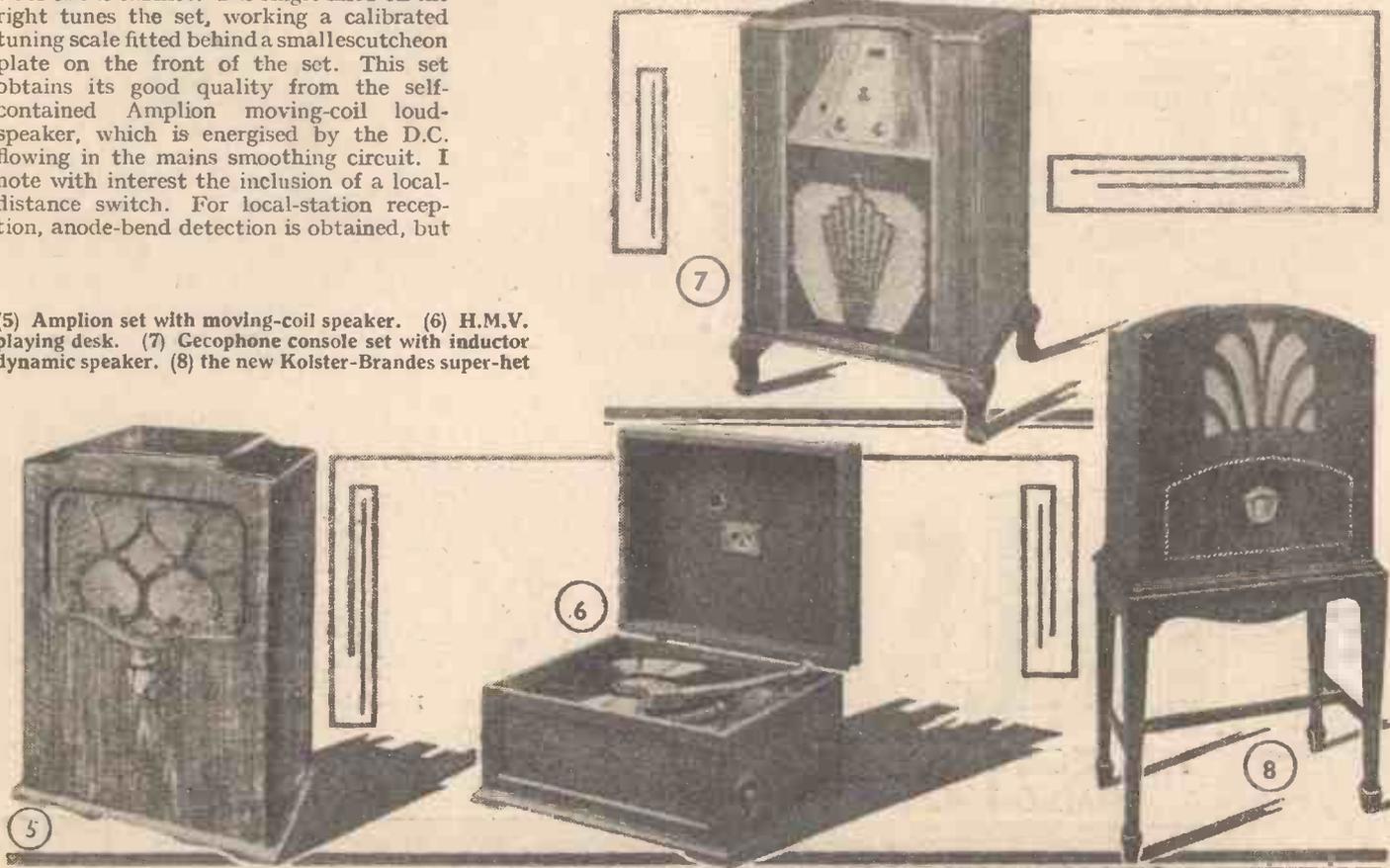
To appeal to the more popular-priced market, the three-valve Ekco Consolette at fifteen guineas has been produced. This also includes a very up-to-date chassis with a self-contained balanced-armature cone loud-speaker. The circuit consists of a screen-grid, detector, and pentode combination.

On Stand 24 the General Electric Co.'s great array of new sets should certainly be examined. One of the most attractive is model BC.3235, a compact A.C.-mains job, price eighteen guineas. The cabinet is very pleasing and the controls certainly look very simple to work. This set includes a Gecophone inductor-dynamic loud-speaker and a powerful three-valve circuit.

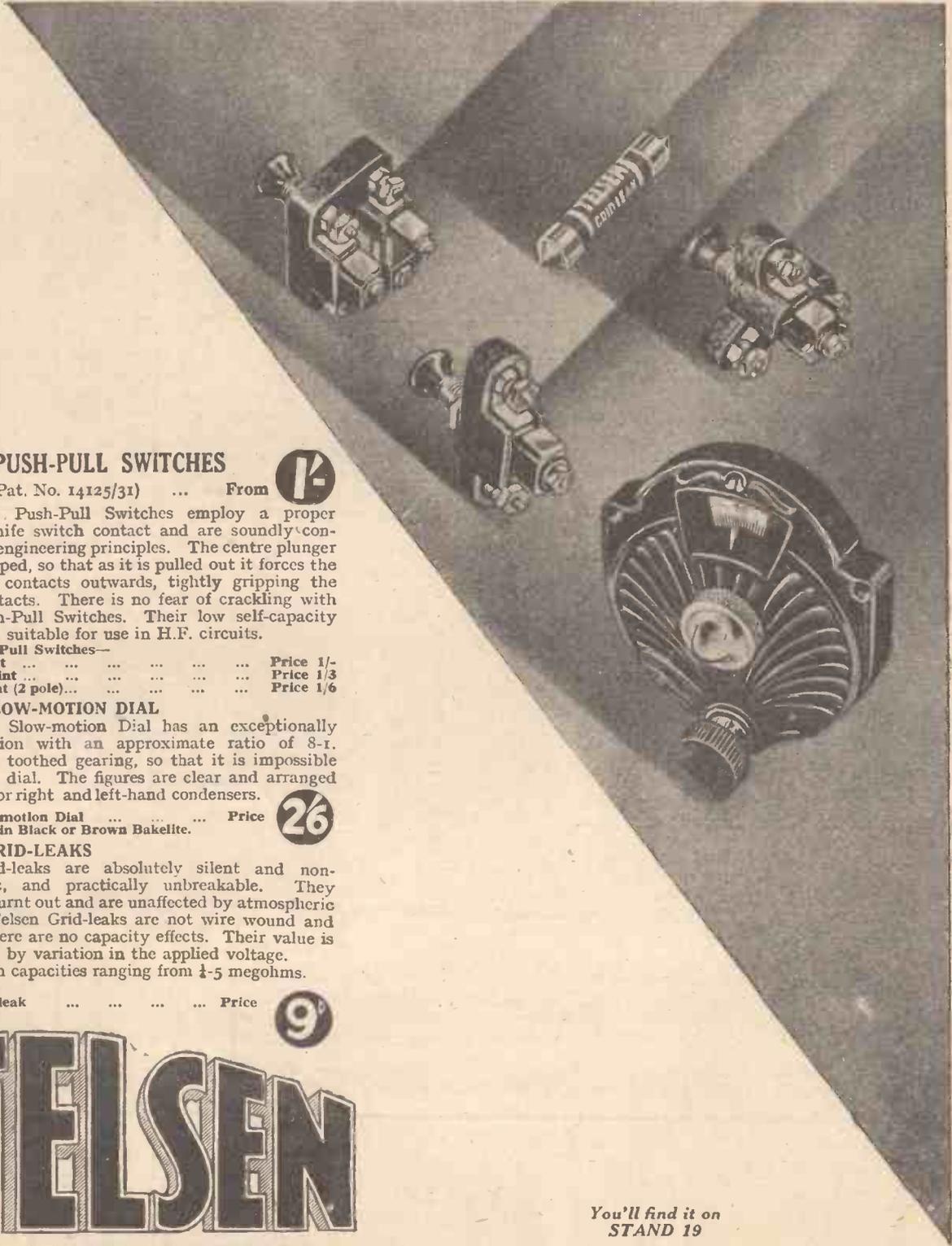
The new Gecophone BC.3240 four-valve A.C. set at twenty guineas is sure to attract the notice of the connoisseur. There are two stages of screen-grid high-frequency amplification, a detector and the new Osram mains pentode output valve. Con-

(Continued on page 540)

(5) Amplion set with moving-coil speaker. (6) H.M.V. playing desk. (7) Gecophone console set with inductor dynamic speaker. (8) the new Kolster-Brandes super-het



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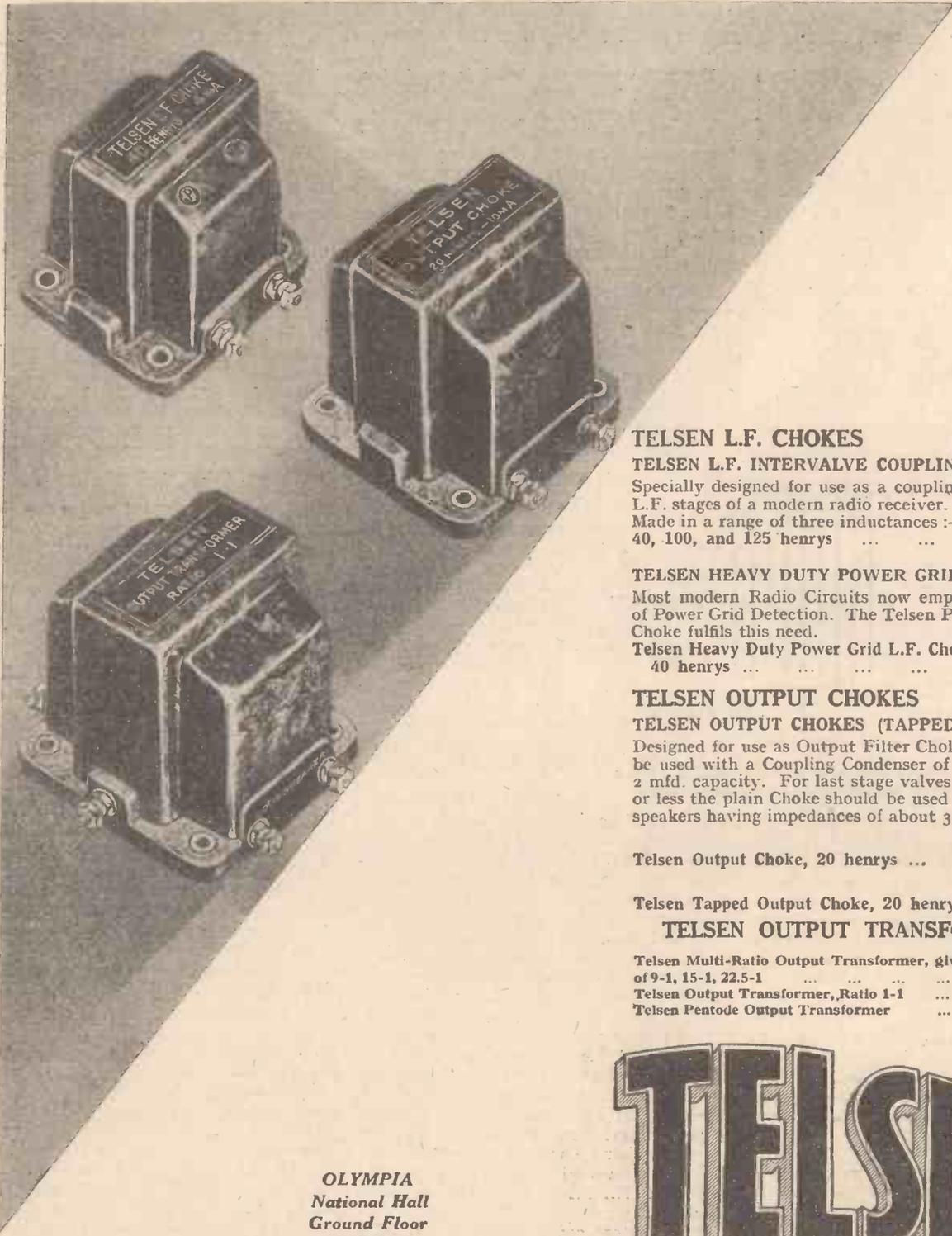
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## THE HOW AND WHY OF TUNING—III

# INDUCTANCE AND CAPACITY EXPLAINED

*The third of a short series of articles on tuning, specially written for newcomers to Wireless. Here the first ideas about tuning are presented. In the articles that follow, "Hotspot" will deal with all the difficulties about tuning that the beginner is likely to meet*

**S**HALL we briefly go over what we have so far learned of inductance and capacity? First, we saw last week that capacity is the property of a condenser. When a condenser is stated to be charged, we know this means that it is storing electrical energy in the form of an electric field of force around the two plates of the condenser.

### Inductance

Secondly, we also saw last week that inductance is a property that may, under suitable conditions, be exhibited by a length of wire, even when it is not coiled. This inductance, we saw, is a sort of electrical inertia. And it is therefore manifested whenever the current flowing through the wire is varied, that is increased or decreased in value. Inductance in electricity tends

For radio work the farad is much too large a unit. This unit capacity is therefore divided into smaller and more convenient units. The most commonly used is the microfarad. Some idea of the smallness of the microfarad can be gauged from the fact that there are 1,000,000 microfarads to the farad. For measuring very small capacities, such as that between the electrodes of a valve, the micro-microfarad is used. This is a billionth part of a farad.

Let us see how these units are found in practice. We have many different capacities in a radio set, quite apart from the condensers used for tuning. The average value for a tuning condenser capacity is .0005 microfarad. Note that this means that the maximum value of the capacity is .0005 microfarad, with a progressive variation towards a minimum that should approach as nearly as possible to zero.

Small though the microfarad is, the maximum capacity of a tuning condenser is only a small part of one microfarad. We could call the capacity 500 micro-microfarads, but as everyone seems to prefer to deal in diminutive fractions of the microfarad unit we must stick to .0005 microfarad!

The very largest condenser used in a set is 4 microfarads capacity, as in the smoothing circuit of a power supply. This is only .000004 farad. So even the largest condenser we use does not even remotely approach the capacity required to create a potential difference of one volt when the amount of electricity is one coulomb. In practice we are not often concerned with the actual amount of electricity, being more interested in the rate of current flow and the potential difference.

The capacity of a condenser is greatly influenced by the nature of the dielectric. We note the different effects of the dielectric by reference to its specific inductive capacity. The S.I.C. value of air is assumed to be one, and the corresponding dielectric effects of other intervening plate mediums, such as mica and paper, can then be indicated. The S.I.C. of air is one and of mica five.

Other factors govern the capacity of a condenser. The capacity is directly proportional to the area of the dielectric strained. If there are a number of interleaved plates, as shown by the diagram, the total capacity is found by the number of dielectric areas, always one less than the total number of plates (see Fig. B).

The capacity is also inversely proportional to the distance of the plates apart. As the plates are more separated the capacity becomes less.

Now for a few more facts about inductance. The unit of inductance is the henry. A coil is said to have an inductance of one henry when one volt is induced across it as the current changes at the rate of one ampere per second. This is simply the working statement arising from the fact, already learned, that when the current through a coil is changing an induced and opposing voltage is set up.

As with the farad, the henry is too large a unit for many of the coils used in radio-frequency work, so suitable sub-divisions are used. Of these, the micro-henry is most common, this being a millionth of a henry.

The formula for finding inductance in henries is too complicated to be dealt with in this series. For our purpose it may be taken that L henries represents the inductance of the coil in the tuning circuit and that C farads represents the capacity of the condenser. Next week we will see the way in which L and C together form an oscillatory or tuning circuit.

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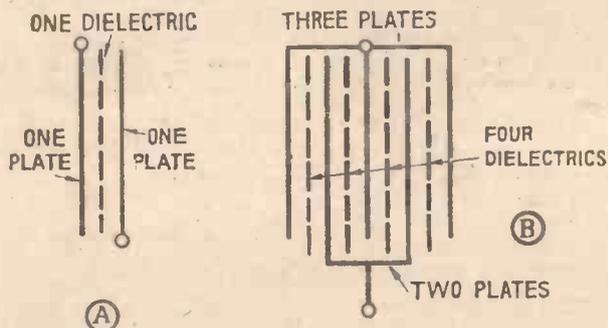
### A BROADCASTING HOUSE EXPERIMENT

**T**HE experiment of making one wall of the children's studio at Broadcasting House of glass has turned out to be a failure. Now an excellent decorative scheme for this studio is in process of completion. There will be an arched roof with pale grey battens. The question arose as to whether these battens would keep clean. Apparently they will, because of the great purity of the air in the Control Tower. Three of the six windows in this studio will appear to look out on to a delightful orchard, and the other three will be mirrors.

### EARLIER TELEVISION

**U**NTIL now the Baird Television transmissions have been sent out on Tuesday and Friday after midnight, but in the near future there will be a half-hour transmission during one of the dance periods, starting at 10.30 p.m. The dance music will continue from the Regional station and the picture signals of the dance band will be sent out on the National wavelength. This should enable amateurs interested in Baird television to obtain more convenient reception on their televisions. It is understood, also, that Baird is to make tests through North Regional transmitters.

Schubert lovers will be interested to know that a recital of Schubert songs by Robert Maitland is the outstanding feature of Midland Regional programmes on September 27.



A. The simplest possible condenser arrangement. B. How the condenser plates are interleaved with the dielectric

to oppose change, just as inertia does in every day mechanical actions.

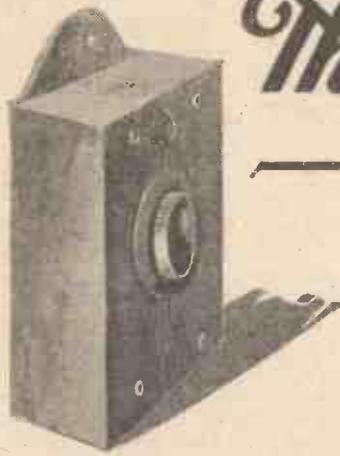
Having grasped the nature of inductance and capacity, readers ought to know something of the units of these two ingredients of tuning. Let us make a start on capacity. All we know as yet is that a condenser consisting of, say, two aluminium plates separated by air as the dielectric, has the ability to store electrical energy.

One of the two plates is at a higher potential when the condenser is charged, so that if the two plates are connected together a current will flow. Obviously, the greater the ability of the condenser to store electrical energy the greater is its capacity.

### Capacity

Capacity in condensers is measured in farads. The farad shows the relation between the quantity of electricity and the potential difference across the two plates. The unit for electrical quantity is the coulomb. This is equivalent to one ampere of current flowing for one second. When one coulomb of electricity causes a potential difference of one volt between the two opposite plates, the condenser capacity is one farad.

# The CRYSTAL SET for 1932



Here are full constructional details of a crystal set which has been designed for utility and efficiency. It is a set that once installed will not require any attention and it is built in a convenient form to hang on a wall

DO you want a really good crystal set? Is your own set out of date or incapable of separating stations? Would you like a crystal set as a stand-by to your main loud-speaker set, so that if anything goes wrong, or if you do not want the loud-speaker working, you have a receiver at hand as a stand-by.

If you can answer "Yes" to these questions, then the simple little wall-type crystal set shown by the accompanying photographs will fill the bill.

You present crystal-set users will like it. It is really efficient, it will separate stations where your present set with (very possibly)

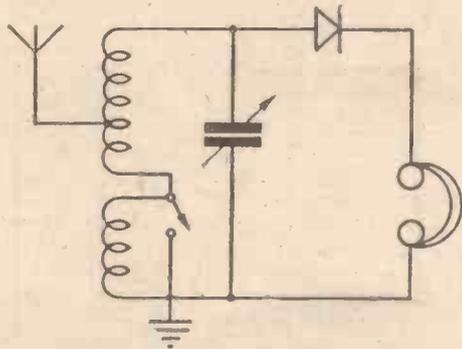
denser. The aerial lead plugs into a socket at the top of the box and the earth connects up at the bottom. There is a plug and socket arrangement at the top of the box, so that the set can be switched instantly from long waves to medium and vice versa.

The preset crystal detector is carried inside the box, where it is out of the way and is not likely to be disturbed after preliminary adjustment.

Using a preset crystal detector in a set of this kind gets over the old bugbear of crystal reception—catwhisker tickling. The special contacts used in a preset detector ensure that one adjustment lasts for a considerable time and there is no need to search for a sensitive spot on the crystal surface.

From the photographs and blueprint (a full-size edition of the latter being obtainable from the Blueprint Department, AMATEUR WIRELESS, 58-61 Fetter Lane, London, E.C.4, price 6d., post free), you will see how the parts are arranged.

The two coils, the condenser, and the crystal detector are all carried on the ply-



The theoretical circuit; the layout and wiring diagram is on the next page

inefficient coils, causes station jamming, and, as it hangs on the wall out of the way, it will appeal to the man who does not want to give too much space to a set.

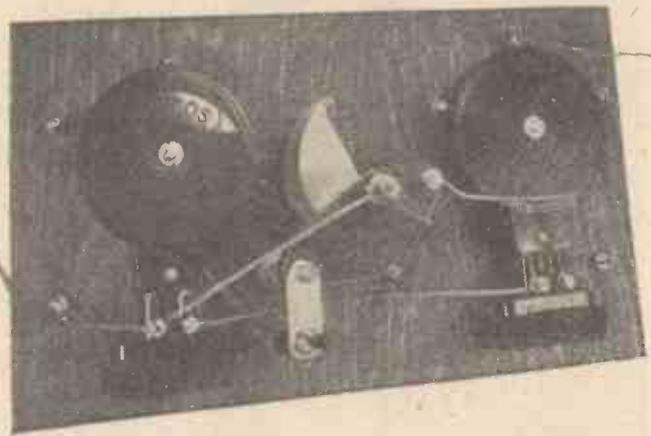
This new set uses plug-in coils, and as most constructors have one or two coils by them, this means that the expense involved in building the little set is trivial.

Look at the photographs and see how the parts are arranged.

The general idea of the outfit is that it is totally self-contained and on the panel the only knob is that of the main tuning con-

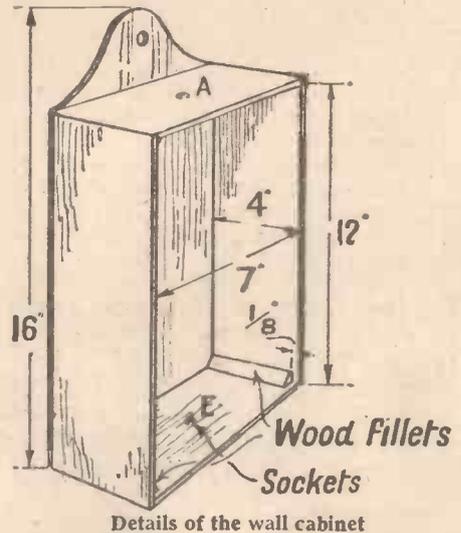
- COMPONENTS REQUIRED**
- 3-ply panel, 12 by 7 in. (Readi-Rad, Peto-Scott).
  - Two plug-in coils, No. 69 and 150 (Lewcos, Atlas, Tunewell, Igranic).
  - Variable condenser, .0005-mfd. (Telsen, Lotus, Readi-Rad, J.B., Lissen, Utility, Formo, Ormond, Burton, Polar).
  - Two coil-holders (Lotus, Lissen, Igranic, Eddy-stone).
  - Permanent crystal detector (Jewel Pen).
  - Six sockets (Clix, Belling-Lee).
  - One wander plug (Clix, Belling-Lee).
  - Jiffifix (Readi-Rad).
  - 4-in. ebonite dial (Bulgin).

A rear view of the set; note the coils for dual waveband reception: the change over is by means of a plug and pair of sockets



wood board which forms the front of the box—the "panel," if such you like to call it. The framework of the box at the back does not carry any of the components and therefore can be made up in almost any shape you like.

A plain rectangular box, with a hook at the top so that the set can be hung on a wall is, without a doubt, the most convenient way. The two coils are carried in ordinary holders which are mounted on their sides, screwed to two small blocks



Details of the wall cabinet

of wood. These blocks should be screwed to the plywood front and the coil-holders are then mounted at right angles on these.

The tuning condenser is mounted on the panel by means of its one-hole fixing nut and the crystal detector is supported on a small metal strip from one terminal of the variable condenser.

This strip is a connection as well as a support, therefore metal and not plywood or ebonite must be used for this. It connects the crystal detector to one side of the tuning circuit.

The plugs and sockets for aerial, earth, (Continued at foot of next page)

# For the Newcomer to Wireless : FILTER CIRCUITS

I HAVE often noticed recommendations to make use of a filter circuit between the last valve of a receiving set and the loud-speaker. Frequently, though, the advice is difficult if not impossible to carry out, since there is not room in the cabinet for such a circuit.

Why not put it outside the cabinet? Can that be done? Yes, quite easily. You can, as a matter of fact, fit an output filter to any set at very small cost and make a neat job of it.

I'd be glad to know how it's done. You require only two components: a suitable low-frequency choke and a good quality 2-microfarad condenser.

Roughly, what should be the inductance of the choke?

For most ordinary purposes a 20-henry choke answers very well indeed, so long as it is designed to carry a load amounting possibly to 20 or 30 milliamperes without any great drop in the inductance value.

Do you mean a constant-inductance choke?

That is certainly the most desirable type for triodes. If you have a pentode valve in the output, I would recommend a choke specially designed for these

valves. This will have a tapping so that valve and loud-speaker impedance may be pretty well matched.

Tell me how these components are arranged?

On the receiving set are two output terminals marked L.S.+ and L.S.—. The first is connected straight to high-tension positive; the second to the plate of the output valve. Wire the choke across these.

And what next? From the L.S.— terminal make a connection with one terminal of the 2-microfarad condenser. And there is your filter complete.

How is the loud-speaker connected up?

One contact goes to the unoccupied terminal of the condenser, the other to the L.S.+ terminal of the set.

Does it matter which loud-speaker lead goes to which?

Not a bit, since there will be no direct current flowing through the loud-speaker windings.

You said just now that a very neat job could be made of an outside filter. Would you mind telling me about this?

A small box will house both the choke

and the condenser. Provide the box with two pairs of terminals, one pair for connection to the output terminals of the set and the other for connection to the loud-speaker. The box can then stand either behind the set or beside it, and there will be nothing to offend the eye.

Is that system suitable for extension wiring in a distant room?

For extension wiring you should always have a filter circuit or an output transformer, for it is most undesirable to allow the line wires to carry direct current at a voltage of 100 or possibly a great deal more. This filter system may be used quite well but actually you can improve upon it to some extent for extension wiring.

How exactly?

So long as low-tension negative of the set is earthed it is easy. We want impulses that have done their work in the loud-speaker windings to get away to earth. Therefore a single wire will suffice for the extension. This wire runs from the second terminal of the 2-microfarad condenser to one terminal of the loud-speaker. The other loud-speaker terminal is then connected to a suitable earthed point, such as a water main or the central heating system.

## "THE CRYSTAL SET FOR 1932"

(Continued from preceding page)



A view of the front of the panel of "The 1932 Crystal Set"

phones, and wave-changing are mounted direct on the woodwork and do not need any further insulation.

When you have mounted these parts, wire them up with the few leads as shown in

the blueprint and then plug in the medium and long-wave coils.

In most districts a No. 60 X-tapped coil should be used for medium band reception and a No. 150 plain coil (without any tapping) for the long wave-band. You do not have to move these coils. The little plug is simply moved from one socket to any to change over from Daventry 5XX to the medium band.

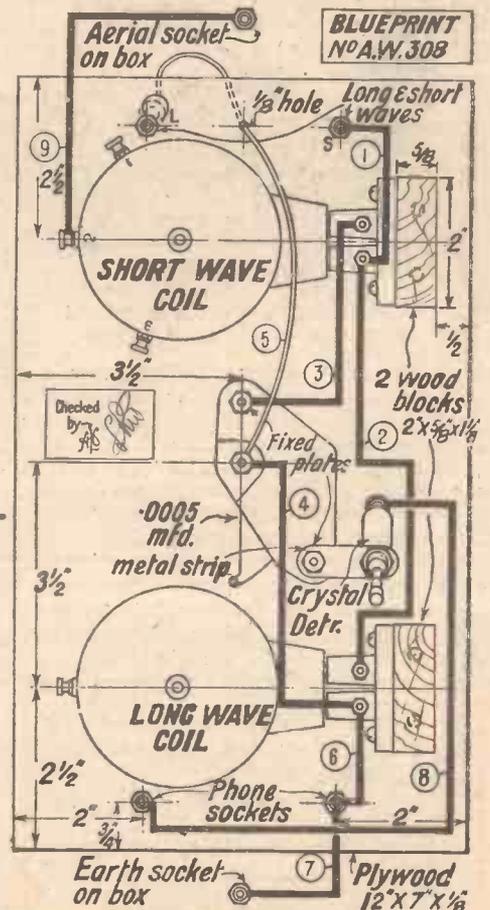
It is advisable not to have the phone leads too long, for this may cause a drop in signal strength. No condenser is placed across the phones in this set, for the mutual capacity between the phone leads is generally sufficient. In some cases, though, it may be an advantage to have a fixed condenser of about .0003 microfarad or even a trifle more across the phone leads to by-pass H.F. currents.

Remember that in this set as with any other crystal sets you must have a good aerial and earth. Hang the set so that the lead-in from the aerial is short and direct.

Be careful that the set is not hung up on any large conducting surface so that the fields of the two tuning coils are upset. If the set were hung up on any metal partition, for instance, the tuning range of the set would be altered because of the metal near the coil.

If it is a choice of having either long aerial and earth leads, or long phone leads, then choose the latter and make the aerial and earth leads as short as possible.

The X-tapped coil improves the selectivity and unless your aerial is of an exceptional length, or unless you are right under the shadow of a big station, then you will have no trouble with one station forming a background to another.



The layout and wiring diagram. A full-size blueprint is available price 6d.

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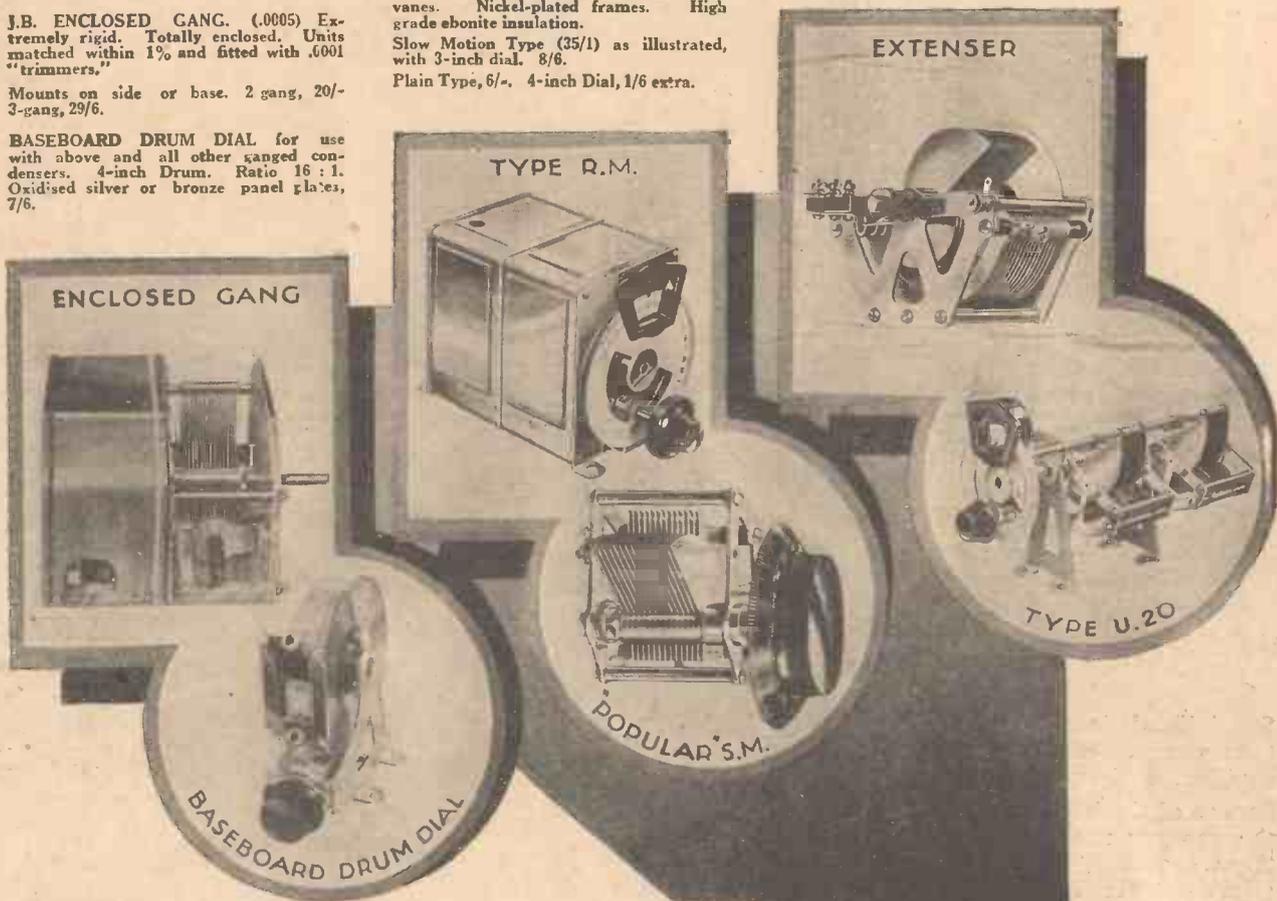
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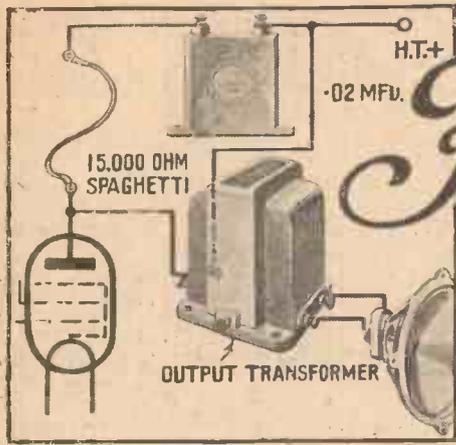
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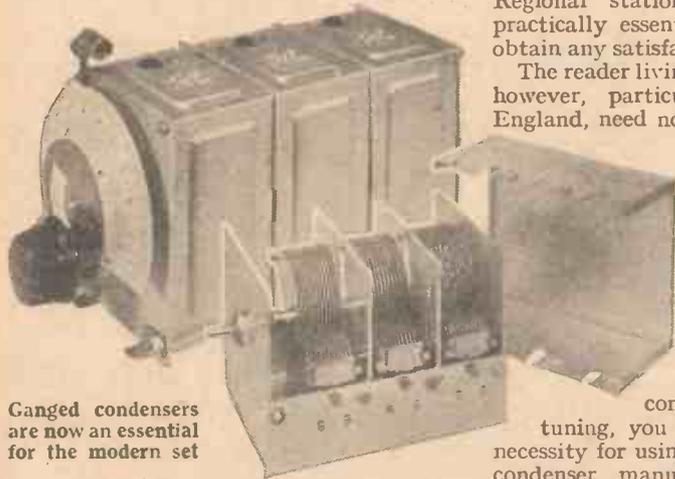


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An output arrangement for a pentode valve

WHEN you go to the Radio Exhibition or read the Exhibition numbers of AMATEUR WIRELESS do you just take pot-luck as it were, or do you adopt some definite plan. The wise man, undoubtedly, has in mind some idea of what he wants to see before he goes to the Show. Unless this is done the general effect is so bewildering that one comes away with very muddled impressions. If, on the other hand, one has been on the look-out for certain particular features, then the enjoyment derived is correspondingly greater.



Ganged condensers are now an essential for the modern set

I do not mean that one should decide to see certain exhibits only. It is clearly necessary to be on the look-out for novelties presented by different manufacturers, but there is no reason why this should not be done even if the suggested plan is adopted.

The novelties likely to be present at the Show have been dealt with elsewhere in this issue. I want in this article to suggest possible lines of thought to have in mind when visiting the Show or, if this is impossible, when reading the reports. Let us consider the matter from the point of view of the man who already possesses a set, and does not wish to incur the expense of a completely new receiver, but is willing to make small modifications here and there if he can improve the performance by so doing.

Let us work our way through from the aerial. Undoubtedly, the most outstanding introduction of the present season will be the range of band-pass tuners which

will be exhibited. If your set is not already fitted with band-pass tuning then I should strongly recommend you to consider it, if you live anywhere within reasonable hail of a powerful station. Do not forget that interference is not confined to our own local stations. Some of the best Continental programmes are interfered with by other European transmissions, and a more selective tuner is of use in obtaining clear-cut distant reception, as well as in cutting out the local station.

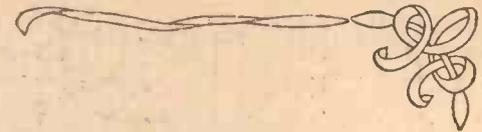
**Band-pass Tuning**

If you live within, say, 20 miles of a Regional station, band-pass tuning is practically essential to-day if you are to obtain any satisfactory reception.

The reader living well out in the country, however, particularly in the West of England, need not trouble with band-pass tuning, and his requirements are more in the nature of distance-getting properties which will be discussed in a moment.

You will do well, therefore, to keep your eyes wellopen for the various band-pass tuners which will be available, and at the same time, if you are contemplating this form of tuning, you must bear in mind the necessity for using a dual condenser. The condenser manufacturers are gradually appreciating the call for this class of condenser, and as public interest grows, so the price and the performance will both become more satisfactory. So look around for a good dual condenser at a good price. Trimmers are not actually essential, but most dual condensers incorporate a small built-in trimmer, which increases the price very little—certainly less than the cost of an external trimmer.

On the other hand, if you are not interested so much in band-pass tuning for the reasons already stated, you may be interested in adding a high-frequency stage to your receiver. If such is the case you should keep your eye open for H.F. transformers, preferably with aerial coils to go with them, because if you can buy a match-



# Features Your Set Should Have

*Our Technical Editor here gives a résumé of the developments in receiver design of the last few months and suggests modifications that can be made to your present receiver*

ed pair of coils you can use gang-control and obtain simplicity of tuning.

Generally speaking a high-frequency transformer that has a separate primary winding or tapping for both wavebands is to be preferred. The simpler types use a centre-tapped arrangement on the short waves, and the full coil on the long wave. Long-wave selectivity is becoming quite a problem to-day, and for best results the long wave should at least be centre-tapped. There are a number of coils which give this effect, and it is for the user to decide whether he will pay the extra cost usually necessary.

Similar remarks apply to an aerial coil. Here it is most important that the tapping for the aerial or the coupling winding shall be specifically designed for each waveband, and shall be changed over when the coil connections are changed. The use of one aerial winding has been shown by experience to be unsatisfactory. It is not practicable to design any one coil which will give the required degree of coupling on both wavebands. Many ingenious means are adopted to overcome this trouble and the prospective purchaser will find con-



The Varley "Square Peak" coil—an excellent type for band-pass tuning

siderable interest in the analysis of the various methods.

What about your detector? Are you still using an R.C. valve for your detector? Under modern conditions this is not a satisfactory proposition because an R.C. valve cannot handle sufficient grid swing.

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# PHILIP RIDGEWAY TALKS ABOUT THE NEW "PARADES"

"WHEN do the Ridgeway Parades start again, what will they be like, and how will they differ from last year's productions?"

Philip Ridgeway stood up to my bombardment of questions!

"As a matter of fact," he said, "I've only just come back from a short holiday before starting on the 1932 series of vaudeville shows. There's plenty of work to be done, believe me, before we face the 'mike' on October 7—the opening night.

## The Same Style of Show

"I have stage and film stars in large numbers as well as hundreds of others, wanting to be in the Ridgeway parades. One reason is that they want work; a very important reason is they want to be the success of the show, and another is they want to be 'produced' by me.

"I have heard, and I am still hearing hundreds of people at auditions. They not only have to sing in and dance *via* the microphone to me, but also have to utter with great feeling and emotion words of affection, love, comedy, and farce, and then to cry! I often have to make a girl cry before rehearsing her. No, it is not cruel, I am a child-sentimentalist. I dare not see a sad play or film. I cry my eyes out!

"I must have only those artistes who are sufficiently sensitive so that I can work through them to give listeners the atmosphere and personality they are entitled to.

"Laughter and crying go together, and in order to make people laugh one must be able to make them cry. It is laughter that I am really aiming at, and one of the successes of the 'Ridgeway Parade' is that we are all a happy hard-working family. I suppose I may now be called the clown. If I can continue to be a successful clown, I shall be happy."

"Is the style of show to be changed much for the autumn series?" I asked.

"I have been asked by numbers of the public of all classes I have come in contact with not to change my style of show," said Ridgeway. "For my own pleasure and for professional benefit, I will say it is always nice experimenting, but I feel we should be deluding listeners if we did not give a typical cheery 'Ridgeway Parade.'

"I can well understand that people like to know what style of show they are going to hear or see, no matter whether it is a Cochran Show, a Hulbert Show, a Charlot, de Beare, or a Ridgeway Show and so on. They are all different, but all reviews and one must change the songs and sketches to the formula and personality of the producer. These make the show—and different



from the others. It is for the broadcast producer to consider and study the likes of his public, not necessarily his own likes.

"I will not depart from my existing type of show. I have refused a very tempting offer from one of the West End managements to do important work apart from broadcasting this autumn, but I have turned it down in order to give time to radio." K.U.

## "FEATURES YOUR SET SHOULD HAVE"

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If you live within ten or fifteen miles of a Regional station you will get well over a volt on your first grid, and if you use a high-frequency stage, the same remarks will apply even at distances of 60 to 100 miles. In fact, foreign stations will probably cause overloading when they are coming in well.

### The Detector Valve

The modern tendency is to use at least an HL and preferably an L valve for the detector. The signal strength is not by any means reduced to the extent one anticipates, and the quality is considerably improved because the valve is capable of handling a larger grid-swing. Your detector circuit should be arranged so that the voltage actually on the anode is at least 50 volts and preferably 100. The higher the voltage on the anode the greater the ability of the valve to withstand overloading, and to a small extent the better the performance. The use of a high voltage on the anode with the grid-condenser rectification system is known as power-grid detection, and this gives very little distortion. You will find a number of chokes specially designed for use in a circuit of this type, and you will find them at various prices.

Valves, of course, have improved tremendously, and you will do well to work

out for yourself the possible difference in amplification which you can obtain even from your existing set without any alteration whatever except the substitution of new valves for the older types. If you do not feel very happy about working this out, go and worry one of the attendants on the valve makers' stand. You will be surprised at the result.

### Output Improvements

When we come to the output side of the set there is room for considerable improvement if you are still working without any output arrangements. One system is the choke-capacity output, in which case your requirements will be a 20- or 30-henry choke capable of carrying the anode current, and a 2-microfarad condenser. A constant-inductance choke is preferable in this position because of the very large voltage variations the choke has to handle. The ordinary type of choke varies its inductance under these conditions, and amplifies the two halves of the speech wave differently. Constant-inductance chokes cost little more than the ordinary type and are distinctly worth while.

An alternative is to use an output transformer. In many cases this will cost you less than a choke-output arrangement, and will give you the additional advantage of being able to match your loud-speaker to your output valve, and so obtain the greatest possible undistorted power output. I discussed the relative merits of the two systems a week or two back, the essence of

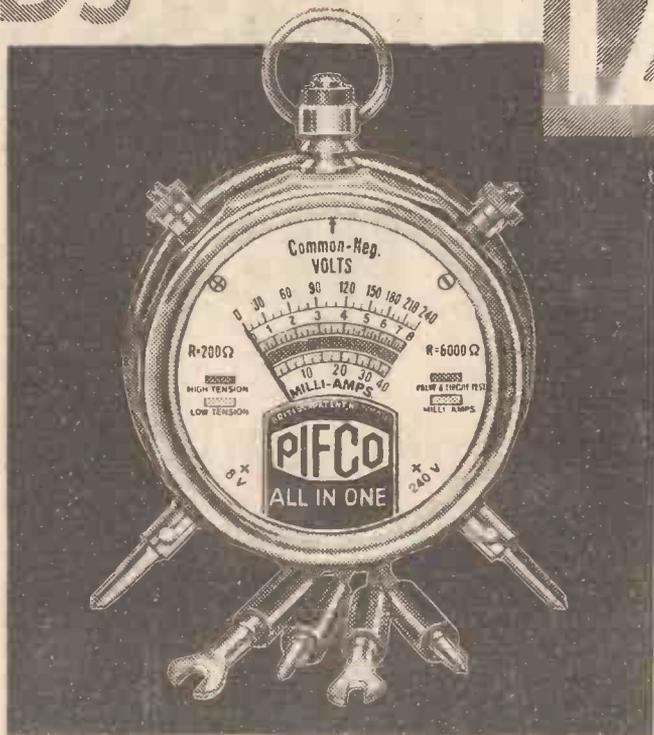
the argument being that a choke output avoided battery feedback, but did not enable matching to be carried out, whereas the transformer enables one to match the valve and the transformer and also gives distinctly better reproduction of transient terms. Thus drums, cymbals, piano music, and percussion instruments generally are better reproduced with a transformer-coupled output.

A point to be borne in mind is that the resistance of the windings must be low, particularly in the case of an output transformer. Other things being equal, the transformer with the lowest resistance windings gives the best performance. A high resistance in the windings causes the voltage on the output to fall off appreciably, giving a definite drop in signal strength when the transformer is inserted. This, of course, is most undesirable, but there are a number of output transformers on the market now which, rather than giving a drop in signal strength, cause a definite increase in the power output obtainable from the set.

These are just a few random ideas on which the reader can work. There are, of course, numerous accessories like gramophone pick-up, tone control, remote control, etc., which cannot be discussed in any detail. Generally speaking, however, look at your set and decide in what respect it requires to be brought up-to-date. You can then visit Olympia with the express intention of seeing what is available in these directions.

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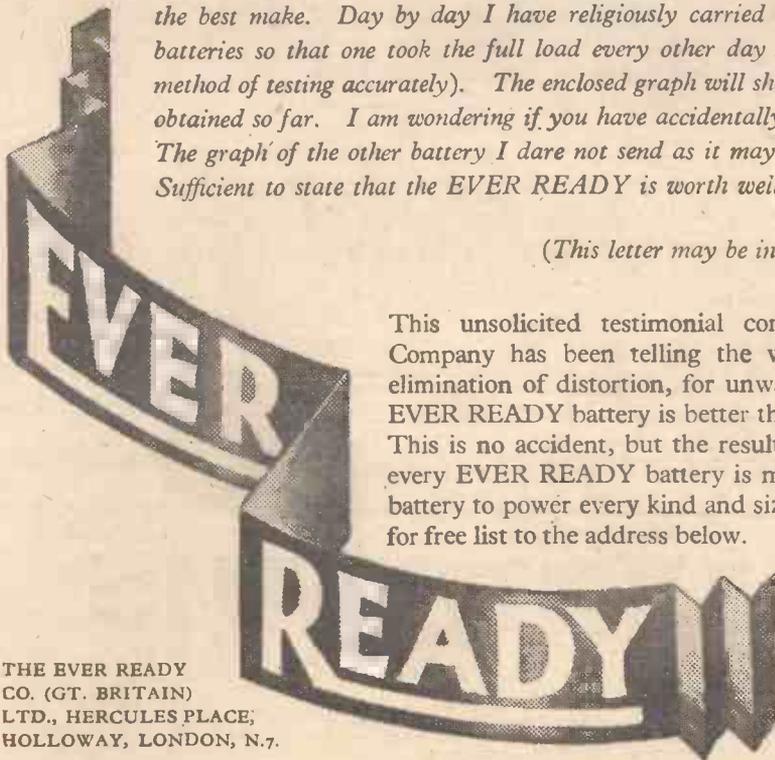
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### Band-passing

**B**AND-PASS tuning is now being included in various commercial receivers and the better selectivity is very noticeable.

A good band-pass tuner does not greatly reduce the strength in comparison with a single circuit properly adapted to the aerial circuit used. But the improvement in selectivity is very noticeable.

Amateurs sometimes find difficulty in obtaining good results over the whole tuning range. This is usually because the circuits are not properly ganged. To gang circuits is easy enough for those who know how, but is really a rather difficult matter unless an instrument is available.

Thus if you have a milliammeter and it is connected in the plate circuit of the detector valve, the signal strength can be noted. Adjustments can be made to the circuits and the change in the signal strength can be seen by watching the pointer of the meter.

Slight changes do not always produce an audible difference in volume. When a meter is used, however, accurate tuning is possible.

### These Cheap Condensers

Cheap condensers cannot always be relied upon to withstand high tensions in excess of about 150.

Those who use dry batteries generally have a voltage not exceeding 120, but when a mains unit is employed the voltage may be well above this figure. The result is that breakdowns often occur.

It is true that the mains unit may be rated at only 150 volts or so, but the pressure may exceed this on occasions, such as when switching on and when adjustments are being made.

A fixed condenser that is breaking down will usually cause noises to be produced at first. After a time the wax will probably run from the condenser and it is possible that the mains unit will be overloaded and start heating.

Condensers having a reasonably high working voltage cost but little more than foreign ones and are well worth having from all points of view. Use the non-inductive type when possible, especially in high-frequency circuits.

They are better than the ordinary rolled type when properly used. Sometimes a noticeable improvement in the tuning is obtained, owing to the greater stability of the circuits.

### Shortening the Aerial

I was trying a set a few days ago with the object of noting differences in the results as the aerial was made shorter.

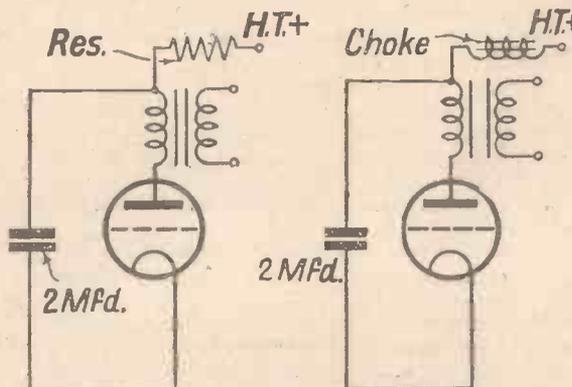
Halving the length of the top part of the aerial made no great difference. The aerial was made shorter and presently the aerial earthing switch was opened. To my surprise the results were best with the short length of wire from the set to the switch.

There was a slight coupling across the contacts of the switch, the aerial being joined to the centre contact and the set to

signals and a reduction in strength is sometimes noticed when a valve having a high magnification factor is fitted after one of moderate impedance.

Care must therefore be taken in using the new valves or you may feel disappointed with the results. They will not deal with strong signals and the maximum voltage must be used.

The so-called power-grid method of detection is not suitable when the valve has too high a magnification factor and no attempt should be made to deal with other than weak signals.



Here are the arrangements described in the paragraph "Curing Motor-boating"

one of the outside contacts. This was shown by the reduction in volume when the aerial was earthed.

I feel that many amateurs use too large an aerial and that some at least of their troubles would vanish were a really short wire used. Alternatively, a very small condenser may be connected in the aerial circuit.

This also helps matters. A capacity of .00005 microfarad is not too small in many instances, but the effect of also reducing the length of the aerial should be tried. This is much cheaper than fitting a special coil or tuner.

### New Valves and Old

About this time of the year we generally find there are new valves, or old types improved, whichever way you look at it.

I have been trying as detector valves having steep slopes and high amplification factors. Speaking generally, these are satisfactory when the input is small. They are sensitive and deal very well with weak signals. The maximum high tension should be applied in order to reduce the chance of overloading, which spoils the quality.

These valves are not good for strong

### Curing Motor-boating

A point worth remembering when trying to cure motor-boating and the value of the usual resistance cannot very well be increased because of the loss in high-tension involved, is that a choke may be used.

It is connected as shown in the accompanying diagram. A good choke is necessary, having as large a value of inductance as possible at the current being passed. The choke may also be used in series with the resistance, but this will only be necessary when its inductance value is small.

The advantage of a choke coil in the case of a resistance is that the D.C. voltage drop across it is quite small and that therefore the actual anode voltage of the valve is greater because of this.

In some circuits a large de-coupling resistance cannot be used owing to the limited amount of the high-tension available. With a small resistance and a larger condenser than usual, such as 4 microfarads, effective de-coupling may be obtained. But when this arrangement fails the choke method should be adopted.

### Illuminating Dials

Many tuning condenser dials have a fitting for a small bulb which will illuminate the scale. This is a feature which adds to the attractiveness of a set and in the case of a mains driven arrangement the lighting of the bulb presents no difficulties.

There are bulbs rated at 4 volts and taking currents of as little as .1 ampere up to .5 ampere. The bulb may be wired across the heater circuit and as the current is relatively little in comparison with that taken by mains valves, the extra load upon the transformer is negligible.

Ordinary flash-lamp bulbs may burn out quickly if used, as they are rated at 3.5 volts as a rule.



# EXIT THE SIX-VOLT VALVE

Considerable changes have been made in the characteristics of valves within the past few months, with the result that many one-time popular types are becoming obsolete. This article is a review of the present position by J. Pross

THIS is the time of year when valve manufacturers launch the majority of their new types, and examples which have already been issued show that we are to have still higher efficiencies for next season. For instance, there are 2-volt power valves with conductances of 3.85 and 4 milliamps per volt, general-purpose types reaching 2.0 ma/v, A.C. valves having the extraordinary figure of 7.5 ma/v, an A.C. pentode at 4 ma/v, and by the time these notes appear it is likely that we shall see one or more 4-volt super-power triodes, designed chiefly for A.C. operation, passing the 6-ma/v mark.

These advances serve to emphasise the remarkable change which has occurred in the distribution of valve efficiencies. Ask the average man which range of valves he would choose for performance and he will probably say "six-volt"—an almost instinctive thought created by the fact that from the earliest days, 6-volt valves have been used by the experts.

### The Passing of an Old Favourite

But, although two years ago he would have been correct, to-day he is hopelessly wrong—the 6-volt valve is now in most cases behind its 2- and 4-volt rivals, to say nothing of the new A.C. mains types.

The war is not confined to the general purpose or small power types, but is carried right into the very stronghold of the "sixes"; the higher power class, in which they stood alone, is now commanded very overwhelmingly by a host of new "fours," and when we turn to pentodes, the downfall is complete—there are no 6-volt pentodes with characteristics as good as those of their 4-volt equivalents.

An analysis of the position is given here in the form of a simple table. In the first section the valves are grouped in four recognised classes and the figures quoted for the best specimens under each filament heading. As a basis of comparison the mutual conductances and impedances are given.

Since the mutual conductance, or "slope," is simply the ratio of the magnification factor

(M) to the impedance (R), it is a simple matter to calculate M if desired. Its value is given by

$$M = \frac{\text{Conductance} \times \text{Impedance}}{1,000}$$

Power valves (and pentodes) are grouped in a slightly different manner. The basis of comparison here is the available undistorted output, rather than the impedance, for a power valve's job is the conversion of the input voltage swing into power in the loud-speaker winding, whereas in previous stages we are aiming at a voltage magnification from one grid to the next. The mutual conductance, however, remains a useful criterion of efficiency as between valve and valve in the same class.

The main features which emerge from these figures are:—

(a) In the screen-grid, general-purpose, and small power classes the indirectly heated valves are far ahead of the battery types in efficiency, being followed by the 2-volt class (a long way behind), the 4-volt class (not much behind the 2-volt), and the "sixes" last.

(b) In the larger power types, the 4-volt class is well ahead of the 6-volt, the others being nowhere.

The reasons for the higher efficiency of the I.H.C. types are fairly well known, but why should the hitherto humble twos shine so brightly, and whence come the super fours?

### The Changes in Brief

The main clues to the change are three in number.

1. The popularity of 2-volt valves in this country, and of the 4-volt types on the Continent, has concentrated the work of development on these classes.

2. The popularity of A.C. valves is increasing, and since for these 4 volts has been standardised, there is a concentration on corresponding power valves.

3. The resulting filament techniques favour the lower voltages as against the 6-volt and 7.5-volt types.

The last is really the outcome of the other two, being the natural result of the experts' following of popular opinion. In order to obtain higher characteristics in the 2-volt series, the filament has steadily been lengthened, until in the majority of cases it takes the form of an "N" or "M". This is necessary in order to obtain the maximum amount of surface area. Obviously a long, fat filament is going to run cooler than a short, thin one with the same energy consumption, so this change is only made possible by the new processes of coating which provide a copious emission at comparatively low temperatures. In certain valves, where rigidity is important (i.e., valves for use as detectors), a long V filament is used as this is rather easier to support and tension to any required degree.

Now, these filaments are already so long for 2 volts that their use for 4 and 6 volts presents serious mechanical difficulties. Consequently other techniques are necessary, and until the demand for these higher voltages—in the battery types, of course—justifies the work, it looks as if the main trend of improvement will still be in the popular 2 volt series.

The 4-volt class is better off than the 6-volt because of its popularity on the Continent, and it therefore competes with our 2-volt range very closely in the smaller types. It is doubtful, however, if it will ever oust the "twos."

When we come to mains valves and high-power valves, a moment's inspection confirms the feeble state of health of our old 6-volt friends and the exceeding robustness of their 4-volt rivals. It is all due to the arrival of the I.H.C. class with its 4-volt heater, for although we were willing at first to put an extra winding on the power trans-

former in order to get 6 volts for the existing output valves, it is obvious that manufacturers would not do this indefinitely. So again work has been devoted to 4-volt super-power development, and as these are specially for the mains, they can be designed with more liberal H.T. and L.T. consumption, thus making possible higher M/R values than ever.

Type	2-volt	4-volt	A.C. and D.C.	6-volt
Screen-grid	1.75—200,000	1.0—250,000	3.75—200,000	1.0—200,000
High Impedance (over 25,000)	1.2—41,600	1.4—25,000	—	.8—60,000
Medium Impedance (over 12,000)	2.0—14,000	1.4—18,000	5.0—17,000	1.3—20,000
Low Impedance (over 6,000)	2.0—7,500	3.0—8,000	2.5—8,000	2.0—7,500
Small Power (under 200 m.watt)	4.0—150	3.0—170	—	3.0—170
Power (under 500 m.watt)	3.7—350	3.5—330	4.2—350	3.5—330
Power (up to 1,500 m.watt, 250 volts max. H.T.)	—	5.5—1,000	7.5—1,250	2.7—1,100
Power (up to 5,000 m.watt and 500 volts H.T.)	—	6.0—5,000	—	2.6—5,000
Pentodes (under 500 m.watt and 200 volts)	2.0—400	2.0—400	—	2.0—400
Pentodes (under 1,500 m.watt)	2.5—1,100	2.0—1,500	—	1.8—1,500
Pentodes (over 1,500 m.watt)	—	3.0—4,000	4.0—1,900	—
	—	4.0—8,000	—	—

Note: A.C. and D.C. class includes only indirectly heated types.



# OUR BROADCAST CRITIC

## TALKS ABOUT—RADIO PLAYS

**D**EPRESSION Over *Fairyland*! It was timed for 8.50, but Mr. Snowden came to the microphone that evening and the play was broadcast earlier. Even so, surely 8 o'clock is a little late for children of four and five years of age? I say, B.B.C., you must not keep the babies up to that hour. I am surprised at you.

But wasn't it a scream? I think that play was the funniest thing I ever heard broadcast.

I roared at the funny man who said "Don't poke me in the ribs," but I nearly passed away when the other funny man said, "Don't poke me in the ribs." He said it quite differently from the first funny man.

Then he said—I roared again at this—"Ribs? I don't believe you've got any ribs." I think he called him a great, fat thing, but I was so overcome that I scarcely heard what he did call him.

I simply loved the bit where the first funny man said something about giving the second funny man a nice pair of fairy wings like a red admiral.

And then the second funny man pretended to cry, and said he didn't want any fairy wings, because he couldn't get his clothes over them. Oh, dear! I thought I should never get over it.

I feel it my duty as a critic to beg the B.B.C. to give us a lot more of these funny fairy plays; they are just the thing for our intellect!

I nearly went upstairs and woke my little boy. He is ten. I decided not to in the end; I think he would have found it a little too juvenile.

Talking of plays, I was genuinely held by Laurence Housman's *Consider Your Verdict*. Congratulations, sir! You evidently understand microphonic writing.

I am sorry they did not play it better for you, but your characterisation and strong lines overcame their defects.

I think Mr. Snowden used his opportunities as he should have used them. He made me awfully sorry about the Budget, and I felt I wanted to pay the deficit out of my own pocket.

It was a splendid speech. There was something English about the sentiment of it that must have found response in many homes.

Thelma Tuson's voice appealed to me very much, but I can only give her fifty out of a hundred for her words; every other one missed. Will she please do something about it for her next broadcast?

The Haydn Wood programme was also quite attractive as music. I hate ballads, really; but I do honour H.W. for his gift of melody. I think an occasional broadcast of his works should be very acceptable.

Another singer who is not very high in my diction class is Gladys Ancrum. I like her voice, and I think she took some trouble over her words. All the same, they did not come through.

One of the purest voices I have heard lately is that of Astra Desmond, to whose singing I have always listened with pleasure. She also scored quite well in the matter of her words; about 80 per cent came through.

Still, if broadcast song is to give the pleasure it is intended to give, the standard must be higher than that. I should like the B.B.C. to make experiments; I could devise a good many that would subject each singer to a searching test.

How did you get on with the Twenty-five Minutes of the Vaudeville Instruments? Vibraphones, Wobblyphones, Infernophones, all did their deadliest. I stood up to twenty-five seconds of each of them, and considered I did well.

Syncopated piano solos, I find, have a very bad effect on me; I cannot imagine anything more boring. Still, I suppose *someone* was pleased.

Talking about piano playing—I mean of the right type now—something ought to be done about the position of the piano at Queen's-Hall. It is too near the microphone.

Not for one moment, though, do I suggest that this fact is responsible for all the bad tone we have had through from the Proms. this season. There has been some very noisy playing.

As a devoted student of Pachmann's method of playing, nothing sends the blood to my head quicker than the thumper. I am going to have a "broadcast hospital" in these columns for pianists infected with *crashbangococcus*.

While I think of it, I want more of Cyril Smith as a pianist. He seems to possess a technique withal, and certainly has ideas of what piano tone should be. He does not emulate the child who, when asked what the sign *fff* meant, said, "Fump, fump, fump." For all of which I, personally, am duly thankful.

A word on such dance bands as I have been able to hear. I think I will not mention names this week, as I do not wish to appear discourteous to any individual singer.

On the other hand, I wish to register a vow to be very rude if *all* our dance refrains continue to be sung with these adenoidal voices.

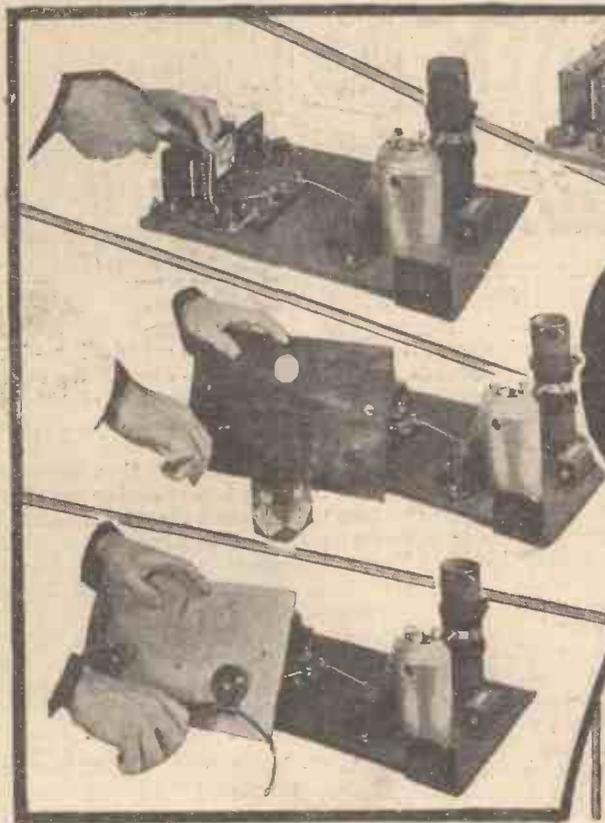
Why, also, must they all have a touch of American twang in their announcements—and in their text, too? Why cannot we have standard English in these things?

In my notes in the September 5 issue, I commented upon Miss Megan Thomas's voice and spoke of her interpretation of Tchaikovsky. In a sense, I must confess that I owe Miss Thomas an apology, not for anything I said about her singing, but because I was criticising her in my capacity of a broadcast critic, whereas on the actual occasion I was comfortably seated at the "Prom." itself. In committing my impressions to the written word two days later I entirely overlooked that I had heard Miss Thomas in person, and by a curious trick of the memory supposed that I had listened to her over the broadcast. By the strangest of coincidences, Miss Thomas's song was not broadcast on that occasion. And why? It had been cut off to give time for Mr. Ramsay Macdonald's speech on the National Crisis. What apologies I owe, I tender freely.

WHITAKER-WILSON.



Miss Ella Retford in cartoon



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**C**HEAP in initial outlay, extremely easy to build, economical in running and capable of fine results; that is how one must sum up the "Olympian Three," the "A.W." special production to coincide with the National Radio Exhibition at Olympia.

That it is cheap in initial outlay can be seen from the list of components given and from the photographs which show the general arrangement of the parts.

This week it will be explained how the "A.W." Technical Staff justifies its claim of extreme simplicity in construction for the "Olympian Three." As "construction" in this set simply implies screwing the various parts down to the baseboard and connecting a few wires, this job is certainly well within the capabilities of every handy man who can use a screwdriver and a pair of pliers.

### No Panel Required

There is no real panel, and this again simplifies the construction. In most sets there is an ebonite or heavy plywood panel which has to be drilled and in the case of ebonite this often presents difficulties to a novice, who finds that the material splits if too much pressure is applied to the bit.

A plywood panel is a much easier thing to work with, but the difficulty is that it is not always easy to get a good finish on the woodwork, at least comparable with that of a shiny ebonite panel. Here both troubles have been overcome.

The actual wooden front of the special cabinet used supports the on-off switch, reaction condenser, and volume control. The spindles of the wave-change rod of the

the escutcheon plate of the main tuning condenser.

On the blueprint and scale plan there is a small plywood panel indicated which is for the purpose only of supporting these parts while the set is wired up. It is then removed and used as a drilling template, if necessary, for the wooden front of the cabinet to which the various components are clamped direct. Any piece of scrap plywood will therefore do for this front "panel" while the set is being wired.

If you have not yet bought all the parts for this set then see the detailed component list in which the first-mentioned parts are those used in the set shown by the photographs and the alternatives are parts chosen of approximately the same electrical value and having as near as possible the same drilling and mounting centres.

The full-size blueprint, which can be obtained price 1s., post free, from the Blueprint Department, AMATEUR WIRELESS, 58-61 Fetter Lane, London,

two coils and of the three-ganged condenser are carried through the wooden front which also supports

E.C.4, will be found of great assistance to intending constructors.

The small-scale reproduction can be used provided you do not mind the slight additional trouble of measuring off the parts from this by means of a scale, but, of course, it is much easier to work with the full-size print.

With the print for the "Olympian Three" you have only to place this on the baseboard and prick through the holes for the mounting screws. At a later stage the print is also a help in showing exactly where

### COMPONENTS

Three-ply wood panel, 11 in. by 7 in., and seven-ply baseboard, 16 in. by 10 in. (Camco, Peto-Scott, Readi-Rad).

.0005-mfd. triple gang variable condenser with slow-motion dial (J.B., Utility, Lotus, Polar).

.0003-mfd. reaction condenser (Lotus, Telsen, Readi-Rad, Polar).

50,000-ohm potentiometer (Sovereign, Watmel, Lissen, Colvern, Wearite).

Three valve holders (Wearite, Telsen, Lotus, Goltone, Lissen, W.B., Formo, Graham-Farish, Benjamin, Clix).

Dual range Square Peak aerial coil, and dual range H.F. inter-valve coil (Warley).

Special .04-mfd. fixed condenser (Dubilier).

S.G. valve screen (Peto-Scott).

Binocular high-frequency choke (Telsen, Watmel).

Three .0002-mfd. fixed condensers (Lissen, Telsen, T.C.C., Goltone, Dubilier, Formo, Graham-Farish).

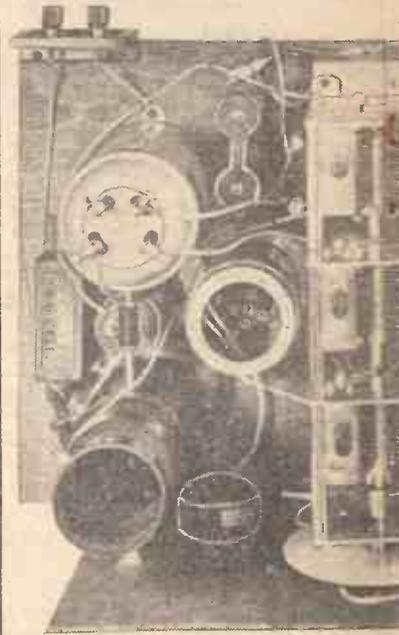
Grid leak holder (Readi-Rad, Wearite, Bulgin, Goltone, Lissen, Dubilier).

2-meg. grid leak (Dubilier, Telsen, Lissen, Sovereign).

Filament switch (Busco, Bulgin, Telsen, Graham-Farish, Goltone, Readi-Rad).

High-frequency choke (Readi-Rad, Telsen, Goltone, Lissen, Bulgin, Lewcos, Wearite, R.I., Graham-Farish, Sovereign, Burton, Varley).

Low-frequency transformer ratio 7 to 1 (Telsen "Radiogrand," Lissen, Gra-



This plan view shows all the components accompanying li

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created immense interest among new constructors about the "Olympian" body constructional tips

the wires are placed, and how they are connected from point to point. Experienced constructors may be able to wire directly from the circuit diagram, but beginners will most certainly prefer to use the blueprint, where they will find each lead in its proper position and not merely indicated in theoretical form.

There is nothing like carrying out the construction in a systematic fashion. Having purchased all the parts, lay them out on the blueprint in order to gain a general idea of the layout of the set. The

three-gang condenser you will see is in the centre and stands on supports which lift the main control spindle approximately three and a quarter inches from the top of the baseboard.

To the right, looking at the set from the back, are the band-pass and H.F. coils, the screen-grid valve, and its associated components.

To the left are the detector and power valves, together with all the related components, such as low-frequency transformer, H.F. choke, condenser bank, and small by-pass condensers. At the back of the baseboard also is the pick-up jack.

In the centre is the three-gang condenser control, while on the right are the reaction condenser and on-off switch. The aerial and earth are connected to a terminal block at the back of the baseboard, the batteries are connected by twisted flex groups, and the loud-speaker is connected to a terminal block at the right-hand side of the set looking from the front. So much, then, for the general arrangement.

There should be no difficulty in following this from the photographs and from the blueprint. Now the parts can actually be mounted in their correct positions. Every part can be put in place with the exception of the three-gang condenser and the pick-up jack.

### Assembling the Components

Take care in the mounting of the band-pass coil, which is supported on a right-angle bracket screwed at the front of the board. The aerial band-pass coil gangs up with the H.F. coil and by adjustment of the switch rod you will find that the two coil switches move in conjunction.

The reason for not mounting the three-gang condenser at this stage is that some of the wiring passes underneath it and it is better to complete this before mounting the central condenser on its supports. The pick-up jack is also best mounted at a later stage when part of the wiring has been done because the grid leak, one of the fixed condensers, and the detector valve holder come very close to it.

Wiring should be carried out on the point to point system, for in a set of this type, where the components are widely spaced, it is difficult to make a neat job of square-corner wiring. Also there are a number of flex leads and flexible spaghetti resistances.

The three-gang condenser is mounted on right-angle brackets which have several holes, allowing a number of heights for the centre spindle. The photographs show how the condenser is adjusted for height. This is quite a simple job and can be carried out with a pair of pliers.

### COMPONENTS—Cont.

ham-Farish, R.I., Burton, Ferranti, Varley, British General).

Condenser bank comprising two 2-mfd. and two 1-mfd. fixed condensers (Formo).

Two 10,000, two 20,000, and one 30,000-ohm spaghetti resistances (Lewcos, Telsen, Bulgin, Lissen, Readi-Rad, Goltone, Graham-Farish, Tunewell, Sovereign).

Fuse and holder (Bulgin, Telsen, Readi-Rad)

Gramophone jack (Lotus JK5).

Seven wander plugs marked: H.T.—, H.T.+1, H.T.+2; H.T.+3, C.B.—, C.B.—1, C.B.—2 (Clix, Belling-Lee, Ealex).

Two spade terminals, marked: L.T.—, L.T.— (Clix, Belling-Lee, Ealex).

Four terminals, marked: A, E, L.S.—, L.S.— (Belling-Lee type R, Ealex, Bulgin, Burton).

S.G. Anode connector (Belling-Lee, Clix).

Two terminal blocks (Sovereign, Junit).

9-volt S.G. bias cell (Siemens).

Four yards thin flex (Lewcoflex).

Connecting wire (Bulgin Quickwire).

Cabinet (Camco "Windsor" model).

L.S. unit (Hegra, Blue Spot, Telsen, Undy).

Conc and chuck (Weedon).

Accumulator (Exide JZ3, C.A.V., Dry-

dex, Pertrix, Ever-Ready).

H.T. battery (Pertrix, Ever-Ready, Fuller, Palaba, Lissen).

G.B. battery (Pertrix, Ever Ready, Fuller, Palaba, Lissen).



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1 Polished Walnut Cabinet, to specification	1	9	6
1 J.B. .0005-mfd. R.3 Triple-gang Condenser, with S.M. dial	3	6	6
1 ReadRad .0003-mfd. Brookmans Reaction Condenser	4	6	6
1 Sovereign 50,000-ohm Potentiometer	1	6	6
34-pin Valve Holders	15	0	0
1 Varley Dual-range Square-peak Coil	8	6	6
1 Varley Dual-range H.F. Intervalve Coil	2	0	0
1 Dubilier .04-mfd. Fixed Condenser (non-inductive)	2	9	0
1 S.G. Valve Screen	5	0	0
1 Telsen Binocular H.F. Choke	4	6	6
3 T.C.C. .0002-mfd. Fixed Condensers	1	4	4
1 ReadRad 2-megohm Grid Leak and Holder	1	10	0
1 ReadRad Filament Switch	4	6	6
1 ReadRad H.F. Choke	10	6	6
1 R.L. Transformer, ratio 7-1, type G.P.	9	6	6
1 Formo Condenser Bank (2 1 mfd. and 2 2 mfd.)	2	0	0
2 Lewcos 10,000-ohm Spaghetti Resistances	3	0	0
2 Lewcos 20,000-ohm Spaghetti Resistances	1	6	6
1 Lewcos 30,000-ohm Spaghetti Resistance	1	3	0
1 ReadRad Fuse and Holder	3	0	0
1 Lotus J.K.5 Double Filament Jack	2	0	0
1 Lotus J.P.1 Plug	1	2	2
7 Belling-Lee Wander Plugs	2	3	3
2 L.T. Spade Terminals	1	0	0
4 Belling-Lee Indicating Terminals, type "R"	1	0	0
1 Clx Anode Connector	1	0	0
2 Sovereign Terminal Blocks	1	0	0
1 Siemens S.G. Cell	2	6	6
1 Packet Jifflix for wiring	1	19	0
3 Mullard Valves to specification, S.G., det., and power	8	8	8
Flex, Fixing Screws, etc.			
<b>TOTAL (including Valves and Cabinet)</b>	<b>£10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>

RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES

	£	s.	d.
1 Fuller 120-volt Super Capacity H.T. Battery	15	3	3
1 Fuller 9-volt G.B. Battery	1	0	0
1 Fuller 2-volt 30-amp. L.T. Accumulator	10	3	3
1 Blue Spot L/S Unit, 66K	1	5	0

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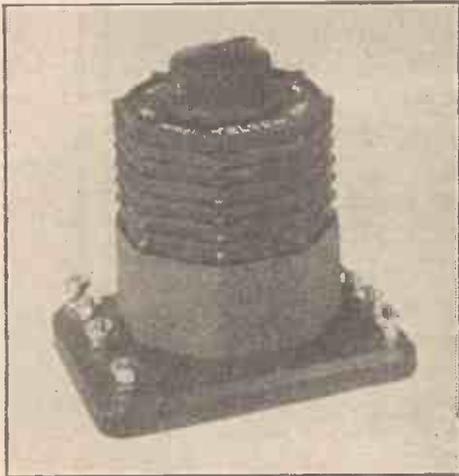


A weekly review of new components and tests of apparatus conducted by J. H. Reyner, B.Sc., A.M.I.E.E.

### Telsen Aerial Coil

WE are reporting this week on the new Telsen dual-range aerial coil and H.F. transformer. These two coils are practically identical as far as the windings are concerned, the difference being that the aerial coil has a small solid-dielectric variable condenser mounted at the top of the former. This condenser, which is normally connected in series with the aerial, serves as a variable selectivity control and also as a quite useful volume control.

The ribbed former on which the coils are wound is of brown bakelite and is moulded



The new Telsen aerial coil

in one piece with the base, the whole job being well made and of neat appearance. The long-wave aerial and reaction coils are wound in slots at the top of the former, while the short-wave section is wound as a solenoid at the bottom. Reaction windings are provided on both coils.

An interesting feature is the arrangement for avoiding the break-through of short-wave signals on the long-wave band. If this trouble is experienced the makers recommend the connection of a .0003 condenser across the long-wave aerial coil, when the trouble will be greatly reduced, if not entirely eliminated.

For tuning purposes .0005 condensers are necessary when the wave-range is approximately 230 to 550 metres and 1,000 to 2,100 metres. Wave-change switches are not incorporated, as it is felt that the user will prefer to supply these himself. According to the method of using the coils, the switches required will be either a 2- or 3-point short-circuiting switch.

On test the coils were found to be well up to standard, and unusually well matched when used with a gang condenser, a trimmer

being found to be unnecessary. Reaction control was quite smooth and nice to handle. The tests were conducted within five miles of Brookmans Park and the variable selectivity control was found to be most useful. At a price of 7s. 6d. for the aerial coil, and 5s. 6d. for the transformer coil, these coils are good value.

### Mullard PM202 Valve

THE name of Mullard requires no introduction to the reader, and when this firm places a new valve on the market, it is always with considerable interest we receive one for test.

The new PM202, a three-electrode output valve which we have tested this week, follows the usual Mullard practice, and has the electrodes arranged horizontally inside the fairly heavily silvered glass bulb. The valve is quite small, the overall height being 4 in., and has been developed for use in the output stage of small amplifiers, being capable of giving several hundred milliwatts for all normal purposes, while its H.T. consumption is moderate. This valve has a low impedance, and it is very necessary to ensure that sufficient grid-bias is used if the life of the valve is to be prolonged, and economy of high-tension supply to be affected.

On test the valve was found to be excellent, the amplification factor being 6.6, mutual conductance 2.7, and the internal impedance of the valve 2,430 ohms, these figures being taken at 100 volts high tension and zero grid volts. Measurements of the actual power output obtainable and the optimum load to use with this valve were made from the characteristics and gave a maximum undistorted power of approximately 300 milliwatts when using a load of 3,300 ohms. Full instructions are enclosed with the valve as to the correct value of grid bias to use, and these should be carefully noted before putting the valve into service.

### Lotus Coil Holders

FOR those requiring a plug-in coil holder for mounting in a receiver, that manufactured by Lotus is worth considering. This holder is for a single coil only, and is arranged for baseboard mounting. The plug and socket are nickel plated, while the body of the holder is of moulded bakelite. Dielectric losses have been minimised by putting a minimum of insulation around the plug and socket, leaving an air-space between them for the greater part of their length.

Connections to the holder are made by means of screws fitted with terminals and

passing right through the bakelite insulation and the metal of the socket. The holder was found to be quite satisfactory in use, the coils fitting in smoothly and firmly.

### T.C.C. Electrolytic Condenser

AN interesting component which we have tested this week is the T.C.C. 10-microfarad electrolytic condenser. This is in the form of a copper cylinder, 1½ in. in diameter and 3¼ in. high. As readers will probably know, these condensers consist essentially of an aluminium electrode immersed in a suitable electrolyte. Before such a condenser can be used it has to undergo a process known as forming. During this process a very thin film is formed over the aluminium electrode, and this acts as the insulation.

When the forming is complete, we have the aluminium electrode coated with a very very thin layer of insulation, and surrounded by a conducting liquid in contact with the external casing.

Electrolytic condensers must not be used on a voltage greater than the original forming voltage, otherwise the film on the aluminium electrode breaks down, and before the condenser can be used again it has to be re-formed. Also, the condensers cannot be used on A.C. and even on D.C. they must be connected the right way round.

In the present instance the positive lead must be connected to the terminal at the



A T.C.C. electrolytic condenser

top of the can, the other connection being made to the container.

On test the condenser was quite satisfactory, the capacity being just over 10 microfarads. It stood up to the working voltage quite satisfactorily, actually withstanding 450 volts before breakdown occurred, while the leakage current was less than 2 milli-amperes at 400 volts.



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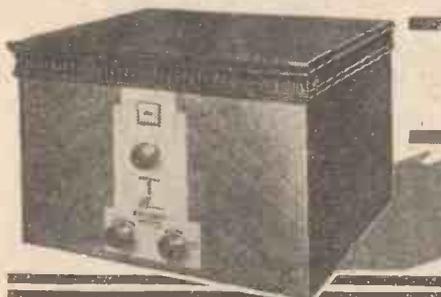
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## SETS OF DISTINCTION



# SIX-SIXTY CHASSIKIT

Makers: Six-Sixty Radio Co., Ltd.  
Price: £6 17s. 6d.

AMONG the kit sets of the new season the Six-Sixty Chassikit is bound to attract a considerable amount of attention, because it departs a good deal from the standard layout. Moreover, the mode of assembly has been tackled in an original way. The Chassikit consists essentially of three sections, a tuning condenser, a coil assembly and a valve unit carrying the remaining components, such as valve holders, resistances and condensers. Each section is factory assembled and wired.

The constructor's work is simple. All he has to do is to connect the three sections together by means of plugs inserted in appropriate sockets. The whole assembly is then contained within an all-metal chassis. This method of construction eliminates the possibility of failure and enables the constituent sections to be factory tested.

Although the constructor is naturally limited by this scheme of assembly, the final interpretation of the set as a piece of furniture is very much in the hands of the constructor. A wide range of extremely attractive cabinets has been designed and produced for the Chassikit. These cabinets represent a wider diversity of ideas than any other range I have yet examined. They vary from the standard table cabinet container to the most ornate cubist designs.

### Easy Construction

Although I was supplied with a completely assembled Chassikit, a brief examination shows very clearly that the constructional work is extremely simple. The veriest novice should be able to follow the simple instructions for connecting together the three parts.

As might be expected, the three-valve circuit of the Chassikit comprises a screen-grid high-frequency amplifying valve, a leaky-grid detector and a transformer-coupled pentode output valve. Around this popular circuit the designers have added most of the refinements demanded by modern conditions.

For example, preceding the high-frequency valve is a band-pass tuning system of the latest type. This provides pre-selection of signals before amplification and so to a large extent combats the present congested state of the ether. The coupling between the high-frequency and detector valves is well tried, consisting of a choke in the anode circuit of the high-frequency valve, capacity coupled to a tuned-grid circuit connected to the detector valve.

In the circuit diagram two volume controls are shown. One is a filament

rheostat in the screen-grid circuit, providing pre-detector control of sensitivity. The other volume control is a potentiometer across the pick-up terminals, the slider connection going to one of the pick-up switch terminals. In the set itself there is only one volume-control knob, but this has a dual action, being rotated clock-wise as a radio volume control and anti-clockwise as a pick-up volume control.

The layout of the Chassikit is impressive because it is so simply arranged. The top part of the metal chassis carries the three-gang condenser unit and below this is the valve platform, underneath which is the coil assembly. From the back of the valve platform comes a neat battery connecting cord.

The three valves used in the Chassikit are Six-Sixty SS215SG for the high-frequency stage, Six-Sixty SS210-HL for the detector, and Six-Sixty SS230Pen for the output. The high-frequency and detector valves are both metalised. Many constructors will be interested to know that an A.C. mains version of the Chassikit is also available, price £7 6s. 6d.

My first act before testing the Chassikit on my standard aerial was an examination of the controls. Altogether, there are four on the front escutcheon plate.

The main control is, of course, the knob for tuning, which rotates the three sections of the gang condenser and also an illuminated dial.

In the lower left-hand corner of the escutcheon is the reaction control knob, and to the right of this is the Six-Sixty Multi-stat, which is not only a dual volume control, but also switches the set off. The remaining control is a handy lever for medium and long waves fitted just under the tuning knob.

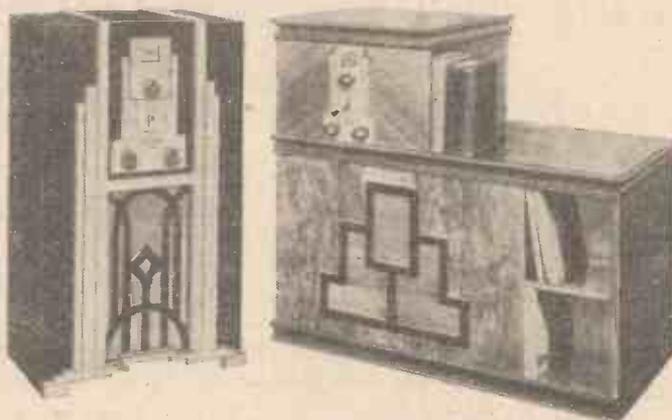
In testing this kit I had first to adjust the trimmers on the gang condenser. This was an easy task and I was very soon bringing in foreign stations by the simple rotation of the single tuning control. I must say the selectivity is extremely good.

The London National station, for example, was tuned in at 36 degrees, but was entirely cut out at 32 and 40 degrees. This spread of only 8 degrees is a good indication of the way the Chassikit elimi-

nates local interference. The London Regional was even more easily disposed of. Maximum at 62 degrees, all trace of it had gone at 59 and 66 degrees, a spread of only 7 degrees.

### Good Selectivity

The high degree of selectivity holds good over the whole tuning range. I must admit I was surprised to find that Mühlacker, at 64 degrees, was actually louder than the interference from the London Regional only 2 degrees below it. Another good illustration of the selectivity was provided by the clear reception of Söttens, the high-power Swiss station, which, on many three-valvers, suffers interference from Midland Regional just below it on wavelength. Langenburg was brought in loud



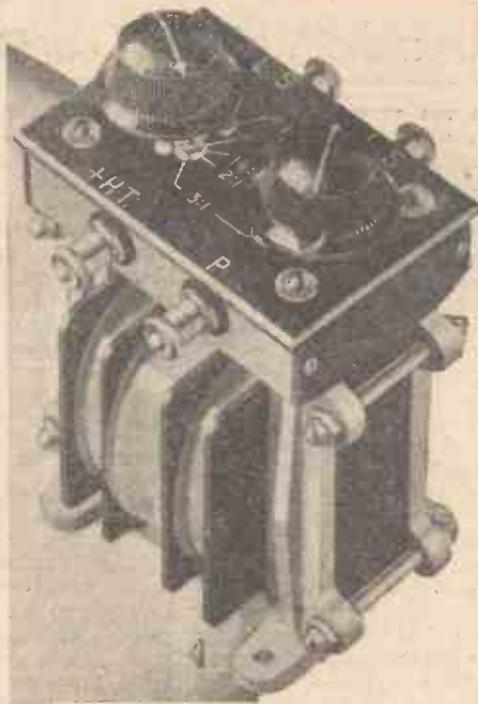
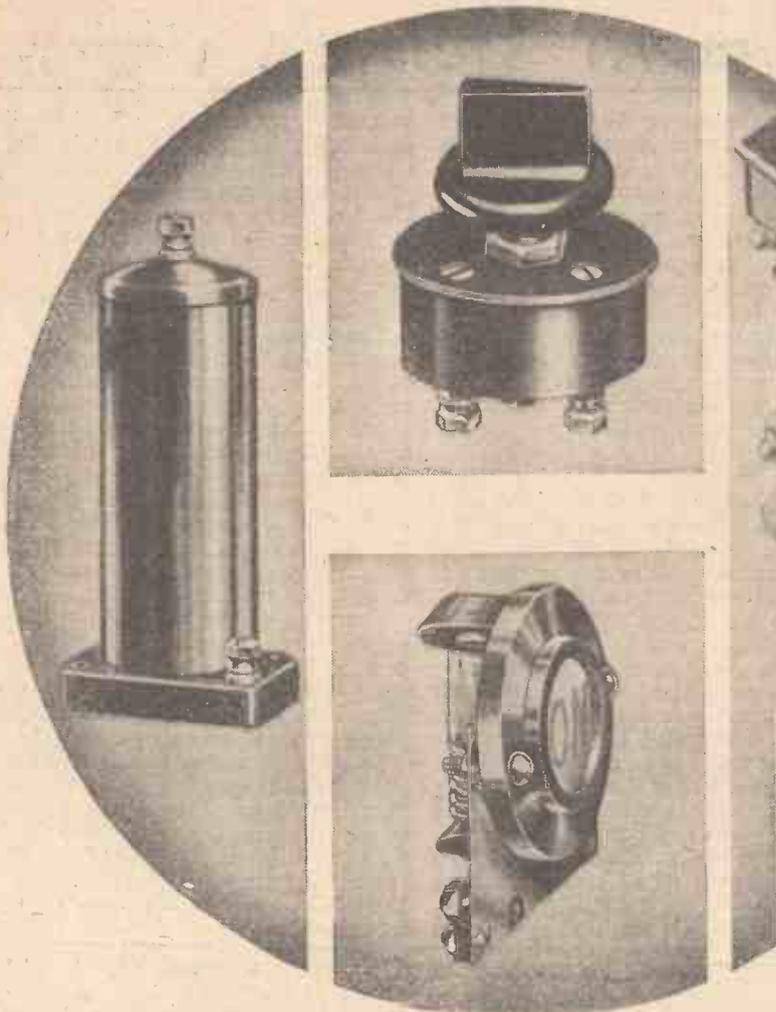
The Six-Sixty Chassikit in two of the many outstanding cabinets available

and clear, without the slightest trace of North Regional.

These examples are but a few from my log. Of course, conditions vary tremendously with location, but it is clear that the Chassikit will readily cope with the most trying selectivity problems. That this highly desirable degree of selectivity is not obtained at the expense of volume on distant stations was clearly proved by the fact that I got no less than twenty stations within an hour. This is a tribute to the efficiency of the valves and the careful design of the tuning system.

The makers say the anode current consumption is between 7 and 8 milliamperes with a maximum of 120 volts and 15 volts negative bias on the pentode. The total consumption of the set tested was 10 milliamperes.

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trols on this set are very advanced in design. There is a rotary wave-change switch, which also automatically disconnects the mains. The dual-volume and reaction control also works a gramophone volume control when the pick-up is switched in. This is a refinement that is all the more welcome because it is so seldom provided. The local-distance switch overcomes the difficulty of controlling the volume of overpowering loud local stations.

Constructors should not overlook Stand 16, where A.C. Cossor, Ltd., are showing the Cossor Empire Melody Maker model 234. This is a good constructor's kit, price £6 15s. The layout is simple but efficient. I like particularly the coil-switching arrangement, whereby the wave-change switch knob is brought out to the side of the cabinet. This set includes the latest Cossor metallised screen-grid and detector valves.

Kolster Brandes, Ltd., long known for their moderate priced radio, are well worth a visit at Stand 25. I am attracted by the Kolster Brandes Kobra set at £9 17s. 6d. This is a self-contained three-valve set with a three-valve circuit comprising a detector and two low-frequency amplifying stages. Included in the simple but pleasing cabinet is an adjustable cone loud-speaker. The price just mentioned includes the valves and batteries. This is one of the few new sets specially designed for battery users.

Among the sets of Tannoy Products on

Stand 63 is the Tannoy Midget super-het set. The price of this for mains operation is twenty-eight guineas and I am glad to see that there is a corresponding model for battery operation, the price being twenty-five guineas. Tannoy Products seem to have concentrated on the super-het circuit, for on this stand are junior and senior super-het radio-gramophones.

One of the new kit sets can be seen on Stand 20, where the Six-Sixty Chassis kit, reviewed elsewhere in this issue, can be seen with its remarkable range of cabinet designs.

## Console Sets

Ferranti, Ltd., on Stand 45, have such faith in their existing Console sets that no new models are being shown. The three-valve A.C. model 31 at twenty guineas will appeal to all who put quality of reproduction above all things. The moving-coil console model, housed in a rexine metal container, is worth considering at twenty-eight guineas. Although these sets look the same as last year several small refinements have been added, including a device for using the mains as an aerial.

Owing to the luck of the ballot, or rather lack of luck, the Gramophone Co. could not get enough space in Olympia to show the H.M.V. radio sets. Consequently, the H.M.V. Modern Hall of Music has been arranged opposite the Exhibition buildings. Here are many radio sets that cannot fail

to interest the set-buyer. I would like to draw particular attention to the model 501, which is a three-valve table radio-gramophone. The price is twenty-nine guineas, which ensures a wide public interest. This loud-speaker, of the moving-coil type, amplifier and gramophone pick-up are well matched. In every way this is an outstanding instrument.

The twenty-two guinea model 435 is the first H.M.V. "straight" radio set. This is an A.C. three-valver with a really beautiful cabinet and a control escutcheon mounted below the loud-speaker. On this are three control knobs with the exceptionally smooth actions. A double band-pass tuning system is incorporated to cope with modern conditions. I understand the output is almost two watts, which means that more than enough volume to fill a large room can be obtained without distortion.

Everyone will be interested in the automatic record-changing mechanism incorporated in the forty-five guinea H.M.V. radio-gramophone and in the more elaborate nine-valve super-heterodyne radio-gramophone selling at seventy guineas.

In this brief survey of sets to be seen on the stands at Olympia I realise I have mentioned only a few of the hundreds of models on view. I hope I have whetted the appetites of all set-buyer readers to such an extent that they will make a tour of the Exhibition and see the wonderful array for themselves.

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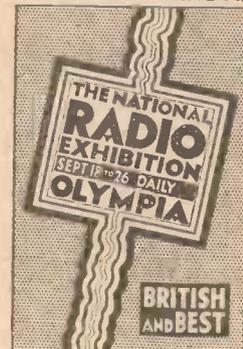
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# OUR LISTENING POST

By JAY COOTE

A RECENTLY published report to the effect that a 20-kilowatt station has been erected at Skopljë (Uskub) in the south-east of Jugoslavia has led some listeners to believe that through this channel (2,300 metres) it will be possible to hear the Belgrade and Ljubljana wireless programmes. I am afraid that listeners may be doomed to disappointment, as I am informed that the station is not a broadcaster in the true sense of the word, but may be used for commercial purposes only.

As a matter of fact, notwithstanding a recent increase in the cost of licences, the Jugoslavian broadcasting system is having a bad time from the financial point of view. If this condition is to improve, it can only be achieved by increasing the number of licensed listeners, and so long as the stations in that country remain on medium power they are not attracting people to radio.

Possibly within the next few days you may hear a whisper from Marseilles on 315 metres, as, pending the construction of the new 25-kilowatt transmitter, the French P.T.T. has volunteered to install a small broadcasting plant of some 200 watts in order to transmit local programmes during the Annual Trade Fair.

On one or two nights last week between 11 p.m. and midnight I picked up some tests carried out by the Dutch station at Kootwijk with a view to one of its multiple transmitters taking over the broadcast service of commercial news and reports at present put out by Scheveningen Haven on 1,071 metres. For the purpose of these experiments, well-known gramophone records are used, so if your ears

are assailed by Maurice Chevalier in, "You Brought a New Kind of Lo-o-ve to Me," don't blame Oslo without closer investigation.

Something apart from revolution appears to be taking place in Spain, as I have logged two new calls. Radio Catalana seems to have made way for Radio Valencia on the same wavelength namely, 268.5 metres. Try for it towards midnight, or even 12.30 a.m. The station usually closes down towards that time with the conventional Spanish formula of "Buenas noches, Señores; hasta mañana." So far, the programme has been a mixed one of both fresh and canned music.

## A Newcomer

The other Spanish newcomer which has puzzled me is what I take to be Radio España (Madrid). I have personally heard announcements in that language on about 404 metres, or almost on top of Söttens, and more clearly when the Swiss station had closed down. The speech, however, was still too distorted to make sure that the call was that of España. Recently the transmitter had been reported on 424 metres, namely, approximately Madrid's wavelength, but I doubt whether the capital would run two transmitters in this manner.

You would do well to stand by on October 28 for the official opening of the new Trieste station. From what I gather, this transmitter is to be launched as befits any celebrations in which "el Duce" is keenly interested. Famous artistes from Italy's equally famous opera houses have been specially engaged for the occasion and the musical programme promises to be an exceptional one. The inaugura-

tion of the station is made to coincide with the anniversary of Italy's entry into the Great War, and doubtless will offer the opportunity for stirring patriotic speeches so deeply loved by the Latin race.

I find from experience that in Söttens and Beromuenster the Swiss listener does not necessarily always get an alternative programme. On two recent dates when I tuned in these transmissions I discovered that both were relaying a concert from Basle. Generally speaking, however, of the two, Beromuenster is the better signal, as broadcasts relayed from Lausanne and Geneva to Söttens invariably suffer from a noisy accompaniment liberally supplied by Midland Regional, and also now and again, to a lesser degree, by Katowice. If the Spanish station I have mentioned also remains in that vicinity its presence will not improve matters.

The power of the Radio Maroc (Rabat, North Africa) station will shortly be increased to 6 kilowatts.

Although Söttens (Switzerland) has been on the air for several months, the Swiss broadcasting authorities officially state that the station is still on test and reports from foreign listeners regarding reception of its programmes will be cordially welcomed. Letters may be addressed to Société Romande de Radiodiffusion at Lausanne, or to La Société des Emissions Radio-Genève at Geneva.

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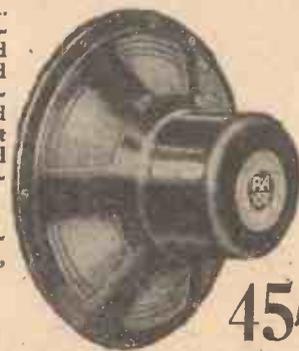
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Everything will be done to make you feel at home and to prevent you wishing you had stayed there. You can do all that later, when it is over and you are actually on the return journey.

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The official in charge—a lady very often—is perfectly charming. She will ask you if you have brought a confederate to assist

you to do your deed, or whether you would like the B.B.C. tame accompanist. If you are a singer, you stand before the microphone. The lady official has by this time disappeared; she is outside somewhere to be with the auditor, who sits in a little box with earphones on, and you are left alone with the microphone and the accompanist. You want to cough, but daren't, and as you cannot find anything better to do, you nod at the pianist and await events.

As the first chords of the prelude to your song assail your ears, you wonder why they put eiderdowns in pianos. This nearly makes you late on your cue, but you hastily snatch a gulp of the atmosphere and squeak at (or else into) the thing in front of you.

Your voice sounds like nothing in this world or the next, and you come to the conclusion that you were never intended to sing. You *have* no voice. That much is quite clear to you. Having "done your stuff," you wipe the perspiration from your noble brow. The heat in the studio is never less than ninety in the shade; in the winter, when the radiators are on full blast, it is usually a trifle higher.

You now wait for a bell to ask for more. If the auditor emulates *Oliver Twist*, you conclude that either he likes your singing or

else that he considers you on the border line and is giving you another chance.

All you can do now is to thank your accompanist, thank the microphone, thank the lady official, thank the boy who conducts you to the lift, thank the lift man who takes you down to the street level, thank the commissionaire who opens the door for you, and then thank Heaven for your release.

You now go out into the Strand and think things over. After that—well, the rest of the day is yours; you can do what you like with it.

Northern listeners know that short plays by F. A. Carter have become a feature of the Northern dramatic programmes. On September 25 a comedy in two scenes, entitled *More Ways Nor One*, will be staged. It will be performed at Leeds by the Yorkshire Comedy Players.

A Nave service will be relayed from the Cathedral, Bristol, on September 27, when the sermon will be given by the Dean of Bristol.

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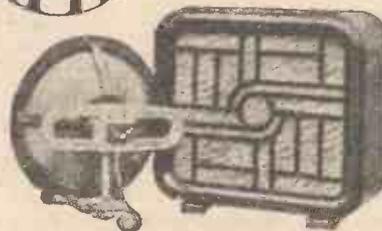
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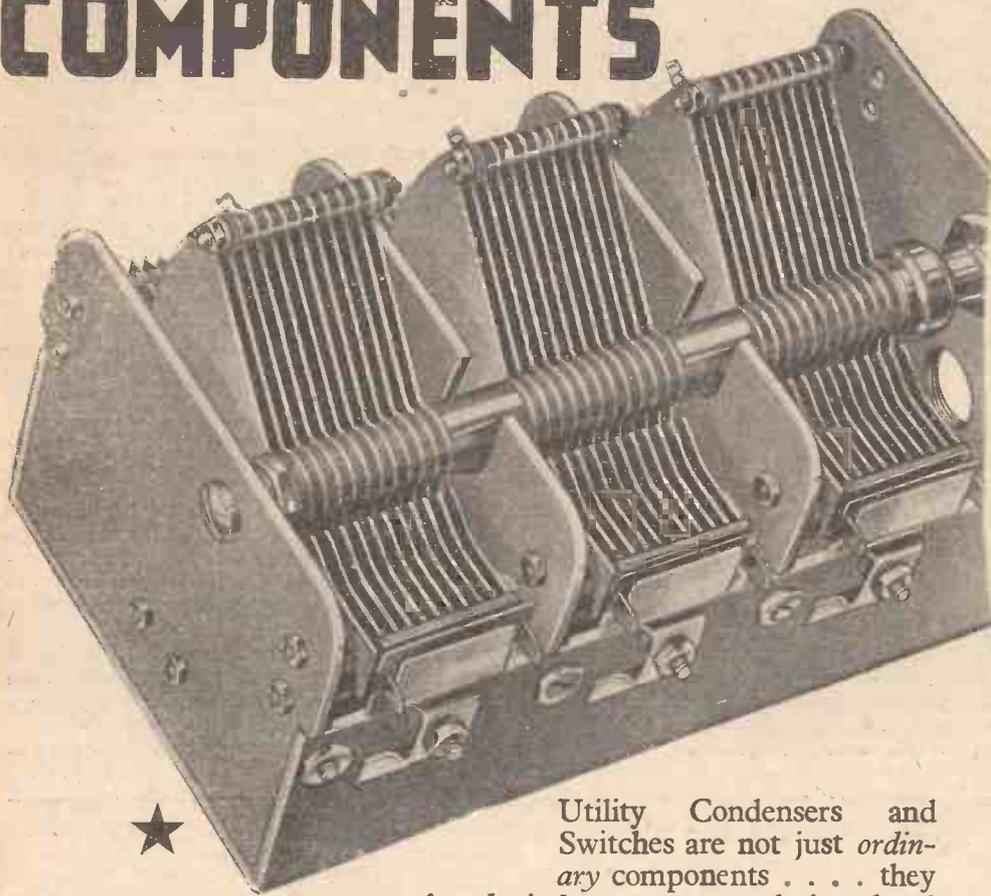
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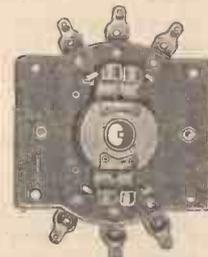
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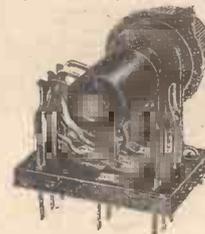
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It may be interesting for country readers to know the advantages the Leclanché cell offers. There are a number of Leclanché cells on the market by battery makers of repute, suitable for our purpose. The writer has obtained every satisfaction from the cells made by Siemens; these are not really standard type Leclanché cells as they employ an active form of "salt", as the excitative instead of the usual sal-ammoniac. During a recently completed series of tests upon three different makes of Leclanché cells, one being the Siemens mentioned above, the cells were discharged through a 10-ohm resistance, and when the voltage of the cells was 1.5 volts (that is their nominal voltage) they delivered 150 m/A of current, and they were discharged continuously, without any break at all, until the voltage fell to .75 volt per cell, by which time the current had fallen to 75 m/A. In actual use, the cells would

not be subject to such a continuous discharge, but more likely be used about four hours a day, giving the cells 20 hours in which to recuperate, by which time they would have attained their nominal voltage once more.

The continuous discharge test is a good one to apply since it shows quite distinctly what may be expected. From the result of the tests, a conservative figure to state for the life of a pair of cells under such a load as applied is 1,200 hours, the capacity then works out under continuous load at approximately 100 amperes. This figure, of course, would be much more when the cells are discharged intermittently, as they would be when supplying filament current to a radio set.

In plain language, you may expect fully twelve months life from a pair of cells when supplying filament current to a one-valve receiver, and *pro rata* for a greater number of valves. It would, though, be advisable to restrict the number of valves to three.

When the cells are in need of re-charging a zinc will cost about 1s. 6d. and a sac 5s., also 3d. worth of sal-ammoniac is required.

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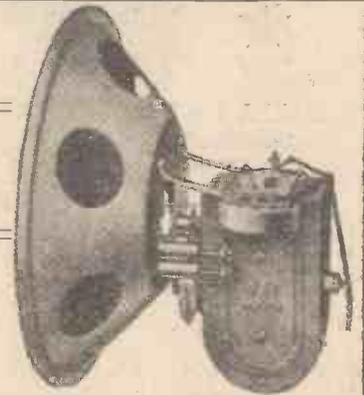
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# THIS BABEL OF TONGUES!

By E. S. HODGSON

NOW that listeners have sets which will bring in most of the European stations, the only problem, unless they are experienced hands at logging, is to identify the stations as they roll in at every degree or so of the dials.

"Is that Johnny French?" you have often asked in despair, or "I'm sure this fellow is Stockholm!" (when he is Rome or Beromuenster) you insist; or "That may be Hilversum, or perhaps it's Turin."

Distinguishing French from German, and Italian from Swedish is a comparatively easy matter when you train your ear to catch the vowel sounds, the gutturals, or the strange mixture that sounds like *isdvitchoukokovsky*.

### The Long Waves

Start first with the long waves, and log Radio Paris, which is two (or sometimes three, if Moscow is working) stations up from Daventry 5XX. Listen for five or ten minutes to the voice, note how the words seem to flow into each other so that they sound like one long one; and, listen for the nasal "on," "an," "ain." Then you have a fair idea of what French sounds like. When you have checked up from the programme that it is really Paris that is broadcasting, go over to the medium waves, tune in London Regional, and go down two or three stations until you hear announcements in two languages (one by a woman, the other by a man). You are now on to Strasbourg. Compare the woman announcer's speech, intonation, etc.,

with that of Radio Paris. Then listen intently to the German of the male announcer; hear the Scotch guttural "achs," and the broad North Country vowel sounds "ah," "ay," etc. When you have done this, tune in to Königswusterhausen (which you can easily find, as it is the next station to 5XX), listen awhile to speech there, and compare your impressions with those of Strasbourg. After a little practice and tentative logs of other German stations, you will get accustomed to the accent and intonation of each announcer.

Italian can be recognised because of its beautiful vowel sounds and the trilling of the "r's." Try to get Rome, then go down the scale until you think you have logged Turin and, still lower down, Trieste (which has a woman announcer with a beautifully clear voice). The best time to do this experimenting is later on in the evening, when the news bulletins are being given from these stations.

The Polish and Czech stations can be recognised because of the preponderance of the sibilants and the awkward conglomerations of sh-zh, ov, ish, and all sorts of consonants followed by "v." Just twiddle the knobs on the long waves in the early evening (about dusk), and a few degrees below 5XX you will find Warsaw, which the "Century Super" brings in clearly long before dark. Listen to a melody, besides speech, then turn to the medium waves, and a few stations above London Regional you'll find Lvov, which usually relays the Warsaw programme.

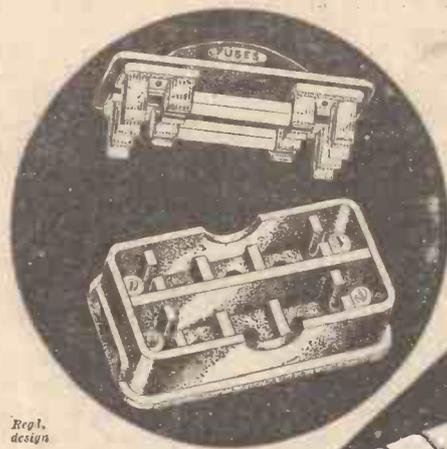
The Swedish stations can be recognised by the characteristic sing-song tones of their announcers and, once you have logged Rome, you know that Stockholm is next door lower down. Having listened to the Stockholm announcer (during the late news bulletin, prior to closing down), change down to Hörby, which you will find just below London National, compare with Stockholm, then switch over to Motala on the long waves. Compared to Swedish, Danish (and to a certain extent, Norwegian also) is a language in which certain words sound clipped off, or "gulped."

### Identifying Spanish!

Spanish can be distinguished from Italian by the strongly trilled double "r" and the "ach"-like sound of the consonant "j," and the way the words seem merged into each other in one breath, rather like French. Start with Barcelona, about 11 o'clock at night, and when you have identified it Madrid should not be difficult to log at a later hour.

With these few hints it should be possible once you have logged some of the more important stations, to fill in the gaps. It is well to note that Beromuenster station uses German, and Söttens French.

As regards Budapest, he should not be difficult to pick up, because he is usually logged almost at the end of the medium waves (about 175° on a 180° dial on the "Century Super"). Bucharest (Romania) you can fill in when you have logged Frankfurt and Midland Regional.



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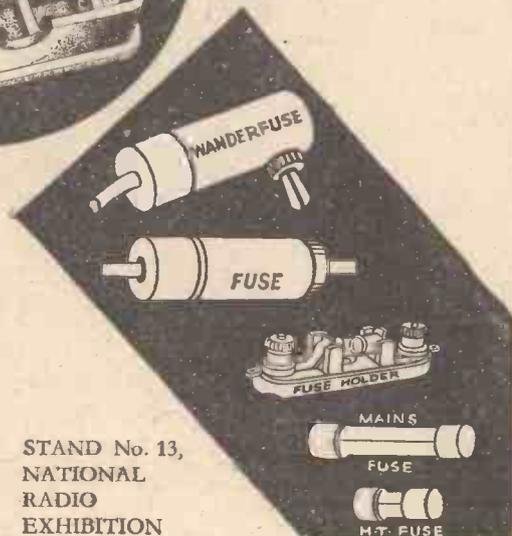
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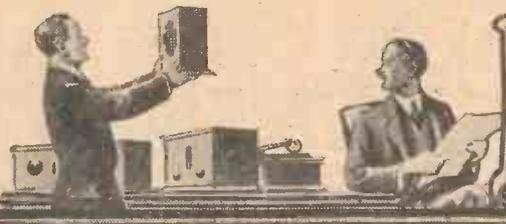
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# READERS IDEAS



# AND QUESTIONS

## Shielding in Receivers

**SIR**,—I have been trying to build up a receiver which combines a number of features taken from several different published designs. I did not keep rigidly to any one particular design because none of them incorporated all of the features I wanted in my receiver. The task of actual building has been finished some weeks, but the results are far from satisfactory. Possibly I have made some silly error but as my chief complaint is instability and I have attended to all of the usual points, such as screening, de-coupling, and spacing of components, and still fail to overcome the trouble, perhaps you can suggest a remedy. "Worried" (Bath).

You appear to have overlooked a very important point and that is, metal screens are only of use for reducing electro-static coupling and do not stop electro-magnetic coupling to any extent. Therefore, when designing a receiver, it is essential to guard against electro-magnetic or inductive coupling.

All coils, whether H.F. tuning coils or H.F. chokes or H.F. or L.F. transformers, should be arranged so that the plane of their windings is at right angles to those nearest them and on no account should any H.F. coils be arranged

within 4 in. of each other, nor should an H.F. coil be arranged within 6 in. of an L.F. coil, i.e., L.F. choke or L.F. transformer. If it is impossible to arrange your set of components upon such "ideal" lines of layout, you will need to experiment with damping in your different circuits to overcome any instability you may experience.—Ed.

## Ancient Receivers

**SIR**,—I have just read "Thermion's" note concerning "ancient" radio sets. I thought you might like to hear of a set I bought in 1925, a 3-valve A. J. Stevens. The farthest station I ever received was Vienna, at decent 'phone strength—in the middle of winter. I could rely on three stations for the loud-speaker until recently, viz.: 6LV, 2ZY and 5XX. I still use the set with the original H.P. and detector valves (Marconi D.E.R., I think they are). I am also using the original L.T. accumulators. The panel has *forty-eight* holes in it; the following items fill them: three valve holders, three resistances which have always been shorted (what they're for beats me), two switches—filament and loud-speaker—a gadget for cutting out one valve, a switch labelled "Short," "Broad-

cast," and "Long Waves," a voltmeter, variocoupler, two condenser dials, terminals, screws, and a plug-in coil holder. Phew!

Tuning to short waves has never yielded anything but a continuous howl all over the dials. I have given up trying to make a theoretical diagram as there are about ten coils, about six fixed condensers, two variable, and a choke, to say nothing of about a thousand soldered wires!

A. McW. (Liverpool).

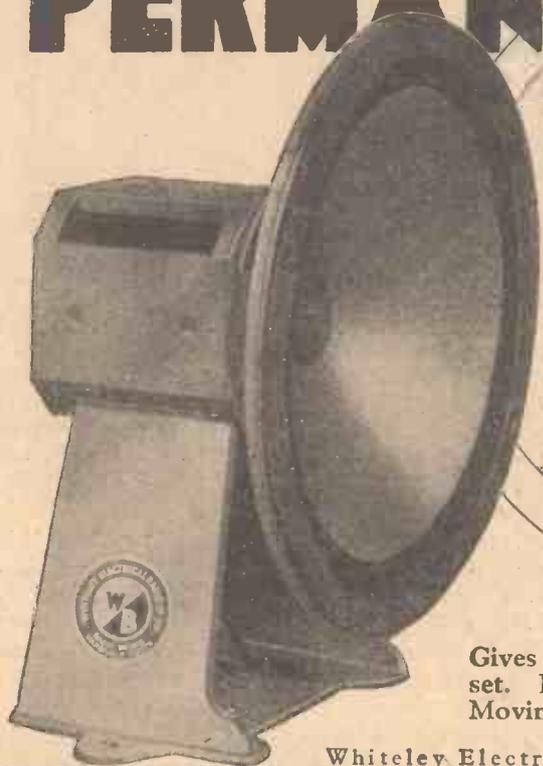
## A 1918 Set and Still Going

**SIR**,—"Thermion" recently mentioned that he would be interested to hear from somebody who was using a set made before 1924. Well, I am. The set that I use for listening to North Regional and North National stations (I live only twenty miles away from them) is a short-wave tuner made by A.T.M. & Co. in 1918. The fact that I receive North Regional and North National on a short-wave set is that the tuning coil on this set goes up to seventy-six turns, and this coil is tapped every four

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**"READERS' IDEAS AND QUESTIONS"**

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turns, so that by using sixty of the turns North Regional can be brought in, and Northern-National can be brought in a few turns lower. This set, I may add, can either be used with a carborundum crystal or perikon detector. E. W. (Manchester).

**More Praise for the "Century Super"**

SIR,—I am sorry I'm a bit late with my results obtained via the "Century Super," but I thought I'd wait till you've got through the shoals of letters that must have reached you concerning this remarkable set.

I have been closely following your circuits with S.G. valves since the days of the "Talisman" portable (a most remarkable set!), but, as you can guess, the "Century Super" has improved on anything I've actually dreamed of in the way of an ideal set.

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S. H. P. (London, S.E.).

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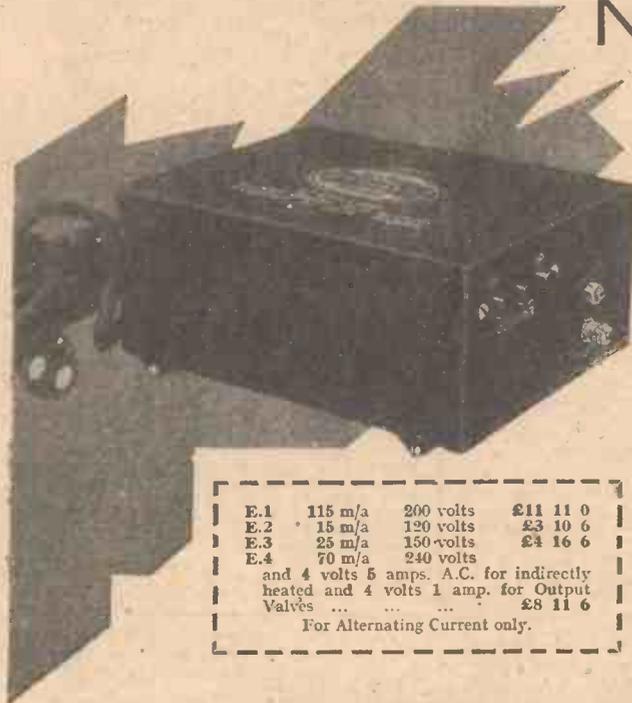
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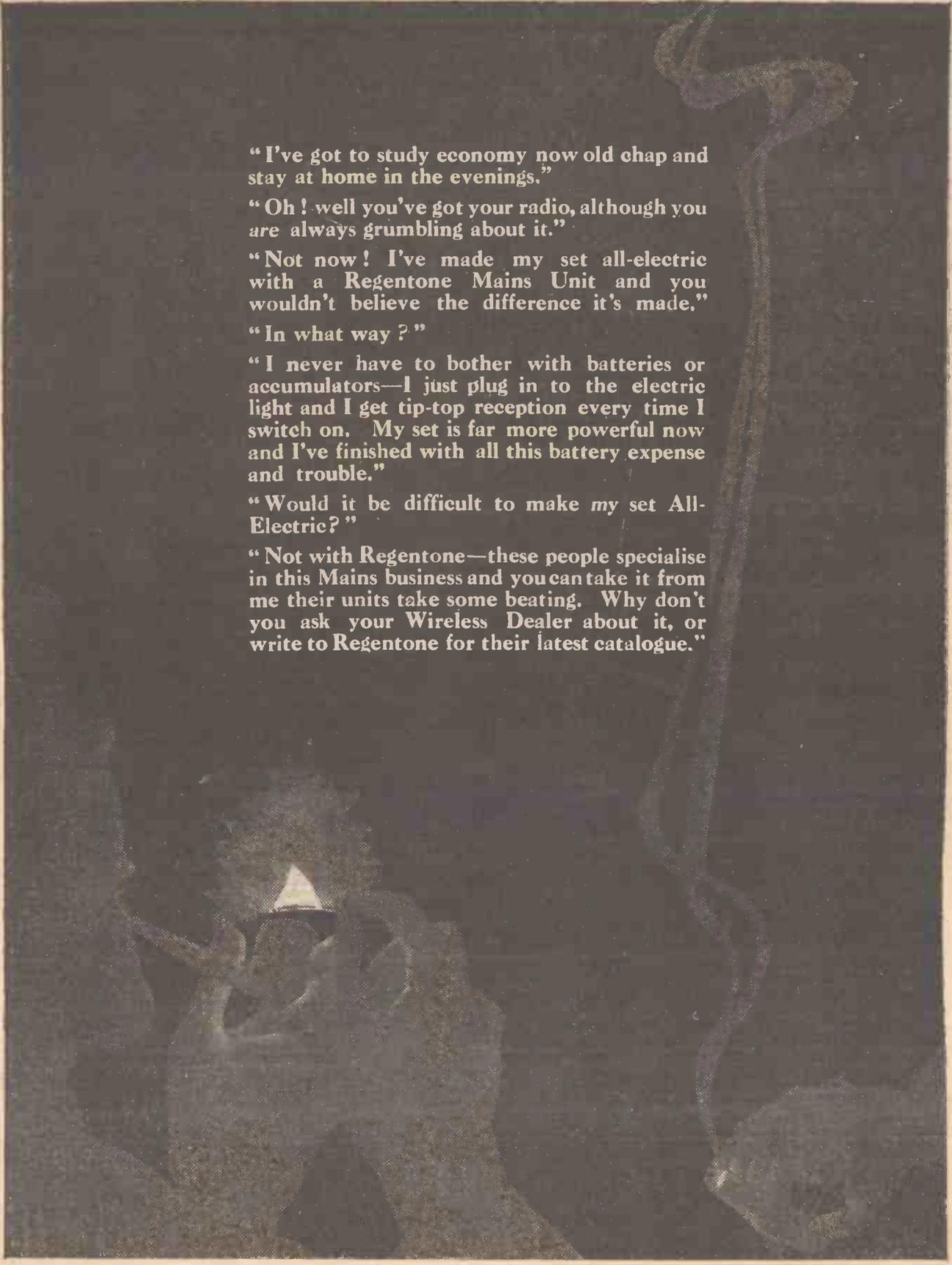
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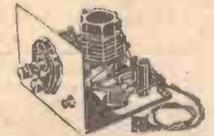


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**"EXHIBITION CAMEOS"**

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receiver, but all his eyes are for the girl and by mistake he depresses the on and off switch. Of course, nothing happens so no harm has been done. With his hands touching in turn, all the dials and knobs he spends fully ten minutes in giving a flowery eulogy of the set in very untechnical terms. They have become quite chatty and he has become oblivious to any calls on his services from other sources.)

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THE GIRL (to ASSISTANT): Thank you so much; it was sweet of you to explain. (To "SOMEBODY") Don't be annoyed, darling. I had to kill time somehow, didn't I?"

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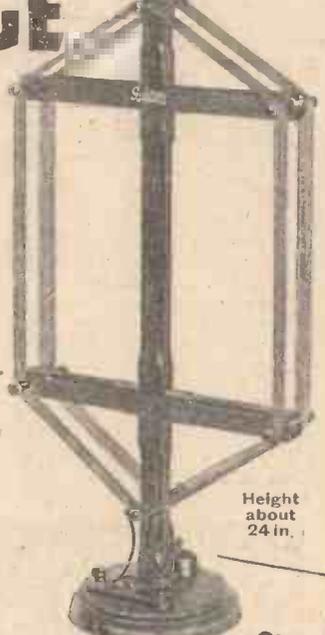
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Another Ernest Longstaffe revue will be heard Nationally on September 30. It is called *Three-and-six Return: To the Beach and Back Again*, and it will be under the personal direction of Mr. Longstaffe.

Act I of *La Tosca* will be relayed from Covent Garden Opera House on October 5, in the Regional programme, and Act II of *Lohengrin* on October 8. National listeners will hear Acts II and III of *La Bohème* on October 6.

The Aga Khan is to broadcast the third talk in the series entitled, "What I Would Do with the World." This will be heard in the National programme on October 8.

The new Western Studio Orchestra gives its first performance on October 8 in a concert of light music. The orchestra will give a programme of "Old Favourites" on October 10.

Mr. Shannon Millin's second "Sidelights on Belfast History," on October 10, will deal with the Chamber of Commerce and the Harbour Commissioners.

Dean Inge is to broadcast in the Regional programme on September 27, when he will give an introduction to the new series of talks entitled, "The Modern Dilemma."

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The Midland Studio Chorus is presenting a special feature on October 2, when they will give a recital of part songs by Stanford.

A studio concert by the National Orchestra of Wales will be heard by West Regional listeners on October 7. The artistes will be Watcyn Watcyns and Ronald Harding.

Two of the latest recruits to Scottish school broadcasting are Professor J. Duncan Mackie and Dr. J. R. Peddie, who will broadcast courses on "Scotland and Her Neighbours" and "Masters of English Prose" respectively.

One of the best known of Gaelic singers is to broadcast a recital on October 5, when Miss Heloise Russell-Ferguson, with her Clarsach, will sing seven Gaelic songs.

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The band of a famous regiment will broadcast on October 8. On that day Scottish listeners will hear music played by the

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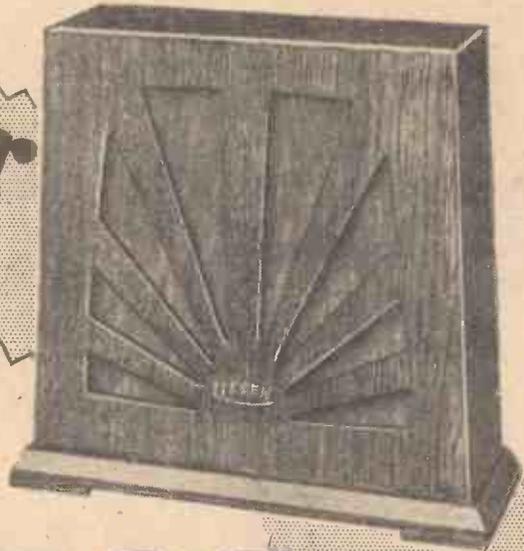


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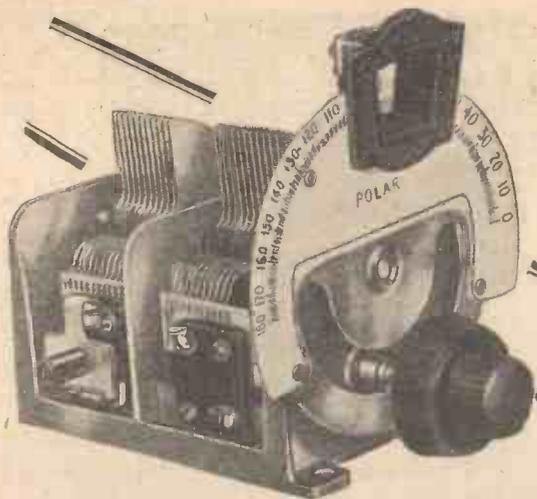
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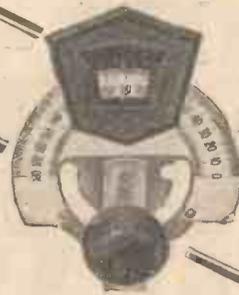
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## Varley Resistances

I am not surprised that the new Varley wire-wound and spaghetti resistances are so popular. They are really well made. Every set builder should have on the work-bench a free list of the ranges of these components. **565**

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band of the 1st Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

On October 7 West Regional listeners will hear *Cindelectra*, a parody of Sophocles' *Electra*, as seen through the eyes of a musical comedy producer.

Henry Holst, the newly appointed Professor of the Violin at the Manchester Royal College of Music, is the artiste chosen to give a recital on September 28.

The Bradford City Brass Band are new to the North Regional programmes. They will appear on September 30. A one-act play entitled, *Rosemary*, will be heard by North Regional listeners on the same evening.

The Belle Vue Tattoo, which is to be relayed in the North Regional programme on October 1, should prove interesting. Regular and Territorial Army units will take part, as well as representatives of the British Legion.

On October 3 speeches from the banquet of the British Hotels and Restaurants' Association will be relayed from the Palace Hotel, Buxton. The speakers to be heard will be the Marquess of Hartington and the Earl of Derby.

The National Orchestra of Wales will give its final performance on October 7. The orchestra has been maintained for three and a half years in the hope that there might be found some way in which the people of Wales could assume control and financial responsibility, but the efforts to

place the orchestra on a permanent basis have failed. For studio work its place is being taken by a smaller combination, to be known as the Western Studio Orchestra.

On September 27 the augmented Northern Studio Orchestra will give a light symphony concert.

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**Before the Show closes—see the "A.W." Stand 71**

Bernard Johnson and Helen Guest are again partners in an organ recital from Nottingham on October 4.

In the first six months of 1931, it is stated, the wireless licences in Scotland increased by 18,000. This increase is three times as great as the corresponding increase in the same months of 1930 and is naturally taken by the Scottish Regional B.B.C. as justification for the programme policy.

In Scotland an experiment is being made with a series of six lessons in Scots country dancing.

A site has been selected for the 75-kilowatt transmitter to serve the Berlin district. It is stated that the new station is to be erected in the immediate neighbourhood of the German capital. The wavelength of 419 metres now in use will be retained. Protests in respect to the close proximity of this transmitter are already being lodged with the authorities by licence holders as listeners fear that the advent of a 75-kilowatt transmitter at so short a distance from the city would create a swamp area as in London and thus prevent the general public from hearing a number of foreign broadcasts.

The 200-watt Bolzano (Italy) broadcasting station suspended its transmissions at the end of August. Tests are now being carried out with the 1.5 kilowatt plant which will be brought into daily operation within the next few weeks. There is a possibility that a change of wavelength may be made, as in view of its increased power the common channel now used is deemed unfavourable.

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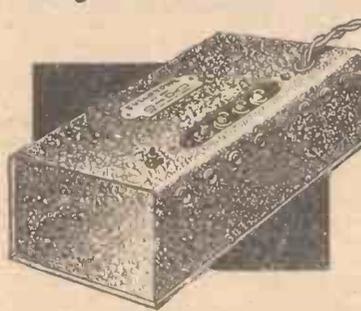
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## SOME NEW USES FOR THE SELENIUM CELL

THE photo cell undoubtedly has done much towards replacing selenium—a metal which had gradually got into disrepute owing to its sluggish action and its uncertainty.

Nevertheless the selenium cell is not "dead." Indeed, it is very much alive, as Mr. George P. Barnard shows in a book on the subject which has recently been published by Messrs. Constable & Co., Ltd. The literature on selenium, both here and abroad, is quietly growing, and there is some indication that selenium cells will come into prominence again and be found useful tools of the wireless investigator

### Advantages of Selenium

The use of selenium cells for automatically lighting up buoys at sea when dusk falls is well known. The cell is connected in series with relay and battery. In daylight the resistance of the cell is small, and sufficient current flows through the meter to cause the relay contact to remain off. At night, the resistance of the cell greatly increases and the relay turns over to the on contact, which switches on the lamp. Elaborations of this idea are in use to-day in several towns for controlling the public lighting systems—doing away with the lamp-lighter! and a number of factories are using such devices.

Wireless relays, counting machines, fire

alarms, photographic exposing devices, automatic train lighting controls, and so on, are amongst the many devices for which selenium is being used. But it is its possibilities in television which are coming again to the fore and give rise to interesting speculations. Some years ago Langer showed that selenium cells are capable of responding normally to intermittent light of a frequency of 10,000 per second; that above this frequency the sensitivity of the cell is greatly reduced, but that it is possible to compensate for the loss in sensitiveness

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by the use of valve amplification. W. A. Balmain and the writer showed in 1927 that the effect of very feeble light on selenium cells when amplified by valves was identical in character with the effect of strong illumination *without* amplification, and these results, coupled with the experiments of Langer, go to show that selenium is quite capable of dealing with the scanning problem on a par with the photo-electric cell—that is, so long as simple subjects are dealt with.

The high amplification that is necessary with photo cells would be in large measure avoided by selenium cells, which can be used with comparatively large currents. Cells are obtainable, and can indeed be

made, which have a resistance of a thousand ohms or thereabouts, through which 15 or 20 milliamperes can be passed. The difficulties involved by very high amplification would thus be avoided.

A good deal of harm has been done to the selenium cell by stupid claims of sensitiveness. If the resistance of a cell falls to one-tenth or one-hundredth when light is cast upon it, this does not necessarily mean it is *sensitive*. Sensitiveness is the measure of the smallest amount of light which will give a useful change in resistance of the cell, and most cells which drop enormously in resistance on being illuminated are very unsatisfactory where very feeble light changes are concerned.

The type of cell that is being sought now, for television purposes, is one which responds to very brief flashes of light of moderate brilliance, and one which responds faithfully to variations in the intensity of the light. It will almost certainly have a very high resistance, for the effect on selenium is a *surface effect*, and the silver-grey type of highly-crystalline selenium will probably be found best. The process of annealing the cells, the materials of which the electrodes are made, the degree of purity of the selenium, the wavelength of the light used, the pressure at which the cell is used, and the optimum strength of illumination, and so on, are matters engaging the attention of physicists to-day and receiving systematic research. As a result we may find the selenium cell once again coming into favour as the "fool-proof" light-sensitive element.

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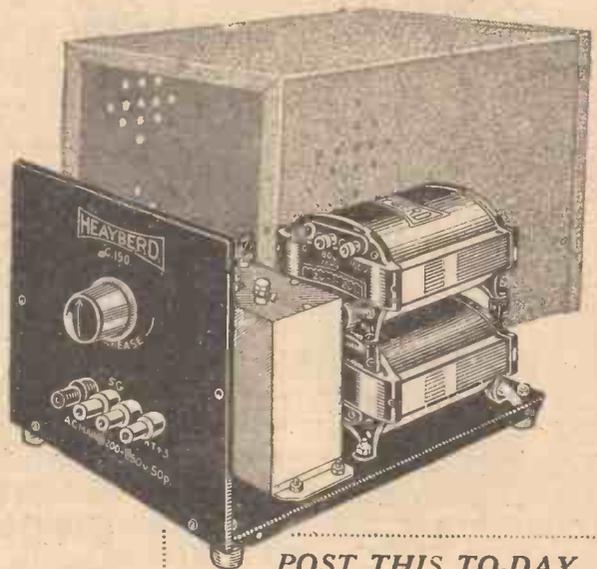
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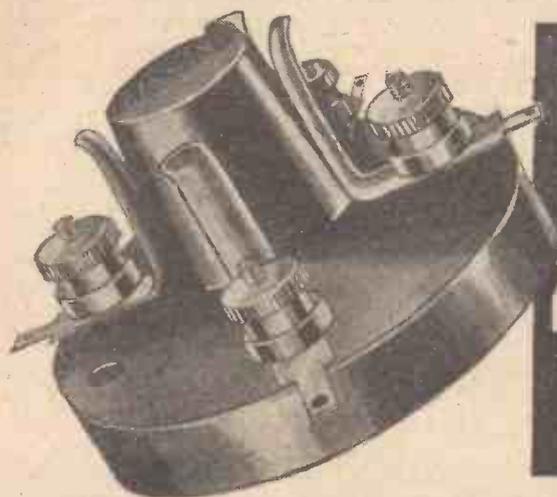
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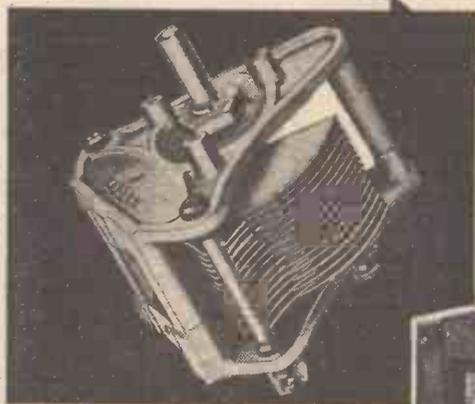
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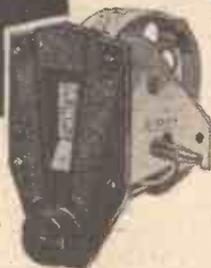
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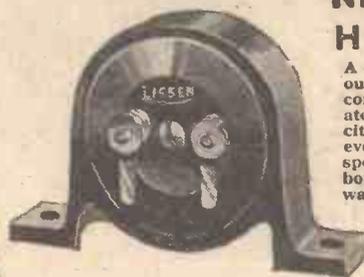
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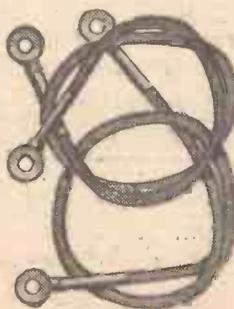
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In short-wave receivers, because the H.F. gain cannot in any case amount to much, we have to keep the detector stage in as sensitive a condition as possible, in order to make up for our poor H.F. gain and in short-wave sets which do not have any H.F. amplification, the whole success of the receiver will depend upon whether or not the detector stage is being used to the best advantage.

## Short-wave Requirements

Well, what should a sensitive detector stage have as its outstanding features? First and foremost, the reaction control must be smooth. It must not go in and out with a "plonk," and must be within

easy control of the operator. It must not, for instance, stop oscillating at 50 degrees and start again at about 40. Many sets do that. And their owners think there is something dud about the set and complain "that it won't get foreign stations!" Well, who could wonder? This reaction control really must go out and come in with a gently swishing sound which gradually builds up to the well-known sounds which tell us that the set is oscillating.

It is quite simple to ensure that practically any type of receiver shall have its reaction control as easy and as simple to work as this. The simplest remedy is to reduce the high tension on the detector. If you have been using a fairly high figure such as 70, or even 80 volts, start by reducing it to about 20. Note if the set will now oscillate or not and, if it does not, increase the voltage in small steps at a time until it does. If now, it oscillates at, say, 35 volts, keep on increasing the voltage and stop immediately the reaction control shows any signs of going "plonky." The set is now in its most sensitive condition as regards this point, anyway. A rule for this is to note that the detector voltage should be as high as possible, consistent with a smooth reaction effect. Like most

rules, this one has its exceptions, but it is none the worse for that and none the less correct.

## Grid Leak Values

The next cause for trouble will be found in the grid leak. A high value of leak, say, about 10 megohms, will usually result in a very smooth reaction control, but the detector will not be so sensitive as regards actual signal strength as it would be when a lower value is used. Also, when a high value of leak is used, it will be found that the pitch is slightly lower than when a smaller leak is in use and that the high notes will not be coming through so well.

The ideal remedy, as regards this feature, is to use a fairly low value of leak such as 2 or 3 megohms and connect it to a potentiometer, instead of wiring it direct to L.T. plus. Indeed, all short-wave receivers which use an ordinary type of detector valve should be fitted with a potentiometer as it is a real help when trying to tune in weak signals. Connect the two fixed terminals of the potentiometer to L.T. negative and positive respectively and connect the potentiometer arm to the end of the grid leak which was formerly connected to L.T. positive. The arm of the potentiometer should be adjusted as far to the positive side of the resistance as possible, consistent with easy tuning and reaction control.

Another component which may cause troubles in the detector stage is the H.F. choke. Poor chokes will reveal themselves by such features as: certain spots on the

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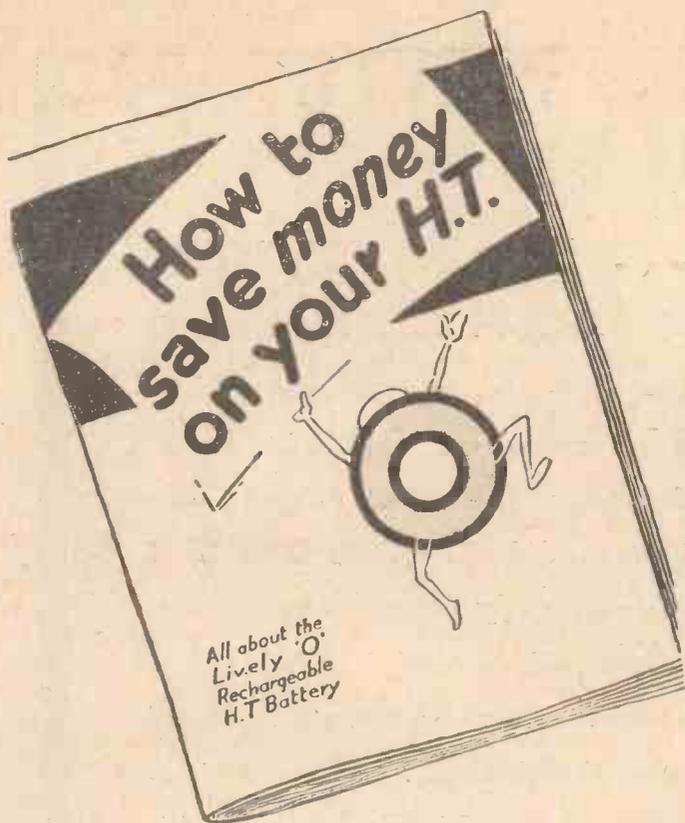
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### "DETECTORS IN SHORT-WAVE RECEIVERS"

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dials where the set refuses to oscillate, a loud threshold howl and bad distortion. If a home-made choke is used, experiment with different sizes, etc. Very often, a small fixed condenser, of about .0005 microfarad, connected across the output end of the choke and earth will cure this and the trouble will disappear.

#### Insulation

Finally—insulation. The insulation of the components in the detector stage is as important as it is anywhere else and the only rule here is, keep it as perfect as possible. Sometimes you will come across a listener who is delighted because his detector works perfectly without a grid-leak. No detector can work properly without a grid-leak, unless it be of the anode-bend variety, and an experience of this sort is an indication that some poor insulation is being used somewhere in the grid circuit of the detector stage and that a leakage somewhat equal to that provided by the average grid-leak is taking place across the grid and earth components. Nevertheless, this is an expensive way of economising because where poor insulation is causing trouble in one part like this, it is sure to be appearing somewhere else as well, probably in the anode circuit and that means a run-down H.T.B.!

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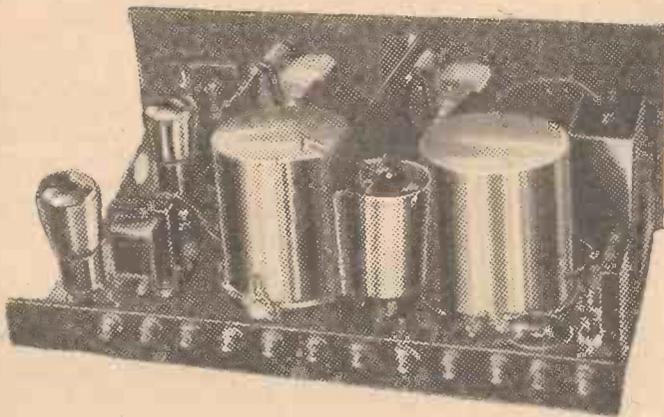
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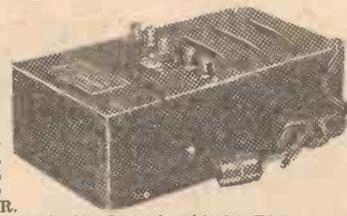
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Any readers who served in the Signal Corps during the war may recall a type of communication which the French Army Communications employed extensively, and which was the best that could be until radio telephony came along and the old Round valve was developed. Well, it is this type of signalling, known as earth-current communication, which has formed the basis of radio treasure-hunting. For many purposes almost exactly the same type of apparatus is employed.

What used to happen in war-time was this. Some unlucky signaller would be deputed to go out into No-man's Land with a couple of copper earth rods which

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### Using H.F. Currents

The whole point was that the scheme wouldn't work properly in shell-holed ground, for the amount of scrap metal buried in the earth appeared to affect the earth-current flow. It has been rumoured, even, that a buried ammunition store, deserted in retreat by "Jerry," was located in this way, and it is not improbable.

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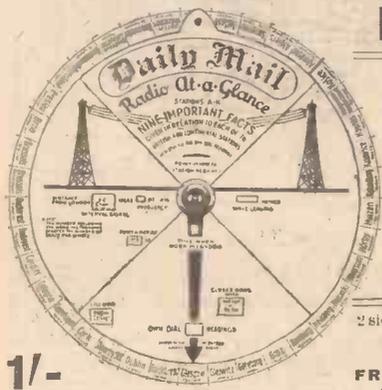
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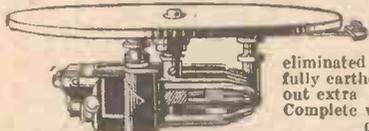


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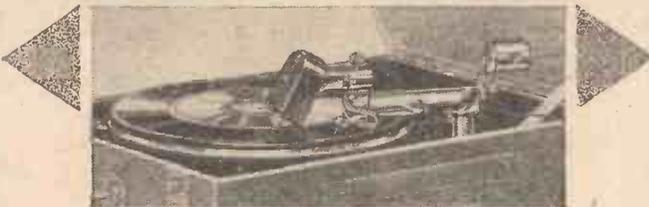


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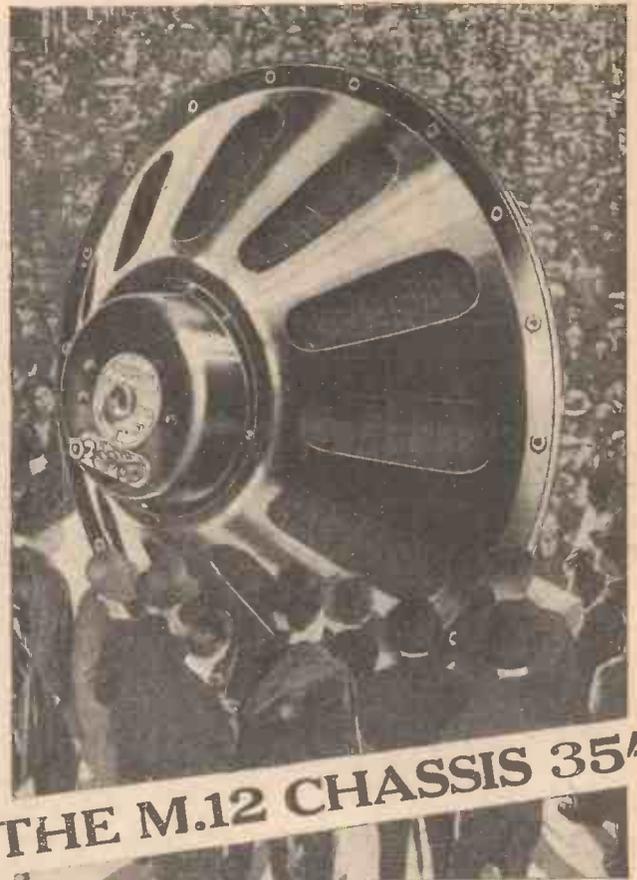
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It has been found, though, that the presence of any large conducting mass, such as a strata of ore, near the beam deflects it and distorts the local curve.

All that has to be done, therefore, is to set the transmitter sending out a constant-amplitude carrier wave and to walk round the locality with a small frame aerial, the two ends of which are connected to a valve voltmeter. When the beam is plotted the distorted area shows the presence of the conducting mass.

Canadian prospectors some years ago made use of a very simple radio gadget for locating water. A frame about 10 ft. square was made up, horizontally, on a trolley cart, and was connected to a one-valve oscillator having a milliammeter in the plate circuit. The oscillator was started and the plate current noted. This current value was found to vary as the frame was wheeled over water springs!

When the B.B.C. engineers were selecting a site for what has turned out to be Slaithwaite they had to make similar

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investigations to determine the nature of the soil and the presence of conducting masses in the locality.

This was automatically shown when the transmitter van was set in operation, for the comparison of the aerial current, when a counterpoise earth and a portable aerial were used, at different points literally showed "how the land lay."

Comparison of earth connections at almost any amateur receiver, and the difference of signal strength which results, shows how the transmission of radio waves depends on the nature of the lower capacity. In London, for example, some areas are supposed to be good and others bad for reception; but generally this is due to the nature of the subsoil, and not to what are called "blind spots"—whatever they may be.

Reverting once more to the B.B.C. experiments in connection with the regional scheme, it is interesting to note that very accurate field-strength curves were made over London. The curves should be true circles, but the distortion is caused by the presence of the large amount of metal in building construction.

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B. A. R.

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M. A. L.

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M. B.

**FIBRE GRAMOPHONE NEEDLES**

IT is a moot point whether fibre or steel needles give the best reproduction. Each type has its own school of adherents, though most people agree that fibre causes much less wear and tear on the record. On the other hand the fibre needle is liable to break down in the groove, especially at a heavily recorded passage, unless the sound-box is correctly aligned with the track. Where preference is definitely in favour of the fibre needle, it is advisable to fit a sound-box specially designed for its use.

Two new sets feature in the programme of Messrs. Hustler, Simpson & Webb, Ltd., for 1932. These are the "1932 Super Two," which sells at £4 4s., and the three-valve Radio-gram, price £16 16s. The two-valver can be obtained complete with a four-pole balanced-armature speaker and H.T., L.T., and G.B. batteries. The Radio-gram is battery operated, but can be supplied with a mains eliminator if desired.

Owing to a typographical error, the "1932 Radio" slogan in the New Times Sales Co. announcement in last week's issue was given as "1923." Readers will not need to have this obvious error pointed out, and it remains only to emphasise the point of the slogan, that the easy terms provided under the New Times plan make it possible for every listener to have a really good set.

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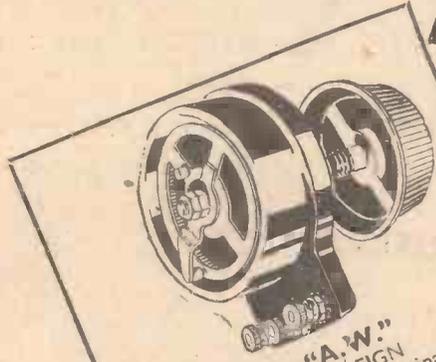
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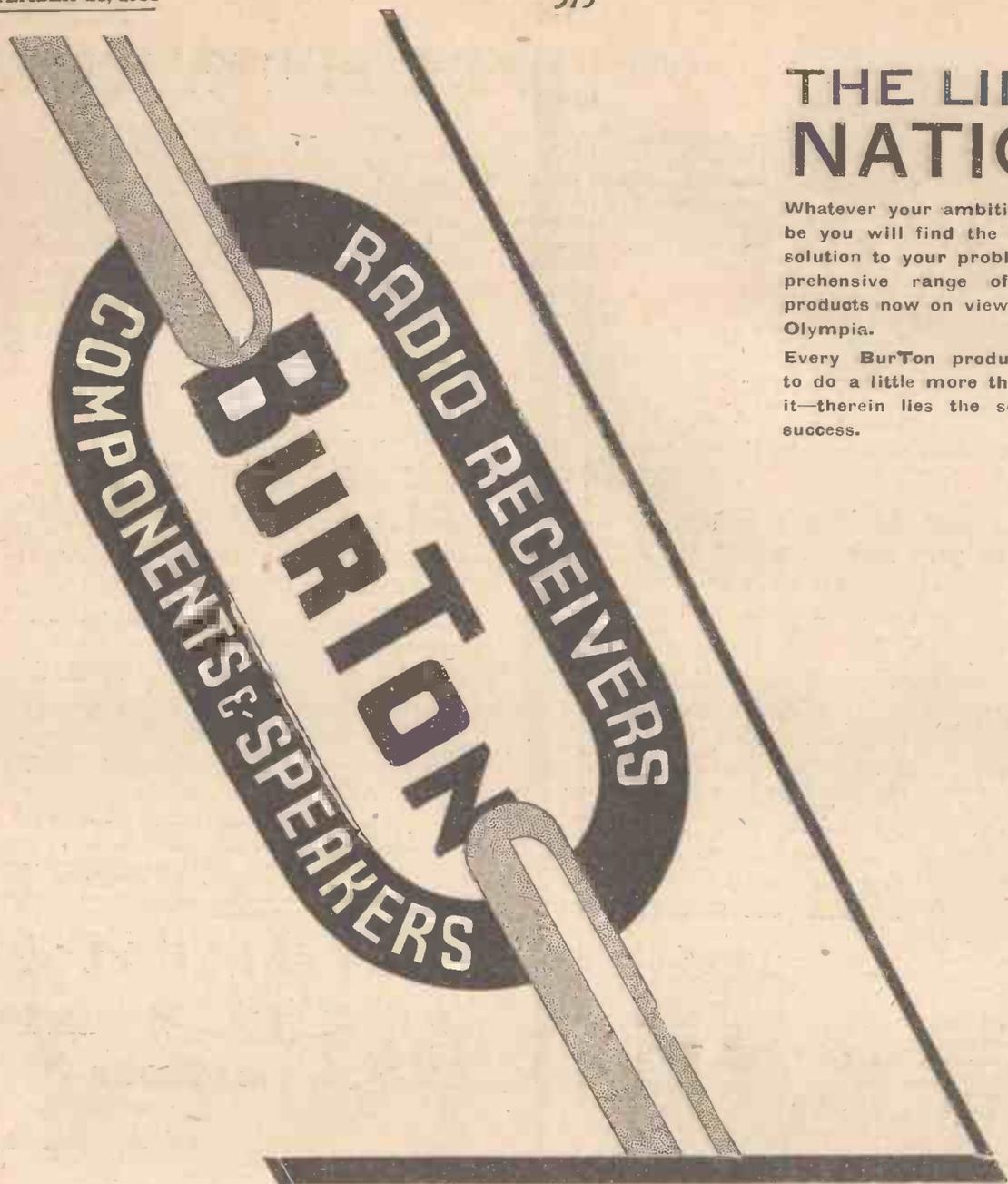
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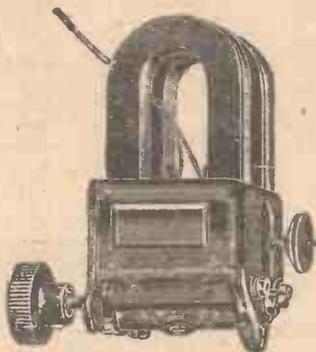
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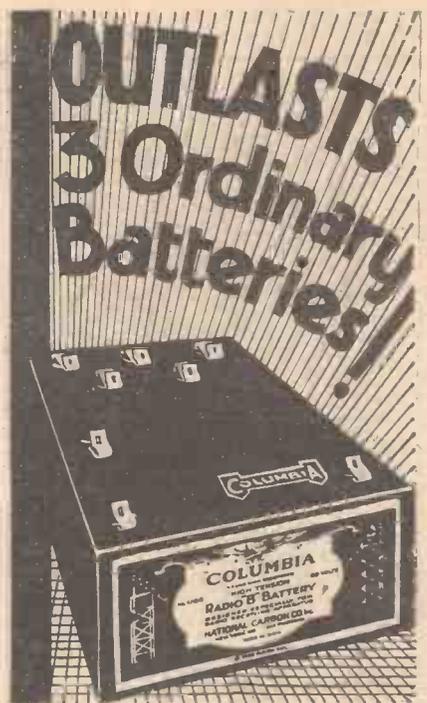
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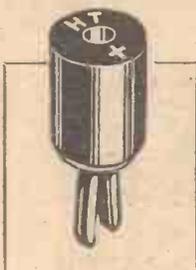
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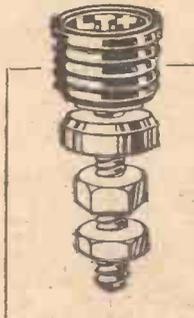
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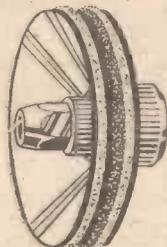
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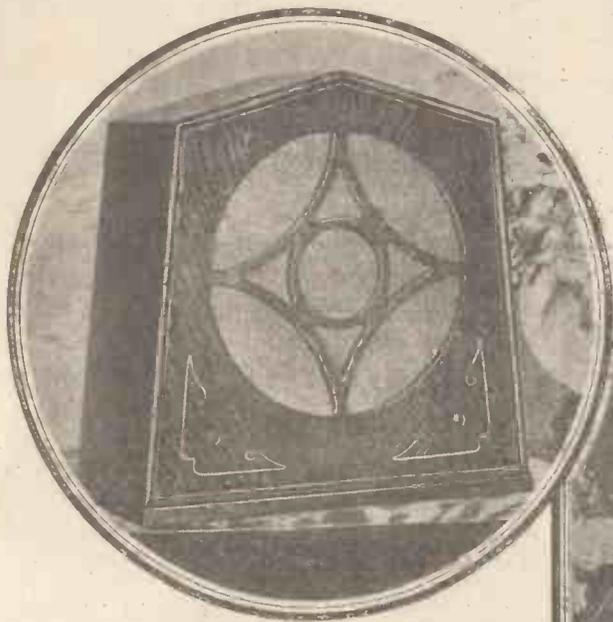
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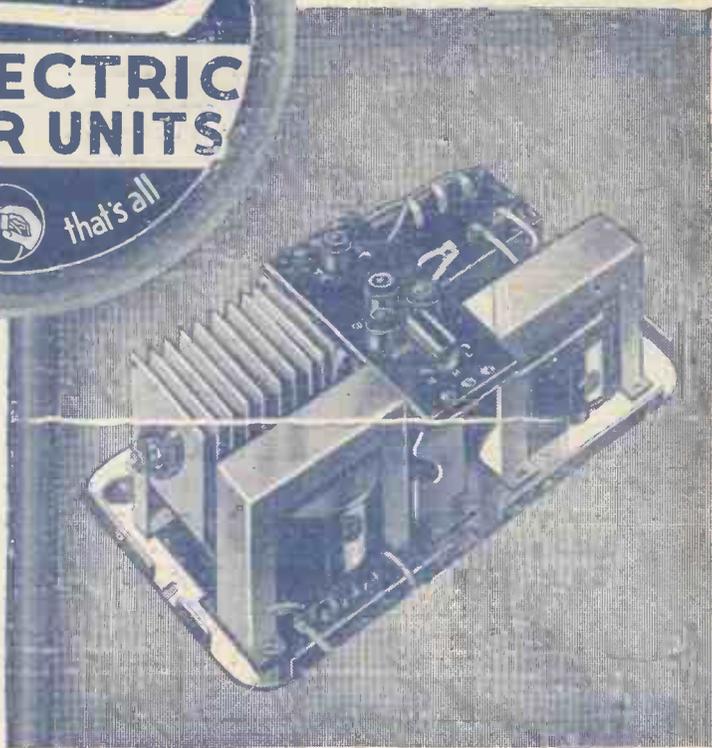
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