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HIS editorial is written for the broadcast listener, also sometimes termed "Radiophone Fan," better known to radio amateurs as "Phone Hound."

The broadcast listener, as we all know, is in a distinct class by himself. He is not interested in the technicalities of either electricity or radio at all. He buys a radio set for one purpose only —to listen in. He receives a few directions either verbally or printed, when he buys his complete set at the store or from a mail order company, and as long as he is able to receive to his heart's content he is satisfied. He is exactly in the same large class with individuals who own phonographs, and who care not a noot what is inside of the case or how the "blamed thing" works. He has not the slightest idea what the motor looks like—quite rightfully so, for he is not supposed to know. He is also like the automobile owner who knows how to drive his car, but who knows absolutely nothing about machinery, and does not want to know. He drives his car for pleasure or for business, but is not interested in automobile engineering, and does not care to be. This is exactly the losition of the broadcast listener, and we may as well admit that he is in the overwhelming majority.

Indeed, radio engineers, as well as the entire technical radio fraternity today, bend every effort towards simplifying every radio set to such an extent that it will come into the class of the phonograph or the automobile; that is, that the owner does not need to know anything of radio whatsoever in order to operate his set.

Today there are such sets, and they are getting more common every day. If the owner of such a set feels that he wants to experiment with something different after he has become sufficiently interested in radio—well and good, but the greater majority will probably continue buying simpler and simpler sets, as new models come out. This radio millenium, however, has not as yet been reached, and the broadcast listener, perforce, must learn some things today about radio if he wishes to get the maximum results from his set.

Let us first start with the crystal set owner: The broadcast listener probably knows that his receiving radius is rather small. It is given, as a rule, as 25 miles. However, there is no set rule about distances in radio, neither with a crystal set nor with a Vacuum Tube set. In some localities, as, for instance, large cities, mountainous regions, particularly where the mountains bear ores,—or if you are in the midst of great steel structures—a 25-mile receiving range is excessive. Oftener it is not even 10 miles, even if a powerful broadcasting station is near. .On the other hand, there are crystal sets in operation every day

On the other hand, there are crystal sets in operation every day that receive from distances ranging up to 500 miles and more. Here the radio engineer frankly throws up the sponge, and admits that he doesn't know why such a condition should exist. He advances many theories why some crystal sets, particularly those located in the country, should make such records. So far we have not discovered the correct reason.

As to the operation of his set, the crystal set owner is not troubled very greatly, for the operation of such a set is simple. He turns one or more knobs, makes one or two detector adjustments, until the sounds come in strongest, and that is about all. The crystal set owner is not bothered with batteries or tubes, as

The crystal set owner is not bothered with batteries or tubes, as is the tube set owner, and his troubles are comparatively few. But once in a great while a crystal set goes dead. Nine times out of ten the trouble will not be in the "boughten" outfit—mostly it will be loose connections, either the ground clamp attached to the water pipe is loose or it does not make contact. Going over these connections should be the first thought. Scrape the metal perfectly clean and bright, and see that the ground clamp or wire is fastened with maximum pressure to the pipe. Next, the aerial and lead-in may have become disconnected. Sometimes the aerial is joined to the lead-in, and the connection may have become loose. particularly if it has not been soldered, which certainly should be done. If the set still does not work, the trouble may then be with the lightning arrester. This may be disconnected, or the connections looked over. If still results are not had, then the trouble is in the outfit.

First tighten up all the screws and see that all the outnet. First tighten up all the screws and see that all the connections are good. Many times the tightening and cleaning of a few connections will make the outfit work. The crystal, if a catwhisker is used, should be cleaned with Carbona on a piece of absorbent cotton. If still no results are had, then the outfit must be returned to the maker.

Here is a new thought for crystal set owners. In recent experiments with crystal sets, the writer has very successfully used, instead of an aerial, a copper strip from $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, and only .005" (five thousandths of an inch) thick. This copper strip can be secured from radio supply or specialty companies and is very cheap, costing only about one cent a foot. By using such strip, instead of wire, we catch, so to speak, more energy. The bigger the surface that we expose to the waves, the more energy do we intercept. Results with a copper strip antenna are really surprising.

The tube set owner has an entirely different problem. As to the distances over which he can receive, there are no fixed rules—just as with the crystal set. A single tube circuit, using no fancy hookup, is good for anywhere from 50 to 100 miles. If the set is the socalled regenerative set, the distance is very much greater, running into hundreds and even thousands of miles. As a rule, the more tubes used, the greater the distance. This holds particularly true if the set is a radio frequency or Reflex Circuit set.

The Vacuum Tube set owner, with a few instructions, readily learns how to tune in. but again there are no set rules as to how this is done, either. It makes a difference for every outfit used. The broadcast listener is usually told, after the tubes have been lighted, to adjust either the condenser or variometer dials until the "whistle" is heard. That means that a particular station has been picked up. When the sounds are then heard weakly, other adjustments with other dials and knobs must be made, until the maximum sound is received. The directions naturally vary for every set. It is, however, not difficult to master the art of adjusting, particularly where local stations are concerned. Even the lady of the hour after a few instructions, has no trouble in tuning in for nearby st tions. The trouble arises when you try to tune in for a distant is working on a similar wave-length. As a rule, the attempt proves hopeless for the local station. If it sends at 360 meters, it will positively drown out every "DX" 360-meter station. Even if a local station is sending on 360 meters and it is attempted to get a distant 400-meter station, the results are not always encouraging.

400-meter station, the results are not always encouraging. The Vacuum Tube owner, when his set gives him trouble, should pursue the same method in hunting for that trouble as explained under "crystal set operation." The tube set owner knows that when the light in the bulb fails, his storage battery (or dry cells, if he uses the new low-voltage tubes) is failing. If it is a storage battery, it must be recharged. If he uses dry cells, it is useless to do anything except throw them away and buy new ones. If a tube suddenly goes dead, a new one must be bought. Owners, however, have been fooled at times when a tube has gone dead, which was not dead at all. Often the socket connection goes bad, and for that reason before a tube is thrown away, it should be tested in another socket or another set, to make reasonably sure that it is really burnt out.

If the set emits weird and unaccustomed noises, there is either a loose connection somewhere that should be tightened, or the "B" batteries need renewing. "B" batteries, if they are of good make, last anywhere from 9 to 12 months, and should be renewed after such a period. It is much safer to do so, as many troubles arise from a "B" battery that is slowly but surely wearing out. One source of loud noises will often be found in the rheostat or potentiometer. The metal finger that rides over the wire convolutions may have become loosened, where it should be tight; this is a frequent trouble. If no reception is had at all, and the owner is not technically inclined, after he has looked the set over to the best of his ability, he had better call in a radio amateur or other expert, or otherwise return the outfit to the factory.

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n i n g s, educational

talks are broadcast from NAA, the transmitting station of the Navy Depart-

ment, located at Radio, Virginia, the wave-length' e m -

ployed being 710 me-

ters. If Commis-sioner Tigert is in

the city, he usually delivers the lecture

by use of a remote-

control system interlinking his Chevy

Chase residence with the powerful radio-

telephone transmitter at Radio, Virginia. Absence from Wash-

ing duties that may engage the attention of the Commissioner of Education, then the duty of deliver-

ing educational hints

devolves upon L. A. Kalbach, Chief Clerk

of the Bureau of Education, who like-

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ington or

Both in priority and significance, this is

"the first instance in history that a national

educational agency has broadcast messages

Public Education by Radio By S. R. WINTERS is a glamour about it—this departure of broadcasting "Public Education by Radio."

of school children in this country are housed

at the present time in buildings of the type designed 75 years ago"-may be borne through the ether on electro-magnetic waves

to effect. Father and son, with head tele-

HERE are 350,000 teachers in the United States who have had no pro-fessional training; there are 186,000 schools employing only one teacher; hundreds of thousands of children are

quartered in portable buildings, stores and lofts, and many more thoúsands are studying in halls, corridors, and attics; and more than 4,000,000 children, between five and eighteen years of age, in this country are not enrolled in school.

These and kindred impressive facts about our educational life have been repeated countless times before by word mouth an d through the medium of the printed page. However, they were never presented with more telling effect than when Commissioner John J. Tigert of the Bureau of Edu c a t i o n, United States Department of Interior, recently, while seated in his home at Chevy Chase, District of Columbia, spoke into a telephone connected to the radio-tele-phone transmitting apparatus of the United States Navy Department, at Radio, Virginia. From



John J. Tigert, Head of the Bureau of Education of the United States Department of the Interior, in the Act of Broadcasting "Public Education by Radio" from His Office, Through the Naval Station N.A.A., at Radio, Virginia.

this point his words were wafted through the air to an unnumbered invisible audience within a radius of hundreds of miles of our National Capital.

The favorable reaction to this service which has been entitled "Public Education by Radio" is partially responsible for this unqualified endorsement of the radio telephone as an educational factor by the Com-missioner of Education when this writer was supplied with this statement: "I consider supplied with this statement: "I consider the inauguration of this service one of the most important pieces of work that the Bureau has ever started. In fact, the general public is one of the most fundamentally important audiences which we have to reach, since public education cannot progress any faster than the state of public opinion about education. This audience, however, has now grown too vast, the need for continuous education too great, and the necessity for sending out information quickly has become too pressing to be met any longer by the long-delayed, infrequent government bulletins." Ringing words are these, and coming as they do from the titular head of our national educational system, they constitute probably the strongest endorsement of radio as a medium of intelligence yet issued by any Federal Government official. Moreover, this official statement is the unbiased judgment of an educational authority whose bureau is purely concerned with the educational interests of 110,000,000 people.

The Commissioner of Education, whose vision dips into the future, is quick to appraise the advantages of radio telephony as a medium for disseminating educational truths. He at once realizes that unpleasant conditions—for instance, "The large majority

NEW situation in education has A arisen and a new method of reaching it must be found. I believe that radio furnishes such a method. Radio is cheaper than printing; it reaches its audience quicker; it reaches the mass of people who will not read printed articles; it is more effective because it has the intimate contact of speaker and audience: and above all it can be continuous in serv-ice, which is vitally important for us since the only thing that educates the public is continuous education. Radio can be the means of such continuous education. I consider the inauguration of this service one of the most im-portant pieces of work that the Bureau has ever started.—Commissioner John J. Tigert, of the Bureau of Education, United States Department of Interior.

phones clamped on their ears or mayhap by use of a loud speaking device, can "listen-in," without voicing denunciation, to the words of a constituted authority. "At present, 4,159,-318 children, between 5 and 18 years of age, are not in school at all. Some schools are shortening their terms for lack of school funds, or shutting down entirely. Such a situation is a menace to the future of this country." These shortcomings—failure to enforce compulsory laws and to provide adequate school buildings-when disseminated in all directions by electric waves are even heard by over-burdened taxpayers without There their voicing the usual complaints.

wise maintains or-derly telephonic communication from his home with the wireless broadcasting station, NAA.

Thirty-two broadcasts under the title "Public Education by Radio" had been issued before the end of March, 1923. In addition to the broadcasting of these educational talks, each consisting of about seven mimeo-graphed pages, by the United States Navy Department through NAA, there are two private transmitting stations spreading the gospel of education. These are located on the Pacific Coast, namely, the Mercantile Trust Company of San Francisco, California, and the *Tacoma Daily Ledger* of Tacoma, Washington Moreover the Bureau of Edu-Washington. Moreover, the Bureau of Edu-cation mails copies of these broadcasts regularly twice a week to 2,000 newspapers scattered throughout the length and breadth of the Nation. This service to the press was introduced on January 27, 1923. The co-operation of the newspapers in publishing these broadcasts is earnestly solicited by Uncle Sam's national educational agency. Thus, directly and indirectly, it is not an extravagant claim in assuming that millions f American citizens are benefitted by Public Education by Radio." "This audience of the general public which

the Bureau of Education has to reach with educational information," to again quote the Commissioner of Education, "includes the entire voting population of the United States and particularly fathers and mothers. In 1920 there were 22,059,582 children in the public elementary and high schools of the United States. It is the parents of these children and the taxpayers in their communities that the Bureau of Education desires to reach, for no improvements in school build-(Continued on page 2193)

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Trolley Cars Try Radiophones



CARRIER current telephone, operated by radio guided by trolley wires, was demonstrated recently on trolley lines of the New York Third Avenue Railway in the Bronx by engineers of the General Elec-tric Company and the Third Avenue line. By the use of this current and the "wired wireless" telephone apparatus a conversation was carried on between a trolley car in motion along St. Ann's Avenue and a substation three miles distant. Walter J. Quinn, electrical engineer of the Third Avenue system. said :

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"Operating delays usually occur through unforeseen causes, such as fires, accidents and traffic congestion. Even with the best telephone service time is lost in reaching emergency crews and other employes who are charged with the duty of maintaining schedules and clearing up trouble. Where such employes are beyond reach of immediate telephone facilities additional time is required to dispatch messengers for them. To improve this condition it seemed most logical to use the trolley wires and feeders of the system as a channel for the broadcasting of signals and messages, and with this in mind the General Electric Company and the Third Avenue Railway Company have been jointly experimenting for several months.

"The wires and feeders form a network covering the entire system which furnishes ready means of contact with all strategic points and also the means by which emergency motor vehicles may instantly make contact and be placed in communication with the central dispatching point. We have found that by a suitable modification of the conventional radio transmitting system the output of the transmitting station in the form of high frequency carrier currents is modu-lated by the voice through suitable amplifier and modulator tubes."

The General Electric Company said in a

statement: "This is the third practical use carrier current has been put to by the General Electric Company. It was first used to

operate a street lighting system from a re-mote power station, next for communication over high tension power lines which carry up to 120,000 volts and today for an intercommunication means between trolley cars and the sub-station or dispatcher's office. By installing the set on the repair or emergency wagon, a similar means of communication may be maintained which at the present time the Third Avenue Railway officials feel is

In the July Issue of Radio News You Should Read

Radio Control. By Capt. H. W. Webbe, A. I. E. E., Asst. Professor Communications, Military Dept.,

- Communications, Minitary Dept., Ohio State University. A New Type of Single-Tube Reflex. By Clyde J. Fitch. Health by Radio. By S. R. Winters. Construction of a 10-Watt C.W. and Radiophone Set. By D. R. Clem-ons. Radio Instructor, Dodge's Redio Instructor, Dodge's Radio Institute.
- Radio Control of Ships. Some heretofore unpublished data on the inventions of John Hays Hammond, Jr., and several other interesting articles for the amateurs and Broadcast listeners.

more essential than linking the trolley cars with the main office.

Several persons listened to the conversations which were carried on while the trolley car proceeded up and down St. Ann's Avenue at a slow speed and all agreed that the speech was as clear as that obtained over a land telephone."

WEATHER FORECASTS ARE BROADCAST BY RADIO-PHONE FROM NAA

Broadcasting by radiophone from the Arlington Naval Radio station (NAA) of

weather forecasts and warnings for each of the States comprised in the Washington forecast district was inaugurated February 15, 1923. Broadcasts are made three times daily, at 10:05 a. m., 3:45 p. m., and 10:05 p. m., respectively, on a wave-length of 710 meters. The State forecasts are for northern New England (Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont), southern New England (Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut), New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Ohio. A general forecast covering the entire district and such storm and flood warnings as are issued for any portion thereof are included.

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On Saturdays there is included in the 3:45 p. m. broadcast the weather outlook for the ensuing week, Monday to Saturday, inclusive, for the North and Middle Atlantic inclusive, for the North and Middle Atlantic States, the South Atlantic and east Gulf States, the Ohio Valley and Tennessee, and the region of Great Lakes. On Wednes-days, March 15 to November 30, inclusive, a summary giving the effect of the weather on crops during the preceding seven days ending at 8 a. m., Tuesday, will be given in the 10:05 a. m. broadcast the 10:05 a. m. broadcast.

A feature of this service, which provides for dissemination of the weather forecasts immediately after they are issued, is that the announcements are made directly from the Weather Bureau office in Washington which is connected by telephone with the radiophone transmitting apparatus located in the Naval Radio station (NAA) at Arlington, Va.

It will be appreciated if those listening in on these radiophone broadcasts of weather forecasts and information sent from NAA will write to the Chief of the Weather Bu-reau, Washington, D. C., by letter or postal card, advising as to clearness of the broadcasts and which schedule (10:05 a. m.; 3:45 p. m., or 10:05 p. m.) is most frequently (Continued on page 2195)

A Modern Liner Radio Outfit By C. A. REBERGER



F we will but freshen our memories, we will recollect that not many years have elapsed since radio was in its infancy.

Especially has ship wireless seen a wonderful change and those times peo-ple thought automatically of ocean liners when we spoke of radio. But the minds of the people, like the world, are changing every day. Wireless is one thing that has made extraordinary advancements and has tended to change millions. Broadcasting is now the vogue and untold thousands, both young and old, have suddenly become mag-netized by its influence and enchantment. It is mainly for this reason that they are forgetting what part wireless plays on the sea and are unacquainted with the appearance of the wireless room aboard a present day trans-Atlantic liner, what it resembles and what it contains. Broadcasting is occupying nearly all their time, but hardly any-one would refrain from accepting an in-vitation to inspect the radio equipment

aboard a liner like the new Paris. It would be more than a treat to them.

The days when wireless was classed on board ships as only part of the emergency equipment, have vanished into the mist. Radio has more than once proven its great value and there are very few companies today that would think of sending their ships to sea minus radio apparatus. But there to sea minus radio apparatus. But there is a law that compels them to do this and in disregarding this law they would be liable to a fine of thousands of dollars. But even if there were no such law, ship owners would certainly be far-sighted enough to realize its usefulness. For one thing, it is an indispensable means of communicating with a ship far at sea, regardless of time and regardless of its location. It also safe-guards the lives of those aboard and the great fear of distaster is partially blotted out, for with radio aboard, assistance can easily and quickly be had. But disregard-ing all this, there are other reasons why as part of a vessel's equipment that are too numerous to mention here. A modern liner of today without wireless is well nigh like a city without telegraph or telephone lines, an aeroplane without wings or a ship minus

One of the latest additions to the great vanguard of boats already engaged in the trans-Atlantic trade is the French line vessel Paris. The new

boat is modern in every respect and every inch of her 800 feet is given over to some good purpose. Being an up-to-date ship, radio equipment could hardly have been omitted. Each voyage she carries hundreds of passengers across the rough Atlantic Ocean and each trip she sends and intercepts hundreds of important radiograms by means of her powerful radio. On such a liner, it is essential that there be the most modern radio apparatus—powerful, efficient and very reliable. It must be far better than the type of equipment found aboard the freight boat or the smaller passenger vessels, for much more is expected of it. The *Paris* has such equipment—the last word in high class commercial wireless apparatus of French manufacture.

The great ship carries two separate sending sets, one a spark outfit—the other a tube or C.W. transmitter. All new ocean steamers are carrying the new type tube set, for they have the reputation of causing much less interference to other ships, than the (Continued on page 2132)

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Inauguration of Cuban Radio Academy As Reported by ULPIANO MUNIZ Cuban Correspondent of Radio News

OMETIMES the result of the lightning J flash of an idea which carries with it the conception of great ideals is a wonderful thing. On other occasions it is the result and accomplishment of long matured studies, of intelligent applications of the brain to actual problems. Doctor Cartaya, the clever Director of the Com-munications Department of Cuba, studied. applied his studies and developed, with a keen sense of worldly knowledge as well as farsighted comprehension of the great future this science will have, the Radio Telegraph and Telephone Academy of the Cuban Government.

It was opened, inaugurating the Radio Course, on February 24 of this year. With the coöperation of the Cuban Telephone Co.'s broadcasting station, PWX, and Romeu's orchestra, a select musical proand gram enhanced the delightful hours passed in the distinguished company of those who were listening at the same time to the descriptions given by Mr. Enrique Lasanta, Chief Professor of the Academy, a man in the con-fidence of Doctor Cartaya, who chose him to carry on this important charge, on account of his personal merits and intelligence.

Marconi ship sets, wireless specialty receivers, short and long wave units, B. of S. audion control panels, radio and audio frequency amplifiers, U. S. N. field trans-mitters and receivers, a Westinghouse spe-cial 20-watt C.W. and telephone transmitter. De Forest honeycomb coil set, in fact, every modern piece of apparatus is available for the instruction of students. The work accomplished in distributing this course is simply wonderful, being the work of Dr. Cartaya with Messrs. Novo, Val-ladares, Mallo and Enrique Lasanta himself, who was the principal one of this con-solidation of radio experts, being the ap-pointed professor of the Academy. Mr. Novo and Mr. Valladares belong to the Technical Inspection Dept., and are both engi-neers. Mr. Mallo is the well known radio chief of Havana, also a radio engineer and writer of several radio books in Spanish for the amateurs. The course is divided into three main



Dr. Cartava, of the Radio Academy of the Cuban Government, Speaking to His Vast Radio Audience Through the Transmitter of the Academy, Relayed by the Cuban Telephone Co., Through Their Station PWX. We Have Here a Good View of a Part of the Academy's Apparatus Used for Instruction.

branches: 1st, code practice of actual radiograms and press dispatches; 2nd, theory and application of theory to practice in the workshop; 3rd, actual practice on the ap-paratus, mounting and calculation of stations, etc., with a short post-graduate field course with the portable sets far away from the Academy and making the "acid test" for the star pupils. Referring to the photographs, we see

Doctor Cartaya speaking to his vast radio audience through the transmitter of the Academy, relayed by the Cuban Telephone Co, and Mr. Lasanta, his assistant and radio professor, standing by, watching the modulation of the set.

In the second one we may admire the good arrangement of apparatus and exactness of disposition. We look only at one-half of the equipment, as the most important field sets are behind the other door, out of sight. It is our aim to congratulate the originators of the idea, as well as those persons who contributed with their valued assistance to make the Radio Academy a real fact, and Doctor Cartaya will be, no doubt, amply repaid for his efforts when he knows the benefits and big opportunities that he has afforded to young people to become proficient in the radio science and following a career that will bring many chances for advancement to those who take care of it NOW.

There is a project on foot to supply uni-prms for the Academy's members. This forms for the Academy's members. is the idea of young Mr. Lasanta.

Meantime, let Dr. Cartaya and his staff receive our sincere congratulations, and hope to see the Academy's rooms crowded with eager young men in search of inteliectual advancement.

RADIO REGULATION IN CUBA

PENDING the passage of a law to cover the use of radio telegraph in Cuba, a presidential decree has been issued defining the various classes of non-governmental radio stations and prescribing certain general rules for their operation, says Acting Commercial Attache P. L. Edwards in a report to the Department of Commerce. Up to the present time there has been no law or regulation covering the construction or operation of radio stations in Cuba.

Under the decree, non-governmental radio stations are divided into five classes, A, B, C, D, and E, to each of which is assigned a wave-length and a maximum power. No sets of any of these classes will be used for commercial purposes. Classification is as follows:

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A Better View of a Part of the Academy's Apparatus. At the Extreme Left Are a Number of U. S. Navy Type Receivers and Amplifiers. The Academy Also Has Some Field Sets for Outdoor Instruc-tion, Giving the Students the Chance for Practice Under Actual Conditions.

Vast Range Of Ether Vibrations By SIR OLIVER LODGE, D.Sc., LLD., F.R.S.

T is of interest to call attention to the fact that what is called the spectrum —that is to say, the known range of vibrations in the ether—is now nearly

complete. By different methods it is now possible to detect and obtain rates of vibration ranging from those of quite low frequency, expressed by such small figures as 1, or even a fraction, per second, up to those which are so immensely rapid as to be almost uncountable.

To deal with the slow ones first, the capacity of a farad joined to an inductance of a henry would have an oscillation period of six seconds, which is about the same as the oscillation period of a charge upon the sun. On the earth a charge would complete an oscillation in the seventeenth part of a second. A microfarad connected to a henry of inductance would oscillate a thousand times in six seconds, and so generate a feeble wave 1,800 kilometers long. To get anything like strong radiation we must quicken the rate of vibration, and shorten the wave; but a very practical wave, 1,800 meters long, with a frequency of vibration about 170,000 per second, can be got by coupling a millimicrofarad, or nine meters capacity, to a millihenry, or 10 killometers induct-ance. It is still easier to get waves of great intensity only few meters long. A wave of 300 meters has an oscillation frequency of a million per second; and with care and precaution these so-called wireless waves can be shortened in the laboratory down to something like a centi-meter; which would correspond to thirty thousand million vibrations per second.

So already the electrical rates of vibration are getting consider-

able, but still nothing like those which we have learned to associate with ordinary light.

The range of luminous vibrations, that is, those which can affect the eye, and, therefore, are popularly called light, is, as is well known, limited to "an octave" ranging from about 400 to 800 millions of millions per second. But below the visible range we have the infra red, sometimes called "heat" waves, extending downwards without anything but an experimental limit, until they almost reach a range of extremely high electrical vibrations, such as those above mentioned, rising up to meet them. Electrical vibrations go on extending downwards, through the great range of wireless waves, with frequencies of anything from a million to, say, ten thousand per second, to the slow oscillation of large capacities joined to great inductances, such as one might have in a transformer station, or with alternating dynamos, it being understood that the radiation from these slower things is insignificant, and that the radiating power increases (other things being equal) with the fourth power of the frequency of the cially in the interior of some of the hotter stars, there may be rates of vibration even higher than that, due to the disintegration of atoms and the excessive temperatures which would be there encountered.

All these higher rates of vibration would be very deleterious to us; but fortunately they are easily stopped by a thin layer of matter, so that from the stars they hardly emerge, while those from the sun are

screened from us by the earth's atmosphere. We only encounter a few of them when we ascend to great heights; and then we do experience their blistering effect.

It is beginning to seem probable now that the earth is kept warm by the absorbing power of a layer of ozone in the upper regions of the atmosphere, which has the power of stopping a good deal of radiation and of becoming warmed by it; thus constituting a sort of blanket, and preventing us from ever feeling the full intensity of the dread cold of space, which must be a close approximation to absolute zero. When the sky is clear and the sun is set, we do feel some traces of this cold, and that is what gives us our hard frosts. But for the most part the earth as a whole is mercifully screened from the more violent ranges of temperature. Otherwise life could not have persisted and attained the approach to perfection which in the course of millions of centuries it has at-tained. Presumably there is some kind of similar provision on most of the other planets; and accordingly it appears probable that life of some kind-though not necessarily human life-would be found on them also.

By the planets here mentioned we mean the planets of the solar system, the only planets of which

we have anything like adequate knowledge. What may be happening on the innumerable other planets which may be circulating round the infinitude of stars in space, we have at present no conception. But the universe is so majestic, and its possibilities so immense, that no one with any wisdom would venture to put a limit to the possibilities and variety of existence.

We seem to have traveled far afield from the more or less practical considerations with which we began. But now that we are beginning to deal in an intelligible and practical manner with the Ether—that universal medium which unites all the worlds, —no one can say what may be the ultimate

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A Much Enlarged Illustration of the Minute-Waves of an Ultra-Violet Ray. The Distance from A to B Would Represent a Length no Greater Than the Thickness of a Page of This Magazine.



A Recent Photograph of Sir Oliver Lodge, the Eminent Scientist, Philosopher and Psychic Investigator. The Result of His Experiments with Ether Waves Appearing on These Pages Cover the Subject in an Admirable Manner.

vibration.

At the other end of the scale, above the visible range, we have ultra-violet radiation, extending into the photographic region without obvious limit. There has been a practical limit until lately, but now the range has been extended, by photo electric devices, until it overtakes and begins to overlap the soft x-rays. And these rise, through ordinary x-rays of excessively high frequency, up to the gamma rays emitted by radium, which at present constitute the highest terrestrially known rate of vibration, some hundreds of thousands of millions of millions per second.

It is possible that in the sun, or espe-





outcome. The Ether has already brought us much information as to the chemical constitution and other details of what are called the Heavenly Bodies ;- though it should always be remembered that the earth is one of them, though a small one, yet just as much a heavenly body as the others, difficult as it may be occasionally to believe it, or to reconcile that fact with some of the doings of humanity:--the Ether I say has already brought us so much information about the heavenly bodies that it may by the progress of Science bring us more; and so in due time we may receive

quite unexpected information about them. For Science is as yet in its infancy. Our methods of exploration are continually enlarging; and we have already found that we are not isolated and disconnected from rest of the universe as we formerly believed, and as in olden times, for all practical purposes and by the methods of Science, we were. Though it should always be re-membered and admitted that, by methods other than those of Science, men have al-ways believed themselves to be in touch at first awe-stricken but afterwards reverent and even affectionate touch-with a

higher order of existence. Things half known and but dimly glimpsed by the ancients may in process of time become known to us, through the accumulation and handling of laboriously acquired knowledge.

And just as the higher and lower regions of the spectrum have gradually united, so that some approach to continuity is established through the whole range, so it may be hoped, and even confidently expected, that in the long run the regions of knowledge and of faith will approach each other by gradual extension, and merge into a comprehensive unity.

Recommendations Of the National Radio Committee

HE second National Radio Conference announced that its recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce mark a new era for the radio public. It recommended that the interference experience by broad-casters and listeners be relieved by the opening up of a new wide band of waves by the Government and a new assignment of individual wave-lengths to broadcasting stations. This is made possible by the opening up of what was previously government reserved waves and the shifting of certain ship waves out of the broadcasting wave bands. The Department of Commerce, acting under present authority, will be able to establish and enforce the new regulations, and thus bring order in the radio world. Boiled down, the important recommenda-tions of the conference are these:

Previously all broadcasting was concen-trated on three wave lengths, 360, 400 and trated on three wave lengths, 300, 400 and 485 meters. Now a new field extending from 222 meters to 545 meters can be created for the purpose. Within that field stations can be assigned individual wave lengths and divided into two classes. The higher power Class "A" stations corresponding to the present Class "B" stations can use wave-lengths between 288 meters and 545 meters, while lower powered stations (new class "B" stalower powered stations (new class ' tions) can use the waves from 222 to 286.

This will enable the higher power stations distributed in 50 localities and comprehen-sively covering the United States, to be within the reach of every listener Suit-able wave-lengths are provided in the rec-Suitommendations for the more than 500 existing lower power stations.

The report urges that the field of amateur activity be extended by alloting a band ex-tending from 150 meters to 222 meters in place of the waves up to 200 meters now used. The band from 200 to 222 meters can be reserved for high grade continuous wave telegraph transmitting stations operating under special license. Technical and trainunder special license. ing school licenses can also occupy this band. The report confines spark amateur radio telegraph stations to the band 175 meters to 200 meters.

It also includes the provision that ships using 450 meter waves keep silent between 7 and 11 P. M. and, as soon as possible, readjust their equipment for transmission on wave-lengths above 600 meters.

Provision is made in the recommendations

for a new field of ship telephone service, enabling persons on shore to talk to those aboard ship. This can be carried out on waves far above broadcasting waves, so that

no interference can result. The reading of telegrams or letters by broadcasting stations should be permitted, says the report, so long as the signer is not addressed in person and so long as the text matter is of general interest.

Another recommendation is that simultaneous rebroadcasting be permitted as a service only on a broadcasting wave-length, and with the authorization of the original broadcaster and of the Department of Commerce.

The new regulations recommended are based on a plan submitted by the radio in-spectors of the Department of Commerce, and include elements from other plans sub-mitted by the Radio Section of the Associated Manufacturers of Electrical Supplies. The National Radio Chamber of Commerce, The Institute of Radio Engineers and the American Newspaper broadcasting stations and several other groups.

It is the unanimous opinion of the con-(Continued on page 2169)

Awards of the Super-Regenerative Contest Third Prize Class I

A Portable Super-Regenerative Set By E. W. CUTTING



THIS super-regenerative set is of the bank condenser type, better known as the Flewelling circuit and consists of one 50-turn Remler coil, one 75-turn Remler coil, one 23-plate Murdock condenser (Vernier would be preferable), one Freshman variable grid leak and condenser, three .005 M.F. Dubilier condensers, one 101-Durham variable high resistance, one moulded socket, one "Kresge" rheostat, one W.D.-11 tube with adapter, one Red Seal dry cell, one Two Views of Mr. Cutting's Super-Regenerative Receiver. A Peanut Tube and Honeycomb Coils Are Employed With This Set. Very Good Results Have Been Obtained With But a Few Feet of Lamp Cord as an Aerial. The Circuit Used is Shown on the Right. It is Known as the Flewelling Circuit and Employs the Principle of the Eaton Oscillator to Produce the "Super-Effect." Eveready 45-volt "B" Battery, one Frost jack, one Deveau plug, one pair Penberthy phones, and about 6' of lamp cord for an aerial. The case is an old phonograph case with a curved lid which can be used as a loud speaker, as shown. The switch shown is to cut out the condenser bank, thus mak-

erative set. The grid leak and the variable high resistance are very sensitive and somewhat

ing the outfit work as an ordinary regen-



difficult to adjust, but when properly adjusted this set brings in WJZ, KDKA, WGY, KYW and others at least as loud as the ordinary one-tube set using aerial and ground. For daylight reception either a ground or an aerial may be used, but not both. At night neither seem to be needed. As can be seen from the photographs, everything needed is carried inside the case; phones, batteries, aerial, and all are out of sight. The total cost, including everything except the case is approximately \$40.

Fourth Prize Class I The Armstrong Super-Regenerative Receiver By W. HARPER, JR.

THIS remarkable principle of radio reception and amplification has probably created more discussion than any other since the advent of popular broadcasting; and it has been rather strange to me that a greater use has not been made of it among the amateurs, and that such a receiver has not as yet appeared on the market. After my own personal experience with all the other standard systems, I unhesitatingly say that. especially for city use, and also tor the country, when one considers the Summer static difficulties, it is the real Rolls Royce of receivers.

Now it may be that on account of its radical departure, in principle, from the straight regenerative system that one attempting to wire up such a set for the first time, may enounter a great many discouraging troubles until the new principle has really been mastered. At least, this was my own experience and it was only after several months of very persistent effort that some of the mysteries dissolved into very simple facts. And even then, I confess, it was quite some time before I really began to appreciate this wonderful circuit and could use it to somewhere near its full capacity.

In principle its range is unlimited as well as its amplification and it is solely temporarily restricted by the quality of tubes

A Rear View of Mr. Harper's Three-Tube Super-Regenerative Receiver. Note That the Large Honeycomb Coils Are Mounted at Right Angles to Each Other.



employed, the receiing phones and artificial local conditions, as all of these details will be subject to marked improvement in a short time.

It looks as though at last the human mind is at the threshold of touching upon the infinite.

To one who is contemplating experimenting with such a receiver I would say by all means do it, although so many have not been successful. Because, if the following instructions are carefully noted, it is really quite simple after all, as is the case with nearly every big thing worth while.

Contrary to the idea that it is critical and hard to tune I unhesitatingly state that the set here pictured and described is quicker and easier to operate than the most approved conventional phonograph and I don't mean just on local stations either, but from New York, tuning in KDKA and WGY.

It is the ideal receiver for the good little wife to use during some of those boresome lonely hours when friend husband is away at the office and she hasn't much patience to turn up a lot of rheostats and fish about with several dials.

In the case of a well designed "Super" all that is necessary is to push a button which lights the tubes, and if there is anything on at the station at which the one tuning condenser is set, you have it right away, full volume and quality with no critical rheostat adjustment or tickler setting to improve it or hold on to. And by tuning the one dial throughout its range, you will

Another View of Mr. Har-per's Set. The Tubes From Left To Right Are, Detector and Regener-ator, Oscillator, and Amplifier.



all that three V.T.-2 tubes can put into it. The amplification is faultless, so far as the work of the circuit goes.

A few moments ago, while writing this, I walked across the room and pressed the button without even looking at the receiver, and at the same moment I was searching my mind for a clear way to word the idea of its new simplicity, and until I returned to my desk I had not realized that I was listening to the overture at the Capitol theater and after a moment's thought decided it was too loud so the only adjustment made was to tone it down a little; quite a new complaint for a radio receiver.

There are some essentials to bear in mind regarding the assembling of the "Super." In the first place it should be placed in a cabinet not less than 24" by 8",



The Circuit Diagram of the Super-Regenerator Described. To Coil L1. The Variometer L2 Is In Inductive Relation

know whether anything else is doing be-tween here and the Mississippi River. You see, there is the absence of the old idea of tuning the primary and then trying to coax in the signal with regeneration at each step in tuning.

As to volume and quality, the old style regenerative fan has a most pleasant sur-prise in store for him. There is not a loud prise in store for him. speaker on the market that can take care of

inside measurements. The best of materials must be employed and the three variable condensers kept well separated. The inductance coils must be separated from the tubes as far as possible, and the tubes so placed that their respective plates shield each other.

It is also necessary that the primary winding is in the same direction as that on the stator of the variometer above it. This stator of the variometer above it. variometer should be of a type of least distributed capacity effect and there should be 58 turns of wire on its 21/2" diameter rotor, with a respective number of turns on its stator.

Be sure that the tuning condenser is Be sure that the tuning condenser is shunted between the loop and the primary coil. Use V.T.-2 tubes as I have found that very few of the U.V.201's are hard enough. However, I believe that the new 201-A should work nicely. When you first try your "Super," set the variometer at full inductance and if there is no sound reverse the hode to it ter

is no sound, reverse the leads to its ter-minal connections. Also turn the rheostat of the middle or oscillating tube on full and after the detector of the first tube is up, reduce the current on the oscillating tube until just above the point where it roars. (Quite the reverse of the case of the plain regenerative set).

The phone plug in the first jack which is using the first two tubes only will give all the sound a pair of head phones will stand; do not put them on the last tube if they are good phones. The first dial on the panel from the left controls the tuning by means of a .0005 mfd. condenser. The second controls the amount of regeneration, and on distant stations will cut out interference. The third is on a .001 mfd. variable condenser which controls the two grid oscillations and requires very little adjustment for local work; set it about half way in. The fourth is also a .001 mfd. variable con-denser, and for all local work leave it at zero, but for distance and great volume turn in. This condenser controls the plate oscillations and upon it depends the absence of oscillating noises in the phone; the less condenser used the quieter it will be. It should also be noted that these last two variable condensers are merely the variable part of the whole condenser capacity used. In constructing this set I would also advise that the various parts be placed exactly

as shown and the wiring followed likewise. The grid batteries are necessary and the one on the third tube should be at least 22 volts. These batteries are small and must be placed as near the tube as possible. Up to 300 volts may be used on the plate of last tube, if more grid battery is also used.

Try This New "Duo-Vertical" Winding By ARTHUR S. GORDON

N making a three-coil spider-web tuner, amateurs have often been dissuaded from completing the job because of the great size of form needed for the coil with the greatest number of turns. Take a tuner, for example, in which the primary has 35 turns, the secondary 50 and the tickler 80 turns. Using No. 22 S. C. C. copper wire, the radio amateur finds that he can get 25 turns to the inch, measuring at right angles to the direction of the winding; 80 turns mean a little over 3" of winding, 71/" which in turn require a form over 71/2 in diameter.

This is too large to handle and to mount



Method In Which the Duo-Vertical Coil Is Wound.

conveniently, and in searching for a better way to wind the tickler coil, a radio experimenter hit upon a novel plan, details of which are described and illustrated in this article.

Instead of providing one extra-large disc for the tickler winding, he made two small discs and put them side by side on a temporary shaft, as shown in the diagram. For uniformity's sake he made this double form the same size as the primary and secondary forms. Then he made what is described as a "duo-vertical" winding. That is to say, he wound identical coils side by (Continued on page 2140)

Heard But Not Seen



Here Are the Big Boys of Stations WEAF and WGY. Mr. Randall Gets Around His Tongue-Twisting Call In Fine Manner. By Repeating Slowly-This Is Station W-E-A-F. Mr. Llufrie Is Jus' As Good. Evidently. Mr. Weidaw Dresses For His Audience. We Can All Appreciate It From Now On. Kolin Hagar Has a Voice That Charmeth Women. Listen To Him, Girls!

What Radio Is Doing For The Blind By JOHN T. TIMMONS

R ADIO is making it possible for the afflicted to get much more out of life than it was possible to secure before the recent development of the marvels of radio service.

The blind are especially benefitted. In schools for the education of the blind, and in some of the working homes for the blind, radio sets are making it possible for many forms of entertainment that were until recently impossible, unless there was a large sum expended to secure musical and other talented entertainments.

Radio brings the very best of entertainers within hearing of the blind, and the reading of news items by the various broadcasting stations several times a day, and the weather reports, as well as the different timely talks and lectures on a wide range of topics, make something for the blind to lock forward to each day, and since the afflicted cannot see to read the daily papers, and have little chance to keep posted on current events, they can listen in and get the latest news, and hear the different subjects of interest to everybody in the form of short talks and lectures.

Many of those who cannot see have put in radio sets, at their own homes, and they can soon learn to tune in and pick up the various points where there is good music and other forms of entertainment, and they find it much easier to be contented in their own home circle.

A fairly good receiving set will enable

them to listen in and pick up religious services at many different churches, and since the sense of hearing is so highly developed in the blind, it is possible to listen in and get the real benefit from any church service, both on Sunday, and oiten during

the week. The writer has been deprived of eyesight for

One Can Easily Imagine the Keen Enjoyment That the Blind Derive From Radio.

years, and has found radio very satisfactory. In spite of the fact that he cannot see the figures that tell of the wave-lengths, he can get different cities and separate them better when they are sending out on the s a me wave-length than many who have eyesight to aid them.

It is possible, by the peculiar rushing or hissing or (Continued on page 2150)



The Vario-Aerial By D. E. GARNETT

A LOOP AERIAL AND VARIOMETER COMBINED, NO ORDINARY AERIAL, GROUND, TUNING-DEVICE, COIL OR CONDENSER BEING NECESSARY. USED IN LONDON. PARIS IS HEARD WITH IT.

OST experimenters with multivalve receivers have discovered that signals and short-range telephony can be picked up without using any aerial at all, the coil, if of suitable size, being capable of receiving signals direct.

The writer noticed some time ago that the same effect could be obtained with a variometer connected between the aerial and earth terminals of a receiving set; but, as in the case of a simple tuning coil without aerial, signals were very weak.

Further experiments suggested the idea or combining the variometer principle with a loop aerial, and resulted in the production of an instrument which, for want of a better name, has been called a vario-aerial.

Without making any extravagant claims for the efficiency of this device, it may be stated that it will work effectively wherever an ordinary loop aerial can be used. Further, it appears from comparative tests that a vario-aerial only 2 ft. in diameter will give results at least equal to those obtained with a simple loop aerial, no matter what the size or method of winding of the latter may be. The chief interest of the vario-aerial lies

however, not so much in the question of efficiency as in the fact that no additional tuning device whatever is needed. It is placed directly between the aerial and earth terminals of the receiver without any coils or condensers, and, of course, there is no earth lead.

A few details of the performance of the vario-aerial, shown in the photograph, which is wound for broadcasting wave-lengths, may be of interest.

The receiver used consists, as can be scen, of five valves (2 R.F., 1 detector and 2 A.F.).

With two valves (detector and either one R.F. or one A.F. stage), a small loud speaker can be used.

With three valves the loud speaker is quite effective, one R.F. and one A.F. stage giving slightly better results than two A.F. stages,



Showing the Method of Constructing the Bearings and the Manner in Which They Are Mounted.

With four valves (1 R.F., 1 detector, 2 A.F.) speech and music can be heard all over the house and in the street below, the installation being on the second floor of the building.

The switching in of the second R.F. valve does not improve results; in fact, four valves work rather better than five. No regeneration is used.

It may be noted that as the receiver in question consists of five valves, *not* in sepa-rate units, the results obtained with one, two, three, and four valves are probably not as good as they might be with a series of units, or a set designed for the particular

number of valves used. A three-valve set



A Photograph of the Vario-Aerial. The Frames Are No More Than Children's Wooden Hoops, the Wire Being Wound Directly on Them.

should give excellent results with the vario-

CONSTRUCTION

The construction of the instrument is simplicity itself. The materials used for the one shown in the photograph were as follows: Two children's wooden hoops, 2 ft. in diameter; 100 ft. (about) of No. 26 D.C.C. wire; four pieces of $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. ebonite $\frac{1}{2}$ in. square; three pieces of threaded brass rod, 3 in. long; 18 nuts, and a few washers; one small terminal; one blind lath, 4 ft. by 1 in. by 1/4 in One of the hoops is unfastened at the

joint and reduced in size by cutting away some of the wood and rejoining. When the smaller hoop is placed inside the larger there should be a space of about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. all round between the two.

The four pieces of ebonite which act as bearings are drilled (A. B), as shown in Fig. 1, and screwed to the hoops at opposite points of their circumferences. In one piece an extra hole is drilled (shown dotted in the figure) to take the terminal. The object of these bearings is to insulate the spindles, which are utilized to make connection be-tween the two coils. (The spindles might, of course, pass through the hoops themselves, but there would not then be room to wind the wire unless some sort of flat "tyre" were provided; as the insulation would not be good, direct connection between the coils would be preferable to the method now described.)

THE TWO HOOPS

Having screwed the bearings to the hoops, as shown in Fig. 2, the wire can be wound on. Taking the larger hoop first, fasten the end of the wire to the terminal T, and wind eight turns round the outside of the hoop, passing over the insulating bushes. The turns are not spaced. As soon as wound bind the hoop spirally with thread or silk (as shown in the photograph) to keep the

wire from slipping off. Fasten the end of the wire between the two nuts A (Fig. 2), leaving a few inches of slack to allow for the turning of the spindle.

Now for the second hoop. Fasten the end of the wire between the two nuts B and wind on eight and a half turns, finishing off between the two nuts C.

The third piece of brass rod and the two remaining nuts, are intended for hanging the vario-aerial from the blind lath, which can be laid across the picture moulding in the corner of the room. The brass rod may be merely bound with string to the outer hoop or passed through a small screw eye or brass lug. The end of the, rod goes through a hole in the lath and is held by one or two nuts on top.

The vario-aerial is now complete. The aerial and earth terminals of the receiving set are connected by flexible wire to the terminal T and the nuts D respectively. Tuning is effected by rotating the inner hoop, either with the hand or by means of the ebonite rods.

A MODIFIED VARIO-AERIAL

Readers may think that as the varioaerial was used in London to receive 2 L O there is not much in the idea, since at such short range broadcasting can be picked up on almost any sort of aerial. In anticipation of such criticism, the writer decided to try for a long-distance station, and chose the Eiffel Tower as the most likely transmission.

The photograph herewith shows the vario-aerial wound for the experiment, which was quite successful. This instruwhich was quite successful. This instru-ment brings in the Eiffel Tower concerts clearly in the headphones with five valves, every word of the announcements being audible. The receiving set used is not particularly efficient, the valves being very old and the "B" battery down to $2\frac{1}{2}$ volts per unit. There is no doubt whatever that a good four-valve set (1 R.F.) would work well with this vario-aerial.

The method of construction differs from



Constructional Drawing of the Completed Vario-Aerial. Note That Its Two Coils Are Connected in Series Like a Variometer.

that adopted for the broadcasting wave-length, but it is equally simple and calls for no greater skill in the making.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Children's wooden hoops 2 ft. diameter. 1 Large sheet of stout cardboard.
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- b. 26 S.W.G. D.C.C. wire. Piece ebonite 3 in. x 1 in. $x \frac{1}{4}$ in. 1
- 2 Pieces ebonite 2 in. x 1 in. x 1/4 in.
- 2 Pieces threaded brass rod 3 in. long.
- A length of threaded brass rod.
- Nuts and washers.
- 14 Nuts and washers.
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Some New Dual Amplification Circuits By JOHN SCOTT-TAGGART, F. Inst. P.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE DESCRIBES SOME RECENT EXPERIMENTS WITH CIRCUITS USING BOTH A CRYSTAL DETECTOR AND ONE OR MORE TUBES, THE OBJECT BEING TO FIND OUT WHICH CIRCUITS WILL GIVE THE BEST RESULTS WITH THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF TUBES.



T must not be imagined that the crystal detector is obsolete. It will acquire even greater importance when a thoroughly reliable pattern is evolved, that is, one which will not require constant resetting;

claims have already in fact been made for such a detector.

The circuits given below not only use crystal detectors in combination with valves, but use the valve in a dual capacity—namely, as a lowfrequency amplifier and as a means of either introducing reaction into a circuit or of actually amplifying the highfrequency currents.

IMPROVING THE SINGLE-VALVE CIRCUIT

Fig. 1 shows what is probably the best singlevalve circuit of a straightforward type permissible for the reception of broadcasting. In some cases, the valve is better used as a highfrequency amplifier, but there is little to choose between the two classes of circuits.

It is proposed to improve the efficiency of this circuit by introducing reaction into the aerial circuit. As Fig. 1 stands, there is no reaction effect in the aerial circuit, which, therefore, considerably damps down the incoming signals, which for the moment we may assume are due to radio telephony. I introduce reaction into the aerial circuit by using the valve in an additional capacity. An inductance coil L_2 (Fig. 2) is now included in the grid circuit of the valve V, this coil being in series with the secondary T_3 of a step-up transformer T_1 T_2 . The secondary T_2 should be shunted by a condenser C_3 having a capacity of not less than 0.001 MF. In the anode or plate circuit of the valve is included another coil L_3 , which is connected in series with the telephones T, which now require to be shunted by a condenser C_6 , also having a capacity of not less than 0.001 MF.

When honeycomb or similar coils are used, the aerial coil L_1 may be in the middle and the other two coils arranged one on each side, the two couplings being variable. The size of the coils L_2 and L_3 is important, and the best values must be found by experiment. The circuit is adjusted by coupling L_2 tightly to L_1 and varying the coupling between L_3 and L_1 . The reverse procedure might be adopted. If both coils are tightly coupled to L_3 , the valve will oscillate of its own accord and continuous wave signals may be received; on the other hand, when spark or telephony signals are to be received, the coupling is such as to obtain the critical reaction effect which gives the loudest signals.



Fig. 2. The Circuit of Fig. 1 Is Greatly Improved By Introducing Regeneration, As Shown.

In order to make sure that the reaction effect is being obtained, the leads to one or other of the coils L_2 and L_3 should be reversed. As one of these coils is made to approach L_1 the signal strength should increase considerably.

ANOTHER SINGLE-VALVE CIRCUIT

Fig. 3 shows another valve circuit in which

only two coils are employed. The aerial coil L_1 may conveniently be a two-slider inductance. The lower slider is for the purpose of adjusting wave-length and the top slider is for adjusting the degree of reaction introduced into the aerial circuit.

Fig. 3 is, in principle, very similar to Fig. 2, but this time the anode circuit of the valve is directly coupled to the aerial circuit, the anode current flowing through a portion of the inductance L_1 and then through the telephones T and the high-tension battery B₁, and so back to the filament. The coupling between L_2 and L_1 is adjusted to obtain the desired reaction effect. The circuit might be adapted to a circuit using an inductance tuned by means of a variable condenser, in which case a fixed tapping might be taken from a point on the inductance coil or even from the top of the coil.

Fig. 4 shows a circuit in which the crystal detector D and the primary T, of a stepup transformer T, and T, are connected across the anode oscillatory circuit L, C₂ of a three-electrode valve V. The coupling between L₂ and L₁ is adjusted as before to

obtain the reaction effect. The secondary T_2 of the transformer T_1 T_5 is shunted by a condenser C_3 ; the conensers C_3 and C_1 may both have a capacity of about 0.002 MF. The valve V is acting not only as a high-frequency reaction amplifier, but also as a low-frequency amplifier, the telephone receivers T being included in the anode circuit of the valve.

TWO-VALVE CIRCUIT

It is probably when we consider a two-valve circuit. that most readers will be specially interested, as these circuits may be employed for broadcast reception as there is no reaction on the aerial circuit. Fig. 5 shows the ordinary straight-forward and quite effective circuit in which

the first valve acts as a high-frequency amplifier, the high-frequency oscillations in the circuit L_2 C_2 being rectified by the crystal detector D, and the low-frequency resulting current being amplified by the second valve $V_{\rm ex}$

I have greatly improved the results obtainable with such a circuit by introducing re-



action into the oscillatory circuit $L_2 C_2$, which is shunted by the crystal detector. The obvious way of introducing reaction into this circuit would be to couple the inductance L_2 to the inductance L_1 in the aerial circuit. As this is forbidden in England when receiving broadcasting, I introduce the reaction by means of the second valve, which is acting as the low-frequency amplifier.

The first of the second valve, which is acting as the low-frequency amplifier. Fig. 6 shows a method of doing this. A fixed inductance coil L_a is included in the grid circuit in series with the secondary T_2 , which supplies the low-frequency potentials to be amplified. In the anode circuit of the valve V_2 is an inductance coil L_4 which is coupled the right way round to L_2 . In the anode circuit will also be found the telephones T shunted by a by-path condenser C_5 . When the coils L_2 and L_2 are only very

anode circuit will also be found the telephones T shunted by a by-path condenser C_s . When the coils L_a and L_i are only very loosely coupled to L_2 , the circuit is, in effect, the same as Fig. 5. As we approach the two coils towards the inductance L_2 , the signal strength increases greatly. The fact that a reaction effect is being got out of the second valve does not appear to impair its effectiveness as a low-frequency amplifier.

V_{1} V_{2} V_{2} V_{3} V_{4} V_{4

Fig. 6. The Same Circuit As Fig. 5, Modified In a New Manner, Which Greatly Increases the Signal Strength.



Fig. 7 shows another circuit in which the now well-known tuned anode circuit with reaction is employed. The circuit L_2 C_2 containing the amplified oscillations of the incoming frequency, is connected across grid and filament of the second valve in the manner shown, a condenser C_a being connected for the purpose of preventing the high voltage of the battery B_2 being communicated to the grid of V_2 . A grid leak R_a is connected between grid and the negative side of the filament accumulator B_1 . In the anode circuit of the valve V_2 is a tuned circuit L_a C_a , which is also tuned to the incoming frequency.

Fig. 5. A Two-Tube Circuit, In Which Radio and Audio Frequency Amplification Is Accomplished. A Crystal Is Used For Rectification.



Fig. 7. A Somewhat Complicated Circuit Which Involves Two Radio Frequency Stages, Crystal Rectification and One Stage of Audio Frequency Amplification. Across the circuit $L_a C_4$ is connected the crystal detector D and the primary T_1 of a step-up transformer $T_1 T_2$. The usual bypath condensers C_a and C_6 are provided in the position shown. The telephone receivers may be connected either in the position shown between the bottom of L_a and the positive side of B_a or between the anode of the first valve and the junction point J. The telephones and telephone condenser are shown in dotted lines. By connecting them in this position certain complications which are liable to occur may be avoided, but, on the other hand, certain disadvantages attend its use in this part of the circuit. If connected next to the high-tension battery B_2 , it is important to see that the condenser C_a is of small capacity.

This circuit is operated by tuning all the three tuned circuits to the incoming wave-



length, the brightness of the two filaments not being excessive, as otherwise self-oscillation may be set up. Unless there is sufficient natural reaction between the circuits, the inductance L_3 may be gradually brought up to the inductance L_2 until the maximum signal strength is obtained, all the circuits being readjusted whenever the reaction is varied. Both valves are now acting as highfrequency amplifiers, and the first valve is, in addition, acting as a low-frequency amplifier.

Any of these circuits may be extended by the addition of an extra one or two valves in accordance with the well-known principles. A point worth noting is that when reaction is being introduced into an oscillation circuit associated with the crystal detector, as in the case of Fig. 6, it is not necessary to use the first low-frequency amplifying valve as the valve for introducing reaction. The coils L_a and L_4 in Fig. 6 might equally well be connected in, respectively, the grid and plate circuit of any subsequent low-frequency amplifying valve provided any transformer windings or telephones in series with the coils are shunted by by-path condensers for

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Electrons, Electric Waves and Wireless Telephony By Dr. J. A. FLEMING, M. A., D. Sc., F. R. S.

ELECTRIC RADIATION FROM OSCILLA-TORY CIRCUITS

T has already been explained that an electromagnetic wave is created when an electron suddenly changes its speed or is started or stopped in motion.

In the discharge wire of an oscillatory circuit, and also in the dielectric or insulator of the condenser, electrons are dancing back-



Fig. 51. A Hertz Oscillator or Radiator; PP, Metal Plates; RR, Metal Rods; BB, Spark Balls.

wards and forwards with great rapidity, whilst the oscillations are taking place. Hence an oscillatory current must create electric waves which may be regarded as vibrations or waves propagated along electrolines of electric force proceeding from electrons.

If, however, we consider the kind of circuit just described in which the metal plates of the condenser are very near to each other and only separated by a thin sheet of dielectric, we shall see that when one plate has its largest charge of extra electrons and the other plate its greatest deficit, which happens twice at each complete oscillation, then, owing to the proximity of the plates, the lines of force which start from electrons nearly all terminate within a short distance upon positive ions or atoms which have lost an electron. Very few of these electrolines by the sudden movements of the electrons, very few of these vibrations are propagated entirely away from the condenser. In other words, the arrangement radiates badly because it does not get rid of much of the stored energy in the form of electric vibrations or waves propagated along electrolines, which extend far into external space.

The oscillatory circuit above described is sometimes called a closed or nearly closed oscillatory circuit and it is a poor electric radiator.

In 1887, H. Hertz invented a type of oscillator which has very great radiative power. Instead of placing the condenser plates near together he placed them as far apart as possible by attaching them to the outer ends of two metal rods placed in line with each other, their inner ends being provided with spark balls in proximity to each other (see Fig. 51). When these rods are connected to the

When these rods are connected to the terminals of an induction coil or electrical machine in operation, the plates are charged; one has an excess of free electrons, and is therefore negatively charged, and the other has a deficit and is positively charged. When the electric pressure reaches a value determined by the length of the air gap between the balls, the conductivity of the air breaks down, it is ionized, a spark passes and electric oscillations take place, that is, free electrons vibrate backwards and forwards in the wire or rods.

If we consider the distribution of the lines of electric force (electrolines) proceeding from the electrons in the negatively charged side of the oscillator rods before the spark discharge takes place, it will be seen that a large proportion of these lines must stretch far out into space on all sides of the oscillator rods starting from the rods in a direc-

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tion nearly at right angles to them (see Fig. 52).

Fig. 52). When the spark discharge takes place the electrons crowded together in the super charged (negative) rod begin to move suddenly towards the other deficiently charged rod so as to equalize the electron distribution or pressure.

This sudden motion of the electrons produces a "kink" or bend or loop on the electrolines on account of the inertia of the latter as already explained in a previous section. The kinks on all the similarly directed electrolines run together into a transverse loop of electric force (see Fig. 52) which flies outwards in the direction of the electrolines.



Fig. 54. (A) Sparks Are Seen At Resonator Balls When the Oscillator Is In Action.



(B) No Sparks Seen At Resonator Balls V/hen Oscillator Is In Operation.



(C) No Sparks Seen At Resonator Balls When Oscillator Is In Operation.

The lateral motion of a line of electric force produces a magnetic force which is at right angles to the direction of the line of electric force and to that of its motion. Hence the moving loop of electric force is accompanied by moving loops or lines of magnetic force; the ends on view of these last named lines are represented by the *dots* in the diagram in Fig. 52. This combination of lines of electric force

This combination of lines of electric force and lines of magnetic force at right angles, both sets moving at right angles or perpendicularly to their own direction is called an *electric wave*.

This wave moves with a velocity of 300,000 kilometers per second in empty space or in air, which is the same as the velocity of light Otherwise stated, its velocity is 1,000 million feet per second.

Twenty-two years before Hertz began his experiments, Maxwell, in 1865, had theoretically arrived at the conclusion that electric and magnetic forces were propagated through space, not instantly. but with the velocity of light, and had predicted the possible existence of electromagnetic waves. and given reasons for the opinion that visible light and therefore also radiant heat consist of electromagnetic waves of very short wavelength.

Maxwell had not, however, described any mode in which these long electromagnetic waves could be created or detected. The late Professor G. F. Fitzgerald suggested that Maxwell's electromagnetic waves might be created by the oscillatory discharge of a Leyden jar. He had also theoretically investigated the production of electromagnetic radiation by a high frequency alternating electric current in a closed loop of wire.

The late Professor D. E. Hughes had undoubtedly succeeded experimentally in generating Maxwell's electric waves, and what was more important he had empirically discovered a way of detecting them without clearly understanding what he was doing. Hughes' original apparatus is now exhibited in the Science and Art Museum at South Kensington, London.

Hertz invented a simple but not very sensitive method of detecting these Maxwell waves by using a circle of stiff wire, which was interrupted in one place by a small pair of spark balls (see Fig. 53), forming the earliest type of what is now called a *frame* aerial. Hertz used this "resonator" as he called it in the following manner. He placed at one station his open circuit oscillator (see Fig. 51) with its rods in a horizontal position. When this oscillator was in action it sent out electromagnetic waves in which the electric force was in a horizontal direction and on the axial line nearly parallel to the oscillator rods. Also the motion of these created magnetic force disposed in a vertical direction and in the same plane as the electric force. The resonator ring was then placed at a certain distance away from the oscillator with its plane vertical and its spark gap turned so that the line joining the presonator spark balls was parallel to the line joining the spark balls of the oscillator (see Fig. 54).

Under these conditions small sparks are seen at the receiver balls. These are due to the fact that the lines of magnetic force of the electric wave sent out by the oscillator cut through the two sides of the resonator, but do not cut them simultaneously. The result is to produce in the circuit of the ring



Fig. 52. Vibrations Being Propagated Along Electrolines L, Proceeding From Electrons e In Oscillation.



Fig. 53. A Hertz Resonator Ring.

two opposite but unequal electromotive forces which create a current in the ring, and hence a spark at the resonator balls.

This effect needs a little further explanation, and we must therefore explain on the electron hypothesis the nature of the physical operations which produce the induction, as it is called, of electric currents.

Faraday's greatest experimental achievement was his discovery in the autumn days of 1831 that a magnet moved near to a conducting circuit in such manner that the lines of magnetic force proceeding from the poles of the magnet "cut across" the wire circuit.

It is necessary to interpret this effect in terms of the electron theory. Consider two straight copper wires stretched parallel to each other (see Fig. 55). We have seen that an electric current consists in a procession of free electrons in the wire, which though agitated by an irregular motion, yet all struggle forwards in one direction. We have also pointed out that when an electron moves it creates circular lines of magnetic force which lie in planes perpendicular to its line of motion. Again it has been mentioned that these lines of force do not spring into existence suddenly at all distances from the electron but are gradually propagated out-wards with the velocity of light just as the circular ripples produced on a pond by casting into it a stone, gradually expand outwards in circles of ever-increasing size (see Fig. 55).

Consider then the case when we start a direct current in a wire P.P. The electrons in one of the wires then begin to drift forward. The circular lines of magnetic force LL, which are thereby generated, grow out from the primary wire PP, enlarging gradually in size. These lines therefore in time "cut across" the other parallel wire SS. In a previous section it has been pointed

In a previous section it has been pointed out that when a line of magnetic force moves parallel to itself it creates an electric force which is in a direction at right angles to the line of magnetic force and to the direction of motion of the latter.

We can memorize the relative directions by holding the forefinger, the thumb and the middle finger of the right hand in directions mutually at right angles (see Fig. 56). Let the direction in which the Forefinger points



Fig. 56. The Fleming Right-Hand Rule Connecting Electric Force, Direction of Flow of Current, and Direction of Motion Lines by Magnetic Force.

be the direction of the line of magnetic Force, that means the direction in which the pole of a magnet which points to the earth's North Pole would be moved along it.

Let the direction of the thumb represent the direction in which the aforesaid line of magnetic force is moving transversely to its own direction. Then the direction in which the middle finger points will be the direction in which a negative electron, in a conductor, across which this line of magnetic force moves, will be urged by the Electric force created by the motion of the line of magnetic force.

Since the secondary wire contains free electrons, the result is that as the lines of magnetic force generated by the motion of the electrons in the primary wire "cut across" the secondary wire, a momentary electric force will be created in it, which will move the free electrons in the secondary wire in the *opposite* direction to the movement of those in the primary wire. This is called an induced secondary current at "make." It only lasts for a short time, namely, whilst the circular expanding lines of magnetic force are taking up their permanent positions in space.

Suppose then that the current in the primary wire is stopped or that the drifting electrons in it are brought to rest. This implies that the magnetic field round the wire vanishes. It does not, however, vanish at all distances at the same instant, but the circular embracing lines of magnetic force



Fig. 58. Lines of Magnetic Force Around a Bar Magnet, Delineated By Sprinkling Iron Filings on a Sheet of Paper Lying Over the Magnet.

are, so to speak, sucked back into the wire. In so doing it will be evident that some of them again "cut across" the secondary circuit, but in an opposite direction to that in their outward course.

It will be clear then from the above explanations that the result of this contraction is to create a momentary electric force which drives the free electrons in the secondary wire in the *same* direction as that of the drift motion of the electrons in the primary wire. This is called the induced current at "break" of primary current.

of primary current. It is will be seen then that if the primary circuit is traversed by an alternating electric current, that is if the free electrons in the primary wire surge backwards and forwards like the ebb and flow of the tide in the mouth of a tidal river, the result will be to produce a similar alternating current in the secondary wire or surging motion of its free electrons which keeps in step with the primary current, but is always in an opposite direction as regards flow.

It is not necessary that the two wires should be straight; they may be both coiled in spiral fashion round a rod or tube of wood or insulating material, only then each wire must be covered with silk, cotton or enamel, to insulate the turns from each other (see Fig. 57).

An arrangement of this kind is called an Induction Coil or Transformer.



Fig. 55. A Diagram, Showing the Manner In Which Expanding Lines of Magnetic Force Around a primary Circuit PP Cut a Secondary Circuit SS.

When the alternating current is a low frequency current, viz., about 50 to 200 or so reversals of current per second, we can increase the effect by inserting in the tube on which the wires are coiled a bundle of fine iron wires called an iron core. In the case of high frequency current no iron core of the above kind is of advantage.

The induction of electric currents by moving magnets proceeds from similar causes. A permanent magnet, whether bar or horseshoe, carries about with a field of magnetic force, the direction of the lines of which may be rendered evident in the well known manner by sprinkling iron filings upon a sheet of paper laid over the magnet (see Fig. 58).

Fig. 58). If then the magnet is moved in any manner so that its lines of force "cut across" a conducting wire, the free electrons in the latter are urged in one direction along the wire for the same reasons as explained in the case of the expanding magnetic field of a primary wire.

This fact is the starting point for the construction of all forms of dynamo electric machines in which a current is generated by moving a coil of wire in a magnetic field of force.

The ordinary spark induction coil, so much used in Roentgen or X-ray work, consists of a bundle of fine iron wires which is wound over with a number of coils of cotton-covered copper wire through which passes the current from a battery which is rapidly interrupted or started and stopped by means of an appliance called a "break." Over this primary coil is wound in sections an immense length of very fine silk-covered copper wire called the secondary coil. When the primary coil is traversed by the primary current the lines of magnetic force due to it are linked with the secondary circuit or pass through When the primary current is suddenly it. stopped these lines contract or shrink up again into the primary circuit. In so doing they "cut through" the secondary circuit and create in it a very high electromotive force, urging the free electrons in the secondary circuit violently in one direction. So much so that they burst forth at one end of the secondary circuit and create a spark discharge.

The electric force or force moving the free electrons in the conducting wire is proportional to the product of the magnetic



Fig. 57. An Induction Coil, Consisting of Two Insulated Wires, Wound Around a Bundle of Fine Iron Wires As a Core.



Fig. 59. A Type of Coherer Used By the Author in Hertzian-Wave Experiments. RR, Metal Wires; B, Ebonite Box; F, Nickel Filings Between the Wires In the Box.

force (H) of the moving lines of magnetic force and to the velocity v of these lines resolved perpendicularly to the wire.

If the wire has a length l centimeters then the electromotive force produced by these lines cutting or crossing the wire is proportional to the triple product Hvl.

It does not matter whether the copper wire moves transversely to the field at rest, or whether the lines of magnetic force themselves move, as in the case of an electric wave, so as to cut across a stationary conducting wire. In both cases we have an induced electromotive force created.

We can now return to the consideration of the Hertz oscillator and its corresponding receiving circuit.

It has been explained that when the free electrons in the oscillator rods dance backwards and forwards with great rapidity, the result is to propagate outwards along the electrolines proceeding from the free electrons in them, "kinks" or vibrations which may be conceived to travel along the electrolines just as a "kink" or waves travels along a stretched cord fixed at one end when a sudden jerk is given at the other end. The "kinks" produced simultaneously on

The "kinks" produced simultaneously on a number of electrolines which are in the same direction run together into a traveling loop of electric force which moves with the speed of light in the direction of the electrolines and is accompanied by lines of magnetic force the directions of which are perpendicular to the electrolines and to the direction of motion of the latter (see Fig. 52).

Suppose next we set up at any distant place another oscillator exactly like the transmitting oscillator comprising two plates at the outer extremities of two rods placed in



Fig. 60. A Telegraph Relay.

line and with a gap in the middle which can be bridged over by some form of conductor. Let this receiving circuit, as it is called, have its rods placed parallel to the rods of the transmitting oscillator. Being of the same form as the transmitter, this receiving circuit has the same natural time period of oscillation. In other words, it is "in tune" with the transmitter.

Hence, as the lines of magnetic force in the electric wave passing over it cut across the rods they will create in them an alternating electromotive force. If the receiving circuit is not in tune with the transmitter, the latter would produce very little effect in creating a current in the former. If, however, it is in tune, the repeated action of the incident waves will soon create an alternating current in the receiver.

The action is closely analogous to the effect of jumping upon a springy plank supported at the two ends like a bridge. The plank has mass aud elastic resistance to bending. If a boy stands in the middle of the plank his weight causes it to bend slightly. The plank has, however, a natural time of oscillation. If the boy jumps up and down, but not in time with the natural period of oscillation of the plank, he will not produce much effect in increasing the deflection.



other circuit. It should be noted, however, that when a pendulum or other system capable of vibration receives a single blow or impulse it will, if then left to itself, vibrate in its own natural time period. So in the case of an electric oscillatory circuit, a single strong electromotive impulse due to an electric wave falling upon a properlytuned receiving circuit will set it in prolonged oscillation provided that this receiving circuit is not too good a radiator.

Thus in the case of Hertz's original experiments, he used the transmitting rod oscillator above described, and a nearly closed receiving circuit made of a circle of wire with a small spark gap in it.

This rod oscillator is a very good radiator, and sends out all its accumulated electric energy in one or two vibrations at most.

On the other hand the closed receiving circuit is a very poor radiator, yet when struck by the electric waves from the transmitter it is set in prolonged oscillation, and there may even be 500 oscillations of current in it before they completely die away.

DETECTION OF ELECTRIC WAVES

It will be clear, then, that to detect electric waves passing through space we have to place at that point an oscilla-

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Fig. 61. Apparatus For

with Short Hertzian Electric Waves. S, Oscillator Rods In Open-Mouthed

Box A; C, Coherer In Box B; R, Relay; G, Electric Bell.

Experiments With Short



If, however, he times his jumps so as to agree with the natural time period of flexural vibration of the plank, he will soon find that the bending of the plank at each jump becomes so large that it will probably be in danger of breaking. It is for this reason that a regiment of soldiers are generally ordered to "break step" on crossing a suspension bridge, because if it should so happen that the time period of their marching feet should agree with the natural period of flexural oscillation of the bridge, the safety of the structure might be endangered. For the same reason we can set in strong

For the same reason we can set in strong oscillation a pendulum consisting of a massive bob suspended by a string by means of little puffs of air or feeble blows with a feather, provided we administer these impulses at intervals of time exactly equal to the natural time period of oscillation of the pendulum. This fact in its widest form covers the principle of the *resonance* of two vibrating bodies, and is of very great importance in connection with wireless telegraphy and telephony.

We have seen that when two circuits are adjacent to each other an alternating current in one circuit will induce an alternating current in the other circuit. Suppose these two circuits each consist of a condenser of a certain capacity C in series with a wire having a certain inductance L. The natural time period of the circuit is then, as we have shown, proportional to the square root of the product of the capacity of the condenser and the inductance of the wire or to $\sqrt{C.L}$.

This last is called the *oscillation constant* of the circuit.

If then the two circuits have equal oscillalation constants, even though in one the capacity is large and the inductance small, whereas in the other the reverse is the case, these circuits will be in tune with each other, and if placed in proximity free oscillations created in one circuit will induce strong oscillations of equal frequency in the tory circuit which is generally of the open circuit or rod type, which must have the capacity of its two parts with respect to each other and the inductance of its rod or wire so adjusted that the natural period of oscillation of the oscillator agrees with that of the wave to be detected. Next, that oscillator must be placed with its rods parallel to the direction of the electric force in the wave. If it is a nearly closed or loop receiving circuit, its plane must be coincident with that in which the electric force component of the wave lies.

The incident electric waves then produce in this receiving a feeble oscillatory current of the same type as that in the transmitting circuit.

To complete the detection we have furthermore to associate the receiving circuit with some device called a *detector*, which is in effect a very sensitive kind of ammeter or voltmeter for detecting high frequency electric currents, and enable us to detect the presence in the receiving circuit of a very feeble electric oscillation.

There are only two types of such detector at present much used, viz., the crystal de-



The Same Relay, With Outer Case Removed.

tector and the thermionic valve detector, but we shall mention first the coherer, as this form of detector enables us to show with great ease many of the properties of electric waves which are illustrative of wave phenomena in general.

It had been known for a long period of time that metallic filings formed a conductor of a peculiar kind, and that a glass tube loosely filled with such metallic filings had a conductivity which varied in a very ir-

regular manner. Professor E. Branly, of Paris, drew at-tention in 1890 to the fact that an electric spark taking place near such a tube of loose metallic filings caused a sudden increase in its electric conductivity. The same thing appears to have been noticed previously in 1887 or 1888, by Professor D. E. Hughes, the inventor of the microphone.

Sir Oliver Lodge observed in 1893 the improved conductivity a loose or microphonic metallic contact produced when an electric oscillation passed through the contact and named the device a coherer.

Without entering into historical develop-ments we may say that the coherer in the form given to it by Marconi, consists of a very minute quantity of metal filings, preferably nickel, with a small percentage of silver, which is contained between two silver plugs included in a glass tube.

The tube is exhausted of its air. The plugs are connected to two platinum wires sealed through the glass.

For certain laboratory and experimental purposes the author has used with advantage another form made as follows: A small ebonite box, like a little pill-box, has two nickel or silver wires passed through holes in the sides so that the wires are not quite in line (see Fig. 59). The wires where they pass through the box must be parallel to each other and about two milli-meters or not more than 1/12th of an inch apart. They must otherwise rest on the flat bottom of the box. A very small quantity of fine clean nickel filings is then laid between them and this quantity has to be adjusted until the greatest sensitiveness is The length of wire which proobtained. jects beyond the box on each side is about three inches. A little stopper of ebonite is provided to close the top of the box. The two wires and the filings connecting them are joined in series with a single dry voltaic cell, and with the wire circuit of a device called a relay.

A relay consists of a pair of soft or pure iron bars round which are coiled many convolutions of fine silk-covered copper wire, through which the electric current from the battery cell can be sent. The iron then becomes a magnet and the arrangement is called an electromagnet. When the iron bars are thus magnetized, which can be done sufficiently with a very feeble electric cur-rent, the poles of the electromagnets are caused to attract a pivotted piece of soft iron (see Fig. 60), called an armature, and pull it over against a metal stud which ef-



A Diagramatic Drawing of the Telegraph Relay Mentioned



Fig. 62. General View of the Author's Apparatus For Showing Experiments With Short Electric Waves, Illustrating Their Similarity To Light Waves, and the Opacity or Transparency of Various Substances.

fects a contact and completes another electric circuit, which contains a more powerful battery of many cells and some instrument such as an incandescent lamp, an electric bell, or a printing telegraph instrument, which can give a visible, audible or legible signal. The relay is, therefore, a device by which the starting or stopping of a very feeble electric current can cause another very much stronger electric current to be also started or stopped.

Let us suppose then that we have two metal rods each a few inches long, placed in line with polished metal balls on their inner ends, with a small spark gap between them, so as to form a Hertzian oscillator.

It is desirable that this oscillator should be contained in a metal box with one end open (Lee Figs. 61 and 62).

By means of an induction coil or electrical machine, electric sparks are created between the balls. This results, as already explained, in the production of electric oscillations in the rods and in radiation of electric waves from them.

The wavelength of the waves radiated is approximately twice the overall length of the rods. Hence to obtain short Hertzian waves, that is, not more than a few centimeters in wavelength, the spark balls and the rods must not exceed in length half the desired wavelength.

It is necessary to connect these rods to the spark producing appliance, which is gen-erally a small induction coil, through tightly wound up spirals of indiarubber-covered wire, called choking coils. The object of this is to hinder the electric oscillations generated in them from passing back into the Another precaution is to induction coil. have the spark balls highly polished, as this helps to produce that suddenness of the electric discharge which is a necessary con-

dition for creating electric waves. The receiving arrangements, comprising the metallic filings, coherer, and the ex-tended wires, are placed in another metal box, open at one end, the two boxes being arranged with open ends facing each other and at a little distance, and the oscillator rods parallel to the collecting wires of the receiver (see Fig. 62).

It is very important that the wires which lead away from the coherer to the relay and voltaic cell and from the relay to the indicating device, whether lamp or bell, should be enclosed in a metal tube and all joints made tight. The object of this is to prevent the electric waves radiated from the transmitter affecting the coherer otherwise than by entering the open mouth of the receiver box.

To control the emission of waves from the transmitter it is necessary to insert in the primary circuit of the spark-producing coil a switch or key so that we can create a spark of short duration between the spark balls by closing this switch for an instant.

A train of electric waves having a wavelength of a few inches then emerges from the open mouth of the transmitter box and en-

ters that of the receiver or coherer box. These waves set up electric oscillations in the collecting wires, which causes metal filings in the box to be-come highly conductive. The metal particles cling or cohere together. The voltaic cell in series than sends a current through them and through the relay, which in turn operates the detecting device and lights up the indicating lamp or rings the electric bell. This signal then shows that an electric wave has entered the receiving box. If we stop the transmitter spark and give the coherer box a smart tap or blow, this causes the metallic filings to cohere or fall back again into a badly con-ducting condition and the indicator lamp

then goes out or the bell stops ringing. Provided with this apparatus we can then demonstrate a number of the interesting properties of electric waves having a wavelength of a few inches.

In the first place if we hold between the transmitter and receiver boxes a sheet of metal, even a sheet of tin foil or silvered paper we find that the metal is opaque to these waves, and that the receiver is not affected.

The reason is because the electric waves falling on the metal sheet set up in it oscillatory electric currents, and these are exactly in opposite phase; that means moving in opposite directions to the currents the oscillator rods which generate the waves. These currents in the metal sheet in turn create waves which, however, being in opposite phase, just nullify the effect of the incident waves on the receiver.

All good conductors are therefore opaque to this type of electric wave.

On the other hand bad conductors are transparent. If we hold a sheet of glass, ebonite or even a thick plank of dry wood between the oscillator and the detector, these electric waves are found to pass through it quite easily.

They pass also through many folds of dry cloth. If, however, the cloth is made wet, even a wet duster will do, it is found to be opaque to them. For this reason the human body, hand, or head, are also opaque, and stop these electric waves on account of the water in the tissues. A number of interest-ing experiments may be made with flat glass bottles about 6 inches square and an inch in thickness. It will be found that the empty bottle is quite transparent to these waves. If filled with water it is quite opaque. If filled with paraffin oil, olive oil. turpentine or other insulating liquid it is found to be transparent.

Methylated spirit is transparent if quite free from water, but the water-adulterated mixture is semi-opaque.

We learn from these experiments that, generally speaking, good conductors are opaque to long electric waves, and good insulators transparent.

This is not the case so strictly speaking for the very short electric waves which constitute visible light. In the latter case many aqueous solutions of salts called electrolytes, because they can be decomposed by an electric current, are transparent to light, and yet are good conductors. The reason is because in light waves we are dealing with electric displacement currents which are reversed hundreds of billions of times per second, and many substances which are good conductors for low frequency currents are not good conductors for such extra high frequency currents. Another interesting experiment can be shown with a grid of wire. If we wind copper wire round a wood frame so as to lay a number of parallel wires about half an inch apart across the frame in one (Continued on page 2120)

Principles of the Antenna System

T has been stated of the antenna system that it is the mouth and ear of the radio set; it is the mouth of the transmitting station since it does the talking, as it

were, and sends out into space the radio waves: it is the ear of the receiving station, since it reaches out into space to gather in the radio waves. A transmitting and receiving station which is otherwise well designed but which has a poor transmitting and receiving antenna is like a healthy person who is deaf and dumb. That person has the strength to talk and thus reach people, and could utilize in various ways the sounds which are always coming his way, if only his talking and hearing muscles were in commission. So with a radio station. The power for transmission may be available since the transmitter is well designed, but the transmitting antenna does not radiate, is not able to radiate this available power because it is poorly designed. The receiv-ing set would be able to make loudly audible the numerous signals which are always impinging upon the receiving antenna if only the antenna were not so wasteful of energy. No matter how well your other parts of the set may be designed and built, if your an-tenna is no good it can safely be said that



Curves Designating Resistance Losses, Due to Va-rious Factors.

your station is no good. A real antenna and ground system is easily half your station It will, therefore, be the problem solved. object of this article to explain just what is required of a good transmitting and receiving antenna and how these requirements may be fulfilled in practice. The advan-tages and disadvantages of different prac-tical types of antennae will also be considered.

The requirements for receiving and transmitting antennae are different since their functions are different. The function of the transmitting aerial is to radiate waves into space, while that of a receiving aeral is to gather in these waves. As a result, it is to be expected that their design would be different. As a general rule it may be said that any good transmitting antenna will also make a fairly good receiving antenna. But the converse of this is not a true statement, as poined out by Mr. Stuart Ballantine in "Radiotelephony for Amateurs." In fact a very good receiving antenna may make an abominable transmitting antenna.

The inefficiency of most antennae is almost always due to too much wasteful resistance made up of a number of different factors which may be enumerated as follows:

1. Resistance due to ordinary ohmic losses as the resistance of the antenna wires, of the lead-in wires, of the ground system.

Resistance due to losses in the imper-2 fect dielectric surrounding the antenna. 3. Resistance due to USEFUL losses,

namely radiation of energy from the antenna. Let us consider each of these factors in

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The first one, namely ohmic losses, turn. is generally fairly constant over a wide range of wave-lengths. There is a small variation of this resistance with wave-length owing to eddy currents and skin effect, but as this variation is small compared to other variations and the total resistance, we may represent this factor as being con-



Illustrating a Possible Resistance Curve of an Antenna, Plotted Against the Wave-Length.

stant, and this is shown in Fig. 1, by curve 1, which is a straight line parallel to the wave-length axis. The second factor, losses due to absorption in the imperfect dielectric is due to the fact that the antenna condenser is an imperfect condenser. In the neighborhood of antennae will generally be found such structures as trees, buildings, masts and so on. All of these, while they may not be directly under the antenna, are nevertheless in its electric field. As a result, since these struc-tures are imperfect dielectrics having considerable absorption resistance, much energy will be lost in them. This absorption resistance of dielectrics is found to be directly proportional to the wave-length and hence is represented by the inclined straight line in Fig. 1, namely curve 2. The third factor, namely the radiation resistance, is the useful resistance, and this depends upon a number of factors, such as the shape and type of the antenna, the height of its center of capacity and the wave-length. It is inversely proportional to the wave-length and hence is represented by the hyperbolic curve 3, in Fig. 1. The total antenna resistance which is the sum of these three components, is, therefore, represented by the curve 4 in Fig. 1; The well known fact is thus brought out by this curve that the total resistance of an antenna is not constant, but depends upon the wave-length, and is a minimum at a certain wave-length and increases on either side of this optimum wave-length. It might be pointed out here as interesting information that some antennae show a resistance curve with one or more peaks in it, as in Fig. 2. These peaks showing sudden rises of resistance indicate that at these wave-lengths there is considerable extraction of energy from the antenna circuit (which is equivalent to an increase in antenna resistance), and this extraction may be due to



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The Cage Type Antenna Has Less of the "Skin Effect" Than Others, Due to the Disposition of Its Wires.

some tuned circuits in the neighborhood of the antenna circuit, or some dead hanging on ends of coils which are absorbing energy and oscillating at their own natural frequency, or the presence of some other tuned antenna in the neighborhood, or the presence of nearby absorbing metal masts or buildings Of the above three components, the first

two are wasteful and result in lowering the antenna efficiency, and the last component, namely the radiation resistance, is the useful component. The greater this resistance is the more efficient will the antenna be as a radiator of electric waves, The total power used up in the antenna is given by the product I'R, where I is the current in the antenna, and R is the total antenna resistance. The useful power delivered by the antenna, namely the total power radiated is given by I2Rr where I is again the antenna current, while Rr is the radiation resistance. As a result, the efficiency of an antenna as a radiator of electric waves will be given by the quotient of the latter divided by the former which reduces to

$$\frac{I^{3}Rr}{I^{3}R} = \frac{Rr}{R} = \text{Eff.ciency}$$

The problem of the good design of a transmitting antenna is therefore, the problem of making the above ratio as great as possible, increasing the radiation resistance and decreasing the other wasteful resistances, which are the leaks in the antenna system. A certain amount of energy or power is pumped into this antenna system, but the greater part of this leaks out by way of these wasteful resistances. As a result, the efficiency of most antennae is surprisingly small.



There is a Considerable Loss of Energy When a Small Ground is Employed, Because of the High Resistance Path of the Current Through the Earth.

Now let us see how the wasteful resis-tance may be reduced. The ohmic resistance makes up a considerable part of this resistance. The current flowing in a transmitting antenna is quite considerable, as currents go, and as a result, the wires heat up, which represents a loss. The first precaution to observe would, therefore, be to use antenna wire having a large surface area. The larger the current in the antenna, of course, the larger should be the area of the antenna wire. Wire having a large diameter is quite satisfactory, although if solid, there is a disadvantage due to the presence of skin effect which raises the resistance. Flat copper strip would be about the best type of wire to use, since it affords sufficiently large area to carry the current, and at the same time it is almost entirely surface, hence reduces the skin effect to a minimum. However, this wire may be somewhat unwieldy to string as an antenna, although it is so

used, and, therefore, the next best bet is to use a stranded antenna wire, such as phosphor bronze. This type of wire also reduces the skin effect considerably, and at the same time affords superior mechanical properties to the other types of wire, since it is very much stronger.

There is one type of antenna which reduces the skin effect more than any other, and this is the cage type of Fig. 3. The reason why this particular disposition of the antenna wires reduces the skin effect will be clear from the following. Skin effect crowds the current to the outside of any conductor or system of conductor through which it flows; as a result, the current density on the outside of the wire or system of wires is greatest and an increase of resistance results from this irregular distribution of current density. An antenna is a system of conductors and the same things happen here. When a flat top antenna is used, for example, having more than two conductors, say four, there are two outside conductors and two inside conductors. The result of the skin effect, or edge effect as it is called in Mr. Ballan-tine's book, in explanation of this phenomenon, is to crowd the current to the two outside wires, thus making the cur-rent density non-uniform and hence increasing the resistance. In order to avoid this effect it is necessary to construct the antenna so that its wires are all equi-distant from the center, that is, they are all on the surface of a cylinder. The cage antenna surface of a cylinder. The cage antenna permits of such construction as can be



By Employing a Large Ground of Good Conductivity, the Resistance of the Earth is Not Encountered.

seen from Fig 3. This explains why the cage antenna has such excellent low resistance properties. There will also be a saving in losses if the lead-in of the antenna is likewise made into a cage.

The second chief source of ohmic losses is in the ground resistance. It may be said with considerable certainty that most of the grounds built by amateurs are good heat generators. An amateur will spend seven days and nights winding an inductance coil in a special way which he thinks is ultraefficient, and right on top of that he will stick a rod in the ground, connect his set to it and call it a ground. That is no more a ground than if he dug up the earth and stuck the wire from his set into the earth. A good low resistance ground is no less important than an efficient radiating antenna or an efficient hook-up. The losses in the ground are due to non-uniform current density in the ground, and its importance will be plain when one considers that the current at the base of the antenna is the heaviest, and hence heat losses will be heaviest. Fig. 4 shows clearly what happens in the ground. The electric lines of force extend from the antenna outward and downward towards the ground, and through the ground to the ground wire. Now if the ground has very small surface area, say it is a water pipe or a small copper plate the lines of force have to travel over a longer earth path to reach it. As a result there will be a greater





A Low Resistance Ground Can Be Constructed of a Number of Radial Wires, with Connecting Jumpers, as Shown Above.

loss of energy than would be the case if the travel were shorter; and if the earth is poorly conducting, as is very often the case, the ground resistance will be still further increased. Secondly, when the earth has such a small area the current is concentrated in very small space, the current density increases, and the heat losses increase with it. On the other hand if a large ground is used and is symmetrically disposed around the antenna the electric lines of force coming from the antenna will be directly over the ground, and will have a much shorter path to travel through natural earth before they, reach the ground wires. Hence the resistance due to this cause will be lower. On account of the large area of the ground the current density will be smaller and losses thereby diminished.

In order to secure shorter earth paths for the ground currents and low uniform current density in the ground it is absolutely essential to use large grounds. This is the only solution. There are two very good types of grounds which will fill the bill. The first is the direct ground in which metallic plates are buried in the earth. The plates should be large and numerous so that they extend along the length of the antenna and overlap it on all sides. The ground should, wherever possible, be symmetrically disposed about the antenna itself. If a number of plates are buried, these should be connected to each other by means of heavy wires soldered to each plate. Another way would be to use a number of large radial wires coming from a center and extending out a little beyond the antenna, and connecting these wires at intervals by means of heavy cooper jumpers, as illustrated in Fig. 6. This is quite a common form of ground



The Counterpoise is extensively Used in Conjunction with C. W. Transmission. There is No Direct Connection to the Ground.

for large stations and gives most excellent resistance properties. A type of direct ground which is about the best so far devised is the so-called "Round Ground" named after H. J. Round of the English Marconi Co.. who is supposed to have invented it. This type of ground has been under investigation by the Bureau of Standards and their results point conclusively to the superior ad-vantages of this ground system. It is schematically shown in Fig. 7. A circular trench is dug in the ground about 2 or 3 feet at the greatest depth and about 15 to 20 feet in radius. A metallic cylinder is then made up of a number of galvanized iron plates, or other sheet metal, which need not be soldered together, but which should over-lap each other by a few inches. In this con-struction avoid, wherever possible, any sharp jutting edges. To each plate a heavy wire should be soldered and these wires brought radially to a central point to which the heavy ground cable from the set is brought. The ground should be placed directly under the antenna. This ground is quite easy to make and for those amateurs who have transmitters, will certainly prove an eye-opener, when they consider the results.

The second type of ground which fulfills the necessary requirements for a low resistance ground is the so-called "counterpoise" ground. The counterpoise is essentially a network of wires placed directly above the ground under the antenna and insulated from the ground and antenna. This usually has a very large area and as a result



An Excellent Type of Low Resistance Ground, That is Easily Made. It is Far Superior to the Usual Type of Ground.

gives a uniform distribution of ground current with low current density. Fig. 8 shows the paths of the lines of force from the antenna and the ground currents. It is seen that the lines of force emanating from the antenna go directly to the counterpoise, with the exception of a small percentage on the fringe of the counterpoise. The counterpoise thus eliminates largely the wasteful earth currents, which contribute so largely to the ground losses. It is for this very good reason that the counterpoise ground generally has the lowest resistance of all ground. (Although the recent experiments made at the Bureau of Standards seem to point out that the above mentioned ROUND GROUND is a very close cempetitor with the counterpoise for first honors).

The construction of a counrepoise ground should be guided by the following practical considerations. First, the area should be as great as conditions permit, and should embrace completely the aerial structure. If possible, it should extend a little beyond the antenna boundaries on all sides. The counterpoise should be placed about 3 feet above the surface of the ground, but the important precaution to observe is that this height should be uniform over the entire counterpoise. Otherwise, if one point is higher than the others, the capacity of the antenna to this point will be greater and there will

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Tuning Radio Receivers An Explanation for the Novice

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NIE problem of the reduction of interference in broadcast reception may be divided into three parts or classes: (1) elimination of spark interference; (2) increasing the number of wave-lengths on which broadcasting is done and (3) proper tuning of receivers, The first is gradually being done but it will be



Showing Numerous Different Radio Waves Im-pinging Upon an Antenna.

some time before spark apparatus will be completely eliminated. The second is being taken care of at the present time by the radio conference at Washington. The third, namely the matter of receiver tuning, is really the most important, for even if the first two problems were adequately solved, unless the matter of tuning receivers were taken care of there would still be considerable complaint about interference on the part of broadcast listeners.

Much has been written on the subject of receiver tuning, but in the mass of litera-ture the novice or beginner may have been lost in confusion. It is, therefore, the imtent of the writer to explain in this article the high lights of the subject of tuning, solely for the benefit of the novice and broadcast listener; (1) what tuning is and what it involves; (2) why some receivers tune better than others, or why multiple circuit receivers tune better and are more selective than other types of receivers; and (3) how to go about tuning the various different types of receivers generally used for broadcast reception. This last gives the practical steps in tuning, telling the novice

just what to do to tune his receiver. In order to appreciate fully what tuning is and what it involves the novice should picture to himself the condition of the ether surrounding his antenna when he begins to The ether is charged with all listen in. kinds of radio waves coming from a large number of radio stations, these waves carry ing the signals transmitted by the various stations. Thus in a city like New York there are radio telegraph messages from ships plying their way along the coast; tele-graph messages from the Navy Yard and other stations like Bush Terminal; there are radio telephone broadcasting messages,

speeches, concerts, from various stations in the vicinity, and distant from New York; there are also the telegraphic signals coming from the various amateur stations. The radio waves from all these distant and near-

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by stations strike the antenna, each message inaking its effort to pass down the antenna into the receiver, in order to actuate the telephones. The novice may well imagine what a bedlam would be heard in his tele-



tig.2 Showing Various Sizes of Sand Raining in on a Collecting Funnel, Feeding Into a Sieve Receiver.

phones if all of these radio waves which thus strike his antenna did get into his receivers and telephones. In many cases this does actually happen and that is what has caused all the trouble about interference.

In all the radio waves that strike the antenna there is one which one desires to receive, but none of the others. It may be that one desires to hear the orchestra play-ing at WJZ, and does not care a rap about



A Single-Circuit Tuner and Its Analogy, a Single-Sieve Sand Receiver.

what is going on at any of the other sta-tions. Or it may be that one prefers on a particular night to hear the violin player at WEAF. In order to hear this particular station and enjoy it, one must eliminate all the other radio waves which strike the antenna, except the radio wave coming from the station one desires to hear. That is, one must prevent all the radio waves, except the one desired, from passing into the receiver to the telephones. The method by which this is accomplished is termed "tun-

ing." Tuning, then, involves adjusting the radio receiver so that it receives only the waves or signals desired and rejects the other waves striking the antenna. The novice knows that radio signals are sent on differ-ent wave-lengths. Tuning his receiver requires adjusting the wave-length of his set so that it corresponds to the wave-length of the signal desired. This is accomplished by varying and adjusting the values of the inductances and capacities in the receiving set until the wave-length of the receiving circuit equals that of the received wave.

The novice will comprehend this idea of tuning very clearly if he will consider the following analogy. Fig. 1 illustrates the usual receiving antenna upon which a large number of radio waves of various lengths impinge. The antenna is the collector of the radio waves which passes them to the receiver A and thence to detector and telephones. Imagine that the antenna has been transformed into a huge funnel, as in Fig. 2, and that impinging upon this funnel collector is a steady rain of sand and gravel of various degrees of fineness. The col-lecting funnel corresponds to the collecting antenna, and the rain of sand and gravel of various degrees of fineness corresponds

to the radio waves of various wave-lengths striking the antenna. Just as the antenna collects all the waves which strike it, so the funnel collects all the sizes of sand and gravel which strike it. The sand and gravel pass on to a receiver B in Fig. 2, which receiver consists of sieves; they then pass through these sieves just as the radio waves pass through the receiver A in Fig. 1. The sand which finally emerges from the receiving sieves B, Fig. 2, corresponds to the radio waves which finally come out of the receiver A, Fig. 1, and are applied to the detector and heard in the phones.

If the sand receiver in Fig. 2 is so ar-ranged that it consists solely of a coarse mesh sieve, then sand of all degrees of fineness will pass through it. This condition corresponds to the condition where the radio receiver is broadly tuned. The radio receiver which is broadly tuned permits wide range of wave-lengths to actuate it, just as the coarse sieve permits sand and gravel of varying degrees of fineness to pass through it. If we assume that we desire to receive only a particular wave-length. in our analogy this is equivalent to receiving sand of a particular degree of fineness. This is accomplished by varying the mesh



A Two-Circuit Radio Tuner and Its Analogy, a Two-Sieve Sand Receiver.

of the sieves in Fig. 2, so that the first sieve rejects all sizes of sand above the one desired, while the second lets through all sizes less than the one desired. The size of sand desired falls between the two sieves and is passed on to where it is used. condition now corresponds to that in which the radio receiver is sharply tuned to a certain desired wave. That is just as the sand receiver is adjusted to reject all sizes of sand except a certain size, so the sharply tuned receiver rejects all wave-lengths except the particular one desired. This process of adjusting the receiver so that it does reject undesired signals is called tuning. If a receiver tunes so that it does not re-It a receiver tunes so that it does not re-ject very well undesired signals it is said to be "broadly tuned." If it tunes so that it does reject all but the desired signal it is said to be "sharply tuned." A sharply tuned receiver is also called a "selective" receiver, because of its ability to select only the desired signals and reject the others.

Now let us see why some receivers tune more sharply, or are more selective than others. The novice no doubt has heard frequently enough that most of the interference trouble he experiences is due to the fact that he employs a "single circuit" receiver which is broadly tuned. As a re-sult, he receives a wide range of wavelengths at any given setting of the receiver which causes the interference. He has also heard that if he used a double or triple circuit tuner this interference would disap-pear. This means that the single circuit receivers are broadly tuned and less se-lective than the double circuit and triple circuit tuners. He has also heard that if his receiver were coupled loosely to the antenna interference would also be decreased.

Let us see why and how. Fig. 3 illustrates the single circuit tuner.



A Standard Three-Circuit Regenerative Receiver, the Circuit of Which is Shown in 2 of Fig. 12. The Controlling Knobs, from Left to Right, Are, the Grid Variometer, the Variocoupler and the Plate Vari-ometer. Vernier Knobs, for Fine Adjustment, Are Seen in Each Corner. Primary Adjustments Are Made with the Switch-Arms S.S., L.S., and the Coupler Knob. Final Adjustments Are Made by the Simultaneous, Alternate Back-and-Forward Motion of the Grid and Plate Variometer Knobs and Possibly the Verniers.

Some tuners employ a variometer only, others employ a tapped inductance only, still other employ an inductance with a condenser. To all intents and purposes these tuners act alike. We will, therefore, con-sider the case of Fig. 3, which is typical. This case is practically equivalent to the case in our analogy in which only one sieve is employed in the sand receiver, Fig. 4. We can adjust but one circuit or sieve. As a result, one sieve will reject a large number of sizes of sand but will also pass through it a large number of sizes of sand. In other words, no matter how finely we adjust the mesh of the sieve, there will al-ways be sand of different sizes passing through the receiver when only one sieve is used. In the same way signals of differ-ent wave-lengths will force their way through a single circuit radio receiver. The range of wave-lengths thus filtering through the receiver may be decreased to a certain extent by better adjustment of the circuit inductance or capacity, just as the sand sizes passing through the sieve may be limited by careful adjustment of the mesh of the sieve. But no matter how finely the single circuit set is adjusted it will be re-sponsive to a wide range of wave-lengths. It has a certain inherent coarseness like the sieve which cannot be adjusted so that it



A Loosely Coupled (Widely Separated) Sand Re-ceiver, Capable of Finer Sieving.

passes through only one size of sand. The single circuit tuner is inherently a broadly timed receiver.



An Intermediate Circuit Tuner, Which is Capable of Greater Selection.

When we come to the double circuit tuner we immediately strike conditions which make for selectivity or sharp tuning. Fig. 5 illustrates the two circuit radio rerig. 5 initiates the two circuit radio re-ceiver and Fig. 6 illustrates the analagous two-circuit sand receiver. The second cir-cuit or sieve simply continues the work of the first. The first sieve refines the sand down to certain sizes by rejecting certain other sizes. This is all it can do. The second sieve takes this sand which has been, so to speak, partially tuned, and proceeds further with the work by rejecting certain other sizes bringing the sand closer to the desired degree of fineness. In the same way the second circuit in the radio receiver "refines" still further the received waves which have passed the first circuit. The first circuit in the tuner was able to reject certain wave-lengths and, therefore, passed through all wave-lengths in a wide band. The second circuit being adjusted and tuned also to the desired wave-length is, therefore, able to reject some of the wave-lengths in this band and thus bring the received sig-nal closer to the desired wave-length only. This process is seen to be one of repeated refining, like filtering water. If one filter is used, some of the foreign matter in the water is left behind, the water passing through a little clearer. If this clearer water is now passed through another filter. it will retain a little more of the foreign matter and pass the water through still clearer than before. The more filters are used the clearer the water becomes. Using a second circuit in a radio receiver serves the same purpose, it filters out some more of the undesired wave-lengths when it is tuned to the desired wave-length. If still another circuit were used after the second, this tuning process or "filtering" would proceed further. That is why there are some receiving sets built with intermediate circuits as in Fig. 7. Multiple circuit tuners are, therefore, more sharply tuned than single circuit tuners; they are more "se2094



Two Popular Types of Single-Circuit Regenerative Receivers. That of 1 is the Tickler Feedback Variety, While 2 Employs a Plate Variometer to Attain Regeneration.

lective" since the rejecting process continues in each succeeding circuit.

Suppose now that the two sieves in Fig. 6 are very close together. Then the sand which has passed through the first sieve will probably all pass on to the second sieve which will reject some sizes and pass



Three Different Types of Single-Circuit Tuners, the First Employing a Tapped Coil, the Second a Variometer and the Third a Fixed Coil, Controlled by a Variable Condenser.

others, as above. That is, when the two sieves are close together there is little or so loss of sand during the passage from one sieve to the other. However, if they are separated considerably as in Fig. 8, there will be a considerable loss of sand during the passage from one sieve to the next. Many of the undesired sizes will prohably be thus lost, and hence the separation of the sieves results in a certain weeding out of undesired sand sizes. This condition corresponds to the condition of "loose coup-ling" in the case of the radio receiver. When the primary and secondary coils of the vario-coupler in Fig. 5 are closely coupled, the condition is analogous to that in which the sieves are close together. The various wave-lengths which pass through the primary circuit are all transmitted to the secondary circuit without much loss, but when they are loosely coupled, as when the sieves are far apart, some of the undesired wave-lengths passing through the primary circuit are lost in the passage to the secondary circuit, and thus sharper tuning is secured. Loose coupling will always yield more selective tuning than close coup-ling in receivers. Of course it is true, in the case of the sieves being widely sep-arated, that some sand of the desired size will also be lost in the passage from the first to the second sieve. This is equiv-alent to the signal voltage in the secondary This is equivcircuit being weaker than that in the primary circuit on account of this loss. This is why loose coupling will give a weaker signal than close coupling, but it has the far greater advantage of sharper tuning.

It was stated above that the single circuit tuner is inherently a broadly tuned receiver. Broad tuning is largely due to resistance in the circuit. The greater the resistance of a circuit the more broadly it tunes. Thus any circuit will tune broadly,

the degree of broad tuning depending upon its resistance. Coils and condensers have resistance, thus they increase the broadness of tuning. In the case of the single circuit tuner there is the additional resistance of the antenna which increases the broadness of tuning. If some means could be devised for counteracting this effect of resistance of circuits, tuning would be The most important method at our sharper. command to-day for counteracting resist-ance effects is that of "regeneration" as employed in regenerative receivers. The regenerative receiver, in effect, reduces the resistance of the receiving circuit, which, therefore, makes for sharper tuning. This is why the regenerative receiver is more selective than the non-regenerative.

The above explanations will give the novice an understanding as to what tuning accomplishes, how it is accomplished, and why some receivers are more selective than others. The analogies, while not absolutely, perfect, will facilitate this understanding. We will now consider briefly just what steps are involved in the tuning of the different and more common types of circuits.

The single circuit tuner is the simplest of all tuners. This is its great advantage, in fact its simplicity is its only raison d'être. It has but one wave-length control. Fig. 9 shows the three principle types of single circuit non-regenerative tuners. In all of these sets the control knob, inductance or capacity, is simply varied until maximum signal is heard. This is the only adjustment that can or need be made, and the operator has to rest content with the signal as brought in by this adjustment. He can do nothing further to clear the signal of interference. It will probably be found that the single circuit containing the fixed inductance and condenser is the more selective of the three given.

Fig. 10 illustrates the single circuit regenerative tuner, circuit 1 using tickler feedback coupling, circuit 2 using plate variometer regeneration. The procedure in tuning these sets is as follows: Set the tickler coupling at its minimum and set the plate variometer at zero, that is at minimum

Tune the antenna circuit by inductance. means of the condenser or inductance, as above, until maximum desired signal is heard. Now gradually increase the tickler coupling or plate variometer inductance, as the case be. An increase in signal strength will be perceptible as this adjustment takes place, up to a point where the signal suddenly becomes mushy or distorted. This is the point where the regeneration is so great that the circuit begins to oscillate. The proper operating point is just a little before this point in tickler coupling or variometer inductance is reached. Move tickler coupling and plate variometer back until the signal is cleared up again. Bring tickler coupling and plate variometer up again just a little before the point where the circuit began to oscillate. Now tune the aerial circuit again until signal is at its maximum. Alternate between adjusting plate coupling and antenna tuning, until the desired signal is at its maximum.

Fig. 11 illustrates a common type of twocircuit tuner. It will be observed that there are two adjustments in the antenna circuit, inductance and capacity, one adjustment in the secondary circuit, capacity, and a coupling adjustment; in all, there are four adjustments. Tuning a set of this description is a little more complicated than single circuit tuners. The procedure is as follows: Set the coupling so that it is tight; if the coupler is a losse coupler, bring the two coils very close together; if it is a vario-coupler set the dial at its maximum reading. Set the secondary condenser at about its middle position, half reading on the condenser dial. Set the inductance switch in the antenna circuit on the middle tap and tune with the antenna condenser until signals are heard. Tune with the secondary



A Two-Circuit, Non-Regenerative Tuner. The Coils Can Be Those of a Variocoupler, or a Loose Coupler.

condenser until the desired signal is heard in the phones. These preliminary settings and adjustments are merely to get your bearings, but after a little experience the operator will be able to make these preliminary settings and adjustments. pretty accurately. If the desired signal does not come in, it may be necessary to tune both primary and secondary condensers together, *(Continued on page 2180)*



Two Types of Two-Circuit Regenerative Tuners. The First is of the Tickler Feedback Type; the Other Employs a Plate Variometer, to Produce Regeneration.

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WLAT	Radio Specialty Co. Burlington Law
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Buffalo, N. Y. Interstate Electric Co., New Orleans, La. General Electric Co., Scheneetady, N. Y. University of Wisconsin,

Madison, Wts. State University of Iowa. Iowa City. Iowa Clark W. Thompson (Fellman's Dry Goods Co.)...Galveston, Tex. Cole Bros., Electric Co... Waterloo. Iowa

Marquette University. Milwaukee, Wis. Automotive Electric Service Co., Sioux City, Iowa Radio Electric Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. University of Cincinnati, Ohio Hafer Supply Co., Joplin, Mo.

Hafer Supply Co. Joplin, Mo. Radio Equipment & Mfg. Co.. Davenport, Iowa

Mrs. Robert E. Zimmerman. Vinton. Iowa

Binghamton, N. Y. Saginaw Radio & Electric Co. Capitol Radio Co...., Lincoln, Nebr.

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Madison, Wis.

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The Future Of Radio

Address by the Hon. Mohammed Ulysses Socrates Fips. Head Office Boy



Instead of the Ordered 50 Lbs. of Hexagonal Nuts, the Hardware Com pany Received 50 Lbs. of Param Nute of Pecan Nuts.

Every School-Boy Who Owned a Radio Set Coulc Receive All the Alcohol From Europe That He Wanted. It Came Near To Being Disastrous To Our Younger Generation.



Ladies and Gentlemen: May I ask your kind indulgence for my somewhat untidy appearance this evening? I have been so overwhelmed with work, during the past three weeks, that I have actually had but eight hours of sleep during that time. The balance of the nights I have been forcibly kept awake by means of the electric Sleep Eliminator. I have not shaved in two weeks, and my only bath was a radio-electric high frequency one while I slept.

So if the radio audience will kindly stop

So if the radio audience will kindly stop frowning at my wild appearance, I will go on. Thank you SO much—beg pardon? A gentleman with a huge beard, in the Chicago audience, just asked why I was not shaved while I slept. Hm! True. Prob-ably for the same reason that my questioner grows a hedge on his face while he's awake !

But to resume. My radio brethren know why I am here tonight. When I asked the *American Radio Council* to broadcast last night the Radio Sirene, and asked to have every radio citizen sit in at the proceedings edly. Just a moment, please My attendant, just informs me that you have responded nobly. There are 109 mil-

ion radio citizens sitting in at this radio meeting. Think of it. my friends, 109 mil-lion—14 million more than when ex-Presi-dent Ford made his inaugural speech in 1953, just 20 years ago. Tonight, therefore, will go down in history as the greatest radio as-sembly ever recorded. I can see you, and hear you applaud, and I congratulate you! Radio Citizens! You know the reason why I, as President of the American Radio Council, have asked your attendance tonight. I come before you on this historical occasion

I come before you on this historical occasion to urge you to rise against our present op-pressor and tyrant, the unspeakable Radio Trust!

This titanic octopus which reaches into the innermost recesses of our homes, nay, our very bodies, there to suck out the life blood of the nations, must be crushed, destroyed, annihilated. You know its his-tory. It started in 1921, innocently enough, with a few heredesting stations. Our with a few broadcasting stations. Our graudfathers of that time had little fault to find with the innocent pastime of listening in to concerts, speeches, and operas. Then, in 1926, when there were over 6,000 radio broadcasting stations in America, the nightly chaos and interference had become so great

that President Bryan signed the Radio Act of 1926, which required that, henceforth, only six super-broadcasting stations would be allowed to operate. These stations, as you probably know, operated on 50,000 Watts, and each one broadcast 24 different forms of entertainment simultaneously. asmuch as the Marconi Restricted-Directional Wave System was used by these stations, each station covered exactly to the inch its allocated zone. Thus, if you know your radio history, you will remember that if you were located at San Francisco it was impossible to tune in to the New York disdistrict except your own, due to these Re-strictive-Directional Waves. As all the pro-grams, however, were almost identical, this did not matter much, particularly since, by that time, people were no longer interested in long distance reception.

About that year, the control of the six big national stations passed into the hands of the Amalgamated Broadcasting Corporation—the present trust, known only by its initials, the A.B.C. Trust. Then things be-gan to happen. Up to that time the men (Continued on page 2157)



Radio Pictorial


Mr. Filbert Tunes In By ELLIS PARKER BUTLER

Author of "Pigs Is Pigs"



"Each Woman Sat In a Porcelain Basin! For Insulation, Sir! The Hair of Each Woman Was Done In Two Braids, and These Were Connected Together In One Long Chain. Those Women, Sir, Were Being Used As An Antenna Made of Human Hair!"

HILE Mr. Filbert was not utterly and absolutely bald, he was ally and absolutely bald, he was al-most that. He had so little hair that his beautifully egg-shaped cranium was like a polished dome, and it glistened with high-lights. He was a very bald man, but neat and dressy, and he wore a slender gold chain with his eye-glasses. He had a well-washed look and gave forth an odor of twenty-five cent toilet soap. Altogether twenty-five cent toilet soap. Altogether he was a nice little man, doing a fairly good business in the commission hosiery line, but his very appearance showed he thought well of Mr. Filbert. Except for his baldness, which he deeply regretted, Mr. Filbert thought Mr. Filbert was just about all right.

Frequently, after emerging from his morning bath or while shaving, or at other times, Mr. Filbert put his head very close to his mirror and examined the top of his head carefully, looking for fuzz. He had, since his baldness, tried twenty-six varieties of hair restorer, but none had done his head the least good. He had, therefore, sworn never to buy another bottle of hair restorer and, when our

story opens, he was trying the Couè method. In the morning, during the day, and at night he repeated faithfully, "Every day, in every way, I am growing hairier and hairier." Unfortunately, when he looked at the bald top of his head, there was no proof that he was growing hairier—not the slightest! Not even the amount of down that shows on even the amount of down that shows on a ripe peach appeared on his head. If Mr. Filbert had wished to utter truth, his chant would have been. "Every d'v, in every way, my dome is growing glos-sier, and glossier." Being a small man and nervous, and overburdened with business. too he

overburdened with business—for he was doing twice as much as he should have tried to handle—Mr. Filbert was often cross and irritable. He was so on this busy morning, when his office boy inter-rupted him as he was opening his mail. A large greenish-blue fly had been buz-zing about Mr. Filbert's head, alighting on it now and then, and Mr. Filbert had slapped at the fly twenty times. Always he missed the fly. Always his hand overburdened with business-for he was he missed the fly. Always his hand smacked down on his own bald head with smacked down on his own bald head with a sound like that made by a dairymaid when she smacks a pat of butter with the butter paddle. Always the fly buzzed away unharmed and returned to alight on Mr. Filbert's head once more. "Say, boss," the office boy said, "there's a gink out here wants to sell you some-thing. I guess he's a bootlegger. He's got a valise full o' something that clinks like booze bottles." "I don't want any!" exclaimed Mr. Fil-

like booze bottles." "I don't want any!" exclaimed Mr. Fil-bert angrily. "I won't see him! Kick him out of the office! Tell him to—" "The question—" said a voice behind the office boy; "the question is this: Are you, or are you not, in tune with the In-finite?" finite?

Mr. Filbert looked up and saw a thin,

Mr. Filbert looked up and saw a thin, loose-jointed man, who pushed past the office boy, pushed the office boy out of the office. closed the door, and put a large valise on Mr. Filbert's desk. "Get out! I don't want any hooch; I don't want any booze; I don't want any-thing in that line at all! Get out!" "I am not selling booze, sir," said the stranger. "I came here to ask you one question. I came to ask you: 'Are you in tune with the Infinite?' I see you are not; you are bald. You are, if I may say so, as bald as a billiard ball that has had the mange. You are absolutely, com-pletely, disgracefully bald!" Mr. Filbert was so angry that even the (Continued on page 2124)

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T HIS Department is open to all readers. It matters not whether subscribers or not. All photos are judged for best arrangement and efficiency of the apparatus, neatness of connections and general appearance. In order to increase the interest in this department, we prefer to publish photographs of We prefer dark photos to light ones. The prize winning pictures must be on prints not smaller than 5 x 7". We cannot reproduce pictures smaller than 3/x x 3/". All pictures must bear name and address written in ink on the back. A letter of not less than 100 words giving full description of the station, aerial equipment, etc., must accompany the pictures, will be paid for at the rate of \$2.00 each.

Station 8AZ Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan This Month's Prize Winner



HINKING that perhaps you would be interested in hearing from radio sta-tion 8AZ, I decided to write you.

think that this station has made a record to be proud of, noting the fact that it was heard in France by Pierre Louis, station 8RRX, during the A.R.R.L. tests, as given in the March issue of RADIO NEWS. enclosed picture, at the left, shows the tall panel of the C.W. set that did the business. It is only a ten watter, HI. As can be seen, the two five-watt tubes are visible through the two large holes. The meter at the top

Mr.I.R.Groves' Station 2DX Summit, N. J.

PICTURE and description of this A station appeared in RADIO NEWS for August, 1920. Since then the station has been modernized. The old 1-K.W. stone crusher has given way to a 10-watt C.W. set. The old honeycomb coil receiver is now replaced by a Reinartz improved tuner with one stage of amplification. This re-ceiver works better on C.W. stations than any other tuner tried. Every district, all Canadian districts, and Porto Rico have been logged. A log is only kept of stations over 1,000 miles away.

The transmitter consists of all Radio Corporation parts. It is rated at 10 watts output. The output has been measured and found to be 44 watts delivered to the an-

is the radiation ammeter; radiation at the in the radiation animeter; radiation at the time of the tests was 1.2 amperes. The meter in the center is a 15-volt A.C. type used for filament readings for the tubes. Just below are the two dials; the one on the left controls the filaments while the one on the right controls the 23-plate V.C. The meter at the bottom is a milliameter for plate readabout the circuit, it being the familiar "British Aircraft" circuit employing a grid controlled by a variable condenser. The whole set is home-made throughout, and has

Station 8AZ Is Our Idea of a Good Station. The Fact That It Heard In France Is Enough To Vouch For Its Efficiency. Mr. Fetzer. the Operator. Is Shown In the Photo.

always given satisfactory service in relay work. The set has been in operation at the Emmanuel Missionary College for the past six months. We have received reports on signals very QSA up to 1,000 miles. The set has been in communication as far east as New York City and some other points scattered throughout the southern and western states. 8AZ does not get in the "calls heard" very much mainly through lack of time to be on the air. The station at present does not operate on the regular schedule, also the wave is very sharp owing to the fact that a motor generator (1/4-H.P. motor, driving a 220-volt D.C. motor as a generator), thus the receiving operator must be on the job to tune in my signals. In these days of A.C. on the plate in most C.W. sets, I think that the average operator is becoming careless in his tuning.

The receiving set is the usual three-cir-cuit tuner with detector and two stages of audio. Aside from the short wave set, there is the long wave set on top. This set has received signals up to 6,000 miles. The re-

received signals up to 6,000 miles. The re-ceiving set is also home-made. The aerial is 65' high at one end and 45' at the other end. It is a cage consisting of six wires strung on tapering hoops vary-ing from 8" to 18" in diameter. For trans-mitting, a counterpoise is used. It consists of six wires strung in a fan share 10' above of six wires strung in a fan shape 10' above the ground. I neglected to state, while speaking of the transmitter, that it has been in communication up to 80 miles by voice. Absorption loop modulation is used in conjunction with a low resistance Western Electric microphone transmitter. This station was previously located at Lafavette, Indiana (radio 9FB). While there, it made the same reputation for itself that it has here. J. E. FETZER,

Operator Radio 8AZ.



There Is Something Very Impressive About the Appearance of Station 2DX. We Should Like To Bet That Mr. Groves Keeps a Clean Hook.

tenna, with 1,100 volts on the plates. This high voltage does not seem to harm the tubes, as the plate current is kept down. The radiation measured in the antenna lead is 3.1 amperes with 1,100 volts and 2.2 amperes with 550 volts on the plate.

The antenna originally consisted of a 6wire flat top 80' long, and 55' high. This antenna was destroyed in a storm a few days after C.W. was substituted for spark. The present antenna consists of only one wire 100' long and 20' high. The counterpoise consists of six wires 60' long and about 40' wide.

With the one-wire aerial and counterpoise, C.W. has been reported in 27 states the greatest distance being 1,650 miles. This station is only on the air in the summer and a couple of weeks during the winter, due to the owner being at college.

FRENCH REPORTS ON THE TRANS-ATLANTIC TESTS By DR. PIERRE CORRET

Owing to the short time allowed the French amateurs for the installation of transmitters, only 10 out of the 23 stations were able to send during the last trans-Atlantic tests. Only one of them, 8AB, was heard in the United States.

Several stations have had considerable trouble on account of the difficulties encountered in the erection and operation of transmitters which were thrown together in haste for the tests. Most of them worked only a few days during one or two hours. We believe that, if the American amateurs had not experienced so much QRM during the second period of the tests, several French stations would have been heard. The only station which was received has a special license and is authorized to use 1 K.W. of power on C.W. Four 250-watt tubes connected in parallel constitute the transmitter which is supplied with 25-cycle A.C. on the plates. The average intensity of the aerial is about 5 amperes on a wave-length of 195 meters. The antenna is formed of three cages 6' in diameter and about 60' long. **RECEPTION**

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Although the French amateurs have not

been successful at transmitting, they received quite a number of American stations during the first period of the tests. 26 French amateurs and two in Switzerland received 246 amateur stations among which only two were using spark (1BCF and 2RP). Better re-sults were obtained in England by a greater number of amateurs accustomed for a long time to receive on short wave-lengths. However, it is interesting to consider the results obtained in France with various types of re-ceivers. The table below shows the superiority of the super-heterodyne, with which the greatest number of stations was heard. We did not mention the number of stages of audio frequency amplification as this does not very much improve the range and was varied during the tests according to the amount of static which varied from day to

day. Four stations used Reinartz tuners, one with two stages of radio frequency with iron core transformers and the others without any radio frequency at all. With such a tuner, using only one tube, one of the stations was able to receive quite often the programs from the broadcasting station WJZ at Newark, New Jersey, which was also received by several amateurs throughout France.

In concluding, we could say that the recent series of tests demonstrated the possibility of long range communication with short wave-lengths and we hope on this side that during the coming tests, the QRM will decrease sufficiently in the United States to allow some well-equipped amateurs to receive our transmission as we, of course, are very anxious to try our hand at sending.

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DX'S TAKE NOTICE

Mr. J. M. Cook and Mr. F. W. Crannell of Longford, South Dakota, are the joint owners of a Grebe CR-5 and a Grebe CR-8, each plus two audio. They have done some notable work with these combinations and are anxious to arrange DX tests.

Quoting the owners' communication: "Specializing on the receiving end, we have copied amateurs in every district in the United States as well as quite a number of Canadian brass pounders. As for broadcasters, we have over 300 different stations to our credit; we have tuned in as many as 48 in one evening. We use mostly a two-wire aerial 100' long and 60' high. We listen in practically every evening, with the exception of Wednesdays and Saturdays, from about 8 o'clock to well towards midnight. We make a practice of staying up all night at least once in every three weeks. We would be very glad to listen in for any amateur who would care to arrange a test with us. Within a month we hope to be in on the air with a 50-watter. Reports addressed to either of us will he very much appreciated."

J. MERVIN COOK, FORREST W. CRANNELL, Longford, South Dakota.

FENCE THEM IN

Some Congressmen seem to think that radio can be laid out like pastures of grazing lands with neat wire fences which would keep the broadcasts and messages within the confines of a State. Two of them actually believe that State rights are involved in the bill before the House and want local radio control left with the state governments. "DX's" take notice!

5AHS

The call 5AHS has been issued to S. T. Donnell, 611 W. 3rd Street, Lampasas, Texas. He would appreciate word from any of those hearing his C. W. signals.

C. W. and Phone Transmitter Contest

THERE are at present any number of C.W., I.C.W. and phone transmitters being used by amateurs, which give more than usual results. There is a wide variety of circuits to pick from, and there are numerous tricks that have proved of great advantage in the attempt to reach out. These little things pave the road to development, but in the average case, they fail to see the light of day, when other than the originator is concerned. Many of you have 5- or 10-watt C.W., I.C.W. or phone sets that are giving excellent results. There are many who would like to get the "dope" on these. In order to help those who have C.W. sets, or are contemplating the building of one, we are starting this contest, and hope to get some real information. Break out with those hidden stunts and let us all know how you made your set, and why you made it that way.

It has been the custom of RADIO NEWS to offer \$10.00 for good suggestions. We are, in this instance, indebted to Mr. E. H. Vance, 5483 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Ill., who suggested that we run a C.W. and phone contest.

Rules of Contest

The set to be described should be of the vacuum tube type, using one, or not more than two, 5-watt tubes, and not over 750 volts on the plate. The important part is, that the set must have been actually built; that it is either in use now, or has been in use. Ideas or patent descriptions are strictly excluded from the contest. It is also obvious that, insofar as this contest is conducted chiefly to bring out new ideas, commercial outfits as now sold by several makers are ex-



cluded from the contest. It is necessary to state what instruments are used and, if certain instruments have been bought, the make must be stated. The transmitting distance of the set should be given, i. e., the record distance covered with the set, and DX report cards should be included. These cards should bear a postmark anterior to May 10. A complete diagram

of connections used, executed neatly in ink, is to be furnished. One or two good photographs, not smaller than $4'' \propto 6''$. giving at least two views of the set, are necessary. The photograph of the builder is also desirable. The sizes, and the kinds of wires used in the construction, must be given, as well as the dimensions and constants of the principal parts. More than one outfit may be entered by any contestant.

The contest is open to everyone (Radio Clubs included) except manufacturers of wireless apparatus.

The manuscript should not be longer than 1,500 words; 1,000 words are preferred.

If two contestants should send in the same winning experience, both will receive the same prize. In the event of two or more persons sending in the same as best, second best, etc., each tying contestant will receive the prize tied for. Prize winning letters will be judged as follows: The first prize will be awarded

Prize winning letters will be judged as follows: The first prize will be awarded for the letter giving the oddest or most unusual experience. The second prize to the one considered next best, and so on.

All prizes will be paid upon publication. This contest closes in New York on May 25 and the names of the winners will appear in the August issue of RADIO NEWS

American Amateurs Heard in New Zealand

W^E have a letter from a New Zealand "ham" stating that American Amateur C.W. signals are being heard there fairly regularly, but due to bad static conditions generally prevailing it is difficult to identify call signs. Call signs 8AFD and 8ALT have been identified, but in neither case could it be determined whether this was the station called or the calling station. The distance separating the nearest coast liner is approximately 6,000 miles, so it appears that in the early future there will be good pros-pects of inter-communication between the two countries.

If there are any skeptics, let them go over the log of Mr. R. Slade, Belfield House, Waimataitai, Timaru, N. Z., which is printed below ·

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By MR. R. S. SLADE
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5XAD or XWI (?) calling CQ (8:20)
6XAD calling 5XAD (?) (8:25)

3SF, BALTIMORE, MD. (ONE STEP) Spark--1ARY, 1ACK, 1AKG, 1AMD, 1BOO, 1CDB, 1CHX, 1CIB, 1CKS, 1CM, 1CN1, 1NV, IRV, 1SI, 2AAF, 2ACF, 2AD, 2AER, 2AJA. 2ARY, 2BK, 2BY, 2BUM, 2CHD, 2CJS, 2CJX, 2KS, 2CMM, 2CN, 2FP, 2HJ, 2JG, 2JZ, 2KK, 2KS, 2CMM, 2CN, 2FP, 2HJ, 2JG, 2JZ, 2KK, 2KS, 2OX, 2SQ, 3ABB, 3AD, 3AEA, 3AJD, 3AHK, 3APL, 3AQZ, 3BEI, 3BJP, 3BOG, 3BTP, 3GH, 3JUJ, 3KG, 3RW, 3YK, 3ZM, 4BC. 4BL, 4DF, 4FD, 4FG, 4GN, 4HS, 5UP, 5XA, 8AEO, 8AFG, 8APM, 8AUV, 8AIJ, 8AKQ, 8AMS, 8ANG, 8APM, 8AUV, 8AUG, 8ANN, 8AYI, 8BAH, 8BBY, 8BCH, 8BDA, 8BFV, 8BY, 8BYP, 8BZH, 8CAP, 8CEH, 8CKV, 8CNR, 8COA, 8CSD, 8EB, 8EH, 8EO, 8EV, 8EW, 8FY, 9AUW, 9ABM, 9ACN, 9AGG, 9AHQ, 9AIR, 9AIU, 9AIW, 0AOJ, 9ARY, 9AU, 9AVP, 9AZE, 9BEC, 9BPJ, 9CP, 9CUF, 9DAG, 9DHG, 9DHQ, 9DIL, 9DWP, 9DZY, 9GN, 9LF, 9NZ, 9OF, 9ON, 9OR, 9PN, 9TV, 9VZ, 9VL, CW, --1ASF, 1BDL, 1BOV, 1CQ, 1CKP, 1CPN, 1UM, 1UN, 1XZ, 2FP, 3BOV, 3BWT, 3CM, 3LL, 5DA, 8AWP, 8AWP, 8AXH, 8BZQ, 9AAU, 9BZI, 9DYN, 9UM, 9UR.

SCCS, POTSDAM, N. Y.

8CCS, POTSDAM, N. Y. (1AAW)) 1ADI, 1ADL, 1AGC, 1AGH, 1AKL, 1ANR, 1AOL, 1ARK, 1ARY, 1ATC, 1ANB, 1AUN, 1AWB, 1AWE, 1AXI, 1AY, 1AYG, 1AZW, 1BAS, 1BDI, 1BES, 1BKA, (1BKR) 1BWF, 1BRG, 1BSI, 1BES, 1BKA, (1BKR) 1BWF, 1CAJ, 1CEL, 1CAR, (1CHP) (1C1B) (1C1J) (1C1T) (1C1D) (1C1H) 1CMK, 1CMP, 1CNF, 1CPI, 1CRU, 1DF, 111, 11L, 1LL, (1MC) 1MY, 1ND, (1PM) 1GF, 2AJF, 2AJH, 2ANM, 1XU, 1XZ, 2AEU, 2AFF, 2AJF, 2AJH, 2ANM, 2AUY, 2AUZ, 2AWF, 2AWS, 2AYV, 2AXF, 2BBB, 2BCK, 2BEI, 2BFE, 2BO, 2BOU, 2BSC, 2BYW, 2BVH, 2CUE, 2CKK, 2CKU, 22KMV, 2COR, 2CGI, 2CCK, 2CFP, 2GK, 2XO, 2ZK, 2ZS, 3AB, 3AF, 3AJG, 3AKR, 3ABN, 3ABU, 3AMW, 3ANO, 3AOR, 3ARO, 3BG, 3BIT, 3BIY, 3BJ, 3BJT, 3BOB, 3BOF, 3BG, 3BH, 3BIY, 3BJ, 3BJT, 3BOB, 3BOF, 3BG, 3BC, 4BO, 4BD, 4BX, 4CG, 4CY, 4EA, 4EH, 4LI, 4NV, 4OI, 4WK, 4YA, 5AGJ, 5AGY, 5DA, 5ND, 5NV, 5OI, 5RZ, 5XAD, 5XAJfore, 5XB, 5XK, 5XV, 5ZAK, 5ZAS, 5ZB, 5ZK, 6XAD, 6ZH, 6ZZ, 8ADK, 8AIP, 8AIW, 8AIZ,

9AWM calling CQ (9:05 and 9:20) 6KA calling 7MZ (9:35) 6KA calling 1BGF (9:42) and at (10:08) 6KA calling — (10:21) and at (10:26) Nov. 21st 6KA calling -

Nov. 22ND 6KA calling

5PX calling

Nov. 25тн 5PX to -----

Nov. 26TH

6KA at (9:26) and at intervals to (10:30) Sigs. faded considerably and heard many other stations but could get none of their calls.

Nov. 30TH
6PD calling 9AN (?) at (8:26) and at
(8:29)
Atmospherics very bad for several days
following.
Dec. 5th
6KA calling 8ZY at (8:30)
6KA calling 6ZMC (?) (8:36)
6KA calling — (8:37)
$6KA \text{ calling } \longrightarrow (8:38)$
6KA calling — (8:40)
6KA calling — (8:42)
6KA calling 8ZY (8:44)
6KA calling — (8:48)
6KA calling — (8:53)
6KA calling — (8:56)
6KA calling 8ZY (8:58)
6KA calling $$ (9:01) (9:05) (9:08)
(9:10)
DEC. 7TH
8ZY calling $$ (7:12)
8ZY calling CQ (7:27)
6Z1 calling CQ $(7:37\frac{1}{2})$ and $(7:39\frac{1}{2})$ also
at 7:43 and at 7:46 to CQ cast and at
7:49.

Calls Heard

8A11	8A1T.	8AIX.	8AKD,	8ALF.	8ALO.
SALT,	8AMZ,	SĂNB,	8ANJ,	8AOI,	8AOL,
8APG,	8APN,	8APV,	8APW,	8AQZ;	8ARC
(fone)	8ARD,	8ASC.	8ASF,	8ASV,	8ATF.
8AVD,	8AVJ,	8AVW.	8AXB,	8AXD,	8AXN,
8BBF,	8BCH,	8BDO.	8BEK,	8BEO,	8BEN,
8BF, 8	BFQ, 8B	8FV, 8B0	I. 8BIN	I, 8BJX.	8BLC,
8BLX,	8BOA,	8BOA,	8BOB,	8BQK,	8BRD
8BRY,	8BUC,	8BUX.	8BWS.	8BWY,	8BXF,
8BXH,	8BXT,	8BXK,	8BY A,	8BYO,	8BYT,

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Dec. 10тн

Heard stations very faint on about 180 meters 6AVD calling CQ (7:50).

Dec. 16тн 6JD (?) CQ (10:12) 6JD (?) to 5PX (10:13) Atmospherics bad.

Dec. 17тн

Atmospherics very bad. 6KU to -6ZND (?) — 6ANH to — 6AWP to — 9BED (?) -DEC. 19TH 6ZMI (?) to _____ 7SC to CQ at (8:45) 6JD to CQ 6PD to — (9:44) **DEC.** 20тн 9GK to CQ (11:21) 9GK to CQ (11:32) 7SC to - (7:55) 6ZZ to 5GR (8:14) 6ZZ to 5GR (8:15) 6ZZ to 5GR (8:15) 6ZZ to - (9:05) 6ANH to 9DQM (8:14) 7GS to 5GR (8:27) 9GK to CQ (9:07) 6APB to 20 (9:07) 6ARB to 8CF (9:20)

DEC. 22ND

6BUN to ---- (10:15 to 5ZAV (10:21) and again to 5ZAV (10:32) 9BSG to CQ (10:48) (Continued on page 2159)

9APW, 9ARZ, 9ASE, 9ASO, 9ASW, 9AVN, 9AWF, 9AZA, 9AZP, 9BCF, 9BFM, 9BGC, 9BIJ, 9BIZ, 9BJ, 9BJC, 9BJN, 9BJT, 9BKJ, 9BOG, 9BRM, 9BRX, 9BSO, 9BSZ, 9BTA, 9BTJ, 9BV, 9RVI, 9BVZ, 9BWN, 9BXC, 9BYX, 9BZJ, 9CAA, 9CAC, 9CCM, 9CCS, 9CCV, 9CDN, 9CDR, 9CEH, 9CHK, 9CJA, 9CJI, 9CTM, 9CKW, 9CMN, 9CPA, 9CTE, 9CTG, 9CTU, 9CTV, 9CUI, 9CVS, 9CWP, 9CXC, 9CZS, 9CZY, 9DAJ, 9DBF, 9DDY, 9DFB, 9DGE, 9DIO, 9DIO, 9DKK, 9DLF, 9DLR, 9DRI, 9DTI, 9DV, 9DWJ, 9DWK, 9DVE, 9DXC, 9ECE, 9ECI, 9ECR, 9CED, 9EEY, 9EI, 9EP, 9IG, 9LH, 9LY, 9MC, 9FF, 90F, 90R, 9SL, 9UH, 9UK, 9VK, 9VM, 9XAC, 9YF, 9YI, 9ZN, 9ZT, 9ZY,

SAHS, LAMPASAS, TEXAS

5AHS. LAMPASAS, TEXAS C. W. 1BV. 40Z. 4GE, 4EB, 4SO, 4CL, 5XN, 5VL, 5NN, 51P, 5QI, 5IA. 5FT, 5HU. 5VY, 5TA, 5SF, 5XV, 5AAM. (5IJ), (5KP), 5HZ, 5AGY, 5PC, 5MB, 5ZU, 5FV, 5ML, 5MY, 5XA, 5SS, 5ACF, 5AAR, 5GR, 5UK, 5PX, 5ZAS, 5XK, 5PB, 5AHH, 5VA, 5JM, 5ZA, 5LAE, 5ZAW, 5RH, 5JT, 5PN, 5LU, 5ZAV, 5VO, 5AAR, 5GJ, 5VM, 5QK, 5JS, 5XAJ, 5XT, 5GE, 6ARB, 6ZZ, 6SO, 6APW, 7BH, 8BCH, 8AB, 8CPD, 8BY, 8JW, 8ANB, 8APV, 9BWI, 9BSZ, 9ARZ, 9AOD, 9BXY, 9PS, 9DTU, 9BIU, 9DAH, 9ABH, 9DZY, 9BOG, 9DAF, 9BX, 9ABV, 9DJW, 9BRI, 9ZEY, 9CR, 9BZZ, 9DAN, 9BZI, 9DLR, 9CES, 9ZBF, 9DOM, 9DOF, 9CAA, 9BDS, 9BWM, 9DGR, 9BXN, 9CKM, 9CFK, 9DSD, 9DTM, 9CWC, 9ZL, 9AG, 9AYU, 9CLO, 9UR, 9ECE, 9AAP, 9AHH, 9DSM, 9AAU, 9BOK, 9AOU, 9FE 9CPA, 9CK, 9AFK, 9XAC, 9ARI, 9AVC, 9BUD, 9AEY, 9AMI, 9EBN, 9SOM, 9CVD, 9EKH, 9CCV, 9CCW, 9BIL, 9CVT. 5PARK—5AD, 5TU, 5XA, 5XAC, 5ADI, 5UZ, 9WNB, 9AQH, 9BLU, 9DAG, 9DEW, 9DXV, 9BTX, PHONE—5XAJ, 5ADZ, IXAD, 5ZA, 9ZAF.

9BTX. PHONE—5XAJ, 5ADZ, IXAD, 5ZA, 9ZAF.

W. A. LIPPMAN, JR., 6 THORNBY PL., ST. LOUIS, MO. CW: 1ADL, 1AGH, 1AJL, 1AJP, AJW, 1AJZ, 1ALZ, 1ANA, 1ANR, 1AOJ, 1ARY, 1AYZ, 1BAS, 1BES, 1BET, 1BEP, 1BKR, 1BLN, 1BWJ, 1CDR, 1CMK, 1CPN, 1CWM, 1BJ, 1GV, 1IL, 1KK, 1RY, 1OP, 1XM, 2AJF, 2AOI, 2AYV, 2BEA, 2BGD, 2BLP, 2BMR, 2BOU, 2BSC, 2BVH, 2BXW, 2BYJ, 2BYW, 2BZS, 2CCD, 2CBF, 2CKN, 2CQI, 2CQZ, 2CUI, 2DA, 2FP, (Continued on page 2164)

Matching Impedances By PROF. W. PALMER POWERS

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T is quite generally known that certain vacuum tubes operate exceptionally well with certain amplifying transformers, and it is therefore evident that there is some feature in the design of such transformers which is responsible for this result. There are, of course, many reasons why a certain transformer may operate more satisfactorily. The question of designing a





transformer to match a particular tube, however, brings out a fundamental fact which many of us have taken as more or less empirical. We are told that the plate impedence of the vacuum tube must be equal to the input impedance of the transformer for best operation. It is the purpose of this article to point out why this condition is desirable, and to discuss briefly the results when such a condition is not obtained.

Let us consider the case of a battery connected to an adjustable resistance as in

Fig. 1. The battery has a generated voltage of six volts (assumed constant), and an internal resistance of one ohm (assumed constant). Our problem is to determine the resistance of the external circuit for maximum power output. If we assume various values for the external resistance we can compute the total resistance by adding to this the inter-nal resistance of the battery. If we then divide the total voltage by the total resistance, we shall have the current. The cor-responding power output (watts) can then be computed by any of the following formulas: where W = power output, E = terminal volts, r = external resistance, and I = amperes.



A Vacuum Tube Feeding Circuit, Containing Re-sistance and Reactance, and Below It the Rela-tion of the Various Quantities For Such a Circuit.



External Resistance	Total Resistance	Amperes	Power Output	Load Voltage
.0	1.0	Ű	0	0
.25	1.25	4.8	5.74	1.2
.50	1.5	4.0	8.0	2.0
.75	1.75	3.43	8.81	2.57
1.00	2.0	3.0	9.0	3.0
1.25	2.25	2.66	8.8	3.32
1.5	2.5	2.4	8.63	3.6
1.75	2.75	2.18	8.3	3.82
2.0	3.0	2.0	8.0	4.0
W = E	×Ι	Eq	uation N	Io. 1

Equation No. 2 Equation No. 3

Fig. 2 shows a table of assumed external resistance with their corresponding values of

terminal volts, current and power output. Fig. 3 shows how these quantities vary with the external resistance and indicates clearly that, for a particular value of external resistance, the output is a maximum. Considerable information can be gained from the study of this output curve. The output the study of this output curve. The output is expressed by the three equations given, and one should notice that they are identical statements. Equation 2, and equation 3 are readily reduced to equation 1. The curve of Fig. 3 brings out the fact that maximum power-output results when the external re-sistance equals the internal resistance. Just why this occurs can best be determined by inspection of the expression for power-output and noting how each factor varies with a change in external resistance.

Balancing the external resistance against the internal resistance produces a maximum power output. This is not the condition of maximum efficiency, but nevertheless it is desirable in many cases where output at any cost is wanted. It is interesting to note that when this adjustment is made, the losses equal the output and the voltage falls to one-half of its maximum value. This question of matching resistances comes up in many engineering problems, and one should not get

the impression that it is applicable only

to vacuum tube work. The problem of a vacuum tube feeding a transformer is not vastly unlike a battery feeding a resistance. The tube may be considered as a source of voltage (E); this voltage operates through the plate circuit, the impedance being considered constant.* The impedance of the tube is equivalent to the internal resistance of the battery. The external circuit is equivalent to a resistance for power considerations. The maximum output (for a given voltage) will occur when the external ohms are equal to the internal ohms if the circuit is of the nature of a resistance. By inspection of the curve in Fig. 3 we see, however, that there is no serious loss in output if this value (equal to internal resistance) is exceeded. It is true that the external ohms may be twice the internal ohms without serious loss in output. In fact, most operators are familiar with the fact that when two telephone sets are connected in series the signal strength is only slightly reduced. This is due to is only slightly reduced. This is due to the fact that the high impedance reduces the current; the reduction in current causes an increase in terminal voltage of the tube. Hence the energy per telephone set is not reduced to one-half of the original value. The terminal voltage is equal to the vector difference of the generated voltage and the loss of voltage in the tube. The loss in the tube (as in the battery) is equal to the current times the internal resistance.

Fig. 4 shows a diagram of a vacuum tube feeding a circuit which is general; that is, the load circuit contains resistance and re-actance. Fig. 5 indicates the relations of the various quantities (resistance and reac-tance ohms) for such a circuit,

In Fig. 5. r represents the equivalent resistance of the load, and x represents the equivalent reactance of the load. The true power delivered is given by the following equation which is simply the current squared times the resistance:

Output = $E^2 r/(R + r)^2 + x^2$. If x is reduced to zero the output will be increased. If we then make the external resistance equal to the internal resistance

*While manufacturers give approximate values of tube impedance, they are not strict-ly constant in value. For the purpose of study, however, we may to advantage con-sider the tube impedance as constant.

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Construction of D-Shaped Variometers



Two Views of Completed D-Shaped Variometers. The Large Wooden Discs Containing the Graduated Scales Also Support the Movable Windings of the Instruments.

A MAGNETIC field is established about a wire carrying an electric current. This field may be considered as an accumulation of magnetic energy extending into considerable space,

and formed of rotational lines or strands enclosing and revolving about the axis of the wire. Ampere's right-hand-rule showing the direction of field rotation about a wire may be applied by grasping a wire with the right hand; the thumb pointing the direction of current, the four fingers then show the direction of field motion. Fig. 1A is an imaginary sketch of a field's position about a wire carrying a current away from and B the current moving toward—the observer, thus following the rule.

When current begins moving in a wire, a field moves outward as the current increases, or returns with decreasing current, but it assumes a fixed position and strength after the current becomes constant. Hence, magnetic flux changes with the current producing it. If a wire is long and straight the field is distributed through a considerable volume of space, but if a wire were bent into a circular ring, then all of the lines produced must pass through a much smaller area; hence, in a loop of wire, lines enter and depart from a space enclosed by a winding giving a definite direction of field projection establishing its magnetic poles. Fig. 1 shows how space enclosed by a loop is threaded by a downward propagation of each line. If two parallel conductors



"A" Is An Imaginary Sketch of a Field's Position About a Wire Carrying a Current Away From the Observer, While That of "B" Is Moving Towards the Observer.

*Radio Instructor, Dodge Radio Institute.

carry currents in the same direction, their respective fields rotate in a common direction also; and if both wires are far apart, the fields remain quite separate, but as the wires become more closely related the fields interlink, until they may finally enclose both wires as one field. Thus, if several turns generates a counter E.M.F. that tends to oppose an increase of current. If the current is decreasing in a circuit, the flux returning to the circuit moves through the induced potential, being in the same direction as the current, tends to prolong the time interval during which the current moves, i. e., increases the period. This effect of a field upon such an electric circuit is called "self induction." Since this is evidently a counter voltage related to a circuit, the coefficient of self inductance is expressed in a unit called the Henry. A coil has one henry of self inductance; if, when the current through it is changing at the rate of one ampere per second, the induced counter E.M.F. is one volt. Since the flux in air-cored coils used in radio work varies directly with the current, the coefficient of self inductance is a constant independent of the current, but dependent upon geometrical dimensions of the winding, shape, turns, etc.

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If two inductances are placed with their fields interlinking, as in Fig. 2, the flux of each coil induces a counter E.M.F. in itself, and also induces a counter E.M.F. in the neighboring coil; so if two inductances are placed close, with fields interlinking, the

The Same Variometers As They Appear Unassembled. The Stationary and Movable Coils Are Revealed, Furnishing a Good Idea As To the Method of Their Construction.

are wound into a compact coil, Fig. 2D, the enclosed space is threaded by one field—a results of the several turns contributing. Now, if two coils are related with each field projected in the same direction, the fields will again interlink and increase the field, as shown in Fig. 2; but if the two equal fields are opposed, they will not unite, Fig. 2A.

The field about a current-carrying conductor opposes an increase of current, and later, prolongs or retards the time during which the current is decreasing. A field does not instantly establish itself in the-magnetic circuit but requires appreciable time for its outward movement to its final position. Now, if a current is passed through a coil of several turns, the field, due to each turn, on moving outward to establish the resultant field, cuts through the turns of the coil, and in doing so generates in them a voltage opposing that potential which established the current. Thus, as the current rises, the increasing flux in radial motion total counter voltage in the entire circuit will be the two self-inducted voltages plus an additional voltage in each coil caused by the adjacent coil's field. Hence, if the coils are very close together the inductance will be much greater than the sum of the **two**



In Fig. 2 the Fields of the Two Series Coils Are Assisting Each Other, While In Fig. 2-a They Are Opposing Each Other.



Method of Connecting Up the Stationary and Movable Coils of the Variometer Described. It Will Be Noted That They Are Both Wound In the Same Direction.

inductances; and, if the coils are moved apart, less interlinkage is effective and additional counter voltages decrease until, inally, if both fields do not interlink at all, the inductance of the circuit becomes a sum of both self inductances. This action of one part of magnetic circuit upon another part is called "mutual inductance," which is positive if the resultant inductance is greater than the sum, and is negative if less than the sum of the two inductances.

When two coils are placed with fields

opposing, flux from one coil ex tends through the adjacent coil and induces a potential in the same direction as the impressed potential. Thus a counter E.M.F., due to self induction, is decreased by the induced voltage through mutual induction, and since this resultant is much less than the inductance before the coils were reversed, the mutual inductance is negative. Mutual inductance evidently varies with the relation-ship of the fields, being positive for additive fields; zero when the fields do not interlink, and negative when fields are opposed. So an effective inductance changes as the relative position of coils are altered.

Now, in radio-frequency circuits combinations of inductance and capacity are used. Inductance tends to prolong the time interval during which currents flow, but condensers act oppositely, tending to lead the current. If a condenser and inductance are in series, there is one alternating current frequency at which these two opposite effects neutralize admitting currents of

neutralize admitting currents of that frequency. This is the tuned frequency or wave-length at which a circuit responds. Changing the inductance varies the period of a circuit; likewise, capacity may be varied for tuning. In many types of equip-ment both capacity and inductance are varied, and where capacity may be inherent as in the vacuum tube, the circuit is tunable by employing variable inductances called variable "inductors" or variometers. Best known types of variometers operate as previously described, two windings being in close relationship, one, generally a ball, is turned about for variation of the mutual inductance. Ball type variantees have the following characteristics: Movable inductance is of 220 microhenries, stationary winding 230 microhenries. When placed at right angles, the mutual inductance is zero and the inductance of the arrangement is 450 microhenries. By opposing the fields, a negative mutual inductance obtains 50 microhenries, and reversing the ball increases the inductance to 960 microhenries. Thus, values between 49 and 961 microhenries are obtainable by turning the ball.

Variometers, popular in radio today, are suitable for short-wave tuning; however, variable inductors may also be made large to serve for long wave-length reception. A type of variometer suitable for short and very long wave work is illustrated. This principle has long been employed in foreign equipment and is also manufactured in America as a precision instrument. The windings are mounted in a flat plane, as shown in Fig. 3. All coils are placed in pairs connected so that their electric rotation is opposite; i. e. adjacent polarities are opposite, so a field of force extends upward through one coil and downward through the adjacent coil. If another similar set of coils is placed over these with interlinking fields, the flux passes through all four coils. By revolving one set of coils through 180 degrees, opposing fields establish a condition of minimum inductance. The smaller instrument was designed for use on short wave-lengths such as broadcast receiving, the electrical values being similar to the small ball-type variometers of the better types.

The large variometer is mounted upon a neat base and support sketched in Fig. 4. All windings are form-wound for mounting in openings cut in a $\frac{1}{2}$ %" thick wooden disc mounted as shown in Figs. 4 and 6. Three



Constructional Data For Making the Stationary and Movable Forms of the Variometer. These Are Made of Well Seasoned Hard Wood. Fig. 7 Shows the Arrangement of the Shaft.

large discs 8" in diameter are cut from $\frac{3}{6}$ " cypress, using a scroll saw. Openings for the coils are scrolled out, after which the parts are attached by a good glue and screws. Pieces removed from the discs are later used as end pieces of a winding form H in Fig. 5. Four wooden cores G in Fig. 4 are cut as shown, allowing a winding depth of $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Four coils are then carefully layer-wound, filling up the form. About 1¼ pounds of No. 22 double cotton wire allow about 200 turns in each winding. These coils should be as nearly alike as possible and are secured by attaching their wooden cores to the discs by small brass screws, after which they are heavily varnished. A special bushing of brass and bakelite handle are made up as sketched in Fig. 7, where K is a bronze spiral for perfect contact with the moving shaft, which forms one terminal of moving coils.

The small horizontally mounted variometer is similarly made. Here each coil has 36 turns of No. 22 double cotton wound to a depth of 3/8", and is simply forced into place and varnished. The form used for these coils is comprised of the parts cut from the discs, as before. The illustrations should be quite clear as details appear there in photographs and sketches showing dimensions. Each form-wound coil of the targer instrument is 5 millihenries; inductance of the instrument is 5.98 to 36.8 henries maxi-



Fig. 8 Suggested Circuit For Use With the D-Shaped Variometer. This Is An Adaptation of the Colpitts Oscillator Circuit.

mum. The smaller instrument's value varies from a minimum of 185 to 1000 micro-henries, each coil 130 micro-henries with 275 micro-henries for each pair or couple. Inductance in both instruments

ductance in both instruments varies almost linearly and by designing the coils for that condition, a straight line variation is obtainable.

Fig. 8 shows a method of using the single large variometer in conjunction with a vacuum tube for long-wave reception. C1 may be a fixed or variable condenser of 0.001 or 0.002 mfds, the arrangements forming the essential parts of a Colpitts oscillator responding to stations transmitting on wave-lengths between 4,000 and 18,000 meters by adjusting the rotary coils.

ARMY OFFICER FER-FECTS RADIO IM-PROVEMENTS

A device for operating airplanes, tanks, or trolley cars from a point 50 or 100 miles away, another which outdoes the amplifier in making clear a wireless telegraph message, and a third which operates a signaling device in wireless telephone or telegraph apparatus

recently have been perfected by Captain Harold G. Webbe, of the department of military science at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

All three of the inventions are patented by Captain Webbe under the authority of the war department. They mark the application of a novel and unique principle in radio, namely, that of the common musical tuning fork.

The latter two inventions are outgrowths of the first. Experimentations now being carried on by Captain Webbe and students in the Signal Corps of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University will result in more developments, he predicts. Descriptions of this research are being forwarded from time to time to the department of war, which requested it be notified of any progress when news of the first patent reached it.

"The device is quite simple," Captain Webbe explained. "We first thought of it when making a little wagon to be operated by wireless, for use in demonstrating a lecture on the possibilities of radio. While constructing the wagon, it was noticed the apparatus used to relay the electric impulse was easily disturbed and thrown out of order.

"Improvements on the method were sug-(Continued on page 2154)

A Spark Coil C. W. Set



A Photo of Mr. Burgess' Spark Coil C.W. Set. The Transmitter Consists of An Inductance (1), a Variable Condenser (2), a Low-Power Vacuum Tube (3), a Large-Capacity Condenser (4), a $\frac{1}{2}''$ Spark Coil (5), An Ammeter (6) and a Rheostat (7). The Grid Condenser and Leak Cannot Be Seen.

T has been definitely established that for low power, short wave communication, a vacuum tube transmitter is vastly superior to any other type. Yet many amateurs are prevented from using C.W. transmitters because of the difficulties encountered in obtaining the high, voltage current for the plate circuit of transmitting tubes. In the present article the writer wishes to describe how he built a vacuum the transmitter operated entirely on a 6volt storage battery. This storage battery served both to light the filament of the tube and operate a ½" spark coil that supplied the high voltage plate current. The signals sent out by the set were, of course, of the I.C.W. variety, but they had a very agreeable musical note which could be varied by varying the adjustment of the spark coil vibrator, and they could be picked up on a crystal receiver, which cannot be done with a pure C. W. transmitter. A general idea of the appearance of the

A general idea of the appearance of the outfit can be gained from Fig. 1. As is clearly evident, no consideration has been given to appearances. It is an experimental set rather than an exhibition set. All the instruments are mounted on a flat board 22" long and 10" wide, and are connected by means of flexible lamp cord. The connections are readily accessible and can be changed at a moment's notice, thereby allowing a variety of different hook-ups to be tried out without undue trouble. Such a degree of flexibility is never possible with a cabinet type of transmitter.

a cabinet type of transmitter. The spark coil is mounted at the right hand edge of the board. Beside it stands a large glass plate condenser. Next comes a filament rheostat with the transmitting tube mounted behind it. To the immediate left of these is a .001 microfarad variable condenser. Behind this condenser, and hidden from view by it, is mounted a .005microfarad fixed grid condenser and a 10,000-ohm grid leak. The left-hand end of the board is occupied by the tuning inductance. In front of this there is a strip of bakelite $1\frac{12}{2}$ wide, 6" long, and $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick, supported above the base by means of two small wooden blocks. On this insulating strip is mounted a .5-ampere hot wire ammeter, and two binding posts, one for the aerial connection and the other for the grcund.

The tuning inductance consists of 60 turns of No. 14 bare copper wire wound on an insulating tube 9" long and $4\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter, with connecting lugs every second turn. After a bakelite tube of the required

size had been bought, it was taken to a machine shop where a 60-turn spiral groove was chased around it. Then 80' of No. 14 bare copper wire were procured and wound tightly in the groove around the tube. The final operation was to solder onto the coil 31 connecting lugs (one lug every two turns). These lugs consisted of $1\frac{1}{4}$ " pieces of No. 14 bare copper wire bent at right angles at the middle, so as to be the shape of the letter L, and soldered to the wire on the inductance at the required spots.

The tube shown in Fig. 1 is a low-power English transmitting valve requiring a filatinfoil separated by glass photographic plates 7" long and 5" wide.

If an American 5-watt tube is used, some alterations will have to be made in the set. An 8-volt storage battery will be needed since the filament potential required by these tubes is about $7\frac{1}{2}$ volts. A heavier rheostat will also be needed to pass the 2.35-ampere filament current. A 1" spark coil can be used with safety instead of the $\frac{1}{2}$ " coil, but a much larger condenser will be needed because of the fact that the normal plate potential is only 350 volts.

tential is only 350 volts. A hook-up that seemed to give very fair results with this set is shown in Fig. 2. A .001-mfd. variable condenser was used, but a .0005-mfd. condenser will give just as good results. It may be found that a 60-turn tuning inductance is unnecessarily large since under all ordinary circumstances more than 30 or 40 turns are rarely ever required.

Not every type of spark coil will work' successfully with a set of this kind. A threeterminal coil (in which one end of the primary and one end of the secondary are connected to the same binding post) will not give results when the same battery is used both for lighting the filament and operating the coil. Either a four-terminal spark coil must be used or separate batteries must be used for the filament and the coil.

The way in which the secondary of the spark coil is connected to the plate circuit of the transmitting tube also has a considerable effect upon the success or failure of the set. The secondary output of a spark coil is not pure alternating current. It is stronger in one direction than another. Hence, to all intents and purposes it is interrupted direct current, and the secondary



ment potential of six volts and a plate potential of 1,000 volts. The filament current is supplied by a 6-volt storage battery and controlled by a 10-ohm rheostat. The same 6-volt battery also operates the $\frac{1}{2}$ " spark coil that supplies the high voltage plate current. The secondary potential of the spark coils is of the order of several thousand volts, so a fairly large condenser must be connected across the secondary terminals in order that the voltage may be reduced to a value that will not cause possible damage to the tube. In the present case the condenser consisted of 11 sheets of

may be said to have a positive and a negative terminal. Of course, it is essential to have this so-called positive terminal connected to the plate of the transmitting tube. The only way to find the correct connection is by experiment. Connect the set up in one way and try it out, then reverse the leads from the secondary and try again. The connection that gives the greater aerial current is the correct one. With a three-wire aerial 80' long and 42'

With a three-wire aerial 80' long and 42' high, and a four-wire counterpoise, the set shown in the illustration gives an aerial cur-(Continued on page 2142)

A Three Tube Reflex Receiver By J. R. BALSLEY

audio trans-mers. WD-11

will give greater

THE Reflex circuit, although well known by this time, is not extensively used. The average person has fought shy of this latest development probably due to the lack of practical information covering the characteristics, design and operation of this combination. The author who has built a number of these sets and has obtained

ened to the bottom of this shelf and the DX transformer mountings are screwed into tap holes on the edge of the shelf, as shown in the rear view of the set. In coupling the radio and audio frequency transformers so close together, the necessity for shields was ob-



An Inside View of the Outfit. As Will Be Seen, the Main Tuning Units Consist of a Variable Condenser and a Variocoupler. The Radio Frequency Transformers Are Mounted Directly Behind These Units.

gratifying results, feels that a description of his present receiver would not be out of place.

Referring to the photographs, the set is of the horizontal type, that is, the panel is parellel to its setting instead of perpendicular as is usually the case. The dial on the right controls a variable condenser and the left one, the variocoupler. The "Gold Grain" detector is mounted between them. The The double knob in the center of the panel controls the single and multiple turn taps of the 180° variocoupler. The knob directly above the condenser dial is that of the potentio-meter and the other knob, the rheostat. The panel is $10\frac{1}{2}$ " by 12" and requires a cabinet 63/4" deep.

In constructing this set, a picee of hard wood $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick was used as the panel in which the holes for the tubes were drilled on 25%" centers, the holes themselves being $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter. Three Atwater-Kent sockets are supported by a strip of bakelite $2\frac{1}{2}$ " by $8\frac{1}{4}$ " by $\frac{1}{4}$ ". This serves as a shelf which is shielded from the bottom of the panel by wood screws and brass tubing for spacers. Two 3YQ audio transformers are fast-

A Top View of the Three-Tube Reflex Receiver Described In This Article. A Gold Grain Crystal Detector Is Mounted Between the Two Large Dials.

currents from leak-ing through the audio frequency transformer and between parallel wiring. A rheostat for the control of the filament current is not absolutely necessary since the tubes must be heated to the maximum allowable for the best results. With A.P. tubes greater amplification is obtained with about 100 volts on the plates. With

this receiver, I have heard on the loud speaker in Philadelphia a total of 74 broadcasting stations from Havana to Montreal and Toronto including Dallas Toronto including Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, and Denver, Colorado. This set was designed for use Denver, with a loop aerial although an out-door antenna cau be used if desired. In this case it is best to use a vario coupler and a condenser in series with the antenna.



The Three-Tube Reflex Circuit As Employed With This Receiver. A Radio Frequency Choke Is Connected In Series With the Secondary of the First Audio Frequency Transformer.

A Filter Circuit for High-Tension Supply By G. P. KENDALL, B. Sc.

IKE most other amateurs. I spent a good deal of time (and, alas! a cer-tain amount of cash) in my early valve days seeking a satisfactory solution of the high-tension supply problem, and came to the conclusion that there wasn't one. I have since devoted myself to devising methods of minimizing the defects of the dry-cell battery. A device which I have tested of late has proved so successful in reducing noises due to bad cells that I am moved

to advise readers of RADIO NEWS to give it a trial. No great novelty is claimed for this device, since something like it is used in nearly every transmitter, and it is merely a somewhat elaborate filter circuit, whose components may be obtained very cheaply.

The chokes can be made by winding each with an ounce of No. 0 S.S.C. wire on a 3'' by 1/2'' iron core. The capacity values are given in the diagram, which shows the arrangement of the filter circuit.

I find this device of special benefit in lowfrequency amplification, for it removes a good deal of the hissing and rustling often heard with two or three stages of amplification (sometimes unjustly put down to par-asitic or microphonic effects in the valves, but very generally caused by slight imperfections in the high-tension supply). It is liable, however, to introduce distortion if the inductance of the choke L_2 is too high, or (Continued on page 2122)

Awards Of the \$50 Radio Wrinkle Contest

First Prize A COMPACT VARIABLE CONDENSER BY HORACE B. PHELPS

A variable condenser is an instrument that the experimenter usually has to buy, and it is rather an expensive proposition too, especially when several of them are requird.

The condenser illustrated above is easily made, the only cost being that of one 3'' or 4'' dial and a sheet of mica. The idea is to make the rotary plate integral with the dial, and the stationary plate with the panel. It, therefore, takes up no space behind the panel, allowing for a more compact set with shorter leads.

The rotary plate is a semi-circle of tin or copper foil, cemented to the back of the dial. The part extending over the hole in the dial, you will notice, is not cut away, but is left in, so that it will be bent into the hole and will make contact with the pivot screw.



Here Is An Easily Constructed Variable Condenser. A Knob and Dial, Some Tinfoil and a Mica Circle Are the Required Materials.

One terminal is soldered to the lug on the other end of this pivot screw, and the other is brought to the binding-post, which makes contact with the stationary plate. This plate is another piece of foil cemented to the panel. The pivot screw is either screwed into the dial as far as it will go, or else nipped with the set screw, as the case may be. It is advisable to cut the plates about ractional ractions in radius than the mica disc, so they will not touch at the edges. Use a very thin sheet of mica if you want your condenser to have a high capacity.

Second Prize A HOME-MADE AUDIO FRE-QUENCY TRANSFORMER BY OTTO C. STEINBERGER

The accompanying photograph shows in detail the component parts and completely assembled audio frequency transformer, made from that old stand-by of the amateur, the discarded Ford spark coil.

Very little, if any, charge is made for the old coil by garage keepers. The principle of utilizing spark coil secon-

The principle of utilizing spark coil secondaries is not new, but the method described herewith, which eliminates all guess work and simplifies construction, should commend itself to every novice or amateur.

The finished coils have been tested out in comparison with three of standard manufacture and deliver results to equal any of them.

Constructional details are as follows: Carefully remove the secondaries from the Ford coil; find both leads to each of them; each secondary has 35 layers of 350 turns each.

Take one secondary and starting with the outside lead remove 28 layers. This will leave a coil of 7 layers for the primary.



A Carbon Pile Rheostat By MR. AMASA S. TRACY, 49 Green Street, Concord, N. H.

From the other coil start at the inside lead and remove 7 layers, which will leave a 28layer secondary.

The ratio in layers is 4 to 1, but due to the difference in circumference of the primary and secondary coils the ratio is approximately 4.2 to 1 which is about correct for the average vacuum tube.

Upon the ends of your primary and secondary windings solder a lead of heavier wire (No. 30 is about right), secure the leads to their respective parts by medical adhesive tape, and insert the primary into the secondary, being sure that the windings run in the same direction on both of them.

Cut lengths of empire tubing the length desired for insulation of leads. Split one end back about $\frac{1}{2}$ into a crows-foot; these can then be slid over the leads and securely fastened to the coil by shellac or other means. The crows-foot is your insurance that the leads will not pull out during the assembling of the transformer, and also allows the core wires to be bent snugly against the leads.

Insert a length of cardboard or fibre tub-

Following the procedure outlined here will give you an efficient, durable, compact and good looking unit.

Third Prize Λ CARBON PILE RHEOSTAT BY AMASA S. TRACY

The following wrinkle is nothing radical in rheostats but possesses two advantages that recommend it to the radio bug who builds his own. First it occupies but little space, and second, the resistance is determined by the position of the screws and does not fluctuate when the screw is pressed sideways, as so many of the commercial ones do.

The accompanying sketch shows the construction mounted on a panel. The resistance elements (A) are drilled and sawed into washers $\frac{1}{6}$ " thick from a battery carbon. The supporting rod (B) is the glass post from a Mazda type B lamp bulb. The



A Very Cleverly Constructed Carbon Pile Rheostat. It Has the Advantage of An Evenly Distributed Pressure.

screw (C) should have a fine thread, conveniently a 10-32 which permits the use of a standard knob with a 3/16'' hole. The spring (E) is spring bronze, and has a nut (G) soldered to one end, and is fastened with two screws (at the other end) to the post (F) of $\frac{1}{4}''$ fibre, which, in turn, is screwed to the panel with two screws. The contact plate (D) is of brass and is held in



ing in the core space as added protection to the primary winding.

Coat thinly with hot paraffin.

The iron core consists of the bundle of iron wires taken from the spark coil. These are bent around the coil so that the ends meet; do not overlap them. Insert one wire at a time and securely bend it around the coil. A small portion of wire ends should be clipped off with pliers to prevent lapping (see photograph).

Wind a layer of tape over the core wires on the outside of the coil to hold them securely.

The mounting consists of fibre end pieces, fibre rod through coil, celluloid plate for binding posts and a scrap aluminum strap for mounting to panel or table.

Transformers of other ratios may be easily constructed on the same principle by figuring ratio from original coil of 35 layers. place with a screw which also serves to bind the wire, as does also a screw holding the spring. Dimensions are purposely left out, as they are not at all rigid. The longer the spring, and the more carbon washers used, the less sensitive will be the adjustment.

A SEA SHELL LOUDSPEAKER

Having tried all kinds of horns, funnels and electric heaters for the amplifying of speech and music I finally found something which I think has an advantage over others as a loudspeaker. This "something" is no less than a large sea shell of the variety that in the past held a high place in the family "curio cabinet." I am using a regenerative set with a Western Electric phone and through this shell the concerts are audible 40 feet away. The seashell has





Sea Shell Rubber Washers -Fibre Tube

A Very Good Loud Speaker, Made Out of a Large Sea Shell. It is Conveniently Mounted In a Cabinet.

the volume of a large horn, does not take up much room and, thanks to nature, has no tinney sound.

The shell I have is 8 inches high and 81/2 inches long but they vary in size according to their age. By sawing off one half of the tip on the left hand side, a spiral channel is opened which runs around to the large opening, or mouth.

I am using a large rubber washer be-tween the phone and this opening. A A cabinet can be built to accommodate the shell with very little work and the same will appear as good looking as any loud-speaker on the market. The sketch shows clearly the details of the complete instru-ment. A piece of silk is stretched over the opening to improve the appearance.

No dimensions are given on the sketch, since the shells vary in size. Contributed by Frank E. Jensen.

A SIMPLE TUNER

The all-around efficiency and compactness of pancake coils should appeal to the average amateur constructor.

A very simple tuner can easily be made from these coils, a description of which follows:

The primary is wound with 50 turns of No. 26 wire and the secondary with 40 turns. The primary coil is mounted directly on the rear of the panel. A circular path on the coil is scraped free of insulation. A switch is procured and the lever is taken out of its regular place and mounted in back of the switch bushing. The lever is so arranged as to slide over the bare place on the copper wires of the primary. The secondary or movable coil is mounted di-rectly behind the stationary coil, as shown in the diagram. This is connected to a knob in front of the panel and is kept in any desired position by using a tight panel bushing. Using a single circuit regener-



A Unique Tuner, Employing Pancake Coils. In-ductance Variation Is Accomplished By Means of a Switch-Arm Slider.

ative receiver, the writer has obtained excellent results, having heard KSD, St. Louis, Missouri, several times. This is over 2,000 miles away.

Contributed by Robert Muff.

SALVAGING WORN-OUT "B" BAT-TERIES

Here is a stunt which I heard of recently and which will be of benefit to the radio bugs, the writer of this being an ardent bug himself.

It frequently happens that the "B" battery runs down at an inconvenient time. If, when the first battery plays out, it should be put in some warm place, say on top of the steam radiator for from 24 to 36 hours, the compound becomes soft. This, in some manner, recuperates the battery. After cooling, it is again ready for use. I was a little skeptical of the stunt so I tried it out on a "B" battery that was absolutely good. After a treat-ment of heat, I tested it out with the standard voltmeter and was surprised to note a reading of 22¹/₂ volts between ter-minals. This stunt only holds good where the zincs are not eaten through. The same idea is also applicable to dry batteries and flashlight batteries of the ordinary type. Should you have any bat-teries that are dead, this method of bringing them back is well worth trying. Contributed by M. M. Hewett.



Here Is An Idea. A Binding-Post Is Soldered To the Headband Adjuster and Used As a Lock Nut,

PHONE ADJUSTER LOCK NUTS

Many of you have adjustable head phones that, although convenient, have the disadvantage of lacking lock nuts. Without these, a desired adjustment cannot be held. Simple lock nuts can be made from ordinary binding posts, as shown in the sketch. Obtain two of these and redrill the holes

so that they are large enough to easily slide down the adjuster rod. File them both on one side so that they will fit snugly against the original adjuster. These posts are then soldered to the adjusters, the binding post nuts replaced and the job is finished. *Contributed by Thomas Cannariato.*

WIRE TERMINALS USED AS MIN-ERAL CUPS IN NOVEL CRYSTAL DETECTOR

Procure three old wire soldering lugs (terminals) and bend them as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. In a piece of round brass drill three holes, A, B and C, as in Fig. 3. Thread these holes to fit screws and screw the three lugs on, as shown. Drill also the hole D and put a bolt with washer through the base. bringing over a wire to the binding post, as shown by dotted line. Mount a piece of spring steel



The Cups Are Mounting Table Three-Cup Crystal Detector. The C ade From Wire Lugs. The Mountir Turns, Thus Affording Selection.

as shown in Fig. 3. Bend a strip of brass as shown XYZ in Fig. 3 and tap a hole at E. Bolt on at Y a piece of steel sol-dered to the cat-whisker. Insert thumbscrew EX. As each cup is under the cat-whisker in the most convenient position place a mark at F wherever the spring steel touches the rim. File out a V-shaped piece; this keeps the turntable rigid. All three crystals are thus avail-able for use by merely turning the turntable to the next notch.

Contributed by Maurice Goldstein.

A TREATISE ON A HANDY-HANDLED CLIP

For use in experimental hook-ups I use clips on my wire terminals. I find these efficient and commendable for readily changing, one instrument to the other, without inconvenience. Needless to say, the results are sometimes grati-

fying. After numerous tests I found my clips sometimes bent and worn through thus breaking the connections. I was able finally to devise a remedy in the fol-lowing manner:

When making the connection, instead of using the single connection between the wire and clip (see illustration), ob-tain a short length of No. 12 or No. 16 copper wire and solder this to the clip at the same time, when making the reg-

ular connection. Strap a coat of electrician's tape over the job and the clip connection will last indefinitely, and will lend to the attractive appearance and handiness. To obvi-

ate stickness, rub a very little talcum pow-der (flour, etc.) over the taped handle. Provided with a stout nickle-plated clip and a bit of lamp cord this idea will well answer in place of the modern plug (somewhat more expensive) fea-ture on many of the up-to-date instruments.

Will add that I have found this carried to good advantage on the phone terminals, the aerial, ground, most con-veniently on battery terminals, and loading and amplifying transformers. Contributed by 11. Z. Wilson,



Lengths of Wire, With Clips On Each End, Are Indispensable To the Experimenter. This Is a Good Method of Fixing Them Up.



Apparatus Awarded Certificates

WILLARD RADIO "B" BATTERY TYPE CRB

Unlike the battery below, this storage "B" battery, which is manufactured by the same company, is designed for heavier service, and comprises 24 two-volt units, giving a total of 48 volts. The mechanical con-struction is more elaborate than the 24 volt



Each cell comprises two plates, a type. positive and a negative, in a cylindrical glass container having a threaded top on which is screwed a hard rubber cover. The terminals protrude through two holes in the cover, while a third hole with a hard rubber plug allows for measuring the density of the electrolyte and also for adding distilled water. A small yent hole allows for free ventilation and the escape of gases generated in the cell. The active area of the plates is about 43/4 square inches, and the normal charging rate is 1/4 ampere for 20 to 30 hours. Separators between the plates pre-vent short circuiting. Connections between the individual cells are made similar to those on the 24 volt battery. This battery has also fulfilled the manufacturer's claims.

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WILLARD RADIO "B" BATTERY TYPE CRS

This lead storage "B" battery, manufactured by the Willard Storage B battery, manufac-tured by the Willard Storage Battery Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, is made up of 12 two-volt cells, connected so as to give a total of 24 volts. The cells are placed in a wooden



box finished in black acid proof paint. The overall dimensions of the battery are 5 inches by 61/2 inches by 53/4 inches high. Each cell comprises two plates in a 1¼ inch square glass bottle having a round opening. A hard rubber cap is attached to the opening of the bottle with battery sealing compound, the terminals of the positive and negative plates protruding through this cap. A vent hole is also placed in the cap which allows for test-ing the electrolyte and also for adding distilled water to compensate for evaporation. The active area of the plates is about two square inches. The plates are of very rugged construction and are separated by porous separators so as to prevent any possibility of short circuiting. Connections are made between the individual cells with heavy lead strips which are forced on the terminals of the cells, thus affording great mechanical

strength as well as allowing for voltage variation by connecting to the lead strips with a metal clip. The normal charging rate of the battery is 1/10 amperes; from 20 to 30 hours are required to fully charge the bat-tery at this rate. This type of "B" battery maintains a very constant voltage, which is highly desirable in vacuum tube radio receiving sets. This battery has fulfilled all the claims advertised by the manufacturers.

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WILLARD COLLOID RECTIFIER

As it is necessary to use direct current for charging storage batteries, and as only alternating current is available in many localities, the Willard Storage Battery Co. have placed on the market their Colloid Kectifier, by the use of which their storage "B" batteries may be charged from the alternating current lamp socket. The recti-fier is of the alluminum valve type, and is connected in series with the battery and a 110 volt lamp to the lighting mains. This allows the battery to slowly charge at a low rate. The rectifier consists of a lead and an aluminum rod immersed in an electrolyte. The rods are firmly attached to the hard rubber cover which screws on The rods are firmly attached to the glass jar. A vent hole in the cap allows for ventilation. Lead covered clips spring over the terminals where they are clamped, and in addition to being acid proof. afford a large area of contact. The glass jar is 31/2 inches in diameter and 4 inches high.

Arrived in excellent packing with a carton of chemical salts for the electrolyte and complete instructions and diagrams.

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REINARTZ COIL

The Reinartz coil which we illustrate is wound spiderweb fashion on a mahogany finished wooden disc $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter having 17 wooden spokes, the outside diame-ter of the finished coil being 5¼ inches. There are a total of approximately 100 turns of green silk covered wire; the wire is wound by skipping every two spokes, that is, by winding over two spokes, and then under two spokes, etc., until the coil is complete. Three independent sets of tap con-nections are brought out: one set for the



antenna circuit, one set for the grid circuit, and one set for the plate circuit. With a .0003 M.F. variable condenser connected across the maximum number of turns available in the grid circuit section of the coil, which is the size of condenser specified by the manufacturer, the maximum wave-length was

525 meters. This was reduced to 310 meters with the condenser at the zero position. Of course much lower wave-lengths can be reached by means of the taps. The coil would allow for regeneration and oscillation throughout the entire wave-length range. A hole through the center of the wooden disc provides for mounting. The compactness of the coil makes it highly desirable, as no other coils are required in the circuit, two variable condensers providing the tuning.

This coil is manufactured by the Hudson-Ross Co., 123 W. Madison Street, Chicago, HI.

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RADIO VARIOMETER

This variometer, manufactured by the Radio Products Co., Box 10, Westport,



Conn., is of the ball rotor type and presents a pleasing appearance in addition to being of rugged and accurate mechanical design. The form is of a reddish brown moulded composition having legs moulded on the bottom for mounting purposes. No arrangement is provided for panel mounting. The shafts are ¼ inches in diameter, and pass through metal bearings, by means of which connections are made to the inside coil. The binding posts of unique construction are mounted on the rear for connections. This variometer was connected to a vacuum tube detector in series with a standard vario-coupler secondary coil of 30 turns, and responded to a wave-length range of from 210 meters minimum to 475 meters maximum.

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COLUMBIA VARIOMETER **TYPE 109**



Following the conventional variometer design, the Columbia Radio Co., of 2756 Diversity Avenue, Chicago, Ill., has submitted for test the ball type variometer shown in the illustration. This variometer is of black hard rubber and has four metal legs which allow for mounting on a table or base, and also tapped holes in front with flat head machine screws for panel mount-ing. The shafts are of $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch metal, (Continued on page 2195)



PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR WIRE-LESS TELEGRAPHY AND TELEPHONY (Patent No. 1,438,290. Issued to Wiffiam E. Beakes of New Orleans, La. Ptd. Dec. 12, 1922.) In order to receive signals of a given wave-length, the antenna of the receiving station must be tuned or adjusted so that its natural wave-length corresponds more or less closely with the wave-length of incoming signals, and likewise, since the wave-length of outgoing signals at a transmitting station depends upon the natural period of the antenna, the antenna is made adjust-able in such a manner as to vary its natural period in accordance with the wave-length which it is desired to transmit.



A suitable apparatus for carrying out this in-vention is illustrated in the accompanying draw-ing, in which 1 represents a line composed of any non-conducting material, such as silk or hemp, and 2 a line of any good conducting material, such as copper or silver, which acts as a part of the antenna circuit. These two lines are conven-iently arranged to pass over a pulley or pulleys, 4. The line, 2, is attached to a metallic drum, spool or other device upon which it may be wound by turning the drum in one direction and from which it is unwound when the drum is turned in the reverse direction. The drums are rotated either by means of the motor, 8, or by manipulation of the hand crank, 10.

ELECTRON-DISCHARGE DEVICE CIRCUITS (Patent No. 1.437,021. Issued to John C. Schel-leng of East Orange, N. J. Ptd. Nov. 28, 1922.) The principal object of this invention is to pro-vide means for the reduction of undesired oscilla-tions in vacuum tube systems. It has been found that the parasitic oscillations are stopped by the introduction of a small inductance coil in the individual circuits of several vacuum tubes in a parallel or other system. It may be sufficient to place such inductance coils in the circuits of less than the whole number of tubes of a group.



Preferably, the inductance coils are located in the plate circuits of the several tubes. In the case of 50-watt tubes in parallel for radio trans-mission, it has been found sufficient to use an inductance having a value of the order of 10 microhennes. Larger inductances may be used in tubes which normally handle currents of low frequency such as speech frequencies. The means described for preventing the production of unde-sirable oscillations is useful in amplifying and modulating, as well as in oscillating systems of vacuum tubes, and hence the invention in its broad aspect is not limited in applicability to vacuum tubes utilized for any particular purpose.

APPARATUS FOR RADIO SIGNALS RECEIVING

(Pateut No. 1,438.347. Issued to Roy A. Weagant of Douglas Manor, N. Y. Ptd. Dec. 12, 1922.) This invention relates to systems for receiving radio signals, and particularly to systems which comprise a plurality of antenna or current col-lecting devices situated at a distance from each



other and connected to a common indicating

device. Referring to the drawing, it will be seen that two loop collectors are provided for collecting the signal currents from the ether waves. These loops are preferably located in the line of signal propogation and should be separated an appreci-able distance of a wave-length from each other. Associated with each loop and located at the loop, there is provided an amplifier of the vacuum tube type, that shown being a well known two-stage arrangement. The amplified currents are trans-mitted through the long horizontal leads, 2, to a radiogoniometer, 3, comprising fixed coils, 4, and novable coil, 5. The telephone, T, is connected to the movable coil, 5, and operates to make the signals audible.

RADIOTELEPHONY

(Patent No. 1,427,832) Issued to Frederick S. McCullough of Cleveland, Ohio. Ptd. September 5,1922) The object of this invention is to provide uniform and regular electric oscillations with small



damping and having abundant power and, more-over, to furnish these oscillations by means of a simple, compact, economical and continuously re-liable apparatus which operates with freedom from inherent vibrations of audible frequency and is, therefore, especially applicable to radiotelephony. The present invention provides a means to make use of a spark gap and at the same time to elimi-nate its objectionable features. In this case, an arc is employed containing a scaled tube filled with an inert gas such as argon, but is not limited to any particular gas. This arc is placed in series stabilizer or filter or equalizer for the irregular oscillations emanating from the spark gap. In this way, high frequency oscillations of great power and yet of smooth and regular form are produced and can be used for any kind of radio transmission. The diagrammatic sketch represents one arrangement of circuits and a view of one form of oscillator stabilizer.

TRANSMITTER FOR TELEPHONY

(Patent No. 1.441,029). Issued to Henry Joseph Round of London, England. Ptd. Jan. 2 1923) This invention relates to improvements in the telephone transmitters of the types employing



provide thermionic generators and its object is to provide an arrangement whereby regeneration of the con-tinuous waves upon which the sound vibrations are impressed, is controlled by the voice. According to this invention, means are provided whereby the voice itself causes both direct and alternating current to be fed to the thermionic

generator, the direct current starting with the voice and stopping with the voice, causing con-tinuous waves to be generated while the alternat-ing current causes the amplitude of these waves to be varied. This invention is illustrated by the accompanying drawing which shows it as applied to wireless telephony.

ELECTRON TUBES

ELECTRON TOBES (Patent No. 1,437,607. Issued to Eugene L. Muel-ler of Chicago, 11l. Ptd. Dec. 5, 1922) This invention relates to elèctron tubes, and more particularly to electron tubes wherein the source of electrons comprises an arc. The elec-tron tubes consist of an evacuated bulb contain-ing a source of electrons, a metal plate member and a grid member consisting of a perforated metal



sheet interposed between the source of electrons and the plate member. The object of this inven-tion is to provide an electron tube having an arc for a source of electrons, the arc heing confined in the tube containing a vaporized material. Another object of this invention is to provide an electron tube capable of sustained and pro-longed usage. In continuous wave telephone work, the filament of the oscillator and modulator is sub-ject to a great strain from the high voltage and amperage in the grid and plate surface so that the life of the tube is very short. In this device, the filament is done away with, thus increasing the life of the tube.

RADIO CIRCUIT

RADIO CIRCUIT (Patent No. 1,433,599, Issued to Ralph Brown of East Orange, N. J. Ptd. Oct. 31, 1922.) This invention relates to radio circuits of the type desired to simultaneously send and receive as is necessary in the case of radio telephony. In accordance with the present invention, it is monosed to introduce another method of separa-tion than that usually employed and which will be obtained upon the time basis by associating the low frequency line or other type of signalling cir-cuit. Preferably the switching will take place at



a frequency higher than the signalling frequency advantage is taken of the switching functioning of a variation of switching means. In general, the com-mutating or switching means. In general, the com-mutating or switching means. In the audio fre-quency part of the system before modulation in the transmitting channel and after demodulation in the transmitting channel and (c) in the circuits leading to the carrier frequency source for supplying the adulator and demodulator. In cousidering a pair of interconnecting radio stations, it is desirable to apply the method of the stations, it is desirable to a ship station for it (Continued on page 2156)

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Correspondence from Readers

ANSWER TO ALDEMAN'S LETTER Editor RADIO NEWS:

For many months the two of us have enjoyed many mirthful moments in reading some of the articles that have appeared in your "Correspondence from Readers" columns, but when we read Mr. A. D. Alde-man's elucidation of ignorance in the March number of RADIO NEWS, we thought that it was time something was said from an unprejudiced and intelligent point of view.

Mr. Aldeman presumes in his letter to tell the Government inspectors and amateurs how things should be run when he doesn't claim to have been in the game for any length of time, or to know anything about Radio. In any park you will find soap-box orators who know just how the government should be run. We do not claim to be Radio experts, but both of us are Commercial operators and have had considerable experience in the operation of Amateur, Experi-mental. Broadcasting, and Commercial sets, and, therefore, believe that we read Mr. Aldeman's letter from an unprejudiced standpoint.

In answering Mr. Aldeman's letter, we take it for granted that he was in earnest what he said, and that he did not write it as a satire or as a mirth provoker.

Without re-printing his whole letter would like to comment upon some of the preposterous statements that Mr. Aldeman made.

He says: Code transmission has long since been perfected, HI. Never before in the history of radio has code transmission

made such great strides as in this last winter. He says: Amateurs aren't all code hounds. He means all "Novices" aren't code hounds.-

ounds,—yet. He says: The broadcast listeners are the bosses and that their desires shall be ca-tered to in the end. It seems to us that the Government of the U. S. A. is the boss, and they still seem to be issuing licenses to the amateurs, and we think that if he will look at the number of active broadcasting stations he will find they have decreased considerably since last winter.

Next, he very eloquently boasts of having a three-tube set over which he has actually heard the great number of 51 stations with-in a radius of the great distance of 400 miles, all within the excruciatingly short time of six months, and then condescends to challenge the amateur to equal, with a code outfit, his wondrously magnificent record. (We nearly died from laughter when we read that). He must have been doing the Rip Van Winkle stunt for the last few years. The average nightly reception of the ordi-nary amateur greatly exceeds Mr. Aldeman's semi-annual reception in both quality and quantity. We surmise that he doesn't realize that an amateur in this very city has been heard in Hawaii, France, China, Australia, Canada, Alaska, Mexico, South America, England, besides every state in the union except two, (almost 1,400 miles.)

Next. he says that his wonderful concerts are ruined because of the "outlaws and near-reasonable hams," (evidently there aren't any reasonable ones; at least he doesn't mention any such thing.) using their sets to the detriment of the public. Does he realize that three-fifths of all the very numerous broadcasting stations he has ever heard were operated by amateurs, and that if it weren't for that detrimental ham who he says is pathetic, selfish, a kid, an outlaw, a narrowback, he would not have the privilege of saving a two dollar seat at the show by sitting back in his easy chair and listening to the concert over the Radio in his home

Next, he pats himself upon the back and becomes indulgently generous. He says,

"Here's what I, a phone listener, think very generous. We will give the code sender all hours except 7:00 P. M. to 11:00 P. M. and Sunday afteroons." Thanks very much. Considering that the time isn't yours to give, we cannot help but believe that the amateur greatly appreciates the great generosity with which you give it.

Next, he tries to explain to us the inefficiency of the government officials. We will say nothing more about that. We don't believe in meddling with things that are none of our own business.

As space is limited, we will not mention anything more about the letter; however, if the person who wrote it wishes to discuss the matter to any fuller extent, he may reach us through the columns of RADIO NEWS.

'How-to-Make-It'' issue of Science and Invention

The June issue of SCIENCE AND INVENTION will be the great "How-To-Make-It" number. In this issue will appear about 50 articles, all of a "How-To-Make-It" nature, of every description.

This issue will be simply "chock full" of all sorts of articles so dear to the heart of every experimenter and every dabbler in the various arts. Don't miss it!

In the June number also, the following important radio articles will appear:

Hunting Trouble in Radio Sets. By H. Winfield Secor. The de Forest Talking Movie. How to Build a DX Peanut Tube

- Receiving Set. Reflex Sets Save Vacuum Tubes— How to Build Them. By A. P. Peck.
- Radio in the Apartment House-How Seventy-two Loud Speakers Are Operated From One Radio Receiving Set.

Radio Broadcast Stations.

Radio For the Beginner-Light-ning Protection. By Armstrong Perrv.

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In closing, we wish to state that we heartily believe the keynote to the situation lies in the word CO-OPERATION, between amateurs, citizens and the Government. If the present legislation before Congress goes through, the friction will be materially lessened. There are outlaw amateurs that QRM the broadcast listeners, and badly operated broadcasting sets that QRM the amateurs; however, these are in the minority and should cause the citizen, amateur, and Government to co-operate more fully, rather than to cause antagonism.

Yours for better co-operation in Radio, collectively and personally, ARCHIE WADE, JR. GEORGE F. HUTCHINS.

Los Angeles, California. Probably if Mr. Aldeman had spent his \$200 on a phonograph instead of a

receiving set, he would have spent it to greater advantage to everyone. After he has the detrimental amateur banned he will probably exterminate the QRN and QSS menace; we hope he does.

MR. ALDEMAN EXPLAINS Editor, RADIO NEWS:

Inasmuch as I have in the past written to some extent against amateur interference, I am going to qualify my statements somewhat and show you I am game anyhow.

I admit that I was mistaken on some things. For instance, I am convinced that

95 per cent of the amateurs are the salt of the earth, the best fellows in the world, and the best boosters of radio. All I know has been learned from them. More power to 'em and may Congress give them all the room they need. The other 5 per cent, those who are doing the most harm to radio, are commencing to feel the presence of the experienced listener and the firmer presence of the aforementioned 95 per cent amateurs. The thing that will do more to help the amateur along than anything else is patience, courtesy, willingness and no ridicule toward the novices and listeners. Use exhaustive persuasion toward the small percentage of real interference from your own ranks and if that will not work, do not hesitate to turn them in to the inspector. Be active and ag-gressive for the right-that's the answer. The man who will send broadly tuned spark or broad C.W. signals during an entire evening from 7 P. M. to 2 A. M. should get little sympathy.

We are sorry for the spark sets, but they seem to be doomed. Cannot most of the equipment be used in a C.W. set? Of course, it would be hard to ask an abrupt change, but crowded conditions seem to indicate a need for C.W. telegraphy only. This seems to be the desire of most amateurs. However, I am not as yet qualified enough in code to state how much interference the spark sets do make. The code amateur must get busy, be ready and willing to arbitrate fairly and instruct, and his posi-tion will not only be insured but it will be greatly strengthened. This is from a pre-vious "narrow back" listener who has become so converted by reason of becoming well acquainted with the 95 per cent variety. He intends to do C.W. work and hang out his shingle in the blue sky, but—he will be one of these ops who will always respect the rights of the listeners until 10:30 if his C.W. interferes, and one who will not hesitate to turn in real offenders who cannot be reasoned with. Come on boys, let's go out and convince the listeners that amateur interference is negligible, by being active instead of passive in our community. Help

to get the real offenders. Hoping I have done my little bit toward "saving the amateurs." I will close...... dah dah dit dit dit dit dit dah dah. A. T. ALDEMAN, Holyoke, Mass.

WORD FROM THE SIXTH DISTRICT

Editor, RADIO NEWS: The undersigned "Amateurs" desire to answer the "straight talk" of A. D. Alde-man, page 1752, March RADIO NEWS, and feel that they can not only point out sev-eral mistaken claims, but also a rather "pa-thetic and selfish attitude."

First, why continue code work after we have done so much in developing the phone? Because, Mr. Aldeman, C.W. code work is at least three times as efficient as phone. causes but one-sixth the interference, and gives much more satisfaction than flat. stale voice communication which requires no skill on the part of the operator. Furthermore, spark work is practically as efficient as phone. While it is dying a natural death (Note-all the undersigned have sparks), it should cause but little interference to the great najority of phone listeners. As in practically all sections of the U. S. they are off the air between 7 and 10 P. M. Thus, here in the West. what spark interference there is comes from Governmnt stations only. Hundrds of broadcast listeners have given vent to their indignation against amateurs when the real trouble lay with ineffi-cient Government stations. We here can proudly say that in the past four years there (Continued on page 2195)

Radio Humor

in the "B" bat. had started in to swarm The noise was something awful; just what it was, can't tell. Folks tell me it was Static, but I think I tuned in H_{--} . Or

it might have been the stock-yards. I never

thought of that; or it might have been a first-class fight between a dog and cat. I

thought my aerial was too short, but such audacity, a fellow told me all it needs is more capacity. My old condenser would not condence, I know, I took a peek and

didn't see a drop of hootch come from that old grid-leak. They said I had a tickler but I wasn't tickled yet, for all I'd done



A "Two Slide Tuner"

Radiobugitis by G. B. ASHTON

THE Radio Bug bit me last month. He bit me good and hard. I guess the reason why he did's, 'cause I wasn't on my guard. But anyhow I went and bought the stuff to build a set. I worked and fussed and swore, and labored 'till I sweat. At last I got the thing hooked up like I thought it ought to be, I put the phones on both my ears with much expectancy. * * * * * Couldn't hear a thing but buzzes and it surely made me warm. I thought the bees

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A "Lead In"

A "Coherer"

A "Binding Post"

was cuss and swear, and fuss and fume and fret.

At last I bought a RADIO NEWS and read it through and through and found the part, "I Want To Know" and knew just what to do. I wrote and told them all about my set n'everything and back he comes and tells me how to make the old set sing. The Radio Bug sure bit me hard and now I'm mighty glad. I now have music every night, the best I ever had. And if you do not watch your step the Bug will soon bite you and then you'll be the same as I and have Radiobugitis too.

A CHEAP CRYSTAL SET



tickler cat whiskers crystal THUS By P. McGinnis. TRY THIS ON YOUR CHEF MENU RADIO Grill ENTREES Rheostat Salad with Thousand Hook-up Antennae with Galena Sauce (irid Leak Soup with Spaghetti Tubing DRINK Super-Heterodyne 100 per cent (Efficiency) MEAL Baked "B" Batteries Boiled Binding Posts Mashed Variometers Hook-ups à la Bunk Scrambled Wire So Piece de Resistance Socket Hash Crushed Vacuum Tubes Regenerative Sets à la Loose Connections DESSERT Current Pie TO ORDER Hot Filaments on Toast Singed Catwhiskers on Hot Name Plates Flap-Jacks and Plugs Asparagus Cord-tips Contributed by J. Burns • Phillips.



My Experience With Radio Compass By JOSEPH E. ENGSTROM

VER been in New London, Conn., OM? No? Well I used to run there on the old Fall River Line for the International Radio Co. It was my thirteenth ship on a third re-

newal ticket so I was well broken into the But to begin my story, it was a fine game. Sunday morn in April. I arrived there with orders to report to Mr. Burns (that's not his real name but will do in this case), the Chief of W. L. C. New London Coast Station, for some extra work. The ship did not leave till nine that night and besides it meant a few more eagles on payday; I arose W. L. C. After getting on two wrong trolleys and one right one I found myself a dozen piles of lumber, iron chains and large anchors, I finally arrived before a shack which bore a sign Scotts Wrecking Co. and was just about to ask the watchman for correct bearings when I heard the crashes of a rotary coming from the upper floor, so up I goes and the sign on the door told me I stood before the door of New London Radio Station so in I goes. I ran into a sleepylooking op. who had the graveyard from midnight to eight A. M., and after peeping him my orders, he pointed to another door and I went in. There were three men inside well known to the radio game, who were bending over a three-tube set which was attached to a loop and all were too deep in thought to take any notice of me. Then one grabbed the loop and holding it one side of the room said, "Power" and then the other side of the room saying "Western Union," meaning of course the different Union," meaning of course the different lines that ran into the building. After waiting about ten minutes someone spies me and comes over and says "Are you from the Richard Peck," meaning my boat. I says, "Yes," and after introducing me to the other two as the man who will hold the loop, I became one of the party. After dabbling with the loop for a few minutes we all sat down to lay out plans for the day.

It seems there was a very bad induction ring in the receiver at certain periods of the day, which would ring for two hours at a time. It was impossible for the receiving operator to get any DX traffic and it meant quite a loss to the companmy. So the New York office had arranged this Sunday for the test and were sending down two of their engineers, also a car and the necessary equipment. They had no one to hold the loop while testing so that is where I came in. Well after arguing as to how many laundrys in town with induction motors and garages with mercury arc rectifiers for charging, we finally got started. They had found that the induction had

They had found that the induction had come in through the power lines and the first stop was the power house. The set and all were in the car and the loop was attached with a long flexible cord. I gets out with the loop and holds it parallel to the over-head wires while our engineer went into the power house and requested the eugineer there to throw each section switch, one at a time. This kept up till he pulled a certain one and the induction stopped and the op. at the set yelled "That's it l" So it was finally traced and it was found to lead directly into Main Street before it was tapped, so off we goes to Main Street.

It was about one o'clock Sunday afternoon when we arrived at the right spot and it turned out to be a big square with a statue in the center and it was quite crowded with people, all dressed up account of it being Sunday. The side curtains were all pulled down tight on the car to keep as nuch noise as possible from the op. at the set. So I takes the loop and its long lead and steps out bravely. Before I had left the ship I had thought that the job was putting up an aerial so I had working clothes on and my army shirt. Mr. Burns sat in the front seat telling me just where to go by waving his hand beside the windshield. Well I was from line to line all over the square holding this four foot loop high above my head. This kept up for a few minutes and I noticed everywhere I went, the crowd went like "Mary and her lamb." Heard some whispering "Poor man" and all had that blank look like this—?????!!!!.

had that blank look like this—?????!!!!. Others said, "what's he trying to catch with that swatter?" and I looked around and saw a cop scratching his head with that same look as the others. Well around and around that square I ran holding hard to the loop and the crowd right behind me with the cop leading. Everything would have been all right but someone yelled, "Call an ambulance!" and there was a wild rush for me. The flexible cord was torn from the loop, and Boy! I did use my feet. Ever chased by a mob? Some sensation! They kept hollering "Crazy mau, stop him!" and what not. I sure did look like one after running about three blocks. No hat and my hair standing up and pumping for wind and still holding that immense fiy-swatter. Well. I got two more blocks when another cop jumps at me, and we went sprawling, loop and all. So the crowd gathers all around some to see their first lunatic and wondering if I got away during the fire over on Wards Island. I tried to explain, but I was out of breath and the cops started to examine the loop. All the while the people kept saying, "It's a shame, he is so young," and "Yes, he's off his nut" a newsboy yelled, "The roof on my attic blew off;" I finally got my breath and asked for the car. They thought I meant the loop and that made matters worse, for they looked at one another and said. "Yep, I guess he's gone, I'll get the wagon."

he's gone, I'll get the wagon. Well just about this time the gang in the bus came to and that Honk! Honk! sure did sound good. After battling their way through the crowd they got to me, and talk about explaining, we did nothing else, but, so they agreed to reduce the charge to disorderly conduct, so up to the police station we went, car, loop and all. It took some more explaining to convince the desk captain that a man running around on a peaceful Sunday with a large fly swatter held over his head was not to be held for observation. So we all got away but were warned not to try any more funny business in the town of New London.

We were all mad when we arrived back at the station, but after thinking it over we all had the greatest laugh of our lives. I hate to tell you what the papers said about me the next day about coaxing radio bugs off the wires, but I was safely in New York again where I promptly changed boats to a different port.

to a different port. WARNING: All salesmen with loop aerial receivers keep away from New London, Conn.

MORAL: When in New London do as the New Londonites do.

Printing the Newspaper Of the Sea

WhAT would the world be if the newspaper were suddenly taken away? One does not have to possess a vivid imagination to realize what the results would most likely be, for we should stop to consider that the newspaper is now a necessity. This fact is well demonstrated when I say that the newspaper is not only wanted on land, but is also looked for on sea. It is educating the people and bringing them in

closer contact with the remainder of the world, and realizing this, they could hardly do without it. Were it taken away, the world would be put back at least 50 years. It is not at all absolutely necessary to emulate its great value; broad-minded individuals can realize it.

Both the newspaper of the land and the newspaper of the sea are very interesting. On land the news items are collected by a staff of correspondents, but not so with the paper of the deep. For its outside data it must rely solely on the wireless. Therefore, the radio room aboard ship is not only a place where messages are sent and received, but a small newspaper office, as well. Each night the radio operators copy the many press reports as broadcast by the great high power stations on shore. This data is soon after printed and the following morning is in *(Continued on page 2142)*

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EFFECT OF STEEL BUILDINGS (679) Mr. John L. Lloyd, Lansford, N. D., wants to know: Q. 1. Do buildings covered with sheet metal have any effect on receiving sets operated in them, and, if so, what precaution must be taken to minimize the interference? A. 1. A building built largely of steel will absorb, to a certain degree, some of the signal energy that would otherwise go into the receiving set. This will be particularly noticeable when a loop aerial is used and, in this case, the direc-tional effect of the loop cannot be relied upon. There will be very little effect on a set using an outside antenna, unless it is in the midst of many steel buildings.

outside antenna, unless it is in the midst of many steel buildings. Q. 2. Will a condenser, in series with the antenna, do anything to minimize static? A. 2. A condenser in this position will have no effect on static whatsoever. It will only reduce the wave-length of the antenna and set, and will give finer tuning than could be obtained by means of switches.

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A. 2. The secondary can be removed, if desired, but as good results will be obtained if the trans-former is left open. Q. 3. If a lower-plate voltage were used, would it be necessary to change the constants of the circuit from those given? A. 3. If a lower-plate voltage is used, it will be necessary to change the voltage of the "C" battery in the grid circuit of the last tube. This will vary in proportion to the change in the plate-voltage. If a plate-voltage of 150 were used, the "C" battery would be about 15 volts.

DATA ON 30 HENRY CHOKE COIL (683) Wm. T. Golden, New York City, re-

quests:

Spark coil

Q. 1. Please give full directions how to make choke coil of 30 Henrys, to use in a power

a choke coil of 30 Henrys, to use in a power amplifier. A. 1. A diagram will be found in these col-umns, wherein all the necessary data will be found for this coil. Q. 2. May a Murdock 43-plate variable con-

Very Good Results Will Be Obtained With the I.C.W. Trans-mitter. A Spark Coil Is Used To Supply the Plate

Plate Potential.

Wound full with \$38 enameled wire



Constructional Details of a 30 Henry Iron Core Choke Coil To Be Used In a Power Amplifier Circuit.

A. 3. We would suggest that you get in touch with John Firth & Co., 18 Broadway, New York City.



(684) Mr. Leo Grossman, Jersey City, N. J., desires:

(b84) Mr. Leo Grossman, Jersey City, N. J., desires:
Q. 1. Kindly publish a hook-up, using one variocoupler, one 23-plate condenser and one crystal detector, with the resonance coil shown in answer to Question 622, in the March issue.
A. 1. This hook-up will be the same as shown in Question 622, with the addition of the variable condenser shunted across the secondary.
Q. 2. What is spaghetti used for, and could I use it on the set described above?
A. 2. Spaghetti is used as an insulator, and should be used on bare wires, where there is danger of their touching. Where wires are separated, this tubing is not necessary.
Q. 3. I have made three fixed crystal detectors. Can I use them all in this set?
A. 3. Only one crystal detector is used at a time. The three can be used in conjunction with a three-point switch, so that any detector may be cut into the circuit at will.

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SPARK COIL "C. W." (680) Mr. Eddie Ross, Antigo, Wisc., asks: Q. 1. What is the voltage and amperage of the average ¼-inch spark coil, using eight volts on the primary? A. 1. This would depend upon the type of spark coil used and the adjustment of the vibrator. The secondary voltage would be about 7,000 volts, with an amperage of about two or three milli-amperes. (680) Q. 1 the P on

with an amperage of about the same amperes. Q. 2. Give hook-up of a 5-watt C. W. trans-mitter, using a spark coil. A. 2. This circuit appears herewith. The same storage battery is used to light the tube and oper-ate the coil. Better results would be obtained with a separate battery of eight or ten volts on the primary of the spark coil.

TUBE RHEOSTATS (681) Mr. R. W. Lourie, Hudson, Ohio, re-

(681) Mr. R. W. Lourie, Husson, Gino, equests: Q. 1. Will you kindly tell me if it makes any difference if you use one rheostat on three tubes? A. I. If the three tubes are hard tubes, of the same make, and are used in an amplifying circuit, one rheostat may be used to control the filaments. The rheostat should, of course, be designed to carry the necessary amperage that the tubes will draw. The detector tube should always have its own rheostat, as the filament current is, as a rule, critical and should have some means of varying it.

QUERIES ON POWER AMPLIFIER (682) Mr. W. E. Ravens, Tekoa, Wash., wants to know: Q. 1. Can a 30 Henry choke coil required in the power amplifier shown in answer to Question 341, in the April-May, 1922, issue, be bought? If not, please give instructions how to make one. A. 1. The specifications for a 30 Henry choke will be found in answer to Question 683, of this issue. We know of no concern which sells choke coils of this size at the present time. Q. 2. If a Wayne bell-ringing transformer is used, should the secondary be left intact or removed?

removed?

denser be used with success in the wavemeter described in the February, 1923, issue? A. 2. This condenser may be used in this wave-meter, if desired. The wavemeter should, of meter, if desired. The wavemeter should, of be calibrated, if accurate results are to be

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course, b obtained. Q. 3. valves? Where may I procure English Mullard

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e Multi-Range Coupler Used With Two Stages of R. F. Amplification. Two Cotoco Transform Are Used and a Grid Condenser Must Be Employed in the Grid Civcuit of the Second R. F. Tube, The Two Cotoco Transformers

CALCULATION OF CONDENSER CAPACITY (685) Mr. W. L. Alkennan, Philadelphia, Pa., requests: Q. 1. Please publish formula for calculation equests: Q. 1. Please publish formula for calculating te capacity of coudenser. A. 1. This formula follows herewith: A X K

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 $4 \times 3.1416 \times T \times 900.000$ C=Capacity in mfds. A=Area in sq. centimeters of one set of plates or

A=Area in sq. confineters of one set of plates of surface.
 K=Dielectric constant, or specific inductive capa-city of the dielectric used.
 T=Thickness of the dielectric between the plates, surface measured in centimeters.
 The dielectric constant may be found in any good text-book of radio.

RADIO FREQUENCY AMPLIFICATION (686) Mr. J. Thompson, Montreal, Canada, ask

asks: Q. I. Will you please publish a hook-up of a multi-range coupler, used with two stages of radio frequency amplification, with coto-coil trans-formers?

This hook-up will be found in these columns.

R. F. AMPLIFICATION WITH REINARTZ CIRCUIT (687) Mr. M. L. Flynn, Chicago, Ill., requests: Q. 1. Kindly show a hook-up of the Reinartz tuner with one stage of radio frequency amplifica-tion. tion.

A. 1. This hook-up will be found in these columns. Tuned radio frequency must be used in



Q. 1, 1 have a standard three-circuit regenera-tive receiver, and have received stations 800 miles distant with an inside antenna. Am 1 obtaining maximum efficiency with this equipment?
A. 1. A distance of 800 miles with an indoor antenna is very good, and you may rest assured that you are getting maximum results.

antenna circuit, to help sharpen the tuning. A 43-plate condenser, however, would be better in

JACKS WITH REFLEX CIRCUIT (691) Mr. S. R. Jenkins, Milwaukee, Wis., requests: Q. 1. Please show real

requests: Q. 1. Please show a hook-up, showing how jacks may be inserted in a three-tube reflex cir-cuit, using a variocoupler as a tuner. Also show how a loop may be used in this hook-up. A. 1. This hook-up will be found in these columns. Two double-circuit and one closed-circuit jack are used. A double-circuit jack is also used in the secondary circuit, so that the loop may be plugged in. The loop may consist of eight turns of wire, on a four-foot square frame.

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ROTOR MOUNTING IN 180 DEGREE COUPLER

(692) Mr. Wesley Nelson, Huntley, Ill., wants

(692) Mr. Wesley Nelson, Huntley, III., wants to know: Q. 1. Please let me know how the rotor is mounted in a variocoupler to rotate 180 degrees. A. 1. The rotor in this form of coupler does not rotate 180 degrees, but is so mounted that it moves only one degree for every two degrees moved on the dial. It is mounted at an angle of 45 degrees to the shaft, to accomplish this. We would refer you to the "Wrinkle Contest," in our February issue, wherein this is fully explained.

LONG-WAVE COUPLER (693) Mr. N. F. Pavelec, East St. Louis, Ill.,

MYERS TUBES IN "SUPER" Mr. Wm. J. Lait, Alta, Canada, wants

to know: Q. 1. Please let me know if I can use Myers High-Mu audions, in place of Western Electric

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this circuit. The primary of a variocoupler may be used for this purpose. A variometer can be substituted for the coil and condenser, if more convenient. We would suggest that the tickler winding be reversed, for best results.

W. D. 11 AMPLIFICATION (688) Mr. C. Carder, Letts, Ind., wants to

know: Q. 1.

know:
Q. 1. Do they make a special W. D. 11 tube for amplification, or is the same tube used for detector and amplifier?
A. 1. No. The W. D. 11 will, however, give very good results when used for this purpose.
Q. 2. Is a special transformer manufactured for these tubes?
A. 2. Any good audio or radio forgunate transformer transforme

A. 2. Any good audio or radio frequency trans-former may be used with success with these tubes.

RADIO AND AUDIO FREQUENCY (689) Mr. Elwood Ford, Seaboard, N. C., asks: Q. 1. I am about 400-600 miles from broad-casting stations. If head-phones are used, what combination of amplification would be hest, using 3 tubes? 3 tubes?

combination of amplification would be next, using 3 tubes? A. 1. For this distance, we would suggest one stage of tuned radio frequency and one stage of audio frequency. Q. 2. Please publish a circuit, showing a vario-coupler with this arrangement. A. 2. A circuit showing one stage of tuned radio frequency will be found, in answer to Ques-tion 668, in the May issue of RADIO NEWS. One stage of audio frequency amplification may be added in the conventional way. Q. 3. How many ohms resistance has No. 22-gauge copper wire? A. 3. This size copper wire has a resistance of 16.25 ohms per thousand feet, or 62.236 feet per ohm.

(690) writes:

 Ω . 2. Is there any advantage in placing the phones between the "B" battery and plate? A. 2. This will not increase the efficiency of the set any, but will prove of advantage when audio frequency amplification is added. If placed in this position, the "B" battery can be used to supply plate voltage for both detector and amplifying tube.

Stippy place configer for non-interest and angle fying tube. Ω . 3. Where can I use a 25-plate condenser to advantage in this set? A. 3. If the primary inductance is not con-trolled by two switches, it may be placed in the



RECEIVING RANGE Mr. Harmon Briner, East Orange, N. J., The Method of Connecting the RORN Tuned R. F. Amplifier to the C. R.-9 Receiver. If An Outdoor Antenna Is Used, It Is Connected Directly To "B" and "C."

asks : O. 1.

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(93) MIL N. P. LAVERC, EAST St. Louis, In., asks: Ω . 1. On a long-wave coupler, is the section that is wound for short waves on the upper or lower end of the tube? A. 1. The short-wave winding is wound on the end of the tube which contains the rotor. Ω . 2. By three-layer bank-winding, do you mean three separate layers of wire? A. 2. We would refer you to the answer to Question 642, in the April issue of RADIO NEWS, where this is fully explained. Ω . 3. Does the rotor of these couplers (when graduated dial is at zero) also stand 180 degrees? A. 3. We refer you to the answer to Question 692, of this issue.

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Electrons, Electric Waves and Wireless Telephony

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direction (see Fig. 63), we find that this grid is opaque to the electric radiation when the frame is held between the receiver and transmitter with the grid wires parallel to the oscillator rods, but is transparent when it is turned into a position such that the wires are perpendicular to the oscillator rods, the plane of the frame in both cases being perpendicular to the line joining the spark balls and the coherer.

The reason is because in the former case electric currents are set up by the electric



Fig. 63. A Grid, Formed By Winding Wires Around a Wooden Frame.

waves in the grid wires, and in the latter case they are not.

The waves emitted are therefore said to be plane polarized; that means the vibrations arc confined to one particular plane. This is the case with light waves when they have been transmitted through certain crystals such as tourmaline.

We can next exhibit the reflection and refraction of these invisible electric waves, and show that they behave like waves of light.

If we turn the transmitter and receiver boxes with cheir open ends in nearly the same direction, but placed not quite near each other, it is possible to find positions in which the emitted waves do not enter the receiver box and affect the coherer. If.



sets of waves to augment or to destroy each other just as in the case with waves on water or waves in air.

In short, we can exhibit with this invisible electric radiation similar phenomena to those with which we are so familiar in the case of light, viz., opacity, transparency, reflection, refraction, polarisation, and interfer-ence. Great experimentalists, following Hertz's initiative, have therefore built up a body of irrefutable proof that in this invisible electric radiation of long wave-length we are dealing with an agency identical in nature with light, except that it cannot affect our eyes but can only influence cer-tain artificial eyes called aerials and detectors.

This is perhaps the best place to mention the range of these known and also of the unknown wave-lengths which are comprised by this electric-radiation. It will be convenient to adopt a term from the science of music and call an octave of radiation all those waves which are included between a certain particular wavelength and a wavelength of exactly double or else half that length.

We may, then, compare the electric waves of different frequency, extending over a great range, with the keyboard of some large organ in which each key corresponds to a different wave-length. In the case of an organ a compass of eight or nine octaves includes all the range of musical sounds, but in the case of electric waves we are acquainted with wave-lengths extending over nearly 50 octaves, ranging from the longest ethe-real billows of 20.000 meters in wave-length down to the tiny ripples of less than 1 angström unit in wave-length which con-stitute a certain class of X-ray.

Beginning, then, with the longest electric waves, we can say that the range of wavelength of waves used in wireless telegraphy and telephony extend from 20,000 meters to 10 meters, or, say, over 11 octaves of wire-less 'waves. Then beneath these we have the Hertzian waves which range from about 10 meters to 5 centimeters in wavelength, or, again, about 11 octaves.

Beneath these we have a range of electric waves from about 5 centimeters in wave-



Fig. 64. An Experiment with the Ap-paratus Shown in Fig. 62. To Illustrate the Refraction of Short Flactric Short Electric Waves by a Paraffin Prism.

however, we hold a sheet of metal we can reflect the invisible electric beam into the mouth of the receiver box and so affect the coherer.

Moreover, we can do the same thing with a wet duster, and also with the grid of wires provided we hold the grid in such a position that its wires lie in the same plane as the rods of the oscillator.

We shall see later on in speaking of wireless telephony that we can in this manner construct reflectors for electric waves which are not very cumbersome or costly, and especially do not offer much surface to wind.

We can also refract or bend the direction of these waves by means of prisms made of paraffin wax (see Fig. 64).

Again it is possible to produce, as Hertz did, interference effects and to cause two length to 0.3 millimeters, or about 8 octaves of radiation, which has not yet been created and are therefore unknown.

Again below these, we find the dark heat. waves stretching from 300 microns (µ) or 1/3 of a millimeter in wave-length to about 0.8 μ or 8.000 Angström units (A.U.) These 7 or 8 octaves of radiation can make themselves evident by their heating action on sensitive thermometers, but do not affect our eyes as light. Extending in wavelength merely 1 octave from 0.8 to 0.4 in wave-length, we have that small range of electric waves which can affect the hu-man eye as light. Beyond the violet rays there is a range of 3 or 4 octaves or more of invisible light, which cannot affect our eves but can impress a photographic plate, and produce other effects. These are called the ultra violet waves, and their wave-

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Radio News for June, 1923



Looping the loop ---or loops?

I dropped in at the radio store of an old friend the other day. It was the first real hot spell we'd had. Harry was mopping his brow and fiddling and fussing around a demonstration set. In fact he was about as much fussed over its cantankerous howlings and yowlings as a young father on the first night his offspring sits up and commences to take notice.

"I might as well shut up shop" he moaned at last. "No one's going to buy radio in the summer with all this static. It's going to be just like last year. I might as well shut the door until October and go fish-ing. Oh! Oh! Oh!" and a lot more. Harry, though otherwise a sane and sound business man, had let the "summer slump" bugaboo play loop the loop with his good judgment.

Now I don't claim to be any Marconi or Armstrong, but just the same I saw what was kicking up most of the commotion in Harry's about a mile long, and no radio fre-quency. "Harry." I said, "for the love of Mike, Sam and Pete, cut out this looping the loop and just use a loop.

Harry took another wild swipe at his perspiring front piece and gulped out, "What do you mean, use a loop. This is bad enough without monkeying with anything else

Well, I didn't argue much, but rolled up my sleeves, unhooked that antenna, got some radio frequency amplification units out of a corner, took a loop from his counter and started work. Half an hour later that outfit of his sounded like a well mannered house cat instead of a howling hyena. Because I'm only human I raker gloated over this. But friend Harry got the point. About all he seems to be able to talk about now is loops and radio frequency. And his store seems to be pretty well occupied with gentlemen itching to dispose of per-fectly good cash for something to put the kibosh on summer static.

Get the point, gentle reader? A post card to me care of North American Radio & Supply Corporation, 7 Columbus Circle, New York, will bring any radio dealer some interesting dope on how to wallop the sum-mer slump. Of course, you know we're hankering to sell you some stuff, but it's all nationally advertised so you needn't get gun shy on that account. Let's see what kind of a fist you write.

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lengths extend from about 4,000 A.U. down to perhaps 500 A.U. or less.

Below these there is another gap of unknown or unproduced wave-lengths, and then we come to the region of X-rays and Y-

rays, which are electric waves with wave-length of the order of 1 A.U. or less. We are therefore acquainted with the properties of a vast gamut of electric waves with, however, two gaps in it of unknown waves, but covering on the whole about 50 octaves of radiation. For all we know there may be in the economy of nature waves of still greater or still less wave-length as yet unproduced. (To be continued)

A Filter Circuit for High-Tension Supply

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the capacity of the condenser C, is too low. Hence, if distortion results from the constructed unit, increase C_3 , or remove some of the wire from L_2 . Once this adjust-ment is made, no ill effects can be detected, but instead there is a very pleasing absence of crackle or rustle.

The unit is particularly useful when working off D.C. mains. The circuit is the same, but the high-tension battery shown in dotted lines is replaced by leads from the D.C. sup-



A Filter System That Will Take Those Disagree-able Cracking Noises Out of the Loud Speaker.

ply. A potentiometer (which must be capable of carrying, without heating up, the am-peres obtained by dividing the mains' voltage by the resistance of the potentiometer) is preferably employed, so that a variation of anode voltage is obtainable. An ordinary 25watt lamps should also be inserted on one of the leads as a protective device.

WASHINGTON GETS R.C.A. BROADCASTING STATION

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RADIO CALL BOOK

Mr. Filbert Tunes In

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top of his bald head turned crimson. He

top of his bald head turned crimson. He was so angry he could not speak. "Sir," continued the stranger, taking advantage of Mr. Filbert's inability to speak, "have you a radio in your home? No? I am sorry. My name is Enderbury Clootz. I am a radio fan. I am never ten feet from my radio outfit. It is in my valise here at this moment. When, after the steamer Isabella had gone on the so, as bald as a billiard ball that has had the mange. You are absolutely, com-pletely, disgracefully bald!" rocks, I found myself on the lonely isle of Tulula, my right hand clasped the bag containing my radio outfor me

containing my radio outfit. My wife was drowned in that wreck, sir, but I let her go; my three children were drowned, but I let them go; my money was lost, sir, but I let it go; I clung to my radio outfit and saved it. Why? "Because, sir," continued the stranger,

"since my earliest days I have never gone to bed without hearing one of the well known Uncle Brittle-bat Bedtime Tales. My mother read them to me when I was a child; when radio came to be, I listened to them as they came through the air. Unless I hear my evening's Uncle Brittlebat Bedtime Tale I cannot sleep. Insomnia attacks me; I lie and groan; my health fails; death approaches. For that reason, sir, my radio outfit is a necessity to me; without my regular Uncle Brittle-bat Bedtime Tale, I must perish." Mr. Filbert made a gurgling sound and turned a dull purple. Perhaps maroon is

turned a.dull purple. Perhaps maroon is nearer the color; I am not a color expert. "No man," said the stranger severely, "can be happy and contented and highly successful unless he has hair!" "I don't want—" Mr. Filbert gurgled, but the stranger did not heed him. "Why," asked the stranger, "are women happier than men? Why are women more religious than men? Why are women quicker to receive the uplifting impulses from the Beyond? Why are women more often in tune with the Infinite? women more often in tune with the Infinite? The answer is—hair! They have more hair! Why are hairy headed men happier than bald men? Because they can tune in with the Infinite! Pardon me a moment."

The stranger took a large blue hand-kerchief from his pocket and wiped his

"Excuse me for weeping," he said in a voice of emotion. "When I recall those first moments after I was cast ashore on the coral reef of Tulula Island I always weep. Why? Because, sir, I wept then. And why did I weep? I wept because, when I examined my radio outfit, I diswhen I examined my radio outin, I dis-covered, sir, that my antenna wires had been lost in the cruel sea. Yes, my dear friend; although I had my radio receiving outfit unharmed, I had lost my antenna wires. I had not two feet of copper wire wirth me Imagine my dear sir the horwith me. Imagine, my dear sir, the hor-ror of my position; I was cast away on that coral reef, and I had no wire. Never WPJX those sweet and soothing Uncle Brittle-bat Bedtime Tales. For me that meant death by slow torture. Never again could I sleep. Night after night I must lie awake until I withered away

or went mad from sleeplessness. "Where I lay on the coral reef the waves dashed salt spray over me without pause. The reef was like a coral ring; inside of it was the narrow, circular lagoon; in the center of the lagoon was the time island of Tuble of the lago the tiny island of Tulula, a low hill en-



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A few years ago the world faced a namine more terrible than any in his-tory. Nitrates, the most essential ma-terials for enriching the soil, were being rapidly exhausted, and universal Ing rapidly exhausted, and universal starvation seemed inevitable. Everyone knows that plants must feed, and if the ground is not replenished with the chemicals they have consumed, vegetation will eventually die out. Nature's way of making up the dehicit is too slow for our concentrated population, and farmers have resorted to artificial fertilizers for ages. Europeans, always more receptive to the teachings of Chemistry than we, raise more than twice as much grain per acre as Americans, owing to their greater use of fer-tilizing chemicals.

The principal substance used for this The principal substance used for this purpose is sodium nitrate, better known as Chile saltpetre, because of the large deposits of it in that country. Millions of tons of this precious chemical were being mined annually, for vast quantities are consumed in making explosives and in other industries, besides that required for agriculture. Chile kept getting richer, but her nitrate beds got continually poorer until their inevitable exhaustion became a grisly prospect. And there was no other source of supply!

It was here that electro-chemists stepped in and devised a way of making nitrates from the air! They stole a trick from Nature, using an artificial bolt of lightning, the electric arc, to change the nitrogen and oxygen into nitric acid. This is indeed what happens dur-ing a thunder-storm, though to a very slight extent. Other methods followed, and thanks to Chemistry the air-made nitrates can now be sold for less than the saltpetre of Chile. Better still, the supply is unlimited.

Today we are confronted with sim-Today we are confronted with sim-ilar crises. There are impending shortages of other important raw materials. Yet so great is the general confidence in chemistry to solve such problems, little anxiety is felt. A wealth of opportunity awaits the chemist of the pres-ent, particularly in the fascinating field of Electro-chemistry. In many industries there are hundreds of chemists employed by a single company. Thousands of concerns have chem-ists supervising the quality of their output and of the materials they buy. In countless capaci-ties a knowledge of Chemistry is essential.

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which, translated, means, boss, our fadio set work work, can you fix it? "Sir," continued the stranger, smiling now that he saw Mr. Filbert was calmer, "those poor savages had but one means of keeping in touch with the outer world. Only once in ten years did a vessel touch their shores. On radio they were detheir shores. On radio they were de-pendent for all that makes life worth living-for weather reports, baseball scores, jazz tunes, lectures on 'What Will Be Worn This Summer,' stock quotations and Uncle Brittle-bat's Bedtime Tales. And their receiving set was out of order! When I whispered that I could indeed repair their set they danced for joy. They lifted me on their shoulders, crying 'Kalo riff fik ka nine!' which, translated, means 'Hot dog!' Their joy was wonderful to see, but my exhaustion was so great that I fainted.

"Sir," continued the stranger, "they laid me in a canoe and took me to the chiei's house, which stands on the level top of the hill in the middle of the island. A day and a night I was unconscious, but when I opened my eyes the sight that met them was the strangest ever seen by mortal man. From the spot where I lay I could see the entire circular coral reef that sur-"Sir," continued the stranger, "seated

on the sand of the coral reef, hand clasped in hand so that they made a complete circle close to the edge of the sea, were the women of the tribe. There they sat, where the salt spray wet their hair, and I saw that from this circle other seated in anchored canoes, women, formed a hand-in-hand chain across the lagoon, while others sat on the island beach, on the soft soil of the palm-shaded isle, and, indeed, at my very feet. It was, sir, a hand-clasped chain of women that encircled the reef and reached into the very house of the chief. Two thousand women, perhaps, sir! But that was not what amazed me most. "Sir," continued the stranger, "far more

amazing was the fact that each of the women sat in a porcelain wash basin! For insulation, sir. And, sir, still more amazing was the fact that the hair of each woman was done in two braids, and the end of the left-hand braid of each woman end of the left-hand braid of each woman tied to the end of the right-hand braid of the next. Those women, sir, were being used as an antenna made of human hair!" "My goodness!" Mr. Filbert gasped. "You don't mean to tell me!" "I do tell you!" said the stranger. "And what is more, sir, each woman who was not sitting in the salt spray of the reef had a female slave at her side who

had a female slave at her side who sprayed her hair with salt water from a perfume atomizer. Dry hair, sir, is one of the best insulators. In order to make the hair conductive it was necessary to wet it, and the moistener had to be saline or salty, for a solution of salt is a very good conductor. Sir, those intelligent savages, having no copper wire, were using the hair of the heads of their women as an antenna!"

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as an egg." "Balder," said Mr. Filbert with a groan. "Well, no," said the stranger, running his hand over Mr. Filbert's head. "Not balder than an egg; just about as bald as an egg.

He bent down and picked up his valise and set it on Mr. Filbert's desk. He put

and set it on AIT. Finder is dealed and set it on AIT. Finder is dealed and set it on the state is a set with the end of the free braid of the chief of Tulula's favorite wife—for she was the end of the human hair chain and put the ear phones to my ears," said the stranger, "I instantly heard New York, Newark, Los Angeles, Atlanta and London. Voices and music came with greater strength and clarity than over any copper wire antenna. There was no any copper wire antenna. There was no static. The chief explained this. If any static noises developed, his chief executioner immediately sought out the woman whose hair was responsible and her fu-

whose hair was responsible and her the neral was the next day. "For three months," continued the truthful stranger, "all went well. Each night I slept like a log, escorted to dream-night I slept like a log, escorted to dreamless and refreshing sleep by the Uncle Brittle-bat Bedtime Tales that came so clearly to my ears. The entire tribe was clearly to my ears. The entire tribe was happy and contented, dancing the days and nights away to the jazz that spurted from the loud-speaker. One and all grew wiser and nobler as they listened to lec-tures on 'How to Feed the Dicky Birds' and 'Should That Bum Tooth Be Filled or Pulled?' And then, slowly but surely, our noble feast of radio offerings began to fail and fizzle. Fainter and fainter they grew; we could hear nothing but the highest screams of the soprano soloists and the drum thuds of the jazz bands. and the drum thuds of the jazz bands. From Atlanta we got only the 'ting! tong!' of the bronze gong, but not the final 'tung!' And then the night came when I heard nothing of an entire Uncle Brittle-bat Bedtime Tale but 'And the Tootsy-Wootsy Hop Toad said to Mr. Slippery-Wippery Weasle'—and then silence! Sir, an awful thing had happended! The ladies of the human antenna chain were going hald! going bald !

"Yes, my dear and esteemed friend, in a month from that time every woman on Tulula Island was as bald as you are which is the limit. Shortage of animal fats, lack of exercise, prevalence of dan-druff, alkali in the air-a dozen things caused their hair to lose vitality, die at



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the roots and fall out by handsfull. At the end of the month, one and all were as bald as you are. And that, sir, if I may say so, is hideously bald. No offense meant.

"It's true," Mr. Filbert groaned miser-ably. "I am indeed hideously bald."

"The chief," said the stranger, opening his valise, "wished to have the entire fe-male population of the island executed. He wished to do away with those worth-less ladies who were as bald as door knobs. But what happened?" "What did happen?" asked Mr. Filbert

eagerly. "When the chief came to me, weeping like a little child, and said life had lost all joy and that he guessed he would jump joy and that he guessed he would jump into the deeper and wetter part of the ocean and end it all," said the truthful stranger. "I spoke to him as man to man, just as I am speaking to you, sir. I said, 'Chief, don't do it! Don't give up in this weak and unworthy manner. Be brave. Have hope. You have lost your hair-antenna, but why? What causes baldness? Baldness is a disease of the hair and scalo. And what should be done hair and scalp. And what should be done with a disease? Cure it! Chief,' I said, 'on this island you have some of Nature's wonderful plants. You have here the hango-pango plant, the dingo-bingo berry, ful at your feet-

Here the truthful stranger took from

Here the truthill stranger took from his valise a large square bottle which he set on Mr. Filbert's desk. "'By combining these marvelous roots and herbs, chief,' I said," the truthful stranger continued, "'under a process hunder a process known only by me, there can be produced an infallible hair restorer that will cure dandruff, give life to dry and wiry hair, prevent falling hair, restore the color, double the conductivity of this human antenna and grow hair on the baldest head, or your money refunded. Simply apply the lotion to the head with the palm of the hand, rubbing briskly two or three times each day, price five dollars a bottle, six bottles for twenty-five dollars, six bottles being enough to grow hair on the baldest head, remove dandruff, give the hair a rich and glossy appearance and cause no harm to the tenderest skin."

"I've tried so many----" Mr. Filbert began.

"When I said this to the chief," the truthful stranger said, paying no heed to Mr. Filbert, "he instantly sent his men to gather the needed roots and herbs. In three hours the heads of all the ladies had been anointed with Perkins' Infallible Hair Restorer. In three days each and Hair Restorer. In three days each and every head showed a thick fuzz. In one month—one month, sir!—from the first application, I was hearing Uncle Brittle-bat's Bed Time Tales better and clearer than ever before, and the hair of the human antenna ladies was so much longer and thicker than ever before that three hundred and sixty-two were excused from antenna duty.

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The stranger put five more bottles on Mr. Filbert's desk, and folded the five-dollar bills and put them in his pocket. "Well, I'll tell you, friend," he said, as he picked up his valise. "If it ain't it

he picked up his valise. "If it aim t ht ought to be—it costs enough. And I'll guarantee it'll do you as much good as the other dope you've used." "But did anybody ever use human hair as an antenna?" insisted Mr. Filbert. "That's what I'd like to know," said the other upper as he dueled down the string

the stranger as he ducked down the stairs.

A Modern Liner Radio Outfit

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ing how the scheme would possibly work out. The vessel, on every trip, conducts a series of tests with the great stations at Eiffel Tower and Bordeaux, all of which prove satisfactory. At one time the Eiffel Tower station heard the voice from the Paris, while the vessel was about 600 miles off the French coast. The set consists of six tubes, the necessary plate voltage coming from a special type of motor-generator. A bank of storage batteries supplies the 10-12 volts for lighting the filaments. Up-to-date arrangements have been made so that conversation can only be carried on, on the 600-meter wave. A similar transmitter is also installed aboard the France, another vessel of the same steamship line.

On ocean liners like the Paris, special attention must be given the receiving outfits which are installed. In addition to receiving messages, weather reports, obstruction reports, etc., the operators must also copy lengthy press reports. All this is transmit-ted on different wave-lengths and so there must be a receiver adopted to intercept signals broadcast on such wave-lengths. To insure missing nothing in the way of news, messages, etc., the *Paris* carries two dif-ierent types of receivers, either of which may be used in conjunction with a detector and six-stage amplifier, by simply throwing a switch.

The large set, though seemingly complicated, is simple and has a wave-length range of from 200 to 25,000 meters. It consists of two loose couplers, a loading coil, vari-able condensers, etc., and is so connected that one who is unacquainted with its operation would have difficulty in getting results. The other set is a short-wave receiver, of no unusual type. Conveniently located, is a double-pole, double throw switch, for the purpose of connect-ing either set with the detector and amplifiers. The amplifiers are of special design and highly efficient. By consulting one of the accompanying photos we will be able to get a better idea of the design of the receiving unit, how the tubes (French) are mounted, etc. The reader will note that the detector and two-stage amplifier is in a separate unit from the four-stage amplifier. These tubes require 45 volts on the plate and five volts for the filament before they will function properly.

Were it not for the radio, travelers would be in the dark as to what is taking place in their native lands, for through this lane comes news every day. People demand news while they are at sea just as well as if they are achieved for the second for the second s if they are ashore, and for this reason a newspaper is published every day by the three radio men. Much of the press items are received from Chatham, Mass., Eiffel Tower and Bordeaux, France. It is transmitted on high waves and the large receiver aboard the ship proves suitable for just such work as this. There is hardly a day when every square inch of the ocean newspaper is not jammed with interesting news and during a trip, many thousands of copies are sold, at an attractive profit to the concern controlling the ship's radio.

Newspaper stories of the past, describing disasters at sea, have led many steamship companies to equip their large lifeboats with a complete radio receiving and transmitting set. The Paris carries two 40' lifeboats with such equipment, and tests have demon-strated their value. The transmitter is rated at 1/4 k.w. and has a daylight range of nearly 250 miles. The receiving outfit is a very efficient one, having a detector and two-stage amplifier. It is capable of intercepting signals over a distance of 700 miles. Both lifeboats aboard this ship carry the same equipment. The aerial used is a four-wire affair, one end being supported by a 25' pole. The aerial can be easily



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and quickly raised or lowered by simply raising or lowering the pole. Cabins are not to be found on these little ships and the wireless apparatus is housed in a small canvas shelter in the forward part of the boat.

Company officials and officers of the big liner are keen to have these little boats in readiness at all times. Especially do they take an interest in the radio, and each voyage, when the ship arrives at her berth in the Hudson River, tests are conducted. The boats proceed about 30 miles up the river and then communicate with the man in the radio cabin aboard the mother ship, lying in her dock. The encouraging of these tests indicates the interest taken by company officials and officers of the ship, who doubtlessly believe that a day will come when they will save many lives by means of the radio on their vessels and so bring joy and restfulness to untold numbers.

Ten Commandments for Broadcasting Stations

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thine assigned wave-length and shalt use all means to eliminate noise in thy equipment.

6. When thou art broadcasting an orchestra number thou shalt exercise great care and judgment in placing thy players before the microphone lest thy selection degenerate into a saxophone solo.

7. Thou shalt make thy announcements promptly, clearly and briefly.

8. If thy set bucks while thou art concerting, thou shalt announce that fact, for a multitude of thy listeners art cussing receiving sets.

9. Thou shalt command thy listeners "do not kill the local amateur who talks to old man during a concert nor him who opens up on a spark set as an announcement is being made." These will be sufficiently punished in the hereafter.

10. Thou doth broadcast for advertising purposes. When thou doth fill up the ether for thine own benefit thou doth assume certain obligations towards all listeners. Think carefully of these commandments.

That Mysterious Amplifier Trouble

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8,000 ohms, while the resistance of the primary of the amplifying transformer was only 900 ohms. My detector tube, a soft one of Dutch manufacture, was marked for a plate voltage of 25 to 30, and I had always used a 30-volt battery. Now the phones would drop the voltage quite considerably by reason of their high resistance, but the drop across the transformer would be very little (on account of its lower resistance) and consequently the plate voltage on the detector would be higher with the transformer in the circuit.

An excessive plate voltage paralyzes a tube and could thus render the entire apparatus inoperative. I accordingly cut open a portion of the cardboard covering of my 30-volt "brick" and with a drop of solder fixed a lead to the side of the third cell from the positive end, this giving me about 26 volts. I hooked up my 26 volts, and the set worked perfectly right away.

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Some New Dual Amplification Circuits

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allowing the high-frequency currents to flow readily through them. Considerable devel-opment work is still possible with these circuits and modifications of them, and experimenters will find here an interesting field of work.

Matching Impedances

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(R=r) the output will be a maximum. One may easily determine this fact by assuming various values for the external resistance, having assigned constant values for the voltage (E) and the internal resistance (R).

For the case of a load circuit of constant reactance the output will be a maximum when the external resistance is equal to the square root of the sum of the squares of the internal resistance and the reactance of the load. $r = \sqrt{R^2 + x^2}$. This also may he seen if one assigns fixed values for E. R. and x in the above equation. It is interesting to note that this indicates also that the resistance values are to be made equal when there is no reactance.

For the case of constant power factor in the load (x and r being proportional) the maximum power output will result when the internal resistance is equal to the impedance of the load. This is quite a usual case, for example, a reactance coil of fixed winding space and fixed space factor. In such a coil, the reactance varies with the resistance. If the number of turns are doubled, the inductance is approximately four times the original value, the resistance is also increased four times because of the double length and the reduction in area by one-half. In applying this idea of balanced imped-

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is well to keep in mind that the desired result is *power* amplification. The tubes are ordinarily used as *power* amplifiers and are so arranged as to deliver maximum power. The voltage amplification is ordinarily obtained by the use of transformers, the transformer, of course, not being a *power* amplifying device. For minimum distortion, it is advisable to have no reactance in the load circuit. It is then apparent that the external load equivalent resistance should be equal to the resistance of the plate circuit of the tube.

To obtain the maximum output we must arrange this balance between the internal and external ohms. Many circuits behave like simple resistance circuits for a certain frequency because of the fact that they are operating at resonance. Any tuned circhit comes under this classification. A tuned transformer (tuned radio frequency), or a simple tuned reactance coil operate as resistance units. It is possible to treat such circuits as resistances when matching them against a tube, the problem being solved once the equivalent resistance of the combination is determined. The equivalent resistance of a tuned reactance coil, is determined by obtaining the conductance of the combination (coil and condenser in parallel) and then taking the reciprocal of this term. The equivalent resistance of a tuned radio-frequency transformer (referred to the primary circuit) is found by obtaining the conductance of the secondary (condenser and coil); taking the reciprocal and then dividing by the transformation ratio squared.

A Spark Coil C.W. Set (Continued from page 2108)

rent of about 5 amperes. The normal working range is from 75 to 150 miles. By using an American 5-watt transmitting tube and a 1" spark coil, the aerial current can be raised to nearly an ampere. This increases the range to several hundred miles or more.

The advantage of a set of this type is that it combines the simplicity of a spark coil transmitter with the sharpness of wavelength and distance covering ability possessed only by a vacuum tube set. To the amateur who hasn't a great deal of money to invest in valve equipment, a spark coil type of I.C.W. set certainly offers a splendid means of overcoming the high voltage plate.supply problem at very little cost.

Printing the Newspaper of the Sea

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the hands of the passengers or crew, thus notifying them of happenings ashore during the past 24 hours. In this way, seagoers do not find it difficult to keep up with the latest scandal or diplomatic questions on land, although they be many miles from shore. By this service the Continents are brought into closer proximity, the voyage seemingly shortened and ocean-traveling made more enjoyable.

Shipowners and operators have likewise realized the value of this service and today there are many large liners that have small print shops just for carrying out this work. If we will but stop to consider that the big boats carry hundreds of passengers, we can readily see that it is a necessity. Were the wireless man compelled to print several hundreds of these "ocean news" by hand, in conjunction with attending to his other duties, he would find his position far from enjoyable. A wireless operator aboard a big passenger boat is generally



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louder than with a high-priced crystal set. Your two Radiogem sets received hat night, and one was wired up for testing. WOC is about 40 miles away, and their signals could be heard with headphones on table. After they quit KYW at Chicaso about 170 miles east was heard. Every word could be plainly heard here. WMC at Mem-phis, Tenn, could also be easily heard and under-stood. We find that this set does a great deal more than you claim for it. We took WEAR on our audion set hast night; this being the Bailtimore American Brondcasting station, and then cut in the Radio-gem and got excellent results. After the Bailt-more concert was over, we continued to use the audion set end about ten of lock were listening to WEAR-New York—and a little later we discon-nected the audion set entirely and hooked up the Radiogem, very clearly hearing both plano music and anoucement of name of station and its loca-tion.

and announcement of name of statum and is the tion. You claim a radius of 20 miles over your "Radio-gem" is sometimes a possibility. You should ad-here to the truth. I constructed one for my mother, installed it with an aerial, and she listens not once in a while, but at her will, to Schenectady, New-ark. New York, or Providence, R. I., and her house is Attleboro, Mass. I can't give your set too much nraise. ark. N is Attl praise.

(Names and Addresses on Request)



very busy from the time the boat leaves the dock until she reaches her destination. The passengers or crew demand "news" while the boat is plowing her way through while the boat is plowing ner way through the water and it is the radio man's duty to give it to them, for he is the only one who is in touch with the outside world.

So much in demand is the "ocean news" aboard vessels at the present day that there will doubtlessly come a time when the biggest ships will carry a man who will devote all his time to getting out a good sized newspaper every day during the voyage, a paper that will nearly rank with those ashore.

On a large number of boats at the present time, the wireless set is almost a derelict, disgusting to view and far from efficient. On vessels where this condition exists, we can easily imagine what the radio man is up against and what he will have to contend with. Being harely able to function, signals with such a barely able to function, signals with such a set cannot be copied over a great dis-tance and for this reason the "ocean news" fails to make its appearance some-times for days. Being responsible for its appearance, the passengers and crew generally look to the operator for an explanation when such cases occur. Most often they fail to agree with him, if he informs them that the receiving outfit is useless when the ship is out of port a few days. The majority of them are of the opinion that the radio man can copy these press reports no matter how far away from the transmitting station or the condition of the set he must use. On ships where the radio is in such a deplorable condition the wireless operator is given a good oppor-tunity to display his newspaper publishing ability.

The paper must make its appearance every day and in the absence of items from the shore stations something else must be used to fill up the required col-umns of reading material. If the radio man is far-sighted he will encounter no man is far-signted ne will encounter no difficulty in getting other data. In emergencies of this sort, the captain, chief engineer, or probably the ship's physician is consulted in regards to writ-ing a short article for the "news." These officers, if shown respect by the wireless man, will voice no objections to assisting him in such a way and their long experiences on the sea supplies them with an enormous amount of material on The master of the vessel which to write would not find it hard to tell of some of his experiences while before the mast, or write on some phase of navigation which would interest the passengers. Why not let the doctor tell about seasickness and how to get relief. There are countless subjects to write on so the "publisher" of the ocean newspaper should really have no trouble in getting news items. There are many voyagers who would prefer to read such articles than the brief press reports, as sent through the air.

I am acquainted with one passenger vessel whose radio operators each trip reap an attractive profit from the printing and selling of the "ocean news." The receiver aboard the boat is by no means one of the best and there are days at a time when not a word is intercepted from any of the great press broadcasting stations. By inaugurating a system of stations. By maugurating a system of their own, they find it very easy to sell the paper. They attribute much of their sales to the "Who's Who On the Pas-senger List," articles which appear nearly every day. In these articles is found the biography of the most prominent people aboard the ship. In addition to this is printed their port of destination, the concern they represent and a short the concern they represent and a short quotation on any important subject of the day which they may feel inclined to

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Let us now take up the matter of printing these press items aboard the freight ship. These slow-moving vessels very often go off on trips lasting months and for this reason the crew would know very little about happenings in their native land, were it not for the wireless. But, does the radio man aboard this type of boat always give the crew these press reports? Generally the wireless operator on this type of ship considers this information of no importance. He is not confronted with the same problems as his friend aboard the passenger-carrying vessel. For one reason he is not compelied to get this data. That is why the cargo ship wireless man very often neglects this work. In this case he soon discovers that he does not profit by taking such a stand. The officers, as well as the remainder of the crew, lose all regard and respect for him. They insult him and the profession, regarding him as one who is useless aboard ship those who are lazy and shiftless.

Mainly for this reason the wireless operator aboard the freight ship should put forth every effort to see that the crew gets the "news" each day. He should remember that they are civilized, like himself, and anxious to know what is going on ashore. By doing this, the radio man is showing them some respect and they will doubtlessly realize it. It means that he is working for the betterment of the profession—a thought that every wireless operator should have in his mind. The chap who constantly refrains from copying these press reports is injuring the profession and such fellows as these are soon discovered and boosted out of the "game." to make room for someone really worthwhile.

Atlantic Ferry Happenings NOTES OF THE MONTH By Q. G. MARCH

The past month has been a boisterous one at sea, and in consequence, distress calls have been frequent. Fortunately no great casualty has been reported, the accidents, generally speaking, being defects in the machinery and of a repairable nature. The manner in which a distress call is circulated from Coast to Coast is well illustrated by a call made from a vessel off the American coast. This was repeated from ship to shore and within a short space of time the whole of the North Atlantic was advised of the happening.

It has been noted that frequently SOS calls are made more for machinery defects than for actual peril to life.

The Ether has not been as free of static as is customary for this time of the year. Several nights "X's" have been troublesome for long distance working, although good conditions have prevailed. The American station at Chatham is creating records for night work for that class of station. Chatham works to ships at sea, and on January last he had another "go" at Transatlantic work. communicating with Bergen, Norway. This outdistances his previous intercommunication with Devizes, England and Lisbon, Portugal. In the same month traffic to and from the White Star liner *Adriatic*, then off Algiers, was cleared by WCC. There is no doubt among seagoing operators that Chatham, Mass., holds the undisputed title of being the premier station

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engaged in shore to ship work. Louisberg, N. S., is a good second, but appears to get more interference than Chatham experiences.

The wireless phone aboard the steamship America has once again proved its utility. The S.S. Algonquin, nearby, desired immediate medical advice for an injured sailor. This was furnished verbally by Dr. Woods of the America. Dr. Woods is getting quite a reputation for his radio prescriptions to vessels that are without a medical officer aboard.

The big *Berengaria* has had her arc transmitter replaced by a valve transmitter for long-wave work, and will shortly have a Siemens quenched gap installation for 600 meter work. By the bye, operators who desire to giv

By the bye, operators who desire to giv service by delivering a variety of useful weather reports should listen for NANTES -UA—at 12:30 P. M. G.M.T. This station using a wave of 2,800 meters sends a concise report of the weather conditions barometric pressures and forecasts for the whole of the North Atlantic from America to Europe. The report is in French, but does not present any very great difficulties in the way of translation. Nantes uses spark and has a good range.

spark and has a good range. The French steamship Jacques Cartier, when on the North Atlantic lane may be relied upon for an embracing weather report of the conditions in the North Atlantic on 600 meters sent about noon and midnight. This vessel, FTJ, is designated the "Ocean Branch of the French Meteo Service," and also carries an observer of the U. S. Hydrographic Bureau. The Jacques Cartier keeps in touch with Bar Harbor and France by continuous wave, and is thereby kept fully advised in regard to weather conditions.

How many operators listen for UA at 9 P. M. G.M.T.? That station broadcasts traffic at that time, using spark on 2,800 meters. And don't forget that, if you do happen to get one for your vessel, in this particular case your ship tax has to be collected from the unfortunate addressee! So be tactful!

Norddeich, Germany, KAV, has quite a good C.W. installation now. He may be heard in daylight when south of Cape Race on 2,400 meters.

Race on 2,400 meters. Easthampton, WSA, is doing wonders as regards distances to the south of him on 600- and 450-meter spark and is unequalled by any other coast station for working in that direction. The other night he worked the steamship *Pan-America*, then off Rio. We hear he has worked the Lamport and Holt *Vandyck* even farther south. You've some "Cigar Box" WSA—what's in it?

The Radio Corporation station, situated in New York, WNY, is now trying out interrupted C.W. on 600 meters. He will also work pure C.W. on this wave, if requested to do so.

quested to do so. The British Post Office station at Devizes is now transmitting calibration waves during the day and night on 2,100 meters. This is to enable vessels to tune each other to the standard wave. A good idea, but hardly practicable. What about the time when we do all get that 2,100-meter wave exactly? Will we not interfere with one another terribly and lose the advantage of being able to utilize the slight differences in wavelength in the elimination of interference? After all, it surely isn't difficult for an operator awaiting a call to "search around with his tuning devices."

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sea. Ordinarily speeds in excess of about 25 words per minute cannot be attained by hand sending and in order to meet the demands of increasing radiogram traffic created by the large passenger liners, machine sending must be used in which case a given message can be sent and received in one-third the time required by manual methods.

The earlier experiments aboard the *Majestic* permitted only one way high speed transmission, namely, from ship to shore, there being no apparatus on board the vessel capable of receiving high speed transmission. In order to effect *two-way* high speed telegraphic service on the vessel during its last voyage to New York, it was equipped by the Marconi Company with a high speed receiver which worked most satisfactorily. High speed signals were also received from "Paris" at a distance of eight hundred (800) miles at a speed of 80 words per minute. Wireless press was completely and perfectly recorded by the automatic receiver through medium static from the station of the R. C. A. at Chatham, Mass. At the same time that this automatic high speed reception was carried out it was possible for the operator on watch to listen in on the ordinary ship's wave-length for general "ship to ship" wireless.

Not only does the use of automatic high speed receiving and sending apparatus enable operators to handle more traffic in less time and thereby provide freedom of the ether for other vessels to operate their radio sets but in addition secrecy of communication is maintained, owing to the great rapidity with which the dots and dashes are transmitted. It is difficult for the average operator to copy over 30 words per minute for any length of time, consequently when working at double speed the telegraph characters follow in such rapid succession that they cannot be deciphered.

they cannot be deciphered. While the tests so far made by the Marconi International Marine Communication Co. and the Radio Corporation of America have proved highly successful, the principal benefits will be derived from this new apparatus when installed on all vessels of the larger type and which handle great volumes of traffic.

What Radio Is Doing for the Blind

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whirring sounds, to designate a certain city or sending station the moment the sound is heard.

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I Want to Know

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"E" tubes, in the super-regenerative set described on page 620 of the October issue of RADIO NEWS. A. 1. These tubes may be used satisfactorily in the circuit you mention without any other change of the values in the set.

THE RORN CIRCUIT (695) Mr. E. F. Goodwin, St. Paul, Mich., requests: Q. 1. Please publish the correct hook-up of the RORN tuned radio frequency amplifier, show-ing also how to connect it to a CR 9 receiver. A. 1. This hook-up will he found in these columns. This amplifier is supplied with a num-ber of output coils, so that it can be used effi-ciently up to 3000 meters. This output coil is placed in inductive relation to the tuner in the receiving set.

SUPER-HETERODYNE QUERIES (696) Mr. J. C. Lawler, Denver, Colo., in-

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quires: Q. 1. Do you consider the resistance coupled super-heterodyne receiver, shown on page 1664 of the March issue, better for receiving long-distance broadcasting than transformer coupled? A. 1. This receiver can be used with R. F. transformers, instead of resistances, with a decided increase in amplification. Less tubes may be used to obtain the same results. In this case, the transformers should be designed to work efficiently between 2500 and 5500 meters.



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A. 3. A variable condenser of about .0005 mfd. should be used in shunt with the secondary coil in this circuit. No condenser is needed for the tickler.

NEGATIVE "B" CONNECTION

NEGATIVE "B" CONNECTION (697) Mr. O. Ingmar Oleson, Ambrose, N. D., wants to know: O. 1. What determines whether the negative "B" battery is connected to the positive or nega-tive of the "A" battery? A. 1. It is the common practice to connect the negative "B" to the positive "A," but good results will be obtained either way. Q. 2. Should the filament rheostat he placed in the positive or negative lead of the "A" battery? A. 2. It will prove best if the rheostat is placed in the negative lead of the "A" battery, especially if the tube used is a U. V. 201-A.

POLARITY OF PHONES

(698) Mr. George S. Hunt, San Francisco, Cal.,

(976) Mr. George S. Hunt, San Francisco, Cal., asks; Ω . 1. Will you please inform me how to deter-mine the polarity of a telephone receiver. I have a Baldwin and a Western Electric phone. A. 1. Unscrew the cap of the Western Electric and place a compass over the pole pieces of the magnets. The compass needle will swing around and the north pole of the needle will point to the south pole of the magnet. The same procedure is followed with the Baldwin, except that the mechanism must be taken out and the compass held over the single magnet, when it is held in a vertical position, with the poles of the magnet at the top.

Army Officer Perfects Radio Improvements

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gested and we finally hit upon the common ing fork to solve the problem. A tun-ing fork, vibrated by electricity, will give off a humming noise, the pitch of which is determined by the number of vibrations per second. If this fork is placed in front of second. If this fork is placed in front of a radio transmitter, and a fork which has the same number of vibrations placed near the diaphragm of the receiving outfit, the second fork will vibrate in unison with the first, the hum, of course, being carried just as music in broadcasting. We place a con-nection near the prong of the fork, so that when it vibrates a contact is made which when it vibrates, a contact is made which closes an automatic circuit, lighting a light, starting a motor, in fact, initiating almost any operation which may be done by elec-

"There was still this difficulty." When the transmitting fork was stopped, the receiving one kept on vibrating for a short time. To obviate this, we use a fork of a different pitch at the transmitting station, which sets pitch at the transmitting station, which sets another fork of this latter pitch vibrating at the receiving end. This fork, by means of a relay, shuts the motor off, or stops whatever operation is started by the other. Using several sets of forks, each with a different pitch, any number of operations may be completed." may be completed.

Captain Webbe improved on this idea, however. He stretched a wire E string across a transmitter on a receiving appara-tus. This served in as good stead as did the tuning fork. On this wire, he placed a screw for tightening or loosening it, thus changing the pitch, just as a violin string may be tuned. If this wire is tuned in with the pitch of a telegraph message coming through the ether, it increases the volume of the signals, so that they may be heard in all parts of the radio room, at the same time eliminating all other signals and all static or other interfering noises. A recent experiment at the station at Fort Hayes, Columbus, on a night when static was par-



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ticularly disagreeable, showed that use of the device enabled the operator to catch a message sent out from San Diego, Calif., while sitting across the room from his in-

struments. "Another advantage in using this device while the batteries are recharged," Capt. Webbe points out. "When batteries are charged with an electric current, a low hum is given off, which makes it impossible for a listener to catch wireless signals. Use of the wire adaptation of the tuning fork elim-

inates all this noise of recharging." Carrying his experiments still further, Captain Webbe discovered that if two receivers were hooked up with the vibrating wires, the diaphragm being up in one when it was down in another, an alternating cur-rent would be produced. This current, rent would be produced. stepped up by dry cells, would ring a bell at a receiving station, if an operator at a send-ing station pressed a button starting a vibrator moving in the same ratio as the fixedtuned wires.

"This last invention makes it possible for a business man to "ring" his wife on the radio, <u>if</u> he wishes to ask her what her dinner is to consist of, just as the telephone operator rings us now on that instrument. It also obviates the necessity of keeping an operator in a wireless room on duty at all times, since someone wishing to talk to him would only need to get his wave-length, and press the button on his "signaller." The listener would then throw a switch, cutting out the bell-ringing device, and be able to receive the message."

Captain Webbe came to Ohio State in February, 1922, from Camp Knox, Ky. He entered the army at the end of the first Plattsburg camp in 1917. During the war, he served with the Signal Corps of the 79th Division.

New Radio Patents

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A feature of this invention is the provision of a high impedence control element associated with the oscillatory circuit of an electronic oscillator in order to prevent variations in the frequency of the oscillations produced. Also an arrange-ment whereby the electromotive force impressed upon the input circuit of a thermionic device used as an oscillator, is directly under the control of a transmitting device. The accompanying drawing illustrates the ar-rangement of the oscillator applied to a radio system. RADIOTELEGRAPHY

RADIOTELEGRAPHY

(Patent No. 1.427.833. Issued to Frederick S. McCullough of Cleveland. O. Ptd. Sept. 5. 1922.) This in-ention relates to systems of radioteleg-raphy, and more particularly to systems for deter-



mining the direction of distant transmitting sta-tions. Also to systems for detecting the incoming electromagnetic waves. While directional loops of usual size may answer for permanent hand stations, it can be readily seen that there are grave objections to them for port-able stations such as small boats and more par-ticularly on aircraft. For the latter, it is essential to have the apparatus in as compact form as pos-sible, and this system provides means of small size which satisfactorily determines the direction of transmitting radio stations. Together with direc-tion finding, means for the detection of the incom-ing electrical oscillations is provided. In the drawings, which are largely diagrammetic, Fig. 1 shows one form of invention with one of the elements shown in cross-section, detection being taken on the line C-D, in Fig. 2.

The Future Of Radio (Continued from page 2097)

behind the trust had kept back important inventions, chief among which was the fa-mous Belin Television Patent. Soon the trust saddled our existence with

these now-indispensable apparatus, and now collects from all of us 13/4 billion dollars a year in rentals. At least this is the last available figure, the one for the year 1970. But that is only a mild feature. The trust But that is only a mild feature. But that is only a mild feature. The trust is entitled to the money it makes, for, after all, in all fairness, the service is moderate. You who sit comfortably in your homes, and can see and hear me talk at this mo-ment—some of you 3,000 miles away—do not mind spending \$6 a month for the use of the telephone. Also when over 150 mil-lion people can listen in, and at the same time actually see the performers at the Metropolitan Opera House at New York. such a service is worth the small monthly rental. rental.

But when this same A.B.C. Trust im-proves the selfsame Television Machine to such an extent that their engineers can secretly—SECRETLY—I say—watch every private action of every citizen they choose to spy upon, in the very sanctity of his home, then I say to you my radio brethren, this sort of thing must stop! I can see by your faces that most of you have not as yet learned about this latest outrage. Why, my friends, I know of an actual case where they looked into a room of a poor sub-scriber, and found him smoking bootleg cigars. This poor devil was behind in his payment to the Trust for only three months. So, under threat to report his illegal cigars to the Internal Revenue Department, they actually blackmailed him into paying his ar-As soon as the Television Machines rears. had become a necessity, the Trust introduced Radio Light, Heat and Power. The same six broadcasting stations which supplied our schools with education and our homes with entertainment, along about 1938 began supplying the nation with Radio Light, Heat, and Power. You will remember the curious things that used to happen before the system was perfected. As you know, the power waves sometimes mixed with the en-tertainment waves. Thus, Katinka's Electric Sad Iron in the kitchen would suddenly go cold, and start to recite a bedtime story. Or, conversely, the loop aerial on your radio receiving outfit would, in the midst of an opera, begin to smoke, then become white hot, finally to burn out, while the molten copper wire burnt holes in your Alaska rugs.



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Then came the historic fight between the A.B.C. Trust and the Radio Transport Corporation. The latter had acquired all the Sossnoffsky Patents by means of which it became possible to send solids through space by radio. Thus, a carload of cement could be disintegrated at the manufacturing plant, and sent from Pittsburg to London in 81/4 minutes, for the small sum of \$1.98-or a trainload of timber could be radioed from Seattle to Boston in 14 1/3 minutes, for \$1.21. During that year, in 1953, the 18th Amendment was revoked, because Europe was sending wines and hard liquor by radio at such an alarming rate that it proved cheaper to allow the nation to buy its alcohol at stores, rather than let itself be drowned in a flood of illegal intoxicants. Moreover, our trade balance had been adversely affected by this traffic-as we had nothing to compete with the European liquor exports. the 18th Amendment had not been revoked, we would have drunk ourselves to death. Every schoolboy who owned a radio set could receive all the alcohol from Europe that he wanted. It is true that he had to pay tribute-to the amount of \$2.75 a month -to the secret agents of the Radio Transport Corporation, who supplied the correct wave-length code information for every hour of the day. Without this key, nothing could be received. An additional charge for consumed liquor was also made, of course. But we squared ourselves with Europe

soon after, by sending them cheap synthetic rye and whiskey. Thus the trade balance was eventually re-established.

Soon thereafter, the A.B.C. Trust and the Radio Transport Corporation began to lock horns. The latter had become too powerful, and threatened to do all the profitable business. Railroads and ships no longer existed. How could they, when all the materials of the world were shipped by radio? Live stock, live plants, and human beings, who even today can not be sent through space by radio, went by air liners far more quickly and cheaply than by rail or by water.

The A.B.C. Trust tried for many years to consolidate with its rival, but to no avail. The latter, who owned all of the radium supply of the world, saw no advantage to combine with the A.B.C. clique. This radium, by the way, as you all know, is used to disintegrate the materials before they can be sent through space.

Then, about three years ago, the A.B.C. Trust's engineers produced synthetic radium. By that time, the Sossnoffsky Radio Transport Patents had expired. So the A.B.C. Trust started to compete in earnest with the Radio Transport Corporation, and you know the result. It is a fight to the bitter end, but who is injured? As usual, YOU, my brethren! It is always the innocent bystander who gets the worst of it.

You know the outrages that have been committed since that time by the A.B.C. Trust. How often have you had your orders from your supply stores interfered with? You order 5 lbs. of ground coffee from the National Radio Food Stores, and you receive the coffee mixed with oysters! You order 2 lbs. of onions, and 1 lb. of cheese, by radio, and when the order arrives, the onions smell like cheese, and the cheese tastes like onions! Or you order a quart of cream, and it arrives mixed with pickles. Or, as happened in my own house last night when I ordered 2 lbs. of Frankfurters they looked innocent enough until they were served. Imagine my anger when I cut open one of them, and found it to contain—guess what!-Limburger Cheese! And the boiling had not improved the perfume either! I



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ask you, my brethren, how much longer will you stand for this sort of thing? You know, of course, that it is the A.B.C. Trust that does this, simply by first listening in to your order, and then sending out their own material, on exactly the same wave length as that used by its rival. Interference is the result, and YOU are the victim! So far, the Radio Transport Trust has not been able to stop the nefarious work, while the A.B.C. Trust pleads innocence, blames the static, and accidental mis-tuning by their operators. And now the A.B.C. crowd makes interference on a wholesale scale. And that is the reason why I called this

The meeting, my friends! Yesterday I received 153 telegrams from all sections of the country. Except for the wording, they read all alike. Here is a typical one:

- Urge immediate legislation against Radio Trust.
- Ordered 10 bushels of new potatoes delivered through cellar antenna. Upon arrival home, found 200 lbs. of chopped herrings on parlor rug, delivered through parlor radio outfit.

Here is one from Heinz, the big Pittsburg packers:

Radio Trust simply must be stopped. Ordered two carloads of fresh mushrooms from Kansas City, and we received a carload of mushrooms, mixed with a carload of vile fertilizer. Total loss.

To show you that the mischief is not ac-cidental, I can cite a classical case if proof is wanted.

is wanted. The Chicago Hardware Company sent a radio to a New York firm for "50 lbs. of nuts, same as last shipment." The last ship-ment, by the way, was No. 14 Brass Hexa-gon nuts. Now the A.B.C. Trust's operator listened in, and you can just about guess what the Hardware Company received. Yes, you are right; 50 lbs. of Pecan nuts! Then there is the outrage pertertated upon

Then there is the outrage perpetrated upon the National Garlic Extract Company, who. by mistake, sent to the Violetta Perfume Company— — * * * * * *

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JAN. 28TH 5XT to --- (6:45) 9UU to 9XP (7:06) 8BXX to --- (7:12) 6ZZ to --- (7:23 and at (7:35) and at $\begin{array}{r} 62Z \ \text{to} & \hline (7:23 \ \text{and} \ \text{at} \ (7:35) \\ (8:53) \\ 5PB \ \text{to} \ CQ \ (7:25) \\ 9BED \ \text{to} \ CQ \ (7:28) \\ 9XAC \ \text{to} & \hline (7:31) \\ 6BQC \ \text{to} \ 8CYU \ (7:34) \\ 9ANS \ \text{to} \ CQ \ (7:58) \\ 7ZU \ \text{to} \ CQ \ (7:58) \\ 7ZU \ \text{to} \ CQ \ (7:59) \\ 5ZAK \ \text{to} \ 7ZU \ (8:07) \\ 7ZU \ \text{to} \ 5ZAK \ (8:08) \\ 5GJ \ \text{to} \ 9AOD \ (8:13) \\ 61F \ \text{to} \ 7ZU \ (8:15) \ (8:18) \ (8:23) \\ 9DPD \ \text{to} \ CQ \ (8:20) \\ 5SF \ \text{to} \ CQ \ (8:20) \\ 5XAJ \ \text{to} \ (8:29) \\ \hline \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} \text{53.7 fit} & \text{CQ} \ (8.20) \\ \text{5XAJ to} \ (8.34) \\ \text{5PX to CQ} \ (8.34) \\ \text{5PX to CQ} \ (8:41) \ \text{and at} \ (8:58) \ (8:59) \\ \text{and} \ (11:03). \end{array}$ IAN. 31ST 1EL to 6XWI (8:37) 6JD to 9BVM (8:43) 6XAD to 6KA (9:07) 7LR to 8APW (9:09) — to 6UAD (9:32) This station was a spark station and the first one I had heard. 6JD to NOF (9:47) **Feb.** 4тн FEB. 4TH 6KA to 8XE (7:21) 9DGE to CQ (7:52) 6GG to — (8:02) 9CXP to — (8:04) 9AYU to 5KC (8:11) 6VM to — (8:16) 6BO to CQ west (8:22) 9LG to CQ (8:31) 6TI to — (8:54) and to 9ZN (9:47) 8CEI to — (9:02) 2FP to 6XAD (9:37) $\begin{array}{rcl} & \text{(S.34) and to 92.N (9)} \\ & \text{SCEI to } & (9:02) \\ & \text{2FP to 6XAD (9:37)} \\ & \text{Peculiar note} \\ & \text{-like mushed spark.} \\ & \text{7LR to 5KC (10:15).} \end{array}$

AMATEURS INCREASE 601 BEGIN-NING JANUARY 1ST

There is still great interest in amateur radio telegraphy. This fact is shown by the increase in general and restricted amateur licenses issued by the Department of Commerce since January 1, which number 601. On January 1, there were 17,102 amateur licenses in effect, and on March 1, there were 17,703.

These figures do not include 617 other noncommercial stations, which comprise 134 technical and training school stations, 297 experimental and 186 special amateur stations.

The distribution of special amateur licenses by districts is as follows, showing the Chicago district, including northern penin-sula of Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ken-tucky, Indiana, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado, first : D

District	Headquarters 7	fotal March 1
1	Boston	2,490
2	New York	2.589
3	Baltimore	1.919
4	Norfolk	420
5	New Orleans	825
6	San Francisco	2,019
7	Seattle	863
8	Detroit	2,749
9	Chicago	3,729
Total	Special amateu	rs 17.603

SOME GOOD O.T. DOPE By MALCOLM GAGER, 8BYH

The diagram here is the Hartley circuit with a self rectified supply. The O.T. is the novel point. I made them up of 1" copper ribbon on micarta or formica sup-ports. They have 15 turns each and should be mounted so that they can be coupled



The Circuit That 8BYH Uses. Note That the O. T. Is Connected In Variometer Fashion.

close to each other. It will be found that the radiation meter will "jump" when the right coupling of the coils is reached. I found that this circuit could be made to oscillate on low wave-lengths with tight coupling and clipped down so that there are but a few turns between antenna and ground taps—or just enough to insure maxi-mum "kick."

Using one 50 watter on each side of the cycle as in the accompanying hook-up I push 4.2 amperes into the antenna system with 10 volts A.C. on the filaments and 1,000 volts on the plates. With 1,500 volts on the plates I get over the 5 ampere mark. The above circuit is F.B. and I think that the hams should use this type of O.T. be-

cause it is cheap and has a low resistance. It will get the T.C.A.'s into that network of theirs if nothing else will. I have worked all but the 6th and 7th districts with this outfit and have been reported heard in the 6th.

9 DEX

The call 9 DEX has been re-issued to Mr. Leo A. Ochs, 451 West 4th Street, Hoisington, Kansas.

Mr. Ochs operates a 10-watt C.W. set and will appreciate QSL's on his sigs.

AMATEUR EFFORTS CRIPPLED BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT RESTRICTION

An absurd position exists in China for radio amateurs owing to the severe restriction of the government under which all radio material is contraband.

Like all other countries, China has been invaded by the radio and the many amateurs in the Treaty Ports are among the foremost to recognize the value of this new form of The Government, however, communication. appears to regard the radio as its monopoly and amateur efforts have been submitted to such slights and restrictions as to dampen the ardor of any but the most enthusiastic.



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Radio News for June, 1923 "ESCO" Battery Chargers

Tientsin amateurs have taken the lead in forming a Radio Association, and Shanghai amateurs ought not to be tardy in following their example. United action will undoubt-edly lead the Government to remove or modify the restrictions, and open up this remark-able invention to all in China. Radio has come to stay and Associations in Shanghai and Tientsin will be in a position to utilize it as it is being utilized in Great Britain and America. A member of the Tientsin Association, in his article below, tells of the present position and the steps taken by the Tientsin Association. Emulation of their ef-forts by Shanghai amateurs is awaited. The enthusiasm with which "Broadcasted"

concerts, lectures, etc., are received in Amer-ica has resulted in more than could possibly have been foreseen by the promoters. Probably more than two million people listen in each night to high class music, church services, and other programs, who would not have had that pleasure were it not for the radio receiving set. Its popularity has spread to Britain, where, taking advantage of the experience of others, the authorities have from the beginning controlled the broadcasting stations and put them on a paying basis. These on he we doubt that paying basis. There can be no doubt that what has happened in other countries will eventually happen in China, that is, as far as Radio is concerned. What is the position here just now and what has been done al-ready in preparation for the time when lis-tening in will be the principal evening amusement?

Abstract from Shanghai Times.

A REMARKABLE BILL

A REMARKABLE BILL The text of a rather remarkable bill is published herewith. This bill was introduced by Mr. White of Maine, and the text speaks for itself. There has been much talk about price-fixing, as well as restricting the manu-facturer of radio apparatus in the United States, by some of our leading radio cor-porations porations.

Although such a law, if enacted, would be a boon for the radio industry, we doubt very much if it will ever come to it.

House Calendar No. 312. H. RES. 548. IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES February 21, 1923.

Mr. White of Maine submitted the following res-olution; which was referred to the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries and ordered to be printed.

February 22, 1923. Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION Resolved, That the Federal Trade Commission be, and it is hereby, requested to investigate and to oreport to the House of Representatives at the convening of the Sixty-eighth Congress, or as soon the ownership of patents covering radio apparatus used in interstate and / or foreign commerce and to all assignments or other contracts concerning such patents; (b) contracts, leases, or agreements in whatsoever form the same may be, or practices, the purpose, tendency, or effect of which is to give exclusive rights or special privileges in the reception and transmission in interstate and / or foreign commerce and to all assignments or other contracts concerning such patents; (b) contracts, leases, or agreements in whatsoever form the same may be, or practices, the purpose, tendency, or effect of which is to give exclusive rights or special privileges in the reception and transmission in interstate and / of foreign commerce of messages by radio; and (d) such other facts, as in the opinion of the commission, may aid the House of Representatives in determining whether, in the foregoing respects or otherwise of his or related subjects. the antitust statutes of the United States have been or now are being violated by any person, company, or corporation subjects to the jurisdiction of the United States; and (e) such other facts as in the opinion of the comission in give the durited states have been or now are being violated by any person, company, or corporation subjects.

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Radio Regulation in Cuba

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Class A*Amateurs	(meters) 200	watts)
B —Educational institu- tions experimenters C —Colleges	225-275 300-360	1/2
State institutions in general D —State institutions only E —Meteorological stations	400	½ to 1

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Recommendations of the National Radio Committee

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ference that the Secretary of Commerce in licensing stations has the authority under the present law to regulate hours and wavelengths of operation of stations, and to revoke or withhold licenses of stations when such action is necessary to prevent interference detrimental to the public good.

The committee also urged that the fullest co-operation be given by those who operate broadcasting stations and by the public with the Department of Commerce in the cooperative adjustment of local broadcasting problems in order to realize the fullest possibilities of the recommendations outlined.

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2300	130 Government, C.W., exclusive,	
2300 2100	130 143 Reserved.	
2100	143 Government, C.W., exclusive.	
2100 2000	143 150 Reserved.	
2000 1700	150 Amateur, C.W., I.C.W., Ph., 176 exclusive.	
1700	176 Special Amateur, C.W.,	
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Note 2.—A class A broadcasting station is a station of sufficient power to serve an extensive territory. Fifty territorial wave frequencies approximately 10 kc/s apart are to be assigned by Department of Commerce to local areas throughout the United States within each of five national zones are to have wave frequencies separated by approximately 50 kc/s.

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Complete List of Broadcasting Stations in the **United States**

(Continued from page 2096)

City and State Name Call Round Hills Radio Corp., Dartmouth, Mass. Tucker Electric Co., Liberal, Kans. General Supply Co., Lincoln, Nebr. Drovers Telegram Co., WMAF WMAG WMAH †WMAJ WMAK Norton Laboratories. Lockport, N. Y. WMAL Trenton Hardware Co. Trenton, N. J. †WMAM Beaumont Radio Equipment Co., Reserved. Beaumont, Isan Broad St. Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio Utility Battery Service. Easton, Pa. The Fair Corp. & Chicago Daily News Chicago Daily Waterloo Electrical Supply Co., Waterloo, Iowa WMAN WMAP WMAQ WMAR tWMAT Paramount Radio Corp., Duluth, Minn. Alabama Polytechnic Inst. **†WMAV** tWMAV Alabama rotytettili WMAW Wahpeton Electric Co., Wahpeton, N. Dak.
 WMAX K & K Radio Supply Co., Ann Arbor, Mich.
 WMAY Kingshighway Presbyternian Church. St. Louis, Mo. Macon. Ga. WMAZ WMB †WMH WMU WNAB WNAC WNAD **†WNAF** WNAG WNAH WNAJ WNAK WNAL WNAM WNAN WNAP WNAQ WNAR WNAS WNAT WNAV WNAW Dakota Radio Apparatus Co., Yankton, S. D. Ship Owner's Radio Service, Baltimore, Md. WNAX WNAY Baltimore, Md. Shotton Radio Mfg. Co., Inc., Albany, N. Y. Wireless Telephone Co. of Hudson County. N. J....Jersey City, N. J. Dr. Walter Hardy...Ardmore, Okla. Valley Radio....Grand Forks. N. D. Maus Radio Co.....Lima, Ohio Friday Battery & Elec. Co., Sigourney, Iowa Midland College....Fremont, Nebr. Tyler Commercial College. WNI WNO WOAA WOAB WOAC WOAD Midland College.....Fremont, Nebr. Tyler Commercial College. Tyler, Texas WOAE WOAF Apollo Theatre......Belvedere. Ill. Palmetto Radio Corp. Charleston, S. C. Southern Equipment Co., WOAG WOAH WOAI Southern Equipment Co., San Antonio, Tex. Ervine Electrical Co... Parsons. Kan. Collins Hdwe. Co... Frankfort, Ky. Wm. E. Woods. Webster Groves, Mo. Vaughn Conservatory of Music. Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Lyradion Mfg. Co... Mishawaka, Ind. Kalamazoo College... Kalamazoo, Mich. Portsmouth Radio Assoc. Portsmouth Va. Henry P. Lundskow... Kenosha, Wis. Bailey's Radio Shop. Middletown, Conn. WOAJ WOAK WOAL WOAN WOAO WOAF WOAQ WOAR WOAS



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Call Name City and State *toWWJ WWL WWT WWZ Detroit News......Detroit, Mich. Loyola University..New Orleans, La. McCarthy Bros. & Ford.Buffalo, N. Y. John Wanamaker..New York, N. Y. An additional list of new broadcasting

stations licensed since the date of this revised list, appear on page 2176 of this issue.

A CLEVER STUNT

Radio reception has been greatly simpli-ed in Backus, Minnesota. If the Backus fied in Backus, Minnesota. If the Backus resident is a telephone subscriber he just takes his telephone receiver from the hook and music, drama, sermon or lecture pours out. He has no need to worry about rundown batteries, weak tubes, the intricacies of hook-up or the length or height of his antenna.

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about at the telephone. "I know of several cases where three or four people have listened in on the same receiver at once. In one case I was sur-prised by being materially recompensed by a lady who was so much pleased by the it, that she brought me a dozen eggs. As she said, it was her way of saying 'thank you'."

MISSISSIPPI RIVER IS LIMIT BETWEEN W AND K CALLS The Mississippi River is now the divid-ing line between the "K" calls of the West and the "W" calls of the East, as far as breadersting strains are concerned. All peru broadcasting stations are concerned. All new calls issued to broadcasting stations are of the Mississippi will begin with "W" and those west with "K," so the stations can be immediately identified as Atlantic or Pacific when the initial letter is heard. The stations already listed under "K" including KDKA will retain their original calls.

ESSAY CONTESTS ON SUBJECTS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE RADIO INDUSTRY

Valuable Prizes Awarded By American Home and City Beautiful Association Exposition Management.

The management of the American Home and City Beautiful Association Exposition, to be held on the Million Dollar Pier, Atlantic City this summer, has completed arrangements for conducting a nationwide

arrangements for conducting a nationwide essay contest on the following subjects: THE BEST WAY TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON RADIO, WHY RADIO SHOULD BE IN EVERY HOME, AND HOW IT CAN BE DONE, WHO SHALL CARRY ON AND PAY FOR FUTURE BROADCASTING, AND THE COM-PLETE RADIO SET AS THE LOGI-CAL INSTALLATION. The following men prominently identified

The following men prominently identified with the radio industry have been invited to be represented on the Board of Judges for awarding prizes to winning contestants : Dr. De Forest of De Forest Company of

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Section. Those who compose the Board of Judges

also have been appointed as the Radio Committee for the Radio Exhibit, an important section of the American Home and City Beautiful Association Exposition devoted to leading American industries, which will be conducted June 16 to Sept. 8, 1923, at the world's greatest resort.

The above committee will also direct the essay contest and award prizes to winners on a contest in which only radio fans, or those who listen to broadcasting are eligible to submit essays on the subject

WHAT WE WANT TO HEAR OVER RADIO

The radio fan contest promises to be extremely interesting from many viewpoints.

The exposition management is taking the utmost precaution to obviate obstacles which have been noticeable in other exhibits for radio demonstration, to prevent interference with radio reception, to have sufficient areas erected over the exposition structure, and make all necessary provisions for success-ful operation of radio sets, and in avoiding annoyances of having several loud speaking sets in operation simultaneously by allotting periods to each exhibitor, and providing sound proof booths.

The leading manufacturers will be given opportunity to exhibit and all rules insuring most satisfactory results to exhibitors will be subject to their recommendation and approval. Price cutting will not be tol-erated and only concerns of high standing

in the industry will be invited to participate. Orders may be taken by exhibitors for sales to individuals or to dealers and whole-salers in any part of the country. No over the counter retail deliveries will be permitted, however, provision being made for delivery service in any part of Atlantic City and to guests stopping at the hotels which will make counter deliveries unnecessary.

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RADIO INFORMATION SERVICE

The following statement has been made by the exposition management outlining the scope of the big national expositoin which will be conducted to advance the publicity and sales promotion of leading American products

Exposition management will supply free information regarding radio publications and literature to exposition visitors and will maintain a service for that purpose.

UNIQUE TRANSMITTER

Millions of radio fans will be benefited by a new radio transmitter invented by Dr. Phillips Thomas, research engineer of the Westinghouse Electric & Manu-facturing Co. The new transmitter makes

possible the broadcasting of music and other sounds exactly as produced. It has been used at the Westinghouse broadcasting station KDKA within the past few months, which explains the clarity and strength of that station's signals.

The basis of Dr. Thomas's invention is the elimination of the diaphragm now used in all transmitters in practical service. This diaphragm consists of a thin disk of metal or other substance and operates by being vibrated by the sound waves which strike it. But because of its inherent inertia, no material diaphragm is capable of vibrating in perfect sympathy with the entire range of audible sounds. If it can transmit low notes successfully, it will fail on high notes and vice versa. The ordinary diaphragm is designed with reference to the middle register, and it, therefore, does not transmit extremely high and extremely low notes satisfactorily. The piano is a case in point. The radio audience hears the highest notes as a series of clicks and the very bass notes as a roar.

In the Thomas transmitter, a minute



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electrical discharge takes the place of the mechanical disk. This discharge flows between two points, separated by a very small fraction of an inch. It is affected by sound waves, just like the diaphragm, but being non-material and having no well to all vibrations. Hence, music broadcast by means of it is transmitted

in all its original purity. Dr. Thomas has recently been experi-menting with his transmitter at the West-inghouse Pittsburgh Station, KDKA. Listeners all over the country have noticed from time to time the great improvement in the quality of the voice of this station, but have naturally been un-aware of the cause. Within the near future, all Westinghouse stations will be regularly equipped with this device and the art of broadcasting will take another step forward. In appearance, the Thomas transmitter

in appearance, the inomas transmitter resembles a large watch, with the front and back covered by wire gauze. On looking into it, a point of light can be seen, caused by the flow of the electric energy against one of the terminals. From this fact it is called the start discharge this fact it is called the glow discharge transmitter.





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WRAL-Northern States Power Co., St. Croix Falls, Wis.-100 watts. KFHR-Star Electric & Radio Co.; Seattle, Wash.-100 watts. WDAR-Lit Brothers, Philadelphia, Pa.-500 watts. (Class B, 400 meters). KFHH-McCue, Ambrose, Neah Bay, Wash.-50 watte,

Wash.-50 watts.

KFEY-Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining &

Const. Co., Kellog, Idaho—10 watts. KQP—Apple City Radio Club, Hood River, Oregon—10 watts. KFHB—Boardwell, P. L., Hood River,

Oregon-10 watts. KFFV-Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa

250 watts.

KFDZ-lverson, Harry, O., Minneapolis, Minn.-5 watts. KDZQ-Pyle & Nichols, Denver, Colorado

-100 watts. WRAH-Read, Stanley N., Providence,

R. I.-10 watts. KFDY-South Dakota State College of Agri. & Mech. Arts, Brookings, S. D .- 100 watts

KFHA--Colorado State Normal School, Gunnison, Col.—50 watts. KFDX—First Baptist Church, Shreveport,

A.-200 watts. WQAZ-Greensboro Daily News, Greens-oro, N. C.-300 watts. WOAQ-Portsmouth Kiwani's Club, boro.

WOAQ-Portsmouth Kiwani's Club, Portsmouth, Va.-15 watts. WQAX-Radio Equipment Co., Peoria, III.-20 watts. KFFO-Smith, Dr. E. H., Hillsboro, Ore-gon-5 watts. WRAP-Winter Park Elect. Const. Co.,

Winter Park, Florida-20 watts.

WSAC-Clemson Agricultural College, C.-500 watts. KFDV-Gilbrech & Stinson, Fayetteville,

Ark.—100 watts. WWAY—Marigold Gardens, Chicago, Ill.

500 watts. WRAB-Savannah Board of Public Edu-

cation, Savannah, Ga.-100 watts. The 13 stations which were dropped dur-

ing February follow

Call—Station KFED—Billings Polytechnic Inst., Polytechnic, Mont. WKAG-Bruce, M. D., Edwin T., Louis-

ville, Ky. WIAX—Capital Radio Co., Lincoln, Neb. WNAF—Enid Radio Distributing Co.,

WOH-Hatfield Electric Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

WLAF-Johnson Radio Co., Lincoln, Neb. WDAR-Lit Brothers, Phila., Pa. WLAR-Mickel Music Co., Marshall-

town. Iowa

WDY-Radio Corp. of America, Roselle Park, N. J. WHAF-Radio Electric Co., Pittsburgh,

WJK-Service Radio Equipment Co., Toledo, Ohio

WJAE-Texas Radio Syndicate, San Antonio

nio, Tex. WDV—Yeiser, Jr., John, O., Omaha, Neb.

A. R. R. L. TO CHECK UP ON INTERFERENCE

Due to the great amount of talk concerning amateur interference on broadcast wavelengths, the American Radio Relay League has planned to hold a test in order to determine the exact nature of the majority

of interference, and whether any of it is caused by amateur stations.

There will be some 600 odd observers, all of whom will be experts and most of them presumably A. R. R. L. star stations. Their duty will be to keep continual watch each night from 7 to 10:30 P. M. on waves be-tween 360 and 400 meters.

Every class of interference will be recorded and weekly reports sent to head-quarters. It is the general opinion among the amateurs that the bulk of the inter-ference on 360 and 400 meters originates from commercial transmitting stations, a number of which are known to have very broad waves.

The eventual reports will evidently lead to the clearing up of the present difficulty that the average broadcast listener has in reception. These reports will be of technical value also.

Instruction in International Code Signaling for Use in Self Studies and Exercises

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PART 2

LESSON NO. 4

In the fourth lesson the opposite signals are continued and in addition the reverse of signals are to be memorized.

Note :- Letter L is the opposite of letter Y, but is the reverse of letter F.



Letter F is opposite of letter Q and reverse of letter L.

Letter Q is opposite of letter F and reverse of letter Y.

Letter	
Dot, Dash, DashW	. — —
Dash, Dot, Dot, DotB	=
Dot, Dash, Dash, DotP	
Dot, Dot, Dash, DotF	
Dash, Dash, Dot, Dash, O	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

VOCABULARY EXERCISES

VOCABULARY EXERCISES Four, Off, Fly, Paw, Wolf, Beef, Flow, Flap, Quaff. Dwarf, Blow, Probe, Quick, Whip, Bowl, Pawn, Few, Quail, Waffle, 'Prowl, Query, Equal, Copy, Always, Wor-ship, Abrupt, Profile, Flew, Quality, Lawful, Before, Perform, Quilt, Affably, Furrow, Bluff, Pillow, Workshop, Quibble, Buffalo, Piquant, Afterward, Wallop, Comply, Ac-quit, Briefly, Fowl, Probably, Quality, Wrap, Blowpipe, Aqueduct, Bequest, Awkward, Wrong, Downfall, Drawback, Woodpecker, Palfrey, Pacify, Fireworks, Fifty, Bomb, Playful, Brow, Fibre, Bellow, Quiet, Plump, Benefit, Follow, Below, Quell, Fife, Fabric, Pelf, Forward, Bankrupt, Quarrel, Fable, Perfect, Brawl, Qualm, Perquisite, Forfeit, Beware, Quart, Fawn, Perfume, Forewarn, Knowledge, Frown, Brew, Barefoot. Enowledge, Frown, Brew, Barefoot.

SENTENCE EXERCISES

Flap waffles quickly before we bawl for more. Qualify the question we quote quite quaintly. The whelps whimpered where-upon the wolf wallops them well. The baby badger balks the barefoot boy by bluffs. Beware of ballads babbling of brooks and balmy ocean billows. Fast fades the flickering flame, of feeble fire when poorly fed with wood. Pulp properly prepared per-mits publishers to print papers. From pulpit platforms we praise the prophets by prayers



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and psalms. Four fowls flew from the furrow, flapping their wings fearfully. Tranquilly twirling the lariat he threw a buffalo. Perishable produce requires prompt disposal. Sharp saws work well in antique shop or at forest bowers. Squalid sprawling spots spoil splendid quiet places. Stalwart efforts inspire adequate approbation. Shrewd inquiring bespeaks forewarned precautions. A Republic's welfare requires equitable platforms. Equal opportunity requires no benefiting weapons. Abrupt queries breed warfares fearful quarrels.

LESSON NO. 5

The fifth lesson finishes the alphabet and there is only a repetition of the previous method. Letter Z is distinctive, the others are opposites or reverse of previous letters.

are opposites or reverse of previous letters. Letter J is opposite of letter B. Letter V is reverse of letter B. Letter X is opposite of letter P. Letter

Dot, Dot, Dot, Dash....V ...-Dot, Dash, Dash, Dash...J .----Dash, Dot, Dot, Dash...X ----Dash, Dash, Dot, Dot...Z ---..

VOCABULARY EXERCISES

Fox, Vex, Jaw, Eve, Buzz, Coax, Vow, Job, Czar, Lax, Zero, Jay, Quiz, Wax, Joke, Zone, Viper, Axle, View, July, Razor, Apex, Size, Sex, Jury, Zouave, Vortex, Joyful, Zigzag, Valve, Jovial, Whiz, Mix, Object, Next, Ivy, Juggle, Squeeze, Fizzle, Lazy, Improve, Envy, Anvil, Civilize, Dizzy, Except, Affix, Jolly, Approval, Dozen, Anxiety, Twelve, Equinox, Prize, Vanquish, Tweezer, Unveil, Luxury, Oxygen, Lizard, Puzzle, Vapor, Lozenge, Wave, Syntax, Vixen, Buxom, Fixture, Gazelle, Froze, Serve, Rivet. Recognize, Virgin, Rejoice, Value, Weave, Verify, Zodiac, Vivid, Vocalize, Adjacent, Velvet, Variety.

SENTENCE EXERCISES

A captive fox in jeopardy bravely drove off a dozen buzzards. Every victory over vice vindicates vigorous virtues. The jovial judge jestingly jokes with the July jury. Examples expertly explain executing existing exercises exactly. Brazen amazons seize lazy dozing gazelles. Zephyr breezes zealously zigzag hazy drizzles away. Axioms express that "sex texts perplex anxious experts." Bronze prize puzzles amaze piaza patronizers. Squeeze violently backward every provoking frivolous paroxysm. Civilization rejoices over every vanquished expiring evil. The captive jaguar expresses his agonized fears by savage snarls. Equivalent value just equalizes even exchange. Dexterous cavalry evolutions excite favorable huzzas. With zeal the wizards jingle jaunty jewels jealously. Abject groveling provokes mixed feelings of sympathy and disgust.

LESSON NO. 6

The sixth and final lesson is the numerals which are quite simple being composed of five each.

They are divided into two sets of five; the first set starting with one dot and the other four dashes and increasing the dots; and the other set starting with one dash with the other four dots and increasing the dashes. Number

Dot, Dash, Dash, Dash, Dash. . 1 . - - - -Dot, Dot, Dash, Dash, Dash. . 2 . . - - -Dot, Dot, Dot, Dash, Dash. . . 2 . . - -Dot, Dot, Dot, Dot, Dash, Dash. . . . -Dot, Dot, Dot, Dot, Dash. Dot, Dot, Dot, Dot, Dot. Dash, Dot, Dot, Dot, Dot. Dash, Dash, Dot, Dot, Dot Dash, Dash, Dash, Dot, Dot Dash, Dash, Dash, Dot, Dot Dash, Dash, Dash, Dot, Dot Dash, Dash, Dash, Dash, Dot - - . . . Dash, Dash, Dash, Dash, Dash. Dash. O - - - -All other numerals are signaled by compounding these primary figures.

There are in addition to the alphabet special code word signals but as the purpose of these lessons is only to gain the primary instructions, they are not given here. Radio Netws for June, 1923



FINIS

Complete alphabet sentences for practice exercises.

Knowledge proofs are quite above hazy mixed conjectures. Beware complex justifying adventure's quick hazards. We could amaze jokers, vexing them by qualified replies. The judge quickly affixes brave woman's prize. The brave woman joyfully coaxed the quizzing pickets. We signify extra prompt zeal by the adjective "Quick." Prize market exchanges would justify by equal value. Quick adjournment vows help bag crazy fox. Sympathizing would fix Quaker objective. Zest of known examples vanquish bigotry prejudice.

STATION WHAZ ESTABLISHES ANOTHER WORLD'S RECORD IN LONG-DISTANCE BROADCASTING

A new world's record for long distance radio broadcasting of spoken words and music has been established by Station WHAZ at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., according to a cablegram just received from Invercargill, New Zealand. The distance from Troy to Invercargill is 9,577 miles, or more than onethird the way around the earth, which is twice as far as any radio concert broadcast has been heard heretofore. The previous mark was recently set by the Troy Polytechnic station when its midnight international program was heard at three points in the Hawaiian Islands, a distance of approxmiately 4,887 miles.

The latest broadcasting record was not a mere chance occurrence, as the sending tests were made on seven successive mornings from 5 to 7 o'clock and according to the cablegram from a Mr. Steele at Invercargill, the WHAZ broadcast was distinctly heard on the first and "three subsequent transmissions." Atmospherics and interference from 450-meter spark stations made the remaining transmissions indiscernable. One of the most remarkable features was that the receiver used only a single tube set without amplification.

The series of trans-Pacific tests were conducted under the direction of Prof. Wynant J. Williams of the radio engineering department of America's oldest engineering school, the actual broadcasting being done by Harry R. Minno and Leonard S. Inskip, radio engineering instructors, who operated the station on alternate mornings, announcing and broadcasting player piano and phonograph selections.

This remarkable feat presents a whole train of interesting suggestions. Troy is located at about latitude 42.45 north and longitude 74 west, while New Zealand is about 45 degrees south latitude and 170 degrees east longitude. Six o'clock in the morning in Troy is about 11 o'clock at night in Invercargill, so that the radio messages crossed the international date line in mid-Pacific—the dividing line of the new day. The New Zealand town is farther south of the Equator than Troy is north so the message passed from early Spring here to late Autumn there with the speed of light. While broadcasting here was under favorable atmospheric conditions the broadcasting waves passed through the Torrid Zone and into a season of the worst climatic conditions for the purpose. New Zealand is as far away from Troy as the South Pole or China. The early morning tests were heard in the Panama Canal Zone, according to reports received, and other messages are expected by mail from the Pacific stations.

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Tuning Radio Receivers

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one dial in each hand, until the signal is located. When this has been done, try setting the inductance switch at different taps, observe which inductance setting gives best results and come back to it. Retune with condensers until loudest signal is heard. Now slowly loosen coupling, by decreasing the reading of the vario-coupler dial, or by separating the two coils of the loose coupler. Retune your primary and secondary circuits at this new coupling po-sition until the best signal is secured. It will be observed that the tuning is sharper and that the signal is being heard without interference. Loosen the coupling between the antenna and the secondary circuits still further, and again retune both circuits. Do this alternately until the loosest coupling is employed consistent with signal strength. The looser the coupling the less interferance will be experienced. When head phones are used, the signal does not have to be extremely loud. Novices make a mis-take in trying to make the signal in head-phones exceedingly loud. This desire is phones exceedingly loud. This desire is often the fault of considerable interference, since they tighten up their coupling tre-mendously to secure loud signals, thereby increasing interference. Where headphones are used, a low signal is sufficient. Fig. 12 illustrates two of the most com-

non and important types of two-circuit re-generative tuners, circuit 1 being the tickler feed-back type, circuit 2 being the grid and plate variometer arrangement. The grid variometer in circuit 2 takes the place of the secondary condenser in circuit 1, that is, it is the tuning element in its cir-cuit. In tuning these sets the procedure is really a combination of that in tuning the above non-regenerative two circuit the single circuit regenerative two circuit of the single circuit regenerative tuner. The regenerative element is set at its minimum position, that is the tickler feed-back coupling is set at zero, and the plate variometer also at zero, as the case may be. The primary and secondary circuits are then tuned in the same manner that the above two-circuit non-regenerative set is tuned. Only in the case of the grid-plate variometer circuit we use the grid variometer in place of the secondary condenser. Other-wise the procedure is the same. After the circuits have been tuned with the regenera-tive element at its minimum position, the feed-back or plate circuit is varied in the same manner described for the single cir-cuit regenerative tuner. Thereafter, alter-nate between tuning circuits and adjusting the feed-back or plate circuit until best re-

Tuning is largely a matter of experience. After a short while at the business, the novice will find that he will be using both hands in tuning, each hand adjusting some circuit, and he will shift quickly from one circuit to the next. In radio, as in every other field, practice makes perfect. The above explanations and brief instructions will, however, give the novice a good send-off in the business of tuning his radio set.

A GOOD ARGUMENT

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The Vario-Aerial

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2 Terminals.

(or more) small spacer washers. 6 Piece flex about 10 in. long.

2 Blind laths.

One of the hoops having been reduced in size, leaving about 34 in. clearance all round when placed inside the other, they are both provided with cardbard "tyres" 21/2 in. in width. These tyres are made by cutting strips from the cardboard sheet and fastening them round the hoops with small brass tacks.

At opposite points in the circumferences of the hoops holes are bored through the cardboard and wood to take the brass spindles. The piece of 3-in. ebonite is drilled and screwed, as shown in Fig. 3, to the outside of the larger hoop near the hole for the spindle (see A, Fig. 5). This is shown in the photograph with the wire passing over the ebonite.

The two 2-in. pieces of ebonite are screwed inside the smaller hoop as indi-cated in Fig. 4 and at B and C in Fig. 5 and also in the photograph, which, however, shows pieces 3 in. long, though 2 in.

will prove quite sufficient. The winding of the larger hoop is started from a terminal fixed in one of the end holes of the ehonite strip. Wind on fifty-eight turns, and finish off on a piece of rod 1 in. long put through the other hole in the ebonite. with two nuts and washers on each (A cheese-head screw will do equally side. well.)

The winding of the smaller hoop is started from a piece of rod assembled through the hole in one of the ebonite strips with nuts and washers as before. Fifty-eight and a half turns are wound on, and the wire is finished off at a terminal fixed in the piece

At the beginning and end of the wind-ings the wire should be secured by thread-ing through holes punched near the edge of the cardboard before attaching it to the terminals. If wound fairly tightly the wire should not slip off, but if it shows a tendency to do so the hoops may be bound spirally with silk or thread.

The two hoops are now assembled as shown in Fig. 5. Spacer washers are used between them in preference to nuts as there is not room to fit lock nuts satisfactorily and single nuts work loose. Even the lock nuts provided at the inner and outer ends of the spindles are apt to loosen, but it is a simple matter to screw them up with the fingers every now and then. The two coils are connected by the flex as shown at A B (Fig. 5). This diagram gives all details except the first terminal, which lies at the far end of the ebonite strip at A.

The completed instrument is suspended from two blind laths (one will not bear the weight) by a piece of rod with the necessary nuts and washers. As the hoops are seldom perfectly circular there may not he sufficient clearance to allow of this method of suspension. If this is the case, drill a transverse hole through the outer hoop and make a yoke of wire, which can be fastened

The laths can be put across the picture moulding in a corner of the room, where the vario-aerial will function quite well although theoretically not far enough away from the walls. Alternative methods of mounting can be devised easily and might give increased efficiency.

TUNING

Tuning is rather critical. and it is as well to use a small variable condenser in parallel, preferably with vernier.

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As already stated, Eiffel Tower telephony can be heard plainly in headphones with five valves (and probably four). regeneration Paris time heing used in the plate circuit. signals and other Morse transmissions are sufficiently strong to work a small loud speaker.

(Abstract from our English Contemporary Amatcur Wircless.)

Principles of the Antenna System

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be a greater current density at this point resulting in non-uniform distribution of cur-rent with consequent rise in resistance. A network of wires should preferably be employed, radiating from a common circle, and these should be connected together at intervals by means of soldered jumpers, as in the direct ground network. Where wooden stakes are used to support these wires great care should be taken that they be very well seasoned, for if they are not, there is going to he considerable loss due to leakage to the ground. Wires should not be directly con-nected to the stakes, but should, of course, be well insulated by non-hygroscopic insula-Long glazed porcelain insulators will tors. do quite well. Under no circumstances use unglazed porcelain. More will be said about insulation later. There has been some talk about grounding the counterpoise and se-curing better results than with the counterpoise alone, but it is best to avoid this, by all means. Unless it is properly done, the effect of grounding the counterpoise may be to vitiate entirely the desired action of the counterpoise, the object of which is to do away with the ground. So the best advice is to keep hands off this stunt until you are more familiar with the ways of counterpoise antennae.

Finally, with regard to ohmic losses, the question of joints and connections arises. The novice is always apt to be careless about this, largely because he does not know and hecause he is ignorant of the effects of poor joints. It is very difficult from the writer's experience anyway, to convince the novice that a poor joint may work havoc with his set. SOLDER ALL JOINTS as a matter of principle. The experience of years proves this is important. This, then covers the causes for high ohmic resistance atennae, how they may be reduced, and also covers the good design and construction of the most important types of grounds.

We now come to a consideration of losses due to dielectric absorption in the imperfect dielectrics surrounding the antenna. This factor is probably most often overlooked by amateur and novice alike. They can understand and see where wires offer a resistance, but either do not understand or consider unimportant the fact that there may be large losses in the insulating dielectric around the antenna. When a voltage is applied to a condenser, the condenser receives its normal instantaneous charge, but right after this ex-periment shows that there is a small additional charge which piles on the condenser. The first instantaneous charge may be recovered by discharging the condenser. The second small additional charge cannot be recovered, but is lost in the condenser as heat. That energy is wasted. This is due to what is called dielectric absorption. This loss may, therefore, be considered as the result of a wasteful series resistance in the condenser. The more imperfect the insulating dielec-tric is the greater is its resistance. This is exactly what we have in the case of our antenna. The antenna and ground or coun-



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terpoise constitute the plates of a condenser, and the medium in between, and surrounding it is the dielectric. It is obvious that this medium will be far from perfect and must therefore entail considerable losses due to absorption. Even if a very poor dielectric such as wooden buildings is not directly near the antenna system there may result considerable absorption losses in it. The electric field of the antenna extends over a considerable distance around the vicinity of the antenna and may extend far enough to be influenced by poor dielectrics. It is of course, out of the power of the annateur to change the antenna dielectric, but a certain amount of reasonable care can be excercised by him when constructing his antenna.

In the first place he should erect it, as far as circumstances permit. in the most open place possible, removed from tall structures and trees, but if structures are near, the matter cannot be helped, and the antenna should then be very well insulated from them. This business of erecting antennae near trees or with their help ought to be exploded. Some of these new radio companies issuing instruction leaflets generally tell the purchaser to use a tree for a support wherever possible. As a matter of fact, the advice ought to be wherever possible do not use a tree. Keep away from trees, for they are a very 'mportant source of dielectric loss. If trees must be used as one of the means of supporting an antenna, the antenna wires should be kept as far away from the tree as possible. Use long insulators in series to keep the wires away from the trees.

We now come to one point in this matter of dielectric losses, which is unknown to a large number of amateurs, and this is the matter of insulation. Every bit of insulation used or near your antenna increases the possibilities of dielectric losses, for an insulator is a dielectric and as such will absorb energy It is for this reason that in high grade work and in commercial practice designs are made so that air insulation is used as much as possible. Thus spiral inductances in commercial practice are wound on a bakelite back, but this bakelite panel is drilled with a few 3-inch and 4-inch holes, so that air insulation is prevalent. So in antenna structure use insulators wherever necessary only Now the fact that a certain material will insulate against certain voltage does not necessarily mean that it is a good insulator, as is so commonly supposed. A good institutor, sulator for radio purposes must satisfy a number of conditions: (1) it must be in-sulated well; (2) it must have a low capacity between its terminals; and (3) it must be a good dielectric. What most amateurs do not know is that a certain material may be a good insulator without being a good dielec-tric. It may insulate well and still have large dielectric absorption. There are large dielectric absorption. There are enough good insulating products which at the same time are good dielectrics on the market today, and there is no excuse for using poor material. In general materials which absorb moisture are extremely had, and such materials are wood, fibre and unglazed porce-lain. Electrose, bakelite and hard rubber are all good materials and they are sufficiently reasonably priced to warrant their use.

Wherever metal may be used as well as insulation, the metal should be employed, in this way helping to reduce the possibilities of dielectric absorption. Thus in the case of the cage antenna, the wires are supported by hoops. Now, as these wires are electrically connected at the lead-in anyway, they may, without hurting the operation, be connected by a metallic hoop, say of copper. In this way the use of six or seven insulating hoops is avoided and the absorption losses no doubt considerably decreased. In the case of a flat top antenna, spreaders are used. Rather than employ green, unseasoned wood, which would result in considerable loss, the spreaders could very well be made of metal-



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lic tubing, around which the individual wires are wrapped, since the wires are connected together at the ends. Wherever possible, then, use metallic material instead of insullating material, unless the chances of eddy current losses are too great. In the cases outlined above, these losses would be negligible.

Good insulation must be employed in certain places to reduce losses due to induc-Thus guy wires must be broken up tion. by means of insulators and it is very desirable when setting up metallic masts to mount them on an insulating base. The larger the number of insulators used in breaking up the guy wires, the better the results will be. The antenna itself should be as far away from the supporting metallic masts as possible.

This covers quite thoroughly the chief causes for wasteful resistance of the antenna. If the above explanations and pretenna. If the above explanations and pre-cautions are carefully followed, and the methods above advanced are put into prac-tice the amateur will find that he has re-duced his wasteful resistances as low as possible. This is, however, only part of the problem. The above applies equally well to transmitting and reacting automage at transmitting and receiving antennae, since a good transmitting antenna will generally make a good receiving antenna. However, for transmission his problem is only partly solved. Having reduced his wasted energy as low as possible, an effort must now be made to increase his useful radiated power. In other words, how can we design or operate our antenna so that its radiation resistance is a maximum?

TRANSMITTING ANTENNAE

The radiation resistance of an antenna is found to depend upon two factors: (1) the effective height of the aerial, that is, the height of the center of capacity of the antenna; and (2) the wave-length of transmission. This radiation resistance is given by the equation

$$R = K \frac{h^a}{\lambda^a}$$

in which K is a constant, h the effective height of the antenna, and λ is the wave-length. It will thus be seen that the greater the wave-length, the lower is the radiation resistance, and the higher the antenna the greater is the radiation resistance. What we require therefore for transmission is great height. When we come to the ques-tion of wave-length and radiation we strike another point on which the amateur often lacks information. What is required for good work is a maximum of energy to be radiated. Most amateurs confuse this re-quirement with maximum current in the antenna. Maximum current in the antenna does not necessarily mean that you are radiating at maximum efficiency. Maximum ra-diation takes place at a certain definite wave-length for each antenna, and this wave-length is the fundamental wave-length of the antenna. If it were possible to design the antenna so that it radiated at its natural wave-length without the insertion of extra coils or condensers, the antenna would be operated at maximum efficiency. It is true that more current could be obtained from the antenna at another wave-length, but the ra-diation would not be as efficient as at the fundamental. The antenna should, there-fore, be designed so that its natural wavelength is right near the fundamental. Of course it may be necessary, in fact it will he necessary, to use some loading inductance for coupling purposes, hence the antenna should be operated with a series condenser to bring the operating wave-length on the fundamental.

Antennae built in accordance with the foregoing will be good transmitter aerials, as the foregoing has been written from the transmission point of view. However, they are also of good design for reception, and





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can be used for both, but where special antennae are required for reception, other considerations enter. While it is desirable to reduce all antennae losses to as low a figure as possible, and is essential for transmission, this is not so important when it comes to reception. If there are some losses they can easily be made up by amplification. The chief and special requirement of receiving antennae is to overcome the effect of disturbing atmospherics or static. The response of an antenna to a signal divided by the response of the same antenna to static is called the "signal-static" ratio. The larger this ratio is, the better will the antenna be, since the effect of static is then small. Considerable research has been done and is still being done by all large companies to develop an antenna which will make this "signal-static" ratio as great as possible. Some of the simpler solutions to this problem will be given in brief detail.

For reception only the simplest type of an antenna for the novice is the single wire antenna. When stretched a length of about 100' and about 30' to 40' high, quite good results will be obtained. This type of aerial has no special constructional features, but should be well insulated at the ends. It has a strong directional effect on the horizontal wire.

A special application of the single wire antenna is the so-called Beverage wire, named after its inventor. This type of antenna is shown in Fig. 9 and is a simple wire equal in length to one wave-length, say 200 meters, one end of which is grounded through a non-inductive resistence of value equal to the "Surge Impedence" of the antenna which is theoretically, $R = \sqrt{L/C}$, where L and C are the inductance and capacity of the antenna per unit length. The resistance is placed at



A Modified Form of the Beverage Antenna. It Consists of a Single Wire, One Wave-Length in Length, and Grounded at its Free End Through a Resistance.

the end of the antenna nearest the transmitting station. At the other end of the antenna the usual coupling coil is placed, to which is coupled the receiving set. The value of the surge impedence for most oneor two-wire antennae is generally between 200 and 400 meters. This antenna has a marked directional characteristic, receiving best signals coming from the direction shown by the arrow in Fig. 8. Furthermore it re-duces the effect of static considerably and provides a very favorable signal-static ratio. We cannot go into the theory of the Beverage antenna at this point, but it may be stated that the action of this antenna, when its length equals one wave-length, is such that the signal builds up to a maximum at the receiver end, and a minimum at the resistance end, while static builds up to a maximum at the resistance end where it is run to earth, and a minimum at the receiver end, thus securing a high signal-static ratio. It was with this type of receiver antenna that Godley first picked up in England the amateur trans-Atlantic signals.

One of the most important, simple and practical types of receiving antennae is the loop antenna. The loop antenna, as far as picking up signals goes, is far less efficient than the outdoor aerial, since the signal voltage in the outdoor aerial is easily 50 times as great as that picked up by the loop.



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However, due to the fact that we are able to amplify these weak signals greatly, it does not matter very much that its efficiency is small. It is only in the transmitting aerial, where amplification is out of the question that we must have aerial efficiency. The loop requires that radio frequency amplifi-cation be used, for the signal voltage is so low that it will not operate the tube detectors. In order to bring up the voltage to the value required for operating the detector it is necessary to amplify by radio frequen-cy methods. The loop has remarkable directional properties, receiving best in the direction of its plane, and very poorly in other directions. As a result this enhances its value from the point of view of static reduction. For static is a phenomenon which strikes the antenna from all directions. If then the loop receives from only one di-rection, it can be influenced only by the static in coming from that direction. Furthermore although it receives signals poorly, it also receives static poorly, and as a result it has a good signal-static ratio. For these reasons the loop is finding quite a deal of favor these broadcasting days, and is being adopted by a great many people.

In the construction of a good receiving loop for the low wave-lengths, the following must be considered. The tuning condenser is connected across the ends of the loop. What is desired is that the maximum voltage be developed across the condenser for operating the amplifier tubes. In the first place the larger the inductance the greater place the larger the inductance the greater will be the voltage, hence it is desirable to design the loop so that it will operate with a low capacity. Of course a smaller loop and larger capacity will also tune to the received wave-length, but a lower voltage will be developed across the condenser, for the voltage is directly proportional to induc-tance and inversely proportional to capacity. We must, therefore, work the loop with small capacity, say about 0.0002 mfds. The voltage induced in a loop is proportional to the area of the loop and the number of turns. Hence the larger the area and the number of turns the greater the induced voltage. In order to keep both factors large it will be found necessary to space the loop wires considerably apart. A loop in the low wavelength range, say between 200 and 500 me-ters, would consist of approximately five turns wound on a form 5' to 6' square, the turns being spaced about 2 inches.

When a novice or amateur builds an antenna solely for receiving purposes he will find the single wire type or loop type the most convenient and the best for his purpose. If he also wants to use it for transmission, he will have to use one of the following types.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF PRACTICAL ANTENNAE COMPARED

The very first type of antenna used for transmission was the vertical one. Later developments all led to some form of large area surface being employed in conjunction with a vertical wire, as for example the flat top, or fan, or umbrella, etc. The reason for this was that these proved better radia-tors. The explanation is as follows: The distribution of current along a plain vertical antenna is as shown in Fig. 10. It is seen that the current distribution is not uniformly strong, it being a maximum at the earth and a minimum at the upper end. Now the radiation from an antenna is directly proportional to the current in the antenna, assuming uniform current distribution. If the distribution is not uniform, the radiation must be necessarily weaker than that calculated for the current at the base of the antenna. The addition of a large area surface has the effect of making the distribution more uniform, as shown in one instance by Fig. 11. Hence for the same current at the base of the antenna the large area antenna



Showing the Distribution of Current Along An Aerial of the Vertical Type, In Comparison With the Current Distribution In a Horizontal Aerial

will radiate better than the vertical. A second reason why the large area improves the antenna is the following. It was stated previously that for maximum efficient radiation the antenna should be operated at its fundamental or very near it. Now in a ver-tical antenna the fundamental wave-length is about four times its height. In order to operate such an antenna at its fundamental without putting too much loading coil in (which would reduce efficiency) the antenna would have to have an enormous height. Thus suppose we wanted to operate at 200 meters. In order that the fundamen-tal of the antenna be 200 meters, the verti-cal antenna would have to be 50 meters or over 160' high, which is entirely out of the question. The effect of the large area is to increase the capacity and, therefore, the fundamental wave-length, thus enabling the effective height of the masts to be considerably reduced. Finally since the large area in-creases the capacity of the antenna, it will require a smaller voltage to produce a given current in the antenna than with the vertical wire, or in other words a given voltage will produce a larger radiation current for the large area antenna than for the plain vertical wire affair. All these considera-tions point to the large area antenna in preference to the simple straight wire antenna.

The simplest types of antennae most commonly used are the inverted L and T types. These are indicated in Fig. 12 and derive their names from their similarity to the shapes of an inverted L and a T. Both these types of



Antennae of the Inverted "T" and "L" Types. They Are Both Good Radiators.

antenna act very much the same and there is little choice between them, except that one is more convenient to install than the other in certain places. They are largely used on board ships, in fact almost exclusively. The chief difference between these two types is that the inverted L has some directional effect, maximum radiation occurring in the direction shown by the arrow in Fig. 12. This effect is not very pronounced when the length of the flat top is not much greater than the vertical height. However, when the horizontal portion is made large compared to the vertical portion, the directional effect is utilized by the large trans-Atlantic stations which point away from the station to which they are transmitting and thus se-

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The practical antenna nearest in shape to the above flat types is the cage type shown in Fig. 3. This has a number of advantages over the above and others which make it a great favorite among advanced amateurs. In the first place it has excellent resistance properties as explained in a previous paragraph owing to the disposition of the antenna wires as the elements of a cylinder, thereby reducing the skin effect. In the second place it offers a very high capacity top which is advantageous to good radiation. In bringing down a lead-in from such an antenna it is desirable to use a cage lead-in of the form shown in Fig. 13. This lead-in again



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reduces the skin effect, and at the same time, due to the tapering form, keeps the center of capacity high where it belongs. The capacity of the cage is proportional to the diameter of the cage, and due to the taper, the high capacity is at the top while the low capacity is at the bottom. Amateurs have obtained some remarkable results with this form of antenna, especially when used in conjunction with a counterpoise ground.

A less common type of antenna which is beginning to come into some use by amateurs is the fan type shown in Fig. 14, the name being due to its shape. The disadvantage of 'his type is that the current distribution is 'ery irregular and hence its radiating properties are not as good as those above. However, it has the advantage of having low



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resistance and the large number of wires in parallel give it a very high capacity which results in large currents for any given voltage. Another disadvantage is that although it has a high capacity, its center of capacity is too near the earth, which is bad for radiation. Then there is the difficulty of installing such an outfit, although it requires only two masts. It is, nevertheless, quite good, although the cage type is to be recommended in preference to it.

Finally we have the umbrella type of antenna shown in Fig. 15. This has also the



An Antenna of the Umbrella Type. It Has a High Capacity, Therefore Good Radaition Qualities.

advantage of high capacity, which gives it a very good current distribution curve and high radiation current for a given exciting voltage. However, these advantages are somewhat neutralized by the following effect. The exciting current flows up the central vertical wire and down the side spreaders, as shown by the arrows in Fig. 15. Thus there is a partial opposing effect of these currents and radiation effect is thereby decreased. However, the other two advantages make up largely for this, and this type of antenna is largely used abroad in high power stations. For amateur work it is not recommended, as it is awkward and difficult to construct properly and takes up entirely too much space. One field of use in which it has found great favor is for portable antennae.

All in all, from a consideration of the foregoing, the best types of antennae for the amateur to construct, if he is going to transmit and receive, is the cage type or the flat top type. Of the two, the cage type will be found the better. A good cage type antenna should have the following construction: Six No. 7 x 18 phosphor bronze wires spaced around a circle 3' in diameter. Length of the top portion should be about 75', if possible, and as high as conditions permit. The lead-in should also be a cage tapered very strongly so that the diameter half way down is very small, say about 6 inches.

SPECIAL TYPES OF ANTENNAE

In conclusion, a word should be said about some recent developments of special types of antennae. The Beverage wire antenna is one, but this has already been discussed. Another recent development is the use of loop antennae for transmission. The loop in reception is quite old, but using the loop for transmission is a new phase. Fairly good radiophone transmission has been accomplished at the Boston Radio Show. The loop being a closed circuit has very poor radiating properties as compared to an open oscillator like an antennae. However, for short distance work it has been found that the loop will transmit quite well, and in fact distances as great as 50 miles have been covered. The importance of this lies in the fact that in it there may be a solution of the interference problem, since the directional effect of the loop may be employed in transmission as well as in reception.

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In concluding this article it is hoped that the explanations of antenna theory and practice will be of some assistance to those contemplating building stations.

Public Education by Radio

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