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## Forecast of Contributions for November Issue

"Fishing for Radio Wave" is the subject of an article by Everett W. Thatcher wherein he explains in simple terms the manner of radio propagation and the causes of fading.

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G. M. Best has constructed a heavy duty audio amplifier using 50-watt tubes. It gives fine tone quality at great volume for use in a large hall or outdoors and may also be used with a phone transmitter. He gives full details for building it.

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Donald K. Lippincott discusses the limitations of distortionless audio amplification with special reference to cut-off points.

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Francis Churchill's article on a constant gain receiver, which was unavoidably omitted from the October issue, is scheduled for the November number. For the amateur operator he also describes a six-tube short wave receiver which efficiently covers all the amateur bands except the  $\frac{3}{4}$  meter. He uses an auto-dyne circuit.

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G. F. Lampkin has an unusually helpful article on rectifiers, explaining the theory and comparing the efficiencies of various types used for radio.

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The Radio Service Shop, its location, equipment and testing methods, is discussed by B. F. McNamee. Complete directions are given for making and using a receiver comparison switch.

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Continuing his series of articles on Experimental Shop Practice, Samuel G. McMeen tells how to make a galvanometer and a bug key.

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Adaptation of the Magnaformer set, first described in the September issue, for the use of a. c. filament tubes is fully explained.

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Harry R. Lubcke gives some helpful information on testing resistor values.

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Mickey Doran continues his "North Pacific Schedules" with some hitherto unpublished information on weather codes.

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The fiction feature is a story by Earle Ennis entitled "The Grey Phantom." It combines the radio and airplane in a thrilling defeat of bootlegging attempts.

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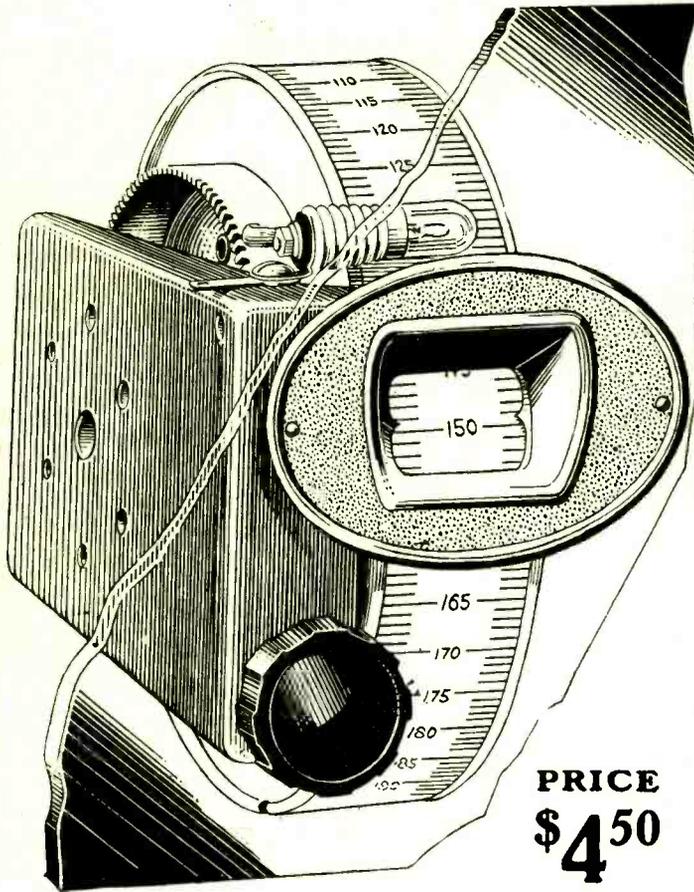
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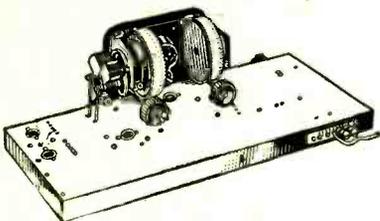
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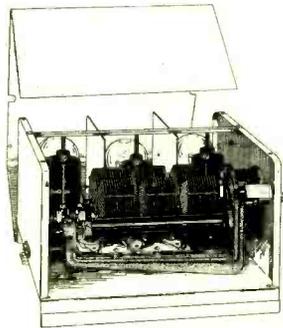
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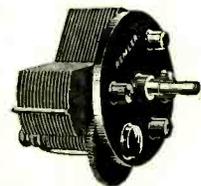
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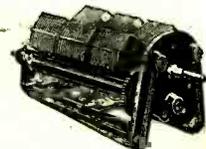
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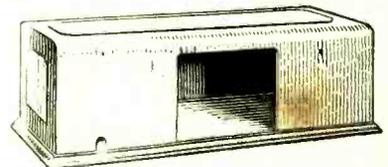
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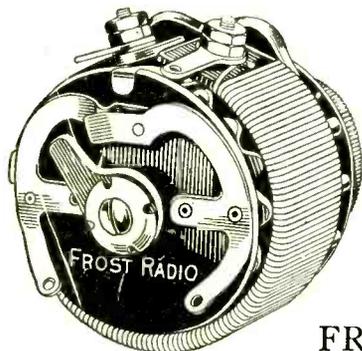
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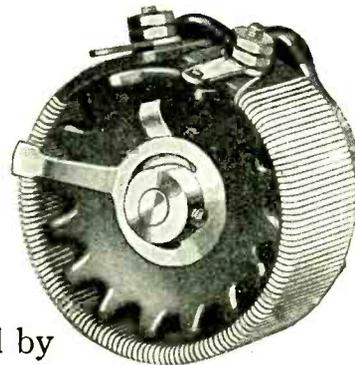
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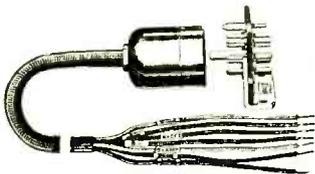
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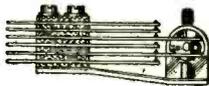
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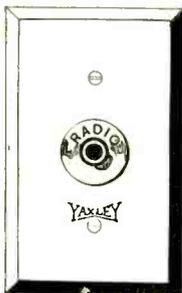


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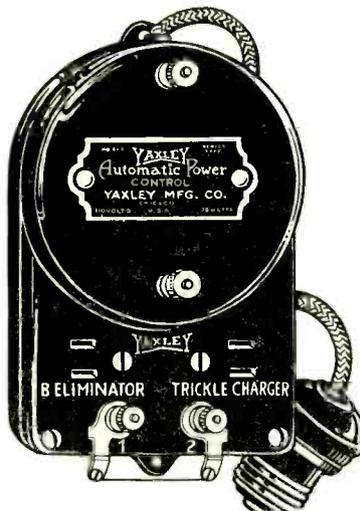
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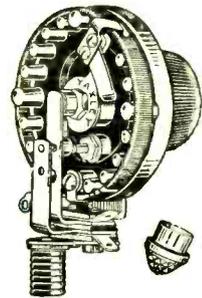
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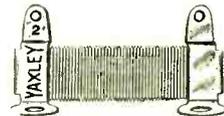
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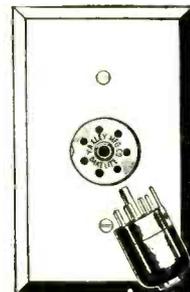
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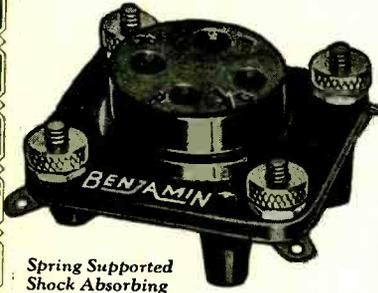
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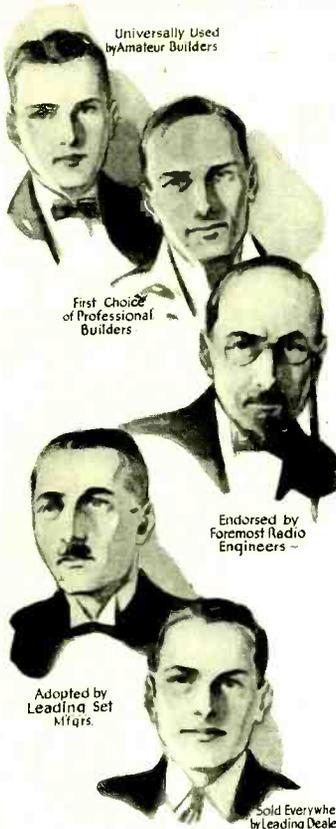
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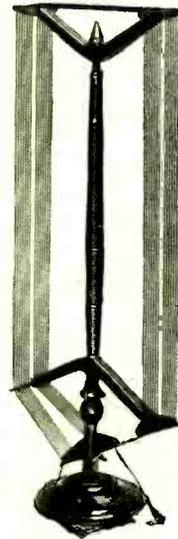
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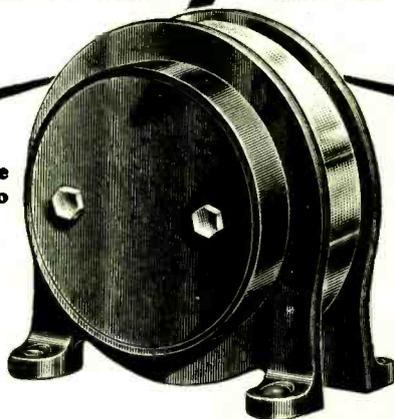
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At the Radio Trade Show in Chicago, the announcement of the Magnaformer was one of the few startlingly new ideas in radio development. We know from actual observation that the Magnaformer is two years ahead in design, for it incorporates advanced and revolutionary ideas throughout. It is distinctly different, with its self-shielding, matched units, double amplification for each R. F. stage and excellent laboratory construction. It is a fresh idea—the very heart of the new and better receiver in which its remarkable qualities are given full range. Coming, as it does, when the air has been cleared by the new rulings of the federal radio commission, it makes it possible to secure exceptional results, accomplishments heretofore unknown to radio fans.

## The Great Creator of True Tone Quality

The Magnaformer 9-8 circuit—Commander-in-Chief of the air—now being featured in complete constructional articles by G. M. Best in **RADIO**, by L. M. Cockaday in **Popular Radio** and by the Chief Technical Editor in **Citizens Radio Call Book** and in numerous other magazines and newspapers—is two years ahead of the field in new, True-Tone Quality creating improvements. Be sure to read these constructional articles written by the foremost radio authorities. A

Magnaformer 9-8 set possesses a fidelity and purity of tone that is actually marvelous. Mere words cannot define nor describe it. Only the ear itself can understand and appreciate its full, clear, natural sweetness. Women, musicians and experts—especially—are enthusiastic in their praise of the tone quality of the Magnaformer 9-8, for it represents the dawn of a new and far greater satisfaction in radio reception.

## Advanced Electrical Design—Absolute Mechanical Precision

The "soul" of any radio set is its tone quality. "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." Likewise—what do we gain if our radio sets have the finest cabinets, the best speakers, batteries, tubes, aerials, etc.—if they have no "soul"—if they lack True Tone Quality?

The most magnificent performance any radio will ever give is faithfully to reproduce the output of the broadcasting stations. This the Magnaformer 9-8 does very nearly to perfection. The difference between the tone quality of the Magnaformer 9-8 and ordinary radio sets—no matter how good looking or expensive—is the difference between the tone quality of an ordinary piano and a Steinway—the difference between the tone quality of the voice of a cheap vaudeville singer and the voice of a Caruso or a McCormack—the difference between the tone quality of the ordinary, old style phonograph and the new Orthophonic Victrola.

The tone of a cheap piano is disappointing to those who have had the pleasure of listening to a Steinway. The tone of an ordinary radio set is equally unsatisfactory to the ears of all those who have ever heard the beautifully natural tones pour forth from a Magnaformer 9-8. Build a Magnaformer 9-8 for yourself or have one built for you and you will experience the supreme satisfaction of possessing the very choicest and most accurate reproducer of radio broadcasting possible to construct.

The thunderous tones of a mighty organ—the full, rich, resonant tones of the opera singer—the soft, appealing tones of the violin—the plaintive tones of the flute or piccolo—the perfect, individual tones of each musical instrument in a 100-piece orchestra—every iota of tone shading of the entire range of the human voice, from the lowest bass to the highest soprano and from the softest whisper or Pianissimo to the most massive Double Forte—all of these are **FAITHFULLY** reproduced by the Magnaformer 9-8. So clearly, distinctly and truly is every minute detail of the most elaborate and varied broadcast program reproduced by the Magnaformer 9-8 that you must marvel at its degree of perfection.

The advance electrical design and absolute mechanical precision of Magnaformer Long Wave Radio Frequency Transformers accounts for the marvelously true tone quality of the Magnaformer 9-8 receiver. These R. F. Transformers are strictly a laboratory product—the result of a great many experiments and tests extending over a long period of time. The object of these tests and experiments was to develop and perfect, if possible, a very superior precision instrument that could be duplicated by the thousands—each and every duplicate having EXACTLY the same characteristics as the master coil itself.

These tests and experiments have eventually, after a long period of time, proved highly SUCCESSFUL. Each Magnaformer is to all intents and purposes EXACTLY like every other Magnaformer. Only by the employment of elaborate laboratory apparatus can even the expert technician discover a difference. It is this EXACT matching of Magnaformers—and building them so carefully and mechanically perfect that they stay EXACTLY MATCHED under all sorts of conditions that insures the exclusive degree of True Tone Quality that the Magnaformer 9-8 possesses.

The Magnaformer 9-8, being an extremely powerful multi-tube receiver, the incoming Radio High Frequency signal must necessarily pass through several amplifying stages before it reaches the detector. If each and every Long Wave R. F. Transformer that is connected to each and every tube in each and every stage of the R. F. section of the receiver is not to all intents and purposes EXACTLY like each and every other Transformer in the set in electrical characteristics, it is absolutely impossible to secure True Tone Quality.

Every Magnaformer is peaked to a certain definite wave length. This peaking is all done in the laboratory by thoroughly trained experts. Each and every Magnaformer can pass ONLY the same identical length of wave. Therefore, the full and complete wave-band with 100% of its vital, quality-producing harmonic-carrying side-bands, is positively and easily passed through all of the Radio Frequency amplifying stages. This extraordinary performance of Magnaformer naturally results in as nearly true tone quality as is possible to achieve. And in no other manner can True Tone Quality be achieved.

After Magnaformers are precisely peaked—every one alike—they are permanently sealed so that there can be not the slightest possibility of any change of wavelength at which they are peaked. They cannot be affected by moisture, dust, change of climate, age or jarring. They are so carefully and rigidly constructed mechanically as to preclude any possibility of change of electrical characteristics.

Naturally, the Magnaformer 9-8, besides possessing the very highest tone quality, also possesses in equally high degree the other three qualities necessary in a first-class receiver—selectivity, volume and distance-getting ability. On account of the precise exactness of the electrical factors of Magnaformers, the set is exceptionally selective, although not critically so. Stations are easily tuned in or out at will without having to be located by a micrometer adjustment of the dials as is the case with sets whose long wave transformers are not EXACT. Magnaformers were also designed to give the greatest possible amplification per stage. You will find that Magnaformers give nearly double amplification per stage. It is seldom every necessary to use the entire 9 tubes—8 tubes give a world of volume even on distant stations. You will use 9 tubes only on very distant or very weak signals. The switching from eight to nine tubes and from nine to eight tubes is done instantly by means of a convenient little switch located on the front panel. The precise matching of the Magnaformer Transformers and their great amplifying power naturally makes the Magnaformer 9-8 hyper-sensitive to even very weak signals that would be absolutely impossible of reception on ordinary sets. Probably no other type of set can log as many distant stations of an evening as can easily be brought in on a Magnaformer 9-8. The Magnaformer certainly hasn't a peer in great distance-getting ability.

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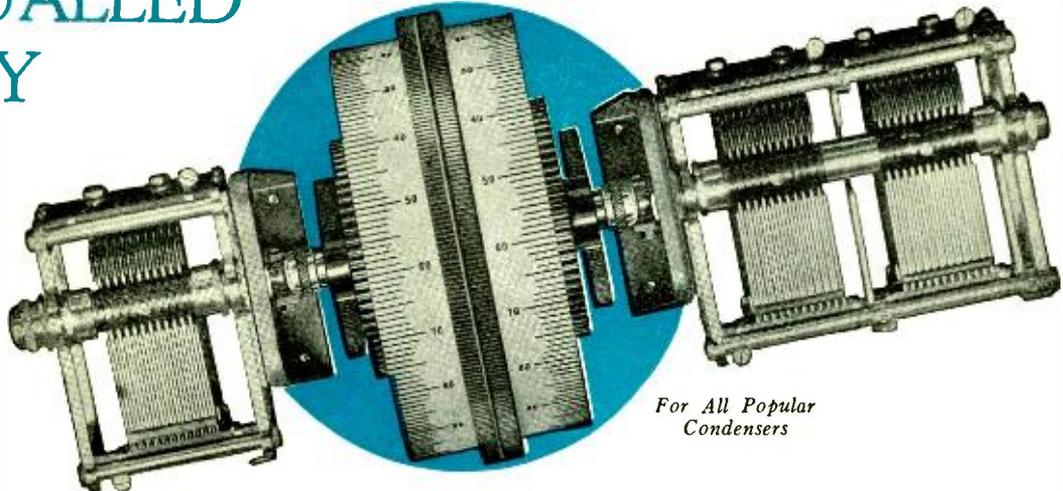
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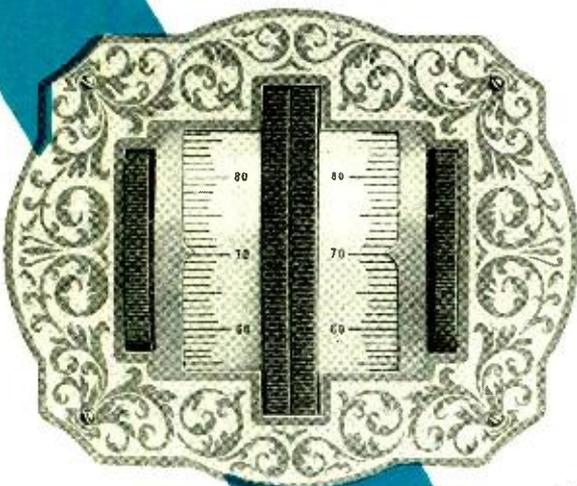
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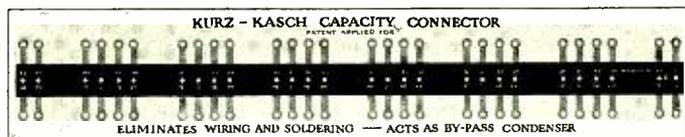
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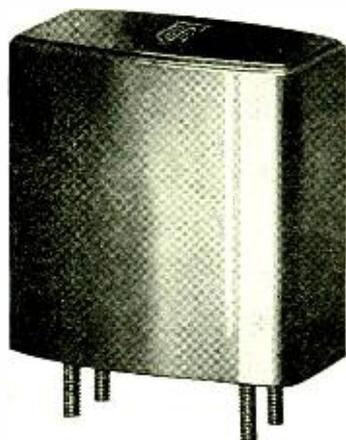
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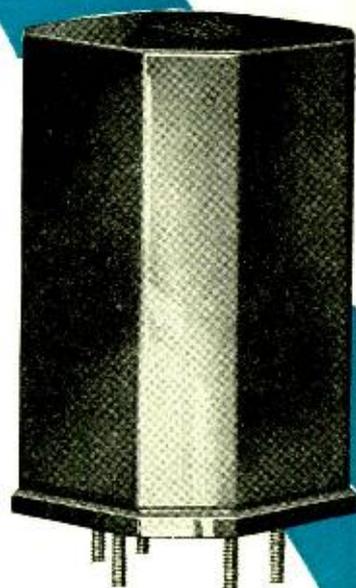


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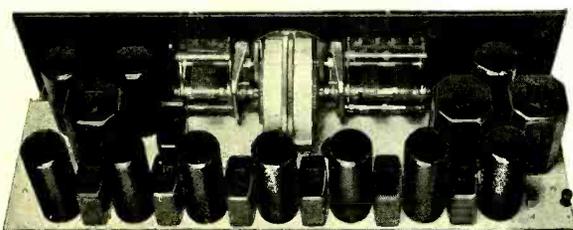
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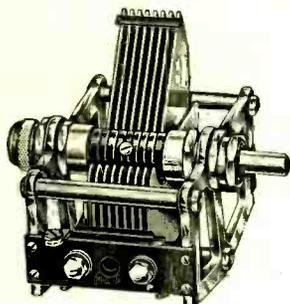
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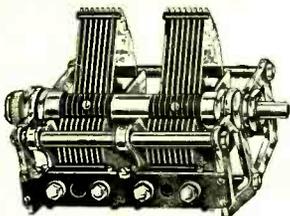
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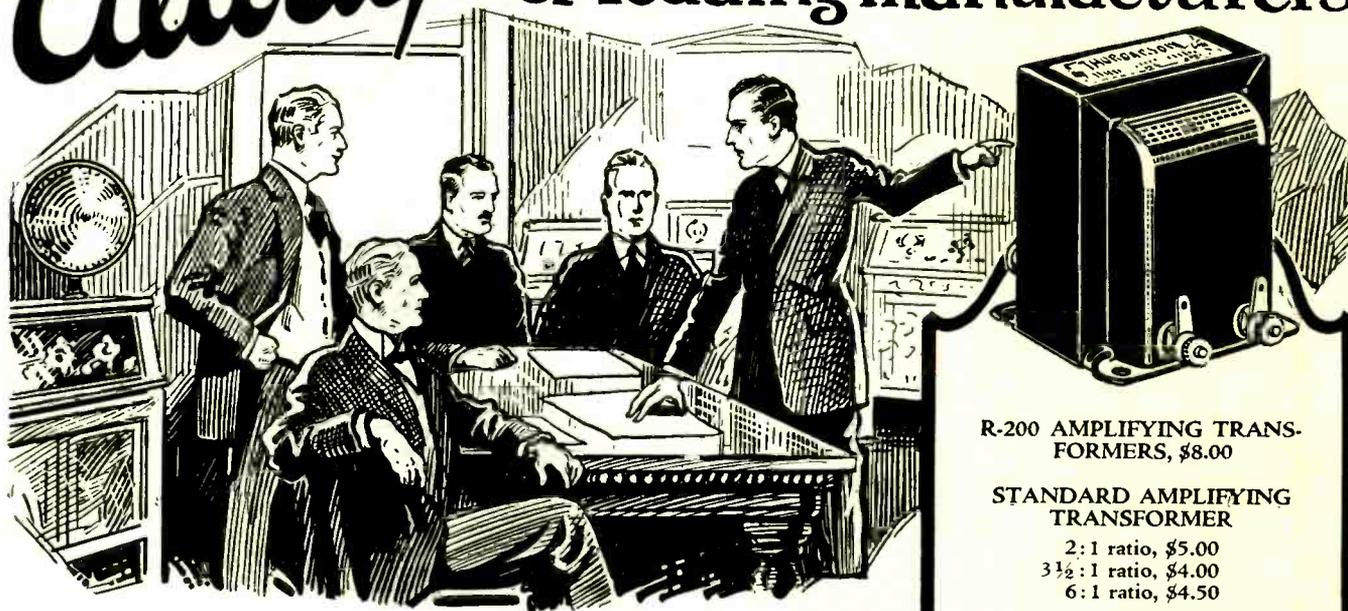
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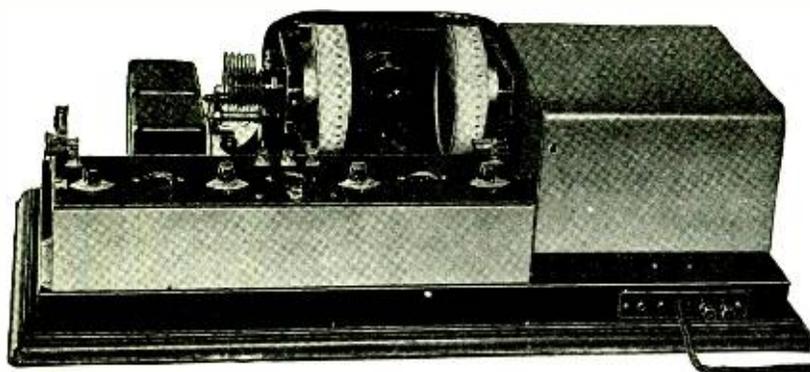
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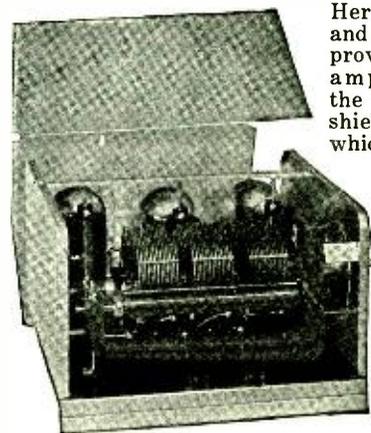
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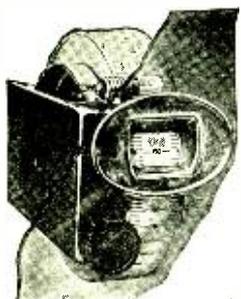


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# 1928 INFRADYNE PARTS

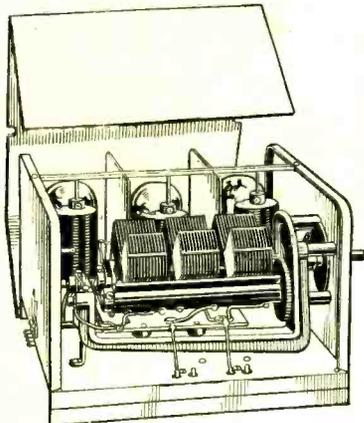
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### The 1928 Infradyne Proves All Claims

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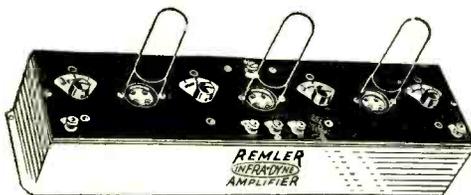
The picture shows the precision-made laboratory job of the new "front end" or radio frequency amplifier for the 1928 Infradyne. A complete unit with individual stage shielding of pure copper. The coupling varies automatically as the gang condenser turns—giving you equal selectivity and amplification over the whole broadcast wave band. In appearance this r. f. amplifier is a masterpiece. Sturdily built. Bakelite forms used for coils. Has Remler 3 gang variable condenser, laboratory tested and balanced, to work efficiently with the r. f. coils. An antenna compensator is included with each amplifier. It is the most selective and efficient amplifier of its kind on the market. It is completely wired—ready for use. Shipped in heavy carton for safe delivery anywhere.

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- Completely wired with heavily insulated wire.
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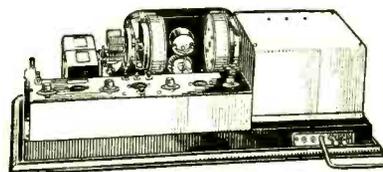
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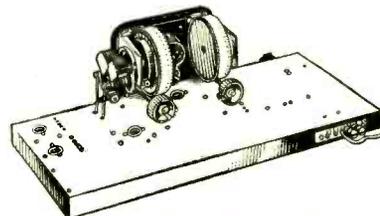
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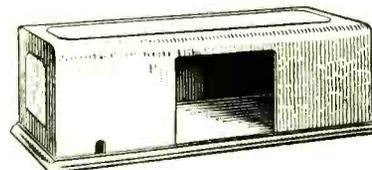
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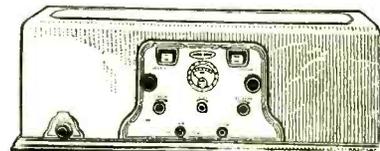
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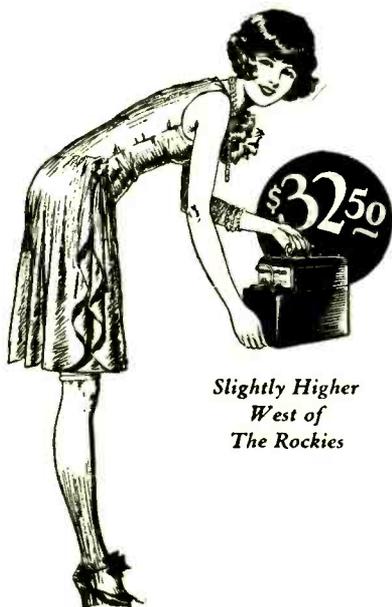
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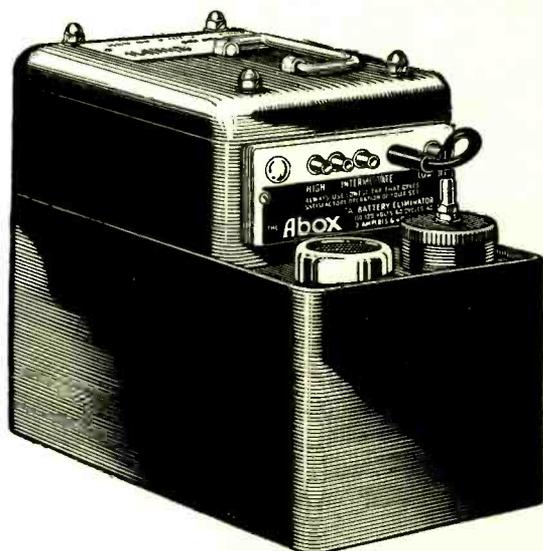
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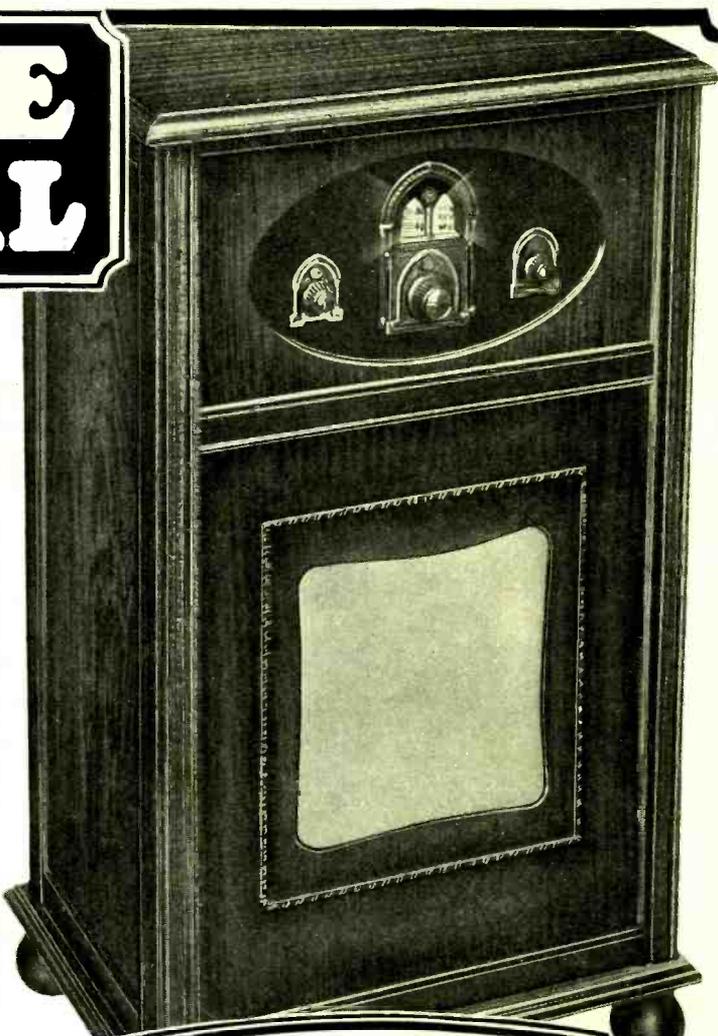
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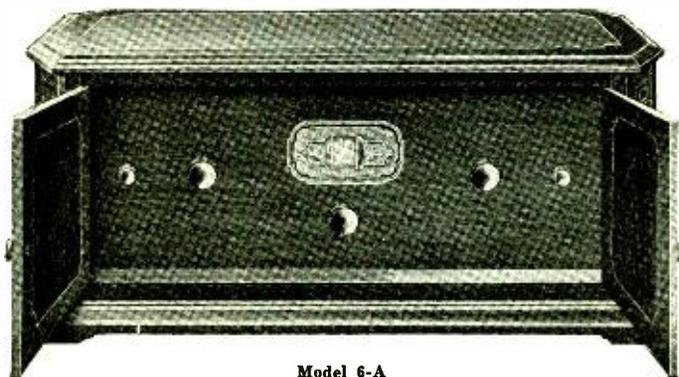
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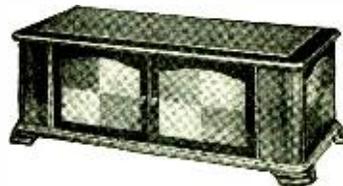


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## *Radiatorial Comment*

The question as to what has been accomplished by the Federal Radio Commission is frequently raised. With less than half of its legal life as the supreme arbiter of radio behind it, an exceedingly favorable reply can be given. Briefly, it has brought about a remarkable reduction in summer interference and it has more clearly defined what best serves "the public interest, convenience and necessity."

### **What the Radio Commission Has Done**

Two months' experience with the new allocations and power assignments has shown them to be a great improvement over those used before the commission took the reins. Local reception has been better than it was last summer in all parts of the country. With a selective receiver it is now possible to separate local stations so as to receive a good rendition of almost any desired program.

As was to be expected, complaints have come from stations which were not given preferential treatment. Each application for change was given a hearing and where circumstances justified, it was granted. Nearly a hundred changes have already been made in the allocations effective June 15th. Yet the majority of applications were denied. Nor has any appeal yet been taken to the courts, though there is reason to believe that the commission would welcome court decision as to the constitutionality of the Radio Act and as to its authority.

The commission has taken the stand that it has no authority over the local site of a station, this matter resting with the ordinary police power of the community affected. A limited number of construction permits have been issued for new stations to be erected in locations not already adequately served by radio, but otherwise no additional stations have been licensed to broadcast.

There has been much discussion relative to the use of radio for direct advertising but no ban has been placed upon it. The Federal Trade Commission has issued a formal complaint against one concern which is alleged to have made untruthful statements about its product in the course of its broadcast advertising.

From the foregoing summary it is evident that there has been an orderly progression in clearing up the previous chaos. But there remains one important point to be determined. It has been necessary to assign many stations to single channels upon which other stations are operating. While there has been but little heterodyning between these stations during the summer, there is a well-founded fear that as winter approaches there will be many persistent whistles which no tuning can obviate.

It is freely predicted that this condition will require

Congressional action as the remedy. It could be eliminated within the present broadcast frequency limitations by closing about half the stations now on the air. But these should not be closed without compensation for at least their cost of equipment. Otherwise a confiscation of property rights is involved.

This will be a real test as to the authority of the commission. Any unbiased listener realizes that the winter air will be over-saturated with broadcasting. Can the commission precipitate the least desirable stations and who is to pass upon station fitness? Action to such an end would inevitably result in the cry of monopoly. But here the question remains as to whether regulated monopoly is not preferable to unregulated chaos. Time will give the answer.

That radio is relatively more essential to aerial than to water navigation has been emphatically demonstrated in recent transoceanic flights. The success of the army beacons in guiding planes from San Francisco to Honolulu, the communication established by Byrd in his trans-Atlantic flight, and the radio-established certainty of the location where the ill-fated *Dallas Spirit* and *Old Glory* took to the water, are positive proofs of its value.

### **Radio for Aviation**

Negative proof is furnished by the uncertainty of the fate of other unfortunate flyers. If their planes had been equipped with transmitters they might have been rescued. A plane without radio will some day be as proverbially helpless as a ship without a rudder.

Radio is capable of aiding aviation to a greater degree than any other agency not actually used in propelling the plane. And some day radio power will replace the gas engine for airplane propulsion. But today it is indispensable for maintaining communication to and from a plane that can be reached by no other means.

The early objection of the great weight added by a transmitter has been overcome by the development of short wave equipment where a 50-watt set need not weigh as many pounds. Short waves have amply demonstrated their ability to span land and sea so that a plane can always be in close touch with its base.

A ship on the sea, carrying fifty or more people, is obliged by law to carry radio equipment and operator. Is there any reason why a ship in the air should not likewise be compelled to protect the lives of its occupants, even though they are fewer in number? Decidedly, no. Action to this end is now pending the assembly of Congress. There should be no delay in enacting it into law.

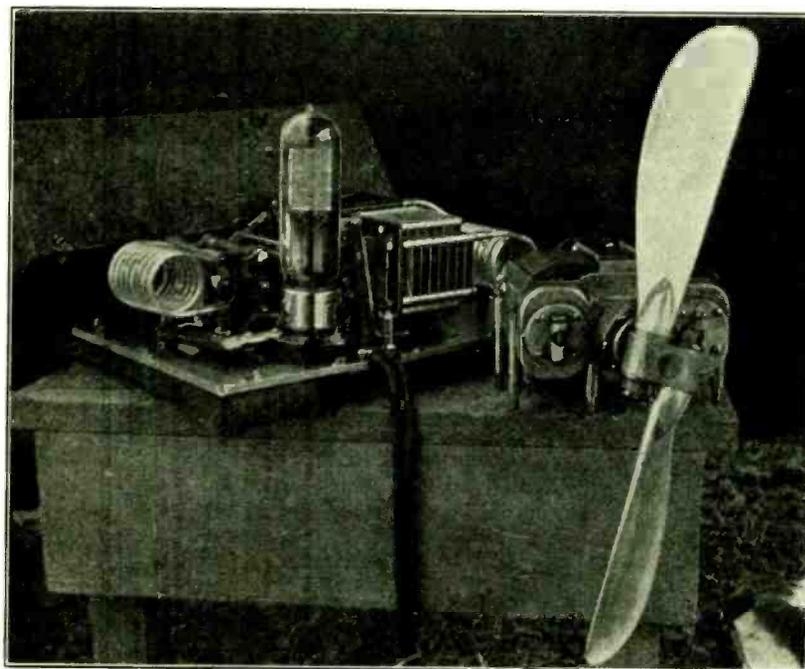
# Radio in the Honolulu Flight

Including a Detailed Account of the Short Wave Transmitting Equipment Used on the "Dallas Spirit"

By Arthur Hobart

THE tragic disappearance of three planes in the recent Honolulu flight, and its aftermath, the search for the missing fliers by the gallant Erwin and Eichwaldt, has brought to public attention, as never before, the service that radio can render to the aviator on long flights over water, and the efficiency of the short wave as a medium for airplane signals. In the Dole contest, nine planes were entered, of which two reached the goal, two disappeared, and the rest either crashed at the takeoff or were disqualified. Subsequently, Erwin and Eichwaldt, in the plane *Dallas Spirit*, which had originally taken off in the contest but returned because of a torn fuselage, started out to search for the lost fliers, and gave to the public a log covering a six hour period that was as replete with thrills as any movie thriller, ending with a climax which is seared across the memory of those who listened.

In reviewing briefly the part radio played in the flight, a list of the radio equipment carried on the various planes is of interest. The winner of the flight, the *Woolaroc*, carried a radio beacon receiver, and a 600 meter tube transmitter. The beacon signals from San Francisco and Hawaii were picked up successfully through most of the trip, and materially aided the fliers in reaching their destination. The beacon stations were the same as used by Maitland and Hegenberger in their June flight, as described in August RADIO. The 600 meter transmitter was used to communicate with ships while passing



Radio Transmitter and Generator, Ready for Installation on "Dallas Spirit."

over them, but not for communication with land. Their signals were lost to those on shore after the plane was 150 miles out.

The *Aloha*, second prize winner, carried no radio equipment, and depended entirely on the skill of the navigator to reach the goal. The missing *Golden Eagle* was originally equipped the same as the *Woolaroc*, but the transmitter was removed at the last minute to lighten the load, and only the beacon receiver was retained. Since this plane has not been heard from, its fate is a

mystery, along with the *Miss Doran* plane, which carried no radio. Both the *El Encanto* and the *Oklahoma*, which were disabled on the takeoff, were equipped the same as the *Woolaroc*, while the *Dallas Spirit* on its original takeoff had no radio equipment. The *Pabco* flier, piloted by Major Irving, was equipped with a 33 meter tube transmitter, and a beam receiver, but the plane "cracked up" on the takeoff and was out of the race. It was with this plane's radio equipment that radio history was subsequently made.

After the failure of the *Miss Doran* and the *Golden Eagle* to reach their goal, without news of them, Erwin and Eichwaldt in the *Dallas Spirit*, which had been repaired after its false start in the contest, decided to take off on a flight to Honolulu over a zig-zag course, searching for the lost fliers. As this involved a greater distance than laid out for the contest flights, a maximum load of gasoline was taken aboard, and a course laid out which would take them over as much of the region where the lost fliers might be found, as was possible. The 33 meter transmitter was removed from Major Irving's damaged plane, and installed in the *Dallas Spirit*. The transmitting license with call KGGA, was transferred with the equipment. Both Erwin and Eichwaldt were expert operators, and thoroughly familiar with radio telegraphy.



Position of Generator on Wing of Plane.



# The Tyrman Ten

Complete Directions for Assembling A New Ten Tube Receiver Having Unusual Selectivity, Sensitivity and Tone Fidelity

By E. Tyrman

**S**IMPLICITY of wiring, beauty of appearance, and remarkable selectivity and tone quality and volume are the outstanding features of the Tyrman Ten receiver. It has but two tuning controls, which may be operated with one hand and which have but one point on each dial for each station setting.

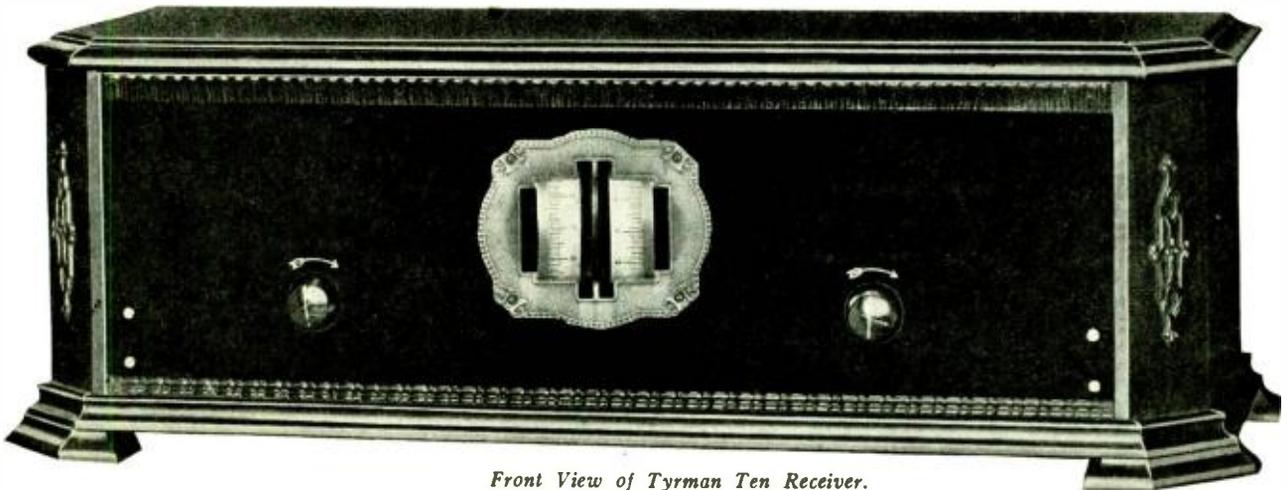
All battery wires are eliminated by the use of a capacity type connector strip. Once this strip is connected at the various terminals, the remaining wires can be run in a few minutes, making the wiring of the set a matter of an hour or so. Handsome drum dial tun-

structional features of the set, which consists of a front panel 7x26x3/16 in. on which are mounted only the twin drum dials with associated tuning condensers, the volume control potentiometer, and the combination rheostat-filament switch. On the subpanel, which is the same size as the front panel, the tube sockets, r.f. and audio transformers and the capacity connector strip are mounted in a uniform manner so that the connecting wires are unusually short and troubles introduced by long, parallel connecting leads are reduced to a minimum.

the set. Once the theory of connections in the strip is understood, the assembly and wiring of the strip is a matter of a few minutes.

Fig. 1 shows the schematic wiring diagram. In Fig. 2, the same connections are shown in pictorial form, the latter diagram having been so arranged that it serves as a sub-panel layout at the same time.

Referring to the schematic diagram, the circuit consists of a stage of non-oscillating r.f. amplification, a mixer tube to which the output of an oscillator tube is capacitively coupled, three



Front View of Tyrman Ten Receiver.

ing control, with the finished appearance of a factory built set, uniform construction of the transformers, and the use of shielded tube sockets aid in the attainment of a compact and neat assembly. A new type of air core r.f. transformer with fixed secondary tuning gives a degree of selectivity and sensitivity even beyond that required for consistent long distance reception in congested city districts like Chicago.

The pictures show clearly the con-

The Kurz-Kasch connector consists of a number of brass strips moulded into bakelite in such a manner that there is an electrical capacity, amounting to as high as .002 mfd. in some cases, between the various strips which are used for the negative and positive A, B and C battery bus bar wires. The battery leads in the form of projecting brass strips with holes at the ends, are brought out every inch or so, to connect the various sockets and transformers in

stages of r.f. amplification at 380 kilocycles, a detector tube, and two stages of transformer coupled audio amplification, the second audio stage being of the push-pull type, with two type CX-371 power tubes.

The set has been designed to be selective on a long outdoor antenna, so that with a small antenna it will have a degree of selectivity far beyond that required for ordinary reception. The antenna is coupled to the r.f. tube input

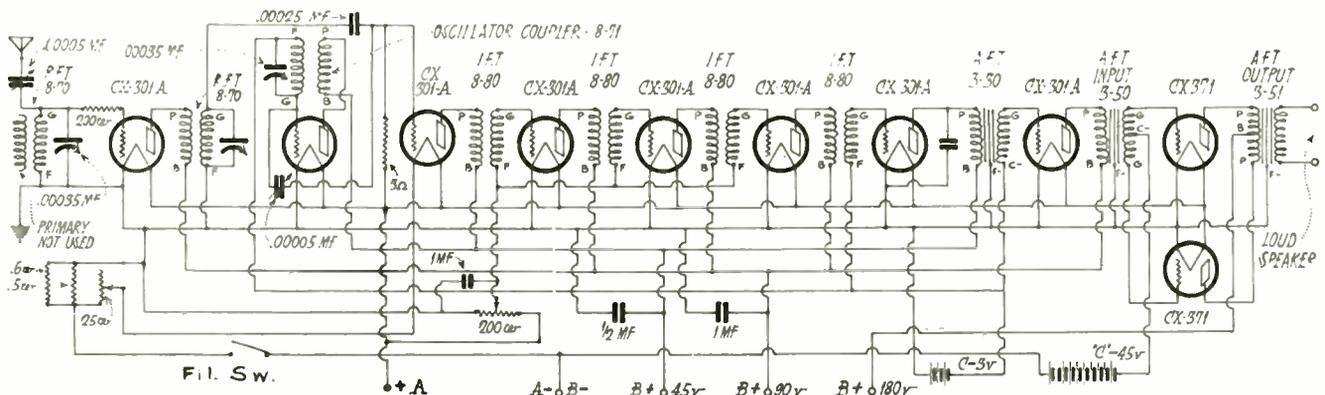
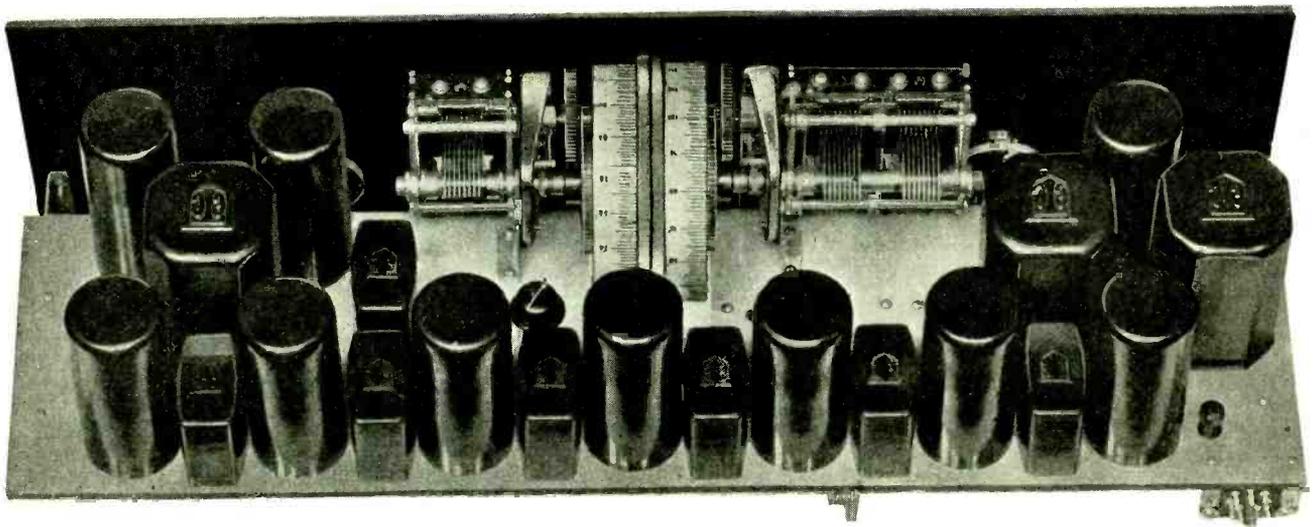


Fig. 1. Schematic Wiring Diagram.

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Rear View, Showing Tube Shields.

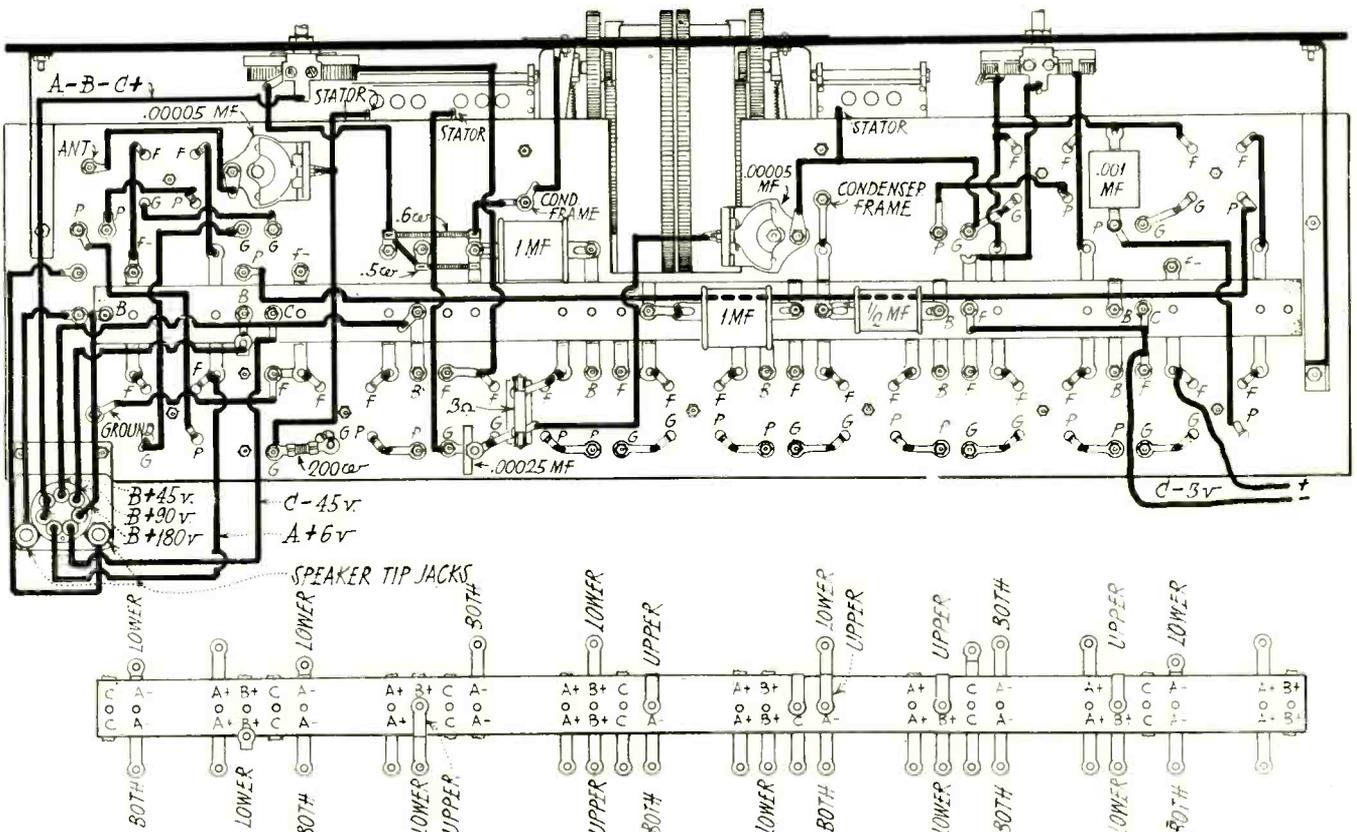
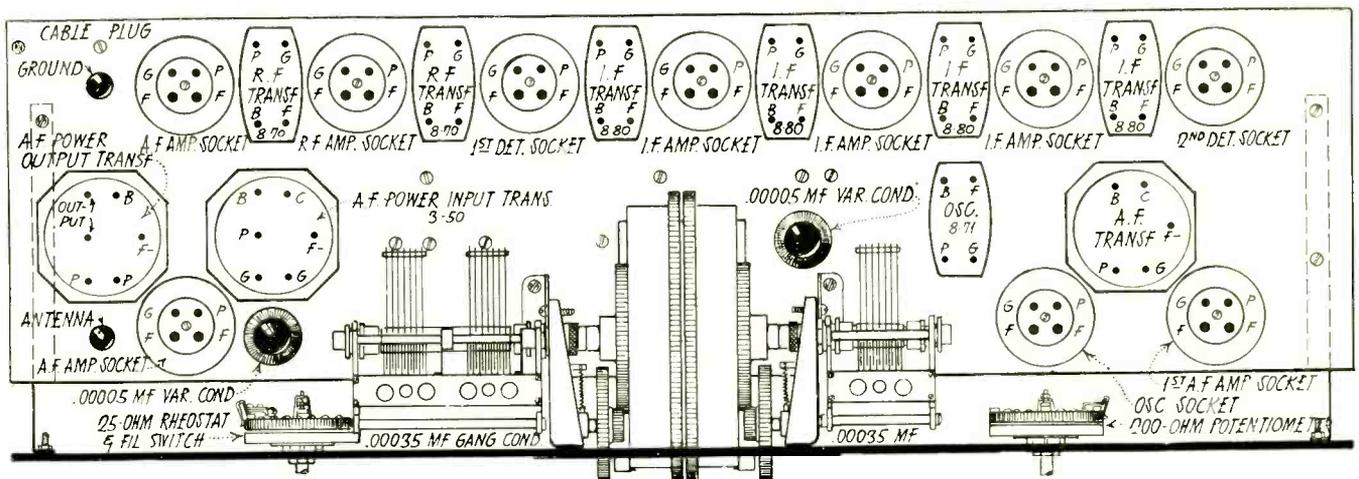


Fig. 2. Pictorial Wiring Diagram and Subpanel Layout.

through a 50 mmf. condenser, which is connected directly to the input coil and obviates the necessity of primary coupling of any sort.

A 200 ohm resistance in the grid circuit of the r.f. tube prevents oscillation at the short waves, and permits a fairly uniform amplification through the broadcast band, without requiring some sort of a sensitivity control of the r.f. tube. The r.f. transformer between the r.f. amplifier and the mixer is of the small, solenoid type, in a moulded bakelite case, and its inductance is so selected that it matches that of the antenna coil when the latter is connected to the average antenna, so that the two coils may be tuned by a twin condenser and single control.

The oscillator has fixed coupling, and is tuned by a single gang .00035 mfd. condenser attached to the drum dial opposite the r.f. tuning control. The grids of the oscillator and mixer tubes are connected through a .00005 mfd. midget condenser, so that by proper selection of the condenser capacity, the right amount of oscillator voltage can be impressed on the grid of the mixer throughout the broadcast band.

The three 380 kilocycle transformers have fixed tuning, and are permanently adjusted, so that they are sealed into moulded bakelite cases of the same type as the oscillator coil and r.f. transformers, making an especially neat appearance in the assembly. The detector is of the grid-bias type, without grid condenser or leak, and has a *C* voltage of 3 volts negative, provided by a tap on the *C* battery.

The audio amplifier employs a new type of transformer, which amplifies uniformly from the extremely low frequencies (25 cycles or thereabouts), up to the top of the audio frequency scale used in speech or music (6000 cycles), and then drops in amplification sharply to cut off unwanted high frequencies which often come into the receiver in the form of squeals and heterodyne whistles from interfering stations or oscillating receivers in the neighborhood. The push-pull output transformer has

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- 1—Tyrman Type 3-51 Power Output Transformer
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- 1—Yaxley 6L Filament Resistance, 1½ amp., 5 volts
- 1—Yaxley 5L Filament Resistance, 1¼ amp., 5 volts
- 1—Yaxley 200 ohm Potentiometer
- 2—50 mmf. Midget Condensers
- 1—Yaxley 25 ohm Rheostat with Switch
- 2—Binding Posts
- 1—Type 351 Camfield .00035 mfd. Condenser
- 1—Type 352 Camfield .00035 mfd. Two Gang Condenser
- 1—Yaxley 200 ohm Grid Resistance

been designed to carry heavy plate current flow, so that even the type CX-310 tube may be used if output greater than the 371 tube can give is wanted. In all audio transformers, the cores as well as the metal shields are grounded, and brought out to a separate terminal so as to facilitate grounding the transformers. By bringing out all transformer terminals at the bottom of the case, the transformer connections are all made underneath the subpanel, which is drilled with holes through which to pass the transformer terminal screws. In this way no connecting wires appear above the subpanel. This preserves the neatness of appearance which characterizes the set.

Filament control is unusually simple, the only rheostat being an adjustment to the mixer tube in the form of a 25 ohm variable resistance which does not need frequent attention. This rheostat contains the battery switch, so that the filaments are lighted as soon as the rheostat knob is turned. Fixed resistors take care of the voltage adjustment to all the other tubes in the circuit, so that no voltmeter or other variable adjustments are required.

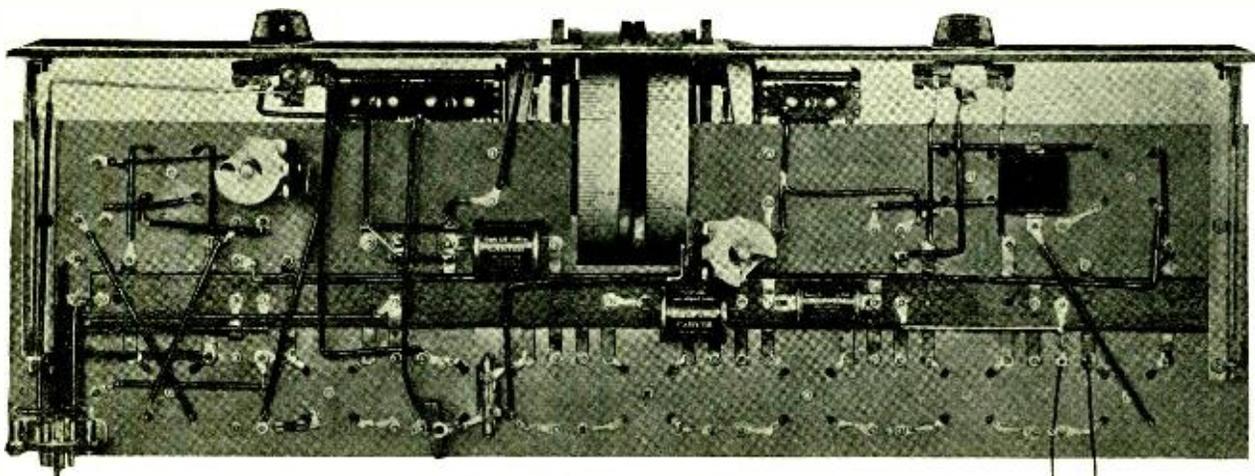
Volume control is obtained by connecting the grid return wires of the three 380 kilocycle amplifier tubes to the slider of a 200 ohm potentiometer, which is bypassed with a ½ mfd. condenser as shown in Fig. 1. Bypass condensers are also connected across the sections of *B* battery which supply the r.f. end of the set, as well as the first audio amplifier, so as to prevent coupling in the battery leads and oscillation troubles which might otherwise result.

The tube sockets have metal shield cases which fit over the tubes after they have been placed in the sockets, and thus prevent any interaction between tubes or r.f. coils. A binding post is provided at the base of each shield, and flexible wires should be run to the binding posts of the r.f. amplifier and mixer tubes, from the ground connection. The remaining socket shields need not be grounded, but are left floating as a capacity shield.

In the list of parts is included all material needed to duplicate the set shown in the pictures. The panel and subpanel may be obtained already drilled for all apparatus, so that no panel drilling template is given. With the drum dial assembly comes a metal template showing just how to drill the panel for the dial, so that there will be no guesswork in installing the dial equipment. To the drum dial bracket on each side of the center are fastened two auxiliary brackets which are in turn fastened to the subpanel, thus providing rigid support for the latter in place of projecting wooden pillar posts underneath the subpanel which are customary in most sets.

In assembling the subpanel, all sockets and transformers are provided with terminals on the bottom so that all wiring is underneath the subpanel. The sockets have a single hole mounting, and the terminals are made long enough so that they can be passed through holes in the panel and bent over to be soldered to lugs fastened to adjacent apparatus. The transformers are fastened with nuts placed over the screws projecting through the panel, and the capacity con-

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Bottom View, With Capacity Connector Strip in Place.

# How To Service The Installed Set

The First of a Series of Articles for Systematizing the Work of the Radio Service Man

By B. F. McNamee

WHEN word is received that a set "does not work" the service man should try to locate and remedy the trouble when he inspects the installation in the owner's home. Only the most obstinate and obscure cases of trouble should be taken to the shop. It is most important, however, before leaving the shop, to check over the list of necessary tools, instruments and material in his portable repair kit, making sure that none of them is missing. The minimum requirements of such a kit are listed herewith. The nature and use of such of the contents as are not obvious is explained in the proper place hereafter.

## Portable Kit Contents

Tools	
Soldering Iron, with extension cord	3 flexible leads, 2 ft. long, with spring clips on ends
Screwdriver, medium size	2 flexible leads, 4 ft. long, spring clips on one end, and brass rods on other end (5 in. long and 1/8 in. diam.)
Screwdriver, narrow, for set-screws	
Pliers	
Wirecutters (preferably "diagonals")	
File	
Material	
Solder	
Friction Tape	
Battery Clips	
Vaseline	
Sand Paper	
Hook-up Wire	
Fixture Wire	
Ground Clamp	
Insulated Staples	
Instruments	
High Resistance Voltmeter, 0-500 volts	
Continuity Tester	
D.C. Ammeter, 0-5 amperes	
Tube Tester	

To locate the trouble, the service man can usually save time by following the definite routine outlined in the accompanying table of tests. These tests should be made in the order given, which is that of their usual frequency of occurrence. An experienced service man can sometimes see the cause of the trouble immediately, but the routine search is ordinarily the best.

## Table of Tests

1. Test the filament voltage at the set and at the "A" battery terminals.
2. Test the plate voltage at the "B" battery or eliminator terminals.
3. Test the grid voltage at the "C" battery terminals.
4. Test the vacuum tubes.
5. Examine antenna and ground connections.
6. Remove the tubes, disconnect the batteries, and make the continuity tests as outlined hereafter.
7. Make complete visual inspection, looking for dirt, corrosion and loose parts, screws, dials and connections.

Measurement of filament voltage is made with the leads from the voltmeter in the continuity tester connected directly to the filament terminals of the detector or one of the a.f. sockets. See

that all filaments are lit, and then adjust the rheostat, if one is used, to obtain proper voltage. This should be 5 for the 201-A type tubes, 3 for the 199 type, or 1.1 for the 11 or 12 types. If there is doubt concerning the r.f. tubes, measure them in the same way. A rheostat is frequently used on the r.f. tubes to cut down the volume by cutting down the filament voltage; this rheostat should be varied while the measurement is being made.

If voltage at filaments is below normal, and cannot be brought up by the controls, measure voltage at battery, still with the filaments lit. Full battery voltage with low filament voltage indicates undue resistance between these points. In the case of storage batteries this is frequently in corroded contacts. It may also be in loose or dirty connections, or in a rheostat. See that the arm makes firm contact where it rubs. If resistance wire is not clean where arm rubs, use sandpaper.

Special directions are given later for measuring the voltage when the filaments are connected in series.

Measurement of plate voltage from B batteries is accurately accomplished with the voltmeter in the continuity tester. But when a socket-power B eliminator is used a high resistance voltmeter is necessary for accurate results. Approximate results can sometimes be secured by adding from 10 to 20 per cent to the reading of a voltmeter which draws 10 or 15 milliamperes. In the absence of a high resistance voltmeter this approximation may suffice for the amplifier tubes and the detector voltage can be adjusted so as to give best results on a distant station.

Tests of vacuum tubes are fully described in a forthcoming article in this series.

The continuity tester consists of a high grade voltmeter, two S.P.D.T. switches and two terminals, all mounted on a small bakelite panel. The panel is mounted on a box large enough to hold a 4 1/2 volt C battery. The diagram of connections is shown in Fig. 1, which shows the terminals on the back of the voltmeter.

The voltmeter should be a high grade double-range instrument, 0-7.5, 0-150 volts, drawing not more than 10 or 15 milliamperes for full scale deflection. A high resistance voltmeter, such as is used to measure the output of B

eliminators, is not suitable for this purpose.

To use the tester as a voltmeter, throw the left switch to V and the right switch to A or B, according to the voltage to be measured. To use as a continuity tester, throw the left switch to C and the right switch to A.

The purpose of the continuity test is to show whether any of the circuits are broken. Wherever the table of tests does not suffice it should be remembered that each plate should show a continuous circuit to some B terminal and that each grid, except the detector, should show a continuous circuit to some C or -A terminal. These principles do not apply to grid circuits using a condenser and grid leak, as in some r.f. and a.f. amplifiers.

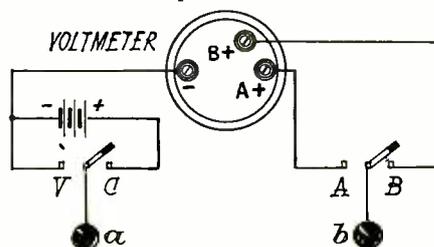


Fig. 1. Diagram of Connections for Continuity Tester.

For most work it is convenient to use the continuity tester with the two 4-ft. flexible leads having brass rods on the free ends. The lead is soldered to the brass rod, and the latter taped to within an inch or two of the end. Readings can then be taken easily from otherwise inaccessible points, such as the socket contact springs.

Localization of opens and shorts. If, for example, an a.f. grid circuit shows an open between the grid contact and -C, it may indicate an open transformer secondary, but it is not safe to conclude that this is the case without making the continuity test at the transformer secondary terminals. A connection may be broken at the socket, or a connecting wire broken inside the insulation. After locating the circuit which is open, each portion of it should be tested separately until the particular point is found.

Resistance measurements may be made with the continuity tester if the resistance of the voltmeter is known. (This may be obtained by connecting the voltmeter in series with a milliammeter and battery from the equation:

Resistance (in ohms) = 1000 × volts ÷ milliamperes.) If  $E_1$  is the volt-

Table of Continuity Tests

CONNECTIONS "a"	"b"	CORRECT READING	REMARKS
Ground	Antenna	Full	Zero indicates open antenna coil, except where series condenser is used.
-A	-A in each socket	Full	If zero, look for open switch or rheostat.
+A	+A in each socket	Full	If zero, look for open switch or rheostat.
-A	Grid in R.F. sockets	Full	Zero indicates open grid coil, except C battery is used on R.F. grids, when "a" should be moved to -C. On sets using grid resistors, the reading will be partial.
-A	Det. grid	Zero	Any other reading indicates shorted grid condenser.
-C	A.F. grids	Partial	Zero usually indicates open transformer secondary. On any grid which uses no C battery, place "a" on -A.
+B Det.	Det. plate	Partial	Zero usually indicates open transformer primary.
+B Int.	R.F. plates	Full	Zero indicates open circuit through primary of R.F. transformer.
+B Int.	1st A.F. plate	Partial	Some sets do not connect B Int. to 1st A.F. plate; if reading is zero, try B Pos. or +B Pwr.
+B	Plate of last A.F. or Output tube	Partial	Reading will be zero if loudspeaker or output transformer is not connected or burned out.
+B Int.	-A or +A	Zero	Full reading indicates shorted bypass condenser or short in cable or wiring, or short between primary and secondary of some R.F. or A.F. transformer.

"a" and "b" are the terminals of the continuity tester indicated in Fig. 1. Remove tubes and disconnect batteries before making tests. A "partial" reading is any reading greater than zero but less than the full voltage of the battery.

Partial reading, even very small, indicates "leaky" bypass condenser. A good bypass condenser will usually show a sudden swing of the needle at first, but the needle will immediately return to zero.

age reading when terminals *a* and *b* are connected,  $E_2$  the voltage reading when *a* and *b* are connected through the unknown resistance *X*, and *R* is the resistance of the voltmeter, then  $X = [R (E_1 - E_2)] \div E_2$ . This method is not practical for measuring very small or very large resistances, such as a rheostat or a grid leak.

*Corrosion or dirt* should be cleaned, removing with sand paper if necessary. The solder on the end of the tube prongs should be brightened in order to stop noises that are due to the poor contact caused by the insulating film on the solder.

#### Other Specific Troubles

*Whistling*, when not due to heterodyne between stations, may be due to non-neutralized r.f. amplifiers, "low-resistance" tubes, or excessive *B* battery resistance. The tubes should be tested as described later, new batteries should be tried, and the set should be neutralized with the same tubes as are to be used in receiving. The methods of neutralizing will be explained in a subsequent article.

*Audio frequency howls*, similar to that produced by holding down one key of an organ, may be caused by a high resistance *B* battery, a poor connection, or a worn-out *C* battery. But usually they are due to the mechanical action of the sound vibrations from the loud speaker on the tubes, particularly the detector. These vibrations shake the tube, and cause it to make the same sound in the loud speaker as it does

when tapped with a pencil, except that the action and resulting sound are continuous. Loud speaker vibrations may reach the tube through the air, or, when the loud speaker rests on the same cabinet or structure as the receiver, they reach the tube through vibration of this structure. Hence this trouble often occurs in sets having built-in loud speakers. In other cases the howl can usually be stopped by moving the speaker away from the set a few feet.

Temporary relief can be obtained frequently by moving the tubes around until the one which is least microphonic is in the detector socket. But this cannot be considered permanent, as tubes may become more microphonic through use.

The most satisfactory remedy for this trouble is a tube cap, which adds considerable weight to the top of the tubes. If the cap is loose it will be of little use; it should hug the glass.

In some cases it is sufficient to use one of these caps on the detector tube only, while in other cases it will be found necessary to use them on several tubes. The last a.f. tube is insensitive to these vibrations (because they are not further amplified before getting to the speaker) and needs no weight. R.F. tubes are microphonic only when there is a wave from a station tuned in, or when they are allowed to oscillate. In these cases the loud speaker vibration tends to modulate the r.f. current.

*Distortion and hollowness of sound* may occur from the same causes as listed above. When howling occurs it is

a case of a.f. oscillation; if the same causes are present, but fall short of producing a.f. oscillation, they will produce a.f. regeneration. This latter acts to greatly emphasize certain frequencies, which depend on the natural periods of the tubes and loud speaker, and on the frequencies most favored by the amplifying system. When one listens at a distance from a receiver having this fault, the predominance of some one note in the music is easily noticed. Apply the same remedies as above.

*Intermittent operation*, starting and stopping without apparent cause, may be due to an intermittent current supply or to a loose connection. Make the tests previously outlined, at the same time moving or shaking the wires or parts involved in each test.

*Continuous crackling noise* is often attributed to static, or to faulty power lines. To determine its origin, disconnect the aerial and if noise continues undiminished it is due to noisy or fluctuating *A*, *B* or *C* voltages, or to a loose connection. Frequent causes of such noise are unsoldered connections in the aerial and imperfect ground connection.

Common causes of noise are soldering paste and dirt on insulating parts, loose laminations in transformers, and loose condenser plates (including fixed condensers). These troubles can usually be found by visual inspection more quickly than by any other method.

*Noisy controls* may be caused by faulty pigtailed, use of oil on bearings which are intended to carry current, dust between condenser plates, or rubbing of condenser plates. Pigtailed which consist of bare ribbon should be adjusted so that the turns never touch each other. Dust between condenser plates can be removed with a pipe cleaner.

*Lack of selectivity* may be due either to an unfavorable location close to a broadcaster or may be an inherent fault of the set. Greater selectivity may often be obtained by shortening the aerial, although this correspondingly decreases the volume. A fixed condenser, .0001 mfd. or less, in series with the aerial has the same effect. The ground connection should be as short as possible. The selectivity of some sets can be improved by attachments especially designed for the purpose. An unwanted station can be shut out by means of a wave trap.

The use of more than a single straight wire for aerial is apt to broaden the tuning without increasing the volume. Use of any of the various "trick" aeriels and grounds are apt to make matters worse instead of better. While such special aeriels and grounds which are advertised to perform wonders may be made and sold in good faith, the opinion of most engineers is that they are simply catch-penny affairs.

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# The Misfire

By Paul Oard

THERE were several separate and distinct reasons for the dislike that Dawson, veteran member of the detective force, felt for Raule. In the first place, Raule was a young squirt, not much beyond his teens, almost beardless of face, and altogether insignificant in his physical makeup, especially so in comparison with Dawson, who was built along the lines of a true dick, heavy stature, big feet, and the general makeup of the metropolitan detective. Altogether, Raule looked as little like a detective as did Dawson, by sheer contrast, give the impression of filling every inch of the part.

Another reason, and a really vital one, was that Raule was a correspondence school sleuth. He hadn't grown up with the force, breaking in first with the police department, and then by reason of special adaptability taking a transfer into the plain clothes squad. But he had dropped into headquarters bright and early one morning, diploma in hand, a well polished star on his vest, and a nice shiny pair of cuffs in his pocket.

To the vast astonishment of the force, he had remained. Captain Matty, chief of the squad, not given to talk, had chosen to keep his silence as to why Raule had been placed there, taking precedent over veteran members. Back of his silence lay a story of daring and persistence upon the part of Raule, that had other members of the force known, would have done much toward establishing him, even with the hard-boiled Dawson, who dealt fairly in conclusions as he made them. But Matty, watching for some evidence of self praise in Raule, and biding his time before he would finally pigeon-hole Raule in his mind, kept his peace, while Raule, bearing in mind correspondence school lesson Number Seven, *The Successful Detective in Ten Lessons*, sawed wood and boasted not.

Searching back in your memory, you may recall the story that flared across the front pages of Pacific Coast dailies, when a number of trucks, heavily laden with a choice and assorted selection of European and Canadian booze, were seized after a running battle in which automatics spoke vigorously one to the other, and only the overturning of a truck prevented a machine gun from going into action. The public never did get the low down on the affair, of how Raule, living in a sea-coast town, poring over his correspondence course in sleuthing, the while a headset clamped



*Jerking the receivers from his ears, he whipped a pistol from his pocket and jumped from the car.*

over his ears as he studied, picked up the weak buzzer signals of the rum runner as she lay some fifteen miles out, and piecing together, partly through knowledge picked up along the waterfront, and partly through intuition, information that certain government operatives would give much to know. Then Raule with canny foresight and a well founded distrust of the local officers, made the wires hot to Washington, where a certain official, inducted into the Raule family line through marriage, set machinery in prompt and sudden motion.

The thrill-loving public got a lot of good reading, various editors argued the cons and pros of prohibition, especially the pros, certain parties lost much sleep and more money, and Raule, who managed to squirm into the final grand melee, came out of the fracas with two black eyes, two broken ribs and a sprained ankle. All of which resulted in his joining Captain Matty's squad. True, wires were pulled to place Raule there, but it was Captain Matty's decision after hearing the story, that settled the matter finally.

ONE morning, some months after Raule's assignment to the force, Captain Matty was closeted with Dawson, rapidly sketching Dawson's next job. The tip had come in that the liquor ring was to land at a new spot on the coast, south. On a road map of the coast line, Matty indicated the spot where, according to tip, the landing was to be made, a somewhat impossible point for the purpose except in calm weather. Here the road dipped from the bordering hill land directly to the beach, following it for a distance of a half mile or so. A landing once made, transportation was a simple affair by truck. Dawson's part was to be a strictly under cover affair, as he was be-

ing secretly loaned to the government operative force.

"As you approach the Jensen ranch, which you will find clearly marked at the lane which leads from the coast road," said Matty, indicating a point on the map, "the road dips sharply down the side of the hill to the beach. As you start down the grade, you are to put out your lights, as though a fuse had blown, stop and examine them from in front of the car, turn on your spot light and proceed on down grade. What I mean is, rather, Raule will get out and examine them—now never mind, listen! Raule is new and unknown yet, while your face and shape are too well marked to take any more risk than necessary.

"Your car will proceed down the grade, follow the road along the beach and continue on up grade further. About half way up, beyond the first curve, and hidden from sight of the beach, is a cluster of live oak and brush, hanging over the road. At this point Smith, a government operative, will board the car with as little fuss as possible, riding on over the hill. You will park your car on the other side, go back on foot with Smith, who will take you to the officer in charge for further orders.

"I am sending Raule with you because he is not known. He will be dressed as a chauffeur. Your car will be a Packard sedan, and you are to play the part of the owner on a trip. It is very possible that you will be stopped, under some pretext, before you reach Smith, and be given the once over. As you will be in the back seat it will be hard to identify you if you work it right. I understand that lookouts have been posted to forestall a possible surprise, but the prohibition men have been in place a short distance back of

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# Chart for Finding Great Circle Distances

By *W. C. Osterbrock*

**I**N THESE days of long distance radio communication and plane flights there is frequent occasion for rapid determination of the distance between two places widely separated on the earth's surface. The shortest distance between two such points is the great circle passing through both of them. This is the route followed by a radio message and the one which planes try to follow.

While these distances can be measured correctly along the surface of a globe, great errors are introduced when measured on a flat map. Representation of a curved surface on a plane causes more or less distortion. Hence, in the absence of a suitable globe, recourse is generally had to spherical trig-

onometry. But this takes time and also has the chance of error.

Consequently the accompanying chart was developed to overcome these difficulties. It has been in use at 8CAU-8YX for more than two years and in that time it has demonstrated its time saving possibilities. It is a nomograph or straight line diagram which graphically solves the usual sine and cosine formulae used in spherical trigonometry.

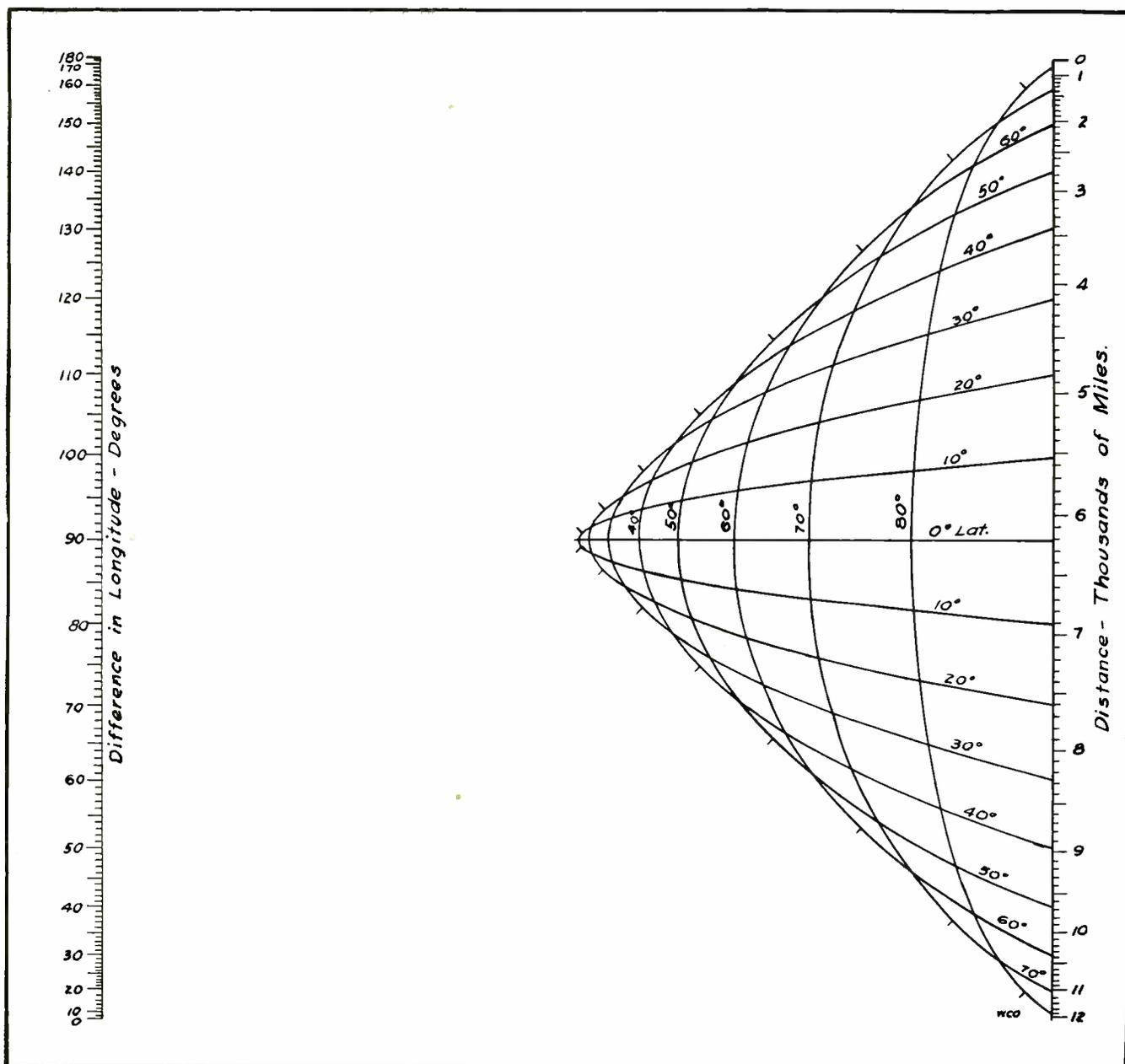
Its use is best illustrated by means of an example. Suppose that one of the places is at Lat. 40 degrees North, Long. 80 degrees West, and that the other is at Lat. 10 degrees North, Long. 30 degrees East. The first step is: find the difference in longitude, which is 110 degrees in this case. Locate this point

on the left hand scale of the chart.

The next step is to find the intersection of the two curves marked 40 degrees Lat. and 10 degrees Lat. respectively. Connect this intersection by a straight line to the 110 degree graduation on the left-hand scale, and the prolongation of the straight line will indicate the distance in miles on the right-hand axis. In the present example the distance is approximately 6800 miles.

It will be noticed that the curves for 40 degrees and 10 degrees Lat. have two intersections. The one lying above the middle of the chart is to be used when, as in the example worked, both points lie in the northern hemisphere or both are in the southern hemisphere.

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# Socket Power Operation of the Magnaformer 9-8

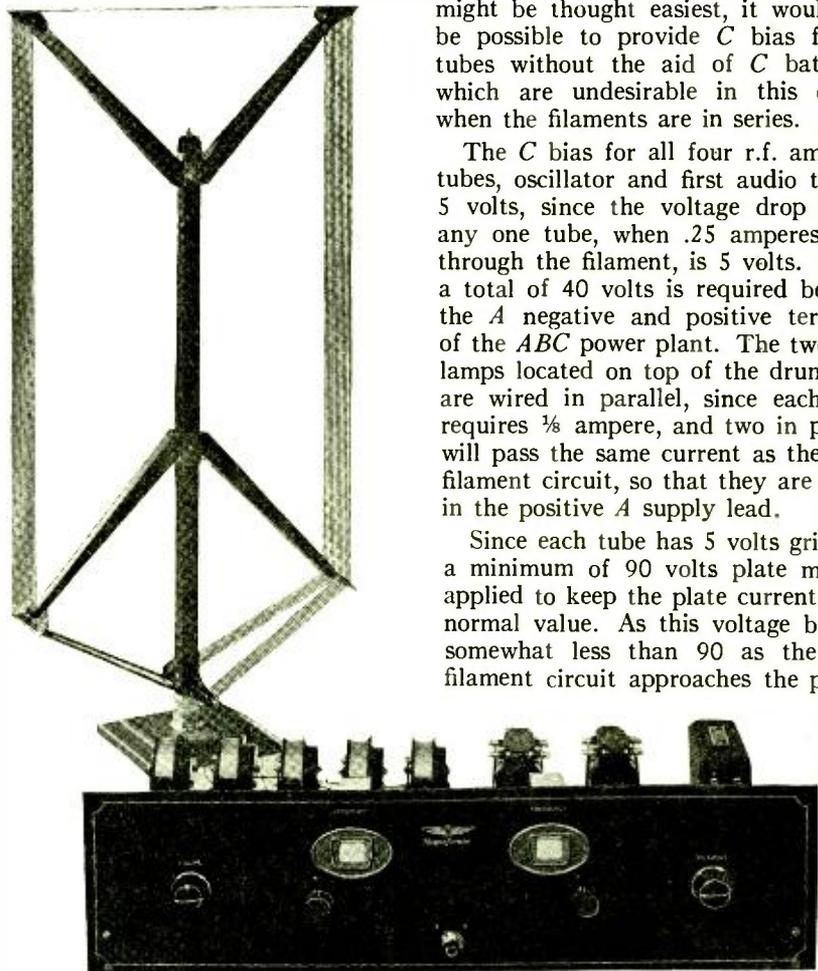
By G. M. Best

MUCH interest has been manifested in regard to the group of ABC eliminators described in June and July RADIO, and their adaptation to standard receiving set circuits ordinarily wired for battery supply. As a practical example of how the change may be accomplished, the Magnaformer 9-8 receiver described in the September RADIO has been redesigned for use with any one of the ABC power units using the Raytheon Type BA 350 milliamper tube, and with the filaments of all tubes except the power tube wired in series.

This change requires very little rearrangement of the apparatus and of only about half of the wiring, the remainder being left intact, since the grid and plate leads, as well as the B battery supply leads, are the same for either battery or ABC socket power operation. In Fig. 1 is shown the revised circuit, while the power plant to which it is best adapted is shown in Fig. 2.

In the original Magnaformer layout, there were seven type A tubes, drawing .25 amperes each at 5 volts, one type 112 and one type 171 power tube, the latter two comprising the audio amplifier. In the new arrangement, the first audio tube is replaced with a type A, and all eight A tubes are wired with their filaments in series, starting at the negative end of the A supply at the negative of the second detector filament, and ending at the positive A supply with the positive filament of the first audio amplifier tube.

The filaments are wired in an irregular order, so as to enable the obtaining



Magnaformer 9-8, Wired for "ABC" Eliminator Service.

might be thought easiest, it would not be possible to provide C bias for all tubes without the aid of C batteries, which are undesirable in this circuit when the filaments are in series.

The C bias for all four r.f. amplifier tubes, oscillator and first audio tube is 5 volts, since the voltage drop across any one tube, when .25 amperes flows through the filament, is 5 volts. Thus, a total of 40 volts is required between the A negative and positive terminals of the ABC power plant. The two pilot lamps located on top of the drum dials are wired in parallel, since each lamp requires 1/2 ampere, and two in parallel will pass the same current as the series filament circuit, so that they are placed in the positive A supply lead.

Since each tube has 5 volts grid bias, a minimum of 90 volts plate must be applied to keep the plate current at the normal value. As this voltage becomes somewhat less than 90 as the series filament circuit approaches the positive

end, the grid bias voltage in some cases is slightly high for the effective plate voltage, but not to an objectionable amount. In view of the fact that it is

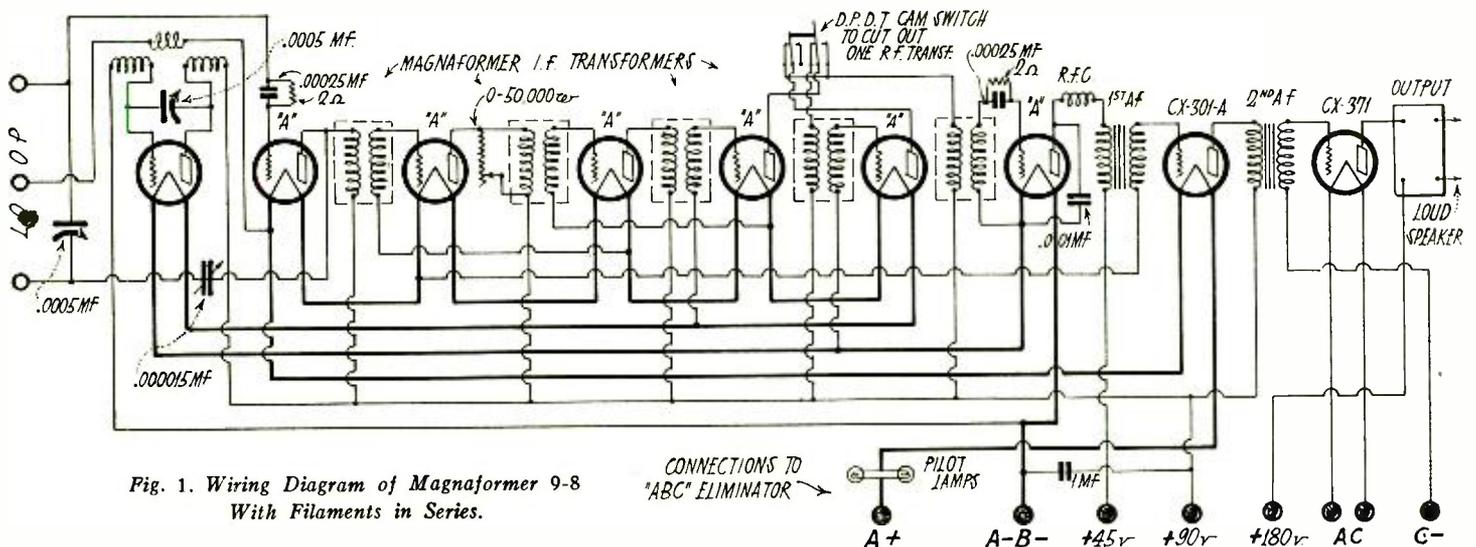


Fig. 1. Wiring Diagram of Magnaformer 9-8 With Filaments in Series.

not possible to control the volume in the r.f. amplifier by means of a 400 ohm potentiometer, as is done with the battery operated Magnaformer set, some other method of volume control was found necessary, and a 50,000 ohm variable resistance connected across the primary of the second r.f. transformer proved to be satisfactory. Another method would be to shunt the filaments of the first two r.f. amplifier tubes with a 200 ohm potentiometer, so connected that the resistance across the tubes could gradually be lowered to zero, so as to by-pass the current and thus lower the amplification to the desired amount. This has the disadvantage of sometimes causing the r.f. amplifier to oscillate uncontrollably, due to the change in impedance when the tube filaments are cut out of the circuit.

The filament of the power tube is operated from a.c., which is brought to the set through a twisted pair, such as a piece of lamp cord, so that there will be no a.c. hum introduced into the set through the filament wiring. The grid return of the power tube is connected to the negative *C* terminal of the cable connector plug, and by reference to Fig. 2, it can be seen that the *C*

**LIST OF PARTS FOR MAGNAFORMER 9-8 ABC OPERATION**

- 1—Formica front panel, 7x26x3/16 in.
- 1—Formica sub-panel, 9x25x2/16 in.
- 5—Magnaformer Transformers, Unit R.F. No. 61
- 1—Unicoupler, Unit C. U. No. 71
- 1—Remler No. 110 drum type dial with control
- 1—Remler No. 110-R drum type dial with control
- 2—Remler No. 649, .0005 mfd. variable condensers
- 9—Benjamin sockets, No. 9044
- 2—Benjamin sub-panel brackets, 2 in. high No. 8629.
- 2—Ferranti audio transformers, A.F. Nos. 3 or 4
- 1—National tone filter
- 1—Samson radio frequency choke coil No. 125
- 2—Aerovox grid condensers, .00025 mfd., with mountings, Type 1475
- 1—Aerovox .001 mfd. fixed condenser, Type 1450
- 1—Aerovox 1 mfd. by-pass condenser, Type 200 short
- 2—Durham 2 megohm grid leaks
- 5—Frost tip jacks
- 1—Yakley cable connector plug No. 660
- 1—Yakley radio jack switch, No. 60
- 1—Electrad 50,000 ohm variable resistance
- 1—.000015 mfd. midjet variable condenser
- 2—Feet Acme bus bar wire, No. 14 round tinned
- 25—Feet Acme flexible spaghetti covered wire
- 1—Quali-Tone loop—Duro Metal Products Co.
- 1— $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{5}{8} \times 2$  in. wood block for sub-panel support
- 2—2 in. right angle supports for rear of sub-panel
- Screws, lugs, nuts, solder

voltage is obtained by the voltage drop across the 150 ohm potentiometer, through which the filament and plate current of the entire receiving set

passes. The slider is varied until the correct amount of *C* voltage is had; where meters of high resistance types are not available, a milliammeter having a scale of at least 0.50 milliamperes should be placed in the positive 180 volt lead, and the *C* voltage varied until the plate current reads 20 to 25 milliamperes.

For data on the actual construction of the *ABC* power plant, see the various models described in July 1927 *RADIO*. As the series filament circuit requires no rheostats or potentiometers, the four Frost rheostats used in the battery model need not be used, although the combination rheostat-filament switch may be left on the front panel, and the switch connected directly across the negative and positive *A* terminals. When the set is not wanted for a short time, and yet the power plant is to be left running, the filaments can be shorted out with a turn of the rheostat knob, and the set put out of service. No harm to the power plant will result from this procedure, and it is a handy use for the switch.

In the November issue of *RADIO*, data will be given for operating the Magnaformer 9-8 with the new a.c. tubes.

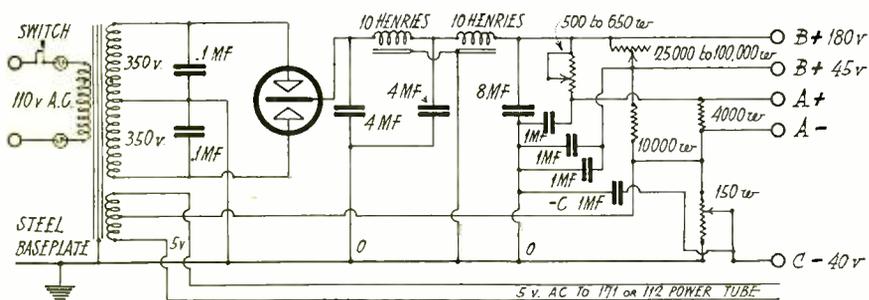
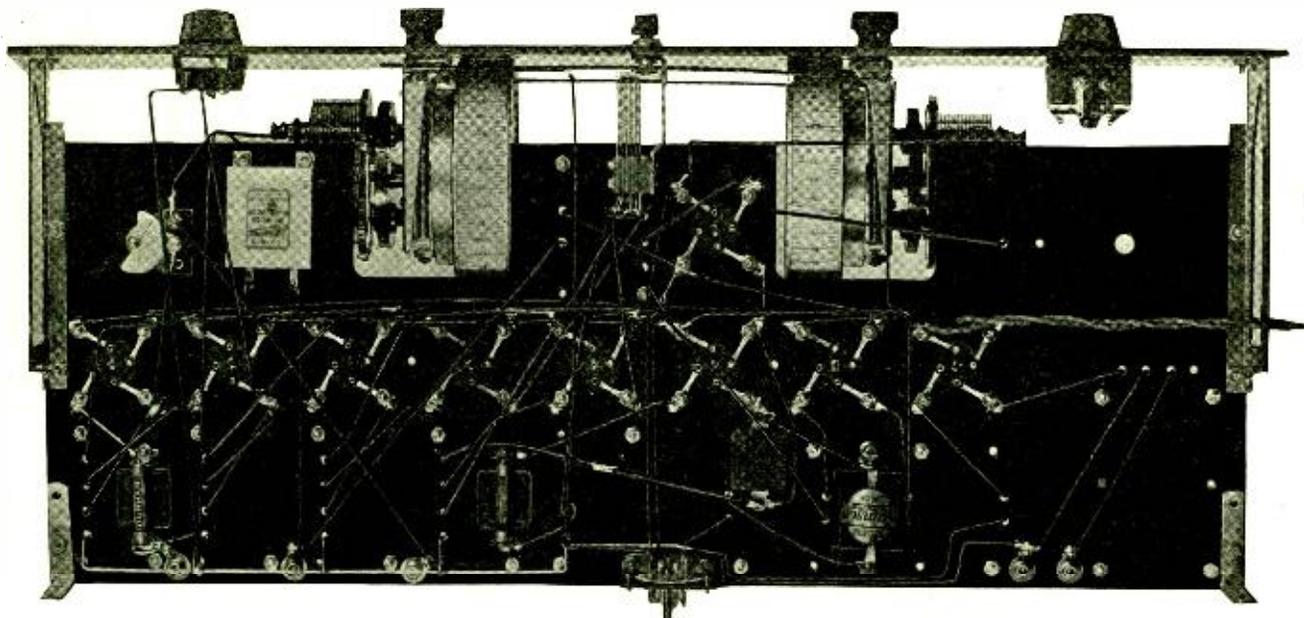


Fig. 2. "ABC" Eliminator Circuit for Magnaformer 9-8.

The hum caused by the 60 cycle magnetic field from the power transformer and the first filter choke in a *B* eliminator may sometimes be stopped by covering them with a copper or brass box. The second choke should be outside of this box. The space between these three several parts should be at least 2 in. Each should be placed in the position of least magnetic coupling with the other.



Bottom View of Sub-Panel, Showing Wiring Required for Series Filaments.

# The Radio Ground Connection

## A Simple Description and Comparison of Various Kinds of Grounds and Counterpoises for Receivers

By Charles F. Felstead

**P**ROPER ground connections for radio receiving sets play as important a part in long distance reception as does the aerial. Maximum distance cannot be obtained otherwise. The ground connection is really one plate of the large condenser formed by the ground and the aerial. If we have a poor aerial and a fine ground, we cannot expect maximum results, any more than if we have an excellent aerial and a faulty ground connection.

A good ground is particularly desirable with a crystal set, because maximum efficiency is necessary to get good results with a small set. In transmitting, too, a low-resistance ground connection, either a counterpoise or a direct connection to the earth, is all important to secure the greatest possible transmitting range.

The old reliable stunt of connecting the ground wire to a water pipe is the easiest ground connection to install, and it is about as good as is necessary for ordinary reception. The cold water pipe is to be preferred. A connection is usually made to the part of the pipe that approaches nearest to the receiving set by scraping it thoroughly with a file to remove the dirt, and then sandpapering it until the surface is shiny. If a ground clamp that straps around the pipe is used, a piece of heavy lead-foil, or tea-foil, can be wrapped around the cleaned part of the pipe, and the ground clamp put over the foil and tightened. A good ground clamp can be purchased cheaply at any radio store, and is far better than a connection made by winding the ground wire around the pipe. One type of ground clamp has a pointed screw that bites into the metal pipe when it is tightened. It is excellent because it makes an almost perfect contact with the pipe.

The ground lead can be a No. 12 enameled or insulated copper wire, soldered to the ground clamp, and run directly to the ground binding post on the receiving set. The ground lead should be insulated, not to keep it from coming in contact with the earth in this case, but to prevent it from becoming oxidized, which would greatly increase its radio-frequency resistance. The ground lead does not need to be held away from the wall on porcelain insulators, unless it is the ground lead for the lightning arrester, and it is held away from the wood in that case to prevent fire, should lightning strike the

aerial. The ordinary receiving ground lead can be fastened directly to the wall with insulated wire staples or ordinary tacks.

It is difficult to solder the ground clamp to a water pipe as long as there is water in the pipe; but, if the amateur insists on having it soldered, he can turn the water off at the main valve where the pipe enters the house, and, by opening all the faucets in the house, run most of the water out of the pipes. Soldering to the pipe is not so hard then if an extra-large soldering iron or blow torch is used. A soldered connection to the pipe is the best, of course, but it is usually more trouble than it is worth.

In most cases, a connection to a gas pipe makes a very poor ground. Set owners who are having trouble in getting good reception with their radio sets had best look to their ground connections; for a defective ground can cause an excellent receiving set to work very poorly. If the trouble-giving set is grounded to a gas pipe, it will usually be found that by changing the ground connection to a cold water pipe the trouble will clear up. Gas pipes do not make good ground connections because they are insulated by a rubber coupling hose where they enter the gas meter. This is to prevent lightning running to ground by way of the gas pipes and setting fire to the gas, in case the building is struck by lightning. Since the gas pipes usually do not enter the ground until after they have passed through the gas meter in the house, a gas pipe ground acts only as a poorly insulated counterpoise, and so has a high resistance. Hot water piping is sometimes insulated at the heater in the same manner as the gas piping is insulated.

Sheets of metal, driven pipes, metal boilers, lengths of junk copper or iron wire, and any other sort of metal buried 2 ft. or more in damp soil will make a good ground connection. This type of ground is superior to a connection to a water pipe if the soil is moist and deep. Dry or sandy earth, hardpan, or alkali do not allow a good earth connection to be obtained for radio reception, as their resistances are high; and, in that case, a counterpoise, either insulated or uninsulated, would be better. A good buried metal ground can be made by digging a hole 4 to 6 ft. deep in damp earth and throwing in all the pieces of scrap metal obtainable. Copper wires should be soldered to each piece of

metal and run directly to the ground binding post on the receiving set. If bare wire is used for the lead and is run under the surface of the earth to the set, it will act as part of the ground system.

It is necessary that the earth around the metal be kept moist for best results; so a length of 2 in. pipe long enough to project several inches above the surface of the earth is often stood upright in the hole before the dirt is put back. When the earth dries out, it can be moistened by pouring water down the pipe. A quantity of rock salt or coke is sometimes put in the hole around the metal for the same purpose. The salt or coke draws the moisture out of the surrounding earth and retains it, keeping the ground continually damp. Several patented grounds are merely copper plates fastened in perforated wooden boxes and surrounded with charcoal. Old copper pans and tea kettles are good to use in the buried metal type of ground connection.

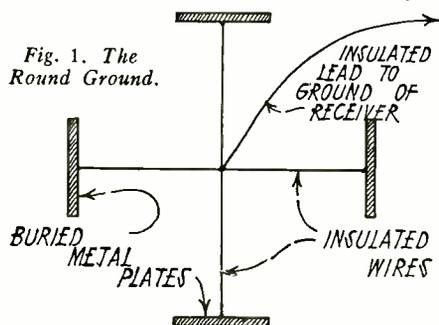
A multiple ground connection, which may be made by connecting the leads from several different grounds together, will give excellent results in most cases.

If a metal pipe is not handy, a substitute ground connection can be obtained by connecting the ground lead to one of the screws that hold a metal electric light switch plate, or light socket plate, to the wall. A similar type of temporary ground connection may be obtained by attaching the ground lead to the side of the electric light wires that is grounded. These ground connections are merely substitutes, and are not to be used if any other ground is available. The steam radiator or the bed springs in a hotel room may be used for the ground connection. An insulated or bare wire, 25-ft. or more long, laid on the surface of the earth as nearly under the aerial as possible, or hung from an upstairs window, forms a good ground connection for a portable receiving set. A piece of metal, or a length of copper wire, placed in a lake, stream, well, or the ocean is a ground connection that is hard to beat, and is excellent for a portable or permanent installation.

### The Round Ground

**R**OUND'S "round" ground, invented by Captain H. W. Round, chief engineer of Marconi, Ltd., London, is without doubt the best form of actual earth connection that can be obtained. In this system a circle 10 to

20 feet in diameter is made on the ground, and at four or more points on the circumference, sheets of metal are buried from 2 to 6 ft. in the ground. From each sheet of metal an *insulated* wire is brought along the surface of the earth, or just below the surface, to the center of the circle, as shown in Fig. 1.



Heavily-insulated, weather-proof wire must be used for these leads. If plates of metal are used, they should be stood on edge in the trench. All of the leads are brought together at the center of the circle and fastened to an insulator mounted on a post set in the ground; and a heavily-insulated lead wire brought from this post to the binding post on the receiving set. A better way to bring the leads to the center of the circle is to support them several inches above the earth on insulators fastened to wooden posts beside the plates. All connections should be carefully soldered. With this type of ground connection, the ground wire lead must be as carefully insulated as the aerial lead-in, for the whole secret of the unusual results secured with it lies in the insulation of the leads.

The resistance of Round's ground is much less than the resistance of the ordinary multiple earth connection. This is due to the fact that in a multiple ground, which is made by joining a number of different buried metal grounds to one lead, a little of the radio energy leaks off at each separate ground connection along the ground lead; instead of entering the earth all at once as it does in the Round ground. This gradual leakage of the radio energy in the multiple ground has the same effect that resistances added to each of the ground connections except the first would have; and resistance is the one thing that we do not want in the ground connection, or in any other part of the radio installation. In Round's ground, the energy reaches all of the earth connections at the same instant; and there is no slow leakage, if the leads have all been carefully insulated. This ground connection, like all other types, should be as directly under the aerial as possible.

### The Counterpoise

**W**HILE the counterpoise is not very generally used for receiving, it is so efficient that it will be discussed in detail here. There are

two main types of counterpoise; the insulated and the uninsulated types. An insulated counterpoise is usually constructed exactly like the aerial with which it is to be used; and is suspended directly under the aerial and close to the ground. Sometimes the counterpoise is constructed like a horizontal fan; and other times it takes the form of a flat-top aerial. The counterpoise and the lead from it must be as well insulated as the aerial and the aerial lead-in, with this type of counterpoise.

A good flat-top type of receiving counterpoise can be made by fastening two copper wires to 3 ft. spreaders, and suspending it from 6 to 10 ft. off the ground and directly under the aerial. This counterpoise can be from 25 to 75 ft. long. Insulators must be put in the ends of the wires. Four or six wires can be used, and would be a trifle better. The counterpoise can be of either the L or T type; in other words, the lead can be taken at one end of the counterpoise, or from the center. The lead from the two wires should be insulated carefully and connected to the ground binding post on the set in the usual manner. All connections must be soldered.

Another form of counterpoise is known as the horizontal fan type. In this counterpoise, three or more wires are fanned out radially like the spokes in a wheel from a point near the aerial pole to a large spreader about 50 ft. away. The wires should be separated about 5 ft. at the "free" or far end. It may be suspended 5 ft. or more in the air, and insulators must be connected in the end of each wire. If a wood spreader that is long enough for the far end of the aerial is not available, two poles can be placed at the proper distance apart, a strong wire stretched between them, and the counterpoise wires fastened to this wire. Instead of putting the insulators in the ends of the counterpoise wires in this case, they may be put in the ends of the spreader wire. An insulated lead can be connected to the counterpoise at the point where the wires join. A good counterpoise will give much better signal strength in a receiving set than an earth ground, even better than a round ground, but it has a tendency to make the receiving set tune somewhat broadly.

If the aerial has only a single wire, a two-wire counterpoise is the best to use; although a single-wire counterpoise that is a duplicate of the aerial would be satisfactory. Enameled wire and Pyrex, porcelain, or glass insulators should be used for the counterpoise. If there is no room in the yard for the counterpoise, it can be run the length of the cellar, and fastened to the beams by porcelain knob insulators. Two-foot wide chicken wire can be used in place of the copper wires.

The uninsulated type of counterpoise,

which is often formed of several lengths of bare copper wire laid directly on the earth underneath the aerial, is not so efficient as either the Round ground or the insulated counterpoise, but it has the advantage of being easily and quickly installed. The wires can be radiated out like the wires in the insulated fan counterpoise. Another form of uninsulated counterpoise, which is very much like a buried metal ground, can be made by burying bare copper wire several inches under the sod. The wire can be buried easily by making a cut in the sod with a spade and forcing the wire down into the cut. Several buried wires can be radiated out fanwise for about 100 ft. from the receiving set. Chicken wire, or metal screening can be buried under the sod in a like manner, and presents more surface to the earth; although it requires the removing and replacing of a considerable quantity of turf. This type of ground connection is quite efficient.

### GREAT CIRCLE DISTANCE

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The intersection lying below the middle of the chart is used if one of the stations is in the northern hemisphere and the other in the southern. Thus, if the second station had been located at 10 degrees South, 30 degrees East, the lower intersection of the curves marked 10 degrees and 40 degrees would have been used, and the distance would then come out 7720 miles.

In the actual use of the chart it will of course be necessary to doubly interpolate between the curves. It is suggested that the user of the chart draw in permanently a curve representing his particular latitude; then a single interpolation will suffice in all cases.

There still remains the possibility that two stations will have the same latitude, or equal latitudes in different hemispheres. In such cases the proper point to use for intersection of the latitude curves is indicated by a short stroke attached to the curve in question near the boundary of the network. Thus, if the second station had been at the position 40 degrees North, 30 degrees East, the distance would have been about 5380 miles.

In order to determine the distance between two points on the earth's surface, it is of course essential to know the positions of the points. The most convenient way of stating these positions is by means of their latitudes and longitudes, and in the case of radio stations, this information is frequently of value in other applications, such as skip-distance experiments, extent of the daylight region at any particular time, etc. The writer believes, therefore, that all QSL cards should include the geographical position of the station as an important part of the data.

# How To Test Radiola Catacombs

Directions for Building and Operating A Continuity Tester of Inaccessible Radio Receiver Circuits

By Edward T. Jones

THE testing outfit here described has been designed to give a visible record of tests of sealed catacombs in sets which the trade normally return to the factory because necessary testing instruments are not available locally. This outfit is particularly useful for testing Radiola catacombs as well as other receivers whose parts are inaccessible. It is practical, simple, and inexpensive, costing less than ten dollars. It is used in connection with a special work sheet prepared from a schematic wiring diagram of the set. Sheets for various Radiola models are presented herewith. Its principle of operation is based upon the sensitivity of a glow lamp, such as the UX874, as an indicator of circuit continuity or discontinuity.



Continuity Tester in Use.

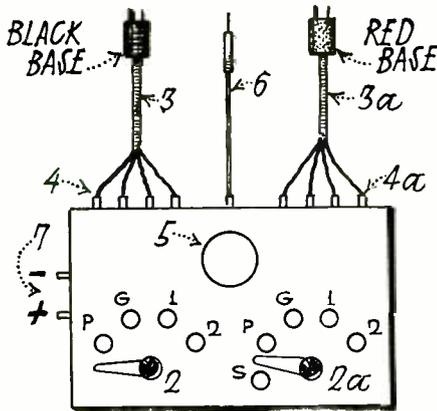


Fig. 1. Pictorial Diagram of Test Box.

The general arrangement of parts is shown in Fig. 1 and the wiring thereof in Fig. 2. The dimensions of the box

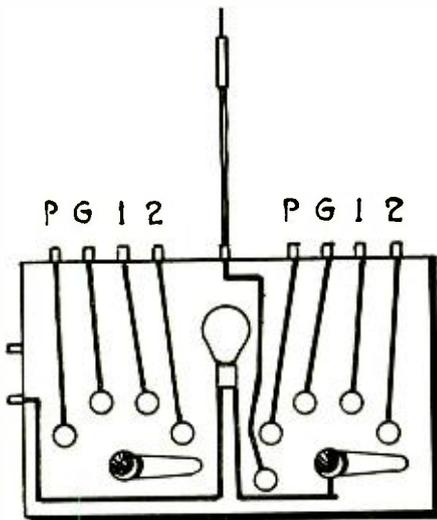


Fig. 2. Wiring Diagram of Test Box.

are left entirely to the constructor. It is necessary to provide a hole in the top of the box to permit the top of the glow lamp to protrude so that the glow will be visible when conducting tests. The cabinet can be constructed to house the glow lamp and enough space provided for mounting the two switches, or it can be made large enough to house six No. 468 Eveready 22½ volt B batteries which furnished the 135 volts for the glow lamp.

One of these lamps, connected as in

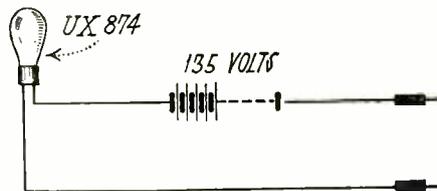


Fig. 3. Glow Lamp Connection.

Fig. 3 is more sensitive as a voltage indicator than the best volt meter. The lamp will glow if the two test clips are lightly held in each hand. With this test it is possible to get a faint glow through the grid-leak tests on catacombs. Never before has it been possible for us to obtain this particular test otherwise. The UX-874 Radiotron fits any standard or UX socket.

In the pictorial diagram of Fig. 1, 1 is the panel, 2 is four-point rotary

switch, 2a a five point rotary switch, 3 and 3a are four-line test cables provided with UX199 bases, 4 and 4a are each four binding posts which may be used with cables equipped with other than 199 bases, 5 is the glow tube socket, 6 is an auxiliary cable and test clip to be attached to switch point s for special tests, and at 7 are binding posts for connecting external batteries. Cables 3 and 3a fit into the sockets of the radio sets being tested.

The letters and numerals on the switch contacts and corresponding binding posts are P for plate, G for grid, 1 and 2 for filament leads. In a wiring diagram of a Radiola the polarity of the filament leads is reversed for each socket. The test sheets are marked with the numerals instead of the polarities.

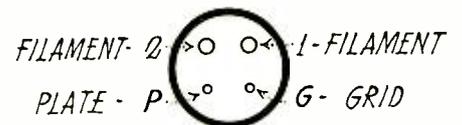


Fig. 4. Socket Connections to Cable.

Fig. 4 shows the connections to the bottom of the UX199 tube which is soldered to the cable. To distinguish these bases one should be black and the other red, the red being frequently shifted in following the procedure outlined in the test sheets.

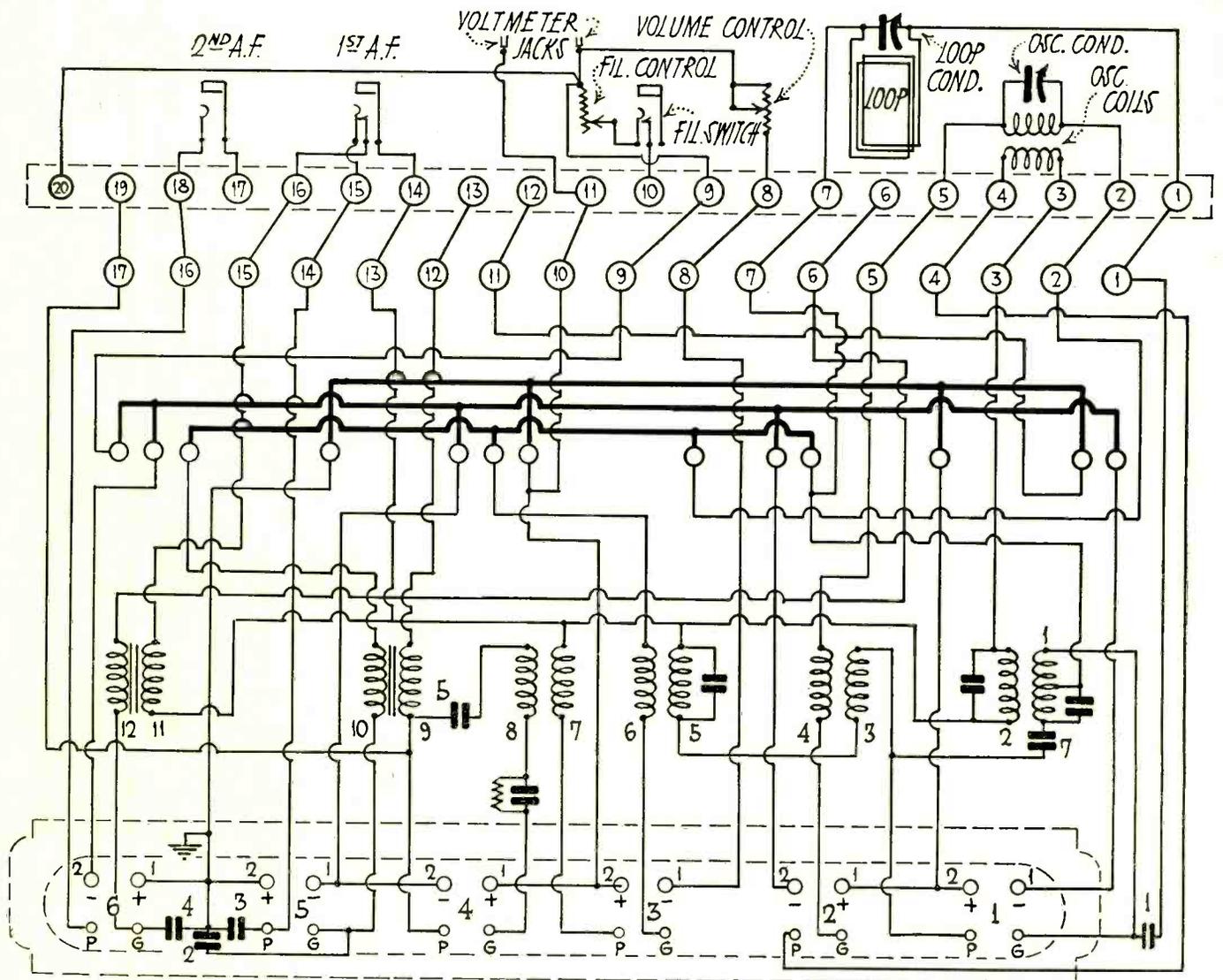


Fig. 5. Continuity Diagram of Radiola No. 25.

This procedure is best illustrated by actual examples. Fig. 5 is the continuity diagram of a Radiola 25 and Table I is the test sheet to be used with it. As trouble is most likely to develop in the audio circuit the audio coil tests are marked with X so that they may be made first and possibly obviate the necessity of making the others.

In order to test coils 9 and 12 it is necessary to use the special test clip 6. This is due to the fact that the circuits end at terminals 6 and 13 on the terminal bars when the battery cables strips are released in order to remove the panel from the cabinet for test. Other tests than shown can also be conducted, such

as testing the volume control resistance unit, from 1-1 to 3-1, from the negative filament in socket No. 1 to the negative filament connection in socket No. 3

The test sheets and continuity diagrams for the other models are self-evident. In each case the audio circuits are indicated by X.

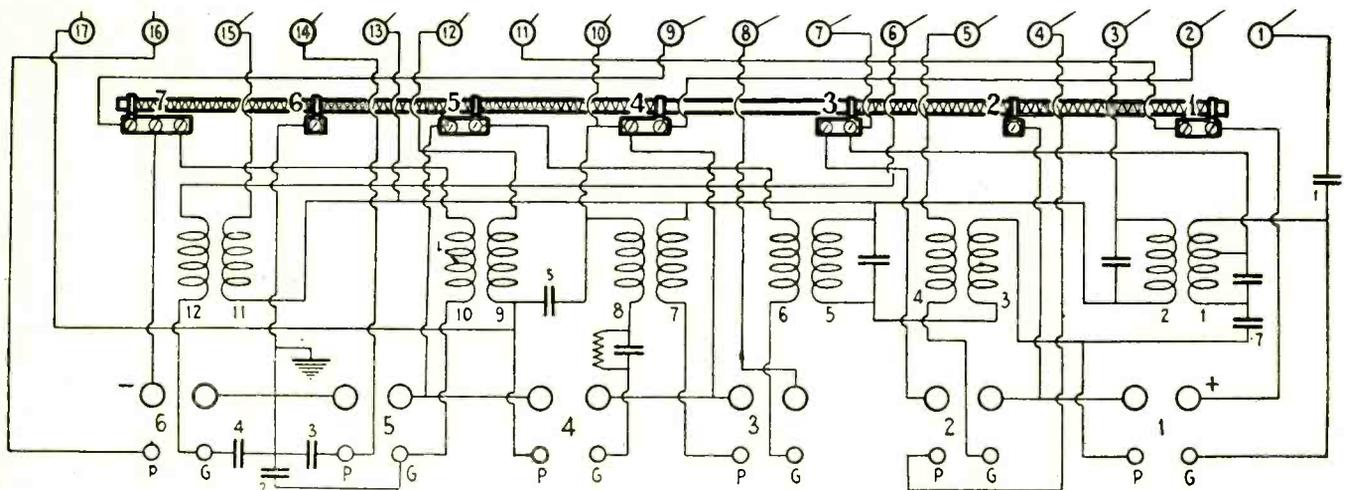


Fig. 7. Continuity Diagram of Radiola No. 28 Catacomb, D.C. Operated.

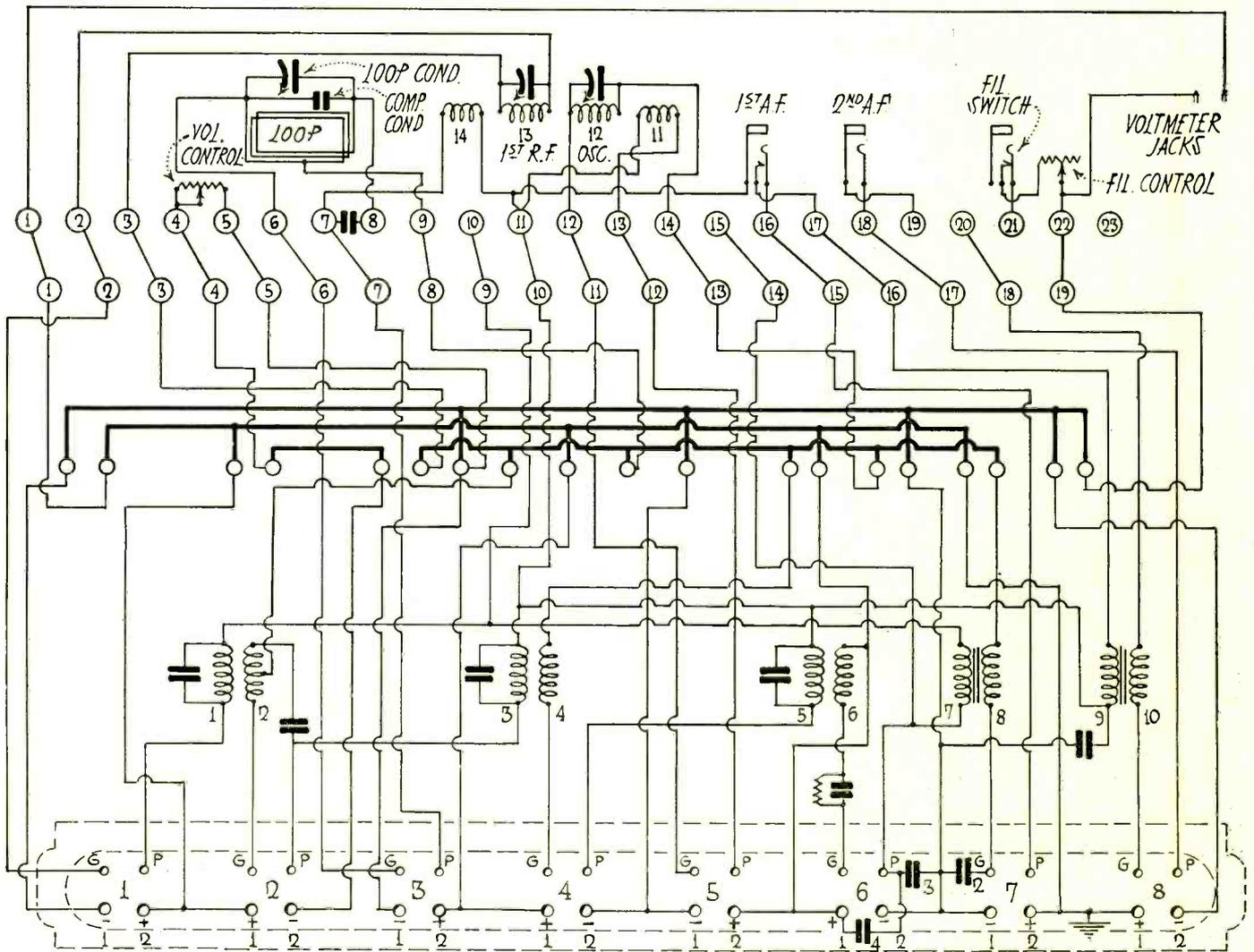


Fig. 6. Radiola 25 A.C. Operated Continuity Circuit Diagram. (Use spare terminal No. 6 in conjunction with Table III.)

By closely studying these circuits and then tracing the test sheets it will be very clear as to how the writer arrived at the tests. You, too, can take the wiring diagram of any receiving set and dope out your own test sheets for that particular model. When this is done, add it to your test book, and finally you will find it a pleasure to test radio receiving sets instead of a lot of confusion.

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### SOME NEW NEMA STANDARDS

Distortion, as defined by the Nema Handbook of Radio Standards, is "a change in wave form." Such changes may be introduced in passing through either a circuit or a transmission medium. Thus fading, or the variation in signal intensity resulting from changes in a transmission path becomes a form of distortion. A circuit which introduces in the output wave frequencies which were not present in the original wave is one cause of distortion. Another cause is the difference in transmission efficiency at different frequencies within the waveband; this changes the relative amplitude of the component frequencies.

TEST SHEET NO. 1 FOR RADIOLA NO. 25 CATACOMB					
BLACK In Socket Number	BASE Switch Contact Number	RED In Socket Number	BASE Switch Contact Number	CORRECT INDICATION	OTHERWISE TROUBLE AS INDICATED BELOW
1	G	2	G	Lights	Coil 4 or oscillator coil open
1	G	3	G	Lights	Coil 6 open
1	P	3	G	None	Condenser 7 shorted
1	P	3	P	Lights	Coils 2, 7 or oscillator coils open
1	2	4	P	None	Condenser 5 shorted
1	2	4	G	None	Grid condenser shorted
1	2	5	G	None	Condenser 2 shorted
X1	G	5	G	Lights	Coil 10 open
1	2	5	P	None	Condenser 3 shorted
X1	P	5	P	Lights	Coils 3, 5 or 11 open
1	2	6	G	None	Condenser 4 shorted
X6	G to terminal six on back of terminal board using test connector No. 6			Lights	Coil 12 open
X4	P to terminal 13 on back of board as above			Lights	Coil 9 open

A third cause of distortion is a change in the relative phase of the component r.f. frequencies. This does not cause distortion in audio-frequency waves.

The Nema standard term for a condenser is a *capacitor*. It is defined as a device used in a radio circuit to introduce the element of capacitance. It is standard to mark on individual boxes or cartons the minimum and maximum capacitance of variable capacitors in

micro-microfarads. It is not standard to indicate their size by marking on the carton the number of plates.

In the five pin base for a vacuum tube employing an a.c. heating element the Nema standard does not approve of the use of the word *filament* in referring to the heater elements. The approved designation for the two heater plates is *H*, for the plate pin *P*, for the grid pin *G*, and for the cathode pin *K*.

# Coloring and Finishing Metals

By Samuel G. McMeen

**T**HE simplest method of blackening iron and steel is also one that gives a fine result. This method is to coat the iron or steel with ordinary lubricating oil and heat it in the Bunsen flame until the black coating forms. On cooling, the coating will be found to adhere tenaciously and to resist abrasion. If you want the color of the deepest possible blackness, oil the steel again and reheat it, when the coating will be still better adapted to withstand wear.

The oil is such as is used for lubricating machinery, including automobiles. Hence it is of mineral origin, usually a product of petroleum distillation. But, oddly enough, lard oil does just as well, and it is possible that other animal oils are suitable. Fish oil does well, but has a bad odor.

This seems an appropriate place to introduce the side thought that lard oil is not the proper lubricant for tapping and threading brass. The right material for that purpose is soapsuds.

The standard United States government method for browning steel objects, such as guns, is one in which a solution of certain chemicals reacts with the steel and produces a coating which is afterwards protected by an outer coating of gum or dried and oxidized oil. Dissolve in 2 qts. of warm water 2 oz. (avd.) of copper sulphate, 3 oz. (avd.) bichloride of mercury, 1½ fluid oz. nitric acid, 3 fluid oz. tincture of iron, 3 fluid oz. sweet spirits of nitre, and 3 fluid oz. of alcohol.

Thoroughly clean the steel object in a hot solution of lye, made of one part of concentrated lye to eight or ten parts of water. Wash the piece after the caustic bath, wipe it dry, and rub it with steel wool, grade 00. It should now be uniformly bright.

Then apply the solution above described with a wad of absorbent cotton. Let the solution dry on and continue its action for twenty-four hours. It will then be found to have formed a fine rust wherever applied. Rub the surface again gently with the steel wool. Apply a second coat of the solution, drying and acting a whole day as before, followed by another rubbing with the steel wool and by this time an application of either clear celluloid lacquer, shellac lacquer (in which case the metal should be warmed before its application, to prevent the lacquer from setting cloudy), or boiled linseed oil.

The celluloid lacquer is composed of celluloid dissolved in amyl acetate or "banana oil." Such lacquer can be had at all paint stores under one or another trade name, but if only a small quantity be needed, it can be made by dissolving a photographic film in amyl acetate. The gelatine coating of the films should first be washed off with hot water.

For a brown color on steel that requires no outer protecting covering, the copper coating process is good. It also prevents rust. The copper coating can be applied by electrically plating in a bath, or by swabbing with a saturated solution of copper sulphate. When this application is made, the iron seizes the sulphuric acid of the sulphate of copper and leaves the copper free to deposit itself on the iron. We say "on the iron" and not "on the steel" because that is the chemical truth of the matter. The iron is what reacts, the carbon or tungsten or whatever else is present having no part in the interchange. When the copper coating is in place, swab or flow it with a saturated solution of ammonium sulphate, giving it a good brown color. Obviously the method is wholly suitable for solid copper articles.

Brass, bronze, bell metal, or copper can be readily given an intensely black, glossy finish which is durable under heavy wear by first cleaning it in the hot lye bath, rinsing, and then heating over a charcoal fire or Bunsen flame, *in the open air or under a well-drawing hood*. It is then dipped into a solution of 4 fluid oz. of saturated solution of copper nitrate and 2 fluid oz. saturated solution of silver nitrate, dissolved in 6 fluid oz. of water. Drain the work over the jar containing the solution and heat again. Wash off the fluff with a wet brush. Repeat the heating and dipping in the solution as before. Again the wet brush. Then dip for five minutes in a solution of ½ oz. liver of sulphur in 16 oz. water. Drain and reheat, then brush again, and the finish is complete except that a trace of floor wax and a rub with a woolen cloth will add luster.

A great variety of colors is possible with varying proportions of colored lacquers. To get the finish applied, for example, to brass microscopes, dissolve 1 oz. of bleached shellac in a pint of alcohol. Let it settle thoroughly and pour off the clear top part. Color this with resin dragon's blood, which is red. A very little of it will give the golden tint seen in fine brass work. Vary the

amount of dragon's blood to get shades to your taste.

For a clear yellow lacquer, gamboge is an excellent coloring material. Turmeric, with a little gamboge, gives a good green. Annatto, turmeric and saffron can be combined with good results into a gold.

In using lacquers of all sorts, the first and chief requirement is that the metal shall be spotlessly clean before the coating is applied. This can be done by using the lye bath to remove all grease, following this by "pickling" in a bath composed of one part of nitric acid to twenty parts of water. The resulting surface is free from oxide, and if smooth enough for the finish, nothing more need be done. The two operations, which are not too welcome to most workers on account of the corrosive nature of both solutions, can be sidestepped by buffing the metal. A buff wheel is made of a plurality of round cotton cloths sewed together. Buff first with tripoli, and then, *on another cotton wheel*, with rouge. Never let the two buff-wheels get mixed. Mark them in big letters, "Tripoli" and "Rouge." The former abrades and the latter polishes.

There is a form of finish for metals of all kinds that is not a coating but is a marking of the actual surface. It is damaskeening, and can be done with great ease by anyone who has a tool that goes around. Even the homely hand drill will do in a pinch, but the drill press is best, and the lathe second best. This finish is often seen on the brass and nickel parts of the movements of watches, and when evenly done is most attractive.

To do it, chuck in the drill press a round stick of wood, charge the free end of the stick with tripoli or very fine emery or carborundum, and bring it down firmly against the metal while the press runs. The abrasive will brighten a spot into a pleasing iridescence, whereafter one brightens another spot close by and so continues till the surface is covered. The spots may be placed in a fixed geometrical pattern or be laid on haphazard. The size of the spots will depend on the taste of the mechanic, but in general the larger the surface to be viewed, the larger the spots may well be. In small work they may be as little as a sixteenth of an inch in diameter.

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# An Electric Phonograph Pickup

Complete Directions for Constructing the Unit and Connecting It To A Radio Set and Loudspeaker

By Carl J. Penther

ANYONE owning an old style phonograph and a radio set with a good audio amplifier and loudspeaker can readily convert the phonograph into a new style electrical instrument by making a pickup unit from a phone unit. Electrical reproduction of the record depends upon causing the needle vibrations to generate a variable voltage which may be amplified sufficiently to operate a loudspeaker. This may be accomplished by reconstructing a Baldwin phone unit.

After unscrewing the cap from the phone, the unit may be lifted out and the cord removed. Next remove the drop of solder from the driving pin at the center of the diaphragm, and unscrew the small washer holding the driving pin to the diaphragm. Care must be taken to see that this is *unscrewed*; it is actually threaded and cannot be removed without injury to the unit unless care is taken. After this, the diaphragm can be taken off, and the three rivets which hold the magnets to the aluminum frame can then be removed, also. The screw which holds the binding posts may also be loosened at this time.

We may now turn our attention to the old phonograph reproducer. After removing it from the arm, the first thing is to loosen the actuating lever from the diaphragm. From this point on, the procedure will be evident from the construction of the reproducer and will vary with the different makes. When the parts are all removed, it will be necessary, in every case, to obtain the bar holding the fulcrums for the actuating lever. This can generally be done by heating it hot enough to melt solder, as they are most always "sweated" on to the diaphragm holder.



View of Completed Pickup Unit.

After we have all our constituent parts from the two units, it is necessary to look them over carefully to see just how we are going to reassemble them into the new unit. From the photograph and sketches in this article you may see how the job was done in one case with one type of phonograph reproducer for a foundation.

instruments will dictate the exact arrangement). This piece is then drilled to conform with the three holes previously tapped in the magnet, and also with the other hole shown which is for mounting in the case.

The piece having the fulcrum is located as shown in the sketch and soldered in place. It will probably have been noticed by this time that the lever from the reproducer will fill the bill in its new use, but it is really quite simple to construct another from a finishing nail by heating and hammering, and the plentiful and careful use of a fine toothed file. It should be made approximately as shown in the sketch, and it will be found that it will act admirably in its new role. It is fastened to the needle holder by riveting the end in the hole provided for it in the holder.

At this time, the phone unit can be fastened to the brass plate by means of three machine screws. The needle holder with the lever is then fitted on, and the

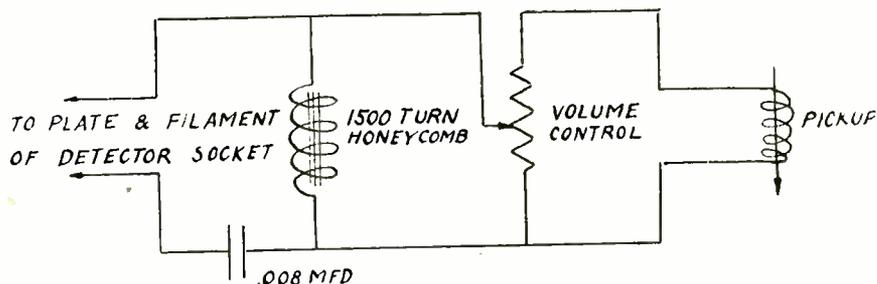


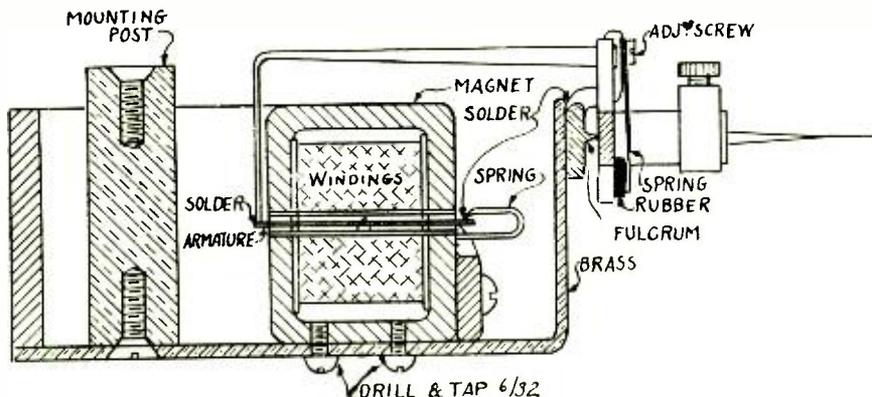
Diagram of Pickup Connection to Radio Set.

Referring to the cross sectional view, it is seen that the piece which held the rivets has been redrilled and tapped to take a 6-32 screw. A heavy sheet of brass or copper (old plates from the engraver's were used in this case) about 1/16 in. thick is bent to the approximate shape and size shown, (your own

lever bent near the end so that the tip rests in the hole in the armature from which the driving pin was removed. After cutting to the proper length, the tip is fastened to the armature with a small drop of solder. It is also well to place a small drop of solder to fasten the spring at the other end of the armature. By adjusting the tension screws on the needle holder, the lever can be set as desired. Our hardest work is now done, the remaining part being to fit the unit to the phone case.

A slot is cut in the case and a circular piece of brass is made the diameter of the case, drilled, the whole is then screwed to the case, and the job is done. Some of the phonograph reproducer backs are about the same size as the phone case, so it is merely necessary to screw them directly to the case, greatly simplifying the job. A hole is drilled in the back of the case conforming with the hole in the mounting post

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Cross-Sectional View of Unit's Construction.

# Direct Communication

By Gilson V. Willets

“OH! So YOU are the wireless operator? My gracious! Don't they have a radio on this ship? What! They are both the same. You don't say! How interesting! How much would it cost me to send a message to New York? Oh! About twenty words or so. FOUR DOLLARS! Why, that's downright robbery . . . I shall speak to the captain. Did you ever meet my husband? He is the president of the Fifth Avenue Club, you know. No? Why, I thought everybody knew my husband. No, I don't think I'll send a message today. (Pause for breath) Oh! This is so exciting, it's my first voyage at sea, you know. Do tell me how you send the messages to the shore. Do they travel faster than the boat? Why can't I see them go? What! You really mean they travel 186,000 miles a second. . . What! Young man, you are trying to trifle with me. I am the Mrs. Henry Thornagle Vandusen. I shall report your insolence to the captain at once.”

A grilling like this had lasted for the past half hour in the radio shack aboard the old KVL, long since burned at sea but at that time the pride of a great eastern coastal steamship company. A poor miserable radio operator, penned in his coop of a shack, had been the objective of this linguistic one-sided battle and he now sat back in his swivel chair, perspiration streaming off his aching brow and a look of helpless resignation spread all over his youthful features. The speaker was the most important passenger aboard the KVL and orders had been issued to show her every courtesy (which meant that she could do as she pleased regardless of regulations), but there were limits to human endurance. Any old timer who has passed through a barrage of questions in the old days with such a character as Mrs. Henry Thornagle Vandusen, will well remember the occasion by the finger nail scars in the palms of his hands.

Suddenly an inspiration came like a ray of sunshine to the miserable operator and he leaned forward with a most inviting expression towards his loquacious visitor, asking, “Have you visited the whole ship, madam?”

“Oh, gracious! Yes! I have been everywhere upstairs but the engineer officer promised to take me downstairs tomorrow before we reach Charleston. I'm terribly curious to see the cellar and the engines and pumps and all that, you know, etc., etc.”

A mischievous smile stole over the operator's face as he put his next question. “When you were aft, I mean on the deck in the back of the ship, did you notice a long line trailing in the water behind the vessel?”

“Oh, yes! The officer said it was a tariff log, whatever that is. I was called away at the time and didn't hear the rest of what he was saying. Why do you ask?”

“Well, I'm going to let you in on a very closely guarded secret and you must promise not to breathe one word to anybody because if you do it will probably cost me my job. Promise? Good! Now listen; they tell you that those wires up there between the masts send out the wireless messages to shore, but I am sure that anyone of your intelligence realizes that such nonsense is impossible. Now, don't be shocked; it's a fact! Yet, we do communicate with shore. You see, it's this way, that line behind the ship is a wire and it connects directly with this key and these instruments here. When we left New York yesterday, that wire was attached to a large drum and as the ship sails south the drum unwinds, playing out the wire. The other end is connected to a telegraph set in New York, etc.”

“My gracious me! How perfectly marvelous! What a wonderful idea! But it's a downright shame to fool the public that way and you should be ashamed of yourself, a nice clean looking young man like you. You naughty, naughty boy, lending yourself to such a scheme . . . but, Oh my gracious! Suppose the wire should break?”

“Then, madam,” replied the crafty operator, “we would be without means of communicating with the shore.” Then, as his excited fussy visitor took her departure, waddling like a duck from the room, he made a cautious gesture to her, placing his finger to his lips meaningly. She acknowledged with a most important shake of her prodigiously bonneted head and was gone. A sigh of intense relief issued from the lying lips of the “naughty naughty” operator, as he reached for his trusty briar beside the antenna switch.

THAT evening the KVL ran into an unusually heavy storm off Cape Hatteras. The waves tore over her decks and swept everything before them and the ship pitched and rolled heavily. All the companion doors were locked and the passengers notified to

remain off the decks. Nearly all were suffering with the mal-de-mer and the stewardesses were doing overtime duty all night long.

Towards daylight as our “naughty naughty” operator ran off the last of the “Ocean Wireless News” on the ancient mimeograph, he was wondering how the “special” passenger fared in the blow. He laughed outright at his practical joke, little realizing how soon he was to learn a most valuable lesson as the aftermath of his prevarication.

Just as daylight revealed the angry seas heaving the sturdy ship all over the ocean, a most frightful series of screeches and screams came to his ears from the lower deck. They were repeated and soon a rushing of many feet below informed him that something was amiss and he had a desire to leave his post and investigate. However, he stuck where he belonged, as the captain's room was quite near. With the noise below increasing and the pandemonium swelling in volume he became more and more uneasy. Then, when several unusually heavy seas laid the KVL over on her beam ends he rushed from his shack into the smoking room and peered over the railing at a most shocking scene below in the lobby.

There in a big leather settee, attended by perhaps twenty terrified passengers of both sexes, sat the “special” passenger in extreme negligee, a look of wild terror on her chubby face. “Oh! I just know we shall sink and there is no way we can send out for help. Oh! this is just terrible. The wireless is down . . . gone, I tell you, officer. I saw it swept away with my own eyes. . . Oh! My God what shall I do. Why did I ever leave Henry to ride in this floating death trap! etc., etc.”

The officer addressed rushed up the stairs and past our puzzled operator, making a hasty survey from the boat deck of the antenna, which was all in proper condition, curving graceful arcs in the cloud-strewn sky as KVL plowed her southward voyage. “What in hell ails that old dame?” he mused as he passed the “naughty naughty” operator.

By this time a most startling thought came to our “hero,” and he dashed aft and peered over the top deck railing at the milky foam in the wake of the proud liner. His worst suspicions were confirmed—the tariff rail log was gone, apparently swept away by the mountainous waves.

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# Analysis of R. F. Transformer Performance

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THE market of the past two years has been literally deluged with so-called "low loss" coils. In spite of such statements as "lossless," "losses cannot be measured," etc., used in this connection, we know that the hypothetical coil possessing inductance and no resistance is a mathematical fiction. The measurement of the losses or high frequency resistance of such coils is a rich laboratory experience and the technical journals have presented a wealth of mathematical analyses pointing out the effect of coil resistance in the radio frequency transformer as a real and vital factor.

It is not the purpose of this discussion to derive anew the expressions for radio transformer, but rather to interpret by means of illustrative curves the meaning of some now accepted equations.

In the analysis of the transformer, we shall have frequent reference to the circuit shown in Fig. 1a, a stage of radio

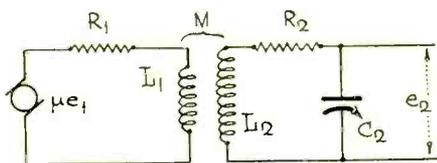
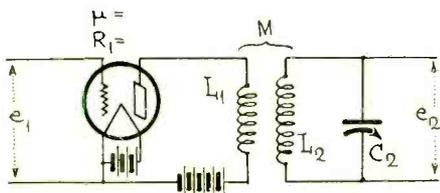


Fig. 1a. Circuit Diagram of Typical R.F. Amplifier Stage.

Fig. 1b. Circuit Equivalent of Fig. 1a.

frequency amplification. A radio frequency signal of voltage  $e_1$  is impressed on the grid circuit of a tube having an amplification factor of  $\mu$  and a plate resistance of  $R_1$ . The plate circuit of this tube contains the plate battery and the primary of the radio transformer  $L_1$  which is coupled to the secondary circuit with a mutual inductance of value  $M$ . The inductance of the transformer secondary is given by  $L_2$  and is tuned by the condenser  $C_2$ . We are ultimately interested in the voltage gain as given by the ratio of the output voltage  $e_2$  to the input voltage  $e_1$ .

In dealing with such a circuit, it is more convenient to think of it in terms of the circuit in Fig 1b, where the tube and plate battery have been replaced by the hypothetical a.c. generator producing a voltage  $\mu e_1$  with the plate resis-

tance and transformer in series. It should be noted that this generator in itself, has neither resistance nor reactance. The secondary coil, which has resistance as well as inductance, has been replaced by the lossless coil of mathematics and a resistance  $R_2$  has been added in series to represent the losses that are actually measured in the laboratory.

The amplification given by this circuit, after the secondary has been tuned to resonance with the signal voltage, is given by

$$A = \mu \frac{\omega^2 M L_2}{R_1 R_2 + \omega^2 M^2} \quad (1) \text{ where } \omega \text{ is}$$

equal to  $2\pi f$  and other factors are as given above. All of these quantities may be obtained by measurement. For ex-

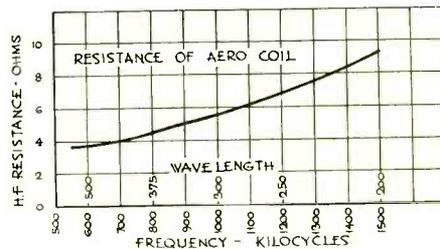


Fig. 2. Variation of High Frequency Resistance with Frequency.

ample, the curve of Fig. 2 shows the high frequency resistance of a typical coil at various frequencies of the broadcast band. The curve in itself, is of no physical significance, as its comparative value is limited to other coils of the same inductance. Naturally, a coil of higher inductance would have a higher resistance for the same effectiveness, and vice versa. In order that two coils of different inductances may be compared, two merit figures have been established in the art, both of which have a definite physical interpretation with regard to the performance of the coil.

The first of these figures is the ex-

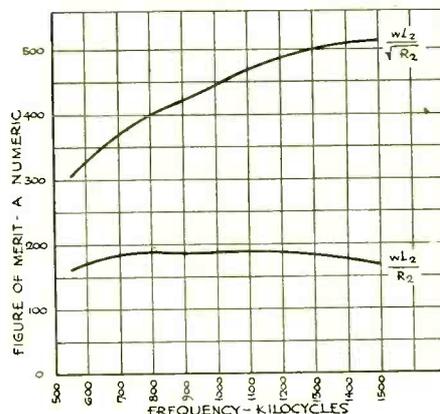


Fig. 3. Curves of Coil Merit.

pression  $\omega L_2/R_2$ . This term has been plotted in Fig. 3 for the same coil, and as will be seen varies over the wave band. The significance of this figure may be seen by reference to Fig. 4

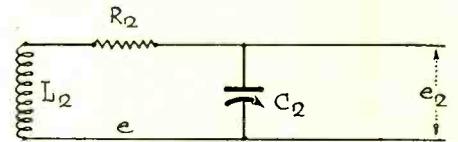


Fig. 4. Secondary Circuit of R.F. Amplifier.

where a small signal voltage has been impressed in series with the secondary circuit, and after tuning to resonance a voltage  $e_2$  is produced across the tuning condenser or across the grid circuit of the tube following. This figure of merit, is equal to the ratio of  $e_2/e_1$  and is directly proportional to the amplifying action of the secondary circuit. The voltage  $e$  is the voltage supposedly induced by the primary circuit. Obviously, a coil having a high value of  $\omega L_2/R_2$  will produce a high amplification with a given primary coupling. A further interpretation of this term, is in regard to the selectivity of tuning although the relationship is not direct. A different value for  $R_2$  to be discussed later will be used.

The second figure of merit that has been advocated grows out of the equation for the amplification per stage that was previously given. From this equation may be derived another equation giving the greatest or optimum amplification that may be obtained from a given coil and tube. This equation may be written as

$$A_{\text{opt}} = \mu \frac{\omega L_2}{2\sqrt{R_1 R_2}} \quad (2)$$

and by splitting up the equation into the form

$$A_{\text{opt}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{R_1}} \frac{\omega L_2}{\sqrt{R_2}} \quad (3)$$

it is seen that we have a figure of merit  $\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{R_1}}$  for the

tube as well as the figure of merit that we are discussing. This merit figure is also plotted in the curve of Fig. 2. Once a tube has been selected and its merit

figure  $\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{R_1}}$  determined we may multiply the curve values shown by the

figure of merit of the tube and obtain a curve for the maximum amplification of the coil, if the coupling between primary and secondary were adjusted to its best value at each point of the broadcast band. Incidentally, this curve points out the fact that uniform amplification cannot be secured over the

entire band by means of a primary mechanically coupled to the shaft of the tuning condenser without severe sacrifice in amplification at the higher frequencies where it is most needed due to the low power of the average station in that part of the band.

It may be seen from the equation (1) that after the coil inductance and resistance and the tube characteristics of the stage have been determined, the only variable to be considered is the coupling or mutual inductance between the primary and the secondary. Let us investigate the effect of varying this factor with a coil and a tube of the 201-A type having an amplification factor of 8.0 and a plate resistance of 12,000 ohms. At a frequency about the center of the broadcast band (1000 kc. or 300 meters) we will plot a curve showing how the amplification varies with the coupling. The equation (1) is put in more convenient form for calculation by changing it to the type

$$A = \frac{\mu M L_2}{R_1 R_2 + M^2} \quad (4)$$

by factoring.

From the resistance curve of Fig. 2, we find that the coil has a high frequency resistance of 5.6 ohms at 1000 k.c. The inductance of the coil is 168 microhenries, giving us sufficient data to plot the full line curve shown in

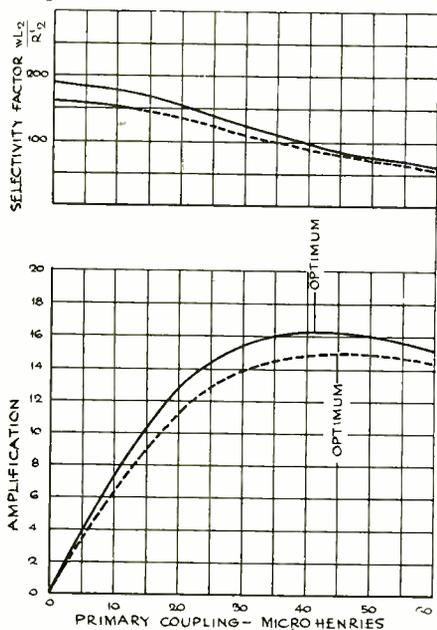


Fig. 5. Effect of Variation in Coupling on Amplification and Selectivity Factor.

lower Fig. 5. It will be noticed that the amplification rises very rapidly as the coupling is first increased and then reaches a maximum with a coupling of 41.2 microhenries. This value of optimum coupling is given by the equation

$$M = \frac{\sqrt{R_1 R_2}}{\omega} \quad (5)$$

while the value of amplification at optimum coupling is given by equation (2) and by substitution in the equation

or from the curve, we see that this maximum of amplification is 16.3.

On first thought, it might seem that this value of coupling would be the logical one to use, but we must first see what has happened to the selectivity of the stage. Referring again to the circuit of Fig. 1b, we see that for currents flowing in the secondary circuit, the primary with the plate resistance and the impedanceless generator across it have a shorted turn effect on the secondary. This effect has two results in the secondary circuit. The first is to reduce the effective inductance of the secondary and the second is to increase the apparent resistance of the winding. The first of these effects is negligible for the purposes of this discussion and we will regard the second only.

The increase in the apparent resis-

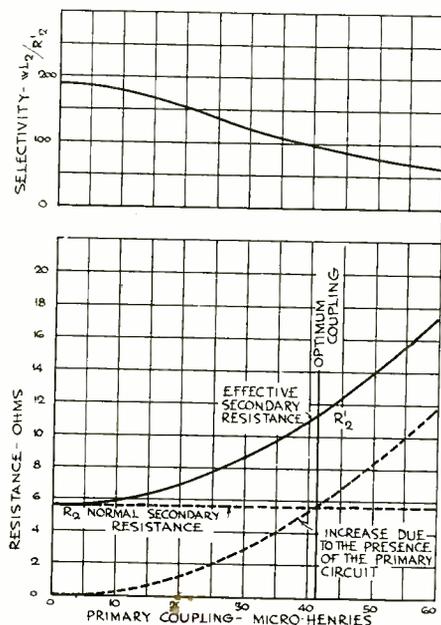


Fig. 6. Effect of Variation in Coupling on Secondary Resistance and Selectivity.

tance of the secondary is given by the equation

$$r = \frac{\omega^2 M^2}{R_1} \quad (6)$$

The value of this added resistance for the case that we have been discussing has been calculated and is plotted as the curved dotted line in the curve of Fig. 6. It will be noted that this curve crosses the horizontal line representing the normal secondary resistance at a value of coupling of 41.2 which was the value of coupling that we previously found produced the best amplification. In other words, we find that at optimum coupling, the apparent resistance of the secondary has been doubled as shown in the curve for the effective resistance of the secondary  $R'_2$ . If the resistance is doubled, the selectivity has been halved as shown in the curve, the upper part of Fig. 6. It is apparent that any coupling decreases the selectivity from the natural selectivity of the coil alone. Such a decrease in selectivity as is indicated at optimum primary, is intolerable and commercial coils are never operated at that adjustment. In order that the reader may be able to interpret the factor  $\omega L_2/R'_2$  in terms of selectivity, the resonance curves corresponding to couplings of 0 and 41.2 microhenries (optimum for this case) are shown in Fig. 7. In the first case, the term "Per Cent of Maximum Amplification" is ambiguous as no amplification is produced by the secondary in the absence of a primary.

We will now see what the effect of the secondary resistance is on the selectivity and amplification of the stage. Suppose that a coupling of 21 microhenries gives the proper amplification and by reference to Fig. 5 is 13.1 and the upper curve shows that the selectivity factor is 150 at this coupling.

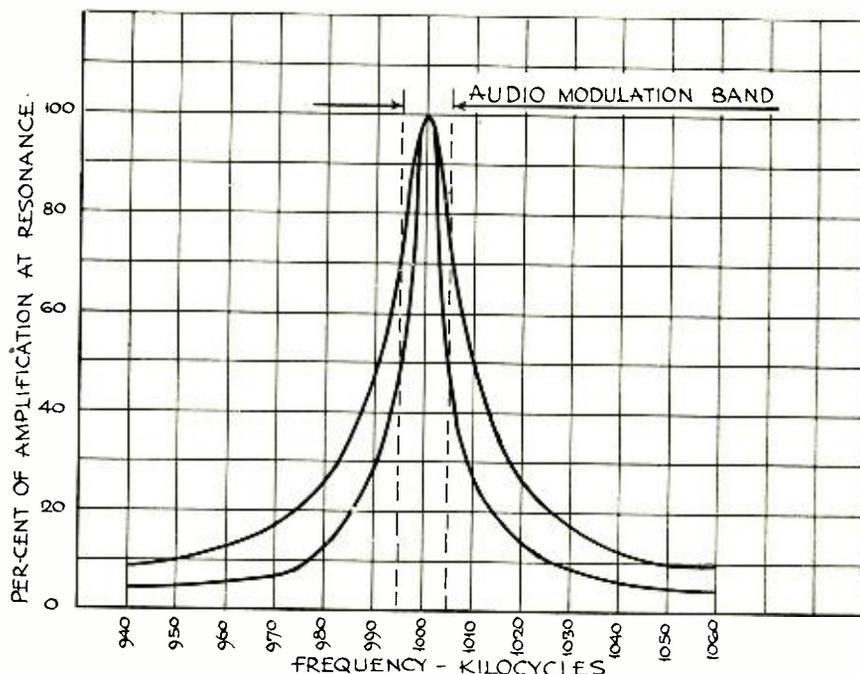


Fig. 7. Resonance Curves Corresponding to Couplings of 0 and 41.2 Microhenries.

Suppose now that the resistance of the coil is increased 1.0 ohm, making the total resistance of the secondary 6.6 ohms rather than 5.6 ohms as before. By use of the same equations as before, we compute the amplification and selectivity curves for this secondary as shown in the dotted curves of Fig. 5. We see from these curves that if we are to obtain the same amplification (13.1) that we obtained from the original coil we will have a selectivity factor of 120 which is much lower than before. On the other hand, selectivity may be at a greater premium in the design of the receiver than is amplification, so we will choose a coupling of 12 microhenries yielding the same selectivity factor as the better coil at 21 microhenries coupling (150). We find now that the amplification has fallen off to 7.4 which is lower than the value of 13.1 shown for the other coil. Thus we have seen in a practical way a fact that is demonstrated mathematically, that no compromise is possible in the way of coupling values that will compensate for the amplification or selectivity lost by an increase in coil resistance.

We have seen the effect of 1 ohm of resistance fictitiously introduced into secondary of the coil. This ohm might be introduced practically in a number of ways. It might have been introduced in the design of the coil by violation of any of the accepted standards, for example, by using a solid bakelite tube for winding rather than a skeleton frame or by the use of "dope" or cement on the windings, or by the use of a wire of the wrong size for that shape of coil. All these factors are beyond the control of the consumer and we will consider some of the things that might happen in installing the coils in a receiver.

Modern construction has brought the compact receiver and a considerable tendency is shown by many designers to crowd the equipment into small space. In doing this, the greatest care must be exercised that metallic bodies, such as condensers and audio transformers, are not put in the field of the coil. This field is greatest at the ends of the coil, so that this danger is the greatest when the mounting features of the coil necessitate its being mounted in a horizontal position, as is the custom when it is attempted to mount two or three coils mutually perpendicular. By making the coil sufficiently long in proportion to its diameter, it has been found possible to constrain the magnetic field, permitting the coils to be mounted in the same plane without danger of bothersome coupling taking place between them. This also allows them to be mounted with axes vertical so that the hazard of other bodies falling in the intense field at the end of the coil is reduced to a minimum. A curve is shown in Fig. 8 illustrating the coupling between two of

these coils when they are placed in the same plane and the distance between them varied. This curve points that if a separation of 5 in. is maintained (not a difficult separation in a compact set) the coupling between them will be 1.1 microhenries, a value that is negligible in practice.

Shielding always introduces certain losses in the coil, due to linking a portion of the coil's field, and also complicates the mechanical construction of the receiver. It will be seen from the curve that the necessity of shielding is mitigated as far as inter-stage coupling effects go, while the diameter of the coil is so small that direct pickup from local stations is reduced to a minimum as has been demonstrated in practice.

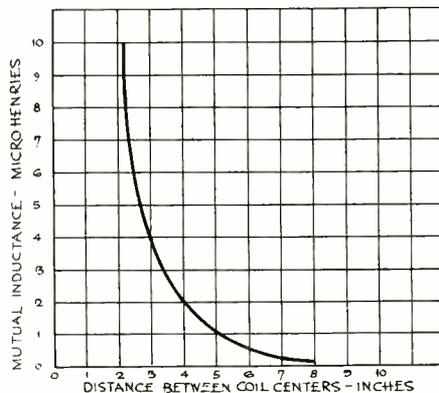


Fig. 8. Curve Showing Coupling Between Two Coil Secondaries Having Parallel Axes.

Radio broadcast reception long ago saw the day when one tube would serve all the purposes of the art. As a consequence, we now have four tubes that offer great possibilities as radio frequency amplifiers, the 201-A, 199, 112, and 240 types. In addition, there has arisen a wealth of circuits of both the regenerative and neutralized types. At least one manufacturer has recognized

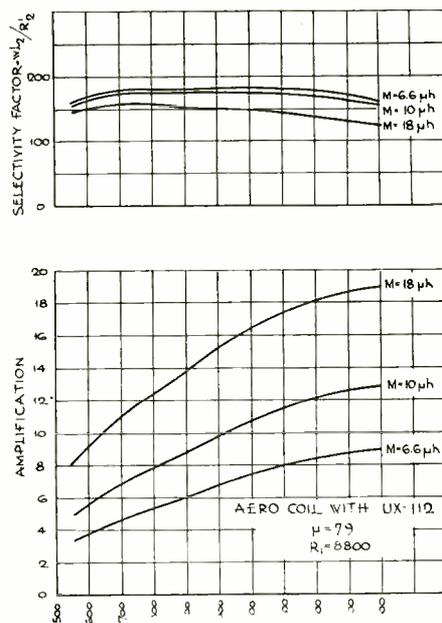


Fig. 9. Amplification and Selectivity Curves of Coil With 201-A Tubes.

these facts and is presenting a coil with a primary tapped in such a way as to be applicable to the majority of the tubes and circuits in use today.

The coil used in these measurements is provided with a bakelite base bearing six terminals numbered 1 to 6. In all cases 5-6 is the secondary of the coil, 6 being the grid terminal and 5 the filament connection. The primary is divided into three sections. The mutual inductance of each of these sections to the secondary is given as follows:

Primary	Coupling Microhenries
1-2	10.0
1-3	18.0
1-4	35.5
2-3	6.6

No matter what combination is used for primary, the lowest number is always the plate connection and the higher terminal number the plate battery connection.

In order to illustrate the uses of such a coupling device, several curves are shown illustrating the performance of different commercial tubes with different couplings.

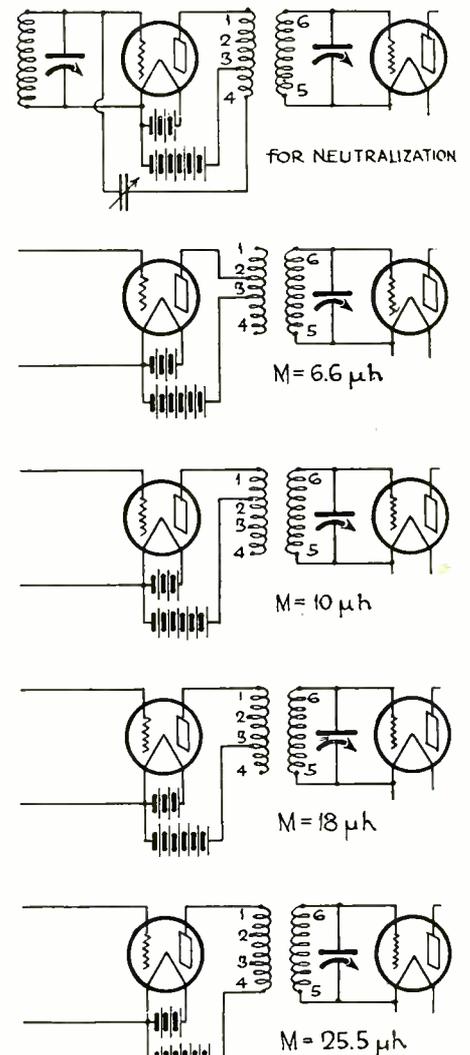


Fig. 10. Connections for Producing Various Couplings in Neutralized Circuit.

In Fig. 9, are shown amplification and selectivity curves resulting from the use (Continued on page 70)



# QUERIES *and* REPLIES



Questions of general interest are published in this department. Questions should be brief, typewritten, or in ink, written on one side of the paper, and should state whether the answer is to be published or personally acknowledged. Where personal answer is desired, a fee of 25c per question, including diagrams, should be sent. If questions require special work, or diagrams, particularly those of factory-built receivers, an extra charge will be made, and correspondents will be notified of the amount of this charge before answer is made.

Please publish a good circuit for my Thorla doughnut coils, with a total of five tubes to be used.—L. F. C., Oakland, Calif.

A good five tube circuit using a three gang .00035 mfd. condenser is shown in Fig. 1.

Western Electric 1-B transmitter is shown in Fig. 2. It has been somewhat simplified to omit complicated switching connections and other details which I do not believe would be required by the examiner. The speech amplifier shows only the theoretical circuit, omitting many

headphones are generally used for listening in, the power tube will not be needed, and a seven tube set can be constructed for special interference work, thereby lightening the set by a considerable amount. To get the true bearing of a source of r.f. transmission, such as a leaky insulator or other defective apparatus, it would be necessary to have direction finding equipment similar to the radio compass used for marine radio work, but where the set is placed in a car and carried from place to place, so that observations can be made frequently, the ordinary loop type superheterodyne is satisfactory.

Have been unable to make my Best 45,000 cycle superheterodyne work on wavelengths above 400 meters. At first I could get up to 545, but the upper range has gradually fallen away until the highest wave stations I can now get are around 400 meters. What could be the trouble?—E. W. U., Elgin, Ill.

The trouble is undoubtedly in your oscillator circuit. Either there are short circuited turns in the oscillator coil, or the oscillator condenser plates are shorting together after they have become partly enmeshed. Examine the coil carefully, and test the condenser with a battery and headphones to determine the above points. The condition of the intermediate amplifier does not usually control the wavelength range of the set, for if the set now brings in stations below 400 meters satisfactorily, you can be sure that the a.f. transformers are O. K.

Have had trouble with my all-wave Best Superheterodyne in that there is a loud howl practically all the time. What can be the cause of the noise?—J. C. C., Napa, Calif.

Short circuit the secondary of the filter transformer while the howl is present, and see if it disappears. If it still continues, it is in

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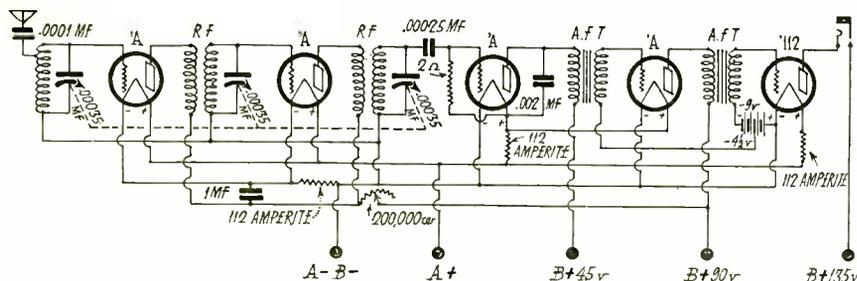


Fig. 1. Circuit Diagram for Five Tube Doughnut Coil Receiver.

In July 1927 RADIO is shown a short wave converter. Can this be used in connection with my Victoreen Super? In such a set, is the converter plugged in the first or second detector?—J. T. G., East Cleveland, O.

You can use the converter with your set without difficulty. It plugs in the second detector socket, and the intermediate amplifier, oscillator and first detector tubes are not used. If the converter is to be used often, a switch located on the panel of the superheterodyne, to cut out the filaments of the above mentioned tubes would be very handy.

I will soon have to take a government examination for a broadcast station operator's license, and am told that I will have to draw the circuit of a typical broadcasting station. Could you furnish me with such a diagram, giving such constants about the apparatus as you think might be required?—C. S. B., Los Angeles, Calif.

The schematic circuit diagram of the

switches, current measuring jacks, etc., which you would not be expected to memorize.

Would like to know how I can use a 2 ampere Tungar battery charger to charge a 45 volt storage "B" battery. The charger has no battery tap.—D. D., Riverdale, Calif.

It is not practicable for you to try to charge a 45 volt B battery with the particular charger you have. Late model chargers have a high voltage winding for B battery charging, and it would be necessary to rewind your power transformer in order to accomplish the same purpose.

Please tell me how to build an interference locator for determining the sources of radio interference in city districts.—A. K. P., Gustine, Calif.

A good superheterodyne of the portable type is the most satisfactory kind of receiver to use for locating interference. Such a receiver was described by H. W. Armstrong in May RADIO. As

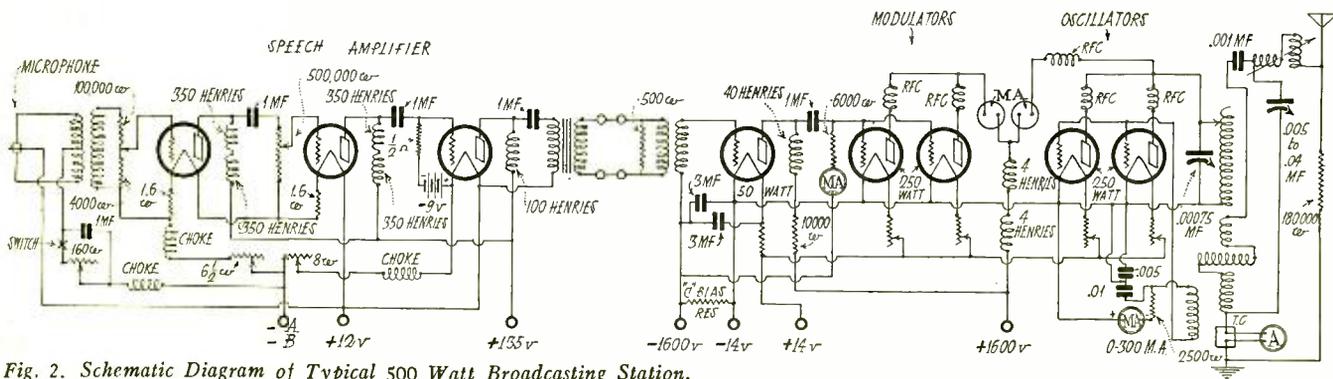


Fig. 2. Schematic Diagram of Typical 500 Watt Broadcasting Station.



## A 5-METER SUPER-REGENERATIVE RECEIVER

By FRANCIS CHURCHILL

Very little experimental work has been done on the shorter wavelengths, in particular the amateur's five meter band. The chances are that during the coming year a great deal of work will be done by the A. R. R. L. to develop this band. One of the essentials for this kind of work is a sensitive receiver which can be easily operated, such as the one in use at 6AJF.

regenerative detector, one as a 17,000 cycle oscillator, one as a heterodyne, and the fourth as a feedback control. This last item is an interesting scheme of varying the plate current of the detector without getting the usual noise when using a variable resistance for feed-back control. The plate-filament impedance of this tube is varied over wide limits by the use of a variable bias on the grid. This is obtained by means of a 0-2000 ohm potentiometer as shown in Fig. 1.

The 17,000 cycle oscillator, used to obtain

cardboard tubing removed. The 3 plate variable condenser  $C_4$  across these coils has a long extension fibre shaft in order to get away from hand capacity effects. Both this condenser and the main tuning condenser  $C_1$  have vernier dials on fibre extension shafts.

The detector circuit is a form of the Colpitts circuit with the inductance in two halves which with the two condensers  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  make one complete turn. This inductance is made of soft  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. copper tubing and is fastened securely to the condensers which act as the supports. It is necessary to use either soft wire or soft tubing for this in order to get away from any natural tendency for vibration. This is a very important item in any 5 meter receiver. The condenser  $C_1$  is a .000135 mfd. maximum variable condenser of the midget variety with a fibre extension shaft, as this is the main tuning condenser. It is in effect a series condenser, while  $C_2$  is a shunt condenser, and as such can be varied over considerable value without changing the tuning a large amount.

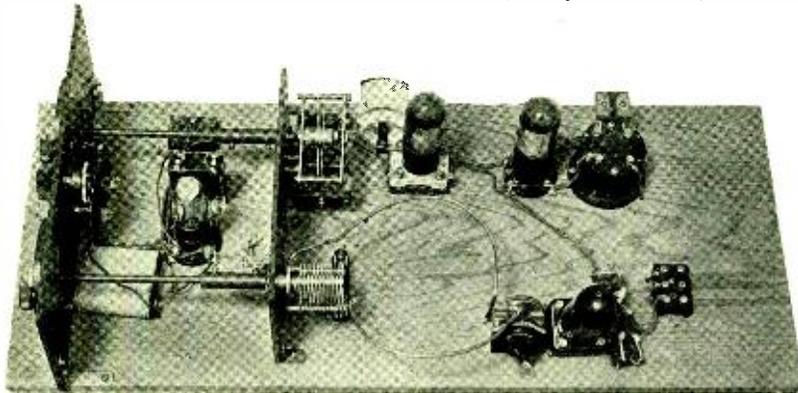
$C_2$ , on the other hand, changes the wavelength very fast and so is used for setting in jumps. For instance with one setting, the series condenser  $C_1$  will tune from  $3\frac{1}{4}$  to 4 meters,  $C_2$  is then increased a few degrees, and  $C_1$  used to tune from 4 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  or  $4\frac{3}{4}$  meters. In this way the receiver will cover from about 3 meters up to 10 meters with this inductance and yet the tuning is never "sharp." For coming back to the same wavelength, a wavemeter should be used in every case. A wavemeter calibrated carefully from "parallel wires" is an absolute necessity on all short wave work.

The detector tube socket should be mounted on a soft rubber cushion such as a rubber sponge and the leads to it made with small gauge wire in order to prevent vibrations being transmitted to this tube. For the same reason it is advantageous to use a detector tube which has the internal elements rigidly supported. The two radio frequency chokes in series with the detector filament leads are not absolutely necessary but do keep the r.f. energy out of undesired places.

The r.f. choke in series with the plate circuit of the detector should be preferably basket-weave of about 30 or 40 turns on a  $\frac{5}{8}$  in. diameter. The main idea is to use a choke with as low a distributed capacity as possible and the basket-weave works admirably for this purpose. The audio-frequency passes through this choke and is by-passed around the feed-back control tube by means of the 1. mfd. condenser  $C_6$ .

In operating the receiver a rushing or hissing sound should be heard in the receivers when the 17,000 cycle oscillator is working and the feed-back control is set up far enough. This rushing sound is slightly reduced when one of the harmonics of the heterodyne oscillator crosses the wave to which the receiver is tuned. When any kind of an outside or inside aerial is coupled to the inductance, all of the Fords within several blocks will be audible as well as other types of automobiles, motors and various electrical appliances. The aerial may be coupled to the detector by having it pass along within a few inches of one side of the inductance. Any kind of an aerial may be used for receiving, from 1 to 100 yards in length.

Five meter signals of 6CNC were barely audible on a straight regenerative receiver and a movement of a hundredth of a degree on the tuning dial lost him completely. With the super-regenerative set, the signals were of very strong intensity and the tuning condenser could be moved a half degree in either direction without losing him. There was absolutely no comparison between the two systems which was at all favorable to the usual regenerative system.



5 Meter Super-Regenerative Receiver

With such a receiver, a study can be made of 5 meter transmission as regards distance, local use, directional antenna and many such problems. I believe that practically all of the transmission on wavelengths below 10 meters will be with directional antenna, such as a parabolic reflector or parallel grid reflector. Local tests have shown that even with a three wire reflector in the general shape of a parabola the power or energy in a given direction is increased a great many times. This is only one phase which can be investigated with a good 5 meter receiver.

The usual regenerative receiver is hard to tune on 5 meters, except for very strong signals. They are microphonic as well as insensitive. The usual regeneration control throws the tuning all over the scale or doesn't work at all or is extremely noisy.

The use of super-regeneration seems to cure all of these faults, microphonic tube noises are greatly reduced, the tuning is a joy for simplicity, and it is a great many times more sensitive. In this receiver the feed back control is quiet, and doesn't change the tuning at all.

The set uses four tubes, one as the super-

regenerative detector, one as a 17,000 cycle oscillator, one as a heterodyne, and the fourth as a feedback control. This last item is an interesting scheme of varying the plate current of the detector without getting the usual noise when using a variable resistance for feed-back control. The plate-filament impedance of this tube is varied over wide limits by the use of a variable bias on the grid. This is obtained by means of a 0-2000 ohm potentiometer as shown in Fig. 1.

The 17,000 cycle oscillator, used to obtain a rapidly changing grid bias for the detector, is made up with an old intermediate frequency transformer out of a superheterodyne receiver. This transformer, iron cored type, is shunted with a large enough fixed condenser to cause the circuit to oscillate at about 17,000 cycles per second. This super-regenerative effect makes this circuit extremely sensitive and also tends to broaden the tuning quite a little. This latter effect is extremely beneficial on the 5 meter band as well as the former.

In order to receive cw signals it is necessary to heterodyne them to an audio frequency say a 1000 cycles per second. This is done by means of a separate heterodyne oscillating in the neighborhood of 100 meters and tuned with a 3 plate variable condenser. One of the harmonics of this oscillator is used to beat against the incoming signal.

The coils for this oscillator were made by winding 35 turns of No. 25 d.c.c. wire on a form  $1\frac{3}{4}$  in. in diameter for the grid coil, and 15 turns of the same wire on  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. diameter for the plate coil. These coils were cemented in shape with collodion and the

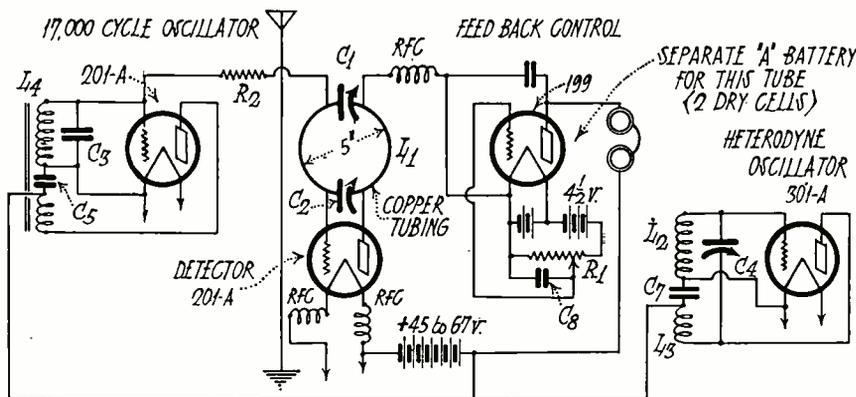


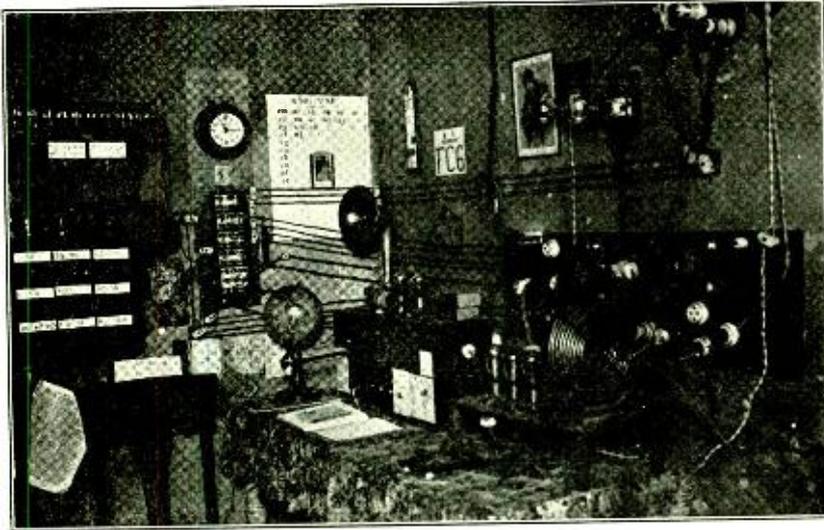
Fig. 1. Circuit Diagram for 5 Meter Super-Regenerative Receiver.

- $C_1$ —.000135 mfd. variable Precision midget condenser
- $C_2$ —.000040 mfd. variable midget condenser
- $C_3$ —.00025 mfd. fixed condenser
- $C_4$ —.001 mfd. fixed condenser
- $C_5$ —.001 mfd. fixed condenser
- $C_6$ —3 plate Cardwell condenser
- $C_7$ —1. mfd. Electrad by-pass condenser
- $C_8$ —1. mfd. Electrad by-pass condenser

- $R_1$ —0-2000 ohm Electrad potentiometer
- $R_2$ —100,000 ohm Electrad leak
- $L_1$ —Inductance— $\frac{1}{8}$  in. copper tubing, one turn 5 in. diameter supported by  $C_1$  and  $C_2$
- $L_2$ —35 turns No. 24 wire,  $1\frac{3}{4}$  in. diameter
- $L_3$ —15 turns No. 24 wire,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. diameter
- $L_4$ —Intermediate frequency iron cored transformer

## ARGENTINA FC-6

The station shown in the picture is that of Argentina FC-6, owned by Dr. Julio Hiver, at Santa Fe, Argentina. The transmitter consists of three UX-210s in a Hartley circuit, with 500 volts of storage battery d.c. on the plates. The transmitting inductances are pancake wound, with heavy copper tubing, and the oscillator is designed to work on 20 as well as 33 meters, in connection with antenna systems for both wave bands.



Station sa-FC-6 Santa Fe, Argentina

Dr. Hiver's records show stations worked in practically every country in the world, which is not surprising, judging by the way his signals pound in at nu 6-XAO.

## CALIBRATION OF A 5-METER WAVEMETER

By A. BINNEWEG JR.

As a frequency meter is essential to any experiments with 5-meter transmission, a simple means of calibrating the meter is important. Such calibration may easily be accomplished with the high frequency oscillator illustrated herewith. It consists essentially of two midjet condensers in the plate and grid leads of a UX-210 vacuum tube, a 5000 ohm grid leak, plate and grid chokes, and batteries for filament and plate supply. The oscillator circuit is shown in Fig. 1.

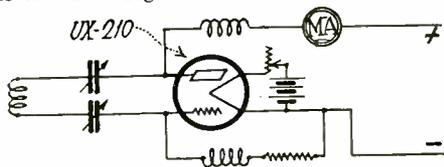
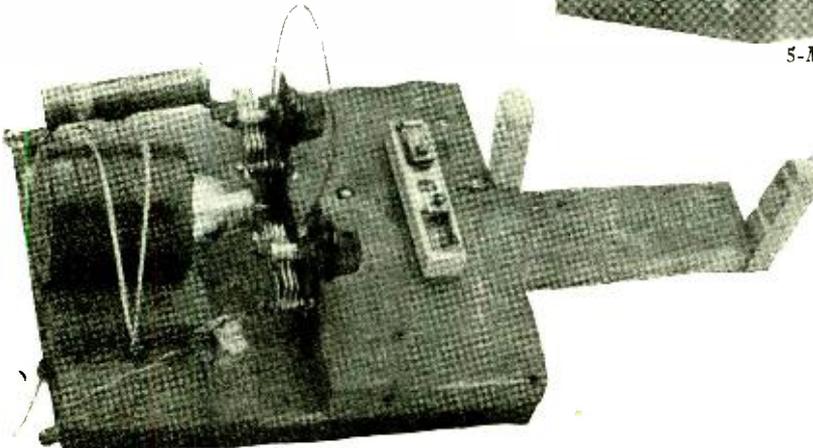


Fig. 1. Oscillator Circuit.



High Frequency Oscillator for Calibrating Wavemeter.

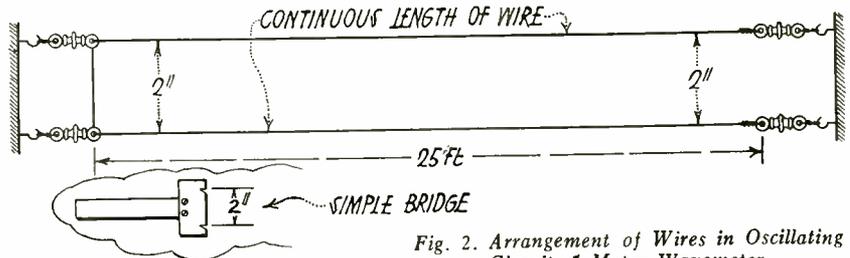
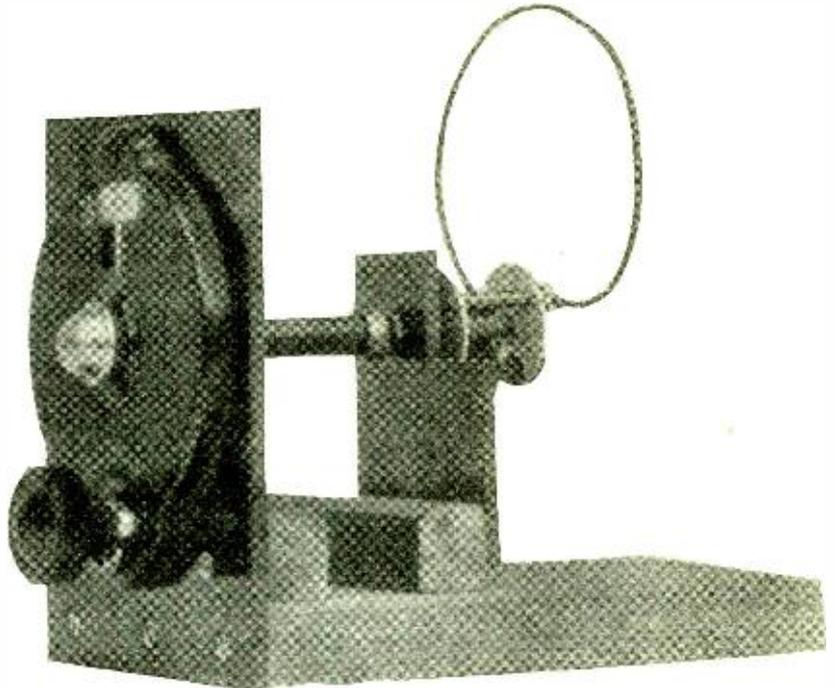


Fig. 2. Arrangement of Wires in Oscillating Circuit, 5-Meter Wavemeter.

The oscillator shown in the picture was made by mounting two 45 picofarad Chelten midjet condensers on scrap bakelite fastened to the edge of the upper of two overlapping box ends which are screwed together. A telephone fuse holder and a pair of porcelain cleats to guide the wires which constitute the oscillating circuit are also mounted on this board. The vacuum tube is laid on its side, tied in place with twine, and its pins soldered directly to the leads from the condensers. The chokes are 20 turns of small wire in a Lorenz winding. From 90 to 112½ volts suffice for the plate.

The oscillating circuit consists of a pair of horizontal wires spaced 2 in. apart and 25 ft. in length. Fig. 2 shows a convenient arrangement. One end of each wire may be fastened to the wall and the other end passed through the cleats and fastened to the fuse holder upon which the coupling loop is mounted.

The wavemeter consists of a Chelten midjet condenser cut down to a maximum capacity of 30 picofarads, a vernier dial and scale with extension shaft, and a coupling loop, mounted



5-Meter Wavemeter.

as shown in the picture. The circuit is shown in Fig. 3. The baseboard is a piece of 7/8 in. board, 4 by 7 in. The panel is of 3/16 in.

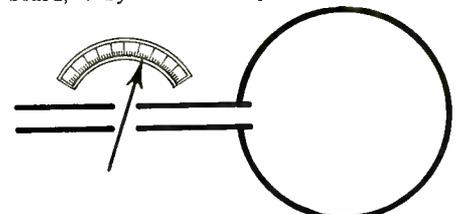


Fig. 3. Circuit Diagram of Wavemeter.

bakelite, 4½ by 6 in. The condenser is mounted on a 2 by 4 in. piece of bakelite. (Continued on page 74)



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# The COMMERCIAL BRASSPOUNDER

A Department  
for the Operator  
at Sea and Ashore



Edited by P. S. LUCAS



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir:—Have been a constant reader of your department for some time and to date have not caused any QRM, but if the old mill doesn't catch on fire within the next few minutes—well, QRX.

Was struck by two contributions to your department in the issue of February. They were so incongruous had to laugh: a lengthy dissertation on progress made in marine installations on American ships and alongside of that—wonder of wonders!—a "plea" for help in TR work! American companies have surely moved forward, but the operators are either standing still or there are a few throw-backs among the ensemble.

Back in the days of the *Republic* and the *Titanic* a TR was undoubtedly a useful thing, but in these days of schedule runs and excellent transmitters I fail to understand why an otherwise intelligent operator should howl for half a night gathering unto himself a flock of TRs. And, incidentally, getting called any number of names in a hundred radio cabins where a few honest-to-goodness brass-pounders are trying with all their might to move commercial traffic through a blanket of heavy static and the persistent clamor of the saphead yelping for position reports. I have

noticed that these birds invariably use the regulation calling wave for transmission and usually send each word twice, interspersing the TR with innumerable DIT DIT DIT DAH DITS and interrogations. Then, having finally sent the TR, the man who has been waiting for him to get finished calls a station with a msg. But lo, here is our friend again, still on 600 meters sending SVC stuff to a string of ships, and I have yet to see the man who could hear a station answer him through the QRM a TR hound raises when he is really in trim. And it is all on 600 meters, which is, according to regulations, strictly a calling wave. But our hero cares nothing, evidently, for regulations or the good-wishes of operators on ships around him. He blithely goes through his list giving each fellow he works a merry word of cheer, etc., clattering up the ether with useless signals that are nerve-racking to say the least.

Instead of getting up at 2 A. M. for a schedule, I believe that if these fellows got up at 12:30 A. M. and spent the time reading Regulations of Radio Communication and getting code practice with a buzzer, we would hear more readable calls and less QRM on 600 meters.

I had the pleasure (?) of running about 30 miles astern of one of this type operators

once from CTG along the coast to WNU. He gave his TR to every coast station along the coast and every ship he could raise, and to fill in, he would call WSC or KOK at intervals, not, seemingly, with any hope of raising them, but just for practice. I have an idea that no one copied him, for he was almost unreadable.

I am heartily in favor of eliminating all this QRM on 600, for besides being an infraction of the regulations it delays commercial traffic inestimably, because it is almost impossible to raise a station through QRM and a continuous stream of CQs when these boys get really wound up and feel good.

For the fellow who says he is "KSO" (whatever that is) KOK until 2000 miles away, I offer a suggestion that he look up his schedule and then mail a herd of TRs before sailing, with appropriate dates and positions marked in boldface type. QSU.

DON E. SELF,  
SS. *Heredia*.

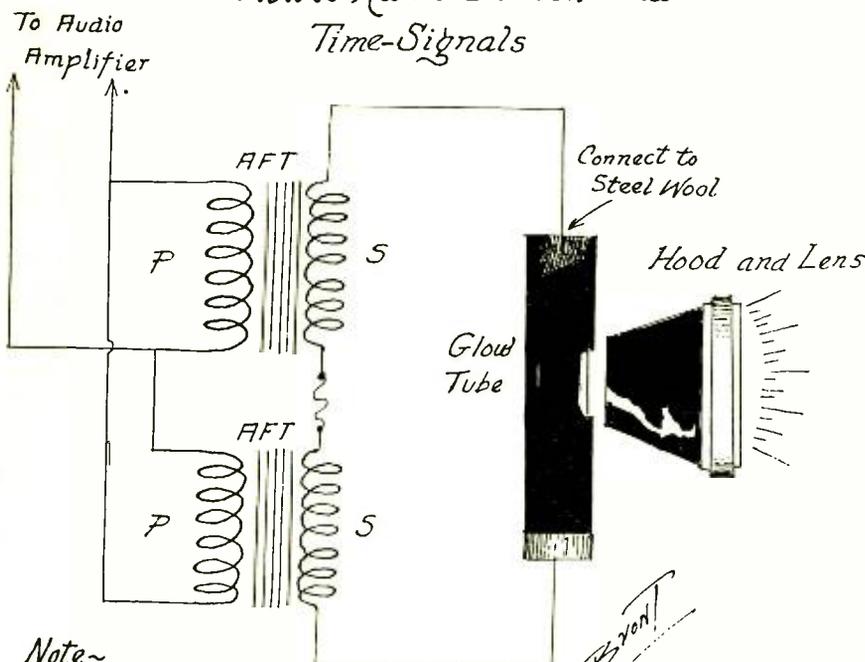
P. S.—Here's a new Q signal: QLF, meaning: Use other foot, can't read you.

Well, we haven't mentioned unnecessary QRM for a long time, so I guess it is safe for us to bring the subject up again. Whether it is safe or not it seems to be our religious duty to harp on it occasionally in order that this poor overworked ether might be just a little clearer for the important commercial traffic.

Although it may appear to some that Mr. Self, author of the above, waxes unnecessarily sarcastic, those of us who have ever made the Gulf run, or practically any other coastwise run, can easily agree with everything he has said. For a good many years interference has been almost unbearable, and instead of getting better it seems to be getting worse. The reason? Just as Don Self pointed out: While equipment is moving forward, operators are standing still. We are holding our own. We, the general run of us, are just as good operators today as those fellows who operated the straight gaps of the old days. Some are better; some are worse; but the average is probably about the same.

But when we get to talking about operating ability we had better stop and decide what the term really means. Lots of things enter into it, of course, such as speedy code copying and clean-cut sending, knowledge of the apparatus, willingness to work, accuracy and attention to details. But willingness to work isn't operating ability, in itself. Neither is code speed nor engineering genius. In our humble opinion, operating ability involves every one of these aforementioned talents plus a goodly supply of common-sense, intelligence, thoughtfulness and unselfishness. To be a good operator a man must have the good of the profession at heart; he must know what traffic is important and be willing to eliminate all that isn't important; he must be faithful to his company, ready to help his

## Visible Radio Beacon- and Time-Signals



Note—  
Correct Primary Connections must  
have proper polarity ~ find by trial

A Self-Explanatory Diagram.

fellow operator when needed, but ready also, and willing to maintain a continuous QRX when he has nothing IMPORTANT on the hook.

It's asking a lot, we'll agree, to request such complete silence. For some fellows it means that not a wave train will leave their antenna from the time they clear KPE until they get to the Canal; an inactivity that sometimes seems unbearable, for the desire to fill the air with high-frequency oscillations is second nature to the radio operator, and usually a TR is the only logical excuse available. But really, fellows, TRs aren't important. If the steamship company demands it there seems to be nothing to do but shoot. If the steamship company does not demand it, it seems that your duty as an operator is to eliminate the TR as unnecessary traffic.

What say? Are we going on holding our own with the straight gap men or are we going to take our place with the companies in their march towards perfection? Let's show ourselves and everyone else that we have the kind of operating ability that will make the radio profession as efficient a business as banking. Think twice before you push that switch.

### "HAMANTICS"

While enroute from Balboa to San Pedro last trip we happened to be traveling with a British vessel, on a cruise around the world. About five days out from Pedro this fellow cq's for a qsr to San Pedro. Finally a fellow pipes up and says he can qsr to a certain company via another ship. He receives and gets off this traffic ok, and some more during the day. So far so good.

The next day he meets a ship serviced by his company, and after "chewing the fat" for quite a spell the conversation ends up something like this, "Say Om we have the S. S.— (call) G—, of the —Line, on a cruise around the world, out here. He is not qso Pedro, and we want to get all his traffic for the —(name of service company)—. He will be sending in quite a bit of stuff so keep a sharp lookout for him and don't let anything get away from us." And the British operator was probably listening to this hogtieg scheme. Well the other fellow said, "R ge," and terminated the conversation. He seemed sort of peeved, and ashamed of this "aspiring youth," and that was the last of him in the matter.

The ambitious "A.Y." kept a very sharp watch though because the British vessel couldn't even call another ship without this young hopeful piping up and asking if he had a msg.

The fellows on the British vessel must have gotten pretty well fed up on this because as soon as they could they diverted their traffic to the other Pedro outfit, even though the "A.Y." broadcast the fact to them repeatedly that he would qsr "free" to Pedro.

I heard them receive traffic from the first station, ok it, then call the other station and give him a couple they had on file when the other was received, regardless as to whether they were answers to msgs received from the first station or not.

The theory of patronizing their own company can't be applied here either because they are known to be partial to the first outfit. The only reason I can see is that they were sick of this American's "Hamantics" and the fact that his company tolerated such, for as I am told an Englishman has pride in being an operator, and although some of them are excellent hams they are never proud of it, which seems to be the case with fifty per cent of the American operators.

A good motto is, "Help the other fellow out but don't make a pest of yourself." He will call you when he wants you. Let's hope the commercial hams will adopt this in time. It feels good to have something to hope for at least.

## NORTH PACIFIC SCHEDULES

By L. O. "Mickey" Doran

*This constitutes the first of a complete new set of Marine Radio Notes for North Pacific and Oriental waters. The data should prove invaluable to operators in these waters as they represent the most complete and accurate information possible to compile. The complete set will subsequently be printed in book form.*

TIME	CALL	WAVE	REMARKS
0000	GBR	18740	Press. CW.
0000	XRT	600	†Weather. Spk.
0000	JMAA	800	†Weather. CW.
0010	JFRA	4000	††Weather. CW. (2)
0030	JTJ	600	†Weather. Spk. (3)
0030	XRT	2800	†Weather to XPI. Spk.
0100	NPC	2541	Weather. CW.
0130	NPE	2677	Weather. CW.
0130	NPI	2939	Weather. CW.
0155	BXY	2200	Time sigs. CW.
0200	JRW	10000	Weather. CW.
0200	JJC	7700	Time sigs. and † Weather. CW.
0200	JCS**	600	**Time sigs. and ††Weather. Spk.
0200	NPO	5260	Press to Navy. CW.
0253	FFZ	750	Time sigs. and Weather. Spk.
0255	NPO	5260 and 2677	Time sigs. CW.
0255	VAE	600	Time sigs. Spk.
0300	HVM	600	†Weather. Spk.
0300	HVI	600	†Weather. Spk.
0330	NPG	7005	††Weather. CW.
0400	VPS**	600	††Weather. CW. (Call may be changed).
0400	WWBO**	600	Weather. Spk. (4)
0400	NPC	2541	Weather. CW.
0405	KPH	675	Weather. CW. (5)
0430	WNU	3331	Weather, traffic and press. CW. Good.
0430	NPE	2677	Weather. CW.
0500	VPS	2800	††Weather. CW.
0515	WRQ	13500	Press. CW.
0555	NPG	4836 and 2776	Time sigs. CW.
0600	VAE**	600	Weather. Spk. (8)
0600	2UO	40.8	Press. CW. (N. Y. Times) Good.
0600	XPI	650	Weather. Spk. (6)
0600	JFRA	4000	††Weather. CW. (2)
0630	JTJ	600	†Weather. Spk. (3)
0700	NSS	17130	Press to Navy. CW. NAA simultaneous on 37.4 mtrs. Good
0800	NPM	37	Traffic and press to NPO-NPN. CW.
0810	KPH	2200	Press. CW. Good.
0853	FFZ	750	Time sigs. and Weather. Spk.
0900	JAA	15100	Press. CW.
0900	VAE	1700	Press. CW. Good.
1000	NPL	9798	Press to Navy. CW.
1000	XRT	600	†Weather. Spk.
1100	JMAA	800	†Weather. CW.
1100	WUT	1870	Press. CW. (Unreliable)
1110	JFRA	4000	††Weather. CW. (2)
1159	JJC	7700	Time sigs. and † Weather. CW.
1159	JCS**	600	Time sigs. and †† Weather. Spk.

1200	GBR	18740	Press. CW.
1200	NPM	11490	Time sigs. CW.
1200	VPS**	600	††Weather. Spk.
1230	JTJ	750	†Weather. Spk. (3)
1255	BXY	2200	Time sigs. CW.
1300	NPC	2541	Weather. CW.
1300	VPS	2800	††Weather. CW.
1300	JDA	600	Weather. Spk. or CW.
1330	HVM-HVI	600	Weather. Spk.
1355	NPO	5260 and 2677	Time sigs. and Weather CW.
1400	FFZ	750	Weather. Spk.
1600	WWBO**	600	Weather. Spk. (4)
1630	WNU	3331	Traffic and press. CW. Good.
1700	NPG	7005	††Weather. CW.
1700	NPW	2883	Weather. CW.
1700	NPL	9798	Time sigs. CW.
1700	NPC	2541	Weather. CW.
1730	NPL	2939	Weather. CW.
1730	NPE	2677	Weather. CW.
1955	NPG	4836 and 2776	Time sigs. CW.
2000	GBR	18740	Press. CW.
2000	NPM	11490	Traffic and press to NPO-NPN. CW. (7)
2000	WWBO**	600	Weather. Spk. (4)
2100	NPC	2541	Weather. CW.
2130	NPE	2677	Weather. CW.
2230	NPM	5552	Weather. CW.
2355	NPM	11490	Time sigs. CW.

CW designates arc or tube.  
 \*\*Ships are especially cautioned not to interfere with the schedules marked with the double star\*\*.  
 †—Indicates that the weather is sent only in code.  
 ††—Indicates that the code weather report is followed by a plain-language report. All of the weather codes used by the various stations are given on the following sheets.

Numbers in parentheses refer to the following:  
 (2)—JFRA Tokyo. After the finish of the 4000 meter transmission, JFRA repeats the plain-language portion of the report on 600 meters CW. This is the best Japanese weather report.  
 (3)—JTJ Kobe, repeats the report on 2650 meters CW immediately after finishing on Spk. Poor arc on 2650.

(4)—All Pacific Coast Light Vessels send weather at the same time. WWBO, WWBP, WWBQ, WWBU and WWBV.

(5)—KPH repeats the plain-language portion of NPG's Major Weather Bulletin and also repeats WWBV weather, first on 675 and then on 2200 meters CW.

(6)—XPI Pratas Island, repeats the report on 1450 meters CW, after finishing the 650 meter transmission.

(7)—Much of NPM's day traffic goes through on about 20 meters instead of 11490 meters as shown.

(8)—VAE repeats the report on 1700 meters CW, after the finish of the spark transmission.

Unless otherwise mentioned, the times given are in G.C.T. (Greenwich Civil Time). This can be converted to P.S.T., Pacific Standard Time, (time of 120th Meridian West) or to C.C.T., China Coast Time, (time of 120th Meridian East) by means of the tables below:

CCT	.....	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
GCT	.....	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
PST	.....	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	0	1	2	3	4
CCT	.....	21	22	23	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
GCT	.....	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
PST	.....	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		

Read the columns vertically, thus: Midnight (0) GCT is 8 AM. (8) CCT and 4 PM. (16) PST.  
 CCT, China Coast Time, is the standard time of Manila, Hong Kong, Shanghai and other China coast cities.

### Weather Reports

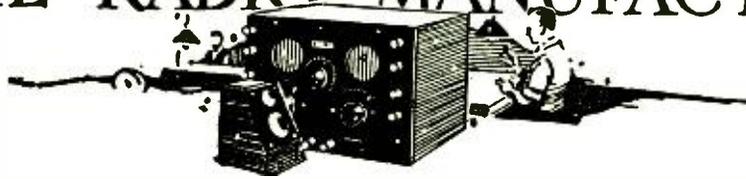
For off-shore vessels, the best weather reports are the bulletins sent by NPG and JFRA. Both can be heard at good distances. In the Orient it is a good plan to copy all NPO weather schedules as NPO usually has typhoon warnings a day or so in advance of other stations during the typhoon seasons.

### Time Signals

Various methods of transmitting time signals are used in the different countries but an American "tick" is always available in the Pacific from either NPG, NPL, NPM or NPO. Other methods are explained in the Berne List.

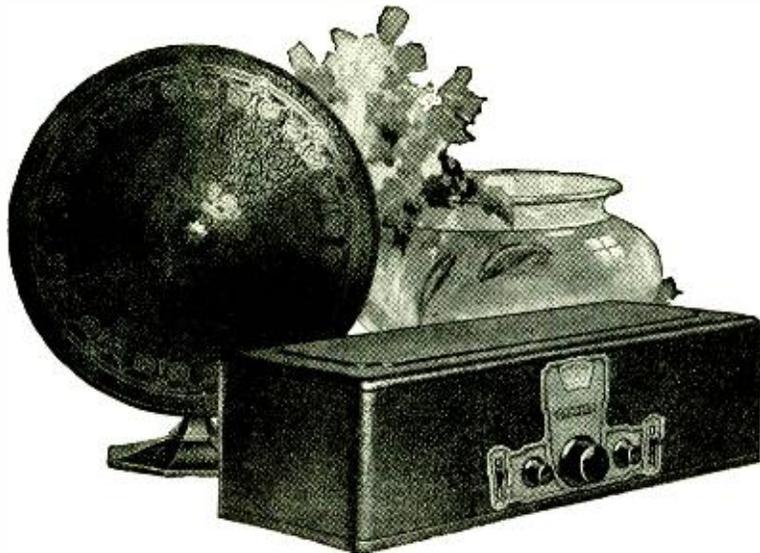
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# FROM THE RADIO MANUFACTURERS



## THE CROSLY BANDBOX

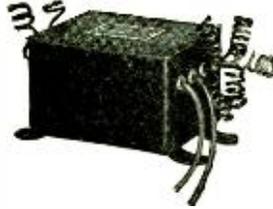
The Crosley Bandbox is a compact, attractive and sensitive six-tube set which is made in two types, one for battery or eliminator operation and the other for lampsocket connection for complete a.c. operation. The latter type uses a.c. filament tubes. The radio stages and the first audio stage use UX-226 tubes. Filaments in these tubes are heated with raw a.c. current at proper voltage. The UY-227, with indirectly heated emitter, is used as the detector. The power tube is a UX-171 at 180 volts plate. A small socket power unit supplies a.c. current at the proper voltage for all filaments and d.c. from rectifier and filter for all plates and grids including the UX-171 output tube at 180 volts. This unit is



finished exactly like the set. Both types are identical in size and, except for a few necessary differences, in construction. An unusual feature about the Bandbox is the fact that it is furnished in a frosted brown crystalline finish cabinet which can be readily removed, allowing the set to be inserted in a console or other piece of furniture. The chassis, independently mounted, may be released readily from its metal cabinet.

It has a single dial control. The tuning scale shows through a window which is illuminated, permitting the set to be used in a shadowy corner, a darkened room, or on a porch or other place where outside lighting may not be available. It has a volume control and filament switch, and two acuminators, or trimming condensers, for sharpening the circuits when extreme range sensitivity and selectivity are desired. It employs the Hazeltine Neutrodyne circuit consisting of three stages of completely balanced and neutralized tuned radio frequency amplification, detector, and two stages of improved transformer coupled audio frequency amplification. It is non-oscillating, non-radiating and completely shielded.

The Dongan No. 4586 transformer is designed to supply low voltage filament current to the new UX-226 and UX-227 types of a. c. tubes. It will also function



with the UX-171 power amplifier tube. Another transformer, No. 4587, is required for the UX-210 tube.

The Hoyt Set Tester consists of a high resistance voltmeter and milliammeter in

The Electrad Truvolt is a high resistance power potentiometer for controlling the output of a "B" eliminator. It consists of a high resistance element wound on a threaded isolantite tube and a knob-controlled contact arm. The resistance



unit itself consists of nichrome wire closely wound on an asbestos cord having an enamelled copper core. The full length of base wire is exposed for the dissipation of heat. The units are rated at 25 watts in ranges of 0-2000 ohms to 0-50,000 ohms.

Sprague Midget Condensers, in 14 sizes from .0007 to .1 mfd., are tested to 1500 volts d.c. They are about 1/2 the size and 1/4 the weight of the usual fixed condenser. Tests have shown them to have an average breakdown voltage of 3550 and a minimum breakdown of 3000 volts a.c. They are made in two types, with either "eyelets" or pre-soldered flexible lugs. Constant capacitance is secured by a process of triple impregnation and an asphalt wrapping.

The Dubilier Condenser Corporation has announced that unauthorized use of their patents on battery eliminators, power amplifiers and power-operated sets will be prosecuted. Licenses have been granted to Willard, Balkite, Philco, Majestic, Federal Brandies, Argus, Timmons and the U. S. Government.

New Radio Catalogs—Bremer Tully Mfg. Co. of Chicago are distributing a new catalog sheet which illustrates and describes various models of their Counterphase Eight and Six, and gives the details of their speaker and "B" power unit.

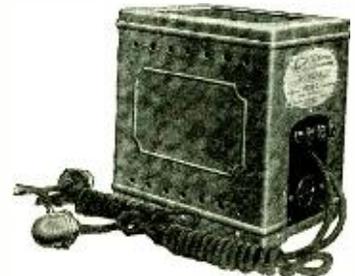
Catalog No. 205 from the Benjamin Electric Mfg. Co. of Chicago shows their sockets for d.c. and a.c. tubes, shelf brackets, variable condensers and r.f. transformers.

The General Instrument Super "A" supplies 2 1/2 amperes of rectified and filtered alternating current at 6 volts for tube filament needs. The step-down power transformer secondary is tapped at "low," "medium" and "high" to care for variations in line voltages and cur-

a neat case fitted with tube socket, switch, external binding posts for battery connection, and a 2 ft. flexible lead terminated with a plug to fit tube sockets. The meter has a 3 3/4 in. scale



rent demand. A 2 1/2 ampere Raytheon cartridge is used as the rectifier. The power consumption at maximum load is 60 watts. The unit is 8 3/4 by 6 by 8 1/2 in. and weighs 21 lbs.



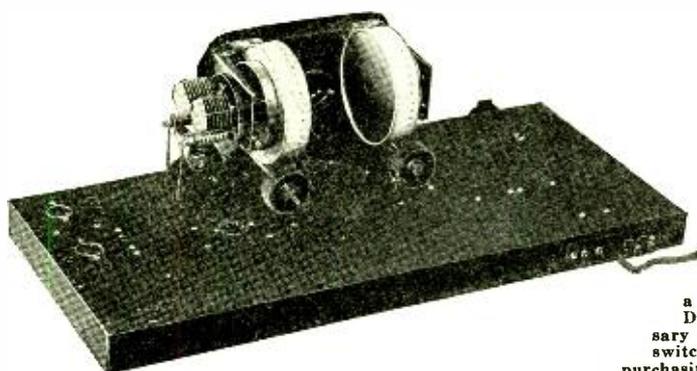
in 4 ranges: 0-10 volts, 0-500 volts, 0-25 milliamperes, 0-100 milliamperes. As a voltmeter it has a resistance of 1000 ohms per volt. It may be used to test tubes, battery voltages, circuit continuity, etc.

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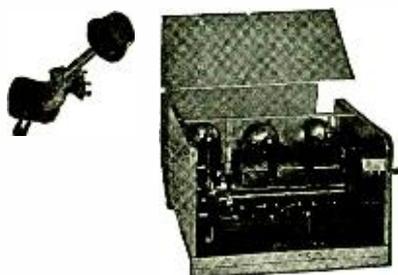
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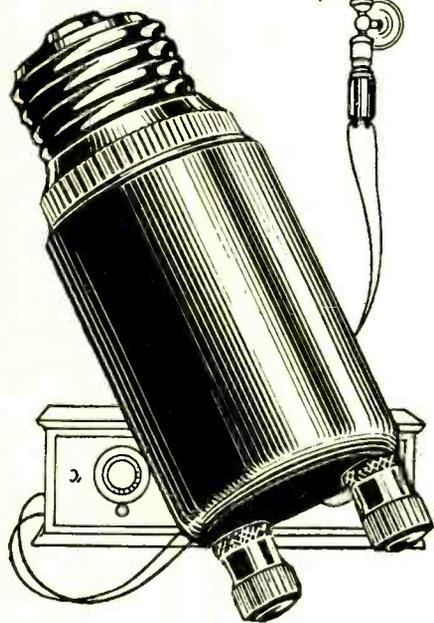
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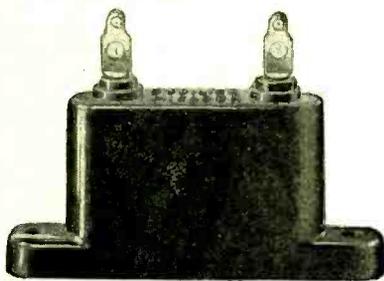
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# Dubilier

## Condensers

## THE TYRMAN TEN

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necter strip is held in place by some of the screws of the audio transformers, which thus serve a dual purpose. The connector strip has holes drilled through the center, at uniform distances, so that the mounting screws can pass through without coming into contact with the connectors themselves.

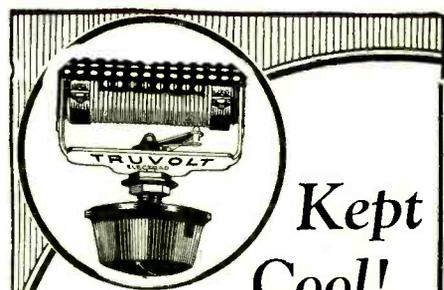
In the pictorial diagram, Fig. 2, the connector strip is shown in sketch form, underneath the diagram, so as to enable a ready understanding of its purpose. The strip consists of six sets of eight terminals and two sets of four terminals, the latter being at the opposite ends. Of the sets of eight, there are four terminals on each side, being the  $-A$ ,  $-C$ ,  $+B$  and  $+A$ . Both the negative  $A$  and positive  $B$  are double terminals, separated by insulation, so that one  $B$  terminal can be used for 45 volts, and the other for 90 volts, while the  $A$  pair of terminals can be used for different parts of the filament circuit.

Before placing on the subpanel, the strip is prepared in the following manner. The end terminals on each side are not used, so they are broken off. Do not clip them off with pliers, but work the terminals back and forth until they break off close to the bakelite moulded form. A number of the strips of the groups of eight terminals are also broken off, as shown in the diagram. Where the diagram reads "Lower," the upper strip associated with it is broken off, and where it reads "Upper," the lower strip is broken off. Where both strips are used, they are so indicated on the diagram. Particular care must be observed in the case of the last group of eight terminals to the right, where the positive  $B$  lower strip on the lower side is bent over in the form of an arc, and soldered to a connecting lug on the top of the strip after it has been placed on the subpanel. If care is not taken to bend this strip carefully, it may touch the broken end of the unused terminal on the top of the strip, and short circuit a section of the  $B$  battery. A small piece of paper or empire cloth placed under the strip at this point is a good precaution against such an occurrence. In some cases, the upper or lower strips are bent over and fastened to screws projecting through the center holes in the strip, as can be seen in the diagram, and the position of these terminals is indicated both in the drawing of the strip, and the pictorial diagram itself.

The two midget condensers are fastened to the subpanel by means of holes placed where the condensers will clear the rest of the apparatus, and the bypass condensers are fastened to the connector strip directly to the screws which act as connecting wires to the apparatus on top

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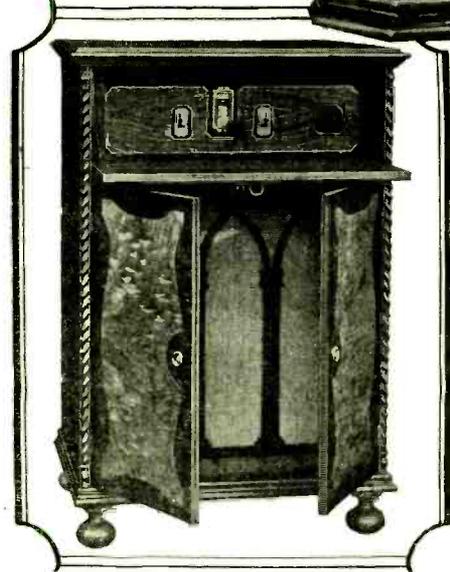
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of the panel. The battery leads are brought out to a connector plug, which has the two loud speaker tip jacks mounted alongside the plug connector, as can be seen in the pictorial diagram. The position of the relatively few connecting wires required in the set is plainly shown in the diagram, so that no special instructions are needed.

The wiring of the subpanel can be practically all completed before the panel is fastened to the front panel assembly, the only wires which are required being those to the tuning condensers and panel rheostats, which can be placed in a few minutes. The two panels are fastened together by means of a pair of brackets, at each end.

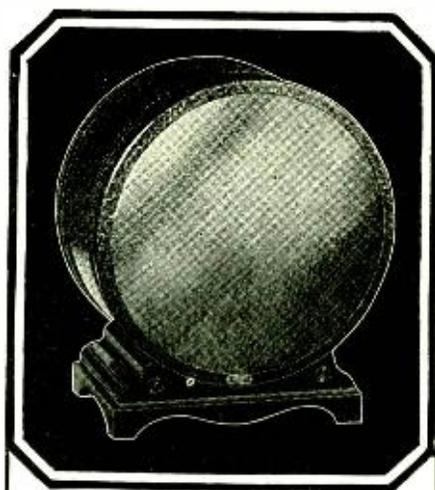
The first test to make after all connections are made and checked with the diagram is to make certain that there are no short circuits in the battery leads. A favorite method of making this test is to insert a tube in each socket in turn, with the positive *A* battery lead connected to the various *B* battery positive taps, so that if the filament lights, a short circuit between the positive *A* bus bar and some of the *B* battery terminals is present. Of course, a dead short in the *A* battery circuit will be indicated by a snappy spark when the storage battery or *A* socket power is connected. The safest method of insuring against tube burnouts, when a dry cell or storage *B* battery is to supply the plate voltage, is to place a 10 or 25 watt Mazda lamp in series with the negative *B* battery wire, so that should there be a short circuit, the lamp will light, and permit only  $\frac{1}{4}$  ampere or so to flow into the circuit. The lamp can be left in the circuit as a permanent fuse if it is shunted with a 1 mfd. bypass condenser. Place the lamp at the battery, not at the set.

Upon completing the tests, insert all tubes in their sockets, and place the shields over the tubes, grounding the second and third shields from the left, looking at the set from the front panel, with the flexible wires leading from the ground connection.

Be sure that the *C* batteries are connected, especially that of the power tubes, as their plate current will be excessive if the grid circuit is open, and they will quickly become overheated, besides running down the batteries at a rapid rate.

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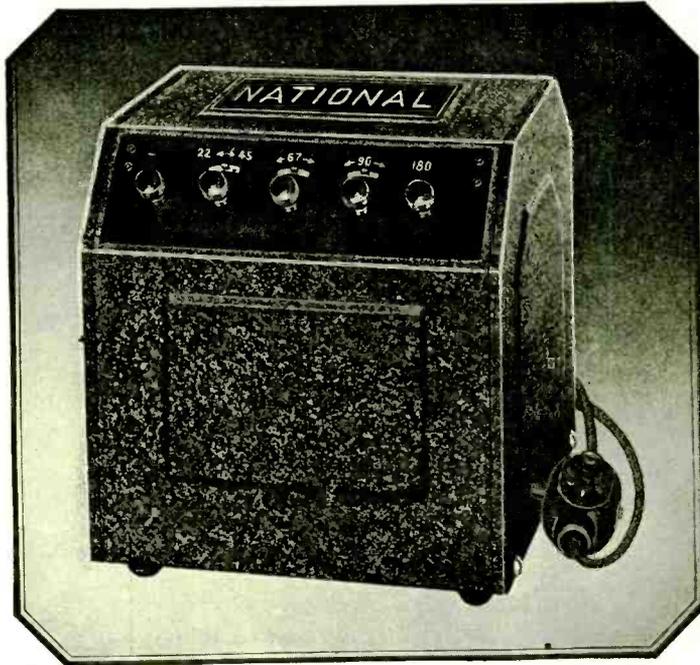
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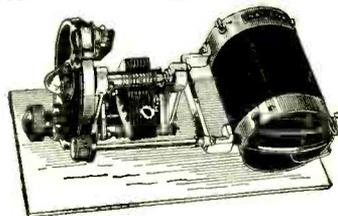
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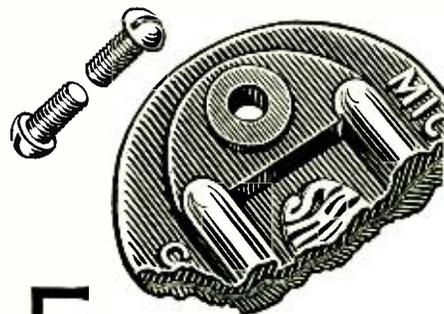
"Now listen closely. The real reason that I am assigning you to this job is this: Lefty Blackburn is aboard that ship, and he is coming ashore with the liquor. He has had all he wants of Canada, is probably homesick, and figures that last killing job of his is ancient history, and that he is safe in coming back. He has grown a beard, and has gotten rid of those two gold crowns in the front of his mouth. Never mind where I got the tip—I figure that you would like to make connections with Lefty, and of course we would like to get him.

"Oh, yes, about Raule—leave him in the car when you park. He is green yet and there may be some shooting. You will call the desk sergeant tomorrow morning and report sick. Raule will pick you up about four o'clock in the afternoon, which will bring you to the place shortly after dark. Raule will call you up early in the afternoon and tell you the meeting place."

Dawson's indignation at being sent out on the job with Raule was tempered by the chief's mention of Blackburn. Some nine months previous, he and Lefty Blackburn had shot it out, Dawson getting two .38 calibre slugs, one in the shoulder, the other in the right arm. Blackburn, dope crazed, had run amuck, killing a victim, and tracked down by Dawson, had turned and put over a spectacular bit of gun play. The feud between the two was several years old, Blackburn having served time because of Dawson's activities. Dawson was wounded so that he could not fight back, Blackburn made good his escape, and eventually, it was believed, found his way into Canada. Now it seemed that there was a chance to even up the affair, and Dawson, not possessed of touchy nerves, welcomed the opportunity.

The following afternoon, Raule picked Dawson up at a downtown corner. Dawson looked like a prosperous elderly business man, clad in an immaculate gray suit—even his oversized feet seemed to have shrunk in the new arrangement. Raule had likewise rid himself of his faint suspicion of a mustache and wore a chauffeur's uniform, from shining puttees to a nifty cap. Deferentially he stepped out at the curb, saluted smartly, and swung the door open. As Dawson entered, stooping down the better to accommodate his height, he stumbled across a square, polished box. "Whatcha got in the package?" queried Dawson as Raule threaded his way through the downtown traffic.

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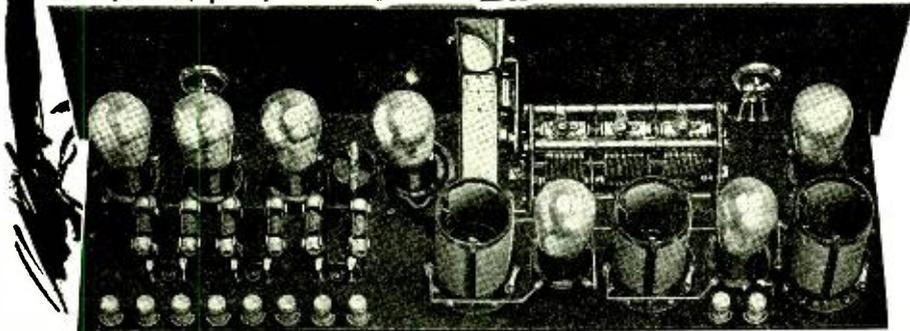
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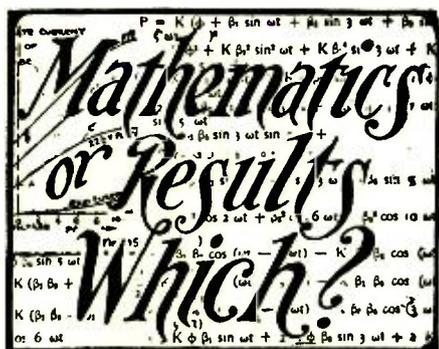
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amended at the sight of Dawson's puzzled countenance, at the same time adding mentally, "and I hope those big feet of yours didn't crack those 199 filaments."

"Oh," said Dawson, a trifle contemptuously, as he settled back comfortably, and bit off the end of a four bit cigar which he had bought to fit the gray suit, "a radio, huh? Whatcha going to do with it—throw it at the bootleggers, maybe?"

"Hardly," replied Raule, somewhat nettled at Dawson's tone, "but the chief says I have to stick with the car, and I figured it would be a good way of killing time while you are out handcuffing your prisoners."

Dawson grunted and lapsed into silence. The car swung into its stride, threading the now narrowing road. They slid through small coast villages, at times in a burst of speed, again more slowly as Raule navigated one of the many curves. Finally Dawson leaned forward and tapped Raule on the shoulder. It was now growing dark, and Raule switched on the headlights.

"Take it easy," said Dawson, "we ought to be coming to the Jensen ranch at any time."

Ahead of them the lights of a heavy truck loomed, at right angles to the road, emerging from a side lane. Covered with a heavy tarpaulin, it moved squarely across the road as Raule slid his car to a protesting stop some fifty feet away. The motor of the truck died suddenly, the driver getting out and cranking vigorously. From the driver's seat another figure clambered down, stood watching the driver a moment, and then slowly walked toward the sedan.

"On your guard—this may be a plant," muttered Dawson as the man, a burly hulk, approached.

Raule lowered the window on his side of the car as the man came up. "Trouble?" he asked.

"Yep," said the fellow, "motor's been bucking with that heavy load of artichokes. He'll have her going in a minute and'll get out of your way. Got a match on you?" Raule passed him a match, and talked indifferently, while Dawson, surrounded by fake luggage, glanced impatiently at his watch, inwardly noting with approval that Raule was carrying his part well. Dawson was aware that both Raule and himself were being closely scrutinized by the man beside the car. Suddenly the motor of the truck started with a roar, and nodding to Raule, the man made his way back to the truck and clambered up beside the driver. The truck backed into the lane, and the driver motioned Raule to pass.

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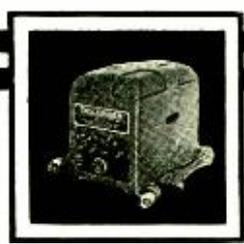
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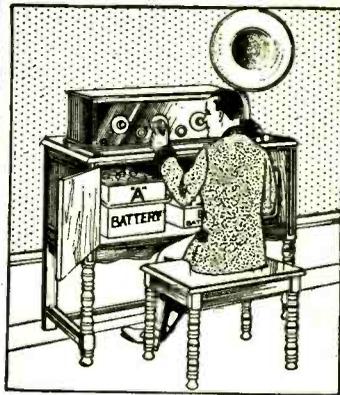
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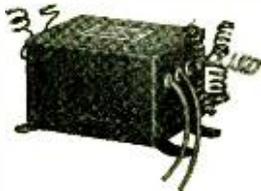
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The car crested the slope, and started on the down grade. Suddenly the lights went out, and Raule, stopping, stepped out and shook his headlights vigorously.

"Sorry sir, lights are out," he said to Dawson.

"Go ahead on your spot. We're late now," replied Dawson, falling into the spirit of the act.

Raule started ahead again, with his spot focused on the road. Leveling out, the car followed the beach line, and as they took the incline ahead, Raule shifted his gears. "Wet road," he remarked, "and narrow. We could use chains."

Dawson had noted in the faint light of the climbing moon, the sharp drop-off on the beach where a small boat could make a landing. Back of the road lay a heavy mantle of brush extending back a considerable distance, and in which Dawson surmised that the government operatives might be planted.

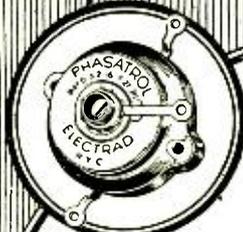
Proceeding slowly in low gear, as they approached the center of the grade, the spot picked up a knarled group of live-oaks and brush. As the car passed under the trees, the side of the car toward the hill above listed sharply, and a figure tumbled into the machine. It straightened up.

"Keep going. I am Smith. Got your signal all right as you came over the hill. Go on about two miles yet. There are a couple of lookouts at the top of this grade, but they won't stop you, as you got by the other side all right. I have a good hiding spot picked out for the car. We will have to cut back around the hill to join the other men. Well, I'm glad you boys have shown up. The chief has had us planted for two days right between the two lookout posts, and we sure have been cramped, keeping out of sight. We're passing the south lookout post now. We ought to have some excitement pretty quick, because we sighted the ship just before dark, and they will be landing before long."

Raule kept on a way farther, and under the direction of Smith, as they reached a lonely spot in the road, drew the car to one side, where a screen of underbrush effectually concealed the car from view. Directly ahead at this point the road doubled in a hairpin curve. From where Raule parked, a clear view of the road in both directions was presented.

Dawson now changed into a more serviceable suit of clothes that he had brought with him, explaining as he did so to Smith that Raule was to remain

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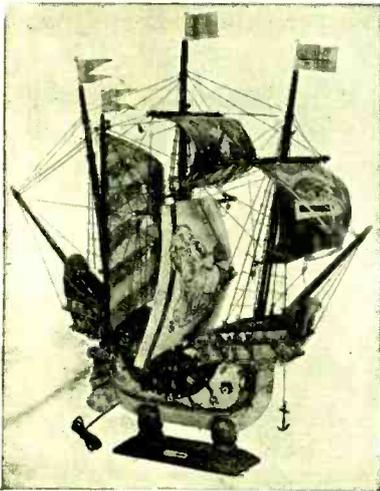
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with the car, and telling briefly of the reason of his assignment to the job. Smith listened closely to that part concerning Lefty Blackburn. Then Dawson and Smith moved off into the night, while Raule planting himself in the back seat, set up the superheterodyne, and prepared to kill time with whatever broadcast program he might find agreeable.

Finally he dozed off, only to come alertly awake as he heard the grind of gears as a car came from the south. It was now around eleven o'clock. So far, there had been no northbound traffic, although two southbound cars had gone through earlier in the evening. He withdrew one of the phones as he twirled the dials for a late working station. The car coming toward him turned the hair-pin curve slowly, and came to a coughing stop in front of his protective screen of brush. The driver made several ineffectual attempts to start the motor, and then cursing, climbed out and raised the hood. Inside the roadster, another figure cursed the driver. He looked up from where he stood.

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Raule, who had removed both phones to hear what was going on, came up with a jerk at the mention of Blackburn. His blood tingled in an instinctive reaction. Then he laughed at himself. Just a coincidence. Still, it might be Lefty Blackburn himself, but what was he doing here heading from the south, and by automobile. Should he attempt to reach Dawson—but he dismissed the thought. Even if he could reach Dawson, it would be too late to stop the car and investigate, and he could hear the razzing Dawson would give him, with a grinning bunch of prohis listening in—that is, providing he found Dawson without getting shot in the attempt, between the rum runners and the operatives, to say nothing of spilling the beans in the coming attempt to capture the contraband cargo and the crew of the ship. He shrugged his shoulders, and set the phones on his ears.

Some ten minutes or so had passed when Raule was again aroused, this time by a succession of shots and yells, dim and muffled by distance, but nevertheless unmistakable. Raule tried to visualize the situation, picturing himself at the head of the attacking operatives, leading them on against odds, and in general distinguishing himself. Then he laughed, having a keen sense of humor, and once more turned his attention to

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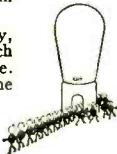
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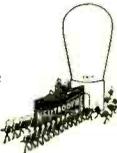
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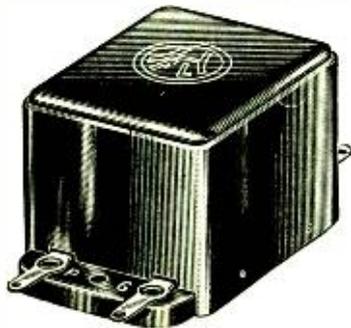
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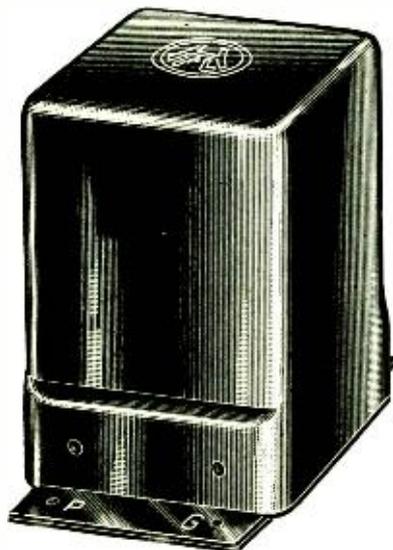
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his dials. In a few moments he again became suddenly alert, and, jerking the receivers from his ears, whipped a pistol from his pocket and jumped from the car.

IT WAS a weary and disgusted sleuth in the person of Dawson some two hours later who found his way back to the car. Raule was sitting on the running board awaiting him. “Get your man?” queried Raule pleasantly, as Dawson came up.

“Naw,” said Dawson with more force than elegance. “They got the rest of the bunch alright, and all tied up tight—that is they got the first boatload that came ashore, but Blackburn wasn't with them, and when the shooting started, which we didn't figure on so early, the ship put out to sea. The guys we got won't talk and if they would it wouldn't make any difference anyway, because Blackburn isn't with them,” and Dawson dejectedly sat down on the running board of the car beside Raule, and filled his pipe with Teamster's Delight.

“Well, that's too bad,” sympathized Raule. “But say, take a look in the back of the car and see what I've got, will you?” Perplexed, Dawson opened the door and peered in. Trussed up on the seat of the car, a neatly tied figure glared back at him, at first defiantly, then with a growing expression of fear in the narrow eyes.

“Well, I'll be sunk,” gasped Dawson. “Lefty Blackburn, by Christmas.” Then bereft of speech, he turned to Raule for an explanation.

“It's not a very long story,” said Raule, “and I can tell it to you after we get under way. You might take a look at the way Blackburn is tied up. It's hard to tie a fellow when you have to hold a gun in one hand and work with the other, and this boy sure told me plenty while I was fastening him.”

With the prisoner securely trussed, Raule piloted the car back to where the government operatives had assembled on the beach with their prizes. One of the men had started a fire over which a pot was boiling, while others were fishing out of the surf the last cases of liquor that had gone overboard when the small landing boat had upset in the surprise attack. They surrounded Raule and Dawson and at sight of the manacled Blackburn shot questions at both the men.

“He'll have to tell you the story,” said Dawson, pointing to Raule. “I don't know how he done it, but he sure got the bird I wanted.”

Briefly as possible, while he drank a cup of coffee handed to him by one of the operatives, Raule told his story. “The whole thing happened so quickly,” he said, after telling of setting up his superheterodyne, and of the stalling of the car in front of his own machine, “that when I heard the other fellow call Blackburn by name I couldn't think

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"But how did you know that it was his car coming back?" came in chorus from Dawson and others simultaneously, while even Blackburn showed faint curiosity.

"Ah," replied Raule, reaching for another cup of coffee, "that is where the gentleman of ebony hue takes his place in the fuel supply—or to put it plainer, where the superheterodyne comes in. Now listen, so that you will all get this fully!

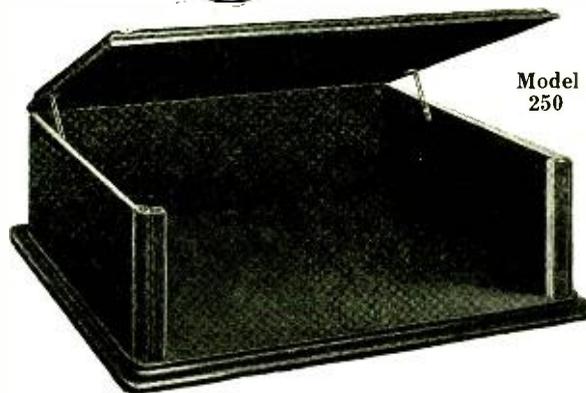
"When the car stopped opposite of me, I still had one receiver over my ear. Now, you know that an automobile motor is operated by the explosion of gas in the cylinders, induced by an electric spark between the terminals of a spark plug. You get me?" he queried, whereat the closely assembled group nodded. "All right! Now, these plugs, with their electrical discharge, are miniature transmitting stations, capable of sending out an electrical radiation for a short distance, depending upon the ignition system used, and the sensitivity of the receiving set. Under certain conditions, a sensitive receiving set will pick up these discharges several hundred feet away, registering in a steady rhythmic series of clicks, depending upon the speed of the motor. For instance, if the superheterodyne were in the car itself, the discharges of the ignition system would be sufficient to render the set temporarily inoperative, due to the strength of discharge.

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"From what Blackburn told me after I got him tied up, although he refused to admit that he was the Blackburn that Dawson wanted, he and the driver got to the beach just when you fellows started shooting. The driver jumped out and ran ahead to find out the trouble. Blackburn, shot with dope, and fear crazed, turned the car around and started back. I picked up the irregular firing of the motor while the car was some three hundred feet or so away, and, knowing that it was the same car that had passed before, decided to stop it. I shot the rear tire out as Blackburn passed. He couldn't see the flash of the gun, and thought that the report was the tire. He stopped on the hair pin

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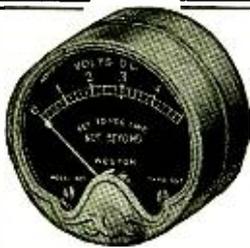
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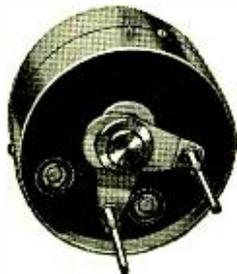
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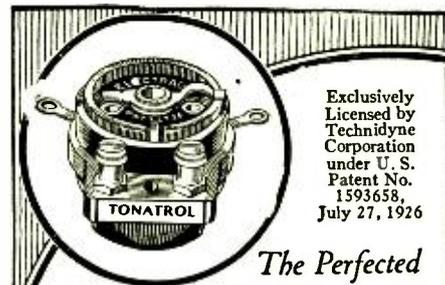
curve and I stepped out and covered him. His car is back there yet, by the way—one of you boys had better go back for it."

Amid the remarks of the closely listening group, Raule went on. "You may wonder that the ignition system would carry several hundred feet, considering that it is very highly damped—if that means anything to you," he added smiling, "and I was surprised myself until I figured it out this way. The road along there is still wet and muddy from the rains, and undoubtedly the wire wheels of the car and the wet tires made a partial ground, which, combined with the ignition cables leading to the plugs, formed a radiating system of sorts. Then also, I had grounded the loop on the set, which would, under the circumstances, make the pickup possible over a greater distance than otherwise. If I hadn't heard the misfire of the cylinder in the headset, I would hardly have attempted to stop the car, as it would have been too long a chance."

Blackburn's presence in the car at that point, rather than on the rum runner, was explained later in his confession at headquarters. The rum runner, beating up and down the coast at this point, had landed Blackburn, chafing at his prolonged stay in cramped quarters at sea, at a point where he had made his way into Santa Cruz, where a trusted friend had undertaken to drive him north. Blocked from the main highway, by reason of road repair, they had chosen the coast road. Blackburn had not told his friend about the plan of the rum runner to land her contraband—in fact it was doubtful whether Blackburn himself knew of the particular landing place. The stumbling of Blackburn into the hornet's nest was purely coincidental—one of those things that just happen.

The episode served to establish Raule firmly on the force as a made man, Dawson not failing to give credit generously in his story at headquarters. Not that they gave the correspondence course any credit for it, however. Dawson maintained that Raule succeeded, not because of the course, but in spite of it. While Raule, remembering Lesson Number Seven, The Successful Detective in Ten Lessons, sawed wood, the while mentally giving radio its due for the second time in his short career as a detective.

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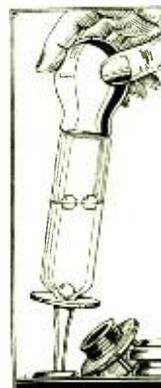
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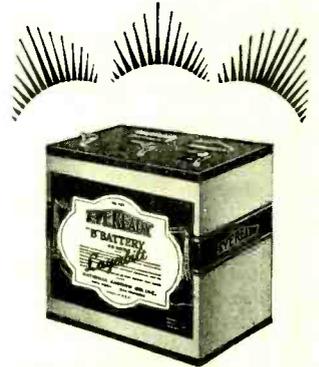
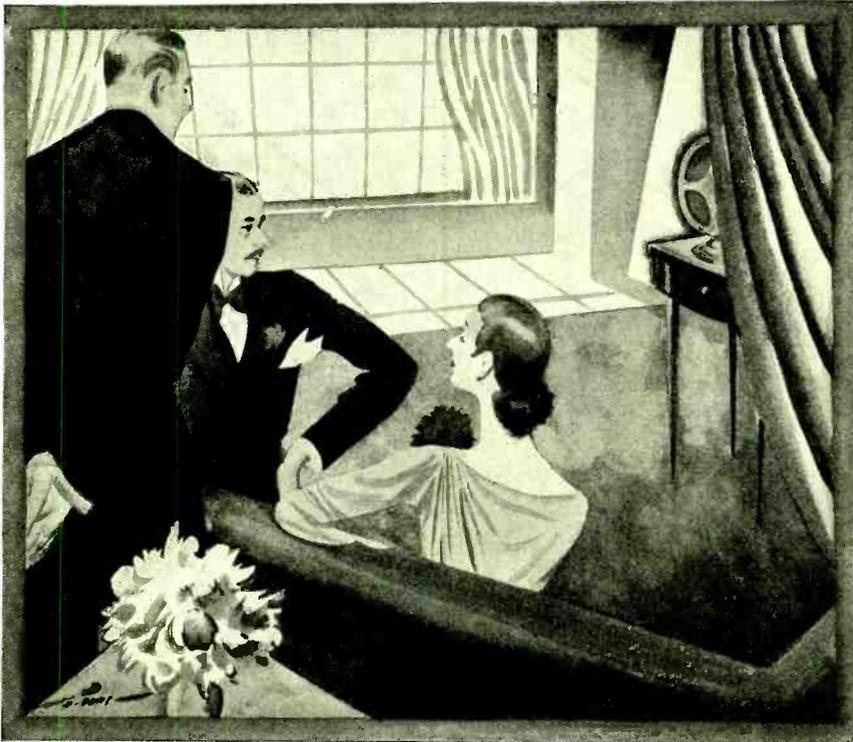


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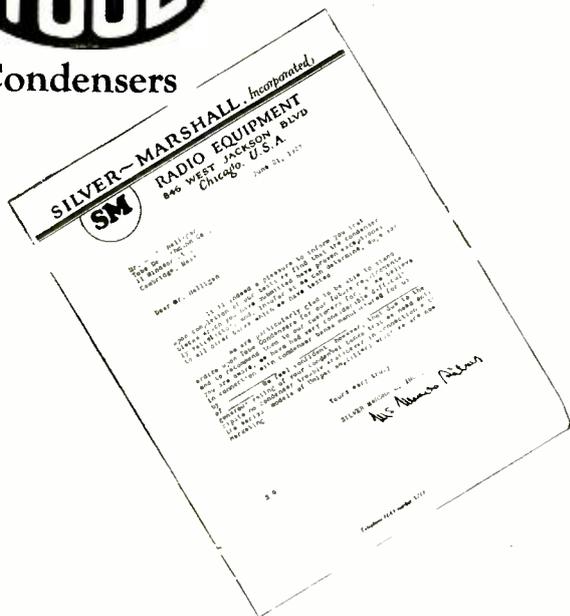
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Just as tools of carbon steel are brought to the right hardness by first making them glass hard and then drawing the temper by gentle heating, so carbon steel articles can be beautified by drawing the temper to a desired color. The range of possible shades is about as follows, though of course the colors succeed each other in imperceptible graduations and not by steps as given in the list: Very pale yellow, straw yellow, dark yellow, brown yellow, spotted red-brown, light purple, dark purple, full blue and dark blue.

It must be clearly appreciated that these successive colors correspond to successive grades of hardness of the steel that is being colored. For example, the "very pale yellow" shade gives a hardness fit for taps and dies, and is nearly as hard as steel can be used for any tool at all; on the other hand, the "dark blue" shade is that fit for wood screws, where the only call for strength is at the slot where there is a good deal of metal, and that shade corresponds to an almost complete softness. Therefore, for these reasons, one must never color a piece of carbon steel to a color lower in the list than that required as a stopping-point for the required hardness, whatever his artistic desires may be as to the color for ornamental reasons.

One of the best and most striking of the colors in the foregoing list is that of "spotted red-brown." It can be used with good effect on small tools which the amateur makes for his own use, and adds greatly to their charm. But before giving the mottled finish which is provided by that degree of heat, every vestige of tool marks and scratches must be removed.

This is easily done by a proper succession of abrasive materials, for after all the secret of eradicating scratches from metal surfaces consists merely of adding a succession of finer and still finer ones. That is, to finish a steel surface fully bright, rub it with emery cloth or carborundum cloth, then with each of two or three finer grades of such cloth, and finally with crocus cloth. One minute or two of rubbing is required with each grade, if the piece of steel be small. If the piece is cylindrical, shine it in the lathe by spinning it while a strip of cloth is held around it and pulled by both hands.

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"N-n-nothing, Sir." In a very small voice.

"Did you deliberately lie to this lady? Speak up! Did you, did you?"

"Yes-s-s, Sir," still weaker voice.

"Well, you leave this ship at once, you lying whelp. Pack your things and get off right away. I'll see to the relief operator."

At this point the "special" passenger, looking very satisfied, left the room accompanied by the company official who attended her with a great effect at gallantry. But as he stepped from the door and glanced back over his shoulder, one could detect a most imperceptible wink in his eye, directed towards the remaining group.

"Sparks," spoke the aged skipper, rising and advancing on our weebegone operator with a menacing scowl, "You certainly put your foot in it this time. Lucky if you don't lose your ticket. Why man, I never heard of such a foolish thing." (By this time the "special passenger" was far down the deck out of earshot). "But," continued the skipper, with a new light flickering in his eyes, "If you ever do that again you're fired. Now, get out and behave yourself after this."

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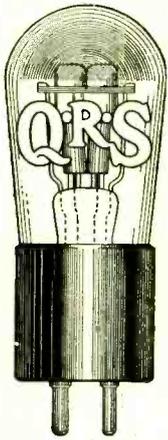
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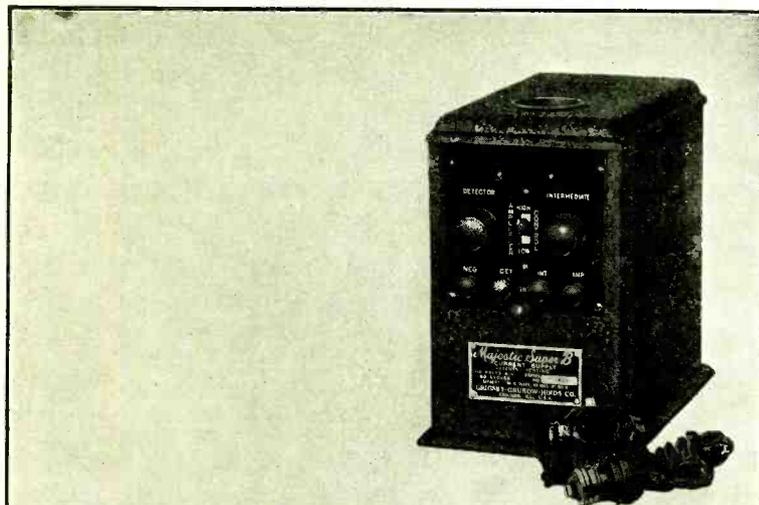
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of a 201-A tube together with the Aero Universal Coil. For loss neutralized systems, a coupling value  $M$  equal to 10 microhenries is recommended as most satisfactory. However, in some cases where extreme selectivity is desired and some amplification can be sacrificed, an  $M$  of 6.6 microhenries may be used. For neutralized circuits, an  $M$  of 18 microhenries should be used and neutralization may be accomplished in the manner shown in Fig. 10. It is interesting to observe in connection with Fig. 9, the manner in which the selectivity decreases as the amplification increases.

The performance to be expected with the 199 type tube is shown in Fig. 11. It will be noted that with  $M$  equal to 6.6, the amplification is extremely low. For that reason no selectivity curve is shown as this combination of tube and coupling is unsatisfactory. The value of  $M$  equals 10, will be found useful in loss stabilized amplifiers, while the

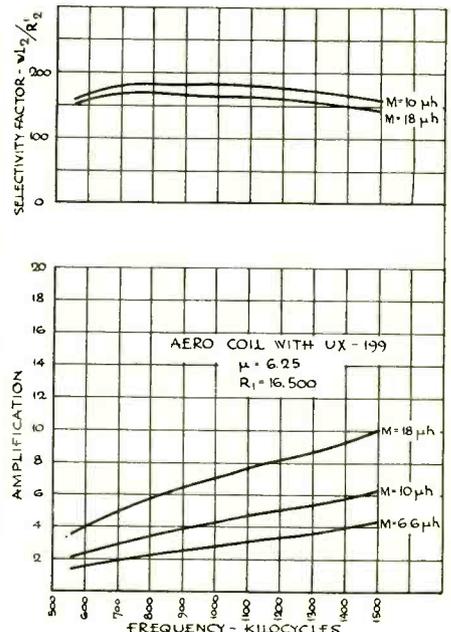


Fig. 11. Performance of Coil With 199 Tube.

value  $M$  equals 18, may be used in either loss stabilized amplifiers or neutralized as per Fig. 10 with somewhat less amplification than the corresponding connections for the 201-A tube. This is due to the fact, that the 199 has a lower amplification constant and a higher plate resistance than the 201-A tube.

In Fig. 12, are shown 3 connections for operation of the Universal Coil with the UX-112 type tube, operated at 90 volts plate potential. These curves are very similar in character to the curves given for the 201-A type tube except in the case of an  $M$  of 18 microhenries where the amplification is very much higher, although the selectivity is rather low. The use of this combination would be valuable in any tuned radio frequency type of receiver where the lo-

cation permits considerable sacrifices in selectivity or for radio frequency stages

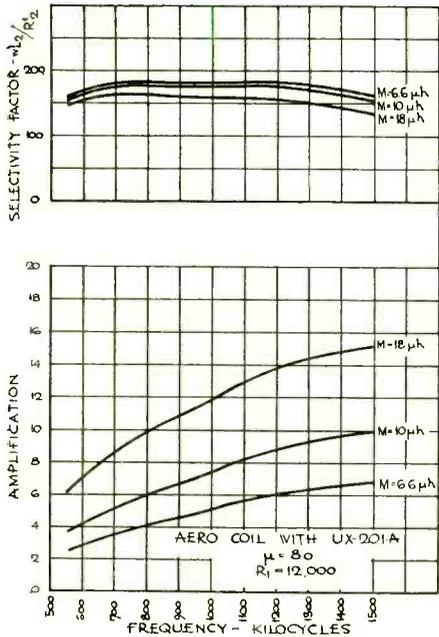


Fig. 12. Performance of Coil With UX-112 Tube.

preceding a superhetrodyne where selectivity in those stages is now paramount.

In Fig. 13, curves are shown on the performance of the Universal Coil with the new Hi-Mu, high impedance 240 tube operated at 90 volts plate potential. It will be noted that the amplification for this connection is very high,

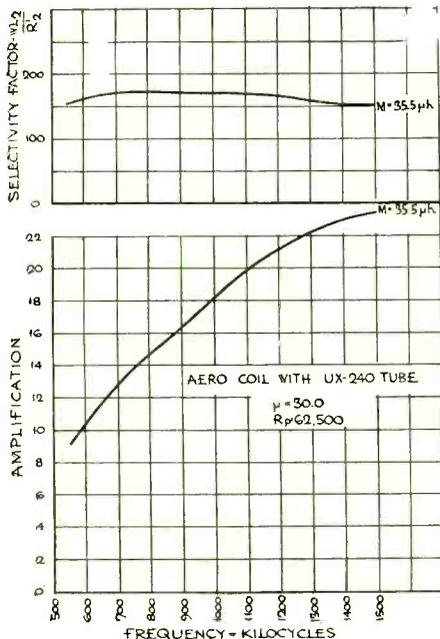


Fig. 13. Performance of Coil With UX-240 Tube.

while the selectivity is not greatly impaired by the large value of coupling. This tube as a radio amplifier, is being used very successfully in the design of a receiver for the 1927-28 season.

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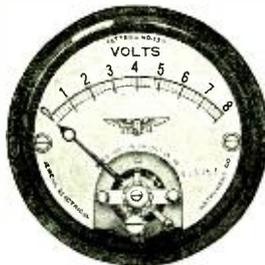
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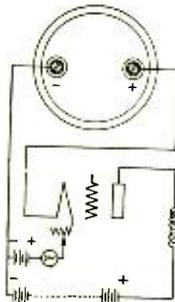
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## QUERIES AND REPLIES

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either the detector or first audio stage; if shorting the secondary of the first audio transformer cures the trouble, you can be practically certain that it is coupling in the B or C battery leads. Extra bypass condensers of 1 mfd. or more placed across the B battery supply to the audio stages will sometimes stop this sort of trouble, and another cure is to shunt the secondaries of both audio transformers with 1/2 megohm grid leaks. Make sure that the metal cases of the transformers are connected to the negative A battery, and then grounded.

In the June issue of RADIO, data on the subject of iron core chokes of 10 henrys each were presented, for use in an "ABC" eliminator. I wish to build a 30 henry choke, and would like to know how many more turns of wire I will need, on the same size core. The choke is to be used for "B" voltage only, so that the current flow through the coil will not be more than 50 milliamperes.—E. H., Alameda, Calif.

With the current drain limited to 50 milliamperes, you can use smaller wire, and thus get many more turns on the same size core. Wind 15,000 turns of No. 34 or 36 cotton covered or enameled wire on the core presented in June RADIO, and reduce the size of the air gap to about half its present width.

## PHONOGRAPH PICKUP

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and the unit fastened thereto. The phone cord is fastened to the wires from the magnet, and the unit assembled finally screwing the cap on the receiver case.

It is now ready for a trial run. Fasten it to the arm of the phonograph, and without attaching it to the set, let it run over the record. If a rattling is noticed, thoroughly tighten all the parts and place small pieces of rubber between both sides of the armature and the magnets, striving to get it to run as silently as possible.

After it is working to your satisfaction, connect the free ends of the cord to the plate and filament terminals of a tube socket. This socket is now inserted in the detector socket of the receiver, and when the reproducer is placed on the record it will reproduce the music from the record.

If the record scratching becomes objectionable, a filter may be constructed from an inductance of 200 mh. and a condenser of .008 mfd. connected as in the wiring diagram. This filter should have a slight amount of iron in the inductance core in order to broaden the bypassed wave band slightly. A honeycomb coil of 1500 turns is about right for the inductance. This arrangement is tuned to about 5500 cycles and the greater part of the scratch noise is removed without seriously affecting the quality of the music.

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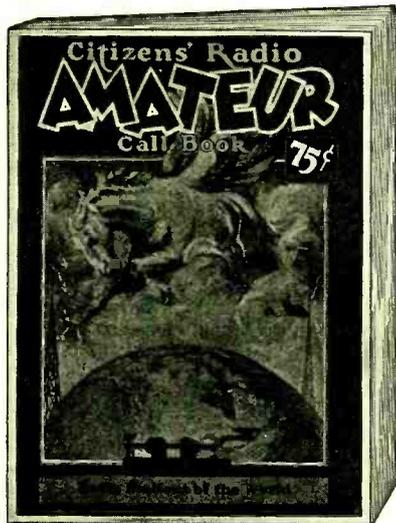


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## WAVEMETER CALIBRATION

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The bracing blocks for panel and condenser support are  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. square wood. The coupling coil is 4 in. in diameter of No. 12 wire.

The wavemeter should be placed at a convenient distance from the oscillator consistent with a good plate meter "flick," and as soon as the wave is measured the scale setting should be noted. A grid meter could be used if handy. Do not measure the distance from the shorted-end of the wires to the first node as this is often very much less than one-half wavelength due to the loading-effect at the shorted end. Poor agreement between amateur 5-meter wavemeters is often due to this error. Wait about 5 minutes after the plate voltage has been applied so that the frequency has become constant, for accurate results.

To spot a point on the wavemeter, couple the oscillator inductance to the shorted end of the wires and move the bridge along them. (4 or 5 turns of No. 14 wire, about 2 or 3 in. in diameter and spaced about 1/2 in. apart should be about the correct inductance to start with). Watch the milliammeter in the oscillator plate circuit and for certain positions of the bridge the plate current will show an abrupt increase. Note the distance between two such positions, this will correspond to one-half wavelength. Take a stiff piece of copper wire and solder it to the condenser terminals of the wavemeter so as to form about a 4 inch loop. Bring the wavemeter up to the oscillator and tune it until the oscillator shows the same increased plate current (usually very sharp resonance). This will give a general idea where this particular wavelength tunes in on the meter and a little experimentation with coil sizes will give the desired settings. It may be necessary to remove the bridge from the wires while this is being done.

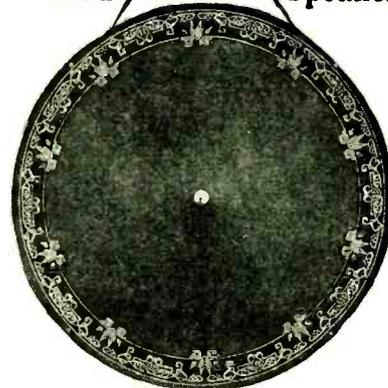
Very close coupling between the oscillator and wires may give two wavelengths on them, so loose coupling should be used. A UX-210 will oscillate at 2 meters with little difficulty; shorter wavelengths cause increased difficulty.

The method is simpler than those ordinarily used. No extra indicators are necessary. It is to be noted that it is unnecessary to tune the wires into resonance, with the oscillator (this procedure often being difficult). However, in order to obtain strong indications it is desirable to adjust the plate and grid series condensers so the oscillator is unstable. These condensers, when beyond a certain capacity, cause the plate current to fall to a very low minimum which is a suitable indication of oscillations. Reduce the capacity of these condensers until the plate current increases; about midway between minimum and maximum plate current, which is obtained when oscillations cease, is about right. The bridge should be a piece of bakelite, serving as a handle, to which is bolted a thin piece of sheet brass somewhat longer than the distance between wires. It is otherwise as shown in Fig. 2.

The settings of the instrument may be transferred to any other instrument containing an indicator by means of an oscillator or receiver. A small error due to a different velocity of the waves on the wires as compared to in the ether, need not be allowed for in ordinary work.

After a wavemeter is calibrated covering the 5-meter band, one can construct a receiver covering this range; and if the oscillator is then operated at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  meters, the wavelength can be checked by listening for harmonics, also. With the oscillator shown, the lower limit is approximately 1.4 meters and for wavelengths in this vicinity, one of the condensers is disconnected and the other is connected directly across the plate and grid. Practically, with about 1 in. of wire external to the tube and a small air condenser, 1.4 meters is about the lower limit of a CX-310.

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## NORTH PACIFIC SCHEDULES

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### Press

KPH, NPL, 2UO, WUT, NAA, VAE and WNU press can be easily copied at any time east of the 180th Meridian. Under good conditions they can all be copied as far west as Japan and Guam.

WNU's schedule at 1630 GMT can be copied as far north as Seattle on the Pacific coast but not very far to the westward. The 0430 GCT schedule can be copied as in the paragraph above.

Of these seven schedules, those of KPH, 2UO and WNU are the best for real "live" news. VAE press is much like that of KPH. NPL press is inclined to be of a naval or government character with the general news items of a more or less "colorless" nature. VAE and NPL send each word twice. 2UO press, New York City items, WUT, general news and Pacific Northwest and general, good.

GBR and JAA can be easily copied anywhere in the Pacific but the press from both stations is of an official nature, mostly uninteresting.

NPO press is similar to that of NPL with a few additional Philippine or Oriental items. It can be copied anywhere in the western Pacific but it is "machine sent" and often so badly hashed as to be unreadable.

The press sent on the NPM traffic schedules consists of Associated Press or United Press messages to newspapers in Manila. The press files come through at intervals with other traffic. The 11490 and 37 meter waves of NPM can be copied anywhere in the Pacific but there is always some uncertainty as to just when the press will start and it is necessary to keep a more or less close watch on the station over a period of many hours.

WRQ can be copied to the eastward of the 180th Meridian and NSS can sometimes be copied when KET, KIE and KGI are not going. NSS press is sent simultaneously by NAA on 37.4 meters. Copied easily anywhere east of 180th Meridian.

### Ship Weather Reports

Weather reports from vessels in the N. E. Pacific are sent as a part of NPG's Major Weather Bulletins.

Japanese ships in range of their coast stations, send in reports at 6 AM, Noon and 6 PM, ship's time.

Vessels in the China Sea send in plain-language reports to VPS Hong Kong at 0600 and 2200 GMT.

All ships on the northern trans-Pacific routes make a practice of exchanging weather reports at Noon and 8 PM, ship's time. About 95 per cent of the interference on the northern steamer routes is caused by ships asking for repetitions of these reports. By sending your own report ONCE and then keeping quiet it is possible to intercept dozens of these reports.

Remember that ships to the Eastward of you have their time ahead of yours and that their reports may be sent an hour or more before it is Noon or 8 PM with you.

Don't advertise yourself as a "dumbbell" by coming on watch too late and asking some other ship to repeat all the reports he has.

### Operating Notes

All U. S. Pacific Coast commercial stations transmit on wavelengths between 675 and 735 meters. Unless otherwise mentioned, hereafter, all other stations use 600 meters.

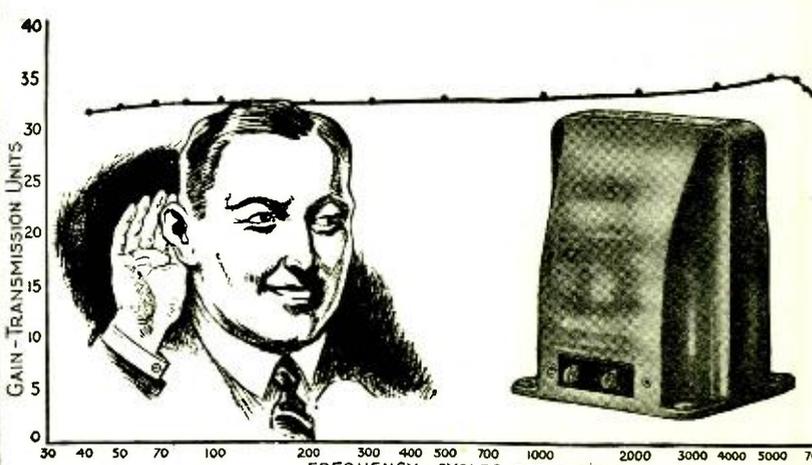
All Arc and CW equipped vessels on the Pacific listen for 2400 meter calls every even four hours, 4, 8 and 12 AM and PM.

KPH and KFS at San Francisco maintain continuous watch on 2400 meters.

KPE at Seattle listens for 2400 meter calls at 9 and 11 AM, and 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 PM, P.S.T. Also listens on 2100 meters at 1 AM and 11 PM, P.S.T. Transmits on 2100 meters.

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**HOW TO TEST RADIOLA CATACOMBS**

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TABLE II—TEST SHEET FOR RADIOLA NO. 25 PANEL

BLACK In Socket Number	BASE Switch Contact Number	RED In Socket Number	BASE Switch Contact Number	CORRECT INDICATION	OTHERWISE TROUBLE AS INDICATED BELOW
1	G	2	G	Lights	Coil 13 open
1	G	2	P	None	Condenser 5 shorted
X1	P	6	P	Lights	Coil 1 or 7 open
1	P	6	1	None	Condenser 4 shorted
1	P	6	2	None	Condenser 3 shorted
1	2	6	G	None	Grid condenser shorted
X1	1	8	G	Lights	Coil 10 open
NOTE: On this test terminals 20 and 22 on rear of terminal strip must be shorted.					
2	P	3	P	Lights	Coil 3 or 14 open
2	P	4	P	Lights	Coil 3 or 5 open
2	G	4	G	Lights	Coil 2 or 4 open
2	G	5	G	Lights	Coil 12 open
2	P	5	P	Lights	Coil 3 or 11 open
X2	G	7	G	Lights	Coil 2 or 8 open
2	G	7	1	None	Condenser 2 shorted
X2	P	7	P	Lights	Coil 3 or 9 open
2	P	7	2	None	Condenser 1 shorted

TABLE III—RADIOLA 25 TESTING CATACOMB, AC EQUIPPED (OFF PANEL, BUT WITH RESISTANCE STRIP ON)

BLACK Switch Contact Number	SOCKET Socket Number	Testing Terminal to Whisker Number	CORRECT INDICATION	OTHERWISE TROUBLE AS INDICATED BELOW
P	1	13	Lights	Coil 3 or 5 open
P	1	7	None	Condenser 7 shorted
G	1	1	None	Condenser 1 shorted
G	1	7	Lights	Half of coil 1 open
G	2	5	Lights	Coil 4 open
G	3	10	Lights	Coil 6 open (thru resistance strip)
P	X3	15	Lights	Coil 7 or 11 open
P	3	3	Lights	Coil 7 or 2 open
P	4	10	None	Condenser 5 shorted
P	X4	12	Lights	Coil 9 open
G	4	10	(Very faint, if any, light)	Grid condenser shorted
G	X5	9	Lights	Coil 10 open
P	5	9	None	Condenser 3 shorted
G	X6	6	Lights	Coil 12 open
G	6	9	None	Condenser 4 shorted

X—indicates audio circuit

TABLE IV—RADIOLA NO. 28 CATACOMB, D.C. OPERATED

BLACK Switch Contact Number	SOCKET Socket Number	Testing Terminal to Whisker Number	CORRECT INDICATION	TROUBLE
P	1	9	Light	Coil 1 open
P	2	3	None	Condenser 5 shorted
P	2	10	Lights	Coil 3 open
G	2	3	Lights	1/2 of coil 2 open
G	4	8	Lights	Coil 4 open
P	4	10	Lights	Coil 5 open
P	4	16	Lights	Coil 5 or 9 open
P	6	9	Lights	Coil 7 open
G	6	1	None	Grid condenser shorted
1	6	9	None	Condenser 4 shorted
2	6	9	None	Condenser 3 shorted
2	6	13	None	Condenser 2 shorted
G	7	8	Lights	Coil 8 open
G	8	18	Lights	Coil 10 open

**NORTH PACIFIC SCHEDULES** (Continued from page 75)

NPQ at St. Paul, Alaska listens on 2400 meters at intervals and answers and calls on 2653 meters.

JCS at Chosi, Japan maintains a watch on 2400 meters at 9 AM, 1, 5 and 7 PM Japan time or 0000, 0400, 0800 and 1000 GMT.

FFZ at Zikawei (Shanghai) China will shift to 2400 meters on request. On spark, FFZ transmits on 625 meters only.

VPS at Hong Kong listens for 2400 meter calls for 10 minutes each hour from the 35th to 45th minutes and answers on 2800 meters.

KZRC at Manila, P. I., will listen on 2400 meters on request but has considerable difficulty copying CW signals at any distance due to spark QRM from Bureau of Posts stations. KZRC transmits only on 650 meters, ICW.

**Miscellaneous Notes**

VAE's 1700 meter wave has a strong harmonic on approximately 500 meters up to about 2000 meters; the harmonic may be stronger than the true wave. NPQ's 2650 meter wave has an exceptionally strong harmonic on 625 meters.

In the vicinity of Japan there is considerable interference on 2400 meters caused by harmonics from the high power station JAA at Iwaki, Japan.

Along the northern steamer routes RCD the spark station at Anadyr, Siberia, causes much interference on waves between 2000 and 2500 meters. RCD frequently kills KPH press. Between Hawaii and the Philippines there is much interference on 2400 meters from Japanese stations, Spk and CW, in the Caroline and Marshal Islands. Near the Philippines,

spark interference is bad from the Bureau of Posts' stations, especially from KPM at Iloilo who works on 2400 spark.

On an east-west line about 500 to 1000 miles northward of the Hawaiian Islands there is a spot where NPL, San Diego, fades very badly on 9800 meters.

"Singing" QRN is often encountered in the north Pacific, especially during rain, snow or sleet squalls. It will kill even the strongest of signals.

#### Unwritten Rules

Don't be a "Key Hound." Every time the transmitter is used it causes interference somewhere. Listen a few minutes before starting a call or make a Morse C (...) to be sure that things are clear.

Keep 600 meters clear for calls only. Send traffic on other waves. It is no heartbreaking task to shift wave.

Watch the clock and be sure you are not jamming 600 meter broadcast schedules before using the transmitter. One of the worst exhibitions in the radio world is the daily mess of interference at Pacific Coast Lightship weather schedule times.

On the trans-Pacific routes make it a point to keep off the air during the Noon and 8 PM weather exchange periods. Remember that ships East of you have their weather periods ahead of yours while ships to the west of you have theirs after you. Send your own report once and then keep quiet. Unnecessary sending during these periods may jam half a dozen reports for ships a thousand miles ahead or astern of you.

(To be continued)

The hundreds of radio operators all over the world who at some time or other attended Dodges' School at Valparaiso, Indiana, will be interested in knowing that their old friend, D. R. Clemons resigned his position as instructor on May 1. He has a splendid position with the Western Electric Company in their Chicago plant, being located in the special coils department. The work in this department comprises ways and methods for manufacturing all radio transformers, amplifier and carrier frequency transformers, and coils of all types pertaining to radio and carrier currents. We feel that Western is mighty lucky to get a man like D.R.C., at the same time feeling that the Dodge school lost one of the best instructors in the country. Mr. Clemons' thousands of friends join in wishing him great success in his new work. And now we will expect even greater things from Western!

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We wonder how many ops could tell us what the calls "WKW" and "WTM" stand for right now without referring to their call books. One op wants to know if WMW (which is located on the seventh floor of a brewery) uses beverage wires. No, but they do have a bottle set.

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When you have trouble trying to pick out one CW signal when another is almost on the same wave, try tuning to the other side of the dead spot. That is, heterodyne the signal on the other side of the spot where the receiver is oscillating at the same frequency as the incoming signal and no QRM is heard.

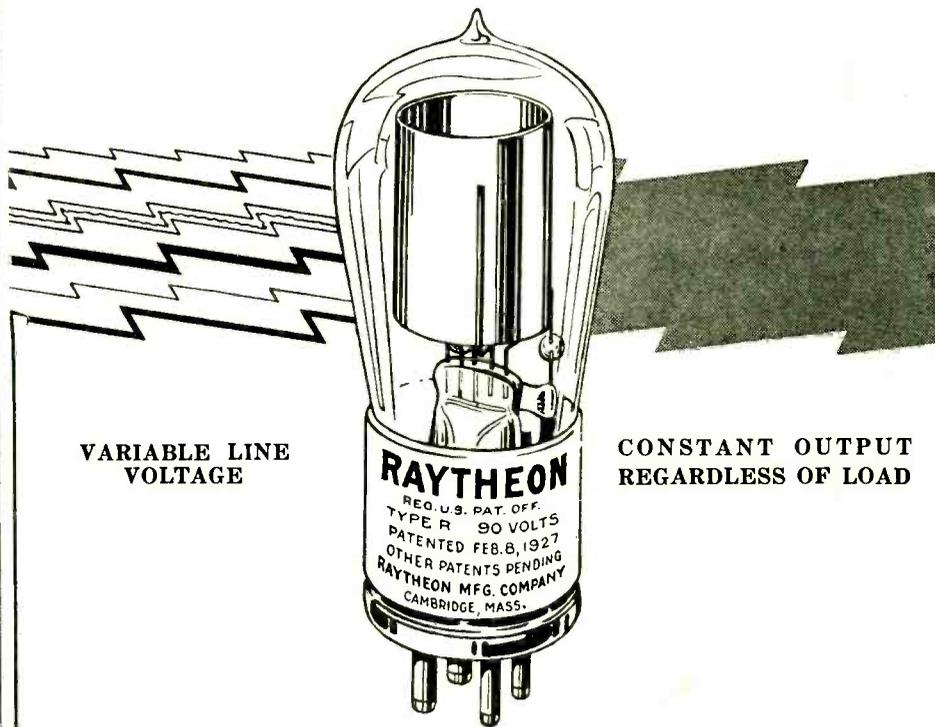
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#### QSS?

All of us know how unhandy it is to dispose of matches after lighting our pipe or fag after we have settled into a comfortable position with our feet on the table. Why not put a copper screen half-way down the horn of your loud speaker—and try your aim? It's surprising how many matches it will hold before sigs get rather weak and has to be emptied.

Contributed by L. A. Zee.

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oscillations. Tuning, with that adjustment, is quite unstable anywhere above about 1.6 m.a. A similar family of curves can be plotted by varying the mutual inductance with suitable fixed  $L_1-L_2$  coupling, and with a good vernier on  $C_2$ , this might even be preferable for practical use.

weightless, while the resonance curve is a straight line along the short part used.

Four special types of vacuum tubes are available for use in the last stage of an audio frequency amplifier. Of these, the 120 type fits a small standard base and requires  $\frac{1}{2}$  ampere at 3 volts for

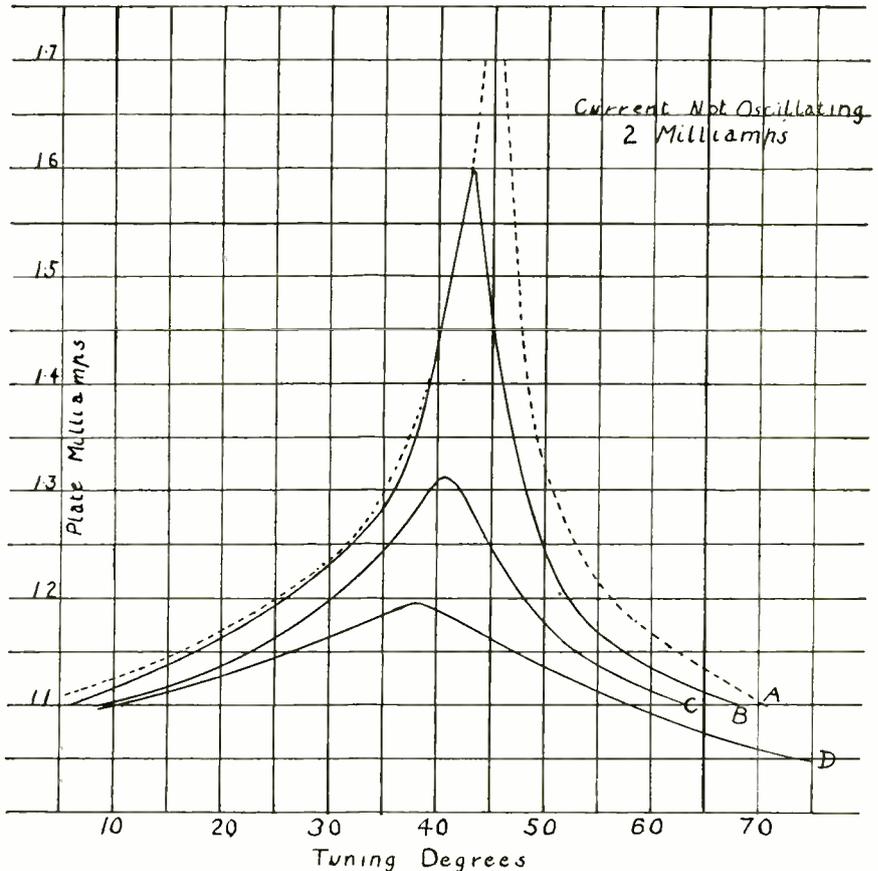


Fig. 2. Resonance Curves of Coupling.

To those who make this microphone it will be evident that it is by no means a finished piece of apparatus yet. The main difficulty is the need for accurate adjustments of the oscillator. There are several ways to eliminate that trouble. A very rigid construction may be used throughout, and a system provided for locking the tuning handle to the right adjustment; a high wave length may be used (the writer's set was tuned to 70 meters which is unnecessarily low); or the set may be used with an adjustment giving a very flat curve, such as D.

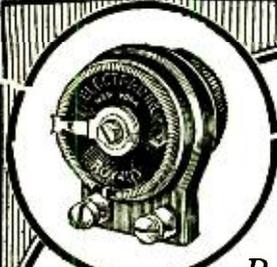
The obvious remedy is not to use such a circuit at all, but so far, that seems impossible. The usual capacity microphone circuit cannot be used because the fragile gold leaf won't stand the large electrostatic forces. However there is no reason why a modified design could not be developed which would provide some method of supporting the diaphragm.

Stronger diaphragms can be substituted for gold leaf but it has been found that while they change the sensitivity remarkably little, they have a serious effect on the reproduction. Even silver leaf is noticeably poorer than gold, in transmitting the sibilants.

There is plenty of room for interesting experimenting, though the microphone should be quite useful as it stands. For example its complete lack of audio resonance makes it useful in detecting resonance peaks in transformers or phones. Without an amplifier there is almost no possibility of distortion, for the diaphragm is to all intents and purposes

filament supply, and  $6\frac{1}{2}$  milliamperes at 135 volts for plate supply, the 112 and 171 types fit a large standard base and require  $\frac{1}{2}$  ampere at 5 volts for filament supply with 7 milliamperes at 135 volts for the plate supply of the former and 20 milliamperes at 180 volts for the plate supply of the latter, and the 210 type fits a large standard base and requires  $1\frac{1}{4}$  amperes at  $7\frac{1}{2}$  volts for filament supply and 18 milliamperes at 425 volts for plate supply. The respective negative grid voltages at the plate voltages stated are  $22\frac{1}{2}$  volts for the 120, 9 volts for the 112,  $40\frac{1}{2}$  volts for the 171, and 35 volts for the 210 type. The amplification factors are 3.3 for the 120, 8 for the 112, 3 for the 171, and 8 for the 210 type.

The Nema standard for the normal output of a broadcast receiver is .05 watt. This is measured at the terminals of an output filter which allows only alternating current to pass into a non-inductive resistor used as a load. This resistor should be adjusted so as to give maximum output for normal adjustments of the vacuum tube used in the last stage of audio.



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(1) *Commercial extra first class.*—To be eligible for examination an applicant for this class of license must have held a commercial first-class license and must have been actually engaged as an operator at stations open to public correspondence for at least 18 months during the two years previous to his application.

A speed in transmission and reception of at least 30 words per minute, Continental Morse Code, and 25 words per minute, American Morse Code, five characters to the word, must be attained.

The questions in this examination will be considerably wider in scope than those used for commercial first-class licenses. A percentage of at least 80 will constitute a passing mark.

Holders of licenses of this class are authorized to operate any licensed radio station.

(2) *Commercial first class.*—Applicants for this class of license must pass a code test in transmission and reception at a speed of at least 20 words per minute in Continental Morse Code (five characters to the word).

The practical and theoretical examination shall consist of comprehensive questions under the following headings:

- (a) Experience.
- (b) Diagram of receiving and transmitting apparatus.
- (c) Transmitting apparatus.
- (d) Receiving apparatus.
- (e) Operation and care of storage batteries.
- (f) Motors and generators.
- (g) International Regulations governing radio communication, and the United States Radio Laws and Regulations.

A percentage of 75 will constitute a passing mark for this class of license.

Holders of this class of license are authorized to operate any licensed radio station.

(3) *Commercial second class* — Applicants for this class of license must pass a code test in transmission and reception at a speed of at least 12 words per minute in Continental Morse Code (five characters to the word).

The practical and theoretical examination will cover the same subjects as required for the first-class license.

A percentage of 65 will constitute a passing mark.

Holders of this class of license are authorized to operate only licensed radio stations not open to general public correspondence. This fact should be indicated by having all licenses of this class bear across their face, preferably in red, the following restriction: "This license not valid for the operation of any general public service station."

Applicants desiring to operate broadcasting stations only will be given an examination pertaining specifically to broadcasting apparatus. The licenses so issued will indicate this limitation by showing across their face, preferably in red, the following restriction: "This license valid only for the operation of a broadcasting station."

(4) *Operator permits.* — In special cases where no interference with communications of other stations is involved, consideration will be given to applications for the operation of particular stations, without technical examination.

(5) *Amateur license.*—Applicants for this grade of license must pass a code test in transmission and reception at a speed of at least 10 words per minute in Continental Morse Code (five characters to the word).

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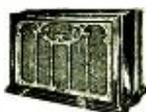
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(6) *Temporary Amateur License.* — Amateurs who can not be examined at time of application may be given temporary licenses valid for the operation of a particular station until such time as examination for a regular license can be held, but not to exceed a period of one year.

(7) *Renewals.* — 1. Commercial extra first class: These licenses may be renewed without examination, provided the record shows 12 months' satisfactory service in a land or ship station open to general public service, at least 6 months of which must have been during the last 12 months of the license period. Holders of these licenses employed as radio inspectors, radio instructors, or in similar occupations requiring exceptional qualifications where the duties require the testing, or demonstrating, or otherwise using commercial radio apparatus and the telegraph codes may be issued renewals of their licenses without examination, provided such employment has covered a period of 18 months out of the two-year license period. Where the applicant has not regularly used the telegraph codes he will be given the code examination as for an original license, and if he has used only one code, he will be examined in the code not used.

2. Other renewals: Renewal licenses may be issued to operators of other classes without examination, provided the operator has had three months' satisfactory service during the last six months of the license term. One year satisfactory service out of two years of the license term may be accepted for renewal at the discretion of the examining officer.

3. Holders of commercial first-class radio operator licenses who have not had sufficient service at commercial stations to permit the unconditional renewal of such licenses, but indicate satisfactory service at broadcasting stations for the length of time necessary for renewal and are unable to pass the required code test or to present themselves for a code test, may be issued restricted renewals of their existing licenses. The licenses so issued should bear across their face, preferably in red, the following restriction: "This license not valid for the operation of any limited or general public service station."

Holders of commercial second-class radio operator license who have passed the regular commercial second-class examination but have not had sufficient service at stations regularly using the Continental Code to permit unconditional renewal of such licenses, but indicate satisfactory service at broadcasting stations for the length of time necessary for renewal but are unable to pass the required code test or to present themselves for a code test may be issued restricted renewals of their existing licenses. The licenses so issued should bear across their face, preferably in red, the following restriction: "This license not valid for the operation of any limited or general public service station."

Applicants holding restricted commercial operators' licenses or broadcast operators' licenses may be issued renewals of such licenses provided the service records indicate three months' satisfactory service during the last six months of the license term. One year satisfactory service out of the two-year term of the license may be accepted at the discretion of the examining officer. Renewal commercial-class licenses so issued shall bear the indorsement "This license not valid for the operation of any limited or general public station," and renewal broadcast licenses should bear the indorsement "Valid only for the operation of a broadcasting station."

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commercial examination, but who hold renewal licenses indorsed "This license is not valid for the operation of any limited or general public service station," may be issued unconditional renewals of such licenses provided that they have the required service as indicated above and pass the code test required by the regulations for the class of license held by them.

(8) *Re-examination.* — No applicant who fails to qualify will be re-examined within three months from date of the previous examination. All examination papers, except amateur, whether the applicant qualifies or not, will be forwarded to the Department of Commerce, Radio Division, for filing.

Harry Pearce, amateur 6DDO, has been keeping a sked with Karl Zint, op on Zane Grey's yacht "Fiskerman" ever since the latter left for the South Sea Islands. The salty sigs of KNT got under Pearce's skin, in the usual way, and now we find him aboard the S. S. *Wm. T. Rossell*, WYQC, headed for the Panama Canal, thence to Florida. As the call indicates the Rossell is in the Army Engineering Department. Harry is going to see if the 1kw. Navy standard can out-push his fifty watt 40 meter job. It will have to work Mars to do it.

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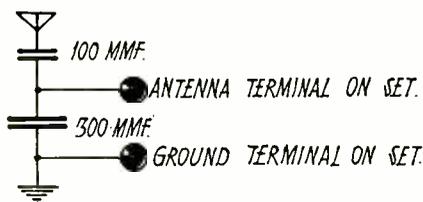


Fig. 2. Circuit for Improving Selectivity.

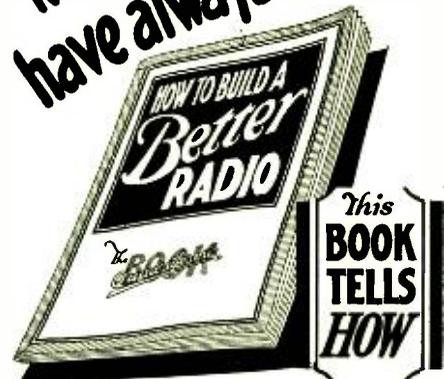
changes are made within the set. It also greatly minimizes the radiation from oscillating receivers, and was designed for this purpose by C. C. Lauritsen and the writer. The capacities may be changed to suit the set.

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CFCF	Canadian Marconi Co.	Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, Quebec	410.7	730	1,650
CFCH	Abitibi Power & Paper Co. (Ltd.)	Iroquois Falls, Ontario	499.7	600	250
CFCN	W. W. Grant (Ltd.)	708 Crescent Road NW., Calgary, Alberta	434.5	690	500
CFCQ	Sprott-Shaw Radio Co.	Room 1604, Bekin Building, Vancouver, B. C.	410.7	730	1,800
CFCT	G. W. Deaville	1405 Douglas Street, Victoria, British Columbia	329.5	910	10
CFCY	The Island Radio Co.	176 Kent Street, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Is.	312.9	960	10
CFGC	The Brandt Radio Supply Co. (Ltd.)	90-96 Colborne Street, Arcade Building, Brantford, Ontario	296.9	1,010	50
CFJC	N. S. Dalgleish & Sons and Weller & Weller	186 Victoria Street, Kamloops, British Columbia	267.7	1,120	15
CFLC	Radio Association of Prescott	Victoria Hall, Prescott Ontario	296.9	1,010	50
CFMC	Monarch Battery Co.	Montreal Street, Kingston, Ontario	267.7	1,120	20
CFNB	James S. Neill & Sons (Ltd.)	212 Waterloo Row, Fredericton, New Brunswick	247.8	1,210	25
CFQC	The Electric Shop (Ltd.)	1322 Osler Street, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	329.5	910	500
CFRB	Standard Radio Manufacturing Corporation (Ltd.)	Lot 70, township of King, York County, Ontario	291.1	1,030	1,000
CFRC	Queen's University (Department of Electrical Engineering)	Fleming Hall, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario	267.7	1,120	500
CFYC	International Bible Students Association	2243 Royal Oak Avenue, Burnaby, British Columbia	410.7	730	500
CHCS	The Hamilton Spectator	Spectator Building, Hamilton, Ontario	340.7	880	10
CHCY	International Bible Students Association	Lots 19-22, block 46, King Edward Park, Edmonton, Alberta	516.9	580	250
CHGS	R. T. Holman (Ltd.)	Holman Building, Summerside, Prince Edward Is.	267.7	1,120	25
CHIC	Northern Electric Co. (Ltd.), (uses Station CKNC, Canadian National Carbon Co., Toronto, Ontario)	Hillcrest Park, Toronto, Ontario	356.9	840	500
CHMA	Christian & Missionary Alliance	9618-106A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta	516.9	580	250
CHNC	Toronto Radio Research Society (uses Station CKNC, Canadian National Carbon Co., Toronto, Ontario)	Hillcrest Park, Toronto, Ontario	356.9	840	500
CHNS	Northern Electric Co. (Ltd.)	Carleton Hotel, corner Prince and Argyle Streets, Halifax, Nova Scotia	322.4	930	100
CHPC	Central Presbyterian Church (uses Station CKCD, Vancouver Daily Province, Vancouver, British Columbia)	Vancouver, British Columbia	410.7	730	1,000
CHRC	E. Fontaine	120 Dolbeau Street, Quebec, Quebec	340.7	880	5
CHSC	H. N. Stovin and Radio Sales	Main Street, Unity, Saskatchewan	267.7	1,120	50
CHUC	International Bible Students Association	Corner Avenue D and Twenty-sixth Street, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	329.5	910	500
CHWC	R. H. Williams & Sons (Ltd.)	Corner Hamilton Street and Eleventh Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan	312.3	960	15
CHYC	Northern Electric Co. (Ltd.)	121 Shearer Street, Montreal, Quebec	410.7	730	750
CJBC	Jarvis Street Baptist Church (uses one of the stations in Toronto city or district)	Toronto, Ontario	291.1 356.9	1,030 840	500
CJBR	Saskatchewan Co-operative Wheat Producers (Ltd.), (uses Station CKCK, Leader Publishing Co. (Ltd.), Regina, Saskatchewan)	Regina, Saskatchewan	312.3	960	500
CJCA	The Edmonton Journal (Ltd.)	Journal Building, Edmonton, Alberta	516.9	580	500
CJCJ	Radio Service & Repair Shop	Eighteenth Avenue and Seventh St. E., Calgary, Alta.	434.5	690	250
CJCU	E. R. Streeter	Washington and James Sts., Mission City, British Columbia	247.8	1,210	5
CJGC	London Free Press Printing Co. (Ltd.)	430 Richmond St., London, Ontario	329.5	910	500
CJGX	The Winnipeg Grain Exchange	Yorkton, Saskatchewan	475.9	630	500
CJOR	G. C. Chandler	Block 20, Sea Island, British Columbia	291.1	1,030	50
CJRM	Jas. Richardson & Sons (Ltd.)	337 Coteau Street, W., Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan	296.9	1,010	50
CJSC	The Evening Telegram (uses Station CKCL, The Dominion Battery Co. (Ltd.) Toronto, Ontario)	Toronto, Ontario	356.9	840	500
CJWC	Wheaton Electric Company (Ltd.)	Thirty-third Street and Avenue C north, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	329.5	910	250

Call signal	Owner of station	Location of station	Wave length (meters)	Frequency (kilocycles)	Power input to antenna (watts)
CJYC	Universal Radio of Canada (Ltd.)	Scarboro Station, Ontario	291.1	1,030	500
CKAC	La Presse Publishing Co. (Ltd.)	Corner St. James Street and St. Lawrence Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec	410.7	730	1,200
CKCD	Vancouver Daily Province	142 Hastings Street, west, Vancouver, B. C.	410.7	730	1,000
CKCI	Le "Soleil" (Ltd.)	120 Dolbeau Street, Quebec, Quebec	340.7	880	22½
CKCK	Leader Publishing Co. (Ltd.)	Regina, Saskatchewan	312.3	960	500
CKCL	The Dominion Battery Co. (Ltd.)	20 Trinity Street, Toronto, Ontario	356.9	840	500
CKCO	Dr. G. M. Geldert (for Ottawa Radio Association)	282 Somerset Street, west, Ottawa, Ontario	434.5	690	100
CKCV	G. A. Vandry	66 St. Joseph Street, Quebec, Quebec	340.7	880	50
CKCW	Gooderham & Worts (under construction)	Bowmanville, Ontario	312.3	960	5,000
CKCX	International Bible Students Association of Canada (uses Station CJYC, Universal Radio of Canada (Ltd.), Scarboro Station, Ontario)	Scarboro Station Ontario	291.1	1,030	500
CKFC	United Church of Canada	Corner Thurlow and Pendrell Streets, Vancouver, British Columbia	410.7	730	50
CKLC	Alberta Pacific Grain Co. (Ltd.)	Red Deer, Alberta	356.9	840	1,000
CKMC	R. L. MacAdam	Cobalt (east side), Ontario	247.8	1,210	5
CKNC	Canadian National Carbon Co. (Ltd.)	Hillcrest Park, Toronto, Ontario	356.9	840	500
CKOC	Wentworth Radio Supply Co. (Ltd.)	Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, Ontario	340.7	880	50
CKPC	Wallace Russ	40 Russ Avenue, Eagle Street, Preston, Ontario	247.8	1,210	7½
CKPR	E. O. Swan	Midland, Ontario	267.7	1,120	50
CKSH	City of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec	Mondor and Cascades Streets, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec	312.3	960	50
CKSM	St. Michael's Cathedral (uses Station CFRB, Standard Radio Manufacturing Corporation (Ltd.), Toronto, Ontario)	Toronto, Ontario	291.1	1,030	1,000
CKUA	University of Alberta	Campus, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta	516.9	580	500
CKWX	A. Holstead and Wm. Hanlon	1006 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia	410.7	730	10
CKY	Manitoba Telephone System	Sherbrooke Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba	384.4	780	500
CNRA	Canadian National Railways	Moncton, New Brunswick	322.4	930	500
CNRC	Canadian National Railways (uses Station CFAC, Calgary Herald, Calgary, or uses Station CFCN, W. W. Grant (Ltd.), Calgary)	Calgary, Alberta	434.5	690	500
CNRE	Canadian National Railways (uses Station CJCA, Edmonton Journal (Ltd.), Edmonton, Alberta)	Edmonton, Alberta	516.9	580	500
CNRM	Canadian National Railways (uses Station CHYC, Northern Electric Co. (Ltd.), or uses Station CKAC, La Presse Publishing Co. (Ltd.), or uses Station CFCF, Canadian Marconi Co., Montreal, Quebec)	Montreal, Quebec	410.7	730	1,000-1,650
CNRO	Canadian National Railways	Ottawa, Ontario	434.5	690	500
CNRQ	Canadian National Railways (uses Station CKCV, G. A. Vandry, Quebec, Quebec)	Quebec, Quebec	340.7	880	50
CNRR	Canadian National Railways (uses Station CKCK, Leader Publishing Co. (Ltd.), Regina, Saskatchewan)	Regina, Saskatchewan	312.3	960	500
CNRS	Canadian National Railways (uses Station CFQC, Electric Shop, (Ltd.), Saskatoon, Saskatchewan)	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	329.5	910	500
CNRT	Canadian National Railways (uses Station CFCFA, Star Printing & Publishing Co., Toronto, Ontario)	Toronto, Ontario	356.9	840	500
CNRV	Canadian National Railways	Vancouver, British Columbia (Lulu Island)	291.1	1,030	500
CNRW	Canadian National Railways (uses Station CKY, Manitoba Telephone System, Winnipeg, Manitoba)	Winnipeg, Manitoba	384.4	780	500



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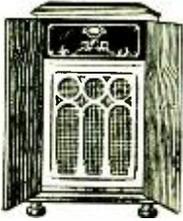
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Dear Sir Ed:

Since last time I write at you, which are now round about two years ago past away, several changes have occurred themselves in the radio games. Might be you have learned about this yourself also, but I would inform you how the most late developings have hit at me since my returning back here.

In the meantime I have paid longish visit to home land in Nagasaki where I engage myself in radio casting bizness with less than more success. During first year after putting my station J.O.K.E. on Japanese ether I do most charming volume of turn over, and shoestring I started with become amplified to bundle of long green, because large number of bizness people are tickled pinkish to place themself in favorable spots light before listening millions, if any. But after a few bits my cash-paying customer firms fall off with many dull thuds, as they find out that listeners whose loud horns erupt almost nothing but ad for soap and hams and Majong games, do not receive same with very joyful expressions. Jap person are too smart to keep buying bird in bag, and he like better to have pig in hand than two in the bushes.

So, Mr. Ed, when the filthy looker no longer arrive in necessary amounts I decide it are time for all good men to parade away from the party before party become utter flop. I catch maru boat at far end of dock just two hopskips to the front of Japanese sheriff who wave large handful of bills which I do not at all require. And so, after three bounding weeks on the sometimes Pacific Ocean, I am delightful to be back again in the land of the free and easy speakies.

First homely face I shake hands with when maru boat heave herself up to dock here are my Cousin Scratchi. After various minutes of bowings and "Howdya do, please?" Scratchi scorted me to large wealthy looking auto and drive me along to his radio store in the outer skirts of the city. Here for few days past I have been digging the low down up and twisting the inside dope out to find what present condition of radio are all about.

"Can you tell me something?" I put question mark at my Cousin Scratchi, "Give me some expert advising on up-to-the-moment radio."

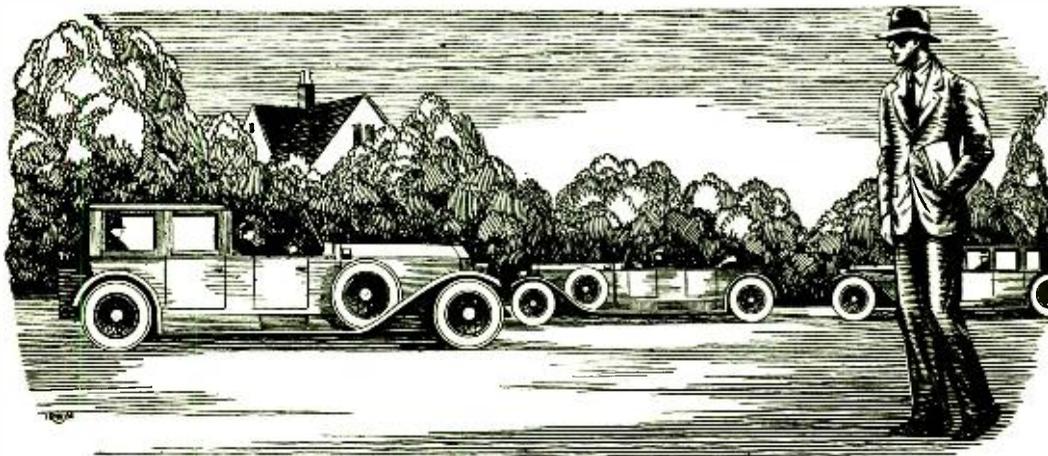
"That are too easy," response of Scratchi, "because everybody in radio are a expert."

"I are no expert," I cross word back at him vertically.

"If not," he putts horizontally, "you are lonesome than single flea on poodle dog."

"How does it come around," I slip

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Many times in the old days, while I trudged home after work to save car-fare, I used to gaze enviously at the shining cars gliding by me, the prosperous men and women within. Little did I think that *INSIDE OF A YEAR*, I, too, should have my own car, a decent bank account, the good things of life that make it worth living.

# I Thought Success Was For Others

*Believe It Or Not, Just Twelve Months Ago  
I Was Next Thing To "Down-and-Out"*

**T**ODAY I'm sole owner of the fastest-growing Radio store in town. And I'm on good terms with my banker, too—not like the old days only a year ago, when often I didn't have one dollar to knock against another in my pocket. My wife and I live in the snug-gest little home you ever saw, right in one of the best neighborhoods. And to think that a year ago I used to dodge the landlady when she came to collect the rent for the little bedroom I called "home"!

It seems like a dream now, as I look back over the past twelve short months, and think how discouraged I was then, at the "end of a blind alley." I thought I never had had a good chance in my life, and I thought I never would have one. But it was waking up that I needed, and here's the story of how I got it.

**I** WAS a clerk, working at the usual miserable salary such jobs pay. Somehow I'd never found any way to get into a line where I could make good money.

Other fellows seemed to find opportunities. But—much as I wanted the good things that go with success and a decent income—all the really well-paid vacancies I ever heard of seemed to be out of my line, to call for some kind of knowledge I didn't have.

And I wanted to get married. A fine situation, wasn't it? Mary would have agreed to try it—but it wouldn't have been fair to her.

Mary had told me, "You can't get ahead where you are. Why don't you get into another line of work, somewhere that you can advance?"

"That's fine, Mary," I replied, "but *what* line? I've always got my eyes open for a better job, but I never seem to hear of a really good job that I can handle." Mary didn't seem to be satisfied with the answer but I didn't know what else to tell her.

*It was on the way home that night that I stopped off in the neighborhood drug store, where I overheard a scrap of conversation about myself—a few burning words that were the cause of the turning point in my life!*

With a hot flush of shame I turned and left the store, and walked rapidly home. So that was what my neighbors—the people who knew me best—really thought of me!

"Bargain counter sheik—look how that suit fits," one fellow had said in a low voice. "Bet

he hasn't got a dollar in those pockets." "Oh, it's just 'Useless' Anderson," said another. "He's got a wish-bone where his back-bone ought to be."

As I thought over the words in deep humiliation, a sudden thought made me catch my breath. Why had Mary been so dissatisfied with my answer that "I hadn't had a chance"? *Did Mary secretly think that too?* And after all, wasn't it *true* that I had a "wish-bone" where my back-bone ought to be? Was that why I never had a "chance" to get ahead? It was true, only too true—and it had taken this cruel blow to my self-esteem to make me see it.

With a new determination I thumbed the pages of a magazine on the table, searching for an advertisement that I'd seen many times but passed up without thinking, an advertisement telling of big opportunities for trained men to succeed in the great new Radio field. With the advertisement was a coupon offering a big free book full of information. I sent the coupon in, and in a few days received a handsome 64-page book, printed in two colors, telling all about the opportunities in the radio field and how a man can prepare quickly and easily at home to take advantage of these opportunities. I read the book carefully, and when I finished it I made my decision.

**WHAT'S** happened in the twelve months since that day, as I've already told you, seems almost like a dream to me now. For ten of those twelve months, *I've had a Radio business of my own!* At first, of course, I started it as a little proposition on the side, under the guidance of the National Radio Institute, the outfit that gave me my Radio training. It wasn't long before I was getting so much to do in the Radio line that I quit my measly little clerical job, and devoted my full time to my Radio business.

Since that time I've gone right on up, always under the watchful guidance of my friends at the National Radio Institute. They would have given me just as much help, too, if I had wanted to follow some other line of Radio besides building my own retail business—such as broadcasting, manufacturing, experimenting, sea operating, or any one of the score of lines they prepare you for. And to think that until that day I sent for their eye-opening book, I'd been wailing "I never had a chance!"

**N**OW I'm making real money. I drive a good-looking car of my own. Mary and I don't own the house in full yet, but I've made a substantial down payment, and I'm not straining myself any to meet the installments.

Here's a real tip. You may not be as bad-off as I was. But, think it over—are you satisfied? Are you making enough money, at work that you like? Would you sign a contract to stay where you are now for the next ten years, making the same money? If not, you'd better be *doing* something about it instead of drifting.

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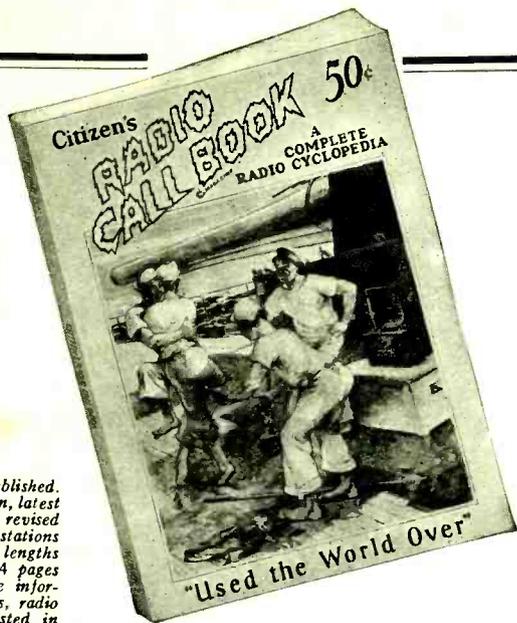
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over at him, "that you have picked up so expansive radio knowledge in short two year period?"

"I have not stooped over to pick up any such," hand back Scratchi loftily, "because knowledge of what are inside of radio set are not conducive to selling radio sets to generally public. It are indeed a handy cap," he add on.

"What are most important pointer then?" I ask him another.

"The point where you can grab up pretty appearing cabinet at lowest price for spotty cash," my cousin riddle me back.

"But what are to be done with this slickly-seeming cabinet?" I peep. "Do not insides cost highly?"

"Ah, that are comicle pointer," he pop back. "The public which are at large pay rising price costs according to number of tubes inside of cabinet, but I can add 4 or 6 tubes to old three tube internal part for about 1½ dollars, while buyer gladly cough out \$20 more for a six-tuber than for a five-tuber, and \$50 more for a 8 or a 9."

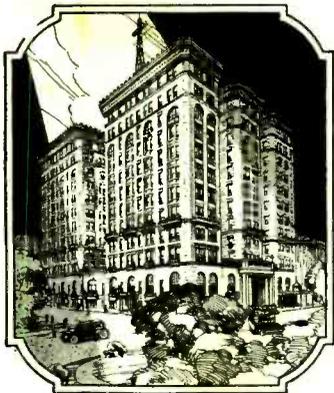
"But are not there grand difference in the circuits and results of each group?" I fire point blank.

"Try and find it," Scratchie slang at me.

And I do, Mr. Ed. I try all the evening with every set my cousin have in his place which are many. Slobodynes, Nobodynes and Razziolas, Hotwater Cans and Brown-Ducks, Magnum boxes and Crossed Band boxes, and 7 or 11 more with names like greecy restaurant owners—I try them one by each. I try them on DX, on PX and on X plus Y squared. I try them on fast frequently, on slow frequently and frequently both. I try them on Cone speakers, on Bone speakers and Groan speakers; on floater cones, flyer cones and on roly-poly cones. I try them on buried antennas and resurrected earths; on balled up aerials and on coiled up grounds. I try them with 1 or 2 dozen of assorted elimimators which all make sneaky attempt to eliminate the A, B, C and D batts by con-sealing small samples of same inside of several tin cans. I try them with all possible and many unpossible types of tubes, AC tubes, DC tubes and BC tubes; moonshine tubes and garnteed pree-war tubes. I try them with Billard batteries and Poole tables; with Drum dials, Bum dials and very near dials. And what, Mr. Ed, are final last output of these testy examinings? I repeat "What?"

Echo answer "Which?"

To the naked ear, Ed, difference between all and any of these setups are less than ½ of 1 percent, which are non-spifflickating, if that are correct expression. It are smaller than a young electron, and you know this are really very midget affair. Nobody but high priced proffessor with handfults of curves,



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So I chase up my Cousin Scratchi and I puzzle at him like these:

"How can you sell," I dib at him, "so many species of radio sets at varied money cost if difference between each are so very non-existing?"

"By simple sell-out plan," he glib back, "I buy up lot of deadly stock of sets for 3½ dollars each, mark them up to 75 dollars and on weekly fire sale I mark them down again to 49 dollars and 98 cents. Customer who think he are driving smartly bargain are quite satisfied, I am getting ready for grand super special anniversary sale and am quite satisfied. Are you?" he flip.

I are unable to respond anything but "Yes," Mr. Ed, and I hope you are likewise the same as I am,

Yours radiantly,

HILOLI NOGO.

### RADIO AMPLIFICATION

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Inferno were read from some broadcasting station.

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**Y**OU'VE always wanted a fine 3 foot cone speaker. You know that no other speaker can compare with it for tone quality. Of all 3 foot cone speakers the G. R. P. is the finest. The low notes, so necessary to the complete enjoyment of music, are faithfully reproduced. Tones are full, round, mellow; speech is clear and distinct. Volume, if you want volume; or sweetly low, yet clear and crisp, if you prefer.

#### Anyone Can Assemble the G. R. P.

Even if you never built anything you can assemble either G. R. P. 3 foot Cone Speaker perfectly.

Sounds impossible, doesn't it, to say that you can build a 3 foot DOUBLE Cone Speaker FLAT? G. R. Penn's genius has made it possible. Every line is plainly and accurately marked; every step in the assembling is clearly pictured in the instructions.

Remember that the G. R. P. is the *only* 3 foot DOUBLE Cone Speaker that can be built FLAT because of several exclusive features.

#### Finest Tone Quality

Time and again the G. R. P. 3 foot Cone Speaker has been directly compared with

high priced speakers supposed to be the finest obtainable. Every such comparison has made us proud of the G. R. P. Its richness, resonance, crispness and accurate reproduction stamp it as the equal of any speaker, regardless of price, and the superior of those costing within two or three times the price of the G. R. P.

#### BUILT FLAT!

Assemble your G. R. P. 3 foot DOUBLE Cone Speaker FLAT on the floor, a table or any other smooth, level surface. Back Ring and Back Cone design (patent pending) make possible this wonderful improvement in 3 foot Cone Speaker assembly. Cones form themselves. You MUST get genuine G. R. P. 3 foot DOUBLE Cone Speaker Kit to build your speaker the simplest, easiest, quickest, surest way and hear radio at its best.

#### Marvelous Unit

New G. R. P. Cone Speaker Unit is a marvel of design and construction. 4 pole type, *double* adjustment of armature to balance it *exactly* with output of set with which speaker is used. Special steel horseshoe magnet, supermagnetized, chromium plated to prevent rust and lengthen magnetic life. Operates perfectly at all present day voltages.

#### Ask Your Dealer

Reliable dealers have or will get genuine G. R. P. 3 foot Cone Speaker Kits. Ask your dealer. If he hasn't them, and will not get them for you, we will supply you direct, f.o.b. New York City on receipt of price. You need not accept inferior substitutes.

*Write for "How to Build Seven Practical 3-Ft. Speakers." Regular price 50c; for a limited time sent for 10c, coin or stamps.*

### G. R. P. 3-ft. Double Cone Speaker

From these parts you can assemble the finest speaker to which you ever have listened—a speaker which will deliver absolutely accurately every frequency passed to it from the highest to the very lowest.

All—absolutely all—of the parts needed to build the G. R. P. 3 foot DOUBLE Cone Speaker are included in one kit: decorated front cone of genuine Fonotex; accurately marked sheet genuine Fonotex for back cone; G. R. P. Back Ring (pat. pending); G. R. P. Cone Speaker unit; G. R. P. Unit Mountings; G. R. P. Cone Apex Assembly; edging braid; rubber bumpers, bolts, nuts, washers, screws—absolutely everything. All in one kit. Price **\$13<sup>50</sup>** *Slightly higher in the far West.*

### G. R. P. 3-ft. Single Cone Speaker

Next only to the G. R. P. Double the finest 3 foot cone speaker you can own is the G. R. P. 3 foot SINGLE Cone Speaker. All the parts—ALL—are packed in one kit: decorated cone of genuine Fonotex; G. R. P. Cone Speaker Unit; G. R. P. Unit Mountings; G. R. P. Cone Apex Assembly; Unit Mounting Block; Cross Arms, rubber bumpers, bolts, nuts, washers, screws, etc. Complete, absolutely, in one kit, price..... **\$10<sup>50</sup>** *Slightly higher in the far West.*

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